

# EAGLES ECHO



## Juniors Take School Spirit High at F.H.S. NMSQT

On February 27, 1968, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will be given in the Frankfurt High School auditorium to juniors who wish to compete for a Merit Scholarship or who wish to generally assess their academic progress. Juniors will have an opportunity in their English class to sign up for this test next week. The fee is one dollar, collected on the day of the testing.

The NMSQT is a two hour thirty five minute test which provides a measure of educational development in five areas: English usage, math usage, social studies reading, natural sciences reading and word usage.

The FHS Guidance Department has also announced dates of other nation-wide testing programs. Scheduled for May 11, 1968, the American College Test is taken mainly by seniors for college entrance and scholarship purposes at a cost of \$4.50. Registration period for the ACT begins on January 29 and ends on April 10, 1968.

The College Entrance Examination Board tests will be administered on the first Saturday in March, May and July to seniors and juniors. The "College Boards" include the Scholastic Aptitude Test, Achievement Tests in several subjects and the Writing Sample.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test is a three hour objective measure of how well a student has developed verbal and mathematical skills. The Achievement Tests are one hour objective measures of a student's level of achievement in a particular subject field.

The Writing Sample is a one hour essay writing exercise. Fees for each of these tests are: SAT \$5.00, AT \$7.50 (any one, two or three tests), WS \$2.00

Questions about these tests can be answered by one of the Guidance Counselors in room 240 or 154. Students may pick up application blanks in room 154.

School spirit at Frankfurt High is better than many people think, according to a poll conducted last month by Mike Eshleman, FHS senior. Believed to be the first of its kind done by a high school student, the computerized study is already scheduled to be conducted at Kaiserslautern and Wiesbaden High Schools.

"The method I used is very simple," Eshleman told an ECHO reporter. "Ask students, individually and anonymously, what they think of their school." Around 950 randomly selected students were asked to fill out a questionnaire.

The responses were put on punch cards as part of Mike's assignment for his 6th period Introduction to Computers class. The data fed through the computer became known as "Eshleman's Elaborate Pep Poll."

One of the questions asked was, "Are you a member of the Student Council?" The punch cards of those who answered "Yes" were separated and run

through the computer by themselves. The responses of all students were assigned to one of eight different levels of school spirit.

Following is a tabulation of the responses of the sample of FHS students:

Number of Students	Level of Spirit
110.....	bitterly opposed
44.....	don't want anything to do with the school
67.....	don't care
63.....	undecided
138.....	some spirit
134.....	fair spirit
134.....	good spirit
241.....	high spirit

"Comparing the results of the school spirit poll between Student Council members and non-members proved to be very surprising," said Mike. "It is expected that people involved in Student Council should be very highly spirited. However, the results do not completely support this assumption."

It was shown that 4.5% of the Student Council members are bitterly opposed to the school; 6.0% do not want anything to do with FHS; 3.0% are undecided as to whether they care or not; 4.5% have only some spirit, 4.7% have fair school spirit; 10% have good spirit; and 63% of the Student Council members in the sample have high spirit.

There was also a question which allowed the student to suggest actions which would improve the school and the spirit. When asked about the comments, Mike replied, "I was really surprised that the comments were so constructive. Several of them were given to the Student Council and to teachers. In fact, they were so well constructed that a few teachers promised to see that changes are brought about."

One of the suggestions was to cut down on the number of activities which cost money, such as the newspaper and the yearbook.

Others felt school spirit would be greatly improved if buses from outlying areas were provided for games and dances, or if activities were held during the school day, as the talent show was.

There was also a suggestion for a school flag, which might make school more meaningful to the students.

The FHS faculty and Student Council have decided to make the poll an annual event.

"Eshleman's Elaborate Pep Poll" is also being sent to professional polling companies and science foundations for further analysis. Miss Julia Rowe, Director of the Guidance Department, is looking into the possibilities of obtaining an award for Mike.



.....MIKE ESHLEMAN.....

