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1970-71 School Year

25th year of the school's existence

Graduating Class of 1971

This File: School Newspaper

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Marching Backward to 1970-71 school year

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1970-71

- Salvador Allende becomes president of Chile, first elected Marxist president
- The Beatles disband
- India invades East Pakistan, routing Pakistani army: Pakistan must accept creation of independent Bangladesh
- Communist China joins UN, replacing Taiwan
- Intel introduces the first microprocessor
- Huge anti-war march in Washington D.C.
- Daniel Ellsberg leaks top secret Pentagon Papers, papers which help discredit Johnson/Nixon Vietnam War policies

Debby Brown, Ivan Holman elected Homecoming Queen, King

When **Debby Brown** was declared Homecoming Queen, the stands broke out in wild cheers. She descended the stairs to be greeted by **Ivan Holman**, the king. While trumpets blared, he escorted her to the stand surrounded by students. The band formed a double circle around the court and played the theme from "Romeo and Juliet." The football team dashed onto the field, and as the band left, the queen boarded the winning float and drove off, waving to the crowds.

Mannheim defeated the Eagles 6-4.



Mike Powell is Valedictorian

Mike is also sports editor for the *Trichter*, president of the Dorm Council, and voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by the senior class.



Mario Curzi is Salutatorian

Mario is also president of the National Honor Society chapter, a champion wrestler, and a song writer.



And where are
the stars of yesteryear?

Great JV Football Team Deserves Victory Flag

We have a great Junior Varsity football squad, but there is a problem. When they win, the team does not get the total recognition that it deserves. About ten years ago, a "Victory Flag" was made and used by the varsity team. However, at that time the JV team was not considered important enough to rate a flag.

This year the Nürnberg Junior Varsity football team has an undefeated record for the Red Division (7-0). An exceptional team? Definitely!!!

Wouldn't you agree that this fine team deserves a flag? **Miss Crowell's** third period sophomore English class thought the same. The class came up with the idea during a discussion about school spirit.

The class provided all the talent. From several designs presented, **Steve Hall's** was chosen.

On Friday, Oct. 30, **Mr. Gussner**, the JV coach, received the flag.

From the NHS *Trichter*

John Kamensky, editor

Mrs. Norene Mathern, adviser

Ed. Note: Only 2 issues of this school year are extant. The 1971 yearbook makes no mention of a prom queen or king.

November issue

New name proposed for school newspaper

Choose from these three suggested names: The Eagles' Eye, The Eagle Review, The Eagle Spread.

December issue

A *Trichter* is . . .

A proposition was brought up to change the name of the newspaper, but since no one seemed to want it changed, the old name has been retained.

Student Council Votes For New Dress Code

The next step is the administration approval. Some of the things stated are that no student should be allowed to wear attire harmful to himself or other students. Hair should be neatly cut and combed, and beards should be neatly trimmed.

Dozens of Doughnuts Downed Daily

Dozens of doughnuts and gallons of milk are being consumed daily between 10:30 and 10:45 at NHS. How is this possible?

A fifteen minute break has been added to our schedules. Approximately 70 dozen doughnuts brought from the bakery, 5 gallons of milk bought from the commissary, and fruit from the cafeterias are sold each day. [Was this the beginning of the "Super Size Me Movement?" - Ed.]

First Ski Trip a Success

For 79 members of the Ski Club, the four-day Thanksgiving vacation was spent in Krimmel, Austria.

When club sponsor, **Mr. Marv Wilson**, was asked to reveal a particularly humorous incident, he said, "Captain Olander and I raced on short skis; we both crashed!"

See picture of Miss Crowell's students and their flag on next page.

October 9, 1970

HUMANITIES NEW AT NHS

This year a new course has swept NHS — the seniors Humanities Class. The course is being taught simultaneously by Miss Patricia O'Brian, who handles literature; Mr. Hajicek, music; Miss Phyllis Barwick, art; and Mr. Paul Owen, philosophy.

