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# James Ford Rhodes High School January Class 1959



CLASS MOTTO
"Knowledge is the treasure, but practice is the key."



# Rhodes Hymn

Dear old Rhodes High Thy wisdom lights our paths Thy friendship true Stays with us to the last. We stand united
In thy purpose true
Loyal and faithful
To the white and blue.

# DEDICATION



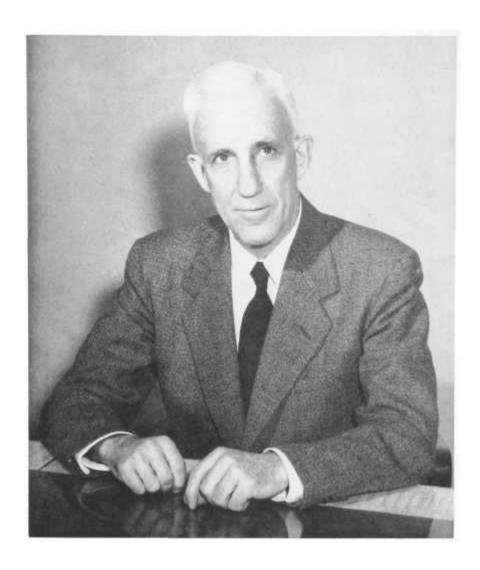
#### MR. HOFFMAN

It is hard to put into words the many characteristics of Mr. Hoffman. During the three years he was the boys homeroom teacher, he gave us much needed confidence and advice. His cheerful ways seemed to find their way into the hearts of everyone he comes in contact with. Through his guidance, many boys took subjects they thought useless but now see they were needed. Our problems were your problems. To the boys of 104 you were just like another member of the homeroom. Now in our final semester at Rhodes, we have a new advisor, but you were still available for guidance and advice. It is with a great deal of appreciation that we dedicate our yearbook to you.

#### MISS LANESE

The girls of our class wish to express our appreciation for the personal interest you have taken in each and everyone of us. You have been more than a teacher, you have been a real friend to us. We knew we could always rely on you when we needed you. You never hesitated to help or advise us in any way you could. You never lost your patience with us even when we were doing wrong. Instead you took time to show us the right way. You made us see our weaknesses and showed us how to improve them. We are grateful for the close guidance you have given us during the past four years both in homeroom and in class. We consider ourselves fortunate indeed to have had such a wonderful person for our homeroom teacher and friend.





To Members of the Class of January, 1959:

A vice-president of one of our great industrial organizations recently has said that "Technological superiority alone will not determine the winner of the conflicts which promise to abound in the world of the future. They can be won only by a nation of free men, free to think for themselves, encouraged to think for themselves and trained to think for themselves." We hope that your years at Rhodes have contributed to your capacity to think clearly and independently, and that in the years ahead you ever will strive to base your thinking on facts at hand rather than on prejudice. My best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,

NEIL D. MATHEWS

#### MR. FERGUSON

As our senior year approached and we were faced with vocational problems, we turned to you, Mr. Ferguson, for help in solving our difficulties. Your kindly guidance not only aided us in solving our immediate problems, but also laid a trail for us to follow in the future. Although you were always occupied with your work, you found time to include us in your busy schedule and concern yourself with our problems. Therefore, we the seniors sincerely thank you for your interest in our well-being at Rhodes and your invaluable advice about our future vocations.



#### MISS PALMER

The members of our class appreciate the help and guidance you have given us during the past years. We wish to express our gratitude for the interest you have shown in each of us, and the help you have given us in solving our problems. Through your guidance and understanding we have become better persons. We shall always remember your friendliness and your fine sense of humor. For the many services you have rendered, the January Class of "59", sincerely thank you, Miss Palmer.

#### MR. BLUM

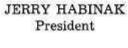
We are grateful to you for your sincerity, good judgment, warm sense of humor, and friendliness. You have shown us the way, and yet you let us make our own decisions. It is a rare person who can be silent, yet put so much understanding and wisdom into a few words. We believe that you are such a person.





