NARIMASU SEES NEW $2200 CAMPUS PROJECT

Narimasu High's campus began to take on a new aspect of dignity last week when the Student Council's landscaping project got under way. This project has long been sought after, and dreams are beginning to come true. Plans to beautify the school embrace some 36,000 square feet of campus area and will cost the Council some $2200.

The landscape project includes the planting of shrubs and trees, now in progress. Grass lawns and winding flagstone walls are to be laid after this school year.

The new campus will provide a place where high school students can spend their lunch hour on sunny days. At that time, they will be able to use the area as a place where they can eat lunch.

It is planned that the substantial costs of completing this operation will be paid for by Student Council sponsored events coming up this year. Under consideration at present are plans for an early bazaar and carnival. Also scheduled is an assembly featuring Japan Olympic Team members.

Coach French Hospitalized

Mr. John French, Narimasu's football, basketball, and baseball coach, has been admitted to Tachikawa Hospital with an eye defect. His condition is reported as serious and it is reported by school officials that he will be hospitalized for a period of seven to ten days for tests and therapy prior to an proeation. The convalescence period will be lengthy.

According to first reports, the eye defect resulted from an injury to the retina on the right side. The operation will be preformed later in the month after the eye has responded to treatment.

The Narimasu student body express hopes for a speedy recovery.

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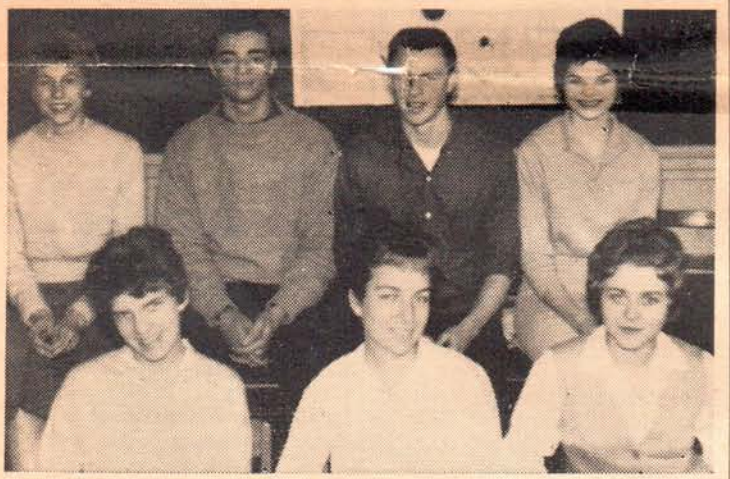
Prom Committee Chosen



Pictured above are the chairmen of the Junior-Senior Prom committees. On the top row, left to right are: Sandi Groh, George Knox, Bob Schmitt, and Donna Grant. Seated on the bottom row, left to right are: Julaine Wolcott, Pat Hendry, and Terre Stanford. Dee Smith, also a chairman, is not pictured.

The 1960 Junior-Senior Prom is set for Friday, May 6. The dance will be held at the Washington Heights Officers' Club. The time has been tentatively set from 7:00 to 11:30. The program will consist of dancing, dinner, a floor show, and the crowning of the king and queen.

Pat Hendry is chairman of the Prom Committee. The chairman of the Invitation Committee is Donna Grant; Terre Stanford is Decoration Committee chairman; chairman of the Dinner and Seating Committee is George Knox, and Bob Shmitt is Entertainment Committee chairman. Julaine Wolcott is Publicity chairman.

37 Take Ski Trip

On February 19th, 37 students went on the annual senior-sponsored ski trip. The students stayed at Shiga Heights, the place used last year.

They left Shinjuku station around 11:15 Friday night. Twenty miles from Shiga Heights they left the train they had been riding and caught an electric Wolcott is Publicity chairman train. This train took them to a small town where, they then rode a rented bus for one hour to the Shiga Heights Hotel, the place where they stayed for the next three days.

The left the hotel and began the return trip on Monday, February 22 (Washington's Birthday.) The students arrived in Ueno station at 8:30 that night.

