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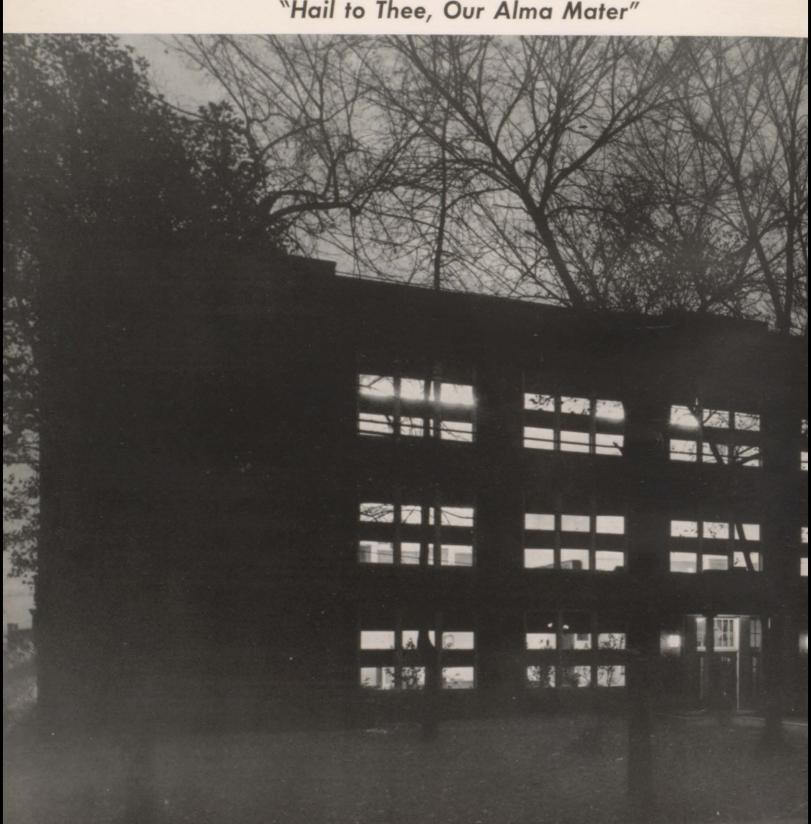
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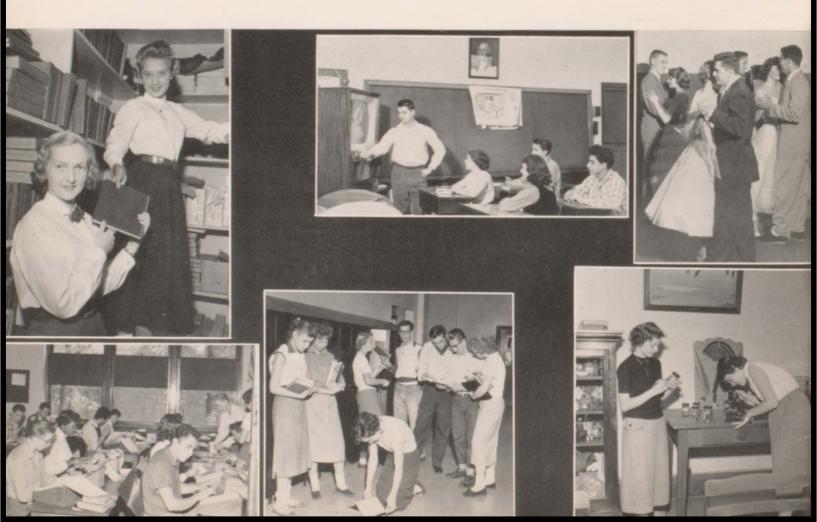


# SWISSVALE HIGH SCHOOL



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## all in a day's activities









Seated: Henry J. Baumgartner, president; Charles J. Wright, Jr., vice-president; Dr. Roy M. Smith, Margaret Graf, secretary.

Standing: John R. Smith, solicitor; Dr. Leonard A. Burgard, Charles Thomas, Howard W. Barnett, Clarence H. Lewis.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The good reputation that Swissvale High enjoys among the schools of the district is largely due to the close cooperation among the members of the school board, the administration, and the faculty.

The board, composed of eight men who give of their time to better the schools and therefore conditions in the community, is an ever present help to students and faculty. Their



JOHN C. WEICHEL High School Principal



CARL S. BAILY Superintendent of Schools

deep interest in the schools is evidenced in many ways.

Close work and constant cooperation between Mr. Baily and Mr. Weichel make for a strong high school setup. Students have always found that Mr. Baily has a deep store of sympathy for their problems. Mr. Weichel, who often helps students in ways unknown to them, is a real friend who will always give a second chance (and often a third and fourth!)

Our teachers were never too busy to lend a hand or an ear in our problems and joys.

## **FACULTY**

Margaret I. Jones English, Guidance

Jennie Mae Tome English, Public Speaking Gale H. Boak Art

Marie M. Frazer Social Science Joseph H. Dennison Math, Basketball, Baseball

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Arnold Koepka Health, Phys Ed, Football

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Guidance, History, Civics

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German, Spanish, Business Arithmetic

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**Typewriting** 

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**Biology and Publications** 

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Physics, Advanced Science





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Mary Margaret Koepka Home Economics (Cooking)

School Nurse

**Emil Dandar** Typing, Sales, Econ. Geog., Business Arithmetic



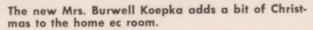


Helen Hyvarinen Secretary to Principal

Estelle Gray Secretary to Superintendent

## **FACULTY**







Henry R. George, new social science teacher, discusses the '54 training car with John Brace, driving instructor.

we work







#### DORIS ALEXANDER

"Dorie"

Blonde Belle

Beautiful blonde . . Y-Teens . . Choir . . ambition is to be a telephone operator . . will attend business school next year . . hobbies—sports, dancing, loafing . . likes "the gang," money, music, and fun . . dislikes homework and tests.

#### NANCY ALLEN

"Na"

Trusty Receptionist

It was Rankin's loss and Swissvale's gain when Nancy moved back here . . . would much prefer to swim, dance, or collect pictures than take a test or play cards . . . Y-Teens . . . her pleasant smile and personality will be welcomed by the business world.

#### STEVE W. ANDERSON

"Courtney"

Cool and Collegiate

Handsome . . . fun . . . Choir . . . dislikes homework and distrusts women drivers . . . likes to eat and sleep . . . favorite hobbies are algebra discussions and collecting records . . . plans to attend Pitt dental school, so save your cavities for Steve.

#### BARBARA RUTH ANDRECHAK

"Tookie"

Jolly Soda Jerk

Spends a lot of her time working in a local drug store . . . a prominent investor in the Candy Corporation . . . sings with the Glee Club . . . an avid collector and reader of movie magazines . . . after graduation plans to attend accounting school.

#### ANTOINETTE MARIE BADALI

"Toni"

Dark-Eyed Delight

An SHS lovely who added her beauty to the Prom Court . . . member of the Choir, Y-Teens, Valistic and SWISSVALIAN . . . could spend hours just listening or dancing to music . . . hopes to travel around the world . . . work is next, then nursing school.

#### JEANNE LOUISE BAREFOOT

"Jeannie"

The Clown!

Famous for her great imitations and crazy jokes . . . serving as substitute cheerleader (and a very good one, too) kept Jeanne rooting for our team . . dependable in intramurals . . Bowling Club, Camera Club, Y-Teens . . . ambition—secretary to handsome

#### BARBARA BAREFOOT

"Bobbie"

Lively, Lovely Lass

This lovely lass helped make our Junior Prom Court one of the best ever . . . led the band as a majorette for three years . . . Y-Teens, Choir, and Bowling Club . . . plans to attend Pinkerton's to become a useful and ornamental private secretary.

#### PATRICIA JOANNE BARTOLETTA

"Pat"

Curly Top

This good-natured gal is always seen making her homeroom buddies laugh . . . hobby is photography . . . put her whole heart into homeroom intramurals . . . enjoys swimming, dancing, and driving . . . someday you'll hear her "Number, please!"

#### MARGARET MARTHA BEATTY

"Peggy"

"Florence Nightingale"

Famous for her sweet nature . . . a familiar sight in her band uniform, playing her "licorice stick" . . . mad about the tango and mambo . . . dreads the end of vacations . . . Y-Teens, Camera Club, Bowling Club . . . a future dark-haired, pretty woman in white.

#### EARL BENNER

"Skip"

Big Ben

A favorite on the gridiron as tackle . . . a great guard on the basketball court . . . give him a lot of food and he'll be happy . . . we don't know about the voice, but his hair qualifies him for the "Crew Cuts" . . . a happy working man next year.

#### CHARLES BIEHL

"Chuck"

**Happy Hunter** 

Pleasant personality . . . a typical teenager, Chuck likes to have a good time . . . outdoor type, with fishing and hunting as favorites . . . enjoys working around cars . . . aspires to own a successful business, but Uncle Sam's army has first chance.

#### YVONNE D. BRUGH

"Home-Brew"

Curly Blonde

Vivacious . . . pretty . . . fun . . . president of SHS Candy Corporation . . . Y-Teens . . . Valistic reporter . . . Bowling Club . . . hopes to become an undertaker . . . enjoys dancing at school parties and Camera Club meetings . . . Pitt heads the list for next year.

#### VIRGINIA IRENE CALDWELL

"Ginny"

Lovable "Lucy"

Our capable pianist for the Choir . . . "I Love Lucy" . . . could be found going to Y-Teens, finishing a Valistic assignment, or making a strike at the Bowling Club . . . enjoys music of any kind . . . prefers happy, not grouchy, people . . . next assignment—medical technology.

#### CAROL JEAN CARDIFF

"Carol"

A Murphy Miss

Always on the ball as a receptionist . . . Y-Teens and Glee Club . . . loves laughter and the people who enjoy it with her . . . seen behind the counter at G. C.'s . . . someday will gladly trade her white cap for a gold band on the third finger—left hand.

#### JOHN CHALUS

"John"

Band's Best

Can be seen behind the big tuba in the band . . . occupies the back corner in Room 10 (and oh, how quiet it is??) . . . drive-in movies are easy to take, but those long study halls aren't . . . already a member of Navy Reserve, so you know what comes next.

#### IRENE COHILL

"Renie"

Pastry Pantry's Pet

A familiar part of the Pastry Pantry, where her sweet smile is right at home . . . when not working, Renie likes to dance, swim, and listen to the radio . . . tests are not for her, nor is early rising . . . ambition is to become a Navy nurse.

#### WILLIAM W. COLEMAN

"Bill"

**Future Farmer** 

Band member . . . Camera Club . . plans to attend Penn State next year . . . after college will take up some line in the field of agriculture . . . hobbies are weekends, vacations, fishing, swimming, and driving the Willys . . . dislikes women (drivers, that is).

#### KATHLEEN M. COLLINS

"Kathi"

Laughing Lass

Will make a pretty airline hostess someday . . . special likes are pools and dance floors . . . a two-year member of Y-Teens . . . . . also an attendant to the Prom Queen . . . SWISSVALIAN and Valistic staffs . . . special gripe is a first period gym class!

#### EVELYN E. CONNELLY

"Chickie"

Basketball Belle

Being such a good player on the court, she was dependable in intramural games . . . thinks there's nothing greater than riding a motorcycle . . . swimming and dancing rate with this sportsminded Miss . . . it's the Navy next—"Anchors Aweigh!"

#### JAMES R. CRAIG

"Jim"

Future D. J.

An important cog in the Chess, Camera, and Bowling Clubs . . . feature editor of the Valistic and author of some of these writeups . . Junior Class Play . . . delights in writing those weird science fiction stories . . determined to learn the mambo . . after Tech, a disc jockey.





#### MARY ANN CRESTO

"Cress"

Krazy, Krazy Kid

Well-known and well-liked . . . active member of the "hall patrol" . . . Y-Teens, Candy Corporation, Glee Club, and the Bowling Club heard and enjoyed her jokes and funny remarks through the year . . enjoys playing cards . . will someday be a tidy bookkeeper.

#### NANCY JANE DANNELS

"Nan"

Cute Co-ed

Among this gal's many activities are Y-Teens, Valistic (co-editor), and Junior Class Play . . . thinks eating spaghetti is the greatest—though dancing and listening to records run a close second . . . knits and writes short stories . . . would like to be a success in

#### JANET DANIELS

"Jan"

Singing Senior

Leave it to Jan to liven up things in problems class . . . keeps things moving in Room 10 . . . just hates grouchy people . . member of Y-Teens, Bowling Club, and Camera Club . . pretty vocalist with the Dance Band . . . may someday be seen singing on television.

#### DONNA DANIELSON

"Don"

Slick Chick

Never misses a football or basketball game . . . just can't stand those underclassmen who try to sneak out of assembly before the seniors . . Art and Y-Teens . . . a very neat appearance, which will be a help when she enters the business world as a beautician.

#### CLYDE DE LUCA

"Snuco"

Good Looking Guy

Personality plus and everybody's friend—that's Clyde . . . the secret of his success is his friendly smile and pleasant "Hi!" . . . give him mechanical drawing for a steady diet, with just enough jazz to liven things up . . . a future draftsman.

