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HONOR SOCIETIES HOLD INDUCTION by Janet Correll



NJHS and NHS recently held induction ceremonies for new members. On May sixth, the induction took place, with speeches on service, character, leadership, and scholarship made by old members of both honor societies. A reception for the inductees and their families followed at the Officers' Club.

New members of NJHS are eighth graders Elaine Albert, Patrick Boyd, Courtney Charneco, Chris Forthman, Sylena Hendrix, Alaina Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Heidi Lutz, Rosemary Marimon, Angie Martinez, Stephanie Michalsky, Jay Moore, and Lynn Stanley. The freshmen are Linwood Burford, Juliet Lopez, Karen Lotz, Ludmilla McCullough, Jenna Schwalier, and Samantha Weicher.

New members of NHS are sophomores Julie Allsup, Lesley Boyd, Judy Converse, DeeDee Correll, Tony and Robert Garcia, Shane Gilbert, Sean Johnson, Chris Kuranko, Mike Lemons, Danita Nordlund, Sylvia Singleton, and Marqo Tucker. Juniors are William Burks, Scott Carrizales, Dane Charneco, Janet Correll, Elena Foley, Javier Garcia, John Mabanta, and Maria Soler. Seniors Estella Hall and Heather Strode were also inducted.

Congratulations to everybody!



SPEECH & DRAMA FESTIVAL A SUCCESS by Maria Soler

The speech and drama festival was held here at Torreion from the 13th to the 15th of May, and students from ZAB and Rota came to our school to compete. Mrs. Meyers was the sponsor of the group. The categories were debate, duet acting, group acting, showpiece, original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, oral interpretation, and solo acting.

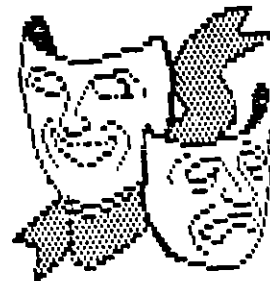
All the participants from our school were winners, but the following were rated outstanding in their categories: Kate Avery and Alex Laqaes in debate; Alex Laqaes in extemporaneous speaking; Jenna Schwalier in original oratory; Hunter Keeter in dramatic oral interpretation; Todd Boucher in humorous oral interpretation; Holly Anderson in the showpiece as outstanding actress; and Kate Avery and Trey McCartt, Todd Boucher and Leslie Mace, and Marqo Tucker and Shane Gilbert in duet acting.

FALL CHEERLEADERS SELECTED by Marqo Tucker

The '87 fall cheerleading squad has been selected, after tryouts that took place after school on May fourteenth.

The new cheerleaders were "tapped" in an NHS fashion the following day. New members, led by Leslie Mace, are: Lonna Hendrix, Nicole Otero, Leslie Gammon, Jeni Fuller, Marqo Tucker, Sheri Saiter, Sarah Armstrong, Andrea Lemons, Rosey Mitchell, and Karen Lotz.

The new team will be traveling to Germany for camp this August.



FASHION UP YOUR STYLE by Cristina Zambrana



Yellow, red, green, gray, and blue are just some of the new spring colors! Mrs. Donald, our high school cosmetology teacher, has given us some important facts about fashion.

How has spring set it's fashion for women? First, hair styles are very modern, they are either shoulder length or very short and accented in the front. Make-up is accented on the eyes, cheeks, and lips, and of course, daytime makeup for colors is preferable. Scarves are no longer used to accent clothes or hair style. Heels are short or flat. Lengths for skirts remain the same, either miniskirts or long skirts below the knee.

How has spring set it's fashion for men? They are mainly conservative; slacks are GREAT and so are jeans if they are washed-out. Jockey outfits for men and women are very attractive and fashionable in the new spring colors.

**TORREJON'S SP-71ST AFJROTC DRILL TEAMS
COMPETE IN EUROPEAN DRILL COMPETITION**
By Chris Weeks

Unfortunately, this year is almost over (HaHa), but I have had a great year. The highlight of my year was being a member of the Spain 71st AFJROTC Unarmed Drill Team.

On 25 April, we travelled to RAF Croughton/Upper Heyford to participate in the AFJROTC European Drill Teams Competition. There were five events: Inspection, Unarmed Regulation Drill, Unarmed Exhibition Drill, Armed Exhibition and Individual Drill-Down.

We did very well as one can see from the following results:

First Place, Unarmed Regulation Drill

First Place, Unarmed Regulation Drill Team Commander, C/CAPT JOHN ROBERTS

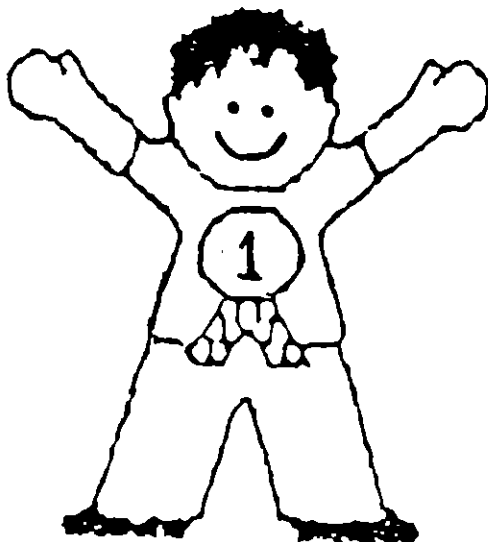
First Place, Overall Drill Team Commander, C/LT COL SEAN McKENNA

First Place, Individual Drill-Down, C/LT COL SEAN McKENNA--he won over the 48 best cadets in all Europe.