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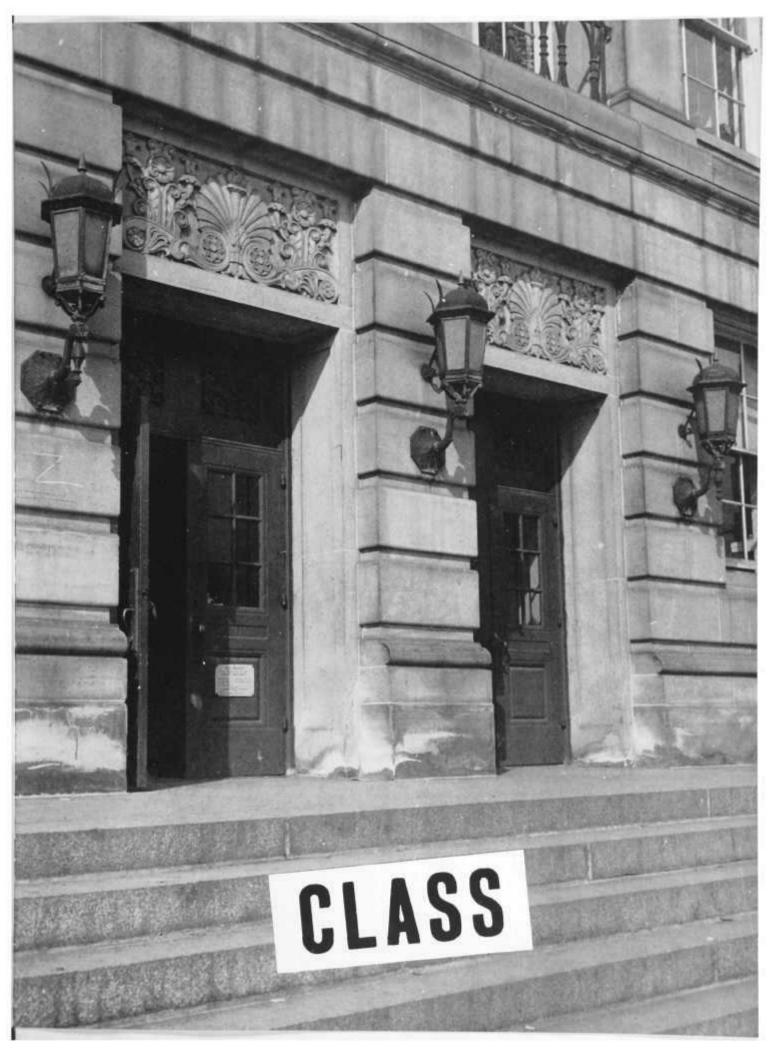
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DIANE CHIPKA "Chips"

"Chips"

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"Squirly"
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Yearbook Committee; Student Council; German Club; Track.

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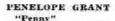


#### CONSTANTINE GIVISKOS "Greek"

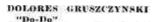
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Junior Y-Teen; Senior Y-Teen; Junior Choir; Girls' Glee Club; 9th Grade Choir; F.N.A.; Jun-ior Achievement; Art Club; In-tramural Sports;



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#### GERALD HABINAK "Jerry"

"Jerry"
12A Class President; 12A, 12B,
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Club, Vice-President; Boosters
Club, Hi-Y Club; Boys' Octet;
Freshman, J.V. Football;
Freshman, J.V. Track.



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JOHN KAZAK

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"Barb"

National Honor Society; Yearbook Committee; Art Club;
F.T.A.; 11A, 12B, Social Committee; Senior-Y-Teen; Srh
Ofrnde Choir; Junior Choir;
Boosters Club; Teacher's Assistant; Rhodes Review; All
Star Speedball; Athletic Awards; Intramural Sports.



LYNNE KEITH
Junior-Y-Teen; Senior-Y-Teen;
French Club.

#### BETTY LOU HLAVATY Senior-Y-Teen.

MARGARET HRADEK "Marge"

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#### WILLIAM KELLER "Keller"

"Keller"

Freshman, J.V., Varsity Football; Freshman, J.V., Varsity
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Decathlon Team; Hockey Team;
Hi-Y Club; Lettermen's Club;
IIA Social Committee; Boosters
Club: Boys Glee Club; Lunch
Room Guard; Honor Study Hall
Monitor; Intramural Sports;
12A Social Committee.

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Freshman, J.V., Varsity Foot-ball: Lettermen's Club; Hockey Team; Hi-Y Club; Chtizens Club; Lunchroom Guard; Hall Guard.

KATHRYNE KNEUSS "Kay"

9th Grade Choir: Junior Choir: Senior Choir: Girls' Glee Club; Senior-Y-Teen: Junior-Y-Teen.



MARY KORMOS "Murm"

Junior-Y-Teen; Senior-Y-Teen; Junior Choir; Junior Achieve-ment; Intramural Sports.

#### JANET KOCH "Cookie"

"Cookie"
Yearbook Committee: 12B Class Secretary: 11A Social Committee: Junior-Y-Teen, President; Senior-Y-Teen, Representative; Boosters Club; F.N.A.; Junior Achievement; 9th Grade Choir; Girls' Glee Club, Secretary; Senior Choir; Opers Sing: Lab Assistant; Athletic Awards; Intramural Sports; National Honor Society.



