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YO-HI DAY CANCELLED -- "THEY'RE NOT NICE GUYS": DERR

by Nancy Hale

In a surprising new get tough policy acting principal Bruce Derr announced cancellation of Yo-Hi Day, a Kinnick tradition. Derr didn't intend to release this information until later

this month, but several high ranking faculty members leaked the news.

leading to the crackdown.

Derr cited poor student behavior at assemblies and widespread cheating and stealing

Derr's top aide Koikesan reports the boss as saying, "It's really fun being principal, but the kids just aren't nice guys."

EVAN FROST STARTS LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR BRAIN DEADS

by Twinkie Twombly and Nancy Hale

A shocking disease, more startling than even the red dot rash, has ravaged Yo-Hi. You may be the only person left who hasn't been afflicted. If you were, you couldn't read this.

The illness is brain death. According to Mrs. Johnston, who first discovered the disease in all of the Junior Class except for Danny Dennehy, its symptoms include a listless expression, apathy, and monotone voice. Also if those who still have a brain get the feeling while they're talking to someone that that person is not there, it's because they're not; they're not anywhere--they're brain dead.

According to Kristen Renzelman, concerned student, a typical conversation could go like this: A person who still has a brain inquires of the dead, "What's wrong with you?" Brain deads may answer in one of four ways,

"Huh?"

"I don't know."

"What's wrong with you?"

"Nothing's wrong."

Evan Frost, founder of "Deads," a support group for the afflicted says, "Brain death is a fact of life, okay? Like it's nothing to be ashamed of, okay? What's wrong with you, huh?"

CHI CHI PREGNANT; PATERNITY IN QUESTION

by Kitty Reeves

Underneath all that fluff, Kinnick's cuddly canine is with pups. Told years ago that she "couldn't" she fooled us all.

the Junior Class to help defray the cost of the prom.

Contacted at the 'Top of the Mark' in San Francisco, owner Carolyn Grasmehr expressed delight at the news.

Expected delivery date is late May, hopefully in time for Yo-Hi Day, when the pick of the litter will be the Grand Prize. The other pups will be auctioned off by

The future father was not available for comment as the question of paternity has not been answered.

MANY ARE CALLED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN--ONLY ONE REAPS SAMURAI AWARD

by Nancy Hale

In a rare visit to Yo-Hi Principal Carolyn Grasmehr announced the winner of Yo-Hi's most prestigious award--THE SAMURAI. In a break with the past sponsors briefed the audience on their respective nominees.

Kathy Shuey, Junior Class Sponsor, took the podium but in a last minute reversal decided not to award SAMURAI to her candidate. "There are no real SAMURAI'S anymore," sources close to the health teacher reported her as saying. Instead she made a pitch for the prom. Several faculty members reportedly found her behavior crass and out of place.

"She'd never get away with that kind of behavior if she wasn't leaving this year," an unnamed source said.

Mr. Richard Schmidt attempted to restore a bit of decorum to the proceedings. The Senior Class advisor had nothing but praise for his candidate.

"Because of all the Senior Class projects in which she's engaged it is my privilege to bestow SAMURAI upon Suzy Cream Cheese.

Walter (Hey, Look Me Over, Lend Me An Ear) Fritz wasn't allowed to be in the SAMURAI show. His seventh graders had prepared a skit, but time did not permit its execution.

DRAMA READIES AVANT GARDE PLAY "I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF," SAYS FONG

by Nancy Hale

Drama Club is readying yet another Sam Shepherd play, Assault on the Central Nervous System. According to director Jeanne Fong, "I'm not sure I understand it myself, nor do the actors, or anyone in our preview audiences. Even my husband can't describe it adequately, so it's a sure bet the judges won't."

In a freewheeling interview Fong delineated her award winning strategy: "I always go in for the obscure. No judge would dare dismiss something he can't grasp. I've been successful in the past using this tactic."

Once again Yo-Hi's leading man Bing Pockalny will be standing around looking out of place and confused trying to make sense of his cohorts; smashing up the set and getting paint on everything.

Richard Schmidt has offered to choreograph but Lori Hon, who recently took best actress honors while wrestling with a bookshelf says it's not that kind of play.

Walter Fritz, another Yo-Hi thespian has suggested a change of pace, something along the lines of South Pacific, using seventh graders as extras. Fong considered this idea if the setting could be changed to a condemned building nowhere in particular, the songs deleted, and the dialogue obscured.



NO MORE F'S

by Kitty Reeves

DODDS Pacific issued a new policy yesterday that eliminated the grade F. The new policy goes into effect for SY 85-86.