Third Place, Armed Exhibition Drill Team.

Our unit missed First Place Overall trophy by a margin of 6 points out of a total 400 to the unit in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Congratulations to all of the Drill Teams, Lt Col Pierson, MSgt Hayward, and the entire Sp-71st Squadron.



TJ ARTISTS SHINE

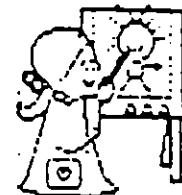
Torrejon shone at the 1897 DoDDS -M Art Festival.

TJ's collection of entries was judged the Best School Display from among all of the Mediterranean Region high schools. In addition, Torrejon students won eight of the fourteen individual Best of Show Awards. These were:

- Miquel Gahan for Pencil/Crayon
- Laura Coles for Charcoal/Pastels
- Sonia Merlino for Ink
- Pete Serverino for Watercolor and Ceramics
- Clay Patterson for Tempera
- Eva Diaz for Printmaking/Seriographs
- Stephani Skogstrand for Sculpture
- Crystal Sutherland for Commercial Art

-Many other TJ students were awarded blue, red, white, and green ribbons.

The Art Festival held at the Torrejon Officer's Club contained entries from American elementary and high schools in Spain, Portugal, Turkey, and Italy.



SPRING FASHION SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS
by Debbie Hersman

Mrs. Donald's cosmetology classes held a spring fashion show in the auditorium on May 12th during second period.

It was an excellent production, featuring leather ensembles, evening wear, dressing for success, and sporty outfits. The choir also performed several selections for the audience.

Quite a few classes attended the show and seemed to greatly enjoy the talented models and singers. Mr. Armstrong's AV classes assisted in providing sound and filming the assembly.

I'm sure the NCA visitors were impressed with the way various school organizations work together. Congratulations to all components of the show for a job well done.

THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH
by Jimmy Chambliss

Well, the end is near. The mutant raisins in oatmeal have been sent to Mr. Faulin's room for study. My dog the Buddist has been penned up. Diane Franklin has been sent back to Hollywood via express mail. And I give my final poll. The guys wanted me to do an all mens poll (under friendly threats of violence, I might add.), so here goes:

WHO IS YOUR DREAM GIRL?

"All women, mainly great personalites, acceptable looks, a sense of humor, intelligence, and friendliness."
HUNTER KEETER

"Michelle Zepp."
BILLY GIANNARIS

"Michelle Zepp & Tina Sievert."
ALEX LAGARES

"Mrs. Boyd"
MR. BOYD

"A woman who's pretty, funny, and sexy. She must have a nice body, a great personality, be understanding, and have a love for airplanes."
NEIL LAGSTROM

"Nicole Ostrum"
ALONSO SANCHEZ

"The Penthouse Pet"
T.F.

"Christina Zambrana"
MR. ANONYMOUS

"Leslie Mace"
TODD BOUCHER

"Russ Martin's mom"
JACK DOE

"A cross between Kathy Roscoe & Aimee Converse"
MR. HOGE

"Christie Brinkley"
JASON CULBREATH

"A mixture of Janet Jackson, Whitney Houston, and Eric Cheatham."
ERIC CHEATHAM

"Lauren Hutton"
ART LAFON

"Valerie Hersman"
SHANE RAMIREZ

AND FINALLY--

"Debbie Hersman"
YOU KNOW WHO

Well, this ends THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH. Next year somebody else will take od but interesting polls. Goodbye.



TAKE ME AS I AM

Somewhere out there
Is a friend
That I hope I'll meet someday,
Someone who will take me as I am,
And not for someone she
Wants me to be.
Not because I'm pretty or ugly,
Fat or skinny,
Smart or dumb,
Popular or unknown,
In love or loveless,
But because of the person I really am.
There's someone that will
Care enough to be there for me
Whenever I need her
And that will believe in me.
Someone that will be as true
To me as to herself.
Just as I have tried to be
With past friendships--but failed
Because I gave all and they
Gave nothing...
Those people who said they
Really cared for me
Carelessly abandoned me when I needed
Them the most.
They lied and broke their promises
To me.
They hurt me very much.
But now I am strong and faithful,
Faithful to myself
And to that someone I'll meet someday,
Who will take me as I am.

--Tonya Hansen

MYSTERY KNIGHTS

by DeeDee Correll

In our May issue, the focus is on a freshman guy who is lucky he hasn't ended up in the hospital from overexertion. What with the track season AND, more important, all the brown-nosing he had to brush up on to make it into NJHS, he's been one busy guy! Affectionately referred to by all as ??? (same initial as his last name), he's from North Carolina and has been here three and a half years. He likes playing football, watching t.v., and participating in the ROTC drill team. His pet peeves are rumors, backbiters, male chauvenists, and fake people; his favorites are rap music and peanut butter.