Part of their plan went into action the first day of school, August 31. The seniors reported to the Kalb Theater to find a dark and gloomy atmosphere. Here the students were interrogated with unusual questions, some of which were personal. After the interrogation, they were given a number to go by and ordered to their assigned seats. All students were addressed in a cold, harsh tone by the four instructors garbed in long black robes.

The next day, gruesome films were shown on the Klu Klux Klan.

The following day students were given the reason behind the mean, mysterious classes. As Mr. Hajicek put it, "We wanted to show them the inhumane side of man to give them an understanding of humanity, and teach them to appreciate the arts." This is their goal for the year. —Belinda Alexander

February 1, 1971

NHS GREETES INTERESTING ENGLISH PROGRAM

A new English program, based on interest rather than requirement greeted students at Nurnberg High School when the doors opened for second semester in January.

The program, instituted in USDESEA on an experimental basis earlier this year, is the first fully implemented plan at any dependent school in Europe, according to English instructor, Fred Dyer.

Under the new plan, everything is geared toward the students; the English department counsels the students on the requirements needed for college, and then it is up to the students to select their own courses.

Overall, 28 different English courses are being offered, including such courses as Modern Black Writers, Contemporary Novelists, and Modern American Literature, along with old standbys such as grammar and Shakespearean studies.

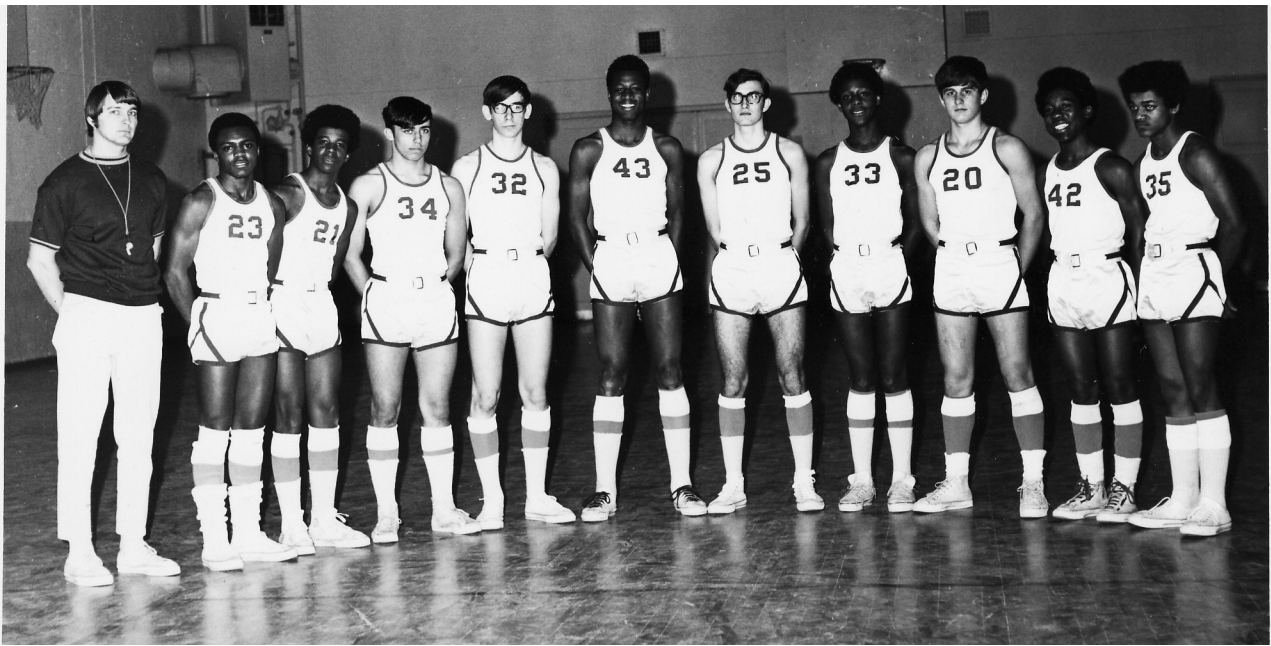
"We are finally recognizing the fact that kids have changed," Dyer said. "With this course, we are taking a more realistic approach. We aren't trying to impose on them what was imposed on us in the classroom 20 years ago."

