

Fuller Cowell Is School President



Ninth grade students Darcy Brodeur-Bunker, Fuller Cowell, and Ariel Leeper ran in the January school election for High School president, with Fuller Cowell (center) winning the seat.

By Karen Gould

A campaign for high school president that included speeches, issues, and voting was part of a learning project designed by Jessica Clark, who teaches government to 9th and 10th grade students. Fuller Cowell won the election.

"I would like to do this every year, or at least every year we're doing government class," said Mrs. Clark.

Government is taught at the school every other year.

Learning about the executive branch of government and the presidency for the 9th and 10th grade classes was a hands-on experience and included a meeting with Superintendent Jack Dehring, who addressed student issues.

Mrs. Clark began the project with a discussion of school issues and the things students would like to change. That led to the writing of campaign speeches, presentations, and a vote for the top three speeches. The winning speech writers became the candidates for high school president. In addition to Mr. Cowell, they were Darcy Brodeur-Bunker and Ariel Leeper.

The candidates selected their campaign teams, speeches were updated, posters produced, and presentations were made to students in eighth grade through 12th grade, who then voted.

A highlight of the class was when Mr. Dehring addressed the campaign issues, which included a longer lunch period, more variety in the curriculum, and picnic tables outside. He held his ground on the longer lunch proposal.

While a longer lunch would give students an opportunity to go to the bank or gas up their snowmobiles, he admitted, a trial period in the past proved that most students didn't have that much to do. More convincing was his reminder that a longer lunch period would extend the school day.

Students were happy to be offered a woodshop class this year and lobbied for it to be offered to younger students, too. Mr. Dehring explained that class variety is subject to teacher training and availability. He said he is working with Mrs. Clark, who teaches the class, to see if the fall schedule can accommodate eighth grade students.

Picnic lunch tables are always a good campaign issue, and students suggested the popular new woodshop class could make them. Mr. Dehring, experienced in politics, said the students could use some benches that already are outside, but suggested the president should discuss such matters with the school cook and janitor, since additional arrangements would need to be made for food and trash collection.

"This was a valuable experience for the students," said Mr. Dehring. "I feel it showed them that there are ways to get things done."

Mr. Cowell's responsibility as president will be to see that the issues continue to move forward to a conclusion, Mrs. Clark said.

"I think the election taught students about the amount of time, the number of people, and all the information it takes to reach the final stages of an election," said Mrs. Clark. "It's a group effort, not just the effort of one person."

Two Island Hotels Make Top 500

Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel and Hotel Iroquois on the Beach have been listed by travel magazines among the best hotels in the world.

Both made *Travel and Leisure* magazine's top 500 hotels and resorts list, Grand Hotel earning a rating of 81.70 out of 100 and Iroquois Hotel scoring 81.32.

Condé Nast Traveler magazine, which annually rates the top resorts and hotels around the world, named Hotel Iroquois to its 12th annual Gold List, rated from opinions of 28,000 sub-

scribers and more than 400 hours of interviewing people about establishments. It is the fourth time Hotel Iroquois has made the magazine's list; it was listed in 1997, 2000, and 2004. The hotel scored an overall rating of 83 out of 100. It was also given the "Top 100 Best in the World Readers' Choice Award" in 2004.

Hotel Iroquois, owned by the McIntire family since 1954, and Birmingham's Townsend Hotel, were the only two Michigan hotels recognized by *Condé Nast Traveler*.

Island Students Show Spirit

Mackinac Island Public School celebrated Spirit Week Monday, January 30, through Friday, February 3, in team fashion with students in grades eight through 12. Activities included a

dress-up day and identification of foods while blindfolded.

In a relay clue hunt, students had to determine a teacher's cellular telephone number and call the teacher

to win. The teams also had a relay in which they were given clues to decipher.

A dance was held following the Beaver Island basketball and volleyball games Friday, February 3.



Seniors Jason Pettit and Emily St. Onge were crowned king and queen during halftime at the basketball game against Beaver Island Friday, February 3. (Spirit Week photographs by Susan Bennett)



Dressing up as a food character was one of the Spirit Week activities. Miranda McMahon dressed as the Pillsbury Dough Boy and Shelbie Mosley was Mr. Peanut from Planter's Peanuts.



During Spirit Week, students performed karaoke style. Performing the song YMCA as the Village People musical group are (from left) Eric Cowell, Paul Fisher, Robert Chambers, and Jeff Roguska.

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