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The Foxy Chronicle

The Foxy Chronicle was the first newsletter of the American Community School, Saigon. The first issue went to press in the fall of 1961. The first issue has not surfaced yet, so the exact date of it is unknown at this time. It is believed that it was published on or about September 25, 1961.

Ann Fox wrote the first issue to establish a school newsletter. The first two issues did not have a name. The name was selected during the time between the second and third issues. Larry Smith suggested the name of The Foxy Chronicle, which was adopted by the newly formed staff of the newsletter.

There were only three issues of The Foxy Chronicle published. After the third issue Ann Fox resigned as Editor. A replacement editor joined the newsletter staff. While Ann took the initiative to get the first newsletter off the ground, she never liked it being name after her, as she didn't feel it was representative of the school. Hence, starting with the fourth newsletter it became the Bamboo Beacon.

This book contains copies of the original newsletters, saved by Burton Parker, who served on the staff of both The Foxy Chronicle and the Bamboo Beacon.

Below are:

Vol. 1, #2 dated August 11, 1961

Vol. 1, #3 dated August 25, 1961

I'm sure you'll find them very interesting reading. Enjoy!

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Not yet named newsletter - Vol. 1, #2 - August 11, 1961

Volume 1, # 2

August 11, 1961

Editorial

I wish to thank everybody who helped with the paper for their cooperation.

The staff wishes to thank you all for your cooperation and support.

The staff of the paper again puts in a plea for contributions. Any and all are welcome.

Due to circumstances beyond the staff's control, the name of the newspaper has not been chosen. A list of names will be submitted to the student body Tuesday morning during home room for your decision.

Included in this issue is a note from Mrs. Jones, Principal; the editor negligently did not have it ready for publication in the last issue. In this issue, there is a new department - a Student Interview.

How about some Letters to the Editor? They are welcome!

All names submitted for the name of this newspaper were excellent. We, the staff, thank you. May the best one win!

Ann Fox

Note from Mrs. Jones

The first publication of the high school newspaper was an unqualified success. I know that all students appreciated the efforts put forth by the editor, staff members, and faculty advisor. We must remember, though, that the newspaper needs the continued support of the student body to achieve its aims. This is a weekly publication which will appeal to one and all. It is yours to support, maintain, and enjoy.

My sincere wishes to the staff and to you, the reader, for a successful year.

Gloria W. Jones

From the Grapevine

Since the traditional time for the Carnival is several months off, there's a good chance we will be able to have it this year. This Carnival is important because the proceeds from it constitute a large portion of the money spent for the yearbook.

Don Wiener is taking off for Brent at 1:15 P.M. Jet today. Mark and Keith McClure, Richard Henry and Pete Cheston are leaving Saigon for the States. Mark and Keith are leaving on August 22 while Richard and Pete are leaving August 25.

We're glad to welcome Frank Durham in the A.C.H.S. He seems to be rising fast in the social world. Eh, girls?

Vanita Haznam is now recovering from an ear operation on the good ship HOPE and will be there 'til Monday.

Practically everybody has signed up for the "Roof Garden Party" on August 18 at Heather's. Let's hope it doesn't rain.

Miss Seemore

Love Lorn

Dear Miss Seemore,

I like a boy very much, but he doesn't even seem to know I'm alive. How can I make him notice me without it seeming as if I'm chasing him? I don't know what to do. Please help!

Lovesick

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Dear Lovesick,
Be especially friendly with him and take an interest in the same activities he does.

Miss Seemore

Dear Miss Seemore,
I want to do a lot of things that are fun, but I'm worried about my reputation. How can I have a good time, but still not ruin my name?

Wants to Have a Ball

Dear Wants to Have a Ball,
There are many activities you can participate in without ruining your reputation. Participate in more school and general social affairs instead of sitting home pitying yourself.

Miss Seemore

Dear Miss Seemore,
How can I forget a boy?

Still Remembers

Dear Still Remembers,
Take interest in current activities and extend genuine friendship to all boys; another will surely FALL!!

Miss Seemore

Sport

This week I promised to discuss the Teenagers' prospects for a new team.

First of all, in the way of returnees from last year, we will have Larry Smith, a senior playing shortstop.

Larry is a versatile player, being able to play with equal agility, all of the infield positions including catcher and pitcher. Steve Johnson, last year's regular first-baseman and leader in the batting averages, will be back. Steve's ability at first was recognized in the league last year, as he was chosen for the All-Star team. From the outfield, a boy who made the long jog to left so many times last year, David Henry, will join the returning veterans. Dave is a constant hustler and is expected to show great improvement this year. His brother Richard "Lambert" Henry, a member of last year's All-Star team, and regular center fielder for the Teenagers, will be leaving for the States soon. The team is sure to miss his fielding and hitting ability. Another player, Mike Dunn, used as pitcher last year, may be around for a few games before he leaves for the States. So, you can see for yourselves, not nearly enough players are returning. The better part of the squad this year will be composed of new players.