#### MILDRED ELIZABETH DeTURK

"Billie"

One of the Best

A swell and wonderful girl . . . a nice disposition and a smile to match . . . right at home with the mimeograph machine . . . Valistic, Y-Teens, and "Our Miss Brooks" . . . likes riding, camping and hunting . . . college next Fall, to be followed by a bright future.

#### NANCY M. DICKSON

"Nanc"

Liked by Everyone

Adds her talents to the Choir . . . ably handled the Y-Teens financial matters . . . loves to ice skate at the Gardens . . . doesn't care for people who travel on the wrong side of the yellow line . . . no doubt about it—she'll make a very sweet "school marm."

#### JOHN D. DOMER

"John"

Fancy Photographer

The financial affairs and the production of the Valistic were carried on smoothly, thanks to John . . . usually accompanied by a camera . . possesses an artistic flair which will help him attain his chief ambition in life—to be a professional photographer.

#### ANTHONY DONOFRIO

"Tony"

Baseball's Best

An import from Peabody in his freshman year . . . sports-minded and overlooked none of them—football, basketball, or baseball . . . Student Council two years . . . one of the Room 14 gang . . . that serious look is just a "front" . . . plans to attend college.

#### JANET E. DONOHUE

"Jan"

Talented Artist

Real sweet gal from Room 27 . . . ambition is to see the West . . loves miniature golf and good food . . . pet peeves are Monday morning tests and school on rainy days . . . after graduation, Jan hopes to hold down a daytime job and attend night school at Pitt.

#### BARBARA SUE EZZO

"Barb"

#### Hopeful Housewife

Learning the insides of a car is a favorite hobby . . bright-eyed and neat . . . can be found listening to music or dancing to it . . . pet peeve is tests on Monday morning . . . will exchange her cap and gown for an apron and rolling pin.

#### GEORGE W. FLOSS

"Floss"

Super Salesman

When we think of George, we think of a Chevvy, for they are always together . . . driving and working with cars are both tops with him . . . collecting match covers is a hobby . . . candy salesman . . . would like to attend college to study business.

#### VICTOR GALBRAITH

"Vic"

Clever Cartoonist

When you heard lots of laughter coming from Room 31, you could be sure Vic was drawing some crazy cartoons . . . listening to progressive jazz and teasing our Swiss Misses were two of his specialties . . . a good car-fixer and a future mechanic.

#### DONALD GALYA

"Don"

Kid in Khaki

Nice person to be with . . likes to stay up late but puts off getting up early the next morning . . . says that when he finishes school, he will have completed his mission . . . anticipates a friendly letter from Uncle Sam beginning "Greetings."

#### PATRICIA RUTH GENGE

A Doll !!!

Pretty Pat belongs to just about everything . . Choir, Y-Teens, SWISSVALIAN, Camera Club, Student Council, and senior class secretary . . . also had time to make our Prom Court a little lovelier . . . what a popular nurse she will make!

#### NANCY JEAN GRANATY

"Nanc"

Little One

A walking fashion plate . . . member of the Y-Teens . . likes "men" but not little boys . . . spends a lot of time writing letters . . . a friendly blonde . . . will make a good nurse or secretary, no matter which profession she chooses.

#### CAROL ANN GRIGG

"Carol"

Roving Reporter

Reporter for the Valistic for three years and a member of Y-Teens for two . . . also sang with the Glee Club while a junior . . . favorite sports are football and volleyball . . . dislikes weekend homework . . , someday will wear a white cap.

#### DONALD HADDLE

Stamp Collector

Among his special interests are swimming, driving his green car, and eating pizza pie . . . spends quite a lot of time with his hobby, collecting stamps . . . plans to become an apprentice at the Switch & Signal in preparation for a foreman's job.

#### MARY LOU HAINSEY

"Lou"

Good Game-Goer

An ardent fan of the football team and faithful supporter of our boys on the court also . . . thoroughly enjoys swimming and dancing but would never get up early for them . . . Y-Teens, Choir, and the Valistic kept her busy around school.

#### THOMAS HALL

"Tom-Tom"

**Booming Bass** 

An extra point? Sure, if Tom's kicking for it . . . a whiz on the basketball floor, too . . . one of "The Spaniels" in addition to contributing his talent to the Choir . . . slightly partial to the weaker sex . . . a job will occupy his time.





#### ELIZABETH HAMILTON

"Bette"

One Half

Is happy while dancing, skating, and especially when writing letters . . . one of a pair of two cute, blonde twins . . . takes pleasure in listening to popular music . . . no love for tests . . . secretarial work will occupy her time until becoming a housewife.

#### JANICE HAMILTON

"Jan"

The Other Half

One half of the only pair of "look-alikes" to wear the cap and gown this year . . . skilled in the pool, on the dance floor, and at the rink . . . stays clear of ill-tempered people . . . aspires to enter the business world by becoming part of the Switch.

#### JANET ANN HARTMAN

"Jan"

Joyous and Jubilant

Likes good-looking clothes, as you can tell . . lively and fun-loving . . . don't forget she likes to add to her pennant collection . . member of the Y-Teens and the Glee Club . . . hardly ever seen without "the gang" . . . aim—secretary for a handsome boss.

#### NANCY JEANNE HAUSER

"Nanc"

Dazzling Driver

A valuable part of the Valistic—co-editor . . . member of the Y-Teens also . . . added to the success of the Junior Class Play . . . fond of steak, french-fried shrimp, and listening to music . . . has a burning desire to see the world—after college.

#### MARLENE JOYCE HENNINGS

"Mar"

**Pretty Smile** 

One of the players on that winning team of Room 14's . . . has the hobby of collecting records and souvenirs . . . rhythm and blues music and swimming help to make her content . . . some local business school will enroll this pretty, dark haired girl.

#### LEE HERMANN

"Duke"

Super Sportster

Any outdoor sport will suit him . . . hunting and golfing are tops . . . a capella member . . . has a hobby which should help him in his future work—guns . . . plans to become a state policeman, and his motto: There will be no tickets taken back by me!!!

#### FRED HOCHHAUSER

"Fritz"

Car Crazy

THE AUTOMOBILE fills this lad's life completely . . collects automobile magazines . . . knows lots about the new cars . . our guess would be that his ambition is to own a Cadillac . . . must change his mind about rising early if he wants to be a business man.

#### DOLORES HORCHOLIC

"Dolly"

Room 6 Resident

A familiar sight in the Sun Drug Store . . . sang for the Choir, typed for the Valistic, and gave her support to the Y-Teens . . . can't pass up a good book or a new record . . . nice smile . . . Indiana is her goal for next year.

#### JAMES HULICK

"Jim"

Satirical Senior

"Hul" keeps himself busy playing football, basketball, and base-ball . . . is forever keeping Room 10 in stitches . . . finds dancing fun . . . spends some of his leisure tinkering with his car . . . hopes to find a good job—Westinghouse might be the answer.

#### PATRICIA LOU JAMISON

"Pat"

Sports Star

Terrific on the gym floor and a true sports-loving gal . . . active member of the Choir and Band . . . enjoys everything about school except that long, LONG morning walk from "Seventh Heaven" . . . a cheerful "Hi!" for everyone . . . a cute little phys ed teacher.

#### JANET LOUISE JOHNS

"Jan"

#### Rip-Roaring Rooter

Seen at most of the dances . . . one of our eager fans who cheered the boys to victory at the football and basketball games . . . junior member of the Y-Teens . . . never turns down anything to eat . . . can't give up the alarm clock yet—secretaries rise early!

#### HOWARD G. JOHNSON

"Corky"

Talented Tenor

A personality that's tops . . . always going to one meeting or another . . . terrific in basketball and football . . . being co-editor of the yearbook kept him busy . . . district choir . . . college in the fall to study chemistry or engineering.

#### **ELLEN SHIRLEY JOHNSON**

"Shirl"

Personality Plus

Terrific on the basketball and volleyball courts . . . likes to keep up on the latest happenings . . . hobbies are skating, dancing, and swimming . . . doesn't like noisy study halls—likes to get her work done right . . . plans to be a good secretary some day.

#### FRANK S. KALLAY

"Frank"

Happy Horn-Blower

Proudly wears SHS's blue and gold band uniform . . likes all kinds of sports . . . one of Mrs. Flannick's best bookkeepers . . . a whiz on the basketball court . . . a dependable yearbook salesman . . . hopes to go to business school to study accounting.

#### THERESA MARIE KALUP

"Terry"

Soft Spoken Lass

A pleasant word and a kind word always reminds us of Terry . . . dancing, swimming, and watching TV are several of her favorites . . . has a warm spot in her heart for G. C. Murphy . . . office work rates high . . . main ambition is to be a good secretary.

#### ELAINE S. KAZIMER

"Elaine"

Short and Sweet

One of our lovely Swiss Misses with a ring on her finger . . . a sweet Prom Queen attendant . . . spends her spare time at usual teen-age pastimes . . . always enjoys a good football or basket-ball game . . . ambition is to be a housewife.

#### KATHLEEN M. KENNELLY

"Kay"

Sweet Songbird

Showed her interest in music in the Glee Club and the Choir . . . one of Room 15's dependables in intramural sports . . . helped out in the Camera Club and Y-Teen activities . . . a future Florence Nightingale after studying at Duquesne University.

#### JOAN E. KOHLHAAS

"Jo"

Neat and Sweet

Her hobby showed up in the attractive posters and drawings around SHS . . . faithful to the band, Valistic, and Y-Teens . . . pretty long, dark hair . . . handy with the sewing machine . . . to be a home ec teacher, college will come next.

#### BARBARA ANN KOONTZ

"Barb"

Merry Majorette

A popular and pretty Swiss Miss who was made president of the Y-Teens . . . choir member for two years . . . reserves Wednesday and Saturday nights for dancing . . . enjoys playing the piano . . . a great help to Room 10's intramurals . . . a future school teacher.

#### RICHARD K. KOONTZ

"Ken"

Football Favorite

An outstanding leader . . . class president for two years . . . member of Student Council for three years . . . all 'round sports star . . . likes to join the rest of the football team at the dances . . . has a soft spot for women . . . college will get this athlete next.





#### JOAN MARIE KRAWCZYK

"Joan"

Vivacious

Main activities were Glee Club and Y-Teens . . . did a good job in "Our Miss Brooks" . . . a Valistic typist . . . finds it hard to get up in the morning . . . usually seen with her many friends . . . plans for the future include being a secretary.

#### MARY LOU KRIVJANIK

"Toody"

Fair Haired Femme

On her list of hobbies, we find a circle around dancing and swimming . . . a special like in school is gym class . . . can be heard saying that POD tests are a big problem . . . next on her agenda is business school, followed by housekeeping.

#### MARY PATRICIA LAFFEY

"Patty"

Y-Teen Sweetheart

Dashing from a Candy Corporation meeting to Y-Teens, then on to a Valistic or SWISSVALIAN assignment—it's amazing she has time to fit in Bowling Club and the Glee Club . . . nice clothes and cars catch her eye . . , ambition—to get married someday.

#### JOSEPH LAMBERTI

"Joey"

Riotous "Ricardo"

Responsible for many of the crazy times had in Room 14 . . . football, baseball, and intramural games rounded out his sports life . . . smooth dancer . . . captain of the ''hall patrol'' . . . a star in ''I Love Lucy'' . . . plans to answer Uncle Sam's call.

#### DAVID LEWIS

"Dave"

Safe "Road Saint"

Is often on hand to cheer his favorite car (No. 32) at the stock car races on to victory . . . would much rather put an old car together than spend 45 minutes in Room 31 . . . may someday be styling our new cars . . . is the Air Force next?

#### DAVID EUGENE LUDWIG

"Luddy"

Popular at the Piano

Is always willing to sit down and "beat out" a few numbers . . . played for the Dance Band and was a member of the Stage Crew and Camera Club . . his voice was frequently heard over the intercom . . . we may someday hear a dance band of Luddy's.

#### EVA ANNE LUDWIG

"Eve"

Musically Minded

Playing, making, or listening to music will make Eve happy . . . naturally she was a member of several music organizations—both the marching and dance bands . . . as an outside interest she likes to raise flowers . . . you guessed it—a future music instructor!

#### FLORENCE LYNCH

"Flo"

A Live Wire

A crazy, CRAZY kid (and how Room 8 loved it!) . . . never let it be said that Flo was a wet blanket . . . a loyal supporter of the football and basketball teams . . . Y-Teen member . . . a long and attractive pony-tail . . . fixing milady's locks is the business she plans to enter.

#### BERNARD V. MADYDA

"Bern"

Call Me "Sailor"

Special interests were the Chess Club, of which he was president and treasurer, and the Bowling and Camera Clubs . . . an able sports writer for the SWISSVALIAN . . . one of the 5th period singers . . . plans to join the Navy and be a world traveler.

#### MARY MARIANI

"Mary"

Comptometer Kid

Loads of fun to be with . . . has personality to burn . . . likes dancing and skating . . . thinks football is the greatest . . . doesn't exactly appreciate getting up early, but will have to grin and bear it when she starts to work as a comptometer operator.

#### SARA JEAN MARTIN

"Sara"

Cute and Cheerful

Wonderful personality . . . likes to dance, bowl, and above all, loaf . . . one of those rare persons who has no dislikes . . . enjoys writing letters . . . hopes to attend business school . . . will make some boss a sweet, willing, and able secretary.