Student UN Convenes

Five American high schools and a number of Japanese high schools will participate in a mock United Nations Assembly at Johnson Air Base, March 25.

A debate concerning four resolutions—(1) a resolution to admit Red China as a member of the U.N., (2) a resolution to adopt a total disarmament program for the world, (3) a resolution to place the Algerian question before the General Assembly for arbitration, and (4) a resolution calling for a censure of Red China for its aggressiveness in Tibet—will be the main items on the agenda. Prearranged speeches will be heard from participating students.

Twenty-two Narimasu students from Mr. John Lay's and Mr. Charles Moore's psychology classes will represent the following countries: Union of South Africa, Cambodia, Finland, Nicaragua, Ghana, Liberia, Brazil, and the Netherlands.

An award will be given to the best speaker of the day.

Sophs Plan Dance

Saint Patrick's Day is the theme of the Sophomore Dance which is to be held on Friday, March 18, at the Grant Heights Officers' Club.

Special highlights of the dance are to be a king and queen crowned and honored, and a door prize given to a lucky person with the winning ticket. Also on the agenda is a floor show planned for good entertainment.

The Sophomore Class officers are inviting all sophomores and their dates to come to enjoy this delightful dance; it promises much in the way of a perfect evening.

Tickets have been on sale since March 1, for $1.50 each.

Congratulations

It was officially announced on February 22, that Mr. John Lay, vice principal, and Miss Rosemary Thide, business teacher, plan to march to the altar sometime in the future to be joined in the bonds of matrimony. Congratulations on your engagement from the student body of Narimasu.

Poo! Foo!

Joe Brown is from the States, as are the majority of students in the Tokyo American High School. He is well liked and is a fairly good student. Joe is familiar with things too — nobody could tell you better than he about the different pools, movies, clubs, and other American facilities in the surrounding area.

Don't ask him about Japan, though. He couldn't tell you much about it. Joe isn't really interested, for he's "going home in a year or two, so why put out any efforts?" as he says. Why see Japan's shrines, or hear its legends? Why learn any of the language or become familiar with its people, their ways, and their customs?

Joe has been in Japan for two years but he's never seen the Buddha at Kamakura, nor gone to a cherry blossom festival at Nikko. He has seen Fuji, but has never climbed it. And chopsticks are completely foreign to him.

Sure, Joe is in Japan, but he is not really living here. He has a wonderful opportunity, but he never bothers to put forth the effort to enjoy it.

MEANWHILE BACK IN THE STATES

Robert Pierce, student at Bayside High School, Bayside, Long Island, will hear an electrifying countdown at Montauk Point this summer when the Army assists as he launches his eight-foot seven-inch homemade rocket.

The neophyte scientist, who first experimented with rockets two years ago, began working on this, his largest missile, over a year ago.

The rocket, result of a $200 investment on Robert's part, is designed to carry either a radio or a small animal and a motion picture camera. It is powered by a solid fuel pellet which will be put into the rocket by ordinance authorities.

The missile is controlled by a pendulum device that serves as a gyroscope to keep the rocket on its course. It will travel at a speed of approximately 460 miles per hour, and is expected to reach a peak altitude of five miles.

Senior Spotlight

Cute, pert Peggy Hopkins, who is 5'5½" has brown hair and hazel eyes, is the female subject of Senior Spotlight. Peggy, who hails from Washington, Georgia, first made her appearance in this world on June 30, 1942. She has been at Narimasu for her junior and senior years and was a homecoming attendant this year.

Peggy likes steak, Bill, blue, people (any kind), stuffed animals, green eyes, blond hair, all sports and toboganing(!!!). She dislikes mineral baths(!), snobs, and liver.

In closing, we would like to add that she is grateful for Nish's jacket (very!), Bill (what, again...?), and friends....

Pretty kool gal, huh?

If it were not for a certain person called "Smokey" (James Thomas) Edwards, this school would probably be lots quieter but a lot less fun than it is now.

Smokey, who was co-captain of our varsity football team, has green eyes, sandy brown hair, and stands 5'9½". He was brought into this world on July 20, 1942 in Rosepine, Louisiana.

