

Kurisumasu Omedeto. AND SHINNEN I OMEDETO

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE KURISUMASU AND ALL THROUGH THE UCHI
NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING, NOT EVEN A NEZUMI

THE TABI WERE HUNG BY THE HIYACHI WITH CARE
IN HOPES THAT SANTA-SAN SOON WOULD BE THERE

KODOMOTACHI WERE SNUG IN FUTON
DREAMING OF SUSHI AND ASAGOCHAN

HAMA IN KIMONO AND CHICHI IN HAKAMA
HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN TO REST THEIR ATAMA.

WHEN IN HONORABLE GARDEN I HEARD SO MUCH OTO
SPRANG FROM TATAKI, "WHASSA MATTAH THERE, SOTO?"

AWAY TO THE TANSU, HAYAKU, I FLEW
SLIPPED INTO YUKATA FROM NEW GRAND HOTEERU

STEPPING FROM HEYA I GOT INTO ZORI
AND CREPT TO THE GARDEN TO SEE WHASSA STORY.

AND WHAT TO MY WONDERING EYES SHOULD I SPY
A RA MAA, WOW, TAIHEN BIKKURI SHITA.

HALF WAY THROUGH THE GATE WAS A NINETY YEN TAKUSHI
WITH A LITTLE OLD DRIVER, YOPPARAI ON SAKI.

HIS YUKATA WAS RED AND HIS GETA WERE BLACK
A FUROSHIKI OF TOYS WERE SLUNG OVER HIS BACK.

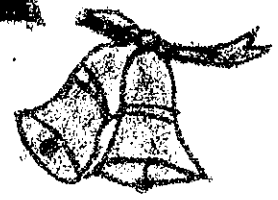
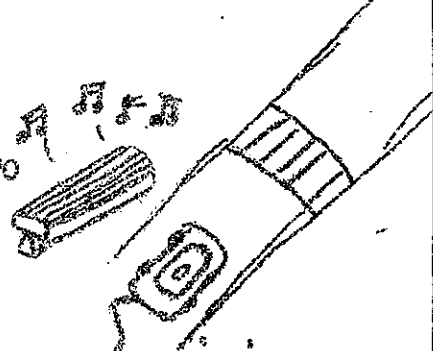
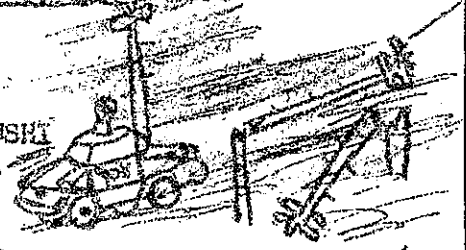
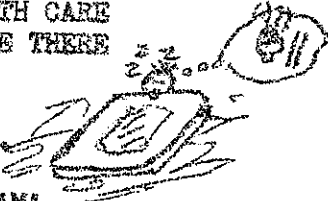
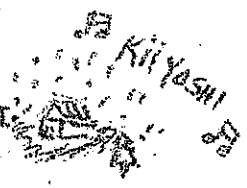
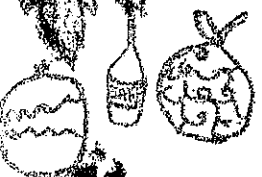
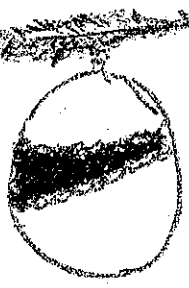
A SUMO STYLE STOMACH, I SHOULD TELL YOU TOO,
SHOOK WHEN HE LAUGHED LIKE A BOWL OF TOFU.

HE SPOKE NOT A WORD, BUT WENT STRAIGHT TO SHIGOTO
SOON BACK IN KURUMA, PLAYING SONG ON HIS KOTO.

HIDARI THEN MIGI THEN RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL
DASH AWAY, DASH AWAY, PEDESTRIANS ALL.

I COULD SEE ON THE BUMPER AS I STOOD ON MY TOES
KURISUMASU OMEDETO FROM THE

YO-HI ECHIOS



What happens is... ^{JAPANESE} ^{CULTURE} YES, YOU!

Have you ever wondered what the Japanese do over the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays? We are going to explain a little on the subject. (Most of our information was obtained from a young Japanese girl, Yumiko Ishikawa.)

To begin, Christmas is much the same as in the United States to about half the families in Japan. The children of these families, usually varying from the age of comprehension to about six years old, all believe in Santa. Their description of Santa is the same as ours, a short, fat man, with a cherry nose, with rosy cheeks and a large white beard and a red suit. He enters the house through the chimney and rides in a large sleigh filled with toys. The sleigh, like ours again, is drawn by eight tiny reindeer.

