

Miss Askait  
Asks

Since this has been designated as "Clean-up Week," we have decided to see just what improvements need to be made, and so this week's question was

**"What is your chief serious criticism of the Washington student body?"**

**Lorraine Odynski**—"They do not help keep the school clean, for instance, by picking up papers in the halls and in the gym when they see them on the floor.

**Miss Hunsberger**—From my viewpoint, I notice their lack of respect for school property and their general wastefulness of time.

**June Urbanski**—The stealing of gym clothes from lockers!

**Willie Robertson**—They're all right, all of them!

**Nancy Badowski**—The students should help add color to the classrooms.

**Miss Goppert**—A lack of pride in the appearance of their school through thoughtlessness and carelessness.

**Ted Dudzinski**—They don't throw waste paper in the baskets.

**Eleanore Taberski**—They don't stick together. They always just half-heartedly support anything and everything sponsored by the school, such as sports, plays, campaigns, etc.

**Mr. Wegner**—The underclassmen are not showing the school spirit that is prevalent among the seniors and juniors.

**Hazleen Young**—There aren't enough men!

**Florence Kurpiewski**—They steal lunches!

**Bob Saltzgaber**—I can't explain it in a short answer.

**Melvin Lesniewicz**—They are never on time (including myself.) (There you are, fellow Panthers! The rest is up to us. Let's make W.H.S. proud of us.)

SANDRA SMITH NAMED  
STUDENT COUNCIL PREXY

Sandra Smith, '52, of home room 202, was chosen as the president of the Student Council for next year at the last meeting of the council. Sandra succeeds Melvin Lesniewicz, '51.

## CLEAN - UP WEEK IS HERE!

## Open Letter

Hear Ye  
Panthers!!

South Bend, Indiana  
March 29, 1951

Washington High School Students  
c/o The Hatchet  
Washington High School  
South Bend, Indiana

Dear Students:

Greetings! Greetings to a student body for which I have always had the highest regard and much affection.

The high regard I have held for you prompts me to write this letter, and the great affection I have for you as a group, present and past, permits me, I feel, to write this letter in the spirit of your best interest. Twelve of the happiest years in my memory were spent in work and play at Washington High School.

Recently I paid the school a visit. During my short visit I experienced and observed some things that were somewhat disturbing and to some degree disappointing.

Week-long Activities Under  
Guidance of Student Council

Panthers, this is "Clean-Up Week". The time has come for Washington High School students to "clean house" and the Student Council has organized a program to do the job. Several articles in this issue of the HATCHET explain what the program is about and what needs

'50 ALUMNUS MAKES  
GOOD AS COLLEGE CAGER

Bob Ogorek, '50, who is attending Ventura Junior College in Ventura, California, was a member of Ventura's conference championship team this last winter. Bob started playing as sixth man on the team; during the last half of the season he was starting guard. The team record this winter was thirty-six wins and five losses.

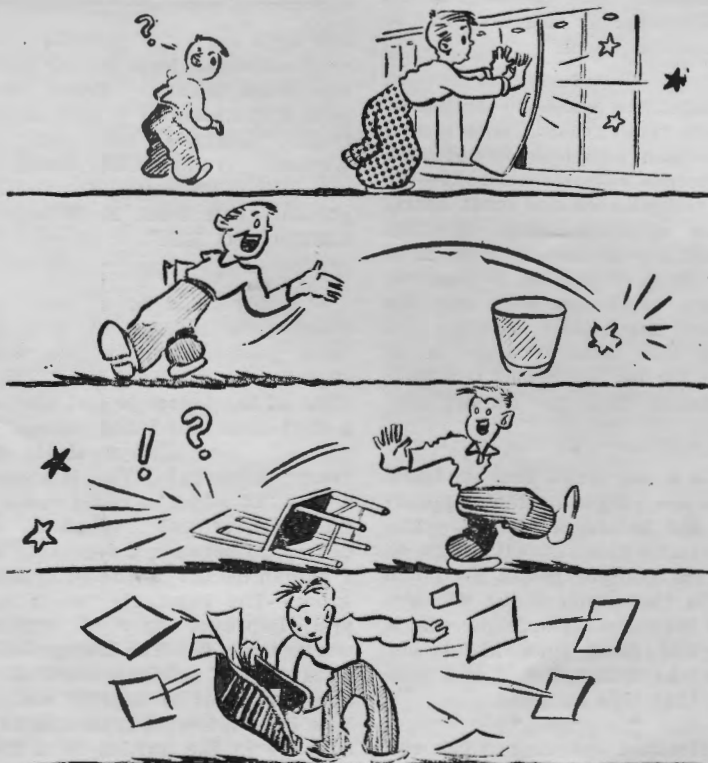
In addition to taking its conference championship, Ventura's team won three tournaments.

