



You'll Need More to Graduate In 1987

By Janet Silvano

As a result of the Commission of Excellency, beginning 1987, graduation requirements for high school students in the DoDDS system will increase from 18 credits to 20 credit units. This information was given by Dr. Beth Stephens, Director of DoDDS Worldwide, during her visit to Yo-Hi last month.

Dr. Stephens recently toured Kinnick High School as part of her scheduled visit to the Pacific Region schools in Japan. In the past, Dr. Stephens has visited other countries as well. Last year, she toured the other Pacific Region schools in Okinawa, Korea and the Philippines. Due to limited time, she was not able to reach the Japan area schools and so this year she decided to schedule her trip to the Far East to include only the Japan area schools. However, Dr. Stephens will still not tour the schools in the northern and southern areas in Japan.

The purpose of her visits to the schools is to keep informed of the activities the various DoDDS schools throughout the world are doing and what they want to do. The trips give

her a first-hand view of the schools' activities. Dr. Stephens stressed, in particular, the importance of the people in the school — "The important part of this visit is the teachers and pupils."

Dr. Stephens is a newcomer to the DoDDS system. She entered into the system from the top — Director of DoDDS as of June 15, 1982. Her background in education includes 18 years as a university professor in a number of universities — University of Illinois, Temple University in Philadelphia, and the University of Texas. In addition to being a university professor at the University of Texas, Dr. Stephens was also the Department head of the Special Education program at the university.

As Director of DoDDS, Dr. Stephens has her hands full. Travel is almost always a part of her agenda. In fact, Dr. Stephens' trip to the Pacific served a double purpose. In addition to visiting the schools, Dr. Stephens also attended a meeting in Baguio with all the principals and administrators throughout the Pacific Region. This gave her a chance to discuss new goals and recommenda-



Dr. Stephens relaxes and responds readily during her interview. (Photo by M. Maljevac)

tions, especially those made by the Commission of Excellency, a commission reported to the president about "A Nation at Risk" — the educational system.

One of the important major issues in our nation today is education. The Carnegie commission, the Commission of Excellence," and other commissions establish recommendations and suggestions for schools throughout the United States including the DoDDS schools overseas. When asked what were some of the recom-

mendations made, Dr. Stephens replied that the DoDDS schools were doing many of the things and ideas recommended already. Probably the only major changes concerning high school students is the graduation credit requirements. Students won't have to worry about that change until 1987.

After the interview, Dr. Stephens accompanied by two other visitors — Dr. Killin and Mr. Osner — and Mrs. Grasmehr and Mr. Derr, set off to tour the halls of Yo-Hi.



Students Inducted

"I never expected it . . ." was a familiar saying from many of new NHS members that were inducted Wednesday, February 22, 1984.

The assembly started out with a welcoming speech from the current president, Janet Silvano. She then proceeded to light the first candle.

Danielle Bushong gave a speech on Scholarship. She made it clear that being in NHS didn't mean giving up all other outside activities. She did a transformation during her speech to demonstrate; Danielle went from a studious looking person with glasses and her hair up, to a carefree person with no glasses and her hair down.

Next, Sonya Okamoto gave a speech on leadership, a quality that every member needs, and went to light the candle of leadership.

Then, Paul Villegas presented his speech on service and how each member should serve the school. Then, with the grace of a Villegas, he proceeded to light the candle of service.

Last, came the speech on Character by former Kinnick student Tom Heiking. And, as all the others, went to light the candle representing the speech he just gave.

Then the tapping ceremony began. Each member of NHS, except Janet Silvano, went to tap an unsuspecting person who was planned to be inducted. Those that were tapped had to go sit in the first two rows of the Benny Decker.

The new members include Elizabeth Brant, Aida Cibillos, Tracy Less, Charles Kiseljack, Tamara Webber, Tracy Beckman, Catherine Begy, James Frazier, Michael Jones, Christina Less, Erin McConnell, Nicole Peterson, Jennifer Tabb, Christy Hesby, Anna Abello, Daniel Dennehy, William Helsley, Thomas Morrison, Annette Stillwell, Cherry Villegas, Alfred Voit, Jane Westbay, Derek Williamson, Erica Wilson, and Kathy Wong.

Speech Winner Trek To CAJ

Paul Villegas (Humorous Speech), Misiel Parker (Informative Speech), Tammy Meineke (Dramatic Speech), Danielle Bushong (Persuasive Speech), Kellie Mahoney (Poetry), and Tracy Less (Story Telling) all won top honors in the recent Speech Contest that lasted for two weeks and had 68 participant. The winners will be competing at CAJ on March 17 at the Kanto Plain speech festival.

