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Graduating Class of 1975

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Excerpts from the *Trichter*, Vol. 29

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Marching Backward to 1974-75 School Year

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1974-75

- July - Watergate Scandal: House Judiciary Committee adopts 3 articles of impeachment against President Richard M. Nixon
- Aug. - Richard Nixon becomes first President of the United States to resign from office. His Vice President, Gerald Ford, takes the oath of office and becomes the 38th President
- Sept. - President Ford pardons former President Nixon for any crimes Nixon may have committed while in office
- Oct. - The "Rumble in the Jungle" between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman takes place in Zaire. Ali knocks out an exhausted Foreman after 8 rounds, regaining the Heavyweight Boxing Title
- Feb. - Margaret Thatcher defeats Edward Heath for leadership of the United Kingdom Conservative Party
- Apr. - Vietnam War ends as Communist forces take Saigon and South Vietnam surrenders unconditionally
- World population reaches 4 billion people

Excerpts from the NHS *Trichter*

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[Only 2 issues from this school year are extant, October and November]

EDITORIAL

In our last issue, we criticized the apathetic attitude of the students at our school. This time, however, we would like to make you aware that this attitude is also portrayed by some of the teachers.

Isn't it rather ironic that teachers wholeheartedly think they use the "new method" of teaching by becoming more personally involved with students yet feel teaching involves only 5 hours in the classroom. Idealistically, a teacher should "teach" beyond this required 5 hours daily.

27 Going On 28: Mr. Mulder

Mr. Mulder, our new drama and speech teacher, has come to Nürnberg after teaching for five years in Baumholder. He is easily recognized by the way he towers over the rest of us at six feet, four inches.

Mr. Mulder has many interests. One of these is "Teachers' Rights." When asked his opinion of "Students' Rights," he said they are great as long as they don't infringe on his rights.

Mr. Mulder has, by his own admissions, been 27 for the past seven years, and is planning to turn 28 this year. Hopefully, NHS will get many good years out of him as he slowly approaches his thirties.

Bigot Takes the Stage at Assembly

On October 11, an assembly in the theater featured "The John Gray Experience."

At one point in the assembly, Mr. Gray (in the role of a bigot), walked out saying we were just dumb kids and didn't understand - he received a round of applause for his departure.

Yet, he startled everyone when he returned and began talking about the different things which happen at schools when he role plays. At some schools, he did not find kids outspoken enough against what he said as a bigot. He expressed his happiness toward the NHS students and thanked them for speaking out.



Rhonda Morgan
to Lead Seniors

Mr. and Miss NHS:
Carol Thompson and
Melvin Bivens

Senior Superlatives

Friendliest: *Donna Tucker, Urel Crane*
Best Dressed: *Colleen Colbrese, Mel Bivens*

Cutest: *Jamie Replogle, Robert McDonnell*

Shyest: *Ellen Farris, Rick Graham*

Flirts: *Becky Hawkins, Brian Horrocks*

Most Athletic: *Kathy Savary, Mark Brandon*

Motor Mouths: *Maria Brogi, James Vaughn*

Most School Spirited: *Carol Thompson, Eddie Carneal* (Student Council Presidents)

Most Likely to Succeed: *Karen Garman, David Stone* (National Honor Society)

Class Clowns: *Lizette Chevalier, Jeff Tilman*



Four NHS Students Climb the Matterhorn

Four members of mountaineering Explorer Post 999 - Don Williams, Steve Stroming, Craig Dixon, Karl Herrington - climbed this summer the 14,690 ft. high mountain that has taken the lives of hundreds of climbers through the years.

They left their camp at 3:30 a.m. on July 30. Three-fifths of the way up, they roped themselves together. At about 150 ft. from the summit, they had to strap on their crampons (climbing spikes).

After reaching the summit and spending a half hour realizing what they had done, they started the long, tedious descent, arriving back safely at 9:30 p.m. that night. Too tired to eat, they crawled into their sleeping bags. . . .

