

ECHOES

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YO-HI

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COLLEGE EXAMS?

Tomorrow SATs and achievement tests will be administered to the seniors of Yo-Hi in the school auditorium (gym).

Seniors will arrive at the school at 8:00 A.M., register, and take the SATs at about 8:30. At 12:30 they will have finished the aptitude testing, and, after an hour break for lunch, the achievement tests will be administered. These will last for approximately four hours and then the seniors will be finished.

The choice of colleges these students will have depends a great deal on the results of SATs and achievement tests. This means that all the seniors should be fully rested and relaxed before taking these tests. It is vital for them to have plenty of sleep tonight and no homework over the weekend. This will enable them to concentrate fully on the exams.

WINTER SPORTS

This week marks the beginning of the 1967-68 Winter Sports season in the Kanto Plains. Yo-Hi will be represented by a fine wrestling team and a fine basketball team. With Coach Meunick coaching the wrestling team and Coach Clumpner coaching our basketball team, Yo-Hi is bound to have two more winning seasons.

★ CONGRATULATIONS!! ★

The staff of the "Echoes" wishes to extend congratulations to Mr. Boema, intermediate boys' P.E. teacher, and his brand new wife.

DANCES

There will be a dance at the Yokosuka Teen Club tomorrow night from 7:30 until 11:00. A band will be on hand to provide music for dancing. Admission will be 35cents.

There will be a dance at the Yokohama Neet Nac Club tomorrow also from 7:30 until 11:00. There will be a band at this dance also. Admission will be 30 cents.

AIKIDO SHOW...

Last Tuesday afternoon during homeroom the promised Aikido assembly was held.

The chief guest, Mr. Norihiko Ishihashi, and three students from Aoyama Gakuin showed us many interesting techniques and explained the spiritual part of the art of Aikido. (It is a matter of convincing yourself that you can do something or that you will not do something. It is the force of man's strength of mind against another man's strength of body.)

Ken Miyasaki translated the teacher's instructions. The teacher and his assistants were very adept in their art and it was extremely interesting to watch. They seemed to have perfect control over their minds and bodies.

The "Echoes" staff would like to thank Mr. Miller and his guests for their fine performance. Speculation is that there will be few discipline problems in Algebra II and Geometry this year.

JAPANESE CULTURE...

Although chopsticks are slowly being replaced by forks, knives, and spoons, everyone living in Japan should be able to use the "sticks".

Like everything else in this country, there are rules for chopsticks. First, they are held between the index and middle fingers with the thumb on top. The sticks should be parallel to each other. If this is correctly done, they should not cross. (The closer to the top of the chopsticks the fingers are, the more skillful the user is.)

When picking up food, the "Ohashi" should be separated, using the index and middle fingers. After the meal is finished the chopsticks should be placed across the bowl or dish, not in it or outside of it.

Phrase of the Week: Onegai shimasu.

Translation: Do me a favor, please.

Example: Ohashi onegai shimasu.

Translation: Do me a favor and give me chopsticks, please.

Reviewer Riddled

Dear Editor,

When I read the "Echoes" review of "The Happiest Days of Your Life," I was glad to know so many people enjoyed it, but I'd like to complain about the unfair remarks made by the writer.

I thought he was justified in some ways, (i.e. "There were a few missed lines and a couple of jokes were delivered poorly....") In his opinion this is true. All very fair.

Quote: "Regrettably, I can't say anything good about the stage hands' performance. The re-location between acts may have been well organized but the stage hands were too fussy about it. The location of the different props should have been well known to the stage hands before Friday's performance."

First of all, how could they "be too fussy" about it? It was essential to the action of the play that various props be in the exact, proper place. It would have been disastrous if they weren't. If this critic complains about the few dropped lines, he would have really seen some super bloopers if the right props hadn't been in the right places.

Remember, the props include everything that isn't tied to the stage (furniture, etc.)

Secondly, the locations were known to the stage hands before the Friday performance. They were just checking things off the list. And whether this person knows it or not, this goes on backstage in every production whether it be the humble Yo-Ki gym, or a theater on Broadway! It's just that our curtains are "out of use" and we have no way to shield things from the audience.

