



OUR SCHOOL

Y. A. H. S. --- We have a school to be proud of, and it's about time that the student body (and our friends in Tokyo) knew more about it. When you have a good thing you want some people to know about it, but when you have a school like Y.A.H. S. you want everyone to know about it!

Our school was originally a girl's commercial school and was built for this purpose in 1935. The principal of the girl's school was Makoto Tadano. He was noted for his outstanding views on education. When the Army of the Occupation came, the school was turned over for the purpose of educating the "Army and Navy Brats". Classes began in this school on the first of October, nineteen hundred and forty-six. At this time there were eighteen students and two teachers, but the constant arrival of more and more dependents from America sent the enrollment figures well over the 200 mark. The first two teachers were Mrs. Eggman and Mrs. O'Byrne, but they were ably reinforced with the arrival Miss Craigmiles and Mrs. Carhart. From this time until November Maj. Sidel was the principal of Y.A.H.S. as it was called then. In November he was succeeded by our present principal, Capt. Loren McCartney. (And may we insert that we have the best principal in Japan!).

The building was not completely reconditioned until well into last year. It was often necessary to conduct classes in a room with the contractors working in the adjoining room, and then moving into that room the day after the work was completed. It was hard, but they did it!

Because of the lack of teachers, books, and (until the beginning of 1947) students, there was no high school. Thus, the high school students that there were, received their high school education at St. Joseph's College from the Brothers of Mary.

During the summer, plans were underway for the establishment of the high school in this present building, and the establishment of an elementary school for the dependent children in Area 1. September saw the completion of these plans and ushered in the new school year.

The enrollment in Y.A.H.S. as it is now named, is 110, the Freshmen enjoying the majority. The students seem to be very well pleased with the school. Every activity possible has been offered. For sports there are football, swimming at the Olympic Pool, basketball in the large gym, baseball in the Spring, tennis at the Hill Side Courts, riding at the race track, and the usual volleyball, etc. A band has been organized, a girl's glee club and a mixed chorus is well underway. The Boy Scouts and Mariners each enjoy a large enrollment. Yo-Hi Echoes, our school paper, has been organized and as proved by this issue, well underway. Piano lessons are available to all students who desire them. A Drama Club is going to be organized and the school expects some very good plays.

This school is governed by a very able student council of which Tony Craver is president, Sharon O'Hanlon, vice president, and Tardy Thayer, the secretary-treasurer. There are assemblies every Friday in which the student council has had a chance to demonstrate its worth.

The teachers that we have are excellent. Our oldest "veteran", Miss Craigmiles, is the English and Latin teacher. Mrs. Steinbaugh, the senior homeroom teacher, is a love of mathematics, while Mrs. Grey (junior homeroom) delves into the wonders of the sciences. Mrs. Wilson is our English, history and geography teacher.

Mrs. Decker who teaches algebra and history, is the freshman homeroom teacher, and Mrs. Alexandrov, who specializes in Spanish, French, and senior English has the other freshman class for homeroom. Lt. Glaab, who is the boys physical education instructor, has done an outstanding job in getting the football team into line.

This is the story of the school to date. What it will be is up to you, who compose the student body. (Mike Buckley)

OUR PRINCIPAL SAYS.....

....."General conduct of the students has shown a marked improvement, despite the lack of proper text books. ".... "And enrollment deadline may have to be established now as to check the continual arrival of new students.".... "The school is working for a high standard and as many activities as possible are being turned over to the Student Council.".... Daily habits of courtesy, cooperation, and order will give our school a boost and provide an easier task for our principal, Captain Loren McCartney. (K. F.)

THE STAFF

Editor-in Chief - Chuck Stodter
Associate Editor - Virginia Browne
Feature Writers - Shirley O'Hanlon, Mike Buckley, Kitty Fox
Society Editor - Sharon O'Hanlon
Assistant Society Editor - Madge McEldowney
Sports Editor - Roland Moss
Assistant Sports Editor - Bruce Savin, Jack DeLong
Girl's Sports - Carolyn Buck
Arts Editor - D.A. Granholm
Assistant Arts Editors. - Judy Stewart, Judy Johnson, Roger Currier
Business Manager - Fred Hiatt
Circulation Chief - Beverly Trout
Assistant Circulation Chief - Bob Slade
Class Reporters - Dick Diller (Senior), Carol Browne (Junior), Loretta Bradford (Sophomore), Pat Meyer (Freshman)
Snooper - Wouldn't you like to know!
Reporters - Marlene Deelstra, Anne Cook, Hazel Stodter, Pat Fox
Joke Reporter - John Joyce

FADS AND FASHION

By gazing around Y.A.H.S. premises, we were pleased to find some extraordinary fashions that are undoubtedly on their way to Paris now.

