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Class Chat

Seniors, are your bikes in good working order? If not, you'd better get them together fast because tomorrow is the Tomadachi bike ride and picnic. All seniors are urged to bring their bike and meet at Hami at 11:00 where the class will depart for Rancho Park. (For those seniors who are afraid they can't make the short ride, they are allowed to cheat and meet the bicycles at Rancho Park.) It should be a fun afternoon for all.

The traditional Jr. vs. Sr. basketball game is coming March 15th but with a new twist. This year for the first time the Sr. and Jr. girls will be playing in one game. The girls will play during the 1st and 3rd quarter while the boys play the 2nd and final quarters.

★ ★ Attention Juniors!!! Get your bathing suits ready because the junior council is currently planning a beach party for the 11th grade class.

★ ★ At this same time the council is in the middle of planning a bake sale. The sale is geared to help raise money for a class prom.

★ ★ The 10th grade craft sale held on February 13-15 was a great success. All the items on display were donated by members of the class. Macrame, cloth pictures, plants and many other great works of art seemed to attract the eyes of those who participated in the sale. If all the projects sponsored by the 10th grade go over as well as the craft sale, the class is in for some great activities and some enthusiastic participation.

Confessions of an Ex-Model

As you hear your name called, you step forward from between the curtain, a little scared, a little anxious. Your anxieties and fears are anything but suppressed when the audience receives you with shrill laughter. Such was the case in the auditorium Friday at lunch, February 15, at the Girls' League Fashion Show sponsored by Simplicity Fashions.

Ms. Lynn, the representative of Simplicity, and the models, representatives of Hamilton, were rudely greeted by a group of screaming children, not young adults as was expected, whose antics lasted throughout a show displaying a colorful array of Spring '74 fashions for both men and women.

Speaking in behalf of all those who spent lots of time and effort in putting together a show for your enjoyment, I truly feel my efforts were wasted when I recall the childish behavior displayed at the show. I am in complete amazement when I stop to think that these people will soon be on their own in the clutches of a society that won't tolerate such childish ingratitude.

I realize that many of you are not at fault, however, everyone must be told and made aware of this problem which has restricted school oriented activities in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

An apology, or at least an utterance of thanks is long overdue for those who constantly strive for the success of this and other school events. Thanks Susie Eisner, Ms. Herb, models, and everyone else responsible for the show!



S. B. Council Talk

This semester the Student Council is striving to meet the needs and the desires of the student body. The Council realizes that it can not please everyone but through various projects Council is determined to try.

Early in the semester the Student Government established a bi-weekly music assembly program. This activity involves five different concerts to be presented every two weeks during 4th period. The concerts will cover different aspects of music ranging from rock to soul.

In addition, Council is working

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The Girls' Interschool Volleyball Team played Westchester High on February 7th here at Hamilton. Though both A and B teams played well, our teams lost both games. Another game was played against Palisades High on February 11th, and again our teams admitted defeat to Palisades. However, with such outstanding and enthusiastic players as Debra Bulter and Gwen Cooper, both captains, our volleyball team has high hopes for winning results in the future.

The Drill Team wishes to thank Sylvena Smith, Monica Smyre, and Debra Aiken for a fine job of leadership they portrayed in Drill Team. Next semester's Drill Team has turned out to be surprisingly small, but Miss Shumacher, sponsor, has hopes that there will be more girls trying out in the spring. Drill Team practices will be starting soon on Mondays.

Did you see that big crowd at the outdoor stage on February 8th, February 11th, and February 13th? Those were the days Girls' League held their annual Valentine Sale. The sale included Heart-O-Grams and suckers, and turned out to be a big success.

Lettergirls has just elected a new president-Renea Stephens. Congratulations!

on a guest speaker program. Headed by Tony Price, distinguished people from the community are being invited to speak at Hami. Tom Kranz, candidate for the State Assembly, was the first of many to speak at Hami.

Plans are also underway to hold a dance hopefully in April at the Ramada Inn. This dance is tentative at present because the board of education has stated that only proms can be held at off campus locations. However, other schools have held dances off campus so Student Council and the administration are checking into the situation.

Always Consider Work Experience

Are all the students at Hamilton fully aware of the advantages of work experience? They should be. If you are taking 4 or 5 classes, you can earn 5 to 10 credits more on work experience.

