



The PURPLE And GOLD



Sophs Have Their Own Ideas Of High School

By Marly Woodyard and Sharon LaFever
Sophomores have original views, ideas and suggestions as they learn their way around the halls and classrooms, getting acquainted with customs and traditions of Lancaster High School.



Mrs. Lissa Webster

Service Is Key Word For P&G Advisor

By Sandye Atkins

Newly appointed advisor of the Purple and Gold staff is Mrs. Lissa Webster. "Service" is indeed the key word in Mrs. Webster's life, for this soft-spoken, quiet-mannered lady has served in many different types of social work.

Cathy Collins would solve the problem with roller skates, but Judy Matz would just keep going around in circles.

Sammy LeFever likes the split-level effect, but Jim Schmidt, Mary Pedigo, Donna Tipple and Judy Tobias would like to see all the stairs taken out and replaced with elevators, escalators, or slippery slides.

Mike Harrison and Gwen Pfaff don't have enough time to get to classes. Jerry Steiner thinks classes are too long, and Mark Hale is having his own troubles with the seats being too small.

Lynette Leyshon thinks it's undecipherable. Kay Garrabrant thinks it's hard to say. Bonnie Neff thinks it's a mess, and Lloyd Helber just doesn't think.

Benny Bussart, Ron Hedges, Dick Harvey and David Ramsey are agreeable to the number of girls, while Sharon Jolly, Susan Kinn, Roberta Jackson, and Stella Downhour are agreeable to the many boys.

Irish Cottrill, Kathy Goldsberry, Mary Sturms, Dennis Snoko, Judy Karcher, Sandy Ogg, Jeanette Ricketts, and Patty Swayers, had but one comment: "It's big, but I like it."

Steve Gilmore and Steve Hyle are reported as saying, "Love that tunnel!" Nancy Helsler feels as though she's walking through a big barn with endless halls and tunnels, and Kristi Camp wants a bigger locker near her home room.

There's too much room for Ellen Brown, while Nancy Logue wants more room and more lunch time. Bill Strawn wishes he were

still in grade school. However, Karen Richards and Keith Solt like it much better than the junior highs.

Gym is bothering Phylis Koziak, while it is Steve Guedle's favorite subject. Dale Kennedy thinks it's real cool. Dick Hightower thinks it's a big deal, and Frederick Lutz thinks it's real gone.

Sue Dumont and Karen Durst like all but biology. Howard Als-pach thinks there are too many teachers. Linda Delong said it could be better. Betsy Jones said the halls remind her of a dungeon, so she wants to add a little color.

"It's crummy," was the remark of Mike Conrad, but Becky Conrad could only say, "Ha ha." Patti Ditto is highly in favor of the high school because the students get more privileges. Paula Richardson is having her troubles because she keeps getting lost between classes.

Mac Grove and Annetta Giesy would like to have a new school. Janice Bollen needs more room in the halls.

Bonnie Hunt was surprised that it isn't so bad as she thought it would be. Sandy LaValle says she'll try to stick it out—and then quit it for good. Jane Patterson and Sarah Bangham both want air-conditioning. Judy Dilger and Karen Jones think it's just as good as any other school. Melvin Gutz-meyer refuses to answer on grounds that it might incriminate him.

Sandy Flood sums up everyone's thoughts in saying: "Whew! I finally made it!"

Student Council Elects Officers For Current Year

By Bonnie Wright

Student Council officers for the current year are: president, Ron Lucas; vice president, Porter Miller; secretary, Kathy Kendrick; treasurer, Phil Boger. These officers will serve until the fall of 1960.

Sixty-eight students begin their terms this fall as the council members. A representative and alternate were chosen from each report room at an election held in the high school on September 9.

The established purpose of Student Council is to provide opportunities for student co-operation in the school, establish better understanding between students and teachers, and encourage student activities, school spirit, and good fellowship among students.

