

OKINAWA, MISAWA TAKE CUPS



The Most Valuable Player of the tournament ends one of his frequent and beautifully executed drives with a lay-up.

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The Kubasaki Dragons of Okinawa surged to victory and the Class "A" championship of the Far East High School Basketball Tournament after defeating the NHS Dragons by a score of 58-42 in the final game of the tournament on Saturday, March 7.

Okinawan coach William Bechtel accepted the trophy presented by Brig. Gen. Alexander M. Willing, deputy commander and chief of staff, U.S. Army, Japan in a post-game ceremony.

Narimasu Dragon Tim Minor who accepted the runner-up trophy was named the most valuable player of the Class "A" competition. Eddie Cox of NHS, Jim Armlin of Yo-Hi, John Bennett, ASIJ, and Tony Neeley and Don DuBose of the victorious Kubasaki Dragons were named as outstanding players and members of the All-Tourney Five.

The Class "B" trophy was given to the winning team, the Misawa Missles, in a presentation ceremony Friday night. The runner-up trophy was awarded to the Christian Academy Knights. The Class

"B" All Star Quintet consists of Tom Lennon from Misawa, Malon Whittle of Ashiya, and John Young and Richard Sytsma from Christian Academy. The most outstanding player was Tracy Watanabe of the Misawa Missles.

The Zama pepsters clinched the sole trophy awarded to cheerleaders. Their competition cheer was based on theme music from the movie "Bridge on the River Kwai" and included "Hey, All You, Trojans."

This, the eleventh annual tournament, was hosted by Zama High School. The tourney is a double elimination one and includes two separate classes, "A" for the larger schools with stronger teams and "B" for the smaller schools. The thirteen contest games lasted from March 4-7 and were played in the Zama Fieldhouse.

Eight teams competed in this year's tournament. In Class "A" competition were: American School in Japan, Kubasaki High, Okinawa, Narimasu, Yokohama High, and Zama High School. The three participating teams in the Class "B" league were: Ashiya Dependent School, Christian Academy of Japan, and Misawa Dependent School.



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April Set For Honor Inductions

The annual induction of newly-selected members of the National Honor Society is planned for early April, according to Society officers.

Steve Moody, president of the Honor Society, will preside at the ceremonies, introducing not only the main speakers, but four Narimasu students, members of the society, who will give talks on the qualifications necessary to become a member.

The first qualification is scholarship. A student must maintain a semester 'B' or above average in all courses for which he is receiving credits toward graduation. Leadership, another quality in which a student must have proven his ability to lead a group or to follow a leader well, is also necessary. The third is service, which includes extra-curricular school activities; and the last is good character.

Other pre-requisites are 1) the student must be picked by the society and approved by the faculty, 2) the student must have completed at least one semester at NHS and must be a sophomore, junior, or senior.

Membership is limited to a maximum of 10% of the senior class, 7% of the junior class, and 5% of the sophomore class.

Career Day

Students Gaze Into Crystal Ball

College Career Day was presented to Narimasu students and faculty, invited seniors from other high schools, and prominent guest speakers by the NHS Student Council on Friday, February 27.

The purpose of this day was to familiarize students with several occupational fields and colleges and universities, so they would have a better idea of what they would like to do in the

years following high school graduation.

Career Day opened with an assembly in the gymnasium which featured Major General Kenneth B. Hobson, Vice Commander of the Fifth Air Force, who delivered the key note address. The Narimasu High School Band entertained the audience with a "career medley. After the assembly, the day was divided into four discussion periods.

The first two sessions held in the morning dealt with career fields. The thirty-five speakers lectured on fields such as cosmetology, social work, engineering, medicine, law, air line hostessing, homemaking, and all branches of the military service.

After an hour's lunch period, the sessions were resumed with thirty-two speakers who spoke on colleges and universities. Some of these were: the military academies, West Point, Annapolis, the Coast Guard Academy, and the Air Force Academy; Notre Dame; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Harvard; Columbia University; and many of the state universities.

Mrs. Meredith, Student Council Advisor, said, "I believe Career Day went quite well! Naturally we had our little troubles, but on the whole, things turned out very successfully."