The original Dulcibella, Christy Less, started the Speech Assembly with her distinct laugh. This displayed humor; Mr. Schmidt then introduced the assembly and the participants in humorous speech. Villegas gave his speech on Cynthia . . . a girl with rather "large breasts" whom he dreamed about every night. Next Chris West came out and informed us on little facts like, "Did you know . . . there are no ducks, they're all chickens in disguise." This introduced the informative speeches. Misiel Parker, only having a few notes jotted down at the last minute because her speech was at home, informed us on the terror and effects of child abuse.

Next, Bing Pockalny dramatically told the audience that his toaster was having an affair with his electric blanket. This, of course, introduced the dramatic speeches. Tammy Meinicke performed half the story of "The Telltale Heart." She was very "dramatic and got into it" one of the viewers remarked.

Then, Nick Jones tried to persuade Jessica Lynch to go out with him in a demonstration of persuasion. Daniel-

le Bushong, overall winner, gave a speech on capital punishment and the unfairness of murdering someone for a crime.

Next, Chris West introduced poetry by saying a little poem about how him and his toes were growing further and further apart. Kellie Mahoney recited "The Walrus and the Carpenter." It was about two characters who deceive some oysters into being eaten.

Last, Jessica Lynch told the audience how a big monster in a polka-dotted vest almost ate her. This appropriately introduced the last category: storytelling.

Tracy Less told the story of "The Big Mouth Frog." She acted the whole story out, and, as a result, received a lot of cheers.

The following people won in their grade level:

Humorous Speech: ninth grade, Maria LaGalbo, tenth grade, Jane Westbay; eleventh grade, Paul Villegas; and twelfth grade, Pat Cooper.

Informative Speech: ninth grade, Misiel Parker; twelfth grade, Mike Marklund.

Dramatic Speech: ninth grade, Elli Willoughby; eleventh grade, Tammy Meinecke; twelfth grade, Lily Feliciano.

Persuasive Speech: ninth grade, Carla Sue Anderson; tenth grade, Jennifer Wilkinson; twelfth grade, Danielle Bushong.

Poetic Interpretation: ninth grade, Elli Willoughby; eleventh grade, Kellie Mahoney; twelfth grade, Kathy Bragg.

Storytelling: twelfth grade Tracy Less.

Welcome Folk Tellers, Connie Regan and Barbara Freeman.

Grasmehr Explains Shogun

By Janet Silvano

Shogun. When most people hear that word, what do they think of? The book? The movie? The Japanese samurai? Well, for those Yo-Hi veterans out there, the word has an entirely different meaning — it's an award given to that special person or persons who make Yo-Hi a better place. It's an award given annually to juniors and/or seniors — it's "just another way to recognize students," explains Mrs. Grasmehr.

Started by a former Kinnick principal, Mr. Spalding, the award has previously been awarded in conjunction with the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. This year, however, Shogun has been separated into an entirely different ceremony — an assembly all its own. This assembly has been set for Friday, April 13.

Mrs. Grasmehr explained the separation because "you're mixing apples with oranges and you can't

mix apples and oranges. People think if you're National Honor Society, you're a Shogun. A Shogun has different criteria, although many of the same qualities are in evidence." The difference stressed here was that NHS represented the "leader" leaders while Shougns are the workers behind the scenes making things run. Still, that doesn't mean that the leaders aren't doing this as well.

Rather than explain what a Shogun was, Mrs. Grasmehr phrased it this way: "Shogun is not necessarily the leading actress in the play although she could be; but rather it is the person who is behind the scenes and who could always be counted on. Shogun is not necessarily the president, although he could be; but rather he is the one who works at the bake sales and counts the money and is always there working on the projects. Shogun is not the head cheerleader, although she could be; but rather the person who faithfully attends all the games and yells her heart out." Mrs. Grasmehr said the

same thing when she was asked to explain to the school, briefly, what Shogun was during the last few minutes of the NHS assembly held last month.

The leaders, the scholars, the captains — all these people are recognized in many ways. Whether it is through sports, academics, being chosen during election or because of talent, that student is recognized for his or her achievements in that way. Often times that Shogun doesn't have that recognition.

Choosing Shogun is definitely not an easy task. In fact, Mrs. Grasmehr mentioned that she had discussed Shogun with Mr. Spalding — the principal who initiated Shogun — to understand the original feeling about what Shogun was.