Securing sales for the Mirage, the high school yearbook, is one of the duties of Student Council. Also each year the Student Council plans an activity to make money.

The following students were chosen as representatives:

Seniors: Diana Arnold, Carol Gohrtrap, Fyame Edwards, Marilyn Geiger, Randy Kidd, Ron Lucas, Sue Parsons, Geotl Randall, Suzie Stratton, Joan Wright.

Juniors: Joe Auercant, Phil Boger, Karen Delong, Gary Franklin, Elsie Gordon, Ann Hutchinson, Kathy Kendrick, Porter Miller, Gary Price, Gary Short, Carl Thomas, Dave Youst.

Sophomores: Howard Als-pach, Mary Burchfield, Kathleen Collins, Stella Downhour, Annetta Giesy, Ann Hines, Gary Linton, Bonnie Mohler, Jane Patterson, Chris Schuyler, Rudy Spires, Gary Whitcraft.

The alternates are: Seniors: Diana Bright, Lois Burchfield, Sharon Dittoe, Pat Harrison, Lyndon Johnson, Gary Marquart, Tom Parrish, Jerry Shriner, Carolyn Solt, Susan Woodward.

Juniors: Ruth Ellen Bankhead, Sue Blum, Terry Conrad, Don Dunkle, Doyle Green, Annetta Heagle, Dee Ann Lemert, Fred Matthews, Bernard Olters, Lorraine Shew, Judy Solt, Sue White.

Sophomores: Lynn Adams, Arthur Bostic, Patti Dittoe, Bud Eckhard, Ted Harvey, Betsy Jones, Susan Kinn, Bob McKenna, Steve Raymond, Pat Robinson, Judy Thimmes, Ray Wentz.



Susan Woodward

P&G Presents Susan Woodward, Staff Member

By Linda Kane

—Buenos tardes. Quiero presentarle a usted una muchacha interesante.

—Gracious. Suzita Woodward a sus ordenes.

Now you have been officially introduced to this year's P&G feature editor, Susie Woodward. And it's true that she's at our service.

Susie, besides being an important member of the newspaper staff is reporter for the Future Teachers and librarian for English Club. Aside from school activities she is publicity chairman for the Rainbow Girls.

Considering all her extra-curricular duties, this perky senior girl maintains a high average in Spanish 9, English 12, world history, and civics. During the first period Susie is secretary to Mr. Sherrick. After school hours and on Saturdays she works in the classified ad department at the Eagle-Gazette.

In her spare moments, if any, you will find Susie at home, 716 Harding Ave., with her mother, Mrs. Frank Woodward and her brother Tom, who is in the eighth grade of Thomas Ewing Junior High School. Susie is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

After due deliberation, our subject has decided that her favorite color is blue, used frequently in her wardrobe which consists mainly of clothes Susie has made herself. And, of course, her favorite hobby is sewing.

If you plan to invite her to dinner, try to have chicken or spaghetti. If you like music with your meals, "It Was I" by Skip and Flip will be fine. If you don't have the record, don't worry — Susie will sing it for you. For an encore she will favor you with her famous blush, which delights the beholder.

On an extra evening Susie often reads for pleasure. Her favorite book is "Dairy of Anne Frank." If she is not reading you may find her at the movies watching Marlon Brando in "Sayonara," or Carol Lyndley, of whom she has a scrapbook of some 250 pictures.

If Susie isn't reading or at the movies she may just be traveling down 77 Sunset Strip, reminiscing about the most memorable time she's had in high school. This summer she attended the Publications Clinic at Ohio University. There Susie was interested in the editors workshop, plus the extra activities planned to make the students week an enjoyable one.

The workshop was a prominent factor in Susie's decision to become a journalist major in college, although she has no definite plans about which college she will attend. But what ever Susie does, it is usually carried out, as her fine high school record proves.

