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Students' Suggestions Start Action On New Curriculum

New courses, including psychology, sociology, advanced biology, advanced mathematics, and Spanish IV, are now under consideration as part of the future high school curriculum, according to Dr. Mossman.

Some of the courses are under consideration, as a result of suggestions made by students. When such a request or suggestion is made, it is first studied and evaluated by the department. Next, it goes to the specific department head concerned. It then is forwarded to the principal's office, and if Dr. Mossman approves, the suggestion is brought to the attention of the Secondary Education Cabinet, which consists of Superintendent of Schools John L. Miller, the four high school and junior high school principals, Dr. Marion Wiles and Dr. Helen Flynn.

The courses under consideration reveal Great Neck's concern with new ways of enriching the curriculum. With this end in mind, the faculty is constantly at work studying ways of making improvements, Dr. Mossman said.

Statistics Reveal Light G. O. Vote

Due to the recent concern over the light turnout for G. O. elections, Guide Post researchers have found the following figures concerning past elections.

The G. O. officers of 1952-1953 were elected with eighty percent of the students voting. The following year, there was a sharp decline in the voting when only sixty per cent participated. In 1955, 1956, and 1957, the percentage of voters increased with eighty four percent of the students casting ballots in each of those years.

Another decline in voting occurred when last year's G. O. officers were elected with only sixty-nine percent of those eligible voting. This year, with sixty-seven percent voting, there was a slight improvement but six percent of these votes were invalid.

Clubs' Treasurers Use New System

Under the eagle eye of the Central treasurer, State auditors, school auditors, Board of Education auditors, and a host of other auditors, the sponsors of our clubs, organizations, and classes will now maintain uniform financial records.

The change, which was explained by Dr. Mossman at a sponsors meeting, Tuesday, October 1, will eliminate varied, sometimes ingenious bookkeeping systems. The new system is divided into three parts. The columns are headed explanation, receipts, payments, and balances. This enables all monies to be accounted for and so there will be no inconsistencies.

It is agreed that this will make the work easier for auditors and for the hardworked sponsors and treasurers who now have an easier time keeping their figures straight and avoiding embarrassing mistakes.

Treble - Ettes Add Beauty To Song

Sweet, harmonious voices will warble around school on Key, as the Treble-ettes start their 1958-59 season.

The chorus of twenty-five girls is made up equally of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Those chosen to sing in Treble-ettes are: Dorothy Adler, Rosalie Akey, Linda Ashley, Barbara Bellock, Pat Brameld, Emily Doumaux, Joan Greer, Eleanor Hamburger, Leslie Price, Tobe Rochman, Barbara Rose, Lois Rose, Barbara Rosenblum, Mimi Rosman, Susan Samuels, Frankie Sherman, Lucy Simon, Madelyn Stillman, Sally Thomas, Kristie Trump, Jane Tulman, Lucy Wachter, Ellen Whitenack, Wendy Wolchok, Eugenia Norris, Carolyn Tufts, and Judy Gordon.

Under the direction of Dr. Alvin Pinter, they will sing in school concerts and participate in several school functions.

Great Neck High Schools Boast Fifteen Nat'l Merit Semi-Finalists



The Guide Post camera finally catches all four newly elected G. O. officers together as final results have not been announced at press time last week. This picture was taken before they met last week to organize the G. O. program for the year. Permanent committees are being organized and chairmen chosen and the first assembly meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. The officers are: (left to right) Mike Schwartz, President; Paul Shapiro, Vice President; Judy Prager, Secretary; and Pete Fidel, Treasurer.

Photo by Mike Fuchs

Fifteen Great Neck students became semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition this year. The fifteen are among 10,000 semi-finalists across the nation.

This year the 15 semi-finalists from the Great Neck high schools are: Andrew Alland, Michael Bumagin, Marjorie Cantor, Marion Davidson, Marc Fasteau, Ellen Faust, David Feinberg, Kenneth Friedman, Jerry Geiles, Ellen Kleinman, Lawrence Krakauer, Barbara Milman, Stephen Rosenberg, Alan Schosser, and Michael Schwartz.

In Great Neck, the class of 1956 had 9 semi-finalists and 1 winner; the class of 1957 had 16 semi-finalists and no winners; and the class of 1958 had 18 semi-finalists and 2 winners.

About 500,000 juniors took the qualifying test in April of last year; the semi-finalists represent one half of one percent of all high school seniors. They may become finalists by filling out certain personality forms and by taking the December sixth College Entrance Examination Boards, getting scores which confirm their scores on the Merit Qualifying tests. Last year all Great Neck semi-finalists became finalists.

