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Comedy Operetta "Mikado" to be Presented February 26 - 27 By Choir and Dramatic Students of Lincoln High School



Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful and humorous "Mikado," has been selected for the all-school operetta to be presented February 26 and 27. The Japanese musical comedy under the direction of Mr. Cleworth takes place near the Lord High Executioner of Titipus' official residence.

Before the action of the operetta begins, Nanki-Poo has fled from the court of his father, the Mikado of Japan, to escape marriage with an elderly lady named Katisha. Assuming the disguise of a musician, he has fallen in love with a fair maiden, Yum-Yum; but he has been prevented from marrying her by her guardian, Ko-Ko, who wishes to marry her himself. Ko-Ko, however, has been condemned to death for flirting; and when Act I opens, Nanki-Poo is hastening to the court of Ko-Ko in Titipus to find out whether Yum-Yum is now free to marry him.

From Pooh-Bah (a corrupt and proud public official) and Pish-Tush (a nobleman), Nanki-Poo learns that Ko-Ko has, instead, become Lord High Executioner, thus preventing the sentence of decapitation from being carried out. Ko-Ko is, in fact, going to marry Yum-Yum that very afternoon. Everything seems to be going well for Ko-Ko, but suddenly a letter comes

from the Mikado ordering him to execute somebody or else lose his position of Lord High Executioner. He is in a quandry to find someone to execute, when Nanki-Poo appears, bent upon suicide because he cannot marry Yum-Yum. By conceding to him the right to marry Yum-Yum for a month, Ko-Ko persuaded Nanki-Poo to be the subject for the public execution when the month is up.

There is general rejoicing in this apparent solution to the problem, marred only by the unexpected appearance of Katisha, in quest of the vanished object of her affections, Nanki-Poo. She is driven away but threatened to go to the Mikado about the matter. Will Katisha be successful in winning back Nanki-Poo? Will Nanki-Poo die? What happens to Ko-Ko? Will the pending marriage take place? What will the Mikado do about the problem? These are only a few of the many questions which are answered in the second act.

Auditions were held and the leading characters were chosen: The Mikado of Japan, Barry Honstein; Nanki-Poo, Gene James; Ko-Ko, Dave Kauffman; Pooh-Bah, Merle Owens; Pish-Tush, Sam Chell; Nobleman, Jim Schneider; Yum-Yum, Dixie West; Pitti-Sing,

Janean Schade; Peep-Bo, Mary Anne Schnabel; Katisha, LaVonne Loomans. The choir will provide the chorus of school girls, nobles, guards and coolies.

Many individuals and organizations are giving their time and efforts to help make the "Mikado" a success. Mr. Liska and members of the orchestra conduct special rehearsals every Monday evening. Mrs. Timm is again directing the production. The art classes aided by Mr. Seyfert are designing the scenery. Tickets, posters, and programs are being printed by Mr. Schaffenberger and the printing classes. Mr. Wedell and the wood-working classes are making special props. Miss Fuller is contributing her ideas on costumes. And, of course, the choir practices during sixth hour and during special evening rehearsals.

Haven't I Seen You Someplace Before?

Lincoln High has two new students to welcome for second semester. Sandra Goulart, a sophomore, hails from Danille, California, while Sharon Peterson comes from Verona, Wisconsin. Sharon is a freshman. A hearty "Hello" to both of you.

Rapids Teams Local "Teens for Polio"

To help fight polio, teen-agers in Wisconsin have formed "Teens Against Polio." This organization is run on a state-wide basis. The chairmen are chosen from the representatives that attend Badger Boys' State. This year John Ristow is the city-wide chairman and Lee Husting, the chairman from Lincoln.

The Blue Crutch sale was the first big project for the teens in the Rapids. Held Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19, Lincoln students sold on Friday, and Assumption students on Saturday. Three hundred thirty-three dollars was collected with Lincoln students collecting two hundred seventy dollars of that amount.

Other sales conducted by the Teens included a candy sale held January 15 during the noon hour and peanut sales at Stunt Night, January 26 and 27. Plans are also made for the sale of peanuts in the downtown area sometime in the near future.

Last year the teens in Wisconsin contributed \$37,000.00 It is expected that the figure will be even higher this year.

19 Students Reach 1st Semester Honor Roll

To be on the "Honor Roll," students must have a grade of 93 or above in all academic subjects. The students who reach this achievement are the one's who gain personal recognition and also make a good showing for our school.

