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Nürnberg American High School

a U.S. Army dependents school formerly located in Fürth/Bavaria, Germany

1990-91 School Year

45th year of the school's existence

Graduating Class of 1991

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The Christmas Window –

a Timely Tradition

by Heather Cayton

Every year we are blessed by the presence of the Christmas Window which is produced by Mr. Serino's art classes. The Christmas window has been a tradition since 1963.

There are several processes the classes go through before the final product is complete. First, the classes are asked to draw a scale model of what they feel the window should look like. Next, the best one or ones are chosen and prepared for the transfer. The best idea turned in for this year was designed by Sonya Rhodes. The final drawing is transferred to panels which make up the grand window. The studio art class places the finished panels in the windows.

The total process this year took approximately 3 months, from the beginning of September to November 27. Junior Glenn Colvin remarked, "It denies my very existence. I want to hide from it, yet I am drawn toward it."



S&S: Effie Bothen

Window on the world

Nürnberg High School's annual holiday window takes on an international flavor this season to show Christmas around the world. The three-story-high scene, depicting a Christmas tree surrounded by children from 10 countries, was designed by 11th-grader

Sonya Rhodes. Art teacher Joseph Serino said Roger Jones and Charlie Mack, both seniors at the school in Germany, were among 47 other art students who worked on the transparent paper project. The holiday window has been a school tradition since 1963.

Teacher Feature : Shirley Johnson**By Tom Westwood**

She has been teaching for 13 years. During this same time, she has also raised 4 sons and 3 daughters. Johnson is one of the teachers most admired by students.

She teaches both Chemistry and Physical Science. Mrs. Johnson really enjoys Chemistry because of the chemical formulas and experiments.

She has a special place in her heart for the students, both as individuals and as a group. She treats everyone with the respect of an adult. She expects her students' behavior to reflect respect in return.

Mrs. Johnson also expects all work assigned by her to be completed to the best of the student's

ability and that includes tests. She remembers what it was like to be a high school student and feels the hurt and frustration when a student bombs a test. She will gladly help a student in any way.

Her hopes for her students and for making a future for this world are high only if the teachers perform their own jobs. That means not passing students without them exhibiting proper knowledge of a subject. She thinks the reason for this injustice is that teacher expectations are rather low, and it is everyone's fault if a student doesn't pass with the right education.

Mrs. Johnson does believe in the students' ability. If a student ever fortunate enough to be in her class, he will discover this for himself.

THIS STUDENT FEATURE - THE SKATING FISH**BY SELINA COLEMAN AND EMILY BATHEN**

Allison Fish started upon her spectacular ice skating career when she was six. Her mother, a recreational coach, sparked Allison's interest in skating. She went to the first lesson and kept wanting to go back. During her skating years, she competed throughout Germany and places outside of Germany including Norway, Romania, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and the former East Germany.

Just recently, Allison quit skating. When asked why she quit she said it was a lot of pressure and she

just was not having fun with it anymore. "It is hard to go out and work your butt off without any motivation."

She also wants to start making plans for college. She doesn't think she will continue to skate. Her future plans are to be a choreographer or to travel around and help with the ice show.

Allison's advice to students is "If you really want something go for it, but if your heart isn't in it, don't do it for anyone else!"

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SCHOOL EMERGENCIES

Parents are reminded that in the event of any school evacuation as a result of a bomb threat, or other emergency, that only the school administration has the authority to release students from school. Currently when an evacuation is required, students are to report to the athletic field or school gym and wait for instructions from their teachers. Students are not allowed to leave the campus even if they live nearby. All students are to remain at school and wait for official information. Students who leave during bomb threats/emergency evacuations will be counted unexcused. The school is responsible for accountability and student safety.

SECURITY AT NAHS

Physical security is the highest priority at NHS. Prior to the gulf action, the hallways of the high school were cleared of everything except seating areas and waste baskets. All unassigned student lockers were secured so that parcels could not be placed in them. Staff members were instructed on procedures for morning inspections of the rooms and on the physical

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GRADUATION DATE SET

The Fuerth City Theater is being renovated. This year's graduation will be held in the

Fuerth Stadthalle
Thursday
6 June
1900 hours

This date is a change from the 7th of June and the location is a change from the Fuerth Opera Haus.

NEW EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITIES

Are we ever lucky to have been afforded the opportunity to see and experience Europe! Here are three important learning and growing opportunities for which there are still spaces open: 1) February 9 to 16: Tri-cultural experience and exchange with a school in former East Germany. 2) April 29 to May 8 the Schwabach Realschule has invited 5-6 NAHS pupils to participate in their exchange with an Italian school in Rovereto, Italy. 3) May 17 - 27 is our 11th Tri-cultural experiment in international living in the Ardeche, southern France. Contact Mr. Berndt (700-6675) for details.

custody of rooms expected of them during the day.

All cleaning personnel wear uniforms and carry a picture identification badge. Additionally all cleaning personnel are on an access list which is checked each time they enter the campus.

Access lists are also used for all contracting personnel working on the various construction projects. All validated visitors to the campus wear visitor ID badges after signing into the school with proper ID, license plate number, and acceptable reason for the visitation.

New fencing has been constructed between some of the campus buildings. This fencing allows the entire core of the campus to be physically secured. The high school may be entered through only one main door. This is also true of the middle school. As is evident, the fencing helped with perimeter security causing the total school complex (H.S & M.S) to be accessible through only two doors.