Smokey's likes include girls, money, motorcycles, S.W., and cards(?). He dislikes snobby girls, unfriendly people, and loud pants. He's grateful for friends, football, and graduation, but can't stand YO-Hi, getting beat, and ... cheerleaders who make mistakes ...

You can always tell when he's coming down the hall by the sound of "hmmmm....."

Oops who put the tack there!

Staff Shots

The room behind thos forbidding words, "OFF LIMITS TO ALL STUDENTS," is occupied by Mr. Tsunekatsu Tokuhisa, our laboratory assistant. He is in charge of the printing equipment and supplies for the chemistry and biology classes.

Although he was born in Nagoya, Mr. Tokuhisa is now making his residence in Tokyo, where he graduated from Meiji University. He was married two years ago, and now has a son.

He has been associated with Narimasu for seven years.

From the clear, intent expression on the faces of the boys grouped around the receiver, it was obvious they were completely engrossed in the odd, shrill sounds coming from it.

The boys were members of the radio club of Central High in San Antonio, Texas, and this was a typical afternoon code-practice session. This club is an organization with a farsighted purpose. Hembers are aided in obtaining an amateur operator's license and in improving their techniques and operating skills.

Ten boys in the club have already obtained their licenses and some of them have six-

"The Little School Boy"
(with apologies to Eugene Field)

The little school lock is red with rust
But sturdy and staunch it stands,
And the little school boy is determined or bust—
To open it with his hands
Time was when the little school lock was new
And would open with nary a care
And that was the time that our little school boy
Bought it and put it there.
"Now don't you open for anyone else," he said,
"And lock up all my books."
So, troddling off to his classroom cares
He thought of his girlfriend's good looks.
And as he was dreaming a teacher approached
And thumped him on the head.
"Go out and get your books, my boy...."
He quickly did as was said.
But as he was struggling to open his lock
A horrible thought did occur—
Oh! his woes were many,
His woes were long,
For the wrong lock did he secure.
Aye—wrongly did he lock his books
With a lock he could not force,
So down to the office he quickly ran
To tell Mr. Marshall, of course.
Now he wonders (with books in his lap)—
Those problems: he's trying to solve 'em.—
Why did the office have that saw
To help him with his problem!

—Jill Collings

ATTENTION ALL CAMERA BUGS

How many of you like to take pictures. Well, you'll want further details about a leading film company's new contest for high school students, which closes March 30. You can win as much as $400 and gain national recognition and salon prestige. This year color photography will be accepted, as will as black-and-white pictures. A notice is being posted on the bulletin board in front of the library. Miss Walling has further details.

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Take My Advice . . .

What "advice" have you received that has benefited you?

Hoping to pass along some gems of wisdom, Dragon's Roar staffers print answers to a survey held to learn about such advice and to see whether anyone was using it.

"My dad told me to stay away from girls," was Freddy King's comment.

"Mind your own business!" Margie Dowsett snapped. Was that her advice to us?

"Father told me to use my own head and not anyone else's answers." This was the wisdom imparted to David Hudson.

"My dad gave me this advice: Don't do anything halfway." This is from Kenny Smith.

Bob Livingston says that the best advice he had ever gotten was from his dad, and this is: "Marry a rich girl!"

Sid Brain protested, "I never received any good advice!"

Hattie Hood gives this old standard to us; "Find out what you want and stick to it or with it."

Charles Edwards was told by his favorite teacher, Mrs. Laura Bell, "Behave and keep your mouth closed!"

Barbara Evans had this to say: "Yearn for much, hope for little, and ask for nothing."

Marlene Wolcott said she was told to learn to control her temper because, "No one likes a hot-head."

Jim Sawyer had a bit of advice to give to all, "Stay clear of mineral baths", his advice was given to Tom Elliott.

Bill Murray's best advice can be gotten by others here at Narimasu because it was given by Peggy Hopkins; it was concerned with how to get along with girls.

Dear Diary

What a Tournament!

Wednesday, March 2

Left school at 10 o'clock after much confusion getting suitcases and uniforms on the bus and taking pictures.