## '68 Goes Limey

Rome, Switzerland, Paris, Copenhagen or London? The class of '68 has had a very good selection of destinations to choose from. After much debate and hard work the senior's representatives decided London is the place to go. So all the seniors are making plans to spend Easter vacation in the foggy city.

The total cost of the trip is estimated at 68 dollars (odd coincidence). FHS seniors who wish to make the trip will be required to put down a non-refundable deposit of \$20 within the next couple of weeks. The \$68 charge will cover transportation, room and board in downtown London, but does not cover special trips or tours.

The trip will last from the 15th through the 20th of April, six days. The round trip will take up only two days, leaving four full days in London.

## Seniors To See Vietnam Slides

Slides taken by twice decorated hero Lieutenant William Thompson will be shown by Guy Bennett to all U.S. Government and Contemporary Problems classes sometime in February.

The idea of showing the slides originated with Guy, who felt that students should "see things as they are." He will tape an interview with Thompson to be heard along with the slides. Guy was also responsible for the poll on student feelings toward the Viet-Nam conflict.

The FHS faculty had nothing but encouragement for Guy, and Mr. Klein, assistant principal, remarked that it was an "excellent idea."

# EDITORIALS

## No Bone To Pick?



### Matter over Mind

If yearbooks and newspapers at Frankfurt American High were edible, at least 99% sales would be achieved. Students seem to be perpetually "broke" except when food and drink are concerned

Unfortunately, school activities which are supported by small numbers of subscribers and advertizers usually do not appeal to the average teen stomach.

As a result, only 1/2 or less of a student body totaling over 1200 care enough to let their stomachs growl in order to have memories of their high school years.

According to a student poll recently taken, students resent having to spend their money; however in order to have such privileges as a news paper and annual, the bills must be paid.

While we have student publications, they will be ignored; but, as usual, take them away, and the students who have not helped to support them will scream the loudest.

### Wanton Destruction

Frankfurt High School students and staff were shocked by an incident that occurred approximately a month ago. A staff member found his car with four flat tires and various items were missing. It is still unknown who did this inconsiderate act. Recently a student vandalized a typewriter worth \$500. Last year some students sprayed paint on the school building and parking lot. During the Christmas vacation the school was broken into. Four windows were shattered, and the school's shop was vandalized.

People who do these kinds of things deserve our pity as well as our anger. Some gripe about Frankfurt facilities; why is it that sometimes the same people write and carve on desks and tables?

Last summer Frankfurt High School was painted, and many repairs to the building were made. Let's do a better job of handling the property which our parents pay taxes to maintain.

### When in Rome.....

There will be no school on Monday, February 26th, the day of a major German festival called "Rosenmontag."

Rather than celebrating this occasion with the Germans, many students will spend the day at the teen club PX and snack bar

It's a shame that so many of us Americans are content to stay in our cultural cocoons when we have a chance to learn of our host nation & its people.

# KIM'S CANDID COMMENTS

By Pat Kim

Who done it this time? Well, it's Mary Jo Awwampato. She's afraid she'll get lost going to the dorm from the teen club so she holds Mary Bernath's hand.

We really have some odd!! people, things and happenings around this school. Signs are psychedelic, and so are Jim Drindel's teeth. He likes the dentist pills - - eats them by the half dozen.

There is a newly organized bowling league at Edwards. But it has one fault-it needs boys badly, there are only 17 of them----and four girls. Thats A.O.G. Seems like the trophies are as big as the people--look out, Harry Grindrod, isn't one of you enough to lug around??? While on the subject of huge things - Mr. Minette has been awarded a 500 lb. vulture. To help him pick on the dormies.

Teachers don't always want to be teachers-for example-Mr. Messier, how's the gas station?

Craig Hoke, he's a guy who plays at being a G.I. Likes to G.I. his room. Watch out for the settling dust, boy!! All's quiet on the tribal front today.

Oh! Chet Watson. Did you know that in order to be POPULAR, you should dress typically American-that is, skirt and sweater, weejuns forever. But, nothing up to date. Yes Sir. How's the outlook for next year's fashions?

Terri (Ryan) how's your friend with the whistle getting along at games?

