

# "ECHOES" "ECHOES"

Yo-Hi

March 23, 1968

## YOH -- T.V. LIVE

The closed-circuit television set which was recently acquired by our school has already been used for one very worthwhile project. The debate performance of selected students from Mr. Carpenter's English IIIb classes were filmed and recorded. When the debates were played back, the students were able to see their own mistakes and receive constructive criticisms from their classmates. And perhaps the viewing of their own speeches and manuscripts will help the novice debaters to improve on themselves and gain self-confidence. At any rate, it was a very interesting and unique experience.

The English IIIa class has taken on a very big project with the television set, eagerly responding to a suggestion, these students have decided to put on an entirely original television program. Much work has already been put into it. This program will in effect be a satire on practically everything that happens at our school; its creative title is "Yo-Hi News." At the beginning of this undertaking, the class split itself into small groups for different scenes, such as "classroom scene," "the student lounge vs. the teachers' lounge," and "fads and fashions." There is also one committee which will work to create unity in the overall performance. Ambitious Juniors have even worked out a few commercials advertising JAM, and the Junior-Senior Prom. They are at the moment considering charging a small admission fee.

## NEW COMERS TO YOHI

This week we have two new students, Claude and Paul Cambell, who hail from North Carolina. Both attended Camp Lejeune High School. Claude is a sixteen year old Junior while his brother Paul is a fourteen year old Freshman. To Claude and Paul we of the "Echoes" say welcome to the halls of Yo-Hi.

College acceptances...  
 Carol Aubrey--Newton Wellsley Hospital  
 School of Nursing  
 in Brion--Mills College

**HOMEROOM? YES OR NO?!**  
 On March 25 Monday, reporters from the Echoes visited 16 classrooms during homeroom to take a very important poll. The question asked was "Would you like homeroom again next year as a part of your daily schedule?" Of 32 students polled which is about 5% of the student body, and therefore a fair cross-section of the entire school, according to Gallup, 17 (53%) replied yes, and 15 (47%) replied no.

The homerooms visited were 311, 310, 309, 214, 213, 210, 208, 207, 205, 204, 203, 202, 111a, C124, C122. In each homeroom two students--one boy and one girl--who plan to attend Kinnick next year were questioned. Otherwise the poll was conducted at random.

This survey was taken as a result of the administration's desire to see the general student opinion concerning homeroom.

## WEEKLY CONFERENCE

Naturally our first question to Mr. Spaulding this week concerned the increased truancies since the "Echoes" press conference immediately followed the lecture from Mr. Lacey. When asked why the entire student body was in danger of being punished for incidents in which the culprits were known, our principal replied that the percentage of truancies is large enough to merit this line of possible action. One bright side to this story, however, is that shoplifting cases have not shown an increase.

Next, our news reporters gave a sort of challenge to Mr. Spaulding. The question: "Although Mr. Lacey said that there was a possibility of the modular system being put into use at our school, you mentioned earlier that there was no such chance. Why this contradiction?" Mr. Spaulding answered that although he does not like the Yamato system, he does favor the Johnson system which is slightly different.

It seems there are several different approaches to the new school systems. In the flexible system, courses are of different lengths, daily schedules are varied, and each student receives great freedom. However, it still takes a full year to complete a course for the credit. In the nongraded system, when a student has met the standard criteria for the course, he receives the credit and moves on to a new course regardless of the time of year. Even in this system, a student would be required to be in a specific place at a specific time.

If Yo-Hi did put in a new system, it would have to be somewhat modified because of the restrictions of space. It might possibly affect the junior and senior courses. At the moment, the only possible step which could be taken in this direction at Kinnick next year would be a nongraded approach for the intermediate grades.

As far as the project undertaken to show acceptable hair cuts for boys, work has begun, and the first prints have been developed. The final product has not been completed yet because the administration is waiting to take pictures of some boys.

What happened to the shoe shine project the student council was considering? For those of you who never heard of it--Mr. Spaulding suggested that Yo-Hi get a "shoe-shine machine," one of today's modern devices in which you insert your money and the two buffers near the bottom of the machine whirl around, thereby giving a shine. This is still in the consideration stage.

