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Huber & Thoren Win Costume Prizes



Left: Mr. Peterson hands Sadie Hawkins Dance costume contest winners Jim Thoren and Pat Huber their prizes. Right: Sadie Hawkins Dance participants Sandy Garrison and Steve Oien relax on the sidelines.



Pat Huber and Jim Thoren won the costume contest at the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance on November 21 in the Narimasu High School gymnasium. Jim Thoren, who was dressed as an Indian, also won the costume contest at last year's Sadie Hawkins Dance, when he came as a typical Dogpatch male. Pat Huber, dressed as a country girl, received a rolling pin for her

prize, while Jim Thoren was given a wooden gavel.

The "Juniors", a Japanese rock 'n' roll band, provided the music for the Junior Class sponsored Sadie Hawkins Dance. Refreshments were available at the Mountain Dew Stand, and a jail awaited all unescorted boys. Sheriff Bill Herrmann rounded up the jail-bait and kept them in jail until they either escaped

or were bailed out by a girl.

The "Marryin' Sam" booth was staffed by Tom Elliot, Travis Beckham, Brian Killen, and George Knox. Many students took advantage of the opportunity for a cheap marriage, some of them even resorting to polygamy.

The gymnasium was decorated as a Dogpatch community, complete with hay and shmoos.



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"White Christmas" Snowball Theme

"White Christmas" will be the theme of the 1959 Senior Class sponsored Snowball, it was announced today by Senior Class president Pat Huber. The Snowball will be held December 21 at the Washington Heights Officers Club from 7:00 to 12:00 p.m. Tickets were sold for the Christmas season formal at \$4 per couple.

Glittering snowflakes and evergreen boughs will decorate the ballroom. The decoration committee is headed by Joan Seitz.

Music for dancing will be furnished by the Imperial Orchestra, but the floor show for the evening is being kept a secret by Dave Hudson, program chairman.

Taste buds will perk up at the menu planned. The appetizer, a

shrimp cocktail, and soup will be followed by a main course of lobster or filet mignon.

Special guests invited to the Snowball are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Bedell, head of 5th Air Force schools, Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Meyering, assistant in charge of 5th Air Force schools, Mr. and Mrs. Oral O.

Davis, Superintendent of Tokyo American schools, Major and Mrs. Raymond H. Stan, and Lt. Col. and Mrs. William M. McCain.

Sheila Tippins, dance chairman, requested that everyone be on time, because the reception and punch will begin prompt at 7:00 p.m.

Sensu Wins Yearbook Award

The 1958-1959 SENSU, last year's Narimasu yearbook, received a first place award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, it was announced recently by Dr. Florence H. Hay, SENSU faculty advisor. Stan Goldberg was editor-in-chief and Helen Kearney was assistant editor of the high school annual. This was the second

time that the SENSU had received a first place award in the yearly competition.

The yearbook was cited by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for its original, fresh approach. Dr. Hay, commenting on the award, said, "I am proud of my editors and staff, and hope that we will do as well or better on this year's SENSU."

Music Dept. Enters Shows

The Grant Heights Chapel was the scene of the Christmas concert presented by the Narimasu chorus and band on the evening of December 13. Traditional and modern Yuletide selections were offered.

Sue Eddy, Cathy Davis, Dolores Petrosky, and Margaret Smith each rendered vocal solos. The soprano and alto sections of the Senior Chorus presented carols in French, German, and Spanish.

The final number, "One World" ended the successful program in the true Christmas spirit.

Students In Concert

Ten Narimasu students participated in a concert sponsored by the Rotary Club of Saitama Prefecture held at Urawa City on December 6. Eight selections were provided by the Narimasu Music Department.

David Needham rendered a piano solo, while Barbara Hauser and Barbara Franz were heard with a flute duet. Pete Omlansky soloed on the clarinet, and John Foren played the saxophone.

