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S.G.A. To Sponsor Valentine's Dance

The new S.G.A. Social Committee, headed by Judy Frazier and Tim Short, is currently making plans for the Valentine's Day dance to be held Saturday, February 14.

Admission to the dance, which will be the first semi-formal of the school year, will be Rs. 10 per couple. The Pertinax will play at the dance, which will be held in the S.U. from 8:00—11:30.

Other members of the Committee for the second semester are Jeff Campbell, Karen Egler, Sheila Lawry, Jim Matson, and Lisa Moody.

Dance Held To Reopen S.U.

The S.U. Judiciary Board sponsored a dance on Friday, January 16, to officially reopen the S.U. after its week-long closure for repairs. There was no admission charge, but all students were required to show their membership cards, which were on sale during the previous week.

The main attractions of the night were not only live music, The Pertinax, and a light show, but spotless floors, dazzling walls, sparkling windows and, to top it off, four-legged chairs.

While A.C.S.A. workers repaired furniture and electrical equipment, approximately 35 volunteers from the student body went to work on Thursday washing windows, removing footprints from the walls, and scrubbing floors, getting the S.U. "picked up" for the dance.

Honor Roll Announced

One hundred and sixty-nine students in grades 7—12 are on the first semester Honor Roll, 168 on Honors and 61 on High Honors. The Senior class had the most, with 24 on the Honors list and 19 on the High Honors list. The Juniors and Sophomores followed, each with 19 on Honors and 10 on High Honors. A Grade Point Average of 3.0 is required for the Honors list and one of 3.5 is required for High Honors.

The High Honors list is as follows :

GRADE 12

Bohr, Sarah
Brown, Margarita
Davis, Kristy
Douglas, Barry
Fitzsimmons, Linda
Gendron, Gerry
Ignjatovic, Dubravka
Kajiyama, Chieko
Krantz, Kenneth
Larson, David
Lawrence, David
Murphy, Robert
O'Connor, Margaret
Pearson, Hilary
Renfro, Ray
Shah, Ajit
Sommer, Kathy
Taylor, John
Thuermer, Angus

GRADE 11

Adan, Louisito
Baird, Jeff
Burgett, Lauren
Crowley, Steven
Ernst, Elizabeth
Gordon, Laura
Harder, Jane
Mickol, Sharon
Spooner, Mary
Wahal, Anjul

GRADE 10

Law, Diane
Mohamadi, Marjan
Murgai, Vijay
Nimgade, Bhim
Rieger, Ann
Sarwate, Pratima
Simmons, Linda
Thuermer, Kitty
Weaver, Margaret
Yamanouchi, Sonoko

GRADE 9

Baird, Joel
Campbell, Jeff
Crowley, Roger
Khachaturian, Jon
McDonald, Sarah
Mehta, Jaydev
Pope, Steve
Weisblat, Barbara
Wiegert, Sheryl
Young, Doug

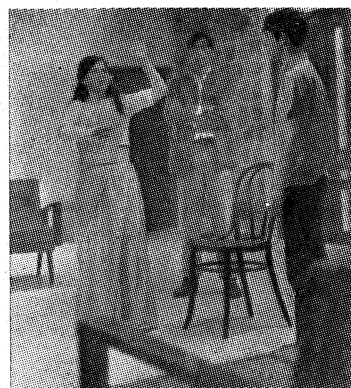
GRADE 8

Bhatia, Vineet
Dunlop, Nicholas
Harrington, Ellen
Mehta, Kiran
Nimgade, Rekha
Sen, Deepak
Branch, Kathy

GRADE 7

Crowley, Ann
Dixon, Eliza
Hoogendyke, Guy
Kennedy, Leslie
Weaver, Jody

"January 16th" Opens



Above, Sabra Dahl, as Jane Chandler, takes the Oath.
Below, Attorneys Bim Oakley and Jon Khachaturian question Kitty Thuermer as Magda Svenson

"The Night of January 16th", Mr. James R. Pepperling's second production here at A.I.S., opened last night in the gym.

"The Night of January 16th" is a different type of play. Written by Ayn Rand, who has written such books as "The Fountain Head" and "Anthem", it is, according to Mr. Pepperling "very complex".

