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Miss Ask-it Asks

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE TO THE UNDER-CLASSMEN?

Jerry Love — Don't ever give up. Take subjects which are hard, but possible.

Louise Szczechowski—Plan ahead and have fun. Don't sweat it!

Barbara Kasznia — Study hard and take the advice of our teachers, because you will need it, also have fun.

Trudy Slaby — Have fun where ever you go, and don't do anything you'll ever regret.

JoAnn Bobelenyi — Plan ahead, study hard and have all the fun that is possible. Also, take special interest in extra-curricular activities.

Joan Lebidzinski — Study hard and do everything possible to get ahead. Most of all make all the friends, and join all the clubs that you can.

Ralph Kaczmarek — Study hard, especially before tests. Although having fun is important in high school so are good grades.

Sandy Jackmovich — Study real hard, but also have loads and loads of fun in school; join as many clubs as you can and make as many friends as possible.

Joyce Baines — Make your four years in high school the four most memorable years of your life, for they will be the best. Study hard, participate in extra-curricular activities and have fun.

Julie Marosz — Study hard, participate in many activities, and have loads of fun, because these are four years which you will never forget!

Jim Szymanski — Be active socially, but don't fail.

Lorraine Rzeszewski — Have a lot of fun, make a lot of friends, enjoy yourself, but most of all study above everything else. Make the best of your four years, because you'll never forget them.

Sally Spink — Back your teams and always be proud of your school, it's the best.

Judy Ranschaert — Do your best

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Trudy Slaby, right, hands the gavel to Glenda Martin, new senior class president.

Survey Reveals that Average Age of Graduating Senior is 18 Years, 3 Months

This is a survey made concerning some information about and plans of the members of the 1960 Senior Class of Washington High School, South Bend, Indiana. We chose this survey as our project in Mr. Robinson's Sociology class. It was both interesting and rewarding work. We shall now try to give a concise and we hope an interesting report of our findings.

In a class of 228 members of which 96 were boys and 132 were girls, the ages ranged from a low of 16 years 11 months to a high of 20 years 11 months with an average age of 18 years 3 months for the boys. The girls on the other hand were a trifle younger—their ages ranging from 16 years 8 months to 20 years 7 months with an average age of 17 years 6 months.

When it comes to the subject of marriage, the ideas between the sexes really differ. Two of the girls are already married. Five boys do not intend to get married at all. But the girls come up with a big zero to that question. Look out boys, you can't win! Although 57 girls have no definite plans for marriage and 59 boys feel the same way, 55 girls and only 29 boys plan to marry within four years after graduation. A real close one is where 2 boys and 3 girls plan to marry within one to three months after graduation. Fifteen girls plan to marry within six months to

a year after graduation. But only 1 boy is brave enough to follow in their footsteps.

Our graduates are planning to have an average family of 3 children. However, the girls choice ranged from 1 to 9 children per family, but the boys are more ambitious. They plan on having anywhere from 1 to 15 children per family. Since our seniors come from an average family of 3 children, it is safe to say that their idea of a future family coincides with the present number of members in each family. On the whole, both the boys and the girls agreed that having a family consisting of both boys and girls was best.

While the girls in general felt that women shouldn't smoke and 12 thought neither should, we found that 7 girls smoke regularly and 37 occasionally. About 65% don't smoke at all and 52% believe that only men should smoke. Approximately 35% think its all right for both, men and women, to smoke. The boys on the other hand don't like to see women smoke. Fifty-five percent believe that its all right for the men. About 16% think that both, men and women should smoke if they wish. We found that 25% of the boys smoke regularly, about 22% once in a while and 53% never indulge in this habit.

Slightly over 1/3 of the girls don't

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History of Class Recorded

"Veni, Vidi, Vici," I came; I saw; I conquered. September 8, 1956, was enrollment day at Washington High School. On that day, approximately 300 freshmen came equipped with briefcases, pens, books on "How to Impress Seniors and Teachers," and other materials. We were prepared to conquer and settle the world's problems. After a week of orientation and approaches by swimming pool and elevator salesmen, we settled down into the routine of high school life.

Our first year was filled with hard work and fun. We elected John Bobelenyi and Ron Boulanger president and vice-president respectively. "Harvest Moon" was chosen the theme of our first class party. It was here that we became better acquainted with our classmates, and were initiated into high school social life. The boy sitting next to us in English class was no longer a perfect stranger; he became a dancing partner after "encouragement" from six or seven teachers.

Remember the first pep assembly and the PA contest? We were very determined to outyell the seniors—only we yelled too early! Some of us even stood, a privilege which we later learned was enjoyed only by seniors.

Many of us became active in extra curricular activities, and several of the boys participated in freshmen football and basketball.

