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7 SENIORS PLACE IN SCHOLARSHIP FINALS

Seven Narimasu High School seniors have been named finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The seven students who have shown that they are capable of benefiting from a scholarship college education are as follows: Earl Arnett, Steve Bailey, Carol Boone, Wally Dean, Jim Murphy, John Myers, and Charles Post.

The Scholarship Qualifying Test was given on October 22. These students were given the test along with 300,000 other high school seniors throughout the United States and its territories. They were among the 7,500 semi-finalists.

The National Merit Scholarship program is designed to search the nation for those students most able to benefit from a college education regardless of means.

After completing certain forms and taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test, offered by the College Entrance Examination Board, January 11, 1958, these seven students will become finalists and will receive recognition as either Merit Scholars, or as winners of a Certificate of Merit.

Public announcement of the winners of Merit Scholarships and Certificates of Merit will be made around or about May 1, 1958.

DOLLS FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Home Economics classes are repairing and clothing dolls and stuffed animals for an orphanage as a Christmas surprise. The department is having a contest between the girls. The girls are making the clothes themselves; they are making the clothes so that they may be taken off or put on when being played with.

Some of the boys from Mr. De Riemer's Shop Classes are repairing the dolls that proved a little difficult for the mechanical ability of the girls.

The dolls will be picked up at Narimasu on December 20, 1957, and taken to the orphanage.

As soon as the doll project is finished the classes will start on the Christmas season foods.

The latest addition to the Home Economics Department is a large new Westinghouse Refrigerator.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The Christmas season's drawing near,
Bringing with it lots of cheer;
Soon the tree will be standing neatly
trimmed

With tinsel and bobbles all gold-
rimmed;

People will be busy with various
chores.

Shopping for gifts in the different
stores;

From the kitchen will come the smell
of spice;

Mother will bake our favorite pies;

Relatives will come from far and near
To celebrate with great good cheer;

On this twenty-fifth of December
We all should heartily remember

The one whose birthday we celebrate;
He is the Saviour, wise and great.

by Barbara Long

COACH FRENCH'S FAMILY ARRIVES

Coach French's family, consisting of his wife and four children, arrived in Japan on the U.S.S. Mitchell on December 2.

They came from Craig, Colorado, and will be residing at Green Park. Many of the faculty members met Mrs. French and their little girls at an informal reception, held at the Meiji Club on the 8th of December.

The only people to get even with are those who help you.—B. Rothman.

DON'T FORGET!!

What: "Snowball"
Where: Camp Drake Officer's Club
When: Tonight
Who: Everyone
Time: 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Sponsored by: The Senior Class

'57 SENSU WINS PRIZE

The 1956-57 Senu won second prize in the 23rd, annual evaluation contest sponsored by the Columbia Scholaristic Press Association.

The evaluation contest is a contest of different yearbooks from U. S. high schools. The yearbooks are graded much the same as a teacher would grade a student's work, but in this case there are 1,000 possible points and there are certain ranges for each place.

The year books are graded on the idea of book, layout, editorial coverage, photography, engraving and offset, lithograph, printing and typography, paper stock, binding and other considerations.

The total score of the Narimasu Senu was 804, which was in the second place range.

Mr. Rogers, the advisor of the 1956-57 Senu, commented that, "There are many members on this year's staff who were on the staff last year; we hope to have an even better yearbook this year."

STUDENT COUNCIL TO SPONSOR CONVENTION

The Narimasu Student Council will sponsor at Student Council Convention early in second semester at the Grant Heights Officers' Club.

Invitations have been sent to the Student Councils of Yokohama and Meguro. Each participating Council will be asked to pay a \$10.00 registration fee.

"The purpose of such a convention" Jack Hardy, chairman of the Student Council Convention Planning Committee, said, "is the discussion of school problems and the exchange of ideas for the mutual benefit of the participating schools."

The program will include discussion periods, a luncheon, and a guest speaker. This is the second Student Council Convention which Narimasu will sponsor. The first was held in 1955.

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WHO GIVES HIMSELF FEEDS THREE

Each Christmas the various organizations at Narimasu renew their appeals for old clothes and toys for the orphans, and each year a few generous persons donate some broken toys and wornout clothes. Seldom does the giver stop to consider the actual needs of these pitiable orphans, and his generosity stems only from mechanical causes. He has not parted with any of himself, least of all a minute's thought for the good of the orphans. This type of giving is not charity, for the feeling of giving is not lasting. As the personification of Christ says in James Russell Lowell's "The Vision of Sir Launfal":

"...No what we give, but what we share,

For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

Congratulations to the seven semi-finalists in the Merit Scholarship Program. Good luck on the test.

