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NAVY OFFERS COLLEGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are now available for the Navy's twelfth competitive examination for its nation-wide NROTC college training program, according to a recent announcement by the Navy Department. The mental examination is scheduled for December 14, 1957, and is open to all high school seniors and graduates who can qualify.

The deadline date for receipt of all applications is November 16, 1957, the Navy stated.

Successful candidates will start their Naval careers in colleges and universities across the country in 1958, with substantial financial assistance from the government. After a normal college education, graduates will be commissioned as regular officers in the Navy or Marine Corps, for active duty with the Fleet throughout the world. For those who apply and qualify, assignment to flight training will open new careers in naval aviation.

Male citizens of the United States between the ages of 17 and 21 are eligible to apply for the aptitude test. Persons attaining a qualifying score will be given the Navy's rigid midshipman physical examination next February. From the pool of qualified candidates remaining in competition, approximately 2,000 young men will be selected for appointment as midshipmen and will enroll in one of the 52 colleges of their choice where a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit is located.

College men enrolled in the regular NROTC program will spend part of three of their summer vacations on training cruises with the Fleet, and will receive \$600 annual retainer pay until commissioned. In addition to the normal college curriculum, the midshipmen will study a planned course in naval science. All tuition, fees, and books will be furnished by the Navy.

Applications for this program leading to a career in the naval service, are available from **MISS POAG, COUNSELOR, NARIMASU HIGH SCHOOL.** MISS POAG has been provided with specific information concerning the NROTC program and will furnish information bulletins to any interested student.

IN NOBIS LATET FUTURUM

VACATION IS OVER



**CAN YOU TELL THE FRESH-
MEN FROM THE SENIORS?**

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BEEN TO THE OFFICE LATELY?

Our school's new secretary, Miss Drebotick is very busy helping Mr. Marshall and Mr. Martin settle the confusion in the halls and getting everyone to the right class, for our latest enrollment has reached 944. Finally to top everything off the electric system in Mr. Marshall's office had a short circuit and a large portion of the ceiling had to be taken down for repairs. Here's hoping your trip to the office will be only to look in at the new counters or the busy new secretary.

SCHOOL DISCONTINUES ACTIVITY PERIOD

Because of the great enrollment this year, it was impossible to schedule an activity period. Extra curricular activities, therefore, will be limited to Student Council, which will meet during school hours, and Sensus staff, for which time has been allotted. The cheerleaders will be yelling for Narimasu as usual, though no definite plans have as yet been made for practices.

COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE
(regular price 10¢)

A genius is one per-cent inspiration
and ninety-nine per-cent perspiration.
—Thomas A. Edison

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PROVES TO BE A DAY OF REVELATION

8:45, Monday morning, student climbs off bus and approaches main doors. Eyebrows lift a few inches at the sight of a trim white picket fence. It seems these eyebrows are destined to lift all day at the sight of new additions to the halls of Narimasu.

When looking over the top of his almost-like-new rebound book (nearly 1000 were rebound for 1957-58), our fellow could practically see his reflection on the shiny revarnished desk top and the floors. The walls of ol' Narimasu High, newly painted both inside and out, are really soothing to the eye. He notices the old storeroom of last year, Room 942, is now the new Art Classroom of this year, and not only for the first time in her ten years does Narimasu have a counsellor, but a special office for beforementioned, in Room 202, as well.

After school, on his way to the bus, he notices a new counter in the office. Nothing like efficiency, he thinks as he clambers onto the bus, and as the bus starts off; he looks out the window at the stately building and suddenly feels his pride rise up within him.

MISS BAILLIES

The attractive lady you see around the campus is our new physical education teacher, Miss Baillies. She was born and reared in the "State of Wisconsin."

To date she has not received information as to whether there will be a Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) this year, or not, but if it is organized, Miss Baillies will make the announcement at the earliest date possible.

She also said that, if possible, she will organize and direct Coed classes such as dancing and folk games.

"Mr. French and I hope to give the students a really good sports program," she stated at the conference. "All we need for a good team is group co-operation, and real love for the game."

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MAYHEM IN THE HALLS

Alas for the timid or uninformed person caught in the halls during a passing period. If he should survive the first rush to vacate the classrooms, he would be crushed in the final scramble to reach the rooms ahead of the tardy bell. Should the pitiful wretch find it necessary to pass to another part of the building, he would face an impenetrable mass of students set on blocking further passage.

