

ECHOES

ONCE AGAIN!!

No. 15

Yo-Hi

Dec. 8, '67

S. A. T.

Saturday students from St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and Yo-Hi formed in the Yo-Hi gym at 8:15 to take the College Entrance Examination Boards, S.A.T.

The next College Entrance Examination Board tests will be given on January 13. Many people will take the tests again. Good luck to the people testing in January.

NEED HELP? ←

This week we are going to tell you a little about one of Yo-Hi's most promising clubs.

The Homeroom Service Club is one of the new clubs at Yo-Hi. It is sponsored by Miss Donahue and dedicated to the betterment of Yo-Hi.

There are many activities engaged in by the Service Club at this time. Some of these include visiting other schools, and welcoming new students and supplying them with any helpful information they might need.

This Christmas if you receive a singing telegram you'll know that the Service Club is behind it all.

The officers of the Service Club are:
President: Cathy Carter
Vice-President: Lillian Fukushima
Secretary: Darlene Clegg

SMOKING OR DRINKING? ☹️ ☹️

Mr. Mac Millan has taken an interest in informing some of Yo-Hi's students about smoking and drinking.

He has a set of two filmstrips and records on the two subjects. These filmstrips have four college-age students discussing the reasons why they smoke and drink, the problems encountered when smoking or drinking, and some of the statistics and results from partakers and nonpartakers of the two habits. They present an interesting discussion.

After the filmstrips Mr. Mac Millan's students have a discussion to give their opinions on the filmstrips and of smoking and drinking. Stories of true incidents concerning the effects of both habits along with the good-natured jokes are also exchanged.

Mr. Mac Millan feels that it is the duty of parents and teachers to inform students about smoking and drinking because these habits play such an important part in American society. Judging from the students' reactions, Mr. Mac Millan has succeeded in his mission of informing. All of his classes have seen the filmstrip on alcohol and the physical science classes have seen the one on tobacco.

HERE IS SOME Stomach-PLEASING-Info...

If anyone is planning to go out after the Snowball tomorrow, Yokohama is abundant with nice places to eat.

Well-known among Yo-Hians, the Scandia and the Alte Liebre are fine places. (if one has a large wallet). The New Grand, fifth floor, fits in this category also.

If people are interested in eating Mexican food, the El Matador is great, with reasonable prices. Located on Motomachi, Ciel Bleu is a nice place to go that is not very expensive if you stay with the ¥700 sirloin.

No matter where you go, the "Echoes" staff hopes that you have a really great time. A word to the wise: Expect to have ten percent tax and ten percent service charge added to your bill at Scandia, Alte Liebre and New Grand.

TEEN CLUB SCHEDULE

This week in the "Echoes" we would like to give you the schedule of the Yokohama Neet Nac Club. Next week we will have the Yokosuka Club schedule.

- Friday, 8 Dec. 1900;
"The Happening" at the Bill Chickering Theater. Tickets 25 cents on sale at the Neet Nac Club. (Come and see a lot of our local talent in Rock 'n Roll bands with a group, The Boys, from Tokyo.)
- Saturday, 9 Dec. 1730;
"The Snowball Dance": tickets on sale at Yo-Hi. Music: "Marmalade Movement."
- Friday, 15 Dec. 1900-2200;
Dance, casual. Admission: 30 cents each. Music: "Molotov Cocktails."
- Saturday, 16 Dec.;
Tournaments at 1900. Away trip to Atsugi Teen Club for a dance--busses leave Neet Nac Club at 1830.
- Thursday, 21 Dec.;
Visit to Yokosuka Naval Hospital to take baked goodies to patients. You must be a girl and sixteen to sign up at the Neet Nac Club.
- Friday, 22 Dec.;
Everyone welcome! Come and help decorate the club for the Christmas Dance.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE HIPPIES?

Jo Ann Gyvak--I don't know enough about the motives of all of them to make a fair judgement, but, personally, I think most of them are wrong and stupid.

June Okumura--I am unable to understand their way of thinking at all. The way they act just irks me, but I guess it takes all kinds to make a world.

Ruth Paxson--As I have never come in contact with a hippie, I really don't know if I'm qualified to answer this question, but, as of what I know about them right now, I'd say that the hippie population had better start decreasing before more babies have a pop bottle for a heart! I think the majority are just attention seekers with nothing better to do.

Frances Nagatoshii--I think they're harmless to others as far as I know, but among themselves I don't think I can say.