Each night, all those coming to the play will sign up for the jury. Then at the onset of the trial, twelve people will be picked from those who have signed up. These twelve, the jury for the case, decided last night the fate of Karen

Andre (Ann Boylan). For the next three nights, such a jury will determine whether she is guilty of pushing Bjorn Faulkner, her boss, off the roof of his penthouse in New York City. Her attorney Mr. Stevens (Jon Khachaturian) battled and will continue to battle, for her life against Mr. Flint (Bim Oakley), the District Attorney. As Mr. Pepperling said, "It is a constant dual for three hours between the Defense Attorney and the Prosecution."

All of the three act play takes place in the Superior Court of the State of New York during the 1930's. The actors' costumes are, therefore "in the 30's motif". All but Karen Andre's who is "way ahead of the time", says Mr. Pepperling.

The Assistant Director, Jon Moot, who starred in "David and Lisa" as David, commented, "It is a well-written play and much work has been put into its production." A great part of that work was carried by the back stage crew, including Yurie Uyuma, head of Set Decoration, Cheri Hahn, Stage Manager, and Laura Gordon, Business Manager.

Curriculum Group Reports

In a recent meeting of the curriculum committee the relationship between American and foreign students at A.I.S. was discussed. Sid Wahid, a member of the committee, said that the committee has been very successful in that, "many problems have been discussed and we try to solve them."

The committee has recommended that P.E. should be optional for seniors next year. The final decision is to be made by the Board of Governors.

Taylor, Krantz Receive Honors In Gov't, Academics

Congratulations to Seniors John Taylor and Ken Krantz for recognition they have recently received.

John was accepted to take part in the "Presidential Classroom for Young Americans". This program is for American High School students who are invited to come to Washington D.C. to observe the working of the government at first hand. Unfortunately the school is unable to send John for financial reasons.

Ken was chosen to be listed in the 1969-1970 edition of the Merit Publishing Company's "Who's Who Among American High School Students" because of his high score in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. However, because of difficulties in forwarding mail from the States, Ken did not receive the company's questionnaire until after the deadline for returning it. He sent the questionnaire back immediately, but he doesn't know at present whether or not it will be accepted.

Two Famed Artists Enrich Humanities Class

The Humanities class had the privilege to see Mr. M.F. Hussain, India's famous painter and movie producer on Tuesday, January 13, 1970. Each of the short art films that were shown was different and one of them just showed the movements of a hand for seven minutes. When Mr. Hussain arrived at the A.V. Room, he said that he himself worked the camera in one of the films which showed art in Nepal.

Another nice surprise came to the Humanities class on Wednesday, January 14, 1970 when Mr. Bowen, another famous Indian artist, came to share some of his experiences with the class. Each student had the chance to create his own work of art. Working on a wooden board covered with a mixture of sand and glue was proven to be quite interesting. Painting on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the Humanities class had some fun and an interesting time talking to Mr. Bowen.

Enchantment Of The East?

What is it in India that lures many who leave, to return? What is it in India that accounts for the increasing number of A.I.S. alumni which have eventually found their way back from the United States? This is a question realised and speculated on by many A.I.S. students and teachers, yet it is the sort of question which allows for no apparent answer.

To graduating seniors there appear to be two or three possible alternatives which must be taken into consideration. The first decision we as seniors must make is whether or not we wish to remain in India — the alternative being America. Then, a decision must be made as to whether or not we wish to go to college — the alternative being a lax period supported by our parents, or a time for striking off on our own.

TWELVE BOTTLES

I had twelve bottles of Tanduay Rum in the cellar and my wife told me to empty the contents of each bottle down the sink - or else! I proceeded with the unpleasant task.

I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and emptied the contents down the sink with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and likewise, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I withdrew the cork from the third bottle and poured the rum down the sink with the exception of one glass which I drank.

I pulled the cork from the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the glass which I drank. I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it and threw the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork from the bottle. Then I corked the sink with one glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour. When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand, counted the bottles, corks, glasses and sinks the other which were twenty nine and as the house came by I counted them again. I finally had all the house in one bottle which I drank.

I'm not under the alcohol, but think I am. I'm not half so drunk as you might think. I feel so foolish—I don't know who is me and drunker I stand here the longer I get.

(—found in Sandra Green's grandmother's attic.)

Indeed, there seems to be a reluctance to leave India or to even go to college. At the moment there are ten of last year's graduates who have not left India, (eight of them being Americans.) And of course, there are seven from previous years who have discontinued college, and returned to India. What is the reason for this reluctance and disillusionment?