Upon her return, the faculty began the selection process. A brief overview begins first with the teachers and sponsors who bring names forward and list that student's involvement and why that student is a candidate for Shogun. Names are

counted and presented. Additional comments are made — primarily positive comments. The teachers involved are those who are involved with juniors and seniors. The names presented have also been counted and after discussion, a secret ballot is taken. Mrs. Grasmehr stressed at this point that when the secret ballot is made, the teachers are asked only to write the names of the students they are 100 percent sure of — 100 percent deserving of Shogun.

Over recent years there have been disappointments and Mrs. Grasmehr said there may be a few disappointments again this year as well. Even though a student may not get Shogun, however, something to think about and remember is "a lot of people get recognition every day (maybe you're one of them?) and just because you don't get Shogun, it doesn't mean you're not equally wonderful." As Mrs. Grasmehr said, "Shogun is just another way of recognizing students."

A Day In ISS

Here I am sitting in a booth with three sides all around me, a desk in front of me, and the room is so quiet I could probably hear a pin drop. Where am I? In In-School-Suspension or I.S.S. An ideal place to study, if you're only in there for an hour or two. Like I thought, I.S.S. is not built to keep you constantly busy for seven hours, but the exact opposite.

In the morning, anyone who has been caught previously for fighting, skipping classes, or anything else strictly against the school rules comes to room 118 to spend the day, or sometimes just a class or two. There is plenty of room for lots of people, but to add to the boring atmosphere there are usually only one or two. Luckily, I got a seat near the door, where I could see any incoming or outgoing traffic, which wasn't much.

From 7:30 until about 8:45, people come in late asking for late passes to class, but since hardly anyone has a note, or a good excuse, most of them go down as *unexcused*.

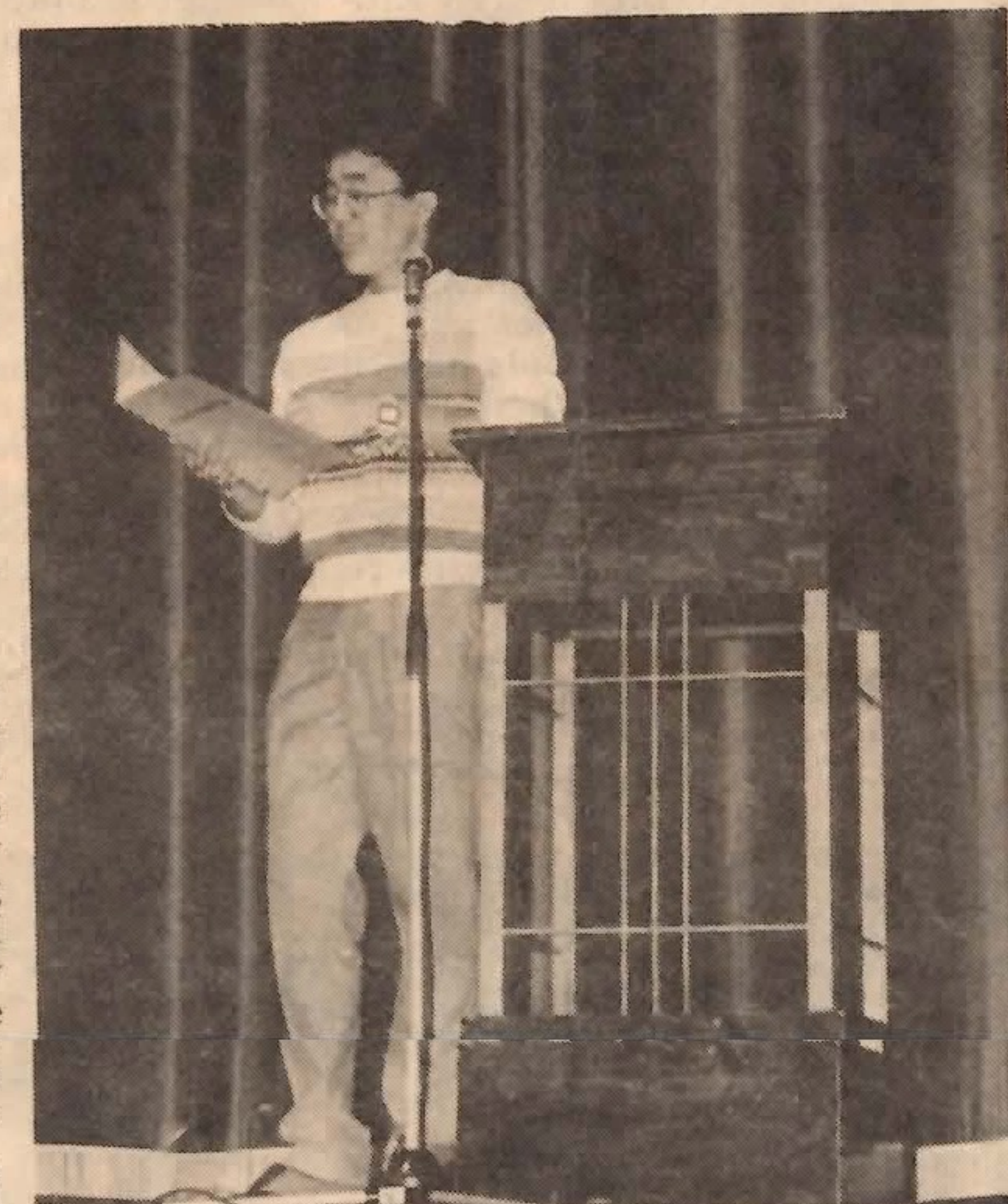
By the middle of the period, I've finished all of my work and try to figure out something else to do. A little while later someone was sent down, for disturbing his class, so at least I wasn't alone anymore. I try to get tomorrow's work and homework done, but that's even worse than being bored, so I drop that.

