

# Nürnberg American High School

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

## 1964-65 School Year

19th year of the school's existence

Graduating Class of 1965

## This File: School Newspaper

### Excerpts from the *Trichter*

#### Notes from the Archivist

There are only three issues of this year's volume extant, all in the spring semester. This fact and the difficulty of examining pages that were so poorly mimeographed that they were sometimes unreadable made it difficult to give a representative picture of this school year.

Many of the long stories have been abridged. Wherever you see five periods in a row, they indicate omissions. On page 5, the Archivist could not resist adding the words to a song by Merle Travis and sung by Tex Williams to the editorial headline "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke." I apologize, but those three words triggered a long held memory. — Bob McQuitty

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## Marching Backward to 1965

### Important Events of 1964-65

**July 2, 1964** Pres. Johnson signs Civil Rights Law of 1964 that outlaws discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

**Nov. 3,** Pres. Lyndon Johnson handily defeats Barry Goldwater.

**Jan. 4, 1965,** Pres. Johnson proclaims Great Society.

**Mar 7-9,** Marches to Selma to promote voting rights erupt in violence. In response to events in Selma, Pres. Johnson urges passage of Voting Rights Act.

**Apr. 17** The first SDS march against the Vietnam War draws 25,000 protestors to Washington, DC.

**Aug 6,** Voting Rights Act eliminates poll taxes and literacy tests.



**Eagles Win Championship** – said to be one of the few times Coach Cletus Campbell was ever seen smiling

## From the NHS Trichter, spring 1965

**Enrollment Soars to 954  
In Grades 7 through 12**

**Richard Nocolosi to Preside  
Over the Student Council**

**Larry Norman Elected  
Senior Class President**

**Stuart Diamond Leads  
Juniors, Edits Trichter**

**Nocolosi and Sandra Hood  
Lead Honor Roll with 4.0**

**Ralph Kemper averages 34  
points a game in USAREUR  
basketball tourney and is  
named to the All-StarTeam.**

**And Where Are  
The Stars of Yesteryear?**

### The Thin Bread Line

Fred Goebeler authored a full-page editorial in which he bemoaned the overcrowding, the littering, the lack of taste and variety in the food, the slow service line, and the dull atmosphere in the cafeteria. One of his suggestions for improvement: vending machines!

### Cafeteria Changes

Attempting to find a more convenient way to feed more students, Lt. John Socha, the new school officer, changed the arrangement of the tables in the cafeteria three times in three weeks. None of these worked, however, and the tables are back the way they were in the first place. Tentative plans are being made to sell hotdogs and hamburgers to those who do not wish to buy the whole tray.

### Playboys Playing in Fürth

Recently, a new English Liverpool-beat band has been playing in Fürth with the controversial title of the "Playboys." There is nothing controversial about their singing and playing, however. Everyone

thinks they're FAB! Many have said, "They are as good as, or better than, another English band whose name has spread all over the world." – Terry DeRays

### The Mind

"It's a what?!" was the question asked by observers as they watched the industrious groups of seniors mold their idea of the mind out of snow. This social interaction took place on the only day this year that the school buses couldn't pull through.

For lack of enough people to carry on a normal class, Mr. Mueller accepted the suggestion that his 3rd period psychology class go outside and make snow-sculpture of the mind.

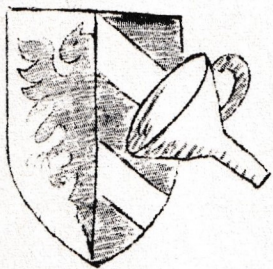
Among the sculptors were Marc Rudney, Karen Pierce, Randy Reitter, Barbara Loe. – Sue McClure

### Fads 'n' Fashions

I received a letter from a friend in the States today, and she says the top dances are the "Cow," the "Jerk," the "Früge," and "Walk the Dog." – Anon

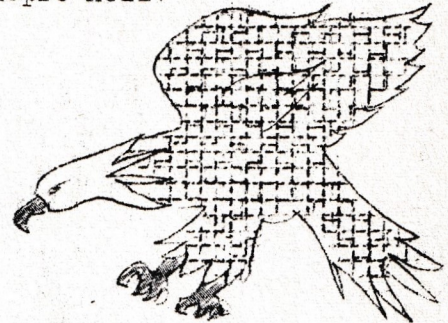


Der Nürnberger Trichter, sicher und schnell, macht die Köpfe hell!



