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WINNING THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP on Saturday, May 29, East Los Angeles College, and almost state championship the following week at UCLA, Hamilton was led by sprinters (left to right) George Reddick, Paul Wallace, Juan Avant and David Thomas.

"Dream" Quartet Overwhelms Opposition

An amazing thing happened last Friday at U.C.L.A. A false start was called 20 minutes late in the 100 yard dash, a favored 440 relay team took a fifth, and Hamilton became state track and field champions. Hami's tracksters, who last week were famous as city champs, had a new achievement to claim, the state championship. This was the first time a team from Hamilton had gone as far as taking state. The four top sprinters, George Reddick, David Thomas, Paul Wallace, and Juan Avant, led the team to a two point victory over Lompoc. Hami got 13 points while second place Lompoc had only 11.

However, on Tuesday, June 8, another amazing thing happened. Photo finishes were examined by the judges and Hamilton's title was taken away. The Yanks lost two points when David Thomas was given a sixth instead of a fourth in the 100-yard dash, and Lompoc gained two points when Charles Jackson moved up from second to first in the 180 low hurdles. The state order was reversed, Lompoc won with 13; Hamilton took a second with 11.

The first event of the day was the 440 yd. relay. In the state prelims, the Yanks ran a 41.2, which at the time was a new state record. But just before the event, Reddick slightly injured his leg in the long jump, an event that he was most likely not going to place in. So when the time came for the 440 relay to be run, bad passes and Reddick's bad leg caused Hamilton to take a fifth place with a good time of 41.6. The winning time in the event was 41.1, which broke Hami's record set the day before.

The next event to be run that Hami had a good chance in was
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D. Kobashigawa Heads Students

The students of Hamilton have shown their overwhelming support of Don Kobashigawa, electing him as their student body president for the coming semester. Don fought off his opponents, Dory Frank, Sandy Oxenhorn, and Alva P. Moore, to win the race without a run-off.

Ken Bachrach beat out Robert Freedland for student body vice-president. Another three-way race was decided without a run-off as Dion Shimatsu won for student body treasurer. Her opponents were Beverly Turkel and Robert Rosenstein.

The new commissioner of elections, Barbara Klein, won a close race over Peter Waxler. Other commissioner posts are now filled by the following: Edwina Crosby, activities, beating Tony Clarke; Greg Yamanaka, affairs, unopposed; Maureen King, spirit, unopposed;

ed; and Caryl Kaplan, welfare, over Steve Bland.

The amendment to have Boys' and Girls' League presidents sit on Student Council with full membership was passed by the necessary majority.

Anthony Love will be Boys' League president next semester, as he beat Steve Rome in their race. Craig Ehrlich, who ran unopposed for vice-president. Peter Ziegler won over Paul Sonnenfeld for treasurer, and Wayne Muramatsu ran unopposed for secretary.

Joanne Nagano, new Girls' League president will run Girls' League with the following officers: Gail Yamanaka, vice-president; Helen Goldfeld, secretary, and Karen Malamud, treasurer.

This coming semester will feature a new cheerleading set-up. There will be seven cheerleaders: Rosemary Bluman, Barbara Cheshier, Denise Dickey, Linda Gach, Cathy

Meltzner, Valerie Payne, and Debbie Shapiro.

The new "B" Cheerleaders are as follows: Marci Grey, Michele Goldberg, Lisa Jaffe, Olga Sneed, Alva White, and Pat White.

Next semester's senior class, the KAHEELAWANIES, will be led by new President, Jon Kobashigawa, as he won a run-off with Keith Frierson. Elected GVP, Cathy Rosenstein won over three others, Deborah Davis, Yolanda Hardison, and

Jill Klein. She beat Deborah in a run-off.

Boys' vice-president will be Jøpel Strom, and secretary, Holly Leonard. Mark Magged beat out Renee Urman in a run-off for treasurer.

New Junior Class president, David Miller won his race over Loren Gleicke. Larry Smoller beat Ken Willner for VP. The new secretary, Debbie Oliver, beat Melissa Hilton. Steve Goodman won over Paul Katz for treasurer.

Seniors Enjoy Final Activities

A talent show, class poll, and chicken lunch were highlights of the annual Senior Day, held June 9 in the auditorium.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the seniors attended their talent show, which featured the Hamilton High Power Blues Band. Other performances included: a rendition of the Beatles,

"A Day in the Life," Three Grapes, an Afro-American dance and a Senior Class officers comedy skit. The class cheerleaders also performed.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Barry Aratin, Co-ordinator of the program was Pam Marshall.