Finally, when the lunch bell rings, I practically

jump out of my seat to get out of that room, but no, if you have detention all day, you also get to go to lunch detention during lunch. Lunch detention might be a little more interesting in the way that there are more people up there, but nobody's allowed to talk up there at all.

After lunch I'm back in the I.S.S. room, glad to be back where the sound of Mrs. Stillwell on the phone is ten times better than the silence of the lunch detention room. That is, until I get bored in there again. People are coming in late from lunch.

Some teachers come in every once in awhile to mention a student who hasn't been in class for awhile. Mrs. Stillwell makes some calls to the parents of class-skippers. It's so boring that even the aid can't find anything to do. I can't see outside of my booth unless I slide my chair all the way back, and lean all the way over, but I've been doing that so much that I think I'll really get yelled at if I do it once more. Fifth period drags by and nobody is sent down and I don't think it can get more boring than this. But am I wrong! I hadn't experienced sixth period yet! So fifth period goes and sixth period comes. Nobody is sent down, nobody is late for class nobody checks out, and nobody checks in. This is the most boring class yet! I watch the seconds tick by on my watch, and finally when the last bell rings I'm running out the door!



Paul Villegas was just one of the speech winners at Yo-Hi's first speech festival (Photo by R. Tommaselli).

March Birthdays

				1. Elizabeth Brant Dee Jay Dejesus	2. Troy McClellan Edgar Tiongson	3. Amy Funk
4. James Frazier	5.	6.	7. Brian Lafond Janet Tucker	8.	9. Dulce Ledino	10.
11. James Bargsley Carrol Gustafson Nicole Tommaselli	12.	13. Nicole Latona	14. Robert Bushong Miss Killingsworth Happy Birthday Kara, from HJ&YS	15. Shannon Stovall Joanne Wilson	16. Christopher Farnen Joseph Hawkins Rachel Moore	17. Dan Edwards Donald Tabb
18. Jennifer Tabb Travis Toyama	19. Helen Duizer Gary Rivers	20. Max Feliciano Gina Irelan George Tiongson	21.	22. Mike King Beth Ranay	23.	24. Christopher Burchell
25.	26.	27. Takahiro (Tabo) Lee	28. Kimberly Jones Michael Jones David Koopman	29. Bruce Bognell Chin Olson Patrick Webber	30. Christopher Krivis	31.

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The Forgotten One

By Janet Silvano

Inductions are over. Reception is finished. We're clearing things away. Not too bad except for not being able to light a simple lighter. An NHS member at that! A few minutes later Mrs. Holmquist walks over to us and says, "We missed someone."

Oh no! We knew it and we should have said something earlier. And now look at us. She missed out on the

tapping, the pledge, the recognition, the reception. Who did we miss? Christy Hesby.

No, we didn't forget to tap her or something as simple and stupid like that, but by some strange mishap, the day transcripts had been reviewed and checked for academic eligibility, Christy's must have been missing or overlooked. What's worse was several of us knew she was qualified but failed to say a word. A lesson to

remember: If you have any doubt — ask! Unfortunately, we learned the sad way.

