

News Briefs

HAMI TO PLAY RAMS

The 4th Annual Basketball Benefit sponsored by the Booster Club will be held in Klein Gym, Friday night, March 17, St. Patrick's Day. This year, the Los Angeles Rams will provide the competition. Tip-off is set for 7 P.M. Tickets will be \$7 both in Student store and at the box office. About 1,000 are expected to attend.

WINTER DANCE SET

Student Council presents "A Winter Fantasy Dance" tomorrow night from 8 P.M. to midnight at the Beverly Hills Ramada Hotel. Tickets are still on sale in the Student Store for \$6 with a YAC; \$8 general admission. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Music will be provided by "Too Good Gents," and dress will be semi-formal or fashionable. Validated parking will be \$1 in hotel lot.

GALA FEB. 21

On Tuesday night, February 21, Hamilton High School's Academy of Music will host a dedication of the Norman J. Pattiz Concert Hall. The program begins at 8 P.M. and will feature Doc Severinsen and his band, Xebro and will be emceed by famed radio talk show host, Larry King. There will be a special appearance by the Academy Jazz Ensemble. Tickets are \$30 and \$50 for preferred seating. No tickets will be sold at the box office as Gala is expected to be a sell out. A lavish dinner buffet is included in ticket price and dress will be black tie.

NEW ROOM NUMBERS

Plans are underway to re-number the classrooms in the Lab and Humanities buildings. The current numbers were painted next to the doors for the filming of the television program, "Sledgehammer." The new numbers will replace the currently confusing system in the Lab Building.

The class numbers of Brown Hall will remain the same. Classes in the basement of the Lab Building will remain numbered in the 400's. Classes on the first, second, and third floors of the Lab building, however, will be changed to numbers in the 500's 600's and 700's respectively. The classes on the first floor of the Humanities Building will be renumbered in the 800's and those on the second floor will be changed to the 900's. The numbers in the music Academy will remain unchanged.

Administrators are confident that everyone will find the renumbering a very welcome change.

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Spring Council Elected Controversy

Rages Over Hami Colors

by Trisha Hansen

In a petition to Principal Betty Maltby, the members of the Physical Education Department expressed concern over the results from the January 24 election about the addition of black to the original school colors, green and white. They stated that they wanted Mrs. Maltby to invalidate the election results for the following reasons.

1. 11% of the student body should not be the determining factor in deciding an issue that affects 58 years of school history and tradition.

2. There was no open forum for discussion with the general student body to evaluate the pro's and con's of the issue.

3. The Physical Education Department, which is involved with school colors more than any other group through our classes and athletic teams, was never consulted for any input.

4. Lack of publicity and discussion of the issue had a direct impact on the low voter turnout of 11%. In fact the vast majority of students had no idea the issue was on the ballot.

5. Other Hamilton support groups such as the School Site Council, P.T.S.A., and the Booster Club were never consulted for their input.

In response to the following reasons, Mr. Hedges, Council Advisor, disagreed with the number 1 reason by saying, "In the last 10 years here at Hamilton, we have not had more than 15% of the Student Body participate in elections." In reason number 3, the Council was remis in not asking counsel before the election took place; however, Council is currently discussing the possibility of a re-vote in all Period 2 homerooms to get student opinion on this important matter. This vote should take place in early Spring. In the recent student Body elections, 93 students, or 63% of those voting, voted for the addition of black as an accent to Hami's green and white.

Despite a low voter turnout, elections for the Spring '89 Student Council took place last Tuesday, January 24 at lunch. Fourteen elective positions were filled. Students wishing to be considered for an appointive position on Council should plan on attending a meeting in Room 412 at lunch during the first week of the new semester. Appointive positions include Commissioners of: Spirit, Athletics, Publicity (2), a recording

changes they feel are necessary here at Hamilton. This situation has always existed, not only at Hamilton, but in many high schools district wide. Those who raise their voices in protest are the same few who do nothing to effect change.

As Council does much work at lunch and after school, it is considered to be extra-curricular, therefore all members must meet the eligibility requirements of a C average and no failing grades.



Bottom, L - R: Rani Austin, Sophomore President; Kim Britt, Junior President; Ozzy Paredes, Student Body President; Visakha Myrie, Student Body Vice President; Heather Koëgig, Senior President. Standing L - R: Julie Blumberg, Carolyn Klontz, Tuanmisha Price, Sandy Ching, Jodi Steinberg, Mimi Song, and Mariam Nadimi.

Back Row: Mr. Hedges, Advisor; Larry Crane, Marti Woolsey, and Sabrina Heron.

