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Special Education Class Plans Trip To Help Tijuana Orphans Survive

With emphasis on action and experience, Miss Ann Pykerman's Special Education class has achieved a variety of events for the students.

Last June, students were given a chance to visit and repair an orphanage (Miracle Ranch) southeast of Tijuana.

An earlier stop at Disneyland had proved quite eventful for them. "The kids really enjoyed it. Especially rides like the Matterhorn, Pirates of the Caribbean and the Haunted House," said Miss Pykerman.

At Miracle Ranch, the boys

did most of the repairing and building such as digging an eight foot well, building a new pigpen and repairing loose doors and windows.

The girls did their part too, by teaching the orphans some of the English language and working with rabbit breeding. Rabbits are the main diet of the orphans.

The girls also painted the orphanage with a primitive cactus, seawater paint.

"Mr. Detweiler," (Harry Detweiler, Former Special Ed. teacher) "and I did nothing. The

kids did everything," said Miss Pykerman.

The students are presently raising money for their next trip to Mexico. These money raising projects include, returning beer bottles, and cans, recycling newspapers and making posters from slide pictures they took in Mexico.

A school-wide drive is planned for gathering unused clothes to give to needy orphans. Right now, the Special Ed. class needs more volunteers to help the students make handicrafts to sell.

Ashland Hosts New Tournament; Captures Win

by Jeanne Hoadley

A young man pacing back and forth on the balcony of the third floor of the Humanities building reciting a speech to himself. Unusual? Not at all.

Not that is, if it was Saturday, November 11, the day of the individual events tournament hosted by Ashland High debaters.

One debater who took part in the event was Paul Tumbleson. Tumbleson started his day at 8:00, participating in Round I of the tournament with his humorous interpretation of an article about the Mafia.

Tumbleson's next event in Round I was After Dinner Speaking (ADS). For his ADS Paul chose the topic of advertising, recounting in an amusing way some historical types of radio and television advertisement and

ending with a toast to advertisements, saying "they all stink."

To finish Round I, Tumbleson drew a topic for an extemporaneous speech which he was given 30 minutes to prepare.

Breaking for lunch at 11:30 Tumbleson returned at noon to repeat his humorous interplay and ADS speeches for Round II of the tournament. At 2:00 he drew a new extemporaneous topic and by 2:45 when he had completed his speech his name had already

been posted as a finalist in humorous interplay. No finals were held in his other areas.

Tumbleson went on to take first place in all of his areas and lead Ashland to its second sweepstakes victory of the year.

Asked whether he was nervous before his speeches Paul replied "everybody gets nervous. In fact it helps if you're nervous because you have more reprieve with the audience."

AFS Holds Winter Dance

A wintry atmosphere will pervade the cafeteria Saturday, December 2 when American Field Service holds its annual winter ball.

The semiformal dance will feature a winter theme with the

highlight of the dance coming in the crowning of a queen. The queen will be elected the Friday before the dance with students voting in Biology, U.S. and Modern Problems classes.

The court will be made up of princesses representing each club. Letterman's club will elect someone to crown the queen. Princesses chosen at this writing include Cindy Lewis, FHA; Cindy James, Flag Girls; Debbie Pentkowski, Future Medical careers club; Linda Carpenter, AFS; Jeri Nimrod, Honor Society, and Mary Ann Richardson, Chess Club. Several clubs have not yet selected princesses.

Guests at the dance will include AFS students living in the area representing the countries of Argentina, Peru, Barbados, Turkey, Thailand, Ghana, Germany, South Africa, and Ecuador.



Finalists for Ashland's High-Q team include left to right: Rosario DeLaTorre, Paul Tumbleson, Peggy Haines and Joseph Ma. Their final match will be televised Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. on Channel 3, KGW.

Hi-Q Finalists Determined

Ashland's High-Q team has had a sudden change of plans. Advisor Don Vondracek was informed that the team must be ready to tape the show on November 30.