Bill Colon, Dolores Petrosky, and Margaret Smith presented vocal solos, while Joan Seitz and Silvia Bosley sang a duet.

The students were accompanied by Mrs. Arlene Peterson, their director.

Music Festival Entered

On November 9, the Narimasu Music Department entered eight selections in the elimination contest at Yoyogi School. Four selections were chosen from the entries of ten schools to represent the Kanto Plains area in the International Music Festival at Yokohama to be held December 12.

Two of the finalists were David Needham, who played "Moonlight Sonata", and Joan Seitz and Sylvia Bosley who rendered a vocal duet of Beethoven's "When Twilight Weaves."

Hospital Sees Sick Teachers

Miss Oveda Poag, guidance counselor, was welcomed back to school recently after having been released from the Tachikawa base hospital. Another faculty member, Mr. Allan Peterson, is also in the Tachikawa hospital and, as yet, has not been released. The Narimasu students and teachers extend their best wishes to Mr. Peterson for a speedy recovery.



By Darius Dragon

The time of Christmas cheer is nearly here.

At the approach of the wintry blast, many things are pursued with the cool breath of Christmas abetting. Around Narimasu, it has been noticed that such clever lures and traps are set as would do justice to any huntsman. I am referring to snares set up by the feminine creatures in order to equip themselves with knights for the night of the Sno-Ball. These were noticeable in the fact that the damsels were much more genial and were induced to conversation more easily. Also they were more readily available for help in time of need. This is as it should be by today's standards, but in my father's time (the Cro-Magnon run-around) men "konked" a girl over the head to take her someplace. How much fun it would be to be that beastly now!

It is regretful that the turkey has been capitalized upon to the degree it has. Meaning turkey dinners at the time of good cheer. The poor bird must feel pursued, just as others are, here at this snowy season. Wouldn't it certainly be better to have some traditional dinner of asparagus, okra, and Brussels sprouts? Before you know it the turkey will be sent back to Istanbul, or wherever... or it might become as extinct as we dragons.

Remember, you have to come back after New Year's.

EDITORIAL

Who's Coming For Christmas?

The western world's attitude is one of peaceful progress. At year's end our yearning for tranquility is especially evident. Gaudily so, we think, after a stroll along San Diego's Broadway or Omaha's Dodge Street or Chicago's Michigan Boulevard.

But this is Japan and one may suspect without fear of being far wrong that the tinsel and trappings along the Ginza

are of commercial, rather than Christmas, inspiration.

As westerners with deep religious convictions we would do well at this time of year to make a lie of communist words that say our interests in the east are mercenary and selfish.

How? Well, why not begin by sharing a part of your Christmas with local citizens in some way?

It's really all up to you.

Senior Spotlight

"Typical Teenager"

Senior Tom Elliot was born 18 years ago in Los Angeles, California. Tom is 6'1" tall and he weighs 155 pounds.

"Typical Teenager" Tom likes steaks, girls, parties, Frank's Steak House, beatniks, and Japan.

He has a green '56 Tanaus, a fiendish desire to beat Sterling Moss in a drag, and the ability to talk himself out of anything ("Who, me?").

When he graduates from the University of Southern California, Tom wants to become an engineer.

Confirmed Rebel

Joan Seitz, 17-year old vice-

president of the Senior Class, was born in Takoma Park, Maryland, but she claims Virginia as her home.

She likes cats, blue, piroshkis at Mano's, pizza, the Confederacy, excitement, horseback riding, and tall boys (she's 5'10").

Joan dislikes asparagus, boredom, and short boys who stare up into space at her, and say, "Why are you so tall?"

After graduation, she will attend the University of Michigan to become a nurse.

Her words of wisdom to underclassmen concern good old Japan. She says simply, "Grin and bear it." By this, you can tell that her greatest ambition is to return to the States.

OFF THE RIM Santa, Send Me...