# Junior Class Debates 29

# The Gold Standard

I'm sure that you are all quite aware of the happenings in the English III classes because of the wide publicity that has been given to them. The last quarter for English III B has been involved with the debate, "Resolved: The U.S. should withdraw its military forces from Viet Nam" with the past two weeks given to the presentations. The last ones, given Friday, ended the hard work for approximately 90 Juniors.

The grading was done not only by the one and only Mr. Carpenter, but also by the students. Each debator was graded individually by numbers ranging from one to five depending on his speaking prowess. Although for the most part the classes and Mr. Carpenter agreed on the winners, a few times Mr. Carpenter disagreed with the class. Once in fifth period, the whole class voted for the negative, a unanimous victory; but Mr. Carpenter thought the affirmative was better. Guess who won? Many of these debates were so persuasive that many students changed all their ideas on the war.

There was also a vote in each of the three periods to determine the strongest debators of each class. The classes voted on two negatives and two affirmative speakers to go up against the ones chosen from the other periods. The teams were chosen, and debated Monday, 25 March.

19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
GUEST SPEAKERS

On Tuesday, the 19th of March, the students of Yo-Mi's chemistry and advanced biology classes were given the opportunity to listen to a guest lecturer from the Yokohama Hospital. Captain Schreiber came to Yo-Mi and spoke in room 111 during sixth period on the subject of anesthesia. His talk included a report on research he had done on this subject since July of 1967. He reported some experiments with animals under anesthesia which he had performed. Captain Schreiber gave valuable information on the mechanics and importance of anesthesia in modern medicine.

On Monday, March 25, during fifth period, another lecture was given by Dr. Eckery on the subject of cardiology. Cardiology is the study of the heart and its action and diseases. It is believed that some of the science classes will have more lectures by experts in various fields soon. We of the "Echoes" thank our guest lectures for their time and consideration in helping some Yo-Mians to a broader understanding of modern science's application and procedures.

Do you think that the Gold Standard will be destroyed? Why?

Sharon Ballieton: No. I feel that the way our government is set up will prevent this.

Mr. Tucker: Yes. The world needs a flexible money supply to meet an expanding world trade market. Gold is inflexible and no more desirable for a basis of exchange in the world than it is in a modern nation like the U.S.

Mr. Miller: Yes. I think the new two price system will work until some new kind of international currency is developed.

Mr. Bird: No. Both France and the U.S. want a gold standard—yet many countries rely upon gold and the U.S. Dollar. The problem lies with the U.S. Dollar. Will it be the standard or will other countries have to rely on gold only?

Dorf Richardson: Yes. In the far future money won't be used because everyone will find it useless.

Mr. Gagnon: It all depends upon the ability of the U.S. to solve its deficit problems. I hope we are not forced to return to the Gold Standard.

Let's print this  
a few times!  
May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Boys,  
THINK!

Class of 1968  
is great!

# JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

# INTERVIEW

Do you have a murder you want solved?

Miss D. asks: Anything at all that you would need a good detective for?

Well! This week your flash reporter has interviewed the best around. Mr. Kraig Tyson. Kraig started his career in Seattle, Washington and brought his Private Eye business over to Japan about one year ago.

When he is not busy on a case, his interests include motorcycles and girls. (Not necessarily in that order.)

Having started his first case here at Yo-Hi he feels it is the greatest school around.

Kraig is now pretending to be a senior so no one will become suspicious of his presence. He says to future seniors, "Just wait and be patient. Your turn will come."

At this time Kraig is working on a very hard and difficult case. We can't tell you about it now, but it will come to light next week.

Kraig says the "Echoes" of this year is "okay" since "anything is an improvement over last year."

Well, Kraig is off after another clue so we will leave you now.

Oh! By the way. Have you noticed Inspector Tyson's whiskers?

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

## WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HOME ROOM?

Sue Nathan--I think it's great as long as the student council doesn't have a meeting.

Kathy Kelley--It's good if you're in an activity. If not you can get something done or just relax.

Robert Curran--It's a waste of time, and it's rather late than let us out a half hour earlier instead.

Elaine Livesay--It's just great for the activities that must take place. Better than being after school.

Bonnie Kellmer--I think it is okay as long as everyone's not yelling (as usual).