It was a relief to me to know that if a prop was crossed off the list, I could put my mind at ease.

Personally, I salute these hard-working girls, Louann, Terry, and Laura (who by the way, didn't receive any glory) for their loyal attitude and their help.

---A Cast Member

P.S. All in all, I don't mind constructive criticism. But, please--sensible!

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT STUDENTS GOING ON A WEEKEND SHOPLIFTING SPREE?

Ann Eyron--If that's how they get their kicks, I hope they enjoy themselves... and get caught.

Laverne Stansell--If they have fun, go ahead. I could care less one way or another.

Nate Jackson--If they really like it, let them go ahead. If that's the only way they can get things, that's their business.

Dear Editor,

The comments of the drama critic on the play "The Happiest Days of Your Life" were probably proper and justifiable, if not wholly accurate. However, the audience's acceptance of the play belies the criticisms offered. Particularly unjust were the comments criticizing the performance of the stage hands. This shows a total lapse of the writer as a drama critic.

It is neither the duty nor responsibility of a critic to belittle the performance of stage hands and property technicians, unless the play suffers from their ineptness in handling scenery and properties. From all appearances the crew presented a more than acceptable performance, despite the lack of a curtain, a stage in almost total darkness, and an excessive number of props. Criticism as presented by the critic only tends to discourage conscientious and willing workers who would receive no plaudits even if their work was more than perfect.

Comments by a large portion of the audience were most favorable as to the play and the players.

While not of professional level, the performance and entire presentation was far beyond that normally expected of high school students. A tip of the Yo-Ki hat to the entire cast and Stage workers of "The Happiest Days of Your Life."

---A Patron

Dear Editor,

So the prop people's job was "regrettable." Unfortunately a curtain was not available so the audience was able to see the "stage hands!" performance. If there had been one we could have spared you the "fussiness."

If you have ever been backstage during the changing of scenes in a play you will realize the chaotic mess that goes on in order to have things right. (The table-cloth was crooked? Sorry about that!)

If we had looked casual and pleasant about our job you would have commented on our laziness!

Old American proverb say: If you can't say something nice, don't say nothing at all!

Regrettably yours,
Louann, Laura, Terry, and
Paula

Freida Russell--Everyone know right from wrong; your decision to do wrong is violating your knowledge of the good things people expect of you.

Joy Fukumoto--I think it's a shame that such a thing should go uncondemned; something really should be done about that kind of student.

Becky Bear--Well, I don't really like it, but if they're stupid enough, it's their business.

Sumo

GOLF

Perhaps recently you have turned on your T.V. set and noticed two outstanding giants grappling against each other in a small ring. In case you have, and you were wondering what it was all about, I will try to explain in general the sport.

It is called sumo. It is Japan's national sport, although some people consider baseball to be the national sport of Japan.

Sumo is an ancient sport, dating back some 1,500 years. Its rituals—hand-clapping, feet stamping, and salt throwing—have religious meanings.

Sumo wrestlers are grouped according to their rank. The wrestlers shown on the T.V. program which comes on at 3:30 and lasts until 5:30 are in the top division. This division is sub-divided into five different rankings.

There are only three wrestlers today who have attained the top rank which is called "yokozuna." To some of you their names are household words. They are Taihe, Kashiwado, and Sadanoyama.

Sumo tournaments are held six times a year with each tournament lasting fifteen days. The winner of each tournament receives a huge Emperor's cup, which is returned at the beginning of the next tournament.

The size of these wrestlers is accredited to their eating special types of food, and plenty of it!

LETTERS TO THE ED.

Dear Editor,

Why hasn't more been said about the Snowball? Where is it to be held? What time does it begin and end? It's fine to keep things secret, but some students and a lot of parents are wondering.

—Likes To Know

Dear Likes To Know,

This year the Snowball will be held at the Yokohama Teen Club on December 9. It begins at 7:30 and ends at 12:00.

