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Frolic Promises Dancing and Fun

Going to the Spring Frolic? This is a great chance to prove which class has the most school spirit and support of social activities. The dance, to be held April 4, at 8:15, in the school cafeteria, promises to be one of the best ever presented at Hamilton.

The Spring Frolic is being presented on a class competition basis and bids are being purchased from the class presidents. Here are the remarks from a few of the class prexies:

B-10, Tom Rudder—"I am going to buy my bid and all the B-10's should. The Spring Frolic will bring the six grades together socially and promote school spirit. Let's show Hamilton that the B-10 class is on top!"

A-10, Chris Breiseth—"We have been asking for more dances. This is our big chance. A good turnout from all at the terrific Spring Frolic will assure more and better dances in the future."

A-11, Harry Weisbart—"You all owe it to yourself and your school to attend the Spring Frolic. Don't miss it, A-11's. Get out there!"

Bob Young and his orchestra, featuring Gifford Haines, A-12, on the drums, will be there. Will you? Come out and support your school and help your class win the competition!

Class Officers Named At First Town Meeting

Class officers for individual grade councils were recently announced in Hamilton's first town meeting of this semester.

The officers for the B10 are Tom Rudder, president; Chuck Silveria, vice-president; Dorothy Qiesly, secretary; and Paula Kindall, treasurer.

Elected for the A10's were Chris Breiseth, president; Ronald Balin, vice-president; Kathie Currie, secretary; Kay Saunders, treasurer.

The B11's chose Dick Oliver for their prexy and Al Norris, vice-president; Virginia Babian, secretary; with Jerry Monkathish, treasurer.

The mighty A11's elected Harry Weisbart, president; Barbara Jurin, vice-president; Marilyn Dartt, secretary; and Catherine Clark, treasurer.

Class co-ordinator Fred Gardner states: "This is the first time complete class organization has been tried at Hamilton. We hope it will set a good example for the many classes following."

Credit should be given to Mrs. Myrtle Starr for her sincere interest in all four classes and for the help she has given them as their sponsor.

Hamilton Hosts Phoenix Visitor

Hamilton was host to an important visitor from Phoenix, Arizona, on March 20. Frank Gilliland, an instructor in physics at No. Phoenix high school, visited Mrs. Margaret Davis' physics department to secure a better understanding of what is done with the outstanding physics students to further their study and interest in this field.

He spoke to the classes and told of the techniques used in helping the outstanding physics student at his school. After comparison, Mr. Gilliland and Mrs. Margaret Davis concluded that their ideas and teachings were very similar.

Mr. Gilliland also visited our photo department and toured Dorsey high school. He extended an invitation to Mrs. Margaret Davis to visit North Phoenix high in the future.

In conjunction with this exchange of ideas, Mrs. Margaret Davis recently accepted an invitation to participate in a panel discussion at Cal Tech. The panel members, including other prominent instructors of science and mathematics, dined at the Cal Tech Faculty club as guests of the institute, the night before the panel discussion. There they talked over their ideas for the forthcoming panel.

The panel discussion titled, "Science and Mathematics for the Superior Student," proved to be very enlightening and interesting, according to Mrs. Margaret Davis.

Ken Murray Visits Pan-Amer. Club

Visitors to the Pan-American club meeting on April 1, were entertained to meet such celebrities as Ken Murray, Laurel, of Laurel and Hardy fame, newly-arrived Mariana del Carmen Rodriguez of Cante Jonde (Deep Song), and the famous talking Guervo (crow) from Mexico.

Fortunately only "los inocentes," the foolish ones, as they are called in the Spanish-speaking countries, were duped into believing that these famous people were actually visiting Hamilton.

Following the custom of the club, the new members were producing a meeting of their very own for the old members. In the program, Donald Schwartz, who presided over the meeting, took the part of Ken Murray, Robert Berton played the role of Laurel, Joyce Marcus sang her way through the part of Maria, and Leslie Schlosser played the Cuervo, which advertises Tequila Cuervo in Mexico. (Don't be misled; it was really only water in that bottle!)

