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Speaks

Since our inaugural issue two weeks ago, we have greatly improved our newspaper. Our last edition had many faults which were relentlessly brought to our attention by you, the readers. The newspaper was put together under extreme time pressure to release it before the SC elections and was therefore poorly planned out. The layout was completed literally minutes before the newspaper was sent to the printers and for that reason the formatting of some articles, especially the summaries of the candidates speeches, was awful. We did not intend to have certain speeches in bold type and others in minuscule type and we apologize to the candidates for that error. We did not have a computer program to help do the layout; rather the layout was done by hastily cutting articles out and pasting them on to a sheet of paper. Also, our spelling was less than perfect, as we're sure everybody noticed.

Now we would like to present to you a new, improved MUCKRAKER. Our staff has now expanded to include seven talented new journalists and three skilled new photographers. We have obtained a computer publishing program which allows us to organize the layout to our liking and includes a spell check! (We will pay 5 marks to anybody who finds more than 3 spelling mistakes in this issue!) We have expanded and organized to bring you the newspaper you deserve.

The biggest focus of this issue is drugs at our school. A majority of the population of JFK has at least tried drugs and a great number of us have been stoned at one time or another, so we thought the topic appropriate.

We've also introduced student's comics and sports news- two features we hope to have in every issue.

We hope you enjoy your MUCKRAKER - the staff has tried very hard to deliver to you the best paper we can. If you have any comments or articles (write about an event, or something you like or hate at school) please leave them in the MUCKRAKER box by the snack machines. If you are interested in working for us then talk to one of the editors.

So now ease back in your comfy, wooden chair, chill out, and read the paper. We wish you a great fall vacation full of whatever it is that makes you happy!

- The Editors

The Seniors Choose Their Leaders

By Adam Nagorski

On Monday, the 12th grade came together to elect class officers, to organize and lead them through prom, graduation, yearbook, prank and maybe even a class trip. Like the SC elections, the candidates did not run as German or American candidates. Steffi Neth and Mette Roll were elected Presidents and Tabea Reinhardt and Paul Gleason were voted Vice-Presidents. Seb Seale is now treasurer. As class advisor, Dr. Browne was the most popular choice, followed by Herr Verteiler. Hopefully, the seniors' year will be what their Presidents promised: "PAAARTY!"

Augenzeugen Bericht

By Kristina and Carlotta

Am Freitag, den 19. September Mitte der 4. Stunde, brach die 7B auf, um das Langweilen kennenzulernen. Die S-Bahnfahrt hatte den meisten sehr viel Spaß gemacht, weil sie nicht wußten, was für ein Grauen auf sie zukam. Als die 7B nach dem Aussteigen beim Potsdamer Platz viele Irrläufe bestanden hatte, stand sie endlich vor der Kilometer langen "Timeline." Die Ausstellung hatte drei Stockwerke, eines langweiliger als das andere. Alles was da zu sehen war, waren kleine und große Blechstücke, die Schmock darstellen sollten.

Die Schüler mussten langweilige Arbeitsbogen ausfüllen, doch die meisten

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THE FOUR MOST POPULAR DRUGS AT JFK

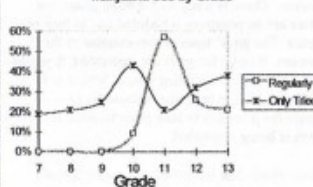
BY ADMIN.BOROSKI



MARIJUANA

Also known as weed, pot, grass and hash (when it is in block form), marijuana is without a question our school's most popular drug. It is usually smoked (joints or through bong) but can be eaten (space cakes) or brewed into tea. It costs about 12 to 15 marks per gram. It makes people relaxed, talkative, laugh, look more inward and feel more sociable. On the down side, it can also cause paranoia, anxiety, nausea (especially if smoked with tobacco or taken with alcohol), thirst, hunger, reduced concentration and impaired memory. Other effects can be difficultly doing physical or mental activities.

