

ECHOES

of YOU-HE

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Journalism Field Trip *and* Stripes

Monday of this week the Journalism class went on a field trip to the Stars and Stripes newspaper building in Tokyo. There they were given a tour of the editing department and the production department of the paper.

They were told how the newspaper was put out, from receiving news on teletype machines and from staff reporters to delivering the paper in remote corners of the Pacific.

After touring the editing department, the students boarded a bus and were taken to the Tokyo Tower where they ate lunch at various shops in the arcade. Upon their return they were shown the printing presses and the actual production of the newspaper.

One interesting item was that the Stars and Stripes receives almost all of its material from UPI and AP.

They also have a radio photo printing machine which can copy pictures sent from any part of the world within seconds.

At the end of the tour each of the students received a copy of the Stars and Stripes that is sent to Korea and a copy that is sent to Viet Nam.

Soji-ji Temple

Class of 1969

Last Monday the junior class went on a field trip to the Soji-ji Temple. The monk who spoke very good English, which made the trip educational and enjoyable. The Soji-ji is one of the many temples of the Soto sect of Buddhism.

Mr. Nitta, our guide, took us through many parts of the temple. The most interesting section of the temple was the section where the monks practice Zazen. Zazen takes years to perfect. In Zazen you first turn your back towards the elevated tatami and bow. With your right hand you take the pillow and move it up to the edge of a board that runs around the tatami. Then you sit on the pillow, take your shoes off, and without touching the board put your feet in a folded position. You carefully turn around and face the wall which you bow to. The body must sway until the nose and the feet are in line, and the ears and shoulders are in line. This is Zazen.

And if this isn't hard enough the room master strikes you if you make a mistake. If the master strikes you, you reply with a thank you and continue with your meditation or Zazen. Zazen is the only way to the Buddhist mind.

After this we proceeded to the Bodin Hall, where a memorial service was being held. The drums, bells, singing and chanting all blended together and the juniors watched open-mouthed.

The junior class would like to thank Mr. Carter for taking us, and Mr. Nitta and those at the Soji-ji temple for a beautiful experience.

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

This week we held our press conference with Mr. Lacey. First we asked him to tell us a little bit about the sports banquet held Monday night at the Yokohama Officers' Club. He said that because it was such a small banquet—fifteen boys, eight parents, the coaches and faculty advisors—that it was very informal and enjoyable.

The next question we asked Mr. Lacey involved next year's scheduling.

"Without P.E. will an extra class be possible?"

He could tell us only that this would depend entirely upon the equipment received and faculty members arriving. This is because in order to maintain a specific student-teacher ratio, it is necessary to schedule classes to meet certain requirements.

The last two questions dealt with senior privileges concerning exams and baccalaureate. Mr. Lacey confirmed the traditional teacher-option system, whereby teachers of seniors may or may not require them to take final exams. He also added that should a graduation rehearsal conflict with an exam, it may result in the senior not taking the exam with which the rehearsal conflicts.

Concerning baccalaureate, Mr. Lacey said because high school graduation is no longer considered the final step in one's educational experience, that baccalaureate is not so important to the persons involved as it once was. There will be no baccalaureate services for the Class of '68.

NEW DISCS ON THE SCENE

A new song, it seems, has replaced "Honey" by Bobby Goldsboro in the number one position on FEN. The change much waited for is called "Tighten Up" and is a great soul number. This song is also number one in the States, and has been in top position now for two weeks. Listen for it, and other "soul" songs because this music is called "the music of tomorrow!"

Now once again it is possible for us to keep our radios on until the end of the show instead of turning them off five minutes before the news! "Honey" is no longer around!

The musical Oliver is currently playing at the Imperial Theater in Tokyo.

This musical which features the original London cast except for two American children, was brought to Japan after creating quite a riot in England and several other parts of the world. So far it is creating as great crowds as the last one (Hello Dolly).

Although the price is quite high (1500-2500-3500), this is a show well worth the money. Tickets are going fast! Don't miss it!



JAPANESE CULTURE

PROM?

Buddhism was a religious sect that arose in India during the 6th Cent B.C. and after 1500 years gradually merged into Hinduism. It has spread over a considerable area. It has included Ceylon, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Tibet, Mongolia, China, Korea, and Japan.

