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Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

Overhearing scraps of conversation throughout the halls about a smoking room, I was urged to submit my opinion. Because of much debating recently, the matter has been seriously considered. Since we do have a new school and sufficient space no problem should arise as to where to situate such a room. And — for factual information, the student council has obtained permission to use the outer boiler room (also used for refreshments during basketball games) for such retiring purposes. A representative is appearing before different members of the faculty for approval.

The conflicting questions are: (1) To whom should this privilege be allowed (2) when should it come into effect and, (3) at what hours during the day should it be open. It was definitely decided that the smoking room should definitely be a senior privilege. Since it's too cold to go outdoors for a 'drag' during the winter months it should be inside during that season. Please note that if students are going to smoke, it's better for them to do it openly than to resort to subterfuge in forbidden areas, and find themselves in serious trouble or even expelled.

In submitting this letter, I feel that I am speaking for a large part of the student body.

Sincerely yours,
 Joanne Ciminera

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

During the past two weeks there has been an increasing lack of school spirit and student concern.

I think that when the community shows an interest in the students of Port High, it is our responsibility to attend the various affairs which they have planned.

I am speaking primarily of the recent dance which the Rotary Club of Port Washington held. At this dance there was a miserable turnout. The students at the dance had a good time, and I am sure that if more had attended, we would have had a better time.

I am asking you, the students of Port High, to take advantage of any social event the school or the community offers you in the future.

As you recall during the last basketball game there was much stomping and tramping of the feet. This is poor sportsmanship! It is everyone's duty to cheer on the team, but it is not everyone's duty to show bad sportsmanship.

Sincerely yours,
 Fred Drewes, President of the G.O.

WITHIN THESE PORTALS



Mr. Merrill Feted By Circle

On January 4, Mr. Merrill was feted by Circle, Port's chapter national of the National Honor Society.

The honorary club wanted to show their appreciation to Mr. Merrill who has been their advisor for many years.

Each member brought food and the entire program was overseen by Barry Wood and Riggy Wile.

Guests attending the dinner were Mrs. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Kezar, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson.

Mr. Kezar will be the faculty advisor.

Retort

Richard Rhodes, president of Retort, Port High's honorary science club, gave a lecture about the manufacture of rubber products on January 7. He explored mainly the manufacture and use of rubber stoppers.

Mr. Pickett, the faculty advisor, announced that pins are available.

The club is also planning a trip to the cancer research laboratory, the new Waldemar Medical Research Foundation, in Manhasset Isle.

Mr. Fish

Port High's music department is graced with Mr. Fish, a cadet teacher from Potsdam State Teachers College. During the 2-month period he will be attending the High School, and he will have the opportunity of running classes and activities in the field in which he intends to teach.

Mr. Fish's home town is Endicott, New York. Upon graduating this year, he hopes to become a music teacher.

Celerity Plans Hop

Celerity is initiating new members at the next meeting, January 20. Also, an advisory committee has been set up to organize and assist Junior Celerity. These girls will attend its meetings and help them in their projects.

The most current project of

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pant, in her sophomore year made both Junior Varsity basketball and hockey. In her junior year she succeeded in making the Varsity teams of both sports. This year she also made the Varsity hockey team.

Carol is interested in sewing and makes most of her own clothes. Her other hobbies include dancing, writing letters, and collecting popular records. After graduation she hopes to study occupational therapy at Duke University.

Celerity is the annual benefit dance, which, through custom, is a hop. This hop is being held on February 12, at 8:30 p.m. Buckie Walker's band, the same one that made last year's Celerity dance such a big success, will play again this year. The proceeds from this Valentine Dance will go to the Mildred Piazza Cancer Fund.

Committees have been established. The decoration committee consists of Betty Lou Bowman, Anne Guerry, Marilyn Fanshawe, and Marlene Kiupel; refreshment: Cherry McClure nead, Martha Sykes, and Mickey Compere; publicity: Nancy Pickett, Chris Drake, Katherine Bradley, and Gloria Ehler; and tickets: Florence Nacht, Judy Lincoln, and Jean Moffat.

Junior Celerity

Junior Celerity is a new club for Sophomore girls. It is being organized this year for the first time to assist Celerity in its work and to give qualified Sophomore girls a chance to become more acquainted with its workings and activities.

The requirements are different from Celerity, consisting of a 2.3 average or better and membership in 2 or more extra-curricular activities. Being a member to Junior Celerity does not necessarily mean admittance to Celerity in the Junior year.

Meetings will be held once a month and an advisory committee from Celerity will be present at the meetings to inform the members of coming projects and to hear their suggestions. This committee consists of Joyce Warren, Jean Moffat, Carol Roper, and Marilyn Fanshawe.

Junior Celerity has been organized on a trial basis this year but if everything works out as planned, it will become a permanent school activity. The first meeting is to be held sometime before the end of the month. Their first project will be to assist Celerity with its annual dance.

G.O. Xmas Dance Termed A Success

"A big success" is what the G.O. Christmas dance, December 19, has been termed. It is not known how much money was made but there will probably be a slight balance.

Johnny Hobbins' band provided the excellent music, and Mr. Reppeteaux lead the carol singing, as the highlight of the evening.

The G.O. does not hold dances to make money, but to provide the student body with an evening of enjoyable entertainment. All suggestions from the student body on how the dances could be made livelier and better attended could be expressed by letters to the Editor of the Port Weekly