

Honorably

The highest honors bestowed upon the students are that of scholastic merit and the National Honor Society. Those students who have received only one "B" in their four years of high school achieve the title of Salutatorian.

The National Honor Society is chosen by the teachers, who grade the students on character, dependability, grades, and extra-curricular activities.



SALUTATORIANS — *Left to Right:* Jim Kinney, Karen Gabus, and Bert Ross.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY — *Row One:* K. Kappers, D. Dahl, M. Campbell, P. Larson. *Row Two:* B. Benson, K. Bernicke, J. Stringer, J. Felts, M. Olsen. *Row Three:* J. Catlin, J. Tronsdal, S. Anderson, M. Johnson, J. Persicko, P. Klawiter, B. Ross. *Row Four:* L. Kittlestad, R. Bathke, W. Johnson, J. Bliss, T. Shepler, R. Lindeke, B. Easterson, M. Coffman, J. Anderson, B. McQuillan, R. Hove.

Discharged

Any student in the upper one-third of his class is eligible for the Honor Society. They are then voted upon by the faculty.

The title of Valedictorian is reserved for those students who maintain a straight "A" average throughout their four years of high school.

With the launching of "Sputnik" this past year, came the cry from educators throughout our country to re-emphasize the importance of studies and of the academic value of school to the youth of our country.

The students pictured on these pages have realized the necessity of studying and are thereby rewarded for their exuberance by receiving these honors.



VALEDICTORIANS — *Row One:* P. Larson, K. Kappers, M. Olsen, M. Duffy, J. Matthews. *Row Two:* C. Barney, P. Klawiter, F. Rusch, K. Hagen, B. Blakeley, and A. MacLaughlin.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY — *Row One:* M. Duffy, B. Thompson, A. Kildahl, J. Christianson, V. Hassart. *Row Two:* C. Neperud, S. Hibbard, A. MacLaughlin, T. Bennet, J. Peterson, S. Thorson. *Row Three:* N. Brenden, B. Blakeley, J. Franey, K. Gabus, B. Gilbert, B. Benson, J. Jacobson, B. Brown. *Row Four:* B. MacDonald, J. Hoard, F. Kopp, G. Park, K. Clark, K. Hagen, F. Rusch, R. Winter, J. Jones, G. Welter, and S. Surgey.

Eau Claire Memorial High School Department Awards

Agriculture	Joe Schimml
Art — Boy	Paul Klawiter
Art — Girl	Shirley Smith
Athletics — Boy	Mike Tietge
Athletics — Girl	Joanne Baker
Commercial — Bookkeeping	Dianne Dahl
Commercial — Clerk Typist	James Armstrong
Commercial — Stenography	Janice Mathews
Debate	Gerald Welter
Dramatics	LeRoy Gilbertson
English	Susan Hulbert
Forensics — American Legion	James L. Jones
Home Economics	Carroll Jacobs
Homemaking	Shirley Thorson
Industrial Arts — Drafting	Peter Speckien
Industrial Arts — Metals	Marvin Krigsvold
Industrial Arts — Woodworking	Robert Wittwer
Journalism — News	Karen Gabus
Journalism — Kodak	Kay Schreiber
Language	Johanna Tronsdal
Mathematics	Bert Ross
Music — Band — Boy	David Olson
Music — Band — Girl	Marcia Duffy
Music — Orchestra	Bradley Easterson
Music — Vocal — Boy	Neil Brenden
Music — Vocal — Girl	Patricia Larson
Photography	Ronald W. Johnson
Radio Operator	Terry Shepler
Radio Speech	Ronald Lindeke
Science	Gene Rugotzke
Social Studies	Brian Blakeley
Bausch Lomb Science Award	Bert Ross
Kempton German Memorial Award	Marcia Duffy

