

Watch for our  
Special  
April Fool Issue  
After the Holidays

THE



# Tai Times

NEW DELHI, INDIA

Buy Your  
A.I.S. Sweat shirt  
Now  
At the Bookstore

VOL. XI NO. 13 A FORTNIGHTLY BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NEW DELHI MARCH, 12 1970

## Seniors take To Road In New Program

A new program, similar to Outward Bound and open to the Seniors at A.I.S., is now in the final planning stages. The program, labeled Senior Field Experience, is "an attempt to move the students out of school and into a practical, worthwhile, and educational working experience", says Mr. James Curlett, Principal.

This year, the Ford Foundation will play a major role in the program. Each senior who is going to participate in the program will work closely with a Ford Foundation consultant in the field of the student's interest. The students will be away from A.I.S. for two to about three weeks and will return, hopefully, with a better idea about what they wish to do after graduation.

One of the ideas for a project is a trip to the village of Behind Mud Walls fame, where the students could photograph, tape record and film all the aspects of village life in India. The material that is collected could be brought back to A.I.S. and used in units of study in other courses. This project would be "a worthwhile educational project as well as an introduction in to a possible career", according to Mr. Curlett.

Mr. Curlett already has plans for a similar program next year. In the 1970-1971 school year, the program could be greatly expanded and include other organizations in India, such as I.B.M., Union Carbide, and Rockefeller Foundation. But, Mr. Curlett says that the program is in existence this year mainly because of the efforts of Senior Class President David Lawrence, who pushed the idea through all the way.

## Parents Association Sponsors Dances For High School

The A.I.S. Parents Association sponsored parties for the high school, grades 9-12. The Freshmen "Dolor Clash" party was held at the Pfoutz's house on February 7, the Sophomore party held at the Thuermer's on March 7 and the Junior-Senior party held at the Rieger's on March 6th.

A committee of students and mothers in the respective class arranged the parties, all costs being paid by the school.

The "Guava Jam" an A.I.S. band, played at both the ninth and tenth grade parties, while the Y.C.O. played at the Junior-Senior party.

## Cooking Classes Visit Oberoi Kitchen

The two Foods classes, chaperoned by Mrs. Olga Wiegert, the Home Economics Teacher, made a trip to the Oberoi Hotel on Thursday, February 12 for a scrutiny of the various kitchens in the hotel. "The purpose of this was to gain some understanding of the problems involved in large scale food service", explained Mrs. Weigert.

The class visited the place where food was received evaluated and checked into the hotel. The students had a chance to visit the main kitchen in the hotel and in the interest of time scanned only one of the "satellite" kitchens.

Refreshments were served to conclude the tour.

The Foods classes had previously visited the Ashoka Hotel where they had a chance to look at four kitchens.

## Ravi Shankar to Highlight International Arts Festival



A recital by sitar virtuoso Ravi Shankar will be the featured event of this year's International Arts Festival, which will run from Monday, March 16 to Thursday, March 19. Plays, dancing, and music are just a few of the attractions of the Festival. The complete schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 26

- 9:00 All school opening exercises—field.  
High School Instrumental Ensemble.  
Elementary School Chorus.
- 9:30 Opening of Exhibits Library  
(March 16-19)
- 9:45 Seventh Grade Plays - High School Auditorium.
- 10:30 Ninth Grade Presentation: poems, ballads—High School Auditorium.
- 11:15 International Variety Show--Grades Seven through Twelve. Songs, Dances, Dramatic and Instrumental presentations—Central Auditorium.
- 12:30 Ballet Class (Grades One and Two)—Primary Auditorium.
- 1:00 Opening of Student Arts Exhibition—field.  
(March 16-19)
- 1:15 Ballet Class (Grades 3-6)—Primary Auditorium.
- 1:30 Eleventh Grade Plays—High School Auditorium and Middle School Auditorium.
- 6:30 RAVI SHANKAR CONCERT (open to ticket holders only.) Drawing of winning ticket—International Club Sitar Raffle. Tickets for concert and raffle.