Eagle Footballers Finish 2nd
in Red Division, Falling to 1st
Place Heidelberg 27-12

And Where Are
The Superlatives of Yester-
year?

ROTC Swings

The most looked forward to social event of the ROTC students is the Annual Military Ball, which took place in the Kalb Officers' Club, Tuesday, November 26 from 1930 to 2400 hours.

The cadet corp was honored by the presence of Brigadier General George B. Price, LTC Beaugard Brown, and NHS Principal, Mr. Stephen Collins.

Following Military Procedure, the cadets passed through the traditional receiving line composed of their host and honored guests. Afterwards, they dined and enjoyed the music of "McCullen Page". The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the expected special order, where cadets who have distinguished themselves by their academic, drill, and leadership abilities were promoted.

Special credit for having made this event a success must be given to the following cadets: LTC Charles Harvey, Maj. Barton Benson, Cpt. Andy Davis, 2Lt. Phyllis Dickerson and MSG William Lockhart. The cadet corp also wishes to express its appreciation to the Military Science Instructors and the principal for their cooperation in this event.

—Rick Cruz

Drop the Pop

For the past few months the prices of canned and bottled carbonated drinks have risen to unbelievable heights. We ask you, is this truly necessary? Can we, the teenagers, tolerate this much longer? No. For this reason some students have formed together to start a boycott of all carbonated soft drinks. (cont. pg. 4c1)



Working Together

The week of November 11-15th was indeed a very exciting and memorable one for 26 NHS'ers and their four chaperones, when they all paid a visit to Hinderbrand Lodge in Berchtesgaden to participate in a Human Relations Outdoor Workshop: "Let's Get It All Together." These 26 students were interviewed and chosen from 165 other students by their chaperones— Mrs. Victoria Vieira, Ms. Jane Ware, Mr. Clint Mowery, and Mr. Glenn Schope. This trip was the first of what is hoped to be a series of workshops of this kind at NHS. The next one should be held sometime in the spring.

While staying at the lodge, a typical day's schedule went something like this:

1. 7:00, Rise and Shine. For the males on the trip, this meant five minutes to put on their sweatsuits and 30 minutes to wait for the "feminine" half of the group. For the females, it meant waking to the sound of Mr. Mowery's "7:00, girls! Rise and shine!" We never could figure out what there was to shine about, so most of us usually just turned over and went back to sleep. Once we finally dragged ourselves from sleep, we joined together outside for our morning of

2. Exercises and the Dip and Run. After our morning exercises, we would jog for a mile and a half (or try to), and take a little dip in a nearby (cont. pg. 4, col. 2)

Makin' the Grade

The Honor Roll for the first quarter of this year, it seems, is about the only thing that hasn't heard of inflation. Last year's first quarter gave 120 students with 3.5 and above, now it's down to 99. The 4.0's (straight A's), are down, too, from 13 to 11 now. But after all, 99 out of 760 isn't that bad, especially with such a high standard (most schools use 3.0 or 3.2—we use 3.5).

The top achievers, with 4.0 are SENIORS: Rebecca Hawkins, David Stone; JUNIORS: Cyril Bassich, Andre Everett, Ralph Stoffler, Steve Stroming, Donald Williams; SOPHOMORES: Mike Donovan, Penny Henritsy, Jane Wauben; and FRESHMEN: Cynthia Lady.

Seniors with a 3.5 mark up to a 4.0 are: Ramona Briggans, Eddie Carneal, Lizette Chevalier, Andrea Childs, Cynthia Cinatl, Keith Clem, Gunther Conway, Monica Costell, Jackie Fowler, Karen Garman, Scott Gaskill, Tracy Hemming, Roberta Holstein, Renda Johnson, John Kloke, Roy Martin, Rhonda Morgan, Sharon muth, Jamie Replogle, George Roseborough, Stephen Santa Ana, Daniel Stephens, Carol Thompson, Sharon Tracy, Pamela Tunney, and Carroll Waring.