It is up to the student to find a job, but the school is very helpful. The glass case in front of the library next door to room 209, the work experience office, is always filled with jobs for students. Not only is the glass case cleared once a week and new jobs put up every day, but the work experience office is open periods 4,5,6 and after school.

Work experience has great career offerings, too. In one case, a 12th grade girl got on the job training, and salary as a Dental Assistant, which she became later. The job had been offered to high school students interested in studying dental training in college.

Each ten weeks the employer of a student is contacted to see how he is doing. Most students earn "A's", and Mrs. Hoagland allows experience grades to determine Nevian eligibility. Mr. Shelly, work experience adviser, considers the program a "unique out of classroom experience and necessary for the growth of the student."

Spring Semester is Well Underway

"Business per usual" would be an excellent description of the opening month of the spring semester. There were the usual readjustments, a few students and staff members left; some people entered; many schedules were rearranged; some classes were dropped, and all in all the semester change has been a normal transition.

As the semester progresses, everything is "well underway" commented Mrs. Jimenez. The grade centers are running on a smoother course. Many problems connected with the centers have been identified and hopefully corrected. Three counselor aids have been placed in the grade centers to do their internship for a new program at LACC. They will be doing counselor related duties which will greatly help the staff on campus.

Enrollment has increased as compared to last semester's total. There are approximately 1077 boys and 1028 girls compared to 1022 boys and 990 girls last semester.

And again this semester, the Hami champions have succeeded once again. The Yankee Varsity Basketball team clinched second place in league play. There has been much controversy among spectators this semester over the regulations of cheering at basketball games. The brown book, which governs all athletic activities, states that there can be no organized cheering except those directed by the cheerleaders. So, the Hami spectators, somewhat less than enthusiastically, redirected their spirit to meet regulations.

To summarize the opening of the semester, several students commented as follows. "Yeah, it's not so good. Not when everything is closed and you can't get in." "Everything is good, pretty good." "Terrible, dead, boring!" "O.K. It could be better; there is room for improvement. At least there have been activities." "School is going down hill. I don't like it." "Well, it's going pretty smooth; as good as it could be." "I like the double periods. It gives you variety." "Well, I can't wait to get out!"

Winners Circle

Hami senior, Jan Thomas has been crowned Queen of Afro-American History Week during ceremonies held on Feb. 16 at the Biltmore Hotel. "I found this to be a very exciting, rewarding experience which has made me more aware of the great contributions of all Black Americans," stated Jan.

Roland La Verne Frye Jr. has been nominated to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point by Rep. Yvonne B. Burke. Congratulations and good luck Roland!

Arlene Greenberg was a winner of the Rancho-Park Lions Club Speech Contest on "Ecology-It's Price." Other honorable mentions from Hamilton include Laurie Harvey, Celeste Johnson, and Jeff Gornbein.

... News-in-Brief ...

Nevian Notes

The Nevians, Hamilton's chapter of the California Scholarship Federation, culminated the fall semester and began the spring semester by participating in two very successful activities. Will Rogers State Park was the scene of a Nevian picnic on January 26, 1974, and a good time was had by all who attended the event. About twenty Nevians and their sponsor, Mrs. Hoagland, were on hand at the Forum on February 3, 1974, to see the Lakers defeat the Portland Trailblazers in an exciting and fast-paced basketball game.

Congratulations are in order for Nevian Celeste Johnson, whose name was submitted as a Seymour Candidate. This is a special award given by the California Scholarship Federation.

Mrs. Hoagland reminds Nevians that they are to pay their dues (fifty cents) and begin working for their service credit. She adds that a potential Sealbearerr list will be posted in the display case in the main building, and seniors should check to see if their names are listed.

BAC Starts New Program

The Black Activities Club has begun an innovative music program. Each week the club features a different Black musician. BAC members set up a display case highlighting the outstanding achievements and contributions of the feature artists.

On Wednesday's, the artist popular records are played over the loud

speaker as BAC members Ros Cooper, Judi Henderson, and Eve Robinson act as disk jockeys.

School Board News

Reports from superintendent of Schools, Williams J. Johnson, has shown a steady decline in the dropout rate of students attending L.A. City High schools over the past seven years. A breakdown of dropout rates by areas shows that area D, which includes Hamilton has the lowest percentage (16.4 percent).

In addition, Johnson announced that the board has adopted a process to comply with the Field Act of 1933 which requires all pre-1933 school buildings to be repaired or replaced before 1975 to meet earthquake construction standards. Hamilton is among five of the 23 affected schools which will continue operations for one semester. The main administration bldg. and cafeteria at Hami are to remain open next semester.