Ginny Umstead--It keeps the kids happy as long as they're happy with the activity they're participating in.

## JAPANESE CULTURE



March 20, for the Japanese people, is the beginning of spring. In Japan they call this day of year, the 20th of March, "Shun Bun." It is a holiday for the Japanese people. Since at this time of the year it is the Japanese custom to visit the family temple, most people use this time or this holiday to visit the temples.

"Shun Bun," which comes nearly at the end of summer, is the time when the summer ends and the fall season begins. In the early days the Japanese called the 23rd of November Niname sai or "Shun Bun." Niname sai is a type of festival from centuries ago where the first harvested rice was brought to the emperor's palace and a special ceremony was held.

FACE OF THE WEEK:

Little Iru--do you know?

Although the Service Club's activities have been publicized in the "Echoes," here is a complete roundup of information obtained in an interview with Miss Donahue, the sponsor of the Service Club.

"Echoes"--how and when was the Service founded?

Miss Donahue--It was founded during the course of the second semester to fill a need, which the school has--namely, a central clearing place for service projects.

E.--What prompted you to be its sponsor?

Miss D.--Mr. Spaulding selected me.

E.--What is your opinion of its members?

Miss D.--For the most part its members are doing a good job. Since it is a new club it is sometimes difficult for the members to be aware of exactly what some of our projects entail. In other words, sometimes it's necessary to "play by ear."

E.--What has it accomplished so far?

Miss D.--So far they have painted the Student Lounge and assembled "Welcome Folders" for new students giving information on rules, school procedures, etc. We have also started and maintained a bulletin board honoring ex-students of Yo-Hi and displaying their letters and communications.

Also, we spearheaded the project to get the blowers installed on the front doors.

E.--What are its future plans?

Miss D.--Future plans include a continued renovation of the Student Lounge and other projects which are brought to our attention.

E.--Will there be one next year?

Miss D.--Yes.

E.--Will you be sponsor next year?

Miss D.--As far as I know.

Thank you for your time and information Miss Donahue.--The "Echoes"

## WHAT UNUSUAL HOBBY DO YOU HAVE?

Sue Nathan--Trying to buy as many plane tickets to Sweden as I can.

Kathy Kelley--Collecting old recipes, styles, and interesting pictures from magazines.

Terri Olsen--Painting Japanese who look like Indians.

Ginny Umstead--I once raised fruit flies and determined their sex.

Jeff Vogel--I collect "Winnie the Pooh" pajama bottoms.

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# FADS  
FASHIONS

WHAT DO YOU  
WANT

Fashion has taken a turn. The feminine look is still very in and is growing more intense every day. However, the pants-look is also making the scene. Culotte dresses, pants-dresses and variations are very popular.

The culotte dress and pants-dress are essentially alike. However, the culotte dress has a more "full" appearance, usually having a pleat down the middle. The pants-dress gives the appearance of a jumpsuit or play-suit.

Variations are the very-short dresses with matching shorts, usually of Bermuda length. There is also the culotte or pants-skirt with a matching jacket. The total effect of this is the pants-suit.

Take caution, though, for the pants-look is not for over-weight girls. These girls should go on a serious diet if they intend to wear pants-fashions. Otherwise, they should stick to wearing simple shirts and dresses of that type.

But when warmer weather sets in, the pants-look will probably be even more popular. Sleeveless culotte dresses and pants-dresses will be in and also very-short shirts with matching shorts. Prepare for the invasion of the pants-look, but don't think it's the only trend in today's fashion world.

What will it be?

With the New Hampshire primaries, there came an unexpected showing from a man who stands for peace in Viet Nam. Eugene McCarthy got a remarkable amount of support, capturing 12% of the Democratic votes, while the incumbent President only received 49%.

This shows something!

Growing masses are becoming tired of America's young men dying, and of the fighting. What was even more amazing was the fact that Robert Kennedy, brother of the late John F. Kennedy, polled 9% of the New Hampshire votes, without even campaigning.

Both McCarthy and Kennedy advocated peace negotiations in Viet Nam and if we were to total the percentages for continuation of the war, or those voting for President Johnson, and then total these percentages of votes for negotiations, represented by Sen. McCarthy and Sen. Kennedy, we would find 49%-51%-two percent more votes for peace negotiations.