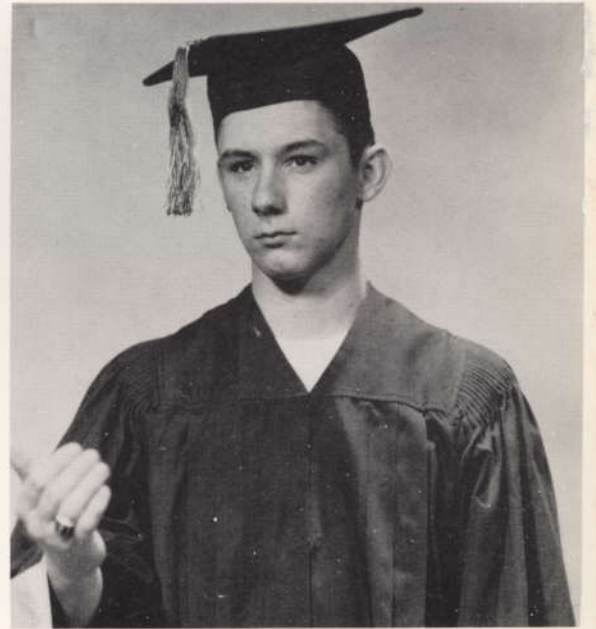


Senior Homeroom Chairmen, pictured above, are chosen to aid the class officers in the many business transactions throughout the year. *Front Row:* M. Bradison, S. Thorson, A. MacLaughlin, K. Gabus, S. Hibbard, and P. Larson. *Row Two:* W. Johnson, F. Rusch, B. McQuillian, B. Easterson, R. Winter, and B. Ross.

Four Years Of Activities End



Shocking things came out of the math fair this year! Students are shown experimenting with Gene Rugotske's electric x-ray tube.



Ron Lindeke, senior class president, practices the speech he will give at the graduation exercises.



Junior Prom Queen, Kathy Smith.



*Vice-Queen of the Junior Prom,
Judy Stringer.*

Ebb-



Junior Prom Royalty, Joyce Jensen.



Junior Prom Royalty, Barb Benson.

*Publicity Chairman
Leonard Friede.*

*Decoration Chairman
Joy Borum.*



Spending time and effort on the decorations are a group of girls on that committee.



Junior Prom King, John Baker



Tide



*Vice-King of the Junior Prom,
Ron Lindeke*



Junior Prom Royalty, Tom German



Junior Prom Royalty, Rod Knott

*Invitation Chairman
Kay Furrer*

*Program Chairman
Paul Marcus*



Len Friede, chairman of the publicity committee, displays one of the many posters the group made.

Seniors Go "June Mad"



Deft fingers of M. Olsen and J. Cowley apply make-up to B. Benson on opening night of *June Mad*.

In spite of first night jitters which account for the tardy ringing of a doorbell and continued playing of a piano with no fingers on the keys, adults and students were delighted at the production of the senior class play, *June Mad*.

The story revolves around two teen-agers, Penny Wood and Chuck Harris who are too old for youth and too young for adulthood. Penny's attempts to impress the suave Roger Van Vleck (Jerry Welter) are climaxed with her purchase of a red, backless dress and her mud pack. Other characters such as Milly Lou (S. Anderson), Peter Tuttle (J. Anderson) and Effie (S. Steinmetz) create hilarious situations which made *June Mad* a fitting culmination of this year's dramatic productions.



S. Meyer as Chuck and J. Jacobson as Penny find rehearsals tedious but fun-filled.



Penny's attempts at sophistication, via a mud pack, are only laughed at by R. Hotchkiss as Mervyn.



Stiff backs and creaking joints are the result of Mr. and Mrs. Woods' dance routine as they remember the "good old days".



In the annual Music Festival those who received superior ratings were: *Row One:* R. Tietz, B. Burns, C. Felton, D. Olson, T. Grip, B. Blakeley. *Row Two:* J. Mathews, K. Smith, M. Bradison, M. Duffy, J. Kufahl, C. Neperude, F. Henning, E. Lane, A. Leipnitz, S. Jarvar. *Row Three:* T. Bennett, J. Ecke, J. Holtz, G. Bruckshaw, B. Gramenz, K. Bernicke, B. Brown, E. White, C. Clark, S. Steiner, G. Elliot, M. Stai. *Row Four:* M. Brown, S. Stolp, S. Meyer, R. Feirn, B. Jackson, J. Henderson, B. Larson, S. Loken, E. Severson, W. Walker, D. Graves, J. Loomis.