...with Tim

Draggin' Wagon

You wouldn't believe it unless you saw it, but Senior Roy Quinn's '57 Volkswagon has only two cylinders, and can do 85 m.p.h. This 30 h.p. terror is a brown hardtop with red leather upholstery and fuzzy brown sheepskin side lining.

It has a floor shift with four forward speeds and one reverse gear. Roy says that this makes it easy to speed-shift when he gets on the highway (Where can you find highways in Japan?)

Although he has plain black tires at the moment, he plans to get whitewalls soon. Other changes he hopes to facilitate are a radio, fuel injection (Good grief! A 140 m.p.h. Volkswagen!), and headlights to replace the ones he now has that blink on and off as he goes down the street.

Roy's seems to have quite a reputation for doing doughnuts in the smallest space available (In school yards, too?). He also claims the world's record for car-packing. Last year, he packed 46 boys in, on, and around it. Before that, he had jammed 28 inside with the door closed.

Dave Hudson: Elevator shoes.

Vicki Johnson: Cash register for all the money collections to which she falls heir.

Travis Beckham: Electric typewriter without keys.

Yvonne and Yvette Miller: Name tags.

Pete Omlansky: Someone nice to carry his little clarinet.

Gary Ponder: Curlers for those long red locks.

Naomi Tokubo: One film contract, any movie studio.

Jim Sawyer: A new car, any brand, model, color, condition, year...

One Anonymous Teacher: Gold plated BX card.

Sherron Nishioka: A handkerchief for those sad English classes.

Lindi Stilger: A "Dear Lindi" letter from the States to place her back in circulation for a wistful junior.

Pat Huber: A monogrammed pitch pipe and a wicker basket.

Brent Goodrich: About six new auto mufflers.

Susan Nishimura: A few pairs of eyeglass frames.

Mrs. Laura Bell: Diamond studded-collar for her French poodle, Fifi.

Mr. John Lay: A black and white ivy-league cap to go with his shoes.



"It was the eternal triangle that ruined us. She and I were both in love with her."

Herd in the Halls

Mr. Fred Dachinger is taking singing lessons.

Coach "Bud" French climbed Mt. Fuji twice in one day last summer.

Susan Weller, wary of trespassers, once ordered from her private beach stroller Charles Van Doren.

Mrs. Arlene Peterson is studying the Japanese language, and can already order boiled octopus in a restaurant... but doesn't like it.

Bus monitors were so thrilled with the receipt of their new badges that they wore them all day long. Craig Norton wore six!

Mr. Al Peterson of the faculty, feeling that singer Eddie Fisher needed some "toughing up," once assigned him to a bone-bruising armored battalion for training.

Have you seen (or heard) the weight-lifting contests at lunch time between Brent Goodrich, Roy Quinn, and Tim Stinson? 1964 Olympics, here we come!

The girls in Miss Reike's first period gym class really seem to stay young... want it fun playing "Ring Around The Rosy", "London Bridge Down", and "Farmer in the Dell"?

Student Council President Russell Roberts, while in an elevator on route to the Somerset Maugham exhibit, asked a British gentleman behind him, "Do you know if the British Ambassador is here today?" The man replied, "Yes, I am."

Have you found your "lost" locker yet, Pat?... Pretty big moving job. (Tom!)

Some folks just can't remember their Dad's names—take Charlie Swann, for instance.

Who were the four girls from Washington Heights who were at Mano's at 2:30 in the morning?

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Maugham Seen In Tokyo



Three seniors, Russell Roberts, Pat Huber, and Terry Milne, from Dr. Florence Hag's fifth period English IV class, visited the W. Somerset Maugham exhibition in downtown Tokyo on the 17th of November. The famed English author was opening the exhibition: a collection of photographs, his works, and a manuscript.

The three students were introduced to the aging person-

age by his personal secretary. At the same time they met the British ambassador to Japan. Inadvertently the seniors were ushered into a private party for the author, but they were not at a loss and made the best of the opportunity.

