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## Sports Criticisms Offered By Boys

### Swimming Pool Suggested By Many Students

An athletic questionnaire sent out by the State Board of Education was given to all boys by Mr. Seeber last week. Its purpose was to get the opinion of all boys in regard to the school athletic activities.

Not all schools received this, but only a few in each district. Four schools on the North Shore were included.

Only 70% of the papers given out were returned, but that amount gave a fairly good idea of the opinions of the majority.

#### Three Oppose Varsity Teams

Of the entire number, there were only three votes against varsity teams. The rest stated that the inter-school games promoted friendship, sportsmanship, and that it was a goal to accomplish.

Among the numerous sports which we do not now have, but which were recommended, such as ice hockey and target shooting, a great number expressed a desire for a swimming pool.

Almost everyone was in favor of the inter-class sports. These games give the participants a little advance training for the varsity if they are so inclined. It should bring out hidden talent and be instrumental in promoting cooperation. These were but a few suggestions.

#### Student Coaches Are Suggested

The question, "What would you suggest in order to give the student more leadership in athletics?" brought out some useful suggestions. Junior coaches, selected from among the students, to help the head coach, was a hint brought up.

Some expressed a desire for more  
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## Four Seniors, One Junior Admitted To Circle

Four new members, Marjorie Utz, Marvin Harrison, Robert Bailey, Albert Hancock, and Charlotte Dean, have been elected to the Circle. Marjorie Utz is the only Junior to be admitted, the other initiates being Seniors.

Part of the initiation consisted of advertising and assisting the committee for the Circle Gambol. The remainder of the ceremony will take place at the next meeting of the Circle. The Circle ribbons will be presented to the initiates this afternoon in assembly by Mr. Merrill and Lewis Lindemuth, President of the organization.

## Paper Wins Second Place Rating With Entries In C. S. P. A. Contest

### Informal Spring Dance Will Feature Dancing And Buffet Supper

Tomorrow night the Circle will present the heralded March Gambol. This combination dance and game party will be held in the cafeteria at 8:30, with Gervase Border and his orchestra furnishing the music. The admission price has been lowered from the usual one dollar to 75 cents. A new feature of the evening will be the serving of a buffet supper soon after eleven o'clock.

The games, an innovation at a school affair of this sort, have been provided especially to attract those students who do not care to attend a party at which dancing is the sole occupation.

The use of the cafeteria for the dance presents several advantages over the gymnasium, for this affair in particular. Facilities for the games and serving of the supper were the main reasons for the choice, and the fact that the floor may be waxed to present a better dancing surface was also considered.

Since the day is in honor of Saint Patrick, and also because the color of the Circle is emerald green, the decorations will naturally follow a green motif.

### Nassau Art Teachers Hold Exhibition At Malverne

The Nassau Art Teachers' Association sponsored its annual exhibit and sale of oils, pastels and water colors at the Malverne High School on March 8 to 15.

The exhibit was opened March 8 at a formal reception at which the Nassau Choral Club sang. Many noted artists were present, among them John LaGatta, Maxmillan Spero who did a portrait at the exhibit, and Alex Ettl, sculptor.

The exhibit was open daily from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. The exhibits were painted by the members themselves and also by the students in the Nassau County high schools.

The proceeds from the sale of paintings are to go to the scholarship fund. This fund is for the benefit of art students with ability, but not with the financial backing to continue an art education. This scholarship is open only to Seniors.

Those people competing for the scholarships will exhibit their work in the Sewanhaka High School after April 9.

### Nine Delegates Attend Convention

### Anniversary Dinner, Famous Speakers Are Featured

A second place rating was awarded **The Port Weekly** at the Tenth Anniversary Convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association last week. The nine delegates who attended also received a bronze quill in recognition of the paper's ten years of active membership.

The Port representatives attended the lectures and round table discussions conducted at Columbia University. They also attended the closing dinner at the Hotel Commodore on Saturday afternoon.

#### 1500 Students Attend

Approximately 1500 student journalists from schools in all parts of the country heard the addresses delivered by Mrs. William Brown Maloney, Dean Ackerman of the Columbia School of Journalism, Russell Owen, and many others.

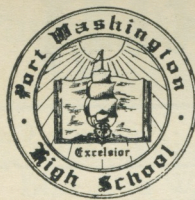
After this general meeting group pictures were taken and the delegation disbanded to attend the sectional meetings. These meetings were directed by editors of daily newspapers, sports writers, and other authorities. Students received criticisms of their papers and advice for further improvement of headlines, arrangement of articles, and of the content of the articles from the speakers.

