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Miss Ask-it Asks

Are there really any reasons for favorite teachers? There are none? You mean they're all your favorites? Well, let's describe just a few of your favorites. Huh??

"Describe YOUR favorite teacher"

Jane Mikolajczyk: He's got black hair, what's left of it. He's on the plump side. He's not tall and he's not short. He has a very pleasing personality. He's a lot of fun to talk to. He understands the likes and dislikes of high school students.

Ed Rogers: He's bald and short. He's well liked. He wears glasses. He wears blue suits. He likes to talk about bugs. I like the way he pronounces the word "cigarettes."

Mary Ann Lemanski: He's short and bald. He does a lot of admitting. He's very understanding. He has broad shoulders.

Dick Benninghoff: He wears an engineer's cap. Takes his job in earnest. Knows his business about machines. He's got a good set-up. He wears glasses and has bushy eyebrows. He's got a lot of trouble with kids stealing test papers.

Joe Szabo: She has gray hair and wears glasses. She has a dentine smile. She makes sure you get your stuff and you must have your assignments. There is no cheating in her classes and she doesn't allow gum-chewing. She used to teach my mother and my sister.

Mary Jane Dobeclare: He's a male teacher. He has sandy-colored hair and he wears glasses. He's rather tall. He teaches bookkeeping and business math. He is always willing to help others in their work. He has a wonderful personality.

1st Moron, "Say Joe, did you hear about the fortune teller that broke her arm"

2nd Moron, "No, how?"
1st Moron, "The Lone Ranger crossed her palm with Silver."

THANKS, FELLOWS

We wish to express our thanks to Joe Szabo, Fred Plonka, and John Mersich for securing (a few) half year subscriptions to the Hatchet by going to all the Home Rooms and giving pep talks.

Please, Give!

Help Red Cross Reach Its Goal

Spring will be here soon and with it will come a campaign to get the students of Washington High school to contribute a few little things such as soap, paper, and combs to the Junior Red Cross. These boxes will be sent to the needy in Europe. A cardboard box will be given to each sponsor room to be filled.

Now you can't get away with the old alibi of "I didn't know anything about it." If everyone in the room gives just a little bit, it will be filled in no time at all. Don't let the other fellow do all giving. This campaign is certainly a worthy one and needs to be backed. Let yourself be one of the persons that can say with pride, "I gave!" After all, you won't miss a candy bar now and then. With that nickel you could buy a marker, paper, or thread, and even though it sounds small, to them it really is a lot. Come on everyone, give!

ENGINEERS TRIUMPH

Last Friday, in the school gym, the Hi-Y Engineer game was played, with the Engineers emerging triumphant over the Hi-Y in a one point victory. The final score was 42-41. Joe Szabo was high point man, leading the Engineers to victory. High point man for the Hi-Y was Bill Hauguel.

Operetta Time

"FIREFLY" SET FOR NEXT WEEK

The "Firefly" will be given for the first time at Washington High School on March 19, at 8:00 in the Washington High School gym. The composer of the "Firefly", Charles Rudolf Friml, was born in Prague and studied at the Prague Conservatory, majoring in piano and composition. For five years he was pianist for Kubelik, the famous violinist, and visited the United States with him in 1901 and 1906.

Tune-Up Time

Band Preparing For Festival

The Washington High school band is now busy preparing for the annual instrumental music festival to be held in John Adams auditorium March 23.

The annual music festival is a concert given for the public by all of the bands and orchestras in the South Bend public schools. There will be approximately one thousand students participating, and each group will present a small portion of the program.

The concert is open to the public and the parents of participating students are particularly urged to attend. Tickets went on sale about March 10, 1948.

"I guess I'm not cut out for public speaking," moans a friend, "for every time I stand up to make a few remarks, my mind sits down."

Woman's peculiar pleasure in redecorating a house or shifting the furniture, may explain why she marries a scalawag to reform him.

"The "Firefly" was first produced in this country. Friml's compositions for piano violin, cello, and songs number about one hundred and are extremely popular. His music is characterized by lilting melodies and beautiful waltzes.

The cast will include two graduates of Washington, Stanley Zalas, '46, and Al Drzewiecki, '47. Both of these boys took part in all of the musical productions while they were in high school. Al will take the part of Jenkins, confidential secretary to Mrs. Van Dare, who is a New York society woman. Her part will be played by Lillian Szabo. Stanley, baritone, will portray Mr. Thurston. Nina, a gypsy "boy" who is later proved to be a girl, is played by Lorraine Petrowski. Herr Franz, the choirmaster, in the end adopts Nina. Other major parts are played by Evelyn Leopold and Shirley Houk.

