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CLASS PRESIDENTS SPEAK

Now that half of the school year is over and the class presidents have had a degree of experience, the "Echoes" has taken time to get a short interview with each of them. The general impression received was that the first semester was a fairly good one and that plans are industriously being made for the second semester.

Clyde Evely, senior class president, said that with the Snowball over and the Senior Banquet over the next consideration is the traditional seniors' gift to the school. One hasn't been chosen yet. Clyde concluded: "Of course, we want still more senior privileges. We've thought of a senior lounge during homeroom or having the senior locker area declared off-limits to underclassmen for five minutes before school and after school."

Plans for the second semester are also being made by the junior class. These include a tricycle race in the spring, which is being handled by a committee headed by Jerry Winters, and a faculty-student basketball game. Donna Scott, secretary, speaking on behalf of president John Richardson, said, "Plans for the prom are going especially well."

Don Gallion, president of the sophomore class, said that the first semester had presented no problems, although Homecoming was rather hectic. Don said, "Our present concern is money. Mr. Spaulding took all we had." He went on to explain that the sophomore treasury is exhausted after having made a contribution of over \$100 for the Vietnamese orphans' fund. Several meetings have been held to discuss raising money. If possible, the sophomore class plans to give a \$250 scholarship to a deserving senior.

Despite their handicap of being first-year students, the freshmen seem to have managed well also. Chris Huddleston, president, said, "I plan to do a lot during the second semester." Among the activities which are awaiting approval from the Administration include a Senior Slave Day and sweatshirt sales. Chris mentioned another idea, a very novel one—having a Balloon Kick Day with the names of teachers painted on the balloons.

VISIT YOUR LIBRARY

One of Yo-Hi's most improved conveniences this year is the library. Now located in bldg. B, the library is under the supervision of Mr. Ted Johnson and Mrs. Frieda Wilson with the assistance of Suzuki-san.

Open till 5:00 every week day, the library has about 6,000 books to offer which is a great improvement over last year. Also, the library subscribes to about 70 different magazines, ranging from Sports Illustrated to Match, a French version of Life.

Although the library has improved greatly, it will not come to you. So for a better understanding on certain subjects or topics, visit it regularly.

NEW STUDENTS

In the last few weeks we've received four new students, three very attractive young ladies and a boy. We of the "Echoes" would like to introduce you to them.

First comes Ginnie Johnson. Ginnie has just come from New Jersey, where she attended Cristobal High School. She is 17 and a junior. When asked what her first impression of Yo-Hi was she replied, "Great! Full of really bitchen people."

Now we take you to Ceclia Hovey. Ceclia is 15 years old and a sophomore. Ceclia just came from Huntington Beach, California, where she attended Westminster High School.

Then comes Ellen Cassady from Escondido High School in Escondido, California. Ellen is 15 and in the 9th grade.

Then finally comes our last new student, Ron Hovey, brother of Ceclia. Ron is 16 and a junior. When asked what his first impression of Yo-Hi was, Ron replied, "Friendly people—otherwise I don't really know."

We of the "Echoes" would like to say "Welcome to Yo-Hi."

"Beautiful Teeth!"

As of Tuesday this week, January 23, the campaign to make our school "the school of the beautiful teeth" has been launched. On scheduled days the boys' and girls' P.E. classes will receive fluoride treatments at the Dental Clinic. Coupled with daily care of teeth, this treatment is said to give 73% protection against cavities!



SPEAKING OUT

Every day in the newspaper we read about the hippies and the peaceniks of this generation. The paper gives the opinion that a majority of teen-agers do not want to support the war that we are fighting right now in Vietnam and that they all protest what the nation is doing.

This is not true. Most of the teen-agers in America, as I am sure all over the world, are more interested in bettering life. Most of the teen-agers go from high school on to college and from college on to responsible jobs.

The hippies and the "flower children" are really in the minority and what they stand for is not a major idea of the young people of today. The ones that are making all the fuss about the war and the draft are not the ones that are really concerned with it. I feel that the ones that are protesting the war are the ones that are afraid of fighting because they are afraid that they are going to have to work and maybe die.

The only reason that the minority is heard from more than the majority of the young people is because it is the minority on the campuses and in the cities, such as New York and San Francisco, that make so much of the noise that is sensational enough to make the newspapers. The rest of the older teen-agers are either in Vietnam fighting or are in school finishing up their education.

 A. Yo-Hian

Have you ever thought about what you would do if suddenly someone was injured in front of you by a criminal act of another? What would you do for the person injured? Just turn your head and say it isn't any of your business?

Probably! That's what most people do. But why? Has the human race lowered itself to such an extent that it feels nothing at all towards its fellow humans? If the case were turned around, wouldn't you want someone to help you?

Perhaps it is a bit understandable over here in Japan, but it is not excusable. The rumor is that there is a law over here stating that in an accident anyone who helps the victim may be left to pay the doctor bills or even the funeral costs and help support the victims family in case of death! This may be just a rumor but it does help explain why no one bothers to help anyone who is hurt here.

