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BOBBY COMES TO BHS

Senator Robert F. Kennedy visited Brentwood High School, January 11. He was welcomed by a packed audience of about 800 students and faculty members.

When Mr. Kennedy's helicopter landed, a group of about 50 students came out of nowhere and surrounded the Senator. The Senator didn't look alarmed, but seemed right at home and started greeting them with a Kennedy smile and handshake. Mr. Kennedy was then immediately greeted by the welcoming committee and was escorted into the building where someone took his coat and he walked on stage to an enthusiastic crowd.



Mr. Yankowski was the first to speak thanking the distinguished guests for taking time out and coming to Brentwood. He introduced Joseph Angelo who in turn introduced the Honorable H. Lee Dennison, county executive. Mr. Dennison then introduced the Senator.

The Senator's first words were "Joseph Angelo" which brought a scream from the audience. He joked about his accent, but finally got down to serious talking.

He gave a short address. To sum up he said that we must have a good educational system throughout the whole country. We must have a strong system of government so that we can live together and have good relations with other countries. He said the youth of today are tomorrow's leaders and we must concern ourselves with the issues - get the facts and make up our own minds. He felt that other countries should look to the United States for leadership because of our ideals, the principles we cherish and "... because we make an effort to follow them."



Relay Quartet Goes To Garden

Madison Square Garden in New York has been the scene of some of the greatest moments in track history. On January 25th, the Brentwood High School was represented by a mile relay team in the nationally prominent Milrose Games held in the Garden. Brentwood was the first team to represent Suffolk County in a special mile relay run for high schools in the games.

The mile relay quartet consisting of Hector Ortiz, Terry Whalen, Ted Harris and Joe Martucci represented Brentwood. They won this honor by defeating the best mile relay teams in the County in a race highlighted by Joe Martucci's strong anchor leg to insure victory.

(Ed. note: Congratulations Mr. Simmons on your achievements.)

GERMAN CLUB PLANS TRIP

Plans for future activities and a book report were on the agenda at the German Club meeting, January 8.

Among the possible events being planned for the future are an all day field trip and a film to be shown here at school.

At this meeting as at most others a member was asked to give an account of a book he had read concerning German life or history. This serves as a good background for the members, most of whom are now studying the German language.

The meeting ended with a German song and refreshments. The German club meetings are on alternate Mondays and Thursdays and are directed by Mr. Stephen Bencze, advisor and Irving Browstein, president.

After his speech there was the usual question and answer period. Mr. Kennedy's first question was concerning his stand in Vietnam and President Johnson - "If you're against the war in Vietnam, how come you're supporting President Johnson? You're contradicting yourself !!!" His response was that he wasn't in favor of unilaterally withdrawing, and President Johnson isn't either, but that he has different ideas on bombing North Vietnam and going to the negotiating tables. He agrees with President Johnson that we have a commitment there, but how to do it is where they disagree.

He was also asked about his plans for Suffolk County; he answered with the usual Kennedy wit, "Move my family in and increase the population!"

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I feel I must give the conditions under which this article is written. This is the school week of January 8 - 12, and the temperature hasn't gone above 15° for quite a few days. My bus, as well as the other students' buses, have not shown up, two days out of four. It is the coldest days when the buses do not show up. I don't wish to go into the chilly details, but it has been very uncomfortable, to say the least.

First, the school board should acquire the services of Brentwood Taxi to transport students to and from school. The cost would be a bit more expensive than buses, but at least the students would be sure to get to school.

Second, special long underwear should be issued to all students who live within one mile of the school and are not eligible for taxi service. The underwear should be painted red for seniors, green for juniors, and yellow for sophomores. These colors will identify the classes and perhaps a new senior privilege of walking in the gate first can be initiated.

Last, hot coffee and doughnuts can be served by the members of the faculty to the semi-frostbitten students arriving from the outside. This will serve as a warmer to students and provide the faculty with a little spending money.

These suggestions, I am sure, will improve student transportation, attendance and morale at least two hundred per cent. The cost of these proposals may seem high, but cost has never stopped our diligent school board from swift and prompt action. I am sure in the long run, these ideas will prove much cheaper than widening the parking field and allowing senior parking.

Signed,
Chilly

Dear Chilly,

I am sure you only jest about the taxis, but I agree something should be done about the poor bus service.

Signed,

Bobby comes to BHS

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Kennedy then turned the tables and asked the audience a few questions:

- 1 - How many are in favor of unilateral withdrawal?
- 2 - How many favor stopping the bombing of North Vietnam?
- 3 - How many in favor of escalating the war?
- 4 - How many favor what we're doing right now?