Don Franz--I don't think their view of the world is very realistic. Neither do I approve of some of their methods of bringing about the changes they desire. If they would just go off somewhere and take their drugs and ideas with them, I think everyone would be much happier.

Joyce Sakamoto--Seems to me they're enjoying themselves--but I know a friend who knows a hippie and she says that he's not satisfied living among the flowers.

Deri Richardson--The real philosophy of the hippies is lost to the public when they look upon those dirty, ragged people. Those people are mostly bums looking for the "easy way out." But the real hippie is a believer in a religion made to try to do away with evil and bring good moral standards to everyone. To him love and peace lead to brotherhood and consequently no more problems. Today the "real believers," the "true hippies," live not in crash pads or filthy rooms but out on farms trying to reach their goal by first of all ducking the system and seeking nothing but true goodness in themselves as a first step to change.

HA-HA-HA!

"There's only one thing wrong with this dance," said the young man to his newest girlfriend.

"What's that?" she asked.

"Well, if I try to kiss you in it," he answered, "it might capsize."

Quickly the girl remarked: "I can swim."

An editor received a story from one of his reporters about the theft of 2,025 pigs from one farmer. Curious about the large number, he phoned the farmer.

"Are you the one who had the 2,025 pigs stolen?"

"Yeth, I thure am," replied the farmer.

"Thanks," said the editor, as he turned and rewrote the story about the theft of two sows and 25 pigs.

WEEKLY FAVORITES

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE GROUP: Jay and the Techniques

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE ALBUM: "The Peanut Conspiracy is Spreading"

THIS WEEK'S VOCALIST: Johnny Rivers

A SNOW BALL!

DON'T FORGET
IT'S TOMORROW
SAT. 9TH DEC.!!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Hailing from Atlanta, Georgia, our first spotlihter this week is Becky Fittz. Becky has been living in Japan for fifteen years. Some of Becky's likes are people, work, music, the outdoors, and eating.

She thinks Yo-Hi is "great." She says, "Like any organization it has its faults and areas needing improvements, but I wouldn't choose any other school."

Her opinion of the "Echoes": "Some of the articles (sports, current events, and some of the student opinion articles) are good. Other parts of it don't amount to anything. But for a student weekly it's pretty good. It's the type of literature I like to read on Friday, after a hard week, on the bus going home."

To future seniors, Becky says: "Keep on your toes when it comes to fulfilling responsibilities. It's only when we show ourselves mature enough to handle our responsibilities at Yo-Hi that the administration can and will give us a senior class trip, privileges, etc."

Next we have Al Hill from Oceanside, California. He has been in Japan for six years, with the first five spent at Johnson. Al's interests include "music, sports, food, girls, girls, and almost anything else you can think of."

When asked what he thinks of the "Echoes," he said, "The 'Echoes' is often found to cater to a select group. This year's 'Echoes' staff is changing this fault so that a wider range of students is found. I guess it's pretty good."

Al says about Yo-Hi: "It is a lot friendlier and bigger than Johnson High School. The one year that I have spent at Yo-Hi so far has been much more enjoyable than the five I spent at Johnson. My only complaint about it is that it is too old and too crowded!"

STUDENT OPINIONS

Dear J.S. and "Ann,"

In previous articles, you have hashed and re-hashed the possibility of having our "social affairs" in places other than Yokohama. It was Ann's contention that since the Yokosuka kids get up every morning with the sun, and that transportation is so difficult, that some of the prominent social affairs should be held down at Yokosuka.

J.S. contended that it would be fine to have these events in Yokosuka, except that the facilities are better in Yokohama. To answer this, Ann replied that the Club Alliance or the Yokosuka Officers' Club could be used, for these were larger than Yokohama's facilities.

So far in this article, I've only presented the facts as these two have written them. I should now like to give my opinion.

These two people have considered two distinct locations in Japan where two groups of students congregate and go to Nile C. Kinnick High School. In their attempts to convince each other to hold social affairs in those two locations, they've failed to realize that there's a third location that contributes people. Although I doubt it has as great a percentage as Yokohama or Yokosuka, it still represents a certain minority of people who have their rights too. I think, before these two people continue bickering, that they also ought to ask the opinion of this other group. The people of whom I speak live in Hayama...

BALDUM HAIRUM WHAT!?! WE SHALL OVERCOME!!

Boys of Yokohama, arise. A new animal has taken root on our turf, mainly the species called balduus hairum checkerus.