One of the big points in the new plan was gearing reading courses toward reading for pleasure rather than for study. The new approach gives the student more freedom and greater enthusiasm. Kids were bored under the old system; it is hoped that the new approach will eliminate that. However, the success of the new system depends on the students' reactions.

Most classes being offered are limited to 30 students per class, the size of an average class. Classes such as Creative Writing are limited to fewer due to the working relationship needed between the instructor and the students involved.



Students in Miss Crowell's class proudly display the Victory Flag they made for the Eagles' undefeated JV basketball team.



The 1970-71 NHS JV Basketball Team: L to R: Coach Tom Gussner, Bobby Sledge, Carl Freeman, Wally Knight, Bob Crosby, Larry Flowers, John Covington, Rodney Blackman, Mike Graf, Ralph Brown, Mickey Wardell

Conference Record: 12 Wins-2 Losses
Returning Lettermen From '69-70: None

Blue Division Conference Champion

Season Summary
by Coach Tom Gussner

The Nurnberg High School Eagles Junior Varsity Basketball Team opened the 1971-70 season by winning nine consecutive games before losing to the Mannheim J.V. 32-30 at home. That loss was followed by a 68-56 defeat at the hands of Heidelberg, but the Eagles recovered the next day, posting a 59-48 victory over the Lions.

The Eagles begin the season utilizing hot shooting, a relentless pressing defense, and strong rebounding to take a pair of games from Frankfurt. Larry Flowers scored 20 of the Eagles 60 points on Friday, and Wally Knight led the team effort with 25 on Saturday.

The following weekend, Larry Flowers scored 23 points Friday and 28 on Saturday as the Kaiserslautern Red Raiders fell victim to a hot Eagle team that was gaining confidence with each victory. Wally Knight contributed 14 in the first game.

Nurnberg then rolled over Stuttgart twice at home before traveling to Weisbaden, who was not able to slow down the Big Green Machine. Flowers and Knight combined for 67 points against the J.V. Warriors. John covington and Mike Graf dominated the boards.

After beating Mannheim at home Friday night, and running their win streak to nine games, the Nurnberg J.V. lost their first game of the season to the Bison on Saturday by two points as mentioned above. The Green and White J.V. concluded the schedule with two wins in Munich to clinch the Blue Division Conference Title with a 12 win 2 loss effort.

Flowers averaged 16.7 points per game with Knight adding 12.1 ppg during the season.

Expectations were high for the following campaign as the J.V. Eagles put together one of the most exciting and successful basketball seasons in the history of the school just outside of historic Nurnberg.

Honor Roll May Be Abolished

Cries of "Why?" rose from both students and faculty when the administration announced that the honor roll had been abolished. (The honor roll is a list of all students who have made a 3.4 average or better.)

Discussing this issue, Dr. Kermit Workman, head of the guidance department, commented, "We (the guidance department) have nothing to do with the Honor Roll." He added that it was current practice not to have an honor roll, but rather to give outstanding students recognition at the end of the year. (Incidentally, this has been done at NHS for several years in addition to the Honor Roll.)

Mr. Steve Collins, principal, said that the Honor Roll will soon be "a thing of the past in all schools. . . there is a de-emphasis on grades and an emphasis on learning. This is an attempt to avoid unfairness to those who are working at their best level but can never make the Honor roll."