Save Your Papers Now!

Start saving your papers now for the upcoming PTSA Paper Drive. The funds received from the drive will go toward the benefit of the school.

? , Camera, Action!
(we hope)
Hello Dolly



Opinion

Honesty Equals Self-Respect

Plagiarize—let no one else's work evade your eyes. Of course, you can always call it research! So goes a typical testing day at Hamilton. Shifty eyes, whispered conversations and furtive glances at the teacher comprise the atmosphere during a test that is supposed to measure what a person knows.

Cheating on tests, reports and class projects is done constantly

with much premeditation and planning. Maybe the cheater tries to rationalize his actions, but the simple fact is that they are lying to themselves. Maybe they believe what they are doing is justified, but how long can someone lie to himself and still have a sense of self respect.

It's true that to get ahead in this society a person has to lie and do

things most of us would be ashamed of, but look at the results of the "accepted" dishonesty. If you have been half aware of what has been happening these last few months in Washington, you would have noticed that we have some very dishonest people in office. These are people who have lied, cheated, and have taken bribes in order to climb the sweet ladder of success to the top. Most people would agree that men like Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Mitchell and Dean are not men of the highest caliber.

It is also true that school often puts students in a situation where they are easily tempted to cheat. If they have two or three other tests and reports to do and cannot give adequate attention to all of them, it's much easier to look at someone else's test or work than to try and make it on your own. It's better to make an honest effort that you can learn from than to take someone else's achievement as your own.

The attitude that the "end justifies the means," in this case doing everything you can to get a grade, is a damaging attitude to take. For it implies that an individual will use whatever means, moral or not, to get what he wants. We have not seen good examples of honest people lately, so let's start by being honest with ourselves.

Letter to the Feditor

Reform Needed For Counseling Office

Program changes and class re-scheduling are made in advance for the upcoming semester. This is designed to create less confusion and less hassle when the changes come about. However, this system has totally reversed itself and has caused many problems to a great many people. As the student prepares to schedule his classes for the next semester, certain rules are not explained to him. One of these rules is that once you take an annual course (40 weeks) you cannot change the period of the class. This presented problems to me when, at the 20 week, I really wanted two possible English classes Period 1. The counseling office then informed me that I couldn't switch my math class which I had Per. 1, because it was a year course. The counseling office gave me, as well as many other students, the run-around when it came to changing a class. They would say "We aren't making any program changes until..." and when you come back on that day they tell you that "It's already permanent program day and all changes have to be made before permanent program day." This is totally absurd!!! How can anyone get what they want with this type of logic?

This semester the office is pulling a new trick from under their sleeves. Now they say that you must make out a request to change slip and then wait till you're called in. Meanwhile you are going to the wrong class at the wrong periods while missing out from what you should be in. This is another example of how our great counseling system works. As a result of this I have two English classes. In fact, I wrote the expose in one of the English classes I'm not supposed to have, since there is no work I can do, because hopefully, I will be transferred out anyway. Amazing how our smooth system works isn't it!!! This is not to knock the counselors directly for they are trying to earn their paycheck as anyone else is. But this

is directly toward our system here and to examine one of the great injustices endured by Hamilton students.

Mitch Earle

★
Dear Feditor,

If Simon thinks hamburgers are full of crap, he should read his own column.

David West
10th Grade

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Dear Federalist,

I would like to congratulate you on a beautiful issue (Friday, Feb. 1, 1974). I was really glad to see that there are other students that share the feelings as I, about that ridiculous waste of space, PURE AND SIMPLE. I have seen the letters printed, and they contain some excellent ideas for filling the space that Simon's column is taking up. What are you waiting for? The entire student body is not going to send in letters!!!! Let's improve the Federalist now.

Concerned Senior

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Dear Feditor,

In all my life, I have never heard about anyone dying from the consumption of a hamburger or hot dog. People have been eating this all American food for years. The hamburgers you are talking about are the kind that are sold in the hashlines at Hamilton. I'm not saying they're bad, but I am saying that when I find a bug sleeping on the hamburger patty when I go to put mustard on it, they could not be the best quality there is on the market.

When beef is bought in a supermarket or a butcher shop, the meat has been passed through many inspections including USDA and FDA. There are no rat hairs or harmful chemicals in this meat.

If you are going to write negative views in your column, try to also include some positive ideas.

