

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

June is here, and within a few short weeks the class of 1965 will depart from the hallowed halls of Ossining High School. Until this year, we have all been anxious to reach the paramount of our high school career - Seniors! --- However, the time is quickly approaching and our days here are numbered. Soon our life in OHS will only be a fond memory.

Before our exodus into the wide, wide world, we, the class of 1965, wish to reminisce a bit -- we wish to recall, together, our past years in OHS --

Seniors, do you remember our first year in Ossining High School? Egg shells -- we were fresh, we hardly knew each other, but we soon made new friends, and elected our first class officers.

Pres. - Toni Chambers

V. P. - Steve Jacobson

Sec. - Judy Brown

Treas. - Ric Feeney

-- we were on our way! Our advisors that year were: Mr. Williamson & Mr. Michaels.

That first year of hard work ended, and the next fall we entered the Jr. high school as the "big chippies" -- we were no longer the babies of OHS. Our 8th grade life was full of new things - dances, ball games, cake sales, cheering, and more studies. Our officers were:

Pres. - Bob Lavery

V.P. - Dean Ross

Sec. - Steve Jacobson, back again

Treas. - Pete Johansson

-- and our advisors were, once again: Mr. Williamson and Mr. Michaels ... we were on the threshold of being --

Freshmen! We finally made it -- the Senior high school -- a new challenge -- but, once again we were at the bottom of the ladder -- lost on the "up" stairs, stepped on on the "down" stairs, but enjoying the newness of it all. That was a wonderful year - it was the year our OHS basketball team brought us the Section 1 "open", the cross county conference, and the Spring Valley Christmas Tournament championships; and Coach Rookwood was voted coach of the year! We were proud of our status, and we could thank our class officers.

Pres. - Pete Johansson, back again

V. P. - Steve Jacobson, he didn't give up!

Sec. - Carolyn Carswell

Treas. - Rich Sternm...

-- and our new advisors - Mr. Delorier, Mr. Huntington, and Miss Goodman for a fine year ... and then

Sophomores! That was an exciting year, full of events to be remembered for many years to come. This was the year we had a very big decision to make - round or square rings? What color stone? And that was also the year the class of '65 won the athletic night trophy. Remember our beauty contest? Our boys made charming girls and remember our song -- "Sophomore Class", to the tune of "Mickey Mouse"? It was a great athletic night.

That year we had our own celebrities too: "Wolfie" Mike Gemei was our contribution to Coach Rookwood's champion basket ball team ... Rhea Kemble was the editor of the New school publication, Interval ... John Lengers was our contribution to the Section I champion cross country team ... and Fran LaBarre was the only Sophomore on the Varsity Cheering squad ...

There was also a tragic part of our sophomore year - something which saddened the heart of every student in Ossining High School ... it was in the fall of our Sophomore year, that Coach Jim Dilley passed away. But

although we lost a great man in Coach Dilley, his spirit will remain in our hearts as long as we live. Aside from this tragedy, we did have an exciting year -- and we can congratulate our officers --

Pres. - Rich Stemm, another come backer

V.P. - Roni Rice

Sec. - Pat Brady

Treas. - Bob Rossi

... and our advisors: Mr. Giglio and Miss Goodman, on a job well done.

In the school year '63 - '64, we had a great deal to accomplish under our enthusiastic officers:

Pres. Mike Sellazzo

V.P. Madelyn Damiano

Sec. Nancy Tricarico

Treas. - Dean Ross, back once more

... and our advisors: Mr. Giglio and Mrs. Clark ...

We started our wonderful Junior year with the arrival of our class rings. We had new obstacles to face that year, last year - PSAT'S, SAT'S, Merit Scholarship exam ... our brains were taxed hard then, but we had our moments of fun too - remember our Sadie Hawkins dance? The girls asked the boys to that one ... and remember selling refreshments at the Sleepy Hollow football game? ... Mrs. Sellazzo kept those hot dogs coming! ... and we shall never forget our grand finale to that year - our Junior Prom, with our King and Queen. Rich Stemm and, of course, Barbara Schelin...remember those wilted Palm trees? Remember the work we put into making them? But the hard work was worth the effort, for that grand ending set us up for this big year ... alas, we're Seniors.

This was the "big" year ... those football games that meant so much because they were our last - remember that Sleepy Hollow game? ... and then, basketball season another big event, celebrated for the last time... and, of course, we all remember our Senior class play, "The Curious Savage" - our leading lady, Carmella Gioio did a magnificent job as the little old lady, Ethel Savage, who had her bonds in that teddy bear all the time. Will we ever forget our Christmas party? That was our only affair held with our parents, and they, as well as we, will never forget those wild skits, and our Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus - Mike Sellazzo and Esther Batista...our hall of fame awards were given that night, and again we realized we were Seniors ...

We had another big event this year, on the 29th. of January - Our Senior Prom, at the beautiful Westchester Town House. That was an enchanting evening ... the Town House until 1:00pm ... the breakfast at school until 5:00am - the cafeteria never looked so good! and then, it finally hit with an earth shaking force - Senioritis! We all got it at about the same time, as most of our grades seemed to show ... and have continued to show ever since.

Alas, it's been fun... it's been wonderful! And now, we are only 24 days away from the "big day", when our officers ...

Pres. - Kenny Shull

V.P. - Phil Howe

Sec. - Barbara Schelin

Treas. - Vinnie Ventura

... will lead us on our final march through OHS, as a class - Graduation..*

We had our good times and our bad ... we've had our victories and our defeats... we've broken a few school, county, State, and National records ... but, although it's been a wonderful 6 years and we should smile back at our good fortune, we all feel pangs of sorrow at the thought of leaving ... we'll remember those moments of joy and sadness forever - for though only a stepping stone into the wide, wide world, these years at OHS have molded us well. We can be assured that the guiding hand of the administration and faculty will send us off as better people.

We, the Senior Class of 1965, wish to thank all those who have helped us through Ossining High School, but most of all Mr. Allison, and our devoted Senior Class Advisors, Mr. Giglio and Mrs. Clark/// Thank you all so much!!!