But that isn't the case in the United States. It's just that people are afraid to have themselves recognized, because they're afraid someone might injure them for helping the victim. If a man gets beat up no one will help him. People would rather see him die than to take the risk of involving themselves. The human race is turning into one big slaughter-house and no one is trying to stop it from happening.



right. It is true.

Just as President Johnson has pointed out "The war in Vietnam isn't to end peace but to help stop the spread of aggression." How true this statement is. Do they, the people of the United States, realize the horrible effects of Communism?

Well, folks, it is finally over. The most dreaded time of the term has passed (until the end of the year, of course). Those deathly tests are through, finished, gone...forever. If you did rotten on your (let's say) algebra test--better luck next time. You might as well quit hating yourself for not putting that decimal point where it was necessary. Sure, it was an idiotic mistake, but it is already done. You can't change it now unless you sneak in and change the mark in the grade book. Forget it. It's over. Bury it.

Of course there is a way to improve your marks. I'm not talking about your semester mark--that's finished. But, start working hard now to prepare for second semester exams. Do that assignment before it (and many more) piles up. And most of all--keep working. Don't be like most people who start something and never finish it. Start working and finish the year working, just as hard as you were when you started (or harder). Don't slack off or there will be a repeat performance of last week.

Now, we understand that last week was just one of your "off" weeks. Everybody has one now and then. You can't help it if yours happened to come at that most tragic time--exam week. Nor can you help it if the teacher told you to study one thing and put another on the test. We understand that. Nobody blames you if you had "bad luck" on the test. But getting good grades does not involve luck (totally) Believe it or not, it relies on you and your studying habits.

So, here we are again, diving into another semester, another year, another challenge. What are you going to do about it so that it turns out to be a little more prosperous than last year? It is up to you.

 A. Yo-Hian

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party" is an old saying used now in 1968 by some fellow students.

Just as the Vietnam crisis is in full force, many of the people in the United States are against it. With demonstrations, rallies, and even violent riots they carry signs such as "Make Love, Not War." Though many people are against it others are for it.

It is the job of every man and woman in the United States to help win this war. We're not going to do it by just saying it is wrong. How many actually realize what we are fighting this war for? If you answer this question "to stop aggression," you, my friend, are absolutely

 A. Yo-Hian

WRESTLING

M. A.

Saturday afternoon the To-Hi matmen had a practice wrestling match with Keio High School of Yokohama.

This match gave the younger members of the team needed experience. Unfortunately our team wasn't able to defeat Keio, but we had a few players coming out on top. Even though we lost, it was not a bad loss because it was our first match for the better part of the team. Our team is young, but we have a lot of spirit and also many old returning lettermen who will give us a good crack at the league trophy.

Our very first wrestling match will be held January 9 in the Gym at 4:00 p.m. Everyone come and see your team in action. The match is against our good old buddies, the Yamato Warriors.

This week our M.A. is a wrestler and is doing very well in this sport. This M.A. is from Portland, Oregon, and had been in Japan for almost three years. He has enjoyed most of it. Some of his likes include football, M. F., beating Yamato, and smashing Johnson, and malts (which could be his downfall). Some of his dislikes are Yamato, Johnson, and eating liver and squash. He is 6'2" tall and weighs the modest sum of 235 pounds. His opinion on the team is that it is young and spirited. The M.A.'s record from last year was 14 wins and no losses. He hopes to repeat this remarkable score again and to be on top of all his opponents. The name of our Mystery Athlete this week is at the bottom of this page if you don't know by now.

Ⓜ HISTORY OF BASKETBALL Ⓜ

The history of the game began in 1891 when Dr. James E. Naismith, a physical education instructor at Springfield YMCA training school, was asked to use his ingenuity to produce a new game that would keep students at Springfield interested and busy during the winter season.

Basketball, a game that complied with all the physical and emotional taxation required for the boys for whom it was originated, was the result. The conditions were limited areas, limited number of contestants, and limited amount of body contact.

Originally, the baskets actually were peach baskets hung on the walls at both ends of the gymnasium. Numbers of players ranged from 5 to 15 or more. The court was rectangular and the object of the game was to put the ball into the basket.

Dr. Naismith decided that it would be the best to eliminate roughness, such as shouldering, pushing, and kicking. The ball was to be handled with the hands only. It could not be drawn into the body which might encourage roughness.

Over the years the rules have changed until the game has evolved into what we know today.

>>> BOBSLEDDING <<<

Last week there was an article on the winter sport, skiing.

There is another sport called bobsledding in the winter. Bobsledding consists of sliding down an ice covered natural or artificial incline on a four-runner sled carrying two to four persons. Bobsledding was originated in Switzerland around 1890 and its origin is attributed to two U.S. vacationers who tried to increase the thrills of tobogganing by adding runners to increase the toboggan's speed. This sport grew in popularity and in 1898 the first organized competition was held on the Cresta run at St. Moritz.