There have been two accident prone people in school, Sharon Duplantis, and Bobbie Thacker; hope you two are feeling okay, cause the P.E. teacher is getting the ideas.

Last issue there were tribes springing up all over, this is the month of the beard. Think I'll grow one on my knee cap??

There should be some A.O.G.-type happenings at Faching the 26-we get the day off-guess we don't get the pleasure of skipping this year.

Did you know that Twiggy got a haircut? Except around here "Twig" is a boy, a frog boy to be exact. It's a good thing a haircut was brought on by the actions of Mr. Rains - we just can't have Harold Foster showing up the girl's hairdos' now can we, Tammy Troedson???

Well, stick around FHS, and you'll see-More!!!!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....

Dear Editor;

At the beginning of the school year, people were going around selling subscriptions to the "Eagles Echo". They said that there would be two papers a month, plus a free newsflash every week. So far we've gotten one paper and one newsflash.

I do think you owe your readers an explanation. If you can't keep your promise, you can at least refund the money.

Disappointed at the newspaper.

Dear Reader:

We promised the subscribers 10 issues and no certain number of "Flashes" throughout the entire year. We are doing our best to fulfill our commitment and we believe we will succeed.

Thank you for reminding us. We were beginning to believe nobody cared.

Editor

Dear Editor:

Run some vocational and ca-

reer news in a column in the Eagles Echo.

Julia Rowe

Miss Rowe:

Thank you for your excellent suggestion. We will follow it up, and such a column will appear in coming issues.

Editor

## Club News

PEP CLUB - A sweetheart dance is planned for March 2nd in the auditorium. The LETTERMENS CLUB will pick five girls, a sweetheart and her court of four.

SOPHOMORE CLASS - A booksale was held in the sophomore lobby during lunch periods. Prices ranged from 10 to 25 cents. Sale ended January 26th.

WINTER BALL - The sophs plan to hold it at the 97th General Officers' Club, on February 17.

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## EAGLES ECHO

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## Roving Reporter

# "Teen Thirty" Now On Saturday Morning

## Would You Take Drugs?

The college age and upper high school students in the United States have started a "drug revolution." Many young people seem to be a part of it. The ECHO Roving Reporter asked several FHS students the following questions: "Why do you think students are experimenting with drugs? Would you ever chance an experiment?" Here are some of the answers.

**Kurt Daniel---Sophomore---**I think these people are experimenting with drugs because of pressures put on them. Students are pressured by school and their parents in some cases. I'm not sure whether I would try an experiment with drugs or not.

**Maurice Fleming---Junior---**I think these students are bored with everything else, so they want to try something new and different. These drugs provide the "kicks" and "thrills" the kids are looking for. I don't really know if I would try these drugs if I had a chance to.

**Jimmy Bailey-Junior-**Students in high schools that are in a foreign country get pretty hard up to do something new instead of the regular weekend life, so they turn to drugs as a change of pace. Not that it is easy to obtain drugs; it's just something they want to experience. I wouldn't want to try drugs because it is too easy to get hooked on them, like cigarettes.

**Durward Sims-Senior---**I think that students are experimenting with drugs because they want to be someone important, and they want to prove that by taking drugs. I for one would not experiment with drugs.

**Jack Girard --Junior--** You really can't criticize something until you've experienced it, and so it is with drugs. There were times in history when alcohol was forbidden to the extent of being drawn into a Constitutional amendment. Now it is accepted practice. Drugs, too, have become an experiment and so they are outlawed. Perhaps in the future they will take on a daily commonplace, but today's "revolution" is only a cycle of that movement, a movement which may intensify with the degree of rejection.



BEFORE TAPING the Saturday morning student radio show, "Teen Thirty," announcer Alan Kieffer receives last minute instructions from Mr. Larry Wolf, FHS English teacher and co-sponsor of the Radio Club, and from Army Specialist Jim Polinski, AFN announcer and producer of the show.

## Aprons Are "In" For Boys

Seeing boys in aprons in Mrs. Stern's cooking classes second semester may not be as funny as it seems. Home Economics I (cooking) for boys as well as for girls is one of the courses available to students beginning second semester at FHS.