The "Honor Students" last semester were as follows: Seniors: Jerome Blum, Lloyd Chambers, Genevieve Henke, Linda Kortkamp, Jean Morzinski, and Judy Palmer. Juniors: James Fey, Julie Manley, and Nancy Natwick.

In the Sophomore Class: David Auclair, Glenda Boyer, Jim Cummings, Paul Murgatroyd, Dan Smith, and Barbara Jinsky.

Freshmen: Sandy Hanson, Allen Jensen, Vernon Lowell and Larry Perrodin.

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★ ALERT! ALL PATRIOTS! ★

February is the month we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. They are undoubtedly America's most famous twins.

Only in America could the story of Lincoln, a poor, homespun lawyer, who became president of the United States, ever be known. Still he is paired with Washington, the wealthy aristocrat of Virginia, who also was president. However, these two seemingly different men had one common love — their country. Both led her in war to preserve her freedom and keep her strong.

It is this freedom and strength which we must strive to preserve. Many Americans do not appreciate them and do not realize the great struggle that was necessary to achieve them.

Let's all be better Americans, understanding our government and respecting our flag. It is our privilege to carry on our great forefathers' work.

— M. A. E.

Pro on Going Steady

by Vern Monson

Members of Lincoln Lights have asked me to write my views on going steady. I will tell you why I believe going steady is a good arrangement.

Going steady helps two persons to get to know and understand each other better.

As many adults believe, going steady is not necessarily a step which leads to marriage. Although going steady sometimes leads to marriage, this is not the case in most of these arrangements.

If two persons enjoy each others' company, it is just natural that they should have an arrangement for seeing each other regularly.

After a someone has been out with a few other persons of the opposite sex, he usually picks out the one with whom he gets along with best and goes steady. I think that this helps a person prepare to settle down in later life with a life-time mate.

Also going steady assures you of a date at all important activities, such as formals.

For a couple with mutual interests this arrangement is ideal. They can go places and enjoy the same things. They can also talk intelligently to each other about their interests.

I think that going steady is a wonderful arrangement!

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At a meeting of the Math Club on January 29th, the members learned how to play chess. Linda Kortkamp instructed them.

The Student Council is planning a circus to be held during Lent. Plans are in the making for a 4-way plan in which the Student Council's of the High Schools' in the surrounding area will work together. There will be dances after the next two home games.

Con on Going Steady

by Sandy Zielinski

The best reason for not going steady is that you limit your attention to one person. When you go steady you can't go out with other guys or gals who might be just as much fun and attractive as your steady.

When Christmas time and birthdays roll around, there's always the problem of buying a present for your steady. If you're low on funds this might really be a problem, but is you're free and unattached you have nothing to worry about.

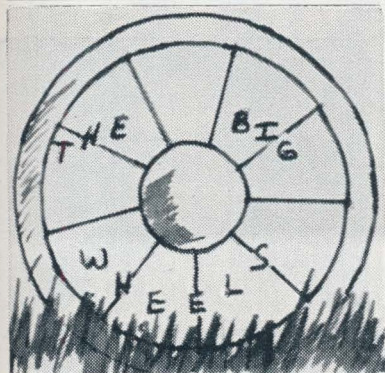
You lose your independence by going steady. If you want to go hunting or some other place with the guys, your steady might get mad because she expects you to spend your time with her. This could also work vice-versa. You would like to go somewhere with the girls but your steady wants you to go out with him. If you don't go with him, he feels he's being mistreated and might do something drastic. If you are not going steady, you can go where you want with whom you want.

Going steady is something a person should take seriously. It shouldn't be thought of as a game. When you go steady you must be mature enough to realize that steady means STEADY, and not part time. I don't think that we teenagers are mature enough to accept this responsibility.

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Gamma Sigma is working on a radio program which will be presented on February 23. They also are making arrangements for the music tournament auditions.

The Art Club is making posters for the night one acts. After this is completed they will begin on the sets for the Operetta.



Put on your thinking caps and see if you can match these seniors with their descriptions:

1. This one's really easy. A very athletic boy who's one of our number one basketball players and also did an outstanding job in football. He is of medium height and has a brown crew cut.

2. This girl has long, brown hair. She plays first trombone in our band and also plays for our pep meetings. She attended Girls' State last summer and is an active member of the debate team.

