

School Activities



The Executive Committee

THE executive committee of the Associated Students is composed of the president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and custodian elected by the student body at large, the auditor, appointed from the faculty by the principal, and one representative from each class. To these nine people are entrusted all student activities. Upon them rests the responsibility of handling student funds, of transacting the business of the student body in such a way as to bring most credit to Stockton High School.

All is not plain sailing, for with the large expense connected with athletics it is very necessary to make each dollar count. It is sometimes rather hard to convince a football manager that the baseball team is entitled to as much consideration as the particular team that he represents. This year such difficulties have been smoothed over very satisfactorily.

In the matter of granting the Black S to members of the winning teams, the executive committee must exercise considerable discretion. The committee this year has very wisely set the standard of the S on a high plane. It should be considered an honor to be able to wear a letter, but if the winning of the S were too easy all honor would be stripped from the symbol.

The several members of the committee this year have done excellent work. President Grunsky has put all his energy into the work but has been handicapped by illness. During his absence his place was most efficiently filled by Dorothy Woodruff, vice president. Cyrus Hickinbotham, secretary-treasurer, has been on the alert all the time, but it has been rather a hard matter to convince him that it was necessary to spend money. However, through Cy's reluctance to spend money foolishly, the committee has been able to provide all necessary material for the teams. Mr. Ellis, faculty representative of the committee, helped keep expenses down, and assisted monumentally in the execution of all duties of the members toward the entire school. To him the committee believe they owe a great deal, as he steered them through the rocky shoals with the hands of a skilled pilot. The custodian, Harold Vogelsang, has been the first to take his task seriously. As a result the material of the various teams is accounted for and will be used by the teams next year. The several class representatives, Clarence Buthenuth, Harold Gravem, Rex Parker and Jack Raggio, have given their earnest assistance to the officers of the Associated Students.

The executive committee, as well as the athletic teams, may bring credit or discredit upon Stockton High School. The members must take their duties seriously and the attempt should be made by the students to pick the strongest men possible. The committee must select the managers for the various teams, a position whose importance is second to none on the team, not even excepting the captain.

The students at large should feel that the committee is their instrument for doing the work of the school. Support should be whole-hearted when the committee is making an honest effort; condemnation should be sharp, if the committee shirks. The committee should reflect the attitude of the student body at large.

—W. F. Ellis Jr., '14.

—C. Grunsky, '14.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Grunsky.
Vogelsang.
Harold Gravem.

D. Woodruff.
W. F. Ellis.
Rex Parker.

Hickinbotham.
Clarence Buthenuth.
Jack Raggio.

:: The Student Control Committee ::



THE Student Control Committee has been called upon only twice this year to give judgment in student body cases.

There seems to have been some misunderstanding among the pupils as to the reason for this seeming laxity. It might be well to state in defense of any unjust criticism that out of offences that numbered less than ten the majority were very successfully handled by the office, and it was not found necessary to go through the inevitable "red tape" that always confronts a student upon having to face the student control committee.

Carroll Grunsky very efficiently presided over the few meetings that were held. Other members of the student control committee for the year 1913-1914 were Dorothy Woodruff, vice president; Ruth Eccleston and Howard Pease, representatives of the Senior class; June Young and Buteau Lundy from the Junior class; Ila Tretheway and Wallace Hewitt from the Sophomore class, and Alice Doolittle and Edison Holt from that of the Freshmen.

Under the new amendment to the constitution of the school which provides that the president of the student body appoint four boys at large and that the vice president appoint four girls at large, it is expected that a 100 per cent efficient student control committee will be developed.

—D. Y. J., '15.



STUDENT CONTROL.

Ruth Eccleston.

Alice Doolittle.

Wallace Hewitt.

Carroll Grunsky.

Ila Tretheway.

Buteau Lundy.

Howard Pease.

June Young.

Edison Holt.

:: The Year's Debating Activities ::

PERHAPS no other school activity has had such unbounded success this year as has debating. When the present set of officers entered upon their duties last September, debating was a dead issue. But we had gone into office with a determination to do, to bring the Stockton High School Debating Society up to the highest level possible, and to arouse a new and unlimited interest in debating. How well we have succeeded must be left with you to decide.

The first step taken was to increase the membership in the Society. After this step had been carried to a most successful termination, schedules of debates were arranged. These were posted in conspicuous places so that the contestants would have ample time to prepare themselves. Then every two weeks, of a quality unheard of before in the history of the S. H. S., debates were held. The attendance increased at each debate, showing that the students had at last awakened to the unlimited possibilities in debating work and were evidencing a keen interest in the same. Students voluntarily petitioned for membership. The climax came, however, at our first mock debate, when we had the unheard of attendance of between 350 and 400 pupils and others. We were forced to vacate our regular room and adjourn to the large study hall.

