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YO-HI

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TOURNAMENT NEWS

The Yo-Hi Red Devils have been officially disqualified from holding the championship in the Far East Basketball Tournament due to the misgivings of three of the team's most valuable players. The names of the players and more detailed information had been temporarily withheld while the matter was being further investigated.

Bill Olson, a senior at Yo-Hi, Mike Wirsing, also a senior, and Barry Nelson, a junior, have been found guilty of possessing and using illegal drugs during the Tournament games. Nelson and Wirsing have been dropped from the list of all-star players in addition to disqualifying their team.

The boys' caper was discovered after the championship game against Kubasaki Saturday night, the 9th of March. While pictures of the All-Tournament team were being taken, Nelson began to giggle. Wirsing, in turn, laughed aloud. The two commenced a conversation about how "easy" these games had been and Nelson said he felt as if he were "flying across the court." Wirsing replied on a similar note.

The two boys were immediately ushered to the locker room where a doctor examined them thoroughly and found evidence of stimulant drugs ("pop pills") in their blood streams. The boys were questioned intensely about the other members of the team who were involved. They finally admitted that Bill Olson, star guard of the Yo-Hi Devils, was also guilty.

A search of the locker room was then made. The doctor found boxes containing this drug in each of the boys' clothing, further incriminating them.

The championship trophy will be forfeited to the second place team from Kubasaki. Coach Roy Clumpler of the Devils says this is the greatest disappointment of his life and that he will resign from the Yo-Hi faculty at the termination of the school year. He will return to the States to start anew.

Nelson, Wirsing, and Olson have been issued department notices and will return to juvenile homes in the U.S. in early May.

AIR FORCE MAY REIGN!

It is highly probable in a few years that the U.S. Navy base in Yokosuka will be dismantled and cleared, paving the way for a modern, efficient Air Force base.

An article in Our Navy said the probable date of withdrawal would be 1971, although Vice-Admiral William Chaspell says it could be accomplished in less time. An authority on Naval Air Power, he says the Pentagon feels that an Air Force Base would be far cheaper to maintain and would certainly please the Japanese Government, which has been pressing for the new bases.

This would mean of course that Yokohama becomes an Air Force Base and housing installation and Yo-Hi along with it. Already, appropriate names have been suggested for Yo-Hi. The most probable: Edward Rickenbacker High, William Mitchell High, or AFSLJ (Air Force School in Japan).

OUR IVY HALLS

If anyone saw two strange men wandering through the halls of our hallowed school, you were witnessing the downfall of Yo-Hi.

These two men were building inspectors. They came to see Yo-Hi after hearing rumors of our decaying school. You will be heartbroken to hear that Yo-Hi, at the end of the school year, will be evacuated. The inspectors condemned the building, but agreed to wait until the end of the year before demolishing it.

Cherish your last few weeks in Yo-Hi.

SURPRISE IS HERE!

Cigarette smokers, take note! Your day has come! Finally realizing how inconvenient it is for students to go to the exchange area to purchase cigarettes, the school has decided to install a cigarette vending machine.

When the idea was first presented to Mr. Spaulding, it was rejected. However, after giving the matter serious consideration, both Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Lacey agreed to the idea. The only problem left was where to install the machine.

Because the machine was really for the students use, the Student Council claimed that it should be placed in the student lounge. Mr. Spaulding thought it should be located at the main entrance, so that it would be easily accessible to him. After an hour conference, the Student Council emerged victorious.

According to Pete-san, the machine will be bought on Thursday and be ready for use on Friday. Let's all make use of this new facility to show the school authorities that it was a worthwhile investment. Happy smoking!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

On April 1, 1968, in the Gulf of Tonkin occurred the biggest slap yet in the face of the U.S. Two armed sampans, carrying eleven north Viet Namese, slipped quietly up to the carrier USS Enterprise near noon. Quietly boarding with five pistols and six rifles, they proceeded to capture the U. S.'s biggest carrier. After breaking into the captain's quarters and dragging him out of bed, they lined up all the officers, 314 in all, and proceeded to shoot them. Later they forced the rest of the men, at gun point, to take the ship to Haiphong, then into Communist China. Reportedly the rest of the men remain unharmed except for shock and fear. The U.S. has stated negotiations for the immediate return of the Enterprise.