Arrived at Zama at 12:15 after a very hectic ride. We were stopped for speeding and had to take a collection of 2,700 yen for the driver to pay his 3,000 yen fine.

We arrived at our BOQ after dropping the boys off at theirs and discovered that we had one of the players' suitcases. (Gary Ponders)

We talked to the Okinawa cheerleaders (They're neat and friendly too!) They shared the same floor with us.

Dee and Carol went to dinner and the rest of us went to see Okinawa play Zama — "Oki" won! We found out that Johnson lost to ASIJ.

Came back to the BOQ at 10:30 and everyone ("Oki", ASIJ, and a few Yo-Hi cheerleaders) came to our room.

(Dee J. and I spilled coke all over the room.)

"Oki's" sponsor is a riot! She had on the cutest outfit (Red Japanese PJ's and a funny hat.) The "Oki" players are going to Tokyo tomorrow.

Joan Seitz and Myra McCall are staying in BOQ near ours.

Carol and I stayed up till 2:00 making pom poms for the game tomorrow afternoon. We play Itazuke!

Thursday—March 3

Carol, Dee and I went to the beauty shop to get our hair fixed. What a mixup! We didn't get in until 12:30 and the game started at 2:30. We made it by the skin of our teeth! Oh, adventure!

We stomped Itazuke 54-33. (Tomorrow we play Yo-Hi!!) Afterwards we went to the PX and saw lots of Narimasu kids (sure was good to see familar faces).

Charlotte Ware, Sharon Sears, Carol, Dee, and I came back to BOQ and got dressed. Boy is this room a mess!

We went with the Oki cheerleaders to dinner and on the way we found out that there are 130 steps from our building to the bottom of the hill (or should I say mountain).

Everyone left the O.C., for the game, except Carol, Sue and I. We stayed and played bingo.

It's 11:30 now and I'm exhausted! Boy, what a day!

Friday, March 4

Got up at 7:30 (we were supposed to get up at 7:00 and went to cheerleading practice at gym. Some of the boys watched the girls.

What a fabulous game our guys played! We were so proud of them. Yo-Hi was about 12 points ahead and we caught up to only a two-point margin. We lost 54-49. Just wait till next year!

What's Doing at NHS

On Saturday, February 27, the Narimasu Historian Society had the opportunity to tour the Imperial Palace Grounds. Furnished with a guide who spoke English fluently, the visitors learned about many historic incidents about the huge walls and the various building. Although it was rainy and cold, everyone walked around the course and a few took snapshots. Mrs. Helen Gelwicks, the society's sponsor, Mrs. Nina Fling and Mrs. Roberts, mother of our Student Council President, went with the group.

Junior Red Cross

Sophomore Naomi Tokubo was elected by the members of the Junior Red Cross to be their new treasurer. The former treasurer, Barbara Franz, has left Narimasu for the States.

Seniors' Skiing Successful

On February 22, Narimasu's seniors returned from the annual senior ski trip to Shiga Heights, resort in the heart of the snowcovered Japanese mountains.

With them they brought memories of humorous times when they went sliding down the hillside on their backsides and cozy evenings around the fireplace.

The train ride up to the resort was eventful. The group left Shibuya Station at 11:00 p.m. Friday Most of the boys were singing "My Buddy" at the top of their lungs. Midnight snacks were popular, especially to someone who had canned sardines.

At the hotel, each room was shared by eight girls, while the boys were grouped similarly in other rooms. This made for much exchanging of clothes, canned American food (the seniors could have lived for weeks on these), and setting each other's hair (girls, of course).

Everyone was up till all hours of the night throwing snowballs and just frolicking about. Ask Peggy, Becky, about the rides they took in the hotel's sled.

The seniors returned to dear old Tokyo on Monday, Washington's birthday. A few brave girls went to school the next day, and, being Narimasu's most esteemed class, everyone was glad that they were still alive.

Dragons, Give 'ema cheer!

On behalf of Narimasu's student body, the Dragon's Roar would like to thank the cheerleaders for all that they have done to boost the school spirit and cheer our team on.

