

School relations head speaks to Dad's Club

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In order to achieve a better more realistic understanding along with several educated views on the racial problems in the high school, the All City Dads' Club invited Ellis H. Cas-

son, assistant to the superintendent of schools, for intergroup relations to speak at the Dads' meeting.

In his informal speech Mr. Casson explained that there are five organized

black student unions in the thirteen high schools in Portland.

Black student unions have a great value," explained Mr. Casson, "as long as they function in a positive and constructive man-

Recently one student union at Jackson High School sponsored a bake sale and forwarded the profits to a black basketball player to use for spending money on a trip to Hawaii. As another result of black student union efforts, over one thousand students turned out for the student body elections at Jefferson High School a few weeks ago. The Democrats elected a black president, vice president and secretary to lead their school.

Problems of discipline were also discussed by Mr. Casson at the meeting. In his speech it was brought out that many times it is the teacher who is to blame for the frequent disruptions made by a select group of troublemakers in the classroom.

"Teachers must take a firm hand and treat all students alike," stated Mr. Casson firmly. "Some teachers give passing grades just so they don't have to bother with the students—yet if teachers bend over backwards for blacks then they are discriminating against

whites," he said. "I feel many times teachers do refuse proper discipline to blacks because they are either scared, or feel guilty," declared Mr. Casson. "Other times teachers refuse discipline to black students because they feel they are rectifying previous discrimination made on the students."

Successful black student unions whose goals are positive and constructive will perhaps give both whites and blacks a better understanding of each other's problems. Black unions, who function much like any other club in a high school are not segregated and welcome whites as well as blacks.

Mr. Casson, whose job concerns him with inter-group, inter-racial and inter-personal problems of the 107 schools, frequently speaks to various PTA or social groups about the problems in our schools. Mr. Casson served as area branch president of the NACCP and was recently appointed as chairman of an inter-group relations committee to the state board of education.

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'Night Must Fall' newest drama play

Drama seems to be the word of the day as Mrs. Betty Foster's beginning drama class announced March 10-13 to be the dates for the department's newest production, Emlyn Williams' "Night Must Fall."

According to Mrs. Foster the play is not done often and is done even less in high schools because of the characterization of the people in the play. "None of the people in the play are normal," stated Mrs. Foster.

The play will be done in the round in L-1 and will be double casted.

Playing the main role of Danny will be Howie Boone and Frank Wall. "Danny is a very complicated character to play in that he has to be a killer," stated Mrs. Foster. Dave Powell and Rick LeDeux will play the part of Belsize, a detective who pursues Danny until he finally catches him.

Playing the part of the Englishman Hubert Lourie will be Harold Smith and Dave Fishman. Mrs. Bramson, a cripple who is confined to a wheelchair, will be played by Rocky Menashe. Olivia, the friend of Mrs. Bramson's who is in love with Danny, will be played by Diane Sweet and Debby Lawson.

Linda Vetter and Carol Bancraft will play the part of Dora the maid who got pregnant by Danny and prays throughout the play that Danny will marry her. Also in the play will be Alamah

O'Conner and Colleen Elder as Mrs. Terrence, the cook, and Debbie Kiriakedis and Debbie Jennison as Mrs. Bramson's nurse.

The play is a study of a killer

and a study of why he kills. One thing about the play is that one can see throughout the play the eventual breakdown of the killer.



HAROLD SMITH, Diane Sweet and Rocky Menashe practice blocking for new drama play, "Night Must Fall."

Dave Powell to attend Oxford under foreign study program

Traveling with the Foreign Study League, senior Dave Powell will tour Washington, D.C., and other Eastern states and end

his tour in New York. From New York City he will depart by plane and fly to Oxford, England, where he will attend Oxford University.

This opportunity is offered to students under the Foreign Study League Program. This program is a private educational institution which provided young American students with the opportunity to attend summer schools abroad.

Dave will receive four hours of daily classroom work, for thirty-one days, three sight-seeing days in Paris, four sight-seeing days in London, and eight days on board a ship, which will conclude his tour.

