

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1961

The Senior class of 1961 although still in the making began something like twelve years ago. Most of us had normal childhoods, we all played girls chase the boys over at Lincoln and Washington and in a few cases elsewhere, and we are still playing that game.

Now that grammar school and junior high and almost high school are behind us we are looking ahead to graduation with tears of joy and sadness, reminiscing about some of the crazy things we have done in high school and the events that have taken place.

The Sophomore class of 1958-1959, emerged with all its glory (having been the big guns in the Junior High as Freshmen) into our beloved Jerome High. Many of us have very fond memories of that year, we really envied the seniors that year, though. They really had the run of the school.

The Sophomore class officers that year were: Wayne Kulm, now of Boise High, and Marilyn Bolich, presidents Butch Elliott and Tommy Roberson, vice presidents; Reta Heitzman and Dick Burks, secretary-treasurers; Sue Watson, activity director; Wilma Silver and Tom Fort, senators and the advisors were Mr. Anderson and our beloved Mrs. Brown. Of course we can't forget who our cute J.V. cheerleaders were: Bonnie and Reta. Our class numbered 199 at that time.

At Homecoming in 1958 with our very first float entry in the parade we took second, what a victory for the Soph!! Other activities throughout the year included the Sophomore Hop and the Sophomore fun party. What a ball!!!

At Thanksgiving the Sophomore class put on its assembly. We could never forget that, there was some really great talent in our class and it delighted everyone. The theme was on the meaning of Thanksgiving.

Well, 1959-1960 dawned a new year for us as Juniors. The class leaders for this year were Terry Smail and David Suhr, presidents; Butch Elliot and Allan Kennison, vice presidents; Bea Fyke and Bonnie Johansen, secretary-treasurers; Tom Fort, Ron Woolley, Reta Heitzman, and Jim Parkinson, senators; and Maxine Thomason and Larry Milligan, activity directors.

Again this year at Homecoming our class took second prize in the parade with a float in which the theme was "Ten Little Indians."

The highlights of the year were the Junior assembly, which was a rip-roarin' cowboy show, and the Junior Prom. The very beautiful queen and handsome king of our dance was Nedra Hendrix and Wally Williams.

At the close of our Junior year we received our Senior class rings which officially dubbed us as Seniors.

The year has been perhaps the most... other

Although we have given the underclassmen a hard time and have had priority in many circumstances, such as getting the front seats in assemblies, we know they will forgive us when they are Seniors.

The class officers for the 1960-1961 year were: David Suhr and Larry Sidwell, presidents, Wally Williams and Shirley Showers, vice presidents, LaRue Branch and Dianne Dixon, secretary-treasurers, Judy Smith, Farel Farnsworth, Phil LaCombe and Allen Kennison, senators, Jim Jensen and Dick Burks, sergeants-at-arms; and Butch Elliott and Jim Magarrell, Activity Directors.

The organizing of the various clubs was a major responsibility for many Seniors this year. Some of the club leaders from our class were: Sally Lee, Ron Woolley, Norma Tickner, Bonnie Johannsen, Wally Williams, Dianne Dixon, Donnetta Halverson, Shirley Showers, Sue Watson, and Linda Ulrich. A lot of responsibility has fallen on these students this year and they have carried it well. Of course we must mention the Senior student body officers. Ron Woolley, student body president, Wilma Silver, secretary, David Williams, manager, and Tom Fort, chaplain. The very best cheerleaders ever also belonged to the Senior class of 1961-- Reta Heitzman, Cheer Queen, Bonnie Johansen and Maxine Thomason.

At Homecoming this year the very beautiful and serene Rita Heitzman reigned as the queen. She was crowned by Gary Lowman. Her attendants were Gail Darling and Wilma Silver.

The Senior Ball--December 23, 1960--was truly a BALL for most seniors. The theme was "WONDERLAND BY NIGHT" and the decor emphasized the theme. Highlight of the evening was the coronation of the king and queen--Wally and Bonnie. They made a perfect couple and everyone agreed they deserved it.

Last, but not least, was the Senior Assembly, in which at the end, we portrayed a mock graduation. For most of us, it contained a lot more meaning than just a play.

We are now coming down the home-stretch. Although we are very happy about this, there is a note of dread in each of our voices. In a short time, a whole new life will be facing us. It really seems very exciting--we hope it will be very rewarding and prosperous.

--Shirley Showers