



Mr. Don Crews and Mrs. Nancy Smith talking to students about King County Juvenile Youth Center.

Seattle's black minorities discussed by guest speaker

On November 4, Mrs. Nancy L. Smith's Northwest Minorities class had the privilege to hear from guest speaker Mr. Don Crews, from the King County Juvenile Youth Center.

Mr. Crews has worked at the center for fourteen years. He is a black American who talked to the class about the black minorities in Seattle.

Some fifty questions were asked, by a very interested class, about different racial ideas and discrimination. The class was very interested about the differences between a predominantly black high school such as Garfield and a predominantly white high school such as Lynnwood.

"There is no difference at all. You have kids skippin' class here or pushing dope just the same as

you would at Garfield or any other high school for that matter," said Mr. Crews.

Mr. Crews is happy to see the changes between blacks and whites. Jobs are easier for blacks to get and more blacks are moving out of the city and into the suburbs.

Mr. Crews job is to help kids no matter what color or religion they are. He takes very much pride in his work. "Working at the Youth Center gives me a chance to see both sides of the fence you might say," Crews said.

Mr. Crews was an excellent speaker and we look forward to having him speak here, again. Thank you, Mrs. Smith, and our special thanks to Mr. Don Crews of the King County Youth Center.

Entertaining halftime shows; Thanks to Marching Band

by Ken Thorikildsen

The staff of the "Royal Gazette" would like to "tip the Royal crown" to the marching band in appreciation for the fine halftime shows they have put on this year. A special thank you to Mr. Cunningham who created the great halftime shows.

Mr. Cunningham was a cadet teacher here at L.H.S. two years ago, and taught at Alderwood Junior High last year. Mr. Cunningham signed a contract to teach here, shortly before school started, as a replacement for Mr. Gerry Marsh, who was not re-hired last spring and is now band director at Inglemoor High in the Northshore District.

Mr. Cunningham has brought with him many fresh ideas which promise to make his stay at L.H.S. both interesting and rewarding. One of his ideas was first introduced by the marching band two years ago. It was a move created by the Stanford University marching band and is called the "Stanford Scramble."

Mr. Cunningham has created shows ranging from Homecoming '75 to Dating, and all have been done very well by the marching band. The Royal band has received praise from Royal fans, from the other teams, and the principal of Lynnwood High.

Mr. Cunningham and the band have put on many fine halftime shows, but we feel the best show was never put on. Because of problems with the weather during the week, the band had to cancel one show. That show was to be a salute to the United States Bicentennial, and it promised to be great.

Mr. Cunningham also has a full schedule of activities for his other performing groups, ranging from contests to concerts, all of which promise to be outstanding.

The staff of the "Royal Gazette" would like to say, Welcome Mr. Cunningham, and best of luck to you and all your music groups.

'Charley's Aunt' cast announced

"Charley's Aunt" will be the first drama production of the year, to be performed January 22, 23, 24.

This famous comedy is about two college men who persuade their very unfeminine friend to impersonate Charley's aunt. The resulting complications make for some very funny situations.

The cast includes: Stephen Spettique, John Degnin; Sir Francis Cheshey, Mike Kelly; Jack Cheshey, Rich Langhauser; Charley Wykeham, Charlie Trunkhill; Lort Fancourt Bab-

berley, Brian Giddens; Brassett, Dean Costa; Donna Lucia D'Alvadrez, Jo Sims; Amy Spettique, Lori Nightingale; Kitty Verdum, Dot Hays; Ela Delahay, Anne Merritt.

With the efforts put forth by Director Elizabeth Houff, Student Director Theresa Chililli, and Stage Manager Vicki Cedergreen, the play should be a huge success.

The presentation will be held in the Little Theater at 8 p.m. The cost will be \$1.50 without ASB and \$1.00 with ASB.

Bi-Centennial Involvement

by Dena Mock

The United States of America is about to turn 200 years old and the people must recognize it. Yes, you who feel like a grain of sand amongst a million miles of mountains, must recognize this glorious event. A combined effort as such would set this country back on its feet.

Many activities for citizen involvement are planned. Not only can a person purchase a bumper sticker or attend a nearly patriotic concert; but a person can hold hands with someone else, an attempt at having a string of people hold hands across the United States is under way. The project is called, "Hands across America." A trial run was held in Lynnwood on November 9th. Imagine the impression this would have on other countries. And future generations could look back upon this historical event and receive inspiration. This would definitely prove that we truly are the "United" States of America.

