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## Should Our High School Have A Smoking Room?

As one of the most controversial problems in our high school's history, the problem of a smoking room has recently caused much discussion. Are you in favor, one of the majority, or against the talked about addition of a smoking room? If you are as yet undecided, consider the following thoughts both pro and con on the issue.

Would a smoking room cheapen our school? As we have one of the newest schools on Long Island, some think that the school would not be as highly thought of if we had such a room. Would the residents of Port Washington, who help pay for the school, approve of a smoking room? Will they wonder if their money is being wisely spent?

Perhaps you will say that the students smoke outside during the lunch period legally, and that some smoke in the lavatories, illegally. But, is it absolutely necessary that they smoke in the course of the school day? The school hasn't legalized cheating, setting aside a special "cheating" room. Would it induce students who don't smoke to smoke, thus being able to be with their friends during the lunch period? If this resulted, it would foster a bad habit. Do parents approve of their teenagers smoking in school?

At present, students desiring to smoke have to go outside by the shops, and they feel that now that the weather is getting colder, they should be allowed to smoke inside the school building. The question of it being a senior privilege is thought to be the ideal solution by some, as they say that seniors who have their parents' consent should be allowed to smoke in school. Most believe that the lunch period is the only time that a smoking room should be open.

Do you have other opinions? Would you like to support some already stated? We would be glad to print your views if you would write a letter to the editor. We would like to print a follow up on this topic after we have heard from you. So, voice your opinions; here's your chance!

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Every once in a while a teacher finds something special about her students; something unusual of which she is very proud. At times like this, she wants to commend them—and that's what this letter is about.

This year we had a hockey team that had that something special. This was not because of its victories, for the girls didn't win a game all season until the last one they played. What made them special was their spirit, for, in spite of such a record behind them, they never gave up. In every game they fought to win until the last minute of play.

You know how easy it is to have school spirit when you're a winner, but to have it when you're always behind takes true courage. I admired their spirit, game after game. They really inspired me. Maybe they were not the best team I have ever coached, but they surely were the most fun.

Miss Fohrenbach,  
 Girls' Athletic Instructor

## Crazy Character Is Within Port's Doors

Ascending the steps of the Paul D. Schreiber High School this morning, a cold wintery Friday, a stranger found himself feeling out of place. Lugging a heavy, awkwardly shaped case, he peered nervously at the on-rushing students passing to their first period classes, as he opened the massive portal.

Unobserved momentarily, he soon attracted a large circle of curious students who caused him to place his case on the shiny new floor. Their gaze was fixed upon his odd attire, consisting of knee length pink trousers and a violet knitted shirt with an electric polk-a-dot cravat. However, the main focus point was his pair of red and white high buttoned shoes. As the late bell rang, the crowd dispersed.

The halls soon became deserted. Not sure of his destination, as he was a newcomer to the school, he wearily lifted his exotic case and cautiously picked his way down the hall. Midway on his course he knocked on a door with his daintily gloved hand. Timidly, he walked in. A girl, wearing a flowered apron, peered at him questioningly. He shyly asked, "Where is the stridulation room?" Receiving a blank stare, he left via the door.

### Watches Posture Dance Class

Standing in the hall, he decided to go down the stairs. There he found two doors. Choosing the door on his left, he opened it. Immediately he heard "One, two, three; down." He noticed Sandy Grosso, practicing posture dance, and sheepishly sauntered towards her and asked if she knew where the stridulation room was. She retorted, "Two doors down on the left."

Following the sharp looking miss's instructions, he found himself in the boiler room. Afraid that he would be late for his date, he hustled back to the gym, this time trying the other door. There he found Ernie Jackson practicing foul shots. Ernie became baffled, as the stranger hustled on his way.

Deciding to go to the office, without difficulty he found the inner office. Upon relating his story to a secretary, who at first thought that he was nothing more than a crazy-mixed-up kid, he later decided, as their conversation became more involved, that he was looking for a science room.

As he opened the door of the science room, the smell of H<sub>2</sub>S knocked him for a loop. The teacher, who was stacking broken test tubes, noticed the intruder and asked him what he wanted. After hearing the question, he told the intruder, "Sure, I know where the stridulation room is. Isn't that the music room?" "Yes, that's right," replied the boy. The teacher directed the boy to the location of the room.

## WITHIN THESE PORTALS



### Celerity Lowers Qualifications

Celerity, Paul D. Schreiber High School's honor service club for girls, recently lowered its entrance qualifications.

New members will be admitted in February if they have a 2.0 average by the manner which the office calculates the averages. This includes all attitude marks plus gym marks. The number of activities has been retained at three. Activities must have been participated in the previous year and the first semester of this school year. The previous method of acceptance was a 2.0 average including only mastery marks.

### Focus Sponsors Contest

Focus, Port High's camera club, is holding its annual contest now. This contest is open to members of the club exclusively. There will be four different fields in which the pictures will be classified. Those who have won either first prize or honorable mention will be displayed.

The contest will close on December 14, and the winners will be announced at the next meeting December 16.

### Costello Feted

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he led the football team to its second undefeated season.

His undefeated basketball team of 1945-47, which had a record of 35 games straight, was only recently topped. Last year he led the basketball team to the North Shore Championship. More important is the way that he has taught the boys to play. The teams play to win, but they do it with sportsmanship both on and off the playing field. Setting a fine example for the boys to follow, Coach Costello has more than earned the praise heaped upon him.

Opening the door to the music room, he hears a lot of squeaks, and is made aware that tuning is going on. Fearful that the time for auditions has elapsed, he approaches the conductor, who asks the lad what he plays. The boy replies, "A pibroch." With a questioned stare, the conductor asks what the nature of the instrument is. The boy replies, "It's a bagpipe." Emotionally disturbed, as the director tells him that he is sorry, but, the All State Sectional Concert doesn't have any room for a pibroch in its organization, he, crestfallen, drags himself from the room and wanders aimlessly around the school. Nat Smith approaches him and succeeds in selling him a ticket to the concert. He is looking forward to watching his contemporaries perform their concert in the gym tomorrow night!