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Nürnberg American High School

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

1975 –76 School Year

30th year of the school's existence

Graduating Class of 1976

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Marching Backward to 1975-76 School Year

Edited by Bob McQuitty, NAA Historian/Archivist

The Dr. is in!

Dr. Dal Santo, our new principal, is a first generation American, both his parents being of Italian descent.

When I inquired what he enjoyed thru working with students, he replied, "I enjoy the outstanding kinds of ideas the students have. In the last ten years, students have become brighter and their ideas and thoughts very original. If we can channel these ideas we can look forward to a productive school year."

So let's extend a warm welcome to Dr. Dal Santo.

— Theresa Lynch

Action Promised

Thursday, the 18th of September, the 1975-76 elections were held for class officers and senators.

The Senior president is **Stewart (K.S.) O'Neill**, and he tells us, "I am going to change the present schedule to a schedule more acceptable to the student body. I believe in individual rights, and smoking is an individual right."

— Connie Hanson

Editorials

At the first assembly the students were introduced to the new school policies and schedule. Here they openly showed their discontent and unity regarding the issues. The majority of students were united in their concerns about privileges [sic] and democracy. The administration proclaimed, "Come in and talk to us, we'll see what we can do for you." But what has been done? Another fantastic year at NHS?

— Jasmin Gerer

Last month, a group of German students were invited to attend the Sadie Hawkins Dance. As two German girls danced a foxtrot together, many disapproving murmurs were heard by NHS students. They labeled the girls with adjectives such as "strange," "queer" and "lesbians." I feel this is quite an intolerant and closeminded action. People don't seem to realize that cultures differ from one country to another. In Germany, physical contact between members of the same sex doesn't carry such a negative connotation. Our culture differs in that touching people, even without sexual motives, is looked down upon. Let's not push our culture onto others.

— Jasmin Gerer

Excerpts from the **NHS Trichter**
Jasmin Gerer and Craig Dixon, eds.
Ms Norene Mathern, sponsor

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Guys for Grabs

The annual Sadie Hawkins week sponsored by the Junior class got off to a good start with something for everyone.

On Wednesday, **Paul Geouge** out-ate **Ed Staats** in a very close match for the title of champion pie eater of Nürnberg High. At lunch on Thursday, there was a costume contest with some pretty interesting entries. Later that evening girls and their catches gathered in the cafeteria for the long-awaited Sadie Hawkins Dance.

— Pooh Schafer

The Fifties Dance

The 1976 NHS 50's dance took place on March 13th at the Nürnberg Officer's Club. The DJ really ripped the sponsoring Student Council and the students as he consistently avoided playing 50's songs. Apparently the Student Council couldn't deal with this problem, even though the people at the dance all but refused to move out of their chairs until a 50's song was finally played. —Stan Gregg

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
Please deliver us
from 2nd hour!
Also, 1st, 3rd,
4th, 5th, and 6th
while you're at it.
—Love, Suffering
Students at NHS



Dear Santa,
Let's not mess around. I want all the things
I'm asking for.

First, I want an A in **Mr. Wilson's Algebra II** class and a free ticket to the States. A shorter bus ride in the morning . . . and a longer one after school, huh, **Anita**? I'll take a Honda 50 if you got it there, Santa. I'll also take a computer and a teletype terminal for home use. I'd like **Mr. Mulder** to be a little nicer, too, Santa. Well, I don't want to be greedy so I'll close. Have a Merry Xmas.

— Gary Engel

- Aug., 1975 - Helsinki Accords officially recognize Europe's national borders and respect for human rights.
- Sept. - In Sacramento, Lynette Fromme, follower of jailed cult leader Charles Manson, attempts to assassinate Pres. Gerald Ford.
- Sept. - President Ford survives a second assassination attempt, this time by Sara Jane Moore in San Francisco.
- Oct. - Thrilla in Manila: Muhammad Ali defeats Joe Frazier.
- Nov. - By vote of 72 to 35, United Nations General Assembly approves a resolution equating Zionism with racism. The resolution provokes an outcry among Jews around the world.
- Nov. - Juan Carlos declared King of Spain following the death of dictator Francisco Franco.
- Apr. - Apple Computer Co. formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak. Apple II introduced in June, first serious home computer
- Apr. - As a measure to curb population growth, minimum age for marriage in India is raised to 21 years for men and 18 years for women.
- May - President Gerald Ford defeats challenger Ronald Reagan in three Republican presidential primaries.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Dawn Smith is Homecoming Queen, Jay Delaune is King