Mystery Knight #2 is a sophomore guy--a Pisces whose B-day is about a week before everyone's (i.e., Leslie Mace) All-Time Favorite, Rob Lowe. And according to some "squirrely" conversations overheard, some people seem to think that the two share more endearing qualities than just the same Zodiac sign. A lover of soccer, wrestling, motorcycles, and girls, he has lived in Madrid all his life and likes it "very much." This Knight loves heavy metal, and listed getting a job as being a favorite moment.

The junior class is represented this time by two Mystery Knights. They're not a couple, but both are well-known for their clownish personalities. Meet the Boobsey Twins! This guy considers himself a wit, and he's also the type to torture innocent, little sisters. He likes girl-watching and soccer, and has found Bachelor Living to be quite an intellectual challenge. He thinks tomatoes on his cheeseburgers, people who think they're wonderful, and nerds are very distasteful, and was most embarrassed when he tripped someone he thought he knew, then found out he had never seen that person before in his life. His favorite moment was finding out that he had more friends than he thought he did.

The other Knight is a Libra girl who, to coin a phrase, never shuts up! She has a boundless amount of energy, and uses it for cheerleading, ROTC, volleyball, track, and shaving-creaming. She has two pets--a poodle named Tupperware and Mike. She's from California and hates people who can't dance. She'll eat anything that doesn't give her gas, and relishes the moment when she showed Mike Hanson "who was and is on top!"

Mystery Knight #5 is a senior from New York who has lived in Europe for 7 years and loves it. She's a Scorpio who is crazy about all food, and is great at rationalizing (no, putting bran on your

chocolate chip cookies does NOT justify it!). She enjoys swimming, scuba diving, dancing, and praying. She's been involved in cross-country, golf, student & class councils, and peer facilitating, to name a few. Notorious for her height, she's probably going to get lost in the crowd, or worse yet, trampled on when she attends Brigham Young University this fall.

So that wraps it up. Just in time--I was beginning to think that I would never survive to see the summer. Like Jimmy, it's time for me to say goodbye. Not because I'm leaving. But if I ever so much as look at this column again, I can assure you that I'll throw up. Any poor suckers out there who want to take over?

by Billy Martinez

This month's Knight loves to collect stickers and stationary. She will turn fourteen eleven days after getting out of school. She likes going to the movies with her friends. Getting an operation was her worst moment. Her middle name is Leigh. Her favorite movie is "Terminator" and her favorite song is "Walk Like An Egyptian." Born in Colorado, her favorite group is the Eagles.



MAD

I'm not here.

I don't exist.

I'm just a puff of smoke on the wind.

Not worth looking at.

Unless, of course, you have a problem.

Then I just materialize.

I sit.

I listen.

When you're done I fade away.

That's all.

I'm not a person.

I don't have feelings.

I'm a puff of smoke.

Wave your hand and I go away.

--Sheri Saiter

BOOK REVIEW
by Sylvia Singleton

To Kill A Mockinbird
by Harper Lee

In this classic novel, Scout, the narrator, is told by her father never to kill a mockingbird, for its only purpose on this earth is to sing, and it doesn't hurt anyone. I think Harper Lee wasn't relating the title to the actual bird, though. I believe Ms. Lee was comparing the bird to Tom Robinson, the black man wrongly accused of raping a white girl.

Tom had never hurt anyone; his purpose in life was to make others happy by helping them out (while the mockingbird does so by singing). If you kill a mockingbird, you've wasted something precious, and that's just what the townspeople did to Tom. His death was unnecessary, and no good came from it. When he was killed, the voice of an honest, happy man (like that of the mockingbird) was cruelly silenced.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Daniel Pierce
NICKNAME: D.C.
BIRTHDAY: September 6, 1969
FASTIME: Chasing women
BEST MOMENT: When I met Katrina H.
WORST MOMENT: Swimming in the Med.
PET PEEVE: People who are always in other people's business.

FAVORITES

FOOD: Mexican
MOVIE: Cobra
TV SHOW: Cosby Show
SONG: Heavy On My Mind
COLOR: Blue
TEACHER: Carl Casteel
PERSON: "Ski"

Have you figured out the answers to May's Mystery Knights? They are freshmen Binky Buford, sophomore Danny Beers, juniors Carlos Davis and Karen Evans, senior Monica Rivas, and eighth grader Heather Carlson.

