

Short 'mini-skirts,' pant dresses cause problems in school



Twiggy doesn't go to high school. Twiggy doesn't have any set of rules regarding proper dress. Twiggy does get paid for wearing her unusual dress and modeling the new "mod mini" fashions.

We are high school students and we do have some set of rules to follow in our dress. We attend school to learn, and not to model our latest "mini-skirts" and culottes.

Ruling for dress has been fairly lenient and we have been allowed to wear pant dresses and culottes. However, the problem results when some girls just can't seem to show good judgment in the selection of proper school clothes, and insist on dressing like Twiggy.

Pant dresses and culottes are really cute in the right place, but many of them should be worn only at the beach or parties. They are not the appropriate dress for many public places, downtown, and school. There are just a few girls who insist on stretching the "code of dress" to the very limit, and they will spoil it for all girls who want to wear the new styles.

Culottes are becoming shorts. If the girls who wear these could only see how repulsive it looks and what an unattractive appearance results, they might think twice about wearing them. Dresses may not even seem short when you are standing, but sitting down is another thing. When the tops of nylons are showing, this is too much.

It is too bad that a few girls are going to spoil things for everyone, because a ruling will come out that no pant dresses or culottes will be allowed. We can dress exactly the way we want, if only we will confine our clothes to the proper limits of decency.

Curtailments on our dress need not be made, if we show common respect and sense in what we wear and where we wear it.

Letters to the Editor

Student, wrestler travels to Japan

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To the Students of Grant High School:

I have now been in Japan for three months. Before I came to Japan I thought that the country would be quite similar to the United States. Despite the physical things being different, Japanese customs and the way of life are different. Even the people are different. The people are so thoughtful and generous that a foreigner like myself couldn't help but to be awed.

Japanese students lead a rather simple life as compared to you people. Most schools are not co-educational. You all know how dull that can be. On weekends there are no parties, no dances, and no dates. I could go into great detail on the school system, but I'll leave it to "six days a week." The kids are really dedicated to high school sports. The system is a little different from ours though. Each sport is year around, no seasons. For this reason the kids only take part in one sport all through high school. They all work hard on their own chosen sport. Since I am a student in the Japanese school system, I too participate in a sport. I am studying the Japanese style of wrestling. As an example of dedication, they practice three hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year. That last figure may be exaggerated by a very few days but they even practice over summer vacation. This dedication shows through in everything they do.

In most cases like mine there is a problem or two to begin with. My main problem was the food. I came here ready to eat a lot of rice and it's a good thing too because they eat rice like we eat bread. Rice wasn't my problem though. When I first came over here I was treated, as now, like a celebrity. There were semi-formal dinners and large banquets in my honor. They always, never fail, served what they thought to be the best food at these gatherings. It turns out that the best foods are "raw eel," "raw octopus," "sea weed" and something almost like octopus called "cattle fish." One thing that I've learned over here is not to be such a choosy eater.

Although I'm over here, I haven't forgotten Grant High. I hope that Grant hasn't forgotten me either. I am very eager to hear from any of you.

Sincerely,
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Students active in Junior Volunteer service

Everything from entertaining children in pediatrics to reading menus to the blind is performed by Junior Volunteers

Student achievement to be noted, reported

In keeping with the school policy of informing parents about the progress and welfare of their children, notices of unsatisfactory achievement are being sent not only to parents but to counselors.

This notice of unsatisfactory achievement occurs midway between grading periods so as to alert both counselor and parent of the possibility of a failing grade on the report card.

In this way teachers hope not only to inform parents of the status quo of their sons' and daughters' academic achievement, but also to invite their early assistance in helping the student overcome his problems.

Appointments with teachers to discuss their youngsters' grades may be made by filling in the bottom section of the letter sent home.

"I urge parents to take advantage of the appointments in the best interest of their youngsters in school. Many insights are gained through these parent, teacher conferences. The student can be helped early in the school year so as to avoid repetition of any failing marks," stated Gust Kanas, vice-principal of curriculum.

