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## DRAMA ENTERS THE HISTORY CLASS

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Mrs. Whitaker's fourth period world history class finished up their era on ancient history Tuesday, December 4th, after a surprising three days of skits, plays, and reports.

The class being split into three groups, Middle East, Greece, and Rome proceeded to make the most of their credit-counting holiday.

Friday, November 30, the first group headed by Geraldine Brooks gave a delightful radio skit called "You Are There," about the Middle East.

Monday, the third of December, found the second group headed by Connie Crispell in the midst of Grecian week with a Greek family. Tuesday, December 4th, found Rome last but not least in its prime. This group was headed by Jack Hardy.

## Narimasu Student Wins

Sunday, November 18, at Kana-gawa Concert Hall in Yokohama, the International Music Contest was held. Both elementary and secondary Japanese and American schools participated.

Several students from Narimasu participated in the contest. One of those who won a prize was Linda Simms, a junior. Linda won second place in the secondary instrumental solo section. She played "Fantasia Impromptu" and won over ten other competitors.

One grand prize was awarded and that to eight-year-old Yuko Miyabe.

We of the **Dragon's Roar** wish to congratulate Linda on her fine achievement.

**ATTENTION, SENIORS:** Remember that time waits for no man; and college-board examinations deadlines are fast ebbing away. The details were printed in the Nov. 7 **Dragon's Roar**. If you lost your copy, come to Room 111, and get another. The earliest date possible now is to apply for Saturday the 16th of February exam. On this date the Scholastic Aptitude Test will be given in the morning.

Achievement tests will be given 16 March in the afternoon.

When writing use air-mail and request reply by air-mail.



## SNO-BALL TONITE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas spirit is the spirit which brings a smile to the lips and tenderness to the heart; it is the spirit which warms one into friendship with all the world, which serves one to hold out the hand of fellowship to every man and woman, to every boy and girl.

The Christmas motto is, "Peace On Earth, Goodwill to Men," and the spirit of Christmas demands that it ring in our hearts and find expression in kindly acts and loving words.

What a joyful thing for the world it would be if the Christmas spirit could do this, not only on that holiday, but on every day of the year. What a beautiful place the world would be to live in! Peace and good-will everywhere and always! Let each of us resolve that, so far as we are concerned, peace and good-will shall be our motto every day, and that we will do our best to make the Christmas spirit last all the year around.

Anonymous

### NOTICE

Your subscription to the "**DRAGON'S ROAR**" expires with this issue. The present journalism class will edit and sell an eight page souvenir issue as their last project of the semester. This paper will come out January 18 at 10 cents a copy. If you wish a copy fill out the coupon below and bring it to room III by January 11. Students in Mrs. Flemings 5th period class will receive free copies, as they have maintained a 100 percent subscription to the **Dragon's Roar**.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Rice Train

Students of the 9th grade world history classes of Miss Nicholas conceived the idea of helping the people at Hokkaido, during their times of need, by sponsoring a campaign for contributions toward the **Rice Train**.

Thomas Predmore, Tom Gray, Pat Stein, Sandy Street, were chairmen responsible for collection. Posters and collections were taken at the Narimasu-Keio game, and announcements were also made in homerooms.

Congratulations to Miss Leman's homeroom for being top contributors, and to the whole student body for raising 56, 100 yen.

## N.H.S. OFFICES REDECORATED

The administrative area of Narimasu High School has been redecorated. The confusion and inconvenience of working "mid pounding, plastering and painting" have been forgotten in the luxury of space and beauty achieved.

To the right of the rotunda is the anteroom to Mr. Marshall's office, made bright with trophies of N.H.S. athletic and academic awards. Mr. Marshall's office is attractive with green drapes and art work, executed by students. The over-stuffed chairs in his office are also the same shade of green as are the drapes plus a pleasing shade of light green walls.

The central office is larger than formerly and the secretaries can easily assist students. Mr. Martin's office also boasts new decorations and drapes, and is a cheerful place in which to dispense help and information from college bulletins to behavior habits.

Thanks go to Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Marshall for the original plans of the revision; to the Japanese workmen; to Mrs. Curtis and the Home Arts students for creating the lovely drapes; to Mr. Browne's pupils for loaning art work; and to all of us for helping to win trophies through the years.

No longer need the office be a place to be summoned in fear and trembling. Let its new look inspire in each student a new pride in being a part of our school.