Although June of 1957 was an unhappy month for many seniors, it was a joyous one for us. We finally became sophomores! Now, we no longer had to sit on the "shelf;" we had reserved seats on the first floor with the upperclassmen.

Trudy Slaby, very active and vivacious, was elected president of our sophomore class. Rita Kubasik was elected vice-president; Mike Finnegan, treasurer; Ralph Bukowski, secretary; and Robert Linner, social chairman.

One of the major highlights of our sophomore year was the all city musical production of "Good News." We were very happy when Louise Szczechowski and Carol Lee Stepniewski were given leads. Several other students from our class also

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SENIOR POLL

Listed below are the results of the senior poll taken May 25th, 1960. Approximately 50% of the seniors voted.

- MOST POPULAR -----Trudy Slaby, Ron Vargo
- PRETTIEST and HANDSOME-----Judy Dorogi, Ron Boulanger
- FRIENDLIEST -----Carol Lee Stepniewski, Ralph Bukowski
- BEST DRESSERS-----Carol Kajzer, Judy Ranschaert, Bill Cichowicz, Randy Ferguson
- PHYSIQUE & FIGURE-----Joan Bobelenyi, Rene Bloom
- BEST PERSONALITY-----Carol Lee Stepniewski, Fred Vargo
- WITTIEST -----Darlene Dekerr, Ralph Kaczmarek
- BEST DANCERS-----Trudy Slaby, Ralph Kaczmarek, Roger Wolfe, Carol Dials
- BEST ATHLETE-----Darlene Wolfe, John Barnes, Fred Vargo
- MOST ACTIVE-----Trudy Slaby, Bill Cichowicz
- FAVORITE ACTIVITIES Swimming, Tennis, Bowling, Dancing, Golf
- FAVORITE SPORT-----Football
- BOYS CLUB-----Hi-Y
- GIRL'S CLUB-----Usher's Club
- PASTIME Dating, Dancing, Swimming (Boys) Working on cars

Sayings: Swell, Don't Sweat it, Tough, One More Time, Why Not, Takes one to know one Bella, Talk Nice, That's the way the cookie crumbles, I Kid you not, You can be replaced, If there's a will there's a way, Why sure, Consider the source, Holy Mackerel, Let's bug Shang," You throw the fear into me.

HISTORY OF CLASS RECORDED

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participated in the chorus. "Twilight Time" was chosen the theme of our sophomore class party. Held in early May, the party offered an excellent opportunity for a "Gay Nineties Review" of spring fashions. Remember the burlap dress modeled by Cecelia Szynski, and the hilarious costume worn by Ralph Kaczmarek? Additional entertainment was provided by Daniel Hartwick, Manson Davis, Mike Finnegan, and Julius Jefferies, who composed a vocal group. The best remembered event long after the party was over, was the egg throwing contest between Mr. Guin and Mrs. Levy.

Scholastic success was also attained in our sophomore year; Fifty-three of our classmates made the honor roll. Judy Dorogi, James Weiss and Kathleen Mays, headed the honor roll with A's in all subjects.

Fred Vargo added extra glory to our class by becoming the number 1 quarterback on our football team. Two other classmates, Joan Bobelenyi and Trudy Slaby, added another feather to our cap by becoming varsity cheerleaders.

June, 1958—the month we became upperclassmen! Our junior year holds wonderful memories for us. We proved our great admiration for Trudy when we re-elected her president. Her cabinet consisted of Fred Vargo, vice-president; Toni DeCook, secretary; Ron Boulanger, treasurer; and Rita Kubasik, social chairman.

Our first big undertaking was a Christmas party, appropriately entitled "Snowflake Swirl." Jim Brantley amazed us with his antics as Ol' Saint Nick, and we were equally surprised when Reggie Glon sweetly sang "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth."

A pleasant surprise was made known to us in October. The con-

tractors were to begin work on our new high school, and we were to be the first graduating class in the new building. Throughout our junior year, several of us journeyed to the site at Western and Lombardy in anticipation of a long awaited event.

Our junior year was also another big year for the Glee Club. Members of our class obtained leading roles in the glee club's musical production of "Hit the Deck."

It was in our junior year that many of us began planning for the future. Remember the National Merit Scholarship Test? Tense and excited, we could hardly wait for the results! (and what results they were!)

April was the month of fulfilled dreams for many of us. On April 17 and 18, our junior play was presented. Directed by Mrs. Cowan, Louise Szczechowski, Joe Wiersham, Trudy Slaby and Ralph Bukowski gave memorable lead performances in our production of "Stage Door." Still another "blessed event" was yet to arrive. On April 22, 1959, twenty-eight of our classmates were inducted into the National Honor Society. Most of us can still recall the surprised expressions on many of our classmates faces as their names were called.

