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Honor Society Inducts New Members

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS 64
NEW MEMBERS

64 Amherst Central Junior High School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Wednesday, April 6, at impressive candle-lighting ceremonies in our school auditorium. Following the induction ritual in the assembly, members of

the Honor Society and their parents were entertained at a reception in the school cafeteria.

Mr. Anton Schwarzmüller is Adviser to the Honor Society.

Membership in the Honor Society is based upon scholarship, leadership, character, service and citizenship.

These Eighth Grade stu-

dents were elected into the Society:

Robin Bown
Barbara Brighton
Martin Bronk
Barbara Burrell
Mary Cohn
John Cunat
Deborah DeFelice
Jill Delbridge
Gail Engasser
Marion Garver
Carol Glaubman
Nancy Graves
Susan Graves

Stuart Isaac
Deborah Kane
Douglas Levy
Lynn Otterman
Steven Parmett
Nancy Pohle
Bonnie Posmantur
Kathleen Richards
Carol Richtand
Paul Rutecki
William Schutt
Ian Slepian
David Spitzer
Mark Stengel
Henry Wilamowski
Betsy Wittlinger
Jerry Yin

The following Ninth Grade students became Society members:

Marcia Anderson
Virginia Bacheler
Rosemary Batt
Peter Bronk
Cheryl Cunningham
Barbara Davies
Mary Dunham
Michele Forbes
Catherine Graves
Mark Harty
Claudia Hickey
Lynn Hilburger
Cynthia Houck
Leslie Hudson
Linda Kelso
Sarah Korn
Barbara Kushner
Robert Lindemann
Mary Lipsett
Janet Manville
Jane Marinsky
Karen McGovern
Mary McKinley
John Micha
Thomas Murray
Janine Narol
Ann Prezyna
James Pugash
Karen Rhodes
Lynne Rosen
Beth Simon
Howard Solodky
Sarah Stapler
Richard Upton

TV Survey

SURVEY QUESTION:

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH TV?"

THE ANSWERS:

"Too many crummy shows. I hate Peyton Place"
"Nothing - if you watch it too much you lose your imagination"

"The ads are for retards"
"Too little Peyton Place"
"Pop-Art Stupid (Bat-Man)"
"Idiotic shows - ads boring"
"Pretty bad"
"Not enough color"
"Dumbest programs - especially Bat-man" "Commercials!"
"Shows like Lloyd Thaxton"
"Its too early (the good shows) and there's not enough good programs"
"Lot of bad programs..could be solved by pay TV"
"They keep taking off all the good programs for the stupid junk!"
"It has about the I.Q. of a twelve year old"
"Some's good, some's stupid. The spy shows are the best especially U.N.C.L.E."
"The best shows are watched the least and the worse shows are watched the most except for Bonanza and Batman"
"I especially like the commercials. Chester-brush your teeth and use the Gleem!"
"Its fine if you don't indulge too often"
"Some are good like Bewitched but most that are stupid think they are funny. They should have more shows for teenagers like Shindig and Halabaloo."
"It's looking more for children then for adults. It has the mentality of a nine year old"
"I wouldn't be without it"
"About 1/4 of the shows are decent"
"I hate the soap operas"
"Most of it is pretty good but some is absolutely ridiculous"
"It's going to the dogs!" 8th grade girl.
"It's aimed toward the immature person and is not used properly" Student Teacher.
"Well, frankly since I watch it all the time I consider myself an expert - I think it reeks" 7th grade girl.
"I like sports but otherwise I don't really care for it" Janitor.
"I think it's good but it's brain-washing us" 7th grade boy.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A NEW SCIENCE TEACHER - MR. FRITZ

by Martha Moorar

The Science Department of our school has added a new member - Mr. Arthur Fritz. A native of Buffalo, Mr. Fritz attended State University College. He became interested in teaching science before entering college.

In Mr. Fritz's spare time activities such as playing the accordin, listening to classical music, and working on autos and his motorcycles, occupy him.