3. This girl has short, medium blond hair and blue-gray eyes. She is the news editor of Lincoln Lights.

4. Here is another boy who is active in athletics. He earned a letter in football and is also a good wrestler. He goes with a cute little girl named Anne.

5. Cheerleading is this girl's favorite activity. She is also a member of Pep Club.

6. This is a football player and a good wrestler. He goes with a certain Shelia from Marshfield.

7. This girl is of medium height with blond hair. She plays clarinet in the band.

8. He has a "41" Ford minus a heater.

9. She plays the character of Pitti-Sing in the operetta.

10. This boy seems to have an "Echo" in his brain. He's short, with a dark crew cut, and plays a terrific game of basketball.

- a. Gene Miller
- b. Susan Cepress
- c. Skip Wilson
- d. Alice Riemer
- e. Linda Kortkamp
- f. David Bean
- g. Darrell Bassuener
- h. Janean Schade
- i. Sam Sampson
- j. Lyn Manley

ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR

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The Future Business Leaders of America are now busy puanning the activities for FBLA day. The state convention for April 4th and 5th is also being discussed.

WISE WHY'S

This week we've decided to tell you all about some strange things that have been happening to our students.

Wait until you hear about what happened to Sue Neitzel. One night she and Dick were out and her age became a problem. Since Sue is only 17, and the curfew covers everyone under 18, Dick had to get her home immediately when a friendly policeman politely asked for her age.

Sue Cepress needs more driving instructions, we're afraid. While backing out of the driveway, she ran into the car across the street — watch it, Sue!

Mary Hesterman has been receiving letters, unsigned! Say, has Darla been pulling one of her tricks again?

Velda Eggen has decided to get quite serious. Wayne came home and everything seems to be just "peachy."

Sandy, Maggie, Peggy, Margaret, and Karen took Darla's little car and went riding. Need I say more? For this trip, just let your imagination run wild.

Want to hear about the party that Bonnie Bassuener had? Well, it all started off when she tried to teach Jim how to dance. Sandy Anderson and Sherry McNamee started to play ping-pong and Sandy got so excited when Sherry made a point that she knocked the ping-pong table right over. Alan and Tim neatly folded the table up and that's all the ping-pong there was for that night.

This one will really stun you! Karen Solie was shaking rugs and couldn't get the window open, so she gave it a gentle kick with her foot. She missed the side of the window, and put her foot right thru the glass. Nice work, Karen.

Louise Hayward has been doing the same thing that Karen has, only uses doors instead. Louise, why don't you watch where you're going?

Char Stolp has a new conquest. The girls in choir have heard the life story of someone by the name of "Kenny."

Gene Miller is finding new excuses to go see Anne McNamee — dancing. It seems to me that she taught him how to dance last year for the prom. I guess this is a refresher course.

Jim Benbow comes into 311 every noon. It's not that he likes English, but Mary comes in about 12:15 or so. With Claudia Koonz

studying her Chemistry, and Mary Schnabel putting everyone in stitches, 311 is quite a place.

Sally Nash has been staying at her Aunt Jean's, which is a full time occupation (quoted from an authority on the subject).

Lee Hustung and Karen Searles — now, that's a new combination. Sounds very interesting, doesn't it? I hope it doesn't interrupt Lee's chemistry work! Duke wouldn't like that at all.

I hope I haven't missed any interesting news. People make very outstanding topics to write about, don't they? If there's anything I have missed, let me know, won't you?

Karen Searles Wins D.A.R. Citizen Award

This year's D.A.R. award, given by the Daughters of the American Revolution, has been won by Karen Searles. Karen was elected by the senior girls after being chosen as one of the three finalist by the faculty. The other two candidates were Linda Kortkamp and Alice Riemer.

They were chosen on the basis of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Truthfulness, courtesy, were also considered.

Karen and her mother will be honored at a colonial tea in February 13 along with the other local area winners. At this time, she will be awarded the D.A.R. pin.

The other seven girls nominated by the faculty were Judy Palmer, Lucille Droste, Jean Morzinski, Sally Nash, Sherry McNamee, Genevieve Henke, and Jane Applebee.

Debaters Outscore Five Rivals at Point

The District Debate Tournament was held February 2 at Stevens Point. The 90% Partiy Farm Problem was the subject debated.