Such involvement on the part of citizens would stir deep emotional feelings in all people. Who knows? Maybe even Columbus would stir with this type of celebration. No longer would people be able to feel apathetic. After these inspiring events, anyone who feels this way is only deceiving himself. Apathy would be wiped out with feelings of patriotism and brotherly love.

Becoming involved in bi-centennial activities could never harm anyone; only help. Love would be a feeling emerging all over this country; with Unity becoming a reality for the young as well as the old. Come on America, be proud! Get involved and show the world America is never to be separated. Show them America is truly "United."

FBLA students attend conference

Cindy Barton, Candy Baxter, Robin Hansen, and Karen Engelson were chosen to go to the West Regional FBLA leadership conference in Portland, Nov. 13-15.

Students participating in the conference were from California, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, and Washington. The students from Lynnwood were accompanied by FBLA advisor, Mrs. Sandy Ottmar.

NEWS BRIEFS

Grub Tolo was held Saturday night. The event sponsored by Girls Club was termed a large success.

Thanksgiving vacation starts today!

Winter vacation will be Dec. 20 through January 2.

Donkey Basketball game will be held Dec. 7, in the Lynnwood High gym featuring the Lynnwood J.C.'s vs. Lynnwood Five.

College Conference was held at Lynnwood High School on Friday, Dec. 21, Lynnwood, Meadowdale, and Edmonds participated. Representatives from area colleges were there to meet with interested students.



Debaters and their trophies following district tournament. Standing: L.-R.: Mark Oehler, Frank Degnin, Brad Delurio, Nick Bridell, Ian Smart. Sitting L.-R.: Candy Benson, John Mann, Eva Maj, Davin McClaird, Scott Leach, Dorothy Hayes. Not pictured Doug Scott, Russ Ridderbush.

LHS debaters having success: sweep regional tournament

by Scott Leach

The L.H.S. Debate team is off and winning trophies without any complaints from their coach, Mr. Ken Smith, a sophomore English and Debate teacher.

At the first tournament in Issaquah the L.H.S. team did not pick up any trophies, but they did come away with a winning record. That is, they won more debates as a team than they lost. The second tournament was at Seattle University and the team came out with four trophies. The winners were: Dorothy Hayes, third in oratory. Frank Degnin third in impromptu. Brad Deluzio, first in expository, and Candy Benson first in interpretive reading.

Lynnwood took 16 trophies at the Regional Tournament at Cascade. L.H.S. took 1st place

in Senior and Junior Division Debate. The winners in Senior Division were Doug Scott and Frank Degnin and in Junior Division, Scott Leach and John Mann. Frank also won a trophy in Sr. Impromptu while Doug took one in S. Extemp.

L.H.S. also swept all places in Oratory. In Senior Division, winners for Lynnwood were Dorothy Hayes, Candy Benson, and Russ Ridderbush. In Junior Division Oratory winners were Mary Dixon, Nick Bridell, and Eva Maj. Candy Benson also won in Interpretive Reading.

L.H.S. also did well in Expository. Brad Deluzio won in Sr. Expos. Davin McClaird in Junior Division, and Joanne Lee won as a Novice.

Mark Oehler and Ian Smart won trophies in Jr. Extemp.

Registration to begin

by Steve Anderson

Registration for second semester will take place early in December this year. Because of a small staff in the counseling center, the social studies and English departments will assist in the registration process.

The Guidance Center is encouraging students to review their credit needs with the

counselors prior to registration time. This is to ensure graduation on time.

As usual seniors will register before juniors and they in turn before sophomores. More complete directions and class offerings will be given in early December. And it is best to get in early and sign-up so that registration can be completed quickly.

BOC gets morning break

When people try to justify the removal of the 8-mod time-management, they say that every other school operates without it. True, the other schools in the Edmonds School District went without the 8-mod time management system. Unfortunately for them, they never had the system and so didn't have to be separated from it. Here at Lynnwood it's different, we've never had anything but the time management system and getting used to a six-mod system, no activity period schedule, is no easy task.

Finally, however, the BOC has succeeded in getting a "priority period" passed. What this is, essentially, is a fifteen minute break between second and third mod, and occurs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This isn't a whole lot of time but is the best. The staff here at Lynnwood cannot give any more free time for students, as that would be against the law.