Jeanne Holtz, 11th grade
Barbara Marmar, 11th grade
Carla Safran, 11th grade
Jill Holtz, 10th grade
Pamela Weinman, 10th grade

Pure & Simple

By Simon

It used to be made pure, and simple. But now it's really a problem. We can lick this problem if we want to, but only if we stop licking it. The problem is modern-day, factory-made, contaminated ice cream.

Gone is the old fashioned cream-eggs-sugar mixture which made ice cream. Today even the fruit taste is faked, put in there by artificial flavoring. To make it taste vanilla they use piperonal, a chemical which is also used to treat lice, because it is toxic, which means poisonous.

To make it have a nut flavor they put butyraldehyde in the ice cream, also used in rubber cement. If it has a banana flavor, watch out; it ain't bananas, baby, its amyloacetate, a chemical used in oil and paint solvents.

Pineapple ice cream! Oh boy. Gimmie some. What do I care if the pineapple flavor is ethyl acetate, used in leather cleaner! Anyone for cherry? You got it. The cherry flavor is aldehyde C17, a flammable liquid used in dyes, plastic and rubber.

At least the eggs must be eggs, you say? Well, probably not fresh eggs, but at least dehydrated powdered eggs. Ice cream won't emulsify without eggs in it. Right on! Unless they use diethylglucol to emulsify it, a chemical also in anti-freeze and paint remover.

Ice cream, ice cream, we all scream for ice cream. But it's the most polluted, most adulterated, most messed-over food in the supermarket.

Not only is the flavor fake, but so is the color. They are made with compounds made of coal tars, which are poisonous. One hundred years ago when coal derivatives were invented, food makers used over 800 of the compounds. About fifty years ago they were found to be so harmful that all but seven of them were outlawed. Since then, all but two of the seven have been banned, but new ones were invented, used for a while, banned, then newer ones invented, and so on, over and over. On the package it says "artificial flavorings." In your stomach it's coal tars.

I really hate to lay this whole trip on your heads. After all, all kids love ice cream. Sure. But those who also love themselves, those who want to keep their bodies together, those who realize that truth is always pure and simple; they stop eating it.

Fed Interviews The Sylvers

The mayor of Santa Monica presented The Sylvers with the "Most Inspirational Group of 1973" award at a Press Conference held on Feb. 11 at City Hall. The Press Conference announced their upcoming concert at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on Sat. March 2.

The Sylvers consist of two sisters and four brothers, who have currently taken the music industry by storm. Their names: Leon, 20-Bass



Congos, Pisces; Charmine 19 Pisces; Olympia 19 Libra; James 18 Gemini; Edmond 17 Aquarius; Ricky 15 Libra. The Press Conference ended with their singing "Yesterday". Their voices blended beautifully.

The Sylvers have taken the nation apart with such hit records as "Fools Paradise" (their first record), "Stay Away from Me" and "Wish That I Could Talk to you Baby". Their current release "Through the Love In My Heart" is moving up the national and local charts.

After the Press Conference as we chatted with The Sylvers, we found them to be more than Superstars. We found The Sylvers to be real people. Ricky appears to be shy, but he chooses most of the group's outfits. Leon, since he's the oldest, likes to be considered the spokesman of the group. He enjoys writing poems and he also writes most of the songs they sing. Olympia will be more than happy to help you with any problems you might have she's a Philosopher on life.

Altogether there's something fresh and alive and hard to define about The Sylvers. They are part of some new wave of thinking. This up coming concert should be "out-of-sight" so be sure to check it out.

"E. L. P. A Trilogy Of Heavyweights"

Probably the most talented rock group of our day, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, came to the southland last month, and with them they brought their non energy saving light show and their monstrous quad sound system valued at 100,000 dollars to play 4 big concerts.

They rocked the Anaheim Convention Center for nearly 2 and a half hours of space age sounds coming from the 21st Century. They amazed the audience with their spectacular audio-visual extravaganzas, dazzled them with stellar musicianship and charisma while also doing a disappearing act more convincing than Chuck Jones.

The two other members of the group, Greg Lake, vocals and bass guitar, Carl Palmer on drums and percussion synthesizers, were both impressive also. Palmer's revolving drum set reminds you of Regan's double-jointed head in the film "The Exorcist."

From their opening number "Hoe Down" an adaption of "Rodeo" by Aaron Copland to their stunning encore of Mazorsky's "Pictures At An Exhibition," Emerson displayed unlimited capabilities at the keyboards.