Grad Experiences Unique

The departing Dionysian class is the last remnant of students who were members of both new and old Hami. The class is leaving behind a far different school from what it found when it arrived only three short years ago.

The Dionysians came trucking into Hamilton in 1968 or 1969, depending whether the student was a remain, stay-behind or move-ahead. They found Hamilton to be thirty eight years of tradition trembling on its very foundation. Words such as "relevance" and "farce" were emerging upon the Hamilton scene. Scores of students were making raw demands on the principal, then Mr. John Sanders, and the student government. Some of the more outstanding of these diversified demands were no dress code, an assortment of minority courses, relevant classes, open campus, etc.

Mr. Sanders gave authorization for Afro-American history and literature courses, along with a cultural minorities class. He abolished the dress code after an exhausting parent-student survey. Ralph Story, the well-known television personality came to Hamilton to televise a feature newsreel on

the school system's first student body without a dress code.

Another change was in princi-

pals. Mr. Sanders received a transfer and was replaced by Paul J. Schwartz. When Mr. Schwartz

came into the act, Hamilton continued to be restless. Four months later Hamilton's convocation came into being. This Schwartz original creation was a new experience for Hamilton.

Out of student desires, a Community House was organized across the street from Hami. Inside, the ever-common "rap sessions" were held.

The semester wound up with the teachers' strike.

1970 was another year of innovations. Hamilton was chosen as one of the Project 18 schools and went on a modified schedule. Many new classes and activities were offered to the student. Yet the trend of non-involvement persisted for the majority of Hamiltonians.

When Mr. Schwartz left Hami at mid-year, George T. Cole became principal. His policy was to keep things going smoothly until Mr. Schwartz's return.

The Dionysians have socially been in three Hamiltons. The first was a falling tradition. The second was a active era of involvement and social change. The third was a time of retrenchment and reflection. Being part of these three phases has made the Dionysians an enriched and unique class.



Mrs. J. Jimenez Named Principal

Mrs. Josephine Jimenez, Hamilton's girls' vice-principal for the past eleven years, has been promoted to the position of principal beginning next semester.

Mrs. Jimenez, who came to Hamilton originally in 1954 as a foreign language instructor, commented, "I was surprised when the District Superintendent notified me over the phone of my appointment."

Mrs. Jimenez declared that she has a dream for Hamilton. Her main objective is "A Hamilton in

Don Ziskin, Class President, Bids Farewell

This past semester as Senior Class President has really been a memorable experience. I learned to work with people, many of whom I have never known before.

We had many activities over the course of this semester, headlined by the Senior Prom at the International Hotel, the class picnic and pie-eating contest, the Senior-Junior Basketball Massacre, and many others.

It has really been a pleasure serving the class, and I would like to express a special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Swartz, our sponsors.

Don Ziskin
Senior Class President

which everyone will settle down and work together, students, faculty, administration, and community."

"It's time we work towards the realization of the goals we have articulated," Mrs. Jimenez stated.

Paul J. Schwartz, who had been principal of Hamilton for a year and a half prior to a sabbatical leave, will not be returning as planned. Schwartz will assume the responsibilities of Administrative

Coordinator of Area 7, including Belmont, Hollywood, and Manual Arts Schools, including their contributing junior highs and the neighboring elementary schools.

George T. Cole, who replaced Schwartz, has been assigned to the position of principal of El Sereno Junior High.

As of press time, no announcement had been made as to Mrs. Jimenez's successor as vice-principal.

Hami Students Artsy-Craftsy

Hamilton's Art Department earned a great deal of recognition this semester. Recently, Hami students have entered in four contests, boasting six winners.

The last contest was the Los Angeles Beautiful Anti-Litter Campaign. The purpose of the competition was to promote a clean city. Twelfth grader Larry Blazina represented Hamilton. His poster placed among the top ten best poster designs in the Los Angeles city schools.

Larry Cheshier, SB Prexy, Recalls

At the beginning of this semester, Student Council held meetings with the classes to explain what we were going to try to accomplish this semester. At that time, Council was referred to as, "A puppet of the Administration," along with the usual rhetoric. Student Council tried to explain that if the students really wanted a meaningful Student Government, then the students would have to get behind Student Council. A few students tried, but a few students will not bring about

the changes in Student Government we want and need for a relevant Student Government; it takes the whole Student Body.

This semester a senior lunch pass was issued. The present juniors and sophomores are the ones who have to get behind next year's Student Council to see that this program is continued. This is what has to happen: STUDENT SUPPORT FOR STUDENT PROGRAMS.

