

Youth corps program curtailed; school quota cut down to twelve

Students interested in obtaining part-time jobs through the Neighborhood Youth corps should contact Henry Pond who will help in getting in touch with Joel Sappenfield, NYC coordinator. The regular school program is scheduled to begin this week.

"The program has been drastically curtailed," states Mr. Pond. Only 12 positions are open to Grant students this year as compared with 50 last year.

According to the NYC summer newsletter, "Because the Department of Labor desires to spread NYC money throughout the state, Portland will be allocated funds for 200 enrollees this year instead of 650, as we had last year."

Congress is considering a bill that would double the appropriation of NYC to \$496,000,000.

Wing construction nears completion

Science will be moving into a building of its own this year. "We're disappointed the construction is not completed, but we are glad that the end of the construction is in sight," commented principal Dr. Roy Malo.

Chemistry and biology classes anticipate completion of the new science building by November 1. Receiving special attention, the cafeteria remodeling is scheduled for completion the first or second week after school begins.

The cafeteria addition, the science building, and a covered walkway leading from the main building to the science building have been under construction by the Gene H. Settergren Construction company since February.

Housed in the science building will be two chemistry and four biology classes. The two chemistry lecture rooms will share a lab. A dividing door will lend itself to team teaching of chemistry.

Old science rooms 213 and 215 will be used for special education classes. Rooms 229 and 235 will be converted into general science labs. A faculty lounge may develop in room 217.

Rewriting the regulations to include all high school students is also under consideration.

Presently students must be 16-21 years old. Participants work 10 hours a week at \$1.25 per hour.

New teachers to replace old as year begins

Lost: Eighteen teachers. Six of these teachers taught English, two social studies, two art, two home economics, one math, one physical education, two science, one music, one business education, one industrial arts and one activities director.

Lost are Alice Allen, Bertha Alm, Evelyn Basgen, Lynda Bramlette, Joseph Carson, James DiNucci, Charles Edmonds and Helen Fink.

Completing the list are Stephanie Fisher, Judy Frykman, D. Allen Johnson, Gerald Merryman, Ethel Nordgaard, Charlotte Pennington, Paul Romans, James Schell, Charles Stones and John Sweo.

Found: Twenty-five new teachers, two of whom are intern teachers.

Teaching English will be Ronald Baderman, Ernest Cowan, Gayle Nelson, and Star Van Valkenburg an intern teacher from Reed college.

Those teaching languages are: Julian Amaya, Marjorie Blizzard and Mutsuko Bunch.

Combined classes will be taught by Elizabeth Barker, James Conover, Agatha J. Fiskum and Mike Rumpakis.

Konrad Daae, Rosalie Morris and Omer L. Watson are the new art teachers.

Carolyn Fitzwater, Vernon Marshall, William White and Nora Young will teach physical education.

Additional teachers are virgil Edstrom, industrial arts; Rebert Fair, mathematics; Wilbur Funk, choral music; John Monohan and Paul Yakimi, special education; Lee Ryker, biology; and Kay Willardson, home economics.

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Japanese family hosts Michelle Rex

by Cynthia Froom

"It was Thursday last time we looked," said Michelle Rex, senior, concerning time differences she encountered this summer as an American Field Service student to Japan.

Michelle and 49 other AFS students left San Francisco on Thursday at 10 a.m. and arrived in Tokyo, Japan, at 4 p.m. Friday.

After an orientation in Tokyo and language lessons, the students were sent to their families. Michelle took an eight hour train ride to Takamatsu where her family was waiting.

Takamatsu, located on the island of Shikoku south of the main island, means the "tall pine tree" in Japanese.

"I found some difficulty communicating at first with my family," commented Michelle. "There was so much I wanted to tell them, but only my mother spoke a little English."

Japanese homes usually have sliding doors that make one large room or several smaller rooms. There are no beds and the floor is covered with "tatami," a type of thick mat, which is built into the floor and serves as the bed. Michelle's home was much more "western" and she had her own bed.

"Ochoogan," a Japanese festival, was celebrated in the mid-summer and Michelle found it comparable to our Christmas. Almost every day during the two week period gifts of fruit, candy, cheese and butter came.

Michelle was honored by the "tea ceremony club" at her sister's school. After the ceremony was performed, she was given a "yucata," a cotton kimono, as a gift.