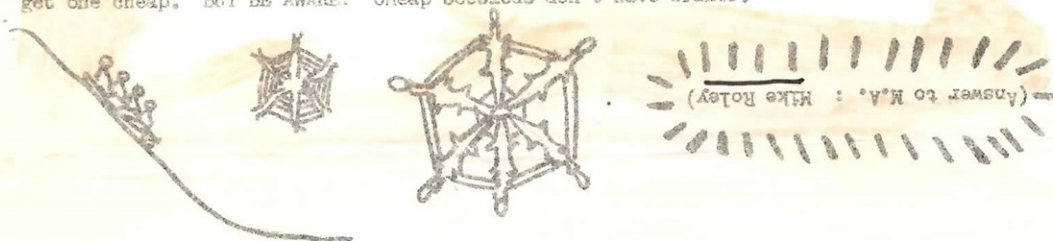
In 1904 a separate bobsled run was built at St. Moritz having a gentle slope and high banked turns. In 1923 bobsledding became an internationally recognized sport with the organization of the F.B.I.T.

The early bobsleds were built mostly of wood. Steel runners were adopted within a few years and by the second half of the 20th Century steel and aluminum were used. The four runners are generally mounted in pairs on two axles. Steering is accomplished by turning the front axle either with ropes or by a wheel linked to the axle by cables. It has a brake which is pressed against the ice between the rear runners.

A racing team originally consisted of five persons (four men and a woman). The team of five which lay prone on the bobsled was last used in the 1928 Olympics, after which teams were reduced to four men. The two-man event was begun in 1921.

The first race was held during the Olympics in 1924. There were a number of well designed runs in Europe. At these games a Swiss four-man team won the event marking the first international championships. By the beginning of W.W. II there were approximately 60 runs in Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden.

If anybody in the school wants to enjoy thrills with a bobsled, go to the market and get one cheap. BUT BE AWARE! Cheap bobsleds don't have brakes.



(Answer to M.A.: MIKE ROLAY)

Oh, you poor little junky juniors-- you just couldn't seem to raise any more than \$18.00. You let those feeble freshmen, soggy sophomores, and of course, Almighty Superior Seniors raise more than you--and now you're using the excuse that you were being conned and you didn't care to play along.

We realize that you need all the money you can get for the Prom, but, remember, you're also members of Y-12 and are supposed to do your share as a part of the high school student body.

TEEN



Ruth
Kicks ... fun?

Remember when you used to go bike-riding with your friends, or roller skating on the pavement, or just get a hard workout on your backyard "jungle jim" and swing set? Those were the days of innocent fun.

Now that we are teenagers, the "fun" thing to do is drink, smoke, and the especially fun thing is to play around with drugs. There is nothing quite as much fun as disrupting your body's proper functioning with the kicks you get from a drug.

Too bad this too couldn't still be classified as "innocent fun." It might possibly be classified as "innocent" but fun?

It is unfortunate that you can beat a kid's brain in with movies, lectures, and literature about the extreme danger of using drugs and it just doesn't sink in. Even if he tries it, is miserable for a week, and makes a perfect idiot of himself he will staunchly state--"It was fun."

Maybe I am crazy, just not with it, or old fashioned, but I fail to see the "fun" involved in shattering one's nerves. If someone could please explain to me what "kicks" drugs bring, I would be very grateful. I want to know whether it is really worth the effort and discomfort.

Please send any reply to room 309 and tack it to the "Student Opinion Board."



Ann

WHAT DID YOU ASK SANTA FOR?

"Four days' sleep." Clyde Evelyn

"The impossible." Sande Hawkins

"An identical twin secretary to do all my homework and go to my classes while I take a three week or longer vacation." Ann Errion

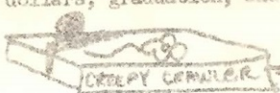
"A million dollars and a creepy crawler flower set." Debbie Branin

"An airplane ticket back to the world." Sue Pease

"A championship winning basketball team this year." Robin Vasquez

"A never ending money supply!" Dede Dwyer

"A million dollars, graduation, and a one way ticket to California." Becky Bean



Do you realize that there is a limited amount of time until it will be 1968? Do you realize that the school year is almost halfway through? Do you seniors realize that the "day of reckoning" is drawing closer?

It's kind of frightening when you think of how fast the time is going.

Already, the biggest social event of the season (the Snowball), which was prepared for so long a time, is over. It is history. Also, just as quickly, has come Christmas vacation and that will be over.

So you better start planning for the future because it is racing towards you. This means don't leave things for the last minute; time moves more quickly than you plan. Those term papers are due at a certain date in the future, but before you know it-- it is tomorrow.

Plan ahead and you will never meet an obstacle unprepared.

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

"The time of the year when I want to give but have no money."