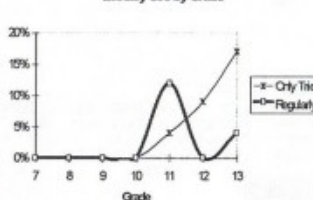
Marijuana Use by Grade



ECSTASY (MDMA)

Ecstasy is also known as Love Doves, Disco Bangers, Diamonds, Adam and XTC among many names. It is a mix of chemicals including stimulants, which can speed up your body system and have mind-altering effects. Ecstasy usually comes in tablet form (sometimes as a capsule and occasionally in powder form). Tablets are colorful and constantly changing. XTC costs about 15 to 20 marks per tablet. It makes you feel good, energetic and often sexy. It also causes dehydration, heat stroke, anxiety, depression, weight loss and fatigue. If taken too often, users can develop mental illness. Research indicates that long-term use can cause

Ecstasy Use by Grade



brain damage and may trigger off epilepsy, hepatitis, jaundice, paranoia, depression, and kidney or liver damage. Ecstasy is usually associated with the club scene.

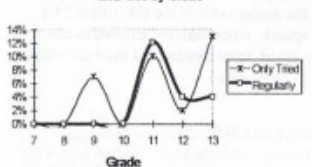
If you do ecstasy, do not mix it with alcohol and other drugs. Take a break from dancing every hour for about 15 minutes and drink some water; otherwise, you may dehydrate. If you see somebody collapse, cool them down with some water and fan them. If they are conscious, make

them drink salted water. Then, cover them with a blanket and get medical help.

LSD/ACID

Acid comes in many different forms: small squares of blotting paper or a card (often with cartoon designs on them), capsules/ tablets, sugar cubes or small brown pellets. It costs around twenty-five marks. It starts working after 30 minutes and can last up to twelve hours. It is a hallucinogenic drug, affecting the mind and changing the way we perceive things. It causes hallucinations, changes colors, shapes and sounds and visions are intensified. It can sometimes be very frightening and once you've started a trip you cannot stop it. It can also cause

LSD Use by Grade

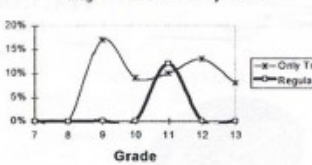


nausea. LSD is not physically addictive but psychological problems can develop especially if the user has experienced a bad trip. Users can experience 'flashbacks' several days after using acid. Flashbacks are a recurrence of the original trip. These may be terrifying and could occur years after taking the drug. Like with most drugs, you're likely to have a bad trip if you're in a bad mood. And a bad trip with this stuff can permanently damage your mind.

MAGIC MUSHROOMS

Sometimes referred to as Mushies or Shrooms, Magic Mushrooms are a hallucinogenic drug, like LSD. Taking 10-30 will create a trip lasting about 6-12 hours. They can be made into tea, dried, or cooked. The trip is likened to acid when you take a lot of them, and likened to

Magic Mushroom Use by Grade



weed when you take less. You can also experience nausea, sickness, and vomiting. The most serious problem in taking mushrooms is picking the wrong kind as it may lead to death. If you doubt the safety of a mushroom don't take it - symptoms can take up to 40 hours to develop. You should retain one mushroom for medical analysis if taken ill. Remember if depressed or down you are more likely to have a bad trip. Magic Mushrooms can cause flashbacks similar to those resulting from acid.

The fifth most popular drug was cocaine, with 8% of the 11th grade and 2% of the 12th grade taking it regularly. A small number of people in grades 10 through 13 have tried it. A similar drug, crack, found regular users in the 11th grade (4%) and people who have tried it in the 12th grade (2%). Even heroin is used by some 11th graders regularly and some tenth graders have tried it. Heroin, crack and cocaine are all easily addictive drugs that KILL, and should never under circumstances be taken. Nobody in the school, except for one 13th grader has tried steroids. Only a small number of people have

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FORMER DRUG ADDICT VISITS

JFK

BY AUBREY CHARETTE

During the sixth period on Thursday, Sept. 25, approximately 35 students crowded into the room B215 around Ida Mae, a fortyish woman with a calm voice and an amazing story to tell. For twenty years, hers was the life of a hard drug addict, abruptly ending when a failed suicide attempt found her in the hospital two years ago. She related with deep emotion, the story of her



recovery and her refound faith in God, which claims led her to an acceptance of herself which was lacking during her addiction years. She emphasized that it was a sense of self-worth and respect which allowed her to become independent of drugs. Her only piece of advice in order to resist drugs, although she realizes the difficulty of refusal, was to recognize everyone's right to say no and to find strength within oneself to do so.

