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No. G.O., No Name In Paper?

There are a number of students who do not possess G.O.s, and yet are the first to grab for the Port Weekly Friday afternoon. Theoretically, the paper is not to be distributed to non-G.O. ticket holders. However, if this is not enforced, it leads the paper to think that something else will have to be done to boost G.O. ticket sales through the Port Weekly.

We doubt that the school would like the idea of our simply not printing in the paper the name of anyone who does, not hold a G.O. If sales are not raised considerably next year, though, we may be forced to do this in order to give credit only where credit is due—to those people who have the school spirit to support the G.O.

Another angle would be to limit extra-curricular activities to only G.O. ticket holders. Are you in favor of these proposals? Better yet, are you a G.O. ticket holder?

Pro Exemptions!

On the subject of whether there should be exemptions from final exams there has been much controversy. We take the affirmative view on this question, for we feel that the incentive provided the students by this prerogative is worth all the finals in the world. After all, it has been argued many times that the all-over amount a student gets out of his work is far more important than one or two big tests.

Exemptions from finals would certainly help to create a means for achieving this; it would encourage students to keep their average up all year, rather than encourage them to sit back all year and then cram for their final, as we feel the present system does to a certain extent.

Your Help Needed

Are you one of the students of PDS who is continually finding fault with the way that various clubs in the high school are run? It seems to us that if you would do more work in that club, and less talking, a lot more would be accomplished.

If you are one of the innocent bystanders who is always shouting, "What has the student council accomplished this year?" or, "Why isn't there more news in the paper?"; let us ask you a few questions. Did you ever ask your student council representative what was done at a meeting or read the student council news, which is published after every meeting? Have you ever considered joining the Port Weekly staff? Your answer is probably negative.

Do you often find fault with the paper — but did you ever consider volunteering to do assignments?

Remember that you are not justified in your criticism for others unless you, yourself, can show that you can do better. Remember, less talking and more concrete action shows a better result. The best result is a job well-done. Try to strive toward this goal with the heads of various activities. Don't always work against them.

Senior Spotlight

Richard Rhoades is the president of Retort, the honorary science club of PDSHS, and an active participant in Circle and Focus, the camera club.



Dick Rhoades is a member of the Boy Scouts, with a rating of life scout.

A science and mathematics major, Dick stands eighteenth in the graduating class of 1954. After graduation, Dick will attend either M.I.T., R.P.I., or Cornell, where he will study chemical engineering.

Everett Westa, a versatile senior, is a member of Clio and Retort, and is violinist in the School Orchestra, besides having played in intramural basketball.



Everett's future plans include studying at Cornell where he plans to major in veterinary medicine. With his good marks, Everett stands forty-eighth in 1954's scholastic lineup.

Gordon Meyer, a very active participant in PDSHS sports, is a member of both track and varsity football, in which he was a fast runner. Gordon is also a member of Clio, the honorary history club.



Gordon Meyer In the very near future, Gordon plans to attend either V.P.I. or Duke University where he will study civil engineering.

Robert Wheeler, the second spotlighted senior, is a drummer in PDS's Band and Orchestra. His high scholastic average earned Bob the tenth position of those graduating in June. A member of Circle, his many extra-curricular activities include a dance band.



Recently Bob was the winner of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarship. When he graduates in June, Bob plans to study at Middlebury College where he will major in liberal arts and engineering.

WITHIN THESE PORTALS



Retort

Recently, the honorary science club of Port High, met under the guidance of their faculty adviser, Mr. Pickett, and president, Dick Rhoades.

In the course of the meeting, a lecture was given by Robert Metzger on earth science. The illustration which he chose for his subject was a three dimensional model of typical geological formations, which he had made as a project for his earth science class.

His talk dealt with the causes of erosion, the formation of mountain ranges, the various types of rocks to be found in nature, and many other interesting topics.

Circle Members

Newly initiated members of Circle, PDSHS's chapter of the National Honor Society are Lee Painter, Joan Houghton, Mary Ann Nofi, Kate Stowe, Barbara Gagne, Wilma Rohloff, Gloria Ehlert, Joyce Warren, Sue Hall, Linda Pollock, John Foster, Ted Hendrickson, Richard Ambler, Tony Caprariello, Tom Fetch, and Everett Westa.

Biology

Tuesday the Biology Club held its third meeting. Bill Warder presented a lecture concerning the study of optics. In the discussion, Bill explained the use of lenses in microscopes, cameras, optical equipment and many other articles. Following the discussion a demonstration was given by Bill entitled "Light and Its Properties."

Constitution

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vide for a system in which the G.O. representatives would serve from September to January, and then be either re-elected or replaced.

A third suggestion would limit extra-curricular activities to G.O. ticket holders. It is interesting to note that some of PDSHS's most outstanding students do not have these cards. These and several other proposals will be brought before the council when the revision is complete.

Another recommendation was to install a crude form of primary in which the standard nominating committees would pick their choices and would then run in a primary against anyone else who wants to be a candidate. From these primary returns, for which there would be no campaigning, two parties would be chosen. This would completely eliminate a third party and the primary would weed out independents who would be at a disadvantage.