—Ed.

Dear Editor,

Could a clarification as to the last day of school before Christmas vacation be made? Do we attend school the 22nd of December or is it the first day of vacation?



—Confused

Dear Confused,

The last day of school before Christmas vacation is on the 21st, a Thursday. Therefore, the first day of vacation is Friday, the 22nd of December.

—Ed.

Our golf team is now in action. Golf is one of the most popular sports in America and many other nations such as Japan, England, and Europe.

Golf originally came from Europe. A game similar to modern golf originated with the Danish, but credit goes to the Scotch for developing golf in its present form.

Formerly golf was only a "gentleman's" game reserved for the wealthy who could pool their resources to have courses.

The game reached America in 1888. For many years only men of leisure played, but gradually courses were laid out in city parks, and by 1910, some women had taken up the sport.

Golf in America generally grew up in or near the cities. However, this trend has changed, and now courses are generally found out of metropolitan areas. Eventually, tournaments developed which increased the interest in golf in America.

Today this sport can be played with equal enjoyment by young and old alike.

Girls' P.E. Gossip

Well, nothing much has been happening in P.E., has it, girls? But you don't mind, do you?

I hear that third period P.E. had to play the eighth grade girls in a grueling game of volley-ball. But we know who won, right? (No, it wasn't the eighth grader!)

Well, Janet, how's your purse doing? Has it broken anymore? Let's hope not, for Yo-Hi's sake!

How were the test scores? Guess what, girls? You're going outside after this week to play soccer!

CRUNCH! ANYONE FOR BATTLEBALL?

The mention of the sport of battleball most likely brings back memories to those Yo-Hians who were here two years ago. For those of you who are new here and have never played this sport, I will describe it in case you may want to play it.

Two teams are divided equally and three or more volleyballs are placed on the floor in between these groups. (For P.E. this sport was played in the gym, so you can see the room which is needed for battleball.)

At a given signal, the hearty players rush toward the balls to grab them. Boundaries are set up so that if a player steps out, he is automatically eliminated.

The object of the game is to throw the volleyball across the gym and to try to hit an opponent. If the opponent catches the ball, he is still in the game. If he drops it, he is eliminated. As it turns out, the name of the game is to smash the other players with the ball.

The sport is popular among the blood-thirsty.

DEVILS WILL BE No. 1!

I PROTEST!!

A Student Protests the Protests

The draft card burning, rioting, and protests in connection with the war in Vietnam hinder the objectors' fight to end the war. Not only do these displays of protest show the objectors' ignorance and stupidity, but bring embarrassment to our country.

These people are really not interested in stopping the war; all they really want is to keep from having to do a little bit of work. Our government is doing the best it can to bring about peace, but it cannot make even a fair effort if the present internal situation continues.

If these immature, lazy "kids" really want peace, they should come up with some suggestions instead of making more trouble. Maybe they want us to pull out of Vietnam and let these Vietnamese people fight for themselves. We're fighting for our way of life, so we can't sit back and let communism take over. If we pull out like these people want, communism could very well take over the world.

Whee! Another Silly SERIAL!!

Jeff was walking down the street one fine afternoon when he saw a sign in a large window of a dilapidated building. This sign said, "Worker Wanted." Because Jeff needed the money, he applied. He got the job. The proprietor of the shop told him on his first day of work, "I need some electrical parts for my shop. Let's see, ... I had it here somewhere." He looked around and finally found it. He gave it to Jeff and also the money for the equipment.

Jeff went and bought the equipment for the man, and took it to the shop. The man wanted him to leave and come back the next Tuesday when he would get another shipment of goods for the shop.

The next Tuesday, Jeff took the equipment to the shop but the man wasn't there. Jeff decided to look around. That was his mistake.

He turned the handle of the door and found himself staring into an empty room. As he went through the door he saw an immense machine on the other side of the room. At that same moment, he was struck a solid blow on the back of his head. He felt himself spinning into blackness.

(to be continued)

E. C.

X Skiing information...