June Okuzura

"Happiness, Santa Claus, and an empty wallet."

Mike Wirsing (Miguel)

"Vacation time! Time to realize that six more school months are left and to wonder how to spend them wisely without working too hard."

Kathy Yamacha

"Happy hearts, full of fun and joy."

Freida Russell

HOW ABOUT A SPROUT?

Come on all you people who have long bus rides to school in the morning, don't take your driver for granted!

I admit, I too, was one of those people who didn't even know what he looked like! But we started to think about it and now we know him as a person!

On our bus, we have a box for trash so that it will be easier for him to clean up after the ride. So, if there is no box on your bus, why not get one and make things easier?

We are also taking up a donation of about 25¢ apiece to buy him a Christmas present. Maybe through this we can show our appreciation to the best bus driver we've ever had!

Xmas Spirit

Usually, whenever a record review is given in the "Echoes," it is about popular music or rock-a-roll. But there are many different kinds of music, of which folk music is one.

Folk music is just what the name says: music of the people or "folk." It is sometimes a poem with pretty words set to music or it could be a story about a terrible disaster.

Many times folk songs will leave us with something to think about, such as the questioning song that almost everyone knows, "Blowing in the Wind." But it sometimes just tells a story.

The story told by a folk tune may be about a man sad and discouraged, perhaps in prison. Or it could tell of a young girl in love with the world.

Perhaps the best feature of many folk songs is that one can put himself in the song. It is possible to see one's self, and so these songs capture the attention of the listener.

Some of the most popular folk singers are Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul, and Mary, Ian and Sylvia, The Chad Mitchell Trio, and Joan Baez. Each of these performers has his or her own style and message.

Folk music captures the imagination and heart of a careful listener. It is both melancholy and happy. There is a folk song to fit every mood.

WHO? WHO? WHO???

Next in our line of mystery personalities is a senior who hails from Greenwich, Connecticut. He is 5'11" with blond hair and blue eyes. His feeling toward Yo-Hi: "It's the best high school I've ever been to. (It's the only one.)"

Among his likes are skin-diving, tropical fish, cycles, rats, and shmooos. When asked about his dislikes he only replied, "There are too many to name them all."

When he graduates from Yo-Hi this year, he plans to go to college in Montana to study wildlife, management, and technology. If you still don't know who the mystery personality is, here is one big clue: His nickname is "Bull!"

Now if you still don't know, you have flunked the test, but don't be upset. Look at the bottom of the page to find the correct answer.

SKI REPORT... A New Feature of Your Yo-hi "Echoes"

Due to the fact that there wasn't much snow in early December fewer people went to the ski resorts this year than in other years. Naeba, one of the ski resorts in Niigata Prefecture, had only 50 centimeters of snow in early December. This was unfortunate for many people who had made reservations for the ski lodges there.

On December 22 at Iwappara resort near Niigata City there were only 50 centimeters of snow because of the recent warm weather. Akakura, one of the best conditioned slopes was the only resort that had 80 centimeters or more.

Many of the skiers were gathered in Iwappara due to the fact that in some parts of the slopes in Naeba there were huge rocks sticking out. There aren't many steep slopes in Iwappara, however, so advanced skiers were pretty much out of luck.

It wasn't until around Christmas time that the ski resorts in Niigata Prefecture had more than one meter of snow on the slopes. There were many students from Yo-Hi who went to one of these resorts.

From now on, however, have no qualms about making reservations anywhere. All resorts will be booming and there will be ample snow everywhere for at least the next three months.

Can our children expect the same liberties, freedoms, and equal opportunities that we now enjoy?

Some say that the United States may follow its long line of predecessors. They, as young nations, overcame some sort of oppression, usually a foreign nation, or group of tribes that governed them.

With time, a once small nation finds that it has surpassed all of the other nations in material growth, military power, and social organization, so it decides that it is time to expand its borders. This is usually started by acquiring smaller, more underdeveloped neighbors.

With many riches, new land, and a heavy transfer of money taking place between the individuals of this nation, its prosperity soon leads to corruption, vice, and sometimes, political machinations and dictatorship. This is usually followed by outbreaks in conquered nations who are yearning to be free.

The people within the powerful nation become tired of war, and the way the government is handling everything, so they do the only thing they have in their power to do. Revolt. This weakens the nation internally, and makes it an easy prey to any nation which is attempting to widen its borders.

It seems as though history is very repetitive. Many, or rather, all nations of the past had some or all of the characteristics I've mentioned. Will this happen to the United States? Many historians feel this is the destiny of the United States. The only thing we can do is study the past, and try not to make the same mistakes.

But as one man puts it: "The only thing we can learn from the past is that we don't learn anything from the past."