Few realize the time and effort that these girls have put into perfecting one of the best cheering squads in the Far East. Throughout the football and basketball seasons and the recent tournament, they have spent about 75 hours of practice to be letter-perfect during the games.

Jill Collings, Dee Johnson, Karen Capell, Pat Hendry, and Carol McCain, the varsity cheer-leaders, have pep and heart. They have kept on cheering when the students were no longer wholeheartedly backing the team.

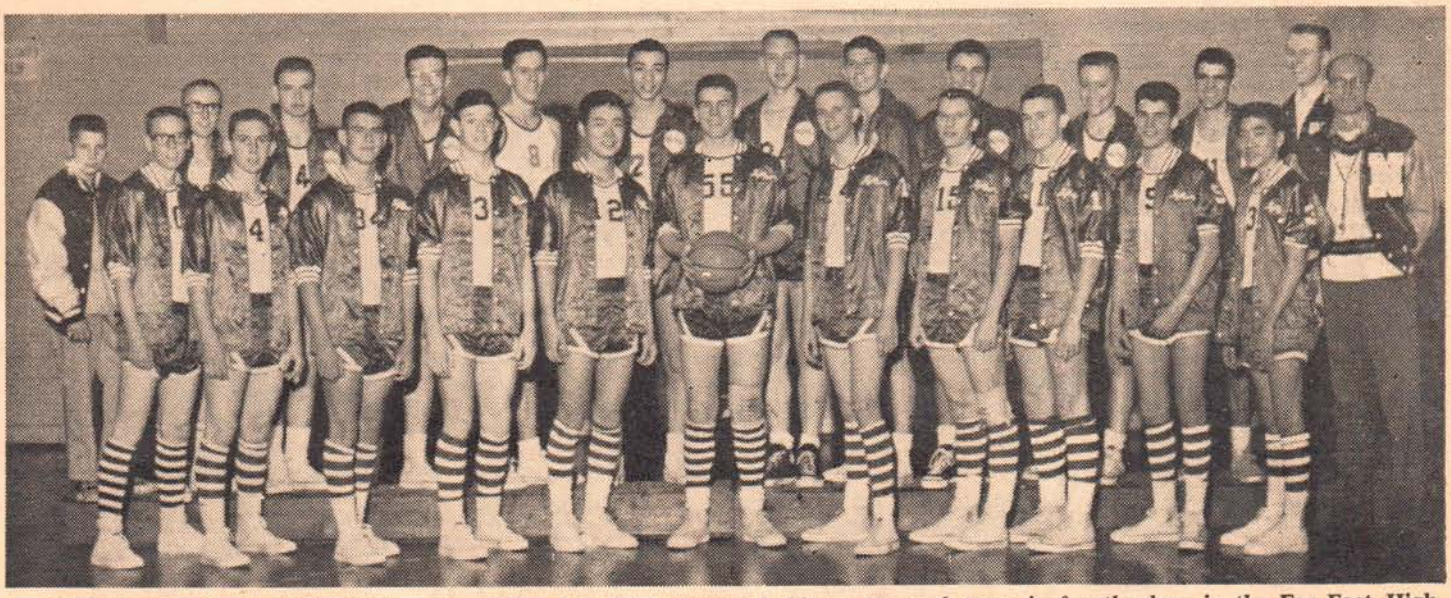
The junior varsity cheerleaders, Dee Smith, Donna Grant, and Sue Schmidt, have also given their best to cheer the team to victory and have been good sports when the team lost.

These eight girls have helped to give other schools a good impression of Narimasu by their friendliness and good conduct.

FAKE IT

Kubasaki: Victorious

Dragons Cop Tourney Honors



Pictured above is the 1959-1960 Dragon team a 7-5 won-lost record this season and came in fourth place in the Far East High School Tournament.

Johnson Falcons Drop Dragons

The Falcons of Johnson managed to outlast a hard-pressing Narimasu team on the 19th of February. The Dragons got off to an early lead when Eddie Cox made a jump shot from 20 feet out, but were unable to keep it with the hard-driving Billy Carter scoring for Johnson. The Falcons outscored the Dragons in the first, second, and third quarters with 14-9, 13-6, and 14-10, respectively. The Dragons put on a full-court press in the last quarter, which stalled the Falcons attack. Eddie Cox made four field goals in the closing minutes of the game to bring his total to 24. Billy Carter was high point man for the victorious Johnson Five with 12 points.