I'm going to put on paper some of my observations.

To me it seemed there was just a bit too much litter around, which is most unbecoming to a high school. Gum wrappers and candy

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## LET'S EXPEL THIS BOY!



"cleaning up." On this page, for instance, "Mr. Anonymous," a prominent citizen of South Bend and a person known to be interested in our school, writes a letter to Washington students giving his impression of the building, the grounds, and the students as they appeared to him on a recent visit. Mr. Anonymous is scheduled to make a personal appearance to follow up this letter at an assembly on Friday morning. On that morning you will learn the identity of this outstanding citizen and friend of Washington.

This morning the clean-up campaign opens with the kick-off assembly at which this issue of the HATCHET is being presented to all students, subscribers and non-subscribers. A brief number will be offered by pupils of the elementary school and an outline of the week's program presented.

The program for the rest of the week follows:

Tuesday — Assembly; playlet,

"Clean Court No. 1."

Wednesday — Home room meetings to present pledge for self-improvement.

Thursday — Assembly; short film.

Friday — Assembly; Mr. Anonymous is introduced and speaks to Washington students; short number by another elementary group.

During the week posters calling attention to the purpose of the week will be hung by members of the art classes. They will be changed daily. Members of the Hatchet Staff and members of the Student Council will be in charge on Wednesday of presenting the self-improvement pledges. Members of the Hi-Y and Y-Teen clubs will assist in "cleaning-up" the building.

The playlet, "Clean Court No. 1" was written by Marjorie Bartkowski, student council president several years ago, and was presented once before at an assembly. Members of the cast are:

Matilda, Florence Waggoner; Natasczka, Jane Nowak; Policeman Brown, Jerry Malicki; Policeman Mahoney, Joe Radecki; Defending Attorney, Richard Sob-

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## How Do You Rate?

This is "Washington Clean Up Week." It is a week set aside to see what the students can do to make Washington High School a more attractive and cleaner school and the students themselves more attractive personalities. We all want to be proud of our school, but we can't be proud of halls that are littered with paper, nor can we be proud of the gym that the janitors must sweep after every noon session.

See how you rate on the following:

1. When the bell rings at 11:40, do you rush out the door pushing everyone who is in your way?  
Yes ( ) No ( )
2. Do you put all your waste paper in the cans in the halls?  
Yes ( ) No ( )
3. Boys, do you take off your hats in school?  
Yes ( ) No ( )
4. Do you pick up all your belongings (apple cores, paper, crumbs, etc.) when leaving the lunch room?  
Yes ( ) No ( )
5. Do you yell so loudly in the halls that no one can hear himself think?  
Yes ( ) No ( )
6. Are you doing your share to keep the school cafeteria as clean as possible?  
Yes ( ) No ( )

Now that you know how you rate — have you helped to make your school a school you can be proud of? If not, please try. If we all pitch in, it is really not a hard job. Try it and see. "Watta you say?"



**RUTH A. PALMER**, home economics teacher, was born in Richfield, Minnesota, and was graduated from the University of Minnesota. She has her master's degree from Teachers' College, Columbia University. She has also done graduate work at the University of Chicago and the University of California. Miss Palmer admits to a liking for animals, especially cats, and is interested in music.

**JOSEPH D. REDLING** was born and reared in South Bend. He attended Oliver School and was graduated from Washington High in 1938. In 1943, he graduated from Canterbury College, formerly Central Normal College. He began to teach in Washington in the fall of 1943 and has been here ever since. He teaches driver training and health and assists in coaching the football team. Mr. Redling is married and to a Washington High graduate and has a four-year-old daughter, Joan. He completed his master's degree work at Indiana University in 1950. His hobbies are fishing and hunting.