Special selection boards go over complete high school records of the finalists to determine the winners. They base their judgements on, among other things, evidence of leadership and citizenship, good grades, school recommendations, and out-of-school activities. The winners will be announced on about May 1, 1959.

The number of winners depends on the number of sponsors of the scholarships — last year there were about 1,000. Winners receive from 100 to 1,500 dollars per year, depending on their need. Those who don't need the money automatically get a minimum of 100 dollars.

On Thursday, October 2, our brothers to the South held their first G.O. election. Mr. Nagell, G.O. sponsor of the South Senior high school, announced the following results: President, Woody Greenberg; Vice President, Norma Giffords; Secretary, Nancy Hirschland; Treasurer, Harry David.

To ease the hunger pangs of some of our students, the Girls' Hi-Y has once again established a snack bar. Such sundries as coke, cookies, fruit, cake, ice cream, candy and milk will be sold. The snack bar will be open from 2:45 to 3:15. Students are advised that food may not be taken out of the cafeteria.

survey such as this were to be given in the South, social pressures would mold the answers of the students and, therefore, they would not be entirely honest. In Great Neck too, there are social pressures which have perhaps revealed themselves in a desire to hop on the bandwagon and be liberal.

(For Survey Statistics See Page Two)

A Study Of Social Problems In GN 'Inventory On Beliefs' Probes Attitudes;

Several weeks ago seven twelfth grade social studies classes answered questions asked of them as part of a special "Inventory on Beliefs". The questionnaire was prepared by Mr. Howell, whose classes are currently studying the problems of prejudice.

Mr. Howell initiated this survey in order to "... involve the students more directly with the area of social problems ... and to reveal the standing of the class on many issues previously discussed academically." He felt that too often students write down or say what they have been taught is the correct "liberal" answer.

The first part of the inventory consisted of ten short answer questions concerning attitudes in specific situations. They sought reactions toward certain races, religions and nationalities. In the second part, students were asked to show their reactions to each of eighteen different groups by indicating whether they had "No, little, strong, or very strong antipathy" toward it.

There are, however, several reached in answering questions made. In answering questions such as "Would you move into a house next door to a Negro family, sit next to a Negro, dance with a Negro?" Great Neck students gave more favorable answers than have appeared on similar surveys taken by a cross section of American youth. However, when asked if they would take a Liberian exchange student into their homes for a few weeks, only 20 out of 48 answered yes. 51 out of 123

wrote down that they had antipathy toward the Negro. Response to questions concerning Catholics and Orientals also indicated less antipathy than that shown in a nation wide survey.

On the other hand the survey revealed strong anti-Arab and anti-German feelings due, of course, to the high Jewish population. In a cross section survey, Germans would be rated quite high, and Arabs would receive no great reactions either way.

Feelings resulting from the current Far East crisis did not reveal themselves in the results of this survey. For example, there were indications of a much stronger antipathy toward the Japanese, who are now our allies, than toward the Chinese whom we are now siding against. This may be due to the fact that all through history the American's picture of these two groups has been the studious, idealistic Chinese rudely invaded by an up-and-coming Japanese empire. This raises an interesting question: Are our emotions aroused more by the dramatized historical past or by the vividness of today's political scene?

Generally speaking, the students who took the test showed little concern about religion. There was antipathy toward the Arabs but none toward the Moslems. In all questions concerning a choice between a Catholic, Jew or Protestant, the majority of students wrote "neutral" or "it doesn't matter." However, in answer to the question "... which religion would you prefer your roommate at

college to be?", most responses were "Jew." This tendency to be clannish has been reflected in surveys taken by all religions, and is graphically revealed in most social groupings. A similar reaction appeared in answer to the question, "... would you prefer to attend an interracial camp or a camp of your own culture group?"

Among the seventeen racial, national, and religious groups listed in the second part of the inventory were the Kalutians, the Puranians, and the Picts. These groups are non-existent. The names were invented for the purpose of the survey, and students were asked to indicate their feelings toward them. Seventeen people revealed strong feelings against the Kalutians, nineteen against the Puranians and fourteen against the Picts. A large number left the spaces for these three empty. The reaction to these three fictitious groups reflects people are suspicious, and therefore refuse to accept a new or strange group. In general those who expressed strong antipathy toward these groups showed the same attitude toward most of the other groups. Even those who did not answer this question indicated some fear — "mustn't say before I know." Is the natural tendency to like until proven otherwise or to hate until proven otherwise?