Not Pictured: Ifeanyi Njoku and Shalmar Neal.

secretary and school historian. Due to the low number of candidates who filed to run, both the Junior and Sophomore Cabinets are under represented and will need appointments to fill the vacancies.

Despite a few students who feel that Council is not planning enough activities and who seem to criticize Council for "not doing it's job," these same few do not care to run for Council where they would have more authority to bring about the

For the Spring semester, Council is planning on a revision to the school constitution concerning qualifications for Student Body President, school beautification projects, a distinguished speakers program, and a possible AIDS education program. Also planned is the traditional "Oddball Olympics," and, if the Winter Fantasy Dance proves successful, another evening spring dance off campus.

The Fed Thought You'd Like To know In one day...

— Dogs bite 20 mail carriers. The Postal Service spends \$3,500 a day on medical help for it's dog-bite victims.

— Americans eat 47 million hot dogs, the equivalent of a hot dog 30 feet in diameter and half the length of a football field, or roughly 100,000 cubic feet of whatever hot dogs are made of. Baseball fans can imagine a pack of 10 wieners, 14 feet thick and long enough to reach from the pitcher's mound to home plate.

— Americans use 6.8 billion gallons of water to flush their toilets. It would take one gigantic toilet a half mile high - twice the height of the World Trade Center - to dump that much water in one flush. The Rose Bowl football stadium could fit inside the seat.

Is the SAT Bogus?

by Jung Hwa Lee

The Educational Testing Service, (ETS), the private company which is responsible for the Scholastic Aptitude Test, (SAT), wants you to think that the test measures some innate aptitude - "capacity for learning" - and claims that you can't improve your score. If ETS is right, (if SAT indeed does test scholastic aptitude), then there should not be any systematic score improvements. However, there is a preponderant amount of theoretical and empirical evidence that SAT coaching can consistently and effectively raise your score. Furthermore, in 1984, studies conducted by testing psychologists at the University of Chicago demonstrated the possibility of teaching an analytical framework to students for improving their performance on certain examinations such as the SAT.

The SAT does not measure "scholastic aptitude," but it does measure...

I. Your Parents Income

Family Income	SAT Score
\$50,000+	1010
\$40,000 - \$49,999	970
\$30,000 - \$39,999	940
\$24,000 - \$29,999	920
\$18,000 - \$23,999	900
\$12,000 - \$17,999	870
\$6,000 - \$11,999	820
Under \$6,000	760

II. Your Gender

Race	Female	Male
Asian	890	940
Black	700	740
White	910	970
Hispanic	770	840

In every category, males outscored females, even though girl's GPA's are better than boys in high school and college. Even in verbal section (data not shown), boys have consistently performed better than girls, when in all other tests, girls do better than boys on verbal.

III. Your Culture

Consider the following question.

Runner: Marathon

- A). Envoy: Embassy
 - B). Martyr: Massacre
 - C). Oarsman: Regatta
 - D). Referee: Tournament
 - E). Horse: Stable
- * correct answer is C.

This SAT item was of average difficulty for Whites, (53% answered correctly) but very hard for Blacks, (only 23% gave the correct answer). This is a culturally biased question. In order to have answered correctly, you'd have to have lived in a culture (upper middle class - White) which would have given you exposure to a regatta.

Now, does anybody still think the SAT tests "scholastic aptitude?"



If you're the average male high school graduate, you're probably earning about \$18,900 in a couple of years.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

I believe Hamilton doesn't have enough pay phones; 1,700 students can't get by on two pay phones alone. The school only let's you use the phones during nutrition and lunch, and I don't think this is fair. Some students stay on the phone for hours when other people need to use the phone.

There are only two pay phones, one next to the main office, and the other one is by the gym. The school, furthermore, doesn't allow students in the building during nutrition or lunch. So how do they expect us to use the phone?

Once, I needed to use the phone to call my mother so she could pick me up from school. I was very sick. I patiently waited in line but the girl on the phone talked for a full 20 minutes. I was fed up so I went to the office and asked if I could use the phone. The person in the office gave me a hard time. I had to finally convince the woman that I was very ill and that I really had to use the phone.

I feel if one has to go through all that to make a two minute phone call, then that is bad. This is why I strongly request that the administration install more pay phones.

Devona Chism

The school cafeteria has a lot of graffiti on the walls, tables, and floors. I think that's not fair. Students who get caught writing graffiti should not get free meals at least for a month. The school is supposed to be the place where students are educated. Hamilton High should be a place where students are proud of their school because it's neat and not like other schools.

