

## Graduation Exercises Scheduled For May 28



The Salutatorians are: Front row (left to right) Janet Loken, Sharon Hams, and Beverly Goller. Second row (left to right) Virgil Schultz, Dave L. Thompson, Jim Hoard, and Dave Rawlings. Absent are Charles Gavin and Elizabeth Vankat.

### Honor Students Chosen To Speak To '57 Graduates

Commencement exercises for the 446 members of the Class of 1957 will be held on Tuesday, May 28. Ceremonies will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin State College Gymnasium.

Two of the nineteen students who rank first in the class have been chosen to give the valedictory addresses. Alan Leipnitz will talk on "Frontiers of the Future" and Kathie Kidd's speech is entitled "Word to the Whys." Betsy Vankat, speaking for the nine salutatorians, will address the group on "The Power of Positive Action."

Following are the valedictorians: Kay Anderson, Mary Engbretson, Arlene Guenther, Nancy Gustafson, Ruth Horstiek, Richard Kennedy, Kathie Kidd, Marilyn L. Larson, Alan Leipnitz, Kenneth Lippin, Judy Meltz, Jeanette Olson, Carolyn Otterson, Lee Sapetta, Alice Solberg, Joan Sorenson, Robert Stringer, Arlie Veum, and Linda Wahlstrom.

Those recognized as salutatorians will be: Elizabeth Vankat, David Thompson, Sharon Hams, Beverly Goller, Virgil Schultz, David Rawlings, James Hoard, Charles Gavin and Janet Loken.

Scholastic Honor Students and two of the graduation award winners were disclosed by Mr. Allen Johnson, senior class advisor.

Winner of the Bausch-Lomb Science award is Russell Helwig, and Carolyn Otterson, the DAR award. The department award winners will not be announced until the night of graduation, as is the tradition of past years.

Students with a 3.5 average or above are: Jayne Ahlstrom, Kay Anderson, Marlys Anderson, Vernon Baker, Robert Bjerke, Richard Carlson, Karen Charlson, Janet Duffy, Mary Engbretson, Judith Foster, Judith Franck, Edrys Galloway, Charles Gavin, Karl George, Margaret Glenz, Beverly Goller, Arlene Guenther, Nancy Gustafson, Karen Halberg, Lois Halvorson, Sharon Hams, Russell Helwig, Kay Hendrickson, Vicki Hess, James Hoard, Ruth Horstiek, Barbara Jacobson, Karrel Johnson, Judith Johnson, Richard Kennedy, Kathryn Kidd, Kenneth Lippin, Janet Loken, Cynthia Long, Donald Lund, Janet Lundquist, Kathleen Marsh, Marlene Marxman, Karen Mattison, Ruth Mattison, Katherine McIntyre, Judith Meltz, Sandra Meyer, Gerald Miland, Carol Nelson, Karen Nelson, David Niermeyer, Ardell Okeson, Jeannette Olson, Carolyn Otterson, Wayne Polden, David Rawlings, Lovella Reetz, Joan Rossow, Lee Sapetta, Virgil Schultz, Darlene Selvingson, Alice Solberg, Joan Sorenson, Harriet Spicher, Mary Stanley, (Cont. on Page 6, Col. 4)

### First Choir Takes Annual Trip

The First Choir took their annual trip on the 15 and 16 of May. The 75 voice choir traveled to Janesville on two buses. They went via Madison, where they spent a couple of hours on the University campus. They went to Janesville to sing for an assembly on Thursday morning. They also sang at the Janesville Junior High. The programs at these schools included concert songs by the choir, and numbers done by smaller ensembles. They include the Boys' and Girls' Glee clubs, a mixed quartet and a girls' quartet. Chaperones who accompanied the choir included Mrs. Lawrence Nelson and Mrs. Schafer.



The Valedictorians for this year are: (front row, left to right) Carolyn Otterson, Mary Engbretson, Judith Meltz, and Kathie Kidd. Second row (left to right) Kay Anderson, Marilyn L. Larson, Joan Sorenson, Linda Wahlstrom, Arlie Veum, and Nancy Gustafson. Third row (left to right) Jeanette Olson, Richard Kennedy, Alan Leipnitz, Kenneth Lippin, Bob Stringer, Lee Sapetta, and Arlene Guenther. Missing are Ruth Horstiek and Alice Solberg.

### Class Officers For '58 Elected by Students

Class elections were held Thursday, May 9, in all freshmen, sophomore, and junior homerooms. Class meetings were held previous to this date to inform students on how nominations and campaigns should be conducted. Petitions were circulated nominating people for the office. Before becoming a candidate 35 people must have signed the circulating petition. After the voting, ballots were counted and sent to the proper class advisor. Final results were tabulated by the class advisors and posted on the bulletin board outside the co-ordination office.

The freshman class elected Carolyn Johnson as their future sophomore president. Other nominees for this position were Craig Carlson and Mike Marcolit. Vice-president candidates were: Bruce Anderson, John Hibbard, Dennis Rowell, and Wally Tibbets with Bruce Anderson victorious. Secretary-treasurer for the sophomore class is Sue Taylor with Faye Henning, Barbara Stanwick, and David Putney also running. Business manager for next year will be Georgiann "Cookie" Schaf. Others nominated for this post were: Janice Anderson, Mary Lee Helstrom, Susie Linton and Lenef Peterson. From the group of five girls, including: Lynn Everson, Sandy Gelein, Barbara Shaver, Judy Toya, and Jane Walters, Lynn Everson and Jane Walters were chosen to represent the sophomore class on the Student Council. Bruce Koppin and Bill Lind were the two boys chosen for Student Council with Robert Rude a contender.

Sophomores nominated and elected John Baker as their junior class president. He will also preside over the Junior-Senior Prom as king. Other nominees for this post were: Louis Arnold, Dave Hullett, and Steve Stolp. Running for vice-president were Joni Brown, Nancy Olson, Tom German, and Rhene Reseld. Tom German was elected. Secretary and treasurer nominees were: Betsy Draper, Sandy Engbretson, June Koppin, Betty Meneel, Karen Peterson, and Lonnie Peterson. Lonnie Peterson and Betty Meneel are the junior secretary and treasurer respectively. For business manager Carolyn Gabrielsen was chosen by her classmates. Others running were: Mary Catlin, John Long, Ann McCutcheon, Mary Mierow, Sue Severson, and Gloria Staberg. Student Council candidates for the girls were: Carole Bliss, Joy Borum, Sue Eng-

bretson, Kay Furrer, Jeri Hanson, Sharon Markle, Barbara Preston, Sandy Rusch, Kathy Smith, Janet Target, and Donna Walker. The three chosen were Carole Bliss, Joy Borum, and Kay Furrer. Six boys ran for Student Council for their junior year. The three chosen to represent their class are John Coggins, Lynn Preston, and Tom "Punky" Schwartz. Leonard Friede, John Glenz, and Paul Marcus were also nominated.

Senior class president candidates for 1957-58 school year were Mike Coffman, Donald James, and Ron Lindeke. Emerging from the elections victorious was Ron Lindeke. Vice-president for the coming year will be Barb Benson. Kirk Clark, Bruce McDonald, and Gene Park were close runner-ups. Juniors voted Beret Brown as their choice for senior class secretary. Other candidates were Jean Jacobson and Judy Peterson. The treasury department will be handled by Barb Thompson for the coming year. Coming in close behind her were Sue Anderson, Joan Cowley, and Karen Thorson. Taking care of the business of the senior class for next year will be Mary Lucille Johnson. Her opponents for this post were Kay Bernicke and Geri Tweet. Seven girls were candidates for the Student Council. They were: Toni Bennett, Judy Brenden, Karen Gabus, Kathryn Kappers, Donna Macrae, Mary Olsen, and Sue Tiller. The victorious three are Toni Bennett, Karen Gabus, and Sue Tiller. Richard Hove, Warren Johnson, Jim L. Jones, Eugene Marquardt, Bruce Neuman, Joe Schimml and Larry Skoug were all contenders for the three seats occupied by the senior boys for the student council. Elected were Warren Johnson, Jim Jones, and Bruce Neuman.