Anna Vieira Crowned Queen, Courtney Davis is Prom King

Marion Fairbanks, Wolf Born Named Athletes of the Year

Phil Tiewater wins \$20,000 Scholarship to West Point

Peter Soltys awarded American Legion Scholarship

153 to Receive Diplomas, Cay Campbell to Speak at Graduation Ceremony



Ship of Fools? No, the fourth activity of the year for the Human Relations Club, sponsored by Mr. Mowery. A competition between the classes to see who could get the most people on the "raft," a two-by-two foot board on the black top behind the cafeteria. In the fall the club sponsored three weekends of outdoor team activities in Berchtesgaden. Even the teachers had a "wild" weekend.

And where are the stars of yesteryear?

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to the new NHS administration for clearing up the rotten mess of sin, corrup-

Letters to the Editor

tion, and moral decay caused by years of permissive left-wing policies. Being a '75 graduate, my three years of school here were in an unspeakable obscene environment. Students were actually allowed to smoke cigarettes on campus. The old administrators actually set aside 15 whole minutes of break time for degenerate activities such as smoking, talking, and the downright unsanitary practice of eating!

By far the worst horror of the old NHS was the public obscenities and covert sexual practices which male and female (one of each usually) students engaged in - holding hands and even kissing - right outside the classroom.

Yes I am glad my old school has been cleaned up. I hope the administration will carry on its campaign against sin, sex, food, progress, and other Communist influences in our great American Education System.

- "75"

Dear Editor,

Well, NHS, how do you like the new look? Really impressive, huh? Who did it? Your Student Council deserves credit for a job well done. They have taken your drab lobby and transformed it into a masterpiece and given you something to be proud of.

I know there are still cynics who will never be pleased, and there are apathetic dolts who never have a good word for our school. But your Student Council has set the ground work for a new feeling of pride in our school.

- Phil Tiewater, Student Council Pres.

SPORTS

FORCED FORFEIT

The Nürnberg girls have a varsity volleyball team for the first time this year, which is being coached by Ms. Jan Nisewander.

We were all set for our first game against Munich on Sept. 20. Both the volleyball and cross country teams were in front of the gym at 8:00 a.m., waiting . . . waiting . . . waiting for a bus that never came.

-Marion Fairbanks and Penny Henritz

Being good sports and taking it well, the varsity cross country team challenged the varsity volleyball team to a match. The Varsity volleyball team won the first two games; then the cross country team learned how to play and won the third one.

Kick off to Victory

After its opening loss to Augsburg, the Nürnberg Eagles varsity football team bounced back to win 4 games and bring their final season record to 4-2-1. The tie occurred in the revenge rematch at Augsburg in a sluggish defensive battle in which each team could only muster a single field goal. The Eagles were denied a victory when on 4th and 6 inches to the

goal, the referee ruled that Billy Price didn't cross the goal line.

Though Augsburg and Nürnberg have identical conference records, Augsburg advances to the championship game against the Silver Division North champion Baumholder because of its first game defeat of the Eagles.

"Overall, this has been a fine season by a team comparable to the great 6-1 team of '73." - Stan Greg

Eagles Spike to 5th

In their first year, the varsity volleyball team did exceptionally well. They were defeated only once in their entire season and that was by Augsburg.

In the final tournament at the end of the season, the team placed fifth in Germany.

JOCK TALK

Three cheers for USDESEA, as they have once again proved their natural ignorance in barring Lisa Schnell from playing soccer at this school. Why? Because girls aren't allowed to play contact sports. Why? Again one may ask. Because some people at USDESEA think they have the divine right to tell another person which sport they can or can't play for their own personal enjoyment. - Stan Gregg

German teens learning to love basketball

By DAN SYNOVEC

Nürnberg bureau chief

NÜRNBERG (S&S) — "Interest in basketball is growing among German youths," said Nürnberg American High School prep basketball coach Tom Gussner.

Gussner, whose cagers posted a 7-5 record in USDESEA last season, is spending one night a week teaching German youths the fundamentals of basketball. The youths, who are 17 and 18 years old, play in a city basketball league here.