Hearing this you can well imagine that the Japanese have Christmas Carols, the same as ours. They have the same meanings but are translated into Japanese. For example, White Christmas, Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer, Jingle Bells, and Silent Night are all in Japanese.

The decorations of the houses are very simple and easy. They decorate a small tree, much the same as we do. Some people also hang decorations from the ceiling. Most of these families are of Western religions. Some families decorate the front gate by pulling a couple of branches from a pine tree and putting them on each side of the gate.

Most of the people stay home. They believe this time should be spent with their own families. They very seldom go out visiting.

The traditional dinner is a roasted chicken and a large cake, called a "Happy Christmas Cake."

Therefore, you can see that their Xmas is much the same as ours.

Now for more unfamiliar types of celebrations, we take you to the Japanese New Year. We shall first try to explain the Japanese meaning of New Year.

The Japanese try to go into the New Year with a clean slate. The reason for this is to try to make the new year a little better than the previous year.

Most of the festivities start at midnight when all the people have gathered in different temples. At the large temples there are large bells which, at the stroke of midnight, are rung 108 times. The traditional ringing of the bell has lost most of its meaning through time. But the ceremonies are still practiced.

After the ringing of the bell, the people celebrate as they await the rising of the first sun of the New Year. After this is over, they all return home for a quiet day with their families.

On the morning of New Year's Day, the family, in their best kimonos, sit down in the best room of the house. They say, "Shin-an omedeto gozaimasu," meaning "A Happy New Year."

Then "toso" (special rice-wine for the occasion) is served. Following this comes the eating of "zoni" (soup with toasted rice cakes). "Ono-chi" (special New Year's food) and rice-cakes are consumed also.

There are many New Year's games that the children play. Some of these are "hane-tsuki" (a game like badminton), "tako-age" (kite flying), "koma-mawashi" (top spinning), "karuta" (cards), and "fuku-warai" (a game with a lucky face).

Usually, the first seven days are spent for the New Year celebration. Of the seven days, the first three are the most important. Most offices and stores are closed for these three days. School starts on the eighth. During the seven days there are many events such as "hatsu-mode" (first visit made to the shrine on New Year's day), "kakizome" (first writing done on the second day), and "demon-mashiki" (New Year demonstration by firemen which is usually held on the sixth day of the New Year).

Do you realize that there is a limited amount of time until it will be 1969? Do you realize that the school year is almost halfway through? Do you seniors realize that the "day of reckoning" is drawing closer?

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

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

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

Plan ahead and you will never meet an obstacle unprepared.

"Echoes" Editorial Staff

PHRASE OF THE WEEK:

Because you have learned about how the Japanese celebrate New Year, we decided that this week's phrase would just give you the translation for "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year".

Although there are many ways of saying these phrases, we have chosen the ones that are most used:

Merry Christmas--Kurisumasu
Omedeto

Happy New Year--Shinnen
Omedeto

Kurisumasu
Omedeto
Gozaimasu

OFF TO BANDAI

Again this year the Yokosuka Teen Club is making a ski trip to Bandai. The following is some background on this trip.

Upon arriving there, you are introduced to the world of snow and cold. There is a lodge in which the members stay, and last year the Grant Heights Teen Club was there.

There are a large number of returning skiers this year. Among them are some of the greatest skiers and sledgers Japan has ever known. Some of these people are Cyndi Irwin, Mark Hamill, Cindy Crawford, Lael Curran, Bill Longino, Janis Longeway, and Robert Curran.

Talking to these people brought to our attention several helpful hints, which we feel should be mentioned for the benefit of the new skiers. Bring lots of sweaters, sunglasses, goggles, extra pants, and scarves.

Also include lots of goodies and snacks unless you plan to survive on a diet of Japanese food.

When you return, expect to see a lot plastered legs.

Neet Nac Club

The Neet Nac Club Schedule for Christmas vacation is as follows:

Dec. 20-Christmas dance, semiformal

"Emancipators of Soul"

50 and 60 cents.

21-Christmas sing-in 1930

22-Dance, "Flower Creation"

25 and 35 cents

31-New Year's Eve Dance

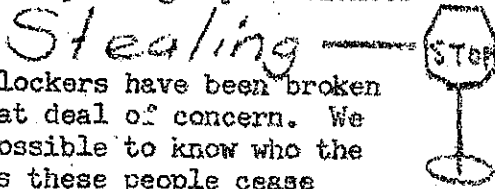
The Neet Nac Club will be closed on the 24th, 25th, and 31st of December. The holiday hours are 0900-2200.

Dance

This year the New Year's dance is sure to be one of the best!

It will be held in the gym at Yo-Hi from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and music will be provided by the "Mablu Sounds." For only \$1.00 you will hear this great band and also have a delicious dinner.