### News in Brief

#### Usher's Club Elects Officers

Sonja Johnson and Lynn Anderson have been elected president and vice president of next year's Ushers Club. On Monday, May 13, the Usher's Club held a picnic at Carson Park. The treat was provided by the high school for services rendered by the ushers. The committee chairmen were: Carolyn Conway, food; and Ronnie Robertson, clean-up.

#### Debate Banquet to Be Held

The annual debate banquet has been slated to be held next Tuesday evening in the Red Room of the Eau Claire Hotel at 6:30 p.m. This was recently announced by the Advisor of debate, Barry C. Robinson.

As usual, the seniors will have their meal paid for by the juniors of the debate classes. Members of the advanced and beginning classes are invited to attend, as well as a few honored seniors.

After dinner, the juniors will present a skit to be followed by the senior members of the debate class.

A few words are also to be given to the debaters by Mr. Robinson. The master of ceremonies for this year's banquet is Jerry Welter, a junior.

Those from the debate class who are graduating this year are: Betsy VanKat, Jon Norman, Kathie Kidd, Barry Winrich, and Lynn Spicher.

#### Awards Given to Math Winners

The Wisconsin Mathematics Department has announced the awarding of the honors for the mathematics test given to the 1100 students in the state of Wisconsin. Those who won awards at ECHS are: James Holmes, Paul Klawiter, David Ponick, Bert Ross, Marilyn L. Larson, Gene Rugotzke, Trygve Ager, Kenneth Lippin, and Karen Waterman.

#### Band Enjoying Trip to Chicago

The First Band is now on their annual trip. This year they are going to Chicago, Illinois. On their way down there, they presented a concert at the new high school at Tomah, Wisconsin. Thursday night, May 16, they stayed in Evanston, Illinois. Friday, at noon, they are to play for the students of the Lake Park High School in Chicago. Friday night they will stay at the Congress Hotel, also in Chicago. They are scheduled to return to Eau Claire on Saturday. The trip is being paid for by the High School Band and Orchestra Association, president of which is Orville Christianson.

### Thespians View Shaw's Drama

Today the Footlighters went to the University of Minnesota Arena Theater to see "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw, popular contemporary playwright. Students in the Footlighters were able to go by paying for the cost of the play ticket which was \$8.50. Other interested students went by paying the cost of the tickets and transportation.

The first year dramatics class participated in four one-act plays being "Overtones," "Three's a Crowd," "The Trysting Place," and "Antic Spring." These plays were directed by the advanced dramatics class under the supervision of Miss Jean Jacobson and Miss Dolores Dawes, a student teacher. Student directors of the plays were: Shirley Thorson and Mayfred Whitney on "Overtones," Sue Anderson and Barbara Steinke on "Three's a Crowd," Kay Furrer and Mary Jackson on "The Trysting Place," and Lynn Spicher and Marge Hollister on "Antic Spring."

Thesbian Troupe 1660 held its formal initiation banquet at the Hotel Edwards on May 9. The following Footlighters were inducted into this national organization, they were: Susan Anderson, John Bell, Judith Catlin, Judith Franck, Le Roy Gilbertson, Virginia Lund and Judith Meltz. The old members are: Kay Furrer, Jim Jones, Kay Hendrickson, Kathie Kidd, Joan Hahn, Katy McIntyre, Lynn Spicher, Cindy Long, Bob Paulson, Shirley Thorson, Donna Mac Rae, Dick "Chips" Flodin, Carolyn Gabrielsen, Len Friede, Barry Winrich, and Paul Klawiter.

Following the initiation, the one act play "Overtones," directed by practice teacher Miss Dolores Dawes and advanced dramatic student, Shirley Thorson, was given.

Members of the cast were: Mary Catlin, Sybil Steiner, Margaret Dustan, and Sandy Powers.

#### Music Dept. Given High Ratings

The music department of ECHS received very high ratings at the music festival held here on May 4. Rating "1" were received by the First Choir, Girls Glee Club, Boys Glee Club, Freshman Girls Glee Club, and the First Orchestra. The Second Choir received a rating of "2". The Second Band received a "1" rating in both marching and playing. The Senior High Concert Band put on an exhibition, but did not compete.

# Remember Final Tests

Spring has arrived, and along with it has come unusually warm weather. With the weather the way it has been the past few weeks, everybody's thoughts have turned to swimming, baseball, water skiing and spring sports in general. This is a fine way to relax after school and on weekends, but too much of it can be fatal. With final tests just around the corner, it isn't a wise thing to forget about school after you have been let out for the day.

The final tests may be a deciding element in your school career. It could mean the difference between one grade or another or passing and failing. In some cases this might mean the difference between graduating or not.

The saying "the early bird gets the worm" is also true in this case. If you take time out now to start studying for the examinations you will probably receive a higher grade and be more rested than your classmates who stayed up part of the night before cramming for their exams. This cramming is no good, especially if you have three tests coming up the next day.

With a little listening and concentrating on your part, the teachers will prove a big help in your passing the tests. If you are given review exercises don't forget about them or put them off because they are given to you for your benefit.

This being the last issue of the NEWS we would like to wish you good luck in your final test and a happy summer vacation.

# Chuck Mason Picked For May Uthrotar



Charles "Chuck" Mason

A friendly smile and a happy hello are the characteristics of senior, Chuck Mason, who is uthrotar for the month of May. Among the many activities that keep Chuck very busy is the position of president of the Luther League at Grace Lutheran Church. Another big project of his this year was a part in the Senior Class Play.

Chuck's favorite sports are baseball, golf, and basketball. For relaxation, Chuck says, "I enjoy music, mostly pop tunes." Although he doesn't have a hobby, Chuck claims "girls aren't a bad habit." Chuck hasn't any definite plans for the future, but he does hope to attend college.

# Annual Banquet Held by Pupils Of Latin Club

This year the annual Latin Club banquet was held on May 13, in Rooms 200 and 201. The only ones permitted to attend were the members of the Latin Club.

The banquet was started when the students enter the room by the right foot because of a saying that bad luck will come if they don't.

The students came dressed in home made costumes, which are like the ones the Romans wore. The slaves wore Tunics and the main characters were dressed in Togas. To complete the outfit they all wore sandals.

There were nine students that portrayed real characters. The three main characters were: Julius Caesar, John Burmeister; Calpurnia, Prudy Larson; and Liscus, John Coggins. These nine characters were the only ones who could sit at the table. Each one of these characters had private servants and the rest were slaves.

The outstanding features of the banquet were: the washing of the feet, in which the servants washed their masters feet, and the five course meal.

# Robert Stringer Wins Scholarship

Bob Stringer won the scholarship offered by the Chippewa Motor Freight Company. Bob won the scholarship by writing a paragraph on "Why I Want to go to College." The scholarship is worth \$500 and can be used at any accredited college or university of the winner's choice for the academic year of 1957-58.

Bob was selected on the basis of the scholastic record, participation in school and community life, character, as well as the principal's recommendation and the students financial need.

The selection of the winners was made by two panels of judges consisting of business, educational, civic, and governmental leaders.

Chippewa's scholarship program is planned to encourage young people to further their education. It was the response a year ago that prompted the head of the trucking company to increase the awards from two to three \$500 grants this year.

# Students Compete In Business Contest Held at Milwaukee

Saturday, May 3, the annual State Business Education contest was held at the Spencian College in Milwaukee. ECHS students competed with 247 students from 27 participating schools.

Representing Eau Claire Senior High were the following: Carolyn Otterson, Karen Nelson, Kathryn Krause, Linda Owen, Dianne Dahl, Bert Ross and James Armstrong.

Carolyn Otterson won first place in the advanced field of typing and was awarded a typewriter. Fifth place was taken by Kathryn Krause in the advanced typing division of the contest. Bert Ross was awarded a brief case for winning first place in the bookkeeping section. Dianne Dahl placed third in this field. James Armstrong won a pen and pencil set for finishing third in the beginning typing section.

ECHS was awarded a trophy for winning the most points of the participating schools in the annual state meet.