Their latest LP "Brain Salad Surgery" was played to perfection. Particularly the lengthy "Karn Evil 9" suite, which turned the house into a state of maddened frenzy. Probably the most entertaining piece the trio performed was the "Tarkus" suite with Keith Emerson featured on Ring Modulator, a hand-sized moog that he used to shoot people with while dashing through the audience. The evening was highlighted with a touching jazz piano solo. Acoustic of course!



Other than playing his organ from the inside, and seeing how far he can "put" the instrument, Keith Emerson played very much in a docile fashion. As in the past, he did not stab his organ with a knife or crack it with a whip. (I guess at that point in his career that was the only way for him to get into the spotlight.)

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Hist. Econ. Psych. C.A.P. Gov't.

By Karen Mack

All Hamilton students are required to take certain social studies courses including U.S. History and U.S. Government, during their three years in high school; but the social studies department itself is often underrated in terms of the diversity of courses it offers. In the following department overview, we attempt to present a more complete picture of what is really happening in the area of social studies at Hamilton High.

MR. LEONARD GREEN is the chairman of the social studies department. He teaches Introductory Anthropology, "a relatively new course in high school which studies all the ways of mankind — what



we do, how we do it, why we do it. It also studies how man developed from earliest times several million years ago into Homo Sapiens of today." Mr. Green also teaches U.S. Government, a course in which lawyers visit classes and discuss aspects of criminal law, family law, and consumer law.

MR. LEE SIMON is the most unorthodox member of the social studies department. In response to the question "Do you have any comments to make on your classes and their progress?" he said, "I don't have classes; each and every person in the group is a unique individual, sharing an experience with me, from which we both learn. There is no progress, since there is nowhere to go, since we are all already there, but we don't all realize it to the same degree of consciousness."

MR. GARO ARMEN teaches U.S. History and U. S. Government. He feels that students in the government classes are "getting a good sound background and hopefully will



be good voters." The classes enjoy talks by outside speakers including lawyers, judges, and representatives of the League of Women Voters. Mr. Armen regrets that there is a lack of up to date audio-visual materials.

MRS. LUCY MOLLOY is also an instructor of U.S. History and U.S. Government. She says that later in the semester "we'll have some simulation games in history and put on a court case in government." She adds that she is happy with her classes and finds the students "co-operative and willing to make an effort."

MRS. MILDRED HERB teaches topical U.S. History, which is divided into four sections of ten weeks each (including Mrs. Herb's political-economic segment). Mrs. Herb also teaches California history. For the future, she says, "I will be preparing a course entitled American



Social History, introduced through the films and music of the period, which is based on the course to be offered by Loyola University this summer."

MS. DEBBORA BISSIRI instructs students in U. S. History and Advanced Placement American Hist-

ory. She says: "I'm an anachronism in my own time. I believe that: (1) History is still an academic discipline-difficult to understand without reading a book, and (2) Hamilton students of today are much nicer people to be around than students of five years ago."

MR. GEORGE KIRIYAMA teaches Japanese I, II, and III, and traveler's geography. His classes are currently preparing for Oriental Language Day, which will be held on May 17, 1974 at Gardena High. "It's basically a cultural activity. All schools that teach Chinese and Japanese put on skits, music, and dance", Mr. Kiriyama says.

MRS. MARJORIE BERKES teaches the "American Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century"



segment of topical U.S. History. She also teaches Latin American studies, new last year, which is a mini-course on Latin America combined with traveler's geography. Mrs. Berkes says, "I particularly enjoy teaching American Foreign Relations and International Relations, inasmuch as my undergraduate major in college was International Relations, and my regional specialty was Latin America."

MR. MEL LEWIS, in addition to being a member of the boys' physical education department, teaches Afro-American history. Some of the students in this class participated in an essay contest and one girl, Angela Price, placed second. Mr. Lewis says his classes are "all challenging and responsive."

MR. ALAN VENDEL is new to Hamilton and teaches basic U.S. history. He says that "total class involvement in the classroom environment is very important — My students constantly change the room to fit their needs." He adds, "I would like to see more done in the area of human relations in the classroom. This is the most important element we can teach."

MR. GEORGE HEDGES, Federalist sponsor, teaches topical U.S. History (reform movements) and psy-

chology. Mr. Hedges' psychology classes this semester "will attempt more 'group therapy' type sessions and hopefully visit the Veterans Hospital." He adds that "psychology classes are always interesting as no two are ever alike. It is hoped, of course, that no student will need a



psychiatrist when the course ends in June." In Mr. Hedges' topical history classes, students are investigating various political theorists like Karl Marx, so that they can better understand the nature of government.