# BETTY KOSTURA

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National Honor Society; Yearbook Committee; Citizens Club;
Boosters Club; Art Club; Latin Club; Junior-Y-Teen; Sentin-Y-Teen, Representative;
F.T.A.; Office Assistant; Athletic Awards; Intramural
Sports; Hostess; Teacher's Assistant.



Senior-Y-Teen; Shorthand A-wards; Typing Awards; Pos-ture Representative; Intramural Sports.





#### GARY KRASUNA

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Treasurer; Junior Choir; 12B
Social Committee; Girls' Leaders Club; Boosters Club; Citizena Club; Art Club; F.T.A.;
Junior-Y-Teen; Senior-Y-Teen;
Tencher's Assistant; Posture
Queen Representative; All Star
Bowling Team; Athletic Awards; Intramural Sports.





#### DAVID KRESS

Third in City-Wide Bookkeeping Test.



"Coach"

"Coach"

11A, 12B, 12A Class Treasurer;
12A Social Committee; Girls'
Leaders Club, Treasurer and
President; 9th Grade Choir;
Junior Choir; Band, Secretary;
Orchestra; All City Band;
Band and Orchestra Club;
Chamber Music Society; German Club; Boosters Club; Daisy Mae Basketball; All Star
Speedball, All Star Basketball;
Intramural Sports.





LOUISE LANG Senior-Y-Teen; Junior Achieve-

#### LINDA ANN LEYERLE "Lardy"

"Lardy"
All City Band; Band, Secretary; Chamber Music Society; Band and Orchestra Club; Dance Band Accompanist; Solo and Ensemble Contest; Operetta; Lab Assistant; Senior-Y-Teen; Junior-Y-Teen; Student Council, Social Committee; Teacher's Assistant; French Club; Typing Awards; Modern Dance Program; Intramural Sports.





SAM MESSINA "Sambe" 12A, 11B Class Vice President; 12B, 12A Social Committee; Boosters Club; Hall Guard; Lunch Room Guard; Hockey Team.

#### WILLIAM LOUCKA "Melvin"

Yearbook Committee; 12B Social Committee; Boosters Club; Lab Assistant.





ROLENA MILLER Senior-Y-Teen; Junior Achieve-ment; 9th Grade Choir.

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Junior-Y-Teeu; Senior-Y-Teeu; German Club; Junior Choir; Intramural Sports.





#### LOIS PERRIN

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National Honor Society; F.T.
A.; Latin Club; Band and Orchestra Club; Chamber Music
Society; All City Band; Orchestra; Junior Choir, Boys'
Glee and Girls' Glee, Accompanist; Solo and Ensemble Contest; Perfect Attendance; Senior-Y-Teen; Homeroom Announcer, Band Room Librarian;
Athletic Awards,

# DONALD McGINLEY

"Mac"
Hi-Y Club; Freshman, J.V., Varsity Football; Freshman, J.V. Busketball; Freshman Track; Lettermen's Club; Lunch Room Guard; Hockey Team; Stage Craft; Foremen's Club.





#### GERALD PCKACK

"Jerry" Freshman Track; Stagecraft; Student Council; Intramural Student Sports.



Lettermen's Club; Track Tenn; Cross Country Tenn; Hall Guard.





#### MERRELL REUTENER "Suzy"

"Suzy"

12A Social Committee; Senior Choir; Giris' Glee Club; Operetta; Junior Choir; 9th Grade Choir; Citizens Club; Boosters Club; Latin Club; Senior-Y-Teen; Junior-Y-Teen; Student Council; Canteen Committee; Intramural Sports.

WAYNE ROBERTS "Robbie"

11A Social Committee; Freshman Basketball; Stagecraft; Intramural Sports.



ROBERT SMATT "Bob"

12B, 12A Social Committee; Hi-Y Club; Freshman Football.

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PAUL SMILNAK



GERALD STUDINAK
"Stud"
Senior Choir.



# DIANNE SCHRADER "Dee"

"Dee"

12A Social Committee; Student Council; 5th Grade Choir; Junior Choir; Three Years l'erfect Attendance; Senior-Y-Teen; Shorthand and Typing Awards; Athletic Awards; intramural Sports.



# WILLIAM SVOZIL

"Bill"
Yearbook Committee: 12B Class
Vice-President: 12B Social
Committee: Boosters Club;
President: Freshman, J.V.,
Varsity Track; Freshman, J.V.
Rasketball; Fresman, J.V. Football; Varsity Cross Country;
Canteen Committee: Citizens
Club; Lettermen's Club; Hi-Y
Club; Lunch Room Guard; Citizen of the Month; Hall Guard.





"Swans Olor"
Yearbook Committee; Cross Country Team; Varsity Track; Lettermen's Club.

