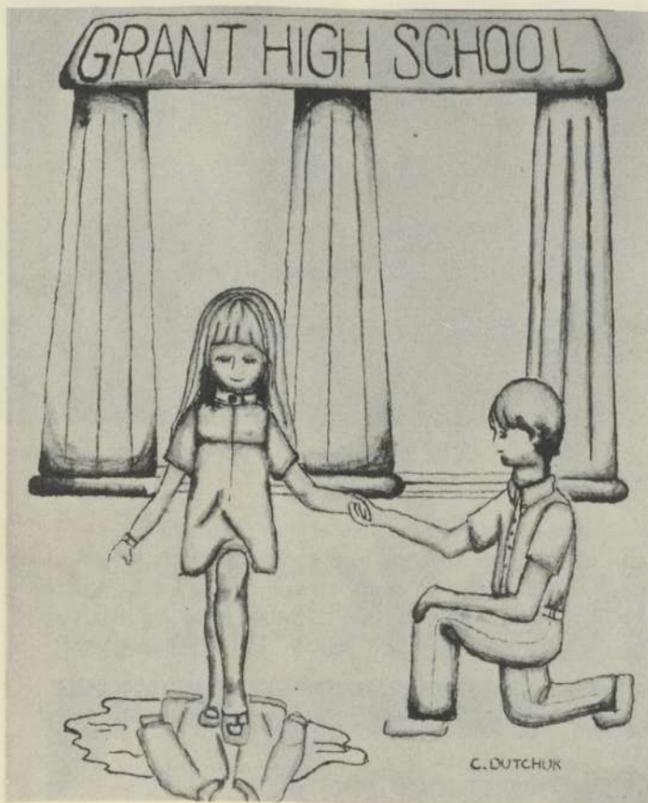


Editorials



Is chivalry dead?

Chivalry is defined by Webster's as "the demonstration of any of the knightly qualities," as "courage, nobility, fairness, courtesy, respect for women, and protection of the poor."

How many boys around today hold knightly ideals? Practically the only ones seen searching for chivalrous deeds to perform are the Boy Scouts.

What has happened to chivalry? Is it out-dated? Has it died with such customs as dragon-killing and castle-storming? Or is it still lurking in the shadows somewhere to be revived?

In the past, there was a reason for chivalry, for in order to win a maiden's hand, it was necessary for the knight to prove his worth through an act of strength and courage.

Now, when courtships aren't so formal, chivalry isn't as apparent in everyday situations as formerly. But it appears that it hasn't died out completely—every once in awhile, a young man can be seen helping an older lady across the street, or standing in a bus to offer his seat to a package-laden woman, or opening a door for a young girl.

Although chivalry, in its older sense, is no longer seen, since very few castles are left standing in this area, and all the remaining dragons have gone into hiding, it is evident, now and then, in a new sense of the word—through knightly deeds performed by a timid male who fears the scorn that he expects to receive.

If he instead receives praise for his actions, he will find it takes less courage to be chivalrous the second time. And soon actions of courage, fairness, and courtesy will be expected of him and all others. So encourage others to live by the knightly code!

Generalities

Seniors may have recognized a familiar face in the halls last week in the form of Walter Grubenman, an AFS exchange student in 1965-66.

Walter, on a seven-week spring vacation, has come back to Portland to visit his American family and old friends and teachers at Grant.

"I was very surprised and happy," stated Walter about Grant winning the state championship basketball title.

After visiting San Francisco and Washington D.C., Walter will return to Amsterdam and then home.

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Elizabeth Kallen received third place award for the BPO Elks' "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship Awards on March 13th. The award is valued at \$100.00. In order to win the award, Liz had to present an attractive booklet showing her activities in and out of school, her academic accomplishments, and letters of recommendation covering her character, personality, and scholarship. This was an all-city contest. Other winners were from North Catholic, Franklin and Roosevelt High Schools.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Recently there has been some questions as to the purpose and actions of the Campus Life Club at Grant and as the president I would like to answer these. It has been suggested by some that our charter be revoked and that our school privileges be withdrawn. I can find no reason other than these people's own prejudices for this action to be taken. In Article VII, section 5, of the Grant constitution, it is stated that a charter can be revoked "In the event of club violations of rules laid down by the school board, I.C.C., Executive Council, or by-laws of the Constitution." The purpose of the Campus Life Club is to establish an awareness of moral and spiritual values among the students, emphasizing the need for a personal faith in youth of today. This does not violate any of the rules set down by any of the above four bodies.

In Article VII, section 1, the requirements for a school charter are stated, all of which we have gladly filled. We have one of the largest "active memberships" of the clubs at Grant. Our "satisfactory record" consists of being awarded the most spirited club award by the Executive Council, an award from the P.T.A. for the large amount of rummage we collected, sold candy for the General Council, taken part in I.C.C. service projects and taken on our own projects such as the instance in which we presented a program for the Waverly Baby Home. This is one of the most "satisfactory records" at Grant. The remaining two requirements are equally well filled. Our faculty advisor is Mr. Failor who works with and directs our club and our constitution is on file with the Executive Council. We have followed these rules because we believe in supporting Grant.