#### CHARLES MARTONI

"Charlie"

Hefty He-Man

Tall, dark, and handsome is this Mr. America of SHS . . . his fine performances on the football field belied his nickname—"The Slowest" . . . an all 'round sportster who likes to eat and sleep, too . . . accomplished weight-lifter and tumbler.

#### SANDRA MATTERN

"Sandy"

Nice to Know

One of our sweetest and friendliest . . . many activities included band, Valistic, Y-Teens, and class plays . . . a radio and southern fried chicken fan . . . really enjoys writing letters (a good girl to know!) . . . will represent SHS at Pitt next year.

#### WESLEY R. MAUST

"Wes"

Full of Fun

Lively and comical . . . plans to be in Uncle Sam's Air Force next year . . . favorite hobbies are swimming and talking to the girls . . . hopes to be an engineer someday . . . vows to be a bachelor . . . will miss Room 8 and its activities.

#### **GUYTON ANTHONY MAZELLA**

"Chico"

**Happy Hunter** 

Would like someday to retire a millionaire . . . enjoys hunting and fishing . . . dreams that maybe the Army will forget him . . . avoids women drivers . . . kept Room 8 very much alive . . . plans to work as a butcher next year.

#### RICHARD McAFOOSE

"Mac"

Popular Prexy

Quite well known for his "straight-faced" humor . . . active in football and basketball, plus being business manager of the SWISS-VALIAN . . . truly enjoys taking pictures (especially when they're of sports and girls) . . . senior class president.

#### JOYCE MARGARET McALLISTER

"Jovce"

Pretty and Popular

Broken test tubes are nothing new to this Prom Court attendant . . . three year member of the Choir . . . all 'round club member—belongs to almost everything . . . likes to play the piano . . . enjoys football games . . . hopes someday to be an airline hostess.

#### PATRICK JAMES McCONNELL

"Flip"

Funny Fellow

A familiar sight driving around town in Grana's truck . . . is slightly happier when in the company of girls . . . does a lot of swimming and dancing . . well known in Room 14 . . . spent Monday after school at the bowling alleys . . . next, the Marines.

#### ROBERT McCRACKEN

"Cracko"

Jolly Jester

Witty, good-natured, and good looking well describe our boy Cracko . . . one of our hard-hitting but unglorified linemen on the field . . . banana splits are for him . . . tall, dark, and handsome . . . hopes to study criminology at a large college.

#### MERCEDES McMICHAEL

"Ce-Ce"

Witty and Winsome

Could be depended upon to take an active part in intramurals . . . a member of Y-Teens and the Camera Club . . . doesn't appreciate underclassmen leaving assembly first . . . a good hair stylist, who should have quite a business as a beautician.





#### RAY McNEMAR

"Mac"

Mad Musician

One of our lucky seniors, who was able to wear a new band uniform this year . . . also uses his musical talent in the Choir . . frequently seen driving around town and to all the sports events . . . blond and handsome . . . need a carpenter? Call Ray.

#### ELIZABETH L. McQUADE

"Betty"

Mischievous Miss

Better known as "Mr. George's buddy" . . . remembered for her serious (?) comedy . . . Y-Teens and Camera Club . . white bucks, green cars, and Jeff Chandler simply send her . . attractive dresser . . wouldn't you like to be in Betty's classes when she's a teacher?

#### KATHLEEN McTIERNAN

"Kay"

Likeable Lass

Can enjoy either a good book or perhaps a badminton game when she's not busy with the Y-Teens or the Candy Corporation . . . ping-pong, swimming, and Scrabble . . . energetic and reliable . . . to become a private secretary, business school will be next.

#### LAWRENCE E. MULKERIN

"Larry"

Serious Student

A big asset to Room 27 . . . ardent member of the Chess Club . . terrific in the junior and senior class plays . . . admires people who know how to enjoy life . . . two main interests in school were football and intramurals . . . ambition—law or engineering.

#### PAUL NELSON

"Sam"

Reckless Red

For laughs or a good joke, just go to Paul . . . basketball, football, and cars are tops in his book . . . his great humor will be sadly missed by Room 26 . . . Choir . . . speaks his own brand of German . . . TV and radar at Westinghouse is the work for him!

#### BERTRAM NEMITZ

"Bert"

Long-Term Leader

Occupied the presidency of Student Council, Chess Club, and his homeroom . . . still had time to work on the SWISSVALIAN and take part in the Bowling Club and senior play . . well-known and well-liked . . . college and a career as a foreign diplomat.

#### NANCY NEWMAN

"Fuzzy"

Chic Chick

Y-Teens, Glee Club, and Valistic were Nancy's favorite activities in school . . . will always remember German class . . . if she were a teacher, there would be no homework on week ends . . . aims to enter college and later become a dietitian.

#### MURDO NEWTON

"Scotty"

Boy with a Bagpipe

Music and vacation rate high—tests and homework don't rate at all . . an expert on the drums and bagpipe . . pleasant to everyone . . next year will find him serving his country with the U. S. Army . . following this, he hopes to become an electrician.

#### MARY LOUISE NOWAK

"Mary Lou"

Avid Artist

Could draw and listen to rhythm and blues records all day long . . activities in school included Y-Teens and the Camera Club . . . happy in the pool and on the dance floor as well as at home collecting souvenirs . . . a future commercial artist.

#### NORMAN NYBERG

"Norm"

Happy Hot-Rodder

Faithful member of the band for four years . . . distrusts women, not only driving but walking in traffic, too! . . driving, tearing apart, or putting together cars keep this lad content . . . the U. S. Marines will have his company next.

#### MARY LOU ONDERICK

"Lou"

#### **Peppy Personality**

Look for her at the football and basketball games and you'll see lots of pep and real school spirit . . . Glee Club, Y-Teens, Bowling Club, and intramural games . . . has been rumored that she is the "mouth of Room 14" . . . will join the career gals.

#### MARY PACE

"Mare"

Able Actress

One of our lovely stars in the junior class play of '53 . . . will be remembered for her portrayal of the Brooklyn girl . . . a Y-Teener . . . always laughing or making someone else laugh . . . plans to return to regular classes at the Pittsburgh Playhouse.

#### ANGELINE MARIE PALMIERO

"Ange"

Pert Pony-Tail

A bright smile over the glass cases at the Pastry Pantry . . . goes for intramural sports, especially basketball and volleyball . . . "Oh, how I hate to get up in the morning" is her theme song . . flying fingers over the comptometer keys.

#### JULIA ANN PERLA

"Judy"

Accomplished Artist

A peppy lass who spends most of her time sketching and drawing those beautiful posters for SHS . . . dancing, skating, and music are on the top of her "like list" . . . a good worker at B & K's . . . Y-Teens . . . hopes to be a commercial artist.

#### CHARLES O. PETERSON

"Moe"

Big and Brainy

Never a dull moment when Moe's around . . . one of the tallest boys in school . . . a speed demon on the typewriter . . . enjoys "cutting it up" on the dance floor . . . to make a million or two is his ambition, but first—his service hitch.

#### PAUL PLANINICH

"Peter Paul"

Cool Color Guard

Cars and hot-rods are his specialty . . an active member of the "Road Saints," proudly wearing their jacket . . . working at Grana's suits him fine, because he just loves to eat . . . after enlisting in the voluntary draft, plans to become a machinist.

#### ROBERTA PRENTICE

"Bobbie"

Sweet Seamstress

Here's a gal with a hobby that should pay off some day—making money! . . . for relaxation, enjoys swimming and listening to the radio . . . a friendly, pleasant girl to know . . . hopes to be saying "Number, please" to old and new friends.

#### THOMAS EDWARD RAMSEY

"The Ram"

Special in Sports

One of the reasons why SHS's football team was so great . . . always played a game with his whole heart in it . . . hated to be a loser, and tried not to be one . . . basketball, Choir, and Varsity Club . . . enjoys travel and cars . . . the Army looms ahead.

#### DAVID RAVELLA

"Dave"

Crazy Chemist

A REAL expert on the trombone (plays in student concerts with the Pittsburgh Symphony) . . . Chess Club and band . . . a regular on the Honor Roll . . . cars and girls . . . plans to attend Pitt in preparation for a career as a doctor.

#### NANCY M. RAYBOULD

"Nanc"

Football Fan

Is going to make a pretty freshie at Pitt next year . . . keeps busy at SMS with the Y-Teens and Camera Club . . . goes all out for swimming, dancing, and skating . . . likes to be around people at all times . . . has an aversion for big black notebooks!





#### NANCIE JEAN REDSHAW

Skillful Skater

A member of the Glee Club, Y-Teens, and Camera Club . . . long-haired lass . . . frequently seen at the skating rink . . . played on the intramural teams, too . . . has an ambition to become a professional skater, then a homemaker.

#### ALICE REYNOLDS

"Ally"

Lots of Steam

And full of bounce when leading cheers . . . kept Y-Teens, Student Council, Bowling Club, and the Choir lively . . . a photographer's delight . . . added her loveliness to the Prom Court . . . dancing and ice skating . . . someday soon will be a pert receptionist.

#### RUTH ROE

**Budding Biologist** 

A pleasant disposition and warm smile . . relishes pizza and football . . . participant in the Camera Club, Y-Teens, and Choir . . one of Miss Sutter's No. 1 typists . . . avoids work of any kind . . . has in view college to become a biologist.

#### JOHN SCOTT

"Scotty"

Great Gardener

Another of those poor souls who made the long climb up "the hill"... likes to use his spare time working as a gardener... an able manager for the football team and a member of the band... wants to be a millionaire through business investments.

#### **ELLEN SENKA**

"Ellen"

Petite and Sweet

Would prefer a life that didn't include homework and exams... but plenty of dancing and clothes would suit her to a T... has an interesting hobby—collecting miniature dolls... ever hear her reading shorthand with the girls in Room 8?

#### SANDRA SHOGREN

"Sandy"

**Unmatched for Personality** 

Junior and Senior class plays, Y-Teens, SWISSVALIAN co-editor, Valistic, Choir, and band kept Sandy running around . . . hobbies include dramatics and art . . . specials include pretty clothes, traveling, and modern art . . . college and a successful career.

#### JOHN SMITH

Popular Boy

Thinks eating is just great but doesn't want to get fat . . . probably won't, as he likes swimming and archery . . . can always sit down and read a good book . . . wonderful personality and smile . . . has been promoted to PFC in the reserves—will join the reg-

#### NINA GRACE SMITH

"Nin"

Top Typist

Graced with pretty blonde hair and a neat appearance . . Y-Teens, Choir, Bowling Club, and Valistic . . . plays for that homeroom of stars—14 . . . one of the more active vocalizers at the pep meetings . . . Pinkerton's will help make her the private secretary she wants to be.

#### RICHARD LEE SMITH

"Smitty"

Running Richard

Fastest boy on the football field . . . member of the Varsity Club . . . says he likes sleeping, food, and women . . . could dance for hours, but wouldn't spend a few minutes on math . . . will be wearing the traditional khaki for Uncle Sam before long.

#### RUSSELL W. SPANGLER

"Rusty"

Flickering Flick

Could always enjoy a good game of football or basketball . . . was a good bet for homeroom intramural sports . . . has a good ear for his friends' troubles . . . a good education is next in line—then he hopes to sit back and let the money pour in.

#### JOHN STAROSKY

"Burr"

Best in Bowling

When we think of trials and juries, we'll always remember Jack is he pleaded "not guilty" in the business law class play . . . irls, food, and cars . . member of the Bowling Club . . . a "Cadillac Daddy" when he gets to be a steam-fitter.

#### DOROTHY SULLIVAN

"Dot"

Terrific Bowler

Loads of personality . . . cuts a real cute figure on the dance floor . . . like any average person, Dot likes to eat . . . listening to records provides relaxation during her spare time . . . for a glamorous hairdo, visit Dot's shop when she becomes a beautician.

#### ROBERT V. TAMMARIELLO

"Tammy"

A Wonderful Guy

President of the Choir—has a fine voice, too . . . a great asset to our football team . . . sophomore class treasurer . . . kept busy in Student Council and Varsity Club . . . a good citizen . . . a handsome aviator, but first you'll see him on some college campus.

#### ROBERT E. TEMPLE

"Bob"

Car Crazy

One of our most avid outdoor fans . . . is much happier when in the woods hunting or beside a stream, fishing . . . has an interest in photography . . . frequently seen behind the wheel, going to and fro . . . college is a possibility for the future.

#### JOANNE MIRIAM THOM

"Joan"

Steady and Reliable

Valistic staff . . . Y-Teens . . . has an extreme dislike for those early Monday morning tests . . . a favorite hobby is collecting pennies . . . favors Fridays and having a good time . . . ambitious to become a future secretary.

#### ROBERT THOMPSON

"Bubs"

Tycoon Type

One of the Candy Corporation tycoons . . . plays a cool clarinet in the band . . . along with the other boys, he likes girls, money, cars, and vacations . . . doesn't trust women drivers, in spite of the statistics . . . call Bob for future plumbing troubles.

#### WILLA JANE TROUT

"Willa"

**Red Haired Riot** 

A wonderful disposition . . . happy member of the Y-Teens . . . enjoyed two years with the Glee Club and the Valistic staff . . . added her enthusiasm to the cheering section at every game . . . likes to get behind the wheel and in the water . . . a future secretary.