Another step in the right direction is the fact that the priority period will not be presided over by the teacher, like a prison. Instead, there will be several students stationed at various positions around the school to make a tally of the offenders, (that is leaving campus) and if the number exceeds 75, no more fifteen minute break for two weeks.

This policy should add a tone of responsibility. If the students want this free time, they'll have to abide by the rules. If we can't abide by its rules, then we probably don't deserve it anyway.

If you think about it, this little bit of free time can be considered a test to see how much the students of LHS miss our old system. If we do want our old system back, we'll have to prove we can handle it's responsibility, for no one here at Lynnwood wants to be like "all the rest" of the high schools.

OPINION

Election results frustrate students

I am filled with such a sense of frustration at my elders and "betters" that it nearly amazes me. I have yet to reach that magically "mature" age of 18, at which time I can vote, so I can only sit back helplessly and watch the polls take their frightening course. On Tuesday, November 4, I did just that, and the results formed the core and root of my frustration. The voters, it seems, have done it again. The majority of the people have, once more, thrown away their reason and settled on the short range, quick answer, rather than **thinking** about the future, and what it may bring. The front page headline of the November 5 issue of the **Post Intelligencer** went like this; "Profit Tax No; Death Yes." Sad, isn't it, that the residents of an entire state could come to the joint conclusion that it is best to keep their children in educational limbo, while sending fellow human beings to the gallows? In my mind the reasoning behind the two decisions is one of money, or rather the voter's fear of a lack of it.

In reference to Initiative 314, the corporation tax, I see two main factors involved that ultimately led to its resounding defeat. One, the amount of con propaganda spewed out to the public by the wealthy corporations was enormous and most effective. Secondly, and more importantly, the taxpayers were afraid for their pocketbooks. Their argument is that if a 12% tax on corporate profits was introduced in this state, then the corporations would backlash by raising their prices, making the public suffer. But at the same time all agree that a new system is needed to fund the public schools. The most likely substitute to the corporate tax is a state income tax, but this has been frowned upon by the taxpayers of Washington, already blessed with over a 5% state sales tax. So, what's the answer? Whether it is a corporate tax, an income tax, or some other kind of tax reform, it is going to come from the taxpayers wallets. It is not until the people realize this

that the faulty system of special levies can be abolished, and students allowed the best education the state can give them, and it must be dealt with **now** so that the future can be secured.

It is with the overwhelming success of Initiative 316, the capital punishment measure, that I hold my greatest disgust. In essence, the death penalty deals with the effects of the crime only, and not with the **preventive** aspects of it. It is, to the public, a quick solution to the inadequacies of the present system of justice, one in which a convicted murderer can be released on probation 13 years after he is sent to prison. True, this is a serious discrepancy in our system but the entire thrust of any major legislative action concerning crime should be to **lower** the crime rate, and statistics from states that have the death penalty have shown that it doesn't reduce crime. Thus, what is the point? Once a human being is killed, no vengeance of any kind can restore that person, but in the name of justice, we now have the right to use as punishment the same method for which we convicted the criminal—murder. I feel that what is desperately needed is crime preventive measures that would lower the crime rate. What else is needed is extensive rehabilitation projects for prisoners, rather than sending them to the

gallows and saying it's "justice." Granted, legislative actions such as gun control, improvement of the penal institutions, and rehabilitation cost money, but when one takes a close hard look at the long range possibilities of these non-violent alternatives, then the money doesn't matter, for it becomes worth it. But, unfortunately, the state of Washington doesn't agree with me, and the money that could have been used for rehabilitation shall instead be channeled into the endless court appeals and subsequent trials that convicts sitting on Death Row go through, in their attempt to escape from capital punishment.

I am rather frightened of the possibility of living as an adult in a society where my peers think of money and gut emotion as their only motives to action. I hope that the people of my generation will begin to take an active part in changing a system that now runs in circles and leads only to apathy, dissatisfaction, and a breakdown in the moral code that upholds our nation. The system **can** change for the better, and we, the youth, are the hope and the chance. What we need now is the initiative, the awareness, the knowledge, the involvement, and the determination to carry out in action all the ideals and promises we hold.

Lori Nightingale

Litter, vandalism takes toll

Is the ecology minded student a thing of the past? Litter and vandalism is taking it's annual toll on the school.