They Were Just "The Best"

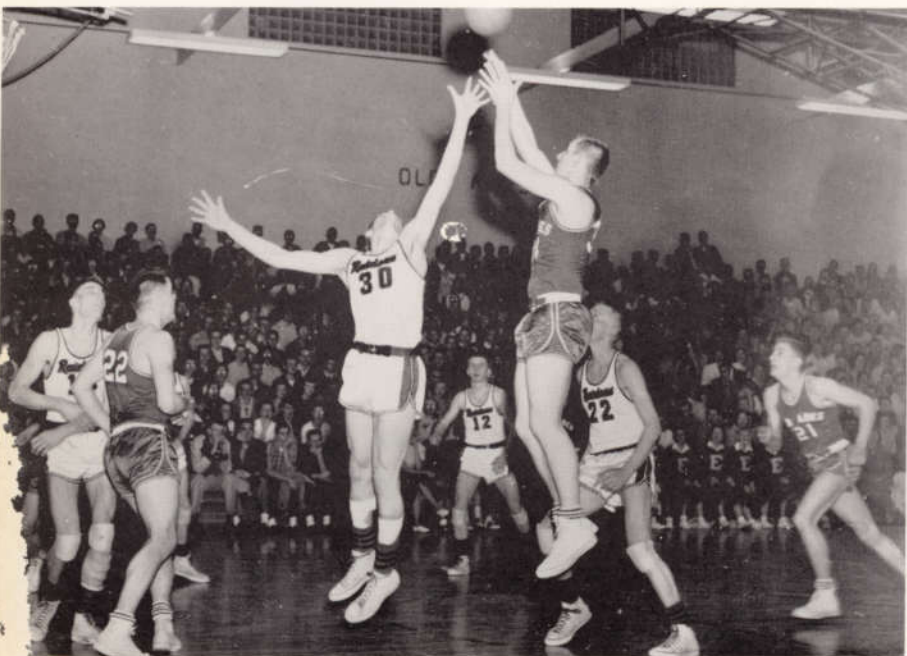


The Debaters who shared the state championship were: J. Jones, L. Freide, K. Kappers, J. Welter, R. MacKenzie.

Speech students who participated in the State Meet were: *Seated:* S. Hulbert, L. Miles, K. Schreiber, B. Benson. *Standing:* L. Gilbertson, L. Freide, J. Jones, R. Winter. *Missing from picture:* M. Lee, V. Lind, R. MacKenzie, J. Welter.



Tournament Basketball



Partlow sinks a long jump shot during the Medford game.



Coach Gibbs collects the coveted Regional Trophy.

The fighting Eau Claire Old Abes took the first step in the march to Madison by drubbing the Cadott Hornets 79 to 36.

Visions of a tourney berth were nearly shattered as the upset-bent Bloomer Black Hawks rally fell one point short, 54 to 53.

Medford proved no match for the hot shooting, rugged rebounding Eau Claire team and were dropped 74 to 50.

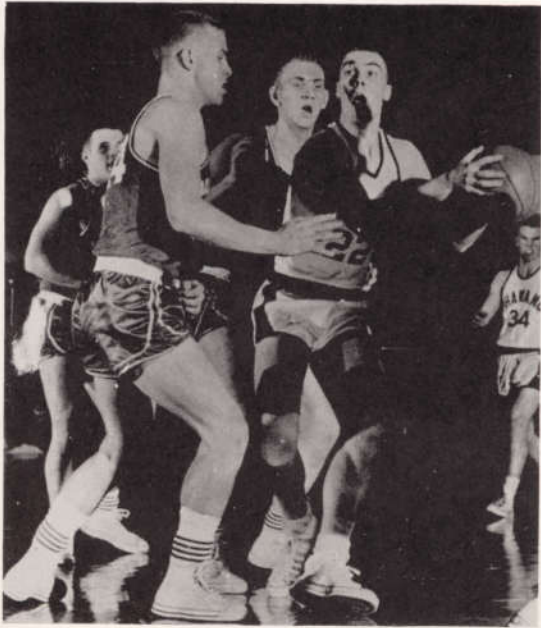
In Sectional play the supposedly tough rebounding Thorp Cardinals were licked at their own game. The Purple dominated both boards and took the win 73 to 56.