The audience favored question number three. Kennedy then asked questions concerning the draft:

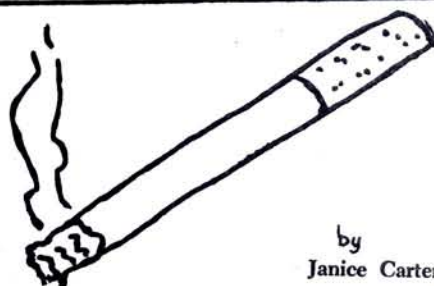
- 1 - How many think the draft is unfair?
- 2 - Do you think students who attend college should be deferred?
- 3 - Should only the ones who can't go to college fight the war? Or should everyone be treated equally?

The first two questions were answered affirmatively by the majority of the students. His last question left the audience thinking.

Mr. Kennedy ended his appearance by asking the Brentwood High School Band to play for him.



On the way back to the helicopter, the Senator was again greeted by a group of students, where Senator Kennedy again delighted them by shaking their hands.



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others wouldn't give a penny.
Some say it has the taste that's right,
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Some say it tastes good, like it should,
Others claim it's a nail for a coffin
of wood.
But the best description of all was by
a professor,
"... a fire on one end and an ass on
the other."

The Truth About Sore Abe

He has often been called "the most honest of men," or "brother of that fine patriot, George." A bearded giant, weighed interminably against injustice and cruelty - Abraham Lincoln, generally spoken of in the same breath as sore feet and splintered logs.

If you were asked what came to mind when the name Abe Lincoln was mentioned, answers of "He walked nine miles to return three cents," or "He was born in a log cabin" would probably form the majority of replies. So it seems, that for as long as Lincoln has belonged to the ages, sore feet and logs have belonged to Lincoln.

Many of us were small school-children when we heard our first tales about this hero. We admired his courtesy under fire, his eloquence and logic and bunioned feet. We were thrilled by his simplicity and awed by his modest beginnings - especially the Early American decor of his log cabin. But

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QUESTION: "What did you think of Senator Kennedy?"

Nancy Willcox -

"He had a rather good talk. But I think he evaded the questions. He didn't give full enough answers. He didn't have enough time to develop his answers."

Danny Brooks -

"I found out what a true politician is like."

Mary Furey -

"I think he's nice."

Adam Manja -

"I thought he was all right, but he didn't say much. The questions that were asked were ridiculous."

Matt Slick -

"Wasn't too impressed!"

Lynne DeLuca -

"I liked his jokes, but it was good that he was able to be serious."

Karen Christensen -

"I thought he was beautiful. I love the streaks in his hair and in his eyebrows."

Chris Formica -

"He looks older than in his pictures."

Keith Bittner -

"I liked the way he answered the questions, real quick."

Lou Gallagher -

"I think he's a hypocrite."

Nancy Harley -

"I thought he had a sparkling personality, and was a very fine orator."

John Mrowka -

"He was everything I thought he would be. He was out-a-sight."

Claudia Carson -

"I think he's a doll!"

Janet Perri -

"I thought he was very impressive. I enjoyed him very much."

Denise Mele -

"He left me thinking."

Mr. Yankowski -

"I like Mr. Kennedy as a person. I thought Senator Kennedy was a dynamic personality. His mere presence charged the place like electricity. This electricity is always present whenever he talks to a youthful audience. I am hopeful that there aren't any political connotations attached to his visit here. We feel that his being here is the greatest thing that has happened to Brentwood High School since its establishment in 1957."

We're also certainly very happy that many dignitaries, such as the Honorable Mr. H. Lee Dennison, county executive, Mr. Baranello, Mr. Larry Kennedy, Mr. Farmingetti, and members of the clergy were present. Our own board of education was well represented by Mr. James Lynch, President; Mr. John Curio, and Mr. Anthony Felicio. We are also happy that Dr. Nannini could take time out of his busy schedule to be present."

I was particularly proud of the students of B.H.S. who gave such a fantastic reception and send-off to Senator Kennedy that I'm sure he will not soon forget his visit here."

