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Longer School Days?

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The school day should be increased to the efficacious limit of student attention. An increased school day would make our country stronger through better preparation of its youth, if the time is utilized effectively and if the people can withstand the necessary cost increase.

With more time each day classes could be lengthened, thus giving teachers time to aid the slower learner and allowing brighter students time to advance through independent study projects.

Utilizing more time each day and year, students should be given the opportunity to take non-required, often otherwise unavailable, self-improvement courses. Credit and non-credit electives could be offered in music, art, literature, oratory, and advanced foreign languages. Today's facilities and schedule do not allow the capable student time nor the slower pupil chance for voluntary self-improvement in the fine arts, all of which are regarded by the world as marks of distinction, and all of which assist an individual in adapting to and understanding the peoples and beliefs of the world's coldly embattled nations.

Courses could be expanded and others given to aid a student in preparing for or selecting his future occupation. More class time could be spent on foreign languages, mathematics - engineering subjects, literature, and the advanced sciences. More courses could be

made available in vocational-technical and agricultural work, which are vitally necessary as long as America remains an industrial nation. There are unlimited possibilities which should be considered if a school is not only to prepare a student for college or work but to guide him capably in realizing his ambitions.

It is one of nature's enigmas that she should demand youth to determine his future when he is so impetuous and inexperienced. The role of the high school is to aid that student who plans further studies to choose his role or to equip the individual who can not go on to college with the weapons to conquer and to enjoy life. Our schools are only partially succeeding.

Preparation for life could be better realized if the school day is lengthened. There is, however, a major economic drawback. There would be a need for more teachers to instruct the diversified courses. Larger libraries would be a necessity, for research education is based on reading. Better laboratory facilities for language and science would be required.

Maximum fine arts facilities would be necessary. Expanded vocational shops would be, as they always have been, a requisite. We would make tremendous educational advances with an eight-hour school day, but only if the taxpayers and government of the State of New York provide better facilities for aesthetic and technical education.

PCS Cops 35 A's

This year the entire NYSSMA program was planned and administered by the students in the music department under the supervision of Mr. Grahling, and held on May 1 and 2 at the Lawrence Avenue Elementary School.

The competition music is graded I through VI, and the performance marked, A, B, C, or D. Out of 70 participating soloists and ensembles from the High School, there were 35 A's, 22 B's, and only 3 C's. This was the largest group of NYSSMA in the history of the Potsdam High School.

The following were rated grade VI A: David Grahling, Ranny Gale, Peter Fiske, Edre Gorius, James Balukjian, Steve Grahling, Amy Theobald, Sue Weeks, Meg Spurbek, Linda Stark, and Marilyn Barnes. Also in grade VI, Cheryl Clary, Betty McMann, Heather Anderson, and Janet Russell received B's.

In grade V with A ratings were Tim Wyant, Margaret Balukjian, Bob Best, Tim Ger van, Stuart Neagle, Sara Lindsay, Barbara Mackey, Heather Anderson, Barbara Halse, and Billie Baker. Grade V B: Mary Sherburne, Debbie Allen, Susan Mescham, and Sue Barney.

Grade IV A: Ruth Kerker, Fleur Griffith, and the Eleventh Grade Girls Ensemble. Rated IV B were Tom Smith, Richard Shulman, Terry Davis, Darrell Dafoe, Kathy Nuffer, Diane Bautaw, Gilberta Jones, Donna Jean Crockett, Betty Maine, Jenny Synowski, Mary Jane Brown and the Eighth Grade Girls Ensemble. Freda Marvia received a C in grade IV.

Grade III A: Kathy Nuffer, Bruce Russell, Joanne Bautaw, Jane Rose, Sara Lindsay, John Kellog, and the flute duet. Grade III B: Peter Barney, David Thomas, and the Tenth Grade Girls Ensemble. In Grade II the Boys Ensemble was rated A, the violin duet B, and Judy Fadden C. There were three B's in Grade I: Robert Morrell, Richard Huff, and Bruce Grant. Fred Cassell and Robert Best both sang solos, but did not compete for a grade.

Tomorrow and Saturday are the band, orchestra, and chorus competition.

Follett Addresses PCS Students

J. George Follett, County district attorney delivered an address at an assembly May 8, urging the students to strengthen their personal code of ethics, their "moral armament." He gave several examples of the need of ethics to differentiate between right and wrong.

He also gave a brief rundown on what different technical terms of crime mean and the punishment required by law. Mr. Follett ended by the tracing of the career of a juvenile delinquent from the first criminal act to prison.

Who's Who Names Fourteen Outstanding Leading Seniors

Fourteen Potsdam Seniors were notified recently of their selection to "Who's Who Among Student Leaders in High Schools of America."

This organization, founded in Arizona, is devoted to the recognition of the top students in member schools. It says that... "It is designed first as a practical aid to High School students of the year by their service have resulted in their being named the outstanding students of the year by their respective schools, and second, to provide employers and universities with a reliable source of information on high school seniors who are likely to be the most promising material."