A famous skiing spot in Japan is Iwappara. It is located about 150 miles North of Tokyo.

From Ueno Train Station in Tokyo, it takes only two hours and forty-five minutes to get to Yuzawa Station. From Yuzawa, it is a short ride by bus to the Iwappara Ski Lodge.

The Lodge is steam-heated, and has a large number of rooms, including some large enough to hold eight people, and others (ski bunks) that will accommodate two skiers.

There is an assortment of slopes, for the beginner to the expert. The skiing area is lighted for night skiing, adding to the popularity of this resort.



DID YOU KNOW?

In Andrew Jackson's time Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee were considered part of the West not the South.

Havaho and Zuni jewelry are among the most beautiful in the world.

Orson Well's broadcast of "The War of The Worlds," on Halloween night, 1937, was so realistic that thousands of people ran into the street panic-stricken, thinking the Martians had invaded earth.

William Johnson was made a war chief by the Mohawks while he was Superintendent of Indians Affairs.

The Snowball, the Christmas dance of the world-famous Nile C. Kinnick High School, will be the social highlight of the year 1967.

ECHOES TRIVIA...

H. A. M.

Hey, Finn, wouldn't it be hilarious if the guys ended up at the same corner?... Did your speech last five minutes, Bryce? ... Do you like to play football on Friday afternoons, Donny?... P.C.'s coming back K.C.?... K.C. gets his cycle back this week. Beware!... Tina, I hear you want to scrub Mr. Gagnon's skull. What's the matter with it the way it is?... What's the tune you were playing at the table Saturday nite, Peter... Bill. Bryant has a new style of dancing these days... Get your theorems done for Geometry, Ralph... Did Steve M. really get some 5,000 yen ski pants?... Mr. Gagnon went to some Korean Dance Troupes' performance in Yokosuka with a Japanese friend of his--it was a North Korean Dance Troup! Socialistic realism forever?... Jeannine and Joe had a good time at the dance Saturday... You're a good boy, Ken... How many people are further than halfway through this book (Homer's Iliad)?... Are there any brown puppies yet, Patti? Or were they "floodles"?... "Floodles? Mike? What on earth are "Floodles"?... Here's your name, Dale; how about that?... Are you all "twisted" up, Baby John?... Have you seen anymore ladies running around with knives in their purses lately, Finn? ... "Is smoking worth it?"

What would You Say If...

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF YOU WERE INTRODUCED TO HANNIBAL?

Mina Vesic--"Could I have your autograph, please?"

Anonymous--"I don't know who Hannibal is!"

Rutch Jones--"I'd introduce him to a good used elephant dealer."

Ken Clark--"I'd tell him the way to Rome."

Yeh

Yeh!

Boys' P.E. NEWS...

The boys' P.E. classes, now engaged in the sport of wrestling, are having a difficult time practicing in the tatami room which is too small to house sixty boys.

At the beginning of every class the roll is taken. Then warming-up exercises such as push-ups, jumping jacks, tee bounces, and leg raisers are completed. After this everyone pairs off with a partner and learns some new moves, which usually result in a few casualties.

Everyone enjoys wrestling. The burns from the tatami mats are less enjoyable, though, and we tend to discover where they are located during showers. (Right, Dean?)

Last Thursday all of the classes had some additional fun with a piggy-back fight. This consisted of a horse-and-rider (two-man group) battling another two man group, with the object of throwing the opponent's rider.

Mike Roley and Neal Ritze will take on any of the boys in the other P.E. classes in a fight. Interested applicants may sign up for appointments.

WRESTLING ...

The wrestling team had a difficult time finding someone willing to organize and coach them. Last Wednesday during the Thanksgiving Assembly it was announced that our new wrestling coach would be Mr. Mounick.

Now that we have a coach, the team will be organized soon. If you want to wrestle and if you enjoy being in the sports spotlight, why not try out?

First wrestling tryouts were held on Wednesday, the 29th, after school. Practice during the season will be held at five o'clock each day.