He went on to say that friends of honor students sometimes make fun of them; "so students try to stay off." Abolishing the Honor Roll is "not an attempt to take away honors." Tossing out Honor Rolls isn't USDESEA policy, but "may become policy soon," he concluded.

A quick survey of the school, teachers, and students, shows that many agree revoking the Honor Roll takes away the incentive for competition; however, this competition shouldn't be overemphasized.

We live in a democratic society. A move to get rid of school tradition should be brought up to the Student Council, and the faculty for a vote.

English Changes

Because the new elective English courses were relatively successful, this program will be continued for the following nine weeks.

Several alterations in courses have accompanied the change over to the last marking period. Various subjects were eliminated; new ones were substituted. The additions to the program are: Reading a Newspaper, Science Fiction, an English Lit Survey, Public Speaking, and Creative Writing. Junior High level courses are Grammar, Reading, the Novel, Short Stories, and a study of Edgar Allen Poe.

Naturally, the subjects assigned to each period are different.

Cindy Perry

March 29, 1971

41 TAPPED FOR HONOR SOCIETY

Wednesday, in a hushed theater, 41 new members were inducted into the National Honor Society.

At 2:30, candle-bearing Honor Society members filed on stage at the Kalb Community Theater to begin the solemn program. An induction ceremony is held annually by the Honor Society for those who have shown themselves worthy.

Rosie Soliz began the program by asking the student body to rise and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. Margaret Lisiecki gave the first speech on character. Marilyn Lankford followed with a speech on service, Mario Curzi spoke on leadership, and John Kamensky gave the qualities of scholarship. Then the old members went out into the audience and tapped the new members. After all the inductees had lit the candles they had been given, they followed Terry Spence in reciting the Honor Society Oath. The induction ceremony was followed by a reception at the Kalb Officers' Club for the new inductees and their parents.

The new inductees are: Seniors Roland Gorrell, Monica Hartke, Janet Harlow, Mike Hewitt, Barbara Mara, and Mike Powell. Juniors are: Gerald Davis, Ruth DeSaegher, Christine Fitchner, Bill Ginalick, Patricia Gorrell, Mike McAuliffe, Pamela Miller, Carolynne Muehsam, and Cindi Tucker.

Accepted as probationary members are sophomores Peggy Alvarez, Ed Armitage, Peter Bailey, Doris Bukantis, Colleen Campbell, Maryann Connolly, John Covington, Robert Crosby, Gail Doss, Sheiley Flippen, Keith Garz, Diane Heussler, Keith Johnson, Rebecca Lott, Gary Monroe, Sam Murray, Judy Peebles, Cindy Perry, Eleanor Pinter, Lynn Pisarski, Doris Posey, Ken Tinsman, Barbara Widman, Beverly Widman, and Linda Zuskind.

Are Eighth Graders "Banshees"?

In your last edition of the newspaper, in the Dear Editor Column, you called some of the eighth-graders "banshees". In the dictionary, it is defined as "a fairy in Irish folklore that wails outside a house to inform the occupants of an approaching death." I assume you were saying we made a lot of noise. I do not think this is entirely fair. There are some immature eighth-graders--just like there are some immature seniors! So, do not call the whole class of "75" "banshees", because we're not.

Margaret Widman
Class of 1975

Dear Margaret,

Congrats--somebody knows how to use a dictionary. You were the only eighth grader to write. I can safely assume the rest felt they fit the description. In my answer I was only referring to the eighth graders in the building; in your letter, you implied the entire eighth grade was there--so that's why that place was so noisy!

You had a very neat, well-written letter. From that, I can say there are some mature eighth graders. I hope you can spread your class spirit among your classmates.

--Editor

Report Thefts

I shall neither be the first nor the last person to have had his goods lifted. Who is to blame? No one but ourselves. We either leave our valuables in lockers or forget to lock them properly. One must realize that there are "bodies" lurking in our school's halls who shall and will take full advantage of our mistakes. Most likely, you'll end up paying for it, the hard way.