Many of these former students seem to be questioning the relevancy of college. That is, they are questioning the importance of college in determining a "life's path". A possible cause for discouraging students to remain in the United States is the existing atmosphere there. Certainly the racial problem, the question of Vietnam and many of the other problems of America would tend to discourage many students from staying there. And even of those who do remain, many of them will seek to return in a professional capacity, (either to India, or to another foreign country.)

What do you think?

PUPIL SERVICES WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING :

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is to be given February 14 at A.I.S. This test is required for all juniors.

Information is available at Pupil Services.

Juniors who wish to register for the May 2 S.A.T. must do so at Pupil Services by March 8.

Seniors who are taking the April 25 A.C.T. are required to register at Pupil Services by March 8.

Seniors are also reminded to check their college application deadlines to ensure that the applications will arrive in the States on time.

THE BAND

by Ajit Shah

"I'll be down to get you in a taxi, honey, Better be ready at half-past eight, Now honey, don't be late, I want to be there When THE BAND starts playing..."

(From the "Darktown Strutter's Ball")



And everybody should be there when The Band starts playing. Today's music scene is dominated by the rapid coming and going of musical groups, with the exception of a few lasting greats. The Band may well be one of the great prevailing groups of the 70's, as the Beatles and Rolling Stones were in the 60's. The five members, Garth Hudson, Richard Manuel, Levon Helm, Rick Danko, and Jaime Robbie Robertson have played together for the past decade and boast a musical versatility and excellence in country rock style.

Their album, entitled simply, "The Band", is their second to date and is revolutionary in every way. The mood of the songs is not violent or protesting, but affirms The Band's respect and love for the older generation, education, and other symbols of orthodoxy. The music, embracing over fifteen instruments all played by The Band themselves, is quiet, melodic and almost totally free from electronic sound. This latter distinguishes the obvious attitude of young music fans to prefer pure sounds rather than the artificial amplified styles that have ruled so long.

Some of the best songs on the album are in ballad form, such as "Cripple Creek" and "Whispering Pine". Other songs have an accent on improvisation. In "Rag Mama Rag" and "King Harvest" Hudson's organ improvisations are an inspired blend of rock music and established country style.

Library Plans For Future

The library has, to those who use it, certainly been renewed this year. Aside from small, seemingly insignificant changes like the overhauling of the magazine section, the librarian, Mrs. Sarah Wheeler, has plans for the future too, many of which have already been started.

Just a few days ago the library received a batch of pre-catalogued books that were ordered last October. Mrs. Wheeler was "very excited" about this as she felt that it would give the staff more time to attend to other things that need to be looked into in the library. So far the library has received 900 more volumes this year and is subscribing to about a dozen more periodicals and magazines.

Mrs. Wheeler felt that the Student Services program that was discontinued this year would certainly have

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Get Off Your Lazy...

How do you spend your Saturdays? If you think back, you'll probably realize that many of your Saturdays are usually uneventful and rather boring. If you care to liven up your weekend and if you care about others, an opportunity has been open for many months. Every Saturday at 9:00 the school car leaves for Nangloi Village, about 14 miles from Delhi. Nangloi is a resettlement area for former slum dwellers from Delhi and a great amount of work, mostly construction, is needed. People from many countries all over the world are currently working at Nangloi Village, setting up the homeless families in a healthier environment.

The car returns from Nangloi at noon, and goes to Irwin Hospital in Delhi where people are needed to play with and help the children. Besides this, a school for Harijan (Mahatma Gandhi's term for Untouchables) boys and girls is in desperate need of workers to help with the construction of buildings and a playground.

All these projects are helped by Seva Mandal, which means simply "Service Group". Mrs. Elizabeth Eberhart, a second-grade teacher at A.I.S. has been endeavouring to organize groups to go to these places, and has found little response. The projects are not for money or diplomatic relations, but for people who enjoy working with and for others. Make something worthwhile happen this weekend!