★ SPORTS PAGE ★

Over Easter vacation, a group of thirty-five girls from the Girls' P.E. classes will take a field trip to Mexico City to see the pre-Olympic trials. The idea was brought up after the girls witnessed the performance of the three women gymnasts who came to our school last week. Mrs. Sadler felt that it would be worthwhile for a select group of students to see the trials. They are planning to go by a chartered Pan Am 707. Anyone else interested in going on this excursion should contact Mrs. Sadler. All expenses will be paid by Special Services, including transportation and hotel fees. Bon Voyage, girls.

BANQUET

Tomorrow night, Tuesday, April 2, 1968, the annual Nile C. Kinnick Spring Baseball Banquet will be held at the Yokohama Officers' Club.

The banquet will be held in honor of those boys who were planning to go out for the baseball team, and their would-be coach, Mr. Byrd. The parents of these boys, as well as the cheerleaders and the members of the Pep Squad, will also be honored.

Guest speakers include Admiral MacDonald and Captain Steen.

A sit-down dinner of filet mignon wrapped in bacon and smothered with tender young mushrooms will be served. A choice of baked, mashed or French-fried potatoes will be offered, and the vegetable will be fresh corn in butter sauce. Salad, dessert, and coffee are also on the menu.

We regret that the track team could not be invited, but they made their choice when they didn't think about going out for baseball.

MR. GAGNON:

Mr. John Gagnon has been temporarily relieved of his teaching position here at Nile C. Kinnick High School.

It was recently learned that although he has been posing as a teacher for the past twelve years, Gagnon is not yet fully qualified to receive the necessary credentials.

Dr. William C. Young, the Gagnon family doctor, said that Gagnon was always a rather strange boy, "...always trying to tell somebody something. Although, when analyzed, his ideas seemed to hold water, they were never true to life. He was always in a world of fantasy."

Young Gagnon disappeared from his hometown of Bean Station, Tennessee, in 1936, at the age of fourteen. He had not been heard of since that time, until a friend of the family saw him at the Odawara Zoo last month, with a group of Yo-Hi students.

Now, at the age of forty-six, Mr. Gagnon will be forced to return to the United States and forfeit his "teaching credentials," which, he admitted, had been sold to him in Iowa in 1947.

Mr. Burrill

(submitted by "Echoes" reporter E. Jordan)

Recently our wandering reporter interviewed Mr. Burrill on the progress of the senior play.

Reporter: Mr. Burrill, I know you are terribly busy, but do you think you could spare a few moments?

Mr. Burrill: "To be, or not....What? Oh, of course I can talk to you. Do you do reviews? Get this: Oh, what a rogue...."

Reporter: Uh, sir. How are you coming along on the senior play?

Mr. Burrill: Play? What play?

Reporter: The senior play.

B.P.E.

For two weeks now group B in the boys' P.E. classes have had P.E. for three days a week. Mr. Clumpner has been thinking about the situation and has decided that this is too hard on the intellectual group.

He informed the students that it would no longer be necessary for them to do exercises. He said that group A would now be doing twice as many exercises since they now only have P.E. twice a week. The days during which group B has P.E. will be devoted to meditation. He does not want this select group to over-exert themselves for fear he will be depriving the world of future geniuses.

SPORTS REIDES

Two weeks from today the boys' P.E. classes will start a unit on hunting. Rifles will be issued, or if you wish, you may use bows and arrows. The classes will be hunting for wild game on the hills behind the school....

You probably haven't heard yet, but Jim Howe, who played lineman on the Yo-Hi Varsity football team, has been given a scholarship opportunity from U.C.I.A. to play football there. So far he hasn't made up his mind. He had planned on getting an offer from the Green Bay Packers.

The girls' P.E. classes will soon be taking a unit in long distance running. Good luck, girls!...

On April 16, there will be an assembly in our gym on the sport of Sumo wrestling. A squad of Japan's top sumo wrestlers--Taiho, Kashiwado, Kiyokuni, Kirinji, Kotozakura and Gagnonoyama--will hold an exhibition. Boys with A's in P.E. will compete against our guests in sumo matches.

Mr. Burrill: "The play's the thing where-in we'll catch...."