On top of the Junior class with 3.5 or better are: Vickie Alvarado, Mark Benacquista, Cay Campbell, Ricardo Cruz, Craig Dixon, Patricia Downey, Ashley Garman, Jasmin Gerer, Linda Gering, Cathy Gordy, Stan Gregg, Sheryl Hallmark, Peter Jannusik, Monica Melancon, Fred Merchant, Susan Mueller, Stephanie Rehusch, David Robertson, Philip Tiewater, Charles Wauben, Kathy Werner, and Barbara Willi. (Honor Roll, Continued Pg. 4, Col. 1)

Hillbillies On The Run

Sadie Hawkins originates from "Lil Abner," a cartoon by Al Capp in which the unmarried girls were to pursue the bachelor of their choice.

During the week of 11-14 November, a series of events were held for the Sadie Hawkins holiday. On the 11th, the tug of war was held on the field by the gym. The members of the winning team were: Barbara Anderson, Robert McDonnell, Jeff Tillman, Bill Lockhart, and Keith Clem.

On Tuesday during lunch, the pie-eating contest was held in the lobby. The first prize, a record album, was awarded to Paul Geuge. Runners-up were Keith Mann, 2nd; Robert McDonnell, 3rd; and Ricky Sutton, 4th. The catch was that each contestant had his hands tied behind his back.

The tricycle race, which was scheduled for Wednesday, was cancelled because someone had the sudden urge for a few tricycles.

On the 14th, a few people gathered in the lobby for the costume contest, dressed as hillbillies. The two winners were Lydia Jaros, for the funniest costume, and Ashley Garman, for most original. A lot of the other kids dressed up too, showing the spirit of Sadie Hawkins day.

The highlight of the holiday was the dance on the night of the 14th in the gym. Features were the Marriage and Divorce Booths, and the Jail, which went unguarded through most of the dance. Everything got off to a good start at 7:00 and started breaking up about 10:30-11:00. Everyone had a great time.

You guys better watch out when MORP comes around next spring!

—Liz Moore and Denise Morrow

EDITORIAL

We had different plans for this editorial. But, instead, we are complimenting the number of individuals who have shown interest and spirit toward NHS. This spirit can be seen through numerous opinions in "Letters to the Editor", the return and response to clubs, many contributions to the literary magazine, spirit at pep rallies and games, and more and better responses to human relations activities.

It may sound optimistic to many, but we feel that this spirit will stay for the year, instead of fading away after the first few months.

If students do continue devoting their time and effort for the school, NHS will be in for a better year.

—The Editors

In the last issue of the Trichter, the Editors criticized the apathetic attitude of some of the teachers at this school. It stated that the teachers when asked to help with something, said that they "don't want to bother." And that some teachers don't venture outside of the classroom in helping with school activities. I'd like to say a few words in defense of these teachers. Few students realize what it is like to sponsor a club or other school activity. It's a thankless job, and you receive criticism left and right. An example is the Ski Club. In the past, on an average, when 70 or more students went skiing, maybe 3 (if that many), remembered to thank the people who made the trip possible, and then had to put up with student misconduct, and student and parent criticism. Now you know why past sponsors absolutely refuse to sponsor the Ski Club anymore.

Many teachers complain that when they sponsor something, they find themselves doing all the work, while the students and the parents sit back and let them. Teachers also say that they are too busy helping students with school work to get involved in school activities. After all, if students weren't doing satisfactorily in their school work, they could scarcely afford to become involved in school activities. True, there are a few teachers who don't fall into any of the categories mentioned above, but I think it's because of the lack of student involvement. After all, what's the sense of sponsoring a club for maybe three students? So, in summarizing, I think the small degree of true teacher apathy will be cured, when the student apathy has disappeared.