Vondracek made the final selection of the team November 15. Team members include Rosario DeLaTorre, Peggy Haines, Joseph Hawk and Paul Tumbleson. Henry Crumme is the alternate and will travel with the team to Portland for the taping. The alternate takes the

place of any team member that is unable to participate on the show.

Vondracek was originally told that the show wouldn't be taped until after January 1. Two weeks ago the producer notified Vondracek that he wanted to tape the show on November 30.

The show will be broadcast in television Sunday, December 3. It can be seen on cable channel 7.

Vondracek was unsure which high school Ashland would be up against but said, "it might be either McNary or Jesuit high school."

Ellis Performs For Big Crowd

Don Ellis, famous trumpeter, and his 22 piece band, put on quite a show for a near capacity crowd of 1500 people in the Ashland High School gym on November 10.

According to David Wight, Jazz Lab Advisor, about \$2,900 was raised from the concert. \$2,500 of which went to Ellis.

Popular tunes such as "Superstar," "Roundabout" and "Aloha Again (Naturally)" were played along with recent Ellis hits "Put It Where You Want It" and the theme from "The French Connection."

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Paul Tumbleson

Math Meet Program Outlined

People feverishly working out math problems in a crowded noisy room is something a person doesn't often encounter. Unless! Yes, unless he is at a local math meet.

A person not accustomed to a math meet would be quite confused as to how a math meet is performed.

A math meet consists of four events. The first three events are made up of three problems that each member of the team works out individually. The final event of the meet is one problem in which three of the six team members work together.

Though a math meet may look like mass chaos, it is really an

organized, entertaining and educational event.

CLUB BRIEFS

AFS: American Field Service is selling Christmas cards to help finance the exchange students. Preparations are being made for their winter ball which is to be held December 2.

CHESS CLUB: Chess Club had a tournament at McLaughlin Junior High November 18. Chess Club is presently at third place in the tournament standings. Leading the team with the best win-loss record is club president Mike Ligon.

FUTURE MEDICAL CAREERS: Future Medical Careers Club had a speaker at noon November 14. The speaker, Miss Chris Mason, talked about courses that would help people pursue their education in the field of physical therapy.

SPADES CLUB: Spades Club is preparing for their annual visitation day at Fairview Visitation day will be held sometime in February.

—Upcoming Events—

- Nov. Thurs. 23 Thanksgiving Vacation
- Fri. 24 Thanksgiving Vacation
- Tue. 28 Independent College Representation (Williamette - 1:00)
- Thurs. 30 Square Dance—8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Dec. Sat. 2 Independent College Representation (Pacific Lutheran) 10:30 a.m. Winter Ball—8:00 p.m.
- Thurs. 7 Drama "Man Who Came To Dinner"—8:00 p.m.
- Fri. 8 Southern Oregon Conference Basketball Jamboree—HERE Student Matinee—1:30 p.m. Drama Club Matinee

Social Studies Improvements Proposed; Plan Known As "Departmentalization"

Improvements in curriculum presentation are being mulled over by the social studies department.

U.S. History teacher Dick Kromminga said, "At this moment, these ideas are tentatively scheduled for possible future use. Complete studies would be made of other schools with the same teaching methods before anything is instituted."

Kromminga's plan, known as departmentalization, would divide the U.S. History and Modern Problems classes into individual

nine week periods. Specialized classes such as sociology, psychology, political science, and governmental structure could be offered in lieu of Modern Problems.

Under this plan, periods of history such as the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and recent history could be studied individually instead of the normal U.S. History routine.

"Many ideas are being considered," said Kromminga. "It's hard to say whether any of them

will be accepted or not. But I think within the next few years a complete change will be made in the presentation of the social studies classes."

"Changes will not be made just for the sake of change," said U.S. History teacher William Leybold. "Improvements will be made when they are deemed necessary for the betterment of the student."

If a better presentation is possible to help stimulate the curiosity of the student it's open for discussion."



Mr. Richard Kromminga discusses proposed changes in the U.S. History program at AHS. Program will improve the learning situation for the student and teacher.