The results of this survey cannot be used as a representation of opinion throughout the school, but they can be used to give an idea of prevalent social attitudes. If a

mainly make gaffes and mistakes will be cleared up.

The Pulling Of A Lever

In the recent G.O. election, 67 percent of the student body voted. Of this 67 percent, six percent of the votes were invalidated for such reasons as pushing down too many levers, pulling them up prematurely — in short, not observing legal procedures. Results? The incumbent G.O. officers were elected by 61 percent of the students.

While approximately 60 percent of those eligible voted in the 1956 national election, the similarity between the national and Great Neck figures ends there. Although many citizens fail to vote through indifference, ignorance or neglect, others do not exercise their right owing to family problems, geographical inaccessibility, etc. With the installation of a voting machine, opportunities to go to the booth during study periods, lunch, before and after school, what excuse have the students who failed to vote?

Democracy, we need to be reminded again and again, is not only a word. It is a process. Those who fail to give this process a living meaning now may be helping more than they know to weaken, perhaps ultimately to destroy, the democracy they so glibly talk about.

Credible Dialogue With Lori

Q. Folks, meet Lori Plessner, who aspires to... A... to major in Journalism, the history and appreciation of the fine arts, English literature, government, history, human relations, philosophy, psychology, and sociology. I also hope to pick up a working knowledge of Latin.

Q. All of this?

A. Why of course. Columbia University, you see.

Q. Positively alarming. Did you say you wanted to be a Columbia man?

A. It has been my ambition ever since I visited Columbia last year for a journalism conference. Perhaps I will be able to attend certain classes there this year. Graduate work, for sure. Did you say Columbia Man??

Q. Ahem. Tell us about your career in journalism.

A. I am Assistant to the Editors of Guide Post. With this responsible position comes the privilege of maintaining a cooky-baking squad. My fellow-editors are savage when hungry.

I know that from all the careers I am exploring, I will have to choose journalism. A zypsy told me so. I still have her hand - er - business card.

Idols

Q. Have you any ideals? Idols? A. I admire passionately Beethoven, Huxley, Rexroth, Charles Munch and Madden. Madden is our neighbor at our country home. Oh, I think the profound respect I once had for her has dwindled. I mean there was a time when I was overcome with the magnitude of a divorcee who maintained a beach home. She was all the more fantastic for the apricot cream she put on every night. And she slept on a padded board with her feet propped up on an ironing board, to preserve the youthful circulation and posture she had grown old preserving. She taught me to do as all humane humans do — rise at 6:00 in the morning to feed the birds. I even learned to call all small, grubby animals by the name of "Grandma's little birdies."

Q. Mmm — happy home life? A. How could it not be? I have a six year old brother who is passionate in his modern art. He's very suave with girls. He is said to look like Frank Sinatra. And I have a thirteen year old brother who pretends to make my life sheltered (he will not allow obscenity in my presence). And in addition to a father, I have a mother who built our house to be like a birdcage. We have nothing but windows, which is what comes of having a mother who is simultaneously decorator and land architect. She likes to see her own craft from either side of the panes. We do not have silverfish in the bathtub, which has

been one of my most haunting apprehensions ever since the notion appeared in an obscure Guide Post feature article.



Photo by Joe Alperin

Incredible Monologue By Mike

His comment "Ask me a question and I'll tell you a lie" was not encouraging, but Michael Schwartz, enigmatic as usual, proceeded to give me the answers without my having to ask the questions.

"I like modern jazz, 'good books' (a phrase which I don't like), 'bad' books, Krazykat and Pogo (Walt Kelly is producing the best literature in America today), all foods but melon and orchestra, even though I can't bow the bass. I am not a misogynist; you could even say that I'm rather given to women. Chiang Kai-Shek is a fascist and the Yankees are winning 3-2.

This summer I was an almost-Experimenter in International Living, but (I'd like to think it the other way around) I was too young for France. Instead, I wrote and read in an effort to become a 'well-read writer.' Now, in Creative, I'm bleeding myself to eliminate the affectations and stream-of-consciousness, which I'm not ready for, from my writing.