A pit orchestra made up of South Bend musicians will accompany. It will consist of 2 violins, 2 violas, a cello, 2 trumpets, bass, flute, oboe and timpani. Mrs. Helen Guilfoyle Roe will play the piano.

This production, under the direction of Miss Grace Chapman and Mr. James Casaday, can be expected to top any performance ever given at Washington. It is a master work done by a fine cast.

WHO'S WHO IN THE JUNIOR CLASS???

Toss away your track shoes, all you Juniors! The second part of the annual Whos Who is over. Now you can let your breaths out and sort of relax until the final.

Most popular girl	Mary Jane Dobeclare
Most popular boy	Jerry Klaybor
Prettiest girl	Rita Kalka
Handsome boy	Don Jozwiak
Best dressed girl	Dorothy Holewczynski
Best dressed boy	Ronnie Gadacz
Best girl dancer	Gertrude Frydrych
Best boy dancer	John Deven
Wittiest girl	Phyllis Dbaene
Wittiest boy	Jerry Klaybor
Best girl sport	Joan Badur
Best boy sport	Dick Strozewski
Biggest girl flirt	Joan Kilmer
Biggest boy flirt	Virgil Hack
Most talented boy	Danny Piekarski
Most talented girl	Lorraine Petrowski
Most ambitious girl	Delores Zakrzewski
Most ambitious boy	Dick Strozewski
Girl with the best figure	Frances Kopczynski
Boy with the best physique	Dick Strozewski

STUDENT FORUM HELD

Representatives from Central, Riley, Washington, Adams, Mishawaka, and St. Joseph's Academy met at Central High School on March fourth in a forum on student affairs. The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 3:30 p.m.

The group discussed topics under the heading of "Creative Leadership Toward a Democratic School Life". The topics were A Student Council, Clubs, Social Activities, Publications, Inter-School Relations, and Evaluating School Life.

We do not need new ideas so much as we need somebody to energize the old ideas.

Four - Star Production!

Here, ladies and gentlemen, we have a four-star first rater, "The Firefly." How can one tell before the first act opening night? Simply listen to the cast and chorus sing praises of the show. That's all you need, to know it's going to reach the stars. When the players and supporting cast thinks it's going to be wonderful after being put through their paces for hours each week, you may sit back and expect a glorious success. — But, then for that matter, all Miss Chapman's shows have been hits.

It's funny how you can go to Glee Club twice or three times a week and still not know what the production is all about. Macy has been doing just that and she still doesn't know the story behind the operetta after all these weeks it's been in rehearsal! Fourth hour Thursdays and Fridays one has a chance only to get a faint glimmer of what magnificent voices are singing the leading roles. Just to say that Who's-it plays Papa Franz, or What's-his-name is Jack, or What-do-you-call-her is Nina isn't enough. Only by seeing the production in its full glory can you know its true beauty.

See "The Firefly" and you'll glow for hours after hearing such a collection of talent in one show. There's one star who has never played a leading role in one of Miss Chapman's shows and it's worth seeing the operetta just to hear him sing.

The Life of a Band Member

Eight-thirty and all's well. Mr. Meyer is sitting in the band office practicing his French horn. Oh, such lovely music and so in tune! A couple of seconds pass by and the atmosphere has changed. Talented students (Ahem! I mean I wonder some time if either is true: talent and then students, too!) Well, to go on with the story. The students take their instruments out of the shelves, run after their music, make a mad dash to be sure they get the chair and stand they had yesterday, and settle themselves down in position. The instruments are put together and then oboes have to be tuned, with a squeak here and a blare there, and the drums have to see how much they don't know. After a brief five minutes, Mr. Meyer takes over and after much wasted patience, he gets the band in order and the attendance taken. The

conductor steps on the podium, raises his baton, and what was that? Second position trombones, third finger clarinets! Let's try that again. This continues for about twenty-five minutes and when it is just getting to the point where Beethoven would recognize it, the bell rings. The students, happy because they have recognized the piece, and thinking that with a little bit of practice (Webster defines that as actual performance or application, habitually engaged in. Just a little hint) that concert that is coming up may sound as if the U. S. Army band was playing. While such wishful thinking is going on, the girls repair their faces and everybody goes to the next class. That is the life of a band member. A lot of fun but also work.

STAFF WRITER EARN'S PRAISE

Recently a comment was published in "The Staff," a newspaper for all the South Bend teachers, about the editorials of Macy Lee Wilkins, Washington senior. We quote:

"Washington High School's Macy Lee Wilkins scores regularly with timely editorials that reflect a real

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On Stage!

Just Around the Curtain

Spring is coming! For the rehearsals may be work, but oh the things that happen!