Even so, the seeming mayhem is less than some of the old timers foresaw. Though dumbfounded at the crowded halls, they admit there is a small degree of order. It seems, however, that the only students who can benefit from the situation are the sports enthusiasts. The football linemen can get blocking and tackling practice, the basketball player can get into condition for socker and field hockey.

Perhaps the administration will find drastic measures necessary to quell this mayhem, but we think a better solution for this problem is a show of greater consideration for others. Would it not possible to walk on the right side of the halls and to avoid congregating in the natural bottlenecks formed at stairs and doors. Surely conversations can wait till noon or after school when there is ample time. Why not try courtesy and consideration and see if there is some improvement.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

HAIL—

Bobby J. Bourg; Sharon L. Muvgat-voyd; Harrietta L. Hebb; Harry C. Hebb; Margaret N. Garcia; Thomas S. McLean; Donald V. Myrah; Clarence S. Minamishin; and Betty A. Allison.

FAREWELL—

Ronald Ly Brand and Yvonne Payeur.

THE CASE FOR BOUFFANT

In the recent arguments for and against **bouffant petticoats**, there is likely to be much taking of sides. Personally, I think they are much more feminine. They give one a dainty swishy feeling that was so lacking a few months back when, in many high-schools, the girls were allowed to wear jeans, their father's shirts and dirty saddle oxfords. The swing toward the feminine should be more acceptable to the boys of the high school. Although the full petticoats do take up more room in the halls I am sure their beauty will more than compensate for the slight inconvenience. Perhaps if the use of the hoops could be stopped we could still have our swishy skirts and not take up too much room. I feel sure they would be more acceptable than shirts and jeans.

MEET YOUR TEACHERS

This issue starts a new column which is aimed at acquainting the student body with its teachers. Teachers are people and too many students overlook that fact. We hope that we will be able to remedy this.

Narimasu High School is the first American school in the Far East to have the services of a guidance counselor. She is the pleasant and likable Miss Oveda Poag. Miss Poag's home is in Kannapolis, North Carolina, and she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Bob Jones University. From there she attended Appalachian State Teachers' College in Boone, North Carolina, where she received her Master's Degree in counseling and guidance.

Her main hobby is perhaps music but she "likes just everything." Miss Poag has worked for an airlines company and has served as a counselor for young peoples' summer camps. Her main interest is young people—especially high school students and she stresses the fact that guidance is a program for the students. She is now located in the office, but will later be in room 202. To see her leave a note with a student helper at the office or just drop by, and if she's not busy with another student, she'll be glad to talk with you.

The guidance program includes education, personal problems and the selection of a vocation. There are files on vocations and colleges available to determine interests, capacities, and personality. Freshmen and sophomores will find help in planning their schedules and having a sympathetic and understanding ear. Juniors and seniors will have information available on colleges and vocations with a competent advisor to help in these important choices.

We of Narimasu should feel proud and honored to have Miss Poag among us. Good luck to her and the guidance program. Let's take advantage of this valuable opportunity!

Teacher: "Willy, can you name two pronouns?"

Willy: "Who, me?"

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Adams was born in Boston, Massachusetts, into a family of wealth and political prominence. He graduated from Harvard and took up the study of law. He set up a business of his own, but he had little taste or ambition in it. He soon failed in it. He and his father became partners in a brewery, and this also failed after the death of his father.

Although he lived to be eighty-one, it was not until he was forty-two that Adams became famous. In that year he drew up the instructions of the township of Boston in the Massachusetts General Court. These instructions, besides suggesting the co-operation of the various colonies, contained what is thought to be the first public denial of the validity of the Stamp Act.

It is also said that it was probably he who inspired the Boston Tea Party of December 16, 1773.

In 1774 to 1782 he was a member of the Continental Congress.

Samuel Adams was an effective speaker and he was perhaps the most valuminous political writer of his time in America.