The word Buddha actually means "The Enlightened One" and its originator is a man by the name of Siddhartha Gautama. He was of rich parents, and he was a prince himself. His father attempted to shield him from all that was unpleasant, but this was, of course, impossible. After witnessing some things in life that were unpleasant he denounced his title, and became a beggar, to meditate on and discover life.

He first tried fasting and asceticism, but this gave him no truths. One day under a tree while he was meditating, he found enlightenment, known as Nirvana. The main aspects of Buddhism are summed up in the Four Noble Truths:

1. All individual existence involves suffering.

2. The cause of this misery, the root of all our troubles, is thirst or desire.

3. There is a possibility of release, of becoming unattached and passionless, of reacting to life in a state of peace and serenity, of wearing down the forces opposing one so that there will be no rebirth.

4. There is a Noble Eightfold Path. This is right views, right resolve, right speech, right action, right living, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration.

These are the Four Noble Truths. This has been just a smattering of Buddhist ideas. To really understand a religion as difficult as this requires years of research.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK: "Sore ni shimasu"

Said to a salesperson, means: "I'll decide on that one."

* GRIPES *

This week again "Gripes" rears its ugly head. Yo-Hi's guaranteed tension reliever appears before the eyes of the masses.

... on people

Paase has the audacity to think I would stoop so low as to steal her pathetic little story ideas.

Stein thinks she can smoke cigars.

Aubrey keeps trying to hold my hand.

Dwyer keeps trading all her crummy Winstonons for my Marlboros.

Hanill makes me laugh at his sick Warren Peace joke.

Valdez can't remember what class he goes to next.

Mosman won't tell me the solution to the magic bottle game.

Moore (T) sits on my Whiskey Bon Bons.

Bayers lugs her creations around.

Holmstrom won't introduce me to the "louse."

...Moore

What did you think of this year's prom? Did you think it was the best or the worst we have had?

Becky Bean: I enjoyed the prom very much. The juniors did a great job. As for being best or worst—it's my first one here in Japan so I couldn't honestly answer.

Theresa Nash: I certainly had a great time! I can't say it was the best or the worst because I've only been to one Prom at Yo-Hi. But it was fabulous. The juniors did a wonderful job.

Jase Allen: As to what I thought of the prom—I thought it was handled well by the juniors and I did enjoy it. I really can't compare it to other proms because it is the only one I've attended.

Ralph Ratific: I really did enjoy this year's prom. All of the people who participated did a good job. This was also my first time that I've attended.

Kathy Hazelton: I think this year's prom was the best ever. Although the band wasn't the best in the world, they played outstanding songs—the kind we like to hear.

Dear Editor,

This is a letter concerning the article on going steady (May 10 issue, "Temper of the Times"). Who in the world does "Miss Pro" think she is? (I can tell it's a "she" by the way she writes—some lovesick-chick.)

She thinks that going steady simulates "love, security, and eventually marriage"! What guy in this school would be thinking about marriage now? He still has a lot of time before that. Man, who wants to be tied down now? The minute a girl starts talking about marriage then's the time to beat feet and leave the scene.

If you're going steady, you have to go to parties with the same girl, and everywhere else with her. You never have any freedom. How would you know if the girl you're going with is the right girl if you never have a chance to date anyone else? I like to be able to meet new girls and I like to be sociable. Going steady you're always with your girl, and you're hardly ever with the gang enjoying yourself.

B.L.T.

TOP TEN TUNES

To keep you up on what's happening in the States, here's the ten top tunes as reported by Cash Box Magazine, the Bible of the record business.

1. Honey—Bobby Goldsboro
2. Cry Like a Baby—The Box Tops
3. Lady Madonna—The Beatles
4. Tough Girl—The Beatles
5. Tighten up—Archie Bill
6. Beautiful Morning—Young Rascals
7. Unicorn—The Irish Roving
8. Bonnie and Clyde—Georgie Fame
9. Summertime Blues—Blue Cheer
10. The Mighten Quinn—Manfred Mann

Con:

Going to college is not necessary. Simply because you do not go on with education after high school is no reason to believe that a good paying job will not be available to you!