In the new-player department, we have some better-than-good prospects. Fred Bonner, a natural athlete from Georgia, is sure to be a boon to the team. To some people Fred may seem lazy, but, after seeing him hustle on the basketball court, I can vouch for his alertness and aggressiveness. Although he does not favor a position, he has the speed necessary for a good center fielder or shortstop. Ken Yeager, a catcher from Alabama, will be on hand to bolster the Teenagers' infield. Ken looks like he could knock the stuffings out of a softball. From South Carolina a football player named Frank Durham has come to us. Although he likes football best, he is the type that can excel in any sport. Frank says he will play where he can be
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of best use. Jeff Johnson, who starred on the eighth grade's softball team last year, will attempt breaking in with the big-time this year. There are many more new boys who have potential.

The boys named in the preceding paragraphs do not hold any priority for positions on the team. I urge all high school boys who like softball, and who are willing to sacrifice some time and energy, to try out for the team.

At 10:00 A.M., this Saturday, there will be a softball game. All boys interested meet at the commissary at 9:30 A.M.

Mike Dunn

Student Interview

On the 31st of July a young man by the name of Frank Durham came strolling off the plane in Saigon. Within a week he knew quite-a-few teenagers.

He is from the well known place of Charleston, South Carolina. While living in Charleston, he went to River High. He participated in school and social activities such as: Student Council, Editor of Photography, Key Club, Language Club, and Mock R. He also participated in sports--football, track, swimming, and soccer.

His hobby is racing. He owns a sports car (full race Austin Healey). His other hobby is girls. He likes them all--especially when numerous or few.

What he has seen in Saigon he likes. He says that he thinks he will enjoy Saigon. When he first got here he thought that this place would be a drag. But he has found out differently. He actually enjoys this place. As usual, he got lost

while in a c-b. This happens to everyone when he first arrives in Saigon. He plans to be here until May, 1962.

Larry Smith

Who is It ?

Born in '43

In the U.S.A.

This girl of five foot one
Has another year to stay

★ (See the bottom of the page.
Hold the answer up to a mirror.)

Cathie McIntyre

Some All So True Words

If you're looking for a helping
hand, you'll find
your arm.

Nothing
as a keyhole

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The Foxy Chronicle

Volume 1, #3

August 25, 1961

From The Grapevine

On Tuesday the Gecko Staff received word from Mrs. Jones that there will be a Carnival in December. The entertainment chairman, Bobbie Sheehy and her assistant, Dini Hagman, have written a schedule of certain duties which have to be done to make the Carnival a success. We are really glad to have the Carnival, for it means we will not have too many worries in the financial department, if we all do our part.

The Gecko is getting under way, and the staff is working very hard on it.

Under the broad eaves around the office it was heard that rules are being formulated for the High School. We wonder what it could be.

Floating about the High School is pretty smooth business for the most part. However there are slight under currents of feelings which may upset our equilibrium. Some are wondering if responsibilities could be passed out more freely to more people.

We're happy to welcome a new girl, Barbara Benson, to our growing school.

Miss Seemore

Love Lorn Column

Dear Miss Seemore,

Does anyone ever wants to take me to watch the "submarine races." What can I do?
Wants to see the races.

Dear Wants to see the races,
If you want to see the "submarine races" so bad, ask the boy you like.
Miss Seemore

Dear Miss Seemore,
I made a very bad mistake, and now I am in trouble. What can I do?
Too Late Now

Dear Too Late Now,
The only thing you can do now is to profit by your mistake.
Miss Seemore

Dear Miss Seemore,
I am wondering what a girl is expected to do if she wants to get a certain boy back?? I still love this certain boy, but it's obvious he doesn't like me

Curious

Dear Curious,

There is more than one boy in this world. In time you might find someone else whom you might like better.

Miss Seemore

Dear Miss Seemore,
How do you stay "individual"? Why do you have to go with somebody to be

normal.

Lost

Dear Lost,

It is not abnormal to not go with somebody. You can find this out by experience and by being yourself.

Miss Seamore

Dear Miss Seamore,

I like this boy very much, but it seems that every girl in the High School does, too. I don't know who he likes, but I want him to notice me.

Wall Flower

Dear Wall Flower,

Please refer to the last edition of the newspaper. There is a similar problem which I have answered.

