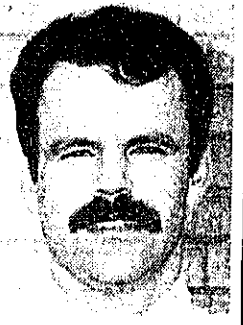


PEDALING AROUND

Class of '63

By Mike Eliasohn



My alma mater, Lansing Eastern High School, is the state Class A champion in basketball.

Yea, Quakers! Sports teams got that name, by the way, because the school is located on Pennsylvania Ave.

I graduated in 1963. Among things I was not when I was there was an athlete. The most athletic things I ever did was walk a mile to school every day, wrestle my parents' 4000 pound Pontiac without power steering out of a very tight parking place after a basketball game and sit through a football game in a pouring rain.

Being a good boy, I went home after the game, took a hot shower and went to bed. I caught a cold but was able to go to school Monday. Those who didn't go home, but went to the dance instead, caught very bad colds and had to stay out of school two or three days. Boy, was I dumb.

I do have some fond memories of the school, which was built in 1928.

One thing I liked about it was the fact that it was built in 1928. Schools built back then had character. There were stairs to climb, lots of dark wood paneling, wood floors and desks bolted to the floors.

I'm not too nostalgic about the desks. The seats consisted of two flat pieces of wood set at an angle to each other. The thought of shaping the wood to fit one's anatomy had never entered the manufacturer's mind. High school kids had to be tough in my day.

We also, for the most part, walked to school. Few students owned cars. Some did get rides with their parents and there were a couple of school buses for those living in an outlying portion of the district. (No high school kids would be caught dead or alive riding a bicycle in those days.)

Though my memory may be getting hazy, I do not recall there ever was a day classes were cancelled because of snow.

I suppose conditions have changed, but a high school with 2,000 students did not mean it was a blackboard jungle.

One did not risk his or her life by walking into the bathroom and sporting events could be held at night

without fear of students being stabbed in the parking lot.

There are two teachers that especially stand out in my mind, Mrs. Johnson in 10th grade English and Mr. Brisbin for 12th grade social studies.

The names don't mean anything to you reading this, of course. I only mention them to point out something else about high school in the good old days. Teachers were strictly Mr., Mrs. or Miss and to discover their first names was a major accomplishment.

As far as I know, teachers these days are still Mr., Mrs. Miss or maybe Ms. but I think the relation between teacher and student these days is much less formal.

I never will get used to male teachers not wearing ties and (in all but hot weather) jackets.

Of course, everything is less formal now. Students can wear (almost) anything. In my day, it was a shirt with a collar and pants for the boys (I assume they can wear shorts these days) and girls had to wear skirts or dresses.

No one wore blue jeans in school and very few wore them outside school.

Call me old-fashioned.

Break-in charge dismissed

A charge of breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling against Gordon L. Wood was dismissed March 25 by Circuit Judge Martin E. Clements at what was to have been the start of a jury trial.

Wood, 24, of Melvindale, was charged with breaking into the evidence room at the county jail June 19, 1979, while a trustee there. He was serving a sentence for delivery of phenylhydrazine at the time.

Assistant Prosecutor Eric E. Proschek moved for dismissal of the charge because the key prosecution witness, also a trustee at the time of the supposed incident, couldn't be located. He had moved to California, but left no address after moving from his original address there.

Owen-Gage lists valedictorian, salutatorian, other top students

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Owendale-Gagetown High School has announced its top students of the class of 1980. Valedictorian is Robin Sullivan. Salutatorian is Mary Kay Burrows.

Robin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sullivan of Gagetown, has been a member of the National Honor Society three years and is presently chapter secretary. She has won three certificates in math and one in typing and was student of the month for February, 1977.

She has won numerous musical honors, including participation in the Lions Club all-state band, Tri-County Honors Band, and Blue Lake Music Camp international band and All-American Hall of Fame Foundation band award.

In addition, she has been a member of the softball and track teams and participated in the all-school and junior plays.

She plans to attend Michigan State University with the aim of becoming a musical therapist and band director.

Mary Kay Burrows is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burrows of Gagetown.

She has been a member of the Honor Society since her sophomore year, attended Girl's State in her junior year and was Daughter of the American Revolution good citizen of the year winner her senior year.

A member of the basket-



Robin Sullivan



Mary Kay Burrows

ball, volleyball and track teams, she has also been a cheerleader all three years. She is senior merit chairman. She was homecoming queen last fall.

She plans to attend either Central Michigan University or Oakland University and major in physical therapy.