★ FOOTBALL'S ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM. ★

The All-Conference football team was picked two weeks ago for the football season. Yo-Hi received considerable recognition from the league coaches.

The boys who made it from Yo-Hi were Mike Roley, Jeff Borges, Bill Olson, Nate Jackson, Fred and John Richardson, and Dale Bennett. Mike was the only player from Yo-Hi to go both ways. Jeff made it at guard, Bill at Q.B., Nate at defensive back, Fred at defensive end, John at offensive end, and Dale at offensive back. Out of twenty-two positions, Yo-Hi took eight!

The "Echoes" staff wishes to congratulate these boys for making the **COACHES' ALL-STAR** team.

DEVILS SHALL OVERCOME!!



MYSTERY Athlete...

Starting this week the "Echoes" sports page is going to begin a mystery athlete of the week feature.

This week's M.A. is a wrestler. He hails from Haifa, Israel, and is seventeen years of age. He has attended Yo-Hi for six years now and has wrestled for our team in past years. Some of his likes include sailing, racing, girls, and Carolyn. His dislikes are the police and the S.P.'s. He is 5'3" tall and weighs 130 pounds, but hopes to wrestle at 120. The answer is at the bottom of the page. Yo-Hi's

look! → Roundballers ...

The first basketball practice began Monday the 27th of November in the gym.

This year about fifty-three fine athletes tried out. Among them were some of our football players, including Dale Bennett, Mike Wirsing, Nate Jackson, Bill Olson, John Richardson, and Dave Russell.

Due to the fact that some of the boys didn't have their physicals, the official tryouts for electing players was not held until yesterday and today.

The "Echoes" sports staff wishes all of the boys trying out the best of luck.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The first golf tournament was held at Camp Drake last Friday the 24th of November. All the teams met at Camp Drake at 8:00 in the chilly morning.

Yo-Hi, for this tournament, pulled a fourth, with Dean Remillard taking scoring honors. This is only the first tournament, however. Yo-Hi's scores and the league points earned were as follows:

Dean Remillard	81
Ken Miyasaki	87
Mike Wirsing	89
Walt Schoenfeld	91
Narimasu	5
Yamato	3
Zama	2
Yo-Hi	1
Johnson	0
Chofu	0

(Answer to M.A.: Jase Allen.)

WEEKLY FAVORITES... & FOR SALE...

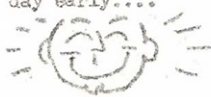
Song of the Week--Everlasting Love
 Couple of the Week--Linda and Steve
 Event of the Week--Winter Sports practice
 Boy of the Week--Crawford Russell
 Girl of the Week--Susan Williamson
 Smile of the Week--Joy Fukumoto
 Place of the Week--Tokyo Tower

Misery is:



...having to wait 25 days instead of 20....
 ...not having started a page by Tuesday....
 ...waiting for your boyfriend for two months and then seeing him in the snack bar with someone else....
 ...Christmas shopping DEC. 24....
 ...having four house keys and all of them locked up in your house....
 ...coming home early and your parents being late....
 ...not having book covers for English class....
 ...showing up in a pants suit at a Semi-formal....
 ...talking about someone who is right behind you, unbeknownst to you....
 ...parents going on a vacation but coming home unexpectedly a day early....

Bitchen is:



...your boyfriend coming home for Xmas....
 ...being asked to the Snowball a month early....
 ...not having homework over the Xmas holidays....
 ...getting an "ECHOES" every Friday....
 ...winning first place in basketball too....
 ...reading a Peanuts book and drinking a coke....
 ...having all your Christmas presents early....
 ...getting A's and B's on your semester finals....
 ...being a senior....
 ...Christmas vacation....

TIME AND MAN...

Have you ever noticed how much we worry about time?

Time has been the curse of man ever since the creation of the world. From the hour glasses in ancient Egypt, to the atomic clocks of today, people have been worrying about time.

Take your own daily life. You have heard everyone griping about how short the lunch periods are. All your classes are set at a certain time. If you get behind--well, you might never catch up.

