

Tests Trouble

With the advent of semester-end one's thoughts clammyly turn to considering grades and the smoking aftermath of the battle of Algebra I.

Narimasu's teachers, we may be relieved to know, employ the most scientific measures in determining student marks.

One math instructor showed us a "little black box" designed to elicit a smile of envy from the most discriminating Russian espionage agent. Attached to a pupil's telephone at Momote Village, it automatically samples math problems discussed over the wires and quickly registers "tilt" in the grade book.

Andre Gide would gasp at the device perfected by one English teacher. In a wooden maze tray there are ten fat white mice and one hungry brown one. The whites bear dyed numerals from ten to zero; the starved brownie has an F on his back. To find a grade, the instructor places food in the center of the maze; the loosed mice scurry to locate it. The first two mice into the food locker show the grade to be given.

The clever touch is the fact that the whites are soggy with rich food and seldom make a match for the West Side boy who was born to lose.

Good luck with finals!

The Nippon Bride

Her costume resembles that of ancient times; the gown and long outer dress are both made of white silk called "Shiromuku" which stands for purity. Her hat is as big as a bag, called "Wataboshi", made of floss. The purpose of the hat is to hide the face from other men. This custom has been gradually changed since the Meiji period; nowadays she wears a hair style called "Takashimada". The liberal translation is "hide your horns". The hair accessories are made of tortoise shell, signifying that the bride should always take a reserved attitude, follow her husband obediently and never intrude on him.

Another hair accessory, the "Tsuno-kakushi", is worn to remind the wife to be tolerant and to refrain from the evils of jealousy.

College :

Is It For You??

This business about admission to college has had seniors worried since the day they entered high school, and I believe it's time someone stepped in to clarify admission procedures.

The first step is to pretend he's interested in no more than three colleges and write for their catalogs and admission blanks. You will be sent the catalog of the schools which, by now, you must have talked yourself into thinking are the best in the country.

It is always a good idea to read the catalog before filling out the admission blanks. However, campus conscious seniors are complaining of the boring material and lack of pictures this year. Nevertheless it's always convenient to know whether the tuition of the school is \$800 a year or \$8,000.

The admission blank is often three or more pages in length. Before attempting to read, let alone fill out, this autobiographical trilogy, one would be wise to: 1) buy a magnifying glass, 2) buy a theless it's always convenient to know whether the tuition, 3) consult a physician as to the correct tranquilizer, and 4) practice writing your name in a line one and a half inches long.

Applicants often run into such thought provoking questions as: How did you spent the last two summers? (really), How many hours a week do you study? (before or after homecoming?), and Have you ever had a serious emotional illness? (that's what you avoid here by consulting your physician.)

But wait! that last question... what does it say? DO YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP? That, my friend, is the most loaded question to ever confront the American students. The answer in almost every case is "yes, of course, I want to be considered," and the applicant finds himself in a new realm of excitement; that is, how to get this scholarship.

The applicant is now informed that there are a series of tests specifically designed to determine whether or not a per-

In This Corner . . .

With Tom Zeidler

We realize the New Frontier enables youth to blaze new paths. But must they do it between the B. X. and the school at lunch hour?

Our freshman friend down the hall says he likes his locker on the bottom. But, afterall, how many guys are only 3'8" tall?

It is rumored that the Grant Heights Snack-Bar is going to install fast get-away ejection seats complete with panic buttons for students.

Teacher: Given an example of an agrarian society. Student: A farm?

Overheard in the cafeteria: Never in the field of student-teacher conflict have so many run so fast for so little.

One husky athlete declared, "All who fail the Kennedy Physical Fitness tests should be made to wear shirts emblazoned with the initials F.F.F. You know—"Fisical Fitness Flop".

Hall chatter: "Those scholastic letter sweaters at Zama are certainly absurd, aren't they?" "Yeah, they sure are over-emphasizing education now."

We are told that President Kennedy does not have any lost love for those who are skeptical of his Medicare plan. In fact, the President's view might be considered antiskeptical.

son deserves a scholarship and collect a fee of up to \$15 for allowing him the honor of playing "Little Fooler" some evening after school. Among these tests are the PSATACTSATAPP. (Now let's see, where do those commas go?) Along with ability, the student is informed that he must show need of financial aid whereupon the excited senior sets about to destroy his father's business. If he doesn't succeed, he gives his father the scholarship financial form that will enable the Internal Revenue Department to complete the job.

"Classical Query"

Medusa, Medusa

In days that were olden
Did you touch up your snakes,
Turning copper to golden?

Though snakes through the
ages

Have never grown grey,
They do tend to wander;
They go after prey;

They take to the water;
They slither while wet—
Did you envy your victims
Their permanent set?

—by Doris P. Buck

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