Dating in Japan is much dif-



MICHELLE REX, exchange student to Japan is honored by the "tea ceremony" club at her Japanese sister's school. Michelle is wearing a "Yucata" which she was given as a gift after the ceremony.

ferent than in the United States. Three or four couples may get together on a Sunday afternoon

Assembly included in Orientation day

Orientation day on August 30 allowed approximately 750 incoming freshmen a preview look at the school.

Organized by the executive council the day began with an assembly. Later there were seminars, tours and a chance to pay fees.

"I thought they were a good group . . . quiet in assembly," stated Rick Dinihanian, student body president.

for a movie or a trip to the tea and coffee house.

"The teen-agers of Japan wear no mod clothing and I would say that they are about two years behind the US teen-agers," said Michelle. "However they do have popular singers who sing songs that the Beatles do," she added.

Kampus Kapers

Saturday, September 10—
Football, 1:30 p.m., Franklin, there.

Wednesday, September 14—
Assembly

Thursday, September 15—
Nelson Denney tests.

Jean Lobb spends year as exchange student to Sweden

by Lorna Viken

Forty-four hours before senior Jean Lobb left for New York June 15 she was notified by the American Field Service of the opportunity to spend a year with a family in Sweden.

Her wardrobe was purchased in thirty minutes. She was given the multitude of required shots in two days. Her passport met her in New York.

Unaccompanied by the usual adult, Jean and seven other AFS exchange students from Oregon, Southern Washington and Northern California toured Chicago and Washington, D.C. Before an adult met them at the AFS dormitory in New York, a Greenwich Village exploration was included.

During the eleven days aboard the ship "Seven Seas" scheduled to arrive July 1 in Rotterdam, Jean and the other AFS students attended special orientation classes. One subject included the Swedish language.

Quotations are taken from Jean's letters to her family.

"Today they talked on customs and holidays. They explained drinking problems and how to make and accept toasts. When one has a birthday, it is the custom to remain in bed until the entire family comes in and wakes you with their singing.

"Crayfishing is a very popular Swedish pastime during August. Christmas was told about. "And the food; herring in the northern part of Sweden is so smelly that apartment houses rule that it must be eaten outdoors.

"In the south, pig's blood soup may be refused quite graciously. The other things sounded delicious. (P.S. Sunday, no classes. Monday, free love is orientation topic.)"

Living in a rural area on a 2500 acre farm is a new experience for Jean. Most AFS exchange students apply for an environment similar to the one they have grown up in.

Norrbys is the name of her Swedish family. Jean has four brothers and a sister Lena, 19. The oldest brother,



Jean Lobb

23, is studying in California. A 21-year-old boy is in the service and there are two more sons aged 16 and 12.

"Tillflykten has begun to feel like home. The very name of the farm means "the refuge." This family took me in as a member immediately, and the only "difficulties" in adjustment were little ones: getting used to a different bathtub (this one is about 6 inches narrower and 6 inches deeper than the one at home, I

am sadly reminded as I bruise my elbows and trip climbing out); and getting used to a new sugar spoon (this one is shaped like a flattened out gravy ladle, with little holes in the bottom. Of course, I didn't notice that the holes existed until I had carried a spoonful of sugar to my dish of sour milk, from the sugar bowl across the table. By that time, the spoon was empty, and there was a little white trail across the tablecloth."

The father of the family works as head of a board which decides what construction can be done in the suburbs of Stockholm, which is forty minutes from home.

"We came out onto a huge cobblestone marketplace with a huge fountain in the center, barrels of bright yellow flowers, an outdoor cafe in one corner, and a view of the water, the beautiful water.

"Stockholm is all built on the water, it seems. There are fourteen islands on which the city is built and some forty bridges connecting them."

Bicycles are the main trans-

portation for travelling through the countryside. "Our bikes arrived July 6, rusty and old, rented from the nearby police station at Skelleftef. We've explored all the country roads around here."

Jean has been away from home for almost three months. During this time she has learned much about Sweden, its customs, cultures, and people. But she has also learned about America and, most important, about herself.

"Now I see what is meant by the ostentatiousness of American tourists. Everywhere. But Americans—much as you may embarrass me here, much as I wish you could be just a little more sensitive to the country you are now in, I've never loved you more.

"When I see an American now, I immediately feel a bond, a kinship, and I love you more than anything because we have something in common. I am proud to be an American, and I think America is great—has been greater, can be greater."