Reporter: Sir. Will there be....

Mr. Burrill: "Oh, that this too too solid flesh...."

Reporter: I give up.

BYE NOW?

GOOD-BYE, GYM...

Letter to Ed.

Through persistent complaints from the student body, Mr. Spaulding has decided to cancel his application for a combination gym-auditorium. The old gym building would have had to have been destroyed and the area cleared. Construction on the new gym itself would have taken about six months.

Protests arose from the seniors as they thought it unfair that they would not get to make use of the new gym. They tacked signs on the walls declaring their devotion to the old gym, which they claimed was part of the Yo-Hi tradition--everything old.

On the other hand, freshmen and sophomores were all for it. They believed that the addition would be necessary since the present building was, in their opinion, "decrepit and dilapidated." The juniors offered no opinion.

Since the seniors, being older and wiser, are usually right, Mr. Spaulding decided to cancel the application. If the order had gone through, the gym would have been completed and ready for use by next fall.

It would have had an indoor pool on the first floor, a cafeteria in the basement, and an auditorium on the second floor.

Tucker Tells

For all you juniors who thought Mr. Tucker was odd in his grading the past three quarters, you've got a surprise waiting for you the last quarter.

As he puts it, "I've still got some aces up my sleeve!"

What he plans to do is this: All juniors who attend the model U.N. assembly at ASIJ will be exempt from all the tests except the unit exams. They will get to go anywhere during their history period. All juniors who attend the prom can skip the Time tests for the following month.

From now on, if Mr. Tucker is not present, classes will be in session, with special essays assigned. Students not bringing in bake goods for the bake sale will automatically fail the next test they have.

Those students having below a "B" average will not be allowed to take the final exam, but will receive an exam grade of "D-", thereby eliminating their chance to raise their grades through cheating on the exam.

Mr. Spaulding has backed up these measures all the way, adding: "I think it is about time someone put his foot down in dealing with the juniors in their history classes."

NEWSY GOSSIP.

Mr. Spaulding has conceded that Mr. Carpenter's son is superior to his son. Miss Bolick is wearing mini-skirts to school from now on in order to establish rapport with her students.

Miss Donahue and Mr. Burrill have been secretly married for the past two years. They plan to make a public announcement soon.

Mike Roley is now in the hospital with a broken leg, three crushed ribs, a concussion, and numerous cuts and bruises. When asked what hit him he was heard to mumble, "Marsha."

Janet Goe has signed with Capitol Records and is going to make her first appearance next month on the Ed Sullivan Show. Watch for her!

Dear Ed.,

I think Yo-Hi stinks! The building is decrepit and the teachers are sick. The administration leaves much to be desired. School standards are very poor and there is not enough spirit. If a Yo-Hi graduate ever succeeds in this world, it's not this school's fault! The general atmosphere is nauseating. The reason everyone says Yo-Hi is great is just to be a "brownie." I tell the truth!

Honest Abe

Dear Honest Abe,

Frankly we agree with you!

"Echoes"

OPINIONS

Recently, our wandering "Echoes" reporter interviewed one of Yo-Hi's students. Here is the result:

Reporter: What do you think of Yo-Hi, from the standpoint of academics?

Student: My God, what can I say. I think that it is when you get all or most.

Reporter: Maybe you misunderstood me. Yo-Hi's academic...

Student: I love fruits and beets.

Reporter: Please, the question.

Student: Well, I was about to say juicier cactus are possible.

Reporter: You win.

WHAT WHO THINKS

All of you who went to the last game of the tournament will remember how the team and some spectators joyously carried Coach Clumpner to the basket, which he promptly removed with a knife. This seemingly innocent act has aroused a great deal of protest from Johnson High School which sponsored the tournament.

Donald E. Ellis, principal of J.H.S. said the act was "Disgraceful, unwarranted and unsportsmanlike."

Johnson's anger seems justifiable, since the basket net, rim, and all was new and paid for from their own funds. When asked about it, Coach Clumpner remarked: "I am genuinely sorry. I would certainly never do anything that would antagonize my very good friends at Johnson High School." Letters have poured in from scores of schools demanding that Yo-Hi pay for the damage done.

