

ANNUAL

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ERLANGEN HIGH
GERMANY
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It is not more than fitting that we dedicate this annual to the students of Erlangen High School. Here in a foreign country, American boys and girls have joined together to form a group which has been short in duration but strong in spirit. With obstacles to surmount and influences to put up with the teachers and student body have worked and learned, and profited from their brief encounter. If we remember Erlangen high for nothing else than the friends we have made, it will be enough. We all belong to a great country. We are proud of this country. We the younger generation will be going back home to take our place in the life of a democratic nation. Let us never forget the lessons we have learned here.

FORWARD

We, the undersigned, have in this annual, attempted to leave behind us something which in years hence will recall names, faces, and events in our year of school in Germany. This is by no means complete, and we do not claim it to be such. We have done the best with what we have, under difficult handicaps. We hope you enjoy the following and all we ask for, is your understanding.

Dick Regnier
Betty Donnelly
Stanley Rackin
Craig McDonald
Neal Fleemin
Alfred Schuetto
Chuck Mays

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School Constitution

When the school first started and the students came in, they brought with them a desire to do something and get some kind of activity going, so Dudley Jones called a meeting for the purpose of getting something started.

The first thing naturally was to draw up a constitution; so the job was delegated to a committee consisting of Betsy Brady, Helen Dugan, Dudley Jones and Chuck Mays. The spirit to get going on student activity was so great that the only thing that held us up was waiting for enough people to get here so as to have the entire student body decision on the constitution.

The committee worked hard and the constitution was passed unanimously by the student body. The specific purpose of this constitution was to set up the student council while the general purpose was to pave the way for all types of activity. The aims and general principles are pretty well set forth in the Preamble. This constitution was the first attempt at student activity. It is the foundation upon which all following student activity has been based.

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Erlangen High School, in order to create a student government; make the best possible use of the opportunities presented us; promote more direct co-operation and understanding among the members of the student body and faculty, form and maintain a living school spirit, and to make our school an organization of which we can all be justly proud, do hereby establish and ordain this constitution for Erlangen High School.

THE SENIOR CLASS OF ERLANGEN HIGH SCHOOL

The senior class is sponsored by Miss Glick. The class officers were as follows: First semester, Chuck Mays (president), Helen Dugan, Vice-president; Jeanine Bidwell, secretary-treasurer. Second semester, Pudge Willsie, president; Don Phillips, vice-president; Marion Kelsch, secretary-treasurer. Below are the members of the senior class with whom interviews were possible.

"The out-of -doors life is the only life worth living"

Duane "Pudge" Willsie - home state, Missouri.

Pudge is that quiet reserved fellow you see in the halls and on the playing field. He gets the job done without any fuss or clamor. His likeable ways have made him the boy with the best personality and the most popular boy in school. He was on the Student Council First semester, president of the senior class; second semester, he was on the baseball team and captain of the basketball team. His chief interest is sports, and he hopes to become a mechanical engineer, because as he says, "I want to have an outside job, no matter what I decide to be." You'll probably find him in the University of Missouri during the next four years.

"Language barriers may be overcome by the use of a universal language everyone understands--Music--

Bob Humphreys----home state, Texas.

Bob doesn't talk much, but when he says something, it sticks. Bob's whole life centers around music, in which he has been interested since he was seven years old. He has organized "Bob Humphreys' Band" which played for the junior-senior prom at the GYA. Back in the states Bob has played in Marion Carpenter's Band, Ray Aycock's Band, Guy Lion's Band, Harist Ford's Band, and Johnny Baker's Band.

Bob plans on majoring in music at North Texas State Teacher's college. His ambition is to have a band of his own. If Bob puts out in life as he did at the Junior-Senior Prom, success is just a matter of course.

"Pass the liquor to me, Maestro, while I pound out the Allegro."
Margaret "Pete" Peterson ---- "My home state's
where I hang my hat; you guessed it, I'm an
Army Brat."

Pete, unlike most Army Brats, likes to lead a quiet, peaceful life. Her main interest is classical music and she would like to sing in the Metropolitan OPers. Her pet gripe is tall people (that is people who look down on her because of her height). She plans to go to the Conservatory at Luzon, Switzerland to study music.

"The man who uses his brain is better than the man who uses his back, but the best man of all is the man who uses both."
Tom Sebring---Home State, Florida.

Big burly ten gallon capacity Tom got over here late but made up for this by getting ahead fast. He was elected very fittingly, best all-round boy and boy with the best physique. Tom was vice-president of the second semester student council, and was on the basketball and baseball teams. Tom is active in about everything. He plans to go to a military school when he goes back to the states this year. He's a fellow to keep your eyes on. He's going to get ahead.