A word to the wise: Smoking at the Snow Ball will not be considered wise.

Small animals don't make good students, so let's not bring them to school again.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,

Why don't the seniors at Narimasu have senior privileges? When I was an underclassman at another high school, the seniors had many privileges. Knowing that I would be a senior one day and would have the privileges, I followed the rules and did as custom dictated. But here at Narimasu there is nothing to look forward to in the senior year.

A disappointed senior.

Fall seven times, stand up eight.—
Japanese Proverb

HONOR ROLL

Straight A honor roll for the second six weeks October 21—November 29, inclusive, at Narimasu is as follows:

POST GRADUATES—

Phyllis McDonald.

SENIORS—

Earl Arnett; Carol Sowers; Gerald Long.

JUNIORS—

Stanley Goldberg; Diane Clinton

SOPHOMORES—

Barbara Auzat; Johnny Bornholdt; Betty Nakamura; Susan Smith; Marlene Wolcott.

FRESHMAN—

Karen Crosby; Gayle Ellis; Barbara Martin; Susan Roberts; Charles Saunders; Barbara Taylor; Sallie Weissinger.

COMMENTS FROM ALUMNI

Pete Beneville, at Dartmouth College, says—"I send my greetings to all of the students and teachers attending Narimasu High School this year."

Lynn Ohashi, who is not going to school, says—"I am enjoying the blue skies of sunny Hawaii."

Barbara Bailey, at the University of Miami in Ohio, says—"I am enjoying college, but I find that it is really different from high school."

Anne Yamada, a senior at Pratt University in New York, says—"I find my side job as an interior decorator very interesting."

Elizabeth Fisher, who is attending Swathmore College, says—"I send my special greetings to the 1957-58 Sensus Staff."

Rosemary Hu, says—"I am looking forward to spending the Christmas holiday with Liz Fisher."

Hal Whitaker, in his second year at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, says—"I had a wonderful visit with my family in Hawaii last August."

Mary Carns, in Hawaii, says—"My first few weeks here were pretty hectic, but now I am really starting to enjoy it."

MISS JOHNSON NOW TEACHING AT FRANKFURT HIGH

Halfway across the world Miss Johnson, our former music teacher, is now directing a chorus at Frankfurt High School in Germany. The chorus, called the "Mello Teens", is composed of seniors, juniors, and a few selected sophomores, who number 36 in all. Miss Johnson's chorus provides the musical background for various school assemblies and is also called upon to furnish musical programs for different civic groups.

Dear Mistur edditter

Beeing as how ah've jus arivd fum the hills, ah wesh to menshun that ah've nevuh done seen so many lit'l bosniks in mah born days. YO'all better git yo'self one of them lil ol hegersheimers on the job if'n yo don't want the flukes after yo. Sam.

Dear Editor,

Your paper is very interesting even though the news articles are a little old when the paper comes out. I think your paper would be more interesting or eye-attracting if the TYPE-HEADINGS are in different sizes instead of uniform.

a Reader

STUDENT COUNCIL BULLETIN

Student Council has voted to buy Christmas presents for the Japanese personnel to express the school's appreciation for their services.

100 school emblems have been ordered and will be distributed to those who bought them.

Steve Bailey suggested that National Honor Society initiate a tutoring service for those students requesting help.

A student has been assigned to sit at the information desk in the rotunda during each period.

The Student Council Convention has been postponed until the beginning of next semester.

Upon the request of a Narimasu student, the Council is discussing the possibility of changing the punishment given to tardy students.

The Council will issue charters to all Narimasu clubs and organizations whose constitutions are approved by the Council and administration.



COUNCIL

MEMBER

HONORED

Jack Hardy, a sophomore who hails from San Raphael, California, is vice president of Student Council. Jack, a sports enthusiast, has lettered in many major sports. The Youth Activities Council of Tachi chose him the Teen Ager of the Month and presented him with their \$10.00 award. After graduation from high school, Jack plans to attend Stanford University to study engineering.

SOPHOMORES

SPORT NEW

CLASS PINS



Have you noticed the new pins that the sophomores have been wearing lately? These sharp-looking pins are being sported by the members of the Sophomore Class and sold for \$.40 each.

The Sophomore Class pins have been distributed to the 200 class members who bought them. The pin was designed by Alexander Miller. Runners-up in the design contest were Diane Moody and Jack Beneville. The three of them were given class pins as prizes.

THESPIAN SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The newly organized Drama Club adopted the name Thespian Society for their official group name at their first meeting on Tuesday, December 3.