- The new guidelines are:
- A = 71 - 100%
 - B = 61 - 70%
 - C = 51 - 60%
 - D = 20 - 50%

Any person with 19% or below will receive an E for Effort if he/she attended at least one day or made an effort to.

Former KHS Assistant Principal Susan Burdick was interviewed by phone yesterday for her reaction.

"I think it's great!" said Burdick. "This policy really meets the needs of the students. By not giving them F's, we make them feel good and make them want to learn."

Reaction at Kinnick has been mixed.

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STARRINE REPENTS YO-HI IS ICHIBAN

by Nancy Hale

Gary Starrine who was rapidly becoming the Moamar Khadaffy of Yo-Hi has undergone a change of heart. He's fallen in love with Kinnick and Japan.

He's even learning Japanese. His vocabulary now includes "Konichiwa," "Sayonara," and "Toire doko desuka?"

According to Starrine, "It takes a big man to say he is wrong, but no use crying over spilled mercury."

GOSSIP, GOSSIP, GOSSIP, GOSSIP,

Geoff Fong is rumored to be growing a mustache.

Ms. Sattre, Ms. Haseley, Mr. Miller, Mr. Gormley, Mr. Isgro, and Mr. Carlson were arrested for break-dancing outside of Chuo station last weekend. Way to go, guys.

Mr. Schmidt was picked up for doing the bunny hop on the sea wall; a new shipment of sandals from Hong Kong came in and he was leaping for joy.

NHS EASES MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

by Kitty Reeves

To keep in step with the new DODDS grading policy, NHS and NJHS will institute new standards for its members.

The new GPA for everyone is 2.0. Leadership has been redefined to include those who lead their fellow students out of the building during a fire drill. Instead of having character, one may be a character to qualify. And citizenship has been broadened to include not only U.S. citizens but also Japanese and Filipino citizens with passports.

BLANTON SLAPPED WITH LAWSUIT BY OUTRAGED AGGIES

by Kitty Reeves

Mr. Blanton, popular Kinnick teacher, has been slapped with a law suit by the Yokohama chapter of the "We Love the Aggies."

Texas, Texans and A & M. He oughtta be sent back where he came from!"

When reminded by our reporter that Blanton came from Texas himself, Walker had no comment.

WLOA spokesman, Hiram (Tex) Walker said, "These slanderous utterances cannot be permitted to go on. He is warping the minds of the impressionable youth, and defaming the name of

When asked about the lawsuit, Blanton responded by saying, "Do you know what the Aggie said when he met Dolly Parton at a party?"

JOHNSTON SPONSORS



'MATERIAL GIRL' CLUB SHE'S SO UNUSUAL!

by Twinkie Twombly



Are you a "Material Girl"? Would you like to be one? If you like yellow nail polish and tacky lingerie, Yo-hi has a club for you.

Mrs. Grasmehr has sent the O.K. long distance for the "Girls For A More Material World Club."

Mrs. Nancy Johnston has given up yearbook to become sponsor. "I just think that yearbook wasn't giving me the monetary rewards I could be getting otherwise," the soon to be ex-yearbook sponsor told us in a breathy, high pitched voice while loitering in the teachers' lounge doorway in a leather mini and red spiked pumps.

Jameelah is to be club mascot. "Her hair is already dyed hot pink," Ms. J. informed us.

All girls interested contact Mrs. Johnston in room 304 before spring break.

MS. IVIE QUILTS TO PURSUE WRITING CAREER

by Kitty Reeves

Ms. Ivie, renowned U.S. History teacher has announced that she is resigning at the end of this school year so she can devote more time for research on her latest romance novel.

Ms. Ivie will fly

TOP SECRET "MARTINI PROJECT" MOVES TOWARD COMPLETION

by Kitty Reeves

The Yo-Hi Physics class led by Astro Physics Professor Logie is putting finishing touches on the Martini Project.

Those junior physicists have been working late into the evenings and on

from Tokyo to Shanghai where she will board a train to Lhasa, ride a yak to Bhutan, trek through the Himalayas and end up in Kashmir where she will live among the Afghan refugee insurgents, taking occasional trips to Karachi for R&R.

weekends with those atoms, nuclei, fissions and fussions. This project is "really a blast" said one senior who asked that his name not be used. We're all waiting eagerly for this mystery project.

SEVENTH GRADERS SA TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

by Dionne Leave

The Yo-Hi girls basketball team has a new group of supporters: seventh graders.

Ever since Walter (Hey Look Me Over, Lend Me An Ear) Fritz took over coaching duties the kids have come out faithfully to cheer on the She-Devils.