NHS

Trichter



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Feb. 12, 1965

## Back to School Night!

The Parent Teachers Association will sponsor the annual Back to School Night on February 15 for all NHS students in grades 7 through 12.

The purpose of the event is to provide for parents the opportunity to become acquainted with their children's teachers, academic programs, and the school's facilities. Parents will attend all classes in their children's routine schedule. The time allotted for each class will be ten minutes, and parents are urged to ask questions pertaining to class objectives and the accomplishment intended. Five minute intervals will separate the classes. The Student Council will furnish guides. There will be no excuse for tardiness!

### Editorials

## WHAT TO DO ON WEEKENDS

One of the first questions a new student inevitably asks is "What do you do here on weekends? Five days a week, Mike and Mary attend classes until 3:35. Then they go home, to the PX or to "practice." They eat at 5 or 6 p.m., do their homework, and go to bed. But what about Friday and Saturday nights? What gives then? Choices are as follows:

### MOVIES

Ads say "Movies are better than ever." But are they? Glancing at a movie schedule, we see that playing Friday is "Stop Train 439 from Berlin." Saturday's attraction is a re-run of "The Gun Hawk." Entertainment unlimited!

### SPORTS

There's nothing like four rousing basketball games to add a little zest to a dragging winter weekend. But on how many weekends are there home games to attend? This year the grand total is three. And even Cinderella's god-mother couldn't produce a spectator bus for out-of-town games in the Land of D.E.G. and the U.S. Army.

### AYA

Walking into the Nuernberg AYA is often like walking, as one NHS student put it, "into a well-lit morgue." A jukebox blares (when fixed) as the Junior High set runs noisily from room to room. Only from 10 to 11 is the AYA exclusively for those over 16. Seldom is there a live band—"too expensive." Recently, high school students returning from an evening basketball game were amazed to find AYA doors locked. The directors had taken a skating party to Erlangen. . . .

### DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT

And so it goes. This year, more than any previous, NHS juniors and seniors flock to downtown night spots, where for a DM or two they can listen and dance to some of Germany's and England's best teen bands.

Is this a problem? Is it worthy of concern by administrators, teachers, parents, and other adults in the community as well as the students themselves?

The old saying "All work and no play" still holds true. And the Gold Flow is still going on.

# Defacement of School Buildings

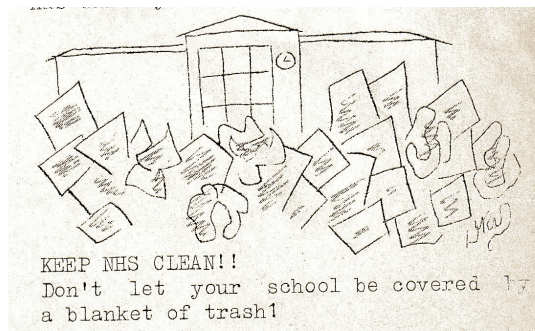
DEFACEMENT! It's a big word, but it means a low thing. It means that some students have no respect for public property and no sense of responsibility to the school.

What good does it do to tear the plaster off the corners of a building, or splatter the walls with mud, so that someone else has to scrub it off.?

Maybe it wasn't meant to be an act of vandalism. Maybe you were just teasing your best friend with a "John loves Mary" sign. Maybe you were only encouraging the team with "Go Eagles," written in chalk that won't come off unless the paint comes with it. Well, John and Mary can get along without your help. Every member of the team already knows that the whole school is behind them, and they would probably appreciate your support a lot more if you bought a fight badge, rather than deface the science room.