No matter how many garbage cans are set out or faculty and school members are out patrolling the school area, vandalism and littering is making LHS look worse every day. Horticulture has attempted to brighten up the school grounds by planting grass, flowers, trees, and shrubbery, only to have it turned it into a garbage dump and a motorcycle race track overnight. The school janitors get extra work on their hands by having to

clean up garbage and repair broken windows, lockers, and the like. Students don't seem to realize that part of the reason they are sitting in study halls is because of ever-increasing vandalism, (requiring extra money to be asked for from school levies.)

Many students lack the responsibility they are quick to claim they have. Although vandalism is inflicted by a small percentage, litter is not. Group problems are best solved by a group, therefore it is up to all of the student body to stamp out these problems.

Reinstating the PIC-2 campaign could quickly solve this problem; (although if a person wouldn't litter there would be no need for it.) If each person in the whole student body was to pick up two pieces of litter, over 2,600 pieces of litter would be put in it's place. Vandalism can be stopped by those who see it occurring by personally stopping it.

If everyone was to become responsible and have a more positive attitude, the school would be better in appearance and in a very short time.

BOC makes accomplishments: looks for future involvements

by Scott Leach

The chance of interviewing B.O.C. President Doug Scott isn't much of a rare privilege, but one that can be cherished. It seems Doug has B.O.C. pretty well in hand. He already has accomplishments and future goals for B.O.C. to get involved in.

The largest of B.O.C.'s recent accomplishments is the new Tuesday/Thursday break period for 15 minutes after second mod. Doug Scott met with Mr. Jerry Karnofski on the conditions of the break period two or three times. The condition that was arrived at is that if seventy-five students are counted leaving campus, the student body will lose the break period for a period of time.

There is a possibility of using a system that goes by how many people leave per day. This plan may go into effect after seventy-five students have been counted leaving campus.

Previous accomplishments of B.O.C. have been the lowering of

the speed bumps and the representative rule. The representative rule was sponsored by their representative Doug Scott to improve representation. It states that representatives can not miss more than three meetings, or the representatives will be removed from office. The law was passed by an overwhelming margin.

B.O.C. has many other future goals that President Scott feels can be accomplished. Some of those goals are a new election system, relaxed study halls, and increasing the break period to Mondays and Fridays also. As Doug put it, "I would also like to see the constitutional changes that were passed by the student body last year be reconsidered. The only reason the changes aren't law now is because B.O.C. never got to vote on them."

The president also feels that the name Board of Control sounds like a group of dictators and favors a name switch to something like the "Student Senate," although he does not consider this a real big issue.

Should BOC govern us?

by Steve Hall

Shouting, yelling and rude comments fill the air. The tone is chaotic and unorganized. Opponents squabble back and forth over trivial issues. Is this a football game? A debate tournament? No—it's a B.O.C. meeting.

Entering any typical B.O.C. meeting one can find a broad cross-section of LHS students. There are the big-headed, walking-encyclopedia-type intellectuals, losing themselves in the illusions of deciding big government decisions. And the egotistical, popularity gatherers, looking for ways to increase their bloated prestige. And finally the classroom clowns. These guys will do anything to miss a class, even get themselves elected into B.O.C. They provide the majority of the entertainment at the meetings—the laughing, the paper throwing, etc. Meanwhile the intellectuals dwell in their fantasies and egotists try to look important.

What is all this for? B.O.C. originated in an attempt to solve school and student problems. Ideally, it could accomplish this goal. But, recently, our school government has done next to nothing. Last fall, LHS students and faculty became enraged over a sign painted on our sidewalks.

It says, "TERRACE RULES." After much debate and many alternatives considered, it was decided to let B.O.C. handle the matter. Our leaders wasted no time in pouncing upon the case immediately. They discussed, they made motions, they even threatened court action. Results: One year later, visitors to LHS are still greeted by a sign saying "TERRACE RULES."

Since the opening of our school, students have been befuddled by the denial of human contact with members of the opposite sex. No longer are they encouraged to promote love and friendship as in their younger days. Now they are absolutely forbidden to do so. The problem was put before B.O.C. Result: Several years later, LHS students can still be seen shaking hands (?) with their girl friends and boy friends.

These are only a few examples of B.O.C.'s futility and ineffectiveness. There are many more. We believe that B.O.C.'s greatest problems lie in their methods of action. Leaders need to get kids organized and involved with mutual problems. If necessary, they must go beyond administrative rules and regulations to achieve results. Thirteen-hundred voices can be heard anywhere if united in cause.