#### MARGARET JEAN TIMCHICK "Marge"

"Marge"

12A Flower Committee; 9th
Grade Choir; Junior Choir;
Junior-Y-Teen; Senior-Y-Teen;
(ttizens Club; F.T.A.; F.N.A.;
Initiation Committee; Book
Store Attendant; Nurse's Assistant; Teacher's Assistant;
Athletic Awards; Intramural
Sports.

#### JUDITH ELLEN URBANSKY "Jae"

"Jae"

12A Social Chairman; Triple Trio, Student Leader; Madrigals, Student Leader; Senior Choir; Girls' Glee Club; Vocal and Instrumental Contest; Operetta; Band; Orchestra; Band and Orchestra Club; Chamber Music Society; All City Band; Citizens Club; Boosters Club; Library Club; Radio Workshop; Homeroom Annonneer; Senior-Y-Teen; Canteen Committee; Intramural Sports.

#### ALICE VANDERWERF "Al"

Senier-Y-Teen; 9th Grade Choir; Junior Achievement; Intramural Sports.

#### LORRALEE VARNES

"Laurie"

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#### DIANA VITEZ

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12A Class Secretary; 12B, 12A Social Committee; Girls Leaders, Vice-President; F.T.A.; Library Club, Vice-President; Junior-X-Teen; Senior-Y-Teen; Junior Achievement, President and Secretary; Roosters Club; Student Council; Teacher's Assistant; Office Assistant; Daisy Mac Rasketball; All Star Rosketball and Specificall, Athletic Awards; Intramural Sports; National Honor Society.







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JAMES WEIMER Stagecraft.









#### JANICE WILKER

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12A Cap and Gown Committee; F.N.A.; Junior-Y-Teen: Senior-Y-Teen: Honor Study Hall Chairman; Typing Award; In-tramural Sports,



#### PHYLLIS ZECHMAN

"Phyll"

Yearbook Committee: Library Club, President; Cltizens Club: Boosters Club; Junior-Y-Teen; Senior-Y-Teen, Representative: F.T.A.; Teacher's Assistant; Office Assistant: Athletic A-wards; Intramural Sports.



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Sponsor, James Templin



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President, Martin Amos; Vice-President, Nancy Wagner; Secretary, Sue Werle; Treasurer, Lee Sommer; Social Chairman, Donna Friedl; Sponsor, Wanda Aryes



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Sponsor, Mary Manning



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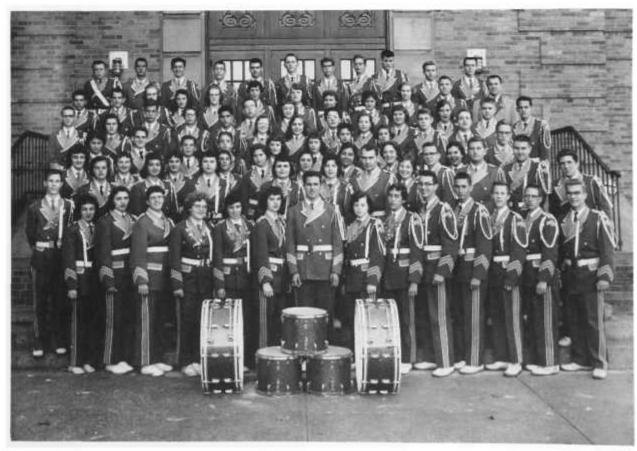


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Orchestra Director, Otto Schmidt



Band
Director, Otto Schmidt



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Triple Trio Director, Gilbert Van Nortwick



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Madrigal Singers Director, Gilbert Van Nortwick