Things that the school has done to better its image, such as having plays and concerts, can be easily forgotten when one walks by and sees what we students do to our buildings. . . .

It is everyone's responsibility to see that no further damage occurs. After this effort is made, only then can we take steps to remedy that which has already been done.



## German School Visit

On December 19, eight people – **Terry DeReyes, Barbara and Debbie Loe, Gary King, Donovan Walling, Dick Nicolosi, Nancy Post, and Ginny Goebler** – went to the Overrealschule in Erlangen. The trip was really FAB! The men (?) started the morning with a refreshing P.E. class. Terry and Dick, however, dressed out in their class for what they thought was soccer. As it turned out, it was handball and resulted in complete and utter confusion.

Barb and Debbie were among those who went to chemistry. They said that it was very easy to understand and that the facilities were better in some ways than our own. Most of us went to art, which had much better facilities than our art classes have.

English found Ginny, Don, Barb, Debbie, and Gary discussing the problem of specialization in the school with the German students. The German students spoke very good English. Meanwhile, Terry and Dick visited a trig class (Terry, by the way does not take trig and does not speak German). Dick had a ball doing trig problems on the blackboard. Later, we all went to chorus and found that they had very good voices, even though the discipline was a little lax.

However, on the whole, discipline was much stricter than ours, except with teachers just out of college. The students seemed to give them a hard time.

We wound up the day by meeting with what comprises their Student Council. Several of the students we met that day paid us a return visit to our school on the fifth day of January.  
– **Donovan Walling**

## Play Review: "The Heiress"

The Senior Class of Nuernberg American High School recently presented its traditional play. The play "The Heiress" by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, was adapted from Henry James' novel "Washington Square," and presented at the Fuerth Opera House.

Many thought, as they entered Tuesday night, that they could not possibly outshine the seniors of previous years [See the 1963-64 Archives for the theatrical triumphs of the previous year – Archivist]

How wrong this minority was! The play was stupendous, enthralling, magnificent – everyone was raving after the first intermission. Under the superb direction of Mr. Joseph Ferguson, the cast continued to perform smoothly and with great enthusiasm throughout the play.

The cast in this unreputable love story left nothing to be desired. Although many of the players seemed to be type-casted, everyone showed noble stage presence.

The actors, in order of appearance, were as follows:

**Barbara Shipley** portrayed the stereotypical maid, Maria.

**Gary King** played the critical and cruel father, Dr. Austin Sloper.

**Susan McClure** was the lovable Aunt Lavinia Penniman.

**Barbara Loe** played the defiant heiress Catherine Sloper. (continued next page)



**“The Heiress”** (continued from previous page)

**Lorna Rippe** and **Lynette Anderson** played middle class matrons.

**Richard Nicolosi** contributed mightily as the husband, **Arthur Townsend**.

**Larry Norman** played the mercenary suitor **Morris Townsend**

**Wanda Senn** gave a demure performance as Mrs. **Montgomery**.

The actors, stage hands, and the director, individually and collectively, were all entitled to the acclamation they received. — **Terry DeReyes**

## Babbling Babbitt

Looking at our mighty Eagles in green and white, this month, let's see what they've done that's right . . . . . Did you know that one our lefties has gone the whole season wearing the same pair of socks . . . . . Lucky socks, who knows! . . . . . Don't be different? . . . . . It seems that players on our basketball team are slowly but surely getting a steady girlfriend . . . . . Don't believe me, count 'em . . . . . Have you ever wondered what our grunt and groan boys eat when they're desperately trying to maintain their weight? . . . . . The dorm students have little problem with this, but the others say they must eat a diet of jello and dextrose . . . . . Perhaps part of the trouble this year on the courts is the lack of height, but almost all members of the varsity squad can touch the rim. Almost all! . . . . . I think we are witnessing a school first as the teachers are currently leading the company league at Darby (11-1) . . . . Can anyone tell why our basketball players wear their shoes to school, the wrestlers don't . . . . . Don't our players look sharp on the courts now, the trend seems to be short crew cuts . . . . . None of that greasy kid stuff anymore! . . . . . --- Prof. of Sports **John Babbitt**