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The Name Game

by 1 down and 1 across

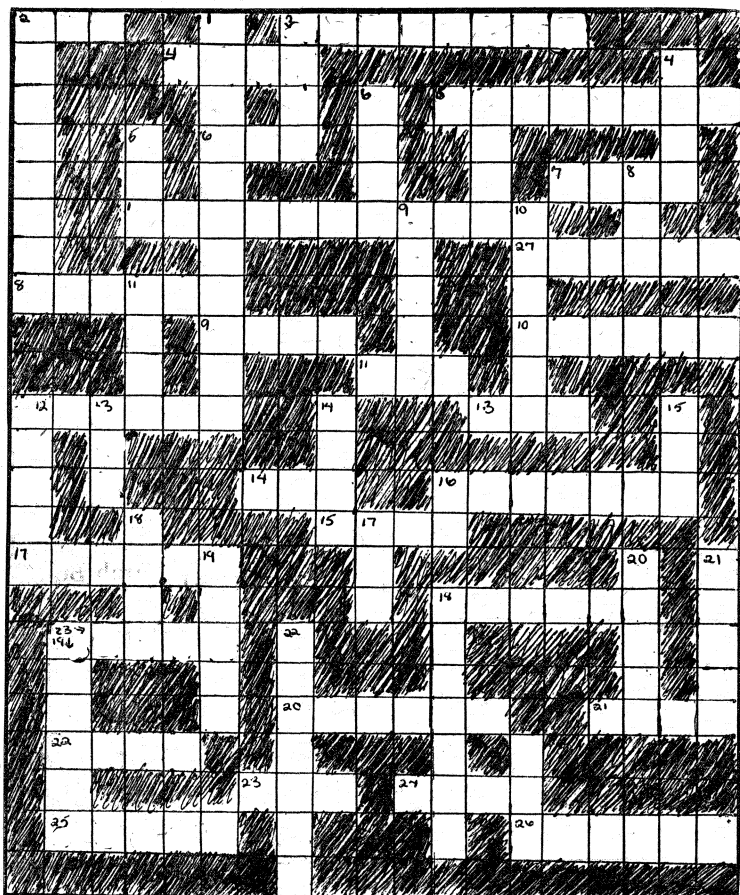
Try this crossword puzzle following these hints : L means last name ; F means first name : B means both. So test your skill for the fun of it.

DOWN

- 1. An author of this crossword—B
- 3. An agitated cheerleader—F
- 5. Danny's brother backwards—F
- 7. "We try Harder, Tarzan!"—F
- 9. Related to the English Dept.—F
- 11. A storm at sea—F
- 13. The person doing this puzzle
- 15. The Catcher in the Rye—F
- 17. A Nepalese visitor—L
- 19. Pepsi slogan "Think---" —L
- 21. "John, --- the door!" —L
- 23. "It's the principal of the thing, Mom!"
- 2. always in the water—L
- 4. Senior twins—L
- 6. 11 down's brother—F
- 8. A Busy Body—F
- 10. A victim of Hepetitis—F
- 12. He knows how to get popular—F
- 14. A ratty boarder—L
- 16. dubi, dubi, doo!—L
- 18. The head of the church—L
- 20. "You really ought to learn Japanese."—F
- 22. Likes short girls
- 24. The school politician

ACROSS

- 1. The other author—B
- 3. He had a farm—F
- 5. A Mary-ied man--B
- 7. Soccer to him, Captain—L
- 9. One of the big 3 BB stars—F
- 11. Remember the ---erly Hillbillies—F
- 13. A pitcher to remember! —F
- 15. Maggie's husband would be the-----L
- 17. ----- —B
- 19. You can't send her to the office—F
- 21. His initials go from A to Z. —L
- 23. The librarian—F
- 25. "Give me some more."—L
- 27. What you have probably had of this puzzle.
- 2. A guiding light—F
- 4. Click, Click, Click—F
- 6. A Renfro from the sun—F
- 8. Simon says, "Chess, anyone?"—L
- 10. Trick, Dicky, --- —L
- 12. Wanted for murder—F
- 14. Well wishes on the trip home!—F
- 16. "Ditto 10 down-please, Miss".—L
- 18. Bizarre Stajduhar—F
- 20. A girl for one season—L
- 22. A rough roof.—L
- 24. Expert typist—F
- 26. A "fleur-----" —L



JOBY : IDEAS ON HUMAN NATURE

by Sarah Bohr

A visitor sits in the library during the school week studying quietly. Joby Swerdlow is taking Junior Year Abroad in high school. Her father's economic research for Syracuse University is taking him on a 3 month tour to India and Pakistan. Joby and her mother decided to accompany him, as Joby says, "to absorb different cultures." She feels travel is mandatory if one is to attempt to understand other people.