NHS Ring Chosen

The Student Council of Narimasu recently voted on a class ring which would be used by all senior classes from 1960 on.

The idea of having a standard ring for all graduating classes developed in the Junior Council. The council chose two ring styles and junior homerooms selected one from these.

Up to now, class rings had been chosen by the graduating class just before graduation and weren't available for wearing until the end of the school year.

The new class ring is gold, set with a synthetic blue sapphire which has been engraved with the NHS emblem.

Trophies Awarded To Best Speakers

The first International Speech Contest was presented in the Grant Heights Chapel, on February 20. Both Japanese and American students participated in the contest, sponsored by an NHS art teacher, Mr. Clyde Brown.

The topic "Peace" won Euchero Kira from Mushi High School first place. Mitsuya Inokara, from Kelo High School, captured second place with his talk on "Fukuzawa Sensei." An NHS student, Jeanne Tilson won third placed with her speech on "Men and Their Abilities".

Mark Coburn, Carla Richter, and Michiko Yamanaka won the next awards with their speeches on "Broad Democracy", "O Miyage", and "Nationalism and Internationalism" respectively.

Phillip Barkin, who spoke on "You and the UN" tied for seventh place with Masaki Sato and his speech on "The Difference Between Love and Like".

The awards were donated by Dr. Florence Hay's Junior English class, the NHS Student Council, and the Narimasu Society of PTA and were presented to the winning contestants by Mr. Clyde Brown.

Jacquelyn Campbell runner-up in the speech contest at NHS was the mistress of ceremonies.

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EDITORIAL

Career Day is over. Was it worth all the effort, problems, and headaches? Was it worthy of the hours of preparation and arranging? Who can answer these questions? Not the teachers, the newspaper reporters, or the Student Council. The answer is left to you.

Choosing your lifetime work is a many-sided operation. College-Career Day was only a primary step. It gave you the opportunity to increase interest in your future job plans and to learn about careers by listening to first hand information. Most important, it provided you with thought material. Now you can gain additional information by reading pamphlets, talking to people employed in various fields, and writing to colleges and universities for catalogues and further details.

After you know what will be expected of you in a particular profession, strive to accomplish it. Keep requirements in mind when registering for classes and coordinating extra-curricular activities.

If your career choice necessitates a college degree, study and plan now to have the proper entrance requirements and credits. On the other hand, the fact that your occupation does not demand a college education is no indication that you need stop studying. High school grades give a future employer an insight into your character, ingenuity, and resourcefulness.

Start planning for tomorrow now. Tomorrow is too late. Think seriously about your abilities and interests.

P.H.

Pat and JoAnn Prefer Blondes

JoAnn Rykken and Pat Schrader both say that Narimasites should have more interest in their school and show more school spirit.

These girls have quite a bit in common for they both were J.V. cheerleaders and were promoted to Varsity positions. Also, Pat likes "Donna", and JoAnn likes the flip side of the same record, "La Bamba." They both advise underclassmen to study hard, be active in all school activities, but "not too many to hurt your grades, though," JoAnn says.

The two girls confide that their ideal guy has to have blond hair, but JoAnn insists on hazel eyes while Pat prefers blue. They like their male friends tall and interested in sports. JoAnn says that the "life-of-the-party" type is for her; Pat likes the "quiet" type—preferably the quiet sort who have a broken nose and no freckles, with a "little boy grin" and a good personality.

JoAnn and Pat, like most teenage girls nowadays, like to wear straight skirts, crew-neck sweaters, and ivy league blouses to school. If they were fashion designers, tailored clothes would be the style instead of the "extremes".

The female Dragons look nothing alike—JoAnn has light-brown hair and blue eyes; Pat, dark-brown hair, brown eyes. They both have "duck tails" though.

JoAnn is a Yankee gal born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on June 2, 1942. Pat's from the "deep South" where she came to being on January 7, 1943, in the town of Jennings, Florida.

"In the eighth grade I was a 'sort of' cheerleader, and I got to like it when I used to watch the older cheerleaders," replied JoAnn when asked how she became interested in cheerleading.