Production Begins On Spring Play

The old saying, "The show must go on," is very true, according to the cast of "Good News." While looking for some news, this reporter wandered in the auditorium during sixth period and found two promising young stars hard at work on a scene from the musical. Others in the play sat engrossed in their scripts, waiting for their cues.

Rehearsing on an empty stage with no props whatsoever is quite a job when trying to make the scene convincing, yet they were doing a great job and enjoying themselves as well.

"These kids are really having fun portraying youth in the roaring twenties," says Mrs. Martha Abbott, musical director. Mrs. Abbott, who has always handled the music, is now handling both the music and the drama.

The choirs have just recently begun reading the scores, and within the next month, complete rehearsals will probably be under way.

Hami's G.A.A. Wins, Cops Five Wins

The Hamilton G.A.A. has done it again! On March 24, the girls attended a playday at North Hollywood, and won most of the games that they played.

The biggest upset took place when the Hamilton speedball team trounced North Hollywood by a score of 10 to 0. This came as a pleasant surprise to the girls who had never played speedball before.

The two basketball teams defeated their opponents, as did the softball teams. On the badminton courts, Hamilton's three teams took five out of nine games played. The tennis team lost two sets to North Hollywood netsters.

Invasion Due, Alumni Return

Don't be alarmed if Hamilton is suddenly invaded on April 18; for this is the date when all the proud parents from Hamilton will display their offsprings, pupils and teachers will reminisce, and the star athletes of yesterday will battle with those of today. There can only be one simple answer for all this—Alumni Homecoming Day.

Stuart Brandel S'37, now serving as president of the Alumni Association states, "A baby show, athletic events, and a dance will highlight this eventful day."

Babies will be judged for the handsomest and prettiest, boy and girl with most freckles, and the youngest baby present.

The alumni members with the largest family will be honored with a special award.

Again this year, the alumni dance will be held on the evening of Homecoming Day at the West Side Tennis Club. This dance is for alumni members and Olympians with dates. More details will follow.

Council Promotes Red Cross Drive

Hamilton* was feverish with activity last week as the Junior Red Cross sponsored a wide variety of activities.

John Brunzine won the giant candy jar which was featured as the prize of the guessing contest. A capacity audience filled the auditorium on Wednesday, with admission fees going to the Red Cross.

Collections in homerooms and a candy sale, sponsored by girls' service clubs, helped add to the total contributed by Hamilton students.

Students earned Junior Red Cross membership cards in congressional rooms by donating gift boxes and pocket size books.

Lafferty Breaks Ten-Year Record

March 21, 1952, a ten-year-old school record was sent tumbling to the edges of eternity as is the fate of all records that are humbled the way Ed Lafferty humbled Pat Sullivan's once proud mark. The high flying co-captain of the 1952 Banker track team went more than six inches better than Sullivan's old mark of 12'3 1/4 inches. Eddie tumbled the mark three times before he settled upon 12' 10 1/4 inches as a final record last Friday.

The crowd sat stunned as, first, Gary Sowell, City Bee Co-Champion last year, soared over 12 feet. Then Lafferty, vaulting easily, sailed over that height. The bar was raised to 12'3. Sowell barely missed on all three vaults. Lafferty swung over on his first attempt. The bar was then propped up to 12'6. Still without a miss, Mighty Ed jackknifed over.

Chester Pettit, student manager, climbed his trusty ladder as he has done many times before, but this time he measured a new school record. The bar was hoisted up to 12'8 inches. Again Ed thundered down the run way, and once again he vaulted smoothly over the bar. A. S. Ed clambered out of the pit throwing sawdust over his head and putting on his sweat pants and putting on the bar off. Coach Paterson refused to count the mark as a school record for an exact measurement couldn't be made. Then on his second vault mighty Ed, the city's best pole vaulter, swung beautifully over 12' 9 3/4".