I won't mention names but a few of us "bald" Yo-Hians couldn't get into the show last week, especially the cycle riders.

Here's the scene:

You're at home reading the movie schedule. Zap! There's a good movie on and you grab your helmet and jump on your bike. You park your bike and walk hastily over to the Chickering; meanwhile you're taking your helmet off and your hair gets a little bit ruffled.

You can't get in the show.

If a boy accidentally has long, messed up hair, why not? It's a free country, is it not?

Freshmen and sophomores fell for it, and, as a result, beat the seniors. But, the juniors felt a little angry to be treated so much like little children. That is one of the main reasons why only \$18.00 was collected from them—not because the juniors were cheap!

So, seniors, be a little less obvious next time.

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--S.L.G.C.

Dear S.L.G.C.,

If enough lettermen want this custom, we don't see why they couldn't put it into practice.

--Ed.

A Student
Our generation will never succeed in this world. Why? We will be too tired by the time we graduate from high school. We are like old soldiers, what with all the work we get piled on us.

School work provides enough activity but with all the extra work--well--a human body can do just so much work. Then it simply collapses.

Most of this extra work comes in the form of term papers. Term papers may be a fine project, and a good excuse for the teacher to pile on the work, but, when you have to do two or three (or more) in one semester, it is too much.

Teachers don't seem to realize that we have not only one class, but six of them. Each individual teacher assigns homework which, singularly, is not too much. But when all teachers assign the same amount of homework, we end up with six times too much homework.

Thus, our generation seems to be over-worked. That's why we are like old soldiers plodding along on our slow march. That's why our generation will never succeed--will it?

WHAT KIND OF FOOLS???

What kinds of fools do the seniors take the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors for? They use a philosophy which is stupidly obvious and think they can fool us. Here is an example.

As everyone at Yo-Hi knows, we had to get \$150 for the KBA. The senior class, in order to get the underclassmen to raise money, went around and said that no one could beat the almighty class of '68 in the donations. The

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...A. Junior
HELP! HELP! HELP!

Dear Editor, I was wondering if anything can be done about the situation in the girls' shower room. Every time we go in to take a shower after a grueling period of exercises and games, there is only cold water. I wouldn't mind if it was summer, but it is so miserable to have cold water in a cold room on a cold day.

--S.H.K.

Dear S.H.K.,

We can see your plight. But just think what you can tell your grandchildren someday! "Spend money so you can have the winter on Mars? Why, when I was your age, we didn't even have hot water for...."

--Ed.



ECHOES" OPINION PAGE...

It seems that a few students have been complaining about our short lunch period. These people feel that something should be done to improve the situation. If they would view the matter logically, though, they would soon realize that nothing much can be done.

One of the suggestions offered has been to cut homeroom and add that extra time to our lunch period. This is quite out of the question because this would mean eliminating most of the extra-curricular activities (which, in a different sense, are just as important as our academic pursuits) that meet during homeroom.

In order to lengthen our lunch time without cutting homeroom, our school day would have to be lengthened (since it is mandatory that we have a specified number of school hours daily). This, obviously, would not be welcomed by anyone (especially not by the Kamakura, Hayama, and Yokosuka students) who would then be compelled to wake up even earlier or get home even later.

We say that we should best leave things as they are, however uncomfortable we may be.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME?

What do you do after school? Go directly to the Teen Club, spend an hour and a half there, then mill around the exchange for another hour, talk with your friends for several hours, go home, take a half-an-hour snack break, and listen to the radio? By that time, it's time for supper, after which you must keep from employing your just-fed brain. Therefore, you flip through a sports or fashion magazine for an hour or so.

And you wonder why you never get your homework done.

Next time try using that extra thirty-five minutes in homeroom to get those math problems done. Go straight home, plow through your homework without even eating (as much as it may kill you) and when you finish, not only will you have time to do all those things you normally do, but you will really have a sense of accomplishment. (We know that sounds like old hash, but it's true!)

All the while you goofed off before, there was that dark cloud of homework hanging heavily over you. Now you can relax and really enjoy that snack or that magazine.

Yes, we know, it's far easier said than done. But just set aside one special day when you don't have much to do outside of school, and try it--just as an experiment. You'll really be surprised.

Alida's Helpful Hints

Here's a quick way to warm up left-over chicken noodle soup: put it in a hot-water bottle; then fill your bathtub with hot water and put the bottle in it. You might scald your hands taking it out, but it's worth it!