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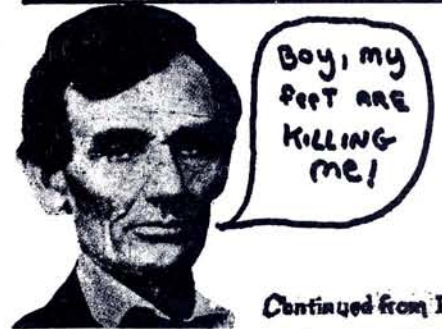
by Paulette Licitra

There's big fashion and beauty news in January for the fashion minded girl. Especially popular is the drindl skirt which is slightly gathered at the waist to give the skirt a puffy look. Huge pockets and brass trimmed belts usually team up well with a drindl skirt.

The length of the skirts are still very short, yet in England mid-calf length skirts are starting a small spark.

Something else new is the peasant blouse, with elastic around the neck and sleeve edges, and come in gay stripes or prints.

Hairstyles have made a complete turnabout this year, from long straight hair to short curls. It has been called the "Little Orphan Annie" look and it looks like it's here to stay!



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must we continue to paint this man with beard and bunions? Are his bloody corns to reign eternally?

The truth of the matter will eventually give rise to suspicions, even doubts about our founding fathers. The time to strike is now. We must clean the dust from his legend, dump the pans of warm water, chop that infernal log and minister to the almighty bunion.

After all, Abraham Lincoln was only six foot three!

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What Is An Ideal Date?

by Prudence Johnson

If you walk around the halls, every now and then you will hear, "There are no decent boys to go out with" or vice versa. Like any other subject the students voice their opinions on, they can't back up their statements, or suggest their ideas on improvement of the situation.

After quite a bit of prodding from everyone I asked, I finally got some students to give their views on what their idea of an ideal date is:

Andy Como -

"A girl who has manners, respect for her elders, wittiness, and is clean."

Ed Yurica -

"A girl who is good looking, poised, intelligent, and knows when to talk."

Barbara Johnson -

"A boy who knows how to dress for the occasion, is polite, good looking, and active in sports."

Bill Strahl -

"A girl who is nice to me, and of average intelligence."

The Girl From Guatemala Sounds Off



"Boys are not so polite, because g don't force them to be polite. But once I get to know them, they are more mature than they look." Thus, Carmen Moya, exchange student from Guatemala evaluated American boys.

This is not Carmen's first experience with traveling. Born in Chile, she moved as a young child to Argentina and later to Guatemala. She has visited New Orleans and is very familiar with the English language.

She has expressed definite opinions about controversial issues, such as Vietnam. Our lack of appreciation of our own countrymen's 'bloodshed in Vietnam annoys her.

Our school life has pleased her. She enjoyed the Homecoming Game and the floats, but didn't understand the latter. Classes for the most part seemed interesting and teachers such as Mr. Rabinowitz, Mrs. Covas and Mr. Campi made favorable impressions.

Terry Whalen -

"You!"

Hector Ortiz -

"Five foot four, nice brown eyes, dark brown hair, warm smile, beautiful personality, and common interests. Someone I really enjoy being with."

If you would like to meet anyone who has voiced his opinion above, and feel that you can conform to their standards, come to the Pow-Wow office and we will arrange an introduction. The rest is up to you.

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Legends after being retold many times often are distorted. A good example is the story of George Washington's honesty. The way the story has reached most of us, George was asked by his father what had happened to the cherry tree? George, with his snow-white innocence, replied, "I cannot tell a lie. I cut it down with my little hatchet."

Actually, George was doing some pruning in the garden. When he got to the rhododendron, he accidentally removed too much. In order to conceal his error, he took a few branches left over from when his father had pruned the cherry tree, since they were larger than the rhododendron stubs, and planted them around the remains. This action caused many historians to assume that a cherry tree had been decimated.

Unfortunately for George, his father, though nearsighted, could hear quite well, and was very much aware when George's brother tateled. Under the pressure of his brother's testimony, George broke down and confessed to his carelessness. This fearful admission was passed down by historians as pure and unsolicited honesty.

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After Christmas

by Marion Cahlstadt

Well, it's that time once again. Christmas is over, the tree is down, there are still a few reminders of the holiday season left around here and there, things your mother was either too tired or just too busy to pack away for next year. You sit in your father's old over-stuffed chair and stare into the space where the Christmas tree used to be, and you are just beginning to realize that it's all over for this year - all the crazy running around shopping for gifts and decorating that you relish so much, but that other people just seem to think of as a bother.