Less than an inch separate Ed and O. W. Rhoades of Jefferson as far as best marks go. Rhoades vaulted 12'10" the same day as Ed made 12'9" but the sag wasn't measured, and it is reported that there was about an inch sag in the bar.



THERE HE GOES! Ed Lafferty, Hami flier, soars far over the 12 ft. mark as he break the school record of 12' 4". Lafferty vaulted 12'10 1/4".—Los Angeles Times Photo.

Musclers Down Lowly Westchester 107-13



White Around Home Plate

By HERB WHITE
J. V. Baseball

Coach Bill Silverthorn floored me the other day with an uppercut and told me if I didn't want any more potent blows thrown my way that I had better write something about his Jr. Varsity baseball team.

So Here Goes!

The Jr. Varsity infield is made up of all 10th graders! Silverthorne says that the way the boys have been playing that most of them will sport jobs on the Varsity team next year. One boy who looks exceptional is John Poston, brother of All-City second baseman, Glen Poston. John plays third base on the team and has been the big gun at the bat on the team thus far.

So far in their practice games they have beaten Gardene 9-0, Manual Arts 5-4 and Hawthorne 4-3. Their only setback was to Samo Hi, 7-2. The score of the Samo Hi was 2-2 going into the ninth inning when Coach Silverthorne let in the second string, and then the roof fell in with the Corsairs registering five runs and the only defeat of the Jr. Varsity baseball team this year.

Silverthorne's three strong flingers are: Ken Russell, Pat Bennett, and Dick Ratovic. Joe Daruty, Harry Stutzel, Bob O'Brien, Gary Jacobs, Larry De Boef, and Joe Volpe round out the rest of the infield and outfield positions, while Warren Stephenson catches 'em behind the plate. Pressing hard for the first string spots are Infielders Allen Nelbit and Tom Rudder; and Outfielder Dan Wulffing.

Over at the Gym Dept.

Rich Given and Chuck Dick haven't been defeated in league competition yet this season and may not taste defeat for the rest of the season! Given's hard work on the side-horse during his 10th and 11th years is paving the way for his chances for All-City honors. I personally think that Rich is the most improved gymnast on the whole squad. I can remember when Rich could hardly stay on top of the side-horse let alone perform a routine on it. Now he is the perfect example of what hard work can do when you see him working smoothly and with the agility of a first rate side-horse man.

Golfers Tee Off!

Whether or not the baseball, gym, or track teams do well in city this year remains to be seen. However, the top golf team of the city will in my estimation come from Hamilton! Don Thornton, leader of the Yanks' golf team, shoots continually in the 70's. He won the Examiner sponsored tournament for 18 year olds and younger last year and with it a chance to participate up at San Francisco, where he took second in the entire nation.

Yank Thinclads Threetimed by L.A., Hollywood and University

With three meets under their belts the Yankee trackmen face the easier half of the track season. A loss to Los Angeles high, with Ronnie Wreesman starring, led off the year. Then Hollywood trounced the Bankers, but this time Bob Collins and Ed Lafferty took the headline roll. Then University nearly blasted the leatherlungers off their own track. Ron Wreesman again picked up the headlines with a tremendous 20.6 low hurdle time.

Ron Wreesman and Ed Lafferty lead the Yank hundred men with 10.4 and 10.3 timings respectively. Paul Urpin is a close third.

Paul Urpin is the best 220 man on the squad. He sports a time about 24 flat.

The 440 finds Hamilton with three good men. Ralph Anderson was timed in 55.8s against Hollywood. Ron Chandler runs about 56 flat and Mel Cherman, last year's number one Bee 66 man, once he gets in trim, will run near that.

Len Hunt and Phil Parish are the best 880 men on the squad. Lenny runs near 2:15 and Phil about 2:19.

