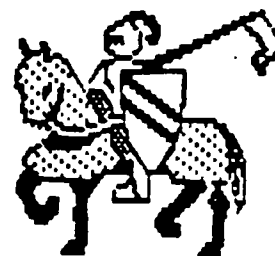


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Career Day

by Ken Hailston

THS, under the supervision of Michelle Miranda, Rhonda Haywood, and Ms. Herman, will be sponsoring a Career Day. This is to be May 9th. For those of you who are attending THS for the first year or have just plain forgotten about this day, it is when many guest speakers come to talk of their professions. Some of the topics that were discussed last year were: medicine, drug counseling, juvenile court counseling, law, acting, and of course the mortician. Last year the mortician was cancelled, but it's said that this is the best and most attended topic. So on May 9th, pick your favorite topics and have fun!!!

DRAMA/FORSENSICS FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

by Dee Dee Correll

The drama and forensics festival held at Rota from the tenth to the twelfth of April was a success, and all the Torrejon participants debated and acted well.

In duet acting, Lee Cervantes and Leslie Mace received special recognition for their performance of The Taming of the Shrew, as did Kate Avery and Becky Bloom for The Effect of Gamma Rays Upon Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds. Other winners from THS were Lee Cervantes in dramatic interpretation, Alex Lagares in extemporaneous speaking, and Alex Lagares in original oratory. The group act Oh Dad, Poor Dad with Tami Williams, Shane Gilbert, and Leslie Mace, also came in ahead of another group act.

The showpiece from Torrejon was a play called Murder by Membership Only, and the cast included Kate Avery, Becky Bloom, Lesley Boyd, Teresa Conners, DeeDee Correll, Elena Foley, Jill Gies, Julinda Taylor, and Margo Tucker. Understudies were Leslie Mace and Tami Williams, and Luisa Milliken was the make-up manager. Todd Boucher and Shane Gilbert did the lighting and stage set-up.

The others who traveled to Rota were Holly Anderson, Eric Call-Aquitania, Marcel Cosby, Becky Campbell, Jimmy Chambliss, Alison Decker, Speedy Garcia, Tim Johnson, Fred Mc Coy, Matt

Rave, Monica Rivas, Maria Soler, and Tricia Walker. Chaperones of the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Myers.

Many thanks to Mrs. Myers, a volunteer coach, for all the support and assistance she offered to the drama and forensics students.

Eighth Grade News

By Bianca Sorola & Sharon Chrismer

The eighth grade had a bakesale on April 22nd. The proceeds, which totaled \$47.95, will be used toward the purchase of an air conditioner for the band room.

The eighth grade would like to thank all those who participated, especially Maria Miliken. Maria, who had two bake sales in her neighborhood, donated 400 pesetas and \$3.50 that she earned. Although she is not in band or chorus, she felt that they deserved an air conditioner.

Honorees Selected

Nineteen eighth and ninth graders into the newly-formed THS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society on Tuesday, May 13.

In addition, fifteen students were added to the National Honor Society.

NJHS members are freshmen Julie Allsup, Mike Baltierra, Leslie Boyd, Rebecca Campbell, Deborah Correll, Shannon Gilbert, Sean Johnson, Mike Lemmons, Sylvia Singleton, Mary Lou Strobe, and Margo Tucker. The eighth graders are Karen Allsup, Sarah Armstrong, Felicia Brown, Mervin Casem, Robin Hale, Tonya Hansen, Valerie Hersman, and Matt Nolan.

New Members of NHS are Cathy Conger and Michelle Falck, seniors; Maria Elena Mangicotti, Claudio Marimon, Lisa Pleasant, David Poli, Justin Ramsey, and Tami Williams, juniors; and Kate Avery, Becky Bloom, Jenny Croshaw, Cristina Gahan, Mike Hansen, Debbie Hersman, and Erik Schwalier.

Two Torrejon Students Attend Science Symposium by DeeDee Correll

Margo Tucker and Lesley Boyd attended the science symposium held on Rhiendahelen Air Base, Germany, on the twentieth through the twenty-third of March.

Approximately 120 students participated from bases all over Europe. Margo and Lesley, along with chaperone John Beers, were flown to Germany where they gave their presentations.

Tucker's experiment dealt with the effect of light upon plant transpiration (water loss), and Boyd's had to do with the effects of seasonal changes and temperatures upon small animals such as hamsters.

DRILL "COMP"

By Leslie Mace

Our ROTC Drill Team went to Germany for the AFJROTC Annual European Drill Competition recently. This year's "Comp" was held in Ramstein and was hosted by Kaiserslautern American High School.