You must have at least 8 hours of sleep each night, half-an-hour of physical exercise, 2 hours of studying, etc.

To man, time means everything; but to time, man means nothing.

Interesting thought?

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SUPER DEVIL...

Chapter III

(CONT.)

(When we last left our hero, he was trapped in room 206, Mr. Mechanic's room.)

I knew I was late for class so I heavily walked out of the room and down to guidance. (You know, that's the place where they try to encourage you to flunk so they won't be out of a job.)

Mr. Gory greeted me, sarcastically as usual.

"Mr. Devil, what may I do for you?"

"I need a late pass."

"Okay, I'll get you one."

"Thanks."

(Notice the griping drama of the dialogue.)

Now a word from our sponsor:

"Friendsh do you (hic) shuffuur from (hic hic) inshornia? Get Dribbleys Gin the best (cuckoo) shtuff in the world."

Now back to the story:

"Would you sign your name please?"

"All right. Don't rush me."

(Try to imagine the William Tell Overture playing in the background as the story fades out.)

(to be cont.)

Attention ALL People
 who PLAN TO ATTEND
 YOHI'S ANNUAL
 SNOWBALL...

IF YOU ARE TAKING SOMEONE
 WHO DOES NOT ATTEND

YOHI, YOU MUST BRING

A NOTE FROM YOUR PARENTS

STATING THAT YOU HAVE THEIR
 PERMISSION. DON'T FORGET,
 ME!?

Who's Smart?

In a general information quiz administered to the freshmen and sophomores this week, the sophomores proved themselves infinitely wiser than the freshmen. (Though the freshmen came up with more "wise" answers--would you believe that Moscow University won the KPCSAA football championship?) There was only one question that more freshmen answered correctly than did sophomores--namely, "Who is Timothy Leary?" This causes us to wonder what our freshmen are coming to!

Eight people think that Mongolia is in Africa. We wonder what they were doing during geography lessons?

Most of the students did pretty well. Though there were only two perfect papers for the freshmen and four for the sophomores, there was only one paper with all the answers wrong--a freshman's, wouldn't you know?

Well, here are the questions, answers, and percentage correct. You can draw your own conclusions:

	<u>FRESH.</u>	<u>SOPH.</u>
1. In what ocean does the U.S. Seventh Fleet operate? The Pacific	* 89%	93%
2. Who invented the Fahrenheit thermometer? Fahrenheit	75%	86%
3. Who is the Vice-President of the United States? Hubert H. Humphrey	96%	100%
4. Who is the Premier of Japan? Eisaku Sato	89%	91%
5. In what year is the Security Treaty between the U.S. and Japan subject to cancellation? 1970	47%	79%
6. Who is Timothy Leary? The leading exponent of LSD and marijuana	37%	16%
7. Name two typewriter manufacturers. Royal, Underwood, Remington, Singer, etc.	75%	86%
8. Where is Mongolia? Between China and Russia	82%	36%
9. How many players on a soccer team? 11	56%	77%
10. What is the capital of California? Sacramento	96%	100%
11. What team won the KPCSAA football championship for the 67-68 school year?	88%	96%

THE YO-KI DEVILS!

* Percentage of students polled answering correctly

Senior Spotlight --- Cathy & Steve

First this week, from Jacksonville, North Carolina, we have Cathy Stanley. Cathy has been in Japan for over a year. Some of her interests are painting, traveling, reading, spending money, and writing letters to "guess who."

She says, "Yo-Mi is a lot better than any other school around here. The people, the faculty, and everybody is nice, really. I mean, St. Maur's is only for girls, St. Joseph's for boys, and Yo-Mi is co-educational. Take your choice!"

She says, for next year's seniors: "Be careful, study hard and become great seniors. (If you can't be great seniors, then just be careful.)"

Next we have Steven Gray. Steve is from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and has been in Japan for a year and a half.

When asked what he thinks of Yo-Mi he replied, "Although everybody says, 'I'd rather go to the States to graduate, I, personally, think I'd crack up if I didn't graduate here.'"

Steve is interested in all sports, with the exception of tackle football.

