

Editorials

Job hunters, unite!

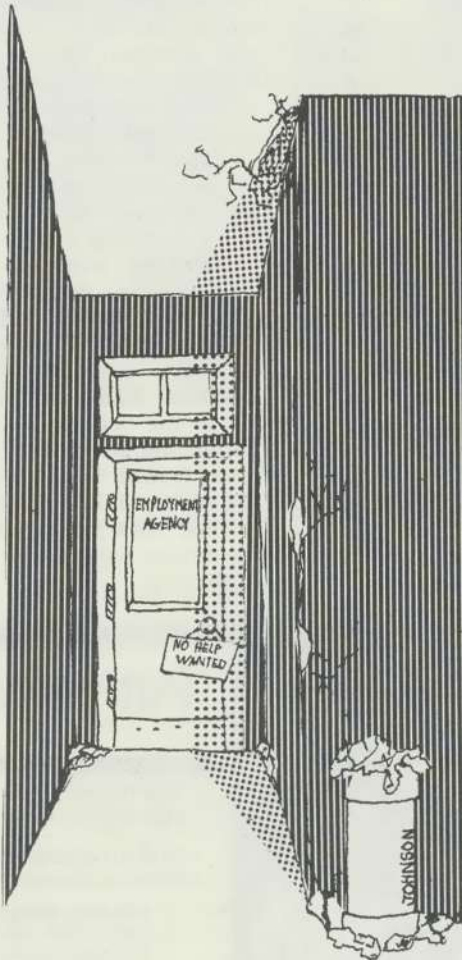
Spring is the time of the year when young people's thoughts turn to such things as love and baseball and kite-flying and—job hunting.

With college students coming home on the weekends to do a little hunting of their own, it is important that the high school students get into the act.

Students who are 18 or over often have a better chance of getting a high paying job, although some business firms accept applicants who are 17 and younger. It should be remembered that the most important thing is the impression that is made on first contact—the employer would be more likely to hire a 16-year-old who makes a good first impression than a sloppily dressed 18-year-old.

All students who plan to go to college in the near future will find it helpful to have an accumulation of money stored up in an old sock or a piggy bank—if not needed to help with tuition costs, these savings can always be used for personal expenses.

So, as you wander the city looking for employment, be prepared to face disappointments before finding the job opening that has been waiting for you to come along. And don't forget to SMILE!



Survey shows high number of job seekers

by Joyce DeMonnin

Are you looking for a job? Many students find it difficult to find either a part-time or a full-time job. One way for students to obtain help in their quest is through the job placement program. A survey was taken by Wayne R. Robinson, vocational counselor, to estimate how many junior students would like to work their senior year.

According to the survey, 76 per cent of the juniors hope to work during their senior year. The survey showed that 30 per cent of the juniors already have a job for their senior year. 42 per cent of the juniors already have a part-time job.

By the results of the survey, 78 per cent of the juniors plan to pay for part or all of their college expenses by part-

time work during college. Students who will possibly be attending college in Portland following graduation numbered 71 per cent. 62 per cent of the students expressed a desire for help in finding a part-time job next year.

The hours a week the students felt they could work yet maintain their present grade point average went as follows: six per cent, 0-5; eight per cent, 6-10; 12 per cent, 11-15; 26 per cent, 16-20; 14 per cent, 21-25; 32 per cent, 25 hours or more.

According to Mr. Robinson, "The main purpose of the survey is to find out how much of a placement job we have next year and how many people are still looking for employment. To help the students find jobs, Mr. Robinson or Parimaz Marsubian have the student fill out an application form.

The vocational counselors maintain this card file and refer to it when a potential employer calls the school to give notification of job openings. The student is then informed of this opening and sent to the company with a referral from the school which greatly enhances his chances for employment.

The vocational counselors also go out and seek prospective student employers. They go out and make contacts with various businessmen to locate job openings.

"We place several hundred students every year," noted Mr. Robinson. "I mostly place students for a clerical type of job. The type of jobs available vary greatly. There are openings for office work or factory work. Placements are made for students all over the metropolitan area.

If it not difficult for interested persons to find jobs. Registers are available in room 115 for students interested in baby-sitting or yard work. In this way, a large number of students who are interested in employment may find a variety of job opportunities.

The vocational counselors will be happy to help anyone interested in employment locate some type of work. This service will be carried on throughout the summer. Someone will be in the building helping students locate employment; he will be in the counselors' office.