Various factors contributing to the student's poor achievement are excessive absence from class, little or no evidence of effort on his own to learn, failing to turn in assigned work, and not completing required work.

in the Portland hospitals.

Many Grant students are involved in this program that provides an opportunity for volunteer service.

"Some of the girls are seriously interested in nursing, others are not. We're very grateful to our girls," stated Mrs. Owen Cowling, coordinator of volunteer service at Good Samaritan.

Students working at Good Samaritan are trained by nursing services in a five-day training program. The volunteers work primarily on week-ends performing many errands—such as feeding patients, running errands for the nurses, escort duty, and entertaining the children in pediatrics.

Candy Strippers is the name given the girls at Portland Sanitarium and Hospital. Although the title may vary from hospital to hospital, the jobs and main services remain the same.

The average ages for junior volunteers is 15-18. After 50 hours of volunteer work a capping ceremony is performed. After 100 hours there is a pinning ceremony. "I will be capped and pinned at

the end of the month," stated Martha Ojard, a sophomore who is working at Good Samaritan.

Martha summed up her hospital experiences by saying, "I have met a lot of interesting people working in the hospital."

A Red Cross Nursing class must be taken at most of the hospitals before working. This course may be taken through home economics classes or the American Red Cross Chapter House. "It's basically a health class," stated Suzanne Martinez, who is in charge of volunteer work at Providence. "The girls learn the proper way to make beds and the feeding of bedridden persons," Mrs. Martinez continued. "It is quite different amusing a child who is ill than one who is well."

Most of the girls work on week-ends or any time that they may have free. At Good Samaritan there is a minimum of 40 working hours during the school months and 70 hours during summer vacation. At Providence the minimum is eight hours a month during school and 20 hours a month during the summer.

Laurie Collier visits with Mexican friends

by Cynthia Froom

"Mexican people are just great, and everyone in Mexico is accepted and liked for what they are," commented Laurie Collier, sophomore.

Leaving just a few days after school was out for the summer and returning a few days before it started, Laurie spent her entire summer vacation in Mexico. This trip was Laurie's first visit to a foreign country.

Speaking Spanish was difficult at first for Laurie, because she had only one year of it in high school. However, her two teen-age sisters spoke English well and helped her.

"My parents are really good friends with the Mexican family, the Landeros, that I stayed with in Mexico," stated Laurie. "They decided to have somewhat of a child exchange and I got to visit for the summer."

Laurie lived during the summer with the Landeros at their home in Pueblo, Mexico. Pueblo is located about 85 miles south of Mexico City, and is the fourth largest city in Mexico. It is about the size of Portland.

People in Mexico are either of the poor or wealthy class; there is no middle class. The Landeros were typically upper class people with a large old-Spanish type home and



Laurie Collier stands with her two Mexican brothers in front of the high school in the town of Pueblo, Mexico, which is located 85 miles south of Mexico City.

three servants.

"I didn't like the Mexican food very well, and I often got sick," commented Laurie. "We didn't eat hot dishes very much but everything was seasoned with extremely strong herbs and spices."

Attending classes was enjoyable for Laurie, because she wasn't given

any grades for her work. Laurie sat in on classes mainly to pick up and improve upon her Spanish.

"Mexican kids take ten classes, and go to school every day except Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 or 2:00 p.m.," commented Laurie. "The classes are much more difficult, and the greatest stress is placed on science and mathematics classes."

Dress for classes is quite casual in Mexico compared to the school dress that is maintained in the United States. Girls are allowed to wear pants to school, or anything they want.

Dating was quite a bit different in Mexico, and there was no curfew. Kids would go to the movies in the afternoon from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and parties almost every week-end.

"Their dating rules were unusual compared to ours in the United States," stated Laurie. "You might stay out really late at night, but you weren't allowed to ride with a boy in a car without your parent's permission."

While in Mexico, Laurie also visited famous places in nearby cities. Laurie visited the Palace of Cortez at Cuernavaca, and at Pasco she looked at the famous silver jewelry.

"I do want to go back for another visit really soon," stated Laurie. "The oldest Landeros daughter is planning to stay with our family around Christmas time."

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