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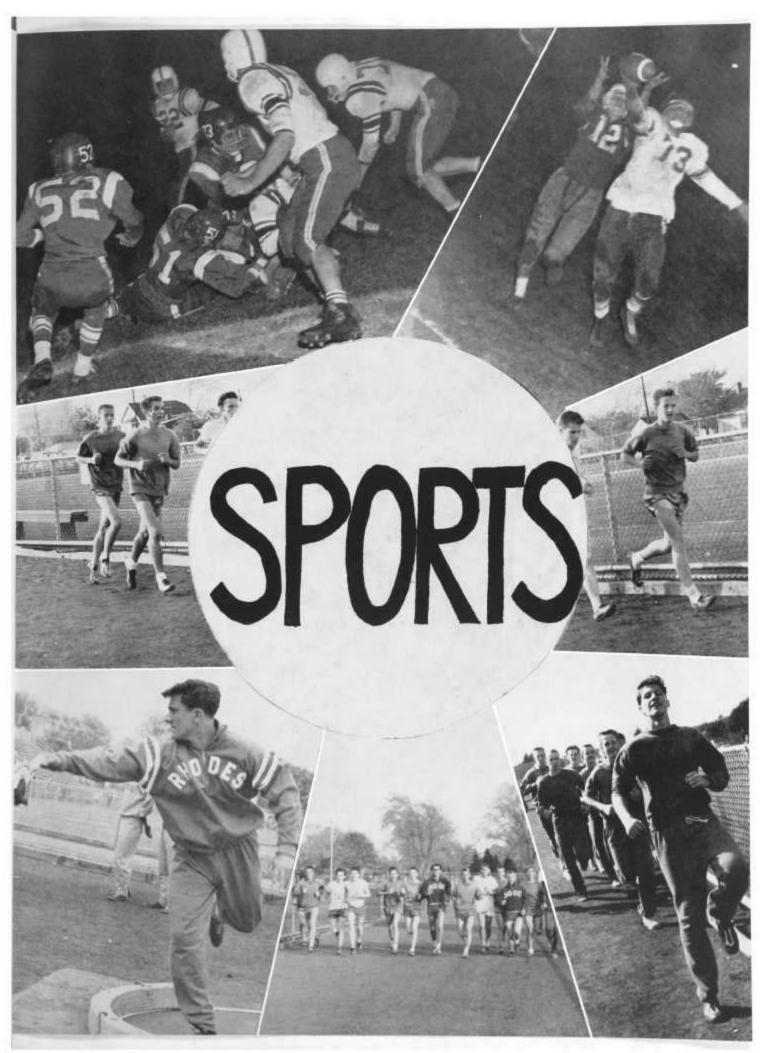


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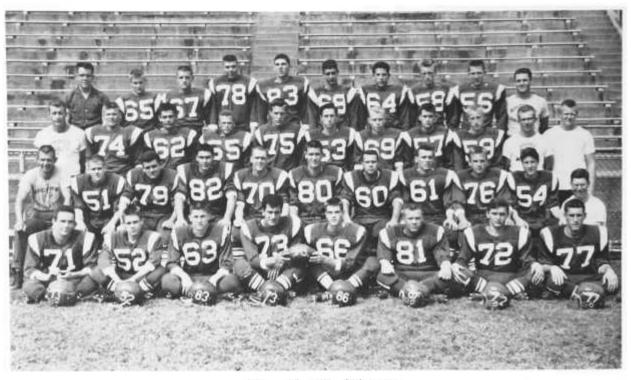


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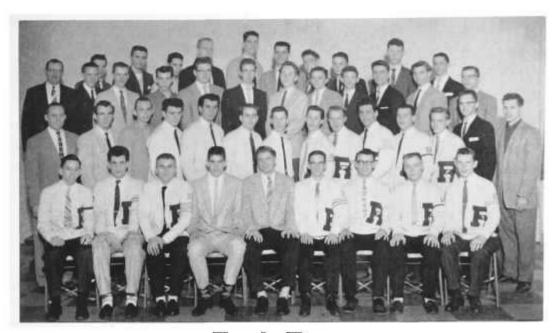
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Football Team
Coaches, William Ralls, James Templin, Robert McCullough



Basketball Team
Coaches, Andrew Moran, John Hawken



Track Team Coach, William Holden



Cross Country Team Coaches, William Holden, William Ralls

# CLASS HISTORY

Our four years have been memorable ones! We know you remember the latest events, but do you recall our first day at Rhodes when we enrolled as freshmen and the shirl of our new high school life that made us dizzy with excitement? For instance, do you remember the first time we voted for Student Council officers, the inspiring NHS induction, and our introduction to the numerous extra-curricular activities at Rhodes?

Fall, 1955. This was our first season for cheering Rhodes at ball games and rallies. Unchained melody and Sixteen Tons, the top tunes of the day, were then being hummed in the halls. We felt pretty much at home by now as we helped pick a football queen and joined in the movement to convert 105 into a social room. Remember the Operetta, "Fortune Teller"? What a hit!

We were sophomores and our original class of 97 began to dwindle as we entered the sophomore year. (Could it have been the subjects were getting more difficult?) We were introduced to Biology and had to learn the parts of that bony structure in the corner who sported the sign, "I went to Slenderella's." We also had to examine under a microscope and attempt to draw what we saw. Even if we did see the object, the example on the blackboard would be the one to sketch.

Everyone began to join extra-curricular activities as various clubs extended membership to us. Of all the clubs at Rhodes, the language clubs; French Club, Latin Club, German Club, and recently, the "Russian Club", can probably boast of having the most members. Of course we don't intend to slight the music groups, Leaders clubs, Future Nurses, and Teachers, Y-Teens, and Hi-Y's, to mention the largest. For, no matter which club we become associated with, we all had one thing in common—Initiation!