If Mr. Fritz had a choice of anything besides his immediate profession he would like to be a literature teacher. Mr. Fritz used to be an auto mechanic, so that was his second choice.

Three television shows number as Mr. Fritz's favorites: "Wackiest Ship in the Army", Dick Van Dyke" and, although he's never seen it - "Batman".

I asked Mr. Fritz what he would do if he got an "F" on his report card. His reply was, "I wouldn't get an F in the first place," but said that if he did he would arm himself with a book or something else of that nature in the appropriate place. He'd also explain he would do better in the near future.

Mr. Fritz is married and has one daughter; Catherine. His favorite foods are steak and pork-"as you can see", he said, patting his stomach.

"Amherst is a very nice place to be - both for students and teachers", stated Mr. Fritz, as our interview closed.

INTERCEPTED NOTES

"Her boyfriend got her a surfer pendant. Tell her to wear it right, the dope!..."

"Are you going to camp?..."

"Look at Janes' feet, compared to Smiths'...." response

"Check Janes' socks, they're tough!"

"Did you hear what happened...."

"Boredom PLUS"

"He says the same thing day after day apre jour,..."

MAZE AMAZES



On March 14, Dr. W. E. Vinacke, (Alan's father), Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Buffalo, challenged the thinking of the 8th Graders (and, in fact, Mr. Patti's) with a simplified description of "conceptual behavior", a form of the learning process which sets concepts of right and wrong in normal behavior. Dr. Vinacke demonstrated, graphically, how one can be conditioned to change his idea of what is right and what is wrong, depending upon the changes which take place in one's environment.

Then, on April 5th, Dr. Arno F. Wittig (son of Mrs. Wittig, our Home Economics Department Chairman) and a graduate of Amherst Central, Class of 1956, Experimental Psychologist at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana put the Psychology students through some exciting experiments in learning techniques. He used an electrified maze to show how performance improves (or should) when one repeats a process time and again. Pupil timing ranged from slightly over three minutes to 13 seconds, the first time and ten seconds the second time. The record-breaker was Peter Dowling. Dr. Wittig performed it in 6 seconds.

The psychogalvanometer, a simplified version of the polygraph (lie detector), was introduced and used on a few uneasy pupils. It records changes in emotions. Ask Ann Harding about her changes.

We wish to thank both professors for their willingness to give their time so that we could have such unusual experiences.

PERFECT ANGELS.....

...WHEN THEY'RE ASLEEP
by Amy Posmantur and
Susan Graves

Racing down the stairs, crumpling your newly-copied composition, "accidentally" bumping into you, and tearing out of the house, slamming the door behind him. Does this sound familiar?...

Many of you have classified this as being an accurate biography of a younger brother! These sweet little "bundles of joy" as tabbed by their mothers, are often a pain for their older sisters.

As many of you know, brothers are supposed to be little angels, lighting up the house with their sunshine and joy. But we are here to disclose the truth. Actually, little brothers are often a large--pain. Although very well behaved and always innocent when mother is around, they are little demons behind their backs.

Dinner is always well in progress before he arrives. Then the same cry is always heard, "leave this table immediately and don't come back until your hands are washed!" Ten minutes later he arrives again, his hands one shade lighter. At least an improvement?

Gidget is just coming on and there is a western special. Of course Junior wins with the prize remark, "She gets to watch what she wants all the time."

But they aren't all bad. In fact, nothing can beat them when they're safely tucked in bed with a smile on their face-off in dreamland!

Junior Olympics

JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

The Junior High Wrestling Club completed its year of activity knowing that more boys had learned about wrestling and that these same boys had received some good vigorous exercise in the process.

With wrestling being such a popular sport in the high school athletic programs of New York State, it is no wonder that the Junior High group displayed so much interest and enthusiasm.

One hundred and thirty five (135) boys participated in the Wrestling Club, most of whom also entered the intramural and the Junior Olympic Wrestling Programs. The Junior Olympic team members selected from the Wrestling Club were: Eric Koeppel, Larry Henry, Ken Spurrier, Chet Sielski, John Batt, Ed Suzow, Dale Etengoff, Bill Iannoccone, Kevin Laumer, Mark Finn, Gary Arnold, and Burt Bugbee.