Tickets are on sale at the Teen Club. Turn in your permission slip and get your tickets while they last.



A number of lockers have been broken into causing a great deal of concern. We wish it would be possible to know who the culprits are. Unless these people cease doing this, an investigation will be conducted. We don't want it as it involves so many people and damages the reputation of our school.

ROUND BALLERS

Wednesday, December 18, Yohi went to Tsugi to play their first basketball game of the season with Zama.

"MAT-MEN"

On Saturday, December 21, the Yo-Hi mat men will go to ASIJ to wrestle in a tournament.

CHRISTMAS

Today, December 20, is the beginning of our long awaited Christmas vacation. As usual this year it will last two weeks, which means we will resume school on January 6, 1969.

Upon returning to school one of the first items on the schedule is semester exams. They will be taken on the 14-16 of January. It would be wise to take advantage of the vacation and study in advance.

ASSEMBLY

There will be a Christmas assembly today. The schedule will be reversed so that we will have periods 6,5,4,3,2,1, and the assembly will be held during 1st and 2nd periods.

The Snowball, which was held last Saturday night, seemed to be somewhat of a disappointment to some people, although others enjoyed it immensely.

It began at 7:30 but most of the couples arrived at nearly 8:30. At around 9:00 the court was announced. The two princesses were Christy Mitchell and Donna Barker and the Snowball queen was Marsha Foster.

YOKOSUKA TEEN CLUB

There will be a dance this Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., with music provided by "The Bloom." The price is 25¢ stag and 40¢ drag.

During the holidays there won't be any dances except for the New Year's Eve dance. This dance will be held from 8:00 to 1:00 a.m. Permission slips are available at the Teen Club office now. They must be signed and returned before the dance. People not having the permission slips will be asked to leave at the dance at 11:00 p.m.

Kimonos

Once again on January 6th the tradition of wearing kimonos back to school will be observed at Yo-Hi. So if you have a kimono, remember to wear it the first day back from Christmas vacation.

ESPAÑOL

Spanish classes are doing skits in Spanish which will be televised on the school television set.

Biology classes are doing their oral reports for their nine weeks' grade.

Shorthand has just got new books. Good luck, girls.

Advanced Foods classes are giving reports.

Journalism turned in reports today which will determine their second nine-weeks' exam grade.

NEWS

Post

Coach Meuninck on Matmen's Loss to Chofu

Last Friday night our matmen went to Chofu for their first meet of the year only to be humiliated 32-14 by the Chofu squad. We talked with Coach Meuninck about this defeat and the squad in general.

"Echoes": Why do you think we lost the wrestling meet?

Coach M.: Almost man for man in the eight matches we lost, the Chofu wrestlers were more effective in their standing or takedown wrestling. The two point disadvantages the Devil matmen were put at after the takedown placed them in a psychological, physical, and practical predicament. Our men were immediately on the defense and we simply failed to regain the offensive advantage. The only takedown a Yo-Hi wrestler got was executed by Lee Perron. This takedown obviously demoralized his opponent and put Lee in complete control of the match. The opposite effect was generally true for the Chofu grapplers that were successful in taking our men down.

"Echoes": Now that you have seen another team's style what changes or improvements will you make?

Coach M.: We intend to gradually increase the tempo of our workouts toward a peak in late February for the Far East tourney. We will work more diligently on finding the strength of each man and what he can do best. Then we will train him along this line.

"Echoes": What do you think the main weakness of our team is?

Coach M.: Mentally Yo-Hi wrestlers are losers. Very often a wrestler defeats himself before he walks onto the mat. Chofu's eleven returning lettermen had a demoralizing effect on each individual on the team. Some of these individuals talked themselves out of victory. They were too cautious in this match. They have so far failed to show the experimenting, aggressive abandon great wrestlers acquire.

"Echoes": Do you think our team is better than last year's?

Coach M.: This team is potentially far superior to last year's team. The attitude toward wrestling is good and the competition is keen.

"Echoes": How come most of the foes our men have to go up against look heavier than our men? Our guys just barely make weight but the other guys look 10 lbs. heavier. How come we can't weigh them at their school?

Coach M.: A man always feels heavier when he is on top of you. Hovey, Perron, Reitz, and Hazen never mentioned anything about their men being too heavy—they won their matches.

"Echoes": Thank you.

Sports Editorial

Everybody knows that a baseball game consist of two teams with nine players on each side competing with each other. Well, recently baseball officials have been trying to add an extra person to each team. This would make the game more exciting.

Professional teams nowadays are just too good to produce any continuous action during a game. The only time when a baseball game gets interesting is when a player hits a homerun or one team makes an error giving the other a chance to score.

With ten men on each side there would be more excitement put into a game. This new addition would improve some of the dreary games you see nowadays. Of course, changing this is not so easy as it sounds, but as for all the fans—they are all for it.