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O wad some Power the giftie gie us  
 To see oursels as ithers see us!

BURNS

Narimasu High School and the students of whom it is comprised are judged by people who base their opinions upon what they observe us doing and what they hear about us.

We here at N.H.S. have a double set of observers. On one hand the American personnel in the Far East watch us to see how the teen-agers are behaving, and on the other hand we are scrutinized by the people of Japan who are anxious to learn as much about Americans as they can.

To behave well is a responsibility for us. We should want our elders to have faith in us and believe that we are capable of controlling our nation fifteen or twenty years from now. Maybe even more important than this is the fact that we as Americans should want the people of Japan to have a favorable impression of real Americans. In order that the Japanese get a good impression and maintain their respect for the United States and its people, we should act only in a manner which is becoming to our nation.

Our good behavior reflects as strongly as does our bad behavior. If the American personnel see that we can behave ourselves, they will think well of us and of Narimasu, and if the Japanese see us acting as ladies and gentlemen, they will have a deeper respect for America and Americans.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations are in order to the new officers of the Narimasu chapter of the National Honor Society, which is sponsored by Miss Leman. The president of this fine group is John Hurd; the vice-president is Fred Wills; the secretary is Joan Williamson; and the treasurer is Elizabeth Fisher.

## CLASS NEWS

### JUNIOR

On December 4, a meeting of the Junior Council and Executive Committee was held in room 208. Plans for the N.H.S. Follies which will be held late in January, were discussed. Junior class dues will not be required until later in the year. It was decided that the coke machine would be in operation during special period on a trial basis.

Another meeting was held December 12 to discuss plans for the N.H.S. Follies. If anyone knows of any talent in these "hallowed halls", please contact Ruth Dills or Mr. Beshearse. All acts are welcome.

### Miss Collins

In August 1954, Miss Collins boarded the **General Mitchell** for her new home in Japan. On board, among others she met Mr. Stevens and Mr. Schoonen, fellow colleagues.

The neon signs at night helped Miss Collins form her first impression of Japan.

Before coming to N.H.S. she taught at Eita-Jima and Neji-Mara.

In the Orient you will find Miss Collin's favorite dishes to be beef-hash rice and suki-yaki. Back home in the great U.S., steak and apple pie with cheese are the favorite choices.

Her favorite song is "Stardust."

Pet Peeve? Only one: "People who chew gum".

"Be quiet" is tops in her expressions.

Her opinion of school spirit is, "School spirit of any school could be improved, but the spirit must come from the students; and we have a good student body."

### Junior Red Cross

On Monday, December 10, the Junior Red Cross met to discuss their Membership Drive. Posters advertising the drive were on bulletin boards Wednesday, December 12, and a collection of money took place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

The goal of this drive was 100% membership in the student body.

"We have the funniest absent-minded biology teacher in school," little Wilbur said to his mother.

"This afternoon he said that we were going to study the frog, and as an example, I have here. . . ' Then the teacher reached into his pocket and pulled out a paper bag, reached into it . . . and out fell a squashed hamburger sandwich! Teacher looked at the hamburger for a moment and scratched his head. Then he said: "Gosh! I distinctly remember eating my lunch!"



By Ginnie & Chick

Well gang, here we are with tops in pops, ready an' rarin' to go.

Records are now coming over faster than ever before since DOT, SUN, IMPERIAL, and some off-brand record-makers signed an exclusive contract with the Victor Co. of Japan to press stateside recordings here.

Let's get down to bare records now. Remember how Pat Boone's (DOT) "I'll Be Home", the flip side of "Tutti-Frutti" came up as "Tutti-Frutti" went down in popularity? Our guess is that "Chains of Love", backed with the big seller "Friendly Persuasion", will do the same.

Good Luck Pat . . .

Fats Domino (IMPERIAL) has revived the old Louis Armstrong number "Blueberry Hill" which is climbing right on up the list. The Post Exchanges in the area now have Fats Domino's new album called "Rockin' & Rollin'". The teen-agers and G.I.'s quickly bought the first shipment. The album includes most of Domino's earlier releases, such as "My Blue Heaven", "When My Dreamboat Comes Home", "I'm In Love Again", and also "Fats" at the piano playing his own composition of "Fats Frenzy."