"There has been previous interest in a cooking class for boys," said Mrs. Stern. "Boys have been in my classes here at Frankfurt High in the past. I hope several will enroll this year."

Boys will learn the fundamentals of cooking so they can "batch it" with culinary skill should the need arise. Informal sources indicate that Home Ec I girls are not resisting male encroachment into their domestic domain.

With the approval of the

Guidance Department students may choose among several other courses at the beginning of second semester. Mr. Calvin teaches an Introduction to Computers class for juniors and seniors. The Humanities class taught by Dr. Gaugler is also open to juniors and seniors.

Economics, taught by Mr. Jamason, Music Theory, taught by Mr. Ried, and Miss Johnson's Music Appreciation class are also available.

Students at all grade levels may elect Home Economics I, II and III, Personal Typing and Office Practice, Vocal Music and Instrumental Music.

World History is also open, as are Speech and Drama, taught respectively by Miss Rotter and Mr. Mecham.

SCHOOL NEWS  
AROUND USDESEA

## Smoking Discouraged at Augsburg H. S.

Possession of cigarettes is on the "cause of suspension" list at Augsburg American High School. Aren't you glad you go to good old FHS?

The library at Munich High school has been expanded. The library has approximately 8200 books, of which 625 are new. MHS students also went on a

ski trip over the Christmas vacation. After a representative of the Peace Corps came to talk to the seniors of MHS 45% of the seniors decided on the Peace Corps for their career. Students at the Munich dorm were awarded a night out after they all wore ties to Thanksgiving dinner.

the Honor Assembly on February 9th.

**TALON** - Will be published by Miss Rotter's sixth period creative writing class; however, all submissions will be welcome.

**YEARBOOK** - According to yearbook editor Chris Engle, the first 100 pages of the '68 year-

book have been sent to the printer.

**SENIOR CLASS** - Seniors will be going to London on their annual class trip. They are also selling pretzels every Wednesday in the senior lobby.

**LETTERMENS' CLUB** - Initiations to incoming lettermen will be in the week of Jan. 29th to Feb. 2nd.

The Frankfurt High School Radio Club has done it again by miraculously producing "Teen Thirty," which can be heard on Saturday morning at 0905 hours on the American Forces Network.

The show's producer, Sp4 Jim Polinski, had a lot to say about the "Teen Thirty" staffers this year.

Sp. Polinski, who was a radio announcer for one year before being called by Uncle Sam, worked in Ashland, Ohio, Lank-en and Jeniseio Ill., and Nurn-berg Germany, from where in February he was transferred to Frankfurt.

"I've always been interested in radio" Specialist Polinski replied, "since I was about ten years old I listened to the radio twenty-four hours a day, just like almost all the other announcers now. They got into the business at about thirteen or fourteen years old."

"Working with a high school group is very difficult", he pointed out, "because you constantly have to tell them; talk into the mike, not away from it."

"The show itself is not bad," the producer said, "most of the kids have the quality to go on in the business."

There are two things you need to know to go into radio:

- 1.) Know how to speak
- 2.) Know your music

According to Sp. Polinski, "the seniors are the best, and have more potential to become professionals."

He added, "I think Doug Currie is one of the best."

Recently Teen Thirty staffers took a poll of the top ten records at FHS. When asked what the reason behind the poll was, Greg Zurich, one of the senior announcers said, "To play'em."

The results were:

- 1) The Letter - The Boxtops
- 2) To Sir With Love - Lulu
- 3) Soul Man - Sam and Dave
- 4) Hello-Goodbye - Beatles
- 5) Massachusetts - Bee Gees
- 6) San Francisco - Scott McKenzie
- 7) I Can See For Miles - The Who
- 8) Ode To Billie Jo - Bobbie Gentry
- 9) Neon Rainbow - The Boxtops
- 10) Purple Haze - Jim Hendrix

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## Club News

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**STUDENT COUNCIL** - Plans to hold a hootenanny in conjunction with the German Folk Song Club at Goethe Gymnasium in February.