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czak; Prosecuting Attorney, Richard Grontkowski; Mr. Student Body, Joe Lacay; Clerk, Christine Piekarski; Judge, Melvin Lesniewicz; Mr. Tax-Payer, Don Phillips; Jury, Members of the Student Council. S. P.

## Some Thoughts On This Week —

COURTESY is somewhat like lubricating oil: it reduces the friction in human relations. It should therefore be used regularly.

The essence of courtesy is **SINCERITY**. The proper words ("Yes sir!"—"I'm sorry!") spoken by the lips and not meant by the heart are as hollow as a dried melon. And their hollowness can never be disguised: it echoes around them as they are spoken. Courtesy in a boy is a sign of courage: he isn't afraid of what the other fellows may think. The sissy and the "rough and tough fellow", on the other hand, are both slaves: they are both afraid of what someone else may say or think about them.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness" is more truth than "smartness." The person who is clean of skin and clothes respects his body—the most complicated and most nearly perfect machine there is. The student who is content to be dirty—on the gym floor or in class—is like the workman who lets his machine accumulate shavings and oil in the factory; only he is worse, for his "machine" is a finer instrument than the factory machine.

It is a sad truth that students' homes are judged by their appearance and habits in school. The fellow who wears sweaty rags on the gym floor or tosses his lunch sack in the corner—one wonders about his home. The fellow who is neat—one feels sure about his. It may be unfair, but it is a sure thing that this happens.

A pleasant speaking voice can be developed by anyone. If every-

## We "Spring-Clean" W. H. S.

"This is Spring, and therefore the time for 'spring-cleaning.' When we spring clean, we destroy or throw out old and useless things in order to improve the atmosphere. If you were spring cleaning Washington High School, what would you do to improve it?"—This is the question that was put to a selected group of students. Hear their replies:

**Carole Guzowski**: "I'd clean up the garbage and wastepaper from the hall floors, and the dusty, musty window-sills."

**Bill Elmore**: "I would have the white jerseys that the freshmen used in basketball washed."

**Joan Rebics**: "I'd do something to brighten up the classrooms."

**John Wagh**: "I'd clean up Ned Vargo's lockers and all the others like it."

**Alex Bognar**: "I'd get a new curtain for the auditorium and better ventilation for the boys' shower room."

**Betty Tschida**: "There could be an improvement of manners during the school dances at night."

## The Boy of the Week

Hair .....of Melvin Lesniewicz  
Eyes .....of Dan Olejniczak  
Nose .....of Steve Sabo  
Lips .....of Bob Hegedus  
Smile .....of Richard Piekarski  
Hands .....of Harry Ganser  
Physique .....of Dan Kruszewski  
Clothes .....of Dan Nowicki  
Humor .....of Dave Papaie  
Teeth .....of Dick Grontkowski  
Friendliness .....of Jim Kalka  
Manners .....of Richard Sobczak  
Personality .....of Bob Corthier  
Intelligence .....of Jerry Wierzbinski

one kept his voice pitched on a conversational level in the building—what heaven! Aren't shrill yells a symptom of a kind of conceit? "Listen to me! I'm important! You MUST listen to me! What I'm saying is more important than what he is saying. LISTEN TO ME!"

If a boy could be a first-class athlete and refuses to play because participation is "too much work," who respects him? Well, what of the fellow or girl who has a first-class mind and refuses to use it? Who always elects the "easy" subjects? Who is content with a "C" when he could make an "A" with effort? What is the difference between a vegetable and a human being? Both eat, breathe, grow.—The vegetable "stays put" and improves only if someone works upon it. The human being is capable of self-improvement. If he chooses not to improve himself, how is he different from a head of cabbage in the garden or a weed in the field?



With a compliment—the neatest boys in school—every one of them. For instance, Albert Brown, Bob Hegedus, Ronnie Bobinski, Willie Wells.

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And the neatest girls—everyone of them. For instance, Clara Miller, Dolores Frasz, Carole Guzowski.

x x x

With everyone's thanks,—the really courteous people. For instance, Colette Berndt, Gloria Gyorkos, Bennie Wilkins, Everett Wright.

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And the co-operative souls,—how we need them! Pat Kus, for instance; and Dorothy Deguch; Richard Sobczak, Florence Kurpiewski, Florence Waggoner.

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With a smile and thanks,—the friendly people. Like Katie Prathafatakis, Delphine Cwidak, Gerald Notteboom, Sheila and Eileen Howe.