## FACULTY STOMPS VARSITY

A surprisingly strong and inspired faculty team tripped up the Nuernberg Varsity. The faculty was led by **Coach Hawkes**, who modestly claims “to be the last of the great hookers.” He put in 22 points to capture game scoring honors. Other members of the faculty included **Mr. Mussatto**, who scored frequently on driving layups, **Coach Campbell**, **Mr. Oswalt**, **Mr. Wannebo**, **Mr. Brunner**, and **Mr. Schroeder**.

The Varsity played without the services of forward **Greg Rountree**, who injured his ankle. He served as the Varsity's coach, but he doesn't feel that he wants to make a career out of coaching. . . .

Although the crowd was mainly pro-Varsity, the faculty had their own cheerleaders. Juniors **Jack Benner**, **Leslie Smith**, **Greg Kaufman**, and **Herman Strickland** frolicked around the floor as if they knew what they were doing. Several times during the game the faculty cheerleaders tried putting **Ralph Kemper** out of commission, but he always managed to escape.

Humor and excitement made for an interesting game.

--**Doug Brennan**

February 22

## Editorial: SMOKE, SMOKE, SMOKE

That cigarette,  
And if you smoke yourself to death,  
Tell old St. Peter at the Golden Gate  
That you hate to make him wait,  
But you just gotta have another cigarette.  
— Merle Travis, sung by Tex Williams

Do you smoke? Surprisingly enough, a sample poll showed that only 26.2% of the students in this school do. But how many people who do smoke did not admit the fact? And why do students smoke—what started them? To find out, the Trichter interviewed several student smokers, including those who abide at the Hendersonian-coined “notorious nicotine nook” across the street from the school.

Nine out of ten students interviewed said that they started smoking because their friends smoked, and they felt out of place, or that “everybody else did,” so they had to try one too. The other 10% said that they thought “it was big.” When confronted about the link between smoking and lung cancer, answers ranged from “it doesn't bother me” to “I'm not going to die” to “I live for today, not for tomorrow.” Of all the students that were interviewed, only one said he wanted to stop.

Smoking is bad. That you've got to admit. It is a definite link to lung cancer. Read the Congressional Report and you will see. If you smoke heavily, there is a good possibility that you will die 15 years before you should — from lung cancer! . . . . .

The object is to live long, not to shorten your life on purpose. Consider **Nat King Cole**, dead from lung cancer at 45 years of age—at the prime of his life. . . You smokers, consider, is it worth it to smoke? Does it really make you feel so big that you want to jeopardize your life and waste your money that could go for something worthwhile? Consider, hesitate, and stop.

## IR CLASS BERLIN BOUND

From April 1-4, Mr. Fred Mueller's International Relations Class of 28 seniors will travel to Berlin. . . . The trip, planned by the American Express Company, will include tours of East and West Berlin. . . .

Mr. Mueller planned the tour so that his seniors would have the opportunity to visit this city of international interest. Because Berlin is a center of international controversy, the trip will be directly related to their course of study in international relations. Judy Lane's and Alex Kissinger's parents will chaperone, and an American Express tour guide will accompany them.

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

It has been said that honesty is the best policy, unless you can find an easier way to achieve your goals. Whether or not this is the philosophy of many Nuernberg students makes no difference — it appears to be their policy.

It is obvious that cheaters cheat because they are too lazy to learn the facts they need to pass a test. But why don't more people cheat? Probably it is because they wish to have the self-respect that cheaters lack. They do not wish to acquire a habit that once started is not easy to stop.

