

# Editorials

## Interpretations differ: dress code clarifications requested

In the 1800's it was considered a sin if a woman's ankle showed below her hemline. In the 1920's fashion reached a real turning point, the knee was recognized and the bob haircut was the rage.

Now, in the year 1968, fashions are again reaching a great turning point. There are the midi, the mini, beards, sideburns, bell bottom pants and long hair.

And there is the "Dress Code." Included in the dress code are rules and regulations concerning styles of hair, dress, and general appearance.

Students are pushing these rules to the very limit, seeing exactly how far they can go and how much can be gotten away with. In most cases it can be said that students get away with plenty, considering the bounds of the code.

Skirts keep rising and look more and more like Bermuda shorts. Boys' hair is getting longer; all they have to do is push it behind their ears and keep it off the collar to stay within the rules.

If the rules are going to be this liberal in enforcement, why have a dress code at all?



## Poll reveals dress code unread; changes wanted

A poll taken by the General Council dress code committee shows that out of approximately 1,247 students polled only 273 had even read the dress code, however the majority of the students felt it should be changed.

Many of the General Council representatives thought that there shouldn't be a dress code at all, while others wondered when the present code would be enforced.

"There should be no structured outline but should be left up to the discretion of the individual," wrote one representative. "The freedom of dress is a personal freedom. You should be able to wear anything you wouldn't be arrested for on the street."

Another question asked was, should boys' sandals worn without socks be acceptable: 187 students agreed that it should. "A restriction should be made as to clean feet," commented one student. Another student commented that if girls can wear sandals without socks, why can't boys.

The poll also asked if girls should be allowed to wear pants to school: 173 students thought they should. However, 257 students thought they should be able to wear them to games but not to school.

If girls were allowed to wear slacks, it would be a big deal for a while but it would eventually wear off and only a small minority would wear them," insisted one student. "Comfort should be the main criteria for girls' slacks and shorts."

Concerning the question, "Does long hair interfere with a student's learning," 371 students said it did. "The things that really cause distractions are mini and midi skirts, and tight pants," stated a student. "Shoulder length, dirty hair and

extremely shaved heads shouldn't be acceptable."

There has been much debate on just exactly what the dress code means by extreme, bizarre and conspicuous. One comment was that these things are in bad taste rather than conspicuous.

One representative said that the students in his class had very vague ideas about what they really want in a dress code and why.

"The dress code should stress neatness and cleanliness and should have a liberalistic thought about today's fashions." Another student argued that the dress

code should be liberal enough so that we could pretty much wear what we want and strict enough so that it doesn't cause a distraction.

Many teachers interpret the dress code in different ways, so it's hard to know what we are able to wear," pleaded a student.

Many definitions for conspicuous were given such as, extremely bizarre, too immodest, and just plain indecent. Many opinions of the dress code were also expressed, for instance outrageous, too conservative, phony, behind the times and they just didn't approve.

## Latin Club 'unusually enthused'



MISS PAMELA RASCHIO, new Latin teacher, pauses to smile and "watch the birdie," before continuing to dine on pizza. Miss Raschio journeyed to Carmen's with the Dead Language Club on Friday, October 25.

"They are unusually enthusiastic this year," commented Edward Basaraba, English teacher, when speaking of the Latin Club, alias the "Dead Language Club."

"In previous years it seemed that the students crawled into the meeting, and then seemed unable to leave because they had died on the spot. But for some reason, this year they are great," he continued.

Mr. Basaraba attributes the "greatness" to the new half-day Latin teacher, Miss Pamela Raschio.

"Great credit should go to Miss Raschio," Mr. Basaraba asserted. She is ex-

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Dave Jory, president of the Dead Language Club, explained that the club "is an organization where those who are taking Latin can come together and talk about their problems, and anything else that is on their minds."

At the moment, the Latin Club has a membership of approximately fifty, "the largest it has ever been," asserted Dave. "I believe this is due to the fact that Miss Raschio has come to Grant, and has inspired 'new blood' into the group—and she continues to push it quite a bit."

Last Friday forty members and two advisors, Mrs. Doris Hanlon and Miss Pamela Raschio, of the "Dead Club" became very much alive, and journeyed to Carmen's, where they feasted on twenty-five pizzas and Cokes.

Thank you,  
Martha Ojard

## Generalities

Already, money has come in towards the \$1700 yet needed for the completion of the organ purchase.

Mrs. Alex Homchisk, Benson alumnus Gary Homchisk's mother, has contributed \$10 towards the final goal.

"I knew that since Gary was in the Navy on a destroyer escort patrolling along the Vietnam coast, he would want to contribute," Mrs. Homchisk commented. "This is Gary's contribution, not mine," she emphasized.

Mrs. Homchisk thought that if the Navy would contribute, perhaps the other three services would contribute, too.

All those who are interested in being cleared as school organists must first be cleared by Gerald Merryman. Mr. Merryman will give the applicants a questionnaire to be filled out, and will then audition each person. If extra training is needed, Mr. Merryman will give instructions.

"No one will be cleared as an organist who does not demonstrate sufficient mastery of the instrument, and technique suitable for public performance," said Mr. Merryman.

Alumnus William L. Rieder, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rieder, has been named to the Honor Roll at David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tennessee.

## Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

Before I start, I wish to say that this letter does not offer suggestions for the "betterment" of the Grantonian, nor does it express any suggestions for the school. It expresses, instead, opinions formed as I took an "opinion poll" of 150 students for U.S. History.

Of the people polled, 59 were for Richard Nixon; 54 were for Hubert Humphrey; 12 were for George Wallace; and 25 were undecided.

I'm not drawing any conclusions from this poll—what I want to say is this: of those for George Wallace, nine were such "famous" names as Alfred E. Newman, KKK, Adolf Hitler, Stokely Carmichael, Dr. Martin Luther King, Annie Oakley, Hugh Hefner, Wild Bill Hickock, and John Hancock. These names were signed by juniors, with an approximate age of 17. I raise the point: young people support the 18-year-old vote, but when 17-year-olds are not mature

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