Sports Quiz

- The Lambert Trophy, which is awarded every year to the outstanding college football team in the East, was awarded to what team this year?
- Who was recently named the American league Manager of the Year?
- What two college teams play in this year's Rose Bowl classic?
- Who won the championship boxing match between Oscar Benvenuti and Don Fullmer?
- What two college teams play in this year's Orange Bowl classic?

KPSSAA Basketball Schedule

- J.V. Games start at 1730 hrs. Varsity Games at approximately 1900 hrs.
- No J.V. games with Narimasu. Teams playing Narimasu will play Varsity games only.
- The Home and Away games between Yamato and Yo-Hi will be Varsity only. No J.V. games between these schools.
- Home games for Yo-Hi will be held at Kishine gym.

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| 7 Jan. 69 - Tuesday | Yo-Hi at Zama |
| 10 Jan. 69 - Friday | Johnson at Yo-Hi |
| 17 Jan. 69 - Friday | Narimasu at Yo-Hi |
| 18 Jan. 69 - Saturday | Yo-Hi at Chofu |
| 24 Jan. 69 - Friday | CAJ at Yo-Hi |
| 28 Jan. 69 - Tuesday | Yo-Hi at St. Mary's |
| 31 Jan. 69 - Friday | ASIJ at Yo-Hi |
| 4 Feb. 69 - Tuesday | Yo-Hi at Yamato |
| 7 Feb. 69 - Friday | Zama at Yo-Hi |
| 11 Feb. 69 - Tuesday | Chofu at Yo-Hi |
| 14 Feb. 69 - Friday | Yo-Hi at Johnson |
| 20 Feb. 69 - Thursday | Yo-Hi at Narimasu |
| 25 Feb. 69 - Tuesday | St. Mary's at Yo-Hi |
| 28 Feb. 69 - Friday | Yo-Hi at CAJ |
| 4 Mar. 69 - Tuesday | Yamato at Yo-Hi |
| 7 Mar. 69 - Friday | Yo-Hi at ASIJ |

Far East Basketball Tournament will be held at Yokota AB Mar. 11-15.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

- Penn State
 - Mayo Smith
 - USC vs OHIO
 - Oscar Benvenuti
 - Kansas vs Penn State
- Answers for the sports quiz:

Devils ARE GREAT

President Crane Teachers on Sports

This week the "Echoes" will interview the Junior Class President to find out how the plans for the Prom are progressing, and what the class of '70" is doing.

The following is a poll taken by the "Echoes" among various teachers to find ideas and opinions on Yo-Hi's winter athletics.

"Echoes"---What is the Junior Class doing at the present time?

"Echoes"---What are your pre-season feelings on this year's team?

Bob Crane---Right now we are trying to raise money for the Senior Prom and think of some money raising projects. So far we have \$540.00 in the Junior Class treasury. The Powder Puff was quite profitable. We received \$94.00 from the ticket sales. The Student Directory will go on sale sometime during the second semester.

Mr. Kono---In wrestling we have a very fine nucleus of returning lettermen from last year, so we should have a very fine season. We will know more on the team on Friday when we meet Chofu.

Mr. Lacey---It is much too early to have feelings other than that the massive turn-out was quite impressive.

Mr. Carpenter---In basketball we'll have the 1st team to be 1st place in the league and Far East Tournament Champs.

"Echoes"---What plans have been made in preparation for the Prom?

"Echoes"---How is the team getting along spirit wise?

Bob Crane---Chairmen of the individual committees have been appointed. They are:

Kono---Spirit seems high. Our team is very eager to learn.

Lacey---Too early to say.

Carpenter---Since practices are at Kishini and I haven't been there yet, I haven't observed the basketball team's spirit.

- Judy Teshima---Prom Chairman
- Marsha Mattingly---Menu Chairman
- June Okumura---Decoration Chairman
- June Miyasaki---Invitation Chairman
- Jenny Errion---Advertisement Chairman
- Dan McCorvey---Clean-up Chairman

"Echoes"---How do you feel the school spirit is among the students and faculty members here at Yo-Hi?

At the present we are trying to decide on an appropriate theme, and, also, contact a good band.

Kono---I would say that spirit-wise, we are on par with other schools, but the pep assemblies have been rather noiseless.

Lacey---I have the feeling that most of the students and all of the faculty have very strong emotional ties to the school. This is evident not only by the good backing that our athletic teams receive, but by the fact that so many of us are striving to improve upon what we already have. Of course, winning athletic teams do a great deal toward bringing this feeling out in the open.

Carpenter---The students are above average. The faculty are slightly better than students.

"Echoes"---Is the Junior Class planning any other activities for the near future?

