



THE MERCY SHIELD

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Reflections

*Try to remember
That first September
When we were young
And days were mellow*

It seems like only yesterday when, as entering freshmen, we wandered aimlessly in search of a warm, friendly face. And then the realization that others shared our predicament... others who, like ourselves, were soon to discover the insurmountable value of human friendship.

To those present seniors, the school year 1971-1972 cast a shadowy, new awakening. "Murder In A Nunnery" and "A Fiddler On The Roof," both fine productions directed by Mrs. Nancy Harvey, were great successes. And, at mid-year, we welcomed the return of our present Administrator, the Rev. Charles Burgoon.

The following year ushered in Mercy High School's Twenty-fifth Anniversary and likewise, of course, all the festivities and celebrations which inherently accompany such an occasion. The basketball Bulldogs, although experiencing a rather disappointing regular season, fared extremely well in play-off action until going down in defeat to Wentzville. 1973 was also the year of the great flood and many are sure to recall the multitude of true humanitarians that mysteriously surfaced to aid with their sand-bagging abilities.

And who could forget 1973-1974! That was the year of the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas concerts and the Junior Ring Day. The Fine Arts Center, formerly Room 312-314, brought forth to the avid theatre-goer an opportunity to experience a wide variety of productions in an intimate atmosphere. 1973-1974 also initiated the Creative Arts Program and the now defunct J-Day schedule here at Mercy.

Prom - Great Success

Mercy's 1974-75 Junior-Senior Prom, held April 25 at the Red Carpet Inn on North Lindbergh, will be remembered by many as the outstanding event of the year. This year's theme was "And You and I."

Music was provided by Terry Thomason, who played mostly by request old tunes mixed at intervals with Carpenter music. Attendance was exceptionally good, mood was spectacular, and the weather was excellent.

This year's Prom queen, D'arcy Harrison, was a deserving choice. In her four years at Mercy she has participated in an endless variety of activities.

Other members of this year's Prom Court included Peggy Schenk and Bob Reincke, Dianne Behlman and Ted Pimmel, Eileen Ragan and Greg Smith, Karen Ebbesmeyer and Phil Cordes. Dennis Seithel escorted D'arcy Harrison.

No unique words can truly describe those first moments and indeed, the cumbersome feelings that overcome every student who will, for the final time, pass through the halls of Mercy. To these students we wish the best of luck, happiness, and success.

Dear Seniors:

As you prepare to graduate, I'm sure the thought must come to your minds that you are entering another phase of your life. What to do with your life now will determine your future destiny. You will carry with you all your hopes and the hopes and dreams of your parents. You will have many different opportunities, but with every opportunity comes responsibility. But to open these doors, you must have faith in yourselves and the idealism to persevere. Keeping always in mind good Christian Principles, my hope for you is that you will always apply these principles and bring to your life meaning and satisfaction.

Sister Mary Jeneila,
Principal

THAT TIME AGAIN

On Monday, May 26, at 2:00 p.m. the Class of 1975 will graduate. For the first time in the history of Mercy High School, the ceremonies will be held at the St. Louis Cathedral on Lindell Boulevard.

The principal speaker will be the Rev. Jack Fleming, presently the Administrator of Labour High School. He is a graduate of Washington University. Father Fleming was a counselor here at Mercy in 1969.

His Excellency, Bishop Charles R. Koester, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will confer the diplomas.

BAHAMAS BOUND

Sixty-five seniors will leave on a trip that will take them to Orlando's Walt Disney World and the Bahamas via a two day cruise on the Panamanian-registered Emerald Seas.

And how was all this made possible?

"By the desire of the seniors to do something as a class," replied Mr. Ed. Wiegert, the guiding force in the organization of this activity.

Mr. Wiegert, along with Ms. Pam McCormick and Mr. Justin Carroll will act as chaperones on the cruise.

Our world travelers will depart from Mercy on Saturday, May 31 at 7:00 a.m. and return about noon on Saturday, June 7.

Anchors Aweigh!

Farewells

Dear Seniors:

Looking back, I'm sure you wonder where these four years have gone. You came here as boys and girls; you leave us as young men and women. The future for all of us is not certain; the important thing is to live your lives and use your talents in such a way, that your life will always have a purpose.

It has been a pleasure to work with you in good times and sometimes, for a few, in difficult times. Your welfare has always been uppermost in my mind. Pray that God will always be part of your life, and correspondingly, you will allow Him to play an important role in it.

We congratulate your parents and families, who by their interest and support, have made you who you are today.

Fr. Charles Burgoon
Administrator

Accept the Challenge!

We of the Shield wish to extend challenge to future senior classes of Mercy. As you all know, this paper has encountered extreme difficulty in soliciting support this school year. Through the generosity of this school's administration, funds have been made available for the support of school newspaper. Yet little or no help has been offered.

The challenge is here for you to keep the paper, to create more materials, publish more issues and to strive for quality. The students have the capabilities to need only the interest to make this school newspaper possible.

This is your school and your paper. Make it something to enjoy and be proud of. There are unlimited materials and possibilities. Accept the challenge!

Good Luck

and

Best Wishes

to the

Class of 1975

From the Faculty