Jan Brugger, Ginny Weissinger, Suzanne Fredrickson, and Karen Smiley were elected club officers. Mrs. Martin is the club sponsor and has plans for helping to make the club a big success.

CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS

Here's a glimpse of how Christmas is celebrated in other lands. Unlike our traditional Christmas which is celebrated with wreathes, holly and Christmas trees, that of Spain is less decorative for these are never seen. Christmas is celebrated in a dignified but joyous manner. The exchanging gifts does not occur on Christmas Day but on January 6, the day on which the wise men brought their gifts to the Child Jesus. On Christmas Day those who do receive gifts are laborers who serve their employers. January 6, climaxes the season and peace and quiet return to the country.

Christmas in France is reserved for children. Instead of Santa coming down the chimney, it's the Child Jesus bringing them their presents. The adults celebrate their Christmas on January 1. Throughout France, there is a feeling of friendliness which is brought about by the jolly atmosphere in which the people await the New Year. The Christmas season ends in this friendly atmosphere.

FADS AND FASHIONS

Isn't it amazing how fads and fashions change from year to year.

Can you remember when the collars were turned up? That meant that you were a real cat. This year everything is either buttoned or buckled down for the Ivy League look.

Some of the fashions favored at N.H.S. are the crew neck sweaters. While speaking of neck lines, the Chinese collar is really swinging into style fast.

Bermuda socks are back too. (At least they keep the legs warm) Can you remember at the first of the school year when all socks were to be worn down past the ankle? That was California style.

The Pep Club met in Room 213 on Thursday, 5 December, 1957.

The club discussed having card cheers and flag marching during half times of the basketball games. At the meeting the cheerleaders taught the new members all the cheers.

The club members all wore blue and white, our school colors, to the basketball games on December 10, between Narimasu and Nihon University.

SENIORS PRESENT ASSEMBLY

The Senior Class presented the Thanksgiving assembly in the gym on November 25, 1957. The guest speaker was Chaplain Burgreen. Barbara Long was the narrator for the Thanksgiving pageant. The choir sang numbers under the direction of Miss Wiese.

On behalf of the Dragons' Roar we would like to thank the Senior Class for their fine performance.

CONTEST NEWS

Since the results of our many (two) entries were both wrong, we have decided to discontinue any contests in the paper. Out of a school of 960 students, only two had the energy to bring the answers to Room 211. Remember the paper is printed for you; take pride in it and help support it.

The answers to **Hands Anyone?** are as follows:

1. Mr. Kerchner
2. Mr. Taylor
3. Mrs. King
4. Mrs. Melchior

P.S. The prize, a box of candy, was divided among the Journalism students.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY HELD

What happened to Boston Charlie? This was one of the questions answered in the nonsensical part of the annual Christmas program held in the Narimasu gymnasium December 18, 1957. Sponsored by the music department under the direction of Miss Bernice Weise, the program was divided into three sections.

The first section emphasized the religious aspect of Christmas. This was done by the chorus and a vocal octet singing Christmas hymns.

In the second section the festive side of Christmas was emphasized. Such songs as "Sleigh Ride" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" were sung.

The final section was nonsensical music taken from the comic strip "Pogo".

The band played a prelude and a postlude; the entire music department thanked the art department (under Mr. Brown) for the nativity scene, snowman, and backdrops. Those students playing special roles in the assembly were:

Soloists—Thersa Bedell, Candy Dowdle, Norman Nord, Earl Arnett, and Susan Roberts.

Brass Sextet—Charles Matthews, Bruce Gaumont, Ed Foley, Steve Kociol, Lynne A. Miller, and Worth Stephenson.

Vocal Octet—Carolyn Flack, Sandra Outsen, Susan Roberts, Sylvia Bosley, Grace Yi, Norman Nord, Clarence Minimishin, and Earl Arnett.

HUMOR ACROSS THE SEAS

Dear Reader:

Recently the staff found an article in the *Cat's Meow* which not only surprised but greatly amused us as well. It stated, and we quote:

"The Montague *Cat's Meow* staff exchanges papers with the *Dragon's Roar* at Narimasu High School in Tokyo, Japan.

The paper is written in English so we can read it!"

We would like to explain that Narimasu is an overseas high school for those unmarried American dependents of men of the Armed Forces who are stationed in Japan.

Sincerely,

Your Exchange Editor

P.S.

We bow our heads in shame with a hastened, humble apology for the article in the November 27 issue of the *Dragon's Roar*. "Any Similarity to Leman" was not an original *Dragon's Roar* item, but rather an exchange item taken from the *Cat's Meow*.