Bob Collins turned in a beautiful 4m48.6 mile against Hollywood, which is the fourth best time in the city. Don Lewis is a fine runningmate for Collins.

Ray Quick and Don Bott are clipping their times down every meet. Ray runs about 16.4 and Don about 16.7.

In the low hurdles it's all the golden boy, Wreesman, who is the class of the league, along with Gray of Hollywood. Both

have run 20.6. Gray beat Ronnie in their one meeting.

It's all Ed Lafferty in the Pole Vault. The mighty man outshadows Gary Sowell, who in the last two meets has cleared 12 feet. Ed is the best in the city. Gary has the bad luck not only to have to vault under Ed, but to be vaulting this year, since about ten men or more are over 12'6.

It's Wreesman and Rosenthal in the high jump. The Golden Boy has done five feet seven inches in league competition while Bob has done five feet eight inches. Hami's third man in Bob Steiner has done five feet six.

Ralph Anderson is also the Yanks best man in the broad jump. Ralph has been consistent at 20 feet. Ray Quick and Bob Rehmer are behind him.

Dick McMinn has been hitting 45 feet in the shotput and will get better. Bob Rehmer and Don Raskin, both over 40 feet, are behind him.

There are several fine performers for the Bees. Bob Krehbell is a fine hurdle man; Fred Sattes is a fine vault man. Bernie Polsky is behind Kenny Swift in the century and is first man in the furlong race. Jim Mertz showed great form in winning the 660 against Hollywood. Larry Hlul is a strong 1320 man.

Clyde Brooks led the Cees to a win over University. Clyde turned in a fine 100. (10.7). He is also one of the better broad jumpers in the league. Allan Elowe is the best Cee 660 man in Western League. Allan has run away from all competition this year.

Is It Truth or April Fool's

By JUDY HICKS

The G.A.A. St. Patrick's Day held Wednesday, began with all the Irish lassies taking a bow. A parade of levis and bright shirts followed. Audrey Williams and Donna Bordeaux were awarded cream puffs for the loudest shirts.

Of course, a sack race was in place; Diane Trenholm coming out on top.

B. of E. Disbands Gym

The Los Angeles Board of Education, has decided to discontinue all gym classes and athletic teams.

School gyms are to be converted into domestic science rooms.

After hearing proclamation, Hamilton High School Gym Instructor Turley, hanged self with climbing rope.

Several volley ball games were played. The winning teams were led by Carolyn Blinzler, Annabelle Glazer, Joyce Singer, Carol Wargmier.

Ice cream and cookies ended the gay affair.

Lettergirls—

Did you see them? Who? The Lettergirls, of course! As prom-

ised last issue, they were hard at work at the first track meet of the season!

Grunt and Groan Gals Come to Hamilton

ATTENTION GIRLS!

Here's something new and different! Hamilton's GAA and Lettergirls are organizing the world's first girls' wrestling teams. Both single teams will be formed. The matches will be held during noon hour twice a week, in the Hamilton gym.

This is a terrific opportunity to build up those muscles, gals; many of you should try out since you've been asking for such an opportunity as this! Of course, you will be able to choose your own names, of which favorites will probably be such ones as Baroness Loreli, Gorgeous Georgie (Brown?), Pat the Panthress, and maybe something like the Goff twins for tag teams, and also Mangler Merry, Dangerous Dougie, Lady Burns, Hanna Scarantino, Sly Singer and Fearless Fagan.

Now be original and hurry and pick your names and get signed up for this thrilling event! (Deadline—April 31.)

Pride of Yanks

Special Bulletin! The Fed sports staff is glad to announce the current **Pride of the Yankees** as none other than sprinter and pigskinner Ronny "Golden Boy" Wreesman. Since transferring to Yanktown from Dorsey in the A10, this popular Senior Aye has excelled in sports and school service. He is a two-year letterman in varsity track and is a sure bet to win another monogram for his work this season. Ronny's chief events are the low hurdles, the 100-yard dash, and the high jump. By garnering two firsts and a tie for second, he cinched 12 important points for the Yanks.

