

THE MUCKRAKER

THE INDEPENDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL STUDENTS' NEWSPAPER

Front row seats offer an unobstructed view of reality. In class, your front row view of your teacher's sandwich reminds you that your teacher is indeed human, and not an agent of the underworld. At the opera, front row seats show that it's not sparks of love flying between Romeo and Juliet but rather globs of spit. At Tempelhof, TIM MUCKRAKER's front row seats likewise led to a slimy insight. We've now realized what, as the press, we've been doing wrong. The Berlin and White House press, both notorious for

their bad behavior, demonstrated to us the effectiveness of cursing, biting, kicking, pushing, clawing and screaming. Not uncommon was an account of photographers brawling over the best shot - treading upon students and personal property in their pursuit of fame. Journalists jabbed and elbowed each

THE MUCKRAKER Speaks

other in scrambles to interview the celebrities. Their behavior was nothing short of abominable. Criticism was not limited to the Kennedy kids were again in the front row seats. This was epitomized by the announcement over the

loudspeakers that President Clinton would take special time to meet "veterans, and students of the John F. Kennedy School." The fact that this was the only complaint lodged against us, however, shows that our students' behavior merited this privilege. Our students were not among those accused of drinking, boozing and of general rowdiness.

At the ceremonies on Thursday, we were proud not only of the behavior of our newspaper but also of our entire school.

THE CLINTON VISIT

Clinton Meets Kennedy

Speaks With Hero of Berlin Airlift

BY CORINA GEHRMANN AND CLAUDIA GUSKE

Blue sky and a brilliantly shining sun awaited 800 JFK students on Thursday morning as they boarded the buses to Tempelhof airport where a celebration in remembrance of the Berlin Airlift took place. Highest on the list of invited guests for the ceremonial event was U.S. President Bill Clinton along with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Both gave speeches to the crowd of approximately 9000 spectators that included airlift veterans, airlift contemporaries, local politicians, students from Berlin high schools, and, in a specially reserved block, JFK students from grades 4-13.

Half a century ago, after political disagreements between the Soviet Union and the Western Allies, Russian leader Stalin blocked all land and water ways to and from West Berlin. In an historically unique effort, American planes flew 2,110,235 tons of food, medicine, coal, and other urgently needed supplies into the blockaded city, saving its citizens from starvation and death.



When a high school student, Bill Clinton met his idol, President John F. Kennedy, at the White House

During that time in 1948/49, the planes landed at Tempelhof 277,728 times. Their roars dominated the air over Berlin, creating a "symphony of freedom" (Bill Clinton) for the West Berliners and bringing the most valued gift of all - hope in a desperate time. Most people didn't foresee the blockade lasting as long as it did - eleven long months.

On the way to Tempelhof, expectations about the ceremony were voiced. Herr Hoeck, teacher of Leistungskurs Geography that had worked extensively on the Marshall Plan, expressed hopes that the visit to the airport would give his students a better comprehension of the immense dedication portrayed by the Americans 50 years ago. "For us this is a completely different time and we cannot even imagine how big an effort this was - not only logistically but especially morally - helping the war enemy from just three years earlier."

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JFK students met Clinton at Tempelhof Photo: S. Ludwig

Listen to clips of Clinton's speech and of Halvorsen's interview on the MUCKRAKER Online! <http://ravage.net/muckraker>

Known to many young Berliners as the "Schokoladen Flieger" and to Americans as the "Candy Bomber," Gail Halvorsen has become a symbol of the airborne relief delivered to Berlin during the Soviet blockade here fifty years ago. As a Berlin Airlift pilot, Halvorsen was so moved by the gratefulness of the children he dropped supplies to that he created a private mission directed only at them - he called it "Operation Little Vittles." The lieutenant bought nearly all the candy at his base and attached it to parachutes he made out of handkerchiefs. First Halvorsen's companions joined his cause, then the American Confectioners Association did. Halvorsen's squadron joined him in air dropping the sweets - over 250,000 of them - to the approximately 100,000 children living in Berlin during the Russian blockade. He was honored when President Clinton visited Berlin last Thursday. MUCKRAKER editor Adam Nagorski, along with other reporters, spoke with Gail Halvorsen during the ceremonies at Tempelhof airport.