Does this poll mean that our will to fight for a cause, similar to ours as a young nation, is gone?

I don't really believe so, or at least I hope not. This idea will be proved conclusively when the Democratic Convention rolls around. Then the Democratic party will choose their course of action.

Will they choose negotiations, and cast their votes for the newly announced candidate, Robert Kennedy, or will they continue to fight for the freedom of South Viet Nam's people, and choose Lyndon B. Johnson for the Democratic choice?

Only time will tell.

To interject my personal opinion, I strongly believe the incumbent President will triumph. For the incumbent always has been re-nominated. I do think it will be a close, hard-fought battle, but President Johnson will come out on top.

S. Bulgarelli

JUNIOR - SENIOR  
'69 '68 PROM

MAY 10!

Dear Readers,

This could be on a page in the "Echoes":

"I don't like the "Echoes" because it is too centered on one clique. The gossip column never has freshmen in it and the other articles are crummy."

Then, on the same page:

"If you have any suggestions or articles to improve our paper, please turn them in to room 308 or give them to any member of the 'Echoes' staff. All contributions will be welcomed and used."

Why, then, are there complaints about the "Echoes"? We mean what we say. All contributions are welcomed!

Since the people who work on the "Echoes" are the same all year, of course the articles will tend to be repetitious because variety in ideas and suggestions are limited. So our alternative is to turn to our readers and hope that if we all "put our heads together" we will come up with new ideas and a better, more readable paper.

So, if you don't like Yo-Hi's paper, and don't help us, don't complain. We get tired of writing the "same old articles" as much as you get tired of reading them.

—"Echoes" staff

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# Archery

A "new breed" of sportsman is the archer. Since he is little understood I'll take this opportunity to explain him and his sport and maybe convert you to the sport. Though many of these people are hunters, just as they shoot for the sheer pleasure of being able to stick an arrow into the center of a target.

Archery is a sport that is enjoyed by men and women alike. Most women prefer to use their skill on targets rather than on game.

Archery has been traced clear back to the days of the caveman. Some caveman got the brilliant idea of stretching a string across two trees and firing sharpened sticks with it. A long time then, the bow and arrow has been developed and used by such famous people as the American Indian, Robin Hood, William Tell, and Gwid.

Many people believe in the misconception that the bow is an obsolete weapon that should be relegated to a museum. It is interesting to note that the bow is still being used by natives of Africa, South America, and Australia to hunt animals for food.

They say ask what could a person shoot with a bow? A large variety of game is open to the hunter. He can shoot anything from fish, birds, and small game to large animals such as elephants and polar bears. However, in some it is often difficult to go out and kill a polar bear or elephant to shoot at, so the best bet is with firing at archery targets.

Archers have a wide variety of equipment. Bows which are rated by the amount of pull it takes to draw the string back, range in weight from ten pounds to specially built bows that are rated as high as three hundred pounds. Standard equipment for the average archer who does on doing some target practicing consists of a bow, a quiver full of arrows, a leather pad guard to keep his wrist from being injured by the string, and an archer's glove, a three-fingered glove that is designed to keep an archer from injuring his fingers when he releases the string. Targets, for those who like to shoot for points, are usually circular and divided into rings. Each of these rings is a certain color and is worth a certain amount of points. The outermost ring (white) is worth one point, the next one (black) is worth three points, the next one (blue) is worth five points, the next one (red) is worth seven points. The bullseye, that is gold in color, is worth nine points. It is best to practice at a prepared target area such as the archery range in Yokohama. There, you can fire with almost no chance of hitting someone and with less chance of losing arrows. So, the next time you are in Yokohama try your hand at one of the old sports known to man.

Rutch Jones



# Yo-hi Blowby!

Girls, if you want to go to the Prom this year, but haven't been able to trap some unfortunate into taking you, weep no more! You now see before you a little guide consisting of a few sure-fire ways to get to the Prom. Just try one or two and you're sure to be a success.

