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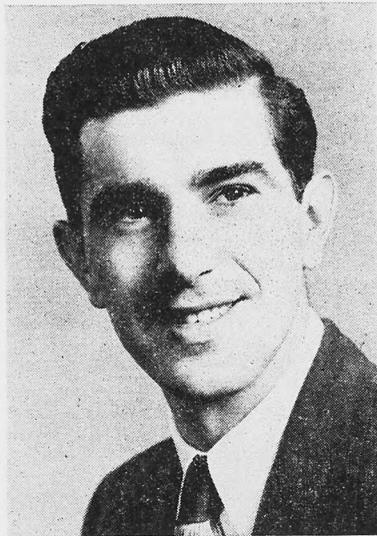
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## STUDENTS ELECT COUNCIL OFFICERS ON MONDAY

### *Who Is Your Choice?*



**ERNEST J. KASSAY**

Ernie, an excellent choice for nominee, is a man who can stand on his record. He attended Tonawanda High School at which he made a name for himself as an end on the football team. Answering his country's call, he joined the Navy in 1942 and served 33 months as a radarman first class. Upon being discharged from the service he joined the Air Guard. In 1946 he was employed by the Wurlitzer Company in Niagara Falls and later at Pirson Motor Parts. In '49 he passed his High School Equivalency Exam with an eye toward finishing what he had started in the Navy. He finally fulfilled his desire to continue in the field of electronics by entering the Electrical Technology course at BSTI. At the Institute he is a member of Tau Sigma, Treasurer of the Institute Technical Society and has been a steady on the Director's List. For further information you are referred to his beautiful wife.



**WILLARD J. BLACKLEDGE**

Will graduated in 1948 from Burdard Vocational High School and later was employed as a mechanic at the Trailmobile Company. His desire to enter to field of Metallurgy brought him to the Institute in 1950. At BSTI he has been on the Director's List and is an active member of the Newman Club. "Blackie," as he is affectionately known to his colleagues, is a member of the wrestling team and a man with a heart as big as his 208-pound hulk. As for being a plugger, ask any of his co-workers on the BTI News Staff. His ability to cope with large scale projects was ably brought out in last year's Moving Up Day Parade, in which Will had much to do with the planning. Soon he will also manifest his great virtues of mercy and kindness as Pledgemaster of K. S. K.

### *Get Acquainted Picnic*

A get acquainted picnic for all junior girls was held on Wednesday, October 3, 1951, sponsored by Lambda Chi Iota and Alpha Chi Omicron. There were fifty girls who attended this fun-fested outing. All present participated in the games. A marshmallow roast was carried on while camp-fire singing was in progress. The picnic ended about 6:30 with everyone tired but happy.

### Other Candidates Prepare Platforms

Autumn is usually thought of in terms of leaves turning livid colors, falling from their respective trees only to be blown along by a big wind and scattered here, there, and everywhere. Among big winds soon to gust are a few seniors that should be of particular interest to everyone in this institute. Now then, while caterpillars comfort themselves in soundproof cocoons outside these hallowed walls, aspirants for the student council are busily concocting speeches, laying the groundwork, and mapping strategy for a real, rootin', tootin' political race on the inside. This paper assures you that before this election is history some of us will gladly trade places with the future butterflies.

Democracy simply defined is: government of, for, and by the people; and while we are in this school the student council, and countless others to come, will follow these key thoughts in their elections, execution of council duties, and purposeful opinion. Theirs is the duty to perform for the people that put them in their positions . . . let them not forget it.

Among those, that shall not forget if elected, is John Zilliox, contesting Walter Germack, of the office of Vice-President. In all of his twenty-two years, so observant friends relate, John has been a constant go-getter. This seems to be backed up by the list of impressive clubs, fraternities, and other organizations that "little dynamic" has been president, or an officer, of.

John, along with his presidential running mate, "Blackie" Blackledge are ringing the gong for what they think is more than a progressive platform. They think that the school spirit is there, but it is too dormant, and the only way you're going to liven it up is to make the students appreciate our institution. There are different methods of doing this, both running mates point out, but the best method is through sports in which everyone has an interest. Other ways are through rallies that would bring out some of the history of the school and what it stands for. Rolled up in these festive occasions would be dances, community-like get togethers, and other chances to bring out the individuality of the institute.

The ideals of these running mates is stuck on school spirit and any other way to bring the school out into its true light, and not just an old automobile factory as it is recognized now. They would like to have more of a school interest in SISGA, or the "Institute Student Government Association" that comprises the representation of 11 like institutes. In this way there is a mingling of ideas and proven plans by the different schools and progress is made through a united effort, communication, and counsel.

"There is our platform," Blackledge pointed out, "and I don't think the other side can beat it."

Contesting the above for the office of Vice-President is Walt Germack from Olean, N. Y., President of the Intra Fraternity Council and running mate of Presidential nominee Mr. Kassay. They have this platform as their cause. If they are elected they are going to see that Institute receives an education toward assuming a more mature school spirit. "We would like to see the institute assume more of the University outlook," pointed out the candidate, "and not just in a few things, but socially and educationally." Both candidates are for correction of some of the outstanding lackings of the school such as a real gym, and of course, school spirit. The lack of these are the great reasons why there is such an apparent lack of cooperation and general interest on the larger portion of the student body.

Walt is the Social Chairman of the Phi Theta Gamma Fraternity. During school hours he amazes his instructors in Building Construction. Like his opposition he thinks that he can do more than a good job if he and his running mate are elected.

Running for Secretary is Johanne Hamilton from Foods Administration. A graduate of Bennett High, Johanne is very active in school activities. Her opponent is Carol Cooper, a promising candidate from Dental Hygiene. Carol is a graduate of Attica High School. Mechanical Technology's contribution as candidate for Treasurer is Donald Pietok. Don hails from North Tonawanda High. Also running for the office of Treasurer is Richard Nitschie, a graduate of Olean High. Dick is studying Industrial Chemistry.

### *Coming Soon!!!*

#### **THIRD ANNUAL NEWMAN CLUB FALL DANCE**

OCT. 26th — 9 o'clock  
*Watch Your Bulletin Board*