Nagorski: How does it feel to be back in Berlin?

Halvorsen: Oh, wonderful...to be back in the same airport fifty years later!

Nagorski: Will you fly again tomorrow?

Halvorsen: ...Yes, I'll be flying again already today. It's wonderful that the president will show the importance of Berlin to the world, and the memory of pilots, the airplanes coming into Berlin. Children are always so wonderful! And they're so spontaneous - it brings back memories [how] fifty years ago at this place, the children were cheering the air crew when they came in with the flour and dried potatoes for Berliners.

A German reporter: What are you feeling, seeing hundreds of Berlin children laughing and cheering?

Halvorsen: Oh the children of Berlin are the same today as in 1948. They were this way, cheering...the



The Candy Bomber with Nagorski

Photo: Marah Hambrecht

Nagorski: Mr. Halvorsen, would you still encourage

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Whatever Happened to the Verkürzte Stunden?

CONTRIBUTED BY SC PRESIDENT BENJAMIN MORRIS

In the heat of our election campaign, Franz and I were bursting with ideas, enthusiastic, as most presidential candidates, about the possibilities for reform and change. One of the many ideas we had was the introduction of Verkürzte Stunden for the Oberstufe, we ourselves being directly affected by the problem of having to attend classes on the hottest of days. The fact that our counterparts at German schools all seemed to be enjoying this privilege made us even more determined. Now that the summer is beginning to set in, people on numerous occasions have asked us why we didn't keep our promise. Well, to be honest, we tried our best to fulfill it but didn't succeed in the end. As excited presidential candidates, we weren't able to foresee the many difficulties that would arise in the future. We later found out, that the

Verkürzte Stunden rule isn't an official one, not even at German schools, so any attempt to introduce it would be stretching the rules. It would involve serious lobbying with our administration, the ED and other committees. However, as complaints have already been made that there is not enough time to complete the year's syllabus as it is, pushing Verkürzte Stunden would be pushing against this and success would be highly unlikely. Therefore we decided not to pursue this unrealistic goal, but rather to concentrate on our other promises. We have been extremely active throughout the year planning and organizing events and happenings, such as the arrangement of new lockers, thanks to Seth Hefner and Mikolaj Bekasiak who were successful in negotiating

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No More "Glop"

BY SETH HEFNER

"I think they recycle the glop-bucket!" admits one seventh grader when asked his impression of our school's lunch program. To be fair, he was asked while eating the notorious soup and wurstchen that the cafeteria serves from time to time, but regardless of the meal, impressive food is not. Anonymous sources tipped off your loyal MUCKRAKER reporters that things were about to change. So, in an exclusive interview with Frau Lennert, THE MUCKRAKER elicited that starting next school year, a private company will take over the school lunch program. They will provide their own staff, food and payment/ordering system.

Currently, the kitchen staff are all "Angestellte" who are hired by the Bezirksamt, and therefore cannot be fired. Many of them have been

with the lunch program for over twenty years now, and will be going into retirement next year anyway, which will make way for the new crew.

The Bezirksamt has been negotiating with private companies for some time, and will make a decision as to which one will finally take charge of our lunch program some time in the early summer. Among the projected improvements are things such as more international dishes, more flexibility as far as the payment/ordering goes, and, generally better, "Mampf" for your marks. Maybe you remember last year, when our school gave one such company a trial run, and they served such diverse goodies as Mexican, French and Italian dishes. Frau Lennert stated that the new company will offer a similar variety and

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Some students, however, weren't as concerned with the impact on their education, but regarded other security check

mentary kids, and, OF COURSE, MUCKRAKER staff after passing the without problems - except for two VDPs (Very Dangerous People) who appeared strange to the security guys: Seb G., armed with a sharp-edged deodorant, and Manja L. who actually dared to bring a pocket knife along, suspiciously claiming to still have it in her bag after a picnic...



Kohl and Clinton at their podiums

Photo: Claudia Guske

issues as more important, such as the president's hairdo.