Well, to start off with, I think Ginger L.'s black and white sport shirt has everyone's eye...over heard couple fellows plotting the other day, and, well, all I can say is, ya' better get a big juicy padlock, kid!

Seems that Tony started something by painting "cognomens" on his jeans, Bill and Danny are like widely seen with " Sketches on their britches"!

And watch the gals drool when that luscious red plaid shirt comes strolling down the hall with Fred (Slugger) Hiatt giving it oomph!!

Buffalo Bill is again in town when Donna in her jacket comes around!

Last but not least, listen to the howls when Pat P. wears her lush kelly green sweater that does so- o-- ooomuch for her-----???? HAIR!!!

WHAT Y.A.H.S NEEDS

- Tony Craver.. " I think we should have a school song."
- Dick Bernstrom.. "We should have cigarettes and wusky and wild, wild, wimman!""
- Bill Everett..."It suits me swell."
- Bruce Savin...The school needs some people who can keep their mouth shut and.. enough food to keep a football player alive??!

SNOOPER

- Who's it gonna be Ginger, Biff B., Fred H., or Walt?
- Carol Browne wasn't doing so badly when she hooked a certain person at Ernie's party.....or was it the other way around?!
- Ginny M. had better keep her mind on her geography lessons instead of watching a certain fellow so much during 5th period. How about it, Ginny, let's give Mrs. Mason more attention!
- Weisler's back and Abbott's got him.
- Ernest and Patty Fuller are becoming quite chummy these days...come on you two, surely you can do better than that!
- " Savin the Raven" is working hard at his one ambition....with Diane's help, of course.
- Looks like Skip is using his brother's technique in dealing with blondes.
- Who is that certain lass that Jim makes eyes at during chemistry? Hmmm Jim??
- Chuck and Ginny are still at it... nice going, kids.
- Beverly T and Frances H sure are cute. Why don't some of the boys take notice?
- Bill W. why don't you settle down. Who's it gonna' be next Dick??
- Someone told me that Pat Fox has her hooks out for one of Y.A.H.S's fine laddies. Who is it Pat?
- All the gals think that Fred Hiatt is awfully cute...don't you Shirley??
- Hey, Sharon, where'd ya get the sharp red jacket???
- Golly, (don't you dare breath this to a soul) several boys seem to have their interest centered on Sharon O.
- What's the matter Mike? We like girls a lot around here!
- I also heard that Biff Barnes, Fred K. and Jim H. are wondering around on the loose. Beware girls!
- Some of the fairer sex will be quite put out after Jim Mooney leaves, won't they Carol?
- I understand that Tony (from Kentucky, ya all) is being chased by a couplewell...all I can say is... watch it Buddy!!
- Well, "Stretchy", who's the next fish on your line?
- Pat Meyer seems to be doing O.K. as a freshman, huh, kids. Well, Judy J. is too.
- Carolyn B. why don't you come out and tell us who! Is it John, or Bill, or maybe Hardy?
- Just one last minute note...why, huh, why did Biff want one more dance with Ginger so badly at the dance after the Pep-Rally? Well..?
- Guess this is all for this time gang. sure will try to have more for you next time!!!!

**There was once a man from Nantucket, Who kept all his dough in a bucket,
His daughter named Nan, Ran off with a man, and as for the bucket, Nan tuck it!**

SPORTS

FOOTBALL GAME!

**There will be a six man touch football game Oct 18th. Tokyo American High School vs. Yokohama American High School. The coach for Yokohama will be T/5 Pugsley. Watch the bulletin board!!
NOTE: TO THE FOOTBALL BOYS -- If you do not succeed at first, TRY, TRY again!!**

YAHS LOSES CLOSE ONE

The reserves of the 598th Engineer football team won a closely contested battle with the Yokohama American High School, 6-0 before 3,000 people Wednesday afternoon at Lou Gerhig Stadium. The American School outplayed the Engineers in most phases of the game, then their defense seemed to bog down suddenly in the fourth period when the Engineers scored the only touchdown of the game. The YAHS offense was sparked by Fred Kurdziolek, whose passing and running were outstanding and whose kicking pulled YAHS out of several tight spots.

Outstanding defensively for YAHS were Chuck Stodter, Jim Hyatt, and Biff Barnes while the Engineers were paced by Erlencotter, who made repeated gains through the YAHS line. YAHS came closest to scoring in the second period when they were inside the 10 yard line, but they lost the ball on a fumble.

