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Activity Days For Seniors

Although the district is requiring that seniors remain in school as long as other students this year, Washington's administrators have developed a plan that will still have senior classes ending early.

Dr. Robert Callahan, WHS principal, attended a district meeting where principals were given the power to make arrangements for seniors the extra four days.

Dr. Callahan has announced that seniors will take their finals June 6, 7, and 8, the

dates originally scheduled before the four-day extension.

He feels the new senior activity schedule will benefit the district as well as the seniors. June 9 will be a clearance day, not a checkout day as in the past.

This means seniors will sign out of class as usual, but will return to school June 10 for the senior picnic. For every student who attends the picnic, the district will collect \$6.32 ADA.

June 13, a Monday, will be cap and gown

pick-up. Seniors will be encouraged to remain for a roll call.

June 14 will be graduation practice. Attendance will be taken there also.

The evening of June 15 is graduation. Seniors do not have to attend classes that day.

Christmas Concert Free

A Christmas Band Concert will be held Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. in the girls gym.

Washington's chorus, advanced vocalists and symphonic band will combine their talents to present various Christmas carols.

Admission is free. Mr. Phillip Mendicki, WHS's music di-

rector, would like to congratulate the marching band for a job well done.

The band recently marched at a Veteran's Day parade in Hayward. The band placed second and will soon be awarded a trophy.

The Flaggirls and Majorettes won first place.

Final Showing of Pooch Corner

House at Pooch Corner had its opening night performance last Friday night. There was a full house Friday night and about half Saturday night.

The last performances of House at Pooch Corner will be tonight and tomorrow night.

"To this date, tickets are selling fair", said Ms. Linda Jackson. Students may still buy tickets from any Performing Arts member or at the PAA ticket booth at

brunch, lunch, or after school until 5 p.m. Tickets for children, 10 and under, ASB sticker holders, and faculty are \$2 and adults \$2.50.

Ms. Jackson stated, "It took approximately \$500 to perform House at Pooch Corner. We hope to make a profit of \$1350.

Council

Student Council nominated seventeen seniors who they felt may have a chance of winning the Daughters of the American Revolution scholarship.

The DAR's asked that the student councils of all high schools nominate all seniors they felt had actively participated in high school and community events in the past four years.

One of these 17 seniors will be chosen by a group of WHS faculty members and will compete against the winners of the other FUSD high schools. The district winners will take a test and will compete on a state wide basis. The state winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship. The nominees are Bill Aboumarad, Debbie Abram, Mark Avon, Deann Borshay, Becky Chacon, Mike Chojnack-

Recommends

1, Eric Citron, Laurie Crawford, Joanne Edmison, Cindy Emanuels, Bob Kaks, Rense Richardson, Eric Rowland, Kathy Smith, John Stuart, and Diana Wennberg.

Ed Panconi, Freshman Class President set up a car wash sheet showing the price of chamois, zip wax car soap, sponges, and buckets. Any class or club having a car wash may have to

Seniors

pay \$10 to the Student Council to receive six chamois, one can of soap, one bucket of sponges and six buckets.

A \$10 deposit may also be required to insure that all materials will be returned in good condition. If a class or club were to buy the materials itself, it would cost them \$29.56.

The charges are still under discussion.

Classified Protests Salary Offer

Over 800 non-teaching Fremont school employees called in sick November 10-12.

This unexpected "sick in" left thousands of students stranded without buses, without hot lunches, and brought office work nearly to a halt.

The school employees held their "sick in" to protest a 10 percent raise voted to

Superintendent Wayne Ferguson by the School Board. These school employees were offered only a 4.1 percent pay increase.

The workers say they have been infected with "salt flu" because the school board rubbed salt in their wounds with its 4.1 percent offer.

The workers returned to work Monday be-

Turkey Dance Brings Goosebumps

Little Roger and the Goosebumps, one of the Bay Area's most promising bands, will be featured at the Turkey Dance Tuesday

night. Admission is \$1 with an ASB card and \$2 without. The dance will be held in the girls' gym from 8 to 11 p.m.

Little Roger and the Goosebumps already have received rave reviews for their first single, a three track called "Kink Sides". It is a collection of "The Kinks' Best Tracks".

The Goosebumps perform regularly at the Keystone and Longbranch night clubs. The band will soon be recording its first album on a major label.

caused the school district promised that a new offer would be made that would possibly be higher than 4.1 percent raise offered up to now.

The Board then offered the 4.1 raise plus an additional \$5 a month on their health plan.

This offer has been rejected by the classified employees.

EDITORIAL

Are We Dumber?

College entrance examinations show that high school students are not learning as much scholastically, as the students in previous years.

This fact has raised much controversy in the past few months. Many articles have been written informing the public of the steady decline in SAT and ACT scores, but no one has been able to pin point the exact reason.

The Argus stated in a recent article that many high school graduates cannot write a "simple sentence" and many cannot read beyond an eighth grade level.

"Who is to blame?" is the question that arises among students, teachers, and parents.

