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High School Blackboard

ARE GIRLS BRAINY?

This year, more than ever before, girls are taking the lead in the activities of the local high school. The winner of the oratorical contest recently conducted by the Kiwanians was Miss Sadie Nauy. The president of the senior class is Miss Ruth Babcock. It has long been conceded by both members of the faculty and the student body that girls get higher marks than boys, as a general rule.

In every way the girls this year in competition with the boys have won out with but few, if any, exceptions. The question which has been debated in books and on the rostrum for centuries presents itself at the Albany avenue institution: Are girls naturally as bright as boys? Here are how a few of the representative students have answered it:

"Though girls get better marks, I'll admit boys are brighter. The female just doesn't have as great a mental capacity as the male. So why deny the truth, just because I am a girl, myself."

CLARA SHEPPARD, Junior
"Tradition has dulled the intellect of the modern girl. She may not be to blame because of her subjection in the past, but nevertheless she cannot compete with boys in brains."

GEORGE SHERMAN, Junior
"The true test of the pudding is the taste. And certainly when girls get higher marks than boys there is no question but what girls are the brighter."

OLIVE FILEL, Senior
"Fellows are so conceited, they just think they are bright, that's all. Most of them fool their time away and never learn a thing."

DOT MORRIS, Senior
"It's not a question of opinion, it's a matter of science. Statistics compiled by physiologists and doctors show that the average female brain is four ounces less than the average male brain."

EDWARD FRANSISCO, Junior
"Girls are not as brainy as boys because nature intended them to be domestic. So though girls are not so intelligent, remember they possess virtues and qualities far surpassing mere cleverness of thought."

FLOSS MASON, Senior
"Both boys and girls have equal chances for the same mentality when young, but girls, because they bother with primping, frivolity and dress, lose out in developing their gray matter."

EDWIN SEELEY, Freshman
"Fellows are right when they think girls act dumb. But it's only acting, as most girls are clever enough to know that boys like feminine stupidity. The contrast flatters their own craniums."

ELEANOR DUMAS, Senior

PEPPY STORIES

According to the gossip heard about the school, there is a movement on foot to publish a magazine without any faculty supervision. This periodical, according to reports, will be similar in scope and arrangement to the "Punch Bowl" of the University of Pennsylvania and the "Burr" of Lehigh University.

Many of the students declare that the Herald is not made sufficiently interesting for the pupils. It is contended that this periodical is too literary in its nature. It is also said that the stories appearing in it are not the kind that the pupils wish to read.

The new magazine, it is believed, will be published primarily to meet the absence of a real students' organ. It will be filled entirely with jokes, humor and stories of a peppy nature.

Ever since there has been a

high school in Atlantic City various attempts have been made at different times by some of the literary scapegoats of the school to publish a students' magazine without professional censorship.

The last attempt to organize a magazine among the students was made three years ago by James Cullen, Dick Mahoney, Lou Mitton, Charlie Loeb, Lenz D'Gold, Dick Magney and a few others, all of whom have graduated. The name of the journal was to have been "The Rain Spout." Later this was changed to "The Derby, It's Full of Things." But for lack of funds the much heralded periodical never put in an appearance.

Whether the latest project, of which very little is as yet known, will fail or not is a matter of conjecture. It is rumored that the staff has organized itself on a business basis and intends to get enough advertising to pay for the cost of printing.

KNOCKS KNICKERS

"Of all the foolish fads about high school," declared Theresa Padgett, pretty senior, "this wearing knickers to classes is the worst."

"Look down the hall," continued Theresa, pointing to several boys clad in baggy knickers and stockings of many colors. "Doesn't that make you sick? Of course, there is some sense in wearing such a costume on the golf links. There the loud colors, making people more conspicuous, save them from being hit by a ball. But in school knickers are entirely out of place."

"You see," explained Miss Padgett, "my real objection to knickers is that they have no value at all for school use. Anyone who wears them, does so just to show off. And I hate show offs. If boys could only learn that the well dressed man is the conservatively dressed man they might some day be stylish."

"I wouldn't be at all surprised," concluded Miss Padgett, "if boys would begin wearing their football suits to school. Certainly, they would be just as appropriate as knickers."

And the tale is told how a great hotelman appeared among the students and they did not recognize him as such. For who would ever suspect that Gustave Bring, athlete, actor and clown, could settle down long enough to manage a hotel? Yet such is the aspiration of young Bring, according to his own statement.

After all, is he not equipped for such a career? He has tact in abundance as is evidenced by his popularity. He has executive ability as shown by his work in



Gus Bring

the Inter-Fraternity Council. He has energy as has been splashingly demonstrated when Gus has beaten the best of school boy natators in the tank.

But you must admit that Gus is an odd one. Here is one of the most popular boys among the girls, yet he doesn't even dance. Can you imagine in this day and age of frivolity a lad so indifferent to Terpsichore that he won't even bother with learning to dance?

That indifference on the part of Gus towards dancing expresses his whole character. By many he is accused of being too care-free, but that is because they do not know him. Beneath his exterior of fun and devilry there is a seriousness of purpose and ambition that will really make Gus all he aspires to be. And this, above every other quality, is the reason we have selected him for the public eye.

When Gus graduates next year, there will be others who can sing his bass in the Glee Club, others to act his part in the Dramatic Society and a few who perhaps can equal his swimming records, but none who can be like Gus—flippant, yet serious withal.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Since an article appearing in these columns a few weeks ago concerning Student Government in the Atlantic City High School, a move has been made which looks as though students will be able to completely govern their affairs at the Atlantic City High School before long.

Clarence Dike, member of the faculty, when interviewed concerning the possibilities of student government stated: "The machinery for student government has already been establish-

ed. How well this will work remains to be seen. A good solid foundation for complete student government has already been laid."

The foundation referred to by Mr. Dike is the committee of students which at present supervises the cafeteria. As it proves its merit, this committee will expand in its power, gradually looking after other phases of school life.

Those on the committee are Dot Roe, Guion Jordan, Betty Holmes, all seniors; Vic Somers, Catherine Collins and Betty Sooy, members of the junior class. The freshmen and sophomores are to have elections shortly to choose their representatives for this committee.

EAR MUFFS

If you had on your radio ear muffs last evening at 7.30 and tuned in with Station WHAR, you enjoyed a musical program given by the members of the Glee Club and the orchestra. Their program consisted of both sacred and secular music. Most of the songs were appropriate for Christmas.

It is planned by both the Glee Club and the orchestra to frequently broadcast to the four winds from the Station WPG.

DAILY DOZEN

When the members of the

Girls' Leader Corps get up in the morning these days they never forget to take their ten deep breaths and to stretch themselves according to the rules of health. They are getting themselves in trim, you know, for the physical tests which these girls are all going to take shortly after the Christmas holidays.

It is generally understood that the object of these examinations is to increase interest in athletics among the girls. During the month of January a drive will be made for more members of the Girls' Leader Corps.

BOUQUET

If you saw "The Scrap of Paper," the play presented by the senior members of the Dramatic Society last Saturday evening in the auditorium, you know how everyone is shaking the hands of the Thespians, congratulating them on their splendid showing. All of the cast did exceedingly well.

Therefore, let us in passing doff our hats to those who made the performance a success. They include Jerry Palmer, Olive Filer, Bernice Kinklestein, Bill Fannon, Clarence Nickman, Albert Foreman, Stowe Meyers, Harold Wertheimer, Eva Liebster, Florence Berman, Dorothea Wein and Elizabeth Jones.

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