Miss Seamore

The Social World of ACHS

Our newest sophomore, Barbara Benson, arrived here on Monday, August 21. She likes Saigon and will be here two years. Before coming over she lived in Arlington Virginia where she attended Kenmore Junior High School.

Barbara's favorite subject is history, swimming her most liked sport. She likes to collect records, dance, listen to Elvis and the Everly Brothers. As far as she is concerned, pizza is delicious!

She hopes to make many new friends in Saigon and we're sure she will. We certainly are glad to have Barbara here with us.

Parties

On Friday, August 18, Heather Harris had a party at 145 Yen Do. It was held on the roof of the apartment building that she

is living in. Most of the American teenagers went, and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The next night on Doan thi Diem, Didi and Van Hagnam gave a going-away-party for Mark and Keith McClure that proved to be a success.

Tomorrow night there's going to be a final JOP party.

Social Editor

Student Council Meeting

The meeting consisted mainly of talk on the coming Rainbow Dance. Small discussion was issued about this dance, being held on September 2. Invitations have been made calling the dance the Teen-Ager's Ball, bringing forth the problem of decorations if the Rainbow Dance name is submitted. Mr. Littlefield is paying the expenses for the Teenager's Ball; for this reason the name Rainbow Dance will not be used.

Again the smoking issue was brought up. Should students be allowed to smoke at this dance? The question brought lengthy discussion. It was suggested that the party not be sponsored by the Student Council if smoking was permissible. However, it was ruled that this dance be school sponsored since the school has not yet sponsored a dance. Even argued was: if students cannot smoke at the dance, the chaperons shouldn't, either, in the presence of the teenagers, because of the great possibility of "influencing the non-smokers." The argument was quickly dissolved. As of now, the situation lies this way: people with permission from parents to smoke will be permitted to do so at school sponsored dances.

It was decided that no person should be allowed to attend the coming dance, or any future school sponsored dance,

unless he is a member of the high school fistfight daily, do not plow and harvest fields manually, they find exercise in sports.

student body, or, at least the date of an American High School student. Anyone wishing to bring "outsider" dates will have to get special permission from the Student Council, and will, upon granted permission, receive a blank invitation to be filled out for the "outsider", who must in turn present this invitation before being permitted to enter a party.

Karin Walther

"Sportorama"

Last two issues we talked about the Teenager softball team. Although the subject is not exhausted, a little change in reading matter will prevent monotony.

This issue I should like to talk about why people participate in sports. In all generations, people of all ages have enjoyed some form of sport. There are reasons why man takes time to defend and make use of his special physical abilities, even in the modern civilized world.

Primitive man developed his body to its utmost. This was essential, as he had not learned to use much of his mind. The Greeks concentrated on both mind and body. As the world has become more widely civilized, the mind of man has developed to a greater extent; at the same time, man's physical stature has not been forgotten, not just because of the clothes he wears, but because he has had to exercise physically in order to maintain his mental balance. It has often been said that the perfect man excels physically as we; as mentally.

Because most civilized men do not hunt animals for a living, do not engage in

A man is constantly competing and meeting challenges, and sports also offer competition and challenge. When a person finds a sport he likes, he tries to participate more often. As he practices it more often, he becomes better at it. Hence, man participates in sports to develop a competitive spirit. This is a reason for organized sports for children. By participating, they are prepared to meet the challenges of daily life and to appreciate the great principle of fair play.

A third reason, and a most important one, for taking part in sports is the genuine pleasure obtained from it. Just as an outfielder gets a tingling in the spine as he chases a homer and hears the fans roar, so also does a fullback grin from ear to ear as he bussdodges over two line backers for a touchdown. Spectators do not enjoy sports a fraction of a degree as much as the participants do.

There are other minor reasons for participating, such as money, the force of the old man, an insistent coach, letter awards at the end of the season, and newspaper clippings. However, these are not the reasons that the majority participates.

So, as you improve your mind in order to be able to hold a position in the modern world, don't forget your body. Develop it through sports.

Mike Dunn

Gecko Echo

The Gecko is sponsoring a carnival again this year to finance the yearbook.

During the staff meeting the idea of a Gecko scene club was brought up. There would be two dances a month-Saturdays. Members would pay \$1.50 a month.

The theme for the yearbook has been decided upon, but it is hoped to be kept a secret until the book is out.

Membership cards will be required before anybody can come to the dances. EVERYBODY JOIN, you hear!

Frank Durham

Editorial

The contest for naming the newspaper was a big success. All the names submitted were excellent. The staff had a hard time picking out the ten names to be submitted to the student body for voting. We thank you one and all for your contributions.