So, what did we do? Well, knowing she (Christy) was probably greatly upset over not being selected and we now unofficially knew she should have been, we decided to drive on over to her house and informally induct her. First, however, Mrs. Holmquist wanted to make things official. So, we prepared. We took a program and wrote her name declaring her an official "special" member. We cut her a few slices of NHS reception cake and even took one iris and one yellow rose from the NHS flower arrangement we had. To complete it, we had, luckily, one candle left and put that into our candelabra. We were ready and waiting to do our mission. By the way there were four NHS members and one other person: Paul Villegas (old member), Cherry Villegas (new member), Pam Okamoto (old member), Scott Wilson (not a member), and Janet Silvano (old member).

Well, while we had been getting ready for our ceremony — I guess you could call it that — Pam had slipped out for a moment and came back with news that Christy was up on the third floor main locker area and Mrs. Grasmehr and Mr. Annibal were already up there informing her

that she was indeed a member. That did it. Paul lit the candle and we were off. Hey, we even took the gown the old members had worn with us.

Believe me, you won't find any other induction like Christy's anywhere around this school, or for that matter, in the world. We gave her everything we had prepared. She was laughing and crying at the same time. I'm almost sure she probably thought we were crazy. But yes, we actually did it. Like the assembly, we did have one mishap, Cherry dropped the cake we had sliced for her.

Was that it? Nope, she still had to recite the pledge. So, being that Janet was there, we did that too. One change — Christy wore the gown and NHS band (the band was backwards though). And there among the lookers with Paul, Cherry, Pam, Scott, Mrs. Grasmehr, Mr. Annibal and later, Mrs. Holmquist, Christy Hesby was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Can you believe it? It honestly happened and although we did have a camera, we had run out of film. It sure was one of the most unusual inductions we've had and something I'm sure won't be forgotten easily. Still, we know that despite the craziness of it all, the official recognition, informing the parents and the rest was missing.



Christy Hesby works hard to meet the scholastic requirements of NHS.

Horoscope

Aries (March 21 to April 19) — Smoke exhaust from cars could cause discomfort this month. Now is a good time to invest in oxygen masks.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) — Shoes could provide more comfort in running and walking throughout the first part of the month.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) — This is a good month for juicy oranges, but not one for red apples.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) — Encounters with attack cats may not only be dangerous, but very painful.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) — Follow Bloom County closely this month. It holds a subconscious message that will solve all your problems.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) — Showers are of great pleasure this month . . . and don't forget to share with your fellow human being.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) —

Cars may be helpful in transportation this month, although it is advisable not to use the backseat.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) — This is not a good month to have a wedding. Postpone until April.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) — You should distinguish the difference between fish and meat. It may prove to be worthwhile in the near future.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) — Your eyes may give you trouble. Try opening them if you experience periods of total blackness.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) — Typewriters could cause great irritation and discomfort. Be careful not to pound too hard.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) — Avoid auctions if you have a bad cold this month as it might cost you a lot of money. Be careful of Spring Fever.



The newly inducted members of NJHS as of February 23, 1984.

Garbage Actors?

By Tawny Willard

Sometime ago, tryouts were held for the play "The 4H Club", which will be performed at the Zama Far East Drama Festival. The "4H Club" is a play for advanced acting and it is not surprising that the cast is comprised of three actors who were also in the play "The Ugly Duckling." The actors are Chris West, Jessica Lynch and Bing Pockalny.

Although many believe that acting is a glamorous, fun thing to do, that is not always the case at rehearsals. Everyday after school, and on weekends (early) the cast reports to the "Play House", and under the watchful direction of Ms. Fong, are required to run through the play several times. This may seem easy

but at times during the performance, the actors are required to sweep up garbage, roll and kick in garbage, and even wrestle each other in the midst of garbage. This may seem a bit bizarre, but viewed in its entirety the play comes together and leaves a lasting impact.

"The 4H Club" which requires a lot of physical action, is not the easiest to do, but all three actors and the director feels that getting an award at the Far East will be more than compensation for all the "garbage" they've been through.

The play will be performed at Kinnick's Playhouse in the school on Saturday, March 17. Tickets are available from Drama Club members or at the school's main office.

Teens Get Moving

In a recent talk to the students of Kinnick, Captain Dzedzic outlined a plan to improve the teen club. A initial organizational meeting was held to get things rolling.