Eagle-Gazette Opens School Essay Contest

Students: Have you entered the Eagle-Gazette Essay Contest? It's open to all pupils in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. The subject is "What the Eagle-Gazette Means to Our Community."

Your English teacher has all the details. The contest closes October 12, 1959. All essays must be in the hands of the Eagle-Gazette Contest Editor by midnight of that date.

Winning essays will be printed in the Eagle-Gazette anniversary edition of October 20.

First prize is a \$30 savings bond. Second prize is a \$25 bond, and third prize is \$10 cash.



Becky Rainier

Three R's Are For P And G's News Editor

by Mary Lynne Fouse

Everyone is familiar with the three R's of "readin', ritin', and rithmetic, but we'd like to introduce you to another famous set of R's at LHS—namely Rebecca Ruth Rainier.

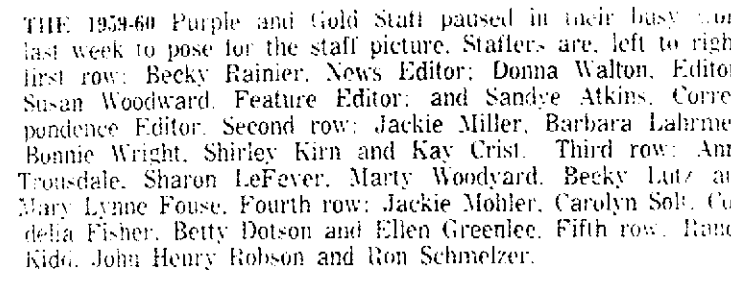
Becky, our news-editor for the P and G Page this year, is a very active senior. When she is not busy utilizing her "nose for news", Becky can be found around school in physics class, Math XII, English XII, civics, or assisting Mr. Gabel, chemistry and physics teacher, in the lab during the fifth period. She has maintained a straight "A" average during all three years of her high school career.

A National Honor Society member, Becky is also secretary of the Future Nurses, a member of the GAC and the Rainbow Girls, and takes an active part in the projects of her 4-H Club and 4-H Junior Leader Club. On Sundays she may be found singing in the choir at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

In her spare time Becky enjoys sewing and playing the piano. On some sunny weekends she might also be found on the green at the Valley View Golf Course demonstrating her golfing skills.

Pizza and steak are two dishes that really appeal to Becky's appetite. Other favorites include the colors brown and yellow; the TV program "77 Sunset Strip," the song "Till," and movie stars Rock Hudson and Mitzi Gaynor. At the top of her movie list is "South Pacific," which she enjoyed immensely.

The events which hold particularly happy memories for Becky during her high school career are her induction into the National Honor Society last spring and last year's Senior Ball. Her wish for the Class of '60 is that this year's Golden Gales could win the COL foot-



Purple And Gold Staff Welcomes 12 Newcomers

By Cordelia Fisher

The busy journalists are at work to bring you a better Purple and Gold this year. On the editorial staff are Donna Walton, editor; Becky Rainier, news editor; and Susan Woodward, feature editor. Mrs. Lissa Webster is the advisor.

Ron Schmelzer will be back covering the sports scene along with Randy Kidd. Kay Crist will be keeping you amused with cartoons and Ann Spangler will keep you up to date with the calendar of events. Jackie Mohler will be reporting the band news. John Henry Robson will be the staff photographer. Other reporters who are back for another year are Sandye Atkins, Mary Lynn Fouse, and Carolyn Solt.

Those who are new to the staff as the result of tryouts held last spring are: Betty Dotson, Cordelia Fisher, Ellen Greenlee, Linda Kane, Shirley Kern, Barb Lahmer, Sharon LeFever, Becky Lutz, Jackie Miller, Anne Trousdale, Marly Woodyard, and Bonnie Wright.

The Staff

Editor, Donna Walton
Feature Editor, Susan Woodward
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Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, is the founding place of the following fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Tau, Delta Zeta and Delta Sigma Epsilon.