—Cay Campbell, NHS Student

Dear NHS:

I was angry and disappointed when I read your 1974 yearbook. It reflects the entire negative mentality of many of you. Specifically, I speak of the sarcastic poem on page 111 which exposes the gross ignorant attitude that you have toward my homeland.

I am a German-American, a senior at NHS. I speak as a friend with the "garbage-pickers" whom the poem refers to. The faces in the photo above it could be my relatives, my friends.

My relatives, and all older Germans, have lived through the destruction of their home and livelihood, have buried loved ones while their children went hungry in World War II, when America punished the nation for the mistakes of one dictator.

You, American, have never had to suffer. Not even overseas do you have to leave your little world. The PX, the snack bar, Coke, potato chips, TV—everything your life needs is right here in Germany. You don't even have to bother to consider the local people and their ways of living. After all, shouldn't you show the world that you're an AMERICAN? Go in restaurants with dirty sneakers and filthy shirt tails and your nose in the air—they'll know you're American! Turn your tape players on full volume so they'll hear it too. Talk like you always do—filthy-mouthed—bringing everything down. And by all means be as disrespectful as possible to store clerks, waiters, and janitors. You know they're not your equals, because they're Krauts! They can just bring you your beer and clean the mess up afterwards.

But then don't be surprised that the whole Ski Club almost got kicked out of Austria. Don't be surprised that last year's Senior class got into trouble in Mallorca. And don't be surprised when a German is not all friendly and nice toward Americans. That person has learned by experience!

Of course what I'm saying here by far doesn't apply to all of you who are reading this. As usual, it's only a few who spoil it for the whole group. Many of you are understanding and considerate people who see that European customs generally provide for more quiet, cleanliness, and consideration in public than do your customs. But if what I've written does apply to you, then you're probably so used to your own sloppy ways that you don't even notice what slobos you are really being. Then you're one of the people for whom the sarcasm in the yearbook was intended, and for whom this letter is intended. But you probably rejected my words as soon as you found out that I'm just another dumb Kraut.

—The Kraut of '75

I am an art student. I like art, and the feeling that fellow students put into paintings and drawings, because I understand what goes into art.

Recently, art students had works displayed on the bulletin board in the main lobby, for viewing by the NCA and the people at the Scholarship Fund Bazaar. When the pictures were taken down, they had been written and smeared on by someone. Among other damages, some football players had written "Eagles" and their numbers on a painting.

Is this how low you have sunk? You may not appreciate the work of others, or the pride they take in it, but at least you don't have to ruin their work to show yourselves off. After all, you're just showing your own selfishness.

—A.C.



I would like to stress something a lot of junior high kids have been discussing.

We think it's unjust to put us in the back of the theater when we have pep rallies, for the following reasons:

1. It is a widely known fact that Jr. High kids attend football games more often than high school students.

2. During the pep rallies in the theater, the audience at times goes wild. The students in the front stand up and yell, causing Jr. High students to do the same. I thoroughly approve of such spirit, but the fact lies that the students in the back can't see.

So, in the future, could the Jr. High be considered to sit in the front during pep rallies sometimes?

We may be younger, but we have feelings, too! —Name Withheld '79"

Hopefully you will print this letter as the other side to the 1973-74 yearbook story.

When the yearbook "finally came" (as many people groaned), practically all there was to hear were complaints.

"Look at all these empty spaces," was a common one. "Why are they cutting down the Germans," said in reference to two poems in the yearbook.

The reason the yearbook was so late is maybe because there were only three people who really worked on it. No one cared then—but now that it has come out everyone seems to have their say about it. (Reminds me of the Little Red Hen).

There were two poems (on page 111 & 77) that some say express anti-German themes. Perhaps these people need new glasses or perhaps maybe they need to take a course in poetry, because if you correctly interpret the poems, you will realize that they show how some Americans think—not how Germans really are.

The '73-74 yearbook staff (?) is not to be blamed for the empty spaces. For some unfortunate reason the publishers left out several art blocks, resulting in...blank spaces.