Initiation night surely must remain in our memories forever. There we stood, blushing, expectant, and apprehensive. But, as we look back, we can truthfully say we were the laugh of the party. Throughout our ordeal, we kept reminding ourselves; next year—next year! And when next year did roll around we were members in good standing, acquainted with the entertainment provided us and ready to enjoy the antics of the new group of doomed individuals. Let us now observe a few moments of silence while we mourn those who have never experienced the doubtful joy of—being initiated.

Remember the initiations (especially those in the cafeteria) when class members became part of such groups as Gym Leaders and Hi-Y? Although we elected speech, typing, and geometry, we found that high school consists of more than books and study. We attended basketball games and track meets, we chose a track queen for a bit of the spectacular. Posture contests became popular, "Dem bones gonna rise again" became a popular chant for Speech students, and so did the expression "Barf" which we 10 A's introduced to the halls of Rhodes.

February, 1957. Two years of our life at Rhodes passed rapidly, and we began our third year with American History, physics, and shorthand on our schedules. We also wrote autobiographies, joined more clubs, and memorized poetry. Rhodes celebrated it's 25th Anniversary and we were happy to play a part in this special occasion that would remain a memorable one for all the Rhodes graduates who once roamed these halls as we did.

Soon it was fall. Those of us who had American History the first period studied such illustrious characters as Steven G. Theodore, Susan B. Anthony, Bridey Murphy, and of course, Charlie Brown. At that time being O.T.L. was as common as being a yo-yo, though we all aspired to be dynamic individuals.

Then came the day our class was united in the Auditorium Balcony to nominate officers. We chose the following: president, Dale Baldwin; vice-president, Sam Messina; secretary, Joan Dorn; treasurer, Kay Kopen; and social chairman, Diane Chipka. Our first picnic was really a

#### CLASS HISTORY - continued

"first" at Rhodes. We spread our blankets and ate our victuals amid the noise of the creek and insects in the gym.

By the time we had all settled down to work, Janice Wilker, Betty Kostura, and Earl DeWerth found that their efforts had paid off when they were inducted into the National Honor Society.

"Moonlight and Shadows," our first informal, was held in Rhodes' Ballroom in November.

The first of the year came quickly, followed by our long-awaited promotion to the twelfth grade. It was a comforting thought to realize that we had made it, but yet there was a great deal of work to be done. Some "fortunates" of our class entered the wonderful world of Chemistry at this time. Instead of just smelling the foul odors, we got to create them! Then Mr. Henderson decided to enhance our looks. We had already been gloriously attired in chemise lab aprons when he presented each and every one of us with his very own goggles. Can you imagine that some people actually "forgot" to wear the goggles the same day they received them?

Meanwhile the girls' homeroom expended efforts in the tax stamp, P.T.A., and fund drive held at this time. The P.T.A. membership fund had a rather disastrous effect on one team's captain as she was thrown into a refuse container, but being victorious in the tax stamp drive enabled us to see Cinerama.

Throughout our years at Rhodes, how could we ever forget that wonderful institution, homeroom. Here was an opportunity to relax between second period study hall and third period study hall. Amid the organized confusion in room 104, we hear again the strain of that never-to-be-forgotten election chant "all in favor say aye boys, — — aye boys aye"; another candidate takes office through the procedure of Ollie's "democratic" election system. Can the boys ever

forget Ollie as a war baby, Ollie's hairbrush, and Ollie's vocabulary, second only to H.S.T. However, as we look on the serious side of homeroom, we must admit it took courage and endurance to see the class of January, "59" through four long years, and we welcome the chance to recuperate. The election time arrived New class officers were: President, Earl DeWerth; vice-president, Bill Svozil; and secretary, Janet Koch, while the others retained their previous posts. The NHS inductees this semester were Barbara Hejna and Carol Kontras. Our second informal, "Desert Serenade," preceded our June picnic which was held at Metropolitan Park.

Then suddenly, although we could hardly believe it, we were in our final semester. Again our class was unique, this time in having a co-ed homeroom in the auditorium balcony. The 12A class elected the following officers: president, Jerry Habinak; vice-president, Sam Messina; secretary, Diana Vitez; treasurer, Kay Kopen; social chairman, Judy Urbansky; and yearbook editor, Margaret Sich. Diana Vitez, Pat Amrich and Janet Koch were inducted into NHS.

Special activities this semester were; the informal, "Music and Memories", the Senior Prom, "Blue Mist", and the January 27th Commencement featuring Physical Education.

As we look back, how can we ever forget such memories as; the "simple" psychological tests, Rhodes without hall guards, forty minute lunch periods, the time when people "dressed up" for picnics, the time when seniors knew all the faculty members, and the dances that were held in the Rhodes' "Ballroom"?