A general session was again called to order by Joseph Murphy, director of the C. S. P. A., Saturday, at which Smith Reavis gave a report on covering Foreign News.

#### Lou Little Lectures

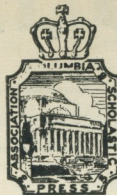
Round Table Meetings took place in the middle of the morning, under student leadership. Many new and constructive ideas, borrowed from the rival papers, were brought back to the schools. Following a talk on "Reporting Football", by Lou Little, head football coach of Columbia, and sports writer, the convention adjourned to the Hotel Commodore for dinner. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, arctic explorer and author, and Sir Wilmot Lewis, Washington correspondent for **The London Times**, were the leading spokesmen at the luncheon.

John Stuart was one of the delegates selected to publish a special Convention Issue of **The Spectator**, daily Columbia undergraduate newspaper. **The Port Junior**, monthly junior high school magazine, won third place in its class.



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## HIGH TIDE-INGS

### The St. Patrick's Day Affair

The top o' the mornin' to ye! This column is written in celebration of the St. Patrick's day dance, to be given by the Circle tomorrow night. St. Patrick's day, of course, is the national holiday of the Emerald Isle. Being a recent immigrant from that cherished spot myself, I am well qualified to speak.

There are numerous prominent members of our student body, who are wearers of the Shamrock, not the least of whom is Miss Duffy, the Latin teacher, who still has a sense of humor after many years of Caesar, Virgil and O. O. McIntyre.

The Irish are a hardy and a versatile lot. For example, in every form of school activity the pugnacious sons and daughters of Erin stand out like a drop of gravy on a bright blue cravat. In athletics Joe Mallon, "Payter" O'Brien, Joe Deegan, Catherine Doyle, and Catherine Curtin are star performers. James Murray, "President" Shanahan, and Bob Corrigan are fine musicians. Eileen Hassett and Peggy Casey shine on the stage, and Rosemary Sheehan, Margaret Moore and Rita Hennessey, each a typical "Colleen", are among the more prominent **Port Weekly** reporters.

"Moo" Moran and "Button" Briggs, both Irishers, are the school's two foremost humorists; and it seems needless to say that Mary Colbath, Doris Maloney, Barbara Dexter, Marie Eaton, and Marie Cowley are world-beaters among the feminine heart-throbbers.

So you see, gentle reader, if you come not from beautiful, effervescent Ireland you stand not a chance to crash the headlines, or figure in bold-faced type.

Now on to the dance.

To begin with you will all probably be surprised when debonaire little M'rice Alper enters with none other than the popular Edith Prior-Leahy clinging to his well muscled right arm. Alec Alakna will undoubtedly wow them when he is seen Lindy-hopping with Mildred Elze, and the suave "Squarehead" Zebroskie will create havoc when he escorts the petite (small) and sweet Lois Butterworth onto the dance floor. Tie that, Winchell.

In spite of all this, I advise you (no cracks, please) to come to the St. Patrick's day ball, because it is a gay old Irish custom.

—Unkie Frank deBlois.

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### GETTING INTO COLLEGE

College entrance in the United States is a rather complicated process, and it has caused a large amount of trouble to prospective university students.

It is not just a case of showing a Regents or secondary school diploma. Moreover, a large number of the better undergraduate colleges require College Entrance Board examinations. Cornell, since it is a state university, and the New York City universities accept Regents.

There are some students who begin in the seventh grade to plan their courses to meet the requirements of their chosen college. They take the necessary subjects and examinations; so that, when the time comes to enter college, no trouble is experienced.

But there are others, who go along through high school with no thought of the fact that the college, which they have in mind, has certain entrance requirements. Then, when they graduate from school, they discover that their subjects are insufficient.

Now is the time for those of us, who have any thought of going to college and have done nothing about it, to inquire into the matter and plan our course accordingly.

### OUR PAST RECORD—AND NOW

The act of minor incendiarism committed in the cafeteria recently was the culmination of many small, petty crimes that have been perpetrated in the school during this last year. Thefts from parked cars, practical "jokes" of the meanest type, and an act of singular malevolence against the head of the school himself head the list.

Practical jokes are seldom well received, but when they contain potential possibilities of serious consequences they are not to be tolerated by any society. Thoughtlessness is the poorest of excuses for such things.