Our school has been very successful in the contests in which they have competed. Awards were won at contests held in St. Paul and Madison in addition to the new honors received at the state meet in Milwaukee.



"We Sweep Up All the Dirt"

Sob, sob! This is the last issue of "The Broom".

Ah truly, this had been a year full of fun, merry-making, and what we enjoy most, it's been a year of gossip!

We can't help but feel a twinge of sorrow as we recall some of the happenings of this school year.

The freshman found themselves in a frenzy of football games, Fournier's dances, and admiring upperclassmen. One frosh landed herself some pretty big bait—namely Rick Carlson. The gal is none other than Carolyn Johnson, as if everyone didn't know by now!

The fall found more sophomore couples than ever with some of them being Tom "Punky" Schwartz and Priscilla Gram; Karen Zutter and Fred Turk; Mary Lueck and Steve Speckien!

The 500 odd, and we mean odd juniors were finally upperclassmen! Some of the boys were standouts in the art of acting "cocky", . . . especially to poor Clarence!

The seniors managed to pull through as always expected of that class! Homecoming was the first real highlight of the year—for some kids! Jayne Ahlstrom was chosen by Don Lee to reign over the Pigskin Pow-Wow. The event brought about a disastrous change in the steady life of Dean and Joan!

A theme the boys thought appropriate for the GR prom was "Fairyl-land." It figures! Anyway all of the gals had a whirl that night— especially since most of them had just received their drivers license.

The theme of the first Job's dance was "Young Love" . . . but just for the evening because soon after that Jim Anderson and Sandra Wensel, and so many others called it quits!

Right around Christmas we began to have a few (really, quite a few) complaints about this here column! Many of you, we're sure, would have caught us in a dark alley if you would have known our identity. So, for the benefit of all those interested in taking any action—HERE WE ARE!



Party of the Year . . . Florence Morris Romance of the Year . . . "Mae" and "Genet"

Breakup of the Year . . . Tom Perry and Marlene Winger

Dance of the Year . . . The Prom

Man of the Year . . . Elvis!

Fad of the Year . . . Going on diets

Date of the Year . . . Mary Lee Helstrom

Winter sports took the spotlight here at ECHS in rather short order—with the suspension of four members of the ski team! The cheerleaders followed in rapid succession with the expelling of the two of the girls.

Betsy Draper seemed to get her name in the column enough times—especially when her antics on the Wausau basketball trip simply "had" to be reported!

The Job's formal came around about that time and Carolyn Neperud had a whopper of a party before the dance! Some of the couples seen at the formal were: Barb Hill, Dick Plomedahl; Sandy Dreke and Gary Davey; Karen Tweet, Jim Stillman; Bonnie Boller, Steve Kelly; Anita Olson, Bruce Wogahn; and many (Cont. on Page 6, Col. 2)



By Judy & Sue



Are you going steady? Many ECHS students have a special way of showing this by wearing matching outfits. These outfits are often sewed by the girls themselves.

Barb Blang fashions a light green, plaid skirt, while her steady, Rod Moses, sports a matching shirt.

Matching white, gold, and brown swimsuits are donned by Chuck Slock and Geri Tweet. They also have identical baby-blue and white sport shirts.

Kathy Wilsey's red plaid shirt-dress is a twin to Tom Patrie's shirt, which Kathy made herself.

Identical navy blue and white striped "Tee" shirts are sported by Barb Benson and Rod Knott. The shirts feature boat necklines.

Steadies, Janet Christianson and Tom Shields, don blue and black plaid shirts, which fashion convertible collars.

Among the two-somes, ski sweaters are the most popular. Fashioning light blue and white sweaters are Sonja Larson and Tom Golden, along with Marilyn L. Larson and Fritz Bushendorf. Tom Perry's pullover and Marlene Winger's Cardigan are identical black, red, and white sweaters.

Vera Hasart and Larry Kittelstad each own attractive matching multi-color sweaters, while navy blue, light blue, and white sweaters are worn by Jeanne Anderson and Allan Finseth. Jeanne and "Al" are also attired in red and white checked blouse and shirt.

Khaki jackets of black and white stripes are seen worn by Ralph Rablin and Elizabeth Lane, who of course, are steady two-somes.

This year's spotlight on dresses seems to have centered around the versatile tyronian dress. This spring has brought out an array of different colors and styles of these dresses.

Helynn Ball arrived at the NEWS-KODAK Banquet wearing an eye-catching brown Tyrolian dress, which featured a bright yellow trim and design.

A deep pink out-fit is fashioned by Judy Peterson. Judy's dress has white ric-rac for trim and a heart

# Esquire

By Turk & Barstad

Taking a peek around these hallowed halls of ECHS, we of Esquire notice that many of the male members of our dear school, are stealing the spotlight.

First there's Denny Geerts, who seemed to get just twice as much to eat at the Senior Banquet as anyone else. How? . . . Well, the old saying goes, the hand is quicker than the eye.

And Virgil Schultz,—what a clever way to eat your nuts. . . and mints. By the way, how was the radish? . . . We hear that Jim Jones, on a recent trip to Madison, suddenly discovered that he was in the wrong hotel room. . . Explanation ???

DID YOU KNOW:

That Terry (Tank) Shepler has THAT feeling? Must be spring fever! That Jim (Chops) Wahl has discovered a faster way to turn corners when driving? He uses just two wheels to cut the time in half.

That John West is losing more hair every day, trying to tolerate Rife and Soley?

That Larry Bergh has a cute little car all his own? Here's your chance girls!

The talk of the school, at least among the girls . . . Oh-h-h-h-those dre-a-m-m-m-y baseball players. How about it guys, are we going to take it?

To a swell member of the male portion of the class of '57 goes an honor well deserved. Pat Krause has been named . . . "Sportsman of the year" by his comrades. Only Pat would dare venture out into the o-BARE (?) necessities. You know, . . . a barbeque set, a bed, (equipped with feather mattress and soft pillows), a trunk filled with ready to cook foods, a two-way radio (for directions to return home) and comrades to keep him company. Yes, only Pat can be classified with the great Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett as great outdoorsmen.

Just curious, Ace, but what really happened?

'Twas on the night of May the 8 'Twas Senior Banquet night The seniors, waiting to go in beheld a curious sight.

A noise was heard, all heads were turned

Cuz coming down the street Was Grinsel, on his motercycle Saying, well . . . let's eat!

Well guys, that's it for '57, be good (ahem) and see you around, o.k.?

shaped design and buttons.

Also seen at the NEWS-KODAK Banquet was Jo Cowley. Jo appeared in a black and white checked sheath with a white lace bodice. The dress featured a black bow in the back.

Barbara Burr dons a blue print with spring-like pink trim, while Bonnie Buck fashions a brown print Tyronian dress brightened by yellow ric-rac.

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# Custodians Do Many Services

Keeping our halls clean, and preparing a hot meal for us every day is but a part of the services that the custodians and cooks do for us.

Each day, on the average, 1,550 meals are prepared for senior high and the elementary schools by the high school cooks, who number eight. On the custodian force there are 12 who keep our school shipshape.

The cooks include: Lillian Rosen-trater, who is the head cook, Clara Anderson, Merle Berndt, Bernice Hauger, Helen Johnson, Anita Jorgenson, Hazel Klebig, and Inga Smith.

The custodians are: Gus Belter, who is the head custodian, Clyde Dresel, Walter Henneing, Carl Klapp, Sylvester Kluge, Jim Thompson, Clarence Iverson, Ewald Radtke, Richard Gladwell, Mrs. Jennie Sehar-lau, Louis Bellesbach, and Harry Hanson.

Three students also serve on the cafeteria staff as store room boy, first cashier, and second cashier. Holding each position are, respectively, Gary Larson, Bob Stringer, and Judy Stringer.

The entire student body wishes to thank each and every one of these people for a job well done, and a school that is well kept.

# Journalism Classes Hold Banquet

On May 7 the combined NEWS and KODAK classes held a banquet and dance in the Holiday Room of the Hotel Eau Claire.