We have more professional thieves enrolled in this school than students. We must pull the plug; it can't continue any further than what it has. In order to protect yourself as well as others, report any sort of vandalism seen to the proper authorities. Your negligence to report any vandalism seen may one day in turn hurt you when you have had one of your possessions stolen. This is the only way we as students may decrease the vandalism which thrives so well in our school.

Roland Gorrell

Promote Foreign Relations

Why is it that so many of us isolate ourselves from our German hosts as soon as we arrive in Germany? So many of us complain that there is nothing to do, but how many have attempted to make friends with the German population? Language should pose no problem, because most German students of our age speak English. They are eager to make friends if one treats them as human beings. There have been incidents of spitting from our school buses into the faces of innocent Germans. What a fine way to promote German-American relationships! We litter their country when we throw paper on the ground. It is fine with them if we litter the United States, but they don't appreciate us littering their country.

When German students visit our school, not many of us are interested in showing them around. There seems to be a lack of interest; or, it is just selfishness which prevails in this school?

If we think of ourselves as guests, we are very rude guests, because polite guests don't ignore their hosts; we aren't hurting the Germans with our conceit; we are hurting ourselves. Our unpopularity is our own fault--we have created the American Image overseas. If any of us go back to America saying that Europe is awful because there is nothing to do, then one can be assured that this person did not take advantage of anything except the Snack-Bar and the local movie. So, if one doesn't attempt anything, he only deserves to be dissatisfied with his stay here in Germany. There is no general solution to this problem--it is up to the individual.

Trudi Wickham

Bored With NHS?

"Why isn't there anything going in this school. There's never anything to do." This is commonly heard around NHS. Is it true; if so, why?

Planning and carrying out an activity takes time and work. When nobody attends, it is disheartening and it discourages the organization from more activities. After all, if no one wants to come, why bother anything. For instance, during Dental Health Week, Anne Christy, through the Student Council, organized a treasure hunt. Two people out of the whole school showed up.

The Sophomores worked all year to have the Sweetheart Ball. About 100 students and a dozen teachers came.

Maybe if the faculty pushed for participation in events, attendance might pick up, but I doubt it. The teachers attack themselves. For instance, Mr. Fred Dyer organized the Dental Health assembly and his colleagues afterwards called him a "pervayer of vulgarity", and said the assembly was an "insult to intelligence". The faculty doesn't even support the Trichter. Seven out of 61 bought our last issue.

School was dismissed several weeks ago so we could attend a basketball game. Out of a school of 1027, around 330 students attended. More might have gone if the teachers had escorted their classes, but there were only 22 teachers there.

If students would participate in organized activities, there would be more activities. (If you don't like what is offered, suggest new ideas.) If the faculty gave its support to activities, more students would attend. And when there are a lot of spirited activities with a lot of spirited students, encouraged by a lot of spirited teachers, we have a lot of school spirit.

John Kamensky



Our last "Letters to the Editor" box was swiped out of the main lobby. A new one will be chained there in the future. Letters will be printed if they are signed.

In order to defray the cost of printing, Trichter will sell ads in the paper at 20 cents per line. Anyone may buy ad space. If you want to see the school paper continued in print, encourage your activity or class to buy ad space. Ads may be paid to David Shumway.

Little Spirit

As a varsity cheerleader, I feel I can say that there is very little school spirit.

One of the reasons for this lack of school spirit is that students living in out-lying areas tend to become involved in AYA rather than in school activities. This problem could be curbed if a greater number of the students living in these areas took interest in the sports events and requested that there be some type of transportation to and from these activities.

Our teams need support not only from the cheerleaders, but also from the student body. So get involved in our sports activities and cheer our athletes on to victory.

Mary Gundacker
Varsity Cheerleader

I'm going to be a traffic policeman when I grow up.

Because of the handsome uniform you'll wear?

No, because I'll be able to play in the middle of the street.

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