Ten students chosen at random at the Fremont Hub, were asked the above question. Seven of these students felt that the decline in SAT and ACT scores was because of teaching methods applied in the high schools. These students felt that more explanations and concepts should be presented in school instead of cold, hard facts. Four of these seven stated that they make acceptable grades and score well on multiple choice tests, but do not do well on fill-in-the-blank tests and essay exams.

This information shows that students are able to recognize the right answers, but do not know how to arrive at the answers from given information or express answers in essay form.

The other three students out of the ten explained that they did not receive "satisfactory" grades. Two of these students felt that they could have worked harder in school to achieve better grades. The last student didn't know why his grades were poor and didn't seem to care.

A student at WHS made the statement that the reason why students score low on the ACT and SAT was because the tests are very outdated. She went on to say that we are not taught the kind of material on the tests in school.

The problem of lower SAT and ACT test scores should not go on forever. It is causing too much disappointment among students who cannot enter the colleges of their choice. Somewhere, something will have to give.

Teachers need to evaluate their present teaching methods, to see if they vary from the methods they applied when the students achieved high scores on the ACT and SAT tests. The District and State are now reconsidering graduation requirements because they may be too lenient. Students also should evaluate their study habits, to see if there is room for improvement.

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"Get Students Involved"

Senior Eric Rowland is WHS's ASB president. He was appointed to this position last year by the Student Council. The reason he was chosen, rather than elected was the fact that no one was interested enough in running.

Eric feels he is doing a good job as ASB president. He is very interested in student activities and has many good ideas to work with.

His primary goal as president is to "get more students involved in school activities and government". He feels that the students' "lack of interest in student government" is a major prob-



lem in having a successful student government.

Another goal he feels strongly about is improving the quality of the dances. Eric feels that in recent years the dances have been getting worse. The dances are set up too quickly and not enough time is spent on decorations

and band selection.

When not involved in school activities, Eric spends a lot of time involved in music. He is a working musician, a lead guitarist in a local band "Sterling". He is also a part time guitar teacher and plays both piano and violin.

When not playing in his band or teaching, he spends a lot of time and listening collecting records. He is also an avid concert-goer, sometimes taking in as many as four concerts a month.

The most important thing Eric wants as ASB president is to be accepted as both president and student.

Coaches' Pay Still Not Equal

Title IX, the federal regulation requiring schools not to discriminate on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities, has led to major changes in the high school athletic program. But discrepancies still exist.

Physical education classes are now co-educational. The girls' sports season has been lengthened to equal the boys'.

Both boys' and girls' basketball will play all night games with both teams having an equal number of Friday games. This will be the first year that girls' basketball has been given a Friday night game.

The teams are also alternating practice time to have equal use of the facilities.

But in spite of the girls' sport seasons being lengthened to equal the boys', women coaches are still paid less than men.

Male coaches began being paid for after-school sports in 1970, but female coaches did

not start being paid until 1973. Men and women receive the same hourly rate, but men are allowed more hours per sport than women.

Men are allowed pay for 60 to 100 hours per sport, depending on the sport. When women were added to the pay scale, the season was shorter for girls, so the female coaches were allowed 45 hours per sport, just half of what most male coaches receive.

Ms. Joyce Goldworthy, head of the girls' PE department, expected the number of paid hours for women would be raised to 90 this year because the season was lengthened. But there has been no increase.

Male coaches are in sympathy with the women. Head football coach Bob Springer said, "I think male and female coaches should be paid the same."

Public Expects Change from Carter

With the results of this past presidential election, it is obvious that the majority of the citizens of this country are ready for a change.

In his campaign, Jimmy Carter stressed that many changes were needed to get the country back on its feet again. The confidence that many people once had in this country was no longer there.

With Carter as president, the people of this country will again be able to put their confidence and trust in their government.

Carter has many good ideas. All he needs to use them is to have the support of the people he is governing.

Once Carter takes office on January 20, he will have my full support and hopefully yours.

-J.S.

New Computer Arrives

The art of learning computer programming language called BASIC will be introduced next semester in a new business course called Orientation to Data Processing.

Recently, an "Altair 8800" computer was installed in the business department.

The computer was purchased with Vocational Education funds from federal government to aid in the training for computer programming or a specific job dealing with computers. The computer cost \$3000 and will be used by all of the schools in the Fremont Unified School District.

WHS is first to use the computer. Next semester, Mrs. Sue Blei will teach a class dealing with learning to communicate with ALTAIR by using a teletype that feeds words into ALTAIR to work out complicated math problems and programming logic. The class will be beneficial to those who plan to work with computers in future years.



Ms. Sue Blei is programming "Altair 8800".

2 Generations Dance

The Generation-Gap Dance sponsored by the WHS parent boosters will be tomorrow night at the Fremont Boy's Club from 8p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Prices for students are 50 cents and 22 for parents.

"Rose Luttrell" will perform for the adults and "Art Najera and Ryde" will perform for the students. Jim Cr-

setti is a member of "Art Najera and Ryde" and is a graduate from Washington High School.