Bob Crane---Yes, sometime after exams we are planning a field trip, preferably to Nikko. There are some restrictions however for out of 147 juniors only 80 will be allowed to go.

"Echoes"---Are you planning any new and different activities this year?

Bob Crane---We were planning a vaudeville show, but this idea was vetoed by the Student Council. It was closely related to the talent show which is a Senior Class project. It was suggested that we sponsor a Bazaar. This idea was also vetoed out by the C.O. since it is an Officers' Wives function.

"Echoes"---In your opinion, what teams are going to be the top to beat this year?

Mr. Kono---It's hard to predict since I haven't observed the other teams, but just by hearing I would say that Narimasu would be the team to beat since they came in first last year.

THANK YOU: Pres. Crane

Mr. Lacey---St. Mary's

Mr. Carpenter---Zama, Johnson, and maybe A.S.I.J. Speaking of basketball.

"Echoes"---What is your opinion on the Stars and Stripes feeling against Yo-Hi?

Kono---My observation has been that it is a "little" pro Air Force. I didn't see any article on the Chofu-Yo-Hi game stating that Yo-Hi was victorious over Chofu.

Lacey---It is exceedingly difficult to understand. Since the majority of the military installations in the Tokyo area are centered around Tachikawa, it is understandable that the schools in that area would receive better coverage than we. But to almost totally exclude us is impossible to fathom. Perhaps the S&S is not aware that the Navy is a part of the DOD.

Carpenter---I believe that the S&S has more apathy than negative feeling toward Yo-Hi.

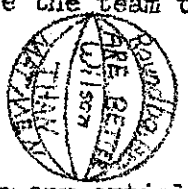
"Echoes"---How do you compare Yo-Hi with some of the other schools that you have observed in athletics?

Kono---Yo-Hi seems to have a very well organized athletic program, but physical facilities are below standard. The football team had a successful season and the basketball team seems to be headed in the same direction.

Lacey---It is rather difficult for me to answer this in a totally objective fashion since Yo-Hi is the only high school that I have been directly involved with. However, it is my considered opinion, based upon my high school days, that for a small school thousands of miles from Washington with a very limited budget we do admirably well. Attribute it to a fine coaching staff, interested students, and a desire to win.

Carpenter---At the top level.

Yo-Hi is GREAT



FAVES

Girl of the week - Betty Telesforo
Boy of the week - James Tamae
Couple of the week - Chris and Jenie
Smile of the week - Mike Swain
Legs of the week - Steve McCall
Nose of the week - Hope Witherby
Hair of the week - Don Roper
Event of the week - Christmas Va
Song of the week - "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"

CAN YOU...

Imagine: Yo-Hi CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

MARY - Miss Donahue

JOSEPH - Mr. Romeo

THREE KINGS - Mr. McCollar, Mr. Miller
Mr. Kono

SHEPHERDS - Mr. Bruner, C. Clumpner,
C. Meunick

SHEEP - Miss Inouye, M. Eberbaugh, Miss
Dobecki

ANGEL - Miss Bunch

HEROD - Mr. Spaulding

STAR - Mr. Lacey

SANTA - Mr. Grosser.

EXTRAS (such as Donkey) Mrs. Preiseman,
Mr. Bird, Mrs. Sadler

MOM AND DAD

WHAT TO GIVE?

Most boys, when buying their mother a Christmas gift, end up with something for the kitchen. Any woman (even if she is just Mom) likes to get something feminine. Give her white gloves, or perhaps a sweater. Cologne sets are appreciated gifts too.

Tasteful jewelry, such as simple pearl pins make wonderful gifts. Cheap, fake jewelry should never be given. More than likely your mother would hide it as soon as possible.

Give your mother something appealing, feminine, and practical; that doesn't mean pots and pans!

Generally, a gift under three dollars would not end up a very good one. Five to ten dollars spent on your mother's gift is more appropriate. But don't think only of the cost. And remember, too, that she will be happy that you even thought of giving her a gift. It's the "heart" that counts.

Girls buying gifts for their fathers should also be careful. Ties and socks are always practical gifts, but maybe Dad DOES get bored with them every Christmas. Why not try something a little different? If you don't give your father cuff links very often, some with his initials would make nice gifts. After-shave sets will make Dad feel debonair. Just for the heck of it, how about a Nehru pajama set, or a Nehru shirt to wear around? A coffee mug (reserved for him and initialed) would be a cute gift. Ingenuity and fresh thinking on your part will make Dad's Christmas a special one.

One last suggestion: Just for fun, how about filling stockings for your parents, with candy, little presents, and odds and ends? It would be a wonderful surprise for them!

PSST...