LHS seems to have more spirit than before

by Steve Hall

"Proud to be Royals" This phrase has recently come to describe the trend in LHS spirit. The students, the parents, and the teachers have come alive and are actively participating in a variety of school functions. The halls are filled with a strange but welcome sense of enthusiasm and pride.

Seniors, juniors, and sophomores alike are getting involved more than ever. Recently, LHS held its best assembly ever, much to the pleasure of the staff and administration. Students are finally exercising their lungs and their hearts for their school. School clubs and activities are growing with memberships as kids attempt to become involved. Troublemaking, dissent, and apathy seem to be nearly nonexistent in our "Royal-loyal" school.

These changes in student behavior have developed for various reasons. The most important being a winning football team which has boosted morale immensely. Also, this year has felt the presence of several groups of spirited people who've gotten the remainder of the school aroused. These groups, such as band and the cheerleaders, are leading the student body at games, in school, and in the community. Finally, we believe that this year's tight school budget has caused LHS attendants to knit together and buckle down against the harsh times they must face.

It is our hope that this spirit will continue in the days ahead. Its continuation will provide better student relations, a content and happy school, and more fun for everyone.

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Royal "Tip of the Crown" top winning football team

by Chris Miller

Fall sports have come to the end of a very exciting season.

Considering football, we would like to tip our hats to the coaching staff for their excellent job this year.

Our varsity team had five wins, three losses in conference standing and five wins, four losses for the season; from last place to third place in one year!

We started off third with four straight wins over Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds, and Cascade. Then we lost to Meadowdale, Snohomish, and Mercer Island, Lynnwood's non-conference game.

However, our football team

would not let defeat stand in their way. They came back to beat Woodway in an exciting game that kept you on your feet. They were defeated in their last game against Everett.

Coach Wilson feels the season could have been better and is looking forward to next year.

Our J.V. squad made seven wins with no losses and only gave up eight points the whole season.

We must congratulate all the people who made it possible for Lynnwood to have a winning season. To the coaching staff, the managers, our mighty football players, and the Lynnwood student body itself, congratulations!

LHS girls' volleyball has best season ever

By Betita Castro

Lynnwood's volleyball team finished their season with a three way tie with Cascade and Everett, for 2nd place in Western Conference.

They went to regionals on Friday the 7th, and Saturday the 8th. They lost the first game against Terrace, but went on to beat Bellingham, Everett, and Stanwood. Determining who else would go to state, they played Cascade and lost. But they did play well.

The volleyball team consists of: Varsity—Kristi Sandberg,

Karen Dawson, Holly Huber, Sharon Trimmen, Sue May, Carol Duncan, Melody Jepson, Laura Sanneman and Debbie Arnold, J.V.—Raleddeen Vann, Tina Murdock, Nancy Wojack, Lori Hartelius, Anita Moore, Sherry Bell, June Robinson, Eva-Mae Aldeholm, Jill Leslie, Fritz Winde, Joni Belinski, and Nancy Hall. The managers are: Candy Romberg, Bonnie Benefield, and Sherice Fanning.

Volleyball has done fantastic this year, partly because of the great coaching by Mrs. Case and Mrs. Deebach. They should be highly congratulated for their performances and for making it as far as they did.

Tennis finishes with disappointment

by Steve Hall

This year's tennis team ended the season on a note of disappointment. The Royals managed only four wins against six losses. Team members were seniors: Ronna Laycock, Debbie Gomes, Cindy Faubion, Robin Benham, Dena Mock, Janet Eaton, Cheryl Herrera, and Linda Mowbray; Juniors: Jan Mathewson, Debbie Bullock, Cheryl Benham, Debbie Strom, and Julie Wentworth; Sophomores: Lisa Dyer and Carri Davis. These girls withstood a tough schedule despite many misfortunes. The team was plagued by injuries and lost many close decisions. Despite the setbacks the Royals performed courageously.

Seniors Debbie Gomes and Dena Mock went to playoffs, but they failed to qualify for State finals. As a whole, the team put forth a valiant performance.

Wrestlers to defend WESCO title

by Darrell Draisey

Coming off their best season ever of 16 wins, no losses, and no ties, the Lynnwood Royals wrestling team starts a new season and will try to defend their WESCO title. The Royals schedule is believed to be the toughest in the schools history.

The Royals have 4 returning

Young runners show promise

by Ed Smith

This year's Cross Country team didn't quite live up to the expectations of some but for a team as young as they were, two seniors, four juniors, and a sophomore, they did pretty well.