Most students took their places (seats were reserved for MUNers, Geography and History students, ele-



Kohl, Dierckx and Clinton meet the crowds

Photo: Stefan Ludwig

Before Mr. Clinton and Herr Kohl arrived, millions (LITERALLY) of journalists and photographers took immense interest in the JFK students, especially in the enthusiastically flag-waving elementary kids. "They [the press] were the worst. They pushed me and my friends around," recalls 4th grader Stephanie Ohlnd. Nevertheless, this somewhat overdramatized attention brought Kennedy students one step closer to fame and fortune, as their smiling faces appeared in newspapers and on TV everywhere!

The big band and marching bands of Air Force and Bundeswehr welcomed the Chancellor and his American counterpart to the airport. In their speeches they touched upon the historically grown relations between both countries especially in the face of Europe's expanding borders. They remembered the airlift as a "sharing of the soul" (Clinton) and "one of the greatest relief actions in



The Boy Scouts were a focus of press attention

Photo: Adam Nagorski

history" (Kohl). Both heads of state called on the youth to, as the President put it, "build bridges between our two peoples." The fight for freedom should never cease, for "freedom is worth standing up for" (Clinton). Herr Kohl warmly thanked the United States for all its help in the past and underlined that "the US will always have a permanent flat in the house of Europe." Following their speeches, they christened a modern transport aircraft "Spirit of Berlin." Pilot Gail Halvorsen and Mercedes Wild, at the time of the airlift a 7-year-old girl, thanked everybody involved in the airlift.

The most exciting part for those sitting in the first few rows was the chance to see both statesmen face-to-face and shake their hands. Although all conversation was limited to some "hi's" and "hello's," everybody enjoyed this unique encounter. A rumor spread quickly that some students vowed to never wash their hands again. However, this close meeting was made possible only through the invitations by the Foreign Ministry that enabled our school to send that many students. "It's really a privilege that the Kennedy School has a whole block reserved for itself," observed Herr Schürmann. "No other school has that."

Nevertheless, reactions to the ceremony differed widely. Some students expressed disappointment about the speeches. "How often can you say the same

thing in one speech?" asked

Aubrey Charette and Sebastian Seel criticized "all the clichés" and that "the overdone show was not worth the effort of driving the whole school there." However, most showed positive reactions. Frau Hoevermann expressed satisfaction, since "our school with its international exchanges and the will to build bridges is already doing what the statesmen asked of this generation."

Everybody will probably agree that this was, after all, a quite special opportunity for the JFK students. Unfortunately, as fast as it had come, the once-in-a-lifetime event was over and we ordinary folks were



Students give Clinton standing ovation Photo: Nagorski

Clinton standing ovation. The President and the Chancellor boarded Air Lino One and disappeared beyond the horizon.

Clinton's Official Itinerary in Germany

BY CLAUDIA GUSKE

U.S. President Bill Clinton visited Germany as part of a week-long journey through Europe. Having arrived in Berlin at 2 a.m. on Wednesday morning, he, together with Chancellor Kohl, went to Potsdam on the first day of his stay here where the two Statesmen dined at the castle of Sanssouci. After a three-hour-long talk between the President and the Chancellor, both returned to Berlin and attended a ceremony in remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift (Luftbrücke) at the Schauspielhaus in Berlin Mitte. Mr. Clinton also met with Helmut Kohl's opponent in the upcoming national elections, Ger-

hard Schröder, before attending a state dinner at the Hotel Adlon that night. Following the ceremony at Tempelhof airport on Thursday morning, Bill Clinton and Helmut Kohl flew to Eisenach in Thuringia where they visited the Opel-Work, one of the most productive car factories in Europe, and the historic Wartburg. The President also visited the birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach in Eisenach and gave a speech to the citizens of that town. On Thursday night he flew on to Birmingham, England to attend the meeting of the G8 countries.

Germany Championships - What a Ball!