She plans to be an ethologist : one who studies animal and human behavior. As she says, "The world is full of problems and our behavior in relation to them can be explained by social means as well as biological methods."

"For example, take intra-specific aggression. This term sounds complicated, but it's really very simple : intra, within; specific, of a species ; aggression. Aggression towards members of one's own species.



College Acceptances

It's almost graduation time again, and college life is just around the corner for all seniors who have been accepted. These are the acceptances as of now and congratulations are in order to :

Ken Kossack who is interested in engineering was accepted last year at Georgia Tech. This is the only college he is applying to, since he is resident of Georgia.

Barry Douglas will be going to his first choice university, Purdue this fall. His choice was based on his interests in forestry and Purdue's Wildlife Department.

Chander Sehgal has been accepted at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. One of Chander's main interests is aeronautical engineering in which the University is particularly strong.

Ken Krantz will be going to the College of Wooster, in Wooster, Ohio. Ken applied on an early decision program and was accepted before Christmas. The college of Wooster is a small Presbyterian sponsored school.

Robert Murphy was just accepted this month at his first choice school, Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. Robert, who applied in October on Early Decision plan, chose Kenyon in view of its small size and emphasis on writing.

"If animals normally fought to the death, the species would simply die away. So through the years, nature has devised methods of thwarting fights to the death and substituting "ritual dance" for serious fighting. Dogs and wolves roll over on their backs and expose their jugular veins when they've lost ; the victors usually can't kill them. Stags often bluff each other with their antlers. Many birds and fish have the ritual dances to give the losers as many chances as possible to escape.

"Man has intra-specific aggression too. Our natural weapons are our teeth, nails, hands, feet, etc. And we shake hands, exposing the wrist ; bow, curtsy, tip our heads and prostrate ourselves, exposing the neck... all calls for mercy which are usually obeyed by the victors and which have now degenerated into etiquette. These are acts of submission for those natural weapons : we evolved them for this purpose. But our brains got ahead of us and thought of stones, clubs, spears, and arrows, guns bombs. We simply haven't natural controls over these weapons. Our technology evolved ahead of our bodies. Let's just hope that man won't repeat for himself the last stanza of poet Peter Viereck's "Love Song to Echippus".

Ballet-star of our mammal race, Last lingering of earth's first grace. Dance on in this museum case."

Joby also believes man is a unique part of nature. This has beauty which comforts man. She has "respect for that which is, for what it is, says life is all life.

EYE SPY :

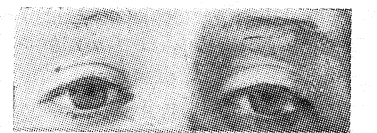
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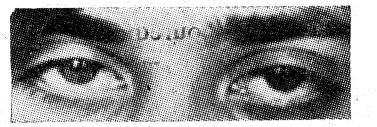
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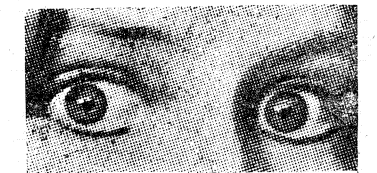
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AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING P. E. STUDENTS

Each year, a relatively unknown although concerned group of people have presented awards to P.E. students who have displayed extraordinary skill in certain areas. Although decisions this year have been rather difficult the distinguished winners are as follows :

Fenmore Grubb—cited for his leadership qualities. His Kabaddi team successfully buried three opponents just on the white line.

Pits Peterson—did not shower for the entire semester. Award : to be mailed.

Lester Drool and Irving Grisle—cited for undeniable skill hiding behind trees and bushes during calisthenics. Honorable mention for Drool who hid in girls' locker room thrice.

Jack Ship—cited for bravery in attacking Fenmore Grubb's team. Awarded posthumously.

Melvin Mann—passed physical fitness test without cheating on the sit-ups.

Sidney and Preston Studly—broke more windows in all sports causing 102 sq. yds. to be replaced. Previous record was 92½ sq. yds.

James Voolts—cited for proficiency in passing the baton in a relay race. James died of lacerations on the skull inflicted by the unfortunate team mate who ran double distance to pass the baton.

Peter Dill—smashed his fist into seventeen lockers after losing a game, smashing previous record of 12. Also smashed his knuckles to smithereens.