During a second meeting on Friday, March 2, officers were chosen. Tracy Less was elected president, and the runner-up, Jim Lee, became vice-president. Jessica Lynch was chosen for secretary, and Robert Tomeselli was elected treasurer.

Chris Delaune and Mike Marklund

were named Sergeant-in-Arms to keep control throughout the meetings.

Meetings will start being held every first and third Monday of each month until things get started.

Many committees were formed including By Laws Committee, Fund Raising Committee, Publicity, Mural Committee, Activities Committee, and Improvement Committee, which became the Mural Committee since only one person signed up for that.

Countdown '84

Second semester is on the move and as each day passes, that big day for the class of 1984 draws closer and closer. As an extra, the *Echoes* will be covering the monthly progress towards the big event — just for the seniors! If anyone has any suggestions for this special feature, contact Janet Silvano.

Senior field trip . . . Prom . . . Baccalaureate . . . Yo-Hi Day . . . the seniors still have lots to plan and more events to make memories out of. The juniors are busily making money through snack break for that memorable evening — Prom night! that will be the seniors' last dance and hopefully the best. Come on juniors, now's the time to show us your talents!

Yo-Hi Day is the annual student council big event for the entire school, but somehow the seniors always make the day by trying

(and this year, hopefully succeeding!) to show the school just how superior they are. Togetherness is the class's key.

The trip — in the past it was commonly called Senior Ditch Day, but after last year's trip to Tokyo Disneyland (exclusively for the seniors), the day doesn't seem to fit the term "Senior Ditch Day." Where to, this year? The class officers are still checking the possibilities. Maybe Disneyland, Nikko, Fujiku Highlands, the beach — who knows! FUN is the key!

Baccalaureate is too far to think of, but committees are being formed for that as well as Graduation and the reception afterwards. Still, let's not think so far ahead otherwise the days will promise to drag on. In the meantime, the class of 1984 is still hanging on, but still trying to build up on the memories!



Nick Jones stands by for a picture after receiving his medal for first. (Photo by R. Tommaselli)

