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School Mourns Loyal Teacher

Mr. Avner Mendelsohn, teacher of mathematics, died at his home on October 23 after an illness of several months.

"In Mr. Avner Mendelsohn, James Madison has lost one of its most esteemed faculty members. The gap that he leaves will be felt by students and teachers alike.

"Mr. Mendelsohn was a rare combination of the scholar and the devoted classroom teacher. His leadership in the mathematics team attracted a number of our top-level students to the study of advanced mathematics, and eventually to the choice of careers in which mathematics played an important part. At the same time his patient and understanding treatment of slow pupils enabled many a discouraged boy or girl to achieve a degree of success in mathematics which brought him a true sense of accomplishment.

"Mr. Mendelsohn's quiet personality evoked the esteem and love of all with whom he came into contact. All of his colleagues join with me in expressing our feelings of grief and shock at his untimely death," stated Mr. Newfield.

Mr. Mendelsohn was appointed to Madison in 1949. He served as faculty adviser for the Math Team, and as assistant chairman and co-chairman of the mathematics department.

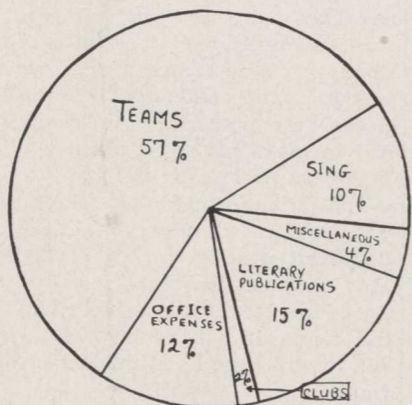
A graduate of De Witt Clinton High School, Mr. Mendelsohn received his B.A. degree from City College of New York. He served in Army Intelligence during World War II in Germany and Austria.

After his discharge he worked for the Army for two years as a civilian. In 1947 he was appointed to a junior high school and two years later to Madison. He taught a course in German Literature at New York University and another in mathematics at City College in the evening sessions.

His many interests included music, record collecting, German Literature, mathematics, art and a thesis for his doctorate on the relationship between literature and mathematics.

The loss of Mr. Avner Mendelsohn is great, but the privilege Madison enjoyed in having had him as a teacher and friend is greater.

EXPENDITURES



CIRCLE GRAPH: Representation of school budget for September '58 through January '59.

Finance Seers Issue Budget

Madison's Finance Committee has adopted the budget which will govern the expenditures for the term beginning September 1958 and ending February 1959. Mr. Zuckerman, the school treasurer, supervises the planning of the budget.

Dues Pay For . . .

It is calculated that the GO dues will about cover the cost of printing the Madison HIGHWAY, the cost of operating the GO and SGO offices and the minor clubs such as Arista, Art squad, Jr. Red Cross, Drama Workshop and radio club. The profit derived from the annual concert will provide for supplying the band and orchestra with the necessary musical equipment and supplies. The major revenue producing activities will be Sing and basketball which it is hoped will pay the cost of football, baseball, track, soccer, swimming, rifle team, and bowling and other non-revenue producing athletic activities.

The Finance Committee is composed of Mr. Block, Mr. Manheimer, Miss Taleisnik, and the four elected SGO officers.

TEAM PLAYS ON LOCAL TV

School Alumnus Announces Game

By Kathy Cruise

In the second game of a televised series of Metropolitan area high school football contests, Madison met a 24-0 defeat at the hands of Lincoln High School.

This game, which was held on October 18, marked the first time Madison had played in a televised match.

Owing to technical operational difficulties, the telecast which was scheduled to commence at twelve noon on WOR-TV, channel nine, did not start until twenty minutes of the first quarter had been played.

During halftime intermission, the bands and school spirit groups went through their formations, while Marty Glickman, a Madison alumnus who announced the game, introduced Mr. Douglas Manheimer of the Madison Physical Training Department. Mr. Manheimer spoke about our new football coach, Frank Murtha, and line coach, Daniel Walker.

The purpose in presenting local games is to create among New Yorkers, an interest in their neighborhood teams.