When asked whether coming to the game had any bearing on his grade a prominent seventh grader said, "No comment" and ran away.

Another munchkin, assured his name would not be revealed and that he would under no circumstances be videotaped timidly told us he "hated basketball, videotapes, and The Sound of Music!"

FRITZ HEADS FOR BROADWAY, SNATCHES LEAD FROM SEVENTH GRADER

by Nancy Hale

Walter (Hey Look Me Over, Lend Me An Ear) Fritz and Little Duncan Blair are headed for Broadway. Duncan will be understudying Fritz in a revival of The Music Man.

Fritz who fought it out with Dunc for the lead was reported as saying: "Duncan was really tough competition and may have had the edge musically, but the director just didn't want to take

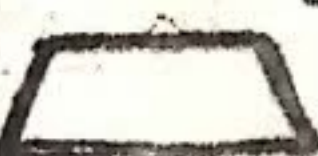
a chance on an unknown."

Fritz has arranged for the entire seventh grade to accompany him to New York, thus avoiding heavy substitute costs and providing him with an audience.

It won't be all work, though. While in The Big Apple, they'll take a romp on the Long Island Ferry, eat at the Four Seasons and tour the Met.

YAMAMOTO FAINTS FROM TABO'S BONUS QUESTION

by a cheerleader

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Yesterday one of Ms. Yamamoto's fourth period students, ~~Tabo Lee~~, was working on a transparency for bonus points, unlike the rest of her students who brown-nose to receive their grades. Tabo was explaining to the class the true meaning of a trapezoid.

While Tabo was doing this, Ms. Yamamoto remarked a few times, "Tabo, don't turn it so much, it's making me dizzy. When you move your pen so much, it makes my head spin."

Little did the class know that Ms. Yamamoto would soon be on the floor, passed out! The constant turning of the transparency and the movement of Tabo's pen created this unfortunate

incident.

Ms. Yamamoto is in the hospital now, recovering from Transparency sickness. Doctors have told many students wanting to see her that she's been having nightmares about missing compasses and her markers drying out.

If you would like to visit her, she's in room 202.

LaMONICA RETURNS IN GROSSER'S BODY

Joe LaMonica has returned to Yo-Hi in the body of Roy Grosser.

Grosser talks a lot, now, and his students have started to call him "uncle."

He's hosting extravagant dinner parties and says his favorite activity

is to spend Saturdays listening to Casey Kasem and cooking up his favorite dishes. He's reportedly bought a pasta machine.

Friends close to Roy when asked if they've noticed a change in him have replied, "Roy who?"

IVIE CONVENES EMERGENCY SESSION OF STUDENT COUNCIL

by Ricardo Montalban

Yesterday Ms. Ivie called an emergency session of the student council. When asked about the meeting Ivie stated that Homecoming is a mere six months away, yet plans have not been finalized.

When asked when she expected the work to be finished she replied,

"Yesterday."

After the meeting Ivie asked rookie co-sponsor, Dave McCullough, "Will we survive?"

"Sure," the renowned hedonist replied, "in fact let's cancel tomorrow's meeting and have lunch at the club."

SATTRE REVEALED

AS CIA

AGENT

by Kitty Reeves

It has just been revealed that Ms. Sattre is really a CIA agent planted here at Yokosuka Navy Base 32 years ago! Her cover was blown by loose talk in the Chain Locker where our Star reporter happened to also be.

When questioned, Ms. Sattre just laughed and said, "You're crazy!"

The Yokosuka branch of the CIA had no comment.

DERR ENGAGES IN SALT TALKS: "NOT FUNNY, GUYS"

The seniors have been messing with the salt again in the cafe.

"This is definitely not funny, guys," says acting principal Bruce (the boss) Derr, who will be engaging in SALT talks with cafe personnel.

If he's successful, the honchos at the cafe will let the seniors have limited access to the salt shakers again.

PLEASE ASK NICELY

not by Billy Nicely

Someone told me that you don't write this column, and I want to know, is that true?

Truthseeker

Dear Truthseeker,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity. You're exactly right, he doesn't write this column. We used his name, but he sits around and takes all the credit.

Dear Ask Nicely,

My boyfriend says that if I cared I'd "go all the way." I don't want to lose him, but I don't want to compromise myself either.

Good Girl

Dear Good Girl,

If you were really a good girl, you'd read my pal Ann Landers and know that's the oldest line in the book. Face it, good girls definitely do not have boyfriends. Work on that extra credit book report for English. Forget him.

April Fools Day!