1. Keep dropping subtle hints like, "If I were going to the Prom, I'd wear pink chiffon...what do you think?" or "I really think it's a shame that all girls don't get to go."
2. When near a friend of "his" keep saying what a pity it is that "he" isn't going. Top your remarks off with how much you think of him, how lucky the girl he asks will be, and how much you want to go. It should reach his ears in no time.
3. If you're out with an eligible guy talk about who's going with whom and pull him into any and all dress shops or material stores you come across. Show him all the "simply divine" Prom stuff they've got and manage to find one particularly lovely bolt of blue brocade which you point out as being the kind that you look ravishing in.
4. Volunteer to go around selling Prom tickets and when you see him, ask sweetly if he's bought his yet.
5. Be on one of the Prom committees and keep remarking with a sigh, "It's so embarrassing to not even be going and be one of the chairmen and all!" Remember to look dreadfully forlorn and tell him you're just going to waste away that night.
6. Tell him that you've been asked to the Zama, Yamato, and ASIJ proms, but you don't want to go to those.... You're one of those true-blue Yo-Hians who want to be at THE Prom.
7. Always minimize the costs. Tell him what simple pleasures you have. Tell him how content you are with a coke and a hamburger at the Snack Bar.

If none of those work then there are three alternate solutions left:

1. Go steady with a Senior or Junior boy.
2. If you are a Senior or Junior, buy the tickets and take someone who doesn't attend Yo-Hi or an underclassman.
3. Kill yourself.

Good Luck!

Remember  
the Prom!  
May 10th!

Dear Editor,

In last week's "Echoes" I feel "Faculty Fly High" was written with a great amount of prejudice. It made the teachers sound like they never used fair play. From the article:

"When the second half started the teachers had their grade books out taking care of the refs so that when the second half got underway the teachers had seven team members and the seniors only five, thus making for a rough go for the seniors who only lost by 3 points with a score of 63-60--an outstanding achievement considering that Al Capone, John Hillinger and Frankie and Clyde were angels compared to the crooks playing for the teachers."

Now, that really burns me up. Sure, we all realize seniors are "Great." They advertise enough. But isn't this making the seniors look a little small with their excuses.

Underclassman

lately in the boys' P.E. classes, our mighty muscle men have been working out diligently in order to understand why their hearts behave the way they do. Coach Clumprer, pushing the idea that running is the number one exercise, has decided to let his classes run until they can't run anymore. (And then they run some more!)

Along with this each student records his pulse before and after working out. After extensive observations, we of the "Echoes" have come up with some extensive and unimportant facts concerning the average Joe Yo-Hi.

The average male Yo-Hian has a normal pulse rate of seventy-five beats a minute. After running around the local housing area the average Yo-Hian's pulse rate goes to somewhere around one-hundred thirty.

Of course there are a few oddballs with abnormal pulses, like one senior in second period P.E. His pulse before running is eighty-three. After running about a mile and coming in ahead of everyone else, his pulse goes up to eighty-four. Oh well, there are always a few in every crowd, no?

Dear Editor,

Did you see the game?

Ed.



### Track Season Opens

Tomorrow the Yo-Hi track team goes to Zama for the first track meet of the season. There are going to be four teams there; Chofu, Zama, St. Mary's, and Yo-Hi.

Our team will have a good chance of taking the league title because we have a lot of returning lettermen from last year.

The way the league turned out last year was Yo-Hi, Kanato, Johnson, Chofu, Zama, St. Mary's, Katsushika, and CAJ.

My predictions for this year are Yo-Hi and Kanato fighting for first, Johnson and Chofu trying for third, then Zama, CAJ, St. Mary's, and Katsushika.

Our returning lettermen are:



Mike Wieringa: high jump, mile, and pole vault  
Steve Gray: high hurdles, high jump, and p.v.  
John Richardson: 400 yard dash, mile relay  
Fred Richardson: shot put, discus  
Mike Riley: shot put, discus  
Gene Jackson: 100 yard dash, 220, and 880 relay  
Dave Higdon: 100 yard dash, 220, and 880 relay  
Tom Katsushika: 100 yard dash, low hurdles  
Jack Clark: 440, 220, mile relay

Some new men on the team are:



Harold Nelson: high jump, shot put, broad jump  
Dean Hamilton: shot put, discus  
Frankford Howell: mile and mile relay

to be wrestling as a varsity heavyweight or in the 160 pound division. He might go out for basketball to earn himself another letter.