Tuesday, March 17

- 9:00 'The Fish in the Forest' (Russian Folk Tale) Grade 5, Middle School Auditorium.
- 10:00 RING AROUND THE WORLD presented by Grades 1-2, in Music, Dance and Drama—Primary Auditorium.
- 10:45 Hindi Plays, Grades 5-6—Middle School Auditorium.
- 11:15 Reflections on the Mahabharat, Grade 3—Primary Auditorium.
- 11:40 Indian Studies presentations: 'Out From Behind Mud Walls' and themes from the 'Mahabharat'.—Middle School Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 'The Magic of Salamanca' (Music Drama) Grade Four—Middle School Auditorium.
- 9:45 Tenth Grade Plays—High School Auditorium.
- 11:00 International Variety Show presented by Students—Grades 4-6. Songs, Dances, Dramatic and Instrumental presentations--Central Auditorium.
- 12:00—Lunch. Special international food sales by the International Club, Spanish Club, and class organizations.
- 12:00 Tabla Class—Elementary School students—Music Room Block D.
- 12:45 Tabla Class—High School students—Music Room Block D.
- 1:30 Eighth Grade Plays—High School Auditorium.
- 4:00 Piano Recital—High School Auditorium—Cheiko Kajiyama.
- 7:00 SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY—a dramatic reading by the Theatre Arts class—Shamiana.

Thursday, March 19

- 10:00 Elementary Circuit Training—Miss Sethi—Central Auditorium.
- 11:00 American History through Music, Dance and Drama—Middle School.

## Mexican Dinner Brings Latin Flavor to A.I.S.

The Mexican Hat dance was one of the main features of the Mexican dinner held by the Spanish Club on Friday, February 27. The dance was performed by Michele Gendron, Hilary Pearson, and Brendon Hondley. The Mexican food, which was cooked by the members of the club, consisted of *tacos*, *tostadas*, Spanish rice, candied peanuts, meringue, and punch.

The club collected 1,500 rupees from the dinner, which was attended by almost 150 people. They plan to put the money toward their goal—a trip to Spain this summer.

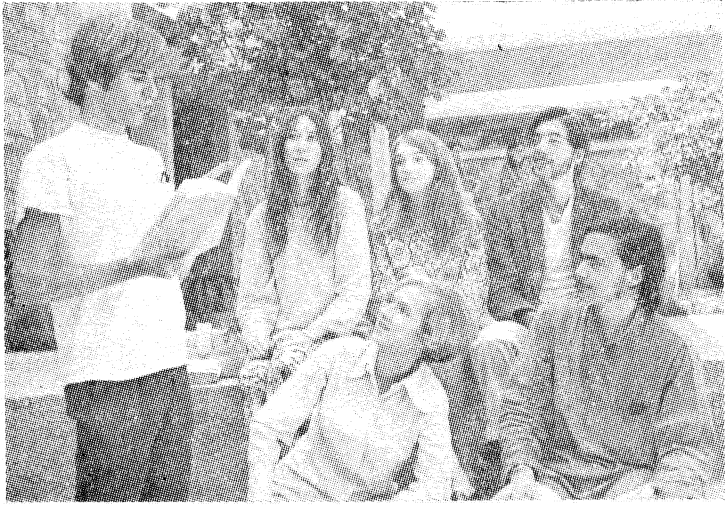
Next week will be your last chance to buy your copy of the 1969-70 A.I.S. Yearbook. 'YAAD' will be on sale on Wednesday, March 18, Thursday, March 19, and Friday, March 20 at the Botticap. The price will be Rs. 45. Those people who have already made their down-payments are requested to make their Rs. 20 final payments at the same time.

**FINAL YEARBOOK SALE !**

## Changes in Boarding Unit Life Become Numerous

"Life at the Boarding Unit is definitely shaping up", says Jeff Eckhart 11th grade Boarder, and there is a great deal of evidence in support of his opinion, to be sure. Approximately two months ago, a so-called Sounding Board was formed, with Bim Oakley, John Oakley, Alex Taylor, Sharon Rawlins, and Ann Boylan composing it. The purpose of this board, according to Dr. Perrelli, "is to provide some means of communication between the boarders and the Administration."

