

## Nippon, American program exchange offered Congress

"There is a need to learn the Japanese language. One-third of Portland's world trade is with Japan. The Japanese have recognized this need for communication, and since World War II all Japanese students study English as a regular course, from seven years on through college," stated Dan Doran.

Mr. Doran, along with Dr. Roy O. Malo and Gust Kanas, has been working to set up a successful Japanese program. Last year, a half-time teacher was hired for this subject, and this year a full-time teacher, Mrs. Nakachi, has a total of 14 students.

According to Mr. Doran, "If Japanese is studied in high school and college, a good knowledge, which is well suited to business, will be gained. The Japanese are apt to gravitate toward a business man who speaks their own language."

Attorney-general Robert Y. Thornton has devised a plan through which the top 20 per cent of the classes would receive scholarships for one year's schooling in Japan, and the Japanese would do the same, sending their students to America. "I've asked members of congress to jointly offer this bill," stated Mr. Thornton.

Mr. Thornton studied Japanese during World War II in the Army Japanese Language school. Before this, he studied by himself in Fort Richardson, Alaska.

In conclusion, Mr. Thornton said, "The youth of the country are our very best ambassadors."

### Generalities

**Government and Our Economic System** is the title of the pamphlet being previewed by Albert Ouchi's American Government and Problems class.

The class will preview the writing for understanding, make any changes they feel are necessary and suggestions will be made to improve the pamphlet.

If the class feels the writing is suitable for high school usage, the rough draft will be printed into book form and used in high school economics classes in Portland high schools.

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Karen Lind, a Grant graduate of the class of '66, made a Grand tour of Europe last summer. Karen has returned and is now attending classes at Swarthmore college, a coeducational college in Pennsylvania.

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## Teachers attend seminar on drugs

by Janiece Kelley

The screech of car tires coasting wildly over wet pavement and meeting head-on with — three persons dead and a small child critically injured. Why? Some fool kid got depressed and decided to get high on marijuana.

**Drugs—what are they? What do they mean to society and to the teenagers who are becoming more and more dependent on them.**

Questions such as these were discussed in seminars for teachers of grades 6-12, October 30 at various high schools in the city.

**To inform interested teachers and administrators of the effects, symptoms, and problems involved with drugs and drug users as they occur in terms of society and in the schools, was the main objective of the doctors who spoke at the seminar, according to Gust Kanas, curriculum viceprincipal.**

It is equally important that the students be informed to drug abuse and usage.

**Drug abuse is one of America's major problems today, according to a federal drug administration student reference sheet.**

A fundamental point to remember about both addicting and habit-forming drugs is that they can be legally obtained



"Dad, would you leave me alone? Don't you think I'm old enough to take care of myself?" "Quit it, Mom. I can make my own decisions, I'm not a baby, you know!"

The amazement of your parents would probably be indescribable if they were to enter the cafeteria just as you were aiming your piece of apple pie at a guy three tables away.

Really growing up to be a fine adult — you can tell by his actions! Throwing food is not only a waste of food, but shows such babyish mannerisms as should never be brought out in a high school student.

"It's unbelievable to me that students would throw food to that extent. It's just stupid," stated Mrs. Viola Runyan, head of the cafeteria department. Mrs. Runyan continued, "I feel that where so much of the world goes hungry, these students should stop and take a good, long look at themselves."

The extra time that has to be taken in the cleaning up of these ridiculous acts of childishness is great. The next time you get an urge to throw food, just stick your thumb in your mouth instead.

### Sportsmanlike conduct required

At the start of this year no one knew if we'd even have sports. At that time things were really a drag. But now look! We're heading for state! Everyone can hardly wait. Spirits are higher than ever before and everyone is hoping we can "Take State."

However, when a team makes it to state competition, more is expected than a good football game. A good majority will go to the games with the hope of really winning, of course, but keeping this in mind, most students forget about good sportsmanship.

Let's not only prove that we can beat another football team but let's prove that we're not the most unsportsman-like cheering section at the state playoffs as most schools believe. Make a good impression. Let's Take State in Sportsmanship!

only on a doctor's prescription. Any other source is against the law.