"They have a little trouble with some of the drills I'm trying to teach them," Gussner said during a workout in the Siemens Co. gym in south Nürnberg. "But they are going to improve and then their German coaches will have to demand more out of them."

Georg Sturm, one of the few German coaches in the city, said Gussner is a "big help."

"There are just too few coaches," Sturm said. "I think Gussner will help us a lot."

Sturm said that Germans have been learning American basketball from Americans for nearly 20 years.

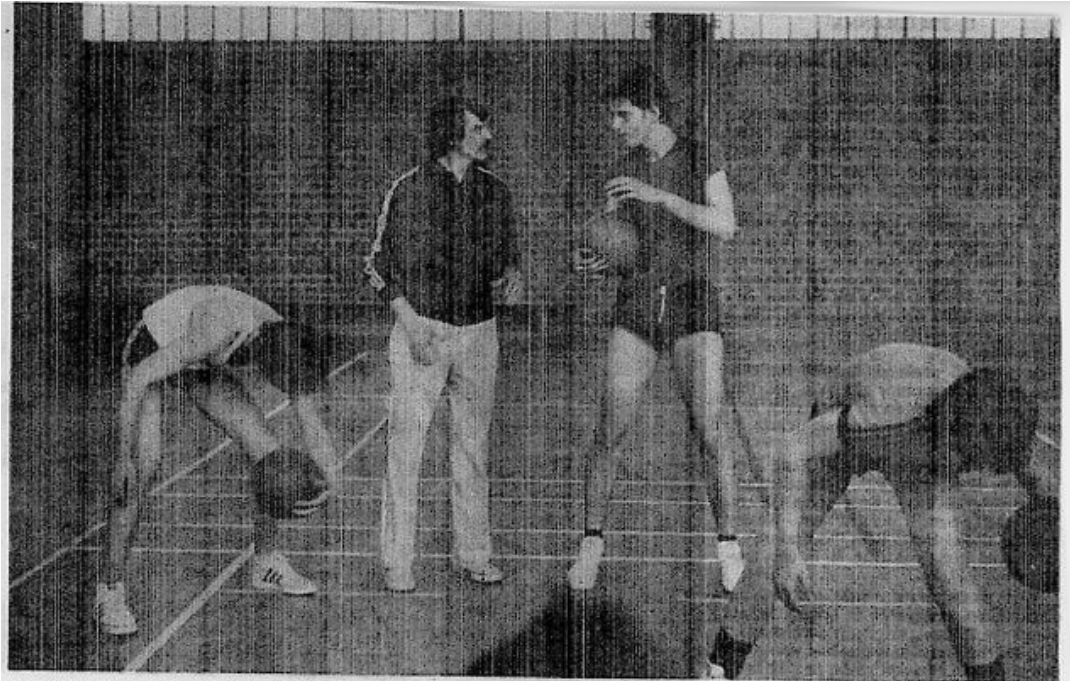
"The interest in basketball in Germany is growing. But Germans play more basketball in Munich, Bamberg, Augsburg and Würzburg than we play in Nürnberg," Sturm added.

Gussner said the German youths need to practice more than the one hour a week they practice now. Practice sessions begin with a shake of the hand and a nod hello. The Germans have trouble dribbling the ball without looking at it.

Palming the ball is a problem and so is their tendency to travel. But, what they lack in finesse and experience they make up in enthusiasm. Gussner issues his instructions in halting German which is sometimes greeted with grins, not to mention a few blank looks.

"If they practiced four days a week like our high school team did and had ball games to look forward to on Fridays and Saturdays, I think their enthusiasm would be the same for basketball as it is at the Nürnberg American High School," said Gussner.

Sturm said the German youths are pleased to have Gussner come out to coach them. It seems that the American prep coach has a German friend who recruited



American coach Tom Gussner talks with one of his German basketball students in Nürnberg.

—S&S photo, Synovec

him.

"It was the case of him making me an offer I couldn't refuse," quipped Gussner. "He told me to be here, and here I am."

Sturm said the Germans would like to draft Gussner as a fulltime coach. "How much money do you think he would want?" inquired Sturm with a grin.

Gussner started working with the German youths in April and will assist training them until June when he and his wife, Maria, and their three-month-old daughter, Jamie, go on vacation.

Jürgen Gernbacher, a lanky 16-year-old, admitted that he finds some of the practice drills introduced by the Yank different as well as difficult.