From this group eight boys won the Divisional Championships and two boys (Kevin Laumer and Gary Arnold) won the Western New York finals. One hundred thirty (130) Amherst Junior High School boys received certificates for participation in the Junior Olympic Program.

The following Intramural Champions were presented a wrestling shield for their achievement in winning their individual weight class:

7th Grade Donald Rearic, Larry Henry, Ken Spurrier, Tim Frohe, Arnold Glasser, Jeff Rubach, Phil Moran, Jeff Martin, Mike Violand, Richard Roth, Al Beller, and Brian Parkot.

8th & 9th Grades Marty Bronk, Mike Merrill, Jack Butterbaugh, John Batt, Rich Wattles, Dave Nehrboss, Bob Carlson, Steve Godlewski, Jim Hausner, Kevin Laumer, Mark Finn, Gary Arnold, Gary Held, and Tim Ward.



MR. MARTIN NAMED INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Mason J. Martin, chairman of the Industrial Arts Department in Amherst Central Junior High School, has been named Industrial Arts Teacher of the year by a committee of the New York State Industrial Arts Association.

Mr. Martin traveled to San Francisco a few weeks ago, to receive his award.

He has been a teacher for over 25 years and during that time he has worked with more than 75 student teachers. A native of Lancaster, Mr. Martin has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Education degree, both from the State University College at Buffalo.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, national honor fraternity in education and Epsilon Pi Tau, national honor fraternity in industrial arts and vocational education. He is a past president of the Western New York Industrial Arts Association.

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DAVE HUBER DIVES IN SWIMMING COMPETITION

Watching Dave Huber perform in a recent swimming competition are: Mr. Huber, Steve Cunat, Steve Edelstein, John Zaepael, Jeff Bary, Leo Leavers, and Harris Chadwell.



MOCK TRIAL IMPRESSES STUDENTS by Bonnie Posmantur

Three lawyers from the Erie County Bar Association and a well-planned assembly committee helped to make one of this year's most enjoyable assemblies.

The clever "mock trial" proved to be a great success. Everyone was impressed with the lawyers' unique methods and the reality the trial portrayed while maintaining a humorous approach.

The best indication of a good assembly would be to have everyone interested in it and to "hold the audience in the palm of it's hand." This was evidenced when the trial was over, for everyone tried to "play jury" and guess the outcome.

A great deal of planning went into the trial and the actors were so natural acting that they made the trial look impromptu as one would expect a trial to be.

A good deal of knowledge was extended to the audience, further proof of a fine assembly. A true picture of the "courtroom" was portrayed, making it a truly remarkable assembly enjoyed by all.

JUNIOR JOURNAL WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Amherst Junior Journal publication of Amherst Central Junior High School, has won a national certificate of honor in the 29th annual School Press Project conducted by the Na-

tional Tuberculosis Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Journal won local awards in 1962, 1963, 1965 and 1966. The winning issue featured articles on tuberculosis by Bonnie Posmantur, Susan Graves and Mary Cohn.

Mr. Robert Holder, Junior Journal Adviser, will present the national award to Mr. Edwin C. Mustard, Principal, at the annual awards assembly in June.

SPRING CONCERT DRAWS LARGE, APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE by Bonnie Posmantur

The spring concert, presented March 25th by the 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Chorus, Boys' Glee Club, 9th Grade Mixed Chorus, 9th Grade Girls' Chorus and the orchestra was a great success.

A season of hard work definitely resulted in a fine product as was witnessed by the large audience and the great applause. Mrs. Schermerhorn, Mr. Koutsoumpas and Mr. Blickensderfer are to be complimented.

The program began at 7:30 and continued for two hours. The audience enjoyed an "evening of music" varying from classical and Baroque music, to popular hits of today.

A variety of "specialty acts" added spice to the program. These acts included guitar players, singers and several short skits.