

BIRMINGHAM HIGH

MAPLE MATTERS

By STEVE TAYLOR

Student Congress in Hot Debate

The Birmingham student congress House of Representatives was a busy place last Thursday when representatives of the school's homerooms began debate on the question of representatives for next year's congress. A majority decision was reached regarding the election of officers when it was decided that a slate of officers should be elected in the spring to serve throughout the next year.

It was on the question of home room representation that the argument arose. A majority was in favor of electing two representatives, one to serve one semester and the other the second semester. However, this change would be an amendment to the congressional constitution and as such requires a two-thirds vote of both houses. The vote was one short of the required majority. The matter of representatives, therefore, had to be left until the next meeting of congress.

Also on the congressional docket was the dance to be presented this Friday under the auspices of this body. The dance, May Fiesta, will feature a special Italian supper at 12:00 and a band from Wayne State university which specializes in dancing among the dance couples while playing. Admittance will be granted upon presentation of student activity tickets and the special supper will cost only \$1.

Scribblers club met Tuesday to discuss satirical writings and possible applicants for new membership. Also, some writings from the last meeting were read and discussed. All who would like to make application for membership in the club are urged to speak with their English teacher, or Mrs. Blunt or Miss Heysteck, Scribblers' advisors.

A good crowd was in attendance last Thursday and Friday nights to see the 1959 water ballet, Hans Christian Andersen, presented by the Birmingham high school Aquabelles. Many of the brothers and sisters of performers were enlisted as the children to whom Hans told his stories, and it was these kids

Barnum JHS Music Festival At B'ham High on May 2

By PATSY GORDON

On May 2, the solo and ensemble festival will be held at Birmingham high school. Students from Barnum's band and orchestra, as well as those from Derby, will perform, receiving criticisms and comments to help them in their playing. Outstanding judges in Michigan will be present to rate the students.

Among the ensembles to be included in the festival are a clarinet trio and a flute trio. Solos will be played by Patsy Gordon, Bill Ives, Bill Schoonmaker, John Fetti, Virginia Fleck, Dennis Baltzeron, and Dick McIntyre.

The eighth and ninth grade choirs went to Oxford, Michigan, on April 21, to participate in the county festival and received second division ratings. These groups will complete the year singing in the all-city festival in June.

The "Aqua-Rock, Barnum's water ballet production for this year, will be presented for the student body on May 6, at 4 p. m. Parents may see the show at 8 o'clock on May 7 and 8. Included in the acts will be solo and group numbers, including the Charleston.

Mrs. Freiwald and Mr. Scharchburg have had student teachers from Mt. Morris, Michigan, Mrs. since April 6. Mrs. Freiwald's student teacher, Miss Betty Flood, is from Mt. Morris, Michigan. Mrs. Solmen, who is student teaching in Mr. Scharchburg's classes, lives in Lansing, but graduated from high school in Ironwood, Michigan. These teachers expect to stay until June 5.

Ninth-grade students received their scheduling manuals and are

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The annual World Affairs Seminar was held at Kingswood and Cranbrook on April 23 and 24. The topic was "Sub-Sahara Africa," and for weeks in advance the participating students had been reading on this subject.

Twenty-five seniors and fifteen juniors represented Kingswood at the seminar. These students were excused from classes for the two days of the seminar while they listened to lectures given by the guest speakers and discussed the topics of each speaker.

One half of the Kingswood participants went to Cranbrook for the seminar, and half of the participating Cranbrook students came to Kingswood. Both of these groups had the same schedules of lectures but on opposite days.

The lectures and discussions at Kingswood were held in the music room. The lectures were open to any girl with a free period who had maintained a certain average throughout the year. Thus a large part of the school was able to benefit from the seminar.

The speakers for the seminar were of many nationalities and held different viewpoints concerning the colonization and independence of the sub-Sahara territories.

M. Jan-Albert Goris represented the Belgian Congo, Miss Molly Imbach represented British Africa, M. Pierre Boyer represented French Africa, Mr. H. N. H. Seky represented Ghana, Miss Jean Quartermain, from Madagascar, represented the Afro-Asian viewpoint, Dr. Zake, a native of Uganda, represented East Africa, and Dr. James B. Christiansen, from Wayne University, represented the Union of South Africa. Beside speaking at the seminar, Miss Quartermain spoke in assembly on Friday, April 24.

Classes were interrupted Friday to send students back to homerooms where all lockers were searched. Although not officially known, it is believed that this was the result of another bomb scare. The bomb was not found, but teachers were dumfounded at the contents of lockers, some of which resembled the bargain basement at Macy's.

In a physical fitness tournament held recently at a Royal Oak high school, Birmingham placed first in both the senior and junior divisions. Some of the stunts involved were chin-ups, push-ups, sit-ups, and basketball free throw shooting.

planning their course of study for the next three years. The high school offers a wide selection of courses and it requires much thought for the students and their parents to plan a course of study.

On Friday, Apr. 24, Barnum's "Teen-Vue" talent show was held in the gymnasium. This consisted of about fifteen acts chosen from two student assemblies. The students worked hard to prepare this program and a good show was presented.

When the conductor of a famous passenger train made his funeral run after 42 years of railroading, four sons made up the crew — engineer, fireman, brakeman, flagman — and two other sons, both railroad men, went along as passengers.

The Soviet Union is developing "under-water satellites," nuclear-powered submarines that can circle the globe without surfacing.

which included all of the seminar faculty.

Last week the seniors publicized their dance, which was on Saturday evening, April 25, from 8 to 11 o'clock. The publicity committee, headed by Val Armstrong, put on skits during lunch and encouraged everyone to buy tickets, which were managed by Karen Gilray.

Linda Horace and her committee decorated the Kingswood auditorium and dining room around the theme of the dance "Shangri-la." Besides having Japanese lanterns and other oriental decorations, a platform surrounded with plants led from the auditorium to the dining room, where refreshments were served.

Mary Henrick and her committee were in charge of the records that provided the music. The chaperones for the dance were Miss M. Goodale, Miss J. Waldo, Miss N. Kassarow, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis from Cranbrook.

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Student Congress Marks 25th Year

By ANN BUCHANAN Special Writer

A banquet at the Rotunda Inn, May 12, will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Birmingham high school Student Congress.

Forty former presidents have been invited, in addition to all of this year's members of the congress.

Many of the former presidents have moved away and will be unable to attend, but several have

accepted. In the invitational letters they were asked to be prepared to speak on several of their experiences in congress.

MRS. DARLING says this should prove interesting. Many of them had unforgettable experiences.

Also included on the guest list are Miss Emily Walker, founder; Dr. and Mrs. Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Darling, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Berndt, Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich, Miss Allen, Mrs. Hartwick and Miss McGiffin.

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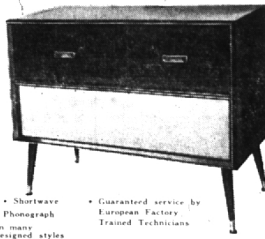
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