

Echoes

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Kinnick High School, Yokosuka, Japan

"Music is a corridor
lighted by the soul."

- Eric Vicksnins

Seniors Say Good-Bye to Kinnick



Seniors Renato Estacio, Roena Romero, Barbra Humphrey, Febe Gramata, Jed Reyes, Ronnylyn Llaniguez, Judy Pablo, and John Long are getting ready to have their pictures taken in Kamakura. This was the first year the senior group pictures were taken there.

School: Looking for the End *by Trent Rosecrans*

Senior year. It is something that we have all dreamed of since about kindergarten. But now I am here, almost finished, what was the point?

Since we were young, the 12th grade was seen as an end. Now I am here and all that I can see is more school. Four to five years of undergraduate work, then grad school, then probably more school.

I am now of the opinion that the meaning of life is school.

I've been to many schools and I shall most likely go to a few more. All that I am sure of is that this year I am at Nile C. Kinnick High School in Yokosuka, Japan and next year I will be at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.

Once we left elementary school, 1988 for you seniors, we were off to the big bad world of junior high. Our elementary teachers told us that our concept of school was going to change. It would no longer be the safe haven of innocence that we were used to, but a scary place with mean people and teachers that would refuse to baby you as you were in elementary school.

Junior high came and went.

To me it did not seem to live up to the hype that our once trusted educators warned us of, but now was the big jump---to High School. This time the teachers' warnings seemed more serious. The way they described it we were entering a big scary place with mean teachers who would refuse to

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"In ten years I will be in Oregon, maybe Hawaii, but most likely Virginia or San Diego. I don't plan that far ahead! Do I look like a scheduled

person or something?"

-Renato Estacio



"The teachers that influenced my life the most were Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Zediker. Mr. Schmidt supported and guided my self confidence and Mr. Zediker

showed me how wonderful a pleasant disposition can be to others."

-Tracey Reynolds



"In ten years I will be a tourist wearing a Hawaiian shirt, white shorts, sunglasses and carrying a camera."

-Jessica Manlongat



"In the future Hillary Clinton will be on the Republican ballot for 1996. Elvis will be sighted in a shopping mall, and the world will end."

-Bill Richburg



"In ten years I will be in a city peddling cauliflower on a street corner wearing a shirt with vegetable printed in the back"

-Jamil Padraan



"After I graduate from high school I plan to sleep and catch up on the hours I missed. The sport I participated in was the lazy chair for

all grades."

-Trinidad Gerardo

Food Court Opens with a Tasteful Bang

by Trish Couture

Finally, the long awaited opening of Main Street U.S.A. at Yokosuka, has arrived. On May 12 at 10:00 a.m. opening ceremonies commenced with opening remarks made by Rear Admiral Tobin. Thanks were offered to Captian Rice, the NEX/AAFES service to the CFAY Community, and many others who helped make this dream a reality. Hundreds of people were crowded into the biggest food court of its kind in the Pacific Rim.

Five new restaurants are available to DoD civilians, retirees, sailors and Marines. Delicious new foods to Yokosuka includes stir fry dishes with beef and chicken and fried rice at Royal Chopstix, frozen yogurt sundaes and cakes at Sweet Reflections, different types of chicken to go with tantalizing side orders of french fries and biscuits at The Chicken Loft. The Maid Marian and the Merry Men will greet you at the Robin Hood Sandwich Shoppe. Also, the familiar favorites of tacos, fajitas, and burritos await you at Casa de Amigos. So eat, tabemas tomodachi, and enjoy!

The Need for Equality in Kinnick

Sports by Tiffany Davis

Basketball and football have been two of the most popular sports in the United States for years. Every year, tons of eager fans sit down in front of big screen TV's to watch the Super Bowl and the NBA Championship games. These sports receive the most publicity, get paid the most money, and receive much more attention than soccer or hockey. But tell me. Do we really have room for this kind of favoritism in our school systems? The answer to that question is simple. No.