There are a few ideas floating around up here. (he pointed to his forehead) "that influence a great part of my thinking. I fervently believe in equal rights under the law; I'm going to devote my life to this. And it is the right of the individual to locate himself. Since everything is in relation to me and things are not really as they are, but as I see them, finding myself as an entity is secondary to nothing. Having just read Gide's The Immoralist, I know that this can be a very hard thing to do and the experience may be expensive (in more terms than money). Both intellect and emotion must compose this entity because it is impossible to 'live' completely, lacking one. I would like to

Of all the places I visited with my family this summer, with names that read like Gulliver's Travels... Brussels... Bangkok... Karachi... Kyoto... Tokyo... Manila... Athens... Tel-Aviv... Copenhagen... the one place every-one questions me about is Russia. I was only in Moscow and an area of about 125 miles from Moscow. Yet I think I saw a cross section of Russia today... huge factories, tremendous industrial plants, modern, superbly equipped universities, numerous giant department stores, fully stocked food stores, supermarkets, or their equivalents, vast collective farms, mile upon mile of new ten story apartment buildings just going up, and building after of luxury apartments, some that could rival our own Waldorf Towers. I saw the government, I saw the people, and enough of them and of the country to form some pretty definite and lasting conclusions. They say that first impressions are lasting ones. If that's the case, my opinion of the Soviet Union is quite low. I guess our first real taste of Russian bureaucracy took place when we applied for visas. We applied several months in advance of our departure and yet the visas came to us so late that not only did our whole itinerary have to be altered, but we started out with a slightly warped opinion of Russian hospitality. There was the fact that when we checked in at Copenhagen airport, our cameras necessitated the unpacking of bags and the shifting of souvenirs, for no cameras of any sort are permitted in the cabin aboard any

Inside Russia

by Bruce Wolff

plane flying over the Soviet Union. Actually, though you wouldn't really mind this if such a strict policy was adhered to in all phases of your travels. But Russia is a land of paradoxes; not only is there no customs inspection worth its salt upon entering the country, but there is no policy which governs the limitation of what you can photograph once in Moscow, aside from the usual military objectives, such as bridges, etc. Moscow itself is just a slightly altered version of New York, or New York is just a jazzed up copy of Moscow, depending on which side of the fence you're sitting on. The buildings are big, the streets amazingly wide, the majority of which, for sheer size, would put Third Avenue to shame. The people? Well, they're people no matter what their political affiliations may be. You have a strange feeling upon entering the Soviet Union that you are trespassing on property where not only don't you belong, but which you shouldn't even be gazing at. A heavy atmosphere, a grim oppressive air, hangs over all. Everything seems drab, dull, — the people's clothes, which never seem to match or even fit, the buildings all of which are very somber colors, except of course the Kremlin, the piece de resistance of Moscow art, the symbol of Soviet might.

Americans!

Even the lighting is dim, and maybe this more than anything, typifies the outward emotions of the Russian people today. The only signs of emotion that were discernible were those of curiosity, evidenced by the repeated staring at us and at our clothes. Their stare seemed to be typical of the one we reserve for a pretty girl. It starts at the shoes, slowly inching its way up until it reaches your face, which by this time is partially obscured by a nervous gesture on your part, and then the eyes wander around for a

while and inevitably it ends up on your shoes. The two things which provoked the most curiosity in the Soviet Union were an American car parked in front of the Metropole hotel and my mother's high breasted shoes. The Russian counterpart is a bulky, cumbersome and uncomfortable looking monstrosity of a shoe that in America would have been discarded years ago. But that seems to epitomize all clothing — double-breasted, odd-jacketed suits for the men are the rule, and mismatched outfits for the girls. If the Russian people ever had any color sense in clothing, it seems to have exited with the Czars. The only women who wore makeup or who combed their unruly hair were the girl guides who had contact with foreigners. The women work at heavy laboring chores, even digging ditches and construction. They have many women engineers and architects. The women head giant bureaus and have assumed many of the jobs we usually think of as men's work. Even at the television studio, where we were official guests, the technicians were almost exclusively women.

Interpreter

We were obliged to hire a guide-interpreter through Intourist, the Russian Tourist Bureau, which is lord and master for your entire stay. No one evidences that he can speak any English, except for the little kids so the interpreter becomes a necessary evil. Taxis are so scarce that you never see any, and so you are also obliged to use the car they provide. There are no restrictions as to where you can go except that out of necessity, you must use the services which they provide. Your only limitation in going to certain places is the hours that that particular place or locale is open, and you would be amazed at how many places are closed at the weirdest times possible right in the middle of a week day.

(To be continued next week)

try reconciling the two. On to Harvard and Madison Avenue! I have an enterprising group of fellow officers and we'll really have a good year if we



photo by La Monica

can get the rest of the student body to work with us. The G.O. office has already made a change in my life. After two years of looking at the sign on the Cage door, I realized only today, when I had to sit in Mr. Lincoln's big chair for an hour, contemplating the problems of the coming year, that it said 'Proofreading done at MINIMUM rates.' O, the disillusionment of life!

