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Bernie States Goals for WHS

The new Student Council took over on Tuesday. Bernie Seyboldt was elected ASB President on Thursday, April 24. George Stratigopolous, Kathy Nethery, and Leslie Wennberg ran unopposed and will take over as vice president, secretary, and ICC coordinator, respectively.

Bernie, in an interview with the atchet, stated that her biggest goal during the next year is to try and unify the school. She also wants to get the yearbook back into the black.

To try and bring the school together, ~~Bernie is proposing~~ several intra-school and interschool activities. She would like more dances and lunch concerts. Also, should they be approved, she would like

Washington to host interschool dances and informal games, like softball, between class teams of WHS and other schools.

"I really want a good Bicentennial celebration," Bernie stated. The Bicentennial celebration could be used as a kind of spirit raiser plus outside schools could be invited to participate.

"I would like to see the school get more involved in Spirit Week," Bernie continued. "This year's was really great. Next year I ~~would like to get~~ everyone involved.

To help the yearbook, Bernie would like to schedule activities. She wants the June 6 dance to be

a benefit for them. Next year, "If we could go through with it, an installment plan would be a good idea," Bernie said. The 'installment plan' idea would consist of a down payment with final payment coming in one or two payments.

Also, she would like more publicity because "some people don't listen to the bulletin," Bernie added.

About the open places of treasurer and boys' athletic rep., Bernie stated that she is having them appointed. She said, "If people wanted to run, they would have long ago."

Student Council Sends Demands to Yearbook

At its final meeting of the year, the 1974-75 Student Council voted to send Mr. Fred Brower, Washingtonian adviser, and the yearbook staff a letter of grievance.

The letter states that the Student Council is "demanding" the yearbook staff have a business manager. The manager's job will be "to keep an accurate and up-to-date accounting of the yearbook finance". This is being done so that the staff will at all times know whether they will incur a debt.

The Council is requiring that the yearbook editors make regular financial reports

to Student Council, based on the business manager's records. This is so the Council will always know whether the yearbook may run into a debt.

The Student Council also is demanding "monitoring power over the yearbook contract." They felt that this could help prevent debts in the future.

The letter concludes, "The Student Council does not wish to place blame on anyone for this year's debt. In general, we are demanding these steps so that we will be better informed on the yearbook's situation and better able to help correct any future debts or other problems in which the yearbook might find itself."

In further action, the Council decided to allot \$90 for six swimmers to go to NCS. The money will be used to provide food and lodging for two days.

'Holidaze' Watershow Premieres May 15

Holidaze and Happy Daze is this year's theme for the thirteenth annual watershow.

The watershow will be held at the Washington High Pool Thursday and Friday nights at 9 p.m. and a Saturday matinee at 1 p.m. for elementary students. The price is \$1.50 for adults and non-ASB students and 75 cents for ASB card holders and children.

There will be three soloists this year. Senior Tracey Russell, returning for her fourth year, will be doing "Journey to the Center of the Earth" by Rick Wakeman.

Candy Gullick, junior, will be doing a version of "Born Free" called "Elisa at Play" and the final solo-

ist will be junior Sandy Johnson doing a number to "Camelot."

Also four duets will be in this year's show. Returning for their second duet and fourth year are seniors Linda Battle and Tracey Russell doing a comedy to "Gypsy."

Juniors Lynn Adams and Elaine Johnson are doing "Brian's Song" with the theme of autumn.

Leslie Wennberg and Amy Miles will swim to "We've Only Just Begun" by Peter Nero.

And the twins, Judy and Janet Weems, will do "Friends" by Elton John.

A total of 16 seniors will be in a graduation number with floating patterns. Awards will be presented to these girls.

Dance Climaxes 'Olympics'

WHS's first Olympic Week was slow getting started because there was no announcement of Monday's activities.

But, as of Wednesday, the Junior and Senior Classes were tied. Juniors won Tuesday's basketball game and the seniors won the softball game Wednesday.

