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## What Do You Think?

As a result of the lack of student cooperation at the various school dances, most recently the Fraternity Dance of April 2, we would like to ask you, the student body, various questions with the hope of attaining answers which might lead to the solving of this problem.

Why don't more sophomores attend?

Why don't the various clubs who are sponsoring the dances spend more time on publicity to stimulate the students' interest?

Should there be fewer dances? For example, just the Senior Ball, Junior Prom, and Celerity and Fraternity Dances.

Would it be better to go to a youth center and forget about dances altogether?

Should tickets be sold in advance to reserve tables so the number of people planning to attend can be pre-determined?

Why don't the sponsors obtain refreshments varying some from the perennial cake and Coke, perhaps fitting in with the theme of the dance?

Why aren't dances worked on for a longer period of time, for the dual purpose of providing activities for the students and to promote participation from the general student rather than from the same few who do all the work? This should ultimately encourage a larger attendance.

Why do students have parties on the same night as school dances? For example, the Delta party on April 2.

Why don't all the members of the club that is sponsoring the dance attend?

What suggestions do you have which are not covered in the above?

Please send answers to these questions and suggestions to the Port Weekly room. The student council and the Port Weekly will greatly appreciate your cooperation.

## Students For Recreational Center

Not long ago, in a homeroom meeting, students were asked to fill out a questionnaire prepared by the Student Council and pertaining to a youth program for high school students. The consensus of opinion on the part of the students seemed to be in favor of such a program. It was felt that it was needed and would be utilized if put into effect.

After coming up before the school board on March 15, a letter about the proposed recreation program was sent out to all parents for their opinion. It would mean an increase in the school budget, but if approved should be a great asset to the high school students of Port Washington.

Beyond the approval and provision of such a youth program, its success is up to the students themselves. Since the original idea stemmed from the students, it is hoped by all concerned that if a program is provided, they will give it their whole-hearted support. For many years Port Washington has been trying to give its youth a good opportunity to spend their leisure time in a program of social and athletic activities. It now looks as if this will finally be achieved. It is hoped that the present students will realize how fortunate they are in being able to actually take part in such a program, something that was only a dream for many students in the past.

## HS Smoking Room Obtains Close Vote

by Clifford F. Hendrickson  
Principal

There was a time when the practice of smoking by high school students was discouraged by parents and teachers alike. Today, in spite of the greater knowledge of the harmful effects of tobacco, the practice of smoking is exceedingly common, in most instances with the consent of the parents.

## Present Rules

Until four years ago, no student was permitted to smoke particularly at games and social events. This rule was changed so that students were permitted to smoke outside of the building in certain areas during lunch periods, and at games and social events. Students have been advised that, if caught smoking in the lavatories, it would result in suspension from school. I have no doubt that a "No Smoking" rule can be made and enforced. Would that solve the basic question, should high school students smoke? If the answer is negative, then whose responsibility is it to see that they don't smoke? In my judgment, the parents are responsible.

## A Questionnaire Sent to Parents

The recent questionnaire, sent to the parents of all the students in the senior high school, was the result of a request by the students for permission for seniors, with parental permission, to smoke in a room which would be provided. The results have been tabulated by classes.

## Result of Questionnaire

Five hundred and eighty letters were sent out. Three questions were asked. First, "Do you permit your son or daughter to smoke at home?" In answer to this first question, 93 parents voted "yes", while 80 voted "no".

Secondly, the questionnaire asked, "Would you favor the use of a room where seniors, who have written permission from home, could smoke during lunch periods?" A total of 112 voted "yes", and 71 voted "no."

Third, "If your son or daughter is a senior would you grant permission for him or her to use the room?" As for this question, 99 voted "yes," while 61 voted "no."

## Final Decision Up to Board

In my judgment, the final decision of this matter should rest with the school board. It represents a change in school policy. If permission is granted, it would be my responsibility to arrange for its supervision.

The students and faculty of Paul D. Schreiber High School wish to welcome Bob Fischel back to PDS after his recent illness.

## Honor Roll

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schools to hear their ideas on student government," says Helen. Sue Dorn

"Sue Dorn, sophomore captain in the color war and active in school clubs, including Junior Celerity; is an outstanding student in many ways. She has every point we feel necessary to fill the important job of secretary, and we feel sure she is the right person for the job.

Eddie Lloyd

"Eddie Lloyd, as sophomore class president, is well known already for being a down-right honest and swell person. We know he is the person to be trusted with the treasury.

## Stands for Closer Relations

"The party as a whole would like to see closer student participation and relations in student government. In past years we have noticed that students do not know as much of what is going on as they ought to. We would also like to see something done about senior privileges; since, although, there are senior privileges, they aren't carried out very well.

"We are sure that the election of the whole party will be an asset to our school government. Vote Musselwhite, Pomeroy, Dorn and Lloyd; you can't go wrong."

## Viking Party

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semblies. This method was proposed by the council and I will work hard to see that it is carried out."

Diana Kammerlohr

"Diana Kammerlohr was treasurer of junior high and now is very active in sports in high school. Diana would do a good job of keeping the records and the student body informed on council doings. She would also like to see better participation and enthusiasm in school clubs.

Ray Saultter

"Ray Saultter is vice-president of the sophomore class and is president of orchestra. He thinks that if more discounts were available in Port stores, there would be a better sale of G.O. tickets. This would result in greater student attendance at school affairs and would lead to better school spirit.

"The principle aim of the 'Vik-  
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## Musselwhite

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Henry Chodkowski, Mickey Compere, Carol Driscoll, George Erickson, Anne Guerry, David Kane, Marlene Kiupel, Gerald Lee, Judy Lincoln, Patricia Lynch, Barbara Mc Kelvey, Florence Nacht, Nancy Pickett, Wilma Rohloff, Richard Rhoades, Linda Schneeloch, Charles Savini, Roger Texier, Stephen Vishanoff, Alan Wile, Linsey Wiles and Barry Wood.