College is not for everyone! Not everyone has the maturity and endurance it takes to go through four years or more of hard work and studying. They may feel that it's a waste of time.

Also it is far more important for boys to go to college than girls. A man must support himself, a wife, and a family. With a college education this may be easier. Many girls however, want to marry after high school is finished. Perhaps it would be smarter for these girls to take a secretarial course and take a job out of high school.

As I've said before, college is not for everyone. You mustn't feel that because you are not one of the many who further their education, that you are less intelligent. Personal preference or below par grades are just some reasons for not going to college. The last idea to keep in mind no matter what one's decisions may be, is to work hard at whatever is undertaken. Success can be gained. Loafers in college won't necessarily be successful.

Pro:

Going to college is definitely the best thing that any student can do. Even if he plans to become a ditch digger, the intellectual stimulation received in an academic atmosphere geared to his interests and abilities will serve him all the time later when he is working.

No longer is money an obstacle in the path of any college bound student. With government and private loans, scholarships, and work-study programs, any student who really wants to go to college can. And although it is true that tuition and board expenses are rapidly rising on a national scale, it is also true that there are more and more inexpensive state colleges being founded every year.

For the student who hesitates about engaging himself in a strenuous four year program of study, there are always the junior colleges which usually offer two-year programs and from which one can transfer to a regular college.

Distance from home is not a problem, either, if a student's parents are against letting their child live independently far away from home. In almost every area of the country, there are colleges to which students can easily commute daily.

Of course, the most obvious advantage gained in attending college is the extra knowledge which is acquired. For many girls, also, college turns out to be a "happy hunting ground" (although it seems rather pathetic that some girls think of college as just a place to find a husband).

There is, however, an indescribable "something" which the college graduate usually has that the non-college graduate doesn't have. It's something that's acquired gradually and imperceptively, through the daily mental stimulus of professors and adults and friends--an awareness of oneself as a human being, as an individual. It's something that no one at college can force into you, but which you can make yours with effort and willingness. It's something that will make your life a fuller and more alive existence. If for just this one reason, it seems worth everything to go to college.

TAKING EXAMS

Con:

I feel that students at Yo-Hi should not be required to take final exams if they have an "A" or a "B" average throughout the year. If students have shown that they study diligently throughout the year, then they deserve to be exempt from final exams.

A person who has been receiving such grades usually receives the same grade on the final exam which doesn't cause any change in his final grade.

I really feel that it is unnecessary for "A" or "B" students to take finals.

Pro:

At the end of the year, there is always talk on whether "A" or "B" students should have to take final exams. If people are exempt from final exams then they will have no reason to work in the latter half of the year. There should be some stimulus to keep people working so they don't drop their grades.

Why should "A" and "B" students be privileged? This would create an inferiority complex in the "less gifted" students. Besides that, if they have been working in order to maintain their "A" or "B" average, then there won't be any strain on them for the final exams.

PUBLIC AID FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Con:

The suggestion that the government should aid a profit-seeking institution, even if that institution deals in education, is ridiculous. Any parent who sends his child to a parochial school does so with the full knowledge that he will not benefit from public tax money; no one is stopping him from registering his child in a public school, either. Also, public schools need all the money they can get.

Pro:

The public should not feel that aid to non-public schools is something which does not concern them. Any help given to any school, in the long run, is help given to make better future citizens for the nation. By refusing to make parochial schools as good as public schools, the public is in a sense depriving a person of the choice to attend the school he wants. Besides, if parochial school students went to public schools look at the burden that would put on taxpayers.

NOW WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?

FICTION

SENIOR SPOTLITED

John P. Wilson, Sr., president of River City's only bank, sat glaring at his son seated in the chair before him. Silence shattered the peacefulness of the rambling home in which John P. Wilson, Sr. had been born.

John Wilson Jr., shrank before his father's glare. He thought it was such a small thing he had done; it wasn't very serious. Bob Knotts, the town sheriff, had picked him up with two of his friends when he found them throwing rocks through the windows of the old Crawford place.