MR. JERRY SOLENDER, last but not least, is new to the social studies department, but not to Hamilton High. This semester he is teaching

classes in United States government, Juvenile and Law, and Current American Problems.

In conclusion, we hope that this article has provided at least a small insight into the social studies department and the faculty members who teach them. For more information, be sure to see your counselor.

MR. RICHARD WAYNE JOHNSON teaches U. S. History and two new courses: Consumer Protection, in which students learn how to save



money, and Sociology, in which the emphasis is on understanding the social system. Mr. Johnson says, "I have good classes. I learn as much from my students as they do from me."

Feature Teacher

By Karen Mack

Our latest choice for Feature Teacher is Mr. Richard Wayne Johnson, a member of Hamilton's social studies department. Twice voted most popular teacher by seniors, Mr. Johnson combines serious instruction with touches of humor in just the right proportions.

Mr. Johnson was born in Oak Grove, Missouri and grew up in Kansas City. He majored in history at the University of Missouri, where in his junior year, he decided to become a teacher. He graduated from the university in 1962.

Mr. Johnson has been teaching at Hamilton for twelve years, and he thinks highly of the school and student body, although he does admit that "sometimes teaching is a grind." To counteract this, he says, "I try to have a good time in my classes." He would like to see some changes at Hamilton, including "different scheduling."

Mr. Johnson has been married for

eleven years. He has two sons, Ricky (age ten) and Kirk (age five), whom he affectionately refers to as "Gomer and Clyde." The Johnson family resides in the Hamilton district; Ricky and Kirk attend Overland Avenue Elementary School and will be Hamiltonians in the future. Because of this Mr. Johnson is more actively involved with Hamilton High and has a personal interest in the school.

Mr. Johnson's hobbies and interests include scuba diving, shooting pool, and riding his 750 Honda. He is president of the Hamilton High School Faculty Association and a member of the UTLA House of Representatives, a governing body for 15,000 teachers. In the future, Mr. Johnson wants "to become more involved in teachers' organizations and their activities." Mr. Johnson's students will agree that "the most popular teacher" can only meet with success-

The Last Fashion Show

By Debra Perkins

QUESTIONNAIRE: WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

In the past, THE LAST FASHION SHOW has done its best to inform Hamilton students on fashion and where to find it. Now we are interested in **your** opinion. Please take a moment of your free time to read and fill out the following questionnaire. Please return all completed questionnaires to the Federalist suggestion box next to the main office. We're interested in what **you** have to say!

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.....mos.mf
2. How often do you read THE LAST FASHION SHOW?
.....every issuesometimes
.....rarely
3. Do you usually find the column interesting?yesno
.....occasionally
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.....yesno
5. What would you like to see in this column?
6. Are there any shops you would like to see listed?
7. Do you read any other publications related to fashion?
..... yesno

By the way, when was the last time you took a look in West-

wood Village? It's a nice way to spend a drab Sunday or Saturday. There are so many shops in which to browse, such as Pier 1 Imports on Broxton or The Warehouse Records on the same street. You could even go down to see "The Exorcist" (If you're in the mood to wait in line for 3 hours). There are also many clothing shops to browse through. You could very well spend a week down there! So if you'll excuse me, I think I will...

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Big Green Makes Playoffs

Hamilton 43—Univerity 41

By beating the Warriors of Uni High the Yankee Basketballers clinched a playoff berth for the second time in the past three years. In nosing out the Warriors 43-41, the Yanks played one of the most aggressive games of the year since they last played Uni to a triple overtime.

From the outset it looked as if the contest was going to result in the Warrior's last stand, but the restricted yelling of the Hami crowd (not the fans fault) while also not being permitted to stand



up and cheer was the major reason for such a close score. When Hami scored two it was like sitting in Temple, but for the most it seemed like we were in solitary confinement at San Quentin.

Brian Shigg and George Hightower played with reckless abandon while grabbing countless rebounds at both ends of the court. Shigg and Hightower added 11 and 6 points respectively. Jeff Perry did a great job on defending Uni's high flying unidentified object they used as a guard. Perry also scored the winning basket, a lay up with three seconds remaining, and totaled 8 points. John Moore was high point man with 13.