EARFUL OF CHUCKLES

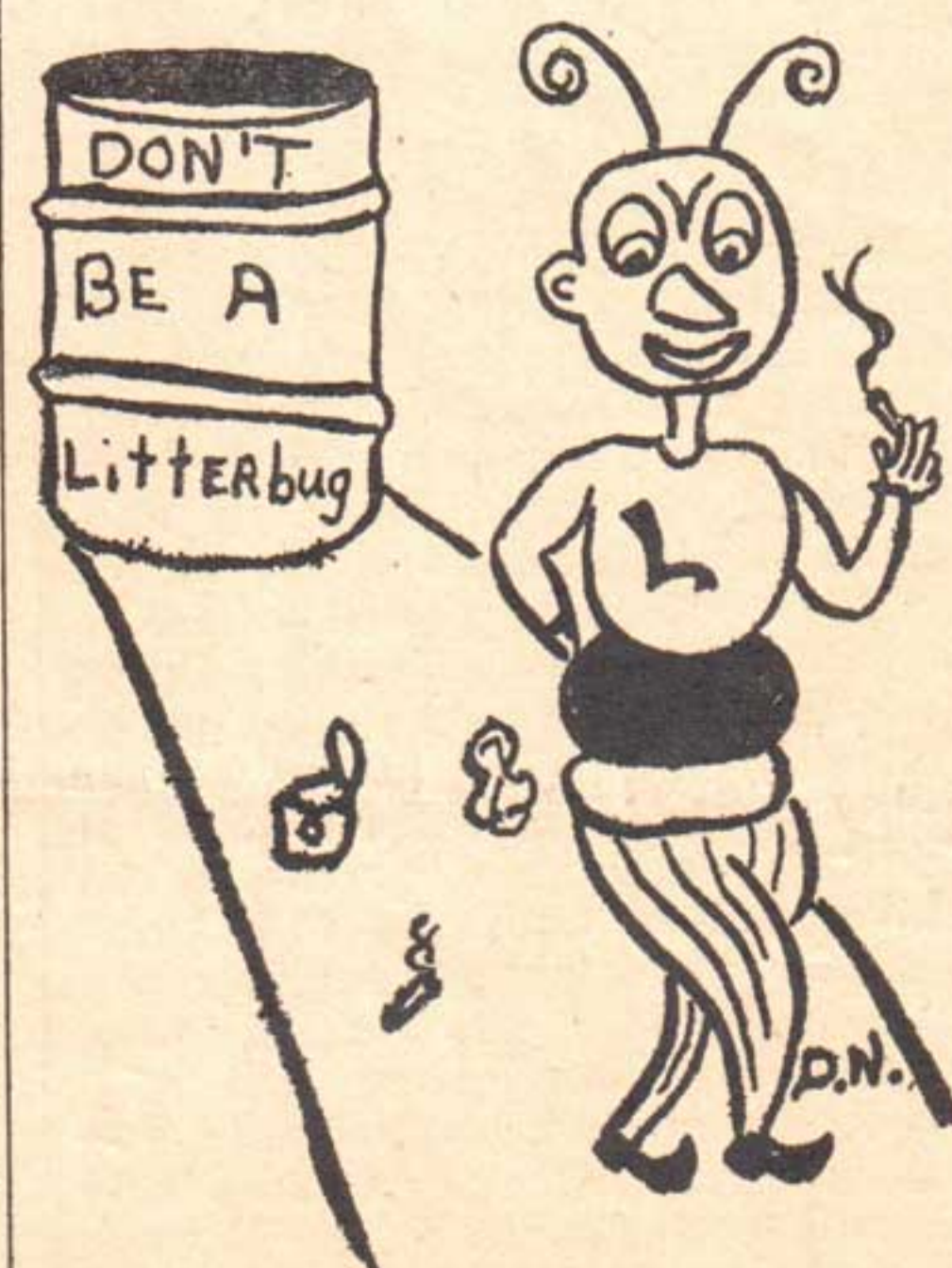
Overheard:

A freshman girl entering the building after lunch with the comment, "The little boy next door is breeding his ants in his mother's refrigerator."

A perplexed language student, "I swear I've got a teacher who can't speak English!"

Green Freshman, "Who's the teacher that keeps running out into the hall to see who's coming?"

A confused professor (our Mr. Rogers) who has enrolled in his Spanish class a Miss France and in his French class Miss Spain, "¿Hablé francés?"