Commencement is over and we must begin to take our place in society. Our ability to accept this challenge will be judged by a critical world. To you Rhodes High School, we owe a debt of gratitude for preparing us for this major step into the future.

## PROPHECY

The year 1975 finds the renowned horse-breeder and mad scientist, EARL DeWERTH, about to unveil his earth-shattering discovery after many years of painstaking research and experimentation. A fiying horse?!!??!!??

Copy girl, MARGARET SICH, on her first assignment from the Gutter Gossip Gnews, edited by GUS GIVISKOS is utterly flabbergasted by the unveiling. Before she has a chance to close her mouth, Earl has mounted his scientific phenomenon. Behind him he leaves his trusted stable boy, BILL SVOZIL, in charge of his remaining mad projects.

As he soars through the sky, his trip to see his high school friends is begun. Soon, due to technical difficulties beyond his control, Earl finds himself outside the Pearly Gates next to which stands forlorn-looking SAM MESSINA, who has been turned away. Realizing the technical difficulty, Earl attains normal altitude.

Earl's first stop is J.F.R, his old stamping grounds. Already the news has traveled so that head ground keeper, CARL SWANSON is preparing for the landing while his assistant, QUENTIN MENG, is spreading hay. Newly appointed principal DONALD McGINLEY is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the famous traveler. Passing through the halls, Earl sees many of his friends working. Heading the tour is JANICE WILKER, Dean of Girls. The perfumed halls tell us that Chemistry teacher ROLENA MILLER, has a class in session. BILL LOUCKA still remains as lab assistant. While walking on the grounds, Eearl is struck on the head by a ball projected by the bat of KAREN KOPEN, boys' gym instructor. However, upon visiting the school nurse JANET KOCH and following a complete physical examination, we find no damage done.

Before leaving, Earl notices Rhodes' City Championship football team practicing. After talking to head coach, BILL KELLER, and his assistants, DALE BALDWIN, KEN GATES, and TOM SAUNDERS, he prepares to leave. However, his trip is delayed by water boy, LINDA LEYERLE, who is still watering his horse.

Again Earl is airborne and heading in the direction of England. Upon landing in England he is greeted by the Queen, JOAN DORN, attended by JEANINE HAAS, JUDY KONAS, and CAROL GIMMY. After touring England, Earl prepares to remount. His departure is halted temporarily by head constable, DAVID KRESS, who noted the horse had landed in a no parking zone. Magistrate WAYNE ROBERTS, never having experienced a similar situation, fines him 400 pounds.

In the sky again, the horse's nose is pointed toward Russia. Earl's trip is nearly abruptly ended by the reckless driving of BRUCE DACRE in his jet plane. As Earl lands in Russia his horse is mobbed by Russian peasants lead by LOIS PER-RIN. Pushing through is the secret police chief, GERALD PUKACH, and his deathhouse-five, GERALD STUDINAK, JOHN WELKY, GERALD YOUNG, PAUL SMILNAK, and JOHN KAZAK. traveler is lead to the Kremlin where he meets self-appointed Premier, GARY COLL. As we squeeze through the iron curtain we see a bus labled "Siberia here we come" driven by PATRICIA AM-RICH. Avoiding a lot of "Red" Tape, Earl immediately departs — therefore, missing the next bus.

#### PROPHECY - continued

Requiring a change of temperature, the horse heads for Alaska where ERICH FABRITIUS rules the ice. We find ex Frozen Food Queen BARBARA HEJNA preparing for a comeback in a diamond studded parka designed by KATHRYNE KNEUSS. In charge of turning on and off the Northern Lights is RONALD KLOTZ assisted by CAROL KONTRAS and SUSAN BARTON.

Due to the gigantic drop in temperature, Earl is forced to leave Alaska and heads for the glamour of Hollywood. Upon arrival he is immediately approached by GERALD HABINAK, accompanied by his secretary, MARGARET HRADEK. Before Jerry is able to sign the horse, rival producer DONALD KAMMER has the horse's hoof mark in a contract. In his first picture the horse will co-star with MARY KORMOS and BEVERLY LOW-INGER. However, the screen tests prove unprofitable. Leaving the studio the horse heads toward the zoo. While there Earl sees owner DIANA VITEZ arguing with lion attendant ROBERT SMATT, who has taken up selling fresh meat on the side. The disappearance of assistant PATRICIA BANAS has prompted an investigation. While traveling through the zoo, Earl sees DALE BENNETT in charge of the monkeys, ROBERT DeBOLT head seal feeder, and lady elephant trainer, DIANE CHIPKA.