'Back To School' Is In Full Sway

By Carolyn Solt and Anne Trousdale

September 2, 1959, is a day like all other days filled with those events that alter and illuminate our times: new rockets being tested, good-will trips to foreign lands being planned and school starting—at least for students at Lancaster High.

Confused room assignments and crowded halls were typical of the first day. To verify this statement, ask any bewildered sophomore. The juniors solemnly returned to the familiar sights and confusion. The seniors were eager to start their final, most important, and most exciting year.

The first social event of the year took place Friday, Sept. 11. It was the annual Back to School Dance in the L.H.S. gym. Dick Trumble's Band entertained the large group that attended the affair.

The football season is going full swing. Victory seems to be the predominant theme. Political life is underway with the election of the Student Council representatives.

The Mirage is celebrating its fiftieth year with the 1960 edition. Mirages may be ordered now. With each order one may cast a vote for the Mirage Queen and her court.

September 22, 1959, another school day, like all other school days, is filled with English themes, algebra theories, and Latin translations.

Paper can now be made from all cellulose fibers which come from wood, linen, paper, rayon, etc. But, in 1955 wood pulp and waste paper comprised 96 per cent of the raw material for news paper.

CALENDAR

Sept. 21, Monday—Election of class officers.
Sept. 23, Wednesday — F. H. A. meeting in the auditorium.
Faculty picnic at Rising Park.
Sept. 25, Friday — Mirage Queen Campaign ended, Queen announced.
Football game at Ironton.

BAND NEWS

by Jackie Mohler

The 95 members of the Lancaster High School Marching Band performed for the football game Friday, September 11, at North Field.

The 1959 marching band is led by Drum Major Dave Mochlenkamp. The majorettes are: seniors, Judy Blaine, Carolyn Leitnaker, Mary Kay McFee, and Jackie Mohler; and juniors, Stephanie Fetters and Beverly Miller.

The theme for the half-time show was "Barn Dance." The drum major directed the fanfare and the band marched down the field playing "Across the Field." The first formation was a barn and "Old MacDonald" was played to the tune of "Style All the While" the band formed a fiddle with a sliding bow and played "Square Dance."

An old automobile with moving wheels was formed next as "Seeing Nellie Home" was played. "Love's Old Sweet Song" was heard as the band formed an arrow-pierced heart.

A block "C" was quickly shaped in honor of the visiting team and its band, which also presented a half-time show. The "Alma Mater", directed by David Kearney, was played in the block formation of L.H.S. Two lines were formed as the

50th Edition Mirage Sales Are Now Open

By Becky Lutz

"The fiftieth anniversary edition of the Mirage, to be released in the spring of 1960, will be the best ever," promises Zoe Tricebook, editor. The Mirage staff includes: Ed McConaughy, sports editor; Fyame Edwards, typist; Betty Benkenner, artist; Richard Angle, photographer; Sally Chaffield and Jack Le Sar, layout and mounting; and Miss Mary Lee Duncan, advisor.

The purchase of a Mirage makes one eligible to vote for the Mirage Queen or attendants. The senior girl with the highest number of votes will be queen and the second highest will be the senior attendant. Each class nominates girls from the respective classes.

The senior candidates are: Kay Crist, Penny McCune, Sue Parson, Carolyn Tipple, Suzie Stratton, Sandy Williams, Donna Walton, and Joanne Wright.

The junior candidates are: Ann Hutchinson, Jackie Miller, Joyce Roby, Tammy Truog, Shirley Kern, Becky Azbell, Sally Chaffield, Susan Hines, Bonnie Wright, Donna Friesner, and Elsie Gordon.

Candidates for the sophomores are: Nancy Helsler, Annetta Geisy, Mary Burchfield, and Betsy Jones. Don't forget to have your pictures taken when the time comes. Stop what you're doing and order your 1960 Mirage now!!!