#### SIDNEY A. URAM

"Tiger"

Chess Champ

At lunch time, you could usually find Sid playing chess in Room 7 . . . naturally a member of the Chess Club . . . a really efficient manager of the baseball and basketball teams . . . likes girls, cars, and lab work . . . W & J next year; then comes medical school.

#### PATRICIA UREY

Light Haired Lovely

Bowling Club, Glee Club, and the Valistic filled in any extra time . . . has one complaint about SHS—hot water in the fountains . . . played on Room 14's winning intramural team . . . is waiting to hear those wedding bells chime—for her.

#### **ELIZABETH VACCARO**

"Betty"

Our Beautiful Queen

Not only our head majorette, but our lovely Prom Queen, too . . . active in Y-Teens, Valistic, Glee Club, and on the SWISSVALIAN . . . pretty, with personality . . . enjoys most music but not the sound of the late bell . . . some business office will be lucky.





#### VELMA VIRGINIA VEITH

"Dolly"

Full of Fun

Never a dull moment when she's at hand . . . those many clever drawings in the Valistic were due to the talent of the art editor—Dolly . . . essential member of the Y-Teens and Camera Club . . . work, to earn travel money so she can visit all forty-eight states.

#### JOSEPH B. VELTRE

"Bart"

Ace in Activities

Student Council, Valistic, Choir, Bowling Club president and junior class treasurer . . . hobbies are singing (a good bass voice) and dancing (this boy can really GO) . . . ready with a helping hand . . . hopes that college will be next on his agenda.

#### BARBARA VENTURINI

"Barb"

Lots of Pep!

"Lots of Steam!" too . . . one of our peppy cheerleaders . . . pleasing to the eye and well-known for her long hair . . loves ballet dancing . . . a good conversationalist, who hopes to study journalism in some lucky college . . . will she be another Dorothy

#### DOLORES WALENDZIEWICZ

"Lolo"

Tireless Talker

One of those members of Room 8 who enjoyed chit-chatting with her friends . . . really smooth on the dance floor . . . slim and blonde . . . ought to make a good housekeeper after all those trips to home ec . . . plans to work following graduation.

#### LINDA LEE WALKER

Soon a Secretary

Dancing and swimming head the list of this future secretary's hobbies . . . always held her own in those lively conversations . . . likes just about everything in school . . . plans to take up some line of office work—probably secretarial—in business school.

#### KATHLEEN WEBB

"Kathy"

Pert Pianist

A familiar sight in the band, with her trusty horn . . . music of any kind rates high with Kathy . . . walks the long road to the Square . . . an expert on the gym floor . . . came back to Swissvale from Little Rock . . . next year will be college and after that,

#### BERNICE JEAN WEISS

Aquabelle

Always has a friendly "hello" . . . active member of the Y-Teens . . like most people, Bern enjoys good food . . . loves water sports, such as boating, swimming, and diving . . . a very neat dresser . . will make an efficient secretary, judging from her Valistic work.

#### JOHN DENNIS WHALEN

Dennis the Menace

Can be found around the vicinity of Room 27 . . active in the intramural games . . . hobby is keeping the car running . . . especially likes girls . . one of our taller seniors . . . hopes to be wearing bell bottomed trousers and swabbing the deck one of these days.

#### HARRIET JEAN WILLIAMS

**Devoted Dancer** 

One of our lively cheerleaders . . . made the trip over to the Star Bowling Alleys every Monday night after school . . . likes to avoid "Sunday drivers" . . . quite enjoys the habit of eating . . an accomplished dancer, who hopes to continue and become a professional.

#### BETTY LOU WRIGHT

"Betty Lou"

Possesses lots of vim, vigor, and vitality . . . a Y-Teener, Choir member, Camera Clubber, and receptionist . . . remembered for her role in "Our Miss Brooks" . . . a very fair and attractive blonde . . . will attend business school with the idea of becoming a private secretary.

#### JOHN ZELEN

"Jack"

**Bouncing Bowler** 

A faithful member of the Bowling Club, who dislikes those underclassmen dashing out of assembly before the seniors . . . makes lots of noise at pep meetings . . . hobby—stamp collecting . . . custom made cars are his great love . . . aims to be a super auto mechanic.

#### EDWIN J. ZINMAN

"Eddie"

Nose for News

Can often be seen peering anxiously into the Valistic box, awaiting news stories . . . active in the Camera Club and Chess Club . . . claims an interest in achieving prestige, honor, and acclaim . . . as a step in that direction plans to attend Pitt next fall.

Members of the Class of '55 not pictured: STEVE BLAZINA KATHLEEN KOPFER (Transferred from Allentown, Pa.) JOSEPH MAZZONI





Class treasurer Bob Tammar-iello; president Dick McAfoose; secretary Pat Genge; vice-president Ken Koontz.





CLASS OF '56

Tom Fulton, Jovonna Cimino, Danny Scott, Georgia Simko.

Next to the senior year, the junior year is surely the happiest! No cloud of gloom darkens the faces of juniors, because they know they still have a whole year to enjoy in school. Looking back on the many exciting events of the year, a few dates stand out prominently.

August 31—this was the first day of school, and the happy faces of Karlin Clinger, Janet Reid, and Jerry Jackson showed how glad they were to be back.

After all, what is there to do in the summer?

October was the month of elections, and the Class of '56 proved their good sense by electing a girl, Jovonna Cimino, as president, Tom "Troubles" Fulton as vice-president, Georgia Simko as secretary, and Danny Scott as treasurer.

November was a busy month for Gene Kane, Margie Adams, Pat Ferrence and others, for on the night of November 19 they made their shining debut on stage in the class comedy, "My Little Margie." And Thanksgiving came so fast that it caught Lyn Koontz, Howdy Hoffman, and Madeline Klaus without a turkey!

In December, the thought of Christmas set Joann Chadwick and the Slantz twins to worrying about their Christmas lists. Then came January and February, which crept slowly by, unrelieved by final exams. But then, at last, came March, when an enthusiastic junior class began preparations for their top social event-the Prom.

April 29—At last! It is the evening of the Prom, with its theme of "Moonlight and Roses" and everyone dressed in his best and looking so attractive. The big question of the evening, "Who will be Queen?" kept all the guests in a dither.

This was an evening we would like to prolong!

With the coming of May, the Class of '56 began to realize that it was not long for this world. We had tried our best to make history; it will be concluded next year.

Charles Jadot Marwin Rubenstein Pat Harencame **Patty Roberts** Jean Slantz Matt McKim





Marjorie Adams Donna Alexander James Amtower Drew Anderson Anita Andrechak Audrey Artem Ed Augusty

Tom Baine
Anthony Barbarino
Geraldine Barry
Rosemarie Bavolar
Sam Begg
Carole Beninati
Eleanor Bodner

Joseph Brattina
Florence Butler
Louis Byers
Larry Camberg
Audrey Capezzuto
Joseph Capezzuto
Jimmy Carson

Georgetta Catone Michael Cencarik Joann Chadwick Dorothy Charnick Tom Clawson Karlin Clinger Jovonna Cimino

Joe Colondre
William Cottom
Albert Cramer
Cosimo Cravotta
Cynthia Crawford
Gary Daniels
Carol Deller

Eileen Denny Vince Desimone Rosemarie DiChiera Carole Donnelly Alice Doyle Mary Dravecky Robert Dreistadt

Barbara Dufalla Sue Dunay Eileen Early Dolores Evanchec Carol Farkas Pat Ferrence Dolores Fletcher

Philomena Flotta Joan Forgione Marlene Frank Tom Fulton Fred Glasgow Bill Glenn Don Good

Herman Goubeaud Gary Haberle Gilbert Harris Jane Hartzfeld Marian Havranek Howard Hoffman Mary Ann Holley

Phyllis Hotujec Jerome Jackson James Jenkins Francis Johns Cecelia Jones Marie Jones Jerry Jones

Ken Jones Judy Joyce Gene Kane Terry Kelley Tom Kelly Noreen Kennelly Madeline Klaus Mary Lyn Koontz Mary Jo Koontz Dick Lanyi Lou Lanyi Marlene Lichka Beverly Locke Bob Lucas Carol Lucas
Edward Lynch
Dick Martin
Don Maury
Frances McAllister
Bob McCollam
Don McCool Thomas McCormick Sally McGregor Jack McKibben Patricia McTiernan Judy McWilliams Nadine Miller Bob Millslagle Raymond Miriello Audrey Mittendorfer Pat Murray Ruth Nash Rita Needham Arlene Pagano Joseph Palmiero Ellery Panaia
Evelyn Pennington
Gloria Preisach
Janet Reid
Thomas Ribich
Kathy Ritmanich
Pat Robinson Sam Rocco Allan Roth Lewis Ruth Richard Sadvary Lee Emma Schalles Ron Scharbo Lucille Scolata Danny Scott
Marlene Seman
Georgia Simko
Joan Slantz
Geraldine Slattery
Bob Sliva
Lovey Snell Shirley Sposit
Joan Steele
Merelene Stein
Stephanie Stone
Augie Tammariello
Larry Tancraitor
Dick Taylor Joe Valko Marion Venturella Rosalie Vergona Gertie Wahl Ed Wemm Bob Whalen Jimmy White

George Whitehead Barbara Lee Williams Theresa Winer Janet Wolfe Joseph Zagorac

## HONOR ROLL

Seniors listed below have maintained an average of 90 or better for their four years in high school. The underclassmen have achieved an average of 90 or better for the first 24 weeks of school, with no grade below 85. These are representative, all 'round students, whose leadership and citizenship are of a high order.

#### **SENIORS**

EARL BENNER

VIRGINIA CALDWELL

MILDRED DETURK

NANCY HAUSER

DOLORES HORCHOLIC

HOWARD JOHNSON

BARBARA KOONTZ

EVA LUDWIG

SANDRA MATTERN

†LAWRENCE MULKERIN

BERT. NEMITZ

‡DAVID RAVELLA

SANDRA SHOGREN

NINA SMITH

ROBERT THOMPSON

EDWIN ZINMAN

#### **JUNIORS**

MARJORIE ADAMS PHILOMENA FLOTTA KATHERINE JOYCE ARLENE PAGANO STEPHANIE STONE

#### **SOPHOMORES**

JOSEPH COLAGUORI
FRANK HABIC
RUTH LUDWIG
AUDREY MILLER
NICK MORAYTIS
KATHY RADAKOVIC
NANCY RAYNOR
PAUL SCHULTZ
ARDEN SCHWEINBERG
WILLIAM SHORTZ
NANCY SIMONELLI
MICHAEL VALKO
MARTHA WAHL
CAROL WHALEN
JAMES ZETWO

‡Valedictorian

+Salutatorian

## CLASS OF '57



Ardy Schweinberg, Pat Wollerton, Connie Koval, Franny Conti.

Never could have been found a more nervous bunch of sophomores than the ones who started high school in September of 1954! But before long we lost our jitters and began to fit into the routine. The first big lesson was learning how a pass slip works (and even harder—how to get one) and the second, getting used to hearing ourselves called "zombie."

This year's sophomores have entered all the activities the school has to offer—sports, publications, parties, and politics. Franny Conti, Larry Olinger, Ruthie Ludwig, John De-Lucia, Bucky Norris and Ardy Schweinberg, competed, by way of campaign speeches, for the office of president, with Franny coming up the winner. (He still hasn't gotten us the elevators he promised). Ardy Schweinberg was elected vice-president, Pat Wollerton, treasurer, and Connie Koval, secretary.

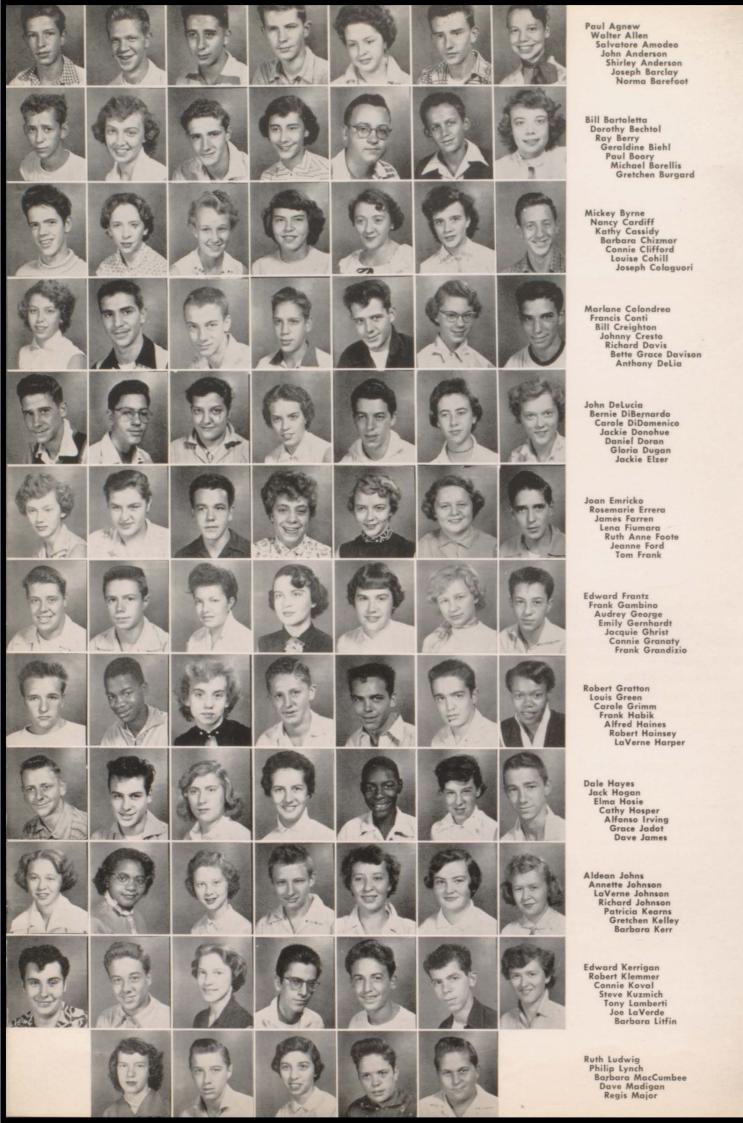
The sophs produced by far the best support for the Honor Roll. When the Class of '57 graduates, the colleges had better be prepared to hand out plenty of scholarships to these Einsteins.