Perhaps the worst complaint heard is that the yearbook was totally negative. True...but, the yearbook is the result of only two people's interpretation of our school. And you can honestly say you influenced them in anything but the negative aspects?

I really think that this year the school is much less apathetic and much more spirited. Hopefully I as a yearbook staffer and you as N.H.S. students will help to reflect this in the 74-75 yearbook!

—Penny Henritz & Nancy Muth

Honor Roll, cont. from pg. 1,

High up in the class of '77 are: Gloria Amberly, Anita Bassich, Theresa Bright, Carin Campbell, Rene Davis, Kevin Donovan, Gary Engel, Carolyn Farris, Ronald Fite, Dennis Gray, Angela Gregg, Connie Hansen, Chris Hoke, Arlene Hoogerwerff, Janet Hukill, Lydia Jaros, Pam Murray, Michael Nugent, Joan Philpott, Sarah Rehusch, Michael Roberts, Steven Robertson, Thomas Scott, Karen Smith, Peter Soltys, Mark Stone, Melvin Van Vleet, Petra Wetherill, and Harry Woolsey.

Last but far from least, come the Freshmen: Rinnetta Blue, Jeffery Cullen, Charlotte Hardcastle, Kim Henritay, Carol Hughes, Pete Kallio, Kenneth Kremer, Deborah Miller, Elizabeth Murray, Julia Nurgun, Regina Raab, Julia Sonneman, Jill Stroming, Cynthia Tanner, Ernest Tolson, and Michelle West.

Girls have always been ahead in our honor rolls, but they've been losing steadily from 2-1 down to less than 3-2. The 4.0's, formerly female territory, has been taken over by the fellows, 7-4.

A breakdown by classes shows the Seniors on top with 20 (based on percentage), then the Juniors, Sophs, and the Freshies. By number, the 10th grade leads with 30, 12th has 28, 11 has 25, and 9th has 16. Most productive are Senior girls, at 24% least are Freshmen guys at 4%.

Due to missing grades at the time this list was compiled, your name may have been omitted. If you should have been included, please give your name to Mrs. Mathern, so a correction can be printed. —Linda Everett

Boycott, cont. from pg. 1,

The students are the crux of the soft drink empire, so it should depend on us what we want to pay. With this in mind a group of students have united to boycott. This group plans to start a boycott in NHS, with the help of all the students, and then hope to start a spark in all other USDESFA high schools.

If we become united towards one goal, we could achieve what we want and maybe save our little earnings that we have each month.

The most important point of this soda boycott is unity. So we ask all students and their parents to unite in this carbonated drink boycott.

—The Union of Student Boycotters

What's Happening, cont. from pg. 3,

SCORING:

1. A=5, B=3, C=0
2. A=3, B=1, C=0
3. A=3, B=5, C=0
4. A=0, B=5, C=3
5. A=0, B=5, C=3, D=5
6. A=5, B=3, C=0
7. A=5, B=0, C=3
8. A=3, B=0, C=5

45-35—You've Made It!

34-25—You're On The Right Track!

24-1—Shape Up! —JoAnn Lewis

JV Grabs 2nd

The Junior Varsity Eagles finished strong, winning three of their four games to wind up the season in second place in the Red Division behind undefeated Heidelberg. Injuries and lack of depth hindered the Eagles to the extent that they had to cancel a game with Wiesbaden (there were only 13 healthy players). Bobby Gregory and Rod Arceneaux handled the quarterback duties with Gregory throwing two TD passes against Mannheim for a winning Homecoming. The offensive line seemed to improve as Deayne Houston, Ricky Boone, Mark Davis, Ray Gardner, and Preston Stevens opened holes for the small but elusive running backs. Ernie Marvin and Ron Fite led the scoring with 18 total points each, Greg Hallmark accounted for 12, and Charles Buster added his crucial TD in the final game against Bitburg. Defensive standouts included Jim Casaway, Mark Stone, Mike Evans, Mike Gering, and Barry Woolsey, along with Fite and Marvin who were also elected team co-captains. Also available for duty were Bob Hicks, Deayne Maxson, Ricky White, and Steve Burgess. Players injured during the season who will still receive JV letters are Wade Axton, Don Blake, Butch Baker, and Jim Waring.

