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Avner Mendelsohn Memorial Concert

Madisonians are urged to attend the Avner Mendelsohn Memorial Concert, which will be honored by the presence of the world renowned violinist, Michael Rabin.

The SGO Acts

The student government has done a fine job this semester. The school has been honored in the community because of its work in connection with the "Save the Children Federation."

Now that elections are here again, Madisonians should carefully consider the individual candidates. If platforms are feasible and the candidates are in earnest...

To Skate or Not to Skate?

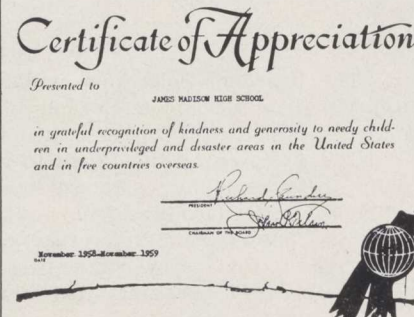
A proposal by the Brooklyn Borough Council suggests that New York City's government should find some way to give Brooklyn an ice skating rink.

The Borough Council is a group of Brooklyn high school delegates, who meet every three weeks in order to discuss common school and community problems.

In January, the Borough Council will circulate petitions throughout Madison. The HIGHWAY urges you to weigh the pros and cons of this issue carefully before making a decision to add your name to the lists!

Fund Raising Enables School To Adopt Child

Unfortunately, campaign promises do not always come true, either because they are overambitious or some unforeseen factors inhibit their fulfillment. However, it gives us great pleasure to report that an election platform presented last term by Myron Kalin...



In recognition of civic work

CASE HOLDS 'INJUN' LORE

The American Indian has always carried a shroud of mystery and flagrant misunderstanding. His place in American history has been blurred by exaggerated Hollywood productions and ill-founded conceptions.

On the second floor, opposite Room 210, Madison has installed a four case exhibit which aids in better understanding the great culture of our first Americans.

The School Museum Program of the City of New York has given Madison a great deal of material with which to fill the showcases.

Dramatic Effect

The highlight of one of the exhibits is an ivory tusk which depicts, in simplicity, scenes of hunting, whaling, and sealing.

In a cabinet set aside for the Cherokee and Seminole tribes, there is a pair of carved sticks to which small "hula hoops" have been attached.

The exhibit will remain on the second floor for the remainder of this term.

School Raises Funds

The one hundred and twenty dollars raised by Madison students by selling ticket to a Mardi Gras, will be sent to our Korean orphan and will provide for all his food, clothing, and educational needs for one year.

This deed on the part of the student body and its SGO officers exemplifies Madison's unselfish aid to those who are less fortunate.

Letter Exchange Aids U.S.-Japan Relations

Several Madisonians have "united with youngsters of Japan" through letter writing. The "Pen-Friends Clubs of Japan," which originated the idea of Madison-Japanese letter exchange...

The Highway's Editor-in-Chief, Robert Front, was one of the first to receive an answer. The letter was from Hiroko Shiohara, a spokesman, for a group of six Nipponese teenagers.

The tone of the letters indicates that the Japanese are very eager to develop lasting friendships and correspondence with American boys and girls.

AS I SEE IT... By ROBERT E. FRONT

The purpose of this eye catcher is to let you know that something is missing. There is no editorial this issue. That is evident. The reason for this is that the editors of the HIGHWAY believe that very few Madisonians bother to read them.

We will be here with YOUR editorial next issue. Will you be with us?

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Photo by Richard Mandell George Kapp

The teaching of science requires a mind which is able to accept new ideas and concepts, which are indigenous to the world of science.

