

# Government Prohibits Sex Segregation

"It's a step in the right direction," remarked Vice-Principal Carl Williams about the federal law which prohibits segregation of the sexes in classes.

According to Mr. Williams, the law was passed two or three years ago but will not become effective until this January. It will create some instruc-

tional and administrative problems because the law contains some vague areas such as in boys' and girls' participation in sports. The Courts will need to interpret the law in these areas.

Starting next semester, Boys' Foods, Basic Auto Maintenance for Girls, and Electronics for Girls will be replaced by

similar classes which do not limit student enrollment because of sex.

Also next school year, all P.E. classes will become coed.

Currently softball, volleyball, square dancing, tennis, swimming, badminton, archery, and skin diving are offered coed.

Coach Bob Springer, boys' athletic direc-

tor, said these coed PE classes are one of the best things that has happened to the program in years. "The social aspect of coed PE is a good deal."

Mr. Jack Foster, head of the industrial arts department, is not so happy with the prospective change. He said girls don't come to a class with

as much experience with cars as boys do. He is concerned girls will feel clumsy in a class with boys.

Ms. JoAnn Heritage also has doubts. She is concerned that placing boys in girls' classes might cause discipline problems. "Freshmen girls tend to try to impress senior guys."



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## PA Increases Council Communications

Student Council has decided to use the patio's sound-system to broadcast the outcome of its meetings.

The idea to increase communications between students and Student Council came from junior Dottie Cannizzaro. She said that the students of WHS don't know what is going on in Student Council.

Of the several proposals that were brought up, the one to have Greg Perry, the sound-system manager, read the minutes of each meeting over the sound-system seemed to

reach the most students. It would also be his job to announce the agenda of the next Student Council meeting so that interested students could attend.

In other action, Student Council failed to act on a motion which would give the profits from the vending machines in the boys' and girls' gyms to the Boys' W Club and GAA respectively.

At the present time, the two groups are allowed to use the profits in any manner they wish, but they have never been given approval of the use of

this money. Student Council decided to wait until Tuesday before acting on whether or not to control the spending of the money.

ASB President Rick Olson urged the student body to attend Tuesday's administration-student rap session. He stated that he felt that this was an important way for students and administrators to increase communications.

The meeting will be held at lunch in room M-6. For further information see related stories on pages one and two.

## Turkey Time

The annual Thanksgiving holiday begins Nov. 27. Students will not return until Dec. 2.

## PAA Sells

The drama classes Christmas card sale is now entering its sixth week with total card sales nearing \$2,000. There are 90 different designs available.

PAA receives one third of the sales price of each box.

Proceeds from the sale, which will run through the first week in December, will help finance The Fantastiks and Oliver.

## DECA Sponsors Dance Tonight

Tonight the DECA Club will sponsor a Thanksgiving dance featuring Empty Pages, a local group.

Members of the a period winning DECA's canned food drive will receive free tickets to the dance. Others will be charged 75 cents with an ASB card and \$1.75 without.

The dance is from 8 to 11 p.m. in the girls' gym.

Bob Pedrino heads the group. Other members of Empty Pages include Tom Dicker, Randy Duncan, Bill Ford, Ross Lavelly and Greg Lutes.

## Blansett Appointed to FUSD Board

The Committee of School Board Representatives elected senior Lee Blansett as student representative to the Board of Education at a meeting held Oct. 24.

He is replacing Mike Beseda, a senior at Irvington, who resigned. Mike said that he felt that his position was powerless and therefore unnecessary, yet, according to the committee, he failed to attend the meetings.

According to Lee, the purpose of his office is to represent

students' views on issues which involve them.

Lee enjoys his po-

sition because it enables him to exercise and preserve students' rights.

## Chorus Holds Winter Concert

The Washington High Chamber Singers, Chorus, and brass and percussion ensemble will give a winter concert Wednesday Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.

The concert will be composed of a variety of Christmas carols to start off the holiday season, sung by the Chamber Singers and chorus with a brass and percussion accom-

paniment directed by Mr. Merle Sousa. There will be a total of 55 musicians performing.

The concert will be held in the Girls' Gym and should last no more than 1½ hours.

Admission for adults is \$2, students without ASB-\$1.50, students with ASB-\$1, and children under 12-50 cents.