The other top 10 members of the senior class are:

Jennifer Erer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Erer, Owendale, Honor Society member for three years and currently treasurer, ACT test award winner, Michigan State University award of excellence winner, Tri-County Band Honors member, track team member. Plans to major in elementary education at MSU.

Brad Erickson, son of Supt. and Mrs. Ronald Erickson, Owendale, member of Honor Society, Stu-

dent Council, Varsity Club, junior play, forensics, participated in football, basketball and track. Plans to attend Michigan State University.

Alan Haag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Haag, Sebewaing, Honor Society president, ACT test certificate recipient, football, basketball, track and baseball teams, won certificates in science, trigonometry, geometry and algebra I and II, participated in junior and all-school plays, student of the month in 1978, Honor Society member, homecoming king.

Deb Gettel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Haley, Sebewaing, three-year Honor Society member, class officer in sophomore, junior and senior years, co-student of the month in June, 1978, Snowball queen in 1979, awarded certificates in algebra I and II and accounting I, member of basketball, volleyball, softball and track teams. Plans

on attending Delta College this summer and getting married this fall.

Carol Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Parker, Gagetown, Honor Society member, treasurer of Business and Office Education Club, second place in accounting in BOEC regional competition, junior play participant, Snowball court member her junior year, certificate winner in algebra I and II, geometry and general business. Plans to attend Delta College and study accounting.

Scott Wissner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wissner, Sebewaing, Honor Society member, junior play member, has played baseball and basketball, member of Snowball court. Plans to attend Northwestern College and to be a diesel technician.

Pete Klemkowsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Klemkowsky, Owendale, member of football, basketball, track and baseball teams, won certificates in science, trigonometry, geometry and algebra I and II, participated in junior and all-school plays, student of the month in 1978, Honor Society member, homecoming king.

State music honor for Robin Sullivan

As a result of her outstanding performance at the state solo and ensemble, Robin Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sullivan, Gagetown, has been selected to be a member of the State Honors Orchestra.

Membership in this organization is determined by the number of points earned in the required proficiency examination. Miss Sullivan received 97 points out of a possible 100.

In addition to this honor, Robin was nominated by her adjudicator to participate in the 16th annual State Wide Music Talent Screening. Out of 3,000 participants, 100 soloists were nominated from the entire state.

The screening will select five outstanding student soloists who will perform with the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony as a part of the Youth Arts Festival of Michigan Week, May 17.

Miss Sullivan is a private clarinet student of Daniel Divish of Bad Axe. She is a senior at Owen-Gage High School and will continue her musical studies at Michigan State University in the fall.

Obscene calls also made in tri-cities

The obscene telephone caller who has been bothering women in the Cass City area has been bothering other women as well.

Calls have been reported in the Saginaw, Bay City and Midland areas as well and at least some of those predate some made in this area.

The caller is a sophisticated sounding young man who claims he is a student at Delta College making a survey for its psychology department.

The man asks the women personal questions, mainly involving their sex lives. He

uses clinical terms, as opposed to obscene ones.

No one at the college, according to its college relations office, has been authorized to conduct any type of research that requires questioning persons by phone or door-to-door.

The Chronicle first reported about the calls March 6. At that time, Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson

knew of five women who had received the calls, one of which had been made six months earlier. He was not aware of any made outside this area.

At a meeting March 12, he met R. Daniel Dowis, director of the Delta College campus police, who informed him the calls had been reported in the Saginaw, Bay City and Midland areas. He expressed surprise, according to Wilson, that the calls had extended as far east as Cass City.

Locally, the police chief said the last report he received of such calls was March 7. At that time, the calls reported totaled 16, including three made within 10 minutes of each other.

The common link Wilson has discovered so far is that most women called had their phone numbers listed in the directory under their own names and have been young, about 20-30 years old.

He speculates that more than one man may be making the calls, but all are using the same list of questions. He feels the one who made the calls locally may live in this area.

His advice, which is the same as that of Dowis, is for women receiving the calls to hang up.

Publicity given to the obscene caller locally, with the result that many women now know about the charade, may be why there have not been any reports of the calls of late.

Any women who receive such calls can notify the chief by calling him at the village hall, 872-2911.

The telephone companies involved, General Telephone and Michigan Bell, are aiding police in the investigation.

Balloon finds its way here from Indiana

Michael Hoppe, 10, found a balloon Saturday afternoon, which came all the way from North Liberty, Ind.

The youngster found the balloon in the orchard of his parents, Melvin and Alice Hoppe, 7501 Van Dyke Road, Cass City.

A card attached to the balloon, said it had been released by children at North Liberty Elementary School and was signed by one of the students.

Michael had to put his name, address and name of school on the card and send it back.

There was no date on the card to indicate when it had been sent.

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