Since the founding of this group, there have been approximately seven meetings, where six or so boarders and one member of the Sounding Board, meet to discuss the problems, make complaints and suggestions and to hear the views of the Administration on some of their questions pertaining to the Boarding Unit. These suggestions are then relayed to the Administration by the Sounding Board member present.



Some of the suggestions that were brought up at the first few meetings were keys to the rooms, smoking in the rooms, and more laxity on the question of studying beyond the required lights-out time of 10:30. Within two weeks the first two requests were granted; boarders now own keys to their rooms and those with smoking permission are allowed to smoke in their rooms. However, this was not the end. All those who follow all the rules, which include:

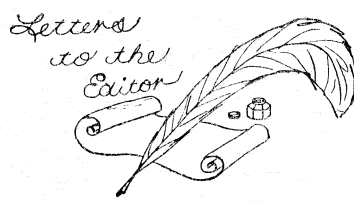
1. No rudeness to counselors or kitchen staff.
2. No foul language.
3. No rough-housing in the lounge.
4. Getting shots and medication when Miss Ramble directs you to.
5. Keeping one's room neat and tidy; and approximately 18 others, are allowed one free night out per week. The list of all those who have followed the 23-some rules, appears every Saturday. These people miss study hall and go anywhere they so choose one night per week as long as they are back in their rooms before 10:15.

At the last meeting held, a complaint about the state of the toilets in the Boarding Unit, and the possibilities of opening the Gym and Library at night were discussed. These are yet to be considered by the Administration.

## Honor Passes Issued

The Honor Passes have been distributed to all those lucky souls (or rather, brains) who achieved a 3.3 grade point average in the first semester. This pass is the product of about five weeks of negotiating and discussion on the part of the Student-Teacher Committee. The committee, consisting of Ken Krantz, Sid Wahid, Peggy Weaver, Mrs. Singh, Mrs. Wilder, and Miss Iverson are to be thanked for their effort.

The Honor Pass entitles its owner to roam the campus (except the Boarding Unit and Student Union) freely for study purposes. This pass is also a token of the recognition of students who are responsible; it is hoped that these students will not abuse this new privilege so that it may be continued in years to come.



**If no complaint is printed  
I will take my case to  
Mr. Curlett**

Dear Taj Times,

I have a great complaint I feel that you high-school snobs have *no right* repeat *no right* to do what you have done. The Jr. High musical "Oklahoma" had the *smallest* repeat the *smallest* headline print on the page. I feel you can't be given the right to control the school newspaper and to bring favoritism to the High School. Also you waste money on pictures for the high school (I know how much a block costs) and yet there was *not one* repeat *not one* picture for the Jr. High school (we represent 1/3 of the upper grades.) I feel If the senior class goes to see the president. It is not important to the whole school! What of the ESCP weather station? This project which is made up of mostly of 8th graders and some 9th graders has gone totally unreported. This project has been going on after three issues of your paper were printed.

The last straw was when I looked on the sports page I just about burned up. There was *nothing* that even remotely concerned with the Jr. high sports day!!! This is enough to make me sick. I am *so mad* that I could burn every copy of the Taj Times on the middle of the track during the high-school sports day.

yours unhappily,  
Lee Moore  
(Assistant producer for Oklahoma)  
(Chief Meteorologist)

Dear Lee,

Your complaints about Sports Day are completely justified. The omission was a mistake on our part.

With regard to your other remarks, if you have any unburned copies of the issue in question, you can see that the "Oklahoma!" story had the *same size* repeat the *same size* of type as the story of the Senior trip to which you objected. Also, the "Oklahoma!" cast was not announced until after our printer's deadline for receiving pictures making it impossible for us to print any pictures of "Oklahoma!". For more on the ESCP weather station, see page one.—Ed.