Many other games, both team and individual have been taking place this week, such

as football, soccer, jump rope, three-legged race, frisbee, and tug-of-war. The final winners have yet to be announced.

There was a rally schedule today to allow time for a football game and three rounds of tug-of-war. Freshmen vied against sophomores in one round and juniors against seniors in another round. The winners went against each other.

The week will be climaxed tonight with a dance featuring "Staggerwing." The dance will begin at 8 and continue until 11 p.m. Tickets are 50 cents with an ASB and \$1.50 without. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The four classes are splitting the cost of the band and will share the proceeds.

The dance will also include a square dance competition and fox trot lesson.

Election Thurs.

Next week, on May 15 are class elections. All papers and petitions must be in by Monday, May 12.

Applications for the ASB Treasurer, Girls' and Boys' Athletic Rep. are also being taken as no one ran for these positions in the ASB elections. The Student Council is also appointing a new School Board Rep.

Band Takes Third Place

Washington High's marching band received a third place plaque for its performance Sunday at the Merced County Fair in Los Banos.

They competed against 12 other schools in their classification.

At Los Banos, the majorettes and flag-girls placed second in their competition.

This year the band was to perform in Disneyland for Grad Nite, but there was a slight mix-up in the schedule, and two bands were booked. The school band will definitely go to Disneyland next year to participate in the Bicentennial celebration.

EDITORIAL

Council Unproductive

The new Student Council has taken over and we should reflect on the accomplishments of last year's Council... (Were there any?)

This last year's Council really did very little. They did not do anything bad; they just did not accomplish much. In going over the minutes of 34 meetings this year, one cannot find any monumental issue.

The Council improved the scoring of Spirit Week, which helped to make it a success. They helped to get a girls' athletic representative (but most of this work was done by Representative Assembly). The group debated about sending a letter of grievance to the yearbook which was finally voted on at its last meeting May 6. And Student Council voted to give themselves new Student Council pins.

This year's Council can learn from last year's: It is easy to do nothing. Of course, what happened was not peculiar to this year's Council; it has been this way for more than two years.

Unfortunately, this year's Council is off to a bad start. They must appoint the positions of treasurer, boys' athletic rep, and girls' athletic rep. When they fill these positions, let's hope that they can work together and accomplish a few things.

Hatchet Asks:

Why Yearbooks Didn't Sell Well

Janice Lavarello, jr.: I didn't buy one because they were late last year and it was really a hassel.

Lorraine Rodrigues, soph.: I did buy one because I had the bucks at the time.

Mary Cross, fr.: I did buy one.

Mr. Ray Betten-court, Social Science teacher: I didn't buy one because my pictures are always ugly.

Lynn Janssen, fr.: I did buy one!

Marie Smith, jr.: I didn't have the money to pay their outrageous prices.

Janece Robertson, soph.: I did buy one.

Emely St. Clair,

fr.: By the time they came out I had already spent my money.

Marlene Wolfe, fr.: They're too expensive.

Diane Worthington, fr.: I think it's a waste of money, paying \$8 for a yearbook every year.

Mike Breiling, fr.: Rip-off price.

Scott Cary, jr.: Because one certain American Studies teachers picture is in it.

Steve Welge, jr.: I bought one.

Wendell Beck, jr.: I'll buy one my senior year but not now.

Peggy Valkenhoff, jr.: It's irrelevant to my life.

What's Happening?

Friday, May 16:

Butch Whacks and the Glass Packs. The Great American Music Hall, 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17:

Jefferson Starship and Sons of Champlin. Winterland, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 18:

Black Oak Arkansas and James Gang. Winterland, 8 p.m.