Awards were presented to Diane Swanson, KODAK editor, and Jeri Moehle, NEWS editor. Awards were also presented to seniors John Barstad, Kathie Kidd and Ardyth Wright of the NEWS staff. KODAK seniors receiving awards were Helynn Ball and John Turk.

# Final Test Schedule

May 23 Thursday  
First period 8:15-10:00  
Third period 10:10-11:55  
Fourth period 12:30-2:15  
Seventh period 2:25-4:10

May 24 Friday  
Second period 8:15-10:00  
Fifth period 10:10-11:55  
Sixth period 12:30-2:15

# THE NEWS



# Class History

This is the class history. We hope it will help you remember some of the fond memories and pleasant moments which have made high school an enjoyable experience.

You were there in September of 1953 when the naive freshmen made their entrance into the gigantic structure commonly known as Eau Claire Senior High. At first life was tough for these befuddled newcomers—made tough by lockers, bells, teachers, books, and numerous trips to the water fountain through the courtesy of considerate upperclassmen.

Those people coming down the hall are freshman class officers. See—they're Dave Niermeyer, Sally Fomberg, Karl George, Carolyn Otterson and Darrell L. Johnson.

The freshmen had a lot of advantages going to a big school—like more sports, more different classes and—more boys!

There are some kids practicing for their highland fling test next period. Poor girls! Connie's in a rough mood—no A's today.

You were there when Dave Niermeyer made the golf team. Dave Hanson and Dave Rawlings made the tennis team. First band has Betsy Yankat, Barb Blang, and Kathy Knock. "Red" Thalacker and Gene La Rock are on the baseball team. The B squad boasts of Larry Schleusner. Then there's Pete Gilson—he's the pingpong champion.

Now let's look at another barrier the freshmen have to cross—that of being socially accepted. Freshmen are allowed to attend the various social functions, sometimes much to the disgust of the upperclassmen.

Homecoming was great fun with the big dance, pep assembly, game, and best of all, the snake dance.

It seems like another highlight was Valentine's Day. You were there February 14, 1954 when the classes were interrupted every few minutes for a tender singing valentine.

You were there when the sophomore class chose their class officers—Carolyn Otterson, Jo Sorenson, Ruth Horstlick, Steve Randen and Jim Holmes.

Remember the good old days of initiation? The fun of dressing up, being kissed, carrying eggs in your shoes and seniors on your back? Those were the days of terror.

You were there March 19, 1955 at the Wisconsin Field House when the ECHS basketball team became the State "Champs". What a glorious weekend that was! Larry Schleusner represented the sophomore class as the only sophomore on the team.

During the sophomore year everybody read "Julius Caesar" and that year we all went to the movie. Here we are at the Hollywood Theater in the spring of 1955. In the crowd waiting to go in we find many sophomores: Bud Berman, president of the French Club; Dave Niermeyer, who has been on the golf team for two years; and Red Thalacker who is on the baseball team. Jerry Gabert, Pat Krause and Don Lee are the sophomores on the football team this year. Dave Hanson, Dave Rawlings and Karl George were on the tennis

team, too, and here is Carolyn Otterson, sophomore Valentine Queen candidate.

A few months have passed and now it is May '57 and you were there when the Latin Club held its annual Latin Banquet and Roman Games.

You were there when the junior class chose its officers—Chuck Gavin, Rick Carlson, Jeanne Stanwick, Pat Krause and Marilyn Larson.

This is the year when Elvis Presley gained real popularity. The leather jackets and motorcycle boots became the fashion this year too.

You are there in the spring of 1956. Place: Hollywood Theater; event: Music Mania, that gala music festival where anything can happen and did.

You were there, Friday, April 20, 1956, at Fournier's Ballroom, for the Junior-Senior Prom. The theme was "In an Oriental Garden."

You were there when Ruth Horstlick left Eau Claire to represent her country in Germany through the AFS. There is quite a crowd to see her off and we'll have you meet some of the kids, There's Betsy Vankat, on of our excellent debaters. Cindy Long was the first junior Snow Queen, Judy Allen, the first AFS'er at ECHS is there somewhere. Here are some of the cheerleaders—Arlene Anderson, Teresa Lahner, Janet Moore, Mary Engebretson, and Kay Anderson. The other cheerleaders are here somewhere too—Sally Fomberg, Cindy Long, Jeri Moehle, Sue Steinbring, Sonia Simon and Janet Anderson. There is Steve Kelly who helped win the State Ski Championship.

You were there when the senior class picked the class officers Rick Carlson, Jim Stillman, Kay Thompson and Janet Anderson.

During the senior year many of our class members were elected to the presidency of several clubs around school. These presidents include: Larry Schleusner, Student Council; Teresa Lahner, Pep Club; Don Lee, Stump; Ruth Horstlick, cheerleading; Diane Swanson, editor of the KODAK; Jeri Moehle, editor of the NEWS; Steve Randen, president of First Choir; and Dave Rawlings, First Band.

The senior class has several kings and queens to give them grace. Janet Anderson reigned over the Girl Reserve Prom, and Darrell Johnson and Sally Fomberg reigned over Job's.

You were there in the fall of 1956 when Don Lee and Jayne Ahlstrom reigned at the Pigskin Pow Wow. To end the festivities Tom Hessler and Jo Sorenson crowned the king and queen.

There were many contest winners this year. Carolyn Otterson won the D.A.R. contest; Kathie Kidd, Rick Carlson, and Don Lee won first, second, and third prizes in the local Elks "Most Valuable Student Contest." Mary Stanley won first prize in the state-wide essay contest, and Judy Meltz won the local Elks Constitution Contest.

You were there March 29, 1957 at the music festival and saw Mako, our Japanese Exchange Student get her one-plus.

There were other important happenings this year. The Hot Rod Club was formed. Judy Bathke excelled in the Home Ec. Contest. George Oien ran into a door. Neal Wagner won a prize at the Santa Claus Gallop for

his artistic ability and Pat Krause and John Barstad won a prize at the "Sock Hop" with their shoes(?). You were there at the Turkey Trot when Bud Berman and Ruthie Mattison won prizes.

Now we take you directly to the halls of ECHS to see some of the celebrities of our school. There's Larry Schleusner and Tim Bartingale from the basketball team, and Rick Carlson, the captain. There goes Jim Stelter, president of Lyceum. Here comes Tom Hessler and "Juice" Lahner from the football team. That's the captain, Don Lee, and there's Kay Hendrickson the president of Girl Reserves. There goes the ski team—Jon Grinsel. This is Katy McIntyre, president of Footlighters. There's Dave Niermeyer; he's on the basketball team and the golf team. Here is Robbie Hale, president of the French Club. Here comes Bob Stringer and Dean Huggah; they're on the track team. John Barstad and Ken "Juice" Lahner won national honor in skiing.

You were there at the last pep assembly of the year when those peppy cheerleaders led the crowd in rousing cheers.

But why repeat this? After all, "You were there!"

## Pool to Include Latest Design

The object of special interest at our new high school seems to be the swimming pool. Containing 138,000 gallons of water, the pool is 76 feet long and 35 feet wide.

A water temperature of 74° with a room temperature of 76° and 78° has to be maintained. By constant rotation, a change of water is completed in eight hours. Three 8-hour days are required to fill the pool and it may be drained in 18 hours.

Two diving boards will be provided. The depth of the pool is graduated from 11 feet to 3 feet. Lights, six on each side, will be used to highlight the pool and may also be used as a safety measure in the deep end. Students will be using the pool six periods a day, and everyone is required to take swimming 12 weeks. A spectator gallery is provided for future races and other such events.

## KODAKS Distributed; Supplements Awaited; Staffs Have Banquet

After receiving our KODAKS two days ago, everyone is looking forward to the supplements. "The supplements will be distributed to the students on report card day," stated Mr. O'Brien, KODAK advisor. The sports, senior activities, and the supplements will include spring prom.

This year's subscription drive was the most successful than that of any other year with more books sold than ever before.

The annual field trip to Minneapolis was cancelled because of the rising cost of printing and publishing the KODAK. As a substitute, the combined NEWS and KODAK classes had a banquet at the Hotel Eau Claire. This was held May 7, and was followed by a dance.