**NHS** - A satire on Shakespear's "Hamlet" will be presented at

# Frankfurt-Wiesbaden Wrestling Match Disputed

The outcome of the Frankfurt-Wiesbaden wrestling meet in Wiesbaden on January 19th and 20th is in dispute as both teams are claiming victory in Friday night's match due to an argument in the number of points earned by Mike Jernigan against Wiesbaden's Gary Wilkenson in the unlimited class. As it stands, Wiesbaden is claiming a tie in the match, which would give Wiesbaden the victory in the first match. Frankfurt, however, has maintained that there was a mistake made in the counting of Jernigan's points, which would give both Jernigan and Frankfurt the victory. Wiesbaden holds there was no mistake.

The results of the first match were:  
 95 lb-Dean Harimoto W Pin  
 103 lb-Bob Kingwell L Pin  
 112 lb-Huey Boudreaux L Dec

120 lb-Rick Redlinger L Dec  
 127 lb-Jim Blanks W Dec  
 133 lb-Bob Selton Draw  
 138 lb-Mike Nicholson W Dec  
 145 lb-Guy Bennett W Pin  
 154 lb-Dale Dour L Pin  
 165 lb-Mark O'Connor L Pin  
 180 lb-Steve Chapman W Dec

Frankfurt came back to win the second match by a score of 24 - 21.

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# SKI FEVER SPREADS AT

## F.H.S.

Ski buffs in F.H.S. will be looking forward to a full season of good times in most of southern Germany and the Austrian resorts. An abundance of powder snow guarantees excellent skiing.

The most popular skiing area with American families in Germany is the Berchtesgaden-Garmisch area, which offers a variety of slopes for advanced as well as beginning skiers.

Garmisch and Partenkirchen, two adjoining villages, rank at the top in all winter resorts in Germany. Not only is there a wide range of slopes, but there is an Olympic stadium in Garmisch, which also

has one of the best bobsled runs in Europe. Also in Garmisch is a lighted slalom hill, one of the few in Germany.

Other resorts near Garmisch are: Axanier Lizium, located just outside Innsbruck; Mittenwald and Seefeld, where it is possible to rent ski boots, skis and clothing.

Berchtesgaden is located in the German Alps, about two hours' drive from Munich. The terrain includes open slopes at higher levels and trails through forests and fields.

# OUT OF BOUNDS

by  
Don MacVane

One of the controversies presently facing basketball is whether to raise the basket from 10 ft to 12 ft. If this were done, it would give the short man a better chance of getting rebounds and eliminate the "dunking" of the ball by the taller players.

There have been several experimental games played with the basket raised, and they were successful in that they made the big man aim and shoot rather than just "tapping" it in and made it difficult for him to recover rebounds, thus giving the little man more of a chance to get the ball and score with it. Even though these games were successful, many college basketball coaches still are not convinced. Their arguments have little substantial backing though. Texas A&M's coaches says, "I like it the way it is;" Loyola of Chicago's coach says, "It is silly;" Syracuse's coach says, "It'll only legislate against the big man." While the other side states the game has begun to be dominated by nonathletic people who happen to be tall. They give evidence of games that have been played with 12 ft. baskets and show that the score was just as high if not higher. Coach Ray Mears of Tennessee, who admits being skeptical at first, says "I really didn't think it would hurt Boerwinkle (tall man, 7 ft.) as much as it did. If the basket was raised you would probably see a faster game, probably a better one too."

Asked if they would like to see the basket raised, "Ron Gilven, a Varsity basketball



player, said, "No, it is tradition to have the basket at 10 ft. leave it there." Bernie Smith also a Varsity basketball player said, "No, no, don't raise it! I like it the way it is. Raising it would help the small guy on rebounds but the tall man would soon adjust to the higher basket and so it would not hinder him that much." John Fitzgerald, a J.V. basketball player said, "No, leave it right where it is. I have trouble reaching the rim now besides the tall players that dunk the ball now could dunk it in a 12ft basket also after a little practice."

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