Besides these splendid debates, excellent addresses were given the students under the auspices of the Debating Society, on subjects kindred to debating. The speakers included a prominent local attorney, a member of the State Legislature, a prominent editor and an extensive traveler.

The crowning event in this year's debating circles, however, was the admittance of our Society into the Debating League of California. Truly, this breaks the chains that have bound us down to a local existence, and opens to us a field previously unknown, one unlimited in its possibilities. A full account of this triumph appears elsewhere in this issue. Read it!

Before concluding this article, I wish to thank on behalf of the Society, and personally, those instructors who have given their time and energy toward a bigger and better Debating Society. Much of our success is due to their untiring efforts.

To all students of the school I wish to say: If you are awake to your best opportunities and interests, join and take an active part in the S. H. S. D. S., The chance is being given you to gain an accomplishment which can be gained in no other way and at no other time. "Do not put off until tomorrow that which may be done today."

The newly elected officers for the year 1914-15 are Harry Mazzara, president; Josephine Williams, vice president; Scott Hyde, secretary-treasurer and Milton Kingsbury, sergeant-at-arms. Give them your support. And now to these officers we can only say:

GOOD LUCK! MAY SUCCESS UNLIMITED BE YOURS TO DEFEND THE HONOR AND REPUTATION OF THE STOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL AND ITS DEBATING SOCIETY.

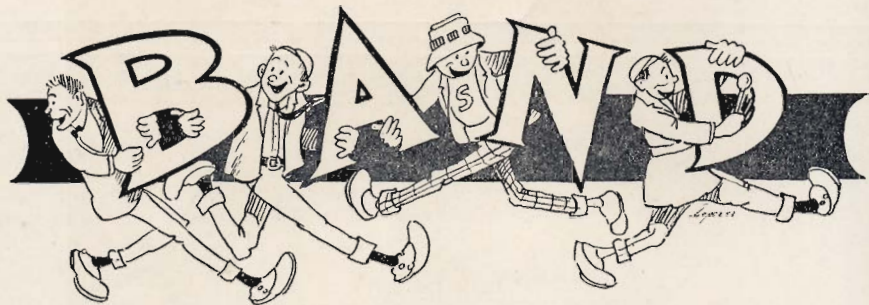
—Emil Gumpert, '14.



DEBATING CLUB OFFICERS.

Pres., Emil Gumpert.
Sec.-Treas., C. Buthenuth,

V. P., Dorothy Travis.
Ser.-at-A., H. Rohrbacher.



AS I have said elsewhere, our young "renaissance" of this year was a most fruitful one. We attained great heights in everything from football to debating, but the crowning achievement is the band. I, myself, have been faithful to S. H. S. for some four years—and then some—but never before this year have I seen the students go into such ecstasies over anything as they have over the band. There is no organization in the school at present so popular with the student body and surely none more worthy of praise.

Like most great things, it grew very slowly. It started up once, then flattened out, then started again, struggled along, rooted itself into the minds of the students, until it finally blossomed out to amazing size, and now commands the attention and interest of every student. Most of us like music and I am of the opinion that in the composition of a person who is absolutely devoid of any taste for music, there must have been some fearful mistake. There is not a doubt in the world that from now on and forever S. H. S. will have a band. There is no escape. The students have had a taste of it, and their mouths water for more.

By way of tribute I want to say that if Westbay, '15, never did another thing, he made himself eligible for the honor roll of S. H. S. by first formulating, and more than that, by first undertaking the work of organizing the band.

Equal honors will be shared with Kirkman, '14, and Sanderson, '15. These two boys kept the band under their wing, conducted practice and kept up the organization in general. The student body furnished the spirit for which we are justly proud. We are certain that the band has received a hearty support and that it will continue to receive it. Moreover, it has through concerts during advisory periods, proved itself a lucrative asset to the student body and it now has a snug little treasury of its own.



∴ Psalm of Life---Revised ∴

Say not to me in accents true,
Every girl can catch a beau,
For there's many who can't get 'em,
Though they hunt 'em high and low.

Real is the search, you bet, and earnest.
Matrimony is the prize.
Yet there's many who can't get there,
Though they're speedy, class—and wise.

Wives of men are all around us,
We could also look sublime,
If we only had a husband
Who would dress us up real fine.

Husbands, who when walking by us,
Along the busy street,
Make us envied by all others
Who must needs their search repeat.

In this world's grim field of battle
In its jealousy and strife,
By choice no one lives lonesome
In the single blessedness of life.

We must all be up and doing,
Looking, watching for a man,
And if one gets too near us,
Catch and rope him if we can.

H. McK., '14.