AIM HIGH



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NAME: Renee Andreoli
NICKNAME: Nav-Nav
BIRTHDAY: Jan 4, 1969
PASTIME: Spending time with my boyfriend.
BEST MOMENT: When Paul Svetlovics asked me to marry him.
WORST MOMENT: Finding out I would have to have surgery for Scoliosis.
PET PEEVE: People scraping their teeth on a fork

FAVORITES

FOOD: Italian
MOVIE: "Back To The Future"
TV SHOW: Cosby Show
SONG: "Old Days"
COLOR: Blue
TEACHER: Mr. Hoge
PERSON: Paul Svetlovics

PREDICTIONS '86-'87 (SORT OF) IV
by Jimmy Chambliss

At long last, the \$19.95 crystal ball has come back to give a final dose of unusual and unbelievable predictions for everybody. I've got the mispredictor hooked up to the AFTV-5 Satellite Dish and the fun has just begun...

Chris Weeks will be elected Mr. Universe for 1987. He will later be disqualified for illegal use of flesh-colored balloons and a tire pump.

Holly Anderson will contract a strange disease. She will grow feathers, caw, and fly south for the winter.

Alex Lagares will join Bloom Country's Billy and the Boncers and dye his hair blue.

The THS Football Teams will win next year's regionals by spiking the other teams' protective body gear with liquid heat.

Mrs. Indresano & Mrs. Edwards will retire from DoDDS and become managers/babysitters for the Beastie Boys.

Brooke Shields will once more become men's most desired sex symbol after wearing a yellow raincoat with purple duck and a bunny ear hood.

Mrs. Meyers will become a punk rocker and bite the head off a Cabbage Patch Kid.

Mr. Scheier, Mr. Eovd, and Mr. Heck will receive the Most Lovable Faculty Member Award from the NCA. Naturally, the school will freak.

Hank Polk, Chris Sievert, Maurice Woodard, Matt Gordon, Scott Carrizales, and Brad McCov will win a shunk farm. The guys will soon discover to their horror that they will have to work on the farm for a week per month...WITHOUT GAS MASKS!

Carlos Davis, Karen Evans, Forrest Hale, Debbie Hersman, Billy Martinez, and Trey McCartt will go on a commando raid to save Jimmy Chambliss from the worst thing imaginable...a slander suit. (And you thought the crystal ball was gonna say membership to you-know-what.)

Doonesbury's mad and beautiful Ron Headrest will go on a worldwide tour of all functioning T.V.s. Although the Russians will have a heck of a time trying to shut Ron down, the answer to Max Headloom will give his views on safe sex, bad drugs, and wild parties. (Call (202) 456-1414 for concert info.)

And finally, the ultimate prediction...the Squirrels, tired of being the butt of every joke in

school, will challenge the Seniors to a fight to the finish. Seeing the seriousness of the situation, Mr. Scheier will petition the NHS to be officials of this mad contest. Mr. Foley will back the Seniors while Ms. Donald will help the Squirrels. The Squirrels vs. Seniors Games, to be televised live and transmitted via satellite, will have a bathtub race, a bowling game, a custard pie war, and the piece de resistance: a marathon/obstacle course/relay race on tricycles. Will the Seniors continue their reign of terror or will the Squirrels prove that the meek will inherit the earth? The mispredictor doesn't know the outcome, but I'm putting my money on the underdogs.

Thus ends an era of fun, thrills, and freaky guessing for the \$19.95 crystal ball. I'd like to thank you for your support and also like to warn you if you hear of any weird predictions coming from the National Enquirer, think of the crystal ball.

I DIDN'T SAY GOODBYE

Today was the last day,
Tonight's the last night,
Tomorrow will be the first
Of many.

There's a chance that I
might not ever see your
face again, hear your
voice again...

But you'll be in my
memories.
Always.

And did you notice?
I didn't say goodbye.

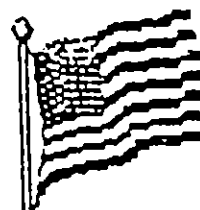
--Julie Allsup



LIFE HURTS

My mind is an egg, and I
live in the shell.
When it will hatch,
only time can tell.
I fight to break out of it,
life put me here.
Life hurts,
so I hide with my tears.
I almost get out,
I almost mend.
Then someone else hurts me,
and I hide again.

--Sheri Saiter



PROPOSED CHANGES: MORE BAD NEWS

by DeeDee Correll

I'm beginning to think our administration has a sadistic streak to it. Either that, or they just haven't tried their own Plus-Minus-Consider All Factors program.

The student body was recently informed of a bit of news concerning proposed changes for SY '87-'88. Instead of our current seven-period rotating schedule, with six 50-minute classes plus a 25-minute study hall meeting everyday, next year we may be having seven classes meeting every single day. How can we be expected to keep up with an academic load like that? A lot of kids are interested in extracurricular activities, especially sports, but how can we possibly have the time for them, particularly if we're expected to rise and shine and enter seven classrooms, fully prepared each day? Have some sympathy for the teachers, too--but the administration has nothing to worry about, does it? After all, in their school days, they more than likely had four or five classes each day.

Cutting our study halls is absurd, too. It's amazing that they can, at the same time as they are placing an even heavier burden on our shoulders, they are dropping the one thing that might assist us through this--a period during which we can finish up those seven classes worth of homework.