BY MIKOLAJ BEKASIAK

Berlin was a battlefield last week when sixteen of Germany's top WKIII basketball teams fought it out for the German championship title. For the second year in a row now, JFK's WKIII boy's team (this year the Boys in Blue) represented Berlin and earned a tenth place result, improving on last year's twelfth place. "Our team did a pretty good job overall!" said Coach Hoedt, "but we got placed against very strong teams in the beginning." The tournament started out on a strong note our boys slaughtering Bremen 52:15. Unfortunately, the other two opponents in JFK's group, Baden-Württemberg and Niedersachsen turned out to be more of a challenge. Although JFK put up a good fight in both games they still lost 36:26 and 44:24. As testimony of Baden-Württemberg and Niedersachsen's strength, let's just say they went on to get second and third place in the tournament. "It was really a fair match!" says Coach Hoedt. "as

those weren't really school teams but rather Verein teams we played against." Coach Hoedt went on to explain that the Verein teams, as well as a few school teams, select their players already in elementary school and recruit them; they are also full of Bundestiga-level players who do most of the work, while the rest of the players stand around, serving demagogic purposes. In addition, Vereins have a greater choice of players and practice much more often than school teams. Due to their two losses, JFK just missed being promoted to the upper half of the tournament, consequently the best result they could get was ninth. Among other school teams they showed what they were worth, winning all but one of the rest of their games by enormous margins. Their one loss came from Bayern, who was, however, the only team to beat the "German champions, and had missed the cut of f to wasm" really a fair match!" says Coach Hoedt. "as the upper half just like JFK.



A Hard Earned Vacation?

BY ANDREA KAPELKE

Yep, in one week it'll be that time of the year again, when the halls of our school become somewhat emptier in between classes; emptier by about 100 people because they get two extra weeks off from school. This year's 11th graders had the choice between four different class trips and a Praktikum. The class trips go to either England, France, Germany, or Italy.

Previous class trips were cancelled due to lack of willing teachers, but this year enough volunteered for a two week "vacation". In addition, more than 90% of the students are participating in this year's program, fulfilling the second requirement for the class trips. The costs for the trips are all in the DM1000 range, except the Praktikum which is, of course, free.

All in all, the 11th graders seem to be in a state of anticipation, but as always, teachers are able to cast a gloom over this condition, by assigning loads of projects due before the departure. Research paper due dates have been lingering in everybody's minds for months and even Klausuren are scheduled during this week. In short, it's business as usual, at least for the remaining few days of school. Even during the week right after the 11th graders come back from their trips, two to three Klausuren are scheduled, probably enough to take away some of the anticipation one would have felt otherwise.

In spite of these attempts to dampen it, this anticipation will be the highest felt for a long time: this is the last scheduled eleventh grade class trip for JFK, and so everyone, teachers and students, should try to make it a memorable (and educational) experience. Bon Voyage!!!

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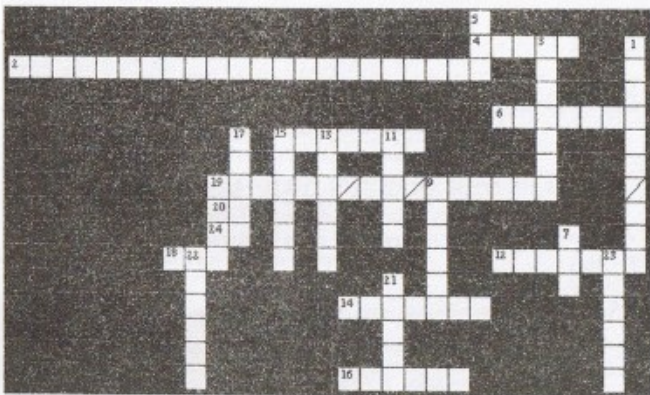
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Down

1. amount of Bathrooms in both the White and Blue buildings
3. count the boxes and figure it out
5. the camel has five of them
7. our mascot
9. "Berlin _____ Berlin"
11. soybean milk based, cheese-like food
13. shake, _____, and roll
15. yesterday's concert was the _____ concert
17. the state the Coke machine is in just when you need it
19. the Muckraker staff is _____
21. they've now put the bomb
23. not Truman, but not on time
24. makes your voice sound weird after you inhale it

Across

2. a white or yellowish white crystalline, very slightly water soluble powder, used chiefly in the treatment of bacillary dysentery. (the person who first gets it gets their choice of a free treat from the snack or drink machines)
4. the school ones are always off
6. one particular German translation of "seconds"
15. the chocolate brand given out on Thursday
12. the guy causing the problems in India
14. "Old Blue Eyes"
16. the antonym of "the pill"
18. the fundamental question
19. the name that Clinton and Kohl christened the new transport plane
20. "_____ phone home"
24. the basic roots of every man