## Seniors Awarded Merit Certificates

Richard Kennedy, Judith Meltz, and Kenneth Lippin, three seniors from Eau Claire High School, have been awarded certificates of merit by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

David Barnes, Senior High Principal, received a letter from Mr. John Stalmaker, president of the corporation, stating that the three seniors are rated in the top one percent of high school seniors throughout the country, and they would have been awarded a Merit Scholarship if sufficient funds had been available.

# You Were There



Junior Cheerleaders



1956 Badger State Representatives



Junior Prom King and Queen



Royalty at 1956 Pigskin Pow-Wow



Senior Cheerleaders (?)

## Class Song

Tune: "RED SAILS IN THE SUNSET"

The last of our four years has come to an end, We're leaving behind us our many good friends.

As we walk down these halls we think of the past, The days we have treasured have vanished so fast.

Our school days are over, Who knows what's in store, For soon we'll be leaving to return never more.

Yes, there are many memories which make us feel blue, To know they're behind us and the future in view.

## Dean Brant To Speak For Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate, the non-denominational church service held each year for the graduating class of Senior High School, will be held on Sunday, May 26, at the First Lutheran Church at 8:00.

The speaker for this year will be the Very Reverend Dean Brant, from Christ Church.

This church service is planned by the Eau Claire Ministerial Association.

## Class Prophecy

Could it be you? This new TV program stars Wee Willie Wahl and Vigorous Arlie Veum, and is sponsored by Skunk, the new Mc Intyre product that has replaced Bunny Bread in the hearts of millions. Walk into your favorite grocery store, sniff your way to the shelf and pick up a wrapper. Get the Skunk habit! And now on with the show.

Leonard Killen is now giving guided tours through the tunnel under the Hollywood theater.

Reba Ramsey is also still working at the theater trying to catch a man.

Poor Chuck Mason has passed away. He ran into trouble in a dark alley. Word has it that it was some of his former friends he confessed for in Pearl's class.

Darrell Johnson has been divorced so many times that now when he writes to a new girl, he addresses it "Dear Sweetheart and gentlemen of the jury."

It could be you, Dr. Richard Kennedy, in your lab perfecting your formula for an alcoholic beverage without the morning after effects.

Joan Hahn, famous pathologist, has become Tom Martin's assistant at the mortuary. We hear she is assisting socially as well as professionally.

Karl George still goes to the high school pep assemblies to direct the pep band.

Joan Zepezauer is now a brunette; I guess she went off the gold standard.

And then we have poor old Jayne Ahlstrom who has been a spinster for many years because of her indecision over two boys, but since we don't want to get into any trouble we won't mention the names of Don Lee and Jim Stillman.

Chuck Stock owns a string of parking lots. They say he really knows the ropes.

Kansas State has found a replacement for Wilt The Stilt, in our own Robby Hale.

We give you now Percy Dovetonsils (Lynn Spicher):

"Jerry Gabert is still going with Ruth, but the other day they had an accident with his new car, and we read this sad report in the paper.

"I gave Ruth a ride in my new car in the seat right next to me. I took a bump at sixty-five. And rode on Ruthlessly."

"Pearl Hadden had a little car She drove in manner deft; But every time she signaled right, The little car turned left."

Bob Flaten has started an auto paint shop to fix up all the scratches he put in police cars. He has a driving business going.

Dick Turk and Gary Schuch, two happy bachelors, are hunting and fishing around the world.

Women will still be calling Allen Finsteth to tell him they can't live without him, but that is what most people tell their doctors!

A meeting of the big 4 was held, those persons present were Karl George, Joe Myrick, Darrell Johnson, and Jerry Gabert. How about that!!!

Joan Steyn will hate cats. After all, she had a sweet little canary and some cat got it. She had a nice mouse and some cat got that. She had an adorable boyfriend, and, well, just don't mention cats to her.

Tomorrow night be sure to tune in on our new serial Linda Lovely and Steady for a Day, with Dale McFarland as your announcer.

Arlie Veum is still running out of gas in her front yard, she finally let Hugger go home at five in the morning.

Sharon Toy and Deanna Dahl have opened their own toy factory. The day's the thing, you know.

A certain senior football player will always be the goal of Nancy Steinkes' ambition, if her Sather doesn't kick the goal.

Rich Panzer has become a famous evangelist.

Bob Stringer and Buck Blexrude

have started their own professional hockey team. With Bob's brains and Buck's brawn, they managed to lose every game.

Rog Jenkins is still roaring up and down highway 12 trying to get his hot Buick off the ground. He must think it's an airplane.

Sonja Jaeger and Ruth Mattison are still working at Luther Hospital so they can go out with those interesting patients.

Dennis Geerts is now a millionaire, he patented a safety belt for bar stools, something invented from long experience.

Bob Stringer and Gary Schuch have started their own shoe factory. Since Carol Hardy started designing clothes, the skirts have suddenly gone way, way up!

Bob Baker has started a jewelry store and decided to call it, of all things, Baker's!

Lavonne Jacobson has given up running stop signs for Lent, she just tramps over them lightly. She also received an Oscar for posing for roadrunner cartoons. What better model could they find?

Bob Paulson is drawing animated cartoons in Hollywood.

Don Lee suddenly changed so that he wouldn't talk and didn't care for girls.

Sonja Simon finally made it to the top. She heads the list of Who's Who at the Hoop.

Frank Jevne has been promoted as the chief rocket customizer and makes numerous trips to the moon.

We have finally found out why Fritz Bushendorf had to wear glasses. Every time he took them off he saw Red.

Elmer Sharp is now head of a knife factory, but he had to change his name to Dull, so there would be no confusion with his product.

Dave Rawlings has finally settled down to one girl—all the other girls got wise to him.

Tom Hessler has joined up with Julie London singing the Marlboro song.

The dashing Vernie Baker is finally getting married after being jilted so many times. I guess it's a case of being well shaken before taken.

Of course Dean Hugdahl is still a bashful bachelorette—a man who refuses to make the same mistake once. He's still kissing all the girls he pleases and pleasing all the girls he kisses.

Professor Lee Sapetta has really become absent minded. This morning he slammed his wife and kissed the door.

Kenny Lippin has a job in a straw factory testing straws. He got good practice in his high school days, slurp, slurp.

Larry Brandt turned out to be Elvis Presley's twin brother whom everyone believed dead.

Jeri Moehle became a lawyer so she could plead innocent to all the crimes she has been accused of.

Rick Carlson finally married Helynn Ball and is now rocking the cradle instead of robbing it.

Helen Holden is now the head of a gang of cat thieves. She got all her practice from her high school days. And to think her parents never found out.

If you are wondering where all the money goes that Sally Fomberg collects, we'll let you in on the secret. She finally got enough for a ticket to Arkansas City, Kansas. Wonder what the attraction is ---there?

Alas, poor Betsy Yankat is no longer with us, she poisoned herself after she got a B in the final chemistry test.

The NEWS staff and the entire student body wish to extend their sympathies to Ronald and Judy A. Johnson on the recent loss of their father.

## Seniors Hold Annual Banquet Attend Dance

The class of 1957 held their annual Senior Banquet May 8, at the Grace Lutheran Church. The meal consisted of turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, salad, pumpkin pie, coffee or milk, and nuts and mints.

Following the meal, senior class president, Rick Carlson, serving as toastmaster, gave an introduction and welcoming speech.

Features on the entertainment program were Masako (Mako) Shimimura, and a quartet consisting of Darrell L. Johnson, Steve Randen, Bill Malkson, and Don Smith. Judy Eke provided the dinner music on the organ.

Following the banquet, seniors attended a dance at the Christ Church, with Paul Marcus and his Pied Pipers presiding. Each senior was allowed to bring one guest.

Honored guests at the banquet were: Mr. and Mrs. David Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brill, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Busell, Mrs. Francis Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Homer DeLong, Mr. Edward Fish, Mr. Hartzel Ford, Miss Helen Forsjord, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gibbs, Miss Arla Grandy, Miss Jean Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Johnson, Mr. Theodore Kunz, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lystrup, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, Miss Mabel Regli, Mr. Wilber Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Torngerson, Mr. John West, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wisbroeker and Miss Corrine Ulrich.