Cool play by the Abes in the last minutes of the game against Cochrane, resulted in close-in buckets and a Sectional Championship, plus the right to enter the State Finals at Madison. The final score — 61 to 56.



Hair-raising tension is evident as "Crazy Legs" Neuman (far left) chases a loose ball.

Attracts The Sports Spotlight



These shots typify the sparkling defensive play turned in by Mike Tietge and Bruce Neuman at Madison.

The high flying Old Abes drew the state tourney favorite, Shawano, in the first game at Madison and went down to a heart-breaking defeat by the respectable score of 90 to 81. Out-rebounding the taller Indians, the Abes couldn't stop the torrid scoring of Gharrity, who netted 44 points and a new tourney scoring record. Gelein played his best game of the season scoring 32 points and leading in rebounds. The Abes returned to their winning ways by trouncing Black River Falls 87 to 71. The Purple displayed a balanced attack setting a new single game field goal record. A tired but game Abe squad faced a spirited Manitowoc team for the Consolation Championship and concluded their '58 season with an 82 to 70 loss. In closing out their tournament play, the Abes had set a new three game field goal record along with the single game record. When the All-Tourney team was chosen, Tom Partlow and Hud Gelein were among those named.





Coach Mike McGinnis and Asst. Coach John Haig flank the first Memorial

Defending State Champs



With the hopes of a successful track season riding on the shoulders of the four returning lettermen, Coaches Mike McGinnis and John Haig prepare for another rough season on the cinder paths. The returning are: Bruce McDonald, Bruce Neuman, Skip VanGordon, and Mike Tietge. These, along with several other promising candidates should provide a highly interesting track season as well as several entries for the state tourney.



"Hud" Gelein, ace left hander of the Old Abes, has compiled a high school record of 21-1 with three consecutive no-hitters. He will be one of the key factors in the drive for the '58 State Championship.



Destined to repeat



High track team.



Uuuuuh!

Cindermen = Spring Victories

Holding the reins of the State Baseball Champions for the first time, Coach Cy Berg found an outstanding crop of lettermen returning from last season. The squad went undefeated last year and appears to be the team to beat in the race for the state title his season. Returning lettermen Al "Jet" Perry, Frank Kopp, Gene Park, Dick Tornowski, Gary Hoepner, Bern Schellfeffer, Larry Berg, Kirk Clark, and Tom Garnett provide the nucleus for a strong well-balanced varsity.



as State Champs, the Old Abes are pictured with Coaches "Cy" Berg and Marshall Barnes.

Veteran Golfers - Green Netters

Herald Spring



The golf squad pictured at right of Coach Gibbs is E. Wahl, P. Blom, P. Speckin, M. Grip, T. Grip, R. MacKenzie, J. Wendt, G. Long, and M. House.



Getting some pointers from Mr. O'Brien is this year's tennis team. *Bottom Row:* Mr. O'Brien, B. Easterson, G. Hanson, M. Coffman, J. Speckin. *Top Row:* W. Boehlke, E. Midelfort, J. Glenz, B. Schwark.

Although no varsity lettermen of last year have returned, a group of former "B" squad letter winners form the nucleus of this year's tennis team.

The squad, coached by Mr. O'Brien, has a rugged schedule of eight regular matches plus the conference meet at Wausau.

The tennis team was undoubtedly hampered by lack of courts at our new school. It is hoped that adequate facilities will be provided on school grounds in the near future.

The golf team, coached by Harry Gibbs, has four of last year's lettermen returning.

They had a sparkling record last year. The team went to the state tournament where they ranked fourteenth among thirty-five competing schools.

This And That



A Pan Cake Breakfast was given for the men teachers by Miss Zawacki's boys' chef class.



PAUL KLAWITER



SADIE HAZEN

WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS.



Jerry MacKove seems to have caught spring fever at the annual Bunny Hop.



PHILLIP MILLWOOD



Adding their artistic touch to the Bunny Hop decorations are Nancy Anderson and Sandy Faanes:



JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS — *Front Row:* L. LePage, J. Brown, B. Draper, J. Targard, G. Staberg. *Back Row:* D. Walker, B. Patrow, M. Catlin, C. Gabrielsen, E. Horstick, and C. Bliss.