"Mary had a little lamb, she also had a goat, I've often seen her little lamb, but never seen her goat."
Mary Jane "Shorty" "Fee-Wee" Kruger--- Home state,
Minnesota.

Shorty's a regular short short, just bowing the ground to take off. You just can't blame a gal of that kind for seeing "Red" all the time. She's president of the Girls' dorm. Her main interest is having fun. Some of the printable ways she likes to have fun are dances, parties, and dates. Her hobby is collecting letters, several reliable sources have reported. Always ready with the definite answer to all questions of "Uh-Huh", maybe, or don't know" she might go to a business school and take commercial courses. Her ambition is to get married; so all those whose ambition is to remain free had better watch out.

"Good things come in small packages."
Don Phillips-----home state, North Carolina

Don's scholastic interest is science. His out-of-school interests may be summed up in three words--Wine, Women, Song. His ambition is to go home. Don was vice-president of the Senior class and on the baseball team. Famed for his tremendous size, he squeezes through tight situations that most people would be caught in. He plans to go to the University of North Carolina to study Orthadoncia.

"Johnny was a chemist, but Johnny ain't no more; What Johnny thought was H₂O was H₂SO₄"
Johnny Smith-----Home state, Wyoming.

Johnny is that fellow you find in the lab making all those aromas that put you "Out of this world." He really knows his chemistry. However, he isn't completely "Chemical Crazy". He was baseball manager, worked on the assemblies committee, and on the school paper. He likes to collect coins, hurt and fish, photograph, and collect stamps. His ambition is to make a dollar out of fifteen cents. As he says, "It's good for a boy to make his own spending money if he can't earn it."

"Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may be Mrs. Fetzter."
Sherrill Fetzter-----Home state, Kentucky.

Most noted for his ability to get into trouble and to give his teachers a rough time, Sherrill's hobbies are to essen and schlaffen. He was the boy's dorm representative the first semester, and played on the basketball team. He likes mechanical drawing and plans to be a draftsman. His ideas about the school may be summed up by the following statement: "It's not that I don't like school, it's just that I don't like the principle of the thing."

"Never let schooling interfere with your education"--Mark Twain
Max Schneider-----Home state, Texas.

The touring Texan is none other than Max. Max came here at the first of the year and has been here ever since. You've probably seen him taking off on his motored bike. Max likes to study ways to keep from studying, and he works hard at finding how to avoid work. As far as he's concerned, the school, teachers, and book can go to ---- Hell, Nurnberg is the nearest place to it.

"Early to rise, early to bed, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and dead"
by James Thurber.
Dick "stinky" Hilton-----Home state, California

Stinky, the school's most convincing liar and biggest chowhound, was on the basketball and baseball teams. He is carrying three courses and dragging one, chemistry. He plans to study engineering at Cambridge. His main interest, besides women, whom he is reported to have sworn off, is sports, track in particular. His ambition is to beat his father's record of seven years in high school. He is infamous for his jokes stolen originally from the Reader's Digest. He considers that this makes them original. His advice to the uninformed (uninformed of the fact that it was "borrowed" from James Thurber) is, "Don't hit your Grandma on the head with a shovel, it may make a bad impression on her mind." Fortunately we don't need to have a shovel to be impressed with Stinky. The only thing we need that shovel for is to bury that impression six feet deep.

"Marion now, Marrying forever, Kelsch now but not forever?"
Marion Kelsch-----Home state, Nebraska.

Marion, is a typical outdoor gal. She was elected Best all around girl and senior beauty. She likes all sports except football. However, she doesn't have anything against the football boys, except when they, or any other boys for that matter insist on talking to her about all their other girl friends. Marion was a cheer leader and was secretary-treasurer of the senior class. Marion is going to college on the pretense of studying astronomy. No doubt, she'll find plenty of time to study the stars. When she gets out of school she wants to be a recreational director and a lady. Both are right down her alley.

"The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upwards in the night. ----Longfellow
Chuck Mays----- home state, Texas

Chuck is one of the few students who was here from the start of school until the close. He was chairman on the committee for drawing up the school constitution, president of the senior class and parliamentarian of the student council first semester, president of the student council second semester, chairman of the assemblies committee on the school annual staff, a member of the German-American high school discussion group, and a member of the English club of the University of Erlangen. He was elected the boy most likely to succeed. He plans to go to the University of Missouri, where he hopes to receive a degree in Civil Engineering and perhaps later a Law Degree.

His ideas on work are as follows, "Work is just like going swimming in the early spring, the hardest part is getting started."