Hussey No.1 MVAL Cross-Country Runner

Tom Hussey is not just a WHS top cross-country runner, but he is the leading cross-country runner in the MVAL individually. Tom was only defeated once in MVAL competition.

Last Thursday at Lake Elizabeth, Tom finished first in the MVAL finals. Tom stated, "I was somewhat surprised when I won."

Tom went to NCS last Saturday and placed sixth. Last year at NCS, he finished third on varsity, but this year he hoped to come in first and at least be in the top three.

After the race, Tom said, "I could have finished first, but I

thought I had more distance to run." Near the end of the race, Tom thought he had a much longer distance to run than he had. Tom explained, "Since I did not realize it in time, I did not have enough time to sprint and catch up."

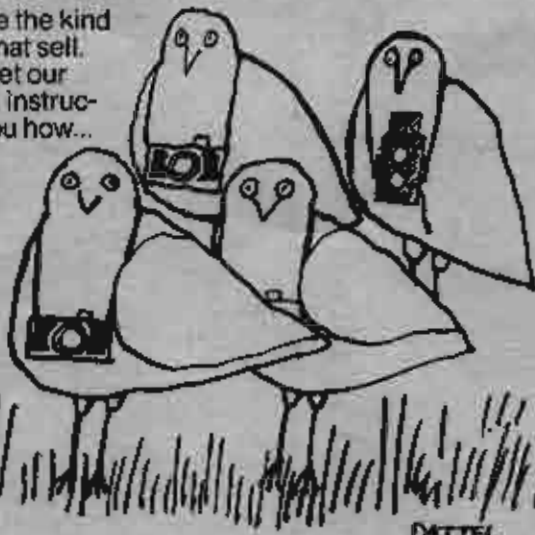
Tom also competes in track. His favorite events are the mile, 880, and the two-mile run.

Tom ran the mile last year at NCS for track. He took first in his heat and then took third overall in the finals.

Next year, Tom plans to attend either San Jose State or California Polytechnic State University,

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Champion Huskies in Playoffs

By Mike Mayo
Tak Rudenna Stadium will be the site for the 1976 North Coast Section football playoff game between unbeaten, untied, Mission Valley Athletic League champion Washington and the 6-1, East Bay Athletic League co-champions Livermore. The game will be played tonight at 8 o'clock.

Washington and Livermore have had one common foe, Granada. In the second

game of the year Washington lost to Granada 20-17. Livermore earned a position in the playoffs by defeating Granada 6-3.

Livermore runs a veer offense. This gave Washington trouble in the first half against Granada, which also runs the veer. Both teams are healthy with the exception of Husky running back Ralph Barbero, who will be out for the remainder of

the year with a slipped disk in his back. Linebacker Joe Garrity has broken two fingers, but will play anyway.

Last year in the first ever playoffs Granada beat Mission 35-21 so this will be a chance for the MVAL to gain respect. If the Huskies can manage to get past the Cowboys, they will play the winner of the game between Pinole Valley (Richmond Berkeley Athletic League) and EBAL co-champs Granada.

In the Huskies last game of the regular season they clobbered James Logan 37-6 to wind up their first, undefeated, untied season since 1971.

Mike Ricupito led the Huskies with two

touchdown passes to Mike Kane. That combination set a season record of 12 touchdown passes. Ricupito set a record of seasonal and career touchdown passes with 19 for the year and two last year. He also had the most completions ever with 89, and he won the total yardage crown.

Junior Bill Lomas and Kane were the top receivers in the MVAL and are top candidates for an all-league selection.

Washington's defense was superb all season and finished

number one in the MVAL, giving up only 870 yds or an average of 124 yds. a game. The defense set two records. They held American to -16 yds. rushing in

one game and didn't allow Mission any yards passing.

Washington's offense was also number one. The "Big O" gained 2184 yards, 1104 on the ground and 1080 in the air.

The Huskies averaged 32 points a game and gave up only 9 points a game.

First year coach Bob Springer summed up this year's play by saying, "It is the greatest things that ever happened to me at this school. It could not have been done if the players didn't pull together and play together."

The freshmen football team upset Logan 25-16 last week to grab the MVAL title. The frosh's only loss was to Mission 6-0. Mission finished 5-1-1; the frosh were 6-1.

Running back David Gillis gained 60 yards and scored two touchdowns against Logan.

Harriers 7th

The VHS varsity cross-country team went to NCS last Saturday where they were led to seventh place by Tom Hussey, who finished sixth.

Lisa Valenzuela finished fifth in girls frosh-soph and will advance to NCS Finals tomorrow in Santa Rosa.

The VHS varsity cross-country finished third in the MVAL finale which were held Nov. 4 at Lake Elizabeth. Hussey led the Huskies and finished first with Bruce Riler finishing fourth.

The frosh-soph team finished sixth. They were led by Martin Kuks, who placed fifteenth.

Valenzuela finished second in the girls'.

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