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Complaints Galore

It seems that recently many students have been under the impression that the Student Council is becoming a "secret organization." These students feel that they aren't being well informed as to the meetings and activities of the Student Council.

For the benefit of the students who are of this opinion, let me remind them of a few things. Last year an attempt, and a futile one at that, was made to read the minutes of each Student Council meeting over the P.A. This method of informing the students of the Council meetings was received very poorly. Another way of notifying the students is the printed sheets, posted in all homerooms, which contain the minutes of each meeting. This, too, has not been received well by the students.

These two recent attempts have been made to notify the students of the happenings in the Council meetings, and neither one has made an impression on the students; yet these students complain of being uninformed. Perhaps if these discontented students would cooperate and offer suggestions for a solution to this problem, instead of bombastically complaining, this problem might be worked out.

One way of solving this problem might be to hold a short homeroom meeting after each Student Council meeting. At this time each Council member could report to his homeroom the happenings at the Student Council meeting. However, any plan, such as this one, can only be solved through the cooperation of both the students and the Student Council.

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing you to ask you if you would do me a favor and print the following in your school paper.
 To the students who would be concerned:

Just a few lines to let you students hear from me. First, I would like to thank Mr. Rogo and Joe Fasano for sending me your school paper, as I like to keep up with the happenings at the school.

I am very glad to hear that the football team did so well. Keep up the good work!

I would like to hear from you at school. I am leaving my address with the **Port Weekly**. I miss you all, so please send me a line or two.

See you all at Christmas,

Paul Dumpson

Christmas' Spirit
Descends On Port

It's here again! What I'm trying to say is that Christmas is here once more and PDSHS is really ready for it.

Everyone's hustling about. Martha, getting that last gift for that special someone; Eddie, still signing those Christmas cards; Mr. Kezar's homeroom, singing Christmas carols; and — oh, yes — Herbie, is getting his sleigh out, hoping it will snow.

There is constant talk about each and every social event of the season. There's that party here and that dance there, that caroling party, that gathering, and so on.

Everyone's in a happy frame of mind. You don't have to just listen to know that Christmas is here. Just look around you. The school store window, the library display, and various rooms, all show scenes that the Yuletide season is once more with us.

All we need now is a White Christmas. Just a little snow to cover up the traces of the three other seasons and to lend something special to Christmas Day.

We think of Christmas as a time for giving and receiving gifts, going to parties and dances, and having a good time. I'm afraid we lose the main thought behind the big day.

Settling in the United States from the four corners of the globe, our ancestors brought with them the Christmas traditions of their native lands—customs which have become part of the Christmas observance. These celebrations in their original form, differed greatly from ours in reflecting the meaning of the birth of our Saviour. But, regardless of racial origin or geographical location, and within the wide orbit of Christian faiths the celebrations are similar.

All in all we mean to say, "Have a wonderful holiday, but don't forget the meaning of this great day." MERRY CHRISTMAS.

All State Concert

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We had excellent cooperation from many participating directors, without which we just could not have presented the auditioned groups. The several organizations were warmly received by what is thought to be the largest audience ever to be assembled indoors in Port Washington. The Varsity Band has already been called the best high school festival band several directors have heard. My sincere thanks go to all of the Port people who worked the project thru to a successful conclusion. Our custodial staff did a piece of work that I have not seen equaled here, or in any other school, before. Thanks, everybody."

WITHIN
THESE
PORTALS

Retort

Retort, Port High's honorary science club, celebrated its twenty-fourth birthday at the beginning of this school year. Under the guidance of Mr. Pickett, the club meets first Thursdays monthly.

Students who qualified for recent initiation, which depends on marks in at least two science courses, are Pat Lynch, Nancy Pickett, Barry Wood, Marilyn Gumbrecht, Florence Nacht, Linda Schneeloch, Cherry McClure, Nancy Cunningham, Joan Houghton, Bob Wheeler, Jay Purdy, Riggy Wile, Phillip Guido, Bill Wagner, Bill Davis, David Kane, Gene Santiccolli, Richard Ambler, John Davidson, Brooks Dorn, Roger Musselwhite, Bob Metzger and Norman Reisner.

Celerity

Every year before Christmas the Celerity members start on the annual duty of preparing Christmas baskets to make someone's Christmas a little merrier.

Each Celerity member is responsible for two of these gift baskets. Mushroom baskets are required for the framework. From there the girls go on individually decorating and filling their baskets. These baskets are usually filled with jars of jellies or jams, cookies or some other kind of baked goods, and nuts or candies.

This is just one of the many activities which Celerity performs throughout the year to help our school and community.

Circle

Circle held their monthly meeting on Monday, November 30. A discussion was conducted concerning teachers for the future faculty advisor. A program committee was chosen, which is to be headed by Ronnie Cerank.

Student of Week

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played by his parts in the October Education pageant and school election skits for the past two years. On WHLI's "Teen Town Hall" one might hear Steve's latest tape recorded broadcasts, an other example of his interest and ability in public speaking.

Steve's interests in order of preference are people and science. The latter interest inspired him to compete for the Westinghouse Science Scholarship. The project he is undertaking for competition is "Ore Extraction."

Chemistry is his chief hobby now. His future plans are molded around this interest. He hopes to attend Reed College in Oregon and obtain his doctor's degree in chemistry.