This year Kaiserslautern carried away the overall "Traveling" trophy. The last time we held this trophy was 3 years ago, and we kept it for 2 years. (Ramstein has held it since then.)

Although we did not win the overall trophy, both our exhibition teams placed third. The armed exhibition team was commanded by C/Maj. Richard Moore, and unarmed exhibition was commanded by C/LtCol. John Owensby.

A special congratulations to Mike Vogl who placed second in the Drill Down. A Drill Down is when a group of cadets, each representing his or her own team, get together to see who is the best at regulation drill. In this competition's case, each school had 6 representatives.

"The competition was tough, yet we recieved two third place trophies. We have strong leadership returning for next year's teams and we hope to do a lot better in England [the site of next year's "Comp"] than Germany," said Col. Pierson.

W.A.G. Helps Pets

by Janet Correll

W.A.G., which stands for the Welfare Animal Group, is a special group, formed at TAB, whose main focus is care for pets. The group has been working steadily towards providing the best possible care for animals, and it is hoped this can be achieved by educating pet owners on how to properly care for their animals. This may alleviate the problem of abandoned animals.

W.A.G. has been raising money for this cause. On March 22, the organization sponsored a carwash and a bake sale. Thanks to all those who helped to make it a success, including dorm students and Ms. Orr's Food Services class.

National Health Month Being Planned

by DeeDee Correll

May 1986 will be National Health Month this year. Several activities are being planned by the school nurse, Mrs. Bonath, in coordination with the hospital. The eighth grade art classes will be making health posters which will be on display. There will be an emphasis on blood pressure in Ms. Orr's classes, and Dr. Moore, from the hospital, will do a presentation on AIDS. Ms. Bonath will also make speeches on general good health in Ms. Buchman's classes.

Speakers from the hospital may also talk about grooming and skincare to Ms. Donald's students.

During study halls, films on health will be shown in the rooms of Mr. Paulin, Ms. Donald, and Ms. Buchman.

Early in May, a CPR course will be held.

Junior High Students Honored

by Sylvia Singleton

On April 25 the first National Junior Honor Society members were tapped.

Eighth and ninth graders are eligible for NJHS. In order to become members, eighth graders must have a 3.4 grade point average, and ninth graders a 3.3 grade point average. This is determined by the eighth grader's seventh and eighth grade grades, and the ninth grader's eighth and ninth grade grades.

Eligible students are asked to fill out information sheets on their activities in school. Afterwards a committee of several teachers evaluate each eligible student in scholarship, leadership, service, and character qualities. After the students have been rated, a final selection committee looks over grade point averages, activities, tabulations of teacher ratings, and determines which students will be inducted. These students were notified at the tapping held the 25th of April. The induction will be held May 13th. After the ceremony, there will be a reception for inductees and their parents at the Officer's Club.

According to Ms. Dion, NHS and NJHS sponsor, "Membership is transferable in NJHS and NHS from school to school. However, NJHS members do not automatically become NHS members. It is necessary for students to be selected for NHS."

Vandalism?

Recently many THS'ers were shocked by the graffiti around the school. I was equally shocked that such a thing could happen here on base. Everyone seemed to get a big laugh out of the writings, but everyone knows the consequences that the vandals could face, also. Apparently this has become a traditional occurrence at THS, but this year's band seems to have outdone themselves with the comments in the Regional office building.

I do not condone acts such as these, but I feel that maybe something like this will make the administration ask itself some questions. Namely, how did the vandals get into the building so easily? There seems to be an amazing lack of security at the school if people can enter the school on weekends and vandalize the classrooms of their choice. Are there no locks on the outside or inside doors, did the teachers of that building not lock up, or were the vandals expert locksmiths as well? That particular building houses expensive business equipment that the vandals could just have easily have stolen while they were there. The question is how did they get in there?

Another serious issue posed by the incident is the fact that anyone, including terrorists, could have been the ones to enter the building. Any terrorist could have easily planted a bomb or done other damage to the building to harm innocent Americans in retaliation for recent U.S. governmental actions. At the time the base was on Threatcon Charlie and Security Police patrols of the base had been stepped up. What happened to the Security Police making them unable to catch the vandals? Or, were the vandals masters of evasion?

I am not discrediting the Security Police, for I know that they cannot be everywhere at once, or the school faculty. I am, however, saying that maybe the school administration should step back and look at the increasing lack of security that is to be found at the school after hours and try to find a way to correct these problems before another incident takes place.

BANNED, BUT AGAIN?

This is becoming intolerable! First they take our BX privileges away from us during our school hours; now they're thinking about throwing us out of the base cafeteria and the ice cream parlor. What, may I ask, is it this time?