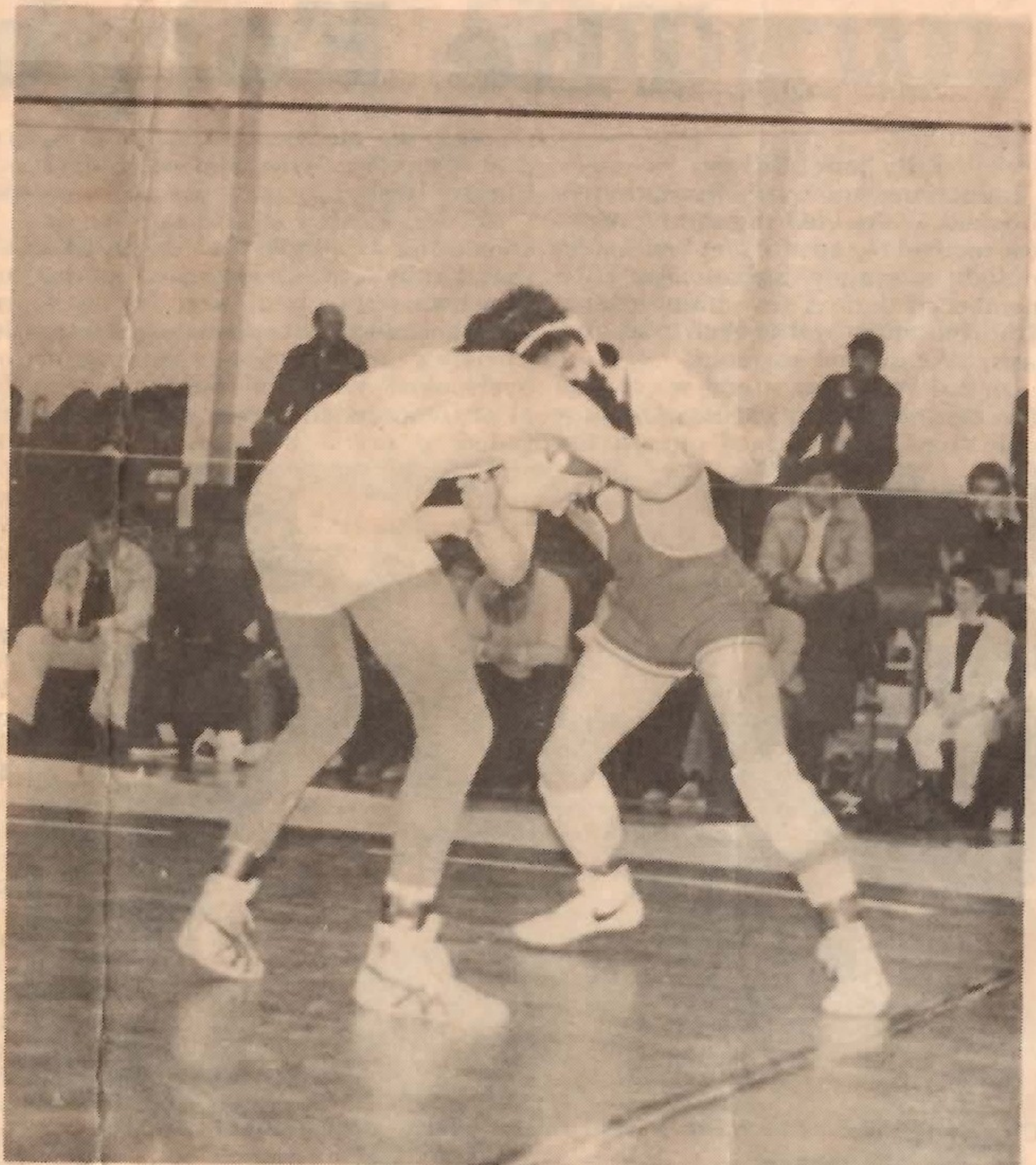
Nick Jones Takes First

By Billy Nicely and Christy Hesby

The Yo-Hi Red Devils, paced by Nick Jones who took first in the 180 pound division, placed sixth place overall in the Far East tournament which was won by Kubasaki and St. Mary's.

Following in Nick Jones' footsteps were fourth place finishers: Hiroshi Kiyari in the 129 weight class; Chris Labato for the 148 weight class division; Richard Bailey took fourth in the 158 weight class; and Bill

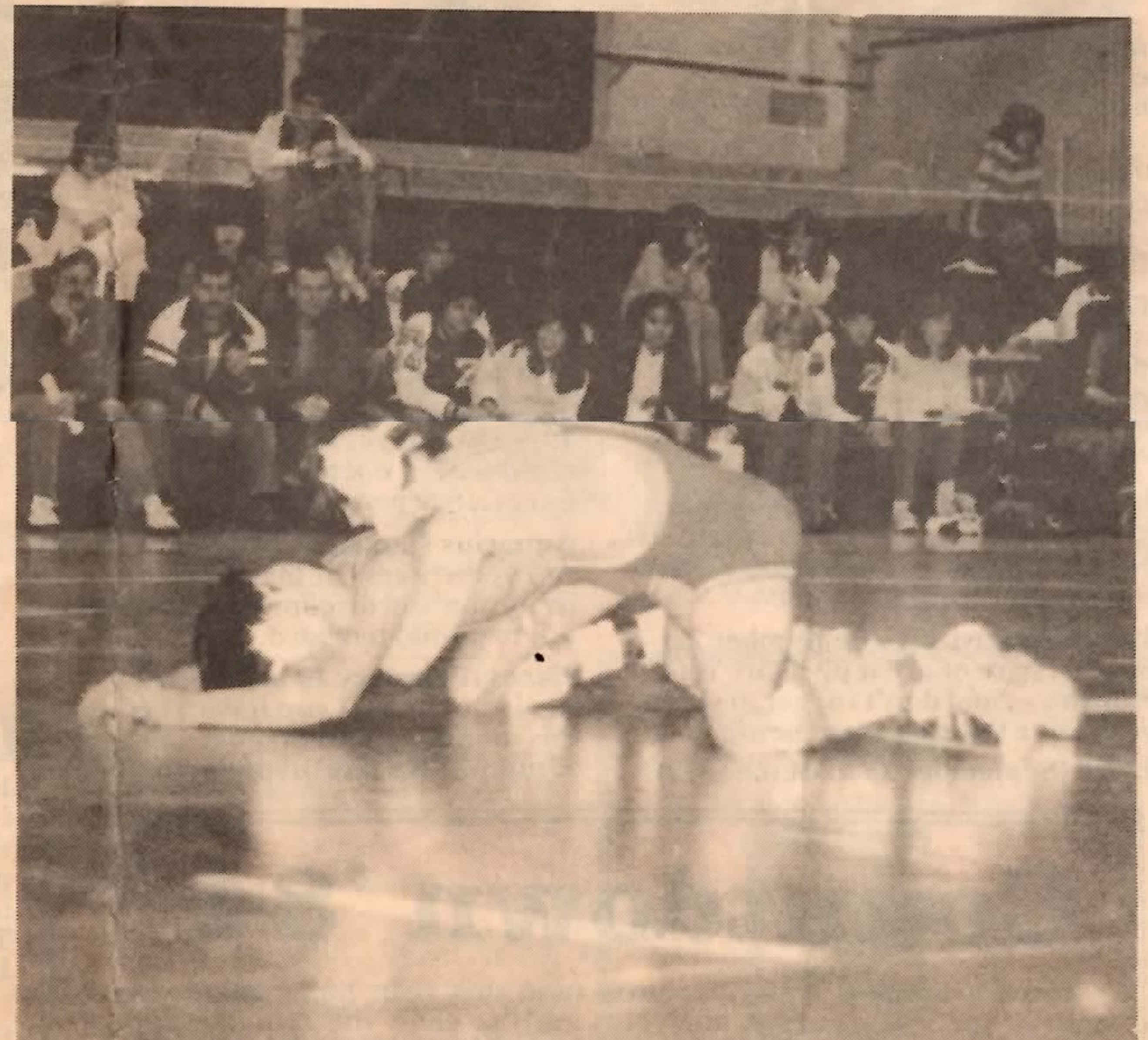
Nicely worked hard and placed fourth also in the HWT division. Yo-Hi fifth place finishers included Glenn Sakata in the 115 weight class division and Don Jones in the 141 division. In sixth place, Yo-Hi had David Lambert place in the 168 weight class division. With the help of these wrestlers, Yo-Hi worked hard to place sixth out of thirteen other schools who participated in the annual Far East Wrestling Tournament.