Watermelons were cultivated in the Nile Valley in Egypt thousands of years ago. The band did a snappy drill routine and marched off the field. Eugene Teachout narrated the show. Paul Barnes and Jim Mercer are assistant directors.

GALES' SPORTS EYE

by Randy Kidd

Lancaster rolled over the highly-rated Portsmouth Trojans 18-0 in the "Meet the Team Night" affair.

Lancaster's first score came early in the second quarter. Taking the ball on their own 34, the Gales moved quickly to the Portsmouth 10 where a pass thrown by Dan Peterson shoved the ball across the goal line.

Again in the second half of the no-punt, no-kickoff ball game, the Gales moved with ease through the Trojan defense. Behind the hard-charging line, elusive backs ran the ball to the Portsmouth 22. Again a quick pass—this time from Mike Wood—scored the six points.

The only scoring threat Portsmouth could make came shortly after the second Gales touchdown. A Lancaster pass was picked off by a Trojan secondary man who raced to the Gale 12. The Gales held tight; however, and took over on downs on their own four yard line.

The last Lancaster touchdown came with only seconds remaining when Dan Peterson fired a pass to Ed Hart who scampered 55 yards for the score. It was

ball championship. There aren't many things that annoy Becky, but her pet peeve is, "People who keep changing the radio station when I'm trying to listen."

If you should happen to visit Becky's home at 1870 Burns Avenue, you would meet her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rainier, and her sister, a sophomore at LHS. You would also see her cute little pet dog named Penny.

After graduation Becky plans to continue her studies at the school of nursing at Ohio State.

Although famous as the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell always gave his profession as "a teacher of the deaf," his lifetime interest. Helen Keller was taken to Dr. Bell as a six-year-old, deaf, blind and unable to speak. He helped direct the education that enabled her to communicate with others.

Class Characteristics: Seniors—Upper-upper classmen. The seniors have the distinction of eating lunch in room 117 and sitting in the middle section of the auditorium. We'll also give to the seniors the sad thought that this is their last year at Lancaster High School.

Juniors—Upper classmen. The Juniors have climbed another step on the ladder of education, and this year they have many things to look forward to: class rings, their Junior Class Play, Junior Prom, and homecoming float.

Sophomores—Classmen! This year the sophomores will profit by learning the customs and traditions at L.H.S. Sophomores, chalk this year up to experience!

What is Success? That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has filled his niche and loved his task; who leaves the world better than he found it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Paper Clips

By Barb Lahmer and Jackie Miller

Welcome to all the new faculty! Here's hoping the student body won't be too hard on you these first few weeks.

"Want to buy a pencil?" "Aw come on, buy a cushion!" These phrases have been heard more than once at L.H.S. since the Big Sisters, Big Brothers, and G.A.C. have started their annual selling campaigns.

Sophomores! Get your pictures taken for the Mirage now! Don't get left out by being late.

Wanted: Ohio State and Wisconsin felt pennants—all sizes; record and sheet music of "Carmine Ohio" and "On Wisconsin"; thirteen bamboo canes about eighteen inches long; and thirteen small round sticks or canes for the senior class play. Contact Emily Thimmes, report room 206.

Mix well the following: books, pencils, paper, desk, and chair. Stir in seven quarts of self discipline and a pinch of patience. Beat in four cups of enthusiasm and bake in a moderate study room. Yield: one evening's homework!

Congratulations Student Council! The "Back to School" Dance held Friday, September 11, was a huge success. The Lancaster High School Marching Band is headed by six strutting majorettes. These young ladies are: Bev. Miller, Stephanie Fetters, Judy Blaine, Carol Leitnaker, Mary Kay McFee, and Judy Steiner.

Grind, sweat, dig, sweat, work, sweat — these are routine for the boys on the Gales Football Team; it's worth it, though, isn't it fellas? Winning the previews with Portsmouth and Circleville show we've got a team that's on the ball. Keep up the good work, Gales!

ATTENTION STUDENTS

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