Although it is rather early in the year to judge one way or the other, the student government promises to be good this year. It has shown itself to be capable of organization, imagination, and most important, a willingness to work diligently for the school.

Among the projects which have been inaugurated this year are the continued support for the Vietnamese orphans and the newly-formed Service Club, which seems to be a wonderful idea and one that should be continued in the future if it proves to be of value this year. The innovation in the homeroom system, if not favorably accepted by those who managed to skip class during homeroom before, is popular with many students who are now able to spend a constructive half-hour daily studying or being with fellow hobbyists.

The Assembly programs have also been fairly good. The enjoyable hour during which the band from the U.S.S. Providence played for us was certainly a welcome change, and the Thanksgiving and Alhido assemblies were good too.

We certainly hope that the Student Council will keep up its good work.

DECLARATION...

We, the Staff of the "Echoes," in order to form a more perfect student body, have come forth with the Declaration of Reform. The said Declaration of Reform is as follows:

- I. Boldness is out, polish is in.
- II. Losing is out, winning is in.
- III. Sadie Hawkins is out, Snowball is in.
- IV. Fighting is out, love is in.
- V. Crudeness is out, coolness is in.
- VI. Boys are in, girls are out (for P.E. that is).
- VII. Yokohama is out, Yokosuka is in.

We feel that whosoever takes heed of said Reform shall be a more perfect citizen of Yo-Mi.

From The Treasury of Rejected Rhemes

ME

I know that I shall never see
A poem as beautiful as me.
The only major problem, though,
Is no one else thinks so.

THE END...

DOES SPORTS OUR DEVILS!

★ WRESTLING... WRESTLING... WRESTLING...
 The P. E. classes, after their long weeks of wrestling, finally ended up with the wrestling-pinning combination tests and the tournament matches held last Thursday and Friday.

Before the matches each student had a warm-up match with the partner whom he wanted to wrestle. After the warm-up matches everyone in the class was weighed in and was set up on a list according to his weight. This was to elect one's proper partner.

In the Thursday matches, the game started with the lightweights. The lightweights were approximately from 100 lbs to 125 lbs. The middleweights from 125 lbs. to 140 lbs. and the rest of the class was in the heavyweight rank.

Just to make these matches realistic each match was exactly timed. There were three one minute periods. The first period the wrestlers wrestled in the free style and in the second and third period each had to alternate in the referee's position. These were the closing matches for the P.E. classes.

After the wrestling season, the basketball season for the P.E. classes begins. Most of the kids are happy since they don't have to worry about mat burns anymore.

He is going out for the wrestling team and hopes to wrestle in the 120-127 pound category. Some of his likes are girls, food, bowling, golf, pool, and, most of all, sports, except basketball. His dislikes are all kinds of homework.

His opinion on the team this year: "It is a good team. I have seen a lot of potential. We should be in the running for the trophy this year."

We of the "Echoes" sports staff wish this athlete the best of luck this year. If you haven't guessed his name, take a look at the bottom of this page.

PREDICTIONS (The Prognosticator)
 Well, here I am to give you the clean-up on the way the league should finish this year.

The bottom five places are filled as follows:

- (5) Zama
- (6) Johnson
- (7) GhoFu
- (8) Narimasu
- (9) St. Mary's

Now on to the top four:

A.S.I.J. should be fourth because they have some of their team back from last year and also have the same coach. Yamato should be third because they have a few of their boys coming back plus they aren't that bad in the games they have played.

C.A.J. will be the top competitor for the trophy, for they are a real basketball team. They will have three of their five starting members back and will have a returning coach who is really a competitor.

Our hopeful team, the YO-HI Devils, should wind up in first. The only reason for this is that we have the best team, and the best school spirit. Although we only have two of our starting members coming back, we will be strong for we have some new boys that will help give us the number one team in the league.

My predictions:

- (1) Yo-HI
- (2) C.A.J.
- (3) Yamato
- (4) A.S.I.J.

The basketball practice that started last Thursday after school with approximately 40-45 students trying out ended with 10 selected. All the students who tried out did their best; however, the number of players on a team is limited.

The players who were chosen for the team were as follows: John Richardson, Bill Olson, Dean Remillard, Pat Tilley, Mike Wirsing, Jim Takemoto, Dale Bennett, Nate Jackson, Dave Russell, and Derryl Nelson. Crawford Russell and Steve Norden from the Junior Varsity might come up to the Varsity.