Hamilton 68—Westchester 50

Hami had their first breather in a long while, in beating the Westchester Comets 68-50. It was a simple case of one team outclas-

sing the other as the Yankees continued to shoot well, hitting a sizzling 52.4%. The Yank defense led by Christy Jordan held the Comets to just 19 baskets in 64 attempts (26.3%).

Jordan and John (Big Daddy) Moore scored twelve of the Yankees first quarter points hitting six each.

It looked as though Hami was going to make it a rout early when the Yanks jumped ahead 20-9. In came the second stringers and the lead began to dwindle. Comet guard Carlton Brown and forward Mike Woolsey began scoring at a torrid clip as Westchester outscored Hamilton 16-6 to close out the final five minutes of the second quarter and came within one at the half 26-25.

Next it was Hami's turn. Big Daddy scored 11 of his game high 23 points, mostly on Jeff Perry assists in the third stanza to give Hamilton breathing room with a nine point bulge.

Carlton Brown who finished the game with 19 points, scored eight last quarter points, but his total was offset by what was probably Allen Faucher's finest hour as a Yankee. Faucher went berserk in points and crashing the boards for four rebounds.

With just three seconds left to play, Westchester's Brown was

fouled and the fireworks began. "Broadway Andy" Harris who was involved in a shooting match all night with the Comet's Bob Grant finally decided he'd taken enough. It took all 6'6" of Allen Faucher to hold Harris back. When all seemed quiet Jeff Perry and Carlton Brown had a minor verbal disagreement and once again Faucher played policeman. Christy Jordan ended the contest with 18 points and Jeff Perry, although he scored just one basket, added 10 assists to the Yankee's cause.

HAMILTON 71 VENICE 68

The Yankees ended their league season on a winning note, as Venice succumbed to the Big Green 71-68.

Although the score was close the game was not. The Yankees led by ten points at the end of the first quarter, and by halftime, the Yanks increased it by five more. It took a late game rally by the Gondoliers to keep it close.

George Hightower ended his varsity career as a prep player by tossing in a game high 23 points. Jeff Perry added 17 with John Moore hitting for 12. Venice's Newkirk and Hamashita scored 20 and 18 respectively.

Due to printing deadline the first round of the city play-offs will have been played by the time this paper is printed.



Bee's and Cee's Close Out Year

The rematch between the BEE cagers of Hamilton and the Warriors of Univerity was marked by three important factors. Hami committed 23 fouls, Uni ended up 25-35 from the free-throw line, and the game ended up 65-48 in Uni's favor.

Although Hami tallied 12 blocked shots, a number of others were called fouls. Before the game was over, two Hami players had fouled out.

Garland Hagen was high scorer for the Yank's with 16, while Paul Takeyama added 12.

Hami's CEE team also fell to the Warriors, but by a lesser margin, 56-53.

The team was lead by Ronald Bookman with 15 points and Adam Kaufman with 10. Mickey Stuart grabbed down 10 rebounds, scored 7 points and blocked 4 shots.

Hamilton's BEE basketball game with Westchester turned out to be anything but the hair-raisers they've been in the past, as the Yanks lost 74-50.

Garland Hagen poured in 20 points, Paul Takeyama put in 12 points, and Sherrod Adamson added 10 points.

In the preceding game, the CEE netters didn't have any better luck, losing to the Comets 85-56 for their worst thrashing of the year.

Nick Osterman and Ronald Bookman each scored 14 points and Osterman also collected 9 rebounds.

This year's BEE and CEE basketball finale with Venice didn't turn out as well as Hamilton would have liked. Both teams lost.

The BEE's, who lost 65-42, finished the season with a 6-8 record overall (3-7 in league). The game was marked by the departure of the teams three seniors; Garland Hagen, Andy Bernstein, and Paul Takeyama. Hagen led all scorers with 12 while Bernstein and Takeyama added 8 apiece. All three pulled down four rebounds.

The CEE game went right down to the wire with the Yanks losing by one point, 58-57. The CEE's finished the season with a 4-10 record overall (1-9 in league) Ronald Bookman was high point man with 22.

The CEE's will also lose one player due to graduation, Mark Stern. Stern made his last game as a Yankee his most outstanding one, scoring 4 points, snatching down 10 rebounds, and issuing out three assists before fouling out.

Do You Qualify?

What is a high school jock?