On the whole, the team played on even terms with the more experienced foes and deserve the support and encouragement of all students.

The receipts of the game, which total \$600, will be used to buy uniforms and equipment for the basketball and baseball teams.

On October 9, the YAHS football team defeated 93rd AAA by the score of 7-6 in a short scrimmage game. YAHS completed a high percentage of its passes and scored late in the game on a pass that went from Kurdziolek to Everett.

On October 24, YAHS will play a team to be named later at Lou Gerhig Stadium. All students are urged to attend and there will be a slight charge for admission.

On the 13th of October at 6:30 PM, a pep rally was held at YAHS. They had a large bonfire out in the bus lot. The cheerleaders did a good job and also yelled a lot for the team; the members of the team were introduced. The rally was over about 7:45. Following the rally was a dance in the gym, which lasted until 9:00 PM. Looked like everyone had a swell time!!

CHEERLEADERS CHOSEN

Friday, Oct 3, was an exciting day in the lives of sixteen YAHS girls, who were competing for the coveted position of cheerleader. The girls were Madge McEldowney, Shirley O'Hanlon, Tardy Thayer, Frances Hagan, D A Granholm, Sharon O'Hanlon, Patsy Fuller, Carol Browne, Ginger Larkin, Ginny Browne, Donna Abbott, Judy Stuart, Peggy Bernard, Pat Platt, Jane McNeal, and Jeanne Jacques. The judges, Lt Glaab, Biff Barnes, and Fred Kurdziolek, found they had a difficult task in choosing six girls from the sixteen contestants. The final decisions were: Sharon O'Hanlon, D A Granholm, Ginny Browne, Donna Abbott, Ginger Larkin, and Patsy Fuller. Immediately, the new cheerleaders were asked to lead the student body in a well known cheer. The entire school and faculty extends their best wishes to the new cheerleaders!!

Baseball reminds me of cooking. There's the plate, the batter, the fowls, and the flies. It also reminds me of marriage. First - the diamond, then they are engaged. Then the struggles and hits. Than the men going out and finally the trouble of getting home.

The student body of YAHS wishes to extend their gratitude to Gen Byers and many of the high ranking officers for attending our football game.

FROM THE EDITOR

Well, kids, here it is, the first issue of the Yo-Hi Echoes. We of the staff have worked pretty hard meeting the deadline on this one, and because of this, we may have made a few careless mistakes. So if you, the reader, spotted one, Please! Please! give us a chance. We tried our best and next time we will really try to profit from experience and not make the mimeograph work overtime. What I mean is I, the editor assume no responsibility for what is in "The Snooper", who cunningly prefers to remain anonymous, bless his or her little heart.

On the subject of criticism it has been suggested that we start a column much like that of "Comment and Query" in the Stars and Stripes so as of now with the cooperation of you, the readers, we will accept all suggestions, comments, and questions concerning YAHS. All that is necessary is to write your note on paper and leave it on the editor's desk in the newspaper room in the basement. It's all very simple. Well, gang, I've said my two bits worth. --- C.S.

OCTOBER! THE MONTH OF BIRTHDAYS!!

This seems to be the month of birthdays for boys. Four boys have had a birthday between 1st and 20th of October. Tony Craver and Tex Weisler celebrated their birthdays with gay parties both announcing their seventeenth birthday. Chuck Stodter and Fred Kurdziolek let their birthdays quietly slip by or so they thought.! Happy Birthday to all four of you.

PERSONODITY

Taking the spotlight on being the first of "personodities" is a boy whom we all recognize as president of our Student Council. He's readily distinguished by his snazz "crewcut", loud shirts, painted jeans (what will he think of next?) plus that amiable personality that's hard to beat. (How about it gals?!) He claims horseback riding, swimming and women as his favorite pastime, and twisting his arm even further, we discover his favorite thing to be---yep, ya' guessed it--cegereettes n' Whuskey"! Oh, and by the way if you're wondering who this dream lad is, just holler Kentucky and he'll come running. Who'll. come running? Why, Tony Craver, of course!! --- S. O'H.

SOCIAL CIRCLE

The month of October has proved to be a gay month in the society light. It seems the "elite" , simply Tony Craver, Ernie Meredith, and "Tex" Weisler were born at this time of the year and this - ahem - catastrophe?? resulted in three of the biggest and most enjoyed parties since school started. Tony's "shindig" took place at the Star Hotel and had an abundance of good food, fun, n' frolic! The way Mrs Craver was eyeing his gifts led many to wonder just who's birthday it was!!

Ernie had a peaceful buffet supper which was enjoyed by all.

