

Diapered Sophs Adorn Campus During Initiation

Diaper-garbed sophomores decorated the campus at Ashland High as the first week of school started.

Organized initiation, approved by the Administration, was prepared for newcomers by the senior class.

At an assembly on the first day of school, Associated Student Body President Dave Jensen related the initiation rules to the sophomores and what was expected of them during this period.

Sophs In Diapers
All sophomores, on the second day of school, were to show up wearing diapers. Many sophomore boys complied, while there were fewer girls in diapers.

Along with the use of diapers, sophomores were urged to use only the lavatories outside the cafeteria. Sophomores with seniors in their classes were to remain standing until their elders were seated.

Students Cause Computer Error

Did you end up in a wrong class this year?

Did your instructor mispronounce or misspell your name?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these three questions, don't blame the computers that did your registering. It's more than likely that it was your fault.

Computer registration has been used at Ashland High School for four years. According to Vice-Principal Bud Silver, computer registration has cut down on the "noise, chaos, and confusion; biting and hitting" that was prevalent when students registered themselves.

Computers Are Faster
Computers quicken the process of registering. Computers do not go into nervous breakdowns when a student's preferences clash.

But one thing computers are not responsible for is the mistakes that are made by mortals.

Unlegible registration sheets had led to a few students getting unwanted classes. Two boys, whose names were not disclosed by the office, found themselves in Girls' Physical Education.

Problems Lie With Students

"The big problem," cited Silver, "lies not in the computer but in the student." Silver believes that with the ever-increasing use of data processing, a student can cut down on computer mistakes by keeping two points in mind:

- 1) The student should give deep consideration to the classes that he wants.
- 2) The student should print legibly.

So, as computers become more and more a part of our everyday lives, a state of humanized-mechanized equilibrium can be reached if the student remembers one thing: "Computers don't make the mistakes, humans do."

AFS Student

Ashland Hosts Equadorian

Quito, Equador is the home of Maria Piedad Lalama, Ashland's AFS student this year. Maria arrived in Ashland on August 16 and will stay for one year with the family of her American "sister," Vicki Kirsher.

Though Maria studied English for six years in Equador she explained that fifteen classes are taken at once and spread over the course of a week so that less time is spent studying each subject. Maria has some trouble understanding people when they talk too fast, pronounce badly, or use slang.

Likes American People
Maria likes the American people. "They are nice," she says. She is also impressed with

the number of people in this country.

Maria commented that the sixteen dollars a month provided by AFS for her expenses is not always all she wants to spend. She said that she liked it better when her father paid for everything.

In Equador, Maria's father is a pediatrician and director of a hospital. Her mother is a housewife. She has three brothers and two sisters.

The classes Maria is taking include Algebra II, Typing I, Study Hall, U. S. History, Speech, English, and P.E. In her spare time she enjoys basketball and soccer, horseback riding, swimming and reading.



Unidentified sophomore is initiated at AHS

Sophomores approached by seniors wearing special pins had to admit their own inferiority by saying: "Seniors are superior."

Pencil Rolling Frowned Upon
"I am not enamored by pencilrolling," cited Principal Gaylord Smith. "I don't like to see kids being abused. It eventually ends up in problems, with fights." According to Smith, violators of this rule will be sternly punished. "I do, however," continued Smith, "agree with initiation in an organized and sensible manner."

All and all, however, the sophomores were officially initiated, and, at the same time, became an active part of the Associated Student Body.

Rally Squad Gets Award

Learning new yells and chants was combined with competition this summer at Squaw Valley, California, for the varsity cheerleaders.

Through the contributions and support of many Ashland merchants, the cheerleaders went for a week to a cheerleader camp, this summer.

A typical day meant rising at 7:30 and going to bed at 10:30 p.m. They learned new yells, chants, tumbling exercises, and



Joy Evans

also crowd psychology. Any extra time was spent practicing and evaluating each other.

Competition Over-emphasized
"It was too competitive," concluded Georgia James, yell queen.

She said, "We expected to go there to learn new things while other squads went there to compete."

As part of the competition was the honors and awards earned by the various squads including the spirit stick which the cheerleaders won on the last day of camp.



Pam Sayre

"A" Painted On Mountain

Twenty years ago the letter "A" was painted on the side of Grizzly and this summer 34 football players trudged up the side of the mountain to repaint it.

Hugh Huck, Jay Caldwell, and the rest of the football team drove four 4-wheel drive pick-ups up the mountainside. After it became too steep they hauled the mixture of half water and half paint with lime up the rest of the way. They

had between 150-200 gallons of the mixture.

This project was organized by Lance Locke, head football coach. Since they helped re-paint the "A," Locke gave them half day off their football practice.

Last Friday, after finally completing this project, the famished painters trudged down and ate 125 pieces of chicken and three watermelons in fifteen minutes!

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Season Planned By Chess Club

Pawn-pushers throughout this country have taken up their pieces and joined the "ranks" of grandmasters in trying to expand the popularity of chess.

Ashland High School is no exception. Through the efforts of AHS's Chess Club, now in its fifth year, the mechanics and competition of the game has been accepted by numerous students.

The Chess Club, under the direction of Donald Vondracek, has scheduled a school-wide tournament for Saturday, September 23. The top five chess players will be determined from this tournament.

Saturday, September 30, these top five will play in a conference tournament at Scenic High School. Subsequent tournaments will be scheduled each month. Statewide competitions, are tentatively scheduled for this year with the exact date to be disclosed later.

Junior Mike Ligon was elected Chess Club President, while Stuart Hills was chosen Representative to the Interclub Council. Further officers will be filled as need dictates.

Vondracek looks for an increasing interest in the sport following the Bobby Fischer - Boris Spassky World Tournament.

Concerning the World Tournament, Vondracek states, "Although I'm glad that an American won, I personally find Fischer's arrogance very childish."

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