Hey, Branin, that cartoon was a real winner!...It looks as if Pease and Curran had a good time Saturday--were you TIRED Sue, when you finally got to C.C.'s house!...Can Carole Moore hold more than Rick Rankin?... Mama Lou left a message that Big Deb is taking over while she's gone so make sure you're there for all the fun and games over the holidays....Looks like Robin recently acquired two new brothers--and one new friend! ...Jim and Claude seemed to be running a taxi service Saturday....Did you find your Arpege, Elaine?...Hey, Umstead, did he ever find out they were fake?...Watt's house was serving delicious hot chocolate after the Snowball! ...Bryce spent five thousand yeh?...Hovey spend thirty bucks? Wow! The Snowball was supposed to be only \$2.50!

"IT'S WE" AGAIN!

Well, CHRISTMAS is coming UP and all the little birdies are beginning to hide.... What if someone should mistake them for TURKIES, after all, and the trees are fairly dripping...no snow yet?...That's be cause (sic) the clouds are too freezed up, you know.

Is the fried goblin still saving?

You BET. We're keeping him in the freezer now; all warm and toasty with sage dressing.

SAGE? THAT's supposed to be in the Turkey dressing stupid....

Oh yeah, but this year, the stuffing is going to be extra special...?

Like how?

Like all leafy and little sparrows soaked in moon cheese.

Moon Cheese? As in Apollo?

Yup, yup, special delivery.

Do you believe in Christmas ghosts?

That's good, 'cause you're going to be seeing plenty of them this time: all REPUBLICANS too, resurrected from the dead in glorious union.

Oh Groovy!!

Thank heaven for little children. Without them there might not be enough to go around, but everyone's pounding out the Francais, as in French. WHO could blame them? With all the birdies hiding, and the cheese strictly USA who wouldn't want a Frank or too.

EEEEEEEEK! Is that a tree coming this way, or a thousand lighted Com...--the star is falling stupid, that's all!
(Crescendo)

➔ Suggestions

TAKE SIDES

Now, hundreds of people, teens and adults, march in the streets and cry: "Peace now! Peace now!" They may be breaking the law. These people don't care. They don't have a parade permit, needed for this kind of protest. They believe their cause is a just cause. Does that make their protest right?

Here are some reasons for saying "yes" and "no" ~~on~~ civil disobedience:

OKAY!

A person must follow his conscience--even if it means breaking laws--especially if he believes they are wrong. For instance, in Germany in the 1930's, the Nazi political party came to power. Laws were passed that seemed unjust to most of the world. As a result of these laws, millions of innocent people were killed. Today the Germans are criticized for having obeyed these laws.

When Americans struggled for freedom from England in the 1700's, they were breaking laws. It was against the law to rebel against the King of England.

Sometimes the only way to get an unjust or outdated law changed is by civil disobedience. Sometimes citizens are unfairly kept from voting. Then they cannot help elect the candidate that supports the laws they want. People can challenge laws in the courts, but sometimes a law must first be broken before it can be brought up in the court.

Questions...

The end of the Vietnam war seems to be near, but how near? Right now the Paris Peace talks are all bogged down over a conference table. If America lets the North Vietnamese get their way the first time, they're going to try and get their way more and more often. This may seem like a stupid thing to be arguing, but if a thing like a conference table is going to hold up the peace talks, then the end of the war isn't as near as everyone may think.

The North has finally realized that they can not win by fighting so they're going to try to talk their way into a victory. If the U.S. should give in on many of the things they want, then the North will surely have won their victory. The U.S. will have to stand firm for everything it fought for or they will have wasted time, money, and lives in Vietnam.

America and North Vietnam will take their time negotiating, because each will want her say and they'll take their time planning their moves so they can get it. Because all this time they're wasting, it may take two more years.

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What do you think of Japan?

When one student was asked, he said that he hated Japan. When he gave this answer we were quite surprised. Then we asked him where he had been while living here, and he said, "Oh, lots of places." So we asked him then to give for instances, and he replied that he had been to the base in Yokosuka and that he'd been to the PX area in Yokohama.

Then we asked a second student the same question, and he said that he loved it here. His reason for this was because he had traveled all over Japan. When we asked how he could afford this he said he traveled by train which was really quite easy and inexpensive. He said that he disliked Japan at first because he knew nothing about it. But now that he knows how to travel (with the knowledge of a couple Japanese words) he can go just about anywhere.

So our advice is to get out and see Japan if you are bored. Then you will grow to really like it here and to make the most of your stay in this Oriental country. You will have something to tell your friends about when you return to the States.

NOT OKAYS

Laws are not made to be obeyed only when we feel like it. We can't have everyone deciding for himself which laws are fair. Our whole system of laws would fall apart.