WEEKLY FAVORITES

- Couple of the Week—Carter and Debby
- Boy of the Week—Mark Hamill
- Girl of the Week—Diane Wondergen
- Event of the Week—Back to School
- Place of the Week—"Cho"
- Song of the Week—"Knock on Wood"
- *Smile of the Week—Bill Longino*
- Teacher of the Week—Miss Bunch

ANSWER to WHO?: Ken Schmidt

Maybe you are the type of person who wishes to learn and see things that are typical of Japan, or the type of person who just likes to walk every now and then in quiet, peaceful places away from the noise and turmoil of everyday Japan. If you are, then I know the perfect place for you to go.

Recently over the Christmas vacation, I got an invitation from some friends to go see the Japanese shrines and art museums in and around Kita-Kamakura. I felt more or less pressured into it, and rather than let them think I wasn't interested, I decided to go along and make the best of it. Besides, I had nothing better to do. However skeptical and uninterested I was at first, I wasn't disappointed in the trip at all.

We took a blue and yellow train of the Yokosuka line to the station at Kita-Kamakura. (If you leave Yokohama Central Station heading south to Yokosuka, Kita-Kamakura will be the fourth station you reach.) Within view of the train station at Kita-Kamakura is a grove of tall, massive trees which mark the entrance to the famous shrines of Kita-Kamakura.

After a short walk from the station we found ourselves near the temple grounds. After passing through the entrance gate and paying a small fee we were free to wander about the grounds.

There is much to see on the grounds, ranging from giant temples and shrines to a place where Japanese religious monks live. Some of the structures are very old and are now Japanese national monuments. However, what struck me as most impressive was the quiet peacefulness and beauty that was there. I really couldn't believe it, after having been out in the Japanese traffic and cities for so long.

So, if you ever wish to "get away from it all" or just to see some of the real Japan, try a visit to Kita-Kamakura. It will be well worth your time.

< JAPANESE CULTURE >

In Japan, the day before the first day of spring is called "Setsubun." It is on February 3, except in the case of leap year, at which time it is on February 4. On this day, evil spirits are driven out from the house, and the people pray that good luck and health will come in the new season.

A dried sardine head and a small branch of a holly tree are placed at the entrance of the house. The smell of the dried fish head is believed to drive away evil spirits, and the thorny leaves of the holly tree are believed to stop any evil insect from entering the house.

During the "Setsubun" day, dried beans are broiled and placed on the altar of the miniature family shrine as an offering to God. In the evening, the head of the family throws a handful of beans at every corner of each room, where the evil spirits in the guise of red and green devils may be hidden. As the beans are thrown, they say, "Oni wa soto, fuku wa uchi." When translated, this means "Go out devils, come in good luck."

Children enjoy this bean throwing which is called "mame-maki." They try to gather an amount of beans which equals one more than the number of years in their age. This extra bean is to add one more year in good health to their life.

Are you afraid to walk outside in the dark? Here's a great safety tip--next time you're in the Exchange, buy about twenty red, white, and blue flashing lights (battery operated). Glue them together and attach a larist. Now, when you walk alone in the dark, swing the bulbs widely around your head. I guarantee nothing will approach you within a mile. You will also be the most patriotic pedestrian on your block.



...Ron Hazen
?? ? LUCKY ? ? ? ? ?

"You've got it made," Grandpa tells us and rattles on about his walking twenty miles to school in a blizzard, having no refrigerators to raid or idiot boxes to give his eyes to, or having to do all his chores by hand.

Well, let's take a little fact-finding tour of our "modern" age to realize for ourselves how lucky we are.

Jets zoom people around the world in a few hours, but Grandpa could win a foot-race with a bus in today's traffic.

Yes, television is just fabulous--why, the programs are getting almost as long as the commercials!

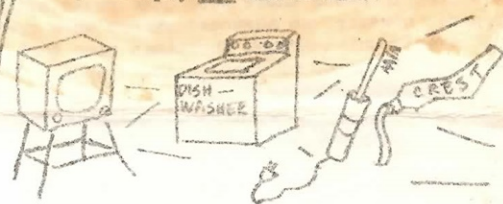
Take a pile of dinner dishes. Scrape, force-rinse, scrub them and carefully check for food; place them in the dishwasher in the positions assigned. Time yourself. Now take that same pile of dishes and wash them by hand. Time yourself again.

Beginning to see the light?

I often wonder why I can never find the New! Improved! Modernized! Energized! Un-matched! Fortified! In my morning bowl of corn flakes. It's a horrible thing to say but they just taste like cornflakes to me.

Then, too, disasters befall us which the "Then" generation couldn't even begin to imagine. We've all felt that deep mental anguish as that blob of toothpaste continually falls off the electric toothbrush; the horror of finding wet toast smeared into our clothes after the toaster nonchalantly popped its product into the washer; the utter frustration of accidentally opening a can of juice on the end marked "open other end."

Gee, Grandpa, you had it made!



Dear Editor,

While reading the January 12th edition of the "Echoes", I came across a letter from a Yo-Hi student stating that he (or she) does not feel that there are enough assemblies at Yo-Hi.