Up to the present year, our school had pride in its record of honesty and cleanness. Our football men were known as the "Fighting Gentlemen", and noted for their clean playing. Our students were respected for their innate fineness. But now the reprehensible conduct of a few malefactors has shattered both our record and our justifiable pride in that record.

We have lost our record, but we can regain it. If only to uphold our self-respect, we must strive to maintain our old standing and erase the scars of the past few months from our fair escutcheon. We are still, as a whole, the fine group we used to be; we can, as a whole, blot out the effect of the few within us upon ourselves.

**FRATRY COLUMN**

**In Our History Class**

"Wack," "Bruno" (call him anything but dainty) Butlar is one person that can melt in the humorous, entertaining cracks in a History class and get away with it. The other day, while giving an oral report, he cried out, "Markland, do you want anything?"

Markland: "Naw."

"Wack" or "Bruno": "Well, it's too early for flies."

Mr. Mason has given up nibbling chalk for some better pastime.

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**In Our Chemistry Class**

First it was Jo Greene, then T. N. T. Masucci, followed by Peaches Brown, and now it's the one and only Barney Iselin —

Mr. Picket: "What makes water hard?"

Barney: "Ice."

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Have you ever noticed how some names work in together? Here are some —

Thing	Author
"Pit Iron" .....	Steele.
"The Doll's House" .....	Carpenter
"So Big" .....	Longfellow.
"Gunpowder" .....	Noyes.
"The Black Sheep" .....	Lamb.
"The Silver Vase" .....	Goldsmith
"Dessertation on Roast Pig"	Bacon.

And here are a few used with some of our own material — Call them new nicknames derived from their initials.

Under-cover Man (B. V. D.)	Bart Darress.
The Time Lady (A. M.)	Doherr.
Washington (D. C.)	Don Carmichael.
Countries' Real Man (C. R. M.)	Mr. Mason.
Still Here (A. D.)	Tony DeLeo.
Spark Plug (A. C.)	A. Capra.
Desert Ferrisi .....	Saraha Desert.
Fire Chief (F. D.) .....	De Blois.

And so before closing, I want to warn A. Capra that this kid sister of R. Clarke is not waiting home for him to come to see her. Better step on it!

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**Metropolitan Museum Lends Designs For Art Exhibit**

An exhibit of textile designs from the Metropolitan Museum of Art is being held in the Art Room for reference purposes. These textiles are originals from foreign and domestic lands, and are used by students competing for the Pratt scholarship.

The Art Club has been busy designing book-ends and plaques to be sold at the Nassau County Art Teachers Association exhibit. The proceeds from this sale will provide money for the Pratt Scholarship, as each school is to contribute ten dollars.

Work on the **Port Light** projects and posters for the band and orchestra is well under way. The Arabian Nights' murals have not progressed rapidly because of lack of time.

**Art, Drama, And Voyaging Are Occupation Of Red Domino President**

Still trying to decide whether to take up dramatics, art, or both as a career, Kingsley Poynter was found in his favorite haunt, the art room, struggling with an enormous tube of paste, which he flourished dangerously at our approach. Between dabs of paint on his poster for the Pratt Scholarship Contest, Kingsley confided his life history.

**Born In Great Neck**

From these snatches, accented with Jewish dialect (a favorite pastime), I gleaned that Port High's puppeteer was born in Great Neck "eighteen summers ago," to use his own poetic phrase. After this occasion, he moved to Port but soon took up traveling again, this time to various parts of the country. Returning to Port when of school age, Kingsley lead a quiet life until the wanderlust came upon him again, in the form of a trip to Europe.

Back in Port once more, he entered high school, where his interest in dramatics was stimulated. He was initiated into the Red Domino, of which he is now president, after performances in "Golden Doom" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Among his other interests are marionettes, which he has developed into a professional activity. With the aid of Eileen Hassett he has produced his own adaption of several fairy tales.

Having succeeded in replacing the top on the paint tube, the busy Mr. Poynter hurriedly excused himself and dashed down to the dramatics room to rehearse for the "Romantic Age."