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- 1998 Anniversaries**
- ★ 30 Years Ago - 1968 revolutions
- ★ 50 Years Ago - Soviet Blockade/Berlin Airlift; American military desegregated
- ★ 90 Years Ago - World War I comes to an end
- ★ 100 Years Ago - Spanish-American War
- ★ 150 Years Ago - Revolutions of 1848 leave almost no European country unaffected; Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels write the Communist Manifesto, first women's rights convention takes place at Seneca Falls, New York
- ★ About 4000 years Ago - Ice Cream invented
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out a deal with the Verren resulting in their purchase, the hot drinks machine, thanks to our Vice President Tabea Reinhardt, the early issuing of the buzz book, the organization of Spirit Week, thanks to the time and effort of Samantha Harner and Martin Collier, the sweater and T-shirt sales, which started two weeks ago, and many other things. We are doing our best to fulfill as many of our campaign promises as we can, and are always open to suggestions from the student body. So, in the meantime, reflect back on the coolness of Spirit Week, have a sip of coffee from the Hot drinks machine, followed by some sweater shopping, and round the day off with a browse through the buzz book!!!

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young Americans like myself to join the military?

Halvorsen: I think it's important for young people to understand the importance of freedom, which was demonstrated by the Berliners. And that's why we have this airplane over here, a flying museum - it's the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation flying museum. It's something to teach the youth about what Berlin meant and what freedom meant to the Berliners. So it's good to be here with the airplane and to be back in Berlin with it.

Nagorski: Do you believe that it will still be possible to instill that memory in future generations, for example in my children?

Halvorsen: I hope so, I hope so. That's the mission of this airplane: it's a museum to teach people that freedom is more important than flour because it worked that way with the Berliners.

A Washington Post correspondent: How many flights did you make?

Halvorsen: A hundred and twenty-six flights. [The scariest one was] coming out of bad weather in icy conditions - the worst one was coming over Berlin on the twelfth of August, over Wedding... the traffic control lost track of the airplane and I was at 10,000

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quality, though she couldn't promise the return of the "Sombbrero-man" and the cool flags. She also stressed the fact that the companies would be "more flexible," both in the hours they would work, meaning that events taking place at school after normal school hours (such as, perhaps, the BERMUN conference) would be served in addition to the normal, daily meals, and more flexible in the payment/ordering system, which means that you will no longer have to exchange your Essensmarken exactly between 2nd and 3rd hours, but that there will be a new system next year. Many of the companies in question use a "credit card" system, in which students have a "credit card" which they can pop into a machine sometime during the day, select their menu and eat it during lunch, the meal is then charged to their accounts. In any case, the blue Essensmarken will not be used next year, so all students are asked to use them up, and pick up any that they have waiting for them as soon as possible. Concerning the prices, while nothing is for certain, in negotiations with the competing companies it was made a point of utmost importance that the meal price should stay constant or, if at all possible, be lowered. Frau Leuertz summed the situation up by stating that "at any rate, the new cafeteria food next year will not earn itself the label "glop."

feet in the clouds and another airplane was at the same altitude in the clouds. We came head on, just missed by a few feet...the traffic control couldn't keep track of everybody...The next day General Temor changed the procedures...so that if we had trouble getting into Berlin we didn't hold in the sky, waiting to turn. They sent us right back to West Germany...It was much safer. It was a hard time but a good time.

Nagorski: Did you deliver any supplies in particular?

Halvorsen: Everything, everything. Coal, flour, medicine, dried eggs, dried potatoes.

Another reporter: Did you realize at the time that it would go on as long as it did?

Halvorsen: No, I didn't. I thought it would be over in a few weeks. Stalin was getting a black eye, the world saw what his tactics were. I thought he would have to stop but he didn't care what the world thought.

Nagorski and the other reporters then thanked Halvorsen as he left to join the main event. When he spoke to the crowd later that day, he was met with the same ovation and cheers as when he stood on that airfield fifty years ago.

An Absurd School Trip

SUBMITTED BY JONAS RENZ

This year, French drama was invited to St. Cloud near Paris to perform their three plays — *Le Guichet*, *La Leçon* and *Piquenique en campagne*. Many of us got quite sick on the trip, though we still aren't sure if it was just a bug, or all the excitement, or the water, or Paris. But, regardless of its cause, a mere bout of sickness didn't deter us from enjoying Paris, and, if anything, made it all the more enjoyable.