DONALD DUNCAN, has had three years of varsity football and track and two years of basketball, ranked third in his class, received a National Merit Letter of Commendation, and has been twice Assistant Editor of the "Kronikler." He has been in Boys and Mixed Chorus, Math Club, National Honor Society, band, and has been in the math course at Clarkson College.

THOMAS PIRSSINGER, has won an academic Dean Scholarship (Regents) at Le Moyne University in Syracuse. Having been born and brought up in Syracuse, he moved here in his freshman year. A science, math, and Latin major, Tom still has found time for cross country, track and football. He is President of the Math Club and Vice-President of the Honor Society. He also entered the NSF Science Program at Clarkson in 1963. Yet he maintained an average of 92.6 (tied for 7th position in his class.) His interests are coin collecting, tropical fish, and fishing. Tom says he has no plans for after college, but you may be sure he will be very successful in whatever field he may enter.

BARBARA JEAN McHUGH has been very active in school activities. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Club, the Band, the Dance Band, and she has been a cheerleader for three years. She is taking advanced courses at the State University at Potsdam and at Clarkson. She was a delegate to the Citizenship Education Conference at Syracuse and has participated in NYSSMA and Area All-State. Barbara is a Co-Editor of the "Sandstone", the school yearbook. She has received Scholastic and Science Achievement awards. She is active in intramurals and is a member of GAA.

THOMAS LONG, has been in Varsity football, hockey (captain this year), baseball, Varsity Club, Math Club, Student Council, Honor Society and has been an honor student regularly. Tom is one of the outstanding athletes in this area; he has been All-Northern selection in hockey for two consecutive years.

ALAN LINDSEY has been in varsity football (captain this year), hockey and baseball for two years, Class President as a Sophomore, a member of Math Club, Honor Society, Student Council (Secretary this year), and Boy's State. He is an honor student.

PATRICIA ANN MURPHY has been a participant in intramurals, GAA, Leaders Club, and the Ski Club. She is a member of the Math Club, the National Honor Society, and Student Council. She has been a member of Mixed Chorus, Girls' Chorus, and has worked on the Junior Magazine Drive, the Senior Jamboree, and the Junior Prom. Pat has received Scholastic Achievements Awards, the DAR Good Citizenship Award, and a certificate for being high salesman during the Junior Magazine Drive. She has been the class Business Manager and is a member of the Senior Executive Committee.

JOHN WILLIAM O'BRIEN is the President of the New York State Federation of Student Councils and President of the District 6 Federation. Also he is the President of the Senior Class, and a member of the Student Council for his third consecutive year. Last year he was the vice-president of the Student Association. John, a member of National Honor Society, has received Scholastic Awards in each of the last three years, has won a National Merit Letter of Commendation, and is taking the Advanced



VIP'S IN "WHO'S WHO" — Once again this year Potsdam High Students ranked high in the special "Who's Who Among High School Leaders in America." These Seniors all "made" the list. They are (left to right):

front row: Nancy Shulman, Melody Steinberg, Barbara McHugh, Meg Spurbek, and Pat Murphy. Back row: Donald Duncan, Stewart Neagal, Russel Pattison, Al Lindsey, Tom Long, Bob Reed, and John Osier.

English course at SUCP and the National Honor Society. Bob was the Vice-President of the Student Council, member of the Junior Class and a member of the Advanced Math course at CCT. He has received Scholastic Achievement Awards and a National Merit Letter of Commendation and has taken the Advanced Math course at CCT.

JOHN FREDERICK OSIER is an honor student, having received Scholastic Achievement Awards each of the last three years. He has participated in Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball. He is a member of Math Club and National Honor Society. He served as Student Association President and was a member of the yearbook staff. John was one of the Seniors elected to take advanced courses in mathematics and English at Clarkson and SUCP. He has received an Honor Society Scholarship Award, a Regional Science Fair Award, and two Scholastic Achievement Awards.

STUART NEAGLE moved to Potsdam from Maryland several years ago, and has compiled an admirable record. He has won scholastic awards each year. He was chosen for advanced courses at Clarkson and at SUCP. He is a member of the Math Club and of the National Honor Society. He was a Village Official for a day, and received a National Merit Letter of Commendation and a Science Achievement Award. He is also a member of the Boy's add Mixed Chorus and received an A on his grade V solo at NYSSMA. He was also the recipient of one of 150 National Baptist Scholarships in the nation.

RUSSELL PATTISON, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pattison of RFD 1, received one of 40 Yale National Scholarships and will go there in the fall. He had been a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the mathematics honorary, boys and mixed chorus, the "Kronikler" staff as Literary Editor, and a delegate to the Syracuse Citizenship Education Conference. He is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, winner of the Rotary Scholarship (for the highest average in the school in his sophomore and junior years), last year's winner of the Bausch and Lomb science award, the language award for the highest three year average, and is working as a sports reporter for the "Courier-Freeman." He is Salutatorian of the Senior Class with an average of 95.73 for three and one-half years.