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**Mr. Merrill Announces New Rules For Library**

In assembly on Friday Mr. Merrill announced a change in library regulations. This was necessitated by the increased enrollment in the High School. The new rules are as follows:

1. No pupil is to go to the library until he has signed up in the study hall, stating his purpose for using the library and doing so in the presence of a teacher.
2. No text books may be taken to the library.
3. Not more than 40 pupils will be admitted to the library, and the study hall teacher must see that those with reference work get the preference.
4. After securing the approval of the study hall teacher each pupil is requested to go directly to the library without any noise or confusion.
5. About 2 minutes before the period is to end, the librarian will excuse the pupils, who will return to the study hall for their books. This, too, must be done without any noise or confusion.
6. Any teacher planning to use the library for his or her class must notify the librarian in advance so she can tell the number of students who may come from the study hall.

**St. Patrick Only One Of Emerald Isle's Beliefs**

**Research Reveals Variety Of Irish Superstitions**

by Lucille Haynes

Ireland is the land of strange beliefs, superstitions, and fairy tales (many of our students will verify that). It might prove interesting, in view of Saint Patrick's day, to commemorate a few.

That saint, dear in the heart of the Irishman, lived in the fifth century. He is said to have rid the Emerald Isle of snakes, which then infested the land; and yet to this day the snake is in many places (not here, ask the girls) an object of human reverence.

**Kashmirians Revere The Snake**

In the sixteenth century a census of religions was taken in the Kashmir, and it was discovered that there were forty-five temples dedicated to the God Siva, three dedicated to Brahma, but there were seven hundred institutions of worship dedicated to the ordinary snake. In Africa there are houses tended by women for the snake. Some of these have many priests in attendance, and it is said that human beings are sacrificed to the sacred reptile. One reason for snake worship is the fact that it sheds its coat at regular periods, but continues to live. Thus its immortality.

The shamrock is "just another old Irish custom." The legend of the shamrock connects itself definitely with Saint Patrick. Anyone comparing this revered specimen of vegetation to the clover will be promptly stepped on by anyone from the "old country."

**Hare Held In Great Fear**

Incidentally, the hare, like the venerable serpent, was an object of great fear because of the potentiality of his magnetic eye. Imagine a burly Mike scampering across the County Downe with a ferocious rabbit in his wake. Since the hare is closely connected with the evil eye theory, he is therefore supposed to bear a counter-charm against his own magic power. This accounts for the carrying of the rabbit's foot (cf. Sambo Eato).

Another good old Irish custom is the annual pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle for the purpose of kissing the Blarney Stone (but we strongly suspect that it has been replaced by the rosy cheeked, ruby lipped collen).

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**Library Adds New Journals To Magazine Racks**

Two new magazines and one newspaper have been added to the library's magazine shelf. These include "Industrial Arts and Vocational Education," "Home Craft," and a French newspaper, "Le Petit Journal."

The Office Practice class, under the direction of Miss Sloane, will put the vertical file in the library in better condition. The complete system will be rearranged neatly, and new folders will replace the old ones.

## Sea Cliff Girls Break Port Streak

### Defeat By Score Of 24-18 Is First Of Season

With a successful season nearing its completion and only two remaining games to play, the Port girls broke their long line of victories by losing to Sea Cliff last Tuesday. The score was 24-18. Earlier in the season, Port defeated Sea Cliff on the home court by 18-8.

The game itself was lacking in either teamwork or individual brilliancy, such as evinced in the former games. The forwards were not able to make their shots accurate, and the guards did not display their speed or technique.

#### Sea Cliff Leads At Half

Early in the game, the opponents' right forward started the scoring by a succession of field goals. Nevertheless, Port kept close behind them, and there was but two points' difference as the score stood at the half. Sea Cliff led 12 points while our girls had gained 10. During the third quarter, Port displayed her real spirit and ability by staging a successful comeback. The score crept up until it stood at a tie, 18-18, at the beginning of the last quarter. For some unknown reason, however, there was another slump; they were unable to get ahead, and Sea Cliff gained three close baskets just at the end, thus placing them far in the lead.

The entire game was characterized by mediocre playing by both teams. The only bit of real basketball was Port's exciting retaliation in the third quarter.

## Class Officers Take Orders For Junior Jewelry

Following the selection of Loren Murchison as the official jeweler for the class of 1935, the ring committee reports that the orders as far as the beginning of this week total 41 rings and 18 pins. The school seal has proven particularly popular this year.

Orders closed in the middle of this week and the committee stated that they will be filled in approximately three weeks.

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second team games, while others answered the question by asking for more awards to the players.