## THRU THE KEYHOLE

BY THE 2 SPHINXES

The most surprised girl of the week was "Squeaky" when she was called on at the first basketball game of the year to do her last cheer before leaving for Hawaii. We all miss ya, Squeak!

The hottest drummer that's been heard in these here parts for a long time was the kat in the red plaid jacket at the Grant Hts. Basketball Dance on Friday the 8th. The kids really went crazy over "Drum Boogie" and "Night Train".

Her girls! Have you procured your P.P. and joined the S.S.U?

We wonder how Miss Leman's throat is bearing up after reading a certain article on elements to her three Chem. classes for a total of about four hours. Hmmm?

Who are the two "Brando" Bums who interrupted a peaceful dance by making a "dramatic entrance"(?) on their motorcycles?

Which N.H.S. girl is the O.H.B.? Don't keep us in suspense.

We have some new couples in school these days. Among them are D.B. and M.K., and T.S. and C.A.

We understand that the C.Y.O. at Wash. Hts. is planning a ski trip to Shiga over the X'mas Holidays. If this turns out as well as last year's did, everyone is sure to have a ball!



# NOEL

MERRY  
HAPPY  
TO ???  
CHRISTMAS  
NEW YEAR  
AND  
Read @ From ???

T'WAS THE DAY BEFORE CHRIST-  
MAS

AND ALL THRU' THE SCHOOL  
NOT A STUDENT WAS STIRRING  
'CAUSE THAT WAS THE RULE.  
THE LOCKERS WERE CLEANED UP  
AND SRAIGHTENED WITH CARE  
IN HOPES THAT MR. MARSHALL  
SOON WOULD BE THERE.  
THE PUPILS WERE SITTING  
ALL QUIET IN THEIR ROOMS,  
WHILE VISIONS OF "A's"  
FLOATED 'ROUND LIKE BALLOONS;  
WHILE, MARY IN HER KERCHIEF,  
AND JOHN IN HIS CAP,  
HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN  
FOR A LONG PERIOD'S NAP.  
WHEN OUT BY THE GRADE  
SCHOOL

THERE AROSE SUCH A CLATTER  
EVERYONE RAN TO THE WINDOWS  
TO SEE WHAT WAS THE MATTER.  
THE SUN ON THE CREST  
OF THE LAWN (BARE OF SNOW!)  
SHONE AS BRIGHT AS IF SPOT-  
LIGHTS

WERE FIXED THERE BELOW.  
WHEN WHAT TO OUR WONDERING  
EYES

SHOULD APPEAR,  
BUT A 70 YEN CAB,  
PULLED BY EIGHT SMALL REIN-  
DEER.

WITH A LITTLE OLD DRIVER  
SO JOLLY WAS HE,  
WE KNEW MR. MARSHALL  
WAS WHO HE MUST BE.  
HIS COURSERS, MORE RAPID  
THAN EAGLES, THEY CAME;  
AND HE WHISTLED AND SHOUTED  
AND CALLED THEM BY NAME.

"ON, MARTIN; ON, ROGERS; ON,  
COLLINS, AND LEAMER  
ON, JOHNSON; ON, LEMAN; ON, AR-  
NOLD; AND FRAZER;  
TO THE TOP OF THE ROOF, TO THE  
TOP OF THE WALL.

NOW DASH AWAY, DASH AWAY,  
DASH AWAY ALL!"

BUT THEY HEARD HIM EXCLAIM,  
AS HE DROVE OUT OF SIGHT,  
"THANK HEAVEN IT'S CHRISTMAS  
AND SCHOOL'S OUT TONIGHT!!!"

—A PARODY

Season's Greetings to everybody, love,  
Brenda

To Char, my one and only love, Phil  
To Y'all from Mutt and Jeff  
From Miss Hay to the faculty and all  
customers of the Dragon's Roar  
Best wishes to Nancy from Ronnie  
To Jack, my one and only, love, Caroyln  
Cool Yule and a crazy first from Duksie  
Ike says Merry Xmas to Connie from  
Bud & all

Nan Conner from the other half  
The students and faculty of N.H.S.,  
from Mrs. Martin

Season's Greetings from the Junior Red  
Cross

N.H.S. students and faculty from Mr.  
Marshall and Mr. Martin

Tex, Pat, Mitch, Willie & Verna, Joe  
& Joan from K.

From KINX Radio, Wash. Hts., from  
Ginnie & Chick

Be good or Santa won't come to see  
you, from

GUSTAVUS BERRY STUART

Dee—What's the use of worrying?  
Christmas is near.