Ronny also has been a member of the varsity football team for two years. He is a one-year letterman as fullback on the Yankees' '51 pigskin squad. Golden boy is a member of the varsity Letterman's club and is one of the most popular guys around Hamiland.

We are proud to give the title of **Pride of the Yankees** to Ronny Wreesman.

LATE SCORES

Gym Team
Hamilton 91, Dorsey 29.
Baseball
Hamilton 10, Notre Dame 4.
Track - Varsity
Hamilton 69½, Venice —
Ed Lafferty pole-vaulted
12' 10¼"

Yanks Show Power

Racking up one of the highest scores in the current season, the Yank flexers downed the Westchester Comets on the victors' floors, by a score of 107 to 13. An inspired team, looking for a league place, it seemed, tried to avenge the blood lost to Fairfax two weeks ago.

Although the stands were fairly well filled, the Hami spirit was not what it could have been, partly because of the lack of a close score, and also partly because of the lack of a cheer leader. The only team now standing in the way of the Yanks as far as Western League champs are concerned, is undefeated Fairfax, who downed the Yanks 57 to 63.

The Fed sports staff would like to extend congratulations to the gym team members and to Coach Claud Turley for the outstanding work that they have done in winning meets and promoting school spirit. **GOOD LUCK IN THE WESTERN FINALS!**

Here is a run down of the Hami-Westchester meet giving the first places taken in order of the event.

- ROPE—Paul Urpin, 6.5.
- FREE EX—Jay Rosenberg.
- HIGH BAR—Bob Henry.
- PARALLELS—Bob Henry.
- LONG HORSE—Paul Urpin.
- SIDE HORSE—Dick Given.
- RINGS—Chuck Dick.
- TUMBLING—Al Mermelstein.

Homer Obeldoork — Boy Wonder

By LARRY COLE

"Thay fellows, could you tell me the path to the male gym? I'm new around here and I would like to get on your thimply marvelous track team."

That little gem came from the massive lips of Homer Obeldoork, 3 feet 6 inches of seething muscle, who just "blew in" from Humpdink Hi, in Humpkink, Ohio, which in case you don't know where it is, is just outside of Little Lake, Ohio. Homer wanted to get on the Yankee track team which he heard held first place in the Cataaugus and Robertson league.

Back in Ohio, Homer was first man on the Zee shotput team, and the only requirements for coach was that you have big pockets, for you see, they had no buses. Homer was on his way to the time trials, which were to show the coaches what you can (or cannot) do.

Homer walked onto the track and suddenly felt as if everyone was staring at him. Varsity Shotput Capt. Abner McMinn shouted, "I know whatever it is was out in half, but which end is this? Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! H——" WHAM! Picking himself up off the ground, Abner knew that Homer was not to be trifled with. Homer picked up his specs and walked over to the shotput ring. He picked up the shot and gave it a mighty throw, but nobody heard it land. A few minutes later, a fellow with a flattop admirably called "Butch" staggered onto the field, holding his head. "I was sitting in my office playing chess with one of the fellows when this thing crashed through the window." Coach Paterson said, "Homer, if you can't do any better than that, you had better try some other event." This would discourage anyone else, but not Homer. Confidently he walked over to the pole vault pit, ran down the runway, hit and took off—clearing the bar at 16 feet. Yes, Homer had beaten Big Ed Lafferty—WITHOUT USING A POLE. Immediately the coach saw some possibility of making an athlete out of this boy, so he took him aside and said meekly, as only he can—"NO GOOD! WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?"

"Well, sir," said Homer, "nothing, I guess."

"NOTHING ELSE, AND YOU DARED TO COME OUT HERE AND WASTE MY PRECIOUS TIME? Make like a tree and leave!" So Homer left. (lousy ending, huh?)

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