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Brower Answers Grievances

"We have no way beforehand to tell whether we will sell 1000 books which is what the contract requires," Mr. Fred Brower, yearbook adviser, said in response to the "letter of grievance" sent him by Student Council. The Council sent the letter two weeks ago to try and prevent future debts with the yearbook.

The letter of grievance listed three things that the yearbook must do by next year. The yearbook must establish a business manager to keep up-to-date records; the editor must make financial reports to Council on a regular basis; and the Student Council will have "monitoring power over the yearbook contract."

"There's no reason why we can't fulfill these things," said Mr. Brower, "but I'm kind of confused by the term 'monitoring power.' They (Student Council) have never asked for the contract before -- it is not 'privy' -- it's school business."

This past year, the yearbook originally ordered 750 books, 250 less than the present contract calls for. The yearbook staff ordered an extra 100 books which were sold last month. Because of not ordering the full 1000, there was a penalty charged which produced a debt.

Mr. Brower stated that part of the problem is the \$1 discount given to ASB card holders. ASB has not

given any support to the yearbook within the last few years. "If ASB gives me back the \$1, there is no bill (debt)," Mr. Brower stated.

Mr. Brower, in response to Student Council's statement that the class does not publicize well enough, stated, "I feel that seven to eight weeks of sale is a pretty good game. Banners (advertising the yearbook) could only increase the litter, but no one can use the excuse that they didn't know they were on sale."

Class Officers Chosen

Sue Peters, Eric Rowland, and Steve Giudici will be next year's class presidents for the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes, respectively. Elections were held on May 15. Only four offices in all three classes were contested.

Under Sue will be: Alyssa Lampert as vice president, Paula Moser as secretary and Laura Sites as treasurer. All ran unopposed.

Other junior class officers are: Sara Kearns for vice-president, Cindy Emanuels as secretary, and Judy Gordon -- treasurer. Treasurer was the only uncontested office.

Next year's Senior Class will have Ted McCaslin for secretary and Julie Hughes as treasurer. A run-off election between Linda Rodriguez and Mike Cooper will be held because neither had a clear majority.

The Freshman Class offices will be decided sometime during the first quarter of next year.

Rally Group Chooses Squads

Leslie Wennberg will be the new head varsity yell leader, along with being the head of the rally group. Other squad heads will be Judy Gordon-junior varsity yell leader; Judi Stuart - songgirl; Elaine Johnston - lettergirl; and Allison St Ledger-mascot. Flaggirl tryouts are today.

The rest of the varsity yell leader squad includes Kathy Flaig, Dana Pullmer, Sara Kearns, and Amy Miles.

Sandie Johnson was originally named JV head, but she resigned making Judy head. The alternate was added and the rest of the squad now consists of Kass Cazier, Tricia De la O, Patti Pharris,

and Kathy Rickenbacher. The songgirls include Deanne Borshay, Becky Chacon, Julie Kane, Renee Richardson and Diana Wennberg.

Lettergirls for next year will be Shelly Carbone, Debbie Dawson, Lynn Janssen, Geri Owen, Cathy Ramos, Melissa Robison, and Bernie Seyboldt.

The junior varsity mascot is Linola Rodriguez.

Flaggirl tryouts are being held today at 3:30 in the boys' gym.

The judging of earlier tryouts has been challenged by a group of parents and students. Letters have been sent to the administration charging bias on the part of the judges.

Senior Finals Next Week

Senior finals begin next week. Thursday, May 29, and Tuesday, June 3, are the optional days for period 5 and 6 tests. Friday, May 30, and Wednesday, June 4, are the optional days for period 3 and 4 tests. Tests for periods 1 and 2 must be given Monday, June 2.

Tests will be given during regular, 50 minute classes. For the period 3, 4, 5, and 6 tests, it is the teachers' options which day to give them.

Thursday, June 5, will be a normal school day for seniors. They will receive check-out forms that day.

Check-out will be on June 6, which will be a normal school day. After sixth period, seniors must return to their A-period for final check-out.

After completion of check-out, seniors will be allowed to get their caps and gowns. Students who owe money will not receive a cap and gown.

All debts must be paid by June 6. Any non-payment will result in retainment of report cards, diplomas, etc., until full payment is made.

Seniors who are not eligible to graduate must attend the last week and take finals with the rest of the student body.

Holiday Monday

Monday is Memorial Day.

This holiday is the last one before the end of the school year.