Oh, he knew that what he was doing was destructive but he and the others just got bored. Besides, no one had lived in the house since he could remember. When Mr. Knotts had taken him home and told his father what he had done, his father almost blew up in front of the sheriff. Now he was before his father, unable to explain why he had done what he did. He couldn't understand why his father was so angry.

"Can you give me one good reason why you were breaking windows?"

His son's silence infuriated him. When he had been Johnny's age his father would have....Well, never mind about that now. He waited for his son's answer.

"I don't know." He couldn't think of anything else to say. He knew that no matter what he said his father would be angry.

"Johnny, go up to your room and stay there until you can give me a good reason for what you did."

Mrs. Wilson had remained quiet until her son went away. "Don't you think you were a little hard on him, John? After all, he is only a boy: you have to expect him to do something wrong once in a while, no matter how hard you discipline him."

John P. Wilson, Sr., became even more angry. It seemed that every time he tried to correct his son when he disobeyed, his wife sided with his son.

"Sally, can't you see that if I let him get away with this unpunished, he will think he can get away with anything? Next thing, he will probably steal something!"

"John, it isn't all that bad." Sally Wilson's courage was quickly fading before the dominating character of her husband. She always had been meek, and couldn't stand up against anything that opposed her. She was so weak that her husband had no problem bullying her to do his bidding. "But, of course, I guess you are right, John."

"Well, I'm glad to see that you see it from my point of view, Sally. I am just doing this for the boy's good. Besides, what would the neighbors say if they found out our son was acting like some kind of a hoodlum?"

"Yes, I didn't think of that, John." He had succeeded in pulling her to his side. "I hope Mrs. Winsworth doesn't find out about this. She is always gossiping about things that are none of her business."

The matter settled, John P. Wilson, Sr., bank president of River City's only bank, sat to enjoy the quiet of the night and the evening newspaper. He was well into the third page when his wife interrupted his reading.

"You know, I just can't help wondering what the neighbors will say when they hear about this. Of course it is a minor thing, but it was our son, not an everyday, average person. It was our son."

"All right, Sally, but can't we discuss it later? I would like to finish the paper and get some rest. I have to get up to a job in the morning, even if you don't."

"I know, but I still keep worrying about what the neighbors will say."

John P. Wilson, Sr. nodded. He glanced up suddenly trying to remember something he had told somebody about something. Something he had to report on, or answer, or something--what the duce was it?

He thought longer, then another fraction of a second. Deciding he'd probably forgotten in the morning he went back to the paper.

tor" letters being fakes because...."Your letters to the editor aren't signed." If this person means that they were not signed with the name of the person who wrote them, why didn't he sign his name "instead of "Mrs. Student."

Our first senior this week is Janet Mays. Janet was born in Osaka, Japan, and has lived over here fourteen years.

Among her many interests are meeting new people, horseback riding, Spanish, reading, and informal discussions.

Janet says of Yo-Hi: "I have only been in military schools, but compared to others, Yo-Hi is friendlier and academically better."

To you future seniors: "This year has proved what a truly great school we can produce. Prove it again next year."

"Because I work on the 'Echoes' my opinion may be biased, but I think it is exactly what it should be, a good newspaper."

Next in line we have Theresa Nash. Theresa is new to Yo-Hi this year. She came from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and has been in Japan ten months.

A few of her many interests are Dean, books, people, different places, music of almost all kinds, and clothes.

She has only one complaint about our wonderful school and that is the lunch hour. She says, "I think it's a fine school. I was a little shaken by the lunch period, but I'm used to it now. After a year of it I guess I should be!"

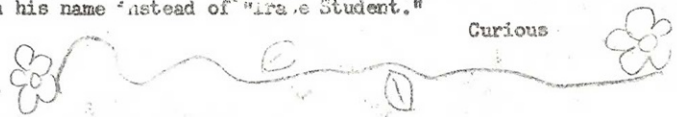
Dear Editor, In the May 10 issue of the "Echoes" a letter confuses me. The letter was about...

Even signed half the...

Curious

Dear Curious,

We think you're both fakes.
Editor



TRACK AND FIELD

While the fact that the track and field season is over, I feel that our readers should know something about this great sport.