Thank you,
Larry Cheshier
Student Body President

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A Tough Decision...

Dionysian Graduation Program

By Ken Jones
Guest Feature Writer
 Many people at Hamilton will graduate soon and are insecure and fearful about their future. They don't know what they want to do or

know what they want to do and can't do it and don't or will try to do it to find out if maybe they can do it. This is a confusing dilemma that has plagued graduates throughout time. But, whatever the decision,

things usually work out for the better; take the case of a former Hamilton graduate, Eliot Wolfe.

Wolfe got good grades at Hamilton and was accepted at a good college. He wanted to be a writer. He wanted to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. He wanted to suffer and experience and write about it and change bad people into good. He loved James Joyce and wrote in stream of consciousness, experimenting with form and technique. He observed people and used insight to know them and he hated people but he loved them. He would smile sardonically, his eyes bitter, as his pen furiously filled out blank pages and made them beautiful. Sometimes he would cry.

His parents and teachers told Wolfe that he would have to make a living. If he wanted to write, he would have to write for the public. The public didn't like experimentation; they liked love stories and horror and suspense and characters that they could identify with, the good characters. Wolfe said that he would get a job, but he would continue to write what he wanted to, what he thought he had to do.

Wolfe started college and studied philosophy and psychology and literature. He got a part-time job working in the offices of a large corporation. He wrote when he had the chance - poems, short stories, character sketches. He scraped and honed his work into perfection, but he could not get it published. His creative writing instructor called it too rebellious.

Wolfe grew older, as people will do, and began to think about his future. He would have to support himself when he left college. He needed a job.

Wolfe was graduated from college with a degree in business administration and got a full-time job with a large corporation. After a day at the office, he was too tired and too numb to write, so he didn't. By not writing, he could concentrate all his energy upon his job, and he gradually worked himself up through the ranks. He was soon a corporation vice-president, and he played golf every Sunday. On Sunday nights, he would cry into sheets of blank paper.

Hamilton High School's Dionysian Class, Summer 1971, will be graduated at Pauley Pavillion on the UCLA campus on Thursday, June 17. No tickets will be necessary for the ceremony, which is slated to begin at 4 p.m. and to conclude at 6 p.m.

The 883 seniors have chosen the theme "We've Only Just Begun" for their program. Speakers will include Andy Jacobs, Elissa Winters, Fred Schenk, Don Browning, and Barry Aratin.

Introductions will be made by Don Ziskin, class president. Senior class sponsors, Mrs. Hilda Swartz and Gordon Swartz, will make the formal presentation of the class.

Principal George T. Cole will summarize the class accomplishments and, aided by vice principals Mrs. Josephine Jimenez and Ted Siegel, make the presentation of diplomas.

Music will be provided by the Madrigals and a chorus of seniors. The seniors will sing "We've Only Just Begun," their class song. The Madrigals will render "I Believe" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." The musical contribution is under the direction of Dr. William Teaford.

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Yanks Amass Scholarships

Fewer students from this year's graduating class have applied to four year colleges than from the previous year. According to Hamilton counselor, Miss Irma E. Morris, the reason for the reluctance of qualified students to file for the more expensive four year schools is the economic recession.

However, those students who have applied to the four year schools, especially the prestigious, expensive ones, have had unusual success in being accepted. There was more than usual room in some of these schools, because of the recession. Those that needed financial assistance were generously treated.

"The lesson to be learned from this experience is clear: a good student need not fear he cannot go to a college or a university because he cannot afford it," Miss Morris pointed out. She added that four Hamilton students were accepted by Stanford and three more placed on a waiting list. "We have never had such success in past years with Stanford."

In the survey conducted by Miss Morris among the 840 members of the June class, results indicate

that graduates will receive scholarships and grants in excess of \$125,000 for the first year. Most of the aids are renewable for each year the student is in college. This would make the final sum over a half a million dollars.

The scholarship money reported by students this year is more than double than that reported last year, even though the major source of aid, the California State Scholarship, was cut \$150 for each winner. Hamilton received 34 such scholarships, as compared to 26 last year.

Miss Morris stated, "We have four students eligible for scholarships through the National Merit program. We have not yet heard about their possible winnings, so these could raise out present totals considerably."

Added Principal George T. Cole, "Hamilton consistently through the past 15 or more years has been ranked in the top 1% of high schools in the state for the excellence of its students. Obviously the reputation of the school for academic excellence is well understood by admission officers throughout the nation."