His opinion of the "Echoes": "It gives the students what they want to read even if it won't win the Pulitzer Prize for news."

To future seniors, he says: "At the present time it looks pretty hopeless for you, but when we were in the same grade, we, too, were thought hopeless causes. But you'll all make it someday."

ECHOES OPINIONS

Last week we showed you that our school building isn't really as bad as many of us make it seem. However, to bypass this idea altogether, we should say that the major purpose of a school is not to look beautiful, but to provide a sound education--and Yo-Hi has done an outstanding job in just that.

Wile C. Kinnick is a fully-accredited member of the North Central Association, which sends representatives overseas every year to approve our school (remember those important-looking officials who visited us?), and never in the history of this school have we received a warning, reprimand, or failed to meet any N.C.A. requirement.

Our school also has a local chapter of the National Honor Society, and is entered annually in the National Merit Scholarship program.

Though there are some who find the work here easier than in the States, many students have to struggle to keep up with the academic demands of this school.

The teachers, because they travel more than the average teacher, tend to have a wide range of knowledge and experience.

Mr. Spaulding has estimated the percentage of Yo-Hi graduates each year who have gone on to higher education as 60-95%! One year, all but one graduate went on to either college or other advanced schooling. (Feel a little more confident, seniors?) And no one from Yo-Hi who applied ever failed to enter college. He might have had to take his second or third choice, but he did get accepted.

With all this background, we can be assured that we are receiving a sound, if not excellent, general and college preparatory high school education.

→ BUS RIDER GRIPES ←

I'm sure many of you have ridden in one of the ultra-modern Japanese busses (with their comfortable velvet-covered seats and large picture windows) that seem to follow their schedules with minute-perfect precision.

We of the Western world, though, are too civilized to spend our money on an enterprise as absurd as a good bus system.

What does it matter if the bus breaks down now and then (as 9-B did a while ago), and the students arrive home half an hour late? What does it matter if students are injured by flying seats because the bus makes a mountain out of every mole hill? Who cares if students have to stand for an hour going home on the Yokohama-Yokosuka shuttle?

It matters a lot. I care! If I should ever become President of the United States, the first thing I would do is establish an efficient and pleasant bus system for the overseas schools.

Ruffled Yo-Hian

A Word To The Wise

If you can't hear a pin drop, there's something wrong with your hearing.

If someone were to ask you "How much does time cost?" your immediate answer would probably be, "Nothing." Think again! Time certainly is not free. You pay for the time you use, and time pays you well if you use it wisely.

What if time could be bought, though? (It's rather an interesting thought, isn't it?) Do you think you would use it more wisely than you are using it now? A few of us might use the purchased time constructively, but many of us might just use it as additional time to squander.

Anyone for canned hours?

Stealing at Yo-Hi

An Open Letter to Yo-Hi Students:

I have been attending this school for three years now, during which time I have heard much about the problem of stealing that exists in our school.

As is normal with humans, however, I never actually realized that this problem existed until a few weeks ago, when I was personally affected.

On a Monday morning I discovered that the lock on my hall locker, as well as one of my books in the locker, was missing. Since I had left my locker locked and had checked its contents the previous Friday, I could only conclude that my belongings had been stolen.

Although many of my friends were very sympathetic when I mentioned my loss to them, none of them expressed surprise at the theft itself.

My purpose in writing this letter is not to make public my private tale of woe. I am saying that this attitude of "I know there's stealing going on, but so what?" is deplorable. Is it from fear of losing popularity with our friends that we approve of stealing? Or have we all become so immune that we can impassively ignore it?

No matter how the situation is viewed, stealing is wrong and witnessing stealing in silence is equally wrong. Both for our individual protection and for the improvement of our society, we should do all we can to help eliminate this rising problem.

A Yo-Hian

Hilda's Helpful Hints

Here's a great way to save water: buy four-by-three foot rectangles of sheet metal and form a hollow rectangle around your radiators. The steam will condense on the metal and drip into a pan below. This water can then be purified and used.