## Students Quiz Administrators

The first administrator-student rap session will be held at noon Tuesday in M6. A rally schedule will be in effect to allow ample time for all questions, but if not enough interest is shown, future sessions will occur during a regular lunch period.

According to Dr. Robert Callahan, questions that may be answered "from the top of his head" can be asked directly to the administrators. However, detailed ques-

tions requiring research, such as budget questions, must be submitted ahead of time. Such questions should be in written form and can be given to "A" period representative, Student Council members, or club representatives.

A maximum of three administrators will be on hand to answer questions, since at least two are needed for lunch duty. The administrators will be chosen by the type of questions submitted.

# EDITORIAL

## Show That You Care

Students keep saying the Administration doesn't care. They are accused of writing insane rules and regulations to keep us in line.

But the Administration does care, and students have a way for showing that they also care. Next Tuesday in M-6, Dr. Robert Callahan is sponsoring a question/answer session during a rally schedule at lunch.

At this meeting students may ask questions of the Administrators pertaining to any subject. (Questions about finances and others which need research should be submitted to a Student Council member or A-period representative ahead of time.)

Come to the meeting. Ask questions. Don't use the rally schedule to go to McDonald's. Show the Administration that you care.

## The Hatchet

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### Letters to Editor:

## Rules Excessive at WHS

Dear Editor:  
Washington High School has a big problem: its rules and regulations.

To any new person, as I was last year, the rules sound like you're either in a state penitentiary or you're a third grader once again. For instance, detention hall has got to be one of the most childish things I ever heard of. At high school age, people have better things to do than to sit and stare at the ceiling.

If you're an athlete, your coach will probably get you out of it anyway, so it becomes useless in this case.

Those who are tardy

constantly should be dealt with differently than those who are tardy once or twice per semester.

If you read the student handbook from cover to cover, you will, most likely, get the feeling that WHS students have to be very near perfect and also very intelligent to memorize all the rules and to keep from getting punished.

People who read this will wonder if I have any better ideas. I DO!! But, of course I don't have the time or the room to write on them. I have to hurry so that I'm not late for my detention hour.

Rick Geha,  
Senior

## More Lennon

By Charlie Goff

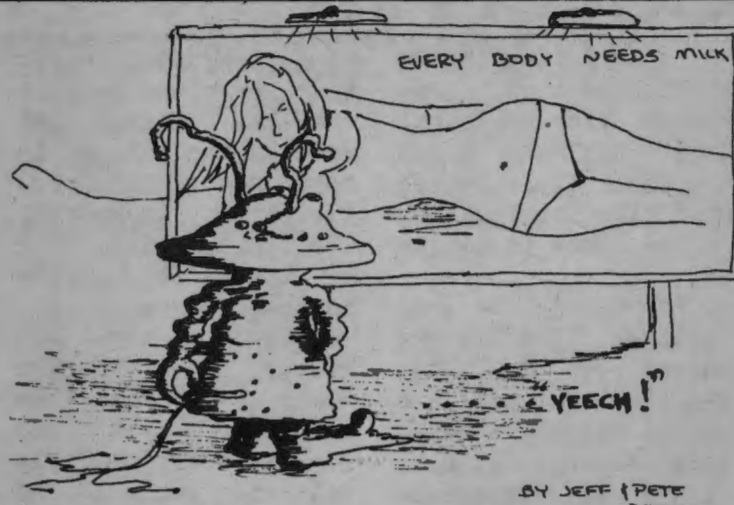
Ex-Beatle John Lennon's latest release, Walls and Bridges, proves again that his ability to produce excellent music has not been lost. The rocking sound of "What You Got", "Surprise, Surprise", and "Beef Jerky" blends beautifully with the mellow tunes "Bless You", "Nobody Loves You", and "Steel And Glass", to form an album which anyone would enjoy upon first listening.

As always, this album contains a certain amount of oddity, that automatically comes with Lennon. Lennon precedes and inter-cludes many of his songs with strange sound effects and sayings.

This album seems to be dedicated to John's son Julian, who plays the drums in the last cut. All over the album jacket and small book, contained within, appear sketchings drawn by John at age 11, the age of Julian at present.

John's obsession with the number nine, which was first revealed in "Revolution 9" with the Beatles, shows up in this album in the song "#9 Dream", and in many irrelevant quotes throughout the book.