The featured game each Saturday must, according to associate television director Peter Engels, be played on a field that has a telephone hook-up and the required amount of power available to operate the TV cameras. Two cameras are generally used to follow the action; three may be employed where there is sufficient power available.

Masters Department Stores is sponsoring the series.

HIGHWAY Selects Junior Staff Writers

The HIGHWAY extends its congratulations and welcome to the successful Juniors who were selected as new staff members. Paul Eklof, Linda Grayden, Steve Hofflich Janet Lass, Beth Pessen, Phyllis Rubin, and Jonathan Stein, who have been accepted on the news staff. The new members of the feature staff are: Lucy Berman, Robert Essuman, Edward Rothaus, Marsha Tannenbaum, Ann Teecher, and Stefanie Yanofsky. New Sports staff members include Larry Rand and Alan Willen.

Editors Supervise Tryouts

These HIGHWAY tryouts were held October 16 and 17, during the third, PM official, and ninth periods in Room 512. The tryouts were conducted by Robert Front, Editor-in-chief, News Editors, Shelley Doctors, Robert Eidelberg, and Ann Seigel, Feature Editor Alan Millstein and Sports Editor, Edward Martin and Mrs. Whitlock, faculty adviser of the HIGHWAY.

These applicants were required to write articles which pertained to the staff they were applying for. These articles in turn, were marked by the various editors and then by the editor-in-chief. All of the tryout articles were graded on the basis of a point system. The range was from one to five, one being the best mark. Those papers with the lowest cumulative numerical grades were accepted.

Those students who were accepted, will serve as cubs for the duration of this term, during which time they will receive instruction and training in writing, organizing articles, writing headlines, and in general, developing good journalistic style and form. They will be assigned to write and turn in simulated articles which will be corrected and then returned.

Junior, Senior Arista Honor Societies Administer Oath to Incoming Members

By Judy Axelrod

Twenty-five students were inducted into Junior Arista. This gives the society a total membership of one hundred seventy nine. The faculty adviser for Junior Arista is Mr. Stanley Kaplan.

Jimmy Lapenn, newly elected boy leader of Junior Arista, opened the ceremonies by delivering a speech in which he welcomed the new members. After that the audience was entertained by a French horn solo from the "Concert Rondo" by Mozart, played by David Kaslow. Joyce Guior did a vocal solo of "Danny Boy," a traditional Irish song. Both soloists were accompanied by Mrs. E. Mark. Roger Shankin played a piano solo from "Noturno" by Respighi.

Former boy and girl leaders of Junior Arista, Eli Segal and Janet Lass, and new girl and boy member with the highest average, Elizabeth Koltun and Barry Chaitin, took part in a candle lighting ceremony. The former leaders lit candles for service and character; the two students with the highest average, lit theirs for scholarship.

Lucy Gleicher, new girl leader, then named the new members who are; Harvey Abrams, Neil Altman, Louise Arenson, Robert Bauman, Carole Beck, Linda Bernstein, Alan

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Top: Steve Drogin and Naomi Grossman. Bottom: Lucy Gleicher and Jimmy Lapenn.

All-City Groups Add Members

The All-City High School Orchestra and Chorus has again selected its participants for this coming season. Five Madison students who have passed the selections, will represent our school in the All-City Orchestra. They are: Seymour Freidman, Dave Kaslow, Gene Keyes, Stanley Kogan, and Emanuel Stornio.

Representing us in All-City Chorus will be Arthur Adler, Joyce Guior, Irish Hanisch, Steve Harkavy, Ina Kilstein, Larry Rosenthal, Joel Sheffield, and Barry Shor.

These musicians were chosen early last September to represent their individual high school choruses and orchestras. The auditions attracted some of the best musicians in the city to Brooklyn Tech, where the interviews were held.

Language Chairmen Bestow Accolades

Some eighteen awards in foreign languages were presented to students for the term ending June 1958.

