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It is no disgrace for a man
to fall down,
But it is a disgrace for him
to stay there.
Abraham Lincoln

STUDENT COUNCIL STARTS NEW SEMESTER WITH VARIED ACTIVITIES

The members of the Student Council are very busy this semester and are doing a fine job. One thing of importance is that they are writing a new Student Council Constitution.

The Student Action Committee is still working on the new bus plan and should do something about it next week.

Something that should be taken into consideration by all students is that the Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide contest for the design of a Narimasu Student Council Seal. Further particulars will be announced in the daily bulletin.

The council is making handbooks for students visiting our school. The handbooks will include all information about Grant Heights, such as the location of the Snack Bar, the P.X., the library, and the theater. They will also include a schedule of games. The booklet will have the history of N.H.S.

AMERICANISM CONTEST CLOSES TODAY

Narimasu students have been participating in an essay contest sponsored by the National Sojourners, Tokyo Chapter No. 267. The essays are titled "I, the Mirror of Americanism" and have been written in the English classes during the past week. Today is the closing date for the contest.

The English teachers will choose the best essays, and these will be judged by a National Sojourner committee. Derwood typewriters, the four second Prizes will be awarded in the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior divisions. The four first prizes are Un-Bulova wrist watches, and the four third—Parker pen and pencil sets. Twelve honorable mention certificates will also be awarded.

The purpose of the contest is to lead the students to a better realization of the importance of being good Americans.

JUNIOR FASHION SHOW IS BIG HIT

On January 17, the Junior Class presented a delightful fashion parade to the student body in the gym. Paul Douglas was the announcer and Anne Lindgren narrated the proceedings.

The models for the afternoon were as follows: Benny Heikkinen, Miss Lead; Charles Post, Miss Fortune; Johnny Pruden, Miss Fire; Stan Fulcher, Miss Construe; Tony Stricker, Miss Celaneous; Frank Nakamura, Miss Pronounce; Jim Haun, Miss Labeled; Don Allen, Miss Formed; Jack Bartholet, Miss Chosen; Bruce Wirick, Miss Informed; John Carns, Miss Taken; Jim Coons, Miss Constitute; Ned Ashford, Miss Marked; Stafford Thomas, Miss Calculation; Peter Dobbs, Miss Dabbed.

The contestants in their borrowed finery strutted across the floor accompanied by delighted howls from the audience. No serious mishaps occurred, but a few had with the unaccustomed high heels and too-tight or too-long dresses as they clomped daintily onto the stage. The Miss Narimasu Contest was close, but the winner by applause was Miss Lead, alias Benny Heikkinen, clad in a simply ravishing low cut gown that threatened to embarrass its wearer at any moment by falling off.

Benny received a potted plant for his efforts. The plant may be seen in Mr. Beshears' room—the latest trophy of the Junior Class.

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

—First Annual Address to both Houses of Congress (January 8, 1790)—Washington.

Mr. Hoffman Visits School

Mr. Hoffman, our former principal, returned to Japan from Okinawa for an official visit. He came to attend an Air Force conference which was held in Nagoya. After the meeting, he came to Tokyo, Friday, 1 Feb., to visit Narimasu. He expressed pleasure at the renovation and decoration, some of which he had helped plan last year. He was also interested in the details of the arrangement for the printing of the *Dragon's Roar*.

After his visit at Narimasu, Mr. Hoffman dined at the home of Mr. Marshall. He departed for Okinawa by plane Saturday, 2 Feb.

INSPECTING THE PRIZES:
LEFT TO RIGHT: MAJOR H.F. RILEY; MR. MARSHALL; MISS LEAMER; LT. COL. F. F. RILEY



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What's Wrong Here!

The halls are quiet and almost deserted. Only a few straggling students are left in the school. A janitor pushes his broom along, cleaning up the refuse of another hectic day. Joe, Mary, and Bill are overheard talking as they rush out of the hallowed halls to the freedom which lies beyond.

"Whew, what a relief," sighs Mary. "I thought the semester would never end," says Joe.

"Boy was I lucky to get that D in algebra," remarks Bill.

They sound pretty happy about the semester being over, don't they?

