

Nongraded English System Instituted

To provide the students of Ashland High with a more interesting, more informative English course is the main aim of the new nongraded English program which was instituted here this year. A secondary aim of the English revision is to better prepare the students for college and for future careers.

Carol Pennington, a student in last year's Ungraded English class, reports, "The Ungraded English Class was very helpful because of the individual attention each student was given. This new system, working on much the same basis, should be a great help to all of the students this year."

Since this program has flexible ability grouping it differs from any other nongraded program in the United States. During the year the student will be shifted from group to group as often as the subject matter is changed.

By evaluating the student's tests and themes the faculty will decide which level group he is to enter.

Small groups will be used for the reading and discussion of books, for the revision of themes, and for grammar study. Larger groups will meet in the lecture hall for lectures during the year.

Grades will be based mainly upon the student's themes, the topics of which are taken from the books he reads. Since the student will be writing themes for several different teachers during the six-weeks period, his final grade will be a composite of the various teachers' opinions rather than one teacher's decision.

Although this new program will put more responsibility on the student, it should better prepare him for college. With the help and cooperation of everyone concerned, it is hoped that this program will be successful and profitable for each and every student.

Kim Enters Ashland High

(Editor's note: The following story was written by Ashland High's foreign exchange student, Kim Nguyen. Kim is an 18 year old senior from Saigon, South Viet Nam.)

Eighteen years ago, my parents had a very calm life among my sister and her four brothers until the day I was born. My birthplace is in a province of Saigon, South Viet Nam. I made so much noise,

and I gave my mother so much trouble that my parents gave me a name which seems to be long enough. That is Nguyen thi Kim Dung. As I grow up my family becomes more crowded because I have two little brothers and two little sisters. I remember our childhood consisted of quarreling, fighting each other and then laughing because we love each other very much.

My first trouble in my life was my first day at school. I went to a French Elementary School and my teacher gave me a name, Succette, which I took about a week to learn it. After five years of elementary school, I had a concurrence to the first grade of High School and I succeeded it.

In this high school I had learned about English language and more about French language. I had to speak French with all the teachers and also with some of my French schoolmates.

My hobbies are reading and traveling. I just like to read good books and favorite authors are Charles Dickens, J. J. Rousseau, Cervantele and Racine. I like to travel too and I had the luck to get a scholarship. I was able to live here. I think this first trip will change all my life and I can never forget the last week I spent in Saigon and the day I got in the plane, and also my first impressions in a strange country when I arrived at San Francisco.

That was on the middle of July that the eleven Vietnamese AFS and me started to get our passports and visas and to prepare our luggage too. We always discussed about what should we do on our first days in the U.S. and how could we understand English. And then came the day twenty seventh, the day we left the airport Tan San Nhut. All my friends were there and my family and our relatives. That really was an excitement for me because it was the first time I left my parents and my country for a country

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Ashland High's new pep club, the Grizettes, is under the direction of Miss Carol Kitchen.

Pepsters Plan Projects

Have you noticed that there is a very new, very special group of people around the school this year? Yes, they're the Grizettes, Ashland High's own pep club—the first in two years.

Working feverishly during the summer months, the girls earned money to buy outfits and provide transportation to many of the out-of-town games. They also found time to write a constitution and practice yells in preparation for the coming athletic seasons. Now, football season has arrived and the work they did during the summer is being appreciated not

only by the yell leaders and the team, but also by the entire student body.

The Grizettes have many projects planned for the weeks to come. Among them are bottle drives, cupcake sales, and a rummage sale. Another project is selling loyalty ribbons before each game.

Advisor for the Grizettes is Miss Carol Kitchen, and the officers are: Barb Jones, president; Tana Laird, vice-president; Jackie Peterson, secretary-treasurer.

The signs in the halls at the beginning of school and the notices in the lockers were all made by the Grizettes.

Members of the Grizettes include: Sharon Boettcher, Linda Breedlove, Linda Brown, Mary Chritchton, Mindy Doty, Jeanette Elder, Ronald Hyland, Barb Jones, Pam Kaegl, Kandy Kortman, Tana Laird, Vivian Leigh, Janey Lewis, Janney McCarley, Mary Peabody, Marcia Riddle, Deena Stewart, Diana Thomas, Ardith Thompson, Ann Williamson, and Beth Iba—all seniors.

Junior members are: Mimi Barron, Sheila Butler, Dotty Francis, Amy Helm, LeLanne Jackson, Jorja Keil, Cheryl Kerr, Jennifer Madison, Carol Pennington, Jackie Peterson, Iria Ponder, Russi Sylvia, Joanne Skinner, Sharon Stewart, Colleen Swickard, Lyla Voth, Linda Wenker, and Cyndi Wright.

Lyla Voth Places Tenth at AAU Meet

Ashland High School came very near to having a member of its student body in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in Los Angeles. Lyla Voth, a junior, placed tenth in a field of 25 other Olympic hopefuls at the AAU Track and Field Meet held July 25 and 26 at Hanford, California.

Although Lyla's tenth place throw was only 120 feet, she has made several throws above that of the last four medalists.

The top medalist, Lorraine Hamilton, from the Louisiana Track Club, won with a throw of 151 feet, 7½ inches.

Lyla and track coach, Hiram Crane, plan to work during the coming year with the same goals that she had hoped to attain last year.



Kim Nguyen, AFS student from South Viet Nam, is staying with the family of Susan Hess.