# ACTIVITIES



#### Former Grads Return for Frolic . . .

Something new in the way of dances was introduced this year by the Monitors' Club when they sponsored an ex-Byng-Grade Twelve dance in the auditorium, April 5, 1946.

Al Macmillan and his classy thirteen-piece band helped to make the shin-dig one of Byng's best.

Although the class of '45 was definitely in the majority, there were many ex-Byngites from 'way back who enjoyed getting together again with their old high school pals.

Although many of the crowd could hardly be classed as jive hounds, everyone enjoyed Al's hot stylings of "Dark Eyes" featuring Bob Hetherington's sm-o-o-th trombone, and "The Elks' Parade" featuring Ken Commons on drums.

### Skunk Hollow Skirts Seize Scared Swains...

Almost a tradition now, the Sadie Hawkins dance saw many "Skunk Hollowers" jive in the appropriate garb November 16, 1945.

Shirl Underhill, dragging Bill Pearson by one large red ear to the mike claimed their prizes of Flea Powder and Dog Soap from Em Cee "Abner" Vozza.

After cokes and cookies in the cafe, Jim Tate (and he really had cause to blush) announced to his startled on-lookers that he was going to take his annual bath. So with a tie dropping here and a shirt there, Jim was soon in his long-Johns. But to the amazement of the boys and the terror of the girls, Jim peeled off said long Johns to stand garbed only in his flesh—colored trunks. Along with his podner in crime, Lloyd Vaughn, who was standing by to scrub his back, he struck up "Singin' in the bathtub, singin' for joy—Hey, Joy, come on in, the water's fine." In short, the pair left the audience in tears of laughter.

Ac Evans and Les Gildemeester took the prizes for being the worst-dressed men, and Doreen Blythe captured the gals' position.

Di Whiting and her man were announced the cosiest couple, and were immediately padlocked together till 11:30 when the grand she-bang was over.

## Praise for Ice Party ... Despite Tired Torsos

Sponsored by the Students' Council, Byng's annual Ice Skating Party was held at the Forum, March 25.

Prizes were given to the "boy and girl who tried the hardest" and it was in this category that Mr. M. P. DesBrisay and Bev Harrison won some hard-earned prizes. Peggy Mac-Gregor and Dave Harstone later glided in to snap up the Spot Skate.

Lamenting only the shortness of the time, the party's supporters agreed that the affair was a success.





Quartette Croons at Senior Stomp...

Led by a barber shop quartette and M.C. Jack Lillico, the senior studes made with the feet at a Senior High dance on March 1.

Jim Tate, Lloyd Vaughn, Bill Bunt, and Len Fairey formed the quartette, and as the verses of their songs progressed, the more modest of the audience were reported to be blushing. However, Lillico came to the rescue and performed the Miracle of Pratt's Ear. This stunt was accomplished by pumping just gallons of milk from Mr. P.'s innocent and unbovine ears.

### Grads Go For Get-Together . . .

With the Grade Twelve Mixer held in the auditorium November 23, 1945, the Grads proved themselves a pretty lively lot.

Alf Vozza as Master of Ceremonies did the honours starting things with the ever-popular(?) Paul Jones.

Jack Lillico made with the magic on a number of subjects ranging from Mr. Retallack's neck to a gigantic pair of dice.

Doug MacKay and Do Palmer, looking awfully bashful in the spot-light, nabbed the prizes for the spot-dance while Stan Bamford and partner Shirley Johnson were presented with a toy pistol and some other toy gimmick.

Al Goldsmith, who deserves many thanks for his work on the P.A. system, cared for the platters as usual.

Sure was fun!

### Santa Visits Eight, Nine Mixer...

Complete with a Santa Claus, a Christmas play, and a Magician, the Grade Eight and Nine mixer, with Gordie Owens at the mike, was held on December 14.

Colleen Galegeigh and Roland Cooke were the winners of the first spot dance and were followed by winners Pat Kells and Jack Muir. Jackie Hume and Dick Pierce came out triumphant in the elimination dance. Joan Vickers and Dick Lyons won the hard-earned title of the "Best Jitterbugs of the Evening".

Highlight of the evening occurred with the sudden appearance of Santa and his reindeer. The part of Santa was played by Mr. M. P. DesBrisay who gave prizes to all the dance winners.

### **Grade Seven Hobos Have Hard Times**

Hobo costumes were the rule at the Grade Seven Hard Times Party held November 30.

Allan Robertson and Michael Peers shared the mike as M.C.'s, and started things rolling with a spot dance which was won by Shirley Chapman and Billy Boothman. The spot dance staged a repeat performance and this time the prizes went to Peggy Martel and Jack Neen. Margaret Campbell and Fred Pocock were the winners of the prizes for the "Worst Get-ups" amongst the weird assortment of slacks, tartan shirts, patched denims, and pyjama tops.