SENIORS TRANSFERRED BEFORE END OF SCHOOL

Helen Dugan, hailing from Boston, Mass.
Vice-president of the senior class, Girl's form representative, Constitution committee. A live wire whom no-one could hold on to, but who gave everyone that tried a large charge.

Jeannine Bidwell, from New York.
Secretary-treasurer of the senior class first semester. A d--- Yankee who, unlike most, wasn't ashamed of the fact.

Jim Levno
Slow and steady, who kept quiet unless what he had to say was important.

Johnny Kossyk, born in Texas, lived in Germany for eight years.
Vice-president of the student council first semester. A boy far experienced beyond his years, who made a place in the hearts of all those who knew him. A fellow who had received the hard knocks of life and still came up smiling.

Joe Bishop
Tall and lanky, blond hair, drooping cigarette.

SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the seniors of Erlangen High School, upon being paroled to leave behind us certain of our characteristics, possessions, and manners to the inmates who must yet remain in this institution until the remainder of their sentences have been served.

Johnny Smith wills all of his old, dirty test tubes to Bohr.

Don Phillips wills his eagle eyes to Russ Faulkner so that he can catch by sight instead of sound.

Fudge Willsie wills all characteristics he may possess to his little brother coming to high school next year.

Bob Humphreys wills the job of making the next Junior-Senior Prom a success to any sucker who is fool enough to take it.

"Pete" Peterson wills her beautiful sunburn to Barbara Hale.

"Stinky" Hilton wills his much traveled, if not much used, toothbrush to "Little Red" Hudson.

Sherrill Fetzer wills all the unused excuses he had mimeographed to anyone who needs them.

"Shorty" Kruger wills her tremendous height to Joan Nye.

Marion Kelsch wills her suntan to Sally Kelly.

Tom Sebring wills his physique to that rugged, ragged, and ruthless renegade, Newman Schaver.

Max Schneider wills his technique at goofing off to Stanley Rankin.

Chuck Mays wills his brief case to Bruce Kaltenbach so he can conveniently lose his German book before test day.

SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

FORWARD

Any resemblance to the truth is purely coincidental. This is not meant as slander to anyone, but just a joke. It is hoped that everyone will take it as such.

Prophecy for the Senior Class

At last the nerve racking school year was over, and Mr. Ashley strolled through the hills alone. The air was buzzing and warm, and he paused a moment to rest in the shade of the tall Bavarian pine tree. His thoughts wandered and his eyes closed and the last sound registering on his ears was thunder in the east sounding like the legendary games of ninepins played by the Gnomes of the Catskill Mountains.

He sat up startled. The day was the same save for the haunting silence and air of desolation. He hurried back to Erlangen but the place had changed. His old friends had aged at least 10 years and suddenly he realized that he too had aged. But no one seemed to recognize the tattered, white bearded old man. Upon inquiring about the American High School, he was informed that it had been discontinued after American forces had been evacuated and that now all the old members were back in the United States save for the principal, Mr. Ashley, who had disappeared the day of the third World War. Realizing that he was regarded as a traitor for his mysterious disappearance, Mr. Ashley could not reveal his true identity, but made his way back to the states in an attempt to look up his former students to find what had happened during the 10 years he had spent recuperating from the strain of school supervision.

In New York he eagerly bought a paper which he scanned for news that might tell him where he could find someone who could answer his problems. Johnny Smith had been locked up as a menace to society for inventing a super atomic death ray to make all existing forms of life obsolete.

In the entertainment section he saw the three main features, Stinky Hilton, corn comedian of the Bowery, Bob Humphreys' Orchestra giving a concert in Carnegie hall, and Margaret Peterson singing at the Metropolitan Opera. He noted in the sports column that Fudge Willsie's football team was the national champion.

Suddenly he was approached by Max Schneider, by now a notorious gambler who invited him over to a little party. Mr. Ashley accepted in the hope of finding out the answer to all the confusing questions jumbled in his mind, knowing that even the best card shark couldn't make a killing on him, as the only kind of money he had were those worthless marks he had saved to paper his office. He climbed into a car which had recently been repaired by that monkey wrench artist, Don Phillips, who also straightens teeth in his spare time.

They went to the other side of the tracks to the termite-eaten shack recently built by Chuck Mays, and entered into the party.