Time is growing short so Earl must continue on his journey. While flying over the Mexican border he sees a rancher fighting with the Mexican guerrillas headed by DIANNE SCHRADER and her band of cut-throat renigades, LOUISE LANG, JUDY GOERS, and PENELOPE GRANT.

Following the Colorado River we see explorer MERRELL REUTENER leading an expedition up the Grand Canyon. She's going the hard way. She is accompanied by Girl Scout troop 255 whose members are MARGARET TIMCHICK, ALICE VANDERWERF, LORRALEE VARNES, and DOLORES GRUSZCZYNSKI. Acting as guide is RICHARD HAVEL.

Continuing on his journey Earl finds that he is obstructing TV signals which are disturbing the famous quiz program "65". Head quiz mistress DIANE ZAC-CARO has just asked JUDY URBANSKY a question worth \$5,000,160,296,496.03. After several seconds the buzzer buzzed by PHYLLIS ZECHMAN tells her that her time is up. Failing to answer the question which was to give the weight of RONALD HENNEL she receives a consulation prize — a solid gold potato chip manufactured by the Crispy, Crunchy potato works owned and operated by LYNNE KEITH.

Thoroughly exhausted Earl returns home only to find that his faithful stable boy has absconded with the stable. Coming highly recommended, he hires BETTY KOSTURA, tracer of lost stables and her assistants BETTY LOU HLAVATY, and JACK SCANLON. Because of the superior power of her Mercedes Benz, Betty corners the stable boy trying to peddle the hot stable.

After several days relaxation, Earl discovers his horse no longer has the ability to fly. So, sad and dejected, he goes back to the lab to try again.



James Ford Rhodes Alumni Association 2022

# **CLASS WILL**

We, the senior class of James Ford Rhodes High School, one thousand nine hundred fifty-nine, A.D., being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament.

#### SECTION I

To Mr. Templin, we leave his Citizen's Club four second-hand garbage pots.

To Mr. Jacob, we leave one "tremenjjjjjous" earth satellite.

To Mrs. Soncetta, we leave volumes of poetry including one by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

To Mr. Folkman, we leave all the delicious cafeteria food to enjoy.

To Miss Lanese, we leave an umpire's mask for baseball games.

To Mr. Hoffman, we leave a girl's homeroom and a non-breakable wire hair-brush.

To Mr. Ralls, we leave seven skeleton football uniforms, in hopes that they will soon be filled by future Rhodes athletes.

To Mr. Hartzell, we leave a fourth college English book called, "What makes Teachers hair grow gray?"

To Mr. Van Nortwick, we leave a new set of vocal cords.

To Mr. Seitz, we leave a pair of new sun glasses.

To Mr. Hicks, we leave the equation y = mx + b.

To all our wonderful teachers, we leave a vote of thanks, as our guides in these Halls of Knowledge for the past four years.

#### SECTION II

We, the graduating class of January, 1959, bequeath one slightly used trophy case for Student Council campaign speeches.

We leave Steven G. Theodore and a box of dog biscuits to Mr. Skipper's American History II classes.

We leave the ants in Room 105 to all unlucky picnickers.

We leave Lorna Doone to future sufferers.

We leave the wide angle noon movie screen to people with wide angle eyes.

We leave cushions for the seats in 219
— the chambers for the Ohio State Psy-

chological Test or how to go insane in four hours.

We leave to the student body in general the teachers.

We leave the librarians a volume of jokes, wisecracks, and puns from graduating humorists.

We leave to future driving students anything on the car that's still in one piece.

To future track teams we leave the rolling hills of the underground track.

To the future football teams of J. F. R., we leave our memories of the past games and our hope to see another Charity Game winner.

To Mr. Mathews and the faculty, we leave our respect, gratitude, and good wishes for their constant attempts to educate us, despite ourselves.

James Ford Rhodes, we leave sadly, but hopefully.

#### SECTION III

- I, Bill Loucka, leave with the question, "Who is Melvin?"
- I, Linda Leyerle, leave my chem-lab apron to all Dior followers.
- I, Dolores Gruszczynski leave to all puzzled teachers a Phonetic dictionary.
- I, Betty Kostura, leave one million umbrella holders to all locker owners.
- I, Earl DeWerth, leave my nickname, "Squirly" to a nut.
- I, Carol Kontras, leave all empty potato chip bowls to future social committees.
- I Bob Smatt, leave the school overpopulated with flies.
- I, Bill Svozil, leave all moldy, mouseeaten sweat pants to Mr. Ralls.
- I, Janet Koch, leave a blank space because I couldn't think of anything to
- I, Quentin Meng, leave my paddles to all ping-pongers.
- I, Diana Vitez, leave Pat all my duties but not Bill.



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