'This teacher's fun' About 60 fifth and sixth graders at Martin Luther King grade school are being tutored by members of the General Council. Here, Jack Sharpe, General Council president, assists Larry Warren in reading skills.

Chances for summer work said better if right techniques, approach used

Summer is quickly approaching — there's less than one term left! — and if you see a job in your crystal ball, now is the time to get started "beating the pavement," commonly known as job-hunting.

One step that could help land the job you want is to register with the Youth Opportunity Center at 25 NE 11 Avenue. This agency is active all year and makes about 200 placements each month. This summer a job-finding training program will be made available to everyone who applies. Neil Puckett, manager of YOC statead, "I believe the prospects for getting a job this summer are better than usual."

When you go to the personnel office of

a department store or business, you'll probably be asked to fill out an application. Pacific Northwest Bell has simplified this by publishing what you need to know in their pamphlet, "Looking for a Job?" You should have the names and addresses of the people you have worked for and know the dates of jobs you have previously held.

Make a mental note of your special activities or positions you have held. Have the names and addresses of at least two personal references who are not relatives, and bring your Social Security card with you.

The interviewer will judge you not only on the contents, but on the appearance of your application. It is preferred that it be written in ink.

"The application should show signs of dependability and no past job-hopping," said Mrs. Hazel Payne of Lipman's personnel office. "Be direct, have facts clearly in mind, and help us to conduct an interesting interview," she added.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, personnel office manager at Meier & Frank's Lloyd Center, said that she usually makes snap judgments about applicants, and often finds them correct. Her main concern is determining how a potential employee will treat the customer and get along with other people.

She notices whether the applicant is outgoing and has a neat and clean appearance, and also considers the tone of voice to be important. "A grating voice can be very irritating to a customer," she stressed.

Another facet of working arises when you actually get a job. If you haven't reached the age of 18, your employer will be required by law to make sure you have a worker's permit. Mr. Puckett of the Youth Opportunity Center explained that the purpose of the permit is to protect young people from hazardous occupations.

Proof of age must be furnished if the job you get is other than domestic, newspaper delivery, and agricultural, such as berry-picking. If you have an agricultural job that entails operating power-driven machinery, a permit will be needed then, too.

Generally Speaking

by Jan Kelley

It is said that success is the virtue of all men. It is also said that success makes the head grow larger. No matter whose definition of success is applied, it is a clearly known fact that Grant rates highly in the success bracket.

This year we have kept up the tradition of the "school of excellence" by winning the football city championship. Our first great honor was winning the

sportsmanship trophy at the football jamboree last fall. Attendance was high at all football games and a huge number of students, faculty and parents turned out in the pouring rain to watch Grant go down in defeat at the state quarter-finals.

The third success story at Grant this year was displayed when the cross-country team brought home the city championship trophy. The team also placed seventh in the state. The swimmers took a second place berth in city this year and went on to tie down fifth place in the state.

The girls' tennis team placed first in the city tournament and our much-heard-of basketball team brought home the highest honor in the state by winning the state championship berth.

Our speech department has been very successful this year, as usual. Fourteen trophies, including the district sweepstakes, were brought home recently.

The drama department recently participated in a state-wide competition where they placed first 11 out of 16 times.

The Gendrills, our dance team, placed first in their division at invitational competition and our High-Q team has gone undefeated for the second consecutive year.

By the end of the year when baseball, track, and tennis are completed and the speech students have attended their last mee, this list will probably grow somewhat in size.

On top of all the trophies and honors we have received all year, comes a great deal of pride in our school. "Grant's noble Generals, leaders victorious . . ."

Generalities

James White, who graduated in 1962 and studied music under the direction of Eugene Kaza, will give a violin concert at 3:30 p.m. April 27.

Mr. White graduated from San Francisco Conservatory of Music in June of 1968. He has just completed a year of study in France. He has appeared as soloist and in ensemble in recitals in Paris and will soon begin graduate studies in New York City.

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Over 5200 students from 42 high schools in Portland and the surrounding area attended matinee performances by the American Theater Company this past season, according to Mrs. Phillip Selling, co-chairman of the company's High School Matinee program.

A total of 17 matinee performances were presented just for high school students with the greatest attendance being for Holm and Abbott's "Three Men On a Horse."

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