Christmas Eve is over for this year too. You wanted to go out caroling with your friends, just to fool around and have a good time. But your mom asked you to stay home and help her wrap some of the children's presents while Dad was putting the final touches on the tree, then settling down to put Jimmy's new bike together. It was a moment that you (maybe the first born) shared with your parents - laughing over the way the dog rolled into the gift wrappings strewn across the floor, or how the kitten tried to get some tinsel off the tree. Pretty soon it was almost midnight and everything was finished.

Your parents asked you to stay up awhile longer and have a cup of hot chocolate before bed. They knew the younger children would be wide awake before dawn. You sat in front of the

blazing fire just talking small talk, but you noticed a lot. You noticed how old and weary your father was beginning to look, and your mother was right, she is getting a few more gray hairs, though your father never mentions it to her, and she doesn't complain like you know some other mothers do.

It was getting late so you kissed them both and walked down the hall to your room. You turned to say "Merry Christmas" but they had forgotten they were parents for a minute and had become husband and wife once again. They were kissing under the mistletoe and you knew that after all these years they still loved each other.

Your little brother comes running into the room asking you to tie his shoelace for him, and the spell is broken. But he leaves and you settle back again and remember that Christmas is gone for one whole year and nothing can replace Christmas. You realize it will be another year before you can watch your little brothers and sisters sitting under the tree tearing open presents, their eyes as bright as stars. Another whole year before your mother and father can settle down to watch their children and say, "It seems only yesterday I was carrying them in my arms."

Another whole year before we sing of "Peace on Earth, good will toward men," and another whole year before you realize just how wonderful it would be if every day professed the peace and hope and joy of Christmas.

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Charlie's Chatter

by Charles Dick

"Get some poise," yells the speaker near the wall. No, this person is not a modeling school teacher, it is Mr. Stan Kellner, coach of the Brentwood basketball squad. "Talk it up, the key is talk" yells Coach Kellner to several members of the team practicing.

"We're on our way," says Coach Kellner, "but we're not playing up to our potential. There is no marked improvement, but we will climb to a higher level of performance."

Like an expectant father, Coach Kellner says this peak of playing ability may come at the last minute of the last game, but it will definitely come.

To date, the outstanding players are underclassmen Ray Valentin and Ralph Perez. "I want to use the seniors, but the underclassmen are playing very well," says Mr. Kellner.

"The shooting is not as expected, and there is no one single mistake that can be pinpointed," the coach concluded.

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Turning to the mats, Coach Joe Campo gives insight about his team of grapplers.

"Our lack of numbers is our greatest problem," he comments, referring to the unbalanced team he is piloting this year. There is no one in the heavy weight division or in the 127 lb. class.

Coach Campo says "I was looking forward to Gary Harmon, but lost him due to a hip operation."

Commenting on the Suffern Christmas Tournament, which we lost 73-72, Mr. Campo says "they thought we were the toughest team, but the disqualification of one of my boys caused us to lose by such a close score."

Carl Adams, Brentwood's finest, took second place, but was voted the outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

Other Brentwood grapplers that placed in the tournament were: Bob Bender - first; Joe Voza, Alex Guitrez, Ron Adams (another Carl ? ? ?) - second; Humberto Tejada, Mike Campo, Hardin Dinkins - third.

As for the rest of the season, Coach Campo said that this year's league has toughened up, with better balanced teams the cause of it.

(Ed. note: Brentwood is the defending League I wrestling champs.)

OFF THE COURT

by Anne Olivieri

Gym may not seem like much to those who really hate it, but have you ever analyzed why you are required to take it.

There are countless numbers of times when I have heard girls remark, "Why do I have to take gym, I don't want to look muscle-bound." There are many reasons for physical education classes: development of physical fitness, increasing movement skills, socializing, creating better physical and mental health, and appreciations.

When a person can keep up with the stress of daily life and be prepared for any kind of emergency, she can be considered physically fit. A person who is lazy now will have trouble trying to break old habits when she enters college or married life. Physical fitness can also come in handy when you are caring for young children; they can be awfully hard on anyone.

Skills are increased in many ways, trying, "catching on", or learning your own or someone else's mistakes. Learning to do skills can also help in keeping one's figure trim.

Socializing in gym is done by playing team sports. A girl learns to play as part of the whole. She learns how to cooperate and appreciate the rights of others. She also learns to play by the rules, and that playing by the rules can be more fun than cheating.

While increasing knowledge and appreciation, a girl gets to know herself. She can find out about how other people feel about her - if she can understand herself she can understand others. If she cheats - she will think of others as "cheaters" also. When a girl understands herself new doors open, new hobbies, new interests, and new challenges.

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