

Passage of levy important

School is life for thousands of young people in Oregon. Schooling is more than merely learning a few facts. It's teaching the nation's young people how to apply these facts.

Through special projects and programs today's youth is learning to cope with today's world at school. As stated by Dan Robinson, social studies teacher, "Our country's hope is in today's teenagers." How much hope will America have with half-educated young people?

What stops voters from wanting to pass a school tax levy? "The kids are always out running around on my lawn, littering up and down the street. They all smoke and are a bunch of ruffians. Why should I vote for them?"

Why? Because if voters don't vote for kids, they're going to have bigger problems than a little litter on their property. Kids aren't all bad and the ones neighbors see on their lawns smoking are a small minority.

"I don't have any kids. Why should I have to pay to put someone else's kid through school?" Why? Because you are an American. A vote for a school tax appropriation is a vote for America. Today's students will be tomorrow's leaders.

"All this talk of LSD, marijuana and premarital sex among students has me worried. If our youth has morals like this, there is no hope for a bright America, even if there are better schools."

Once again the bad side of the American teenager has been shown. Papers are filled with sensationalism about drugs and sex among students. The truth is that there are many, many more young people working in VISTA or the Peace Corps today than there are hippies.

What will happen if the levy fails again? Last summer the main emphasis was on saving PIL athletics. If the levy fails again, there will be no "Save PIL" drive. There just won't be any athletics. Athletics are important to youngsters. They provoke interest and unity in the school and its students. They keep students physically fit, which President John F. Kennedy deemed very important for a thriving America.

The scholastic side of school will also slide. According to Librarian Miss Dorothy Johnson, Grant wasn't hit too hard by a lack of funds this year, because the majority of this year's new books were ordered a year in advance on last year's money. It's next year that we will really be hurt.

If voters think administrators waste tax dollars in schools, one need only examine the rooms, some of which haven't been painted for at least ten years.

Students themselves care. They showed this by uniting in a campaign for the levy, by making and paying for their own costumes in the Spring show and by other actions.

Don't put an end to an educated America. Don't stop new programs now being developed for special students. Don't keep the schools from having excellent teachers and thought-provoking study material. Fite ignorantz! Vote 4-yes for kids!



PROJESSCO program being planned for learning problem students' needs

Plans for PROJESSCO (Project English-Social Studies Cooperative), a "grass roots" development, are being made by members of the faculty and administration.

The program's purpose is to help meet the special needs of the "learning problems students."

"These students have had little success in the present curriculum. We will try to give them a meaningful curriculum, one based as much as possible on their individual needs," Thomas Pienett explained.

"We do believe these students are capable of learning the skills and habits necessary for a productive life, and we hope effectively to help them by removing certain pressures, real and imaginary, that have stood in the way of the learning process," he continued.

A four-period block serving from 80-120 sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and a four-period block serving from 40-80 freshmen are planned.

Within the block for the upperclassmen, time will be given for English and social studies classes as well as counseling and vocational guidance. In addition, a number of students will be able to take mathematics.

Teachers selected are Mrs. Helen Dillon and Earl Trigsted for English, Thomas Pienett and Gary Noble for social studies, with George Kalman to be a personal and vocational counselor.

Within the freshman block, students will take English, social studies, mathematics, and study hall. The teachers and counselors have not yet been selected.

Recommendations have been made by

the planning committee for adjoining rooms to be used as classrooms, a student reading room and an office room for the teaching counseling team.

A list of needed equipment to better meet the needs of these students, including a videosec machine, a film strip machine, and tape recorders with head sets, has also been drawn up.

A summer workshop will be attended by the teachers taking part in this project.

Two dollars monthly covers education cost

The cost of an education is amazing. In the 1957-58 school year the average cost per student in elementary school was \$358.73. In regular high school it was \$426.44 and in the polytechnic highs it was \$487.47.