Leo Sayer Shows His Stuff

By Joyce Van Anne

Leo Sayer, a singer who has reached fame and glory as an AM idol, showed his stuff to a Bay Area audience just a few weekends ago, finishing a five night stand at the Boarding House in San Francisco. The Boarding House is probably the best place in the area for a minor to see a solo performer. It is a dining club with a showroom that holds about 250 people. Minors are welcome, there's no cover charge, and ticket prices are reasonable. Plus the showroom is small enough that you don't need binoculars to see the performers.

The night was opened by Sarah Kernochan, a new face at The

Boarding House. She performed a song set entitled "Biology and You" which dealt, none too discreetly, with the ups and downs of sex. She also did a short rendition of clean songs, accompanying herself on the piano.

But Leo Sayer had the audience charmed minutes after he hit the stage. With his big white clown shoes, funny dance steps, and dramatic hand motions, he was more than just a composer or singer he became a mime.

High spots of the

evening included Sayer's hand-shaking tour of the audience during his song "One Man Band," and an outstanding banjo job by band member Russ Ballard on "The Show Must Go On." (Sayer originally wrote this song for Three Dog Night.)

The show was climaxed by Leo Sayer's encore performance of his latest hit "Long Tall Glasses." The number was complete with Sayer's crazed dancing with the audience and a neon sign advertising Food 'n Drink.

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Letters to Editor:

Let Advisers Attend Picnic

Dear Editor:

Being a class adviser is a time and energy consuming job. The teachers who serve as such do not get paid for their sacrifices. Yet one of the few chances the Senior Class has of showing its appreciation to its advisers is being thwarted by the administration.

The senior class picnic, scheduled for May 19, presents an excellent opportunity to show our thanks to these generous people. However, the senior advisers are not being allowed to attend this picnic. Instead, three administrators and four counselors will supervise the event. The reasons I have gathered for this situation are as follows:

*The picnic is a present to the senior class from the administration.

*If the class advisers were to attend, substitutes would have to be paid.

*At the last senior class picnic, some the work would get done. If the school can not afford substitutes, counselors and administrators could cover the teachers' classes.

Concerning the past picnic, at which the class advisers had a good time and didn't supervise, that was a long time ago, involving different students and different advisers. I feel the senior class is responsible and mature enough to handle the picnic. I also feel that the class advisers are intelligent people, also responsible and mature enough to conduct themselves and the picnic in a more than adequate manner.

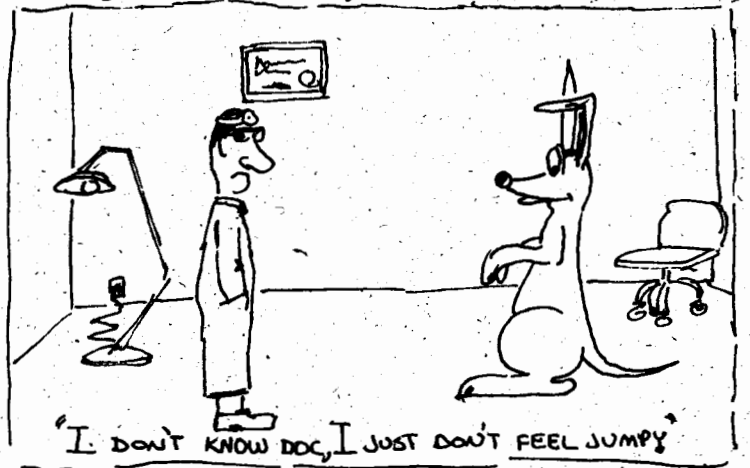
As for having to pay for substitutes to replace the class advisers, will not the administrators and counselors be losing a similar amount of work hours? At least with hiring substitutes,

years back, the advisers supposedly did not "advise", but rather participated with the students in games.

I can understand the administrators wanting and deserving to attend the picnic, being it is their present to the seniors. But where do the counselors fit in and how do they rank above the class advisers?

Understand that I am very appreciative for the picnic, really! Thank you administration VERY MUCH. But please consider the situation and remember the time, energy, and resources the class advisers have donated.