Running, jumping, throwing, and lifting weights, which comprise track and field, were probably a necessity for primitive man. He needed running ability so he could escape from wild beasts; he had to be able to throw things in self defence; and he had to be able to jump over obstacles and lift heavy weights such as game that he had killed. Later when these skills weren't necessary, they became a form of competition.

On July 21 or 22, 776 B.C., the first Olympic Games in recorded history were held in Greece. Roman conquerors eventually took over the games but Emperor Theodosius I halted the games in A.D. 394. General public interest in track and field events died along with the Olympic Games.

During the nineteenth century, interest in track and field was revived in England. The first college meet was held in 1864 when Oxford defeated Cambridge. Four years later amateur competition was started in the United States. Towards the end of the century, 1896 to be exact, the Olympic Games which had been halted 1,502 years before were resumed in Athens, Greece.

Since the nineteenth century, track and field has grown to encompass the entire world as a major sport.

Butch Jones

SOME RECORDS

Oldest measurements: Long jump of 23 feet

1½ inches by Cronius of Sparta (656 B.C.)—Discus throw of 100 cubits by Protesilaus (656 B.C.).

Fastest human: Robert Lee Hayes of the United States who covered 100 yards in 7.8 seconds, after a flying start on the last leg of a 440 yard relay in Los Angeles on May 18, 1962.

Highest Jump: Jump of 7 feet 5 3/4 inches by Valerie Brumel of the USSR.

Standing high jump: Jump of 5 feet 9 3/4 inches by Johan Christian Evandt of Norway.

Discus throw: Throw of 213 feet 11 3/4 inches by Ludvik Danez of Czechoslovakia.

Mile run: Covered in 3 minutes 51.3 seconds by Jim Ryun of the United States.

Shot put: Put of 70 feet 7 inches by Randy Matson of the United States.

Butch Jones

Dear Ed.,

It's the end of May and school days are getting worse and worse doing the same old stuff every day. Six hours each day of studying is too much for a student especially when it gets hot like now. It's too much temptation for daydreaming. Why don't we make the school hours shorter when the weather gets hot. The Japanese schools do. They just have to go half a day in the summer. Nobody learns anything when he is fighting for a cool place. Just have study sessions in the morning when the weather is still cool.

A Student

SPORTS REVIEW

It is the end of another year of sports for Yo-Hi and it has been a very good year again.

The reason why it has been such a good year is because we had fine coaching and good backing from the school and because we had the best athletes Yo-Hi has seen for a long time.

Looking back at the football season we came out with a 7-0-1 record for an undefeated season and the league championship, the first one in ten years.

Next came basketball and wrestling. Although the basketball team did not take the league championship they did take one better, the Far East High School Basketball Tournament Championship, to end the season with a record of 13-3-0. The wrestling team came in with a record of 6-6 and a fourth place in the league with a good chance of improving on it next year.

Last, but not least, the track team came out with a record of 4-1 and a first place in the district track meet to bring home the third first place trophy for Yo-Hi this year.

Yo-Hi is a school that will be remembered for years to come because it has, in a short two years, brought home every trophy that can be taken in the league. They will be a school other teams will not like to play because now there's no question—Yo-Hi is the best.

The end of the sports season was climaxed by the Spring Sports' banquet held at the Officers' Club on Monday, May 13, 1968.

All in all it was one of the most enjoyable banquets in three years.

Only the track team was honored this time because it was the only team. This year we did not have a baseball team because of the lack of a coach.

Mr. Spaulding, Mr. Wirsing, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd, and Mr. Docker were at the head table along with other parents.

There were two trophies handed out to the track Captains who were Mike Wirsing and Steve Gray.

Dear Ed.,

This concerns the dubious senior "privilege" of being exempt from taking final exams on the condition one has achieved a grade of "A" for the quarter in any particular subject. There are so many stipulations placed upon this "privilege" that, to me, it appears to be a totally worthless and silly idea to which our fast-too-underprivileged seniors are subjected.

First of all, the whole question depends upon the decision of Mr. Spaulding. After his decision (in this case we will assume he has approved it), it is up to the individual teacher to decide if "A" students will have to take their exams or not. Taking all of these together, I believe it is obvious, that this so-called "privilege" is indeed nothing. It seems to me members of our class cannot but realize that, in truth, we do not have a privilege.