The Student Council meets almost every day, and this subject is one of the main questions brought up regularly. Thus far this year (eighteen weeks) we have had about eight assemblies and a number of pep rallies. Combining the two, that comes to over the "three assemblies a month" desired by this student.

Also, if this student will recall, homerooms were divided into different organizations at the beginning of the year in order to help make homeroom more interesting and to keep "sitting in homeroom day after day" from getting boring. Any suggestions (there were very few) made by the student body in conjunction with these homeroom activities was seriously considered, discussed, and deeply appreciated by the Student Council.

Yes, someone does have the duty to "give us a little more comfort, or...entertainment, to rest our minds," but without your cooperation, the Student Council will have to rely on the ideas of its six members. The Student Council's purpose is to help carry out the activities of the school as you want them carried out, but how can the Student Council represent you if you refuse to make your suggestions, ideas, and desires known?

Therefore, if you want more assemblies please help us by taking time and seriously thinking of what kind of assemblies you want. Then, tell us. I promise to try my very best to fulfill your wishes.

Thank you.

Shelley Moorer
Commissioner of Student
Life and Assemblies



Dear Editor,

The cycle of our days leaves much to be desired. The scheduling system which Yo-Hi uses leaves the student with a boring, day-after-day routine.

A new system has been put into effect at Johnson High School. It gives the student a balanced schedule, and the student does not go to the same classes day-after-day.

To the student, each day is a little different from the previous one, with classes alternating every other day or two days. I think this would encourage the student to work on his subjects more. It gives him a different outlook on school life, thus giving him a different attitude.

Ken Clark

Dear Ken,

We agree. Do you have a spare hundred thousand dollars or two to change Yo-Hi's facilities so we could have flexible scheduling?

Ed.

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Tock



before the exam cramming information into his head which he a few days.

Another factor which disputes the value of final exams is the physical strain which is exerted on the body. After hours of nothing but studying for several nights, one becomes tired, and might become sick by this strain. So he will miss school and his grades will suffer.

Why do teachers give us exams when they know that exams have very little value as far as learning is concerned, and that a loss of sleep may actually hurt our school work?



Dear Editor,

I have been around Yo-Hi for about three years and have watched the senior class each year to see if they are what they claim to be. They say they are the leaders of the school and that they are the best just because they are the seniors.

Who's to say different? The lowly freshmen or the sophomores or maybe the juniors?

No, they haven't grown up enough to know whether the seniors are great or not, say the seniors.

The class of 68 claims, "We are the best," and the class of 69 says, "We are the best," and the underclassmen look at them and laugh, saying, "How can they be so great if they fight like little babies over who they think is best." These classes have lost what they should have and this is respect.

Why don't the juniors and seniors get together and work together and show the underclassmen what a great class they both have by showing them that they can work together for the betterment of Yo-Hi and get a little of that lost respect back that they have waited so long to get and blown in half a year.

68-68-68 Mike Roley
Class of 68 68-68

Dear Editor,

What is the purpose of semester exams? Some teachers would answer this question by saying that they are given for the purpose of finding out what knowledge a student has retained throughout the semester.

This, however, is not the case. A student stays up many hours the night before a semester exam, cramming and jamming all of the facts about the course into his head, so that he or she will be prepared. The grades on these exams, then, only show who stayed up the longest time studying the night will inevitably forget within

A. Student

BOOK REVIEW: ANIMAL FARM

Farm animals carrying out a revolt against their human masters? Crazy as it may sound, that's what happens in George Orwell's Animal Farm. Led by pigs, the animals of Manor Farm chase out their masters and establish a society of their own. From a socialistic society, the animals are duped into a dictatorship by the pigs, who are the villains in this story.

Mr. Orwell's brief history of this animal society is an analogy of the history of any Communist state. Being an analogy, it gives the reader insight into the methods that Communists use and an analysis of the Communists themselves.

Despite the fact that the book reads like a fairy story, I think that it is worth reading because of the message it contains. I sincerely hope that everyone will read at least one of George Orwell's great books. If you can't get a copy of Animal Farm, then read 1984, a nightmarish peek into the future of the world.



Butch Jones

BOOK REVIEW: GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT

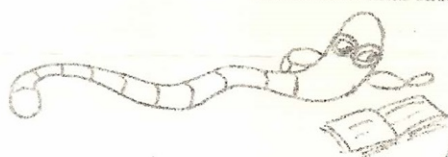
Gentleman's Agreement is a book about a journalist's life while writing a story about antisemitism for a popular magazine. He decides that the best way to get a good story is to become a "Jew" for the amount of time it takes him to get the material for his series. He becomes a Jew for eight weeks. This is not very hard for him to do since he has just moved to New York and no one knows him. He merely tells everyone that he is Jewish and watches their reactions and how they treat him. He compares his treatment as a Jew to the treatment he would have received as a Christian.

This book tells of the feelings of many upper-class citizens in New York just after the Second World War about antisemitism.