Mary started out the year with a bang. The first six weeks her report card registered straight A's. Then she went out for cheerleading. It was loads of fun, but there just didn't seem to be much time left for homework. Oh, well! Who wanted to be on the honor roll anyway!

With Bill things went wrong from the first. He couldn't seem to get along in class. The teachers always rubbed him the wrong way. A rather stubborn individual, he couldn't take being told to get his homework in on time or to study for tests. Toward the end of the semester he wanted his schedule changed. His excuse? "The teachers and I have personality clashes."

Joe really didn't have any problems. School just came naturally to him. He didn't need to study very hard, for his grades never dropped below a B. In fact, he considered all of his subjects as pretty boring. In the classroom he slouched over his desk and stared ahead at nothing. One of his teachers was overheard to say that she didn't think Joe would pep up

BACK TO STUDIES



if the President himself walked into the room.

What's wrong with Mary, Bill, and Joe? Nothing, really. At least, nothing that a new semester can't cure. Mary needs to pay attention to her studies as well as her outside activities. Bill needs to change his stubborn attitude to a more co-operative one. Joe needs to pep up and add a little enthusiasm to his school work. Maybe you need to change your attitude toward school, also. Why not start the new semester off right by analyzing yourself and getting rid of any little mental blocks or barriers of indifference which stand between you and effective school life? Remember, "now is the time!"

It's time to renew your subscription to the **Dragon's Roar** for only 30 cents. Come to Room 111.

MANY STUDENTS MAKE STRAIGHT A'S

Congratulations go to you for reaching the highest goal.

3rd six weeks:

Fred Wills 12; Elizabeth Fisher 12; Peggy Sugars 10; Susan Sanda 10; Pixie Gardner 10; Pam Closson 10; Jody Faust 9; Nancy Annis 9; Lou Ann Cook 9; Charles Robinson 9; David Smith 9; Susan Smith 9; Marianne Stanley 9.

1st Semester:

Elizameth Fisher 12; Lois Eppley 12; Susan Sanda 10; Judy Gorman 10; Pam Closson 10; Diane Clinton 10; Russell Roberts 9; June Kelly 9; David Smith 9; Susan Smith 9; Marianne Stanley 9; Larry Honeycutt, 9; Lou Ann Cook, 9; Jody Faust, 9.

Enrollments:

Who's Who

"Black Denim Trousers and Motorcycle Boots," could very well be the theme song of Bob Vice, who hails from Lawton, Oklahoma. Bob played guard on the Narimasu football team. He likes motorcycles, girls and Pizza, and for some reason dislikes cherry pie. He plans to go back to the Z. I. in June and attend Lawton Junior College and later go on to Oklahoma U. to study engineering.

Another "kid" from the cow country is Miss Sandie Ward. She hails from Chandler, Arizona.

Sandie arrived at Haneda in May, 1955 and is scheduled to leave this May. She has a passion for Spanish food. Sandie plans to go to University of Maryland and become a dental technician.

Happy Birthday to Fred Riley, a Grant Heights resident, who came from Vienna, Virginia.

Fred arrived in the Orient October 26, 1955, and got a favorable impression of Narimasu. He likes bowling and bingo.

Fred will attend West Virginia University, after spending some time in Hawaii. He would like to be a member of the F. B. I.

Back of the Boy

Back of the boy is Wilson,
 Pledge of his high degree,
 Back of the boy is Lincoln,
 Lincoln and Grant and Lee;
 Back of the boy is Jackson,
 Jackson and Tippecanoe,
 Back of each son is Washington,
 And the old red, white and blue!

Edmand Vance Cooke

CAN YOU IMAGINE

A fat Bill Ball.
 A tall husky John Pruden.
 Fifi and Sonny slow-dancing together.
 George Howell living in Japan for ten years.
 Carolyn Avery with ducks.
 Abby McAree taking after Charlie.
 Gussie smoking a hairy cigar.
 (Paramecium)
 The Varsity beating the Wash. Hts. T.A.C.
 Dobbs as president of the student council.
 J.H. with a shaved head.
 Getting an A is Miss Leamer's class.

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You say

Do you like to eat in foreign restaurants? I know some great places....

She says

Well, yes, I just adore good French cuisine.