May 15th was another victorious day in our march to success! The arrival of our class rings! Many of us forgot lunch in our haste to obtain our rings. Every one wondered why we held our arms in mid air as we hurried to class.

Of all the events that happened in our junior year, the Junior-Senior Prom was the most memorable. "Once Upon a Star" was chosen the theme of our gala event. Judy Ranschaert and Gary Fujawa were the reigning prince and princess of our night to remember.

As our junior year neared its end, we began thinking about our senior class officers. Again, Trudy Slaby was our choice for president. Her cabinet was composed of Darlene DeKerr as vice-president; Rita

Kubasik, secretary; Ralph Bukowski, treasurer; and Betty Nowicki, social chairman.

Our senior year was one filled with many major decisions. In anticipation of our move to the new building, we had to decide whether to present our senior play in the old school or the new one. "Time Out for Ginger," was performed November 20 and 21, in the old building. Carol Balcerzak made her debut as an actress in this play, assuming the leading role.

Our entire senior class looked forward to the Washington-Riley Round-Up. Joan Bobelenyi, elected Queen, reigned at the evening game. Her court was enhanced by Judy Ranschaert, Carol Lee Stepniewski, Trudy Slaby, Sharon Copenhagen, Lynne Brant, and Donna Nevins. Of almost equal expectation was the Central-Washington Basketball Round-Up. Carol Lee Stepniewski was our choice for Queen.

December 16 was a day all of us will remember. Plaid skirts, striped shirts, army pants, and other hilarious costumes were worn by many "brave" members of our class.

There were several mid-semester proms. The one best remembered by most of us was the All City Senior Prom. Although the January weather was extremely cold, we had a wonderful time. A few of the girls from the Nurse's Club were privileged to attend the Memorial Hospital Charity Ball as flower girls.

Eventually, the time arrived for departure to the new school. Remember our last day? Reporters and photographers were everywhere! For many, the move was a long awaited one; for others, it was very sad. The classes would no longer be interrupted by the noisy Sample Street traffic; there would be no future efforts to break the chandeliers in the auditorium; we would no longer be confronted by races for seats in the cafeteria;

the halls of Washington would be empty.

February 1, 1960, we have arrived! The long awaited dream had to become a reality. As the newness wore off, we began to return to the normal routine of high school life. Some of our very lucky seniors, went on the senior trip which was a week to remember. Our last very important event was the 1960 Senior Prom, "Stairway to Enchantment." This night was highlighted by the crowning of our King and Queen, Ron Vargo and Ann Marie Wojciechowski. Our calling cards and announcements arrived, and we were fitted with our caps and gowns. The seconds on the clock ticked away very fast . . . ticking into eternity.

June 6, 1960, 8:00 P.M. finally arrived. As we received our diploma, we reminisced on our high school years; years which composed only a few pieces in our vast puzzle of life; years that meant so much. Marcus Aurelius Antonnius once said: "Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought to sight than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this too will be swept away." Our victory is completed! We have come; we have seen; we have conquered!

SENIOR LAST WILL and TESTAMENT

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up on the girls.

We, Joyce Baines and Carol Balcerzak, will all the fun we had on the Senior Trip to anyone who thinks they can handle all the situations we did.

We, Jerry Radtke and Dave Davies, will to Candy and Sara our ability to drive in and out of garages and around trees without hitting either one. We also will to all "greenies" the new school, providing they take care of it and have as much unforgettable memories that only Seniors know.

SENIOR ALPHABET

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|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chet Ruskowski ----- | Adorable | -----Carol Dials |
| Richard Anderson ----- | Bashful | -----Annie Vaszari |
| Jim Szymanski ----- | Cheerful | -----Marcia Rafalski |
| Joe Wierschem ----- | Dramatic | -----Trudy Slaby |
| Fred Vargo ----- | Eligible | -----Barbara Martin |
| Dan Meert ----- | Friendly | -----Carol Lee Stepniewski |
| Gary Fujawa ----- | Good Looking | -----Joan Bobelenyi |
| Ralph Kaczmarek ----- | Humorous | -----Cecilia Szynski |
| Dave Castleman ----- | Inquisitive | -----Joan Van Tornhout |
| Ron Vargo ----- | Kind | -----Barbara Grzeskowiak |
| Ralph Bukowski ----- | Likeable | -----Marlene Nemeth |
| Dan Hartwick ----- | Merry | -----Joyce Baines |
| Jim Opaczewski ----- | Nice | -----Kathy Moore |
| Tom Lebidzinski ----- | Optimistic | -----Terri Ambroziak |
| Randy Ferguson ----- | Handsome - Pretty | -----Judy Dorogi |
| Norbert Rybicki ----- | Quiet | -----Janet Matteson |
| Leroy Skodinski ----- | Reliable | -----Arnetta Collins |
| Tom Kleppe ----- | Sweet | -----Darlene Wolfe |
| Dominic Mattei ----- | Tuff | -----Julie Marosz |
| Tom Gruber ----- | Understanding | -----Lorraine Rzeszewski |
| Reggie Glon ----- | Vivid | -----Darlene De Kerr |
| Ron Miller ----- | Wittiest | -----Louise Szczechowski |
| Senior boys not named---- | X | -----Senior girls not named |
| Jim Jaroszewski ----- | Youthful | -----Sandy Jackmovich |
| Paul Goralski ----- | Zestful | -----Linda Porogi |



