

Class History

During the college career of the Class of 1966, there occurred many significant changes: the number of credit hours was reduced from 18 to 15 per semester (but the class claims the number of term papers increased 49%), there were 34 new faculty members (18 of whom were men), and (at last), married students could go to school here.

The class really began (as did their 1st president, Mary Beth McIntyre) by coming in second in the Halloween Skits. Mary Beth directed Beepin Sleuty which starred Ann Marie Paciolla as Lady McBeth in rollers. This was the year that 224 beanie Alices were introduced to Nazarethland by their big sister and to Rome's hijinks by their 'Roman Nomen' buddies. "8" members of the class were already oriented since their mothers had graduated from Nazareth, and 9 others had had sister here before them. Diane Anderson holding the distinction of being the 3rd member of her family to attend Nazareth—and the first one not to transfer. The Class of 66 also had international ties. Among their ranks were 7 girls from foreign countries, 2 of whom were Maria Valdivia from Bolivia and Stasia Boblak from Poland) are now graduating and one of whom (Aura Ramirez from Puerto Rico) is flying up for graduation. One other member of the class had an additional tie for this was the year that Dottie Zielinski became the very 1st member of the Class of 66 to get engaged. Under the leadership of Pres. Mary Beth McIntyre, Vice-Pres. Ann McDonald, Sec. Nancy Neary and Tres. Mary Kay Schwonke, the 196 remaining members of the Class of '66 (having gone through Heaven and Hell-with Dante) at last became sophomores.

Sophomore year brought more changes: Kearney Dorm was completed (some say it was financed by the library fines), the Freshman Theology course in Apologetics was eliminated (too late), and Towners under the direction of Mary Ann Walsh were born on St. Patrick's Day, and haven't stopped singing since. After their wonderful introduction to Nazarethland, the Class of '66 under Linda (My Fair Lady) Iacelli advised their buddies hoe They Too could become mature sophomores. This was the year that the Sophomores won the Halloween Skits with Nancy Neary starring in Witch For a Day, not be outdone Mary Jane Brooks and Judy Conboy and Camille Vistocco proved that The Second Shepherd's Play could make English Literature fun. This was also the year that there was a run on contact lenses-for 33% of the class-only their optometrist knows for sure. Under the leadership of Pres. Eileen Smyntek, Vice=Pres. Helen Mueller, Sec. Connie Ryan and Tres. Pat Cooper, the Class of '66 purged themselves of the curse of 'plagiarism', became philosophers- and made it half way through.

The summer between Soph. and Jr. years, Penny Zutes, Carolyn DellaPietra, and Jean Gasser were among those who toured Wurope with Sister Jeanne and Sr. Rose Alice. This seemed to set a precedent, for Jr. year began with 2 members of the Class of '66 on the other side of the Atlantic, and it ended with 7 more having joined them. The 2 were French majors, Mary Ann Fackelman and Sue Helmuth who were studying in France; and the 7 more were English majors Clair Macadam, Mary Beth McIntyre, Mary Eilers, Elvira Russo, Terry Myrers, Karen Moore and Judy Conboy who studied in Oxford. This was the year John Ciardi and Gabriel Marcel (along with Sr. Jane) lectured at Nazareth. The Juniors under Elaine Tantillo put out a biweekly Gleaner, and under the Pat Curtis and Pauline Angione, introduced the Freshman to Never

Never Land. Louise DeLaus, as Peter Pan, and Kathy Spaulding, as Wendy, proved to their little sister 'You Can Fly'. It was the 40th anniversary of the college, and the first 'wet' Junior Prom, with 'glasses to go'. Days of Wine and Roses lasted well into the next day, and the dorm students all got record breaking 4 o'clock permissions. Again the Class of '66 came in second with Anna and the King of Siam in the Halloween Skits. The King, Carol Grieco now has a baby boy. Under Pres. Helen Mueller, Vice-Pres. Nancy Neary, Sec. Andi Wollensak, and Treas. Mary Ellen Foody, the Class of '66 became computerized; and got their 'roses' early at the Prom- instead of at Graduation.

Senior year started off with a bang-or rather with a hole in front of the campus. The Class of '66 was to become the last class ever to Not graduate from the auditorium in the New Fine Arts Building. Seniors became gray, as they assume more responsibility. Eileen Smyntek, as Undergrad Pres. And Barb Olmstead, as Vice-Pres. worked and worried off a total of 12 pounds. The Sigillum under Mary Ellen Foody and Verity Fair under Mary Margaret Snyder underwent revolutionary changes. The Class of '66 tied for 1st place in the Halloween Skits, with a cave man skit entitled Halloween a Gone. Kathy Spaulding was Winter Weekend Queen, and Andi Wollensak, Vice Pres. Pat Curtis, Sec. Pat Cooper, or Treas. Elaine Tantillo, could reduce the price raise in the cafeteria, calm the confusion due to numbered spaces in the parking lot, or prevent 5 members of the class of '66 from getting married. (Barb Dobbertin was the first) or 37 from getting engaged-(a fact which prompted Sr. Margaret Teresa to declare: "My, that's good for the economy of the country". On the other hand, 2 members of the class intend to enter the convent in addition to Carol Lloyd who entered Jr. Year. Probably the most significant single thing that happened Sr. Year occurred between Nov. and Jan., when half of the class sat on the other side of the teacher's desk. The Elem. Educ. Students became the only such class to graduate with permanent certification. 6 members of the math department did computer programming for the city. For the 3 coldest months of the year, these girls stood with newspapers stuffed in their boots for insulation on corners and counted cars and timed lights.

With all this and almost all classes behind them, the Class still has several banquets, Sr. Ball complete with cocktail party and Mass at Sunrise, Final final exams, and Graduation. Through the Ring Ceremony, Mary Day 100 Nights Party, the Class drew closer. Although they will soon be separated, and gone to Homemaking, to business, to teaching, to grad school, to Peace Corps, they rest secure in the knowledge that they will still be together- in Spirit.