Peter Olson, senior



America Must Learn From Vietnam

By Ken Flaig

The war in Vietnam is over. South Vietnam has surrendered, and the Communists now control the country.

But the United States is also a loser. It has lost because over 55,000 young men that were killed and the \$150 billion dollars it spent were all for nothing. All the U.S. did was delay a Communist takeover that really happened 30 years ago.

The history of Vietnam is very complex. Vietnam had been a French colony ever since France had scored a sweeping victory in Vietnam during the last half of the 19th Century.

Then in 1940, Vietnam was occupied by the Japanese. However the urge for independence was starting in Vietnam.

In 1941, at the 8th Congress of the Indochinese Communist Party a plan was drawn for independence. The organizational framework was the Vietminh, led by Ho Chi Minh. The Vietminh began a program of spreading communism and unification through all the classes of people.

With the surrender of Japan imminent, the Vietminh decided it was time for the revolution. So on August 19, 1945, armed revolt started. By September 2, the Communists had taken Hanoi and had declared the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

However France had other ideas. It sent troops to reoccupy Vietnam. At first, Ho Chi Minh allowed the French to come, but he soon changed his mind. War broke out.

France felt it needed Vietnam to remain strong as a world power; however, it could not afford war.

The U.S. stepped in, since a strong France in Europe was needed to oppose Russia. Thus in 1950, the U.S. began sending aid to France to fight in Vietnam.

By early 1954, the U.S. was paying 80 per cent of France's military costs in Vietnam. Still this was not enough, and after a humiliating defeat at Dien Bien Phu, France decided to withdraw from Vietnam.

At the Geneva peace conference, Vietnam was divided into north and south with a na-

tionwide election to be held to choose a leader. This election was never carried out. So the Vietminh began to fight for the unification of Vietnam.

At this time, the fighting stopped being a revolution and became a civil war. It was now a fight between South Vietnam and North Vietnam.

The Eisenhower administration regarded North Vietnam as tools of Soviet and Communist Chinese expansion. To stop this Communist expansion, the U.S. took over France's role in fighting the Vietminh.

This was an erroneous assumption. We disregarded the fact

that the Soviets had ignored the revolution during its crucial stages, and that Mao hadn't taken power until 1949, four years after the revolution.

We were to make other mistakes. Our army was not prepared for the Vietcong's (Vietminh) guerilla tactics. The size and clumsiness tended to be its own worse enemy against a well-organized mass political and military movement.

The rest of the war is history. Even after sending over 543,000 troops (in 1968), victory in Vietnam still eluded the Americans.

By 1973, U.S. soldiers were out of Vietnam and Americans be-

lieved the war was over. Fighting still went on, but South Vietnam was still safe.

But in early March of this year, the North Vietnamese started an offensive that ended in South Vietnam's surrender last week.

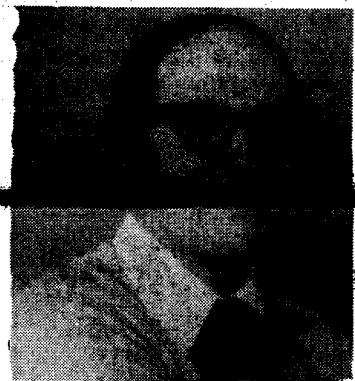
America must learn from the mistakes we made. We are still the strongest free nation, but we now must look past this defeat. We cannot once again allow ourselves to be pulled into a revolution simply because it happened to be Communist. We must look before we leap. America cannot afford another Vietnam.

Texas Sends WHS Mr. Smith

Mr. Harold Smith is not another common name, but a very interesting math teacher at WHS. He in fact heads the math department and is presently teaching Math III, Intermediate Math, and Basic Math.

Mr. Smith earned his bachelor's degree at North Texas State and his master's at Washington State. He majored, needless to say, in mathematics and minored in physical education.