After arriving at Charles-de-Gaulle Airport, a bus hired by the local government came to bring us to our supposedly only French-speaking guest families. Some of us were "lucky" to live in German families, making communication a lot easier. All of the families live in St. Cloud, the Kleinmachnow of Paris. The first day, we traveled to Paris and walked through the historic center (Notre-Dame, Île-de-la-Cité) and the modern Centre G. Pompidou. That evening, we all sat on the famous steps of Sacre-Coeur, enjoying the absolutely intoxicating French culture.

Apart from visiting Paris, we also rehearsed and performed. On Friday morning we organized our props and costumes and at 20:30 we performed on a highly unusual stage. It was obviously designed for musical performances; the audience sat higher than the actors. Nevertheless, we all did our best and the French audience applauded, highly amused by

our absurd pieces. As soon as the performance was over, the stress that had been building up in the past months fell from our shoulders, and after packing we went home to sleep, greatly relieved.

The next day was entirely devoted to our guest families. They prepared a short tourist program for each one of us, for example to Versailles. During the late afternoon we met in Paris to watch absurd

pieces by Ionesco. In the tiny *Théâtre de la Huchette* we enjoyed roughly two hours of non-stop comedy. Some Germans behind us — moaning and groaning — gave us almost as much reason to laugh as the piece itself (After some speculation as to the cause of the noise, of course...). Later we ate in the Quartier Latin, which is the Kreuzberg of Paris on a larger scale, with tons of people enjoying the warm night.

On Saturday we were invited to a brunch in one of St. Cloud's finer restaurants. Mme Wendt held a speech to thank all involved and we gave presents to the chief organizers, Mme Selik and Mme Dick. All of us enjoyed the good food — some so much that they became sick again. We headed back to the airport with reluctance to leave a truly memorable city. The especially kind guest families made this trip a great success through their friendliness and dedication. To all future Paris travelers: stay at least for one week and enjoy the nightlife. *Bon voyage et vive la France!*

Teacher Feature:
Mr. Kunzman

BY HAUKE DAMPFING AND SEBASTIAN SCHMIDT

Q: So you were colonel in the Army? Which branch?

A: Yes, I was in the Army for 27 years, and I was colonel when I left. I was in what we call Air Defense Artillery, which means, in general, I shot pilots down.

Q: So what kind of things did you do in the Army?

A: Well, I guess a couple of things that were important to me in the Army. The opportunity to travel would be one thing that I would say was a very positive experience.

For example I served 6 years in Germany, five years in France, a year in Vietnam, six months in Chad (in Africa), as well as several assignments in the United States. And the other one was the opportunity to work with young soldiers, who for the most weren't much older than you guys, around 18, 19, 20, teaching them how to use sophisticated equipment, as well as not so sophisticated equipment. We had things like Hercules missiles, chaparral missiles, Vulcan cannons, and stinger missiles.

Q: Why did you become a physics teacher, and how'd you get here (to Germany)?

A: Well, I thought, in my time in the Army, I enjoyed most working with and teaching young soldiers. So teaching (in school) is going to be as close to that as I can get, and considering the sophisticated equipment I worked with, physics just seemed to be the right subject for me. What we — my family and I — also enjoyed a lot was the ability to travel and live in other cultures and other environments. In the six years we lived in (southern) Germany, we loved it. So I sent out résumés to a number of international

schools, including JFK. As it turns out, Dr. Hersant needed a physics teacher, very badly, and since we both went to West Point, he knew what kind of an education I had gotten, and so I decided to come here. And it's been a very enjoyable, you might say wonderful, place to learn how to teach physics, because of a very cooperative bunch of teachers, and the students are great... pretty great, let's not get carried away here. But, it's been very enjoyable.

Q: What were your expectations coming here to

JFKS, because it is your first actual teaching experience and after working with soldiers for so many years?