Finally, our Adopt-a-School unit, DIVARTY (Pinder), provided 24 hour guard duty to the school. Soldiers from Herzo took over this function. Our soldiers control access to the campus using access lists and student identification. The school is secure and cannot be easily breached. The cooperation between the military community and the school staff is excellent.

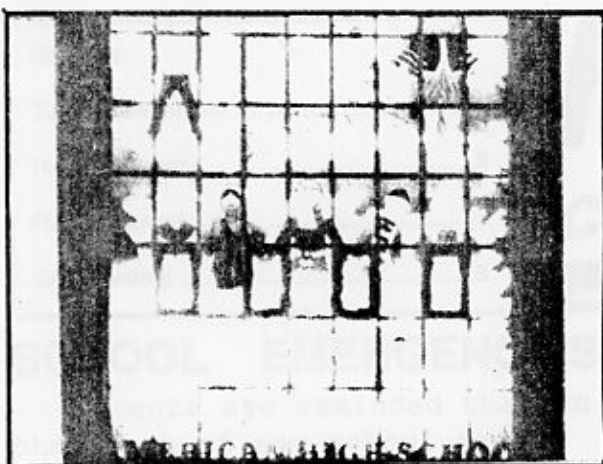
TIME MANAGEMENT CLASS

A class in Time Management and Study Skills will be offered second semester to students who have a 2.5 grade point average. It starts January 30 and will continue once a week on Wednesday during the semester. The class will meet at a different period every Wednesday. The class is rotated to insure that students will not miss the same class every week.

A partial list of topics to be covered includes: memory techniques; when and where to study; dealing with distractions; goal setting for long, middle and short terms; study tools to include the use of the wastebasket-the more you put into it the more you get out of it; systems for keeping reference material in usable form; learning as a business, setting priorities; matching time and task, time wasters; using commute time, plan of the day; and deadlines.

We are also continuing to offer opportunities for students and their families to attend cultural events such as plays and concerts. On February 5 Mrs. Brady's class attended the Fuerth Opera House to see the English production of HAROLD AND MAUDE. Information on all upcoming events is published in the high school daily bulletin. Cultural events are available to all interested students in the high school.

If you would like more information, please call Mrs. Brady at 460-7075/6675.



HOLIDAY WINDOW

This year the holiday window that many of us enjoyed during the Christmas season was chosen from 47 art students' ideas. Sonya Rhodes, grade 11, had the best idea; and her design and theme "Christmas Around the World" was chosen. Mr. Serino drew the scale drawing from her idea; and Roger Jones and Charlie Mack, both seniors, used the model to draw the final pattern. The 47 art students then used the pattern to construct the final window design. The actual construction started on November 5, and the last panel was finished on November 27, 1990. The entire project started at the beginning of school in September and was set for final approval on November 28, 1990 when it was finally completed. The creative design was taken down around January 11, 1991. The students and staff would like to thank Mr. Serino's art class for giving the school and the community a wonderful spirit of friendship throughout the Holiday Season.

RUMOR CONTROL

During Desert Shield the faculty may attend up to 3 faculty meetings per day. The purpose of these meetings will be to relay known information to the faculty who, in turn, will relay information to the students.

Faculty meetings before school, at noon, and after school will be called. The morning and noon meetings will be held to provide immediate vital information. Faculty meetings after school will be used for appropriate planning and debriefing.

The routine of faculty meetings will continue until it is no longer needed. Students will be kept fully informed of events as we learn them.

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT LISTEN TO RUMORS. They are disruptive. The teachers have any known information. Ask them for the facts.

Rumor control will apply to school and community rumors only. Community rumors will be verified or dismissed through the DPCA's office. Rumors from the Persian Gulf will be controlled by directives from the MILCOM Public Affairs Office.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

MONDAY

4 MARCH 1991

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

to

THE STUDENTS AND STAFF
NUERNBERG HIGH SCHOOL

For CARING AND SENSITIVITY WHEN IT COUNTED MOST - WHILE UNITED STATES MILITARY TROOPS WERE ENGAGED IN THE DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, PERSIAN GULF WAR. THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED WITH THE STAFF IN DELIBERATE AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES TO EASE THE BURDEN OF FAMILY MEMBERS LEFT BEHIND. CONTINGENCY PLANS WERE WRITTEN AND SPECIFIC. COORDINATION WITH COMMUNITY AND DoDDS REGIONAL EXPERTS AND SPECIALISTS WAS ACCOMPLISHED. THE STAFF'S SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WAS DEDICATED TO HELPING FAMILY MEMBERS AND INCLUDED CRISIS INTERVENTION ACTIONS. TARGETED TRAINING, IN BOTH SMALL AND LARGE GROUP SESSIONS, WAS CONDUCTED. AS NOTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL ACCREDITATION TEAM, STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN ALL PLANNING AND IN ALL PROGRAMS WAS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THE DISTRICT APPLAUDS THIS SIGNIFICANT WORK. THE DISTRICT ACKNOWLEDGES WITH APPRECIATION THE DEPTH OF CARING THAT THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF NUERNBERG HIGH SCHOOL CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATE. THIS CARING, UNIQUE AND SPECIAL, HAS BECOME THE TRADEMARK OF NUERNBERG HIGH SCHOOL AND PLACES THE SCHOOL IN THE RANKS OF THE VERY BEST SCHOOLS THAT EXIST ANYWHERE.

Date 24 MAY 1991

LAWRENCE PHILPOT
District Superintendent