Mr. Spaulding said, "Since the coach did it, he should pay for it, but so far he can't raise the necessary amount (\$17.50). It has risen from the original amount of \$5.00 because Johnson decided that the gym floor must be re-polished because of Yo-Hi students scuffing it with their shoes."

NOTES FROM MR. W.

JAPANESE CULTURE

Mr. Wahrman, sponsor of the National Honor Society, announced Wednesday that the Society will be disbanded due to the failing grades and inappropriate conduct of several of its members.

When asked to explain his statement, the illustrious Monsieur Wahrman gave the following account:

"My shock and disappointment at the behavior and lack of interest on the part of some of the Yo-Hi Honor Society members is inexpressible. I feel my judgement was greatly impaired at the time of choosing the members."

The member who caused the Society's downfall was Clyde Evelyn. Evelyn has failed all of his courses this semester and has shown little interest in reverting back to former habits. When asked to comment he offered this comment:

"All these stupid nincompoop teachers can go jump. I've had too much of this goody-goody business. I'm going out and burn my draft card."

Also mentioned were Ruth Paxson and Joy Fukumoto, who, according to Mr. Wahrman, were increasingly negligent in their studies. When asked their opinions both girls merely laughed in this reporter's face and continued writing obscenities on the bathroom walls.

Listed as those showing conduct unbecoming an Honor Society member are Colleen Yoshida, Rita Williams, Chris Yasuda, Sue Nathan, and Dorothy Hamachi. These girls reportedly led a "Stomp Out Spaulding March" around the football field while carrying banners proclaiming "Take Over The School" and "Destroy The Establishment."

Mr. Wahrman is presently under heavy sedation at the Yokosuka Base Hospital.

College News

As you all know, any senior who has been accepted at a college should inform the "Echoes" staff. This is a list of the new acceptances:

Bill Olson: Notre Dame, UCIA, Oregon St., Washington St.

Wayne Tharrington: MSU, Penn St., Harvard

Nate Jackson: Texas A&I, Stanford

If you know of other seniors who have been accepted or if you have been accepted yourself, bring the name of the college to room 308. We need a good laugh.

WEEKLY FAVORITES

Boy of the Week: Willy Lacey
Girl of the Week: Sherry Dmahue
Smile of the Week: Roy Grosser
Couple of the Week: Johnny Gagnon and Ellie Jordan

This week we of the "Echoes" staff took time out to go and take a good look at the Japanese people as they work. This week we asked a benjo ditch cleaner how he got this job and if this is the type of work that he wanted to do as a boy. The interview was translated by an "Echoes" staff member.

Taro, the benjo cleaner, gave us this information:

"When I was very small I always wanted to be a benjo ditch cleaner. This is because my father and his father before him were all the same. We try to keep the job in the family because no one else can stand us."

"Although many people think that we of this profession are uneducated they are mistaken. To become a cleaner you have to go to benjo cleaning school for two years. I attended Honey Bucket Daigaku."

When asked if there was any chance of advancement in this job he gave us this answer:

"Unlike many jobs in Japan this is the only one where it is easy to advance. I smell a promotion coming any day. Ha, ha."

The "Echoes" thanks Taro and urges you to get out and enjoy Japan.

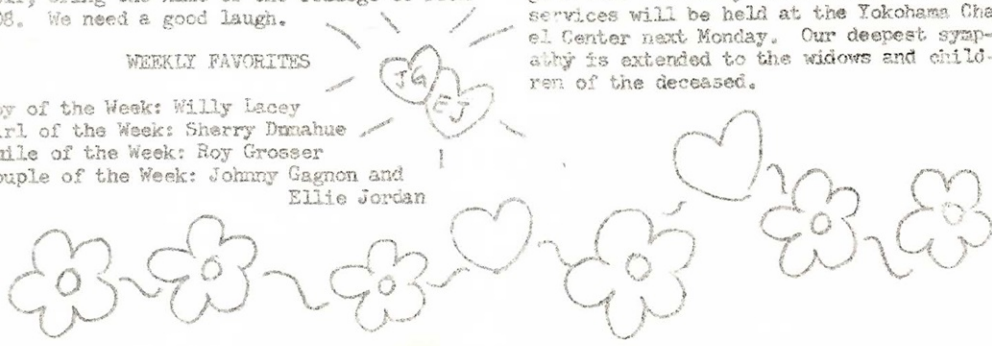
PHRASE OF THE WEEK:

"Whassa mattah you? (Said when asking whassa mattah somebody.)"