Instead of using education as a humanizing process, we spend most of our lives occupied in dehumanization, trying to be Roman gods and goddesses or barbaric animals. I want to become a human being, persuade as many others as possible to do it too."

Michael was too modest to say that he was a National Merit semi-finalist, but he did say that Gide said, "It's better to talk too much than too little."

Inventory Of Beliefs

1. Your family had decided to move. After a long search they found the "ideal home" next to a Negro family. It is the only house that satisfies all your requirements. Would you urge them to buy it? Yes—111 No—39

2. Assume that two summer camps had approximately equal facilities and cost the same to attend. One was interracial while the other was made up exclusively from members of your own social group. Which would you chose to attend? Interracial—55 Same culture—41

3. (For girls only. If a Chinese boy asked you to the movies would you go? (For boys only.) Assume that you had a sister a year younger than you are. If a Chinese boy asked her to the movies would you approve? Yes—98 No—51

4. Would you dance with a Negro? Yes—88 No—56

5. The school has sponsored a visit by some foreign exchange student for a period of one month. You have been asked to check the following list if you are willing to act as host for any of the students during their visit. Check any of the following if you are willing to accept either the boy or girl student as a guest in your home. Check all those you are willing to accept. (Only forty-eight students answered this)

None 1: Chinese 30: Liberian (African Negro) 20: Arab 24:

Canadian 44: Italian 28: Swede 43: German 37: Philippine 33:

6. Two candidates run for election as Mayor of your home town. Their qualifications appear to be approximately equal. One is a Catholic; the other is not. Which candidate would you be disposed to support or would you be neutral? (Only forty-eight students answered this) Catholic—2 Non-Cath.—3 Neutral—40

7. Two seats are available to you on the subway. Would you choose the seat next to the white person over the one next to the Negro? This situation assumes that both are strangers and appear to be equally refined in dress and deportment. Yes—51 No—65

8. Do you think Jews are smarter than other people? Yes—6 No—41

9. Your college adviser has offered you the choice of rooming with a Catholic, Protestant or Jew. Which would you choose? Catholic—17 Protestant—12 Jew — 92

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A Star

by M... A star falls. Mommy, look. And make a wish. No, that is not. That is Jupiter. And the child... Jupiter at... And the te... The child... mother...

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A Star Falls

by Mikki Gillin

A star falls. Mommy, look at the star. And make a wish. No, that is not a star. That is Jupiter. And the child goes to his science teacher and asks is Jupiter a star? And the teacher says yes. The child never believes his mother again.

To The Editors

Dear Editors:

Going along with the trend in improving the educational system in the United States, Great Neck high school has been participating in this current movement. I feel that this is a matter that's commendable. However, I also feel that this should not be done by avoiding the necessary activities that have been previously included in the school agenda. The above refers to pep rallies to promote school spirit, G. O. skits, and senior pictures.

I don't feel that any of these affect academic studies adversely.

Norma Kaplan

Ed. Depends on how one defines school spirit.

To The Editors:

This afternoon I had to drive to the high school to pick someone up, and I cannot tell you how embarrassed I was. If I had been a stranger to the high school, I would have wondered what herd of children attended the school, and where they were brought up.

The first sight to greet my eyes was a group of boys and girls sauntering down the walk, cigarettes dangling from their lips, waiting to get to the hedge before lighting up. Then I was spoken to in an insulting and embarrassing manner — to tell you I was disappointed in what I saw and heard would be putting it very mildly.

Just for the record, I am not an old "fuddy duddy", but a member of the class of 1949.

Sincerely, Johanna Essex

Ed. There is a saying about what a few can do to a barrel of apples.

Cheerleader's Lament

To The Editors:

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Mrs. Francis Johnson unlocked the door to room 100 with a key bearing a green cord. One of our many "floating" teachers, Mrs. Johnson teaches in four different rooms and has eight keys, which she distinguishes by the different colored cords attached to them.

Mrs. Johnson, the school's new Latin teacher, comes originally from Riverdale, New York. Having an innate love for Riverdale, she taught there at the Riverdale Country School, a private prep school. Prior to that, she taught Latin and history in a small school in Woodsville, N. H.

A graduate of Barnard and Columbia Teacher's College, she worked in the New York City public schools before settling down to devote herself to her family. Mrs. Johnson takes pride in her own two Latin pupils, who are now at Yale and Harvard.

Mrs. Johnson has a great love for Latin. She finds that the deeper one looks into the subject, the more fascinating and gratifying it becomes. She enjoys the challenge of the language and the chance of discovering and probing into Roman history.