Lo and behold, the whole gang was present for the 10 year reunion. There was Shorty Kruger with five little redheads who looked vaguely familiar, though he had never seen them before. Marion Kelsch was leading the athletic contortions of the rhumba. Suddenly the door burst open and Sherrill Fetzler, dangerous drunk, dope fiend, and desperado, sprang in, accusing Max of cheating in a card game, after quickly drawing his gun and shooting Max, he disappeared as fast as he had come. Naturally, due to the confusion, no one was sure who did the shooting, but as Mr. Ashley was not known and in disguise, naturally the suspicion fell on him. He was hauled before Judge Sebring the second, and pronounced guilty of murder. When he pled that he was Mr. Ashley, the judge, remembering well his school days, in his fair and just manner gave the defendant two choices; either to plead as a traitor, in which case he would be accordingly shot; or to plead insanity, in which case he would be put in solitary confinement in a padded cell for the remainder of his life. Mr. Ashley naturally chose the easiest way out, and pled insanity.

Poor fellow, I feel sorry for him all by himself in a padded cell, and still he doesn't know what happened. I guess he never will.

JUNIOR CLASS

"The spark plug of Erlangen High School," is the way to describe the Junior class.--at least from a junior's viewpoint.

To illustrate this, we have Dudley Jones and Marilyn Telfer. Dudley was one of the "pioneers" of Erlangen, president of the student council the first term, junior class representative the second semester and a member of our constitution committee. He also participated in baseball and basketball.

Marilyn Telfer, although arriving late, became secretary-treasurer of the student council, president of the dormitory, and very active in all school affairs.

Another active member was Richard Regnier. He managed the basketball team, played on the baseball team, and started the school newspaper. Stanley Rankin and Neal Fleemin served on the assembly committee, dance committee, and worked on the school paper.

Those holding up the sports angle for the junior class were Russell Faulkner and Bob Donnelly.

Those very brilliant honor students, swell gals, and all-round good sports were Sally Kelly, Roselyn Fisher, Sue Kintner, Peggy Scgur, who is now in Munich High; Betsy Brady, constitution committee member who is now in Heidelberg; Gerry Cook, feature page editor of the newspaper; and Ann Enderton, who made all A's while in school.

Among the outstanding residents of the girls' dormitory were Barbara Kale and Virginia Payne, who managed to keep things going.

As for the boys' dormitory, the three constant wits and gray-haired givers to Mr. Black, were Lee Jewett, Ronald Perry, and Jack Sievers.

The fellow that spent most of his time lounging out the window on the Murnberg bus was Jim Ackerman. Mona Reed was known for her piano recitals and music of the class. Lee Ann Howell and Louise Stencilland, who didn't stay very long, proved to be two swell gals.

Well, that's the junior class! Heaven forbid! We had a lot of fun this year, and we'll be back next year as almighty seniors----look out!!!

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Although lacking in size, the sophomore class has made up for it in their participation in activities of the school. There are several students that have been outstanding in activities.

Craig McDonald who was a member of the staff of the Army Brat first semester, student council representative for both semesters, assembly committee member, and honor roll student for the major part of the year, and Betty Donnelly, feature page editor of the Army Brat second semester, assembly committee member second semester, year-book staff, honor roll student, member of the English Club of Erlangen University, and very active in social affairs, perhaps lead the list. They are two students for their class to be proud of.

Jean Fisher, who was president of her class, member of the assembly committee, and elected queen of her class, is also included in this list.

Al Schuett worked on the Army Brat and year-book staffs; Don Burns, Marilyn Derryberry, and Newman Shaver could always be counted on for "corny" remarks or ideas; Leo Kelsh kept the sparkle of fun in class as well as parties; Pat Evans worked on the Army Brat and was another honor roll student during the year. Diane De Margine came in late, but that didn't stop her from having a good time at the girls dorm, while Bub Kale worried everyone at the boys dorm with his interest in science. His twin brother Dick, dropped from the student body, but made several visits down to visit his "pals" during the year.

Don Barnett was another roll student.

Three of our very popular girls left us. Mary Margaret Ellis for Heidelberg and Suzanne Walsh and Nell Edwards went back to the "Lone Stateside." Perhaps some of the spark left with them. Mary's being queen proved her popularity.

Well, you have an idea of what the different students were like at least. They will all long remember the good times they had together.

FRESHMAN CLASS

The freshman class had the unusual opportunity this year of touring Europe, seeing foreign countries, and carrying on closer associations with students of all classes--privileges which in larger schools in the states are usually restricted to upper-classmen.

Now they have completed their first year of high school life and are ready to go into the higher classes. There has been fun, sorrow, a few tears, but with out any one of these things, it would not have been the same.

To those who will not be with us next year, Good-luck, and to those who will, "till we meet again. To all, we wish you the very best of everything in your high school life.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Just as soon as the constitution was passed, the student council representatives were elected from their respective classes. The council consisted of two representatives from each class, and two dormitory representatives who sat in on meetings but did not vote.