People have been complaining about us sitting six to a booth made for four. Come, come now people, let us not be so picky. Six people fit. Is that expensive fragile plastic straining under the

weight? Or is it that some people are looking for something, anything to find fault in us? If we are going to complain about too many people sitting at one table, let me call this to your attention: one person who sits in that booth made for four. That's why you have six sitting in that booth made for four.

Another complaint they have for us is the noise level. Well, I for one feel that those women with screaming babies also make one heck of a lot of noise! Are they going to kick them out too?

Although I admit that there are some students at T.H.S. who are inconsiderate, these people are being overly picky. Not all the students are this way - not even the majority. So why are we all to be shut out? There are a great many inconsiderate people in the world and believe it or not, they do not only consist of the youth of the world (far from it). Do we complain about them?

Letter of Thanks

Recently the school received this letter. We thought that we would share it with you to show the kind of impression that Torrejon students make on others when they travel to the many events at Rota and Zaragoza. We should all be proud of this kind of letter that shows the true Torrejon spirit.

7 March, 1986

Dear Mr. Gaviola,

We are two parents who hosted several of your students on 2 different occasions when they played the Zaragoza High School basketball team during the regular conference and again during the tournament.

We would like to commend these students on their superb behavior, thoughtfulness and team spirit they demonstrated during the times they spent with us and during the tournament.

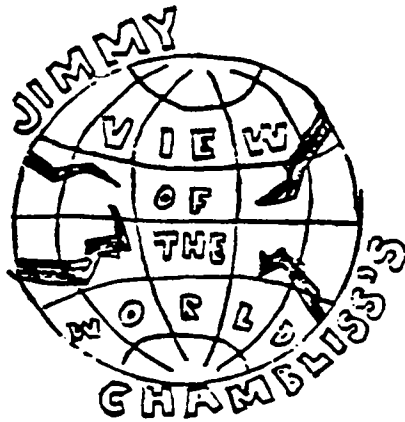
Mike Hansen and Josh Barker were the two students who stayed at our house and we feel that they are truly a credit to your school and to the future of our country.

Mike displayed not only an unusual amount of talent but also unique leadership skills at his tender years. He led his team to victory with his quiet, mature manner and exceptional talent.

Josh was a very personable fellow who provided very enjoyable company and conversation.

It was definitely our pleasure to host these two fine young men.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Jon S. McCumsey



Star Wars: Vader, V, and the Reaganauts

By Jimmy Chambliss

Fellow students, this month's article is gonna drive you crazy. Although the ROTC will be interested in this, the public has got to listen to this. What is this thing that is so important? ...Star Wars, aka the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), that crazy idea that Reagan has that some people say will screw up.

What's Star Wars anyway? Besides the association with Loony Lucas and his galactical saga, Star Wars is the proposed defense system in space (hence the name). It'll involve layered defenses with lasers, missiles, "smart rocks" (special disks with guidance systems), ground based defenses, and radar satellites which are supposed to seek out incoming nukes and blow them away before they hit the good ol' U.S.A. The system, presently, can zap 80% of all incoming missiles, which is good (unless you're part of the 20% that get blown away by the missiles that get through.)

Catch. There are problems, in the form of fear-crazed anti-nuke groups who are afraid of a bigger arms race, budget economists who fear a bankrupt America, and Mother Russia, who doesn't dig the idea of its pretty, shining missiles blowing up in its face.

Russia is so scared from America's version of the Death Star that they threaten to bring out their "SDI- Busters": satellite killers (gizmos that turn satellites into hamburger) and smart bombs (nukes with special computers that can guide a missile right through a defense system "safely"). True to nature, America and her allies are trying to get Star Wars out of the blueprint and into the field before Russia and her allies get theirs. "...And the world waits for doom," say the poets.

I think Star Wars should replace all nukes. This system is the closest anybody has gotten to replacing the pieces of junk that lie rusting in

silos all over the place. We won't have to buy tons of missiles to waste money (though, at present, the SDI is around a few billion bucks). Nuclear weapons can screw up in a hundred different ways and hurt people, while lasers are almost foolproof. It takes 30 minutes for a missile to go around the world, while a laser can do it in only a second. Space is virtually endless and largely uninhabited. And, all you have to do is plug it in and press a button, with no risk of radioactivity, no risk of rebellion 'cause the people would be scared, and no risk of costly pieces of military junk to worry about. (Neat, huh?)

No matter what happens, Star Wars will become reality. Just hope it don't blow up in our faces.

This is Jimmy Chambliss for "View of the World" now building the ultimate weapon, The GARBAGE BOMB. (Heck, I write it.)