A: Well, I knew that I wouldn't have any trouble with the students, because if you can get soldiers to do what you want, you can get students to do what you want. The means of motivation, if you will, are a lot the same. In spite of the fact that many people would think, well, in the Army, all you can do is kick a soldier and he'll do what you want, but that's not the way you get people

to do things, not only for you, but for themselves as well, and that's what you're doing as a teacher, is getting the students to do more than they would otherwise for themselves. Also, to learn about physics again after thirty-some years has been the biggest chore, so I can always be a step ahead of you guys.

Q: Will you be staying with us next year?

A: Yeah, I'll be here next year for sure, of course the way it works that the school extends, perhaps, an offer for you to stay longer. So far, I've liked it well enough that I'd like to stay for a while. Students are nice, Berlin is a nice place to visit, a lot of nice things to discover.



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Komey Korner!

From the Book of Jeremy:
Abominably Pollutive

BY JEREMY YODER

In case you've been living under a rock for the last number of weeks, the AP (Accredited Pain) tests have come and thankfully went their merry way. For the hundredth or thousandth time (I lost count), I realized the exams' utter wastes. I don't mean a waste of money, time, talent or brain cells, which they certainly are. Believe me, I can think of a thousand better things to do, like filing down my toenails into stumps or choreographing synchronized goldfish swimming. I'm sure thousands of fellow victims are fully aware of at least six precious hours swallowed from their lives: three hours for an exam and another three to complain about it. But I've also noticed that in the thick fabric of complaining, two important forms of AP waste are ignored: environmental waste and waste of the individual.

Environmental waste is actually very obvious. I'm very astonished that Greenpeace activist haven't created mob riots at the Advanced Placement Testing Super-Duper-Top Secret Headquarters on Hades Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey (Send really nasty hate mail to Leder@the_firm.net). The most glaring example, are the non-recycled booklets and cardboard-like answer sheets. Sure, the thirty other sets in the classroom look pretty harmless, but remember the AP people churn out zillions of them per year and ship them in massive cardboard packages all over the world from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe (except of course Iraq and Cuba—imagine the consequences if AP materials fell into enemy hands!). And those Number 2 pencils that you're supposed to use; they're carved out of lumber. The "Number 2" means that two pencils were carved out of one tree. I don't even want to guess how many acres of Amazon Basin Rainforest disappear per year solely to AP.

The other usually unmentioned form waste is the waste of the individual—the mechanical, Orwellian aspects. Like lemming tourists plunging off the Rock of Gibraltar, we fill out the noisy personal information inquiry and plunge into the iron clutches of government bureaucracy. Somewhere in the bowels of the Pentagon line rows of filing cabinets filled with manila folders and in one of those manila folders hide my AP scores! For what evil purpose are they used? It's another government plot to stamp out the sacred American principle of individualism. Even without government conspiracies, the AP's stifling individualism. Filing circles on non-recycled cardboard with rainforest butchering Number 2 pencils, leaves little room for expression. In fact, individuals have little to do with the multiple choice section once it arrives in Princeton. Human eyes never see these filled-in circles. Instead of easy-to-bribe humans, heartless machines grade the test. Machines don't make mistakes, which is completely unfair, since we naturally do. So why shouldn't machines answer the questions then?

Our generation must fight the AP waste defiling the world's purity. Fortunately, students have already begun to discuss it. "I don't wanna take it," they moan.

THE MUCKRAKER's own Horoscope

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If you find your sign somehow disappointing—please feel free to choose another this week.

After all, stars are stars are stars, right?

Aries (Mar. 21 - April 19): Never underestimate the power of human stupidity. Because the fifth moon of Neptune is currently eclipsing Saturn's third ring, you will be in for a particularly rough bout with stubborn and abnormally dull peers. The idiots are out to get you.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Paranooids are people, too; they have their own problems. It's easy to criticize, but if everybody hated you, you'd be paranoid too. In other words, its time re-examine your tolerance, it's possible you've forgotten to be kind to a paranoid lately.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Unfortunately, we were not able to read your stars this evening, it seems that a particular bright "star" in India is making so much glare that we couldn't see anything. Our all-knowing editors have informed us this star is known as "the bomb." So, the best advice we can give in this situation is: prepare for the worst.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): If you don't care where you are, then you aren't lost. Your noncommittal attitude will prove to be very helpful in finding your way—both intellectually and spiritually—this week.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): Due to your close relationship to the Betelgeuse system this week, you can expect visitors in the very near future. We mean the VERY NEAR future!! P.S. We know where you live...