Hector Gallardo

Dear Editor,

The Hamilton High School Marching Band is recognized as the largest and best in the city; however, it does not represent our school properly. The band seems to be selective in attending school activities such as football games, pep rallies, and assemblies. It participates in only certain school activities and at it's convenience instead of school requests. I understand that it is unable to travel everywhere, but if the band is going to be praised for its brilliant performances, it should find a way to mobilize itself to support all school activities regardless of whether it is at school or not. I believe this is the purpose of the band - to support the school. And if it continues to fail this responsibility, then it should not be recognized as the best for it is not earning it's title.

H. Koenig

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FEATURES

Guns N' Roses New LP "Lies" Hits Home

by Damon Liebowitz

These past few years have seen a huge surge of overnight successes in music, especially hard rock. But nobody has equaled the success of Guns N' Roses. They began as a small L.A. band, but quickly moved up and released a rare EP in 1986 called *Live Like A Suicide* which consisted of four live tracks. One year later, they were signed by Geffen Records and released their first LP, *Appetite for Destruction*. The album sold well until the second single, "Sweet Child O' Mine" was released. It became a number one single and shot the album up record charts like a "bat out of hell."

"Appetite" has sold over six million copies and is still doing well. With fans craving new material after wearing out the grooves of "Appetite," Guns N' Roses decided to re-release *Live Like A Suicide* and added four other tracks that were originally pulled from the *Appetite for Destruction* LP, and the called it *GN'R Lies*.

"Lies" outer sleeve is a creative ripoff of an issue from the *National Enquirer* with raunchy headlines and a gorgeous nude bimbo on the inner sleeve. "Lies" has something for all the fans; for the hardcore fans who like the thrash style, the "Suicide" cuts are excellent. They possess a raw power that sets Guns N' Roses apart from most bands of today. For those "teeny-bop, mini-skirt, hairspray," "Sweet Child O'



Mine' wannabee's," the other four tracks you'll just love to death. Don't get me wrong, they're still good songs, especially "Used To Love Her," but they aren't what separates Guns N' Roses apart from bands like Ratt, Poison, and Cinderella.

Even though "Lies" isn't really new material, it gives fans "something to sink their teeth into" while waiting for the second LP. Though the question lately has been, are they here to stay or just a Halley's Comet that only comes once in a lifetime?

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Pattiz Donates 75K for Aud Renovation



New marbelized ceiling and walls add to concert hall atmosphere in the auditorium set for dedication as the Norman J. Pattiz Concert Hall on February 21 in huge gala.
 Photo by Larry Crane

by Rebecca Field

Norman J. Pattiz, who donated \$65,000 last fall for the renovation and refurbishment of the auditorium, has presented Hamilton with another generous large cash contribution of \$50,000. These funds have been used to repaint and marblize the entire inside wall, pillars, and ceiling; to add new beveled glass mirrors to the wall in the foyer along with additional painting and another large marble slab with names of sponsors and founders in bronze to balance the already installed marble on one side of the foyer. A large 35 foot theatre marquee has been mounted on the auditorium facade facing Robertson Blvd. This has added another dimension in that the auditorium is now a legitimate genuine westside theatre for the performing arts.

A gala will be held on Tuesday night, February 21, at 8 p.m. to officially open and dedicate the Norman J. Pattiz Concert Hall. The program will be hosted by the well known radio talk show host, Larry King and will feature pop and jazz music by the "Tonight Show" band

leader, Doc Severinsen and his group, Xebron. Also featured on the evening's program will be an appearance by Hamilton's Academy Jazz Ensemble, and a special proclamation from the Los Angeles City Council to be presented by Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky. A reception with catered food will be held in the concert hall immediately following the concert and evening show. Tickets to the gala can be ordered and picked up at the Will Call window with prices of \$30 and \$50 for reserved seating. Dress will be black tie optional.

Pattiz has pledged to raise another \$25,000 with this gala as many famous sponsors will be in attendance; various heads of major entertainment and recording companies each pledging \$5,000. Pattiz, himself a Hamilton graduate in the Class of 1960, is president of a major entertainment conglomerate, including Westwood One, which is the parent company to many radio broadcasting and recording companies.

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Page 4 YANKS DROP CLOSE GAME

by Lisa McKissic

The Yankee rebounding must improve if the team has any hopes of making it to the playoffs. Against a strong rated L.A. Roman team, the basketball team added another game to the loss column last Friday when they dropped a tightly fought game to Los Angeles High, 60 - 51.