Philip Green, the journalist, falls in love with a woman who claims, and honestly feels, that she is not prejudiced against any religious group. Phil is able to show her that she is prejudiced and she finds that she can not marry him because of his close association with the Jewish life. After many hardships she finds her feeling unjustified and then begins to live with many new principles.

The book, written by Laura Z. Hobson, presents many views of a problem that has been in existence for many centuries. Written tastefully and interestingly, Gentleman's Agreement is a book well worth your time.

Katherine Andrefsky



BOOK REVIEW: VALLEY OF THE DOLLS

The most sensational book of the year, by Jacqueline Susan, is Valley of the Dolls.

This book reveals more about the drug-filled, love-starved, nightmare world of show business than any other book published.

It has just recently been made into a motion picture after being on the New York Times' bestseller list as the number one book of the year for twenty-eight consecutive weeks.

This book also seems to be the most popular book in school as it has been floating around for a couple of weeks.

Leslie Fouse

Education! A+ B+

Everyone is for it--from President Johnson to Cary Grant! Yes, everyone has been awakened to the importance of a high school education--everyone, that is, except the one million teenagers who dropped out of U. S. high schools last year.

Though many organizations and individuals have tried to correct this drop-out situation, by next September another million students will have left school.

Because the dropout problem affects many teenagers directly, and all the teenagers indirectly, it is important that high school students themselves recognize the unfortunate position of a high school dropout today.

Reasons for dropping out of school are usually the same everywhere. Yo-Hi had an enrollment of 526 pupils last year. It also had 2 dropouts; the Yo-Hi dropouts gave their failing grades as one reason for quitting.

Their basic reason for quitting, though, was given as "Lack of Interest."

Is it possible for a student to be disinterested when he is exposed to 525 other students all day? When one has the opportunity to learn different things every hour, plus participate in sports or extra-curricular activities, is it possible for a student to have a "Lack of interest?"

Apparently so.

However, it seems logical that this student will be bored in anything he does because Yo-Hi provides a cross-section of about every attitude or interest possible.

Many of the students who have dropped out will see their mistake and be afraid to admit it. High school dropouts and millions of unemployed affect everyone. Let's all become more aware of this growing problem and try to remedy it by encouraging a completed high school education.



SPORTS NEWS

Wrestling

Friday, January 12th right after school the Yo-Hi Varsity wrestling team left for Zama. It was their second match and was fairly easy.

Needless to say the team beat Zama 39-15, its second win of the year. The winners were Jase Allen, Paul Lopes, John Boyd, Neal Ritae, Ron Hazen, Marc Forgy, Fred Richardson and Mike Roley.

Unfortunately, the match with Chofu, the 13th, was a 33-15 loss; however, last Saturday the Big Red swept a match with ASIJ 32-25.

SPOTLIGHT ON MIKE!!!

This week, the sports staff interviewed Mike Wirsing for the athletic spotlight. Mike has been on the football, basketball, track, and golf teams, all of which have been championship teams. He was elected captain of the track team. Mike is from Denver, Colorado, and is a senior. At 6'1", weighing 150 pounds, Mike is a great asset to our present varsity basketball team. (When Mike wears his Varsity jacket in the halls, it is difficult to see his jacket for his hard-earned decorations.) The "Echoes" staff wishes to congratulate Mike for the excellent job he has done in athletics at Yo-Hi.

Sports Staff

VALENTINES

Even though spring hasn't sprung, people are getting in shape for Valentines' Day. See if you can puzzle out the following clues and match the pairs:

- | BOY | GIRL |
|---|---|
| 1 | 1 |
| Varsity football player...
Currently in a band...
Plays a mean set of drums...
Artistic... | Class officer...
Always cutting hair...
Cheerleader (old school)
Great believer in Mr. Tucker... |
| 2 | 2 |
| Varsity football player...
Class Officer...
Makes excellent grades...
On wrestling team... | Cheerleader...
In National Honor Society
Beautiful singing voice
Class officer... |
| 3 | 3 |
| Varsity football player...
Big fellow...
On wrestling team...
Always has pocket full of MOM'S... | Short...
Has sister in Yo-Hi...
Works on JAM...
On 2nd tour in Japan... |

(If you find that you don't know your fellow classmates as well as you thought you did, you'll find the answers below.)

DEVILS BEAT YAMAHO!!!

ANSWERS:

1. Mike Roley - Marsha Foster
2. Don Gallion - Ruth Paxson
3. Mike Scott - Donna Scott

Bobby

Now that basketball season has started, I have decided to introduce Bobby Basketball to you and let you see his side of the story.

"Hi, Bobby! How is it going lately?"

"Oh, it's not so bad right now. We've only had four games and lots of practices. We have a game tonight and I rather dread it. I don't mind being a basketball, but it is kind of wearing on the threads."

"What do you find the worst thing for you?"

