

Students honored for performance on national test

Letters of Commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1968 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test have been awarded to Steve Gerrard, Patricia Jensen, Elizabeth Klonoff, Nancy McCready, Joanna Pulakis, Janet Suva, and Hoyt Walker.

They are among 39,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper 2 per cent of those who will graduate from high school in 1969. The commended students rank just below the 15,000 semi-finalists announced in September by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The commended students advance no further in the Merit Scholarship competition, their records of achievement are sent to the colleges they have named as their first and second choices. The reports include home addresses, test scores, and anticipated college majors and career intentions of the commended students.

NMSC encourages these students to make every effort to continue their education. As John M. Stalnaker, president of NMSC, stated, "The commended students should be encouraged to pursue their education since their intellectual talent represents an important and much needed natural resource. Our nation will benefit from their continuing educational development."



Think fast! Four of the 12 "High-Q" semi-finalists, Steve Reinisch, left, Patty Jensen, Larry Wheeler, and Evan Whipple, practice for final team eliminations.

Projessco projects in action

by Lisa Rose

"We're undertaking at Grant a number of bold projects for which we have high hopes and we believe that these, including Projessco, may point the way to improving the quality of educational efforts," stated Charles Randolph, assistant to the work experience program and counselor to students under the Projessco program.

Mr. Randolph formerly taught three senior English classes and worked as a Projessco coordinator and English department chairman. He now works full time on vocational programs with Parimaz Marsubian, work experience coordinator, and Wayne Robinson, distributive education counselor, besides serving part time as a counselor with the Projessco program and continuing as English department head.

"It feels strange being out of the classroom after 15 years," he commented.

The distributive education program, under the direction of Wayne Robinson, has been enlarged this year to include a vocational work experience program.

The work experience program helps to find "more jobs from large industries for the promising student employee involving long-term employment and potential careers," cited Mr. Randolph. "We are trying to make a team effort here," he continued. The second and full-time assistant to the program is Parimaz Marsubian.

Work experience involves students who plan not to attend college and who will soon enter the working force. The members of this program help the student by contacting potential employers.

However, we never get a student a job. Our purpose is to find potential employers and help the student prepare for the interview,"

Mr. Randolph stated. "This means that any student interested in having Grant High School help them find work should contact their counselor, who will refer them to the administrators of the program," he disclosed.

Mr. Randolph's duties as a counselor for Projessco include working with Mrs. Stella Pietila, who is full-time Projessco counselor, and giving personal counseling and guidance to students. From time to time he teams with the other Projessco teachers in teaching the students under the Projessco program.

"Projessco," he stated, "is an effort to provide Grant students with closer, more individual help and more intensive counseling and also to provide a wider scope for educational opportunity within the community."

This is his first year as a counselor, however last year he was close to the new idea of Projessco in the planning phase. He has now been given the opportunity to extend his work in this area.

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Idea of voluntary assemblies slim; pros, cons of possibility researched

by Jan Kelley

Recently an editorial and comments by various students were printed concerning voluntary assemblies, their good and bad points.

As a follow-up to that editorial, additional research has been done concerning the possibilities of having voluntary assemblies.

With a population of nearly 3000 students in this "city" it would be virtually impossible to estimate the turn-out for any one assembly.

In this respect it would not be known whether or not to plan one or two assemblies in a day. This is the biggest problem facing those who advocate volun-

tary assemblies.

As it is now, on assembly days many students may be found around the neighborhood when they are supposedly in the auditorium. This is very disrupting to the people living around school, as students are loitering, littering, and using profane language. This situation would only worsen with voluntary assemblies.

For these reasons voluntary assemblies are impossible. Although a few assemblies are being tried on a voluntary basis this year, beginning with the drama production. Tickets will be sold for 25 cents and students will be released from their sixth and seventh period classes to attend the performance if they wish. Otherwise they must attend their regular classes during that time.

Because not all assemblies can be voluntary, the Grantonian staff proposes that all assemblies be well advertised by posters and bulletins in order to promote interest within the student body. Previously students were not even aware of the content of the assembly they were forced to see.

Student government conference set; executive council members attend

Region III, which is part of the Oregon Student Council Association, will hold its first meeting October 26 at Gladstone high school. The purpose of Region III meetings is to get student leaders from many different schools together to discuss mutual problems and solutions.

Executive council members attending are: Dave Edwards, student body president; Robin Suwol, vice president; Nancy Swett, Girls' League president; Inge Boe, exchange student; and Jan Kelley, Grantonian editor. Alternates are: Treasurer Sue Pendergrass; Dave Jory, sophomore class president; Ben Prows, General Council president; and Barb Gould, Girls' League secretary.

Advisors for Region III are: Chairman, Dan Clifford, Astoria; Darwin Shin, Tigard; and Pat O'Brien, Gladstone. President Mike Newman, Clackamas, and Rick Melsger, vice president, Centennial, are the presiding officers.

"Region III conferences in the past have proved most beneficial to the executive councils, and I'm sure that the conference this year will be equally beneficial," George Galati, activities director, commented.

In order to get to know how other schools run their "student governments," a series of exchanges are being held with the executive councils of other high schools.

Invited to attend our dance tonight, are the members of Franklin's executive council. This is in reciprocation of when our executive council was invit-

Parents invited to participate in college meeting

Parents interested in information concerning colleges in the State System schools will have the opportunity to gain information "right from the horse's mouth," according to Mrs. Eva Newcomer, college and scholarship coordinator.

Wednesday a meeting will be held for all interested parents, especially parents of seniors and juniors, at 7:30 concerning admissions, financial aid, and general information on Oregon colleges.

Dr. Francis Nickerson, director of financial aids at the University of Oregon, will speak at the meeting. Dr. Nickerson will talk and answer questions on any and all of the State Schools.

Helmuth Bekowies, Dean of Admissions at Lewis and Clark College, will represent the independent schools. Mr. Bekowies will discuss the kinds of independent (private) schools, as well as admissions and financial aids for these schools.

John Griffith, president of Multnomah College, will speak on junior and community colleges. The different kinds of junior and community colleges and admissions and financial aids for these colleges.

After a 15-minute presentation by each of the three guest speakers, parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they might have concerning their child's college education.

"We hope that anyone interested in their child's college education will come," commented Mrs. Newcomer.

United Nations Day will be celebrated by language clubs

As a United Nations Day celebration, the French and Russian clubs are staging a get-together Wednesday, one day before the official UN Day. All French and Russian students are welcome.

With the exchange students as guests of honor and Ralph Bassett, head of the language department for Portland, to introduce, an exchange of French and Russian dances and songs will be made.

Under the direction of President Del Seidner, French club members Jo Anna Pulakis, Julie Lind, and Sondra Twedt are readying the French dance presentation, with the help of Mrs. Susan Davis, physical education teacher.

Ed Lythgoe, president of the Russian club, will be in charge of their part in the UN Day activities, but according to Mrs. Suzanne Mayr, "We haven't yet appointed committees."

The United Nations Day celebration will be held in room 232 at 3:05.