Another important factor to consider is this: Almost all meetings for school activities take place during study hall. When will they be held next year? Puh-leeze don't feed the 'lunch-time' line to me. Do you want us to be malnourished, too? That leaves after-school hours. What about the time that will be wasted waiting for activity buses and finally getting home (an overwhelming majority of the kids live off-base, especially in Royal Oaks), when most of the business could be conducted and tied up in a lousy half-hour?

As for the rest of the student body, the ones who are always in their study halls, I'm aware that the major complaint is that they waste their time, fooling around. It's a well-documented fact that the average person cannot concentrate for more than 30 minutes at a time. With the rest of the day ahead of us, it's only natural that we might want to relax and unbend a bit. So, give us a break, will ya? We're only human.

What I'm asking is simple. I'm not asking you to change the whole 7-period system (which is ridiculous, anyway, but that's not the point of this editorial). We're merely requesting you to bring the aspect of our mental and physical health into consideration, and to reevaluate your decisions. However, if you, the administrators, are so determined to stick to your plan, you should at least offer students the option of choosing a study hall as one of the seven classes.

We aren't machines. You can't plug us into your seven-period day, and expect us to come out of it with no ill effects. Let's have some realism.

So, come on, DODDS. Shape up--or spare us the commercials.



A FEW WORDS FROM MR. SCHEIER

I've been asked to comment about this school year. You'll be relieved since I can only do half an article. As most of you know, when you arrive at a new school after the school year has started, it takes some time to get caught up.

I can honestly say that I haven't quite caught up. But I can also say that my welcome to THS, and the openness I've sensed has made my transition very easy.

I will concede that some of my concerns regarding behavior and attitude have NOT been resolved. However, I am pleased to comment that in most cases you-the students of THS--have shown great maturity in regard to our dress code, especially the method of adopting the change to it.

In almost all areas I sense an interested, active student body. Your interest in activities, whether athletic or drama, or orchestral or drill team is refreshing. I hope that interest will be continued and improved upon next year. Who knows, it may spread to the academic areas also.

I wish all of you success in final exams. I hope you find your summer vacation as rewarding and relaxing as possible.

I caution you, however, not to forget too much of what you have learned. It will make next year easier if you try to remember what you've learned this year. Keep reading, keep thinking, and stay loose.





VIEW OF THE WORLD
TELEVANGELISTS: TOLL BOOTH TO GOD?
by Jimmy Chambliss



Well, this is it. This is the final chapter of the longest (and possibly the best) opinion column series ever made in this paper. I'm gonna go all out on this last topic. It's about a half-Bakked (pardon the pun) scheme to cook an already half-Bakked industry. What is it? T.V. evangelism.

Now, before we can talk about the recent scandals of T.V. religion, we've got to find some of the problems of religion itself. When Christianity, one of the major religions, was formed, it was more or less a united religion. But then some of the head priests had a difference of opinion and started bumping heads. This led to many divisions of Christianity known today. (Methodist, Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, whatever.)

Now, some of the subsections wanted money donations from their followers to give to the poor. Some of them were really sincere while some of the others got greedy and pocketed the loose change. That got Martin Luther, a German priest, peeved 'cause he felt that the Bible should be used for salvation and not money. He especially got angry when he saw rich cardinals getting richer and the poor folks getting poorer. Martin Luther then led a muck-raking campaign against such practices and eventually succeeded. The Church wised up and stopped misusing funds. Because of his righteous actions, Martin Luther is considered Christianity's first reformer.

Today, T.V. evangelists are going nuts over the mess about the Bakkers and Oral Roberts misusing donations, getting into trouble, and generally giving Christianity a bad name. The trouble started when a Louisiana televangelist named Jimmy Swaggart accused Jim and Tammy Bakker of unchristian conduct. They then admitted to using drugs, having extra-marital sex, and living an expensive lifestyle despite a \$5 million deficit of the PTL (Praise The Lord) organization. While the PTL was being torn apart by this, Oral Roberts started his campaign to raise dough for his City of Faith Medical Center. He said if he didn't get \$8 million dollars by March 31, God was gonna give him the ax...literally. Since most people didn't want him to get killed, they sent about \$8.7 million! Unfortunately, a couple of aerospace engineers think that Oral is abusing God and are suing for the return of all donations...or else. (Where's Martin Luther when we need him?)

The reason why there's trouble in televangelism is simple...GREED! These guys want a big piece of the action. Unfortunately, they're hurting a lot of innocent people with their mudslinging. If this doesn't stop soon, PTL will become Pile up The Lawsuits and all religious choirs will be singing "I'm Busted". (Kinda scary, ain't it.)

Even though I'm a non-practicing Catholic, I don't dig the way these clowns are abusing God and ripping people off. Since when has God run a toll booth at the Pearly Gates? Televangelists are full of bull anyhow, so why give money to those jerks when you could give to the United Way? Christianity is supposed to be an honest religion, not a make-a-buck con-job. If you really want to know God, go to your small town minister and your Bible. Although these clergymen may drink a little and play a little Bingo, they're honest Joes that you can trust. And the Bible can never lie or take your money. It can only give the truth. As for those T.V. crooks, do religion a favor. Pull the plug on those clods. Maybe the zero rating on Nielsen would make them wise up.