JFK GETS DOWN

BY ANJA COSTAS

On Sept 26th, the Budde Publishing Company celebrated their 50th anniversary in the SFB Rundfunkhaus. The Kennedy Jazz Ensemble, Show Choir, String Ensemble, Girls Vocal Group, 8th and 9th Grade Choir and soloist all performed with great success. As Mrs. Davis noted: "It was just great!" A CD of the concert will possibly be produced. Yesterday, the jazz band and barbershop quartets played at Rathaus Schöneberg for the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

A PEEK INTO THE FUTURE

BY ALEXANDER MCWILLIAM

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the new JFKS cafeteria. As you all know the Aula has been closed for a year now due to construction. One year ago to this day in the year 2005, a frustrated student made full use of his democratic rights and protested against the policies and nutritional incompetence of the Women who asked allies? by blowing up the kitchen. Ladies and gentlemen, you all are about to experience a new era in dining technology. Forgotten are the days when we were forced to run to the old lady to exchange our precious blue essenmarken for a piece of paper and in return be presented with a menu not much more filling than that same piece of paper. Forgotten are the times, when we'd be forced to eat off the trays of others, spend lunch at Penny or live a questionable lifestyle of Doner and Wrigley's Spearmint when we didn't exchange our essenmarken on time. And forgotten are the times, when we could only choose between normal and vegetarian menus... I'm proud to present to you: the JFKS nutrient assimilation facility! Equipped with the newest technology developed in Silicon Valley, this facility offers the common student a magnitude of possibilities. For example we've replaced the old-fashioned essenmarke with an EC-card, the Essen Chip card! Just slip this beauty into the slot at the front gate before entering school and register yourself for today's delicious menu! Select from 2000 options and pick up your food either in the aula, the library, or the park. Alternatively, you can reserve your menu via Internet before leaving home at www.iwant2eat.com and collect bonus points. Once you have finished your excellent menu you may deposit your clean licked tray into one of our patrolling robots which have replaced our

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The Source of All Our Wisdom

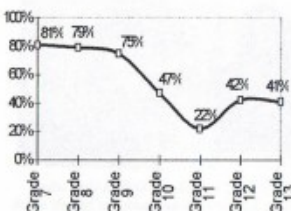
BY CORINA GEHRMANN AND
CLAUDIA GUSKE

Philosophical outlooks at mankind's very existence, practical advice for everyday life, the ability to judge other people, expertise in interpreting profound writing, and, last but not least, reading and writing itself - it is all these things students are taught at school. But we, at JFK, don't even depend on never-ending, tiring classes to learn. We can do it all during the breaks, at our wonderfully decorated, greatly equipped, and immensely cherished

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tried poppers (2% in 11th grade, 6% in 12th), angel dust (2% in 11th grade, 6% in 12th), or solvents, like glue (10% in 11th grade, 8% in 12th). Speed is has been tried by 6% of the 11th

Have Never Taken Any Drugs



graders, 5% of 12th graders and 13% of 13th graders.

Unsurprisingly, the number of people who have never tried drugs dropped with each grade, except for in 12th grade. The 11th grade was overall the most messed up class.

Hero of the Week

Wednesday, fourth period. The students in biology class were preparing for a lethal quiz. Prespiration glistened on the foreheads of the doomed students. SUDDENLY! Salvation from the P.A. system! Was it a fire alarm? Could it be? Yes, it was! They were saved!

