

Woes of Term Papers Discussed and Cussed

Have you noticed any hollow-eyed individuals, who look as if they have been face to face with Life, groping through the halls lately? Or perhaps you are one of those unfortunates who tried vainly to spend your study in the conference room of the library, only to be dismissed haughtily by some distinguished-looking Seniors. If you have been associating with any Seniors during lunch period, you cannot help but have heard two little words mentioned again and again with a martyred air: "Term paper." Yes, all those who are struggling through Semester Eight are at the present time writing their term papers.

Since the Seniors are permitted to choose their own subjects, in most cases, the topics range from such historical data as The Spanish Inquisition, to such current day problems as Insanity. Among the more original students, such interesting subjects as Superstition, Mental Telepathy, The Clarinet, The Battle of Vicksburg, Mummies (dead ones), The History of Jazz, Flying Saucers, Indian Burial Grounds, The Constitution of the United States, Czarest Russia, Shoes, and Perfume.

Any Senior will be only too glad to describe the horrors of a term paper to you. Such phrases as "mountains of notecards," "Ibid and op. cit.," "bibliographies, pre-cis, references, footnotes, etc. But don't be too anxious to listen, for you will have your chance only too soon!

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Senior High Graduate Many Students Yearly

School records indicate that the graduating class of 1952 will not be as large as senior classes of previous years. Although the exact number of this year's graduates is indefinite, it is not expected to exceed the number set by the class of 1941, when 54 students graduated in January and 388 in June, for a total of 442.

The senior class of the following class runs a close second with a total of 437 graduating.

More recently the lowest number of graduates is 122 in the school year ending in 1946. Only 127 wore caps and gowns in 1927.

January graduations were begun in 1926, and they were continued for 17 years until 1942. The largest number to graduate in January was 104 in 1934.

Summer school graduations were instituted in 1944, and they are as popular as ever. In 1945 there were 45 graduating from summer school.

School records kept since 1925 show that 224 have graduated from summer school, 879 students in January, and a total of 6,868 students in June. This makes a grand total and outstanding record of 7,771 graduates over a period of 27 years.

The two couples pictured above met ages ago, but only decided to go steady when they discovered they might have their picture in HIGH LIFE

The couple at the left may be seen skipping classes together, while their comrades work away. He played on the marble team and she is a member of the F. T. A. Her pet peeve is conceited boys; he has no peevess. Their favorite food is sauerkraut, and their favorite song is "When You're In Love Don't Just Stand There."

The couple at the right may be found every afternoon at the Youth Center where, while he shoots pool, she shoots "bull." Their favorite food is horseradish. Their romance is built upon the song "Unforgettable." Her pet peeve is people who won't listen to her. His is listening.

The couple pictured in the last issue of HIGH LIFE were Doris Phillips and Sam Pierce.

Davis Describes Rings In Interesting Story

What do we know about our own school ring? How long have G. H. S. students and graduates proudly sported a band of gold? There is a story.

When the high school was over on Spring Street, the class of 1922 fought diligently and finally won the right to a class ring. People were beginning to recuperate from the war and school spirit was running high. A gold ring was chosen with an oval shield on top, decorated with gold designs, and the year of graduation was on the side. It was hoped that the chosen design would stick, but for some time, each class chose a different design, the rings running about ten dollars. Not only did they have rings, but pins might be bought instead.

With the moving to the new building in the fall of twenty-nine, many new ideas were inaugurated. The high school seal, which had been designed in about 1928, was decided to be incorporated on one side of the new ring and a replica of the new building on the other side. The

first class to graduate from the new school was also the class to wear the newly adopted, standard school ring. The rings of that class of 1931 was gold with amethyst stones to correspond with the school colors. These were the rings until the early World War II years. When amethyst became hard to get, and substitutes were found unsatisfactory, the gold block "G" was adopted. And so remain our present school rings, made available to juniors and seniors for \$11.20, considerably less expensive than rings with sets, and proved to be more durable. Just this May sixteenth and seventeenth 402 of the class rings were delivered to students delighted to wear the ring of their own Greensboro High School.

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