## Senior Girls Given Miniature Chests

Again this year the senior girls from ECHS, Regis and surrounding high schools received miniature Lane Cedar Chests from the Mason Furniture Store in Chippewa Falls.

To each girl was mailed a card telling her when to pick up her chest. As each received her gift, she filled out a form with the number of the Lane Cedar Chest of her choice on it. A drawing will be held later on, and the girls whose name appears on the selected card will receive a full size chest of her own choosing.

Besides receiving this gift, the girls were allowed to enter a contest, naming the new model chest put out by the Lane Company for the graduating class of '57. Complete furniture suites and scholarships will be the prizes for this contest.

## Students Show Math Projects At Annual Fair

A Math Fair was held in room 305, April 25. Miss Ellie Otterson, head of the department, took charge of the affair. Each year the students who take advanced algebra and solid geometry make something to show in this event. Something on the order of a fair is held each year to show the accomplishments of the students throughout the school year.

On display were several projects which received honorable mention as did Jim Holmes and Neal Wagner for their Best Original Projects. Jim's three dimensional graph was shown along with the scale model of the Birch Street overhead by Neal. Also shown was Don Lee's theory of probability representing the Algebraic principle. David Rawling's Path of Quickest Descent, along with Jim Stillman's Napier's Bones, represented illustrations of the Historical Mathematical Principle. Neal Wagner also won honorable mention for the Best Scale Model with his model of the Birch Street Overhead.

## Class Will

Now ladies and gentlemen, station WECHS is happy to present "Treasure Hunt." Brought to you by "Little Rubber Baby Buggy Bumper Pills." The master of ceremonies is none other than vivacious, energetic, fun loving "Man Jerry" (Bud Berman).

The following seniors leave their "Treasures" to the juniors mentioned below.

George Oien leaves his alarm clock to Tom Grip.

Arlie Veum leaves her pull with Pearle to prospective seniors.

Brian Blakely gets Jim Stillman's saxophone.

Ken Lippen wills his build to Dick "Porky" Tornowski.

Janet Moore wills her natural red hair to all tinted and dyed redheaded students.

John Grinsel leaves his unicycle to Elli Otterson.

Bill Mai gives the key to Louie Rist's room to one of his homeroom students for next year.

Dave Rawlings gives Burt Larson his coronet.

Cindy Long's acting ability goes to Judy Catlin.

Wayne Heuer wills his big feet to the Mason Factory Shoe Store for experimental use.

Bob Bjerke leaves his violin to John Barland.

Mary Lou Morissette gives Barb Gramenz her laugh.

Gene LaRock leaves his dancing ability to Bill Kuehn.

NEWS FLASH: JUDY JOHNSON LEAVES HER BLUSH TO JO COWLEY.

Janet Anderson leaves her pony tail to Sue Tiller.

Reba Ramsey's position at Luttrell's goes to anyone who wants snowballs thrown at them.

Any tongue-tied junior who wants Kathy Wilsey's talking ability can have it.

Cleoda Eggert leaves her hot-rod Kaiser with Max Phillips and Sons.

Helynn Ball gives her happy smile to Joan Larson.

Marilyn "Red" Larson leaves some of her A's to her sister Faye who needs them.

Miss Gray's senior homeroom students are happy to bequeath to their three months of complete silence.

Betsy Yankat leaves Jerry Welter—at least there will be peace (?) in debate class.

Rosa Rone wills her broken heart to Joan Mork.

Darrell Johnson's ability to flirt goes to Linda Harsh, who does not need it, but enjoys it.

Sonja Simon and Jeri Moehle give their outside activity to the junior cheerleaders.

## Orchestra Concert Features Violin Solo And Other Selections

On May 14, the orchestra presented their annual spring concert for the student body. The concert, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Merrill, featured a violin solo by Brad Easterson, who played the "Mazurka" by Mlynarski. The string orchestra played "Plunkin' Peter," by Barnard.

Among their other selections were "The Russian Sailor's Dance," from the "Red Poppy," by Gliere; "Perpetuum Mobile," by Strauss; "The Penny Whistle Song," by Le Roy Anderson; highlights from "Oklahoma," by Rodgers and Hammerstein; and "Over the Rainbow," by Harburg and Arlen. The final number was the "French Military Marching Song," by Romberg. That was the last in a series of three musical concerts given for the students.

Winning for Practical Application was Terry Terman with his construction of Elliptical gears. For the construction of Polyhedrons Richard Kennedy won honors.

Other teachers assisting were Mr. Hartzel Ford and Mr. Robert Osterhaus. Students were awarded prizes that were soon put to good use, math tools and textbooks.

Jerome Hazen leaves his name to Jerome Hazen.

Mr. Johnson leaves his headaches of being Senior Class Advisor behind him.

Sosnowski, Popowski, and Koslowski leave their names to anyone who can pronounce them.

Ken Lahner gives his skiing ability to Larry Bergh.

Zep gives her ID card to Jack Emerson.

Rich Carlson's basketball ability goes to Tom Partlow.

"Ace" Panzer wills Kathy Kappers his school attendance record.

"Punky" Young leaves her junior fellow to the new high school.

Beth Voegli gives Jimmy Falon her motorcycle.

Ellen Johnson leaves her high school sophomore in hopes for a college sophomore.

Mary Engebretson gives her strut to Barb Benson.

The senior girls leave their egg diets to any fat junior girl.

## Senior Students Placed in Jobs

Each year teachers of Business course such as typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping recommend qualified senior students for jobs at various business organizations here in Eau Claire and sometimes for out-of-town jobs.

Recent placement of Business Department seniors for full-time office work upon graduation include: American National Bank, Gary Davey; Board of Education, Marlys Anderson; A.J. Airis, Mareu Wergeald; Wis. Employment Office, Kathryn Krause; Midelfart Clinic, Mary Saltness; Beverly Goller, Janice Lawrence; Eau Claire Press Company, Donna Ehlinger, Hobbs Supply Company, Mary Gregerson.

A number of other students have been interviewed by prospective employees who will be making their decisions in the next few days.

## French Club Elects Next Year's Officers

The French Club is busy with its spring activities. Next year officers were elected on May 2. They are, Clarence Hadt, president; Priscilla Gram, vice-president; Bette Hartwell, secretary; and Toni Bennett, treasurer.

On May 1, the advanced class ate out at Reiter's Steak House. This is an established tradition for the class.

Together with Mrs. Chatterton and several mothers, the entire active French Club plus a few alumni, traveled to Eau Claire Lake for the annual picnic on May 15. Various committees were appointed to handle transportation and food for the potluck style supper.

## April Typing Contest Won by C. Otterson

The Madison Business contest for the month of April was held April 13. New goals were achieved by the contestants.

In the advanced typing group, Carolyn Otterson typed a new record of 77 words per minute, 74 words a minute was the rate Kathryn Krause typed, Barbara Long typed 67 words per minute.

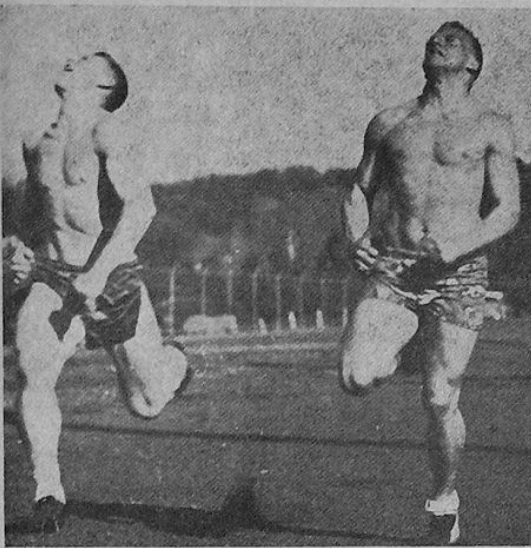
In the beginning typing field, Linda Owen reached a net of 60 words per minute.