She believes that the greatest aim in the teaching of Latin is to challenge the students in conquering a difficult subject. The teacher, she says, gets a great deal of satisfaction from seeing a student master a Latin passage.

Me Fatuous

Question: What would your reaction be if someone told you that you were fatuous?

Rec Answer: If I'd known before I wouldn't have done it.

Ruby Allen: Your head's fat, too.

Peter Katz: Punch him in the nose, look it up in the dictionary, and punch him in the nose again.

Jane Tulman: He'd better keep his discriminatory remarks to himself.

Snoopy: I'd order a whole case.

Steve Rosenfeld: I'd look forward to saying the same to him in the future.

Joan Lebedinsky: I'd tell them they were skinous.

Michael Jacob: I resent that remark.

Leslie Lehman: I'm definitely not!

Stuart Warren: I'd hit him.

Mike Lewis: I'd be insulted.

Mort Johnson: I'd say no, I was only 140 pounds.

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Mrs. Johnson spent this summer at a seminar and workshop for Latin teachers from all over the country. "Even teachers get rusty," she observed. In addition to classes in advanced Latin, the teachers also studied new teaching techniques and classical background.

Her family life has not permitted her to develop many hobbies, but in her spare time, Mrs. Johnson enjoys craftwork and a good detective story.

Mrs. Johnson came to Great Neck because she wished to bring her love of Latin across to a larger number of students. In Riverdale classes are small. She feels that here in Great Neck, there is a higher scholastic awareness. She sees her relationships with her students as being more casual and intimate. "It isn't just coming, sitting fifty minutes and leaving."

First Impressions

About the school, Mrs. Johnson remarked, "My first impressions from the key point of view were hectic — but when this subsided, I felt very relaxed. In Great Neck you have an extremely friendly faculty. I thoroughly like the student body."

Mrs. Johnson remembers an answer she received from a first year student in Massachusetts. When asked what he considered the greatest accomplishment of the Romans, he answered, "Learning Latin."

by Steve Rosenfeld

Hockey Smiters Smack No Shins

The belief that females constitute the weaker sex is proven false again by many girls displaying their abilities in the weekly activities at the girls' gym and athletic field.

On Mondays sixty-one girls can be seen dribbling and driving down the lower field where they hack away at the hockey ball. Trudy Cleave, Judy Austin, Sue Fennella and Jane Seitz are captains of the four teams which are partaking in a round-robin tournament. On Tuesdays some of the same girls interested in the interschool team can be seen practicing more intently in order to avoid smacking the shins of their

Expose

(This is a make-believe fable. It is so make-believe that it could be true. It could even happen to you. Facts have been altered to add to the implausibility of this tale — for obvious reasons.)

Certain high ranking individuals have confiscated secret documents that contain startling facts. It was at a clandestine conference that these secret documents were revealed to the associates of these high ranking individuals — other high ranking individuals. It was discovered that students were not completely physically fit for the strenuous gymnasium and intramural program that faced them in the forthcoming year. Our high ranking individuals were baffled for a solution. Therefore they did the only thing they could do: they adjourned the meeting until the next meeting. In the meantime, everyone was to try to think of a solution. Before leaving, all present had to take a solemn vow of secrecy.

Word Spreads

Word of this surreptitious conference spread rapidly through hall and locker room and through the administration building. Everybody was buzzing about the present crisis.

Rumors bearing vague resemblance to the truth spread through the town. Upon reaching the town limits, these extravagant reports advanced to the county and presently to the rest of the state. Over excited people clamored by statistically proven reports that local youths could not be compared physically with the juveniles in Europe. Newspapers played up the physical softness of our young adolescents with

Long Island opponents instead of the ball.

Congratulations are in order for the newly chosen J. V. cheerleading squad which has as its members: Barbara Clements, Janet Deminholz, Babs Engel, Letty Halter, Donna Hill, Ellen Kravitz, June Reinhard, Ellen Tilles, Peggy Topf, Nancy Topf, and Pam Weston. Under the leadership of Nancy Topf, the squad has developed prize-winning pep and spirit which the crowds at the J. V. find contagious.

An attendance of 68 girls indicate that tennis is the latest rage. The girls are taking part in a round robin tournament from which a small group will be chosen for the interschool team. With smaller raquets and "birdies" the sophomores are enthusiastically participating in their own badminton intramurals headed by Peggy Topf on Tuesdays.

Every Wednesday afternoon the Great Neck athletic field is transformed into a modern Sherwood Forest where thirty female Robin Hoods gather to shoot at targets rather than at misguided sheriffs. Their aim is the archery tournament.

by Allene Rubin

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such headlines and articles as Sousedunk Boy Trips Over Untied Shoelace. The relating article stressed the fact that the boy was weak and consequently was not adroit in tying his shoelace. A colossal problem faced the state. What could be done?