The team, under the direction of Coach Ernie Goshorn, worked extremely hard for a successful season. The season was successful, but became, more than anything else, a jumping-off effort for next year.

Leading the team all season have been Steve Jurich and Mike Stolp, who ran fine races at the Western Conference and Northwest Districts meets. Stolp and Jurich, both placing in the top ten at North West, failed to qualify for the State meet only because of a rule change that says the top five, no longer the top ten places, go to state. Following up the leadership of Stolp and Jurich with excellent performances have been; Tom Kershner, Dean Hall, Jerry Stolp, Dick Pittis, and Steve Hall.

The young Royal team had something this year that not all teams could boast; perseverance. After a slow start and a disputable, but nonetheless tough loss to Tyee, the guys bounced back to a near sweep of Cascade and Mountlake Terrace, and went on to place 3rd at the Edmonds District meet, 3rd at WESCO, and 4th at North West District.

The 1975 Cross Country team has had a rugged season, and aside from a few individual ribbons, has received no team awards for their efforts. So, the least we as L.H.S. patrons can do is give them a pat on the back for a job well done, and offer a wish for further success in the future.

The girls who ran Cross Country this year, Pexa Twitchell and Anne Loftin, had ability, desire, everything they needed to win, except teammates. Every meet had to be forfeited because of lack of participants. Cross Country is a team sport, and there has to be a team to win.

lettermen, 3 who wrestled varsity last year, and one who wrestled varsity 2 years ago. They are Paul San Cartier, Pat Conrad, Rex Curtis, and Dave Miller. Paul San Cartier, who is the captain for this year's team, and Pat Conrad went to state last year. San Cartier had an individual record of 13 wins, 2 losses, and no ties. Conrad had 11 wins, 2 losses and 3 ties, and Curtis had 9 wins, 5 losses, and 2 ties, and out of 9 of those wins, 6 came by way of pins. Those are the reasons we are looking forward to a great season. Of course the varsity of last year had a great season and so did the junior varsity. The J.V. had 10 wins and one loss to their credit,

another reason we might have a great season. The coaches are Mr. McAboy and Mr. Lewis.

The Royals this year are invited to 2 tournaments, the South Kitsap Tournament which will be held on December 20, and the Edmonds Invitational Tournament which will be held starting on January 10. They start off the season with a Double Dual at Woodway High School on December 4. Coach McAboy said, "I would not be surprised if Mariner wins the championship." The varsity last year had a very successful season but this year they might have to fill a few gaps. With the coaches and wrestlers we have, we should be able to fill those gaps.

Varsity cagers look for victories

by Ken Wickell

Varsity basketball, coming off one of it's worst seasons, plans to reverse it's one win to 20 wins.

Coach Jacobs has four returning lettermen; Dave Dizzard, Greg Bruns, Scott Fleck, and this years co-captain Tim Austin.

Although having four lettermen back, the power will come from last year's Junior Varsity. The other co-captain, Tom Retallick, says "our team last year had a winning season and will be a

major factor on a good season at Lynnwood this year. We are going to have a fast running team and the strongest bench in the league."

The first game this year is at Sehome December 5th. Our first chance to see the varsity at home will be December 9th against Evergreen. Lynnwood's record since opening in 1971 is 5 wins and 78 losses. Coach Jacobs may have his best season ever with a good senior team.

A satirical look at football

by Lori Nightingale

Well, it's football season again. As the many hued colors of fall leaves lose their brilliance and drop off the trees, the football fans, after a summer of hibernation, have turned on their T.V. sets. Children are neglected, wives become virtual widows, and the household becomes a stash for empty beer cans, as all attention is focused on the battering apes of the football teams. The following is an illustration of the idiocy of this most vicious sport. It is an excerpt taken from an article in the June issue of **Travel and Leisure**, entitled "Slaughter Them All (beginning with the referee)," by columnist Arthur Hoppe. If it seems exaggerated to the point of being ridiculous, look closer, for running through it is the stinging bite of satire, the frightening thread of prophecy. And it most definitely does have a point.

"The big breakthrough in professional football came when frontline office managers discovered it was cheaper to breed their own athletes than draft and pay former college players. Soon there wasn't a city in the country whose taxpayers weren't delighted to breed, feed, cage and field a major league team. The players were, everyone agreed, magnificent physical specimens. Not one weighed less than 680 pounds, stood less (when walking erect) than 7-feet-6, or had a I.Q. of more than 70. "This is a game you've really got to be stupid to play."