She thinks

Let's see you worm your way into Rocky's this time, you cheapskate.

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CLUBS

JUNIOR RED CROSS

On Tuesday, January 29, 31 students from Taito Commercial High School in Asakusa visited N.H.S. Four adults from the Japanese Red Cross accompanied them.

Each member of the Junior Red Cross took two guests with him to all his classes. Box lunches were furnished by club funds.

After school the students were asked to sit in on a Student Council meeting. Due to transportation difficulties they were not able to see the basketball game scheduled that afternoon.

Block Club

There was a Block Club meeting, Thursday, the thirty-first of January. It was called for the benefit of the football players. All those who participated in football last fall got a look at their football pictures, both individual and group pictures. Any football player who wants copies of these pictures should contact the photographer at the Grant Heights Photo Shop.

The Block Club has no immediate future plans.

Funny But Fun

Marian Eppley and her sister's boyfriend, Don Hoffman, had a pretty rough and tough battle on Monday—with what? Snow of course!!

Carol Stephens, what is this we heard about you going to church in Tokyo and in less than two and one half hours your car had four flat tires? By the way, whom did you say you were with???

Mrs. Curtis visited the music room to see how many curtains are needed to dress the windows up. Miss Johnson's comment on the subject was "We're getting curtains!"

Rhythm rocked the Stevens' pad last Saturday night plus a broken window as the result of a snowball fight. Hmm, Jim?

There is one thing which is very noticeable at school this week—the increase in blonds and the decrease in brunettes. Can you think of an answer?

Hey Cathy, I heard your boyfriend got on the wrong bus the other day and it took him four hours to get to your house. Jim's party at Wash. Hgts. was a big success; it would have been better if some one hadn't taken something from Larry's saddle bags...

The additional rooms just built on the Tachi Club should keep the chaperones running back and forth... It looks like ? and Vice are having a sideburn growing contest; both are cycle tramps.....

Students who drive vehicles to school have been requested to leave them home.... how's that for democracy...

KAYE ZIMMERMAN WRITES LETTER FROM SCOUT CAMP IN PHILIPPINES



"Hi!

Well this is my third day in camp and I'm enjoying myself thoroughly!

I'm living in a native nipa hut along with six other girls: five Filipinos and one girl from Singapore. The camp is divided into five regions, Central Luzon (that's where I am), Southern Luzon, Northern Luzon, Mindanao, and Visayas. Each region is divided into four units and each unit is divided into patrols. The patrol I am in is named "Kayumian" meaning "modesty."

The people here are wonderful. They're so hospitable and nice. I wouldn't mind staying after the encampment is over.

Before the camp started I stayed in the home of a very, very nice Philippine family. They were wonderful to me and the other two girls staying in their home. We were escorted all around Manila and its suburbs. Manila is a beautiful city but considered dusty and dirty by its inhabitants. They should see Tokyo! Compared to Tokyo, Manila is fresh, green, immaculate, and not the least bit dusty.

Here in camp, reveille is at 6:00 a.m., and taps is at 10:00 p.m. I haven't figured out why, yet, but I am so tired by the time 10:00 p.m. comes around. In fact, I missed campfire at 7:30 p.m. the other night because I was sound asleep.

I'm beginning to think that I am a celebrity. I have given my name and address to more people than I can count and most of them are strangers. I also have been photographed so much that I feel like a highly demanded photographer's model. And—hold onto your hat—I was photographed for a newsreel.

I'll tell you more when I return.

Sincerely,
Kaye

"Lips that touch wine shall never touch mine," said Suzie.

And after she graduated, she taught school for years and years and years and years.

Class News

SENIOR

Gary Hampsch, a member of the senior class of Narimasu High, has just received the highest honor given in the Boy Scouts of America. Gary received his Eagle Scout award at Fuchu Air Station Theater on Friday, February 8, at 7:25 p.m. He is a resident of Johnson Air Force Base, where he lives with his parents, M/Sgt. and Mrs. Lester E. Hampsch.

The **Dragon's Roar** staff wishes to congratulate him on his good work.

Don't forget your class dues (of \$2:00) should be paid by 3:30 today. Give the money to Geri Bogle.