This ends three years of fun for me. I'd like to thank you all for your support and your letters. I hope you guys have good lives and everything. This is Jimmy Chambliss for VIEW OF THE WORLD now cruising in a '57 Plymouth Fury. Trouble is calling and I must answer.

THIS ENDS THE STORY, BUT NOT THE LEGEND.

LIFE

Feeling like...
(jumping)
I sit quietly in my seat
Feeling like...
(singing)
I listen to the teacher instead
Feeling like...
(eating)
I have to watch my weight
Feeling like...
(sleeping)

I have responsibilities

Feeling like...
(dancing)
I do my geometry
Feeling like...
(crying)
I smile to the world
Feeling like...
(dying)
...
I pick myself up
--Sylvia Singleton



RESPONSES FROM PREVIOUS VIEWS OF THE WORLD
by Jimmy Chambliss



It seems that I'm getting fans in the 8th grade. One of these squirrels, a girl named 'M', sent her regards. Unfortunately, secrecy has been requested and I can't give her exact words. To put it in a nutshell, she gave thanks for the return of the \$19.95 crystal ball. She also gave thanks to VIEW which she considers to be the most exciting part of the paper. She told about some of her friends, recently inducted into NJHS, hating VIEW. She supports Chris Weeks's view of character and states that I've got plenty of it.

Well, Ms.'M', I enjoyed your letter. You don't have to be ashamed of writing me a letter. A lot of squirrels enjoy my articles almost as much as the rest of the bunch. In fact, I did the squirrels a lot more 'cause they're the Underdogs who will one day prove that they ain't dirt. As for your NJHS 'friends', let them keep their opinions. I've made my peace with the NHS/NJHS. I'd just wish some of them would make their peace with me. That would perhaps prove just how honorable they really are. Incidentally, please enjoy my prediction on your Squirrel friends, Ms.'M'. I'm sure you'll like it.

Mike Kennedy gave his response to my response to Chris Weeks's response.:

"I don't think Chris Weeks was particularly right. But you don't have to drag him over the coals. Perhaps there is another way to go about it. What do you think?"

Well, Mike, you do give a good point, so here's my reason for answering Chris's response so brashly. My answering system is a two-party system. If the response is serious (like Julie Allsup's and yours), I give my utmost attention and seriousness. But, if it's not so serious (Like Chris's), then I get a little weird and give the response it deserves. I'm sure that you'll understand, Mike.

Leslie Mace sums up what I hope the general public feels about VIEW:

"I would like you to know that I really love your articles even though sometimes I find them a bit shortsighted. I have been here since (the) 9th grade and have read your articles in every issue. Your articles have matured so greatly since Day One and I like them better and better, the best being your April issue.

"You might have caused an uproar at times, but I'm glad you write it. Even though I don't agree with many of your opinions, your articles are very entertaining."

Thank you for your praise, Leslie. Your words have inspired me to continue my madcap work. Your response and the way the world is going bonkers are equally inspirational. I'm sure that the good people of Mississippi, where I'm going, will enjoy my articles and maybe even do something about the gloom and doom that I write about. They better not do it too fast or I might be out of a job.

So, this concludes my three year domination of the opinion columns. If Debbie Hersman is still going be around when I leave, I figure she might take over. (She's gonna have to think up her own title, though. I'm using my title until Doomsday or at least until I can't write anymore.) So long, boys and 'boys'! It's been a doozies.

A BROKEN HEART

PROMISES

Promises
Oh
The Promises
Some people make!
How they resemble tears once wept,
They pour out freely, deep, and true,
Then dry up quickly,
Are not
Kept

