

# Nürnberg Alumni Association Online Archive

## Nürnberg American High School

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

### 1973-74 School Year

**28th year of the school's existence**

**Graduating Class of 1974**

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### Trichter Excerpts and Memorabilia

Additional documents from Coach Tom Gussner

Commencement Program

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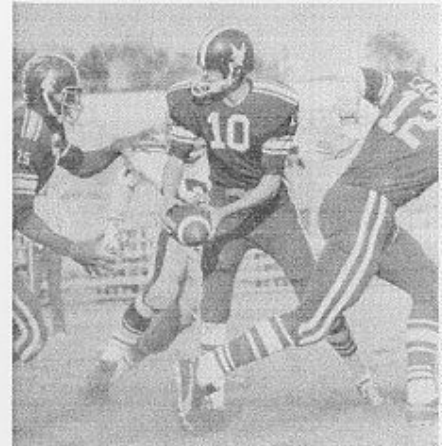
# Marching Backward to 1973-74 school year

## IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1973-74

- July - Watergate Scandal: President Nixon's secretly recorded and potentially incriminating conversations are revealed
- Aug. - The film of "Jesus Christ Superstar" is released
- Sept. - Chile's democratically-elected government overthrown in military coup. Pres. Allende is assassinated. CIA involvement alleged
- Oct. - Yom Kippur War: Egyptian and Syrian forces attack Israel
- Oct. - Spiro Agnew resigns as Vice President and then pleads no contest to charges of income tax evasion
- Oct. - The Saturday Night Massacre: Pres. Nixon orders Attorney General Elliot Richardson to dismiss Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox. Richardson refuses and resigns, along with Deputy Attorney General William French Smith
- Nov. - Senate votes 92-3 to confirm Gerald Ford as Vice President
- May - Public impeachment hearings against Pres. Nixon begin
- May - India explodes nuclear device, becomes 6th member of "nuclear club"

Excerpts from the NHS Trichter  
Tim Johnson, editor  
Mrs. Norene Mathern, adviser

## Eagle Footballers Create Sensation



The mighty NHS Eagles posted a 5-1-0 conference record and a 6-1-0 season record to take a share of the Red Division Championship.

The Junior Varsity Eagles posted an undefeated record, going 7-0-0 for the season.

## Eagle Basketballers Amaze Opponents

See page 4 for the complete story appearing in the Trichter in Spring, 2014. Also Coach Tom Gussner has contributed a team picture, a synopsis of the season, and personal memories.—  
Archivist

## NHS CHANGES

Students may now choose an area of social studies. Some of the fields are anthropology, ecology, and psychology.

New courses in other subject areas include junior ROTC, sculpture, business lab, architecture design, and cosmetology.

### Editorials

## Free Love at NHS

School got off to a good start this year, or maybe I should say it got off to the right start at least for Campus Life. Campus Life is an organization of people that get together to talk about God, sing songs, have fun, and in general, "rap."

This year we decided to "attack the school with love." During the past week we passed out several different kinds of Christian tracts, newspaper, and even flowers. Free Bibles were offered to anyone just for the asking, not to mention the Christian books and buttons that were on hand in the lobby.

The whole objective of the "Jesus Week" was to show how much love can be expressed through giving. -- Campus Life

## Jesus You're Cool?

One morning I went to school and discovered that Jesus Christ has surpassed

Charlie Eagle as the most popular figure at NHS. The New Left is dead, the dope-and-revolution scene is burnt out, so American has found a new fad--Superstar.

What is the Jesus movement? From the surface, it is a million-dollar advertising campaign of slick literature, "hip" Bibles, and third-rate pop art. . . .

Jesus freaks are always happy and smiling and grinning because they don't know anything. They don't see the real world of blood and injustice, but go around all their life on a cloud of imagined sunshine.