The Soph Hop was a gay affair, with beautiful Fall decorations which caused many blisters on our well-worked fingers. Almost professional entertainment was provided by Gretchen Paff, Dot Bechtol, Nancy Simonelli, Barbara Nemitz, Noreen Whalen, Carol Grimm, Joan Spangler, with Ardy Schweinberg as emcee.

To the football team we contributed Franny Conti, Tony Lamberti, Louis Green, Al Reid, Bernie DiBernardo, Bob Klemmer, Bucky Norris, Dave McGough, and letterman—Bill Creighton. In the JV games, Franny, Dave and Bill were steadies.

We zombies also contributed to Open House, with Aldean Johns, Sally Wonders, Gretchen Kelley, Joe Colaguori, and John Anderson taking parts in showing a typical school day.

We are proud that our advisers seem to feel that the Class of '57 is an up and coming one, and we'll do our best to keep them thinking so.

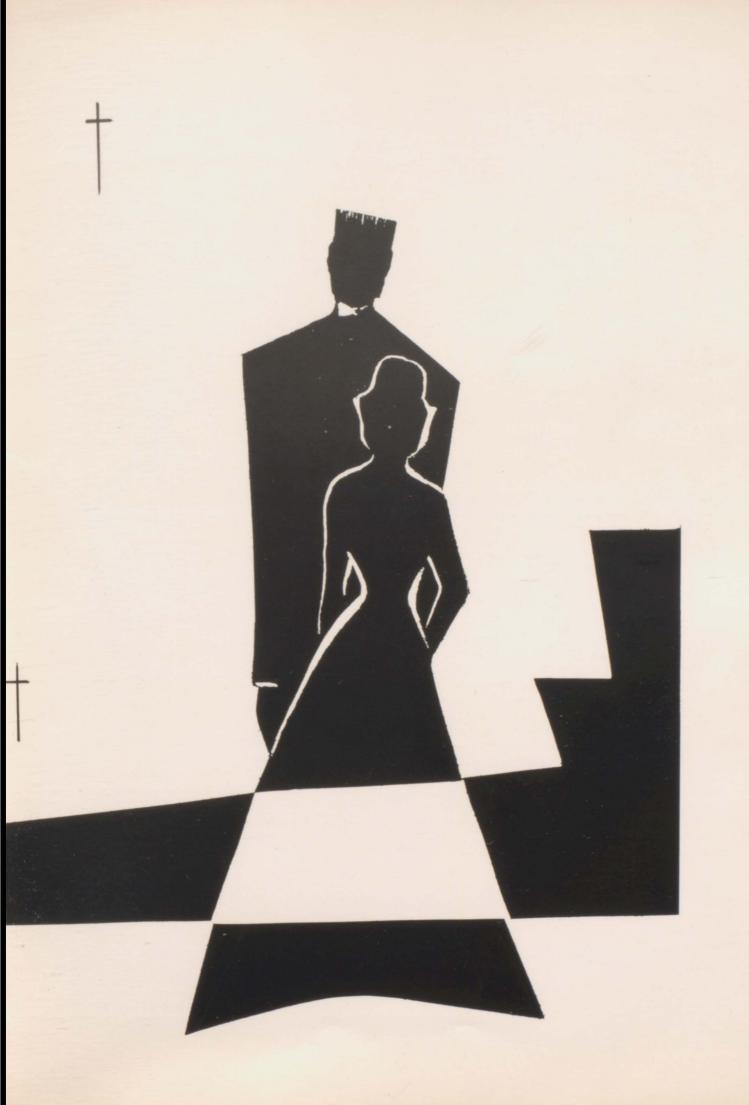


Joe Malley John Martoni Sam Maury Norma McCollough Chuck McConville Dave McGough Willard McKay Liz McKim Millie McMichael Barbara McTiernan Rita McTiernan John Mehalik Kirk Metzger Joanne Miele Audrey Miller Tom Mooney Nick Moraytis Carol Morrissey Linda Murray Barbara Nemitz Bucky Norris Charles O'Connor Terry O'Connor John O'Donnell Jean O'Grady Larry Olinger John Osley Gretchen Paff Mary Pane
Madeline Paris
Mary L. Pascarella
Vince Pascarella
Peggy Pollard
Carol Prentice
Nancy Price Don Protheroe Kathryn Radakovic Josephine Radelja Georgia Ratica Nancy Raynor Al Reid Mary Louise Renkes Marie Russo Thomas Scanio David Schmidt Paul Schultz Arden Schweinberg Kenneth Scott Howard Seitz Peggy Shedlock Virginia Shogan William Shortz Nancy Simonelli Robert Sivack John Smith Robert Smith Jim Smolinski Joan Spangler William Stanton John Sullivan Joan Thompson Bill Thompson Carol Tomasic Michael Tomino Nick Tomko Glenn Topping Mike Toth Michael Valko Martha Wahl John Walsh Shirley Wardrope Jean Waters Henry Weber Robert Weber Carol Whalen Noreen Whalen Barbara Williams

Sally Wonders
Frank Wollerton
Patricia Wollerton
Pat Woods
Charlotte Zaccari
James Zetwo

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Seated around table: Connie Koval, Noreen Whalen, Jovonna Cimino, Frances McAllister, Nancy Price, Sandra Mattern, Bert Nemitz, Pat Genge, Ruth Ludwig, Audrey Miller. Standing: Anthony Barbarino, Bucky Norris, Ronnie Scharbo, Tom Fulton, Franny Conti, Dick McAfoose, Corky Johnson, Bob Tammariello, Ken Koontz, Joe Veltre, Ally Reynolds, Ardy Schweinberg.

Every Monday morning all the members of Student Council met in Room 19 to discuss matters pertaining to the student body. "The meeting will please come to order; the secretary will read the minutes of the last meeting." How many times has Bert Nemitz, president of Student Council, repeated these words! Of course vice-president, Ken Koontz, was also present to lend a hand. Then Pat Genge, secretary, read the minutes, and treasurer Joe Veltre gave his report on the financial situation.

Student Council is made up of a representative from each homeroom and school organization. Each member does his part and this close cooperation is what makes Student Council such a smooth running organization.

This group is responsible for many of the activities in SHS. One of the most popular of these is the dances, especially the Victory Dance at the close of the football season. They also take charge of the intramural games and hold the basketball finals in the Dickson gym. To top off the year, they arrange Senior Day, perhaps the most looked-forward-to day of the year.

None of this could be possible without Mr. Toth, who was always willing to give his time and aid.

## **QUILL** and **SCROLL**



Ed Zinman, Sandra Shogren, Jim Craig.

This trio, honorary members of the International Society of Quill and Scroll, represent a high degree of journalistic endeavor and loyalty to Swissvale High's publications. Jim, as feature editor of the Valistic, and Ed, as news editor, kept up a high standard of work all the time they were associated with the paper. Jim also assisted in the literary portion of the yearbook.

Sandy, whose second home was Room 6, brought her original touch and her dependability to the editing of the 1955 SWISS-VALIAN.

Mrs. Rita Schmitt, Valistic sponsor, and Miss Elizabeth Jacobs, adviser to the SWISSVALIAN, sponsored the Jane Grey Swisshelm chapter of Quill and Scroll.



#### HONOR AWARDS

Kathleen Kopfer, a newcomer from Allentown, fitted right in with the Class of 1955 here at SHS. Kathy is pointing to two recently added plaques, one of which will record the names of the valedictorian and salutatorian of classes beginning with 1950. The other will record the winners of the Rotary Club award, instituted this year and presented to the senior who is rated tops in citizenship. A Golden Anniversary project of the local Rotarians, this award carries with it a twenty-five dollar U. S. Savings Bond.



Sandy and Corky seated comfortably in the library. Could they be searching for new layout ideas?

#### **SWISSVALIAN**

This year's SWISSVALIAN was made possible by the business staff, who carefully watched the money and tried to str-e-t-ch it, plus the editorial staff, who wrote many of the writeups you are reading now.

Hours of work, patience, and frustration were put into these 84 pages. Not only physical activity was exerted but mental effort, too! To understand how the book was put together, we shall go back to an evening after school, to the one and only home of the yearbook—Room 6.

"Ooooh! I cut her elbow off!" "Which doggone twin is it—Lyn or Jo?" Then things would run along smoothly for awhile until some of the senior writeups would disappear. A ghost? A goblin? A thief? No, just hidden under a pile of debris on the counter. Great! The writeups found, now we can really get moving. Uh-oh! What's this? Several extra pages! In the beginning, every inch of space was accounted for, and now we find four extra pages. How could that possibly be? (Someone doesn't know that 5 comes after 4).

Now we move over to the desk and the accounts. What? Two hundred dollars in debt! Impossible—couldn't be—but it is true. En-

gravings, printing, and covers—all this adds up, and not much income. Now, the problem is: how to raise that money!! Selling pencils? Hocking used Valistics? No—there is another way. Patrons.

Such goings-on continued into the wee hours, and after much laughing, lots of grueling labor, and perhaps a few snacks, the weary workers would leave.

So endeth another working day, and two more pages finished, a little closer to the goal—the finished yearbook!



Mr. F. S. Huot of the Kopp Glass Co. signs on the dotted line as business manager Dick McAfoose looks on approvingly.





Top—Seated: Kathi Collins, Joyce McAllister, Barb Venturini, Pat Laffey. Standing: Joan Krawczyk, Sandy Mattern, Nancy Dickson, Bernie Madyda, Janet Donohue, Nancy Dannels.

Lower—Seated: Barb Koontz, Toni Badali, Pat Genge, Betty Vaccaro. Standing: Jim Craig, Bert Nemitz.



Upper left—Seated: Pat Harencame, Sandy Mattern, Madeline Klaus, Yvonne Brugh.

Standing: Marie Jones, Mary Lou Hainsey, Carol Grigg, Ginny Caldwell, Tom Clawson, Sue Dunay.

Left Center: Billie DeTurk, Dorothy Charnick, Joe Capezzuto.
Lower Left—Kneeling: Ruth Anne Foote, Shirley Wardrope,
Sally McGregor, Marlene Frank, Rose DeChiera, Barbara Lee
Williams, Madeline Paris, Josephine Radelja, Sally Wonders.
Seated: Shirley Sposit, Georgia Ratica, Linda Murray, Jackie
Elzer, Ruthie Ludwig, Connie Koval, Arlene Pagano, Eleanor
Bodner, Donna Alexander.

Standing: Nancy Raynor, Jackie Donohue, Bette Grace Davison, Nancy Price, Jacquie Ghrist, Mary Lou Nowak, Marion Havranek, Pat Robinson, Georgetta Catone, Rita McTiernan, Cathy Hosper.

Upper Right—Seated: Dolly Horcholic, Joan Kohlaas. Standing: Nina Smith, John Smith, Joan Krawczyk. Not in photo: Bernice Weiss.

Right Center: Janet Donohue, Jack McKibben, Margie Adams, Larry Camberg.

Lower Right—Seated: Carol Farkas, Pat Murray, Marlene Seman, Pat Laffey, Toni Badali.

Standing: Nancy Newman, Karlin Clinger, Kathy Ritmanich, Joanne Thom, Carole Donnelly, Jovonna Cimino, Betty Vaccaro, Kathi Collins.



Seated: Ed Zinman, Velma Veith, Nancy Hauser, Nancy Dannels. Standing: Jim Craig, John Domer, Joe Veltre.

#### VALISTIC

Things really kept moving in Room 6 the weeks a VALISTIC was to come out. Cries of "What happened to the correction fluid?" rang out, intermingled with the anguished groans of someone who had just gotten mimeograph ink on her new dress.

Co-editors Nancy Hauser and Nancy Dannels worked many nights after school, trying to meet their deadlines (and succeeding). News Editor Ed Zinman consumed an enormous amount of aspirin trying to rewrite his stories, while Feature Editor Jim Craig wore out three whips trying to get his in!

At the last minute, Joe Veltre, the capable Sports Editor, would come running in with the latest intramural scores. And good use was made of Art Editor Velma Veith's artistic ability.