B U T —

Here comes lightning and thunder at—we won't name them, but we have them about us: the grippers; the "let-the-other-fellow-do-it" gang; the "I-can-yell-the-loudest" boys; the "I'm-the-tough-kind-and-proud-of-it" fellows. May the thunder scare them out of their bad habits and the lightning singe them!

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## Behind Central &amp; Riley

## Panthers Trail In Indoor Meet

Washington's track team came in third in the city indoor track meet at Notre Dame on Friday, March 16. Central took first with 83 1/3 points; Riley second with 43 5/6 points. Washington had 33 5/6. Adams did not compete.

Individual scoring follows:

**M. Bethel** 8 1/2 - 1 in 440; 3 in BJ; 2 in mile relay.

**Lootens** 4 - 2 in BJ; 4 in HJ.

**Cashaw** 3 1/2 - 3 in 440; 2 mile relay.

**Malicki** 3 - 3 in SP; 4 in 880 relay.

**Forrest** 3 - 2 in PV.

**Morris** 2 1/2 - 4 in 440; 2 in mile relay.

**Grontkowski** 2 - 3 in 880.

**B. Wands** 1 1/2 - 2 in mile relay.

**Pica** 1 - 4 in mile.

**Saltzgaber** 1 - 4 in low hurdles.

**Vargo** 1 - 4 in 880 relay.

**Hegedus** 1 - 4 in 880 relay.

**Maxwell** 1 - 4 in 880 relay.

**Siderits** 1/2 - tie for 4 in SP.

**Wegh** 1/2 - tie for 4 in PV..

Forrest's jump of ten feet in the pole vault breaks the Washington record of 9'9".

(Lewis Ericson)

### HEAR YE PANTHERS!!

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wrappers on the hall floors. There are waste baskets around, but not everyone seemed to be a good shot at the baskets and some even found it too much trouble to carry these little papers toward the basket. The outside of the entrances seemed like the depository for anything and everything in any one's hand that wasn't to be carried into school. Gum wrappers, candy wrappers, potato chip bags, and lunch sacks; all for the janitor to pick up or the wind to toss to some new corner. I even observed some apple cores and waste food on the lawn.

And as I watched a between-class movement, there too I noticed that some of the everyday simple courtesies weren't being extended to teachers or fellow students. Such things as a small group here and

## LET'S GO TO THIS BARBER TOO!



there in some discussion blocking smooth passage; a good but unintentional bump of a fellow student, but no "I'm sorry" to go with it; and I didn't hear any "Good morning Miss or Mr." to the teachers either.

As I was leaving, it was just after noon and I went through the gym to the west exit to get to my car. HEAVENS HELP! What a sorry mess that gym was. Enough papers, empty lunch bags, etc., to start a good scrap drive. And even some discarded food that would have looked good to the familiar "man with the whiskers" in his scavenger expeditions. And outside in the back, what a mess the bikes were in. Maybe there are more kids with bicycles now than there used to be, but they could be parked in some kind of order. Some bikes were even toppled over on the bank of the grass out at the entrance on Sample street.

And who, I wonder, decided the front of the school should be monogrammed with someone's initials? I can't believe it was any of Washington's kids.

Now that spring and nice weather are approaching, I wonder if the nice grass out front will be used for a lounging place, and, as I have on occasion observed, for card games and the like. The playground is in the rear of the school, not the front lawn.

Many of these little mishappenings we don't do at home because that's where we live, and our parents wouldn't permit these acts of carelessness. We respect and appreciate our homes. We know the folks are working hard to provide

them for us, so we help keep them up and protect them. Don't lose sight of the fact that our folks are also working harder to provide our schools for us. Everytime they pay taxes, some of that tax money is for this school building. Let's help protect and keep it, so that those hard earned tax dollars will realize long and lasting returns.

I have been rambling for some length now. Maybe some of these things are not everyday occurrences; maybe they aren't a true picture at all; maybe they just seemed to be more focused to me because I haven't been around for some time. Maybe they are just some bad habits that have been picked up and, by repetition, have become the rule rather than the exception—they have grown on us and with us. Whatever the reason for some of these things, AND IF I KNOW WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS, I am sure that corrections will be in order. I don't know; maybe they have never been called to your attention.