Council Appoints New Members

The vacant offices of treasurer, girls' athletic rep, boys' athletic rep, school board rep, and publicity manager were filled by ASB President Bernie Seyboldt with concurrence of Student Council. Gary Pimental was appointed treasurer; Cherie Billings girls' athletic rep; Ben Lane, boys' athletic rep; Fred Newman, school board rep; and Dee Dee Jones, publicity manager.

In other action, Student Council voted to have a new election for Senior Class vice president. The move was made because neither candidate received a clear majority of the votes.

Student Council also voted to make the June 6 dance a benefit for the yearbook to try and eliminate the debt which was incurred over the past

year. The prices for the dance will be \$1 with an ASB card and \$2 without.

CSFers Trip To Santa Cruz

CSF members are getting excited because on May 27 they are going field tripping to the Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk. That Tuesday off means their three day Memorial weekend will be extended to four days.

Two bus loads will leave at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.

A car wash was given last Saturday by the CSFers in order to pay for the transportation to Santa Cruz. Group rates will be given to those CSFers who are buying ride tickets: \$2.25 for a \$3 book, \$3.75 for a \$5 book, and \$7.50 for a \$10 book.

EDITORIAL

Smoking Bill A Mistake

The Long-awaited "smoking on campus bill" has been passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Edmund G. Brown. The bill allows local school boards to establish smoking areas on campus and remove penalties for possession of tobacco and matches on campus.

The bill was passed to try and eliminate the smoking in the bathrooms which inconvenience those involved. But is the bill going to accomplish what the legislators had in mind?

If the school board passes the bill for Fremont, there have to be smoking areas set up at each school. These could be of two types: indoor and outdoor. At WHS, there is no space indoors for smoking (and, for that matter, it is illegal to smoke in most buildings). If they set up an outdoor smoking area, would smokers use it if it were raining or cold? Probably not, and they would once again return to the bathrooms.

California has a law which states that it is illegal for minors to buy cigarettes from stores or machines, and it is also illegal for adults to purchase cigarettes for minors. Therefore, the state is making it essentially illegal for minors to smoke. By allowing smoking areas on campus, the state seems to be condoning something which is, through implication, illegal.

It is a mistake for Fremont to condone smoking areas on campus. It is better to leave it as it is to prevent this hypocrisy on the part of the state and local school districts.

Hatchet Asks:

Affected By Spring Fever?

Hatchetman asked the students of WHS: "How has spring fever affected you?"

Diana Davis, sr.: I just love all the boys.

Cindy Stocker, jr.: It's been too cold.

Janet Boucha, sr.: Makes me want to go horseback riding in halters and cutoffs.

Wendy Anderson, soph.: Makes me want to go to the beach.

Renee Worthley, sr.: I want to cut.

Kelly Campbell, jr.: I have hay fever.

Linda Fraga, soph.: It's made me fall in

love with a senior.

Debbie Loebe, sr.: It's great because I know school will be out soon.

Rich Barber, sr.: I feel like committing suicide.

Anelli Becker, sr.: If I could come to school long enough to contract spring fever, I think I could enjoy it. Right now I have senioritis.

Jim Boyer, jr.: It hits me harder in the summer.

Bill Mohn, sr.: I know I shouldn't be here any longer.

The Hatchet

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Chicago Moves Rock Fans Again

By Charlie Goff

Chicago, a group who really has moved the R & R fans in the seventies, has come out with a magnificent new album, Chicago VIII.

This new album has none of the instrumentals which added quality and depth to most of their earlier albums. However, the songs of VIII have so much variation and brilliance, which comes from every fragment of their ensemble, especially their unique brass section, that the instrumentals are in no way missed. Also this is the first album on which percussionist, Laudir De Oliverira, appears as a member of the group. He played as a guest credit on Chicago VII.

James Pankow, trombone player and writer of the hits "Colour My World" and "I've Been Searching So Long", contributes the orchestration backed songs "Brand New Love Affair" and "Old Days" to the album. The latter is presently making it in the A.M. top forty. Bass-guitar player and lead vocalist, Peter Dinklage, adds his style to the album

with the base dominated song "Hideaway" and a song similar to the 1950's rockers, called "Anyway You Want".

Terry Kath, guitarist, adds two mellow tunes, "Till We Meet Again" and "Oh, Thank You Great Spirit".

Finally, group leader keyboardist, Robert Lamm, adds some most entrancing songs to the album. "Harry Truman", chorused by the Caribou Kitchenettes, has previously made it on A.M. A beautiful melody "Never Been In Love Before," is being played occasionally on

F.M. now, and it looks like it could develop into a big hit. "Long Time No See" is another of Lamm's rock masterpieces that really moves.