Many teachers seem to think that cheating really is not a problem in this school. Quite possibly it is not in their classes. Only the students themselves know who cheats and who doesn't. Only they realize the full extent of it.

Some people think that cheating is inevitable. It does seem, however, that people who treat this in a condescending manner are likely to be cheaters themselves.

—Neil Ungerleider, junior

April 1, 1965

## SC PLANS EAGLE WEEK

Some time in May the Student Council will have an Eagle Week, which will consist of fun and games, art and hobby exhibits, a talent show, a dance, and many other activities. Almost everything is tied into class competition. The school spirit plaque will be awarded at least once during the week to the class that shows the most spirit or wins the games. — L.P.

## NHS STUDENTS TURN DEE JAY

Every Thursday, students from Mr. Ferguson's creative writing class report to AFN studios to tape "Strictly fir Teens," which can be heard on Saturdays from 11:35 a.m to 12 noon. The program features the latest school news and sports and hit tunes. —L.P.

## 'No Time for Sergeants' To Be Presented Apr. 12

The all-school play, "No Time for Sergeants," directed by Mr. Joseph Ferguson, will be presented in the Kalb Community Theater on April 12. Tickets will be 50¢ a piece.

Starring in the play are **Jack Benner** as Will Stockdale, **Terry DeReyes** as Ben Whitledge, and **Joel Siskin** as Sergeant King.

The play is the story of a country boy (Will) who gets drafted and his misadventures in the service. --D.W.

## MR. STEVENS RETURNS FROM STATESIDE TOUR

You new students, ever hear of somebody named Mr. Stevens? You know, the one who walks around like he runs the school? Well, he does run the school—he's the principal, but he's been gone so long that anybody who came to Nuernberg from January 21 to March 11 is seeing him for the first time.

Mr. Stevens was one of 18 people selected to travel all over the United States to interview teachers who applied to teach overseas. There were three groups of six people each, and in all, 7,000 applicants were interviewed in a five-week period. From this group, 1,000 were selected to teach at dependent schools all over the world next year.

The first week was spent in Washington D.C. This served as a workshop—the 18 men were briefed on the qualities they should consider in selecting the ones who will go overseas. Then the group Mr. Stevens was in went to Pittsburgh, Chicago, Grand Rapids, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Buffalo, New York, Boston, and back to Washington for a one-day round table, where the three groups talked about their respective assignments. . . .

Mr. Stevens said that he found the experience very interesting and profitable, and that some of the finest teachers in the United States will be coming overseas to teach next year. — **Stuart Diamond**

## PLAYBOYS RETURN

Put your magazines in your back pockets and come SEE the "English Playboys."

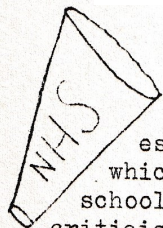
Yes, believe it or not, this fabulous quartet is back again, this time to the Ansbach AYA.

You don't have to like the Beatles to like the Playboys. You don't have to like the Animals to like the Playboys. You don't even have to like England to like the Playboys. The only requirement is to come to Barton Barracks in Ansbach on April 11 to see this really swingin' band. —J. N.

# Editorials



## SCHOOL SPIRIT, WHERE IS IT?



Since the close  
of the football season, the

tide of NHS school spirit  
it has been steadily ebbing  
and has now reached its low-  
est point. The enthusiasm with  
which we first participated in  
school activities is absent, and  
criticism has taken its place.

Buttons and letterman's jackets from  
other schools can be seen all over Nurn-

berg High. The crest is constantly being  
walked on. Last Friday the Junior Class  
sold a mere 100 fight badges, compared to  
the 1,000 it sold each week during foot-  
ball season. There is no unity in NHS  
there aren't even any cheerleaders.

Last Saturday less than 40 people at-  
tended the soccer game.

One can't help but reflect on the many  
complaints uttered by  
fellow students, con-  
cerning this school. Yet if every criticism  
was succeeded by a new  
and better idea, mat-  
ters could and would  
become less deploring.  
And if these same stu-  
dents would put as much  
effort into supporting  
NHS as they do in com-  
plaining, the chances  
of improvement would be  
in our favor.