The Lincoln High team won from Antigo, Marshfield, Merrill, Stevens Point, and Waupaca; they lost one match to Rhinelander, but still tied for first with Wausau.

The Lincoln High team has qualified to go to the Regional meet at Stevens Point on February 16.

On the affirmative team for Rapids are Peter Markworth, John Kingdon, and the negative team are Glenda Boyer and Linda Kortkamp. The alternate is Bob Bialozier. Mr. Spees is the advisor.

Cupid's Corner

by Joanie Krapfel

This is the story of a teen-age boy looking at Valentines for some-one very "special!"

Mmmm — this valentine sounds pretty good — 'I'd climb the highest mountain, or crawl to Timbuctoo, or swim the widest channel to get away from you.' Oh heck, why did it HAVE to turn out like that? Why couldn't the last line have said, 'That's how much I think of you!'

Maybe this one will be better . . . 'If you

Need some time to think

Send me back this bow of pink

If you think you think you might

Send me back this bow of white,

If there's someone else instead —

Send me back this bow of red

If you feel the way I do —

Send me back this bow of blue.'

Oh good gravy! That would never do. What if she sent me back the red one?

'From a secret pal.' No, I don't want anything like that. Heck! If I'm going to spend ten cents for a card, plus three cents for a stamp, I might as well sign my name.

What's this . . . Let's fall for each other — — you fall first. I couldn't send her that one because I've already fallen for HER.

Boy, what a doll on this card — What hair, what style, what form, what grace — you must be from outer space.' Gee, she'd hate me for that! All the creatures I've seen in science fiction movies look horrible.

'To my sweet wife' That's out . . . You make my heart go pat, when you are near me, you big BRAT, now, if she were my sister, I'd send her that one.'

What can I do? This is terrible. Here's one . . . oh, this is perfect — I'll send it to her right away. I spent ten cents to send this card, Plus a lot of time,

So if you're not my valentine — You owe me a dime!

The Swing-Shifters are busy training "would-be" members for next year. On Saturday, February 7, the members will enjoy a meal at the Sky Club. They will play for the dances after the next two home games.

The Chemistry Club is planning for a speaker on bacteriology. The Junior Academy of Science is working on its projects; the girls on cosmetics and pink pills for pale people.

CLASSIC CAMPUS CARS

by John Leuenberger

Everybody's dream steamer, including mine, is Bob Clark's 1956 Plymouth Fiery. Bob, a likeable sophomore, received the car direct from Detroit last May. Just to prove that you don't get soft riding in such a car, Bob played first string guard on the football team.

The Fiery is finished in Mother Nature's favorite color, eggshell white, with gold aluminum sweeps on the sides. It's Plymouth's luxury top performance car.

Feasting your glams on the fast clean swept lines gives you the impression that the Fiery isn't a snail on the road. Concerning ability is also better than the regular car.



The interior scheme is real comfy too, the colors being gold, biege, and black, with the right amount of chrome being mixed in. With the pushbutton transmission and the radio playing Strauss or Presley, whichever Bob likes best, life is made easy.

Under the smooth hood rests a mill that whips 249 horsepower out the dual exhausts. Bob claims that the car runs better than new, now. (That's because he's a regular oil changer)!

In the performance field, the white steed should knock off about 120 per, with the engine turning 5,400 rpm's.

So the next time you are riding your bike, and Bob wants to drag — DON'T DO IT!

Wausau Tops Bees

In an official dominated game at Wausau, the Red Raiders Bees dropped their second game of the season.

Gym Gems

by Pauline Bengert

If you're wandering thru the gym some day after school, you will see the girls playing a hard game of basketball. This year the team names are: St. Louis, Rochester, Boston, Minneapolis, and Syracuse. Real cosmopolitan, huh? St. Louis is ahead, but the other teams are playing good ball. Some of the girls who are doing a good job of swishing the nets are Myrna Thompson, Glenda Boyer, Anne Perry, and Betty Reinicke.

After school there usually is stiff competition at the ping-pong tables. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, are the nights for ping-pong.

This year two delegates from our school will be selected to go to a Girls' Athletic Association Leadership Training Camp. The girls must be of either sophomore or junior level. The camp is called "Woodcraft Camp," and will be held at Wautoma, Wisconsin. Selection of girls is on the basis of understanding of girls, ability, experience, warm friendliness, and she must be an outstanding leader. Delegates will be chosen at a future date.