"I think it's the other team that bothers me the most. Our team, the Great Devils, are really most considerate of me. They bounce me nice and easy and don't throw me too hard when they shoot. The offending team doesn't think about me—they just want to win. I tell you, the worst part is the dribbling. There is nothing worse than being bounced all over that court. Going one way all the time isn't so bad, but when they start changing directions on me, that's when I start to get a bad headache. Boy, how would you like all that spinning and bouncing? As of this time, I can't think of anything else to say except GOOD LUCK DEVILS!!

Thanks, Bobby, and the "Echoes" also wishes the Devils good luck.

Basketball to Date:

Narimasu-----48	Yo-Hi-----83
CAJ-----74	Yo-Hi-----70
Zama-----69	Yo-Hi-----81
Chofu-----71	Yo-Hi-----82
St. Mary's--42	Yo-Hi-----90

COLLEGE ANYONE?

As it gets closer to graduation day, seniors are becoming more and more worried about being admitted to the college of their choice. For those who would feel lucky to be accepted anywhere—these two colleges were especially dug out of our files just for you:

Abe McAllister Collidge, Feud Road, Ozarks—Majors: Triggernometry and Moonshine technology. Cheap! Free shootin' irons thrown in. Enrollment—26 at last count.

Cherry Lane College, Hicktown, U.S.A.—Majors: Advanced Basketweaving and Habits of the Lardvark. Tuition—\$20. Enrollment—11.

(NEW COLUMN)

Starting this week
YO-HI BLOW-BY

SOCIALISM
AT HOME??

Has anyone heard the same thing I did in regards to an idea forming in the deep, dark recesses of the Student Council chambers? It seems that Yo-Hians may be in store for a special treat... a computer dance! Those in the know say that our friendly neighbors to the north, Yamato, are cooking one up, and if we can get the necessary info then we may have one, too. Just think! Your dream man/girl may be one you never noticed in the halls before. Let's put all our support behind our student government in this project.

Mr. Carpenter almost had to dig down deep in his pockets for ice cream money the other day when first period came in with 96% in spelling. The only thing that presented a problem was Pete Sapponos who somehow manages to miss at least one word each time...and this time was no exception. Luckily for Pete he wasn't there when papers were handed back. Oh, by the way, the word was "neutral."

It seems that there's nothing like a wrestling meet for good, clean, fun, huh, girls? An almost record number of females turned out at the Yamato-Yo-Hi meet here Tuesday, the 9th. The "delicate" females yelled louder, longer, and were twice as enthusiastic as their male counterparts. Only every once in a while did I find that they were yelling for the other team. Basically, though, they were a good crowd.

Now it's time for the "Lock, Ma! I'm laughing" Department." In other words I shall attempt to entertain you with a bit of shaky humor--rehashing the more wacky adventures of our fellow Yo-Hians. This week we have the Goof Off of the week awards going out to those who are (un)fortunate enough to merit them:

BOO BOO of the Week

To Stu Hudgins for his prize winning performance in "How to Get Stuck In An Elevator Without Really Trying."

Foot In Mouth Award

To Micki Thornton for her part in "Episode on 9-G," or "Sorry, I didn't See You, Miss Leonard."

Scholar of the Week

To Tommy Dwyer for his French Monologue entitled "Pas de Pout."

Re-ordination Award

To Shelly Moorcr for her fine job in "Another Episode in 9-G," or "All Fall Down."

That's it, Yo-Hi. See you next week.

Do you realize that your family is run according to a socialist plan? Regardless of how we try to dissuade ourselves from this fact, we cannot truthfully deny it. Socialism is here to stay, as long as the family unit is the basis of our lives.

"Socialism" is defined by Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary as

1. Any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods.
2. A system of society or group living in which there is no private property. A system or condition in society in which the means of production are owned and controlled by the state.

An average American family is described within this definition. The male parent is usually the undisputed head of the family unit and distributes property so that none actually belongs exclusively to one or the other member of the family (other than clothing and personal items).

Each member, in turn, is expected to do his share of work (if it can be labeled so) to keep the family well and prosperous; each works for the benefit of all.

Though we may try to deny the fact, and run away from this ugly term "socialism", each of us lives a day to day existence as socialists.



An old man with a cane walks blindly across a street; beside him walks a young boy who also holds a cane.

A bird sings joyously up in a tree; a girl watches attentively but hears no sound.

Men of politics speak of electrons and war; a young girl sits in school learning braille in silence.

A group of teen-agers stand in a huddle smoking pot; they proceed down the street carrying signs that say "Love."

A teacher stands looking down at his notes; he glances up to find no one listening.

A grove of pine trees grows green and everlasting; an acorn falls to the rich earth.

A fire sweeps through the grove leaving everything dark; an acorn falls to the blackened earth and dies.

Have you ever thought about life as it really is? The realness of being blind or the realness of being able to see? I have gathered together a few thoughts to show my conception of reality.

Ginny Unstead