Cheerleaders Relive Experiences of Year

We will soon be saying goodbye to our varsity cheerleaders, Dawn Adamson, Debi Wood, Arlene and Susan Ucinsky, Nanette Payne and Cathy O'Neil.

These six girls have really done a fantastic job contributing team spirit and giving wonderful school spirit to the Yankee audience.

"Cheerleading is a good form of exercise. It builds up your endurance and you meet a lot of people from different schools," said Debi.

All of the girls agreed that the most hilarious time of being a cheerleader was coming for the summer practices. Everybody was out of shape and had to get back into shape for the coming year. "The only thing that took the fun out of practicing was the heat!"

Being the varsity cheerleaders of Hamilton High, these girls worked together as a family. They were patient with one another and understanding. "We'll always remember the fun helping the twins develop 'soul,'" Debi, Dawn, Kathy and Nanette said proudly.

The girls feel that the most exciting season was football, especially the victory parties. "It was just a good feeling to give moral support to your team, and share the happiness and the sorrow with them."

Cross Country meets had the girls remembering those funny but "sticky" experiences. "We're still picking the thorns out of our socks from running up the hills at the cross country meets at Pierce College. What a way to go!"

The Federalist reporter, Olga Sneed, asked the girls what they accomplished during the year, and

the feeling that they experienced while waiting for the turnout.

"One thing that I DIDN'T accomplish was being able to do the splits!" Dawn said disgustedly.

The cheerleaders thought back about the time when they were waiting for that final word. "It was nerve-wracking! You're constantly wondering if you made it or not. Waiting for the outcome of the election is a terror."

To conclude the interview, the girls were asked if they had anything they would like to say about cheerleading.

Dawn Adamson—"It's a hell of a job, but it's worth it"

Arlene Ucinski—"As long as I'm not next to Susan I'll stay on the beat!"

Susan Ucinski—"Once you learn the difference between a football and a basketball, you'll survive."

Kathy O'Neil—"Once a clutz, always a clutz."

Nanette Payne—"Cheerleading can be a good way of losing weight provided you don't go to the House of Pies after practice!"

Debi Wood—"A completely Unique Experience."

The varsity cheerleaders will be leaving Hami in June, but will be replaced by six or eight other cheerleaders, hopefully to continue the school spirit and status quo of the varsity cheerleaders of Hamilton High.

Senior Painting Orgy

Hamilton High School is proud to display, throughout its sprawling campus, magnificent forms of art known as Dionysian trash cans. These barrels of blunder look as though they had been concocted in a kindergarten finger - painting orgy.

Upon closer examination of a Hami trash can, we find that the essential colors are cow-liver purple and suffering-seagull white. Enhancing these basic colors are Kaheelawanie blue, Ashokanie yellow and pizza sauce.

The significance of the painted trash can is that it represents supremacy of the senior class. As tradition and malt shop gossip tell us, the fun comes into it when saboteurs from past and present classes slither onto campus, armed with spray paint, and leave their mark on the trash cans. After this game has been played a few times it looks as though the trash cans had been turned inside-out.

The beauty lies in the fact that nowhere else in the world are there trash cans that resemble the ones Hamilton possesses. As any fashion expert can tell you, our pride and joy will not win any awards for color coordination. However, what-

ever our trash cans lack in beauty, they make up in creativity. So be proud of our trash cans.

The pizza sauce is self-explanatory.

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Salute to Senior Athletes

As Hamilton bids farewell to the Dionysian class, special recognition should be given to the members of the class who donated their time and energy while contributing to the athletic programs of Hamilton. Concentrating, conditioning and performing, roughly forty Dionysian athletes spearheaded Hamilton teams in a never ending quest for perfection — a quest which brought several championships to Hami during their three years.

The most notable of the recent Hamilton accomplishments was our 1971 Western League Football Title. Pacing the Yankee gridders' offense were such notables as ends Juant Avant and Don Smith, as well as backfield stars quarterback Mike Avila and running backs Ray Christian, Gary Harris and George Reddick. Providing the necessary support for these offensive headliners were offensive linemen Richard Maize, Vernon Smith, Marvin Katz and Robert Walsh.

The junior-laden defense was spearheaded by two seniors at defensive end, Steve Scher and Michael Smith. Although their season was not as successful as that of the varsity team, the Bee gridders had plenty to be proud of in senior running back Jeff Schwartz and all-around performer Andy Rosa.