From there he went



Mr. Smith

to teach high school in his home town, Odessa, Texas, for a year. Mr. Smith then went to Andrews, Texas, to teach junior high

school. He also coached football, basketball, and track for the four years he stayed there. He came to WHS finally in 1967.

This year he is a senior class adviser along with Ms. Charlotte Lowrey and Mr. Paul Ficken.

At Ohlone College, Mr. Smith is presently teaching a trigonometry class which, he says, takes up a lot of his time. He is also taking a class at Ohlone called Microwave Cooking.

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6 Swimmers to NCS

Six Husky swimmers qualified for the NCS finals at the first NCS division meet last Saturday. They were Bob Dunsford, Ben Lane, Joel Mork, Glen Renfro, Russ Stime, and Eldon Wogen.

At the competition, the team of Bob Dunsford, Ben Lane, Joel Mork, and Russ Stime set a new MVAL record of 1:45.3 for

the 200 yard medley relay. Ben, in the 200 yard individual medley set a new school record of 2:03.9, beating the old record by 11 seconds. Russ also set a new school record of 1:05.3 in the 100 yard breast stroke.

The NCS finals will be held tomorrow in Santa Rosa.

Gindermen Lose to Mission

Mission dominated the running events in beating the Huskies 82-55 last week. They won every running event but two.

Conrad Jepsen moved closer to the 60 foot mark with a throw of 59-2, in winning the shot put and discus. Hal Rooney won the pole vault with a jump of 13-0.

Jepsen is now second on the all-time South County list and simply just keeps in-

creasing his seasonal best. Castro Valley's Chuck Vandegriff leads the all-time list in shot put with a throw of 60-8 1/2 inches back in 1966. If Vandegriff's record doesn't fall this year it should fall next year, because Jepsen is only a junior.

In the Soph B action Washington won 70-65. The freshmen also won with a score of 69-62.

Finklea Hot; Sluggers Rip Logan

With an 8-7 loss to Memorial and an 8-4 victory over James Logan, Washington's varsity baseball team is in sixth place with a 5-6 record, two and one-half games behind American.

Dan Finklea paced Tuesday's win over Logan with a homerun and a run scoring triple. Teammate Dan Duran also had two hits for the win, his second

straight complete game victory.

Memorial picked up six runs in the last three innings to beat the Huskies. The Patriots struck for four runs against Jeff Mills in the fourth inning, then picked up single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to snare the victory.

Duran led Washington's hitting attack with a double and a

single. Ken Roeber and Wayne Uhlir each had two singles.

Washington is at Mission today with NCS playoffs beginning two weeks from today.

Netters Blank Memorial

The Husky tennis team shut out Memorial 7-0 last Friday.

Jeff Soulagos won his matches 6-0, 6-1. Dean LeBreton didn't give up a game as he won 6-0, 6-0.

In other action, this Tuesday the netters wiped out Logan also 7-0. This was a little tougher match than the Memorial one, but the Huskies had no problem in handling the Colts.

GAA Wins Three Openers

Washington's MVAL softball, badminton, and volleyball teams have all opened season with decisive wins.

In softball, Washington ripped Kennedy

Smith Leads Husky Golfers


After a great 203-211 win over Mission, Washington's golf team fell to Newark 207-223. The golfers now stand at 6-7 in league play.

Dana Smith led the Husky golfers with a 38 in the win against Mission. Kerry Salzer and Kevin Flaig each shot 39's in one of Washington's best performances of the year.

22-1. Sharon Grennan and Cherie Billings each had four hits, while Denisi Crocchi and Randy Lorenz contributed three hits apiece. Shelly Lewis was the winning pitcher for Washington, yielding only seven hits.

Julie Humes and Karen Anerson paced Washington's 4-1 badminton win over Kennedy. The girls are fighting to overcome returning champion Mission San Jose.


Washington made it a triple defeat for Kennedy with 15-10 and 15-7 wins in volleyball. Erin Sawyer led Washington, serving for 16 points.



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