Mr. Maugham is in Japan for a rest, but on this day nearly 1000 people were crowded into the small exhibition room to see him.

NIPPONOTES

by
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Years ago many people in Japan did not celebrate Christmas. Instead, they looked forward to New Year's Day.

On the night of December 31st, the entire family stays at home to help one another prepare for the next day. It is a custom in Japan not to do any work on New Year's Day.

The family works together in the late hours of the night and at twelve o'clock it is customary to eat o-soba (Japanese noodles in hot soup). They then retire with the food and the house fully prepared for the next day.

On New Year's Day the young children receive presents from their parents and the older ones receive spending money.

The day really begins with breakfast when everyone drinks amaz (hot soup with rice cake). After the morning meal the family then begins visiting all their friends.

At every house they receive food and o-sake (Japanese wine). Visiting their friends expresses the wish to continue their friendship in the new year.

Edo-ko's Tokyo

The title may have stunned you for a second. Let us explain. 'Edo-ko' is a nickname for and proudly accepted by the Japanese born in Tokyo. To be called an Edo-ko lends a conspicuous pride which gives him something to boast about.

An Edo-ko's Tokyo is a man's city of good, busy living. "Fires and lights are the flowers of Edo" is a popular expression. 'Edo' is the old name for Tokyo when it was the capital of a powerful Oriental empire.

Tokyo still possesses the old shadows of the capital and empire; the old tales tell stories of these Edo-ko's.

Now these expressions and lives seem to have been succeeded by a faster life, yes, but also by a more reasonable type of life.

An Edo-ko's memory of Tokyo may be one of a middle-aged man in gray long johns singing a Japanese lullaby to the baby on his back, with a rattle in his hand. Above, the red sun blazes down the still sky as it sinks toward the horizon.

Runners-Up Named

Five Seniors at Hartman High School have been cited for outstanding performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last spring. Each has received a formal letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Principal R. H. Marshall announced December 4 that the Seniors so honored are: Thomas A. Emmons, Henry P. Gilbert, Brent Goodrich, Patricia A. Huber, and Margaret R. Kurashita.

Letters of commendation are being awarded to some 27,000 students from all over the United States in recognition of high performance on the test. While these pupils did not achieve the status of semi-finalists in the 1959-60 Merit Program, they are outstanding and deserving of special attention. The letters provide tangible recognition of superior ability, and it is hoped that the recipients will continue their education, and thus benefit not only themselves but the entire country.

Club Hub-bub

GAA

The girls are continuing to work for their letters. They are planning a sports day when any girl who wishes may participate. Chess Club

The Chess Club has a tournament planned for after Christmas.

Science Club

Members are now discussing a planned trip to the planetarium in Tokyo and a visit to the hydroponic farm at Chofu.

Hiking Club

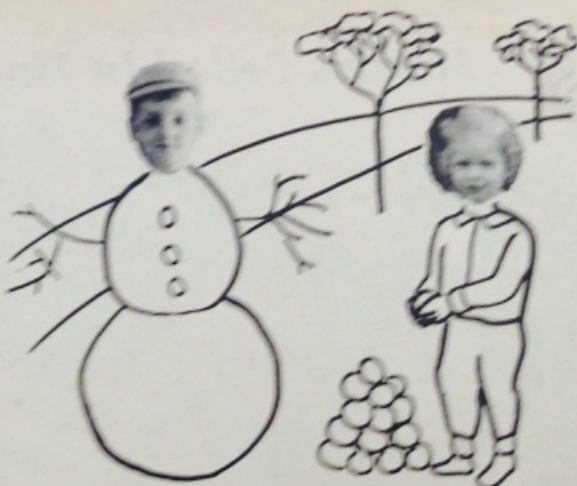
The Mitaka Mountains will present a challenge to the members of the Hiking Club on their next scheduled field trip.