There is no need for civil disobedience in a democracy--where people have a say in the making of laws. For instance, if a person doesn't like a certain law, he can ask his congressman to change it. He can write letters to the editors of his local newspaper. He can take his case to court.

Civil disobedience can lead to violence, such as riots. It is often difficult to prevent peaceful protests from erupting into violence.

THANK YOU

The cast and crew of the all-school play, "What a Life!" would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Burrill for the time and effort he put into making the play a success.

Kim Osman

Assistant Director

THE END?

Today is the last day of school before a two-week Christmas and New Year vacation. For seventeen glorious days you can sleep in till 11 o'clock if you want to. You won't have to do any school work or studying if you please.

But to the students who think in this way--watch out! Semester exams will start soon after the vacation ends. The wise student will use this time to study for these exams. After all, they are very important in making up your grade.

We are not saying to use all of this time for studying but it would be wise to set aside a couple of hours a day for studying. Cramming will not help. It won't help because when you finally get to the class you're having your exam in, you'll have forgotten everything that you crammed into your head the night before. To the wise student--

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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Civilization is gone. The Earth is partially covered with a huge cloud of radioactive dust. All that you can see is bleak, desolate land, pockmarked with the scars of nuclear war.

This is the start of the movie, "Ten Days After". It tells of the result of a totally devastation war, started over some trivial matter. All mankind has perished, except for several small, scattered groups. The movie is concerned with one of these groups.

There are five people in the group, four men and one woman. Their location is unknown, but they know they will soon die, as a result of radiation, unless they can think of a method to save themselves. The ending is unmatched in its quality of mystery, terror, and excitement. Be sure to see "Ten Days After" when it comes to your theater.

AN INTERVIEW

Reporter--Who in the elf world are you?

Elf--My name is Herbert Albert Charles John Jones.

R.--What is your job?

E.--I am Santa's Chief Doll Head putter-
-oner.

R.--How long have you been with Santa?

E.--Oh, somewhere in the vicinity of four hundred years.

R.--Have you had the same job since you began?

E.--No, in the Doll Business, one must start at the bottom. I first started at the feet and slowly worked toward the head and after three hundred faithful years, I hit the top.

R.--Congratulations.

E.--Thank you very much.

R.--Where is Santa now?

E.--He was up late last night. He has to be in a jolly mood. You know, hic!

R.--Is there any special toy Santa is pushing...uh, that is, giving this year?

E.--Yes, he is. His favorite this year is...uh, you'll find out.

R.--Sounds interesting. Say where is Rudolph this year?

E.--Oh, he's down at the garage getting his battery recharged. But if Santa stays good and jolly we won't need Rudolph's nose. We could use him for extra protection against flying saucers though. They're bad this year, you know.

R.--Well, we have run out of time, so thank you Mr. Jones for your time.

E.--You're welcome. Well, back to Head-
-ing.

R.--This is Homer W.D. Sweetlips sign-
-ing off from the North Pole, with a hearty Merry Christmas. HIC!

Welcome

1969

YEAR of the COCK

Hey, Crane, Raquel Welch?...Terry G. sure was popular at Kannai on Saturday night--at least Fuzzy thinks so....Congrats to Marsha, Christy, and Donna! Ski was a "chaufferon" Saturday night....Even stops on green lights.. ..L.K.'s date was just a little bit late. Would you believe L.H.'s house has a dungeon in it?...Heard El Matadore was crowded on Saturday night....Heard Debi, Marsha, and Margaret had a very exciting Saturday....How was Zen's?... According to Alan, Mike might be in the hos-
-pital forever, HOPE NOT! We miss him!...Seems there are quite a few Yo-Hi graduates back for the Christmas Holidays. Well, Merry Christmas!...Hear Santa will be visiting Japan at 17 minutes past 12:00 due to the population explosion. After this year Mr. Claus plans on using a selective system with data process-
-ing computers at Central Headquarters, S.C. Village, North Pole--keeping track of all children. You'd better start practising how to be good--yes, that means you!

TWO QUESTIONS

- 1) What do you want Santa Claus to bring you?
- 2) What does Santa Claus look like?

Bill Bryant--1) A beautiful voice and Mark to be true.

2) Big and fat with a beard.

Mark Hamill--1) Anyone--as long as she will put up with me and be nice. But he'll have to bring Bill a lot more than a nice voice to really improve him.

From -



To -



2) I guess Santa would have to change his appearance a little to get on base. Last year he had white-walls, no mustache or beard, and a Marine fatigue jacket.

Jim Longino--1) An Orange Moose.

2) Pleasantly Plump.

June Miyasaki--1) A bright star on a rainy day.

2) Jim Longino.

Eric Cook--1) A tall girl

2) My old man in red undies.

Richard Grant--1) A biography on modest me.

2) A Fat, jolly old man that's too old even for medi-care.