"Pertinax" to tour South India  
The fabulous Pertinax sound, which has enjoyed so much success in Delhi, will now spread throughout India. The group will undertake a USIS sponsored tour through South India during spring vacation. The tour will include stops at Bangalore, Madras, and Trivandrum. Pertinax has also accepted other, private jobs at Chandigarh, Kanpur, and other places.

## "ESSAY ON THE COW"

Written by a child

The cow is a wonderful animal, also he is quadruped and because he is female he gives milk—but he will do so only when he has got child. He is like God, sacred to Hindus and useful to men. But he has got four legs together. Two are forwards and two are afterwards.

His whole body can be utilized for use. More so the milk. What it cannot do?

Various ghee, butter, cream, curds, whey, kova and the condensed milk and so forth. Also he is useful to cobbler, watermans and mankind generally.

His motion is slow only. This is because he is of amptitudinous species, and also his other motion is much useful to trees, plants, as well as makes fires. This is done by making flat cakes in hand and drying in sun...

He eats 'empty vessels makes much noise.' He is the only animal that extricates his feedings after eating. Then afterwards he eats by his teeth whom are situated in the inside of his mouth. He is incessantly grazing in the meadows on grass.

His only attacking and defending weapons are his horns, especially so when he has a child. This is done by bowing his head whereby he caused the weapons to be parallel to the ground of earth and instantly proceeds with great velocity forwards.

He has got tail also, but not like similar animals. It has got hairs on the end of the other side. This is done to frighten away the flies which alight on his whole body and chastises him unceasingly, whereupon he gives a hit with it.

The palms of his feet are so soft unto touch, so the grasses he eats would not get crushed. At night time he reposes by going down on the ground and then he shuts his eyes like his relative the horse which does not do so.

Taken from "FRONT LINES" published by Agency for International Development.

THE	
 <b>Taj Times</b>	
NEW DELHI, INDIA	
Member, Columbia Scholastic Press Association	Editor Robert Murphy
News Editor Kenneth Krantz	Feature Editors Ajit Shah, Sarah Bohr
Sports Editor Ray Renfro	Exchange Editor Mary Bergartt
Staff: Lisa Chandrasekhar, Jassey Stajduhar, Sid Wahid, Laura Gordon, Greg Khachaturian, Anjali Maitra, Dolly Suneja, John Close, Liz Weaver, Pam Johnson, Ann Rieger, Peggy Weaver, Donna Robinson, Slim El-Atki, Gayle Grimes, Bronwyn Taylor, Cheri Hahn	Photographers Taka Yamanouchi, Greg Khachaturian
Cartoons Kathy Gregg	Advisor Mrs. Jacquelin Singh

What's gray and white, speaks with an accent, and gets out at 12:30? The British School, of course. As a matter of fact, when I walked across the street to visit it with the Taj Times editor, photographer, and a friend, I found out that out of only 230 students, there are forty different nationalities attending!

Having contacted the Headmistress beforehand, we found ourselves immediately welcomed by two sixth form students (12th grade), and a lady member of the staff, all of whom couldn't have been more friendly and helpful. As they took us on a guided tour of all the twelve classes, we discussed how their school differs from A.I.S.

Although the British curriculum does not vary tremendously from the American, it seems that because the students have to pass their O and A level exams before going on to a university, they tend to put the pressure on at an early age. For example, we walked into a classroom and were confronted by what looked like innocent twelve-year olds; but a closer inspection revealed that they were diligently studying Chemistry and Algebra. And instead of the Primary grades learning Hindi, as at A.I.S., they learn French.

Our British friends explained that in a class, children often work in different levels, thus accounting for the necessary ten to one student-teacher ratio. Essentially, every class stays in one room throughout the five periods of the day, while the teachers change around. That is, unless they have music or P.E. The boys are still trying to arrange a soccer team, and we insisted that they challenge us as soon as they gather their players.