Competing with all city contenders Palisades and Crenshaw High, the Yank cagers finished a disappointing fourth in a tough league. However, there were several senior standouts. Captain Larry Cheshier led fellow seniors Rod Shumate, Don Smith, Rod Patterson and Jim Cignale in many exciting outings. Another senior who showed much promise as a starting member of the 1969-1970 JV squad was Mike Ulvestad, who, unfortunately, did not participate in his senior season. Overshadowing the prestigious varsity was Coach Eugene Broadwater's Western League Champion Bee team, which was led by seniors Marshall DeWolfe, Don Ziskin, and Hal Stone.

Playing in the shadows of the publicized football players and well-known basketball stars, a few seniors exhibited their skills on the golf courses and tennis courts of Los Angeles. Senior golfers Doug Schriber, Chuck Zerah and Randy Shifman could not rally their team past a disappointing third place in Western League final standings. However, the other side of the net, tennis players Chris Young and Don Ziskin, contributed

their skills and were noted for their on and off the court antics.

Performing in front of captive audiences, which were usually made up of Coach Ron Prince and his wife, the Hami swim team finished a soggy season with a third place behind powerful Pali and Uni. However, there were four seniors who performed admirably. Captain

Andy Jacobs, Mitch Kay, Brad Sanders and Richard Fox kept Hamilton's swimming hopes afloat by scoring high in the Western League prelims.

Star gymnast and human pretzel, Harrison Rose, as well as fellow senior Kenneth Lee, gave Hamilton gymnastics fans and Coach Mel Klein something to cheer about

with their first victory in three years.

Pitching aces Mike Persky and Bruce Beck, along with hitting stars Steve Levin, Garrett Hughes, Charlie Stephens, and Norvelle Carere, nearly led a hard-luck Yankee squad into the City Playoffs. Mike Persky highlighted his senior season with a perfect game against University High.

Leading Hamilton to its first city and state championships were senior sprinters George Reddick and David Thomas, as well as hurdlers Juan Avant and Ricky Marshall. Adding punch to the team were distance runners Lonnie Hill and Ronnie Newstat. Cross country buffs will long remember Lonnie Hill's victory in the league finals. Rounding out the team in the field events were football stars Ray Christian and Gary Harris.

Hamilton will long remember the efforts put out by these graduating seniors. The three years will be valued by the Hamilton seniors who sat in the bleachers and rooted these outstanding young athletes to victory. We, of the Federalist staff wish the best of luck to these seniors and hope that they will go on to future athletic success in their selected fields.

Sports

Yanks Take Second In State

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the 100 yd. dash. After a false start, Reddick got an extremely fast start and won the event with a time of 9.6. Thomas took a fifth in the event with a time of 9.8. After the judges collaborated for 20 minutes, it was decided that George had false started and the judges decided to run the event over again. Reddick, who was obviously angered by the decision, came back to win with another 9.6. The big difference in the race was Thomas, with a 9.7, taking a fourth place to give Hamilton an additional point, at least for a few days.

The final event that Hami had entered was the 220. In this event, without Reddick, Thomas was favored to win. David ran a good time of 21.3, but it was only good enough to take a second.

Altogether, Reddick's first in the 100 and Thomas' fourth in the 100 and second in the 220 gave Hami the 13 points needed to win the meet, before the reversal.

This meet topped off what could be called a perfect year for coaches Max Bogen and Gene Broadwater. Any coach that has a team with

two fine sprinters such as George Reddick and David Thomas, has to be proud. Any coach that has a team that takes not only city, but is second in state must be proud. The unfortunate loss of first place should not dim the pride of Hamilton in its fine athletes.

Golfers Lose in Playoffs

The Hami golfers, plagued with misfortunes the entire year, were robbed of a city playoff birth at the Western League finals. The Yankee golfers lost a playoff for second place to University High, which enables Uni to advance with Westchester to city competition.

Special honors go to captain Doug Schriber for lowest score, and Stuart Samuels for placing second among the sophomores. Hamilton was represented by Doug Schriber, Jon Davidson, Stuart Samuels, Chuck Zerah, and Randy Shifman. Hami's misfortune took place when Tom Herwig took a 10 and a 12 on two holes, but from then on played even par golf to shoot an 84.

The Hami golfers had a very disappointing season with a 7-4 record. Early losses to Fairfax and University hurt the team, as the first place team lost only two matches the entire year.

Next year's team will be missing

the presence of the top six golfers. Graduating will be Doug Schriber, Tom Herwig, Chuck Zerah, Randy Shifman, and Jon Davidson, with Curt Biren having credits for graduation the end of February. With these golfers graduating, next year's team will include only three varsity members, Stuart Samuels, David Eberstein, and Larry Marx. Coach Jack Epstein, is already looking forward to next year and some new talent which might produce a championship team.



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