Last, but not least, comes the honorable Weislars "Blowout". It also took place at the Star Hotel and proved to be a gala occasion for all. --- S. O'H.

SCHOOL PAPER STATESIDE BOUND

Jim Mooney has gone home but even so he will get issues of Yo-Hi Echoes. The staff plans to keep tabs on those who go home. Each one will continue to receive copies of the school paper for the rest of the school year. If you are going home, you can help by giving us your name and future address if you know it.

IMMOVABLE

The romantic lad sighed: Haven't I seen your face somewhere else?

Cute thing: I don't think so. It always stays here between my ears. (From Boys Life)

WHAT STATE ARE YOU FROM

Almost everyone in the Yokohama American High School has heard the familiar query, "What state are you from?" What usually follows is a heated discussion on the various merits of the states covered. The map of the United States on the last page of this issue was designed to give you an overall view as to how many come from where. Many people found that even Alaska, Washington, D C and Texas were unofficially declared champions because nine students apiece claim them as their home states. --- C.B.

SENIOR SCOOPS

The Senior Class elected the following people to their respective offices:

- **President----- Biff Barnes**
- **Vice-President ----- Frances Hagan**
- **Secretary-Treasurer ----- Jim Hyatt**
- **Student Council Representative --Tony Craver and Sharon O'Hanlon.**

The Senior's decided on blue and white for their class colors while they nominated red and white for the school colors. Also the Senior Class in selecting the winning name for the school paper, "Yo-Hi Echoes" was rewarded with the privilege of having a party. There were a number of suggestions as to where to have the party, including the Grand Hotel, YAHS Gym, and even the Shanghai Bank, but so far nothing definite has been done along these lines.

JUNIOR JIVES

The Junior Class, counting recent arrivals now has eight girls and ten boys enrolled. Its officers were elected at the beginning of the school year. Walter Henderson was chosen President, with Jim Mooney as Vice-President. The other officers are Ginger Larkin - Secretary, Donna Abbott - Treasurer, Tardy Thayer and Dave Spurlock - Student Council Representatives. Tardy Thayer was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Council. Five juniors competed for cheerleaders, and three were elected.

There are many students who were not here last school year, namely, Donna Abbott, Jackie Graham, Dianne McDonald, Mike Buckley, Lewis Dacus, Ernest Meredith, Tom Sack and Dave Spurlock.

The most recent arrival was Jackie Graham, who comes from Berkley, California. Although she has been in Japan two months, she has only lived in Yokohama 3 weeks.

Along with gain, however, comes the loss of the Junior Class's star student, Jim Mooney. As anyone who has known Jim long realizes he comes from San Antonio, Texas, and knows a lot about radio. He sailed Wed., Oct 15 on the Funston. He was well liked and will be missed by all. --- C.B.

SOPHOMORE STUNTS

The sophomore class elected Charles "Tex" Weisler - President, Danny Dugan - Vice-President, Shirley O'Hanlon - Secretary and Roland Moss - Treasurer. Bruce Savin and Bill Everett were elected Student Council Representatives. The class colors are blue and gold.

The sophomore class led in ticket selling with a record of \$110, a total of 422 tickets. --- L.B.

FRESHMAN FROLICS

The 9th graders also take an active part in the choral group, band, glee club, and dramatics.

Mrs. Decker, one of the 9th grade homeroom teachers, has been very sick and all of the Freshman class hope that she will be feeling much better soon.

Since the 9th grade is the largest grade in the school, having about 45 students. It was divided into two classes under Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Alexandrov. Both classes have class officers, who are for Mrs. Decker's homeroom. President - Fletcher Buckley, Vice-President - Joyce Lott, Secretary/Treasurer - Joanne Hayward. Mrs. Alexandrov's homeroom President - Darleen Whitaker, Vice-President - Bill Willis, Secretary - Jane McNeil, and Treasurer - Fidel Ramirez.

Mrs. Wilson: Fred, what country would you like to study first?

Fred K.: Czechoslovakia

Mrs. Wilson: Spell Czechoslovakia

Fred: Well, I think I'd really like to study Japan first!!

Ginny: How did you lose your hair?

Chuck: Worry.

Ginny: About what?

Chuck: About losing my hair!

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL

The governing body of the Yokohama American High School consists of eight members, two from each homeroom. The senior class officers are Tony Craver - President and Sharon O'Hanlon - Vice-President. The Junior Student Council Class Representatives are Collette Thayer - Secretary Treasurer and Dave Spurlock. From the Sophomore and Freshman class are Bill Everett, Bruce Savin, Fletcher Buckley, and Tommy Watson.