Quite a number of suggestions were made as to ways to change the athletic program of the school. A surprising number stated that they wanted no varsity baseball. Football practice should start earlier and practice in all sports should be held more often, were among the answers. Outside coaches were suggested, as men not connected with the school would not have the opportunity to show partiality. A statement which has been voiced before that would exclude post graduates from all varsity competition was named again.

## SPORTING

by Eric Cudd

Basketball is over, and spring is on its way (I hope). With the warm weather comes a minor sport that is rapidly becoming more and more popular, tennis.

When questioned as to the plans for the tennis squad for the current season, Mr. Brown stated that an inter-class tennis tournament would be staged, with a cup awarded to the successful team if funds can be appropriated. Mr. Brown further stated that this would be his main instrument in picking the varsity team.

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This column picks Alan Ardis as the best all round player of the 1933-1934 basketball season, and Eddie Poole, not far behind, with a record that started off with a bang but dropped slightly toward the end. Joe Augustino, who placed among the first four with individual scoring honors in the Western Division of the League, is also up at the top with little difference between him and Eddie Poole. "Augie" came up in the latter part of the season to be the mainstay in many of the games.

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Now that ping-pong has become almost a permanent minor sport, some of the participants have expressed their desire for a school team to play teams from neighboring schools. This seems like a reasonable idea, but as yet no official mention has been made of it.

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Two of our best junior weight track stars have left their former abode and this year will be aiding the senior class. Ed Dissosway and Eddie Poole, who both won letters last year, in junior high jumping and shot-putting, respectively, will fill in this year in place of Harry Johns and Charles Karazia.

## Spring Athletics Will Start After Easter Vacation

Soon after Easter vacation the spring sports will be operating in full swing. The baseball team will play the Adelphi boys from Brooklyn, which is a new team in our schedule, and also Roslyn has been admitted into the league. We expect to see Donald Carmichael, as pitcher; Howard Klein, as catcher; and several others left from last year, including John Decker, Jack Shanahan, Joe Mallon, Irving Markland and Julian Tonsmeire.

The track team has at least two new meets in which they will participate instead of the dual meet with Manhasset. It will be with St. Paul's at Garden City. The other meet is the La Salle invitation meet to be held at Oakdale, which is to be one of the biggest meets on the Island. A Long Island meet is not definite as to time and place. Some of last year's men, we hope, will come back in greater form this year, will be: Ray Patten, John Stuart, George Erb and Ed Poole.

## Court Team Closes Unsuccessful Year

### Poole And Augustino Head Individual Scorers

The Port Washington basketball season ended disastrously as Glen Cove sent Port to the last round-up to the tune of a 34-19 score. At the beginning of the year Hicksville drew first blood in a hard fought battle, 18-16. Port won the next two games, one of them being its first league encounter. The Alumni bowed, 26-21, and after the Christmas vacation Great Neck went home on the short end of a 25-15 score.

Hicksville took the return game by another close score, 23-20. Poole and Ardis scored 7 points each for Port in this game.

#### Mineola Easy Victor

Mineola defeated our varsity in the second league game, 22-18. Alan Ardis led for scoring honors with 6 points. The next week Glen Cove brought the Blue and White's losing streak to three successive games by winning 19-17 in the closest game of the entire season.

Port then journeyed to Manhasset and just nosed out a weak Hilltop five, 22-20. Eleven points by Augustino was the main factor of Port's offense. A very much improved Great Neck team next took Port over by a 28-16 score. Even the Alumni was able to outpoint the varsity, 22-16, when they met in a return game.

#### Blizzard Causes Delay

Snow caused the postponement of the next two games so that the last game of the season was played next with two contests incompleting.

Inspired with unknown power and with Augustino's 14 points to help them, Port swamped Manhasset, 31-17. But that supremacy was short-lived. Mineola cleaned up their Western Division League championship by virtue of a 27-17 victory over Port.

#### Poole Scores Most Points

Eddie Poole led the individual scoring honors with 68 points. Joe Augustino, who placed among the first four in the Western Division of the League for high scoring, came second with 62. Alan Ardis tapped off third with 59 points.

Port scored a total of 244 points, which was 23 points below the 267 scored by their opponents.

## Sophomore Class Chooses May 5 For Annual Dance

The Sophomore Class set Saturday, May 5, as the date for its annual dance. This decision was reached after a lengthy meeting of the class and home room officers.

The meeting, which was presided over by Dana Moran, was well attended. May 5 was chosen by a unanimous vote after all the other dates which covered a period of seven weeks were abandoned because of conflicts.