"I would like Herr Gussner to remain with us as our trainer," the German teen said.

Gussner said he only has been stressing the basics of the game, and the German youths are not ready to take on an American high school team. However, on Monday evenings some of the American high school students who are interested in basketball get together in the school gym and scrimmage a German men's team.

Gussner said the young Yanks don't do too badly against the older German club.

"We win some and lose some," he admitted. "And I think the experience of helping coach the German youths and then getting together to scrimmage the German

men's team is good for German-American relations," explained Gussner, who is also a football coach. Until last season, when he didn't coach football, his junior varsity teams posted a 30-6 record over five years. A lot of Nürnberg football fans are looking forward to having Gussner return to the gridiron.

The weekly practice session with the German youths ends like it begins, with a shake of the hand and a nod of the head. For one hour a week, the American basketball coach is lifted from the between season doldrums by working with the German youths who are trying to master the art of dribbling a round ball and then sink it through a metal hoop.

1975-76 Varsity Basketball Team



L to R Back Row: Billy Scott, Herb Davis, David Williams, Mike Hudachek, Tony Newton, O'Dillard Johnson, Billy Price, Walter Redd, Jay DeLaune, Robert Zins

L to R Front Row: Jeff "Oscar" Smith, Ricky White

Coach Gussner's Summary of the 1975-76 Varsity Basketball Season

Conference Record: 7 Wins-5 Losses

Returning Lettermen From '74-'75: Jay DeLaune, Billy Price, Mike Hudacek

Blue Division Tournament: Sixth Place

A trip to Frankfurt to open conference play resulted in two close losses, but on the bright side, Senior Tony Newton and Junior O'Dillard Johnson combined for 75 points.

As usual, Nurnberg entered tournaments during Christmas Vacation and played very well. At Wurzburg, the Eagles placed third in a grueling double elimination tournament. After falling to the home town Wolves by two points in the semi final game, then defeating Hanau 49-47. Nurnberg finished fourth at the Heidelberg tourney. Newton was selected to both All Tournament Teams, and Johnson was also honored in Heidelberg.

After splitting a weekend series in Stuttgart, NHS found themselves with a 1-3 record, but not to be denied, the Eagles won 6 of their next eight games to finish strong. The Green and White surprised the first place Heidelberg Lions on Friday by virtue of a come from behind 62-60 win. The Lions held on to a slim one point lead with 50 seconds remaining on the clock, but Herb Davis who had 16 points and 17 rebounds scored on a rebound shot, then stole the inbound pass, and passed to Newton who made the lay up for his 22nd point. Jay Delaune added 14 counters.

Davis continued his strong inside play in a 55-50 win against Kaiserslautern with 17 points and 16 rebounds Friday night. Johnson added 15 for the Eagles playing without Coach Gussner, who was at the 130th general hospital with his wife, Maria, for the birth of their daughter, Jamie. Gussner was on the phone with Jeff "Oscar" Smith at Darby Gym for the play by play, while J.V. Coach, Milton Jackson, handled the coaching duties. On Saturday, Newton and Johnson combined for 47 points in a 67-44 win over the Red Raiders.

In Mannheim, Nurnberg was in the familiar position of being behind late in the game. With just seconds remaining on the clock and leading 62-61, the Bison's Lopez went to the free throw line for the opportunity to win the game. As the shot was missed, Davis pulled down his 17th rebound, passed the ball to Johnson at half court. Johnson hit a streaking Newton who made a lay up for his 28th point. Delaune and Johnson each contributed 10 in the win. The next day, the Eagles outhustled Mannheim in a 24 point win.

Despite Newton's 20 points on Friday night, Weisbaden prevailed 70-59, but Saturday was another story. The Warriors maintained a 54-53 lead with 6 seconds remaining in the game, but Newton was fouled while shooting. He calmly stepped to the line, and made both attempts knocking Weisbaden out of second place in the Blue Division. Weisbaden did, however, win the season ending tournament. Junior Walter Redd had also been instrumental in the success of the team with pressure defense, strong rebounding, and timely shots. Sophomore Billy Price averaged 10 rebounds per game. Tony Newton was named to the Blue Division All Conference Team on the strength of his 16.1 ppg and 8.1 rebounds in 12 games. In addition, he was first team All-Europe selection.