-- Sylvia Singleton

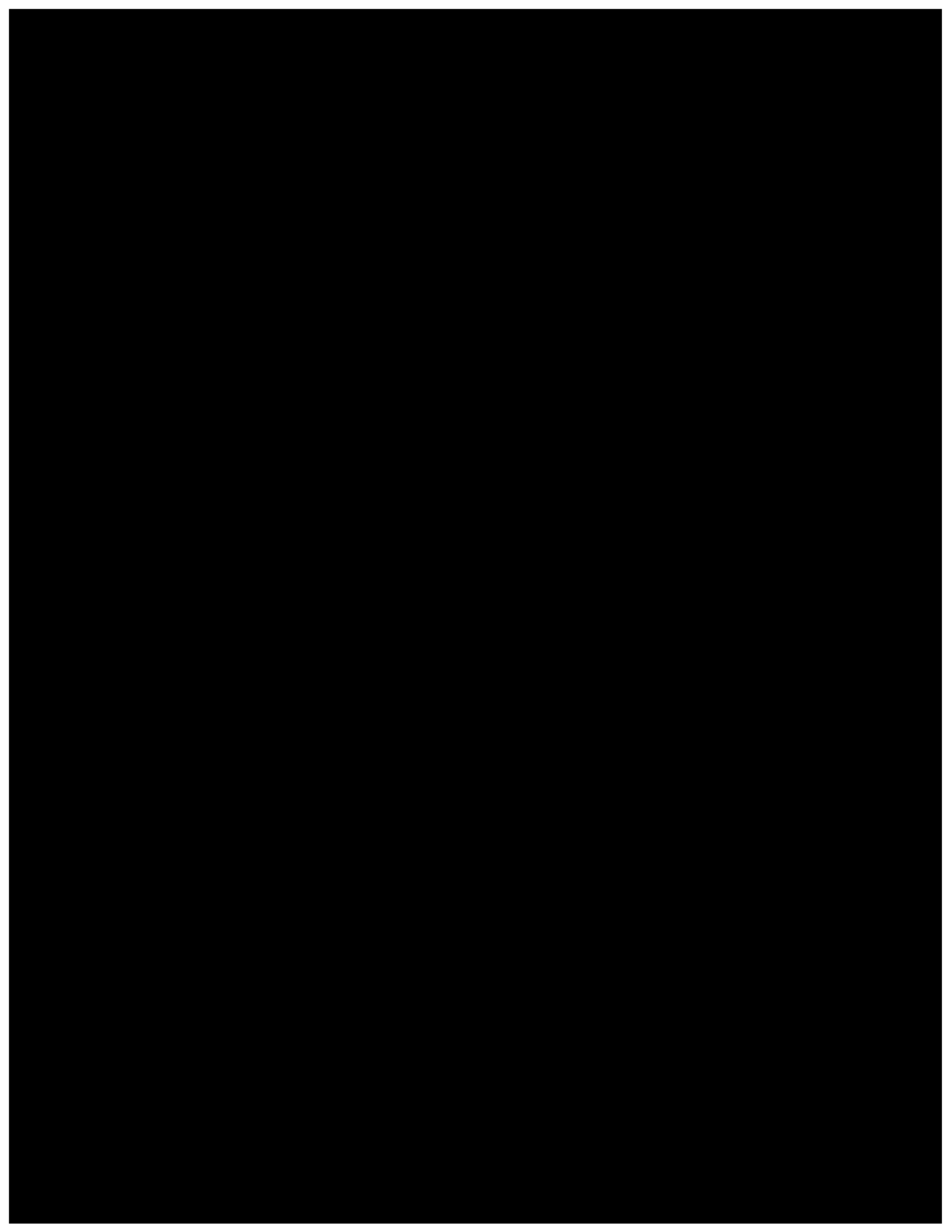
A broken heart torn apart, by a lover foul. It makes me weary now to remember those days when I was one or the other until I found another.

It seems so senseless and useless now. Does being alone mean being in a lonely state, forever unaware of the "beautiful" fate that marriage could bring?

My heart aches for all those who think that this is so and because of it will never know the freedom of choice. Marry? Have you no voice?

Your happiness is there - with your choice.

--Adria Lopez



Varsity Soccer Season:
It Came and Went
by Javi De Jesus

Varsity soccer has come and gone. Tryouts had started on the 30th of March and by the 10th of April, the new members of the Red and White teams were selected. After spring recess, the two teams started practice, looking forward to the new season with confidence.

This year, the season was set up differently from last years. Last year, each team traveled individually to Rota or ZAB to play two games. This year, all three schools would meet on the same weekend in the same place. The first meet was in ZAB during the weekend of 24-25 April. The results were as follows:

24 April	25 April
2 ZAB-TJ White 10	5 Rota-TJ White 0
3 TJ Red-ROTA 3	6 TJ Red-ZAB 0
4 TJ Red-TJ White 2	
11 ROTA-ZAB 2	

After this meet, Rota was slowly becoming the surprise team of the season while the defending champion, TJ White, was in third place.

The following meet was in Torrejon, here are the scores:

1 May	2 May
9 ROTA-ZAB 1	3 TJ Red-ROTA 2
1 TJ Red-TJ White 1	1 TJ White-ROTA 2
2 TJ White-ZAB 0	

In this meet, TJ Red ended up leading the league with a strong undefeated record. Everything looked positive for the Red team, but things did not turn out so good in ROTA.

The meet in ROTA was held the 8th through the 9th of May. ZAB did not attend because of some problems in their school. These are the results:

8 May	9 May
6 ROTA-TJ White 2	2 TJ Red-TJ White 3
	2 ROTA-TJ Red 0

The final standings are as follows:

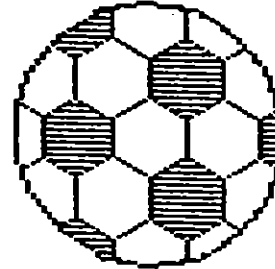
1 ROTA	6 wins 1 tie 1 loss
2 RED	4 wins 2 ties 2 losses
3 WHITE	3 wins 1 tie 4 losses
4 ZAB	0 wins 0 ties 6 losses

It was a good season, though unfortunately

for TORREJON. ROTA had a strong team and so they came in 1st.