Chris Labato tries to score a point for Yo-Hi. He later took fourth in his division. (Photo by R. Tommaselli)



Nick Jones about to make a move towards winning first place. (Photo by R. Tommaselli)



Don Jones shows his wrestling ability, enough for him to place fifth in his division. (Photo by R. Tommaselli)

B-Ball Doesn't Get Flushed

Although the Yo-Hi Devils did not fare well at this year's Far East Basketball Tournament held at Okinawa, they were still not totally flushed out of the tournament and placed 14 out of 17 teams. Their only win came against the George Washington Geckos of Guam with a score of 47-57. The top three scorers for the game were James Hanna with 23 points, Rudy Omega with 15, and Ricky Ellis with 10 points.

Yo-Hi's luck was lost until their fourth game against the Geckos, but still, Yo-Hi pressed on never losing to a team with more than 10 points behind. Other schools that they played included Faith Academy from the Philippines who were the defending

champions from two years back, ASIJ, Zama, and their final and fifth game was against Inarajan High School of Guam.

The overall winner of the tournament went to Kadena High School of Okinawa and second place went to the Yokota Panthers.

BASKETBALL RECAP

Yo-Hi's Varsity Basketball team finished up the season winning two of their sixteen games. Scores for the games are as follows:

Yo-Hi over St. Mary's	52-38
CAJ over Yo-Hi	61-31
Yokota over Yo-Hi	72-40
St. Mary's over Yo-Hi	44-41

ASIJ over Yo-Hi	48-44
Yokota over Yo-Hi	66-39
Zama over Yo-Hi	48-41
St. Mary's over Yo-Hi	38-29
Yokota over Yo-Hi	76-27
Yo-Hi over ASIJ	44-39
Zama over Yo-Hi	73-51
CAJ over Yo-Hi	73-51
Zama over Yo-Hi	43-36
Yokota over Yo-Hi	45-26
ASIJ over Yo-Hi	49-28
St. Mary's over Yo-Hi	44-37

Rudy Omega led the team averaging 13 pts. a game, James Hanna averaged 7 points a game, Mike Jones averaged 6 points, Jimmy Frazier and John Blanton averaged 4 points apiece and Danny Dennehy averaged 3 points.

The 1984 Girls' Varsity Basketball Team was announced at the beginning of practice on Friday, March 9, 1984.

Returnees include Sonya Okamoto (12), Carolyn Newman (12), Alanne Saunders (12), Janet Patterson (12), Pam Okamoto (11), Marni Shibata (11), and Melissa Omega (11).

There were five new additions to this year's team to add up to twelve members. New members are Tracy Less (12), Tawny Willard (11), Jennifer Tabb (11), Yoko Bruno (11), and Christy Less (11).

Their first game will be an away game against ASIJ on Tuesday, March 20, 1984.