Eileen Cassady--1) A free two way trip to the C
-States.

2) Big, fat, and jolly.

Ralph Chaffin--1) Gobs and gobs of money--I'll even put my wallet out on the table for him to fill.

2) An out-of-shape, but jolly, old man.

Robert Crane--1) I really don't need anything; I've got everything.

2) He looks like Tall Paul Michaelis.

Christy Mitchell--1) Some super good lovin' from Bilyue.

2) White beard, red clothes, and a belly that shakes like a bowl full of jelly

Cindy Crawford--1) A ticket back to the States

2) Real fat, rosey cheeks, white hair and beard (the same one that they use every year).

Yoshie Manu--1) A picture of Sophia Loren with her autograph.

2) Some old, fat man with a red suit on.

Wrestling Buses Xmas Presents

Dear Editor:

I, being one of the many wrestlers trying out this year and returning from last, feel that there should be a spectator bus to our away matches. I know the argument will arise that no one is interested in watching our matches. But only the other day a bunch of people asked me why didn't the school run a spectator bus to the Chofu match on Friday. I asked them if they represented the majority and they were pretty sure that they did.

If the "Echoes" could possibly run an opinion poll asking the student body if they wanted a spectator bus to future away wrestling matches this would be very well appreciated.

Thank you,
A Tired Mat-Man

Dear Sir! **Better ARTICLE?**

Your "Echoes" last week, Dec. 13, had an article on the election of Mr. Yara as chief executive of Okinawa. It would have been better if you included his platform (immediate return to Japan) and his political support (the leftest coalition) in your article.

Yours truly,
Robert Rhodes

GIVE...

Dear Fellow Students of Yo-Hi:

Well, Christmas will soon be with us. Many of us probably have a tree in our homes with the presents of the holiday season underneath, while many more of us are conducting the age old Yuletide ritual of spreading onto one and all "peace on earth and good will toward men."

There is less than two weeks before the merriest of all days is here. Use these days wisely at home as well as at our school for giving rather than receiving. For if you should forget that Christmas is a time of giving and sharing, instead of receiving and taking, then you might as well forget it all.

Merry Christmas and an Up-Coming Happy New Year---
A Yo-Hi Student

Dear "Echoes":

Old Articles!

Why not have something more interesting in your paper? I'm sick and tired of reading the same 'ole articles every week about sports, Japanese Culture, and other uninteresting subjects. Sometimes there's more than two articles on sports in one paper, like how to play golf, and how to play this, and how to play that. I think that if we want to learn anything like that, all we have to do is to look it up in the encyclopedias! You guys do.

Why not have some articles which are more original once in a while?

I would sure appreciate if you got more articles on places to go, records, fashions, etc.

Thank you,
Disgusted Reader

Mailbox

Dear "Echoes"

I think the idea about getting your friends a Christmas present, which will be handed out at the assembly, is really great. But what about the dirty jokes some people will play? I remember last year that some of the kids received something from unknown friends, which you could never call a Christmas gift. It was more likely to embarrass one when one opened it. I just hope that nothing like that will happen this year. It'll be okay to play a joke, but let's don't go too far.

Merry Christmas!
A Loyal Yo-Hian

White Wall...

Dear "Echoes"

Some people seem to think that a haircut is breaking the law of mankind. For example, when one gets a haircut, he is harassed by his fellow classmates. They refer to him as "white wall." I think that if you take a poll of how many people with short hair like it, I feel that most of them are satisfied. If these people are satisfied why should they be harassed by others?

Is There Really a Crew-Cut? Yes or No?

Dear Echoes' Editor

I have been going to this school for nearly four months now and I am getting tired of these upperclassmen always trying to tell me things. The other day a senior told me there was no Santa Claus. For 13 years I have been a follower of Santa and now I have nothing to look forward to. I cannot get to sleep at night because now I know that Mommy and Daddy have been lying to me. Tell those bad seniors not to spoil all of the fun and keep their secrets to themselves.

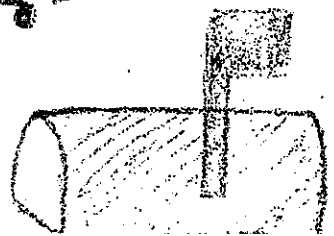
Stevie Freshman

Dear Editor: **Recognition?**

Why doesn't the wrestling team get any recognition in this school. I think that they are more qualified to get recognition than the basketball players. Just because basketball is a more popular sport doesn't mean that wrestling is to be shut out of people's minds. The wrestling squad is seldom heard of in this school. In other schools, wrestling over-rules all other sports except football. Some people in this school don't even know there is a wrestling squad. They've more or less never heard of one. I feel that wrestlers should get more recognition.

A Mat-Man Fan

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