You, the student body, selected the title of "The Foxy Chronicle", submitted by Larry Smith and Lance Langang. The prize of 200¢ will be awarded to them August 25 during Home Room Period.

Don't forget the last Johnson-Drake-Riper party Saturday, August 26. It will be a lot of fun!

Ann Fox

Sail

Anyone who truly loves to sail loves his boat, and no one loves her until he has taken infinite pains to keep her youth, beauty and agility.

In our madly rushing world the sailboat is an escape and its use provides a direct challenge to nature, for the sailboat derives its strength from the winds, the stronger the winds the more exhilarating and satisfying sailing is. The wind whistling through the rigging, the heave and pitch of your boat under sail in open water and the water rushing by the cutwater-each wave showering your straining body with salt spray-cannot be duplicated by a motor boat. The motor boat is a dead thing, its motor's noise and vibrating reminding you of the world you seek to escape. Driving a motor boat is like driving a car over miles of flat super-highway; but sailing is satisfying; one feels close to nature and very much alive as his boat, heeled far to leeward by a hearty wind, thrusts her bowsprit at the advancing legions of waves, not unlike the ancient rapier's thrusts and lunges. My boat is a beautiful one, her hull is perhaps 60 or 70 years old, so she has the keen, beautiful sheer and dignified beauty of the cutters of old. She is rigged as an island schooner and is quite beautiful to the one who loves the beauty of sail.

Every vessel was and ever will be a "she", no matter what name is affixed to her stern. Because of the love man has always had for his boats, this is so. And every true sailor sees beauty in every boat, whether it be lovely, rusty tramp steamer or the nearly forgotten tern with soaring masts and bowsprit, and her clouds of white, billowing sails. So then, because of this love beauty, and the harmony of man and boat, man refers to all vessels with the feminine pronoun. For when sailing, man feels as a servant and deep friend of his boat. To feel her

depend upon your steadfast hand on her tiller and feel her confidence in you as you trim her snowy-white wings and to see her answer smartly to your guiding hand and feel her excitement as equal to yours as she diligently throws her shoulder into each wave while she braces alone on a close reach and see her rise to each wave and courtesy as it passes; this and only this is the thrill, joy and relaxation of sail.

Then when the day is too quickly done and you glide softly, quietly and ghostly, in the gathering gloom, up to your mooring, pushed by the last gentle puffs of the land breeze, you can almost hear her thanking you for a most wonderful time - even as a girl friend might thank you for a wonderful evening. When you can feel this at the close of each voyage, then your boat will not be just a mass of pieces of wood, cloth, and hemp; she will be a faithful companion indeed with a soul and you will love her as you might a wife.

Burton Parker

It Shall Come to Pass

I know that it shall come to pass
Although I did what I thought best
The day will come like any other;
It shall come to pass.
The day will come with sunlight bright,
The day I've dreaded every night;
The day will come like any other;
It shall come to pass.
He will come to say good-bye;
I know that he will see me cry;
He will go before the dusk;
It shall come to pass.
And when he's gone, alone I'll be
Alone with just a memory,
For he shall go before the dusk,
It shall come to pass.

Some Helpful Proverbs on Love

1. It hurteth not the tongue to give faire words.
2. Nothing is impossible to a willing heart.
3. Little things affect little minds.
4. She must be seen to be appreciated.
5. Look not thou down but up.
6. There is not beautifier of complexion or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us.
7. We are advised by our loving friends.
8. Think only of making him happy. The happier you make him, the happier you make yourself.
9. Definition of Love: A man chasing a girl until she catches him.

Strange But

Barbara: no maple
Barbara: no oak
Barbara: Bush

David: no pin oak
David: no king
David: no elm

Cindy: no go
Cindy: no move
Cindy: no like

Ann: no wolf
Ann: no dog
Ann: no boy

Gerry: no door
Gerry: no room
Gerry: no all

David: no flower
David: no weed
David: no like

Cathy McIntyre

Dave no cowboy
Dave no ranch hand
Dave Sheppard

NEWSPAPER STAFF

When we say:

Study hall
Going steady
Too much homework
I hate him
I have an extra study hall
I studied hard

We really mean:

Cab session
2 dates
Want to go out
He didn't speak to me
I was kicked out of class
I looked at it

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Who Is It?

Search, search the
High School through
For a cute short gal
With a 5 1/2 shoe

She was born in Illinois
In the year of '44
Her favorite subject's history
And swimming her favorite sport*

Hand Sarah *

Recommended Reading

[My Father the Spy: An Investigative Memoir](#)

[Saigon Station](#)

[Escape From Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy](#)

[Diplomatic Wanderings: From Saigon to the South Seas](#)

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