The Junior Dragons fared better than their varsity counterparts. They were able to eke out a 39-38 victory over the Johnson Junior Falcons on the Falcons' court. The game was a toss-up at the start and the lead changed many times during the last quarter. With less than ten seconds to go the score was 38-37 in the Johnson team's favor. Charlie Swann put the Dragons ahead with a lay-up and was fouled in the process. He missed the foul shot but a Dragon recovered the ball and time apparently ran out, but the referee ordered the cheerleaders off the court and the clock was re-set to register two seconds left in the game. Almost as soon as the Dragons' guard brought the ball in play the buzzer sounded, ending the game.

Far East Tourney Topics

In the first game of the 1960 Far East High School Tournament the Narimasu Dragons scored a 55-33 victory over the Cobras of Itazuke High School at the Zama Field House. The game was played utilizing the services of the second unit of the Dragon team most of the game. Craig Norton made a couple of brilliant long shots, and Jim Thoren connected with lay-ups in the closing minutes of the game.

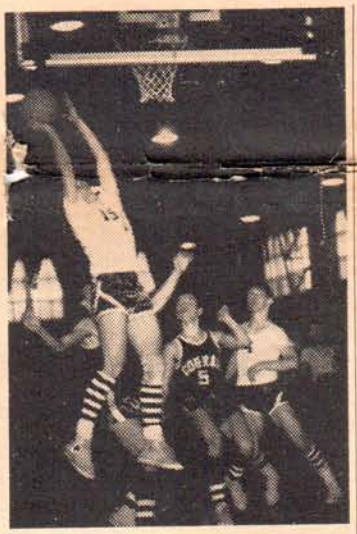
Yo-Hi Sneaks By Narimasu

Spirits and feelings rose to a fever-high pitch Friday as the Narimasu Dragons met with their long-standing rivals, the Devils of Yokohama, and were defeated 52-49.

From jam-packed stands, Narimasu fans yelled encouragement to the Dragons as did Yo-Hi fans to the Devils.

Even though Yo-Hi held the lead during the entire game, enthusiasm for the Dragons mounted to a record high at the third quarter when a continuous wave of hand-clapping, stomping feet, and cheering entirely drowned out the Yo-Hi cheerleaders who were performing at the time.

The Dragons fought a hard



fight, for even though the team members were working as a fine example of a cage quintet at its best, the Yo-Hi Devils had the height that the Dragons lacked. High scorer for Narimasu was Eddie Cox, with 10 points.

Close seconds were Aki Yamada and Bob Livingston with 9 points apiece.

NHS Places 4th in Tourney

The last game of the tournament for Narimasu which took place on Saturday ended with a score of 51-40 in favor of the ASIJ Mustangs. It was obvious from the start that the Dragons were too tired from the strenous game that had taken place on the previous day with YO-Hi, to do their best in this game.

The smooth ball handling of the rested Mustangs quickly tipped the score in their favor where it remained through the entire game.

Number 45, Chuck Redick of the Mustangs simply lifted his long arms and dropped the ball in the basket, leaving the shorter Dragons behind score-wise.

At the close of the tournament Narimasu took fourth place, Meguro (ASIJ) with third, Johnson took consolation, YO-Hi fought for second, and the Kubaski Dragons roared through to win first place.

A Player's Opinion

Included in the All Star team chosen after the last game of the tournament was a member of the NHS Dragon, Eddie Cox. Eddie who has been playing varsity basketball since his freshmen year and who, by the way, has been the only freshmen to do so in the history of Narimasu, said he hadn't known until his name was called that he would make it. It was estimated that Eddie had scored some 360 points during the twelve league games played this season. When asked for comments on the tournament in general he replied, "It (the tournament) would have been better if their had been double elimination." When asked for an additional remark he added that Kubasaki had a "good ball club".

Eddie is going out for third baseman on our as yet unformed baseball team.