It was a bright spring day when a group of high ranking individuals advanced solemnly towards another clandestine conference. The birds were chirping and the sky was cloudless. But still, an air of depression hung over the secluded clubhouse for the meeting. Every man had the same thought in mind: what could be done?

The meeting progressed. Scientific minds as well as Univac were invited to the conference. Every machine was stumped. A former wrestler suggested that the youths take a Charles Atlas muscle-building course. But this idea did not meet with the general approval of the group. Then an idea struck. A state-wide physical fitness course was proposed. Concurrently, grim looks disappeared as smiles took their places. This was it. The male youth of the entire state would be subjected to a physical fitness course.

Emergency

Upon receiving word of the solution, the governor declared that a state of emergency no longer existed. The press, radio, and T.V. presented the news to the public. There was dancing in the streets. Congressmen and assemblymen were congratulating each other, regardless of political allegiances. A state holiday was declared. Everybody was voicing opinions. Everybody that is, except the students. The people who were to endure this fitness program had no say whatsoever. Their opinion was irrelevant.

Summer passed. September arrived. In gym classes boys were subjected to strenuous exercises: hundred of push-ups, countless sit-ups, numerous chin-ups as well as myriads of other types of physical exertion. The tests made a big hit with everyone — Everyone except the participants.

The results of these tests will never be known but will surely be felt. They will be felt in every charlie-horse, pulled muscle, twisted ligament, toe for 362 days (the number of days it takes for these ailments to stop ailing). Then will there be peace and comfort? No! This vicious cycle will start again. Why? Because these tests are given every year that a student attends school. There is no possible answer to the problem caused by this solution of another problem.

No definite plans of resistance to this physical fitness program have matured. But a skeleton committee has been organized and it was suggested that they write a letter to the grievance committee — they will as soon as the bandages are removed from their sprained wrists.

by Mike Lewis

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GN Netmen Remain Unbeaten, Touncing Comets And Roslyn

In routing two league opponents, Great Neck North's Varsity Tennis squad bettered its league record to 3-0, by defeating Roslyn (September 26) and Hicksville (September 30) at the losers' courts.

Against Roslyn, the Blazer netmen won 4½-2½. Mickey Geringer and Steve Spahn won their singles matches easily, as did Dick Levine. The 4th singles player, George Ross, was defeated.

In doubles Don Block and Vic Zinn lost but Marc Fasteau and Stu Leventhal played very well and won. The team of Eric Gruenstein and Ron Rebhuhn had to settle for a tie as they split sets 6-6 and 6-8.

The Blazers routed Hicksville in the last match 7-0. No one had any trouble in defeating his opponent. Geringer, Spahn, Levine, and Ross played in the juggled lineup of singles under Coach Fred Thiergard. In doubles there was a change in strategy as Chet Salomon and Mike Saphier returned to the lineup as the first doubles team. Eric Gruenstein and Don Block combined to form the second doubles team and Fasteau and Leventhal remained without change.



Mickey Geringer, content with his record is currently playing first singles for the Great Neck varsity tennis team. Mickey has been a member of the squad since his freshman year in the junior high.

Photo by Mike LaMonica

Varsity Soccerman Tie Trojans 2-2

Behind a first rate defensive unit, the Great Neck Varsity soccer team gained a 2-2 tie with Garden City, one of the top soccer squads on Long Island. The tying goal was registered by Blazer forward Mike Charles with only 30 seconds remaining in the contest.

In the first half of the game, the Trojans drew first blood in the opening minutes of the fourth period, when Carl Wille booted one past Great Neck's goalie, Terry Finkel. This was the first goal of Terry this season. With thirty seconds to go, Mike Charles kicked the tying tally after assists from Contiguglia and Gittin.

Mr. Liquori felt that this was "a great team game". The Blazers now have a record of two wins and one tie, and are one-half game behind the league leading Trojans.

Orange and Bluz were Paul Blum, Don Kirk and Bill Eck.

Merlini Leads Blazers To Initial League Win

Led by the powerful running of fullback Bill Merlini, the Great Neck Blazers racked up a 21-20 victory over Port Washington for their first win of the season. Merlini sparked the Blazers as he pounded his way for three touchdowns and the winning extra point. "The Moose" picked up 107 yards in 16 carries for an average of almost 7 yards per carry.