Track, cross country, soccer, and baseball are the four sports at our school that receive the least amount of respect. Some may argue that these sports receive all the attention that they

deserve, but they don't. I am a track runner. Why is it that track and cross country have to share the same uniforms? Things are going pretty bad when track and cross country have to wear a uniform that plainly says "Soccer" with a cute little soccer ball on your chest. Not to take away any credit from basketball, because they do work hard and it is an entertaining sport. BUT, it isn't the only sport, and people need to realize that. The opinions in this article are mine. Not everyone has to agree, but I want to leave you with this question: If Kinnick High School had only enough money for one sport, which one would stay?

School Calendar

May 25 Sports Banquet in the O'Club Admiralty Room at 6:00 p.m.

May 28 Junior and Senior Prom at the New Sanno Hotel, Tokyo

May 30 No School in Observance of Memorial Day

June 17 Last Day of School

June 16 Senior Graduation in Benny Dcker at 6:00

"In the future I will get married, go vacation in the Bahamas and make tons of money."

-Heather Tomita

"Do I have any special plans for prom? Sure. After prom my friends and I are going to bungee jump off the top of Tokyo Tower."

-Chrismond Raga

"In ten years hopefully I'll look good. Like Mr. Schmidt says, 'Hopefully with two legs, two arms... maybe human.'"

-Jamie Smith

"In ten years I will be a hermit in South America."

-Jan Christian Berrabe

Mayfest Entertains All with Shows, Projects and More...

by Katie Martin

Everything from presentations, projects, newspapers, eggdrops, and speeding cars were displayed at this year's Mayfest held on May 6.

The day was one gigantic

show and tell. It also gave students and staff a chance to discover and admire the various enteries. It was a fun and successful day. See 'ya next year!

Sadie Hawkins Holds Traditional Success

by Tiffany Davis

The Sadie Hawkins dance held on April 23 in the O'Club Admiralty room was a huge success.

The theme of the dance was "So Much in Love" by All for One. If you attended the dance, you could see that all the couples floating in each other's arms were definitely in love. It was a sight to see all the friends and couples dressed alike.

The picture background, which was decorated with purple and white balloons, was also a big hit. "Sound Spectrum" provided the music for the evening playing music anywhere from Pearl Jam to Domino.

The dance marked the end of Kinnick dances for the 1993-94 school year with the exception of the junior

senior prom in May.

Thanks to the sophomore Student Council and Mrs. Bullock for putting in a great dance, and to Makiko Yamashiro for designing the tickets.



"I will look like a bear in ten years. My back will be covered in hair, my legs will have new panty hose on every week, and my lips will cover the rest of my face. In short, I'll be handsome."

-Paul Freo

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Horoscopes *by nobody in particular*

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)

Now is the time for you to ask your parents for lots of money and possibly a new car. Take action quickly, though, because the stars won't be like this again for another billion years.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)

This month don't even think about getting that guy because you won't get him. Get a plant instead.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)

Your best friend will hate you for no particular reason at all. But that's OK because you also hate them for no apparent reason, too.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) You will find yourself spending more time teaching your teacher than the teacher spends teaching you. In other words, business as usual.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Your car will fall apart this month. But nothing that a little super glue can't handle. And remember, white-out for all those little paint touch-ups.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Aug. 22)

Strange things start to grow on your toe-nails, this is a sign that it is time for that long awaited shower. Don't be a stranger to the soap.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

The heat of the summer sun will go to your head and despite the rumor the football team will not (enter your punchline here).

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Beware of falling objects. Especially pets. Cats are notorious for climbing curtains. And dogs are notorious for chasing them.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Keep your brother from borrowing your clothes this month by getting a bullet proof master lock for your closet. So keep track of your dresses.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

As time goes by, you will have to deal with the fact that you are indeed trapped in Japan and will not go back to the states for a while. So get yourself some chopsticks and remember to look right-left-right before crossing the streets.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20)

You will...you will...you will be out of school soon. Beware of ill-prepared fugu.

