

John Hill leads WL executive

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Each September, the educational process gears itself down for a new academic year. Each September, students across the continent curse the end of the summer and then return to school.

Each September, thousands of educational institutions begin or renew their extra-curricular calendars. And each September, the Niagara Falls Review invites area high schools to submit a weekly column to the Current Scene.

And so, I'm back.

Last year, Westlane was quite successful in its ventures. Much of the credit for this must go to Tom Woodward, the president of the student council, 1971-72. Tom, however, did not return to Westlane, and, without him, there was some apprehension regarding our future.

I am pleased to be able to say that any such apprehensions seem now to have been unfounded. The 1972-73 council will be a very productive one. On September 12, they held orientation assemblies, period one for the juniors, and period two for the three higher grades.

At these assemblies, the five executives were introduced, and each spoke briefly. Their speeches were all very good, stressing the fact that no matter how well they did their jobs, success would boil down to the support of the student body.

John Hill is our president this year. Last year, as vice-president, I felt he was too much in Tom Woodward's shadow. Now that he has shouldered the responsibility of his new job, however, he has come into his own as a capable man.

Although the other executives never stop kidding him about "taking over", there is never really any question as to who is in charge.

Ron Kronstein is the vice-president

on the council. If anybody is the "life of the party" at the executive meetings, it's Ron. Although John will get much of the credit (or blame!) this year, a lot of ideas will have come from Ron, who never refuses to do the Joe-Jobs. He can always crack a joke, but don't let this fool you.

He has a great sense of responsibility, and quite a knack for letting the student council know exactly what the student body wants, and for telling the student body exactly what they want to hear. With the experience he will indubitably gain this year, Ron will make an excellent president next year, should he choose to run for that office.

Doris Jones and Robin Huxtable are the secretary and treasurer, respectively. These are thankless jobs which require a great deal of hard work and perseverance. These two both have these qualities. We won't hear much from or about them, I doubt, but they'll be hard at work all right.

Last but not least on the council is Bill White, the social convener. As social convener, Bill has the responsibility of figuring out things like which group to engage for our next dance, as well as the routine duties that all executives get stuck with along the way. (These, incidentally, are called Joe-Jobs by everybody except Ron Kronstein.)

Bill, it seems to me, has done a great deal of thinking (or cogitating, if you can imagine Bill doing that) about the upcoming year, and all of his ideas are well worth the executive's time to discuss. At the assembly last week he sparked a rage of rumour when he said there was a possible chance for Westlane to get a really big national talent. Time will tell what comes of this.

This, then, is your student council executive. Our class representatives were also elected last week, and the full council met for the first time on

September 14 in period two. First, the grade representatives were elected. These students are the best liaison from the executive to the student body.

Dave Booth was introduced as the leader of the WSC (Westlane student-council) Patrol. This Patrol is to be set up by Dave under the auspices of the WSC, to provide student supervision at student functions such as dances.

Dave told the class representatives that they should encourage students to volunteer. However, he strongly emphasized the idea behind the Patrol and that he would tolerate no funny business from Patrol members, since the success of all school functions hinges directly on them.

"The purpose of being in the Patrol," says Dave, "is not to get into the dances free, but to show the teachers and everyone else that Westlane students are mature enough to accept the responsibility that goes along with conducting a dance."

John Hill talked about Westlane Week. This is scheduled for the first week in October, so I'll devote much of my column next week to this subject.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Noble, our principal, stressed the responsibility of each class representative in his address. He said that these people should each take their jobs more seriously than others have in previous years.

Now for the prophetic events dept.: The Westlane Golf Team, twice consecutive SOSSA champs, defeated Stamford to earn the right to play in Zone finals. Draw your own conclusions from their resounding victory, Westlane fans.

And did you know that the subject who is truly loyal to the chief magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures?