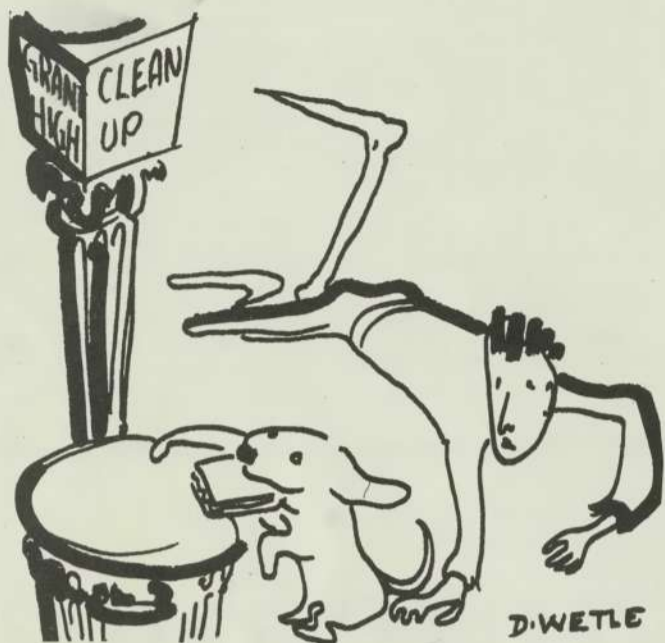


Litter—the PROUD tradition of Grant



Grant has an outstanding tradition of being on the winning side whether it be at sports or academics. On the whole, visitors to our school are usually very pleased with the conduct of the students. Maybe they miss the cafeteria after both lunches are over and they couldn't possibly have seen the litter from the cafeteria mingled with french fry wrappers and coke cups from Yaw's and cigarette butts strewn for blocks.

These visitors couldn't have seen the potential drop-outs and social climbers standing on their favorite corners with cigarettes hanging from their mouths and a crude display of foul language when the cigarette is removed.

It isn't very impressive, is it? And it's sad, very sad, to the majority of us who have pride in our school and do not want this pride ruined by the small minority who are not mature enough to conform to the laws of society.

There are solutions to this problem; ways of keeping the litter off the streets and the students from loitering on the corners and being destructive and crude.

The campus could be closed so that no one would leave from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This way, all litter would be kept at school for the students to live with.

Another solution could be to hire policemen to patrol the area around school, watching for students that cut classes, litter, and generally make trouble for the people of the community.

It should be remembered that these people, those who see the bad side of Grant, will be voting on the next school levy, provided it is voted on once again, and it most likely will be. Do you think that people whose lawns and gardens have been trampled, whose property has been invaded by "dirty-mouthed teen-agers" and whose garbage cans are filled with litter left scattered around their property, will even think twice before marking their ballot?

The cartoons presented on this page were taken from files of years ago, which shows that problems of this nature were present then as well as now. But never before has litter been so great, never before has serious action been considered to enforce student responsibility.

Serious thought should be given to this problem by all students; for it reflects on all students, not just that small minority who are the cause.



Fashions not new, styles borrowed from past reflect new era

by Linda Box and Donna Svart

Would you wear a fig leaf? If you saw a mini-skirt in the 1800's, what would your opinion be? Fashion has changed from one extreme to another for over a decade. Dresses have gone up, down, become tighter, looser, fitted, squared, rounded and some are made with holes in them!

The length of skirts has been a question pondered for many days, especially in school rooms, where an extreme amount of an extrem-

ity shown causes distraction to the opposite gender.

This interference in the process of learning, is what some school administrators, parents, and students themselves think, has caused a problem.

Should the school set a dress code for its students? But what has this to do with fashion? For one thing, fashion is the code, in some instances, for dress. If a girl wants to be in fashion, or per chance "in style," she has to follow the code.

There is a difference though between fads and

fashion. Fads will come and go, but good fashion will linger. Do you remember granny dresses? In some instances you must use good judgment as to which a garment is. And after a time, even if not everyone agrees, styles that may have started out as a fad may become fashion.

Some fashion is caused by economic necessity. Did you know that during the wartime forties there was a regulation concerning the amount of cloth allowed in a garment?

Fashion coordinator of Lipman, Wolfe and Company, Mrs. Pat McKeivitt, had some interesting views on today's fashions. When asked if the styles now were new, she stated that no style is new. All are borrowed from the past. When she was in high school, she wore kilts, knee-socks, sweaters with belts and wooden shoes. These are things that for us now are "in."

Does the era have anything to do with styles? Mrs. McKeivitt said that clothes do reflect the times. Mini-skirts are a reflection of the atomic age. For in-

stance, a long dress wouldn't be nearly as practical for getting into a small foreign car as a short skirt.

Are there different styles for different classes? There used to be, but now there's a larger middle class and a higher standard of living. "No price tag on good fashion," stated Mrs. McKeivitt. Meaning that today you can buy the same style, at less cost, but with less quality. Mrs. McKeivitt also said, "Fashion is fickle," and stated that fashion is made by the people in the public eye.