Love, Joe

I would like to wish the faculty, the  
administration, the Japanese staff,  
and all of the students of N.H.S.

a Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year. Pete Beneville Start on New  
Line Yule-tide greetings! The Junior  
Class

Yule-tide greetings! The Junior Class  
To the faculty, all of the students, Ju-  
lius Caesar, and B.H. from Carolyn  
To the faculty, all of the students, Ju-  
lius Caesar, and B.H. from Caroyln  
Avery.

Salutations and Tintinnabulations to  
all of the World from five of the elec-  
tric and erudite Sophomores.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

Enrollments:

April Freestone; David Nelson;  
Carolyn Copeland; Joann Stano-  
vich; Thomas Grasser; Cathy  
Tucci; Bill Pattison; Sherry Den-  
nison; Marilyn Heath;

Withdrawals:

Dottie Hurd; Jane Martin; Elaine  
Stephens; Sharon Mackey; Merton  
Guin; Frances Nix; Bob Speedy;

"Squeaky" McCandless; Ken Mc-  
Clain; Shelby Kelley;

N.H.S. from Mary Busalacchi  
Y'all and E.N. from Judy.

Johnny, love always, Jeannie  
Earl Aoki from Frances

Caroyln and all from Flynn  
Ronnie from Claire

Bobby Jean from Nancy  
Best wishes from Gary

Greetings, love, Linda  
Joyce from Nancy

Jerry from Gloria  
Ray from Barry

For Carole & Di  
Jim from Nan

Sut from Lin  
Bill from Liz

G.J., love, Dave  
All, Dorothy

Tachi Bus 4, just me  
To Steve from Pat W.

Russ from Dorrie!  
To Kacy from Bob

To Blackie Bushwell from Vice  
Bon Noel de Mr. Taylor

Happy, happy Christmas, that  
can win us back to the delusions  
of our childish days, that can recall  
to the old man the pleasures of his  
youth, and transport the soldier and  
the traveler, thousands of miles  
away, back to his own fireside and  
his quiet home."

Charles Dickens

## STRAIGHT "A" STUDENTS

We of the Dragon's Roar staff  
would like to present "laurel wreaths"  
to the following students who earned  
straight "A's" during the first two  
marking periods.

First marking period:

Jody Faust; Chuck Robinson;  
Marianne Stanley;

Second marking period:

Mary Bernet; Pam Closson; Shel-  
by Kelley; Susan Sanda; Peggy  
Sugars; Michael Williams; Brenda  
Brooks; Lou Ann Cook; Barbara  
DuParc; Clarence Elder; Jody  
Faust; Hannah Kontra; Margaret  
Kurashita; Marianne Stanley;  
Pamela Fukuda;



## SPORTS

### N.H.S.-J.V.

This year's junior varsity will play with an average height of five feet, ten inches.

The team is made up of two juniors; six sophmores; and two freshman.

As well as playing Yo-Hi and Meguro, the J.V. will also take the floor against Washington Heights; Grant Heights; a team from the Camp Drew School and some Japanese teams.

The J.V. cheering will, for the first time in Dragon History, be lead by their own cheerleaders, Ruth Dills and Sandy Ross.

The members of the J.V. are Truman Solverud; Gene Fletcher; Gary Briggs; Terry Yamauchi; Bill Kaiser; Larry Stevens; Jack Hardy; and Bill Ball.

### J.V. vs. CAMP DRAKE

The junior varsity lost their opening basketball game Friday, the seventh of December, to a service team from Camp Drake, the score was 57-35.

The high point spot was shared by Briggs, DeGroot and Solverud as each make eight points.

The junior varisty held the opponents closely up to the half with the score of 26-21, in favor of Camp Drake; but Drake got hot and slowly pulled away from the junior varsity.

### Pep Club

On Friday, the 7th, of this month the Pep Club held its meeting in the gym for the purpose of electing club officers.

The newly elected officers that were announced in the daily bulletin, are as follows: President, Roger Hoffman; Vice President, Sue Biddle; Secretary, Pat Cusack; and Treasurer, Ginny Weissinger.

### MR. FRASER

Mr. Fraser, one of our English teachers, came from California. When asked about his home state he said, "Is there any other place?" He has been in Japan since August, 1956, and he thinks it is terribly crowded.

