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It was learned prior to the vacation that some of our instructors would not be with us at the start of next year. This is based entirely on fact, however, and we have not been able to obtain confirmation as yet. This information was obtained from a very reliable source so we may assume that it has some truth in it.

Some of the instructors who were named were: John Jacques, head of the English Department, Lawrence Marshall, history instructor, and Dale Hostet who teaches in the accounting department.

If we are to lose these three instructors, it is hoped that adequate replacements can be found as these three men are some of the finest instructors in any college in the country.

Maybe the student body could do something to keep these men here at the junior college if it true that they are planning to leave. The junior college will be a poorer place without them.

We will have a complete report on this information in the next issue of the INDEPENDENT. We will try to learn all the details and give them to our readers.
If certain financial aid is received, sports will become a major item instead of a minor one here at MG. There has been constant talk of a football team and also a swimming team, but they are overly impossible at the present time. The coaching is here and so are the facilities but the money for uniforms and trips just is not. It is a crime for you such talent go to waist. There will be one other way to get this money and that would be to tap the student activity fee but that represents only so much money as it is.

Do you realize that the basketball team requires almost half of the student fund and sometimes you take a good part of the rise? That doesn't leave much for the clubs and other things you do. Whether can be secured from the pockets of the men gar as the V.A. so pay for the student merchandize. I think the every amount at MG would require that no one access to the field. Most of the students do not take advantage of the academic hours of recreation offered on campus.

The baseball team is a great one here at the college. The equipment is much more such now in the independent basketball team that place to try. The3 batting range and the field, but the rest and mentioned don't have very good equipment either.

Of course more of the student, new family, were not in our student, but most of students and student only is open to everybody at the end of the school and Saturday evening. Our field of you from a longer and many of these two evenings. Do you can play volleyball, flag-throw, exhibition, or touch football. Also there is a room that you can work out, it is full of equipment.

The Indian wouldn't be such documents for the rest of the press if some of you students would play. There is a lot of light on the campus which can not give yourself.

The college should have more sort of rest for the students teams prior to games. This is for the student council in working, and have extra feet calls.

This is an independent team. Here in the Independent Staff Meetings. They are interested in finding more games. If we could help, we could call you people on track to come to the school this could be a chance for the student to play out being part.

Every campus should have this at the very on the college. This should be with a white dining and field, and the living that is available.

The Indian wearing a silver shirt for the basketball team's shirt. Our sports will be provided to be in the Sports Editor and the equipment and enthusiasm are coming to the student to the members in the aftersports. There are coming one trouble with me, there is an end to be ready to work and be done about it.

One first thought of more to be done about it and the complete list will be published in the near team.
A NEW YEAR BEGINS

Well, here we are back at the same old job of studying and classes again. It's good to be back; to see old faces; to drink Charlie's coffee; to renew the fine spirit of friendship found here at FJC.

With the end of our vacation comes the beginning of a new year. We don't know what the new year holds in store for us and it's just as well that we don't.

What are we going to do with the new year, are we going to let it slip by and not accomplish anything? We hope that you will not let that happen to you. With a whole new year ahead of us, we can do a great many things that we probably never thought possible.

For instance, why not devote just a bit more time to your studies and other school activities? For most of us a little more studying wouldn't do any harm and we would be pleased with the results. We could do other things such as picking up the cups and bottles that are left in the cafeteria and making sure that we always return the ones that we used.

There are a lot of other things that could be done if you will just look for them. But, we might as well stop right here and wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A PJC BLOOD BANK

A short time ago there appeared on the bulletin boards an urgent appeal for some blood for one of the students. Why not a PJC blood bank for use of the students and the faculty?

Each student could give a pint of blood and if any of the faculty, students or their families needed blood it would be readily obtainable without a great deal of expense and worry.

Many industrial concerns and civic groups have blood banks, so why should not a college also have one for the benefit of students and faculty?

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Some one student should be chosen each week to introduce the speakers at the assemblies. We suggest that he be called the "Student of the Week" and that he be chosen on academic merit and on his general behavior around the campus.

We believe that this idea would get the students picked up much faster, would cut down the number of students who are absent and late to classes, (for one condition should be that the student who is chosen should not be absent or late for the week that he is chosen) and in general raise the school spirit.

The student should be selected by a panel consisting of Dean Bonney, the president of the student council, Roger Scarle, and one member of the faculty.

We firmly believe that this suggestion should be tried and given every opportunity to succeed. It could very well be put into effect at the beginning of the first week of the next semester.

Mrs. SPRAGUE ADDS NEW LIFE TO CAFETERIA

By George A. Linscott, Jr.

Since the addition of Mr. Johnson's office in the Student Union, we have been blessed with the advantage of having Mrs. Sprague around the cafeteria.

By having her near us, it makes life a little more enjoyable where usually we only have males.

When we are so unfortunate as to have to see Mr. Johnson, seeing Mrs. Sprague first seems to make it just a little easier to see Mr. Johnson.