KEEP NARIMASU UP TO SNUFF

FACULTY FANTASIA

(Enjoy this pleasant little tale by filling each blank with a teacher's last name. Consult the list at the close of the story if reference is needed. The author's apologies for punning are extended to all readers. The first student to bring a perfectly completed story to Room 211 will get a prize. Spelling must be correct for the teacher's name, regardless of puns.)

Long, long ago before the days of jet bombers and inter-planetary travel, people of diverse professions often lived in close harmony and neighborliness, sharing their meagre routine gossip of life and also sharing traveling expenses on the few hard-earned, well-deserved but limited vacations which fell their way.

In the year of 19 ? in the tiny village of _____, (country of Van Buren, state of Michigan) situated on the Baltimore-Ohio Railroad (formerly Pere Marquette), there dwelt in identical _____ houses, side by side, two diligent workers; by trades: a _____ and a _____.

How droll it always seemed to Michiganders, as the years sped by, to observe here amid the fragrant _____ fields of a rural area, these two devout souls, daily _____ and solemnly repeat their prayers in _____.

The one word of English which they had adopted in the summer of the great drought (20 years previously) was the word lemonade—their favorite thirstquencher; however, because of their quaint accent, they always said to the local soda-jerker, "Deux _____ -ades, s'il vous plait, filled to _____ -er of de glas."

Now these two kindly neighbors agreed that an even tenor of life could best be maintained by pursuit of "an _____," as they pronounced it. (We'd say, "Ride a hobby.") This philosophy they preached diligently to _____ whom they knew and to every stranger who stopped to admire their aviary devoted to purple _____, exclusively. Thus the years passed pleasantly enough and the two friends, with no enemies to _____ them for atomic secrets, continued to live and enjoy prestige in the rural village named above. They even contributed largely to the educations of _____ and _____, the offspring of their landlords, Peter and Humber.

Finally when these young hopefuls had graduated from the local Podunk University, endowed by S _____, and had become the proud possessors of cars with _____ (not rich) tires, the two genial friends decided to sell their bird hobbies to these young graduates that they should be encouraged to settle down locally. Thus the two would-be philosophers freed themselves of the responsibility that has so long tied them to home; they were free to take that long overdue trip, now-at last. It was a _____ move.

Since the times were long gone by of joining a corsair's crew and sailing under the jolly _____ of the Spanish Main, they decided to visit historic Scotland as a poor substitute for piracy. After all, they did have one reference, good friends of the "Mc" clans; namely, _____, on whom they could conveniently sponge.

It was December, the season of St. _____ and the Merry Yuletide when they arrived in London, England, and registered at Old _____, as do all foreigners. They felt a little more as if they were in the right place at the right time than _____, the other wiseman, must have felt, long long ago. And as there is no _____, they went to see the Queen. That accomplished, they caught the night train to Edinburgh, but were too late to secure sleepers. (A _____ convention in Edinburgh was beginning that very week and all the London overseers had reserved the sleeping cars.)

As the towers and turrets of Edinburgh, smoke-blackened but majestic, rose in the dawning, before their very eyes, they stretched, got up from their cramped quarters in the 3rd class carriage, and were so glad to be at their destination, that they felt no _____ for the night's experience in the day coach.

Their impressions of the "pride" of the Scots were legion, and required a _____-ed memory, then and every after.

Needless to say that their entire sojourn in Scotland was wonderful. The bakeries turned out such good breadstuffs that each employed a _____ to keep order in the customer-line. Before drawing the _____ on their happy holiday, however, it is well to give credit to the Scots for highmindedness. As the two travelers said in later years "The Scots are kindly folks. We never heard a _____ an insult during our ten months in Scotland. For us, all the Highlanders are as neat as a lass with a long _____-y. Never _____ fun at honest, kindly folks."

by E.Y.Y.

The Administration: Mr. Marshall; Mr. Martin

Faculty Roster: Mr. Abe; Miss Alleman; Miss Baillies; Mrs. Bundgaard; Mrs. Brady; Mr. Browne; Miss Curtin; Mr. DeRiemer; Miss Fischer; Mr. French; Miss Goodwin; Mrs. Grill; Miss Hay; Mr. Humberson; Mr. Kerchner; Mrs. King; Miss Leamer; Miss Leman; Miss MacDonald; Mrs. Martin; Miss McEachern; Mrs. Melchior; Miss Neal; Miss Nicholas; Mr. Peterson; Miss Poag; Mr. Reeves; Mr. Rogers; Mrs. Spaulding; Mr. Taylor; Miss Weise.