On Sept. 17th, at 10:42 am, Dr. Heppner sounded the fire alarm as a drill, liberating 681 suffering students from their miserable classes. Reactions to the drill varied, with most students unable to hide their relief and joy: "Mme [...] was just about to check the homework, and I hadn't done it, but I was saved by the fire alarm," said one freed student. "Dude, it was like WW3, man, thought the Russians were coming, and then I remembered, man, they're our friends now," remarked another delirious bystander. The entire student body was thankful to Dr. Heppner, who had but this to say: "We wanted to see if the students and faculty knew the proper procedures for a fire drill, and we were pleased with the results." Six hundred and eighty-one students were pleased with the results as well. Some acts of heroism are timeless, and one person saving masses of innocent human beings from torturous classes is a perfect example of such an act. So, although Dr. Heppner actually committed the deed last week, the timelessness of his act, has earned him this week's HERO OF THE WEEK AWARD.

-The Editors

FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

The government is cutting back on its budget. The problems this is causing is affecting us, the youth. Just because we are young does not entitle them to tread on our rights. If you have an objection to government caused youth unemployment, teacher shortages, overcrowded classrooms, etc., come to the demonstration, take place on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Ernst Reuther Platz, at 12 o'clock.



MARSHALL PLAN ALIVE AND WELL

By Ingrid Schäfer

What's the Hansaviertel? For the last month the Leistungskurs geography class (Mr. Hoedt, 12th grade) has worked on this topic. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Marshall-plan a nationwide exhibition which presents the strong effects Marshall's Recovery program had on Germany so far. Six schools from Berlin will expose their project work at the Schoeneberger Rathaus. The best project wins 5000,- DM! The Leistungskurs geography and the Leistungskurs history (Dr. Peterson, 13th grade) invested a lot of time and effort in order to present a complete and fascinating project at the vernissage on Tuesday, Sept. 30, where our mayor, Diepgen, as well as Mr. John Kornblum, the ambassador of the US, will hold a speech. After that, the exhibition can be visited, from October 1st until the 14th, 9 to 18 o'clock.

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machten sich nicht Mühe, sondern fragten die blauen Männchen, die herumbstanden und selber so aussahen als kämen sie aus der Frankenzzeit. Endlich fand das Schrecken auch ein Ende, und beim Ausgang verewigten sich einige Schüler ins Besucherbuch, in das die meisten hineinschrieben wie langweilig es war.

Mit Schreckenverzerrtem Gesicht kamen die Schüler aus dem Ausstellungsgebäude heraus. Die Rückfahrt war so etwas wie eine Beruhigungstherapie. Die Musik aus dem Walkman ließ die Besucher die Schrecken des Tages für einen Augenblick vergessen! Man konnte von Glück sprechen, daß das Wochenende folgte, denn sonst wüßte man nicht, ob man die Gesichter der Schüler je wieder erblicken würde. Das bringt uns zu dem Schluß, daß Grauen ein historisches Gesicht hat!

If you have an eyewitness account you would like us to publish, leave it in our mailbox!

TEACHER FEATURE: Herr Verteiler

BY ALEXANDER MCWILLIAM

In welcher Zeitperiode sind Sie geboren?
50er Jahre
War es Ihr Traumberuf Lehrer zu werden?
Nee.
Sind sie früher Hippie gewesen?
Nee, das war vor unserer Zeit... wir waren nur mochtegen Hippies.

Sind sie verheiratet?

Nee.

Habe Sie früher geln?

Nee.

Sie finden sich plötzlich in der Mittelalter vor. Was haben Sie dem König zugehen?

Hau ab, du Sack.

Was halten Sie von der heutigen Jugend im Vergleich zu der Ihrigen?

Nix.

Haben Sie irgendwelche Ratschläge für uns?

Arbeiten, arbeiten, arbeiten...

Könnten Sie mir 10 Mark pumpen?

Nee.

TODAY FOR SHOW AND TELL I'VE BROUGHT A TINY MARVEL OF NATURE: A SINGLE SNOWFLAKE.



I THINK WE MIGHT ALL LEARN A LESSON FROM HOW THIS UTTERLY UNIQUE AND EXQUISITE CRYSTAL...