In the first quarter, the Yankees attacked with 4 straight layups, grabbed two turnovers, and made three jump shots to take an 18 - 9 lead only to see it fade fast with a lax defense and a stagnant offense. By the half, hami was down by one, 25 - 24. In the 3rd quarter, L.A. snatched six rebounds, four of which should have been Hami's, and made point after point with no answer from a Yankee team that seemed to shift into a lower gear. Coach Uyeshima's frustration was clearly evident as he called for a time-out. In the final quarter, down by 4 points with 4:29 remaining on the clock, Dwayne Lewis drove for the basket and released a difficult lay-up and was fouled. Two for two, the L.A. lead continued to increase as time ran out. "Give it to Reece," the crowd yelled as they felt in need of one of Reece's famous 3 pointers, but instead it's a brick, a turnover and another foul. L.A.'s ball, 56 seconds on the clock and down by 9 points, the outcome is now painfully clear. "Something has to be done," complained one Yankee, "We can't keep losing games like this when we have 5 and 6 point leads!" Yanks are now 0 - 4 in league play.

Sports

Gridders Make "All Bay" Team

by Miguel Ferrer

With the football season over, four players from Hamilton made the All Bay Football Team. First Team Offense: Jay Fields, First Team Defense: Paxton Griffith, Second Team Defense: Eric Shambourger and Second Team Offense: Bryan Orange. Jay Fields set a school record for points in one game, 26 and for a season: 76. The junior rushed 166 times for 903 yards caught 20 passes for 240 yards and kicked 8 field goals including one of 52 yards. As a junior, he will return next season.

Paxton Griffith allowed just five receptions in one on one coverage this season. Had two interceptions and two quarterback sacks. With the return of Jay Fields next season, the Hamilton football team more than likely will be stronger. Fields must continue his running and kicking assault if he wants to lead the team to the City title. Let's not forget the players who were Honorable: Jason McCuller, Desmond Brown, Park Long, and Johnny Webster.



Yankees selected to the All Bay Football Team are L - R: Eric Shambourger, Jay Fields, Bryan Orange, and Paxton Griffin, not pictured.

SPORTS FANS

As a reporter, I am assigned to report what I see and hear. As the Federalist sports editor/writer, I am given the honor and responsibility of relating all athletic activities and functions to the public eye; Hami's eyes.

Last issue I offended not only Hamilton's Varsity and J.V., but even a few Hami fans. I took out of context their defeats and unkindly emphasized them in too harsh a manner even for an objective reporter. However, could that same offensive article have given them that extra "kick in the butt" they needed to play to their fullest capability, and win, which they indeed did in their following game against Venice? Or was the sting of a cruel reporter too much for them? Whatever the case, after listening to you guys, (The Federalist readers), I am convinced my story, however factual, was far from subtle, and I am regretful in that respect.

I owe no one an apology, but I do owe our basketball team a certain amount of respect and courtesy. For I, along with many other students and faculty here at Hamilton High, support our basketball team 100% and wish them all luck in everything they set out to do.

Federalist Sports Editor,
Lisa McKissic

GIRLS STOP LA BY 7 pts.

by Miguel Ferrer

In one word, "fantastic!" The Varsity girls basketball team defeated the LA High Romans 46 - 39 in an impressive display of basketball on Friday, January 20. Led by Micah Fields' 17 points, and Daphne Vaughn's 10 points, the team gave Coach Golding their best performance of the season.

It all began with the defense as LA was having trouble controlling the ball, but it didn't stop there. The

Romans offense was sloppy as they let the Hoopsters score easy inside baskets. LA, with all their troubles, were still in the game; however, as they only trailed 17 - 16 at halftime. An early spurt by the Hami Girls gave them the lead in the 3rd quarter. With 2:36 remaining in the 3rd quarter, LA trailed by 4 points, 38 - 34. In the 4th quarter, the Hami team was too much for the Romans as Micah Fields took charge and finished LA's challenge.

Girls Lose 2 to Venice

The unbeaten record of the JV's was broken as Venice embarrassed Hami's "lady Hoopster's" 45 - 13 on January 25 here in Klein Gym. The team had a very poor first half as their shot selection was way off. They didn't play as a team, rather, it was a one on one game. As for the defense, they allowed the Venice girls to shoot easily inside with monotonous regularity. The second half didn't get any better as Venice continued to score with easy inside layups. The game really was one

sided as Venice simply out-hustled the Hami JV team. Venice is still undefeated in conference play.

The Hami Varsity faced a Venice team that looked tough! To put it mildly, they were tough. Micah Fields scored 11 points and Daphne Vaughn also made double figures again with 10 points, but it didn't help. The Venice team was too quick and pressured Hami to play badly as the final score showed 60 - 34. At press time, the JV team is 7 - 2, the girls Varsity is 5 - 6.

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