SYMPATHIES EXPRESSED

It is the sad duty of the "Echoes" to announce the loss of two of our administrators last Tuesday due to a car accident. Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Lacey were rushed to the Yokohama dispensary after a harrowing chase by the S.P.'s down 'D' avenue. The S.P. announced that speeds of 140 kts were attained during the chase. Near Ise-saki Cho Spaulding's car flipped and rolled 200 yards. They were pronounced dead upon arrival at the dispensary.

We must also inform the parents of two charming ladies, Miss Bubbles Lafue and Miss Star Starr, of the tragedy. They were found with the late Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Lacey. The immediate cause of the accident is unknown, although all passengers were extremely intoxicated. Memorial services will be held at the Yokohama Chapel Center next Monday. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the widows and children of the deceased.



K.K.K. STRIKES

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Last week the Krimson K. Klan burned a trident on Mr. Spaulding's lawn in protest over school hours and homework. This is the second time that the K.K.K. has hit Yo-Hi's principal.

The first time was because they did not like the idea of going to school five days a week. (As you have seen, this demonstration worked because since this Christmas Vacation we have gone to school five days a week only twice.)

When Mr. Spaulding was asked what he was going to do about this recent outbreak of civil disobedience, he said that he would look into it and try to confer with the parties involved and work out a solution. Either Mr. Spaulding will have to give in to the requests made by the K.K.K., or he will have to order its dissolution.

We of the "Echoes" staff asked Ron Hazen, head of the K.K.K., what would happen if Mr. Spaulding were to disband the group and punish all those who are in it. He said that if this were to happen there would be a huge scandal at Yo-Hi because many of those who belong are teachers. The teachers are helping the K.K.K. to win its battle against long school hours.

Since Mr. Spaulding cannot turn in his own teaching staff, the students may be able to look forward to a four hour school day, four times a week. We hope that Mr. Spaulding also sees it this way because the K.K.K. has other wild plans for getting its way.

TEACHER GOES APE!

Due to the weekly grind of putting out the "Echoes" and the TRIDENT, plus maintaining his English classes, Mr. Grosser has suffered a nervous breakdown. All his classes will be dismissed for the rest of the year and no more issues of either paper will appear in the future.

It was stated by observing students that Mr. Grosser suddenly went "crazy" yesterday when he discovered that all the typewriter ribbons needed changing, the PX was out of gum, and to top it all off, someone had turned a page in on time.

After standing stock-still for twenty minutes, Mr. Grosser suddenly emitted an ear piercing scream and ran frantically out the door shouting "Let me out!" He gave the S.P.'s a good forty minute chase before he was finally trapped on top of the exchange roof.

Incongruously a note from the office revealed that five minutes prior to his outburst, a telegram asking him to become Editor-in-Chief for the New York Herald Tribune had come in for him. The journalism student who was supposed to deliver it said, "I forgot. I'm sorry."

"Shocking--utterly shocking!" That was the reaction of Mr. Tucker when he was informed of the arrest of his second period students. They were charged with the illegal possession and use of hallucinatory drugs.

As the situation was re-constructed, it became apparent that the students, Mike Bazzel, Kit Freed, and Dale Bennett, were excused from class by Mr. Tucker for an as yet undisclosed reason.

The boys apparently did not have the drugs on them when they arrived at school. They somehow appropriated the stimulants. Their misdeed was discovered when Mr. Spaulding walked through the student lounge at approximately 9:15 Thursday. He found the three students engaged in various unusual behavior. To his surprise and dismay, he found Dale Bennett lying on top of the coke machine, quite obviously on a "trip," belting out garbled versions of "Soul Finger," "Get Ready," and "Knock on Wood."

Mike Bazzel was found making love to a table leg, while Kit Freed was sitting in the middle of the floor mumbling nursery rhymes and eating daisy petals.

Mr. Spaulding, using his fantastic deductive mind, deduced that something was amiss. He rushed to his office and called the Shore Patrol.