The American Association of Teachers of French awarded Jerrold Levy the French medal, and the French Emblem to Linda Breslau and Dorothy Reich. Jo Ann Seigman received the James Madison High School French Medal, while Dorethea Schilfstein and Daniel Schulman were the recipients of the James Madison High School French Certificates.

Three students received the German awards. They are Mildred Rompf, who was presented the James Madison High School German Medal, and Carole Pearlstein and Sheila Silverman who were awarded the German Certificates.

Latin Awards

The Latin Department awarded Robert Wolf the James Madison High School Latin Medal and presented Pearl Horn and Dorothy Reich, with Latin Certificates.

David Kleinbaum was the recipient of the American Association of Spanish Teachers Medal while Barbara Brandt, Larry Kupor, and Ann Posnansky, received the "Association" pins from this organization. The James Madison High School Spanish Medal was awarded to Ines Gerson. Sheila Greenstein won the Pan American Medal for her excellence in scholarship and culture.

Social Organizations Re-form Into Clubs

As the James Madison Rooter Organization enters its third year there is a basic change. Instead of having Rooter chapters for social reasons only, there are now "special interest groups" being formed.

Among these is the Theatre Club which is divided into two sections, one for A.M.'ers and one for P.M.'ers. Its purpose is to explore all aspects of the theatre. The members plan to visit backstage, to listen to the tapes of performances, and to visit the "Theatrical Museum."

The Musical Arts Club is primarily devoted to opera. The members expect to go to performances and to discuss them afterwards.

Two other new groups are the Language Club and the Future Teachers Club.

Mrs. Rae Marcus is the faculty adviser to the club program. The student leader is Richie Fass. At the present time you can still join the new clubs without having missed more than one or two meetings. If you have any worthwhile suggestions, Mrs. Marcus is available either the fourth or eighth periods in Room 250.

New SGO Card

Observant SGO members may have noticed the addition of a section of the membership card entitled "SGO Raffle," which replaced the former ballot. Changes such as this as well as the modernizing of the discount cards go on constantly for the benefit of SGO members.

The second significant change involving the SGO is the increase in the number of members for this term over last. In spite of the decrease in student population because of the new reorganization, the SGO has increased membership by over two hundred members. This seems to indicate greater student interest in the SGO.

Madison "citizens" are entitled to a voice in the student government, a copy of the HIGHWAY monthly and several discounts.

JANUARY GRADUATES COMPLETE SELECTION OF SENIOR CELEBRITIES

An open meeting held by the senior class of January 1959 resulted in the nomination of the senior officers and celebrities. The class chose two finalists for each office and later voted between the two.

The winner for the officers of the class are as follows: Lois Kaplan President, Arthur Zweibach Vice-President, Roni Aaron Secretary, and Arlene Coopernian Treasurer.

Other senior celebrities are: the Boy and Girl Most Likely to Succeed, Stanley Budoff and Toby Talish, while Ira Fox and Sheila Silverman were chosen the Brightest. Bruce Davis and Andrea Greenspan were voted the Most Popular Boy and Girl, and Paul Shafiroff and Marilyn Damsky are class wits. In the appearance category, Richard Hutner is the Handsomest Boy, while Carol Block is the Prettiest Girl. Jerry Kover and Charlotte Riggio were voted the Best Athletes.

Donald Resnick and Elaine Goldberg were voted the senior class's Best Dressed Boy and Girl, while All Around Boy and Girl were Martin Goldberg and Sue Greenstein. The honor of Cutest Girl, went to Susan Alpert, while the Best Dancer is Debbie Goldsohn. Steve Super and Maxine Cohen were the victors in the Best Actor and Actress competition.

A mimeographed voting sheet was

later sent to each official class of January graduates. All eighth termers were permitted to vote.

The senior activities were supervised by Mr. Herbert Fine, who has



Photo by Richard Mandell

Mr. Herbert Fine: Senior Adviser

been senior advisor for the past five years.

The January graduates' prom, which is the first prom held for a January class, will take place in the nightclub Elegante, on January 23. The prom includes dinner, a show, and dancing. Mr. Fine revealed that plans are being made for the class of June 1959 to have their prom at the Waldorf-Astoria.