1. A high school jock is one who gets mad when his name is misspelled in the school paper.
2. A high school jock is one who wants to score at least 20 points to see his name in the L.A. Times.
3. A high school jock has a super ego.
4. A high school jock is a fourth stringer who tries to impress the girls with, "I'm on the football team."
5. A high school jock has his life story written on the right side of his letterman's jacket.
6. A high school jock writes "SUPERSTAR" on his locker.
7. A high school jock never wears socks that clash with his uniform.
8. A high school jock is "above" anyone not on the team.
9. A high school jock brings Bobby Sherman records to English class.
10. A high school jock is an athletic supporter.

Swimmers Sink

A very inexperienced Hamilton Varsity Swimming team will face 1974 in what might prove to be a very long season. With no AAU caliber swimmers, the Yankees free style may slow to a dog paddle.

For the first time in history the team will go co-ed, with Lori Leftgoff, Nancy Pearson, and Cindy Calmus joining the squad along with returning, members Mike Kahn Mark Fishman, Robert Davis, Alan Rothblat, and Robert Mawer. Head coach Ron Price feels his main objective is to fill all the varsity spots first, and in the latter five, should have a pretty representative group. Sophomore Scott Shapiro is Mr. Price's most promising newcomer.

"We'll have to be realistic," says Coach Price. "There will be few wins, but lots of fun. If we can make improvements day by day, week by week, and get ready for league finals and city prelims so our swimmers can make their individual mark, then I'll be satisfied."

Moore Leads Way

Star postman John Moore led all Hami scorers this season with a 13.5 Western League average. Next was Jeff Perry with a 10.7 average. Shooting percentage leader was Christy Jordan, who shot an unbelievable 67% from the field. George Hightower checked in with 59% mark from the field. Free throw leader was Jeff Perry who hit 22 of 30 for 73%. Reggie Poindexter was 2 for 2 from the charity stripe, but didn't shoot enough to qualify.



Wedgemen Face '74

By Don Lucoff

In their season opener, Hamilton Wedgemen stunned Birmingham 36 to 18. Rick Bland led the way with a 77, the lowest score of the afternoon. Stewart Eberstein, the only 10th grader playing Varsity, also won his match. Senior Rob Shamburg and junior Dore Bedell who just might be the next "Gentle" Crenshaw at 17 were both victorions.

Coach Jack Epstein also expressed some of his thoughts about this years team.

"He stresses the fact that golf

is a full time sport and the players just don't put in enough time" such schools as Pali and Uni can afford to put in the time, which in return puts them atop the Western League year after year. The golfers will be in a tough race for third, with Westchester and Venice both fielding fine teams this year. Fairfax, Hollywood and Crenshaw don't figure to be much competition this season.

The putters look forward to meeting Pali, while also being privileged to play on one of the finest courses in the country, Rivera, home of the L.A. open. They also will get a shot at knocking off Emy Alcott, the nations number one teenage sensation.

Coach Epstein also adds that "this is a competitive team with the sixth Varsity spot wide open. He is sorry to add that he will field a weak J.V. team this year."

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Hami Adds Student Coach

Joining the ranks of Hamilton's men in green this semester, will be student teacher Mr. Ed Rathell who will be helping out the coaches in the Boy's P.E. department.

Mr. Rathell is currently taking classes at Cal State L.A. where he is nearly half way through his masters program in Physical Education. He previously earned his B.S. degree at UCLA in Physical Education, and attended Hamilton in his youth, graduating in Spring '68.

Coming back to Hamilton after five years, Mr. Rathell is impressed with the overall broadening of the physical education facilities. In what he terms as the modernization of Hamilton, the new baseball field and tennis courts have impressed him the most. He enjoys Hamilton, especially the chance he has received to teach with his old coaches.

After he completes his student teaching, Rathell hopes to stay right here at Hami provided there are job openings. If not, his main objective is to teach in the L.A. City School System, or in Orange County.

Upcoming Concerts

At the Troubador March 5-10 its **El Chicano**. The 12th thru the 17th its the **Smothers Brothers**. At the **Whiskey Kool and the Gang** will appear in the early part of March, dates not yet announced. At the **Roxie**, its **Donald Byrd** and the **Blackbirds** with **Willie Bobo**. The **Dramatics** are there the 5th thru the 10th. **Poco** will be at the **Santa Monica Civic** with **Peter Frampton**, **March 3rd**. **Yes**, with **Steeleye Span** will be at the **Forum Mar. 18th** and **Long Beach Aud. the 19th**.

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