Miss Chapman has a beautiful stick with which she beats out the time for "her kids." Claims they can't hear.

Anybody been missing a watch and locket?? If so, here's a clue: Alice Lykowski has been taking pick-pocket lessons from Mr. Casaday.

Boy, oh, boy those dark corners! In every one you find someone. Most frequent tenants are Emery Mejer and Bill Hauguel.

Art Kalmer has a new hobby! Besides flirting all the time, he has taken to sticking people with pins.

Poor Evelyn L!!! Seems she can't hold her men, so Stanley Zalas ('46) has to sing "Sympathy" to her.

Ice isn't the only thing Barbara H. falls on! That stage must be very slippery.

Lucille W. has a little trouble keeping chairs under her. Seems they always start hopping about.

This Operetta has started a new red-hot romance between Gertrude Witucki and John Petrou.

Al Drzewiecki ('47) thinks Shirley Houk's so-o- understanding! Wait till Gus hears about their nice talks and walks.

The Biggest Surprise of all is that our accompanist, Mrs. Helen Roe, can beat out Boogie Woogie, too!

insight into today's problems." Following this introduction, Macy's editorial, "Two Notes in Harmony" was quoted in full.



Elmer V. W. had better hang on to the letters he gets from Bernice O. Someone is liable to read them.

Ed Bucholtz is still trying to find out why Frieda Z.'s hair is always curly on Monday morning. Have patience, Ed! Maybe someday she'll tell you.

L. M.—you'll learn you can't play tic-tac-toe in 107. You'll always get caught.

Eugene C. was seen at the movies with Irene. The picture was interesting, wasn't it, Eugene???? Hmhmhmhm?????

It seems that Rosalie Szabo has got very interested in skating lately. Could it be because of Oscar G.?

It seems that George, Eddy and Cliff study awfully hard in their study hall. I wonder what they study that makes them so noisy?

Seen at Ford Hopkins—Rosemary Bykowski, Adeline Ciesolka, Dolores Lewandowski, and a fourth party having quite a giggling spell. What was the joke, kids??

Who is this boy that Rose F. gets so thrilled about when she passes him in the hall? It seems he is R. H. in room 120.

Who is this certain boy that Florence Waggoner has her eye on?? Come on, Flo, give us a hint. . .

Only one man in ten thousand has wits enough to be a successful scoundrel, but even a slow-fuse thinker can become famous as an honest man.

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Of Steve Lebiezinski—to get to know Pat, the girl that he was supposed to meet on a blind date.

Of Joseph Jackimiak—a chance to go to the prom with a certain junior girl.

Of Veronica Michalski—that she can trust her one and only.

Of Pat Van Paris—that someone would buy her all of Frankie Laine's records.

Of Ed Budny — that summer comes soon, so that he can spend it at Twin Lake.

Of Dorothy Jaremba—to get all she can get out of life.

Of Dorothea De Meyer—to acquire as many good friends as possible.

Of Virginia Romanowski—that when summer comes, she can spend it at Barron Lake.

Of Casmier Deranek—to get through high school in only four years.

Of Delphine Cwidak—to stay out of trouble.

Of Frank Van Der Hagen—to spend a night in the parlor with Arlene's brother.

Of Betty Palmer—to spend an evening alone with her by friend without her family as an audience.

Of Lily Bencsics—to spend the summer at the lake so that she can meet some new men.

Of Clifford Milewski—to think of a plan to retire at the age of twenty-one.

Of Ben Sobceki—to spend his life with at least three meals a day and a place to live.

Of David Kasznia—to find the meaning of "roosterfish."

Bashful Hunks of Men

Rumblings from the Under Ground

Did you ever see such bashful boys in your life? It seems that the varsity basketball team is a little camera shy. The seniors are lucky to have Leona in charge of the year book.

Pat better watch herself. Lynda sure has those fellows trained at noon, in 114. Maybe it's about time for Pat to have a little-sister-to-big-sister talk. If you find out anything, please let us know, Pat!

Another love triangle has developed in the Sophomore Class. All the information I can give you is their initials. F. C. likes R. S. but is worried about D. S. Gosh, aren't we mean?

They mix anything in the chemistry lab. Consider for instance, the subjects of conversation of the gang that gathers there: the morality of smoking, bathing suits, causes for the World Wars, the latest adventures of Superman.

If any senior's picture is not in the yearbook, let him not sob on Miss Murphy's shoulder or Leona's. They are beginning to wonder whether the class of '48 is a SENIOR class or a FRESHMAN class. Such procrastinators.

SPICE!