In addition to the usuals who accompany Lennon on other albums, Elton John, and Harry Nilsson worked with Lennon. In the hit "Whatever Gets You Through The Night", Elton's harmonies and keyboards really come through. Harry co-wrote with Lennon "Old Dirt Road".



BY JEFF (PETE)

## Thanksgiving at Home

By Emory Moore

Thanksgiving has developed into a much more complex holiday than it was in the past. Before, Thanksgiving celebrated the completion of the harvest. Today, Thanksgiving celebrates the completion of the first quarter of school.

As a teenager, Thanksgiving ends up to be a dinner, a long dinner. Relatives seen once-a-year pop up out of nowhere. Brothers and sisters pop up from everywhere. Everyone is in a festive mood, after either traveling for two hours or cooking for six. Mother asks you to get 11 more chairs when you know you only have six in the whole house. She also asks you to wash up, the first time in 10 years.

When it's time to eat, relatives always sit in your place. How rude. Then you eat and everybody talks - all at one time, although you may not understand what is being said between

mouthfuls. Your uncle always tells stories. Your aunt always corrects him on ridiculous details. Your grandfather is always falling asleep in the middle of sentences. Your brother is mixing your sister's cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes together. You also stuff yourself.

Thanksgiving is always fun.

Soon everybody leaves and everything slowly reverts back to normal. Your mother will spend the next week cleaning up and scraping food off the walls. You have turkey for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the next week.

Thanksgiving shows you how much you're thankful for--peace and quiet and also the fun of association between friends and family. Thanksgiving may be emotionally and physically trying, but when it's all over, the memories can be nice.

## Students Suggest Activities

Hatchetman asks: What new activities would you like to see sponsored at WHS?

- Keith Caphart, fr.: Concerts.
- Tracey Russel, sr.: Form a ski club, more off campus activities like picnics and trips.

- Dave Hinman, sr.: We should have parties.
- Holly Daniels, sr.: We should bring back the Friendship Faire.
- John Townsend, jr.: A lot of gigs; a nice New Year's Eve party.
- Jerry Walters, sr.: More field trips for classes.

- Kevin Flaig, soph.: Frisbee contests.
- Anne Hasset, soph.: Parties.
- B.B. Brooks, sr.: More senior privileges.
- Todd Crowe, sr.: A ski club would be nice.
- Bonita Brooks, soph.: More dances, one every two weeks.

# People In Trouble Turn To Daybreak House

By Peter Olson

Day Break House, also called the Community Drug Council, deals in various ways with people. Its main objective, and the reason for its creation, is to help people with the problem of drug abuse. It has, however, through a drug education and outreach program, gone to the community and schools emphasizing such areas as personal awareness and values clarification.

Day Break House is divided into three main components: the counseling program; drug education and outreach; and the crisis center.

About 50 per cent of all the counseling deals with drug-oriented problems. The other 50 per cent entails people with family problems, marital trouble, pregnancies, runaways, and many other assorted conflicts. All counseling done at the center and over the phones is strictly confidential.

During the month of September, 62 people were given counseling, many on a long term basis, making for a total of 156 counseling sessions.

Dennis Nagel, who has an M.A. in educational psychology, supervises the counseling. He is one of nine paid staff members who work for the center in various capacities. Much of the counseling is done by volunteers who must be at least 18 and have completed an extensive training program.

Recently the police and probation departments have begun referring many first-time drug offenders to Day Break House as part of a diversion program. This gives the offender and his/her parent(s) counseling and seals the criminal record. This means that the offender has, for all practical purposes, a "clean record" unless he/she is arrested again. Then the first offense may be brought back "out."

The counseling stresses trust and communication between parent and child, various using scare techniques to keep the child from continuing on his/her "criminal path."

An important part of the Drug Education and Outreach program is "rapping" with young people and offering them alternative activities such as: back packing trips and various workshops.

The Fremont Unified School District is presently funding one full time teacher and one part time teacher's aid to work with students and teachers as representatives of the Center's drug education outreach program.

One of these teachers is a full time staff member of Thornton Junior High. The program has supposedly worked so well that another teacher has begun practice this year at Centerville. These teachers supply a resource to both teachers and students that is needed and being used. The program also relates to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students through visitations during which value clarification, not drugs is emphasized.

Day Break also sponsors trained speakers who serve as a resource to community and county groups.

The Day Break House itself is open as a drop in center Monday and Friday from 2 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 10 p.m.; and Saturday from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. An estimated 300 people use the drop in Center weekly. It is located at 3187 Walnut Ave.