**Drug abuse, as reported by the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control, is much a matter of personality. The adult drug abuser may find that drugs are a chemical curtain from reality, where the juvenile sees things in a much different light. Adolescence is, under the best circumstances, a time of stress and difficulties.**

The adolescent does not understand himself, and often finds little understanding at home. He seeks refuge among groups of other juveniles who face the same problems, and satisfies his need to be understood and accepted. His recognition with the group depends on his willingness to use airplane glue and lighter fluid and leads to barbituates and narcotics. Once this person finds that potent drugs are easily available, he is well on the way to becoming a confirmed drug abuser.

**It is not carefully guarded secret that smoking and alcohol are popular among high school students. And the fact that both of these are unlawful is not unknown. But what comes after the smoking and drinking stage? It may all begin with just one marijuana cigarette—for kicks. You may not be one of those unlucky**

**kids that is having problems being understood—you just want a little fun. But after marijuana, what?**

Physical harm from drugs is limited but the psychophysical effects are very great.

LSD, probably the most harmful of all drugs, incurs psychotic reactions which may last anywhere from a few months up to two years.

One significant statement about the use of LSD was made by Freedman and Powelson in the *Nation* on January 31, 1966: "LSD enthusiasts talk of religious conversions, the awakening of artistic creativity, the reconciliation of opposites.

"The main change to be observed in such individuals, however, is that they have stopped doing anything. The aspiring painter tatls of the heightening of his aesthetic sensibilities and skills, but he has stopped painting. The graduate student who withdrew from writing his dissertation in philosophy, talks of the wondrous philosophical theories he has evolved. But nothing is written. It seems that the world of fantasy has become far more compelling than external reality. Indeed, fantasy is substituted for things.

The smoking and drinking games have already been played. But who has returned victorious? Anyone for "drug roulette"?

## Assembly honors nation's veterans

Armistice day was established in 1926 to commemorate the signing in 1918 of the Armistice ending World War I. On June 1, 1954, the name of the holiday was changed to Veteran's day so as to honor all of the men and women who have served America in its armed forces.

A veteran is any man or woman who has served in the armed forces either in time of war or peace.

There are nearly 22 million living veterans in the United States. More than 15 million of them fought in World War II.

To serve this great number of people, there are offices all over the nation and also about 160 veterans' hospitals and 16 homes for ex-servicemen requiring special care.

The first veterans' benefit on record in America was enacted by the Pilgrims of Plymouth colony in 1626. It provided that any soldier injured in defense of the colony "shall be maintained competently by the colony during his life."

A Veteran's day exhibit is appearing in the library with materials loaned by Carl W. Hall. The traditional Veteran's day assembly was also held today.

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Mrs. Hanlon,

It's hard to believe, but it's here: more than one year has passed since I left Portland and Grant high, where I spent such a wonderful time. This however, means that I have only a year left at my school and that the final exams are approaching rapidly. Monday the fall vacation will start which I shall use to prepare for the geography final and as a time of rest after a busy summer semester.

I have never done so well in school as this past term although soccer took a lot of my time, since I now play in the highest league in Switzerland. This, of course, brings in some money, which I shall be able to use when at the university.

This summer Andy Scott, my American brother, stayed with us and I was able to show him my country. He'll come back from Germany for Christmas to get a chance to ski here. The ski season will start by the beginning of November and I assure you that I won't be the last one to take his skis up the hill.

I would very much appreciate it you could write me a few lines, provided you find time to do so, and tell me about life at Grant.

With kind regards to you, the school and all the teachers I got to know at Grant,  
Walter Grubenmann

Dear Editor,

We certainly feel that the drama department deserves a tremendous thanks for the wonderful assembly, "Egad, What a Cad." It showed a great deal of hard work by both the performers and Mrs. Foster. We are certainly looking forward to "Harvey," which will be presented in November.

We hope to have more assemblies like this in the future.

Gratefully,  
P. S. Falk  
Steve Gerard  
Charlie Agarn  
Marc Gerak

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