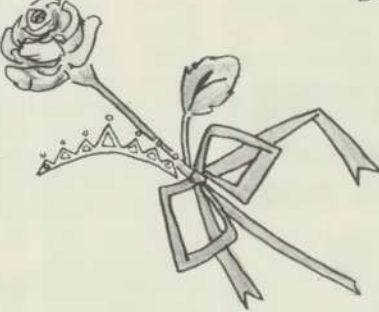
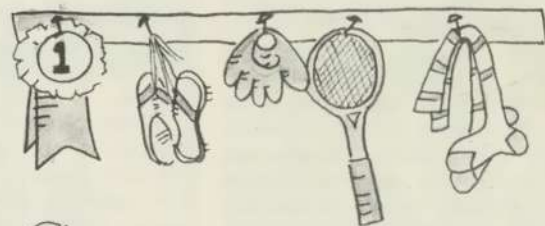
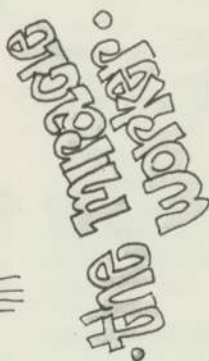
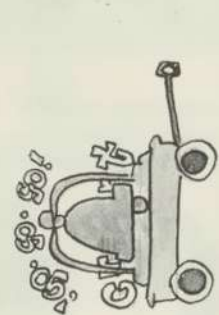
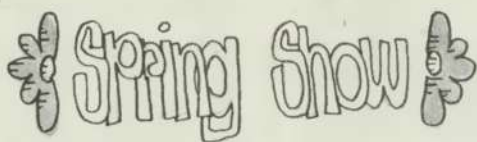
Today the cost has risen. In 1966-67 the average cost per student in elementary schools had risen to \$540.35 (more than for high school in 1957). It had risen to \$632.29 in high school and \$759.61 in the polytechnic schools.

Despite this large sum of money (which amounts to about \$1,801,526.50 for the students at Grant alone using the 1966-67 figures) taxpayers will not be taxed heavily for the school tax.

If the levy passes, taxpayers will have to pay an average of \$1.98 a month toward keeping our schools high quality.

Everyone must waste at least \$1.98 a month on a luxury item. If the voters pass the school tax levy, it may mean they'll have to give up a certain little extra each month; but it will help 79,000.

Events, activities review shows successful, fun year



by Cecile O'Rourke

Working together for a single cause tends to make a group more tightly knit, more organized; so it went at the start of this year when everyone fought to save PIL athletics.

Athletics being saved proved especially important to us, because we were city champions in football, cross country, swimming, wrestling, tennis, baseball and girls' track. The track men now have one foot in the state berth.

The old Grant spirit died out this year, despite the fine efforts of our athletic teams. We were shamefully defeated in our student body card contest with new foe Franklin.

A new activity was planned and executed this year—Homecoming. Nancy Walters was our homecoming queen. She was chosen from a court nominated by the football players. Class competition in poster making, club competition for spirit, a moonlight rally and dance and the Homecoming game against Franklin highlighted the week. (We bombed Franklin 33-6, more than making up for our loss in the student body card contest.)

The year saw more parents around the school than any other year, as the mothers joined forces to help in the understaffed library and offices.

"Egad What A Cad" was presented by the drama department along with other fine productions like "Harvey," "Night of January 16" and "The Miracle Worker."

Folk-rock was introduced to Grant in an assembly by United Sounds and the orchestra and band showed their excellence in a program, "Winter Serenade," and in assemblies to the student body.

Little needs to be said about our award-winning speech department that never failed to bring home to Grant many honors and trophies.

Girls' league was active this year with two GL weeks, a big and little sister party, Teacher Appreciation day and other activities.

"Singing Is" was the title of the choral concert given in October by the choral music department. The Christmas Show and the Dad's Club Spring Show allowed these students to display their talents again.

A code of dress was adopted by the Student Standards Committee and due to the efforts of the executive council boys were allowed to wear bermuda shorts this spring.

Pep club was dropped this year, but a new movement Generalities marched in to replace it.

General council had discussions and made a statement on the property tax limitation while the executive council passed some amendments to the constitution.

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Academically, our "High Q" team was retired undefeated while the National Honor society was busy tutoring.

Our foreign exchange students added to our own experiences by explaining what certain times of the year were like in their countries.

"Twelfth Night" was very successfully performed with Gerald Merryman and his students working busily on costumes, sets and parts.

Student elections went about as usual, but the national elections drew real interest with several students participating in campaigns.

The cultural side of life was shown through a Fine Arts week.

Rose Festival time rolled around and we chose Nancy Walters as our princess.

A year is over. A year the students feared would be one of the worst turned out to be one of the best, thanks to the efforts of teachers and parents who wouldn't give up.

Teaching five classes a day, the faculty advisers of the various departments (art, athletics, instrumental music, drama, journalism, speech, choral music) have worked overtime to make this year a successful one. Only one thing is different, the faculty does not receive overtime—they get no pay at all for this.

If the levy is defeated again, will the students be so lucky next year?

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