Merlini Scores From The 4 From the opening kickoff, Great Neck was on the move. Quarterback Paul Slayton uncorked a perfect pass to Jim Blume who carried it to the Port 14, covering 46 yards. However, the Great Neck attack stalled and the ball went over the Portmen on their own 10. The Blazer line held and on an attempted fourth down punt, Port's kick was partially blocked. With the ball on the Port 34, ed. With the ball on the Port 34, the Blazers needed only four plays to chalk up their first touchdown with Merlini cracking over from the 4. Joel Feldman ran for the extra point and G. N. led 7-0.

After the kickoff the Blazer line was again immovable and forced Port to punt. From the 43 Slayton hit Bob Bachor with a pass on the Port 20 just as the first quarter ended. It took the Blazers only three plays to score their second T. D. with Merlini going over, this time from the five. Feldman again got the extra point. Port Washington picked up their first touchdown on

a 12 yard run which was set up on passes by Marino. The extra point attempt failed and at the half it was 14-6 in favor of the Blazers.

Merlini Tallies Winning Point In the third period the Lions moved to another touchdown. The conversion was good and Port was only a point behind. For the rest of the third quarter, and well into the fourth, neither team could muster much of an attack. Midway in the fourth period, Port Washington's Bob Armbruster broke away on a 62 yard run to the Great Neck 11. Only a diving tackle by Sussman prevented Armbruster from going all the way. Two plays later, Gulterez went over for the touchdown. The extra point was good and Port led 20-14. After the kickoff, a Slayton pass was good for 17 yards to the Port 38. From there it was all Merlini. He went for gains of 21, 7 and 10 yards for the touchdown. To top it off, the big fullback went over with the winning extra point.

The line, led by Jim Blume, Ed Johnson, Jeff Spanier and Tony Hamel looked better than they have in any previous contest. The only sore spot was the Blazer secondary, which let too many passes get through.

This victory was a sweet one for the Blazers. They not only evened up their league record at one and one, but they averaged last year's 13-12 defeat.

Intramurals

In organizing their Touch football league, seniors and juniors will have a change this year. Coach Morrison decided that an eight team league was too large and he broke it up into two divisions of four teams each. The divisions are called the American and National Leagues. The teams play the squads both in their division and in the other division. However, the two teams in each division with the best record will play off for the intramural title.

Kaufman's Team Leads
In the American league, Vic Kaufman's team is in first place with one win and one tie. In second place with a 1-1 record is Mel Barkins' squad. Dave Dorsky's team is in third with three losses. Last is Fred Abeles' team with three losses and one tie. In the National League, Richie Libberthons' team with three wins and one tie is in first place. In second place with two wins and a tie is Artie Waserpring's squad. There is a tie for third between Larry Solomon's team and Tom Guterman's squad.

The games have been well played and hard fought. A good example of the caliber of play was Fred Abeles' team tying Libberthons' 18-18 on a last minute tally.

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Blazer Harriers Down Green Wave, 25 - 30

Sparked by Captain Joel Lauchner, the Blazer cross-country squad defeated Westbury 25-30 in a league meet last Thursday. The meet was originally scheduled to be a triangular match with Herricks as the second opponent. Herricks, however, did not meet the state requirement of having fifteen days of practice before the first meet and therefore could not compete.

Lauchner, who finished with a good time was pressed by Solo of Westbury who placed second. Stu Goldberg of Great Neck was third, followed by Newman and Johnson of Westbury. Finishing six, seven and eight for the

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Coach Ring's squad has done quite well. The team, overcoming a lack of experience and a loss of key men to the south school, now boasts a 2-0 record. This Thursday the Harriers will travel to Garden City to battle the Trojans and Clarke in an important triangular meet.

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Garden City Eleven Triumphs Over Blazer Jay-Vee, 19-12

Great Neck met Garden City in the second game of the season, and no improvement was apparent over the preceding game. The J. V. line failed to prevent Garden City from ringing up three touchdowns to triumph over the Blazers, 19-12.

The Trojans took an early lead when Great Neck, with one yard to go for a first down, decided to run. Great Neck again showed its inexperience when they fumbled and a Garden City re-

covery set the scene for their seven points. The second quarter began with a touchdown against Great Neck. The ball was placed on the G. N. 20 yard line and Roger Seaman ran 80 yards around left end for a T. D. Later in the same quarter, the Trojans punched through the G. N. line for their second touchdown. At the end of the half, Garden City led, 13-6.

The third quarter saw the Trojans slip through the feeble Blazer defense for their third and final touchdown. Great Neck's last touchdown came on a reverse around the left end by Mike Bernstein.

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