Chicago VIII is an excellent album recommended for any and all people who like R & R music. The album comes with a color poster on which Chicago is portrayed as a group of migrating Oklahomans being apprehended by a policeman. The album also comes with an iron-on patch which depicts a cardinal in the background of the group's name.

What's Happening?

Friday and Saturday, May 23, 24

New Riders of the Purple Sage, The Great American Music Hall.

Sunday and Wednesday through Friday, May 25, 28, 29, 30:

Maria Maldaur, The Great American Music Hall, 8:30 and 11:30.

Saturday, May 31:

Jeff Beck and Mahavishnu Orchestra, Winterland, 8:00 and 11:30.

Sunday, June 1:

Kiss, The Tubes, and Rush, Winterland, 8:00.

Metric System Celebrates Centennial

By Bill Foote

One hundred years ago last Tuesday the Treaty of the Metre was signed. This treaty is only now having a major effect on the people of the United States.

The metric system was standardized by this Treaty, making it the most superior measurement system ever devised. Four major units were defined: metre, length; gram, mass (or weight); litre, volume; and degree Celsius, temperature. Several prefixes were adopted for multiples and sub-multiples of the unit: kilo-1000, hecto-100, deca-10, deci-0.1, centi-0.01, and milli-0.001 (Hecto, deca, and deci are seldom used). By combining a prefix and a unit, one makes a new unit

(i.e.: 1000 metres is a kilometre, 0.001 litre is a millilitre, etc.).

When the treaty was signed, the United States received copies of the metre, kilogram, and litre which were used to base the yard, pound, and gallon on. Subsequently, several moves were made to adopt the metric system, most of which failed.

The metric question is very important, for if it becomes our primary measurement system, it will change virtually everything we do each day.

In the supermarket, vegetables will be sold by the kilogram, canned foods by the gram, and liquids by the litre and millilitre. Land will be sold by the hectare (10 000

square metres). And weather reports will be in degrees Celsius (water freezes at 0°; room temperature is 25°, water boils at 100°), rain fall will be in millimetres, and winds will be in kilometres per hour. These will be confusing to the people if they do not try and understand.

Conversion will help the world by unifying and simplifying the units used. If we try to understand the metric system, we will be able to take the conversion in stride. The metric system is easy, and it is coming. The United States is the only major country in the world that has not adopted the metric system.

Rally Group Must Consider Proposed Changes

Though all tryouts have not yet taken place, some members of the new rally group are proposing changes which would go into effect next year.

One of these changes is the process of judging tryouts. Some suggestions have been to limit the number of judges from WHS to one, the head from the previous year. Other judges would be required to be from the National Cheer-leading Association or from other schools. Currently there is no limit on the number of judges from Washington. This year four of the lettergirl judges were from Washington.

Another proposal would be to disregard mock tryout scores in the final judging. Now the mock tryout score counts one-sixth of the final score. Also only administrators or teachers would be able to total scores and

see the results. Now students see the results.

An additional change is to put into effect a demerit system. With this system girls would receive demerits for not attending practice or games or not wearing their uniform. If a girl were to receive too many demerits, she could be

benched for a game. Now girls are not penalized for coming late or not attending games.

A third proposed change is to elect rally group officers, including a chairman, rather than have the head yell leader automatically be the head of rally group. This new chairman would then have the seat on

Student Council.

A change already put into effect allows girls in rally group to take PE together and be able to practice during this time. The girls will be required to put in a certain amount of exercise. Next semester the girls will take third period PE (providing their schedule

will allow it) and practice for the first six weeks (football season). The rest of the semester will be regular PE.

Another suggestion is to make the flag-girls and majorettes either a part of the marching band or rally group, but not both.

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Committee Seeks Districtwide MGM Program

The Fremont Unified School District is currently developing a Mentally Gifted Minor (MGM) program. Though it is still in the discussion state, several major plans have been proposed. If all goes according to plan at least some of the proposals will start during second semester next year.

According to counselor Norm Stelle, independent study courses may be offered to

MGM students at WHS. These classes will be on a one student to one teacher basis. The student will research his area of interest. The teacher or a person from the community will act as a resource person.

Another proposal, the "cluster plan" would treat MGM similar to ROP. In this plan, students would be bused to other schools to take more advanced classes in a certain field. This program would take advantage of schools which offer a highly qualified teacher or specialized materials.

The plan calls for the eventual establishment of a MGM center where students in the program could pursue their interests.