At one point, we walked into the Chemistry room and a chat with the Headmistress, who was teaching just then. While the class continued conducting their complicated experiments, we asked if the British School had any sort of Student Government? At first, the response was no, which meant that officially the staff runs the school. However, they came to the conclusion that in comparison with other British schools, theirs was less formal, allowing the students a fair amount of freedom. We were amused when Adrian Dunderdale, one of our student guides, illustrated this by telling us he could go into the Head's office and borrow her cigarettes to smoke! We also noticed that there were no school uniforms, apparently to the relief of many.

All in all, I think both parties learned a lot about each other, after being neighbors, yet relative strangers for so long. I only hope we'll keep in contact with the fascinating people who attend the school that is not only gray and white, but also very, very friendly.



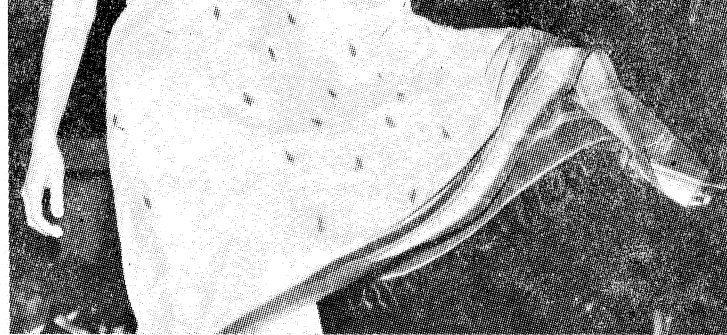
sponsored by Miss Krishna Kapoor.

The show was held at the Cottage Industry Production Centre where Cottage Industries and the affiliate company of Jugnu presented their latest designs to selected guests and buyers. Among these included the president of Lord and Taylor, and Jacqueline Iyer, the famous designer from London who was recently on the cover of Time.

Exactly how much work is involved in a seventeen-year-old girl standing in front of a mirror for hours can appear a very ambiguous question. But the models claim that indeed there was a great deal of work involved in dashing in and out of their more than twenty outfits and then attempting to stand still through the alterations as pins plunged into the cloths as well as themselves. But whatever went on during the practices revealed some positive results.

The day of the fashion show is just as foggy as the practices were vivid. It was a mass of confusion and there are only vague memories of butterflies, everything seeming to go wrong, spilled coffee, smudgy eye-makeup, wrinkled dresses, doors opening at very embarrassing moments, imbalanced clothes-racks tipping over, frantic shrieks in different pitches of "Who stole my hairbrush?", vague recollections of someone "trying" to help you into the next outfit in the 60 second intervals and a continuous drone of "You're next and you're going to be late." Then a mad rush on stage only to discover that it wasn't you being called and the sudden mortification that you can't remember if anyone zipped you.

The 40 minute show comes off with a bang—and all too fast the two weeks of practice are in the past.



"I never thought of myself as a model," said Veenu Wahal modestly. However, this 19 year old graduate of A.I.S. has proved she has the makings of one.

## College Acceptances

More and more college acceptances are coming in now and the Taj Times would like to congratulate the following students who have recently been accepted.

\* \* \* \*

**Fred Hopper** was accepted at Western Kentucky, his first choice college in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He chose it in view of many things, including its basketball, its good business school and its small size. Fred plans to major in Business Administration.

\* \* \* \*

**Sid Wahid** has been accepted at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peters, Minnesota, his first choice because of its small size and its good Area Studies program. Sid plans to major in Law.

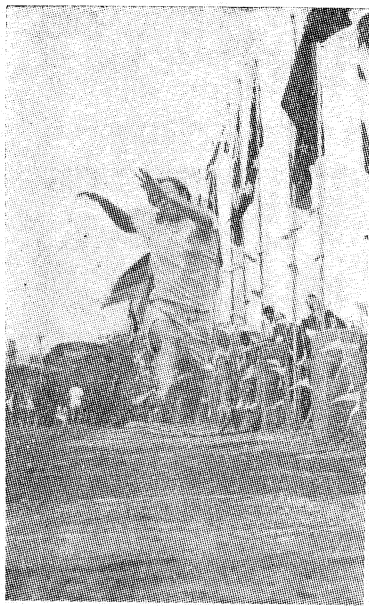
\* \* \* \*

**Lisa Chandrasekhar** has received her acceptance to "Academic Year Abroad" which entitles her to spend her freshman year in Paris, France. There she hopes to learn French fluently, while attending a French university and living with a French family. This would be in lieu of her freshman year in a U.S. university.