While Dave is attending Oxford he will house on the college campus in single or double-bedded rooms.

The students' four hour classroom work will be divided into four one hour sessions. The first hour will be Shakespeare, the second hour, British History and Culture. The third hour, the English Novel and Short Story, and the fourth hour, The Romantic Poets or Modern British Drama. The basic tuition for the program is \$850 and about \$100 for spending money. Also they must pay their own passport expenses and their ticket from their home to New York and from New York to their home.

New forecasting booklet given to underclassmen

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have been treated to a new forecasting booklet, along with instructions in how to use it. As a follow-up, students will

have the opportunity to visit elective classes Tuesday, before making their final decisions.

Periods six and seven have been designated for the visitations. The allotted time will be divided into A, B, and C periods, each of which will be approximately 35 minutes long, permitting each student to visit three electives of interest.

A mimeographed schedule and a list of elective courses will be received by all underclassmen prior to the visitations. Areas which offer electives are: art, business, English, home economics, industrial arts, language, physical education, science, and social studies.

All seniors will receive early dismissal at 1:00 on this day.

"Following last year's experimental program, an evaluation was made, whereby all participating students, teachers, and counselors were given questionnaires on which to place comments about the program's success or failure," commented Gust Kanas, curriculum vice-principal.

"An overwhelming response from all quarters indicated that the program was highly desirable, useful, and recommended for repeating," he continued.

All forecasting materials are due back at the counselor's office Thursday.

Future Teachers to host Stayton club

On February 13, the Grant Future Teachers of America will host the FTA of Stayton, Oregon. Consisting of eighteen members, the Stayton FTA will "receive" a buddy for the day. The buddies will have been previously "paired" by the Grant FTA fall and spring officers. The Stayton group has been requested to fill out a "questionnaire" posing such questions as year in school, sex, and whether or not the person is a club officer.

On the agenda for the day will be visiting the buddy's classes, receiving free lunches, attending the assembly, and an after school get-together in 218.

There are only two possible problems that may arise: locker space for visitors' coats, and the assembly. The assembly poses an especial problem—keeping track of the visitors. However, two special rows will be reserved in the back of the auditorium where the visitors will be "placed."

Mrs. Person expressed the thought that the visit would "work out beautifully."



Introductions in order Robert Shewbert introduces members of the Japanese wrestling team who toured Portland, wrestling an All-Star team from the Portland high schools.

Inter-club council aids organ fund; push candy sale for worthy cause

Got a sweet tooth? Got a dollar? Do you have an urge to help a good cause? If so, you're in luck, as the Inter-Club Council in doing their part for the Memorial Organ have been selling candy for the past two weeks.

The candy idea was thought up with the help of Mr. Simson of the Sweet Tart candy company who heard of the need for the remaining \$650. He felt that by selling candy the school could raise some of the needed money. As a result the ICC is

now selling the boxes of Almond Roca at a dollar a box of which a substantial amount is given to the organ fund.

"The student reaction to the candy sale is heartwarming," stated activities director George Galati, "the kids not only buy for the candy but for the cause it is being sold for."

The group of about 20 students involved in selling the candy is headed by Robin Sewol who, according to Mr. Galati, has done most of the organizing for the project. The group selling the candy are from the different clubs or just students who want to help.

"I really appreciate a person who buys a box of candy," stated Mr. Galati. "It not only contributes to the organ fund but to the spirit of the school," he continued. "The sale has no set time limit. It will go on as long as the kids will eat candy," he concluded.

College Corner

- Feb. 1—Southern Oregon College, Ashland.
- Feb. 5—U. of Puget Sound, 8 p.m., Cosmopolitan Hotel, Portland.
- Feb. 8—Oregon College of Education, Monmouth.
- Feb. 8—Linfield, McMinnville.
- Feb. 8—George Fox, Newberg.
- Feb. 8—U. of Portland, Portland.
- Feb. 14 and 15—Warner Pacific College, Portland.