Cagers' Calendar

BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

10 Dec.	ASH at Hartman
10 Dec.	1959-2000 vs.
11 Jan.	Hartman at Zama
11 Jan.	1959
15 Jan.	Christian Academy at Hartman
15 Jan.	1959
22 Jan.	Hartman at Y-RI
22 Jan.	1959-2000
25 Jan.	Edmond at Hartman
25 Jan.	1959-2000
29 Jan.	Tamato at Hartman
29 Jan.	1959-2000
30 Jan.	Hartman at ASH
30 Jan.	1959-2000
1 Feb.	Zama at Hartman
1 Feb.	1959-2000
12 Feb.	Hartman at Christian Academy
12 Feb.	1959
15 Feb.	Y-RI at Hartman
15 Feb.	1959-2000
19 Feb.	Hartman at Edmond
19 Feb.	Tournament: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
20 Feb.	Hartman at Tamato
20 Feb.	Tournament: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Kool Kids Make Quiz



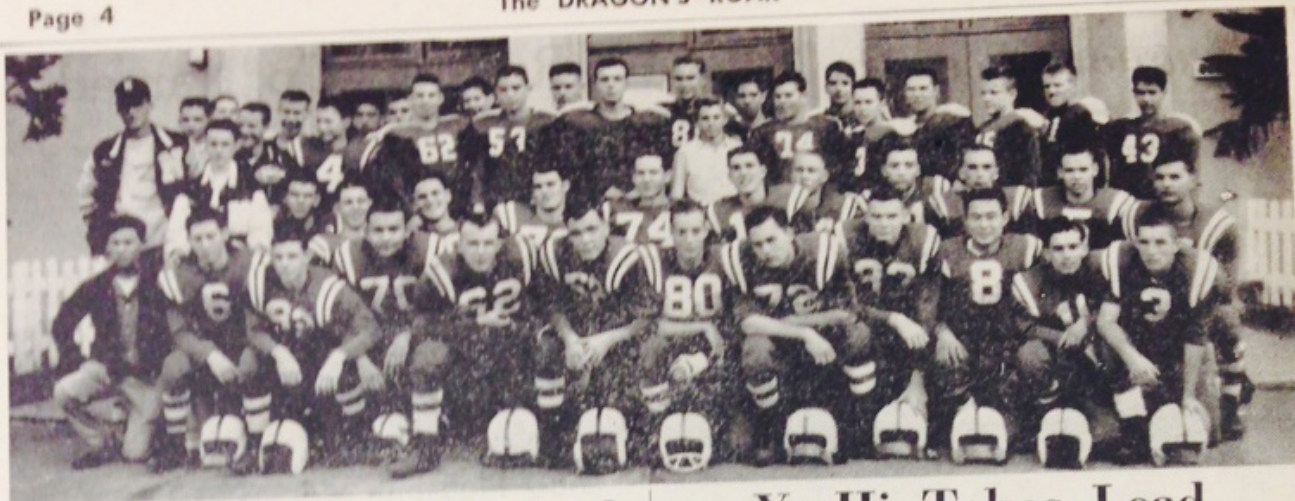
Did you guess who the girl was in the baby picture of the last issue? If not, her name is Sue Rainey. Now try to guess who the Kool Kids are in this picture. The following hints may help you.

The girl is a blonde, 5'2" sophomore who has lived at Grant Heights for the last three years and will probably live there until she graduates. Though she was born in North Carolina, she claims South Caro-

lina. She is famous for making A's on algebra tests and does well in her other classes too.

Also pictured is a popular junior boy, whose well-known talent is playing a musical instrument. He can be recognized by his walk. Though he is not handsome—in fact, he is quite an extrovert—he claims to be girly.

Do you know the names of the two "kids" yet? They will be announced in the next issue.



Football Banquet Held

The annual Narimasu Football Banquet was held Tuesday, December 1, at the Grant Heights Officers Club. The banquet, sponsored by the Narimasu Pep Club, was attended by varsity and junior varsity players and their fathers. Carol Gibbons, mistress of ceremonies, and the cheer-leaders added beauty to the festivities.