Girls' Chorus Entertains NHS

The Saitama Prefectural Urawa First Girls Senior High School gave its first performance to an American audience February 25 in the NHS gym.

The program, which was held on February 25, consisted of six choral numbers. Some of the numbers were "Hallelujah" by Handel, "Cradle Song" by Hiral, "Beautiful Dreamer" by Stephen Foster, and "Firefly" by Shimizu. T. Tokumaru sang two solos, which were "Ciribiribin" by Pestalozza and "Convein Partir" by Donizetti. Two other vocal solos were sung by M. Hoada. Her lovely voice produced "Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair" by Stephen Foster, and "Quando Men Vo" by Pucinni La Boheme.

"Sonata in A Minor" by Mozart was played on the piano by eleven year old M. Obana.

Texans, Remember The Alamo!

It was a girl, you see, that started it all. She was going with a guy named Santa. Oh! don't get me wrong; not the Santa Claus with the "little kiddies and reindeer" and all. This Santa's last name was Anna.

Santa, a mean little Mexican guy, really sizzled every time he looked at his girl, but he wasn't good enough for her. So she hopped on her horse and went to a

Narimasu

Postscripts

Our cheerleaders reported really having a ball during the tournaments. They were billeted in individual rooms and had all the luxuries—even a record player and some of the top discs! Thursday night the Okinawa pepsters brought their records and joined the squad in a party.

We think that the tradition of firing a cannon before the lowering of the flag is loyal and patriotic, but Aki Yamada may not agree. When it went off down at Zama, he jumped at least three feet off the ground and landed in Ginny Taggart's lap.

The first day of the tournament found the kids from Johnson getting home kind of late. As a matter of fact it was 2:00 in the morning when they finally dragged in after their bus got lost.

COULD YOU IMAGINE?

Billie Jo Brandau with a Spanish accent?
Dave Hudson about five feet tall?
Pam Johnson with a blond poodle haircut?
Russell Roberts at a loss for words?
Sweet scents coming from the chemistry room?

Historian Club Honors Lincoln

The 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, February 12, was celebrated by the Narimasu Historian Society by a trip to Hibiy Hall in downtown Tokyo. Speeches by dignitaries of Tokyo, the music of the Fifth Air Force Band and a movie commemorated the famed American statesman.

Thirty students with Mr. Ackerman, their sponsor, attended the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Lincoln's birthday held by the Japanese-American Cultural Society of Tokyo. All plans were coordinated by Mr. Marshall, our principal.

The highlight of the afternoon was the speech by Dr. Paul M. Angle, who, with Carl Sandburg, a noted poet, is one of the foremost living authorities on Lincoln.

Messages from important men of America and Japan such as, Prime Minister Kishi, Foreign Minister Fujiyama, President Eisenhower, Ambassador MacArthur, and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, were read at the hall.

neat place across the border called the Alamo.

She did pretty well at that Alamo place, and was soon going with a tall slim guy named Russell Cratchett, er Dave Crockett that is, and he kind of got to calling her "Billie Jo, the Yellow Rose of the Alamo," cause she had golden, shiny hair. Crockett had just come down from Tennessee, and he was rarin' for a fight.

When Santa Larry heard about this, he wasn't thrilled one bit, so he called his gang together and told them to get ready for a big rumble. Then he com-u-ni-cated to the Alamo that he had multitudes to their few.

The chief cat at the Alamo, Billie Gordon Johnson Travis, wasn't afraid. He just pulled in the welcome mat and fired the cannon.

All the lovelies in the Alamo (you know; Judie Hanson, Dallas Singleton, Jill Collings, Brooke Rumsey—ones like that) hid in the chapel and giggled 'cause they were scared.

Then Santa tells his gang, "All right, swabbies (they weren't sailors, you understand; that's the only name he could think of), get your ladders and scale that wall!"

Twice the Alamo guys chased the Mexicans back; but Santa just had too many for them, and finally they couldn't take it any more. Over the wall the Mexicans came!

They completely demolished the Texans; even getting the ones like Ray Hutcheson, Ross Sherohman, and Bill Carsten. And in the end they even got Billie Jo's man Russell Crockett.