SENIOR SECRETS:

Ah! A new romance is blooming—or shall we say, has bloomed. Francis Kapczynski and her neighbor Marian (Pil) have decided to keep the "good neighbor policy."

Pat Robakowski—you seem to be the middle woman between—blank—and blank. Or maybe the other girl is the middle woman—Oh! These triangle love affairs (m-m-m, that lucky boy!)

Poor Gloria!! People just don't treat her right. She had such a bad cold, and the nurse wouldn't let her go home. Gee, Gloria, couldn't she see you weren't faking??? You wouldn't do a thing like that would you?? Hm-m-m??

JUNIOR JABBER

Hey, fellows!! Wake up!! Gertie Frydrych and her beau broke up, so now she's a free woman. Get your date book ready, Gertie.

What's it like to be so popular, Mary Prikosovich and Margaret Arch, having two handsome males from Washington Hi. calling you constantly for dates? If in doubt here's a hint: the fellows are both Juniors.

Rene K. and Dick K. are still going strong and steady. It was their 3-months anniversary a couple of weeks ago.

SOPHOMORE SCOOPS

Joan Brezniak and Pat Cesavice, do you want to make an old woman of Alice Lykowski before her time??? If not, why don't you be-

have and stop pestering poor Alice? Have a heart, girls!

If you want to be driven completely batty, just sit in front of "Pickle," "Heckle", Chais, and "Jake" at a basketball tournament. Eeee, gads! what characters!!!

Why doesn't some kind soul buy Don Beitler a big box of candy, so his friends can mooch off of him.

FRESHMAN FACTS

I hear roomers in the freshman class that a certain Colette should give up hopes for a certain "Soubby". But then he might appreciate girls some day.

It seems Marie and Barbara have their hearts at John Adams Basketball games sure are exciting Games? Who are we kiddin'?

It seems Julian and Rose have interest in the same boy. All fare in love and ware they say, but spare "Granny" a little remember.

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Harriers Get Goin'

Track Schedule
Announced

It is spring again, so they say, and the Washington Panther track team started their training on March 2, to get ready for their first meet on March 27. We have most of our veterans back from last year, with Bonczynski and Stankus to lead in the running. Our first meet is the N.I.H.S.C. indoor meet at Notre Dame. Due to the fact that School Field is being repaired, our meets will all be held away.

The schedule:

March		
27—N.I.H.S.C. meet		N.D.
April		
7—Woodrow Wilson		T
14—Wakarusa		T
20—Plymouth		T
24—Goshen relays		T
27—Niles		T
May		
1—Eastern Division N.I.H.S.C.		
8—Conference finals		
11—Michigan City		T
15—Sectionals (Mish.)		

In time of crisis give us the companionship of two persons—one who is afraid of nothing, and one who is even more scared than we are.

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SEASON'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Another basketball season is completed and the coaches are once more looking forward to the next. Some outstanding events occurred. There were upsets both by us and the other teams. Here are the cold hard Statistics for the regular season. WON in Conference 2; Out of Conference 7; LOST, in conference 7; Out of conference, 7.

	Baskets Attempted	Baskets Made	%	Free Throws Attempted	Free Throws Made	%	Fouls	Total Points	Minutes Played
Goralczyk	324	91	280	72	36	500	40	218	591
De Paepe	244	53	236	108	46	426	58	152	559
Robertson	178	35	196	68	39	589	45	109	541
Lawecki	109	25	228	37	27	729	36	77	493
Strzelecki	168	34	202	40	17	425	36	85	435
Dlugosz	116	28	241	24	11	459	30	67	259
Strozewski	61	12	196	45	25	555	36	49	228
Bucholtz	55	10	187	17	7	412	16	27	141
Kulczak	30	4	140	10	3	300	11	11	92
Rzepnicki	7	0	000	3	1	333	3	1	27

Like Richard—In and Out

Panthers Win and Lose in Tourney

It was both win and lose for the Panther five in the South Bend Sectional Tourney February 26, at the John Adams gym when we beat Washington-Clay in the afternoon game 43-36, and then came back and lost to Adams in the evening, 57-44.

The Panthers were hot but not hot enough as we bowed our second tourney game to Adams. We were slow starting but caught up in the third quarter to lead by four points. But the Truex twins of Adams were on fire and brought Adams their victory. Strozewski and Robertson were high point men with 11 and 8 points respectively.

Our first game was another tuffy. When the first quarter went by we were behind 13-14. That's when Goralczak and Lawecki laid in eight points and

Strozewski one to Clay's one point in the second quarter. Then Clay's Huss came back in the third quarter with three buckets, tying us 30-30. De Paepe finally showed some accurate shooting and put in seven points to put us ahead. The final score was 43-35.

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