A controversy, however, centered over the Duluth Gorillas' Number 42, Gargantua, a hairy crowd-pleaser who played left eye-gouger. Two weeks prior to Super Bowl XXIV, a scout for the Peoria Dinosaurs called his

coach to report: "Man that Gargantua is a real gorilla!" The Peoria coach filled an official complaint with commissioner of football. The Duluth coach denied the charge. But chromosome tests proved in the end that Gargantua was, in fact, a real All-American gorilla. Unfortunately, the football commissioner could find nothing in the rule book banning gorillas from the field of play. But there were bitter protests from the ASPCA about "the cruel and inhuman treatment" Gargantua had suffered during the season from his opponents. And most experts agreed that employing gorillas could hurt the game. "What sports fan wants to lay out his hard-earned money," said one, "to see a nonhuman get maimed?" So the rules were changed the following season, and Gargantua was traded to the Bronx Zoo for two utility groundskeepers and an undisclosed sum of cash.

Nevertheless, Super Bowl XXIV proved a smashing success. This was partly due to Peoria's pharmaceutical coaches who developed a new pill that tripled adrenalin secretion, while Duluth countered with a capsule that quadrupled blood lust. So, as Howard Cosell reported at the final gun, "What we have seen here today was a great contest between speed and desire."


But most of the credit went to Super Bowl promoter Ozzie Filbert. It was he who persuaded the concessionaire to return to the custom of selling beer in bottles rather than paper cups. "After all," he said, as thousands of thoroughly satisfied fans, happy and exhausted, filed out through the exits, "how far can you throw a paper cup?"

Swimming team looks optimistic

With the coming of the winter sports season our swim team is once again hitting the water. Coached by Mr. Bob Carlson the team is looking forward to the new season. Returning Royal lettermen are seniors Kevin Jones and Gene Bettys. Filling in the remainder of the squad are juniors; Byron Marshall, Roger Butler, Gary Garrison, Byron Krogstad, Mike Rittles, and sophomores Dave Henderson, Chris Corbitt, Mike McGavick, David Cray and Mark Cray. This years relatively small team hopes to better last year's 2-11 record. Many swimmers leave school immediately after 5th mod and head for Mountlake Terrace Pavilion where turnout is held. The Royals will need lots of hard work to rough this years schedule which includes meets with Mariner and Mt. Vernon. The Royal staff wishes the swim team the best of luck in the upcoming season!

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Auto Basics a must for automobile owners

by Paul Hurd

Auto Basics is one class that every student should consider taking who ever plans to own or drive a car. There is a saying which goes something like this, "What you do not understand you cannot possess." There is, of course, little truth to this saying for if such were the case there would be very few people who would be rich in either talents or material possessions. However, it is a fact that many possessions can never be used to their greatest extent or at their maximum potential or efficiency without the owner also possessing a certain degree of understanding in regard to his possessions. Such is the case with an automobile.

An automobile is probably the most complicated piece of machinery that most people ever own. It has an amazingly large number of parts to wear out and receives an equally amazing amount of wear by most of its owners. It is also, usually, the second largest

investment made by the average person and requires large re-investments when trouble occurs.

What this all adds up to is bad performance and a large bill if you don't see to it that your automobile gets the service it needs when it needs it. How can you, though, be sure that your vehicle is in top running condition if you've never been taught anything more than how to drive it?

The answer to gaining this knowledge is simple; merely sign up for Auto Basics at your next opportunity and you're on your way to seeing the automobile from a different angle than the drivers seat.

Of course, it is possible that after signing up for Auto Basics, you may find that no matter how hard you try you simply cannot understand the mechanics of the automobile. If this happens to you, there is one consolation; Auto Basics is only a semester course.

Students, teachers get involved

On October 31, Lynnwood Senior High celebrated Halloween with an assembly sponsored by the Royal Dance Com-

pany and the cheerleaders.

The assembly started off with a costume contest. There was a wide variety of costumes ranging

from **Bozo the Clown** to **Dracula** and his wife, but the audience's heart went out to an overgrown puppy, Mr. Fujioka who walked away as the winner.

There were many games played at the assembly, but the audiences favorite seemed to be the panty hose relay. The object of the game was to tie one leg of a panty hose around the waist with the other dangling behind holding a grapefruit and hop from one end of gym to the other. Once reaching the other end they had to get the grapefruit into a container without using their hands. Mr. Robinson was the winner.