SOPHOMORE

The sophomore class, still has the same officers, and will keep them at least until they have had their party. You will hear more about the party in the next issue of the **Dragon's Roar**.

For the benefit of the new comers, the class officers are as follows: President, Terry Yamauchi; Vice-President, Roger Hoffman; Secretary, Virginia Wiessinger; and Treasurer, Jennifer Harris.

Mrs. Flemmings' sophomore class (as well as all students) is getting ready for the big essay contest. For this semester, they started studying essays. The **Dragon's Roar** wishes everybody the best of luck on the essay contest, and may the best man win.

ART DEPARTMENT

In the art department, Mr. Browne's classes have just finished cutting down the trees, after having converted half of the room into the "Forest of Arden," for Shakespeare's play, "As You Like It." The whole class had to recite the renowned "Seven Ages Of Man," from Jaques speech; "All The World's A Stage."

By the way, the seven ages are:

1. Infant
2. School-boy
3. Lover
4. Soldier
5. Justice
6. Pantaloon, and
7. Second Childishness

This six weeks, Mr. Browne's art classes will be copying masterpieces.

Ins & Outs

William Hamling; Arlien Davitt; Raymond Bozeman; Sandra Brown; Carol Lowens; Patricia Ganell; Hazel Haigh; Joe Truitt; Daniel Hubbard; Jerall Williamson; Thomas Elliot.

Withdrawals:

Margaret Patterson; Roy Blackwell; Thankful Anne Westfall; James Wright; Deanna McMinn; Ray Brantly; Lawrence Edgar; Karen Woodbury; Garole McGeath; Harry Sharkey; Chesley Judy; Barbara DuPare; Jimmie Dean Adams; Glenn Medeiros; Jo Nell Rountree; Donald Grissom.

SPORTS

N.H.S. VS. Yo-Hi

On the 18th of January, the Narimasu Dragons defeated the Yo-Hi Red Devils, by the safe margin of 58 to 45.

The Devils from down Yokohama way hopped off to an early lead and were winning at the quarter, nine to six, but their joy and their lead were both short-lived, as the varsity settled down and took the lead away from the Devils and never gave it back as the scoreboard indicated at the half when N.H.S. was winning 23 to 15.

The Red Devils came out for blood, especially that type of blood which is blue and is native to the members of the Dragon Clan, but they got mixed up and, as the scoreboard showed at the end of the game, slit their own throats; the score: 58 to 45.

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Martin	9	4	22	5
Muneno	2	2	6	0
Nolte	4	2	10	3
Flynn	2	5	9	5
Aoki	1	2	4	3
Watts	1	0	2	1
Cooper	2	1	5	2

N.H.S. Bows to Educational Univ. J.V.

The N.H.S. Dragons were handed their first defeat of the season Friday night in a non-league thriller by a score of 47 to 43. Led by K. Tanaka with eleven points, the fast-breaking Japanese team ahead to victory after lagging the first half.

High point man for the Dragons was Jerry Nolts with fifteen points, followed by Roy Martin thirteen. The Japanese were having a lot of difficulty getting rebounds during the first half, when Watts, Nolte, and Martin were controlling the boards.

After N.H.S. outpointed them, the first half by a score of 25 to 21, the Educational University J.V. five dropped in nineteen points to the Dragons three, leaving the Educational University J.V. five out in front by a 40 to 28 count at the third quarter. The last quarter found Narimasu High really pouring on the coal, but not quite enough to top the Japanese team. The game ended, finding Educational University on top by a score of 47 to 43.

NAME	FG	FT	TP	PF
Martin	6	1	13	3
Muneno	2	0	4	2
Nolte	7	1	15	1
Cooper	1	1	3	3
Aoki	1	1	3	3
Flynn	0	1	1	0
Watts	1	2	4	2

Some School Room Answers

Gravitation is that if there were none we should fly away.

A circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle.

There are two parts to a sentence, the subject and the predicament.

DRAGONS DOWN MEGURO MUSTANGS—92 to 50

The N.H.S. dragons took their fourth in a row as they downed the Mustangs of Meguro at the Mustang's home gym, 92 to 50 on the 25 of January.