Employed for the past two years in the A.I.S. High School Office, Veenu has previously lived in New York for three years, Beren, Switzerland four, and Nepal for three. She moved from the States in 1965 and entered A.I.S. in the latter part of her ninth grade.

Two years ago, she went to a modelling agency in Delhi, which was training models for fashion shows at the Oberoi. After two weeks she was dropped with the statement, "Sorry, love, you'll never be a model." However, one month later, Veenu disproved the remark by being picked by Pierre Cardin to model in his Delhi showing along with Marisa Berenson, one of the top ten models in the world. At the conclusion of the show, Mr. Cardin predicted that eventually Veenu would be the top model in India.

Since that eventful day Veenu has done several shows and openings around Delhi. She's also tried her hand at commercial modelling and has been very successful. So far, she has had approved and released two calendars, and an advertisement for heaters and a still-be-released for a cigarette company. Also to her credit is an internationally shown television commercial for Lux soap. However, Veenu insists that she does not enjoy commercial modelling and does not think she will pursue modelling on a commercial scale in the future.



Dave Lawrence as he leaps for second place in the long jump. First place however, went to Rob Johnson who excelled along with Vikram Garg in the annual sports day. In the girls' section Sarah Bohr and Karen Egler turned out exceptional performances. The Seniors beat the Juniors by a narrow margin of seven points—110.5 to 103.5. The Sophomores defeated the Freshmen in the underclassmen competition with the final score 107 to 95.

### Pan Am Defeats B.O.A.C. And A.I.D.

Pan Am beat B.O.A.C. and A.I.D. in its first two practice games, opening up a new season in basketball. The Pan Am team, selected from the A.I.S. basketball team, started a new season on Thursday, February 26. They defeated B.O.A.C. 24-12. Pan Am played a fast and accurate game while B.O.A.C., fast at first, broke down on defense in the later parts of the halves.

In their second game, Pan Am escaped by a narrow margin by beating A.I.D. 32-30. The teams, equally powerful, had one major difference: while A.I.D. lacked the speed of Pan Am, they made up for it with their passing and deadly accurate long shots, which made Pan Am rather uncomfortable as the score was very close throughout the game.

Three games left :

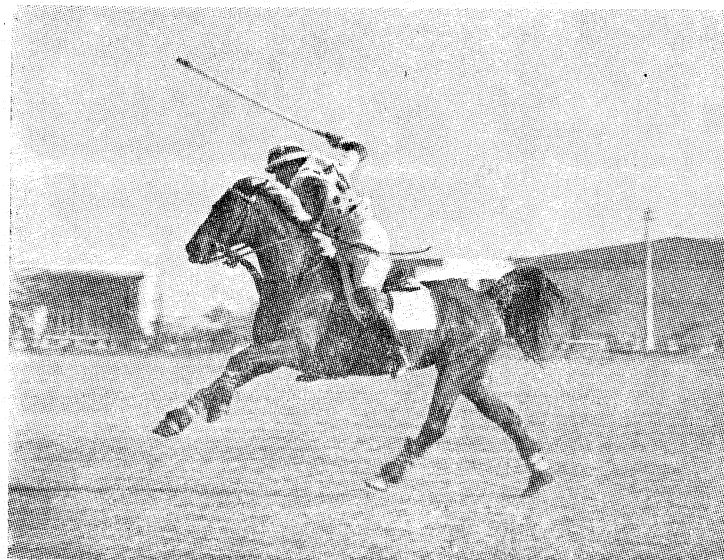
## A.I.S. SLIPS TO FOURTH IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

After playing three more games the A.I.S. softball team is two games away from first place. Their standing was boosted in a game against the Dolphins on Saturday, February 21, as Rob Johnson slammed two home runs and three RBI's to lead A.I.S. to a 6-4 victory. But the game was tense and the difficulty the team had in beating the last place Dolphins was a preview of the next two games.