P.S. Send all letters, cards, notes, death threats, love letters, letter bombs, and other assorted goodies to me personally or to the KL box. No trouble, please. Let's keep it clean.

P.P.S. If you wondered what happened to me last issue, I had to do some heavy research on Star Wars and lost track of time. Sorry 'bout it, guys.

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Dear Katie

Dear Katie,

There's this guy that I like, and he supposedly likes me, too. But the problem is that I also have some friends who like him! If I do go out with him, they probably will no longer be friends. What should I do?

In a Jam!

Dear I.A.J.,

If he likes you, then consider yourself lucky. Your friends will probably be jealous at first, but if they are your real friends, then they'll stand by your side. If not, then they were never worth the trouble. Good luck!

Song Dedications

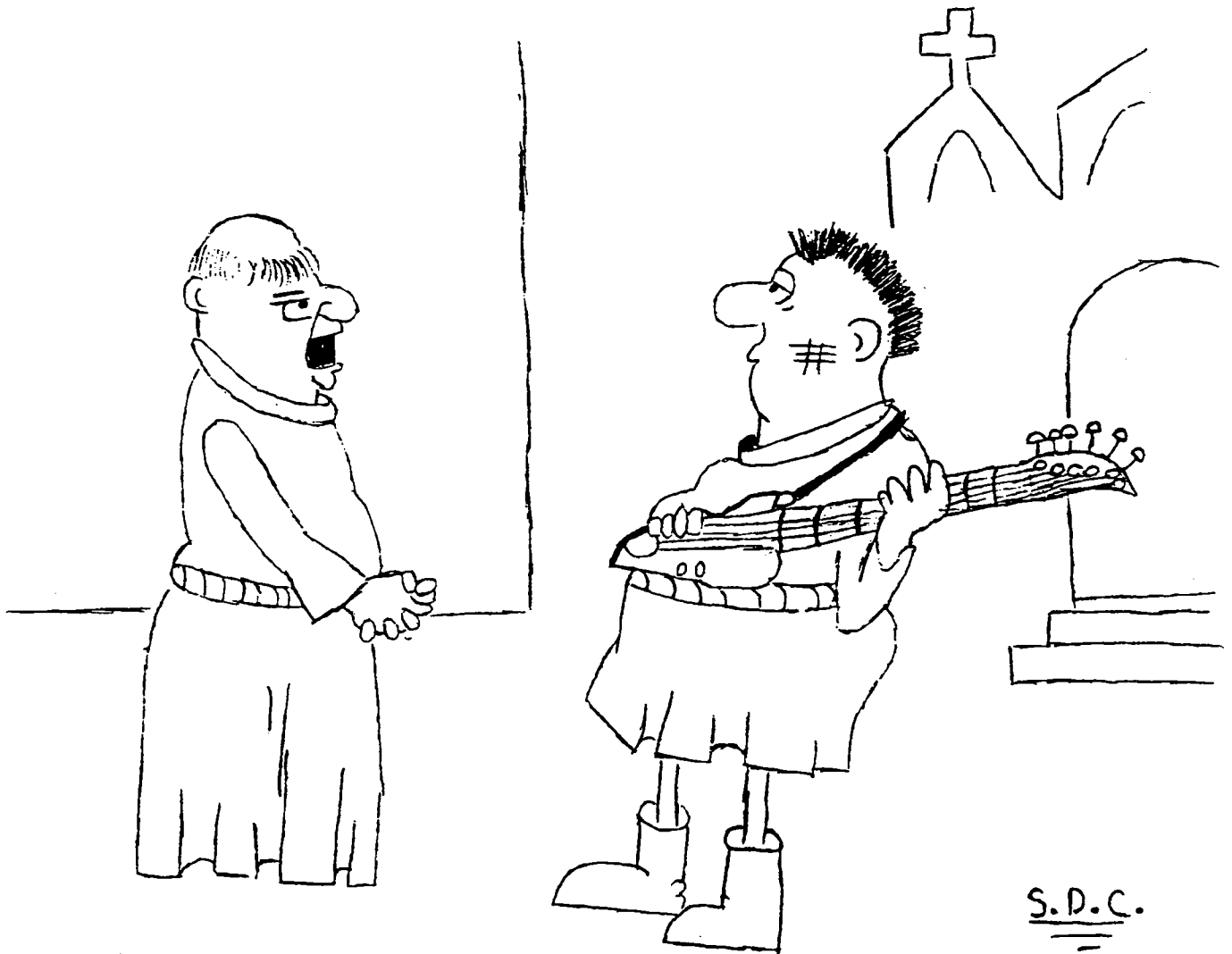
"Take Good Care of My Heart"
DMM to SNG

"You're the Inspiration"
Dawn to Shane

"That's What Friends Are For"
Me to Char

"You're My Inspiration"
Margarita Cerceres to Ronny Franklin

"You're the One that I Love"
Lee to Ronny Franklin



S.D.C.