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MUSCLE MEN ← LOOK!
 The wrestling team is getting into the swing of things now. Every night at 5:00 the team meets in the tatami room for an hour and a half practice.

Coach Mauninck is training the team in take-downs and escapes. We will have our first match against Keio High School at Yo-Hi on either the 16th or the 23rd of December. Good luck, matmen.

JAPANESE CULTURE
 In Japan, there are a lot of superstitions. The Japanese people have various things which are supposed to bring good luck. One of these things is the "daruma."

This is a small odd-shaped doll, usually made of paper mache and painted red (although there are variations). A black eye is painted on the doll by the person desiring good luck. After he has attained his good luck, he then paints another eye on the doll. The dolls are very common in Japan and they can be bought almost anywhere. (Maybe before report cards come out, huh, kids?)

Japanese Phrase of the Week
 Doozo-Please (when you are extending something to someone.)

Kudasai-Please (when you are asking for something.)

Note-Don't confuse these two since it is very impolite and incorrect to say, "Coca Cola doozo" when asking for a coke. Instead you should say, "Coca Cola kudasai."

(Answer to M.A. quiz: Marc Forgy)

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LITERARY PAGE

A Lesson Learned

The Centurians

"What are we having for dinner," he asked in his usual disgusted tone.

"Little fish, as usual," she replied.

"Little fish! That's all we ever have.

Can't we just once have a big fish? A great big, huge, gigantic fish. Just once?"

"No," she replied, "because it takes too much looking around to find one. I just don't have time. Unless you'd like to?"

That gave him an idea. Of course! Since she wasn't going to get him one, he might as well get his own.

She had told him earlier that big fish just don't exist anymore, just the little ones.

"Women!" he thought to himself. "What do they know? They're just lazy. Just too lazy to go out and catch big fish. So what happens? Men end up catching dinner. Women's work! How humiliating! I hope none of our friends are around."

He searched and searched and was just about ready to give up when...

"Aha! A big one. A great big, huge, gigantic, delicious fish. And it's all mine. Mine! Won't the wife be surprised when I come home with this jewel. Boy, I'll show her. She thought I couldn't do it."

He swam cautiously toward the fish. All of a sudden it started to swim away. He went after it. It swam faster. He kept on, opened his mouth, and took a bite out of it.

"Aaaaaaah!" he yelled.

He swam for home and tried to sneak in. But, as usual, in vain.

"Well, did you get one!" she asked sarcastically.

He just shook his head. His mouth was starting to swell from the splinters. He finally gave in and asked her to take them out.

All she did was chuckle to herself.

"Looks like a surfboard," was all she said.

He went to bed early that night and slept until late afternoon. When he woke he again asked the same question, "What's for dinner tonight?" in the same disgusted tone.

"Little fish, as usual," she replied again.

"An. little fish. Nothing like good ol' little fish to soothe the appetite."

Moral: Man should leave woman's work to woman.

Second moral: When you see a surfboard—a big fish it ain't.

BERRINNGE! ≡ BEIRINNGE!

Cathy Carter

Leaders of the world, pay attention:

Every day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, I wake up in the morning at 6:00 A.M. to a stupid alarm clock with its harsh, unfriendly ring. This is why I am always so grouchy. This wouldn't be so bad, except that this grouchiness rubs off on other people.

Say I start out for a school day in my usual grouchy mood. It immediately rubs off on one of the occupants of the bus, thus starting a chain reaction. He in turn rubs it off on others, teachers and students alike. This goes on and on and on until all of Japan is in a grouchy mood.

Since there is always somebody leaving Japan and flying to countries all over the world, soon every living being is in a grouchy mood, from the aborigine in New Guinea to Party Chairman Mao Tse Tung. This explains why the world is in such a mess...all because of my alarm clock.

Charles Fears

OPEN LETTER TO YO-HI TEACHERS:

When the Literary Page of the "Echoes" was initiated, we asked for student contributions. So far, we have received only two; the rest were written by our staff members. Actually, the Literary Page was started for the express purpose of letting students have a chance to contribute original literary materials. Perhaps it is shyness, or perhaps it is laziness, but, either way, it seems that Yo-Hians don't care to contribute a thing.

So we would appreciate it very much if you would send any original material, written by your students, to room 306. Please include the students' names or pen-names and grade.

In order to be printed in the "Echoes" for Friday, please send in the material by Tuesday. This policy will continue for the rest of this quarter. Dozo, yoro-shiku onegai-shimasu.

Linda Harada
Editor, Literary Page