

Teachers migrate to Adams

# New school airs philosophy

by Debbie Rovech

"There are more teachers coming from Grant than from any other single school in the city," announced Robert Schwartz, who will be principal of John Adams High School when it opens for the first time in September.

Seven of our faculty members were granted a transfer to Adams. They include Edward Basaraba, Allan Davis, George Flittie, Robert Gerber, Eugene Kaza, Parimaz Marsubian, and George Zahn. "Every time a new school opens in Portland, every teacher is invited to request a transfer," informed Mr. Schwartz. "Roughly 150 applied

to Adams, and we interviewed them all," he added.

Adams will operate on nearly the same principle that two-year-old Jackson High School does. It will have four houses (Jackson has two) which will each hold approximately 250 students. Two teams of six teachers each will instruct in each house. Every team will have three experienced teachers, and three less experienced ones such as interns and student teachers.

Students will spend one-half of the day with each teaching team in the house, studying English, social studies, science, and mathematics. This will be a general education program which will be in effect for at least three years. Mini-courses, such as have been offered without credit at Wilson High School, will be taught for credit at Adams. Also, in an extension of

the work-experience program in effect in Portland high schools, students will be working for community agencies. "We're hopeful that students will develop and teach courses for credit," related Mr. Schwartz.

Mr. Gerber will hold the position of activities director, and will especially concern himself with student government and "in seeing what kids really want to do." Mr. Marsubian will head one house. His position is termed "curriculum associate." Mr. Davis is set to head the automotive shop, one of six shop areas. Mr. Flittie and Mr. Basaraba will be leaders of teams. Mr. Zahn will teach on a team one-half day, and teach science the other half, and, according to Mr. Schwartz, "Mr. Kaza will be Mr. Kaza," with the music department.

In August, Mr. Schwartz and three other people came to Portland to lead the planning of the Adams program. They had done graduate work together at Harvard University. They are: Mrs. Patricia Werheimer, who will head the guidance department; Allen Dobbins, who will be a curriculum associate; and Dr. John Parker, who will coordinate teacher education. Also, David Wienecke, who is vice-principal at Madison High School, will hold the same position at Adams.

The planning and programming of the Adams project will culminate in September when about 1040 freshmen, sophomores, and juniors enter the school which cost "just under \$6 million to build—including equipment."

It sounds like our halls won't be so crowded next year.



SEWING UP a storm is senior Muriel Buehler, who has been named 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. Muriel received the honor on the basis of her score on a knowledge and attitude test about homemaking.

## Muriel Buehler given charm as winner of homemaking test

by Kathy Robinson

Muriel Buehler, senior, has been named 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow, on the basis of her score in a written knowledge and attitude test on Homemaking.

Muriel is now eligible for state and national scholarships. She also has been awarded a specially designed silver charm by General Mills, sponsor of the Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

A state winner and runner-up will be selected from all the school winners in the state. The state winner will receive a \$1500 scholarship, and her school will be awarded a complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica. The runner-up will receive a \$500 educational grant.

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow from each state together with an advisor from each state will join in an all-expense paid educational tour of Washington, D.C. and colonial Williamsburg, Virginia next spring.

The national winner will be announced at an American Table dinner in Williamsburg, next


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