Coach Gussner's closing statement was, "I wish to express my gratitude to line coach Dan Szyvec and the 24 players that have made our season successful. In my 5 years at NHS I've had teams with more talent and size but have never experienced so much courage or desire. It is encouraging to realize that NHS has young men of this high quality."

Well, that wraps up another season. You saw what you wanted and worked hard for it and we're proud of you. —Sandra Thomas

Eagles On The Go

The Nurnberg Varsity came in second place in the Red Division with a 3-2-1 record. Nurnberg has taken either first or second place for the past four seasons. Nurnberg played a good defense game and held the Heidelberg Lions to a 0-0 deadlock at the opening game. Getting things together were James Vaughn, averaging 50 yards a punt, and Billy Price, intercepting 3 passes.

They held up Mannheim and did their thing by winning with a 20-13 score. Mark Brandon figured in every scoring with 2 TDs, one by rushing and one 75 yard bomb held in by Sam Bailey. The super tackling of Dan Duxtator thwarted all Bison upset plays.

The Eagles lost a non-conference game to the Blue Division Wiesbaden Warriors before coming on strong and winning the Bitburg game, 25-14. Melvin Bivens sparked the triumph with a 75 yard punt return. The hopes and dreams of a repeat of last year's championship season faded when the Heidelberg Lions took the game, 27-12. Outstanding performances by Duxtator and Bailey put the Eagles on the scoreboard. Homecoming fans were thrilled when James Kloke, Darryl Houston, and Duxtator, the defensive unit, scored 20 points to beat the Bisons by one TD.

With a firm hold on second place and working for an outside chance at the championship, the Eagles were quickly subdued and mired in mud in their final outing at Bitburg. Eagles were unable to reach paydirt and suffered a 34-0 defeat.

Coach Kirsch stated, "With the lack of depth and the return of only 4 lettermen, I feel we had an exceptionally fine season. The team was willing to sacrifice and to be disciplined, which was the major contributing factor to another fine season."

Great playing, guys; you really kept it all together.

Sandra Thomas

Human Relations, continued from page 1, col. 2,

stream. It's really a strange feeling, going swimming outside when everywhere you look, there's snow! Funny how more girls tried it than guys

3. Then, Breakfast and Clean-up.

4. Check Out Equipment for the Day—Backpacks, skis, etc.

5. Activity This included hiking, rappelling, cross country skiing, etc. For those who had never tried rappelling before, it was a real adventure! One minute you're walking down a little cliff nice and easy, and the next thing you know, you're seeing it face to face!

6. Lunch How could I possibly leave out lunch time? Come lunch time, we all bring out our "gourmet meals"—such mouth-watering taste tempters as bread chicken, turkey, beef with spiced sauces, and spaghetti—all so conveniently packed in C-ration cans, can you beat that?

7. Initiatives These were a real challenge! They would give us something like a big wooden wall and we had to find a way to get everyone over safely without using anything but our "lil' ol bods!" This was one of the easier ones!

8. Dinner and Clean-up

9. Discussion Time To a lot of people, this was the best part of the day. It gave everyone a chance to tell their feelings about different happenings during the day—to tell what they liked and what they thought should be improved. This was the part where we really talked about "getting it all together."

10. Lights Out Time for sleep. We all learned to "beware" of moving things in the night such as "The Mad Woman with her Toothbrush" (Jane Ware).

A lot of people say, "It sounds like an awful lot of work to me. Was it really worth it?"

YES, it really was! ! !

—Pam Rose