After they had delived the whole bunch, Santa and his gang took down the Lone Star flag.

Six weeks later, the rest of the Texans came to get the Alamo back. This time Santa didn't win. And get this; the battle cry of the Texans was: "Remember Billie Jo, the Yellow Rose of the Alamo!"

Seniors Ski Shiga Heights

A ski trip to Shiga Heights was held recently, sponsored by the Senior Class. Twenty-nine people, including seniors, guests and chaperones, went on the three day excursion.

The teens and sponsors left on February 19, and rode for about nine hours on the train to their destination. Staying in a Japanese-style hotel complete with hot baths, the students said they had a marvelous time, skiing, riding on the ski tow, tobogganing, and of course snow fights.

Upon their return on Monday, February 23, Senior Pat Batie said they were all tired, but happy. She also added, "The slopes were just beautiful, and everyone feels we were quite lucky to escape many injuries."

Adult chaperones were Mr. Hoffman, Lt. Col. Stutzel, and Mr. Dachinger.

If You Ask Me

STUDENTS! Yes, that means you! When a person is elected to represent a class or club, he, naturally, is expected to work. However, in this school, there's always one in the crowd, if not five, ten, or more, who are representatives in name only. I am speaking of the Student Council in particular.

Do you realize that there were only eight out of twenty-four Student Council members who sincerely worked with all their hearts on our Career Day? Two of these persons, Miss Poag, our counsellor, and Mrs. Meredith, Student Council advisor, aren't even supposed to participate actively in our plans. Their job is simply to offer suggestions and occasionally give aid as a favor to a group of students. Yet, in a telephone conversation, Larry Hileman, president of the Student Council, said, "Without Miss Poag, and Mrs. Meredith Career Day wouldn't have been possible!"

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS DEPT.

Russell Roberts, head of the publicity committee for Career Day, obtained space in seven newspapers, four of which were Japanese-English papers. He also got a TV crew to advertise the various activities.

Over 100 phone calls were made and approximately 75 letters were typed and sent to the various speakers and guests.

Billie Jo Brandau, Brooke Ramsey, Barbara Stutzel, Pat Huber, and Larry Hileman worked at fever-pitch tempo to do all this throat and finger work. For a week and a half, Larry worked an average of three hours per day.

No one person needs to do everything, if everyone does his share of the work. The Student Council members are your representatives, express your opinions to them about this overburdening of a few industrious people. Get the lazy ones off their "rusty-dusties"!

NEW CLUB

The Lettermen's Club, a newly organized group this year, has come up with an original scheme. They're planning to hold a "smoker" after basketball season. Nope, they're not having a "weed" party!

They're going to sponsor boxing and wrestling matches in which all members must participate. Sounds like fun, if you ask me!

Proceeds will be used to buy equipment for the NHS football, basketball, and baseball teams.

Big chief is Tim Minor, second-in-command is J. C. Kennedy, the guy who takes the notes is Bob Kappmeyer and the "moola" goes to Fred Celec.

BY REV

'Foreigners' Interviewed at Tourney

Disguised in one way or another, those 'nosey newsmen', that is, the Dragon's Roar staff reporters, could be seen innocently meandering around the tournament area, pouncing on 'foreigners' to drill them with questions.

Here's a guy from ASIJ Land. He's the leader of the bunch—goes by the royal title of 'John Bennett, 17-year-old senior, president of the Student Council, member of the yearbook staff, basketball

dribbler and track-runner.'

After the preliminary bows, our reporter asked, "Say, John, tell us something about yourself." So John obliged. This is his fourth Far East tournament (he's been in Japan for five years). "The tournament this year is very good. The rooms are excellent." By the way, the ASIJ boys shared rooms with our Dragons. The reporter's mind started wandering at this point so he

went with it and caught a Misawa man offguard — turned out this guy was a captain too. "This is my second tournament," Tom Lennon revealed. His first one was at Nagoya. "I don't like the tournament because there aren't enough teams in Class B."

This 16-year-old president of the sophomore class plays guard on the team. Besides basketball, he goes in for golf, swimming, and skiing.