A third proposal calls on MGM students to act as teacher assistants or tutors at elementary schools. A final plan would create a summer lab time for MGM.

These proposals have been made by a district committee consisting of Ms. Ann Lord, district head of MGM, Mr. David Barca, high school MGM counselor, members of the faculty at each school,


and two student representatives from each school.

Seniors Felix Ngan and Shauna Mirov are the reps for WHS. Since both are graduating, new reps will be needed. Interested persons should contact Mr. Stelle.

The program faces several problems at WHS. Since they won't be paid extra, many teachers are reluctant to participate in the MGM program. Another problem is Washington's scheduling periods offer few free periods for MGM students to find time to take the program.


"The students are enthusiastic about the program," explained Mr. Stelle. "It's up to the faculty to set it up."

The proposals still have to be approved by the faculty, district, and state before the necessary funding will become available.



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GAA - All The Way

WHS girls' baseball team squeezed past American Tuesday with a 2-1 victory, preserving a chance for the championship with a 4-1 record.

Cherie Billings belted in two runs with a triple and a single.

WHS girls' badminton team moved into a tie for first place with Mission after a 4-1 win in Tuesday's game with American.

The Huskies and

Warriors are both 4-0. They only have two matches left. The Huskies meet the Warriors here next Thursday, and this match will probably decide the league championship.

Karen Anderson and Julie Humes won their singles matches. The doubles teams of Debbie Brewton and Mary Kennedy and Erin Sawyer and Nancy Moore won, too.

Sluggers Split Last Two Games

Splitting their last two games with American and Irvington, Washington's baseball team finished the season in a three way tie for fifth place with a 6-8 record.

Mike Ricupito threw a three hitter in Washington's 7-1 victory over American. It was Ricupito's third straight complete game victory.

gles and an RBI. Wayne Uhlir had a single and two RBI's.

Irvington's Sam Arbgast five hit and struck out 12 in handing Washington its season ending loss 7-2.

Bob Fudenna and Wayne Uhlir accounted for four of Washington's five hits, each collecting two.

Irvington was the varsity champions, defeating Mission San Jose in a playoff as

they both finished with identical 9-5 records.

Washington's froshoph team finished first in the MVAL.

Golfers Fourth

The Husky golfers finished in fourth place with a 7-7 MVAL record. Their overall season record was 10-11.

Chris Louie tied for third in league finals. His two-day score of 159 qualified him for NCS. However, he didn't place in NCS.

Soulages, LeBreton to NCS

Washington's netters Dean LeBreton and Jeff Soulages became the MVAL doubles champions in elimination competition last Saturday. They defeated Irvington's doubles team of Doug Duncan and Huey Bidwell.

LeBreton and Soulages will go on to the NCS championships in Marin County tomorrow.

No other Huskies even made it to the individual semi-final competition.

The Husky's tennis team itself wrapped up the season in second place behind the Vikings of Irvington. The JV team finished the year also in second place, again placing behind Irvington.

John Chacon paced Washington's hitting attack with two sin-

Jepsen Shatters Shot Record

Aided by a record breaking performance by Conard Jensen in the shot out, Washington took second in the MVAL track and field finals.

Jensen just missed hitting 60 feet as he tossed the 12 pound shot 59'-11," which smashed the old record

of 54'-8 1/2" set by former Washingtonian Rick Baldwin in 1971.

Washington also took first in the long jump and pole vault.

Ken Flaig won the long jump with a jump of 20'-4," and Hal Rooney took the pole vault with a new meet record of 13'-7 1/2" inches, which broke former Husky pole vault ace Scott Lewis record of 13'-4." Wendell Beck grabbed second with a vault of 13'-0."

Alan Carlile took second in the discus with Jensen coming back from the shot to

place third in the discus.

In the mile the Huskies took third and fourth with Steve Giudici and Jim Vincent placing.

Giudici the came back in the two mile to finish fifth.

In the Sonh B action the Huskies took a third with 51 points.

Bruce Hiler won the mile in 4:41:2, breaking the old mark of 4:42:0 set by John Stocco of James Logan.

In the Freshmen division the Huskies tied for fifth with American. They both had 30 points

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Rally Group Faces Change

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Other ideas have been brought up including making constitutional revisions so that the squads will have a set number of girls. Now squads can add or delete a girl at their whim.

Suggestions to limit the amount of money or number of uniforms

have also been discussed. Girls next year might also have to take written tests on football and basketball rules prior to tryouts.

These are all proposals that the rally groups will be considering before the end of the year.

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