Day Break's third function is the Crises Center, which operates

a 24 hour hot line to serve anyone in an emergency situation, especially those in a dangerous situation with or because of drugs. The hot line number is: 792-7000.

Much actual counseling is done over the phone. Teams of professionally trained counselors are on call 24 hours a day, ready to go to where the people in need are. There are also Overdose rescue teams trained to intervene in a crises situation and ready to provide transportation to the appropriate emergency services.

The Center maintains a referral system for people with problems who need specialized help.

Day Break House needs volunteers and

will accept applications from anyone 16 or older. Volunteers go through a six week training session. If they complete the training, they will answer phones in the Crises Center and man the Drop In Center. The business phone number for Day Break House is: 792-4965.

According to Ms. Stephanie Green, hot line supervisor, the Day Break House serves as a unique and needed institution. "I feel we provide services that aren't offered anywhere else." For example, a person without money can obtain professional counseling where they normally be required to pay a fee. "Anyone can get help here, or be directed to where they can."



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


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# Basketball Practice Starts

By Erik Webb

Practice for varsity basketball started two weeks ago. Returning lettermen from last years third place team are Felix Ngan, Ken Flaig and Gus Climent.

Joe Stuart and Ted Gosen are also up from last year's squad to lend a hand. This year there are 13 players as opposed to last year's 10, which should give the team more depth.

Compared to the rest of the MVAL varsity basketball teams, Washington's is the

shortest with Ken Flaig being tallest at 6'1". But they have speed and quickness, which makes up for their height. Coach Rich Botelho stated, "We are going to play a very smart game this year."

The squad has a very good defensive team, and offense is putting things together and coming on strong with shooting.

The cagers open their season against San Lorenzo at WHS, Nov. 26.

Although the varsity gridgers defeated the Kennedy Titans 16 - 14 in their last

## Harriers Stop Frosh-Soph Go On

For the varsity harriers, the cross country season is officially over. The varsity team advanced to league finals, but were eliminated in Division One.

In Division One finals held last week, Washington's top placers were Jim Vincent, 18th and Steve Giudici, 20th.

The frosh-soph team, however, survived Division One finals and will move on to NCS. Tom Hussey and Bruce Hiler led the frosh-

soph team by placing first and second respectively. If the frosh-soph team survives NCS, they will move on to the state finals later this year.

# Huskies Place Third in MVAL

game of the season, they wound up in third place in the MVAL with a record of 4 - 2 - 1. Mission San Jose and American high schools were first and second.

The Huskies gained 373 yards in the game, 133 by Dan Finklea, junior, and 131 by sophomore Bob Fudenna. These offensive backs scored the two Washington touchdowns. "It seems," according to Coach Bob Springer, "that every time we needed yardage we would call a running play."

Terry Anest, on offense, made the only interception for Washington.

Coach Jim Ingram was very pleased with this season because the team was made up

of only 12 seniors. He said, "We were inexperienced going in and got stronger with time. Next year should be one of the best for us." Bob DeRenzi, junior quarterback, finished the season with a 56 percent passing average.

The J.V.s also won their last game, shutting out Kennedy 16-0. The team won second place for the season with a league record of 6-3, losing first place by 1/2 a game to American.

Mike Ricupito, back from his injury, quarterbacked the game. Jim Jackson, linebacker, was outstanding on defense and got the highest total of tackles for the year, 48.

## MVAL Rules Change

Mission Valley athletic rules now state that all athletic team members and rally group members need an Associated Student Body Card (ASB) to enter the games they are not participating in.

This ruling will not, however, affect the marching band,

lettergirls or the song girls.

This means junior varsity athletes will need an ASB card to attend varsity games free.

But Principal Robert Callahan emphasized, "You dont have to have a Student Body Card to engage in activities.

## Rally Group Takes Second

On Saturday Nov. 9, the Washington High School rally group walked away from Blackford High with two second place trophies.

Blackford held the annual Santa Clara Valley Spirit Conference in which the lettergirl squad, headed by Janet Salih, placed

second out of 10 and the varsity cheerleader squad, headed by Patricia Kearns was second out of 18.

The junior varsity cheerleader squad, headed by Sandie Johnson; also competed, placing sixth out of 14 schools. They were only one point from receiving fifth.

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