Aries (March 21 to April 19)

Dress your self carefully this month and be sure to zip up your zipper and button the buttons right. As a result, people will stop looking at you funny.



"In ten years I will be playing in the NFL with a 2.15 million dollar contract and will be very big, very fast, and very strong."

-Jed Meyers



"The teachers that influenced me the most were Mr Schmidt and Ms. Donald. Mr. Schmidt pushed me to my

full potential and Ms. Donald taught me the correct way to wear two hats at the same time."

-Barbra Humphrey

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baby you as you were in junior high, it sounded serious.

Now I am a senior. High School has blurred. I remember incidents from my freshman year as if they were yesterday. All was not what was promised.

Next year it is off to college. Now this is the one our teachers are serious about when they warn us. I think that college seems like such a big deal only because of that big word: University. It is just an impressive foreboding word.

High School gives you the image of a big building with a lot of kids running around, like it is in all those stupid sitcoms. But college is always shown as large, antiquated buildings with intellectuals reading under the shade of a large tree.

All of my friends told me not to worry, that college is great. They love it.

Still, I worry.

Each time I venture into the unknown there is a sense of fear. The same dread is present in that jump from elementary to junior high and junior high to high school. Good thing that I'm a bit older each time that I make these education jumps. Hopefully I'm old enough to clear this one.

Baseball Team Slides into Tournament

By Trish Couture

Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd to watch Kinnick's baseball team. They're outta here with a great line up this season. The team's star players that are helping to keep its 7-9 win/loss record are pitcher Miki Ferris, catcher James Cain, and first baseman Trent Rosecrans.

Coach Steve Kuttler said, "the best games played this season was the double header against St. Mary's. We tied the first game with a four run rally in the first inning and won in extra

innings with a squeeze. Then in the second game, swept St. Mary's off their feet."

The biggest competition for the Red Devils this year has been the ASIJ Mustangs, the regular season champions.

Many improvements in players such as Matt Traverso and Alex Wazlak have helped the team enter the tournament. The team has high hopes for winning, but knows the other team and will have to play well.

To Be or Not To Be Politically Correct

by Katie Martin

Is it possible to be politically correct? With over 5 billion people in the world it is hard to know what exactly insults people. To be inoffensive you must not say anything that would agitate a race, religion, culture, group, country, person, place, or thing. In fact, just about anything we say nowadays could be taken as a slur. What's going on? Is the human race plummeting into a bottomless pit, or are people just becoming hypersensitive?

For example, some may wear glasses while others are visually challenged. You have people who are old, and individuals that are time worn. One may have plants, or they may have botanical companions. Of course it would be rude to call someone tall! You must get it right. They're vertically enhanced. Being politically correct all the time could have us adding twenty extra words to every comment.

True, it is good to be inoffensive, but paying attention to every minor detail could be hectic. Besides, do we really want to speak in jumbled sentences?

Paint the Roads White

by Jennifer Danka

Due to the vast amount of people not using the crosswalks when going from Kinnick to the MWR building between classes, the whole portion of road between the two buildings has been painted white.

The ingenious idea was put into effect because of the numerous amount of people's complaints of students not using the crosswalks. But why do the lines just stop there? Why not paint all the way to Pizza Inn? Why not paint *all* the roads all over the base white? Then people could cross the street with a clear conscious mind knowing that they don't even have to look because pedestrians have the right of way. Sure you don't look, until you get side swiped by the station bus.

But we'll just have to wait until all the roads are striped. A message to all you jaywalkers out there: those stripes on the road might resemble your future wardrobe, so look out. MPs are always on the prowl.

"I will be teaching music somewhere, and directing at a church in ten years. I will be really old with bugs dangling from my face."

-Jason Knapp

"In ten years I will be living in Pensacola, married to Field Rogers and working as a radiologist. I will probably have big hips, one kid, and dying of lung cancer (ha-ha)!"

-Pam Reinshuttle