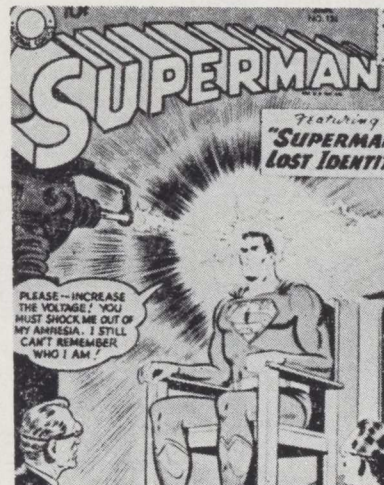
After graduating from Madison, Mr. Kapp attended City College as a chemistry major, and there he received his B.S. degree. He then continued his studies at Brooklyn College.

After he received his degree from C.C.N.Y., Mr. Kapp joined Madison's science department as a laboratory assistant. At the present time he is coordinating the activities of the Chemistry department...

When he was asked his opinion of Madison, Mr. Kapp commented, "I like Madison very much. The students are wonderful. However, the school is much too crowded, and I feel that the students are being short-changed in their education."

English Instructor Employs Writing Talents in 'Super' Field

Will Superman ever be confronted with a power equal to his own? Will reporter Lois Lane discover the true identity of Superman? Although unknown to most of us, the answer to these questions may lie in the mind of Jerome Coleman, an English teacher at Madison.



© Superman 1958

Utilizes Writing Ability After Mr. Coleman had begun teaching, a friend suggested that he utilize his writing ability. During a period of free-lance writing, he became connected with National Comic Books.

Did You Know?

Several Madisonian have recently received the coveted Hebrew language award, the "Golden Ayin." The Ayin is a gold pin which is awarded by the Hebrew Culture Council to the students who are the most proficient in Hebrew language studies.

Those winners for January 1957 were: Janet Davidson, Stephen Hofflich, David Kaslow, Jimmy Lapenn, Libby Levinson, David Segal, and Sarah Shapiro.

In addition to Superman scripts, a new character will soon be revealed to super comic readers. Girls! A new age has come! Men's power's are no longer "super...ior" to women's. The "super" field will no longer be completely dominated by men anymore.

The reason for several of the mysteries which shroud Clark's... Superman's identity really have very plausible answers. Superman was not drafted, because he used his x-ray vision for the eye test and saw through the eye chart.

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... but my teacher said that Na + H2O was supposed to produce a base."

THE REVIEWING STAND

"Cue For Passion"

For two and a half hours, the audience at Henry Miller's Theatre, was exposed to the writing exercises of the renowned playwright, Elmer Rice.

"Cue For Passion" is a psychological drama fabricated from "Hamlet." Rice did not intend his play to be a travesty on "Hamlet," but rather he used Shakespeare's tragedy as a football; the goal being his own interpretation.

This handicraft is a "potpourri" of Shakespeare and Freud. Tony Burgess, a facetious young man, finds upon his arrival home after a long absence, that his father has died six months prior, and his mother has been remarried for an equal period of time.

The production contains many flashes of brilliant writing and acting, yet the playwright's plethora of words smothers much of the plays "passion." At times, the dialogue seems like it has been lifted out of context from one of Madison's "Vocabulary Sheets."

John Kerr, as Tony, was generally excellent. His performance suffered though, because he started on too high a pitch, and thus he could not build up to a climax.

The play's basic difficulties probably could have been solved by a more competent director. Rice, who also served as director, provided fluent action, but he failed to see his major plague: wordiness.

This play does not shine with the illumination of gold. It is, rather, an alloy composed of some good writing and superb characterizations.

A.G.M.

FORUM DISCUSSES WORLD PROBLEMS

The New York Mirror sponsored its sixteenth annual Youth Forum at the Sheraton Astor Hotel on December 6. The forum was highlighted by the presence of twelve boys, between the ages of 16 and 17, who were brought to New York from various foreign countries.

Phyllis Kane, a senior at Madison, was selected as one of the two hostesses to the foreign students. Her job was to acquaint the young men with our American customs and to help them with any difficulties that arose.

