



Pictured above is Jan Wilcox wearing her initiation outfit for the Phalanx Club.

Phalanx Club Initiation Held

"Jan, please remove your hat." "But, Miss Rodgers, I'm being initiated." These were widely heard cries around RMSH when the Phalanx Club held their annual initiation. Initiations have long been strenuous, temper-testing ordeals. If a person can go through an entire day without shorts, swallow a goldfish, sit on an ice block, or perform other cruel stunts such as these, he is a man — with a capital M.

The Phalanx Club holds its initiation every year to induct new members. This year,

Wednesday, Oct. 2, was the short dresses, pigtails, short socks, a hat or ribbon, and carrying a baby doll. Guys dressed as "little boys," wearing shorts, knee socks, and carrying a security blanket. And, of course, they all wore the traditional PHALANX written across their face.

Jan Willcox was one of the braver girls who went all out for the initiation. She went the entire route, with a baby cap, pacifier, blanket, and the dress. Robert Privott was the model "boy" with his suspender shorts and jump rope.

Initiations are fun, but there are always a few problems involved. For instance, soap and water refused to cleanse the pores of many, leaving them looking a bit strange. "Hey, Jaye, my pores are purple! What am I going to do? Tomorrow's is a school day." Steam baths and facials may help a little, but time, as usual, heals the wound.

Inflation Hurts Income Of Working Teenager

Inflation is constantly robbing the teenager! Inflation is like a mean old man that steals candy from a baby or the teenager. Inflation is really pounding on the teenager's doorstep, particularly the college-age student.

Many students are finding that college, itself, is becoming a real luxury recently. With inflation increasing at a rate of 14% this year, more and more students are having to drop out of college. About 40% of today's students are working their way through school and find that they are having to work longer hours and having to have larger loans. Many other students are working at part-time jobs to augment their over-burdened parents' support.

High school students normally depend on their families, for their necessities and a weekly allowance. The allowances parents give their teenagers are sometimes reduced as the parents try to cut down their expenses in combating inflation. Teenagers feel the pinch of inflation because their income remains relatively fixed, while most of the things they purchase keep rising. Teenagers then turn to part-time jobs and baby-sitting to supplement their reduced income.

Teenagers comprise one of the largest buying markets in the United States today. Consequently many manufacturers of clothing, make-up, records, etc., gear their products to the teenager preferences.

Take a young girl for instance. When walking into a clothing store, she may be completely enchanted with the beauty and the impressiveness

of the clothes, but when discovering the price of the garment, she is completely flabbergasted and a look of disgust appears on her face. Prices of young girl's clothes are really unreasonable. If a girl works and gets paid a minimum wage of two dollars an hour, it would take probably 15 hours for her to pay for an outfit. Karen Butler, who works at Almand's Drug Store, comments, "It gets ridiculous when I have to take fifty dollars into a store intending just to buy a pair of pants and a blouse."

One of the most popular expenses of a teenager is when he starts dating. A boy, who wants to have a fairly nice date, would be taking his date to a movie and to a place to eat a little something afterwards. Well, simply getting into the movie ranges from about four to five dollars. Then if the boy is lucky enough when asking the girl if she would like a drink and some popcorn, she would reply, "no," but if he is unlucky, then that would mean an extra sixty-five cents. Bruce Battle, who goes steady, comments about the rising prices, "Sometimes the price of going to a movie or out to eat hurts my wallet too much, so I just can't go out."

Wayne Atchison also has a strong view concerning inflation. "The inflation in the United States is self-inflicted by the shortages of oil products and food products. Imagine the slaughter of hundreds of calves when there is a shortage of beef. These shortages have caused

me to spend \$10 more this year than last year for the same items." Mrs. B. M. Strickland, a grandmother of a teenager, talks about how ridiculous inflation is getting. "When I was a teenager we didn't have such a problem. My granddaughter is from a family that is fairly well-off, but she still has a difficult problem with the rising prices of school supplies and other things. Teenagers can't enjoy buying a snack that may consist of a milkshake and a candy bar because it costs about a dollar. The price of the snack isn't the fifteen cents we used to pay."

All of these factors demonstrate how the average teenager is faced with the high prices of inflation. Teenagers, like the rest of the nation's population, evidently will be relieved when inflation eases. They too, have a personal stake in this economic problem.

Student Store Sells Jerseys

The Student Store, an organization set up to help the students of RMSH in the supplying of school materials, is open before school and during both lunch periods. The store sells articles ranging from pencils to Gryphon T-shirts.

The Student Store is a non-profit organization, and exists only to serve the student. The store is also planning to sell Gryphon football jerseys this year. They will cost \$4.50 and will be blue and gold. The jerseys will be lettered with "RMSH Gryphons." So please support your Student Store.

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