His likes are "almost anything" ranging from girls to foods, and his only dislike is Cal Lester chasing him out of the cafeteria.

Since he is only a sophomore he has quite a high school career in sports ahead of him. We wish him luck in the future.

The answer is at the bottom of the page.

Mystery Athlete: Dan McCorvey

### GIRLS' P.E.

Well, girls, now that you have started basketball, aren't you happy that you are inside during these cold, rainy days? Just think, no more soccer in the rain or tumbling on those hard tatami mats.

No matter that the temperature in the gym is about equal to that of Lower Shobocria. Never fear. When you start those grueling exercises your body heat is quickly raised to about 101 degrees.

and just think of all the fun you'll have when you really play a game, running into each other and screaming for your teammate to pass you the ball (even though you can't catch it). Isn't it loads of fun to keep shooting for the basket, even though you never make it?

Yes. Things are great now. Aren't they?

This week's mystery athlete is a sophomore who was born in Japan. Although neither of his parents are natives of Japan, he has never been out of Japan. He is 15 years old and has been a member of the varsity football champs and varsity wrestling team. He stands 5' 11" and weighs 175 pounds. Next year he hopes

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Few students realize what a tremendous change in life one goes through as he nears high school graduation. Seniors do.

You can no longer be concerned with the petty problems of life--they must give way to far more vital decisions. Suddenly you can't look at the world the way you always had before. No longer will you be a sheltered son or daughter dependent on your parents for your existence. Realizing this, you must train yourself to be independent, responsible, and self-disciplined--which is a little difficult for those of us who have lived under the socialistic system of obligatory life (free housing, \$1 for the dispensary, reduced merchandise, no extreme poverty or wealth). They will have to broaden their concept of the world around them.

Just the choice of which college you will attend is a major turning point which will determine the course of your life. Once in college, you will have to manage your own time or flunk out--and the professors won't hound you for homework. They could care less.

Despite the scare most seniors get as they must enter the outside world, 99% of them always manage to get along fine somehow. This should come as a relief to you, but had they not buckled down to business, most of them would not have gotten as far as they did.

Janet Mays

Are you conscious of the way you act in public? I mean really observant about the way you look, talk and act. When was the last time you took a good look at yourself? A few weeks ago? That's been much too long! You should give yourself the once over each day.

Make a check on your appearance. Are you dressed neatly or carelessly? When you talk, is it with a pleasant tone or a belligerent one? Do you act like a mature young adult or like a spoiled child?

If you are on the negative side of all these points, perhaps you should make an effort to try to get on the affirmative side and then stay there. You won't really have to make a great deal of effort. Just a few extra seconds to look in the mirror to see how you look would be a tremendous start. When talking, just lower your voice and try to be optimistic. As for how you act, that should come naturally. Be yourself and don't pretend. You will never win an Oscar for acting like a baby when you should be a level-minded adult.

All these qualities are contagious. If you are a good example, other people will take notice and try to pattern themselves in a similar manner.

A. Student

Why did Senator Kennedy of New York enter the race for the presidential nomination. Certainly he does not expect to win the nomination, running against an incumbent president.

Does Kennedy think he can win the presidency by riding on his brother's name. If so, he is sadly mistaken. People do not want a president for his name. They want a president who can bring peace to Viet Nam and the United States. They want a man who can help narrow the gap between Negroes and Whites and between rich and poor.

Robert Kennedy is a dove as far as the war in Viet Nam is concerned, but there was already a dove--Senator McCarthy--in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. He has already shown that he is able to get votes in the primaries. If Kennedy really wanted what is best for the Democratic party, he would express his ideas on the war in Viet Nam and other subjects by supporting Senator McCarthy. By supporting McCarthy he would be able to unify the doves instead of creating more dissent within the Democratic party.

Jon Snyder

I have noticed that repeatedly this year there have been bus strikes. All of them required Yokohama students to be at school, but the Yokohama students either stayed home or came late, if they came at all. Then regular classes were carried on as usual with only half a class in attendance, which, needless to say, was primarily all students from Yokohama. Any assignments or tests given on these days were required of those in attendance, and those that didn't come either didn't have to make it up or just did not have to make it up or just didn't, whether they had to or not.