ROBERT WHITMAN REED was the captain of this year's basketball team and was elected the Most Valuable Player of the 1963-64 season. He is a member of the golf team, the Math Club, the Varsity Club,

and the National Honor Society. Bob was the Vice-President of the Student Council, member of the Junior Class and a member of the Advanced Math course at CCT. He has received Scholastic Achievement Awards and a National Merit Letter of Commendation and has taken the Advanced Math course at CCT.

NANCY SHULMAN has been active in intramurals and band during her first three years of high school. In her Junior year, Nancy was a member of the Library Club, Math Club, Debate Club, Pep Club, "Kronikler" staff, the Junior Prom Committee, and National Honor Society; she also received a Junior Magazine Drive Certificate, a Regional Science Fair award, and Scholastic Achievement Awards. This year Nancy is in the Student Council, President of the National Honor Society, Editor-in-chief of the "Kronikler" and a member of the Yearbook Staff. She has completed the Advanced Math course and is presently taking the Advanced Chemistry and English. Nancy is the Valedictorian this year, and is a finalist in the National Merit competition.

MARGARET RUTH SPURBECK was the AFS representative to Switzerland during the summer of 1963. She is a cheerleader, a member of the Math Club, the National Honor Society, the orchestra, chorus, and has participated in Area All-State and NYSSMA. Meg is a member of the Dance Band, and has been a member of the Madrigal Group and the Girls' Chorus. She was selected for the Advanced English Course at SUCP and the Citizenship Education Conference at Syracuse University. She has received Scholastic Achievement Awards and a National Merit Letter of Commendation.

MELODY LAINE STEINBERG has been a member of Math Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Debate Club, Mixed Chorus, Girls' Chorus, "Kronikler" staff, Pep Club, and the Junior

Student Body Selects Officers For Council

The annual Student Council Election was held Tuesday, May 5. Michael Sprague was elected President of the Student Association. He conducted a vigorous campaign, in which he concentrated on his previous experience in the Student Council, and the need for new ideas in the Council. He has been the manager and trainer of many of Potsdam High's teams for the last three years.

Mike was the sole representative of the Junior Class; the Sophomores carried all of the other offices in the Executive Committee. Jerry Hayes became vice-president in a very close race with Jim Putnam,

From Committee. She has participated in intramurals and GAA. She has completed the Advanced Math course at CCT and is taking the Advanced English course at SUCP. She has participated in the Senior Jamboree and the Junior Magazine Drive. Melody received a Junior Magazine Certificate, Scholastic awards, a Perfect Attendance Award, a science award, and a National Merit Letter of Commendation. Melody also wrote the column in the "Courier-Freeman" entitled the "Potsdam High-Lights."

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NHS Holds Spring Events



NEW INITIATES—These three young ladies are the newest members of the Potsdam High Chapter of the National Honor Society. These Juniors participated in ceremonies held recently by the Society. They are (left to right) Sara Lindsey, Diane Jarrett, and Judy McDonald.



SOPHOMORE HONORS — At the Potsdam High Honor Society initiation ceremonies these Sophomores were taken into the Society on probationary status until they are Juniors. Seen are (left to right): kneeling — Lynn Haskins, Mary Phillips, Virginia, Vanderberg, Jane Perkins, and Mary Harrington. Second row — Jan Kristianson, Diane Cayey, Jan

The National Honor Society has held its spring initiation of the probationary sophomore members and three new junior members. The three initiates are Diane Jarrett, Judy McDonald, and Sara Lindsey.

The sophomores selected are: James Balukjian, Mary Harrington, Pat Bromling, Josef Bronicki, Diane Cayey, Mary Fay, Mary Jane Fiesinger, Fleur Griffith, Barbara Halse, Lynne Haskins, Jerry Hayes, Gerry Hobson, Timothy Jenack, Robert Krebs, Jane Kristianson, Diana Lawrence, Tracy Lewis, David Matosi, Jane Perkins, Mary Phillips, John Snyder, Peter Stone, Jan Turcotte, Carol Valade, Lawrence Winters, Virginia Vanderberg, and Tim Wyant. The "Kronikler" offers its congratulations to these students.

The probationary members joined the group in its spring Tag Day last Friday, May 8. This is a collection (which takes place each fall and spring) for the American Field Service Fund. Friday's was successful. The total collected was \$225. The Honor Society would like to thank all the many contributors.

The Potsdam Rotary has generously offered to add to the amount that the Honor Society gives to the AFS this year.

Last night the group sponsored its annual banquet at the high school to honor area foreign exchange students and their sponsors. All National Honor Society Members and parents were invited, also. The guests included: Lenore Grobner from South Africa, Wolfgang Von Sulecki from Germany, Ephriam Biryabaho from Uganda, Chizuko Karuamoto, Alejandro Russell from Argentina, Jeanette Moreno-Rodriguez, Ernesto Gallardo from the Philippines, Nanna Trabolt from Denmark, Constanze Steinacher from Austria, Franca Fermann, and of course, Potsdam's exchange student, Irb Kheoruenromne from Thailand. The dinner was a success and all agreed that it was a very interesting experience.

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