These little confabs took place before our final defeat. Afterwards, a Dragon's Roarer, slightly despondent, but nevertheless curious, struggled her way into the jubilant mass of Misawa victors to speak with Sherry Barlow, co-captain of the Misawa cheerleaders. These Misawa gals almost didn't make it to the tournament to cheer their guys on to victory. Their captain was taken ill, then their sponsor got sick two days before the big event. Luckily the sponsor regained health in time to accompany the group.

So eager were the Okinawa cheerers to attend the tournament that they paid their own plane fare from Okinawa to Japan. The captain of the team, senior Jan Stetler, was captain of the Yo-Hi cheerleaders last year. Her sister, Carol, is on the team with her this year too.

The reporter, who had bravely struggled against her grief for so long, gave way at this point and just had to leave the scene of the big '59 tourney.

Short Skirts Show at Tourney



By virtue of their short skirts these NHS girls from Tachi and Yokota show their knees at the first tournament game.

(Photo by R. Sherozman)

What the Teens Are Doing

What do you do to entertain yourselves on the weekends? Nothing? Anything? Everything? If you are like most of us, it's hard to find anything to do besides the usual going to the movies, teen-age clubs, and parties. We have looked into the matter and have come up with some information.

Out Tachi way, there is a Teen Theater Guild, a group of kids who present plays. Various organizations, such as the Wives' Clubs, help the group by giving them financial support. The president is Barbara Taylor, and the adviser, Mrs. Kelley. During the Christmas holidays, they presented a musical called "No Yen For Yuletide", and they hope to put on a comedy soon.

Another bit of interesting information is that Tachi has its own private disc jockey show which is called TADS. This show plays popular music for the barracks and the homes of the residents. Anyone at Tachi can have the station lines hooked up to their own radio.

Did you know that on West Tachi there is a late, late movie starting at ten o'clock each Saturday night?

At the Yokota Teen Center, bingo is a hi-lite with records and

money as prizes. Also there are free coke nites, pizza nites, pool and ping pong tournaments, birthday parties, and a newspaper. The paper has come out once so far. A great deal of work has to be done by the editors, Pat Clancy and Danny Paddelford, and their staff before the next issue comes out. They encourage people who are interested in working on the paper to contact them.

Hillbillies Visit NHS

A hillbilly show will be presented by Mr. Moore's second period American History class on March 26 in the NHS gymnasium.

One of the features in the show will be a hillbilly wedding, with Larry Honeycutt marrying the belle of the hills. Chip Harris, the preacher, will watch the loving parents cry their eyes out at their daughter's wedding.

A quartet, made up of Jill Collings, Billie Jo Brandau, Judy Hanson, and Peggy Hopkins will sing some good old hillybilly songs.

The program chairmen are: Mike Ragsdale, Carolyn Copeland, Maria Harris, and Peggy Hopkins.

The proceeds from the hillbilly show will go to further the activities of the Junior Class.

We've Won 4 Out Of 11

The ball is in play and the tension grips your stomach. You start worrying about this point or that foul; you cheer your throat hoarse when one of the boys increases the lead; and then release all that built up tension when Karen C. misses a throw at the ref. This is a tournament, and yet, you aren't the first one to see NHS in glory and in defeat. It's been going on for exactly ten years, since 1949, when the NHS blue and white won the first Far East Command Basketball Tournament. Here's the tally sheet:

1949	Narimasu
1950	ASIJ
1951	ASIJ
1952	ASIJ
1953	Narimasu
1954	Narimasu
1955	Narimasu
1956	Okinawa
1957	Nagoya
1958	Yokohama
1959	Okinawa

This year for the first time the location of the tournament was not in the two traditional gyms, Fryar Gym (Yokohama) or the Camp Drake Field House. There is no doubt in the minds of old Narimasites that this tournament was the roughest the team and cheerleaders ever fought.

NARIMASU BOWS TO KUBASAKI FOR TOURNAMENT FIRST PLACE



Narimasu Dragon Frank Wilson charges for a basket in final game. S&S Photo

The NARIMASU DRAGONS bowed to the KUBASAKI DRAGONS in a 58-42 game played in the Camp Zama Field House Saturday, March 7, at 1:30. The game was the playoff for the Championship after Narimasu had met with the Okinawa team twice previously.

