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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 20 countries; the second was the Middle Atlantic States Evaluating Committee which gave our school a thorough scrutiny. Music occupied its share of the limelight when the Band was invited to play in Syracuse for the NYSSMA Educator's 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 as a winning basketball season seemed in the offing, until something happened. As PDSHS welcomed a Hungarian student and rock 'n rolled to the variety revue, the sophs staged "Heaven On Earth." A pleasant mid-winter diversion was our first decent snowfall in several years which brought crowds of PDSHSers to coasting slopes, day or night. Again Port musicians scored in the second half by playing an invitation Band and Orchestra concert in Atlantic City, presenting an annual Orchestra and an annual Band Concert, and copping top honors in the Music Competition Festival. The Blues managed to eke out a victory over the Whites for Sports Night while the boys' JV basketball squad finished an undefeated season. Dramatics came to the fore as the Dominoes staged Kaufman and Hart's "You Can't Take It With You." We saw four eager tickets of candidates run in one of Port's liveliest student elections; winners Rayner, Lumi, Flynn and Kirkman will run the school next year. As we were greeted with the news that a bond issue for the expansion of PDSHS was approved we were in the middle of the preparations for what turned out to be the most successful carnival in our history. After watching the modern dancers go through their paces, we all looked forward to the Junior Prom, "Island Paradise." Finally the seniors prepared to leave and at a flurry of last minute social events . . . Skip Day, Senior Banquet, The Gambol.

As seniors we would like to express our sincerest "Thank You" not only to Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Horton, Dr. Hall and all the administration but also to the entire faculty for extending to us the often unappreciated opportunities which we have had. In recalling our high school days, many pleasant memories come to mind, things that many other schools can not attain.

In closing we thank Mr. MacIntosh and our wonderful staff for making this year with the **Port Weekly** so rewarding.

Valedictorian



Susan Riley, 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.

Salutatorian



Robert Rowley

"In man's haste to move himself forward, he has turned to science and specification and has let the humanities lag far behind. The emphasis today is all on science in college. The humanities are all being moved to the rear. It is a sad situation when we find English, history, and similar subjects including literature, music, and religion. I am not against this idea of specification but if we look at it carefully we will see that in high school we have received a background in these areas, a background which will enable us to have the humanities with us always. We need not study them anymore but we have them to enjoy and profit by. When we are off studying 'business administration, engineering, physics, biology, medicine, and aeronautics, we can look back and remember what we have learned in high school and fall back on a wealth of knowledge in the area of culture. This then is my point. Specialize, yet, but do not forget the better things in life. They are available always. They must not be pushed out of the way. They are more powerful than anything science can invent, and they can make our lives more full. So as we stand at the point of moving into lives of our own, we remember this and we must remember it now as we go our many ways, some to college, some to military service, some to immediate careers, and some to sell hot dogs for the Los Angeles Dodgers."

Mr. Horton

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Assistant Principal and bid farewell to algebra and its related subjects.

Mr. Horton's favorite hobbies are sports, fishing, photography, and woodworking. His pet peeve is people who try to get by on personality rather than effort. A word to the wise!

Mr. Horton is married and has two sons, Dick who is entering junior high next year, and David who will soon be departing from the same place.

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