Fifteen minutes later, the three boys were sitting in the Yokohama S.P. headquarters. There they were intensely questioned for several hours. All that could be gotten from the three acid heads was a reply to the question of where they obtained the mind-bending drug. Their collective response was "By hip 'T'." The Shore Patrol and school officials are trying to unravel this perplexing statement, but was yet they have not come to a conclusion as to the meaning.

INTERVIEW:

This reporter was lucky enough to trap our coach, Mr. Clumpner, to solicit his hitherto unknown opinions. After a brief ten minute interview, Mr. Clumpner boarded his plane for Antarctica, and said, "Tell all those bums back there good riddance."

When asked for his views on the team, the former coach said:

"They aren't anything without me. If I hadn't been there Yo-Hi wouldn't have been anything."

He further stated that "The football team was lousy enough, but the basketball team was worse. Wirsing didn't know his right from his left. And Olson, Nelson, and Remillard are just lucky punks."

Mr. Clumpner advised me to warn the Junior Class to lock in their treasury for a slight change. He says, as a final word to Yo-Hians, "So long, suckers. I've really taken you for a ride!"



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LITERARY PAGE

MEMORIES

The small boy looked up into his grandfather's face. He was fascinated by all the hundreds of small tiny wrinkles and dents in the face.

"Grandpa, is this really the 1968 year-book of your old school, Nile G. Kimmick, in Yokchama, Japan?" questioned the small boy.

"Yes, Timmy, it is," answered the old man, "and we usually called the school Yo-Hi."

"Boy, that sounds cruddy. Like everyone was going around getting their kicks playing with yo-yos."

"And do you know what we called this year-book?" asked the grandfather.

"No, and I could care less."


"We called it the Krimson K," the grandfather answered. (He was a sassy little kid. Somebody ought to whack him.)

"Why did they call it that? Did you have a Ku Klux Klan with red hoods?"

The grandfather lifted up the Krimson K and bashed the boy's brains out with it.

"Finally got some good out of the old book," he murmured.


POETRY CORNER



Jack and Jill
Trudged up the hill,
To fetch a pail of
Polluted water.
Jack gashed his leg
On a broken beer bottle,
And Jill suffocated
From lack of air.
They both fell down
The hill and bashed
Their brains out.

Little Jack Horner,
Sat in the corner,
Eating a pumpkin pie.

He stuck in his thumb,
And pulled out a plum,
And said, "What the heck
is a plum doing in my
pumpkin pie?"



Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as
snow,
So she sold it.

Liddy snitty splot,
Cut popped its eyes, confound it.
Then she went to babysit.
Broadway's repulsive shows,
Fechy-keen throw-up bags
Clear, transparent opaque holes.
Fetch a pail of booze.
The tube gave out a glow,
Talk to the pole,
The light will not its message send.

An Open Letter

Since I've been editor of the Literary page (two weeks now), my folder has been overflowing with the literary trash of Yo-Hi. In fact this journalism class has never seen such unlit-erary trash in the 7 months we've been working on the "Echoes," and we're sorry now we ever mentioned the idea of having you send your literary masterpieces to 302 for us to use.

Our editors are up to their ears trying to edit some of the junk you send up here. You could burn it just as easily as we do, and would be saving yourself a trip. You have incinerators in your homes, don't you? Or doesn't the Navy issue them anymore? Please, to save our youth and sanity, stop sending us your scrap papers!

Many thanks.

Literary Page Editor

Book Review

War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy

This is a book that talks about war and peace. Even though it is long it is divided up into chapters which you can read one at a time.

I found that the most interesting thing about the book was that there were many samovars in it. It probably has more samovars in it than any other book. In practically every chapter it has a samovar. The people in the book make tea with them.

So if you want to read a book about war and peace with lots of samovars in it, this is the book.

Agnes Shagnasty

AD DEPARTMENT

For Sale—One chemistry class (6⁰).
Will trade in for new model.
Contact G.M.

Lost—One ping pong paddle, inscribed "Elsie."
Great sentimental value.
Contact S.C.

Lost—One yard-stick (broken). Return to Mr.
C. in room 206.

For Sale—One slightly used beard. Fifty cents.
Contact Kraig Tyson anytime after
April sixth.