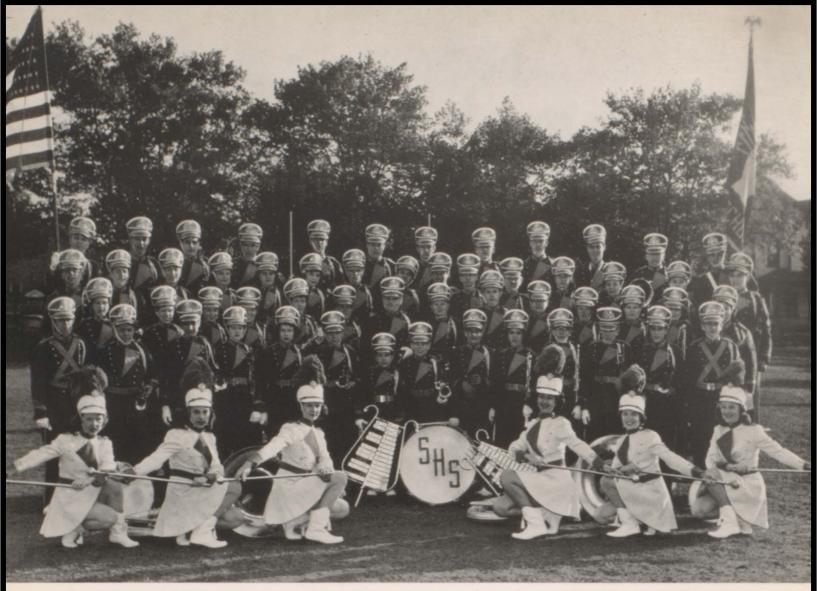
There was never a dull moment, as typists ran around looking for correction fluid and

mimeographers coaxed the machine to PLEASE work, for just one more page!

Miss George (who later became Mrs. Schmitt) seemed to have inexhaustable patience, as she helped iron out problems that threatened to drive everyone else batty.



Champion Salesmen: Sidney Uram (Room 10); Pat Jamison (Room 26); Geraldine Biehl (Room 18); Evelyn Connelly (Room 14).



Majorettes: Patty Roberts, Connie Koval, Marlene Seman, Betty Vaccaro, Bobbie Barefoot, Barbara Koontz.

First Row: Frank Gambino, Russell Ragan, James Cimino, LaVerne Johnson, Ruth Ludwig, Edward Onafrey, Joe Cresto, Gilbert Smith, Frank Coletta, Pat Urbanic, John Preusse, Emmett O'Hare, John Cresto, Dale Hayes. Second Row: Marie Capezzuto, Eva Ludwig, Kathy Webb, Sandra Mattern, Carol Coleman, Ronald Dukate, Richard Sadvary, William Hood, John Chalus, William Thompson, Pat Jamison, Peggy Beatty, Charlene Floss, Lois Lanyi.

Third Row: Robert Lucas, Richard Bennett, Paul Schultz, Georgia Simko, Rita Wach, Joan Kohlhaas, Ray Mc-Nemar, Cosimo Cravotta, James White, Robert Millslagle, Sandra Shogren, Marjorie Adams, Shirley Sposit, Dolores Evanchec, Robert Thompson.

Fourth Row: Paul Planinich, Nick Moraytis, Tom Scanio, Frank Kallay, Howard Hoffman, Edward Frantz, David Ravella, Norman Nyberg, William Coleman, Louis Lanyi, Jerome Jackson, Don Good.

SWISSVALE HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Marlene Seman, Barb Koontz, Betty Vaccaro, Bobbie Barefoot, Connie Koval, Patty Roberts.

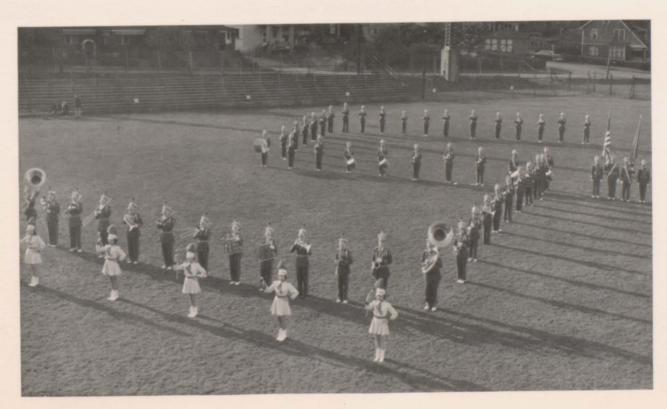
How proud Swissvale High has always been of her majorettes, as they lead the band through their tricky routines. Townspeople and students alike find it a real pleasure to watch them as they prance across town to the field to put on their demonstrations during half-time. This year we lose seniors Barbara Koontz, Betty Vaccaro, and Bobbie Barefoot, but have, to carry on next year, Marlene Seman, Connie Koval, and Patty Roberts.

And band members! Remember those seventh periods at Dickson Field? And how, at 3:05, the temperature would rise at least ten

degrees? Remember how the passersby would stop and listen to the calls "Right flank, left flank—march!" And "Double to the rear!" All this, and precision marching, too!

Then the beginning of the halftime show! With ranks in order and our brand new uniforms in perfect condition, we would make our entrance, spelling out S-W-I-S-S-V-A-L-E H-I-G-H S-C-H-O-O-L B-A-N-D.

Below is an example of one of our routines, showing off our uniforms to their best advantage.





First Row: L. Scolata, A. Reynolds, V. Caldwell, J. Joyce, N. Dickson, B. Barefoot, T. Badali, C. Deller, C. McMichael, P. Jamison.

Second Row: J. McAllister, N. Smith, R. Roe, S. Shogren, G. Wahl, D. Alexander, F. McAllister, D. Alexander, B. Wright.

Third Row: R. McNemar, C. Johnson, A. Tammariello, S. Begg, B. Tammariello, J. Veltre, J. Capezzuto, T. Ramsey.

Fourth Row: D. Maury, B. Madyda, S. Anderson, A. Barbarino, L. Hermann, D. Martin, L. Camberg, G. Kane.

### A CAPPELLA

Strains from "Red Wing," "Just Another Polka," and "No Man Is an Island" filled SHS with melody almost every fifth period during the year. A peek into the auditorium would show the group of some sixty boys and girls who were responsible for this harmony, along with Mr. Hill, who held them together—but not without some hard work!

It was an interesting sight to watch Mr. Hill trying to get some syncopated beat into the sopranos or nearly bursting a button at the tenors' high F. The altos and basses came in for their share of exhortation, as they were reminded about pitch, change of key, and harmony.

After all these corrections, the choir would get all set to really do it right, when some silly soprano's giggle would create the command, "Start walking—five minutes." After another start, the voices would finally blend in such sweet harmony that the choir was surprised at themselves and Mr. Hill delighted.

Representing our choir at District Choir, held in Moon Township this year, were Corky Johnson, Ginny Caldwell, Joe Veltre, and Pat Jamison. After tryouts at District, Corky was selected to go on to State Choir at Minersville where he sang second tenor under John Raymond, guest conductor of the 200 voice choir.



First Row: K. Radakovic, R. Foote, N. Simonelli, P. Flotta, J. McWilliams, S. Stone, J. Thompson, J. Radelja, G. Kelley.

Second Row: J. Ghrist, J. Ford, J. Waters, J. Koontz, M. Wahl, B. Nemitz, M. Dravecky, G. Simko, B. McTiernan.

Third Row: J. Barclay, R. Major, J. Smolinski, D. Hayes, S. Amodeo, J. Malley, R. Berry, D. Saienni.

Fourth Row: T. Hall, T. DeLia, B. Shortz, C. O'Connor, S. Maury, J. Laverde, F. Habic, P. Boory, R. Weber.

## CHOIR

## **OFFICERS**

Toni Badali, as secretary-treasurer of the choir, was one girl who kept some sixty boys and girls in line and out of debt. Bob "Tammy" Tammariello, president, took over in Mr. Hill's absence and led the choir in its many popular Fred Waring arrangements. Vice-president Tom Ramsey was always there with his flashing smile.





Left to Right: Koontz Twins, Joan Forgione, Arlene Pagano, Hank Weber, Pat McTiernan, Jones Twins. To Right of Ladder: Sam Rocco, Jack McKibben, Dick Sadvary.

On Ladder: Georgetta Catone, Bill Glenn, Mike Cencarik.

Around the Ladder: Mary Lou Nowak, Donna Danielson, Sandy Shogren, Janet Donohue, George Whitehead, Rusty Spangler, Paul Planinich, John Domer, Vic Galbraith.

On the Ladder: Velma Veith, Barb Venturini, Yvonne Brugh.

These art students found that there were more fields in art than steps on these ladders. They explored painting, sculpture, design, lettering, figure drawing and reproduction in block prints and silk screen, to name only a few.

One of the main features of the art classes every year is the Woman's Club poster contest, in which the art students take an active part. Awards are given for the outstanding posters of the group. Winners of last year's contest included Bob Dreistadt and Herman Goubeaud.

Our artists, under Mr. Boak's inspiring direction, are responsible for the fine scenery of the junior and senior class plays, as well as for the many attractive posters we see in our halls throughout the year.

**ART CLASSES** 



RECEPTIONISTS Kneeling: Mary Ann Holley, Phyllis Hotujec, Pat Murray, Marion Havranek, Marlene Frank, Carol Cardiff.

Standing: Kathy Ritmanich, Joan Steele, Nancy Allen, Janet Donohue.

## Y-TEENS

A BIG spaghetti dinner at the Methodist Church started the Y-Teens rolling this year. Christmas activities included trimming the tree here at SHS and helping with the "hanging of the greens" at the East Liberty YWCA.

Then came Candlelight, at which junior girls became full-fledged members. Following the initiation a little treat was served—and then the music began for dancing. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of Pat Laffey as Y-Teen Sweetheart.

All during the year the girls worked to build up their fund which awards a senior girl a scholarship.



Nancy Dickson, treasurer; Nancy Dannels, vice-president; Barb Koontz, president; Pat Laffey, secretary and Y-Teen Sweetheart.



# CANDY

"A Clark bar, please; no, make it a Hershey." These familiar requests e choed through the halls every lunchtime and after school.

We are fortunate to have such a thriving organization in our school, from which so many lucky students receive large dividends every spring. The SHS Candy Corporation is a miniature model of a lifesize business. They have stockholders and officers who keep it a going concern.

Yvonne Brugh was elected chief, with Pat Laffey assisting, and when it came to money, Joan Steele was the one to see. Pat Ferrence, secretary, reported Madeline Klaus as the star salesman.



Pat Laffey, vice-president, shows one of the Candy Corporation's most popular products, while Madeline Klaus and Yvonne Brugh eat up the profits. Joan Steele, who always has her eye on the money angle, tempts Pat Ferrence with a candy bar.

Y-Teen members on opposite page are, in the upper photo, seated: Joan Krawczyk, Ellen Senka, Pat Jamison, Yvonne Brugh, Pat Urey, Mary Ann Cresto, Nancy Allen, Toni Badali, Nancy Raybould, Pat Genge.

Standing: Mary Lou Onderick, Betty Lou Wright, Dolly Horcholic, Judy Perla, Kathi Collins, Joyce McAllister, Doris Alexander, Betty Vaccaro, Jeanne Barefoot, Barb Venturini.

Second Picture—Seated: Peggy Beatty, Kay McTiernan, Bernice Weiss, Nina Smith, Janet Hartman, Sandy Mattern, Kathi Webb, Nancy Hauser, Billie DeTurk, Mary Lou Hainsey. Standing: Joanne Thom, Joan Kohlhaas, Janet Donohue, Carol Grigg, Donna Danielson, Nancy Newman, Betty McQuade, Mary Lou Nowak, Velma Veith, Kay Kennelly, Ruth Roe.

Third Picture—First Row: Donna Alexander, Carole Beninati, Frances McAllister, Noreen Kennelly.

Second Row: Jovonna Cimino, Eleanor Bodner, Marion Havranek, Jean Slantz, Pat Robinson, Arlene Pagano, Pat Murray, Barbara Locke, Barbara Lee Williams, Eileen Early.

Third Row: Joan Slantz, Georgia Simko, Janet Wolfe, Carole Donnelly, Shirley Sposit, Merelene Stein, Carol Farkas, Mary Dravecky, Gerry Barry, Alice Doyle.

Lower Photo—First Row: Joann Chadwick, Judy Joyce, Carol Lucas, Marion Venturella. Second Row: Carol Deller, Eileen Denny, Audrey Artem, Audrey Capezzuto, Gerry Slattery, Florence Butler, Marlene Lichka, Georgetta Catone, Gertie Wahl, Joan Steele.

Third Row: Marlene Seman, Sally McGregor, Theresa Weiner, Madeline Klaus, Koontz Twins, Judy McWilliams, Pat McTiernan, Margie Adams, Kathy Ritmanich, Karlin Clinger.

Y-TEENS



Seated: Bert Nemitz, Madeline Klaus, Bernie Madyda. Standing: Sidney Uram, Barbara Litfin, Rosemarie Errera, Barbara Nemitz, Ed Zinman, Jim Craig, Barbara McTiernan, Wesley Maust.

#### CHESS CLUB

"I say there, old bean, your queen's in danger!" No it's not knights in armor—only the SHS Chess Club, practicing for a big game. Although not too successful, the boys (and girls) had a lot of good times. They played both at home and away, playing five games at each match.

In this, its second year, the club added five girls to its membership. Bert Nemitz was

elected president and was aided by vicepresident Bernie Madyda.