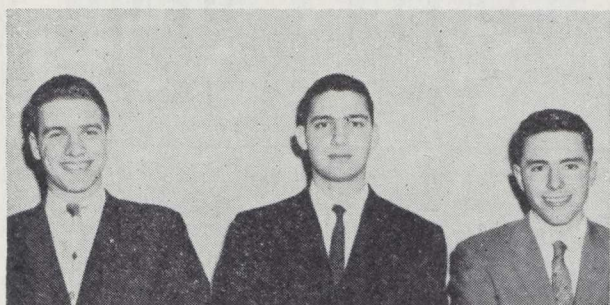
Organized Panel Discussion

The panel discussions which covered such topics as racial integration, education, and the Afro-Asian problems were run by student panel leaders.

The purpose of these discussions was to give some of the nation's youth a medium whereby they could discuss those problems which will affect them in the future.

The Mirror feels that the shaping of youth is the hope of the future.

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Elections

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 members but is awarded to the candidate who places second in each of

the four races for governor. The aspirants to gubernatorial and major posts when interviewed by the Board were required to discuss their ideas, and to answer questions

concerning SGO activities. They were rated either one, three or five, one being the best score. Those students with the lowest cumulative total were named as candidates.

Drama Workshop Presents Play As Special Assembly Program

Cast in order of appearance:
 Marica Paula Federman
 Freida Sloan
 Raquel Maxine Cohen
 Carol Hanan
 Andres Roy Goldman
 Robert Joyce
 Claeto Richard Lasky
 Nathan Petschenik

Under the direction of Mr. Chester E. Fulmer of the English Department, the Drama Workshop presented "The Ring of Macis," a play by Josephine Niggl, to the assemblies on Thursday and Friday, December 4th and 5th.

The action in "The Ring of Macis" occurs during the Mexican War and is concerned with the major characters: Raquel, her sister-in-law Marica, and the rebel peasant, Andres, who breaks into their home. Its principal theme is how Raquel exemplifies courage and bravery not only in preventing Marica from committing suicide, but also in preserving her husband's honor.

Two separate casts were used in the production in order to give as many students as possible the opportunity to perform. Carol Moss, a member of the group, was responsible for the costuming of the characters.

"The Importance of Being Earnest"

Among several undertakings that the Drama Workshop is embarking on, is the presentation of the full length drama "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. This will be performed in the spring term. Auditions for Wilde's comedy took place during the week of December 8th, when all Madison students were invited to try out for the various roles.



Photo by Steve Campus
PLAYERS: Carol Hanan and Roy Goldman.

Term Papers

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 paper's Editor-in-Chief and Mr. Howard Goldberg is faculty adviser.

The Editor-in-Chief of the freshman publication "Zyzzle" is Connie Singer. "Zyzzle" is footnoted "The Last Word." Mr. Julian Olkin is faculty adviser.

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Student Government Revises Constitution

At a meeting of both the AM and PM House of Representatives on Friday, December 5, Madison's outdated Constitution was revised. The presidents of all official classes in the main building and the annex voted by the required two-thirds vote to amend the Constitution by the adoption of the following requirements for candidacy in the student government.

1. Students must have a general average of 80 per cent in order to be eligible to run for office.
2. Students must meet at least two of the following requirements:
 - a. Students must not have failed more than one major subject.
 - b. Students must have served at least one year as either official class officer, cabinet member, governor or lieutenant governor.
 - c. Students must have at least two major services to the school in addition to the aforementioned — deemed satisfactory by the faculty advisers to those activities and the Commissioners of Elections.

The new amendments make more definite what the Election Board requires of the SGO aspirants.

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American History & World Backgrounds	English 4 years Math. 10th Year Bus. Arith.	Inter. Algebra Adv. Algebra Bookkeeping II	Trigonometry Bus. Law
1:15 P.M. French 2 years Spanish 2 years Merchandising II Home Economics I & II	1:15 P.M. Biology Chemistry Earth Science Physics Comb. Short, Type & Transcription	1:15 P.M. French 3 years Spanish 3 years All Art	1:15 P.M. NONE



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