"Sorry, Brother Timothy, but I don't think the World is quite ready for 'Monk' Rock."

"MYSTERY KNIGHT"

By Todd Boucher

Test yourself and find out how much you know about your fellow students and favorite teachers.

Mystery Knight #1 is a student. Hobbies of this Knight consist of skiing, suntanning, listening to music and buying expensive things. This Knight was born in Dover, Delaware. After 11 1/2 years of school, this Knight has risen to a total height of 5 feet, 5 inches.

After a grueling week of fighting off dangerous teachers, this Knight relaxes on weekends by sleeping the days away and partying the nights off. After attending T.H.S. for two years, this Knight's favorite teacher is Mr. (Shakespeare) Hoge.

When this Knight dines out, he doesn't just dine out at McD's; he goes all out, to a nice restaurant and orders his favorite foods: steamed clams, ravioli or spaghetti. Along with his fine meal he usually enjoys a Pepsi.

Mystery Knight #2, a teacher, was born in New Jersey, on June 4, 19??

After graduating from high school in 1947 he went on to college. As soon as he graduated from college, he began his teaching career. The first 19 years of his career were spent in the United States. After this he joined DoDDS, then he moved to Spain where he still is teaching and has been teaching for 16 years.

This Knight towers over Mystery Knight #1 by a total height of two inches. Measuring a total height of 5'7". Married for several years, this Knight still bears no children. After surviving the rotating schedule and walking through the halls without being trampled, he relaxes by doing a little woodwork.

French foods are among his favorites, along with his favorite animal, the cat, and his favorite color, green. And finally when asked which he preferred out of New Coke, Classic Coke, and Pepsi, he answered Classic Coke without a moment's thought.

Book Reviews**On That Dark Night**

By Carol Beach York

Julie Whitcomb has always lived at 912 Linton Street, in the same house and the same town. But in her mind, she keeps seeing pictures of another town, in another time. She hears the music of an old nursery rhyme, and remembers people she has never known. Julie is scared and feels she has to confide in someone, so she talks to her best friend Allison. Together, the girls follow Julie's instincts that eventually lead them to an old cemetery. But will the secret of Julie's past life be too horrifying to face?

Does This School Have Capital Punishment?

By Nat Hentoff

Sam Davidson and school were natural enemies, but when Sam starts going to Burr Academy, the ice between the two begins to melt. At Burr, Sam finds a new interest in jazz after interviewing a black trumpeter named Major Kelly. But just as things are going along fine, school once again becomes a nightmare when unpopular Jeremiah Saddlefield frames Sam and his friend Rob for possessing marijuana. Unless Saddlefield confesses, Sam can kiss Burr goodbye. But who can get through to Saddlefield?

Dear Lola...or How to Build Your Own Family

By Judie Angell

At first, running away from St. Theresa's Home and School seemed like a great idea to ten-year-old Annie, her brother, and four other kids. The leader of the group, eighteen-year-old "Lola", who writes an advice column to earn enough money to support the kids, could never be a better mom and dad to the children. Their life in the town of Sweet River is getting off to a good start, but when some of the neighbors get suspicious, the kids must do some fast thinking in order to stay together.

This is a fun, comic story of six kids who vow to stick together--no matter what.

**SOCCKER SEASON
STARTED**

By Javier De Jesus

The new soccer season is here! Games were played April 18 thru April 19. TJ White played TJ Red both dates.

TJ White tied with the defending champions, 4 to 4. Four penalties were called in this game, three for Red and one for White. Mike Okon scored all three penalties for Red, and David Lecon scored White's penalty. The rest of the goal scorers were Tom Foley, Larry Norris, and David Lecon for TJ White; and Marvin Kinsler for Red.

On April 19th, White beat Red, 5 goals to 2. TJ Red missed two penalties. The first penalty was shot by Mike Indresano, who had it stopped by Juan Soler, White's goalie, but Steve Okon ran into the area and kicked it in. Marvin Kinsler had his penalty shot stopped by Juan Soler, this time the ball stayed in Juan's hands. White's goals were made by David Lecon (2 goals), Larry Norris, Claudio Marimom, and Ty Reyes. Steve Okon scored two goals, the already mentioned one and a nice foul shot from outside the penalty area.

Rota visited ZAB and won the first game 4 to 0. ZAB beat Rota the next day 5 to 3.