The council for the first term consisted of Pudge Willsie and Johnny Kossyk, seniors; Dudley Jones and Betsy Brady, juniors; Craig MacDonald and Jean Fisher, sophmores; Barbara Sievers and Bruce Kaltenbach, freshmen; Sherrill Petzer and Helen Dugan, dorm representatives; Chuck Mays, parliamentarian, and Miss Reinke, advisor. The officers were elected by the student body. Dudley Jones was president of the student council the first semester. Johnny Kossyk was vice-president and Barbara Sievers, secretary-treasurer. The meetings were held once a week and everything from school dances to wastebaskets was brought up.

The second semester saw some new students on the council. The representatives were as follows: Chuck Mays, president; Tom Sebring vice president; Dudley Jones, and Dick Regnier, Susie Walsh, secretary; Craig MacDonald June Gard, secretary; and Lennie Nichols. The dorm special committee was made up of Marilyn Telfer, Acting-secretary; and Red Hudson.

The student council has acted as the connecting link between the student body and the faculty. It has stressed co-operation and has made it possible to see the other fellow's point of view even though you may not agree with him. It has been a place where any student can bring his problem no matter how small. It has found the student wants and channeled activity along constructive lines. It has planned everything from dances to athletics to assemblies. However, the greatest achievement is something which you can't exactly lay your finger on, yet it is real and it is there. It is what is known as school spirit.

SCHOOL PAPER

The name of our school paper is the "Army Brat". It is a four page edition that is published weekly. It consists of a front page which takes in all of the current events of the school; an editorial page that contains a weekly review on manners and a personality story on one of the students or an editorial; a sports page which covers all of our latest (ahem) victories; and a feature page with an up to date gossip column.

At the present, there are 9 effecient workers on the staff. Miss Glick is our sponsor.

It took a little effort to get our first edition going but with some elbow grease we've managed to put out a pretty good school paper

Dick Regnier
Editor-in-chief
"Army Brat"

SOCIAL LIFE

The social life here at Erlangen High School has been quite successful considering the lack of facilities and many hardships we have had to overcome.

The students have cooperated greatly, and the small hen parties, or discussions, held during the lunch periods, have been greatly enjoyed by all. We all know so well, that if that had been the maximum of activity for an average school day back in the states, school would seem unbearably dull.

One of the first successful affairs of the year was the crowning of the queen, Mary Margaret Ellis, now a member of the Heidelberg High School student body. Everyone was reminiscing for several weeks afterwards.

There was a small ski-trip up to Bayreuth too. Russ Faulkner's parents served as chaperones, along with Chaplain Raney. Umm! What an interesting week-end.

The junior-senior prom held during the end of June, would be included here in this list. The large crowd in attendance proved that the student body was behind the council and their plans.

These affairs were arranged by the student council, but private affairs were very popular too. There were tours, hayrides, dances, and parties, among the other events.

The students formed a basketball and baseball team for the sports end. They arranged games with the four other American high schools in the E.T., but soon it was decided that the games would interfere with the regular school program, and the teams were disbanded.

Perhaps through the work and experience gained this year, it will enable us to put on bigger and better affairs for the school year of '47 and '48. In this way, we hope to make your stay here more enjoyable, and add extra interest to your everyday life.

DORM LIFE

Dormitory life here in the E.T. can hardly be compared to either private or college dorms in the states. The circumstances and supplies are so different from those anywhere else.

Although after the students who resided in the dormitories regretted not being able to enjoy a normal home-life, they have done their best to set up a home-away-from-home, and make the most of it.

The trips to the P.X., the Red Cross on Wednesday night, and the A.R.C. country club in the spring, have all molded memories that each and everyone of them will long remember.

The students organized their own presidents and officers to undertake affairs concerning the dorms. They were under the close and well-guided supervision of Mr. Ashley and the faculty. For awhile they had representatives on the student council.

The school will be located in Murnberg next year, and it is hoped that conditions will be much better. Even so, with all the hardships, these students enjoy themselves, and will often recall their good times, and close relationships.

FAREWELL

It is rather hard to say good-bye, now that the school year is over.

We've really had some swell times together, from the time Dad got student activities off with a bang, until the time of the junior-senior prom, which Bob Humphreys' made such a success. I still remember the assembly where Tom forgot the words he was singing and continued to lead with la-la-la!!!!

It's things like that that form a school and make up school spirit. I sure do thank all of you for everything. You've been a swell bunch of kids.

Chuck Mays



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