JUNIOR RED CROSS NEWS

The Junior Red Cross of Narimasu High School will begin a membership campaign starting January 6.

Class News**SENIOR CLASS NEWS
SENIORS DECK THE HALLS**

On December 5, 1957, the Narimasu Halls saw a strange, new sight:—senior boys dressed in coats and ties. What caused this strange phenomenon? Mr. Shiba, Grant Heights photographer, took pictures for the yearbook, *Sensu*, during homeroom, and second period in room 111. Exactly fifty seniors took part in the morning procedure.

Miss Goodwin and Mr. Rogers, *Sensu* sponsors supervised the picture-taking with Don Allen and Carol Boone assisting them.

The following directions should be followed for those who plan to turn in other pictures when school resumes January 5:

Bring two (2) copies, size 2½ by 3 inches (2½"×3") glossy finish; thin paper. The photo should include only the head and a little of the shoulders; the photo should be taken at a distance of 10 feet. Boys should wear a coat and dark tie; girls wear black drape.

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

The Junior Class has worked out a budget. The members of the council are planning different ways to earn money for the Junior-Senior Prom.

The Council is also planning to take a Ski trip in January after the mid-term exams have been completed.

The catalogues for the class rings should arrive in January.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

Pom-poms will be made and sold, by the Sophomore Class, for all basketball games. The colors blue and white, will be used.

Signs that mark the stairway for going up only and down only will be made by the sophomores of Miss Alleman's homeroom class. These signs will be put up when we return from the Christmas vacation.

FRESHMAN NEWS

At the last meeting of the Freshman Commission a dance was discussed, which will probably be held in March or April.

Several ideas for the raising of money were discussed also. The best idea at present was that of selling cookies and candy during the two lunch periods.

No meeting was held on Dec. 5th, because of the lack of time due to flu shots being given on that day.

CHESS CLUB

A chess club is being organized at Narimasu by Jim Murphy and John Myers. Miss Goodwin and Mrs. Bundgaard are acting as sponsors. The charter members are Robert Downy, Jim Murphy, John Myers, Bob Neely, Larry Goodwin, Charles Stewart, Mike Bundgaard, Leonard Sazahi, Kenneth Smith, Paul Tanegana.

A constitution for the club is being approved by the Student Council. Anyone interested in chess should contact Miss Goodwin or Mrs. Bundgaard. Meetings which will be held in the future will be announced later in the Daily Bulletin.

DRAGONS VICTORIOUS IN FIRST TILT

The Narimasu Dragons' basketball team won their season's opener over Tokyo Education University by a score of 37 to 29. The game was played on Narimasu's home court.

Roy Martin, a forward, and Tim Minor, a guard, led the Dragons' scoring attack with 12 and 11 points respectively. Martin was high point man for the Dragons. The third top Narimasu scorer was Truman Solverud, a forward, with eight points. The high point man for Tokyo U. was Kawasaki with ten points.

In the first quarter Solverud hit for six straight points and then Minor sank one to give Narimasu an eight to seven lead. From then on the Dragons took the lead and held it throughout the ball game.

In the second quarter Martin started hitting as he sank four baskets. Minor made another basket and the Dragons found themselves on top of a 18 to 14 score at halftime.

During the third quarter the Dragons played better defensive as well as offensive ball than in the first half. They scored 13 points and held Tokyo U. to four points.

In the final quarter the Dragons' defense slackened as Tokyo U. scored 11 points, but scores by forward Roy Martin, and guards Tim Minor and Dudley Omura gave Narimasu a 37 to 29 edge at the end of the game.

Paul Shohan, Roy Martin, Truman Solverud, and Tim Minor did most of the rebounding for the Dragons during the game.

STATISTICS

Player	FG	FT	TP	PF
Martin	6	0	12	3
Minor	4	3	11	1
Stagg	1	0	2	0
Shohan	1	0	2	1
<u>Solverud</u>	4	0	8	0
Omura	1	0	2	1
Bobella	0	0	0	1

Explanation:

FG—field goals

FT—free throws

TP—total points

PF—personal fouls

The Journalism class would like to present some interesting facts about this year's cheerleading squad. In this issue we have interviewed two sophomores who serve as N.H.S. cheerleaders:

Bonnie Hemphill, born in Cleveland, Ohio, claims San Francisco, California, as her home. Her pet peeves are fleas and Bing Crosby. When asked what her favorite hobby was she replied, the same as most girls would, "Boys of course." Her favorite food is hamburgers and for a pastime she likes to swim. Bonnie has been in Japan a year and likes it very much.