Due to the fact that the club did not enter the league in time, SHS was not included in the schedule and couldn't play as many games as they did last year. In two games that were played, they lost to Taylor Allderdice by a score of 4-1. In competition with Mt. Lebanon, they tied  $2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ .



First Row: Ken Jones, Sam Begg, Howdy Hoffman, Bill Cottom. Second Row: Joe Capezzuto, Louie Lanyi, Larry Camberg, Jerry Jackson.

We can thank these boys and Mr. Boak for taking care of such essential auditorium activities as props for assemblies and sets for the plays. Whether it be scrubbing, painting, or rebuilding the flats, they invariably come up with something suitable and attractive. They are the all 'round handymen who know the switchboard from A to Z and who have the remarkable knack of being able to find anything in the supply room.

#### STAGE CREW



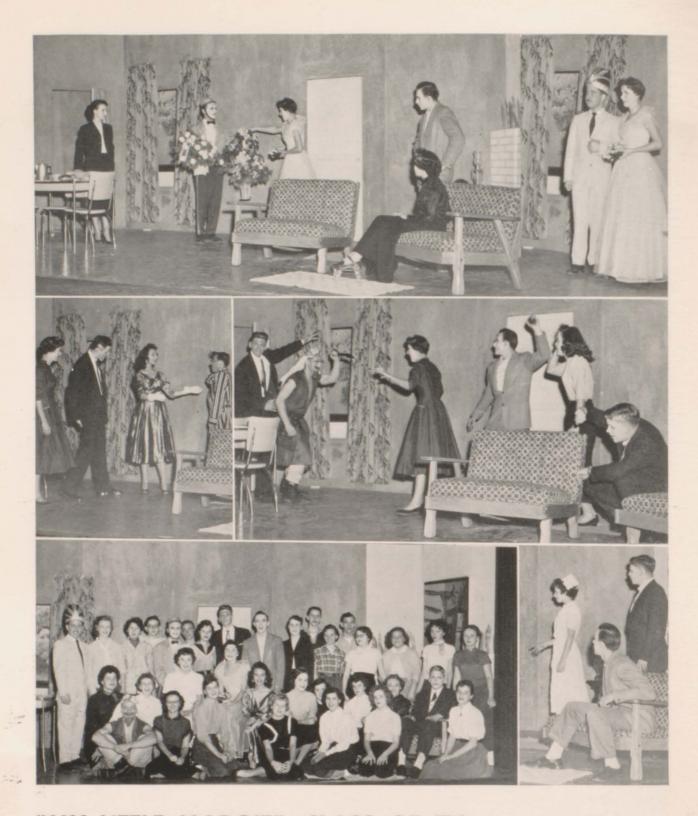


GLEE CLUB

First Row: Nancy Cardiff, Shirley Anderson, Noreen Whalen, Pat Wollerton, Virginia Shogan, Madeline Paris, Jackie Elzer, Shirley Wardrope, Sally Wonders, Gloria Dugan, Peggy Pollard.

Second Row: Pat Woods, Audrey George, Mildred McMichael, Ardie Schweinberg, Mary Lou Pascarella, Liz McKim, Gretchen Paff, Annette Johnson, Connie Clifford, Nancy Price, Edith Granite.

Third Row: Joan Miele, Elma Hosie, Carol Whalen, Gretchen Burgard, Carol Grimm, Joan Emricko, Marie Russo, Mary Pane, Jackie Donohue, Bette Grace Davison, Carol Morrissey, Barbara Chizmar.



## "MY LITTLE MARGIE", CLASS OF '56

From Upper Left: Margie Adams, Cosimo Cravotta, Carol Farkas, Tom Fulton, Pat Ferrence, Bob Lucas and Carol Farkas. Carol Farkas, Gene Kane, Jovonna Cimino, Bob Lucas. Gene Kane, Augie Tammariello, Carol Farkas, Tom Fulton, Jean Slantz, and Larry Camberg. First Row of Group: Augie Tammariello, Mrs. Tome, Lyn Koontz, Pat Robinson, Madeline Klaus, Marlene Frank, Jo Koontz. Second Row: Rose DiChiera, Carol Lucas, Georgetta Catone, Carol Farkas, Jovonna Cimino, Jean Slantz, Gerry Slattery, Judy Joyce, Pat Ferrence, Larry Camberg. Third Row: Bob Lucas, Georgia Simko, Mary Ann Holley, Cosimo Cravotta, Joan Slantz, Gene Kane, Tom Fulton, Margie Adams, Shirley Sposit, Barbara Lee Williams, Carole Donnelly, Dorothy Charnick, Carol Deller. Fifth Row: Bob Dreistadt, Sam Begg, Kenny Jones, Nick Moraytis, Georgetta Catone, Tom Fulton, Larry Camberg.



Marian Havranek



# JUNIOR PROM **COURT**



Mary Jo Koontz



Marilyn Koontz



Jovonna Cimino



Frances McAllister



Marion Venturella



Joann Chadwick

# "I LOVE LUCY"

## SENIOR CLASS OF '55

Top left: Peggy Beatty, Sandy Shogren, Larry Mulkerin, Ginny Caldwell, Joe Lamberti, Ally Reynolds, Bert Nemitz, Jeanne Barefoot.

Sandy Shogren, Ginny Caldwell, Charles Martoni, Bob McCracken, Joe Veltre.

Top right: first row: Louie Lanyi, Bob Dreistadt, Nancy Dickson, Janet Daniels, Flo Lynch, Bobbie Barefoot, Billie DeTurk, Sandy Mattern. Second row: Ed Frantz, Bill Coleman, Ken Jones, Dave Ravella, Carol Grigg, Mary Lou Nowak, Janet Donohue, Bernice Weiss, Joan Kohlhaas.

Joe Lamberti, Ginny Caldwell, Bert Nemitz, Jeanne Barefoot, Ed Zinman, Ally Reynolds.





# SENIOR MAY COURT

Queen of the May Patricia Genge. Counter clockwise: Patricia Urey, Joan Kohlhaas, Elaine Kazimer, Maid of Honor Toni Badali, Betty Vaccaro, Patricia Laffey, Barbara Barefoot.



First Row: Donna Capasso, Lois Lanyi, Louis Lanyi, Bob Millslagle, Carol Coleman, James White, Frances Coletta.

Second Row: Marjorie Adams, Paul Schultz, Howard Hoffman, Eva Ludwig, David Ravella, Robert Lucas, Nick Moraytis.

At Drums-Ruth Ludwig; At Piano-Gene Ludwig.

#### DANCE BAND

#### CAMERA CLUB



First Row: M. Holley, M. Cencarik, W. Glenn, S. Anderson, R. Roe, V. Caldwell, J. Craig, J. Domer, D. Hayes. Second Row: C. Jones, L. Murray, E. Bucar, K. Cassidy, N. Whalen, J. Spangler, G. Burgard, C. Tomasic, A. Reynolds, B. Koontz, B. Venturini, R. Spangler, R. McAfoose, E. Benner.

Third Row: S. Wonders, N. McCollough, J. Daniels, J. Emricko, M. Stein, G. Jadot, S. Sposit, P. Genge, N. Cardiff, C. Cardiff, N. Dickson, K. Kennelly.

Fourth Row: E. Gernhardt, M. Jones, E. Granite, N. Dannels, B. Nemitz, Y. Brugh, M. Nowak, W. Trout, M. Hainsey, V. Veith, Koontz Twins, P. Schultz, J. Slantz, P. Robinson, G. Catone.



Barb Venturini, whose pep will be missed at next year's pep meetings, leads in:

> We got a T-E-A-M That's on the B-E-A-M; We got a team that's on the beam That's really hep to the jive. Come on, Swissvale, skin 'em alive. Beat Rankin!



Lyn Koontz urges the kids to scream:

Ala-ga-ne, ke-nack, ke-nack Ala-ga-ne, ke-nack, ke-nack Hoo-rah, hoo-rah Team! Team! **Beat Homestead!** 



Harriet Williams, the acrobat of the cheerleaders, showed her skill in:

Yea, team! Fight, fight, fight! Yea, team! Fight, fight, fight! Yea, team! Fight, fight, fight! Beat North Huntingdon!



Jo Koontz urges the opponents to:

Go back, go back, go back to the woods; Ya haven't, ya haven't, ya haven't got the goods! Ya haven't got the rhythm, ya haven't got the jazz! Ya haven't got the team that SWISSVALE has! Beat Shaler!



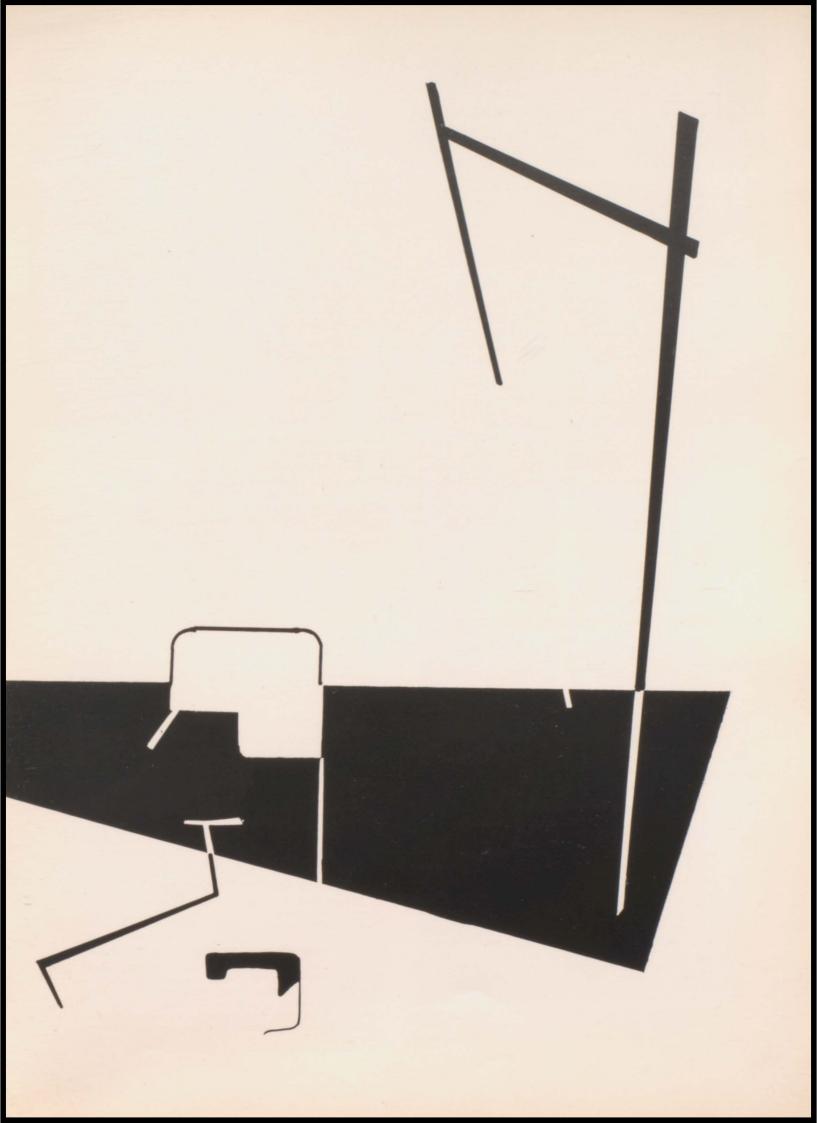
Ally Reynolds, a "springy" little senior, winds up with:

Aka laka ching Aka laka chow Aka laka ching ching chow chow chow Boom a laka Boom a laka Sis boom bah Swissvale, Swissvale Rah rah rah! Beat Bellmar!



## **CHEERLEADERS**

we compete





First Row: Coach Koepka, Tom Ramsey, Joe Lamberti, Tom Hall, Dick McAfoose, Dick Smith, Earl Benner, Rusty Spangler, Jim Hulick, Bob McCracken, Corky Johnson, Bob Tammariello, Larry Mulkerin, Ken Koontz, Charles Martoni, Asst. Coach Brace.

Second Row: Tony Lamberti, Lewis Ruth, Albert Reid, Bernie DiBernardo, Albert Cramer, Sam Rocco, Bob Klemmer, Bucky Norris, Tom Ribich, Dave McGough, Mgr. E. Wemm.

Third Row: Mgrs. Dave Ludwig and Jack Scott; Bill Creighton, Tony Barbarino, Jerry Jones, Ellery Panaia, Terry Kelley, Dan Scott, Louis Green, Franny Conti, Augie Tammariello, Mgr. Bob Gratton.

#### FOOTBALL - 1954

#### RANKIN AT SWISSVALE

Opening the '54 season, the Gold Flashes defeated the Rankin Jackrabbits by a score of 20-18. Two touchdowns were scored by Richard "Smitty" Smith and the other by Tom Ramsey.

#### BELLMAR AT SWISSVALE

The spirited Flashes won their first A game by smashing Bellmar 39-6. Star fullback, Bob Tammariello, scored one TD; Smitty scored two; Danny Scott scored two; and Jerry Jones accounted for one. Extra points were added by Tom Hall.

#### NORTH HUNTINGDON AT SWISSVALE

Leading a successful season, the Flashes downed North Huntingdon 20-6, knocking them out of the Class A race. Bob Tammariello accounted for two touchdowns and Tom Ramsey for one. Hall converted for two extra points.

