1956-57 In Retrospect

In our last issue of the year, we have tried to present a brief synopsis of the numerous events of this school year.

PDSHS has had an outstanding year in many respects. As the year got under way, we rubbed elbows with the biggest enrollment in the history of Port High, rooted for our football squad whose potential never quite materialized, and watched Joe Malivuk crowned "Mr. Touchdown" at the Port Weekly dance. The seniors sat horror-struck as the sophs copped the coveted interclass play competition and Sue Merkle and Toni Domenech shared the honors as best players of the evening. Twice during the year we had important visitors... the first was a group of foreign students, representing 29 countries; the second was the Middle Atlantic States Evaluating Committee which we took to our school a thorough scrutiny. Music occupied its share of the limelight through their paces, we all looked forward to the Junior Prom, "Island Earth." A pleasant mid-winter diversion was our first decent snowfall when the Band was invited to play in Syracuse for the NYSSMA Educational Convention. The seniors presented their annual ball, "Moonlight on the Snow," complete with a 30-foot Christmas tree.

After resting up for ten days over the Holidays, we all returned, refreshed (?), ready to finish the first term and begin the second. Our hopes rose on a winnower of basketball teams seemed in the offing, until something happened. As PDSHS welcomed a Hungarian student and a bond issue for the expansion of PDSHS was approved we were in the liveliest student elections; winners Rayner, Lumi, Flynn and Kirkman in several years which brought crowds of PDSHSers to coasting slopes, some to college, some to military service, some to immediate careers, and some to sell hot dogs for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Susan Elley, Valedictorian of the Class of 1957, is known throughout this school not only for her scholastic prowess but also for her intense activity in a long list of extra-curricular organizations and committees.

On Friday evening, June 21, Sue will deliver her valedictory address, which she has decided to keep under wraps until that evening. She feels that the Valedictory is a message of farewell to the school, its faculty, administration, and students and that the proper feeling of the graduation exercises would be overshadowed if her remarks were printed verbatim.

Sue considers graduation a milestone in her life... a beginning rather than an end. After four years of intense activity in Port High, she feels that education provides the means for supplying food for thought. Her education has deepened her interest in international relations and has prompted her to pursue a major in languages at Middlebury. Sue has also come to believe that here are far too few hours in the day in which to accomplish what must necessarily be done.

In reviewing Sue's record, however, we see that she has certainly managed to consolidate her interests into the "all too short" twenty-four hour period, assurance of future success.

Mr. Hendrickson

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ed out of 80,000 teachers to head the New York State Retirement System. A graduate of Thiel College, he participated in all college sports and now includes among his interests photography, golf, growing flowers, and reading.

Seniors, take notice! The Gambol which you look forward to so eagerly are due to the efforts of Mr. Hendrickson who organized the first Gambol which has proved itself to be a big success each time. He was Student Council advisor for thirteen years and also organized the first carnival. Mr. Hendrickson deserves a lot of credit for his hard work and diligence in managing PDSHS.

Mr. Horton

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Mr. Horton's fondest wish will be achieved when a permanent gym board will be installed in every math room. Unfortunately, Mr. Horton as Vice-Principal will not be there to enjoy it!