I cannot understand why a club which has supported Grant in every way possible, including the P.T.A., faculty and all branches of student government, is questioned. Why should this club with an active record of school participation come under a negative critique when it has a positive record of school participation.

Mike Garnett
President

To the Editor:

Concerning the editorial in the last issue of the Grantonian on March 7, 1969, I would like to defend my position as a General Council Representative who does feel that, "We've got moer important things to do."

The Editor was not clear as to which of the four meetings he attended. Apparently, it must have been the third, of the four in which the proposed amend-

ment from Executive Council was discussed in great detail. I must contradict the Editor and say that there were many arguments for and against the proposed amendment of voting annually for the student body officers. Argument against the proposal were: seniors voting for class officers for a whole year after they had graduated, or freshmen not being able to vote for officers for the whole of their freshman year; the problem of a forty-minute assembly to listen to not one, but two, sets of candidates running for office; and also the problem of an elected officer's grade point dropping or moving away. Arguments for the proposal were: being able to plan a whole year of activities; making it possible for both the fall and spring officers to attend leadership conferences in the summer; and solving the problem of forecasting for the leadership class. All of these and various other arguments were presented. Yes, Editor, there were no arguments!

A bill that has been defeated twice suggests to me that the majority of the student body feels that, as it stands, the amendment is not what they want. Why should we dwell on it when we have other tasks such as helping to send our own qualified foreign exchange students abroad? We have already spent too much of our time considering this one amendment.

I feel that the Editors of the Grantonian should have time to find out and write all the true facts concerning their articles. This type of sloppy journalism in your last editorial is just plain ignorance of facts.

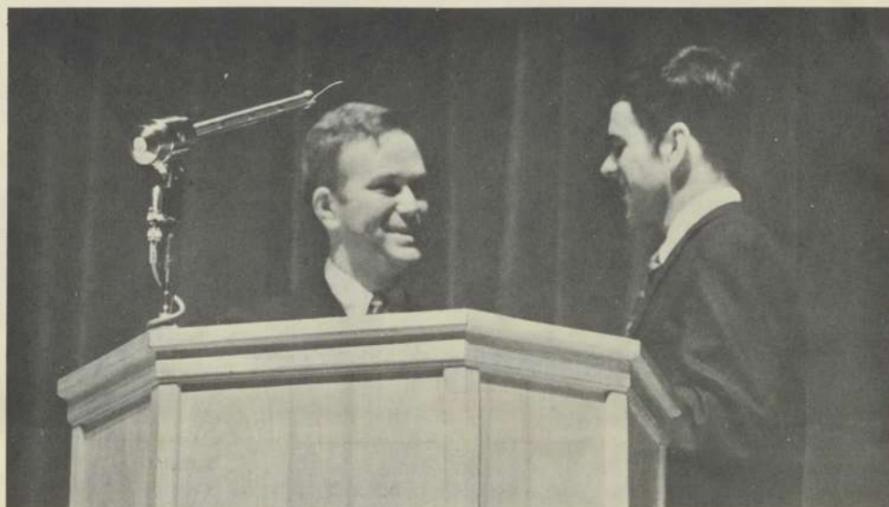
Sincerely yours,
Kirsten Boehmer,
General Council Representative

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STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT Gary Johnson smiles warmly at Senator Robert Packwood during memorial assembly Monday. Senator Packwood, visiting his alma mater, gave a speech in memory of the late Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Martin Luther King.

Senator Robert Packwood recalls memories of years spent at Grant

His eyes wandered from side to side as if he were straining to recall past memories of the school he graduated from almost 20 years ago.

Followed by reporters, teachers, and students interested in shaking the hand of a former Grantonian turned US senator, Robert Packwood smiled approvingly as he engaged in conversation with various people.

Senator Packwood recalled old memories of playing afternoon football games in the bowl where the mud was often times somewhat hampering.

Seeing students run out to the park between classes for a quick cigarette was nothing new to the senator—"they did it when I was in school too."

Asked if Grant has changed much since his four year stay, Packwood commented, "Physically no, not even the

colors of the walls." He mentioned the swimming pool, science wing and library as major changes.

"I haven't experienced it myself," stated the senator when asked if there is a generation gap.

Mr. Packwood is able to follow the activities of Grant only to the extent of newspaper coverage. He sees Mrs. Opal Hamilton quite often and stated that "she is an extraordinary woman."

Senator Packwood favors the 18 year old vote and the bill now in the Oregon legislature. The bill, which is three-fold, would provide for the 18 year old vote, 18 year old drinking age (of alcoholic beverages), and signing of legal documents. Packwood feels that if it is unwise to package all three together though.

Senator Packwood left the school with a plaque from the students honoring him, and a promise to return . . . probably when those memories begin to fade again.

In memoriam of Mrs. Doris Hanlon 1915-1969

teacher of Latin, counselor, and
National Honor Society advisor.

Remembered and honored by
all who knew her