Other games included a pie eating contest with Mr. Clay and Ms. Sievertson winning. Mike Baker was the winner of the **Baby Race**.

All in all, it was a very exciting assembly with Royal spirit in abundance.



From L. to R. Mr. Karnofski, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Fishand, Mr. Simonson join in on the excitement of the panty hose relay.

Mother Nature dies a painful death

by Lori Nightingale

On the morning of February 6, 1998, Mother Nature died. No one knows just how old she actually was, or specifically what she had died of, so, what Euell Gibbons (honorary funeral officiate) told the press was that she, a useless (albeit edible) elderly matron, died of natural causes (old age). There were a few people in the world who didn't accept this verdict, however, and felt that it was cold-blooded murder; that she was poisoned, polluted, choked, and in general destroyed by the species of homo sapiens (i.e. man). Several investigative reporters set out to find out just what led to the premature departure of Mother Nature, and the loss of her all encompassing beauty.

The reporters came back with a shocking and startling story. It all started, they said, many decades ago when industry started spewing poisonous substances into the air and the water, while the growing population eagerly built more homes and factories, drove more cars, ate more food, raised more children, and dumped all the subsequent waste upon the land. Mother Nature, being as benevolent and loving as any good mother, didn't say a word to her naughty children until it became too late. Then, when she knew she was dying, she could only suffer her martyrdom, and watch the terminal process of the

cancerous growth called man, spread and kill her. It was man who, on December 16, 1981, declared all the waterways of the world unfit for consumption, and were thus turned into open sewers. It was man who leveled the Rocky Mountains and layed out a drag strip stretching five states, because the Indy 500 didn't suit him anymore. The astrodome also wasn't large enough to accommodate all the blood thirsty sports fans, so the Great Salt Lake in Utah was drained and a huge football stadium installed, seating capacity; 2.5 million (just now it's beginning to get a bit crowded).

Mother Nature winced in pain but could do nothing when man extended Disney World into Disney Universe, and covered over the Florida Everglades to do it. The children who skip excitedly over its smoothly paved surface now don't miss the peace and beauty of the Everglades, for they never knew them, just as they never saw the splendor of the Grand Canyon. The kids only know that it is now the world's largest garbage dump, fast running out of space. It was probably with this that nature's quiet retaliation began to become evident. The flowers, the grass, and the forests disappeared from the face of the earth, to be found only in scattered museums, under specially regulated atmospheric conditions. Mother Nature retreated slowly, the children barely notic-

ing, but grandparents sometimes talked about the times when one could walk through woods that brimmed with green ferns, fragrant ferns, tall scented pines, and clear brooks. But the children look at their elders skeptically, and brush them off as being senile.

Most of the destruction occurred in the United States, but a few major incidents happened on the international scene. On May 21, 1989, the pyramids of Egypt were rented out as low-income economy housing. On May 22, they were filled up, with waiting lists two years long. Within two weeks, the general vicinity of the pyramids was declared as the fastest growing slum in all of Egypt. On the other end of the income spectrum, billions of dollars were spent on turning the Sahara Desert into a luxurious resort for the wealthy, by installing a huge man-made lake near the edge, with expensive condominiums and villas nearby.

It is generally only one straw that breaks the camels back, but in Mother Nature's case, it was two. One was the filling in and paving over of her precious Great Lakes, now used as a shore to shore parking lot for Ford Motors Inc. The second disaster came when three huge oil tankers filled to the brim spilled their entire contents ("Bombed by the dirty commies no doubt!", everyone said) off the coast of San Diego, California. It raised the sea level two feet and created such a thick blanket of pure oil that derricks were set up immediately and have been working furiously on the black gold since early July. That was the final humiliation, Mother Nature could take no more. She took one final breath, found it filled with carbon monoxide, coughed violently, and gave up and died.

It was Euell Gibbons Jr. who first reported it to the police, in an effort to find some publicity for his unemployed and penniless father. It worked, and Euell Gibbons Sr. officiated at the funeral, held in great splendor and ostentatiousness at Arlington National Cemetery. Perhaps Mother Nature would have been pleased to find that her children had remembered her with such a great tribute, but the few souls who had known her well knew that she would have turned over in her grave had she been able to look upon the fresh mound of her new grave, and seen the bright pink of the brand new plastic roses.

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