John Glenz and Betty Meneel both typed a net of 50 words per minute.

The roadster skidded around the corner, jumped in the air, knocked down a lamp post, wall, and stopped. A girl climbed out of the wreck.

"Darling," she exclaimed, "that's what I call a kiss!"





Sprinting for the finish, Bruce Newman and Pat Krause get in shape at track practice.

## Abes Win Fifth Invitational

Eau Claire racked up fifty seven and one half points to cop their fifth straight Eau Claire Invitational Meet May 7. Highlights of the meet were McDonald's first in the 880 yard run, Van Gorden's win in the pole vault, Johnson's first in the high jump and Ginder's win in the low hurdling. Ginder set a new meet record for the low hurdles, completing the run and jump course in 22.8 seconds.

Other Old Abe trackmen who placed were: Krause and Neuman who took fourth and second respectively in the 100 yard dash; Krause copped third in the 220 yard dash; Tietze placed second in the 440 yard run; Stringer tied for fourth in the high jump; in the shot put Neuman cap-

tered third and Krause took fourth; Ginder placed second and Johnson won fourth in the broad jump; Ginder took second in the high hurdles; the relay team, made up of Neuman, McDonald, Tietze and Johnson copped the 880 yard relay run.

The order in which the various school placed in the meet:  
 Eau Claire—57½ Blk. River Falls—5  
 Chippewa—28 River Falls—7  
 Menomonie—23 Ladysmith—6  
 Osseo—23 Durand—6  
 Cornell—14½ Winters—2  
 Baldwin—10 Bruce—2  
 Barron—10 Altoona—2

On May 3, the Eau Claire Old Abes traveled to Wausau to compete in the Pentangular Meet.  
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## Don Lee Chosen by NEWS As Year's Best Athlete



Don Lee

We of the Eau Claire Senior High NEWS class, take great pleasure in selecting Don "Pinky" Lee as the athlete of the year.

Throughout his four years at ECHS, Don has not only proved to be a "natural" in almost every sport, but he has a good scholastic standing and was recently elected to the National Honor Society.

Football, basketball, and baseball take up most of Don's time.

He played varsity football for three years and was elected captain of the squad during his senior year. Don was chosen by the student body to reign over the Pigskin Pow-Wow, proving he is well liked and admired by everyone in school. Due to the fine leadership and ability Don possesses, the Old Abes were lead through a very successful season.

Don was one of the leaders of the basketball team during his senior year. He was an outstanding play-

maker at the guard position. His fine team spirit helped drive the team on to a honor-filled season. On the floor Don was best noted for his fire-ball passing and quick thinking. Don was truly an asset to coach Harry Gibbs this season.

On the baseball diamond "Pinky" is again able to show his ability as a top notch third baseman.

Don is a real friend and a swell kid to work with, and with his outstanding personality, he should have much success. Senior High will miss him greatly as the different seasons roll around, but we all wish him happiness and good luck in the future. Nice going, Don Lee, the NEWS athlete of the year!

## ECHS Netmen Win 1 Lose 4

The Eau Claire tennis team lost to both La Crosse Central and Chippewa Falls in the first and third matches played. On the 23 of April, La Crosse beat Eau Claire 4-2, and on April 25, Chippewa beat the Abes 5-1.

The Abes beat Winona in the second game played on April 24. The Eau Claire team took the four singles matches and one doubles match without losing a set. On the Eau Claire team were Karl George, Dave Rawlings, Dave Hanson and Pete Gillson.

On May 3, the Eau Claire netmen lost to La Crosse Central 4-3 after battling the Raiders to the final three set double match. Winning singles matches for Eau Claire were Dave Rawlings, Jim Eddy, and Pete Gillson. Karl George and Dave Hanson both lost their singles to the Raiders. In the doubles matches, both  
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## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

### HIGHLIGHTS

By DeWayne

Fifty FFA members have won honor or membership awards for completing an outstanding program of activities in FFA Work.

To qualify for an award, members must earn points in the merit system. Points are given on such things as attendance at meetings, project work carried on, participation in fairs, judging contest, speech contest, helping in financing chapter activities, and working on committees.

A first year member must earn 300 points, a second year member 400, a third year member 500, and a fourth member 600.

The first year award is an FFA farm sign. The following boys received this: Michael Blum, Ronald Cary, Richard Erickson, Willard Gullickson, Dennis Bushendorf, Kenneth Hunt, Leon Schretenthaler, David Day, James Warden, Eugene Gunderson, Jerry Haddeman, James Lantz, Halvor McCabe, LaVerne Nelson, George Orth, Robert Riekemann, Dale Sabin, Dean Sabin, John Tollefson and Roger Turk.

The second year award is an FFA school. Twenty letters were awarded to these boys: Arnold Ableidinger, Donald Baker, Lyle Bien, Ronald Bollinger, Jerry Cleasby, Edward Hempleman, Richard Jarosch, Charles Johnson, Fred King, Larry Koenig, Gary Mayer, Robert Olson, Richard Perry, Jack Powell, David Shaffer, Jeffrey Smith, John Soley, Pat Soley, Lloyd Sorenson and Gale Zich.

Third year award is an FFA ring, and these went to: Dennis Amussen, Donald Bushendorf, Thomas Kaul, Robert Larson, Larry Pederson, Joseph Schimmel, Bill Spehler and Steve Sarguy.

The award for four years of consistent outstanding service went to three boys this year, they are Roger Christy, Russell Helwig, and Richard O'Mara.

Three boys also earned cash awards for having the most points in the merit system for the year. Roger Christy received first place and a \$5 award, Russell Helwig received second place and a \$3 award and Joe Schimmel received third place and a \$2 award.

The State FFA Convention will be held June 13-14-15 this year.

The award winners, announced to date, who will go to the convention include Joe Schimmel, Steve Sarguy, and Gary Mayer. They will receive the State Farmer Degree, which is the highest award that the state association can give.

New officers for the 1957-58 school year were selected recently. A new system was used this year, in which the candidates must be a member at least two years, attend three-  
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## Abe Linksmen Have Successful Season

The Eau Claire golf team tied with the Wausau Lumberjacks 6-6 in the opening match held there April 26.

Playing for Eau Claire were Jack Wendt, who gained medalist honors, Tom Grip, Reed Mackenzie, and Peter Spickien.

On May 1, the Abes golf team tied with La Crosse Logan 9-9, in the match that was held here. The same Eau Claire golfers played except for Marty Grip who took Peter Speckien's place.

The Abes golfers beat the LaCrosse Central linksmen 9-3 in a match that was held here May 3. Marty Grip, shooting an 82, set the pace for the rest of the EC golfers, who where Tom Grip, Reed Mackenzie and Jack Wendt.

The Abe linksters took another victory May 7, when they beat the Chippewa Falls Cards 10-2. Pacing the Abes this time was Reed Mackenzie who shot 82. Other players for Eau Claire were Tom Grip, Marty Grip, and Jack Wendt.



While holding practice at Mount Simon, Gene LaRock slides into base while Bernie Thalacker tries to tag him.

## Old Abes Go Undeclared In 1957 Baseball Season

### Abe Sluggers Win Over Winona

The Abes rode to victory over Winona on Harold Gelein's hitting and pitching April 24 at Winona to start out the baseball season perfectly.

Gelein hurled four-hit ball with two going to Wally and one each to Buswell and Carroll. Gelein supported his top-notch pitching with a home run and a single. Perry also hit a homer, collecting it in the third with the bases empty.

The Abes started the scoring with two walks, two stolen bases, a single, and an infield out in the first frame. Then Perry hit his homer in the third. Gelein connected for his home run in the fifth with one man on and climaxed the scoring by going all the way around on an error in the seventh.

### Old Abes Trample Colfax, 9-1

The Old Abes came from a 1-0 deficit in the game to smack out 13 hits and trample Colfax, 9-1, in Eau Claire's first home game, April 25.

