

Smoking law matter of student self discipline

Section 16-907, Ordinance 109502, City of Portland, effective March 1, 1959.

"It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to smoke, chew or in any manner use, or

have in his possession any cigar, cigarette, or tobacco in any form whatsoever in any public highway, street, alley, place, park, square, or resort, including any public school grounds or premises."

Laws are merely "written guides" for society to follow. Some of these "guides" seem impossible to enforce.



One such guide is the law governing juvenile smokers. Cigarettes are much too easy for juveniles to come by.

Anyone can walk up to a vending machine, drop 35 cents in, pull a lever and receive a pack of cigarettes.

The law states that there is to be no smoking in the vicinity of school, which is designated as two blocks in any direction from school. Take a walk; through the park; on corners; or directly across the street from school to see how often this law is broken.

Is it that you have no respect for the law? Is it that you realize that the police are not able to adequately enforce the law? Out of forty juveniles arrested in one day by police officers five were charged with being in possession of tobacco.

When students are found smoking by school authorities they receive a warning letter and then they are suspended and/or expelled, according to Mrs. Melva Anderson and Hubert Shovlin, vice-principals.

"If young people today with the basic knowledge that cigarette smoking can be injurious to their health, continue smoking, they are foolish. They are jeopardizing their health," declared Mr. Shovlin.

Is there an adequate retort to this problem? Regulation of vending machines so that the person in charge of the place of business knows who the cigarettes are going to and can prevent the sale of them to juveniles would be a good place to start, but is it enough?

You are forcing the law to act as your mother did when you were a small child and did something you knew was wrong. She would spank your hands or send you to bed without dinner. You're grown now; enough to know the difference between right and wrong. Don't make the law discipline you.

How often have you broken the law?



Nancy O'Brien

Fashions surveyed by Nancy O'Brien

Who is the girl with the watchful eye for fashion? She's senior Nancy O'Brien, "Seventeen National Fashion Council" member. Nancy will be keeping a close proximity on all the fashion trends around school this year. She is Grant's Berg's Hi-Board representative.

The girls on the council have four projects to complete during their year which lasts from September of 1966 through August of 1967. Nancy's first project was to conduct a "survey" on styles and fashions in Portland. "It turned out to be the military look," Nancy commented. She also did a layout showing these fashions.

Besides receiving a subscription to *Seventeen Magazine*, Nancy obtains a "sneak preview" of the magazine a month before normal distribution. She periodically exchanges letters with her adviser, keeping up to date on all the latest fashions.

Asked about her position, Nancy stated, "You learn a lot. It's a real good experience." She was chosen for this position by the other Berg's Hi-Board representatives.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

At the last meeting of the Greater Portland Inter High School Traffic Safety Council, Monday, December 5, 1966, I showed a *Grantonian*. Students representing other high schools in the county and various city officials looked upon your effort to help our traffic problem at Grant with great favor.

I too think you should be commended for your interest in alleviating our grave traffic problem. I sincerely hope that everyone takes heed to what the *Grantonian* said in the last issue as the traffic situation is certainly a serious one.

Sincerely,
Andy Gill

Traffic Safety Council Rep

Generalities

Patricia Casey, 1965 graduate, was selected Lucia Bride of the Festival of Lights of the Scandinavian countries. She was crowned at the ceremony at the University of Oregon where she is attending.

School dictates policy

No coffee, soda pop for lunch

by Dan Ellis

It has been proposed several times during the past few years that soda pop and coffee be served to the students in

the cafeteria. The basic argument has been that if it is a student's lunchroom, then the students should be served what they want.

But what is the answer? Why aren't students served these foods?

It is the expressed recommendation of the American Dental association, the American School Service commission, and other agencies that carbonated drinks not be served to students in school lunchrooms.

Dispensation of the drinks is another problem. In the words of cafeteria supervisor Mrs. Viola Runyan, "They are real headaches." There are three main problems involved with the installation of machines: (1) Machines breaking down, (2) Machines running out of pop, and (3) Students using "slugs" to cheat the machines.

As it is now, there is no written school district law that forbids the serving of these beverages. The present format is pure policy. This policy is laid down by the district's Cafeteria Co-ordinating office.

Coffee is not served because it is deemed a "stimulant" and is therefore served only to teachers. The health factor enters here too, as growth stunting is feared.

It appears that the goal of the cafeteria staff is to try to get students to drink milk. Over 700 cartons of it are sold daily. They are so pointed towards this goal that it is sold at a loss. The cafeteria buys the milk at 7 cents a carton and sells it at 5 cents a carton. The two cent difference is made up by the federal government, who repays the school.

Therefore, not selling pop and coffee to students is apparently not a policy of useless denial but a policy of weighted evidence with the students' benefit in mind.

Eugene Kaza to attend area music conference

A trip to Missoula, Montana will be in store for music department chairman Eugene Kaza next April to attend the Northwest Music Educators' conference.

"I've been invited because I happen to be president of the Oregon chapter of the American String Teachers association," stated Mr. Kaza.

The orchestra is now awaiting word to see if they were accepted to perform during the conference.



FOLDING, ironing, and sewing, Student Guidance commissioners (right to left) Judi Donald, Mary Martin, and Krys Charneski get clothes ready for transport to Hillcrest school for girls. Any used items suitable for gifts are sought from the student body.

Hillcrest school girls to receive useful gifts from Student Guidance commission's drive

by Cindy Barrett

Earrings and a pink poodle are among gifts the Student Guidance commission has collected to send to the Hillcrest school for girls. Decorative and useful items, in good repair, are wanted, according to Mrs. Helen Clark and Miss June Peterson, advisors.

"Extras" that most teenage girls take for granted, such as perfumes, cosmetics, jewelry, party dresses, and stuffed toy animals are a rarity at Hillcrest, explained Mary Parker, commission secretary.

"If these gifts give them (the Hillcrest girls) pride, we hope they will develop pride in themselves," stated Mary. The commissioners have appealed to the student body for help in their effort.

Class commissioners and their helpers are soliciting donations from their classes. This "appealing personally to people" will help make the drive a success, said Mary Martin, head commissioner.

"We will pick names at random from the office lists," said Mary, "and send them a little note." Asking their cooperation in this way will make students realize that their gifts are needed," she added.

Students should bring articles to room 117, and deposit them in Mrs. Clark's office. Commissioners and aides will then clean, sort, and box items, and "make minor repairs," said Mrs. Clark.

When the commission sponsored the same drive four years ago, "... the Hillcrest girls liked beads and dressup dresses," said Mrs. Melva Anderson, vice-principal of girls. She contacted a counselor for the Hillcrest school, Mrs. Bonnie Wilkins, whose reaction was "very favorable."

"Mrs. Wilkins will pick up the articles collected on December 15," said Mary Martin. The drive itself will end on December 12. "The Christmas spirit dominates the drive, and makes us willing to give our time," concluded Mary.

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