He attended both the University of Southern California, and the University of California at Berkeley.

Mr. Fraser's likes are: sleeping, listening to George Shearing records, and eating a good spaghetti dinner. He "likes" the address of Narimasu-it's so short and easy to remember. Hobbies he has none.

He has lived in Canadian Eskimo Country for many years.

## BLOCK CLUB

The Block Club is now in the position of accepting a number of new members due to the football awards assembly on December the 7th. Many of the recipients of the awards were first timers; therefore they are now eligible for membership. In connection with the Club a meeting was held in the gym of all the football players to discuss a dance and dinner in their honor. It was decided to hold off the dance until after the holidays. The team voted on Earl Aoki and Bob Vice as Co-Captains and the Queen and her attendants are: Joan Williamson, queen; Ruth Dills, Diane Williams, her attendants.

### WHO'S WHO

#### DOUG HAINES

If you peek in the gym when Narimasu's cagemen are working their squad into the best in the Far East, you might see a tall lanky redhead working on one of the side baskets practicing layups, jumpshots and swishing hooks with both hands. He is (the pride of Marty Mc Donald) Doug Haines. Seriously speaking, Doug has improved incredibly over the summer. Last year he played his basketball for the Grant Hts. "Dons". Coach Lott is working consistantly with Doug; and with his help and Doug's eagerness to learn he will be a much more superior ballplayer than even he himself thinks he will be by tournament time. Doug is out for his first sport since he has been here, but this season will make up for the ones he missed out on because we the predictors of Narimasu say, "Its Doug Haines and the Dragons all the way this year." Doug is also doing a fine job as sports editor on the school annual.

### KNOW YOUR CHEERLEADERS

Joan Williamson, our pretty, peppy, cheerleader, was born in Clinton, North Carolina, but states that Alexandria, Virginia, is her home.

Joanie loves Narimasu, and she says that the kids here are much friendlier than in any other place she has been.

Steak and French fries are place favorite her foods. Pop and Semi-Classical music are the types of music that appeal to her.

Her favorite hobby is cheering, not only for Narimasu, but also for the camp Drake Bulldogs.

Anne Lindgren, our pretty brown eyed cheerleader, was born December 14, 1940, in Los Angeles.

Before arriving in Japan, just four months ago, she resided at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

At this writing she has no pet peeve, but she does have two favorite colors, blue and green, and a favorite pastime which is, you guessed it, John.

## GRANT HTS. HAS BASKETBALL DANCE

On Friday the 8th of December, after the first basketball game of the season, Grant Hts. T.A.C. held a victory dance. Most of the kids arrived shortly after the Jr. Varsity game was over. The band, "The Kay Inque", was really terrific. The drummer, as usual, stole the show and the combo played a few "requests". The T.A.C. looked real sharp, having just been redecorated. What really took the cake for the evening was the performance put on by "Squeaky" McCandless and Bill Frisch, who bopped for a good fifteen minutes without stopping.

### G.A.A.

Basketball season is coming! All members of G.A.A. who wished to play signed up before December 18. Games will start in January and will be played by the following rules: (1) eight on a team; (2) four minute quarters; (3) play half court except in playoffs; (4) one referee and one scorer; (5) team will forfeit a game if less than six members are present; and (6) Girls' Basketball rules will be followed.

A clinic was conducted at special period every Tuesday and Thursday in December for the benefit of all girls who wished to familiarize themselves with rules and regulations of the game.

A list of all team captains elected for the basketball season will be printed in the next issue of the Dragon's Roar.

Dudes out west can be very finicky, so the horse wrangler at the guest ranch said, "What kind of saddle do you want to start with. Sir? The kind with or without a horn?"

The dude looked around a moment and said, "Without a horn, I guess. There doesn't seem to be much traffic in the ranch country."

A group of dudes were boasting of home and ancestors and such. "My grandfather lived to be 92," said one Bostonian, "and never used glasses."

"Don't doubt it, ma'am," nodded a cowboy listener.

"A heap of people prefer to drink from the bottle."

"How far is Seattle?" a tourist asked a native up in Washington.

"It's about 24,991 miles the way you're headin'," said the native "but about 9 miles if you turn around."

A man asked his wife if some cars were coming as he waited at a intersection. His wife answered no. But as soon as he started to pull out in the road she said there were no cars coming, just a big diesel truck.