Mrs. Sprague is very pleasant to talk to and very understanding. (She likes the INDEPENDENT too). It's really too bad that the rest of the femininity of the school isn't as close as Mrs. Sprague. If they were, Charlie's business would do a double take.

One thing that most of the students mean about is the fact that Mrs. Sprague has a husband. He teaches here at FJC.

She also has a son, Arthur Jr. who attends FJC as a freshman. Art is a staffer on this newspaper. Too late fellows....

As an afterthought, I would like to add that we should be very careful of the word that are used when you are standing near the office door. Let's be gentlemen.

(This is the first in a series of articles on different campus personalities. Next week read all about our friend Mrs. Blevington.—Ed.)

ARE YOU DREW PEARSON?

At the last assembly preceding vacation we were fortunate to have Bob Martin of radio station WPOR as the speaker.

Mr. Martin revealed a sure-fire system of meeting people. As he explained it, it proved to be very amusing.

He also told the students a bit about the inside of radio and how it is not so glamorous as some people think.

Sports broadcasting is very difficult, according to Mr. Martin. He said that it takes much time scouting teams that that they can be spotted without any hesitation during the broadcast.

The Texas City disaster was described to us by Mr. Martin who did an on the scene broadcast when he was working in Texas.

Mr. Martin proved to be a very entertaining speaker and it is hoped that he will be back again soon.

READ THE INDEPENDENT
THAT NOTRE DAME HAS ITS FOUR HORSEMEN; Illinois has had its Galloping Ghost now PJDC has its "Three Pros." Who are the Three Pros? If you should ask anyone out westbrook way, they would know immediately who you were talking about. But for those who don't live in Westbrook, allow me to enlighten you. The Three Pros are "Big Ed" Schultz, "Old Pro" Amergian, and "Billy the Kid" Ladd. These Three Gentlemen spent the past football season in the uniform of the Westbrook Trojans, and according to reports, caused the opposition much grief. Schultz and Amergian were stalwart linemen and Ladd was a backfield man. And I may say a backfield man of no mean ability. Evidently the efforts of the Three Pros have not gone unseen, for the three boys have all been contacted by several college coaches who have seen them. "Big Ed" and "Billy the Kid" have been thinking of Maryland where "Big Ed" attended spring practise there in 1948. Unfortunately, "Big Ed" received a back injury and had to forego gaining any laurels until he had recovered. "Big Ed" after a successful season with the Trojans where he exhausted a box of Band Aids, feels that he is ready to try again. As PJDC is not a recognized college, Ed will be eligible to play his first year. The only thing Ed must contend with now is to best cut his old friend, and a boy who has been chosen on many an All American 2nd team, Ray Kraus. However, Ed is not discouraged in this respect, for he feels that his good grades in Dr. Lathrop's class will spur him on to new heights. Bill Ladd, who many people say is a boy who could make any college backfield in New England, would be a boy to watch if he could get settled at some school and get proper and good coaching. The last member of the triumvirate is not as young as many of our freshman seem to think he is. At the tender age of nineteen, Vuskin Amergian was giving the opposition a bad time from the line of the Portland Sagamores. Vuskin has had invaluable experience under the tutelage of Adam Walsh, and any college who could send him would be getting a fine boy. We suspect that Vuskin is holding out for a scholarship of no mean content. We don't blame him either.

THAT THE FACULTY HAS BECOME TIRED OF ALLOWING men to get grades that barely pass them and also they have become tired of boys cutting classes and coming in late. Vap, our history faculty is going to clamp down on the boys who are coming to PJDC that so they can wear a school sticker on the windshield of their cars. The instructors want to see them get good grades and we are happy about the whole thing. PJDC has some very fine instructors, only they are not able to give their teaching everything they want to. Because some of the boys who spent a few years in the service we suspect mostly stateside have been around too much and have to show it in the classroom. The instructors are liberal in their allowance of time to students. They let you interrupt them in classrooms to tell them what they want to know about or do their homework. Vap didn't want to interrupt students in the classroom and said he couldn't do it, but he was forced to. He gave his reasons why.

THAT JOHN KEENAN DRINKS, ON THE AVERAGE OF ten cups of coffee a day. This is not official and we will print a correction if the sum is more or less, in the next issue. I understand John was questioned about this coffee habit of his being good for increasing efficiency in learning; John smiled and said, "It takes about two hours for the caffeine to react, therefore one would have to start drinking coffee about two hours before he planned to study. You figure it out." I have made the coffee test and John was correct. Members of the INDEPENDENT plan to get a quote from Mr. Sprague for our next issue.

THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME HEAT IN THE buildings at eight o'clock in the morning especially when it is very cold. THAT I AM TIRED OF HAVING to go to the Columbia Market for a cup of coffee when the cafeteria is closed. Can't anything be done about this shameful situation? THAT THIS COLUMN WILL BE a regular feature of this newspaper and yours truly hopes that you can bear it if we can. See you next week.