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Mr. Martin (scanning Miss Neal's shopping list for Home Arts)

"If A-1 is meat sauce, and 3-in-1 is sewing machine oil, and V-8 is vegetable juice, what's this item: 5F-1S?"

Miss Poag: "Why that's the ratio of freshmen to seniors."

Class News

SENIOR CLASS RESPONSIBILITIES

Perhaps there are a few members of the Senior Class who actually realize the responsibility that comes with being the top class. We're the big brothers and sisters now, and it is partly our duty as seniors to make the younger classes feel at home, especially the freshmen.

Three years ago we were freshmen, and we looked up to the Seniors as individuals we might put on pedestals. They probably weren't quite the angels we made them out to be, but they deserved our respect as upper classmen, because they were almost at the end of the lane onto which we were just turning. Now, we seniors are almost at the end of the lane; looking back it seems such a short while ago that we were in the freshmen class, but looking forward as the freshmen are doing now, if they feel that it will be forever before they'll be walking across the stage to receive that precious diploma let us assure them that the time passes too quickly.

As seniors let's show the younger classes we deserve the respect with which they view us, and try and help out as much as possible by giving added encouragement to them when and wherever we can.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

The new sophomore class of 1957-1958 opened the year with 254 members and eight faculty advisors, headed by Mr. Taylor, French and Spanish teacher.

In an interview, Mr. Taylor stated that the class elections for officers will be sometime soon after the Student Council election. The class officers will consist of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and one representative from each homeroom.

FRESHMAN NEWS

When the fall term began this year, we had the large total of 315 freshman. "Wait a minute! That was way last year.

This year the enrollment was hitting the 448 mark, the last we heard.

We are very sorry to say that there hasn't been a freshman meeting planned yet. The agenda for the first meeting includes: Election of the class officers, and MAYBE a discussion for a Freshman Class Hop.

The freshman class is to be commended for the smoothness with which it has become oriented into life at N.H.S. As Miss Betty J. Nicholas, the freshman sponsor says, "From what I have observed, I would say that this freshman class is a group of well-mannered, courteous students who are welcomed as assets to the student body of Tokyo American High School NARIMASU.

DAFFYNITION by an English I Stewdunt:

Lamentably—lame but able to do things as good as not a lame person.

Man can do everything with himself, but he must not attempt to do too much with others.—Wilhelm Von Humboldt

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS

The prospects of the Narimasu Dragon's football team seems very good this year according to Mr. French, the new coach at Narimasu, who coached four years each at Craig High school at Craig, Colorado, and Wray High at Wray, Colorado.

Seventy strong, determined players began their training the first day at school, but the number climbed to eighty players by the end of the week.

There are eight returnees on whom we will strongly depend. They are: Norman Franklin, tailback; Tim Mitchell, who may play end or fullback; Vince Patrem, end; Jim Coons, center; Mike Casey, guard; Larry Stevens, guard; and Howard and Herb Okamura, playing tackle and fullback respectively.

A promising new player, Roy Martin, a letterman in basketball and baseball last year, will play quarterback for us.

SUMO

Have you walked on the Ginza yet? Climbed Mt. Fuji? Eaten sukiyaki? Been to o-sumo? No, you haven't been to o-sumo? Then your visit to Japan isn't complete. If you want to see feudal life right here in Tokyo, then go see sumo. It'll be a spectacle you'll never forget.

Sumo tournaments are held three times a year in Tokyo. There is one in January, one in May and one in October. Osaka has one tournament in March. Sometimes a tournament is held in Nagoya, in February. The Tokyo and the Osaka ones are the big ones.

You can see the tournaments here in Tokyo at the area on Kuramae Avenue. If you go by taxi, ask the driver for the Kuramae Kokugikan. When you get there and spend the day in a crowded booth sipping tea and keeping track of the progress of the favorites, you'll begin to understand what makes sumo so popular among the Japanese. Perhaps the best way to get in is to buy a ticket in advance. You can secure a ticket at any of the downtown play guides or at the stadium—a week or two early.