This isn't meant to be a letter of caustic criticism, but merely a friendly letter telling of some things I saw. I pray you will accept it in the sincere spirit with which it is written.

You see, in the twelve years I was around Washington, I acquired tremendous regard and affection for its wonderful kids. WONDERFUL IN SCHOOL SPIRIT, CONDUCT, AND CHARACTER. I would like to think that anyone who comes in contact with you will come away with the same high regard I have for you.

Sincerely yours,  
Mr. Anonymous.



### LIBRARY LIL SEZ—

There are quite a few books in the school library, and surely you'll find one to suit you to a "T" for real reading pleasure.

There are books of romance for girls since boys don't go in for that "mush" (?) SKY MOUNTAIN by Amelia Elizabeth Walden takes you on an adventure with Robin Young, rich and beautiful, who learns that money isn't everything. She goes to Skymountain College for just one reason: the college had the best ski coach in the country and Robin wanted to win the intercollegiate championship. There's plenty of exciting skiing in this story... FOR A WHOLE LIFETIME by Jessica Lyon tells the story of Karen Moore who has grown up under the influence of her father's prestige and her mother's social ambition. Through her love for Bill Holloway, a garage mechanic, she comes to realize and understand that everyone should do the job for which he is best suited and that social position doesn't mean real happiness... DILIGENCE IN LOVE by Daisy Newman is a simply told, beautifully characterized novel about a sophisticated advertising woman, who found much to learn and admire among the Quakers—and saved her marriage from disaster.

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Sincerely,  
LIBRARY LIL.

Schoolboy wisdom (as observed in a David Copperfield notebook:)  
"David Copperfield's father died while breathing."

### PORTRAITS

By

Mc DONALD STUDIO

Baseball Season Opens Tomorrow!

## Panthers Meet Niles Vikings in Non Conference Tilt at Harrison Field

Washington's defending 1950 NIHSC baseball champions will open the 1951 season tomorrow, April 10, with a non-conference tilt with Niles on the Harrison diamond. Coming back from last year's squad are seven veterans: Kruszewski, Peczkowski, Sobczak, Gilkey, Wilkins, Robertson, and Miller. Dan Kruszewski will be back at third while Sobczak will move over from second to short to fill up the hole left by Stan Jackowiak, last year's star lost by graduation.

Tom Peczkowski will be back at second where he played in his sophomore year. Last year he was at center field with a bit at second. Taking up the loss of Jim Heck at first base will be either Joe Brazier or Don Phillips. Both boys are inexperienced in varsity ball, Joe being a sophomore while Don is a senior. This rounds out the infield.

In the outfield, Baby Doll Miller will probably be in left taking over Bob Kapalczynski's post. Robertson and Gilkey will alternate in center while Bykowski and Phillips will battle it out for the spot vacated by Don Beitler in right.

Doing the catching will be Benjie Wilkins, last year's number one receiver, and Miller, who also plays left.

Moving on to pitchers, we find three right-handers on the roster, Gilkey, ace of the staff for the last two years; Robertson, who tossed a few games last year; and Jerry Wierzbinski, a junior who is up from the B-team.

Probably getting the nod against Niles in the opener will be Gilkey, followed by Robertson and Wierzbinski, either of whom will pitch against John Adams in a non-conference tilt on April 12. This will give Gilkey a good enough rest to be able to pitch to Elkhart on April 17 in the Panthers' opening conference encounter.

The Panthers play a total of nineteen games, ten of which are at home. Ten of the nineteen are conference tilts.

All in all, this year's Holley-coached nine looks tops and has a good chance of repeating as conference champs.

### THE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Apr. 10	Niles	here
Apr. 12	John Adams	there
Apr. 17	Elkhart	*here
Apr. 18	Riley	here
Apr. 20	Central	*here
Apr. 24	John Adams	*there
Apr. 25	Central Catholic	here
Apr. 26	So. Bend Catholic	there
Apr. 27	Riley	*here
May 1	Mishawaka	*there
May 2	Central	there
May 4	Michigan City	*there
May 8	LaPorte	*here
May 9	Mishawaka	here
May 11	Elkhart	*there
May 15	Central	*there
May 16	Riley	there
May 17	So. Bend Catholic	here
May 18	John Adams	*here

\*denotes conference game  
Dan Moroszewski

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