The following day, A.I.S. led first-place B.O.A.C. for almost four innings and hopes of a victory were high as the team held on with a tight defense and strong hitting. But the strength that has made B.O.A.C. the league's best team finally wore A.I.S. down and they lost by a score of 4-3. But they deserve full praise for a fine effort.

The third game against T.W.A. on March 1, was a bit demoralizing as A.I.S. was defeated 10-3. Though Rob Johnson again slammed two homeruns, A.I.S. just could not cope with the T.W.A. batting power.

With three weeks left before the end of the season, the league is headed for a tight finish. There are no less than three teams contending for first place and who will win is anybody's guess. A.I.S. has three remaining games and deserves the entire support of the school. They deserve to finish at the top.



Polo :

### Indian Sport on Horseback

by Angus Thuermer

Polo originated in India and is perhaps one of its oldest sports. The game is played on horseback and the teams number four members each. Each player carries a stick and with it attempts to hit the ball into a goal (much like soccer).

The score is not always even at the start of the game. Each player has a handicap which is meant to indicate his polo skills (measured in points i.e. 0,+1,+2,...). A good player will have a higher handicap. Handicaps of each team are added up and the team with the lower total is awarded a few goals in compensation depending on the difference. The game begins and for seven and a half minutes the eight mounted players gallop up and down the three hundred yard field. Hooking sticks and riding off, which is charging an opponent at less than 45 degrees, is permitted.

Each 7½ minute period is called a chukker. A game usually consists of four of these. If you have 32 ponies every one can have a fresh mount each chukker.

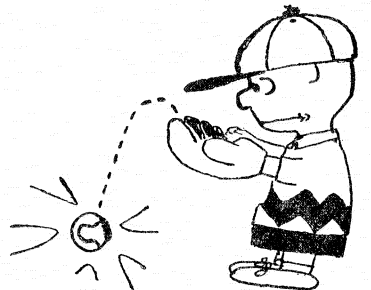
Although the season has just ended in Delhi, tournaments are now being played in Jaipur and will be held in Bombay.



Intense concentration is evident in the Girls' Seventh-Eighth Grade obstacle course, which was won by Lynette Bushnell. The out-standing participants of the day were Lynette Bushnell with five Gold Medals and Karla Dorfield with four. In the Boys' Division, congratulations are given to Pat Hall with four Gold Medals and Seichi Sugiyama with two. The Eighth Grade won the meet with a total of 130 to 82.

## Sports

## Reviewed



With what cannot be called the best cooperation from the rest of the student body, the Boys' Athletic Association organised and carried through an Interclass Football Tournament. The tournament closed with the seniors and the sophomores in the finals. The seniors had earlier beaten the juniors in a close game with the final tally at 6-0. The sophomores earned their place by touching the freshmen in a game they won by eighteen points. The final game played on February 23 was a well fought one, as the sophomores are concerned even though they were two touchdowns behind at the close of the game.

The seniors got their first chance on the second play with an interception. The '70 quarterback, Chris Collins, made full use of the gift and ran all the way for a touchdown. Not much later the sophomores equalized with a good play and a touchdown by Tim Short. The seniors then made use of the weight they had and Jerry McArdle went down the middle for another touchdown. From then on the underclassmen seemed to lose heart, and the game was dominated by their seniors. Towards the end of the game Chris Collins took a leisurely 60 yard run and then went for an extra point to seal the fate of the sophomores with a final score of 19-6.

On Tuesday, February 24, the Marines defeated a group of seven A.I.S. students, piloted by Chris Collins, by 13-0. The two Marine touchdowns were scored by Eddie Wright.

### SPOT NEWS

A.I.S. 3 U.C.I.L. 8

(game played on Saturday, March 7).

A.I.S. 9 Cobras 8 (girls)

(game played on Sunday, March 8.)

### Congratulations to the

Girls of the Class of '70

"KABADDI QUEENS"