I also noticed that more such bus strikes are occurring. I wonder if there will ever be an end to this type of set-up at Yo-Hi, and, if not, if some fairness couldn't be inserted in the whole thing.

A. Student

43 SCHOOL DAYS LEFT TILL GRADUATION

# Literary Page

## An American Tradition

As the Frogs sat on the mud bank, the four of them stared at the creature that was sunning on a nearby lily pad. They talked. They exchanged ideas, Frog type conceptions and revelations. They then made a decision. They passed judgement on their fellow Frogs.

The society of Frogs was doomed, doomed to the endless repetitive cycle that they had fallen victim to. The four Frogs concluded that their society was no longer concerned with the essence of life, as one Frog put it, but had deteriorated to the point where they were only concerned with the visible.

The Frog society these days, they decided, pondered only who had the biggest lily pad and cared only who had the most physical security. The four expressed concern with the fact that the Frog Kingdom had ceased to care about the interior of their fellow Frogs, and were so completely hung up on the exterior.

So the four came to the consensus that the Frog world was no longer worth living in so they all croaked.



## TWISTED TALES (Kenneth Schmidt)

Gimrod, his mind set on the journey ahead, left his planet early in the morning. It was a good morning, and Zerius had looked peaceful when his jets had roared into action and had lifted his ship into space. The mission he was on was of vital importance, and to fail would mean death for the small colony that Zerius had planted on a primitive world. They had been low on food for almost a month now, and if Gimrod didn't get there within a few days, the colony would be lost.

Sleepy from the steady hum of the engines, Gimrod was suddenly shocked to see that his radar was picking up traces of a meteor swarm. Quickly searching his space scanner, he located them. There were thousands of them, spread out across hundreds of miles of space. Only his skill as the top flyer on Zerius could save him. He strained his eyes for what seemed like hours, and found what he was looking for. An opening! Right in the middle of the swarm there was a gap. If he could get through that, his ship could easily make it to the colony.

The meteors were coming fast. His ship was moving at Mach 4, and the meteors were perhaps half that fast. Within a few minutes, he was amongst them. Gimrod saw that the gap in the swarm had only been 200 miles. The meteors were relentlessly closing in on him. He swerved his ship this way and that, and after countless ages he could see the end. Feeling confident, Gimrod gave his ship an extra burst of speed, and ran smack into the largest meteor.

## BOOK REVIEW (Katherine Andrefsky)

MILA 18—Leon M. Uris

Leon Uris uses the same general theme for this book as for Exodus: the plight and fighting spirit of the Jews during the Second World War.

Andre Andrefski, a Jewish man of about thirty, has an acceptance into the non-Jewish society of Warsaw. His position of a captain in the army enables him to join in things most Jews were prohibited from. He feels that this acceptance is the most important thing in his life until he faces some horrible facts about the Jewish situation in his home town. He realizes that the most important thing is to help his people.

Gabriela Rak, a good Catholic, about twenty-five, loves Andrei and is his mistress because he can't marry her. Though she does not completely understand his views, she always encourages him to do what he feels is right. Andrei loves her very much.

Deborah Bronski, a Jewish woman, the mother of two and sister of Andrei, married a man who wanted to forget his Jewish background. Being a good woman she goes along with her husband's wishes—though she does not agree with him. She is not really in love with him. Chris de Monti, a newspaper reporter, loves Deborah. For her sake and the sake of her family he risks his life inside of the Warsaw ghetto.

All of these people are main characters in a story of the struggle for survival. They and many others hold a Warsaw ghetto for forty-two days and nights, against the Nazi tanks and soldiers, proving the strength of firm beliefs.

Mila 18 provides lots of action, suspense, horror, love and even humor. I recommend this book for anyone who enjoys good reading in large quantities, as the book is over 600 pages.

I'm a rock.  
I weigh a lot.  
I'm the color grey.  
I'll soon wash away.  
But not the grey;  
It won't wash away;  
Just the rock—  
Me.

How do words  
Flow evenly, swiftly from  
the mind of an artist?  
Like a fountain,  
a spurt of brilliance,  
a stream clear crystal?  
While others are cluttered with  
pieces of furniture—  
wrought iron.

(both of the above are  
by Patti Moenan)