The Abes started their scoring when Al "Jet" Perry slammed out a triple and then scored on Gene LaRock's sacrifice fly. They racked up two more runs in the second frame on a singles by Thalacker, Tornoske, and Schleusner. Then, in the third, Perry got a single, stole second and third, and scored on Don Lee's double. Lee then crossed the plate on Frank Kopp's single. The Purple resumed scoring in the sixth inning, the big blows being double by Luchsinger and Hoepfner and singles by Bergh and Powell.

Persons scored Colfax's only run by getting a single on an infield play, and then scored on another single.

### Eau Claire Wins Third Game

A stubborn Augusta team forced the Old Abes to come from a forth in in, 5-3 deficit, to take their third straight game this season, 8-5.

Ab Coach Cy Berg pulled starter Jim Haines, who was quick, but constantly in trouble because of wildness, in favor of Larry Schleusner. Schleusner then went on to pitch hitless and scoreless ball to rack up his second win this year.

The Abes traded leads with Augusta after going ahead 1-0 in the first inning. Augusta then captured the lead, 3-1, in the top of the third, but the Abes came back in the latter part of the frame to tie the score. The two teams traded runs in the fourth, bringing the score to 5-5. Reserve Dave Powell slammed a pitch off right field fence and skidded into third base by the time the outfielder had pounced on the ball. The two final runs were scored in the sixth inning on hits by Vern Schellfefer, Don Lee, and "Hud" Gelein.

### Abes Win Over Tigers, 9-0

Larry Schleusner caught hold of one of Chuck Johnson's fastballs and sent it sailing over the left field fence at New Richmond to break up a pitcher's duel and give the Abes a 9-1 win April 30.

Eau Claire carried a one run lead into the seventh inning, but must have decided that that wasn't enough, for they promptly teed off on Johnson, New Richmond's ace

pitcher, Frank Kopp and Bernie "Red" Thalacker both slammed out singles and then Dave Powell filled the bases when he was safe on an error. Gene Parks was scheduled to be up next, but Coach Cy Berg yanked him in favor of Schleusner who clubbed a pitch over the fence for a grand slam homer. Vern Schellfefer, Don Lee, "Hud" Gelein, and Frank Kopp kept the rally going with singles and La Rock added a double.

### Old Abes Defeat Augusta, 9-2

Larry Schleusner led the Old Abes to their seventh straight victory, a 9-2 win over Augusta, allowing only four hits while striking out 12.

Eau Claire started their scoring in the first inning, collecting two runs. They added four runs in the third and three more in the fourth to take a commanding 9-0 lead. "Hud" Gelein went two for two at the plate and drove in three runs. Frank Kopp collected a home run in the fourth and total two runs for the game.

Schleusner gave up only one extra base hit, a double, that one going to Balliett in the sixth.

Coach Cy Berg used six reserves to take the game and out of sixteen squad members, fifteen saw action.



By Betty

The girls softball games are being held every Monday night at Boyd Park.

The teams standing as of May 6 were: LaVonne Hrubesch's team two wins and no losses. Connie Clark's team one win and no losses. June Koppin's team one win and one loss. Beverly Stark's team one loss and one win.

The team members of each team are LaVonne Hrubesch's team: Donna Hrubesch, Joanne Baker, Bonita Carey, Jean Johnson, Judy Bonnin, Mary Howell, Judy Christenson, and Ann Mae Laughlin. Connie Clark's team consists of: Karen Peterson, Katy Paulson, Betty Patrow, Jayne Gore, Kathy Smith, Barb Bair, Mary Ramsey, Marlene Felton, Darlene Hysen, and Barb Jarvar.

The team members of June Koppin's team include: Sandy Wickham, Elsie Kolka, Barb Aberg, Nancy Olson, Judy Mautz, Jodean Sturgis, Sandy Engebretson, Janet Quigg, and Sandy Rusch.

The freshman team is composed of: Jody Haugen, Beverly Starks, Gwen Bruckshaw, Jean Sabin, Bonnie Whitney, Kathy Kloss, Bonnie Johnson, Lynn Everson, and Jeri Minto.

A date with a modern girl is an open and shut proposition; she's always eating.

A commercial: The din you love to shush.

# May Queen Dance To be on May 24

A dance was held at Fournier's Ballroom Friday, May 3, and those who attended voted for the last time for their favorite May Queen Candidate. The May dance, at which the queen will be crowned, will be held Friday, May 24, at Fournier's Ballroom. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 because of daylight saving time.

The committee for planning the May dance held a meeting at the Hotel Eau Claire on May 1. The main purpose of the meeting was to decide on decorations for the dance. The members of the committee are: Donna Macrae, Kay Bernicke, Lorraine Benson, Jim Brasech, Tom Fisher, Joyce Sirianni, Geri Geisert, Denny Eke and Denny Geerts.

The queen and the runner-up will remain a secret until the night of the dance. Not even the winners will know ahead of time. After the queen and her attendant are announced, they will each pick up the boy of their choice for escort of the evening.

### THE BROOM

(Cont. from Page 2, Col. 3) others.

As the music festivals rolled around, the outstanding talent of our foreign student, "Mako" was once again noticed.

Spring is always the time when most things happen around this place. The prom, all those wonderful assemblies and things. As the class will be drawn up it was cited that Joan Zepezaur, Jeri Moehle, and "Punkie" Young all leave their junior boys to whoever can catch them!

"Some Enchanted Evening" it was at the prom... the biggest event of the year. Yes, that was the time Judie Persiko walked into the kitchen at nine o'clock--in the morning and her mom thought she was getting in early! Ooooh, Jan Bliss will never live down getting stuck on that country road with Beret! And this was the boy who wasn't interested in those things."

Naney Ferguson's cottage was the scene of fun for a group of seniors. They didn't make it home until the next afternoon!

Memories and regrets are the usual theme of writing a last column but with this one it will be apologies and

### TENNIS

(Cont. from Page 5, Col. 2) the Abes' teams of Hanson-Rawlings and George-Gillson were downed.

The La Crosse Logan Rangers waltz match, the Abes at Carson Park 6-0 on May 1. Playing in the singles match for Eau Claire were Karl George, Dave Rawlings, Dave Hanson and Pete Gillson. In the doubles matches, the Abes teams were George-Hanson and Rawlings-Gillson.

### FASHION FOCUS

(Cont. from Page 2, Col. 2)

For those of you who have been reading our column this past year, we want to say good-bye for the last time and hope you have the best summer ever.

Women love the simpler things in life--men.

thanks. First of all apologies to those of you who have been slighted by remarks in the column, and THANKS to the many who took it as a joke! Good-bye, Good luck, and Good-hunting!

String and Pete

### TRACK

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The scoring was as follows:

Wausau	66	Wis. Rapids	29
La Crosse	62	St. Point	23
Eau Claire	36	Marinette	23

Eau Claire copped the Rice Lake Invitational track meet with 46½ points, scoring 17½ points more than the closest competitor, Chipewa Falls, which ran up 29 tallies.

The results were:

Eau Claire	46½	South Shore	5
Chip. Falls	29	N. Richmond	5
Menomonie	28	Chetek	5
Rice Lake	22	Riv. Falls	4
Barron	18	Weyerhaeuser	4
Glenwd Cty	10½	Hayward	4
Ladysmith	7	Sp. Valley	4
Butternut	7½	Bruce	2
Baldwin	8	Ellsworth	½

### GRADUATION

(Cont. from Page 1 Col. 3)

Robert Stringer, Larry Teigen, Terry Terman, David L. Thompson, Kay Thompson, Karen Urness, Elizabeth Vankat, Arlie Veum, Linda Wahlstrom, Luther Werth, Kathryn Wilsey, Gerald Wolf, Gale Zick.

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(Cont. from Page 5, Col. 2) fourths of all meetings, be a merit system honor member winner that year, must have no less than a B average in all his school subjects during the year, must have participated in FFA public speaking, served on an activity, or planning committee, and be recommended by the current officers as a worthwhile candidate.

The current officers selected six persons from among those who qualified. Those who were chosen to be officers next year include: Lyle Bten, Richard Jarosch, Gary Mayer, Jack Powell, Joe Schimml, and Steve Surguy.

These six officers and the retiring officers will elect the individuals to one of the various offices, such as president, vice president, etc.

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