15 players were chosen from among three teams for all-conference. these were the players chosen from TORREJON:

RED	WHITE
Arturo Rivas	Tommy Foley
Jon Hoqqard	Larry Norris
Miquel Gahan	David Lecon
Jack Redding	Juan Soler
Matt Glaysher	Willie Burks



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TRIUMPHS
by DeeDee Correll

Torrejon men's and women's cross-country teams were undefeated throughout the season, capturing the regional title after winning at both preliminary meets.

Shawn Brennan did it again, taking the honors at TJ, as well as at Rota and ZAB, in a time of 23:53 for four miles. Brent Richter (Rota) took second place, followed by Todd Albritton. In fourth place was Troy Holmquist (Rota) and Andy Matthews in fifth. A good race was also run by Gary Barnes (6th) and by Shane Gilbert (7th) and David Poli (8th), whose battle on the final stretch gave the spectators something to see. Congratulations are also in order for our own Caswell Harris, whose confidence and laid-back attitude carried the rest of the team through a humorous season.

Christina Gahan, victorious in the preliminaries, won the women's 2-mile race in 13:44. Maria Milliken took second place, followed by Jenny Walker (Rota) and DeeDee Correll, in third and fourth places, respectively. Natasha Brison and Stephanie Skoqstrand tied for fifth place.

In each race, there was roughly a field of a dozen. The course was last year's "Rambo Run", with some variations. However, it was as challenging as ever, especially in the afternoon heat.

The Torrejon All-Conference teams consist of Brennan, Albritton, and Matthews, and Gahan, Milliker, Correll, and Brison/Skoqstrand.



SPORTS POLL
by Michael Lemons



In mid-May, a poll was taken of 76 students of grades 8-12, asking them which was their favorite sport, favorite basketball team, favorite football team, favorite baseball team, and favorite soccer team. Answers varied widely and often weren't serious (all right, whose favorite sport is shuffleboard?), and many people were unsure, but in the end each category had a number of choices which ranked significantly higher than the rest. The results were as follows:

In sports, football easily came out as the favorite sport, receiving more than twice as many votes as its nearest competitor. Other favorites were basketball (second favorite), soccer (third), and baseball and tennis (tied for fourth).

In basketball, it was a race between the Lakers and the Celtics. The Lakers finally came out on top, leaving the Celtics in second, the 76'ers in third, and the Spanish team Real Madrid in fourth.

The race for favorite football team was very close all around, with a wide variety of votes and little distance between the competitors. In the end, the Giants received top vote, followed by the Dolphins (second), the Bears (third), and the Cowboys (fourth).

Baseball, like football, received a wide variety of votes, but its results were incomplete due to a mistake in the polling where some students were never asked what their favorite baseball team was. However, a poll is a poll, and in this category, top vote was received by the Dodgers. In second place was the Mets, in third place was the Cubs, and in fourth place was the Yankees.

In soccer there was no competition. The Spanish team Real Madrid won by a landslide. Since soccer teams do not receive the same publicity as teams of other sports, most people not voting for Real Madrid were unsure of their favorites or didn't have one. However, two teams did get significant votes: an Italian team (Juve) received the second highest number of votes, followed by our own T.J. Red in third.

Special thanks goes to those who participated in the poll. Thanks for your cooperation.



TRACK CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL SEASON
by DeeDee Correll

Torreion's track and field team squashed Rota and ZAB competition at the regional meet, winning with a total score of 181 points, as opposed to DGF's 66 and ZAB's 17.

Winners in the men's division were Anthony Gaviola (three first places in individual events); Shawn Brennan (two first places); Willie Clark (two first places in individual events and two first places in relays); Charles Thompson; and Trev McCartt.

Outstanding efforts were made in the 400-meter relay by Thompson, Clark, Robert Jones, and Tim Schneider with a time of 46.00. In pole vaulting, Forrest Hale tied our school record set in 1964 with 11 ft. 6 in. In the 400 m. run, Willie Clark ran the second fastest time in our school history with 51.27. Charles Thompson captured the 100 m. run in a 11.17, and in the 1600 m. relay, he, Clark, Schneider, and Brennan blazed a 3:38.50. Trev McCartt won in both the discus and shot put events.

Other first-place winners were: Shawn Brennan (1500 m.); Schneider, John Mabanta, Forrest Hale, and David Poli (sprint medley); Robert Jones (200 m.); Andy Matthews (3000 m.); and Willie Clark (triple jump).

For the women, high-point winners were Lonna Hendrix (16 pts.), Christina Gahan (16 pts.), and Maria Milliken (10 pts.). Outstanding times were turned in by Hendrix, Katrina Humphreys, Donacia Miller, and Dimole Morris in the 400 m. relay with a 53.75; by Hendrix in the 100 m. hurdles with 16.13; and again by Hendrix in the 200 m. run with 27.25. Lisa Pleasant won the discus event, throwing a 90'3".

Coming in first place in other events were: Christina Gahan (1500 m.); Maria Milliken (800 m.); Morris, Humphreys, Rose LeDay, and Gahan (sprint medley); DeeDee Correll (3000 m.); LeDay, Dana Edwards, Milliken, and Gahan (4x400 relay); and Donacia Miller (high jump).