After a buffet of chicken and roast beef, Mr. Oral Davis, superintendent of all Tokyo schools; Mr. Russell Marshall, NHS's principal; and Mr. John Lay, assistant principal, said a few words to their audience. The guest

speaker was Colonel Harold Emerson.

Cliff Yost, junior Dragon coach, handed out junior varsity letters. Then Coach French, with an amusing anecdote about each, had the varsity lettermen stand and introduce their fathers. A trophy in return was given to the coach by the team. Films of some of the games were then shown.

Others at the guest table were Mr. Glen Bedell, head of all schools under the 5th Air Force; Mr. Richard Meyering, assistant in charge of schools under the 5th Air Force; and Charles Sutton, assistant NHS football coach.

Yo-Hi Takes Lead

The Dragons wound up their 1959 season in second place, one half game behind the league-leading Yo-Hi. Of the ten games played, seven were won, two lost and one was tied. All football activities ended with a banquet at Grant Heights Officers Club where letters were given out and films of the football games were shown.

One hundred and ninety points were scored by the Dragons while 72 were scored against them during the year. Charles Swann, who scored 57 points, was high scorer; Harry Hallman, 26; Ed Cox, 23; Bob Wilson, 19; Al Estes, 18; George Knox, 12; Pete Omlansky, 10; Gordon Johnson, 6;

Tom Elliot, 6; John Dougherty, 6; Bill Roy, 6; and Smokey Edwards with a lone safety for two points. The team totals were 29 touchdowns, 14 conversions, and one safety. Total opponents scores were 11 touchdowns and 6 conversions.

Students Stomped

The annual Faculty-Junior Class basketball game was held Friday, the fourth during 6th period. The faculty, Coach "Bud" French, Richard Spaulding, Mr. Fukuzumi, Airman Charles Richards, and Mr. Wayne Spangler, outplayed, outpuffed, and outscored Mr. Moore's juniors, 17-11. Two five minute quarters were played.

During the half, Dr. Florence Hay, Mrs. Nina Fling, Miss Jane Austin, Miss Madge Rieke, and Miss Rosemary Thiede cheered on the teachers with energetic spirit.

Comical George Knox provided the laughs during the game while Mr. Spaulding scored heavily for the faculty. Coach "Bud" French kept his dumb-founded opponents guessing with fancy ball handling.

Meiji Wins

Friday the 13th proved unlucky for the Narimasu Dragons as they went down to their second defeat of the season at the hands of a tough Meiji University team, which was first in its league.

The Dragons started the scoring when Al Estes caught a pass and went 25-yards for a touchdown. The try for the extra point failed. The half time score was 7-6.

Charlie Swann ran 82-yards putting the Dragons ahead 12-7. Meiji bulled over for their final touchdown. Their conversion attempt was good and the final score was 14-12.

Falcons Felled In Final Game



On November 21 the Narimasu Dragons routed the Falcons of Johnson 20-6. Johnson scored in the first quarter on a pass thrown to Max Peterson. The favored Dragons had one of their passes click when Gordon Johnson passed to Kenny Smith for a 35-yard gain but it was too late in the half to capitalize on this gain.

In the third quarter the Dragon offense moved at will.

Harry Hallman caught a pass and went over for the first Narimasu touchdown. Charlie Swann pushed over the line for the extra point, putting the Dragons ahead 7-6. The second touchdown was made after Al Estes made a run that put the ball on the 1½. Bill Roy plunged through for the marker. Once again Charlie Swann converted.

During the fourth quarter a disputed play, which the referee called offensive interference, penalized Johnson 15 yards, putting them deep in Narimasu territory. The Falcons lost the ball with another attempted pass which was deflected into John Dougherty's arms. He plodded for the third and final touchdown. The game ended in Narimasu's favor 20-6.