Narimasu got the tip and took the lead which they never lost as they ran the score up to 24 to 12 at the end of the first quarter.

At the end of the first half, Coach Lott sent the second string in. They increased the lead to 92 to 50.

N.H.S. TOPS KITANO

The N.H.S. Dragons topped Kitano High School here on Tuesday afternoon, 5 February. The N.H.S. five got off to a fast start and held the lead all the way through the game.

High point man for the Dragons was Jerry Nolte with fourteen points, followed by Roy Martin with twelve. Martin and Nolte also were tops in the rebounding department with twelve rebounds a piece.

High point man for Kitano High School was Wakabayashi with twenty-five points taking scoring honors for the game. This left the Dragons with eleven wins and only one loss for the season so far and a five and nothing record in league play.

J.V. TAKES MEGURO J.V.—35 to 19

The Narimasu junior varsity took the floor against Meguro at 6:30 on the 25 of January and by 6:40 they had a lead that they never gave back as they won 35 to 19.

The game was not half as exciting as the game a week earlier was but it gave the members of the team other than the first five a chance to play.

J.V. NIPS YO-HI

The Narimasu junior varsity beat the Yo-Hi J.V. 48 to 45 on the 18 of January, on the Dragons' home floor.

The J.V. game was a real thriller down to the final horn. Up to the third quarter, the scoreboard read in favor of the Red Devils, as at the end of the first half, the score was 22 to 19 with Narimasu on the low side of the score. Finally in the third quarter, the N.H.S. J.V. got hot and pulled away until, going into the fourth quarter, the score was N.H.S. 35, Yo-Hi 29; after gaining this lead the Junior Dragons never gave it back and went on to win 48 to 45.

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Yamauchi	3	4	10	0
Fletcher	1	0	5	5
Solverud	10	7	27	5
Hardy	0	0	0	5
Keyser	0	2	2	2
Ball	2	0	4	2

To others, this semester also means a last chance for the year. I only hope that they take advantage of their chances; I would if I had it to do again.

I am now attempting my version of "Custer's Last Stand," and hope that I can be successful. To me and to others this second semester means another chance for self-improvement.

J. V. Beats Christian Academy

The Narimasu J. V. won its fourth game of the season by beating Christian Academy Friday night, February 2, by the score of 34-26.

Throughout the entire first half of the game the lead changed hands several times with the half-time score reading 12-12.

At the start of the second half the J. V. began hitting with Solverud and Fletcher controlling the backboards; and Ball, Fletcher, and Yamauchi hitting for the points. The Junior Dragons upped their lead to 25-14 at the close of the 3rd quarter.

The fourth quarter really saw some action with the boys from Christian Academy staging a desperate rally and the Junior Dragons trying to hold the lead. Although the Dragons were outscored in the fourth quarter, they maintained enough lead to win: 34-26.

High men for J. V. were Fletcher 8; Ball, 7; and Yamauchi, 7.

Hawls from the Dragon

Truman "Hot-rod" Solverud, was high point man for both varsity and junior varsity the night of the Yokohama games.

If Jack "Little Jake" Hardy keeps hitting on those long shots of his, he bound to catch the coach's eye.

A good question to ask Terry "Black Jack" Yamauchi, is why does he get less fouls called on him than any other player who starts.

Roy Martin, also known as "Felix the Cat", was high for the varsity game against Yo-Hi.

Congratulations to Ed "Flyer" Flynn and Jerry "Jumpy" Nolte, you both did a fine job of covering the backboards.

The way Earl, Ed, and Hito are taking care that the other team doesn't get the ball is enough to drive the other team's coach nuts.

So far, it looks like Narimasu is going to be the home of the league's varsity and junior varsity titles for this year.

Pep Club

The Pep Club at Narimasu has been busily drawing up its new constitution. It will be voted upon at its next meeting. They have been discussing plans as how best to turn out best big crowd to cheer our team on in the coming basketball tournament. We sincerely hope that everyone who possibly can, will attend these games to lend moral support to Coach Lott and the team.

You say

Let's dance. They're playing a great jitterbug number.

She says

Oh, let's sit this one out. I'm a little tired.

She thinks

Look lead foot, If you think you're gonna get me on that floor again....!