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): A loooong distance call from Alpha Centauri has confirmed our suspicions: You must beware of all four-legged animals starting with the letter 'A' this week. Aardvarks, anteaters and, of course, alligators are out to get you. The danger of these animals is directly proportional to the amount of a's in its name: aardvarks are especially deadly.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): While we were searching for Jupiter, we observed a brief flicker of light spell out "Hi mom!" Elvis is still alive!! Rejoice and sing! Humming the king's melodies will only bring you the best of luck. We've heard that "Jail House Rock" is especially suitable for in-school conditions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Thanks to the crossing of the fluorescent comet Dentatarius, you don't need to brush your teeth at're already protected. Revel in the joy this freedom gives you, it's definitely limited. Our tip: Try not to breath on too many people this week—it seems that the stars have these people singled out to become your enemies.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Given the laws of gravity and physics, if a hen lays an egg exactly in the middle of a sloped roof, which way will it roll? All real Sagittarius will know the correct answer to this question; everybody else is an impostor. Test your friends, since the rising of Mars means possible betrayal by somebody close to you...

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Pluto has moved!!! We know you are just as shocked as we are! Obviously, now is the time to fulfill those long-repressed secret desires you've been harboring! Go for it—get that sex-change!! This could be your last chance...

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19): It looks grim. Your host arbitrary body this month—Saturn's fourth moon—just took three direct blows from random asteroids. In other words THEY ARE OUT TO GET YOU!! Be on the look out, wear dark glasses and go to Taurus' for support.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20): This is a pretty good week for you for the simple reason that nothing bad is happening to your planets. In fact nothing is happening at all. You are free. Enjoy.

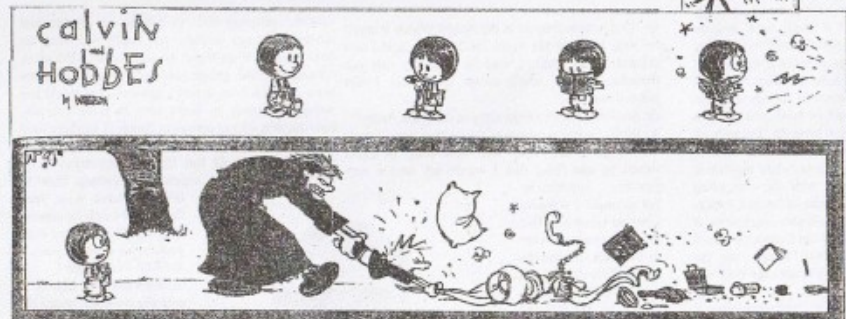
THE MUCKRAKER's Summer Reading List!

COMPILED BY THE MUCKRAKER ABSOLUTELY SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

It's that time of year again for all ya'll book worms: choosing your summer reading. Every year, you helplessly stare at the hundreds of books in our fine library, searching for that book to read over the summer. For your convenience, the MUCKRAKER recently held an absolutely scientific survey of the library and has created the following list of

1) *Contact Lenses*, by Walter J. Zina, D.D. and Herbert Solomon, D.D. D.O.S. S.O.S. F.A. A.O.
2) *How to be a Successful Failure*, by Dr. Ernest A. Fitzgerald.
3) *How to Get Along With Your Stomach: A Complete Guide to the Prevention and Treatment of Stomach Diseases*, by Nancy Nugent.
4) *A Parent's Guide to Intelligence Testing*, by John A. Glover.
5) *Women, Sex and Addiction*, by Charles Davis Kasl.
6) *Teaching as a Subversive Activity*, by Neil Postman and Charles Weingarten.
7) *Hustling and Other Hard Work*, by Bettylou Valentine.
8) *FMS: Premenstrual Syndrome And You*, by Niles H. Laversen, M.D. and Eileen Stukeme.
9) *A New You: How Plastic Surgery Can Change Your Life*, by James O. Stallings, M.D. with Terry Morris.

10) *How to Save Your Teeth & Your Money: A Consumer's Guide to Better, Less Costly Dental Care*, by Melvin Denholtz D.D.S. and Elaine Denholtz.
11) *The Complete Guide to Eye Care, Eyeglasses and*



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