We'll not attempt to go into the history and technical details of sumo in this first issue. We hope that you'll want to do this on your own after you see the huge 300-400 pounders attempt to throw each other on to the mat or out of the ring. In the future we'll be running columns on the customs and interesting sights to see in and around the Tokyo area. Let's take advantage of the opportunity to know and learn the customs and places that make up the life of a Japanese.

See you at o-sumo!

FIRST FOOTBALL GAME TODAY

NARIMASU

vs

WASEDA UNIVERSITY

70 TURN OUT AT FIRST FOOTBALL MEETING

On September fifth, in the High School Gym, plans for this fall were discussed, as seventy hopeful boys turned out to answer the first call for the Dragon's Fifty-seven football team, headed by Coach French.

Though rain has confined the squad to the gym for the past week, everyday, eighty boys in full uniform turn out for three hours of rugged gridiron training. Body contact began two weeks ago and as of yet, no injuries have been reported.

Our new Coach, Mr. French, got a chance to see the squad in action on the twentieth of September, when he divided the boys into two teams for an inter-squad game. No news of this game was available at press time.

The squad which will be composed of thirty rugged gridmen will play their first game against the Red Devils of Yo-hi on the fourth of October.

NOTICE!

OCTOBER 3RD
IS
THE DEADLINE
FOR
REDUCED RATES
ON THE **SENSU**
AND **DRAGON'S ROAR**
BUY NOW
IN ROTUNDA
OR
ROOM 211

"HAVE YOU HEARD?"

What sophomore boy would spend \$5.00 to go to a dance for only thirty minutes?

C.H.&T.E. are really artistic—especially on houses.

Have you noticed the under-current in 3rd period biology class? Poor Mrs. Grill!

Why doesn't senior R.M. ever look at that cute sophomore girl-J.S.?

Who's bashful little B.A. dreaming of now?

Word to the Wise—Don't ride with B.B. on his motor-cycle.

Who's the blonde sophomore that looks forward to Earl's weekly letters?

Smoky & Shiela, N.F. & V.S., B.W. & B.J.R., J.H. & D.H., B.B. & D.F., B.W. & P.G. managed to make it through the long summer months.

TEN YEARS AGO

What Narimasu was like ten years ago? Well, this thought has probably entered many of our minds here at Narimasu. To find out what our school was like Mr. Rogers was interviewed. He has told quite an interesting story.

Our school got its name from a town about four miles away named Narimasu. Mr. Rogers believes that someone was looking for a name for the site of our school and decided to look on a map, to find that a town near the site was named Narimasu, and that is how the school received its name.

In the early years of Narimasu the school seemed very spacious. At that time there were only around three hundred students in the whole school. This figure included the seventh and eighth grades.

The buses that were ridden to school in those days were dilapidated. There were times when the men teachers had to get out and push them on the way to school. The main highway leading to Grant Heights was at one time, a very narrow and dusty country road. Today, it is a wide four-lane highway.

Narimasu didn't offer as many subjects then as it does now. A few more subjects were added throughout the years until we have the present curriculum.

The words to our school song were written by a Miss Nelson four years ago. The words were written to the tune of "On Wisconsin" to help pep up our various athletic teams. Our school had the same sports then, just as it does now, except at that time we had a track team.

Now you have an idea as to what Narimasu was like ten years ago. Time really changes things.

GUESS WHO?

1.

This junior girl at Narimasu is just about a native of this fair land, having lived here going on seven years.

She hails from San Antonio, Texas, and is mighty proud of it. Her favorite pastimes are dancing, collecting souvenirs, and eating. Her pet peeve is Frank.

This summer she joined the Camp Drake Players and understudied one of the leading parts in "Hermit's House". Guess who?

2.

He is a sophomore, and is quite a personality at Narimasu. From the motorcycle boots to the sideburns, he is a devout "Elvis" fan. His most loyal fan is Marion.

He comes from Frankfurt, Germany, where he lived for 14 years. His opinion of Japan: "I don't like it." However some of the things he does like are swimming, listening to records, and, of course, girls. Guess who?

"I'm going to show you exactly what I have on my mind", said the absent-minded professor as he erased the blackboard.