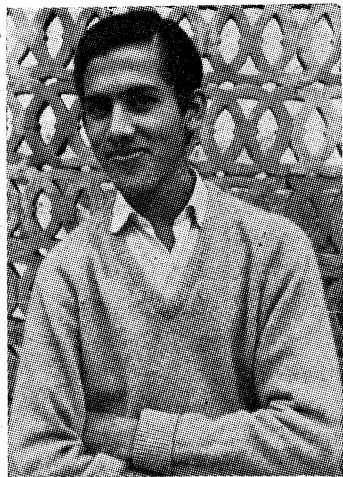
From Left to Right—Charlie Eshleman, Dan Richardson, Tom Pascale, Rob Johnson, Rick Matson, Bill Eshelman.

SIX MEMBERS OF A.I.S. SOFTBALL TEAM CHOSEN FOR ALL-STAR

Six players from A.I.S. softball, were chosen to help compose three All-Star Teams. These six are Tom Pascale, Dan Richardson, Rob Johnson, Charlie Eshelman, Bill Eshelman, and Rick Matson. The A.I.S.'ers and the rest of their individual teams will compete in an invitational tournament against Andhra Pradesh and Bengal. These people were chosen at the first of the month by all the coaches from the league, to make up three equally matched teams; Team A pitched by Billy Johnson, Team B pitched by Allen Swoveland and Team C pitched by James Adams. The games to be played are scheduled for Saturday, January 24, Sunday, January 25, and Monday, January 26.

Sports Reviewed

This year A.I.S. had two of its members from the basketball team selected for the boys section of the National Basketball Championships held in Calcutta. We however did not stop there. Ajit Shah was informed on the way back that he had been called for the selections of the Indian Boys' team to tour Ceylon this year, in February. The trials will be held a few days before. Ajit was the only boy from the Delhi team to be chosen for the selections. "I was really surprised," commented Ajit when asked for his reactions.



Ajit Shah

The athletic awards will be presented in a different atmosphere this year. There will not be the usual assembly and giving out of awards. Instead the B.A.A. is working

with the administration on having the ceremony either at a hotel or in the evening here in the school itself. The B.A.A. is planning on inviting the parents to this ceremony too.

There has been feverish talk of the Student Government sponsoring indoors games later this quarter. If it materializes it will be a pioneering feat as this is probably the first time we had such an event in many years.

"I think we are well-represented on the All-Star teams and have a right to be proud of those representatives", says Mr. Graydon Comstock, A.I.S. Softball Coach. "It will be interesting playing on the team and it should be quite a weekend!" commented Dan Richardson.

A.I.S. To Be Pan Am Clippers

Basketball is in the air again. A.I.S. boys will be playing in an Embassy Basketball League that will be held from the second week of February through the middle of March.

The league consists of seven teams composed of Peace Corps Volunteers, A.I.D. employees, and Embassy personnel. The teams will play two weeks of practice games and then compete in the actual tournament in the first two weeks of March. The A.I.S. players, who are on the Pan Am team, are quite excited about the prospects of playing again, and hope to win.

GIRLS WIN ONE— LOSE ONE

The A.I.S. Girls Softball team split their two most recent games, beating the Cobras 17-1 and then losing to the Delhi Belles by the equally one-sided score of 15-0.

In the first game, played Sunday, January 11, A.I.S. capitalized on weak pitching by the Cobras, who used three pitchers, to amass a 16 point victory margin. The game was highlighted by the team's first homerun of the season, a long fly by Shortstop Lanette Lykens which brought in Pitcher Karla Dorfield.

The victory over the last-place Cobras moved the A.I.S. girls into a tie with the Belles for second place in the four-team league, so both teams had a lot at stake in the game of Sunday, January 18. Having beaten the Belles once before, A.I.S. hoped for a victory, but they were plagued by fielding errors and by their own inability to get a hit. The Belles were held scoreless in only one inning, while A.I.S. had only one base-runner in the game, First Baseman Sandra Green, who got to first on a Belles error.

The two lop-sided games resulted in no net change in the women's league standings, which have remained unchanged since the season got underway.

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been an advantage. She said that the "Work Off Your Fines" campaign had proved "satisfactorily successful", but expressed her distress at losing books and magazines that are taken without being checked out. "There's very little we can do about that", she said.

SPOT NEWS

**SOFTBALL
Delhi—"A"
All-Stars Beat
Andhra Pradesh
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in FINALS**