Jerry Walker, was born in New Mexico on April 7, 1942. Her pet peeves are snaks and rim baskets that just don't make it in. Her favorite foods are Italian and Mexican dishes. Her hobby is collecting records and her favorite pastimes are horseback riding, water skiing and week-ends. She has been in Japan one year and three months.

1958 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January:

14	Yo-Hi	at	Narimasu
17	Seigakuen	at	Narimasu
21	Aoyama	at	Narimasu
24	Narimasu	at	A.S.I.J.
28	Meiji Gakuan	at	Narimasu
30	Kitan	at	Narimasu

February:

4	Keihoku	at	Narimasu
7	Narimasu	at	Yo-Hi
11	Seigakuen	at	Narimasu
14	Aoyama	at	Narimasu
21	Meiji Gakuan	at	Narimasu
25	Kitano	at	Narimasu
28	Keihoku	at	Narimasu

March:

7	A.S.I.J.	at	Narimasu
13-14-15	F.E.C. Tournament		

at Fryar's Gym Yokohama

"A" games with Japanese schools begin at 6:30 P.M.

"A" games with American schools begin at 8:00 P.M.

"B" games with American schools begin at 6:30 P.M.

NEARLY FIFTY—

How many people attended our first game of the season? Nearly fifty! Goodness, what a tremendous turnout. That's almost a fifteenth of the school. Seriously, a turnout of only fifty, especially at the first home game of the season is hardly commendable, in fact, it is really absurd. From the turnout at the games, one could almost assume that the student body in general almost wants the team to lose or something. It's a known fact that enthusiastic support of a team will inspire that team on to greater triumphs.

We all know that practically everyone could attend the games, so for our next game let's try to multiply that fifty to a round five hundred.

SAYONARA

Tom Kelly, coach of the junior varsity, returned to the Z.I. on Wednesday, December 4. Coach Kelly guided the Narimasu J.V. to a victory over Johnson Teen-Age Club in the one game of the season. He will get his Army discharge soon and plans to lead a civilian life.

THAT'S TELLING 'EM!

Threat: I saw her in the snack bar with Joe Doberman! Telling me she has to get home and study and then sighing over a soda with that stupid football hero. We're through! Just wait till I see her!

Action: Hi Dorothy

Threat: Oh, no! Here comes Alice, bringing that brat, Tommy, over here again! Such nerve. Every time she wants to go out to play bridge, I'm chosen for unpaid baby sitter. I'm just not going to stand for it any longer!

Action: Hello, Alice, and how's my little sweetheart?

Ken: My barber and my tailor have formed a band

Len: What kind of music do they play?

Ken: "Clip-sew"

LOOKING AHEAD AT DRAGONS '58 BASKETBALL SEASON

"Will the Narimasu Dragons' basketball team be able to come out with a record as fine as last year?" is the question on everyone's mind. Last year under the guidance of Coach Bob Lott, they ended the season with 17 wins, 4 losses and also took the third place in the Far East Tournament.

From last year's varsity, there are only two returnees. They are Roy Martin, who was the captain of the team last year, and Truman Solverud. The junior varsity returnees are Jack Hardy, Gary Briggs, and Peter Adams.

Headed by Coach Bud French, the Dragons will play five Japanese High Schools, a total of fourteen league games plus the tournament.

Among these teams will be our old rival, the Yo-Hi Red Devils. Last year the Dragons challenged them in three games and won two of them.

The team with its fine players and excellent chances for victories will play their first league game against the Red Devils of Yokohama on Tuesday, January 14.

The B-squad of Narimasu chalked up their first victory of the 1957-'58 basketball season, on the tenth of December, by defeating the Christian Academy by a score of 31 to 23.

Throughout the game the lead changed several times until the fourth quarter, when the Dragons, led by Jack Hardy, started to pull away and maintained the lead up to the sound of the final buzzer.

High point man for the Dragons was Jack Hardy with 11 points, followed by Richard Tomassovic with seven points, John Kennedy with five points, Frank Wilson with four points, Pete Adams with three points and Eddie Cox with one point.

YOU KNOW THEM BY

tall silhouette, grey hair

Carol Genzer

booming voice, and five pound catch-all handbag

Ginnie Weissinger

an affinity for money, also for volley ball

Larry Goodwin

tireless energy, and lovely smile

Jan Brugger

angel hair and Tim

Marsha Carpenter

a one yard stride, perpetual mischevious grin

Gayle Klinikowski



WHAT? WORRIES? ME?

Don't forget the "Snowball" which is being held tonight, December 20, 1957, at the Camp Drake Officer's Club from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. It is sponsored by the Senior Class. Everyone is welcome.