I speak from personal experience--I was an honest Jesus freak myself about a year ago. It was good for a while, till I saw the other side. -- an NHS Student



Mark Spitz, winner of seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, is Guest of Honor at Herzo Base Sports Banquet

## Keith Gregory Elected to Head Senior Class



## Theresa Chevalier Heads Student Council

## King Brian Cade and Queen Jennie Harris Crowned at Homecoming

## Colleen Webb, Top Scholar, to Speak at Graduation



And where are  
the stars of yesteryear?

## Torchlight Trail

End your old year and start the new one with a great new experience--go on a Volksmarsch. Oh, not an ordinary one . . . This is a special, once-a-year occasion. It's the Second International New Year's Torchlight March in Langenzenn. Join the snake line of torches creeping over the snowy landscape on the 29th, 30th, and 31st of December.

## Letter to the Editor: Poor Sportsmanship

. . . Another incident took place during the home basketball game against Wiesbaden. The score was very close, and a Wiesbaden Warrior was up for a free throw. What did the Eagle fans do? Boo and hiss the poor guy who was trying to concentrate! Now, I admit that the other side did the same thing, but that was after we had set an example.

Basketball, being a game of fierce concentration, can do without unnecessary cheering during free shots. So, let's all try and cut down on the cheers in poor taste, and be a lot more courteous to the other team. It is just a matter of good sportsmanship! -- C.C., a Concerned NHSer

## Dancing Success

Students from Nürnberg High School have joined in the celebration of Fasching. In collaboration with seven German students, they perform a dance routine for various parties in the Nürnberg/Fürth area.

These students include Linda Fellers, Cecilia McNear, Cay Campbell, Sharon Harrington, Theresa Chevalier, and Holly Hanson.

They presented their first act January 19 and will continue to perform until the end of the Fasching season.

## Bare Facts about the SOB's

Now for the naked truth about Nürnberg. A group called the SOB's (Streakers of Bavaria) has formed to instill a sense of pride and accomplishment in a new art, as explained in the March 18 issue of *Time*. The motto of the group is "Cast Your Fate to the Wind."

The club already has plans, so look both ways before crossing the street.

Oh, one other thing, in this business--you've got to be top banana--always ready to peel. -- Exposed by Maloosh

## Girls on the Run

This year USDESEA decided to try a little experiment and have a female track team. The results were fantastic!

The girls have shown that they really can do as well as the guys when they choose by setting their first season record with three first and two second places. In the class A regional tournament, they came in third, and on the weekend of May 18-19, the girls placed second in the finals.

## Prom Afloat

Saturday evening, June 1st, Nürnberg High witnessed the most spectacular dance of the year. Spectacular not only because it was the only truly formal affair of the year, but because this year's Prom was a unique dance in itself.

At eight o'clock, the luxury cruiser "Frankonia" pulled away from the Alte Veste, the port near Nürnberg on the Rhein-Main-Donau Canal.

A magnificent schnitzel dinner was served by candlelight. Afterwards, the couples danced to the music of the "Choice Quality."

A highlight of the dance was the coronation of the 1974 Prom Court. Dancing continued until midnight when the "Frankonia" returned to the Alte Veste.

## NHS Strikes Spain

47 NHS seniors went to Con Picafort, Mallorca on their annual senior trip.

Among the activities, there was bicycle riding, going to bullfights, visiting pearl factories, exploring caves, horseback riding, swimming on the beach or in hotel pools, and going to discos. Some people made their own fun by short-sheeting beds, falling off horses, having shaving cream fights, knocking on people's hotel doors at midnight, and just having a lot of fun together. -- Pam Rose.



Unusual aerial view of the Nürnberg American schools in 1974, the high school, the junior high, the elementary school -- photo from *The Search*, NHS yearbook for 1974



# A superb basketball team, 1973-74 NHS Varsity



Left to Right: Joe Jones 10, James Doctson 12, Robert Ball 22, Randy Lill 32, Joe Houston 14, Sam Hutton 42, Ray White 34, Sam Bailey 52, Joe Gilmore 30, Sparky Strother 44, Sam Buster 24, Howard Fields 40, Melvin Bivens 20, Coach Gussner, Front Row: Benny Watson, Pat Slattery

*By Coach Thomas Gussner*

The Eagles started the season with two impressive victories over the powerful Wiesbaden Warriors in the big school Blue Division by scores of 69-63 and 54-53. Ray White and Sam Hutton combined for 72 points in the two games. In conference play, the final margin of victory was six points or less in seven of the 14 games including three one point wins for

Nürnberg. Defense and rebounding were key components in those exciting games.