...TURNS INTO AN ORDINARY BORING MOLECULE OF WATER. JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER ONE. WHEN YOU BRING IT IN THE CLASSROOM.



AND NOW, WHILE THE ANALOGY SINKS IN, I'LL BE LEAVING YOU DRIPS AND GOING OUTSIDE.



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LAVATORIES!

Come on, let's be honest! Who can deny the obvious increase in creativity due to the constant challenge of finding an adequate substitute for toilet paper? Could you really imagine leaving school without finding out who has the honor of being named greatest bitch at the moment and other essential gossip? And how many students would still run around believing in the stork without the great works of art adorning these white sterile walls?

So to all of you who still believe that bathrooms exist merely to satisfy basic human needs- think again!

THE RECEPTION OF THE ISSUE OF THE HOLOCAUST TODAY

By ANJA COSTAS

Ms. Ursula Duba, a German non-Jewish writer, spoke to Kennedy students last Friday about the Holocaust. She opened by emphasizing that she does not believe in the collective guilt of all Germans. Excerpts of her collection of poems, "A Child of the Enemy," were impressive. Ms. Duba initiated the discussion by posing the question of how second and third generation Germans should deal with the issue, responses to which were very diverse. A consciousness was developed about whether our ancestors were victims or assassins. Some students noted that they felt burdened by the mass of information that they were bombarded with. Most, however, agreed that, especially in the face of Neo-Nazi movements, it is essential to be reminded of the horrors of the Holocaust; to ensure it does not happen again.

SPORTS NEWS

By VANESSA VON HEYDEBRUCK AND HAUWA NIDAGI
Welcome to the SPORT NEWS. In this column we will try to keep you informed about all of the sport events our school and its students will be involved in. If there are any sport events coming up that you would like us to cover, leave a message in our mailbox by the snack machines. We will also accept completed articles.

Swimming Events: Our unofficial JFK swim team, the Bearcudas, will travel to Venice this weekend to compete (and probably to party too!).

Soccer: There is a registered boys' team, but there are no practices scheduled due to lack of space. The girls' team is non-existent at the present. If up to ten girls are interested, it would be easier to find a willing coach. Soccer is a difficult sport to organize because there is no space for practices to take place in since the old gym is being renovated.

Basketball: The basketball teams are already formed and ready to kick ass. Last year, JFK was the Berlin Champion in three leagues! Let's get out and cheer them on again this year!

Dear Darrell.

In the beginning, there was "Dear Abby". Championing the rights of underdogs across America, she offered a syndicated solace for heartbroken individuals in two hundred words or less. Then came Dear Ann Landers, Abby's twin sister offering identical advice... yep... two hundred words or less. The world of independent newspaper advice columnists fell silent as America sat satisfied with their matron mentors.

But now tension simmers below the surface. Ann and Abby, having a monopoly on morality, hold the nation's mental health together with dental glue. As harmless as they may be, the Muckraker realizes its duty to its audience. They know you need real answers to your real questions from people with real teeth.

Trust me with your problems. I promise to use this column for the betterment of man and womankind. But ask not what your newspaper can do for you, but what you can do for your newspaper. Submit your questions on life, love, drugs, sex and rock and roll to staff members or the Suggestion Box. The future of this column depends on your help in creating advice for the people, of the people and by the people.

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previous senior staff. Another great enhancement to our cafeteria is hygiene: All our robots wear hair nets and we never reuse our trays or cutlery but pass these on to less fortunate schools. As you can see, we've achieved miracles, a world-premiere in dining technology and I'm extremely proud to declare the JFK Nutrient Assimilation Facility open!

COMICS

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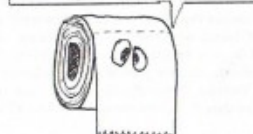
I SECOND THAT!



the near side

willi kramer comix

they say I'm an endangered species...



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CALVIN!



Look out for

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THE NEW INDEPENDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL STUDENTS' NEWSPAPER




Party!



Coming up in Winter '97!





Man hat es.

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