Nothing can be done  
without the co- opera-  
tion of all the students  
not just a small minor-  
ity. Not everyone. A  
school is only as good as its student  
body. Without the support of the stu-  
dents, the Student Council can do very  
little, the athletic teams don't perform  
to the best of their abilities, and the  
idea of NHS as a united, spirited school  
to be proud of is not present. So why not  
adopt the idea that our school is the  
best? If everyone believed this idea, it  
could be nothing BUT the best!!

Charlotte Summers



KEEP NHS CLEAN

## Eagles Win Class B Football Championship

The sports season opened with a bang at Nu-  
ernberg in the fall of 1964. The football team, which  
was placed in the Class B division this year, started  
their season with an exciting win over the Munich  
Mustangs. The following week the Eagles clobbered  
Augsberg 33-0 for their first shutout of the year. In  
another close game, the Eagles squeezed by Heidel-  
berg 13-6. This was followed by a romp over Lud-  
wigsburg, which ended in a 25-6 score. Heidelberg  
again succumbed to NHS, this time by 21-0.

Having won the Class B championship, Nu-  
ernberg next met Wiesbaden, co-winner of the Class  
A, in the Eagles' Homecoming game. Wiesbaden  
bowed to the power of the undefeated Eagles 18-0.

Nuernberg placed five men on the All-  
USAREUR Class B team. These five were backs  
**Ron Ross** and **Ralph Kemper**, center **Jack Ben-  
ner**, guard **Preston Hilman**, and tackle **Jim Duffel**.  
Four of these were unanimous choices. Ralph, who  
averaged over 100 yards a game, was named on all  
but one of the ballots.

— Doug Brennan

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# Wake UP SLEEPY LETTERMEN

We believe in conformity but our standard of pride to wear and display the varsity "N" is currently being mistreated. Our present team of lettermen are to blame. The school colors of green and white numerals are off set by boys who dare to wear letters from other schools, be it JV or varsity.

Perhaps the fault lies with the unconcerned attitude which is pre-occupying the attention of our present lettermen and the club they represent. Certainly no objection is made over the different colored jackets worn as long as they have no letter on them. Once in a new school your loyalty should be directed towards your present school. Old glories and memories should be packed away and put

with your own personal scrapbook. Your rated on what you do, not what you did.

To change current practices the lettermen's club must take the bull by the horns and initiate immediate action to stop this disrespectful display. The lettermen could rally with spirit and pride and do something **constructively** with varsity sport awards, otherwise major athletics at NHS are in jeopardy.

By taking these necessary steps the club will **gain strength and respect**. The whole problem is in their tender hands. They may try washing them but they'll still be bruised and blistered if their not cared for.

John Babbitt

# April fools' day

Are you a Poisson d'avril or a gowk? Did your best friend send you to count how many feathers there are in a foam-rubber pillow--but you can't find a pillow? Did your mother tell you to look under the dog for your egg this morning--but all you found was an old bone? Have you been calculating like mad all morning to figure out how long it would take a bloodhound weighing 97 lbs. to fly 78 miles at 17  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles an hour?

If so you are a gowk or a Poisson d'avril. You have been the butt of an April Fool's joke. Yes--it's April 1 again. On this day the most dignified people (even seniors) may be labeled as fools. In Scotland the making of fools is called "hunting" the gowk." The gowk being a cuckoo, the symbol of the simpleton. In France the person Made a fool of is called a "Pois-

d'avril" or, in English, a fish. In Mexico, this day is chiefly noted for the custom that any object borrowed on this day does not have to be returned.

One theory of the origin of this day of pranks and practical jokes seems related to the vernal equinox, when nature fools mankind with sudden changes from sunshine to showers. So be careful of a seemingly innocent request that might just turn out to be a bit wet.