#### SWISSVALE AT SHALER

Another victory for the Gold Flashes was gained when they defeated Shaler 27-7. Three TD's were chalked up by Tammariello and one by Ramsey. Three extra points kicked by Tom Hall gave the Flashes their total points.

#### HOMESTEAD AT SWISSVALE

For the fifth win in a row, the Gold Flashes downed Homestead 27-12. The longest run of the year, 99 yards, was made by Smitty. Tammariello led the scoring with two TD's. The other touchdown was scored on a pass from "Corky" Johnson to Jerry Jones.

#### SWISSVALE AT BRADDOCK

The Flashes lost their first game of the season to Braddock, who later proved to be the champs. It was a bad night for Swissvale, as they ended up on the short end of a 25-0 score.

#### SWISSVALE AT TARENTUM

The shock of the Braddock game was still evident when the Koepkamen defeated Tarentum by a score of only 6-0. Hulick starred on defense, intercepting three passes and setting up the only TD, which was scored by "Tammy."

#### SWISSVALE AT BALDWIN

The second loss for the Flashes occurred when they met a strong Baldwin in heavy mud. A spiritless Swissvale eleven lost by a score of 20-0.

#### WILMERDING AT SWISSVALE

The final game of the season left the Gold Flashes with one of the most successful seasons in the history of SHS as they trounced Wilmerding, 25-0. TD's were scored by Ramsey, Hulick, and Scott. A pass from Ramsey to Jones ended the fast game. Tom Hall kicked the last successful extra point.

TOM RAMSEY

The "old man" of the football team. One of the greatest sports on the field and off.

A lineman who worked for perfection all year.
This boy put his notebook learning to work on the

KEN KOONTZ Great Guard

Ken, the Flash, was always known for getting his man one way or another, no matter what!

JIM HULICK Impressive Punter
"Hul's" specialty was the long spiralling punt which
often sent the opponent deep in his own territory.

BOB TAMMARIELLO F'rocious Fullback

Bob, a powerful fullback, was high scorer of the season because of his line plunges.

CHARLES MARTONI

"Charlemagne" showed his great spirit in the way he overcame his knee injury to play a great season.

A good lineman, Larry was hampered by injuries most of the season. However, he did a good job when he played.

CORKY JOHNSON

Corky, who was usually seen throwing those long passes, kept the spirit up on defense and offense.







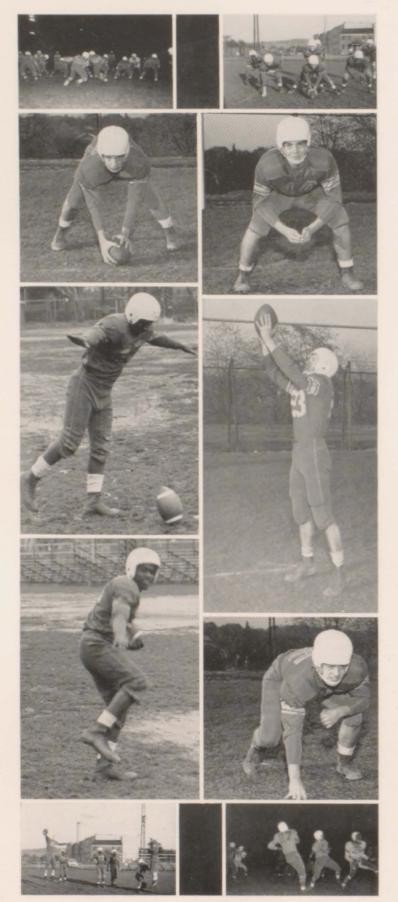












A small man for this position, but because of his hard work, he made up for his size in skill.

"Big Ben," our representative on the WPIAL football team, was a big stone in our offensive and defensive wall.

TOM HALL

His booming kickoffs and "clutch" extra
points were a great asset to the team
throughout the season.

RUSTY SPANGLER Ever-present End
"Flick," a substituting end, could be
counted on for help on the field and
stopping the "midnight reverse."

RICHARD SMITH Speedy Smitty

The flash halfback you saw scoring on long runs for Swissvale and breaking the game wide open was this boy.

BOB McCRACKEN Laughing Lineman
Cracko, a versatile lineman, could be
depended upon for playing either guard
or tackle with great ability.

Hail to the Varsity;
Cheer them along the way;
Onward to victory
May they win again today!
We'll give a cheer for the Varsity
Long may they reign supreme;
Shout till the echoes ring
For the glory of our team!

### **VARSITY CLUB**

Seated: R. Smith, A. Tammariello, R. Tammariello, D. McAfoose, T. Hall. Kneeling: S. Rocco, D. Scott, C. Johnson, J. Lamberti, J. Hulick, K. Koontz. Standing: Coach Dennison, T. Ramsey, A. Barbarino, T. Donofrio, J. Jones, B. McCracken, E. Benner, S. Uram, B. Creighton, Coach Koepka.





First Row: B. Creighton, T. Ribich, J. Jones, T. Hall, J. Hulick, C. Johnson, E. Benner, F. Kallay, D. McAfoose, A. Tammariello, F. Conti, J. Anderson.

Second Row: Coach Dennison, J. Colondre, W. Stanton, D. Scott, G. Haberle, A. Cramer, G. Kane, L. Green, L. Olinger, B. Lucas, P. Collins, D. McGough, S. Uram, Coach Brace.

Third Row: J. McKibben, J. DeLucia, R. Lanyi, K. Jones, D. Locke, A. Reid, B. Norris, L. Camberg, K. Metzger, T. Fulton, J. Walsh.

## **BASKETBALL** 1954-55

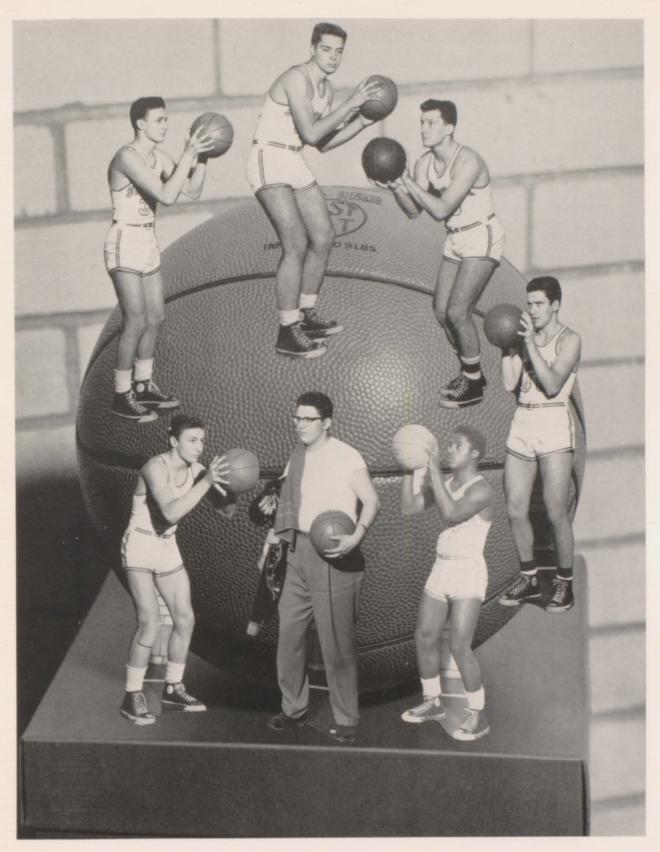
#### SEASON RECORD

JV		Varsity	JV		Varsity
42-27	Tarentum	28-47	29-47	Turtle Creek*	58-73
39-32	Arnold	31-54	61-51	Wilmerding*	50-68
56-30	Avella	61-49	58-49	Rankin*	63-52
30-48	Peabody	56-60	39-45	Penn*	55-73
36-55	Pitcairn	58-74	25-56	Braddock*	50-60
40-53	Jeannette	53-56	27-38	Scott*	49-63
34-59	Penn*	52-72	28-54	Wilkinsburg*	60-73
37-43	Scott*	55-54	22-45	Turtle Creek*	47-76
28-45	Braddock*	39-75	40-50	Wilmerding*	58-66
43-48	Wilkinsburg*	40-60	45-56	Rankin*	49-60

Swissvale scores appear first.

\* League games.

Top Scorers	Field Goals	Fouls	Points
Jones	122	100	344
Hulick	57	39	153
Benner	35	55	125
Kallay	57	10	124
McGough	38	13	89
Creighton (JV)	46	40	132
McGough (JV)	42	39	123
Fulton (JV)	36	16	98



Clockwise—Top Center: Earl Benner, Dick McAfoose, Frank Kallay, Tom Hall, Sidney Uram, Mgr.; Jim Hulick, Corky Johnson.



The upper left and lower right photos show a game between Rooms 18 and 24. In the upper right are volleyball champs from Room 21—Lucas, Colondre, Ribich, Hoffman, Valko, Sadvary, and Baine. The lower left shows volleyball champs from Room 14—Connelly, Vaccaro, Laffey, Urey, Badali, Onderick, Smith, and Hennings.

### **INTRAMURALS**

One of the most popular activities sponsored by Student Council is the intramural sports program. Each year it is expanded to include more sports and thus appeals to more students. Interest in the games, always at a high level, reaches fever pitch when playoff season arrives.

In the basketball playoffs, the senior boys from Room 14, coached by "Dudey Mac-Goose," won their first championship by defeating the juniors from Room 11, 35-29. This was particularly hard on Room 11, as they won the championship last year. Outstanding players in this game were Ramsey, Donofrio,

Lamberti, McConnell, Harris and Zagorac.

Room 14's girls, who for three years were champs, with never a final win, lost again this year when the junior girls from Room 3 defeated them 26-16 in the Dickson gym. The teams were evenly matched, which resulted in a thrilling game.

Last Fall, lunchtime was busy with volley-ball and softball games. In the volleyball finals, Room 14's girls were champs and Room 21's boys. Softball victors were Room 24's sophomore girls and Room 21's junior boys.

## **BOWLING CLUB**

The Bowling Club had again this year Miss Robbins as sponsor and Joe Veltre as president. Assisting were Bob Tammariello, vicepresident; Mary Ann Cresto, secretary; and Pat Jamison, treasurer.

The club met Monday nights at the Star Bowling Alleys, where everyone in the league was ready to give the other members a cheer, whether they bowled a "gutter ball" or a "strike." Averages ranged from a high 150 to a lo-o-w 50, but the bowlers were more interested in fun than they were in high scores.

Outstanding bowlers for the year were Marian Havranek, Pat Jamison, Joe Veltre, and Bob Tammariello.

Seated: Liz McKim, Pat Kearns, Ardie Schweinberg, Cathy Hosper, Jerry Biehl.

Kneeling: Dolly Horcholic, Janet Daniels, Ginny Caldwell, Barbara Chizmar, Nina Smith, Pat Jamison, Barb Koontz.

Standing: Joe Veltre, Jim Zetwo, Larry Mulkerin, Jim Craig, Don Haddle, Willard McKay, Bob Tammariello, Mary Ann Cresto.





First Row: Tony Lamberti, Bob Lucas, Jerry Jones, Joe Lamberti, Mike Borellis. Second Row: Dave McGough, Bucky Norris, Danny Scott, Nick Moraytis. Third Row: Sully Amodeo, Bob McCracken, Bob Tammariello, Francis Johns.

Fourth Row: Kenny Jones, Rusty Spangler, Tom Ribich, Dick Martin. Fifth Row: Bill Stanton, Jim Zetwo, Joe Colondre, Albert Taylor.

Sixth Row: Tom Fulton, Willard McKay, Bernie DiBernardo, Augie Tammariello, Gary Haberle, Richie Lanyi.

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#### **BASEBALL 1955**

A few weeks after this picture was taken, the boys blossomed out in their spring outfits -spanking new uniforms. Fortified also with new equipment, the team had high hopes for a successful season.

Although this year's team had few veterans, some of the less experienced players showed promise. Both the old and the new Flashes hoped to change last year's background music, "Rain, Rain, Rain" to "Please, Mr. Sun." Suffering four rainouts at the opening of the season last year, the team pulled through with two wins and two losses as a starter for the season. With the weather's cooperation, Coach Dennison and the boys hope to rack up a banner season this year against opposing nines from Turtle Creek, Wilkinsburg, Penn, Braddock, and Scott.

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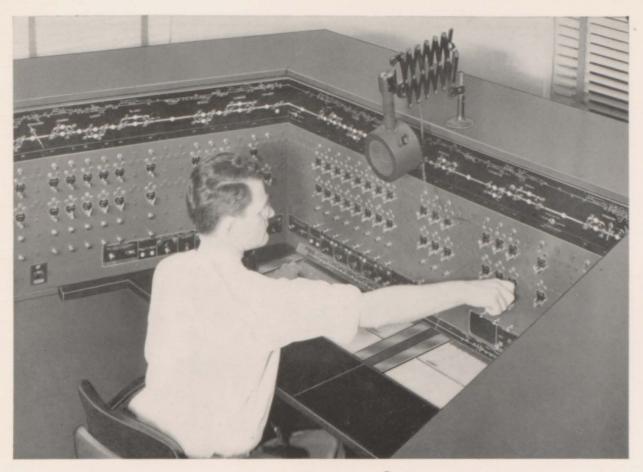
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