A Realist

DR. REALLNUT

WANT



Dear Dr. Reallnut,

My husband and I recently moved into a red, white, and blue-type patriotic neighborhood, and we're nearly out of our minds.

Every morning at six they have reveille—everyone jumps out of bed, runs out into the front yard (with pajamas on, yet), and salutes the American flag flying from his rooftop. Then they all drive off to work in their red, white, and blue-striped automobiles with miniature American flags flying from the radio antennas. At six at night it's taps, and everyone's out on his front lawn again.

The only women's club here is the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), where we sit around all day sewing flags for the Betty Ross Birthday Festival held annually.

To get to the point, the other day our alarm didn't go off, so we missed reveille. To make matters worse, a prankster had painted our red, white, and blue-striped car red. Well, starting from that day, everyone started calling us "Dirty Commie" and avoided us.

Everywhere possible, our neighbors wrote these two words where we were certain to see them. The other day a free sample of Gustaf's Salami in my mailbox had "Dirty Commie" stamped all over it.

We can't move because this is the only decent house we can find near my husband's office. Please tell me what to do—I'm going crazy.

"Dirty Commie"

Dear Dirty Commie,

Try taking a bath.

You fuzzy liberal pinkos with your soggy, flimsy excuses for no Patriotism, or belief in Liberty, and the American Way ought to go back to Slobbovia or wherever you come from and get your greasy banana noses out of the business of Justice, Democracy, and Right.

Dr. Reallnut

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FOR SALE:

20 pounds of sand. Emptied from pockets, shoes, etc. Only 7¢ a pound. Contact John G.

Sunburned skin. Will sell for \$27. High quality; will stretch. Contact Debbie W.

Arsenic-laced box of chocolates for a more gullible rich old aunt than mine. Contact Joe Madfordough.

WANTED:

One (1) piece of elastic. Needed for bathing suit. Contact C.H. as soon as possible.

One fake halo and one fake pair of wings. Must look real. Contact Joe Badguy before it is too late.

CLASS of 1968

The Senior class motto, voted on and adopted, is "We will find a way, or make one," first uttered by Admiral Robert Perry.

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Hilda's Helpful Hints

Could you use an extra house? Who couldn't?

Let me tell you how you can obtain one absolutely free! (Are you beginning to see just how valuable my hints are?)

All these years you've been throwing away those old pencil stubs that couldn't be sharpened. Save them! You'll be surprised how they pile up. After about 80 years when you've collected 50 million stubs, slice them in half, remove the lead, and either glue them (use Hilda's Glue-All) or nail them into a house shape.

To save money, use extra pencil stubs to construct furniture.

You may now rest in the security that when you're 98 and your house is falling apart, you will have a brand new one to move into. Isn't that just great?

From the Capitol!!

You might be interested in a letter our editor received from Washington, D.C:

Dear Editor,

I am just writing this letter to let you know how much I enjoy your paper. When I am tense and upset I just sit down and read the letters to Dr. Reallnut and Hilda's Helpful Hints. They are always a blessing.

Then, when I wonder what is going on over there, I read the letters to the editor and the Temper of the Times. The front page news is especially interesting.

Some of the suggestions and opinions in your paper are excellent and have helped me gear my policies to the needs and feelings of the young people overseas. Thank you very much for your outstanding work. Keep it up.

Yours truly,
President Johnson

Hometown News--Hot off the press

--Holy Ost, Massachusetts--Archeologists from Holy Cat College have finally deciphered the meaning of the "G+W" on a cherry tree near here Wednesday. It stands for "George plus Martha" (Washington, that is). Remains of wornout wooden toothbrush with the initials "G.W." and an axe found in the hollow of the tree confirmed the archeologists' conclusions.

--Chinatown, California--Song Bong has completely lost his fortune cookie business because he was sued for \$50,000 for plagiarism. He had been buying the fortunes from the corner fortune and weight machine and putting them into his cookies. When interviewed at the police station, he merely said: "I have my constitutional rights. I paid good money for those fortunes."