Eau Claire Beats Bees

Coach Dale Rheel's team lost their first game of the season to the Eau Claire Old Abes, Friday night, January 19, at Eau Claire by a score of 60-37.

The Old Abes grabbed a 15-10 lead over the Raiders at the end of the first quarter despite four points by Bill Brenner, and three by Ray Morse.

Eau Claire lead by 11 points at the midway mark, 29-18. The Bees could pick up only 8 points in the second quarter, four each by Brenner and Knuteson.

The Old Abes connected on their first six shots in the third quarter and easily overcame Brenner's six points, and Morse's four for the Raiders in that period to build up a 47-28 lead.

The Raiders pressed throughout the fourth quarter, but Eau Claire still managed to widen the gap by four more points and win by 23 points, 60-37.

The Rapids Bees were paced by Brenner's 18 points and Morse's seven.

ANSWERS . . .

1-i; 2-e; 3-d; 4-a; 5-j; 6-g; 7-b; 8-f; 9-h; 10-c.

Local Scrappers Tally 32-6 in Battle at Point

The Lincoln High wrestlers defeated the Stevens Point team at the fieldhouse on Wednesday evening, January 23, by a score of 32-6.

Coach Ken Hurlbut said his team worked hard for the match and deserved much praise.

Four of the Raiders scored pins, with Bill Winch, Jim Nichols, Lee Husting, and Ron Verjinski accounting for the five pointers. Wallace Jackson, Charlie Wittenberg, Allen Bassuener, and Darrell Bassuener scored decisions.

Darrell Bassuener handed Ed Alderman his first defeat of the season in the 165 pound division.

Unbeaten Kip Pagel edged out Lanny Anderson and undefeated Roy Hickey beat Murray Hostetter in the 155 and 180 pound divisions, respectively. It was Point's only victories of the night.

Raiders Cinch Title; Beat Merrill 77-56

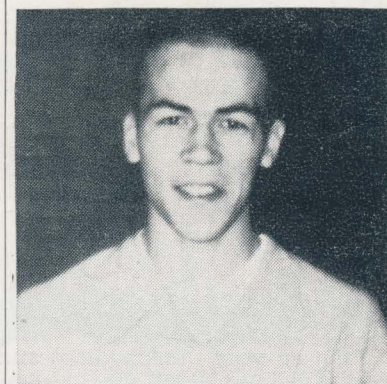
The Red Raiders cinched at least a tie for the valley championship by beating Merrill 77-56. They have to win only one more to take undisputed first place.

High man for the game was the league leading scorer Don Baecher with 21 points. He played the whole game, while Sam Sampson played until the first minute and a half of the fourth quarter and he ended with 19 digits.

At the end of the first quarter the score was tied at 19 all. The Red Raiders held Merrill to a single fieldgoal in the second quarter and lead at half time 35-21. The Raiders were even sharper in the third period by scoring 24 points to Merrill's 16. The score at the end of this period was 59-37.

With six and a half minutes remaining, Tim Lattimer, John Leuenberger, Ken Hill, Farney Bouton, and Ron Anderson played Merrill on even terms. Leuenberger and Hill scored 4 points each; Metcalf had 16, Fey 10, Turner 12, and Wilson 8.

Members of *The Geography Club* enjoyed a sleigh ride during Christmas vacation. They held a meeting on February 7, 1957.



Player of the Week

by Ken Hill

Your reporter picked a standout senior guard, namely, livewire Dare "Skip" Wilson, to blast off this new column in high style.

Being only five feet, six inches tall, and weighing one-hundred twenty-four pounds, Skip proves there is still room for the little guy in basketball. Using his speed, faking, and uncanny layup to advantage, Skip has made many a player stand wide-eyed as the shot swishes the net. But the thing that makes Skip a standout is his pep. Maybe one certain cheerleader yelling a little extra hard for him gives him the needed boost.

Skip claims that Eau Claire is the best team the Rapids has played.

Skip scored 21 points against La Crosse, his high for a single game this season, in leading Rapids to victory.

So hats off to fightin' "Skip" Wilson, the little giant of the Raiders.

Jacks Stop Raiders

The Wausau Lumberjacks beat Rapids Raiders 84 to 64 in a game played at Wausau, Thursday, January 31.

Making half of their shots and taking advantage of the Raider's numerous mistakes, Wausau walked off with an easy win.

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