Wednesday, March 5, the first day of the tourney, fans saw Narimasu crush the Zama Trojans, 51-30, and Okinawa out-do the Yokohama Red Devils. The March 6th semifinal game between the Dragon cagers and Kubasaki High resulted in the 50-35 score, Narimasu's favor.

The finals on the following day found the undefeated Narimasu Dragons fighting Kubasaki Dragons for the second time. Narimasu led 41-35 at halftime and continued to hold the scoring

lead by six points at the end of the third. In the final quarter, the Okinawans soared ahead to net 19 points over our 12. Tension was high as the Green Dragons slipped by the the final seconds, 70-69, in what was probably the most exciting game of the tourney.

In the playoff the following day, Okinawa took the tip and jumped into an early lead in the first quarter. The NHS Dragons fought to close up the score but Kubasaki's five proved too much as the half ended 26-14 for Okinawa.

Narimasu hoopsters netted 15 points to Okinawa's 17 in the third quarter in an attempt to put the Blue and White back in the game. Okinawa surged ahead in the final period, however, to win the game by a 16 point lead, 58-42, and walk off with the tournament First Place Trophy.

Zama Cheer Cops Trophy

The Zama High School cheerleaders were awarded the Outstanding Cheerleader trophy of the Far East Command High School Basketball Tournament by Colonel Bucha, Adjutant General, USARJ, on Friday, March 6, in a post-game ceremony.

Cheerleaders Mary Ann Bucha, Gail Holley, Joy Hemphill, and Priscilla Showalter displayed winning form when this high jumping quintet, led by their captain Bonnie Hemphill, completed their tryout cheer, consisting of fancy steps and various formations, to the tune of "The March from the River Kwai" and "Hey, All You, Trojans."

The girls were rated by three judges on personality, appearance, citizenship, leadership, and execution of yells.

The highlight of the tryouts was an intersquad cheer performed by the combined talent of all the competing pepsters. The forty cheerleaders filled the gym floor and whipped up spirits with the floor stomping yell, "Go Team Go."

Each individual group also presented a cheer for the tournament referees and the triumphant Zama cheerleaders, as hosts, gave a farewell yell at the close of the tournament.



In a typical on the floor scene, Dick Tomasovic wages one of his many battles for control of the ball. (Photo by R. Sherohman)

Minor Picked Outstanding Player

Tim Minor, Narimasu captain, was chosen Most Valuable Player of the Far East High School Basketball Tournament. He was picked by the officials and coaches attending the games and was presented a silver plaque inscribed "Class A—Most Outstanding Player" by deputy commanding general and chief staff, Hq. US Army Japan, Brig. Gen. Willing.

Tracy Watanabe, Misawa, was awarded the Most Outstanding Player award for the Class B bracket.

The all tournament team was also named. Picked were:

- Tony Neely—Okinawa
- Eddie Cox—Narimasu
- John Bennet—ASIJ
- Don DuBose—Okinawa
- Jim Armlin—Yokohama

The team was awarded gold basketball pins.

Top Player's Points Totaled

VARSITY Season Record 16-0	
1. Tim Minor	227
2. Eddie Cox	130
3. Dick Tomasovic	128
4. J.C. Kennedy	111
5. Frank Wilson	101
6. Perry Mace	51
7. Ronnie Styles	37
JUNIOR VARSITY	
1. Billy Carter	79
2. Joe Chalmers	68
3. Aki Yamada	64
4. Garry Ponder	60
5. Bill Carsten	41



DRAGONS IN ACTION: All-Star Eddie Cox, (left), and Most Valuable Player, Tim Minor, fire away in the NHS vs. Zama game on Wednesday. Eddie's shot was the first in the tournament; Minor is shown in typical high par form. Narimasu emerged victorious in the battle 51-30.

(Photo by R. Sherohman)

THIS SPACE IS BLANK DUE TO BUTCH ATKINSON'S FAILURE TO TURN IN AN ASSIGNED STORY.