Senior trackmen Rudy Miller and Fred Vargo hand the baton to underclassmen Jim Corbett and Al. Carothers.

SURVEY REVEALS THAT AVER. AGE 18 YRS. 3 MO.
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approve of drinking for either sex. A little more than 1/2 think it's all right for both, 2/11 think it's all right for men and only about 1% feel that women should drink. Approximately 35% of the boys approve of men drinking.

In the matter of church attendance, 5 boys and 8 girls never attend church. The greater majority, 70 girls and 80 boys attend church twice a week and 18 girls and 1 boy manage to attend more than twice a week.

Forty-seven percent of the girls and 37% of the boys go steady and 53% of the girls and 63% of the boys do not.

We have 6 boys and 16 girls planning to take courses at the Indiana Extension Center and 27 boys and 8 girls are entering an Indiana college. Nine girls are entering the nursing profession and a beauty college. Twelve boys and 1 girl plan further training in such work as tool and die. Fifty girls and 32 boys do not plan schooling beyond high school.

The average number of hours per week spent watching television was 12 hours for the boys and 14 for the girls. In contrast both the boys and the girls spent an average of 4 hours reading the newspaper.

Slightly less than 3/4 of the boys and 1/2 of the girls hold a part time job with an average income of \$14 per week for the boys and \$15 for the girls. The amount earned per week ranged from \$3 to \$60 for the girls and \$4 to \$80 for the boys. The hours worked per week ranged from 3 to 52 for the girls with an average of 15. The boys worked from 2 to 45 hours per week with an average of 12 hours.

Barbara Grzeskowiak
Bonita Wisniewski

CONGRATULATIONS!
to the
CLASS of 1960
from
THE JUNIOR CLASS

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ball practice or not get a towel after showers. I think he could have used a towel at that moment too.

Oh, there goes Carol Dials and Don Grzeskowiak. Remember them? I sure do, but I think Carol and Chet Ruszkowski pair off better.

Agreed! By the way who were some of the other couples who used to go steady?

Hm-m-mmmm. let's see . . . Oh, there was Judy Dorogi and Mike Dallich, and Trudy Slaby and Randy Ferguson. Of course, everyone knows that Judy and Randy are going steady now. And didn't Ann Marie Wojciechowski use to go steady with Bob Linner?

Yes, it seems to me that she did, but that didn't last long enough to bother recalling. Say, how are Betty Prior and Ron Lucas, and Ernie Witucki and Diane Foster, and Cynthia Hasbany and Larry Davis, and also Don Mattei and Mary Kolacz?

I remember those too, but they're only memories now.

Well, isn't everything they've done a memory now?

I guess you're right.

One thing I'll always remember about this senior class was their class trip. Boy, that was some picnic. I was so tired, I thought I'd never catch up on all the sleep I lost. We were up until all hours of the morning.

Oh another funny thing, how about the fellows playing hide and seek during nightly checks. Some wild parties were thrown after 2:00 A.M.

Say how about the time Ernie Witucki's shoes were sick and he found them in a medicine cabinet. Boy that was a close call!

Speaking about being sick, I sure was green when Joyce Baines and Louise Szczechowski ate strawberry sundaes with dill pickles. They shocked a couple of strangers too. In fact, they seemed to be the only ones in good health after that escapade.

Boy, those were really the good ole days. We didn't do anything strenuous, and I don't recall any-

one mentioning returning to school.

Neither do I, but you have to admit that they did have fun in school.

Yes, I guess so, but I think the kids still liked to get out of class as much as possible. After all, you know they liked last semester's assembly arrangement better.

O.K., okay you win, but there'll probably come a day when they'll wish they were back in school.

That's true! Say, while we're sitting here, talking about the past, those kids are pushing on to the future and the lake. Let's go.

I'm with you (swish)!!!

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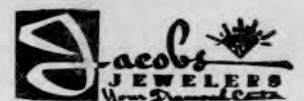
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