After losing two games to a strong Heidelberg team, and splitting a pair of close games in Bitburg, the Eagles traveled to Stuttgart the next weekend, losing on Friday night 62-59. On Saturday, down by 5 points with 23 seconds to play in the fourth quarter, Nürnberg scored six unanswered points to win, at the buzzer, by a score of 56-55. Sam Buster made a free throw, Melvin Bivens stole the ball, scored on a lay up, was fouled, and added one from the foul line. Buster intercepted another pass, and scored as time expired.

After sweeping Kaiserslautern, and losing games to Mannheim and Frankfurt, the Eagles were 6-8 going into the Blue Division Tournament.

In the opening round of the tournament, Nürnberg avenged the two early season losses to Heidelberg by upsetting the third seeded Lions 65-51. Hutton, White, and Buster combined for 47 points. In the semifinals, the Eagles

surprised the unbeaten Lakenheath Lancers, who were the second seed, by 8 points. Backing the scoring of Hutton, White, and Buster were Howard Fields, Joe Houston, Sam Bailey, Robert Ball, Sparky Strother, and Melvin Bivens with strong defense and rebounding.

Nürnberg had not been in the Blue Division championship Game since 1963, under the leadership of Coach Clete Campbell, but earned the right to play Mannheim (13-1) for the title with two stunning victories. At the half, Mannheim led 26-22 in a closely contested game, but after a disappointing third quarter, the Eagles found themselves down by 13 points. The Bisons claimed the First Place Trophy by a score of 62-48.

Sam Buster was selected by the coaches to the All-Tournament Team.

The varsity cheerleaders in 1972 were Gail Hatchett, Michelle Hettich, Holly Hansen, Jennie Harris, Sharon Harrington, Cecelia McNear, Karen Toreson, and Becky Colbrese.

Picture and story from the NAA Trichter, Spring 2014 — Archivist

## Coach Gussner remembers the Eagle basketball team of 1974

As we are nearing the end of our basketball season at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California, I realized that it has been nearly 30 years since the Nürnberg men's varsity basketball team competed in the Blue Division Finals In Frankfurt, Germany.

The undersized but determined Eagles defeated the always powerful Heidelberg Lions and unbeaten Lakenheath Lancers to earn the right to meet the Mannheim Bisons in the championship game.

Although we lost a lot of close games in the 1974 season — and used almost every post gym as a home court — the players stayed focused and represented Nürnberg High School with class. The road trips were long and sometimes the accommodations consisted of Army cots in a cold gymnasium, but everyone kept a positive attitude. On one occasion, after losing to Stuttgart 62-59 on Friday, the Eagles scored six straight points in the final 23 seconds to win the Saturday game.

The Eagle teams of the 70s may not have had the most talent or the greatest size, but they always played with a lot of heart. I think of them often. —  
**Coach Tom Gussner**

Coach Gussner's comments appeared in the spring, 2004 issue of the *NAA Trichter*. — Archivist

# COMMENCEMENT

Nürnberg American High School

Nürnberg, Germany

June 8, 1974, Stadttheater Fürth

7:00 p. m.

## ORDER OF PROGRAM

\*Processional

Invocation

Keith Gregory

Musical Selection

Introduction of Speaker

Jackie Walker

Address by

Herbert D. Spivack

American Consul General Munich

Musical Selection

Presentation of the Class

Mr. Stephen P. Collins

Awarding of the Diplomas

Mr. Walter Ingram

Musical Selection

Student Speaker

Colleen Webb

\*Benediction

Russell Hultgren

Recessional

\*Please Stand

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 Walker, Joy Jacquese  
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