

Farewell to the Seniors



ALICE MARIE BRICE . . . has attended Sacred Heart School for twelve long but successful years . . . nickname—"Ace" . . . favorite pastime—dancing . . . pet peeve—show offs . . . known for her cooperative spirit and for the interest she takes in friends and classmates . . . main interest at the present—her commercial subjects of shorthand and typing . . . played the leading roles in "Alice Blue Gown," and in "Thursdays at Home," . . . efficient and tireless worker who will surely succeed in her ambition of being a secretary.



GRETCHEN BUSS . . . editor of "Listenin' In," also the hardest worker on it . . . pianist of sorts . . . very talented artist . . . honor student . . . member of Glee Club . . . vice president of the local Future Nurses Club . . . pet peeve—to see an assignment on the board at the beginning of a study period . . . ambition—nurses training at Mercy in Des Moines . . . makes most of her own clothes, (including formals) . . . favorite expression, "Shoot" . . . favorite car—light blue Hudson.



JANESE CARNEY . . . better known as Carnes . . . member of the Glee Club and Sodality for four years . . . has played the piano for five years . . . pet peeve—study period, for some odd reason . . . hobby—eastern migrations . . . ambition—teacher . . . will further her education at I.S.T.C.



CATHERINE COFFEY (Cathey) . . . Red hair and freckles . . . loves clothes . . . dresses well . . . good actress in school plays . . . full of fun . . . prefers fast music for dancing . . . likes ice skating and swimming . . . hates cars and driving . . . byword—"I mean" . . . hobby—reading . . . nickname—Cough-drop . . . member of the Sodality, C.S.M.C. and the D.Y.O. since freshman days . . . plans to further her education and hopes to become a teacher.



JUDY CONWAY . . . a spirited colloquialist in school . . . uses vocal chords for singing also . . . another Liberace . . . winner of Gold Art Key . . . coffee maker for D.Y.O. . . . and vice president of class in '54 . . . spaghetti and meatballs are favorite food . . . favorite song—"Mambo Italiano" . . . likes to put on dancing shoes for Thursday nights . . . holds record of winning wheelbarrow races on field day . . . will enter the halls of Clarke next fall . . . ambition—commercial artist.



KAREN ERICKSON . . . known for her vitality and genial disposition . . . cheerleader . . . official gift wrapper . . . class secretary as freshman . . . hobbies—writing letters and riding to Ames on Sunday . . . favorite TV program—Mr. Peepers . . . favorite song—"Skokian" . . . ambition—"Farmer."



JOAN FITZGERALD . . . friendly, dark haired . . . noted for her smile . . . interested in dancing . . . belongs to Future Nurses Club . . . Sodality Prefect . . . class secretary in '52' and treasurer in '51' . . . D.Y.O. president . . . works at Osco's in spare time . . . loves peanut butter . . . hates noisy people . . . can be found next year at J. C. preparing for a career in teaching.

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JOAN MARIE JUDGE . . . Came to S. H. S. in "51" . . . a one time wheelbarrow champ . . . has good scholastic rating . . . won the Betty Crocker Homemakers' award . . . merited the Elks Scholarship . . . president of senior class . . . was Sarah in "Thursdays at Home" . . . pastime—talking . . . always enjoys a good joke . . . began National Jeep Riders' Club . . . is planning to attend college.



JOHN LACEY . . . entered S.H.S. in '53 . . . has a genial, carefree disposition . . . treasurer of Senior class . . . nick name—"Lace" . . . hobby—chauffeuring . . . secret ambition—half millionaire.



ROSE MARY RYAN . . . small, petite, and friendly . . . well-liked . . . was junior class president . . . has lovely soprano voice in Glee Club . . . found every Thursday night at K. C. . . . loves parties, dancing and driving other peoples' cars . . . ambition—to graduate from St. Joe's in Omaha . . . dislikes stubborn people . . . byword — "No Joke" . . . member of D.Y.O. . . . member of Sodality of the B.V.M. for four years . . . member of C.S.M.C.



ROSEMARY PHELAN . . . sparkling, likeable, ambitious . . . puts herself into everything she does . . . member of the S. H. Glee Club and Choir . . . active member of the C. S. M. C. . . . honor student . . . typist for "Listenin' In" . . . likes parties and dancing . . . prefers to be called Faye . . . pet peeve—slow pokes, especially when she is in a hurry . . . famous for her dry wit and slumber parties . . . favorite subject—shorthand . . . by word—"What" . . . hopes to be a secretary.



JAMES MORGAN (Fuzz) . . . husky boy . . . likes to rod his "40" Chevy . . . seen mostly with John . . . one of the two most popular senior boys . . . works at Fareway . . . a "Weekend Warrior" . . . enjoys reading . . . thinking about the old adage "Two can live ac cheap as one" . . . will continue his career at the Fareways.



JOSEPHINE SELZER . . . a pleasant, delightful girl graduate who always has an extra smile for anyone she meets . . . prefers to be called "Jo" . . . activities vary from president of the C.S.M.C. to pop corn popper at the Rialto . . . would like to go into social service work . . . enjoys re-upholstering furniture . . . hates to be disturbed when concentrating . . . ends almost every statement with "and you know it, too" . . . loves parties and all activities that bring her into contact with people . . . a really versatile and active senior.

Class Officers of '55

Sacred Heart High School classes held elections for class officers during the first week of school.

The new officers are:

Senior Class:

President—Joan Judge.
Vice Pres.—Cathy Coffey.
Secretary—Rosemary Ryan.
Treasurer—John Lacey.

Junior Class:

President—Margaret Judge.
Vice Pres.—Rita Brown.
Secretary—Leo Dittmer.
Treasurer—Dean Dittmer.

Sophomore Class:

President—William Conway.
Vice-Pres.—Peter Fleming.
Secretary—Eileen Ryan.
Treasurer—Robert Garvey.

Freshman Class:

President—Aaron Vest.
Vice-Pres.—Elizabeth Fangman.
Secretary—Patricia Dittmer.
Treasurer—Patricia Donovan.





Joan Judge (SHHS 1955) and her sister Margaret Judge (SHHS 1956) in their younger days (pre Sacred Heart).



Teaching

Helping others learn a common element of Sacred Heart School graduate's career



Yearbook Update

By JEANNINE SCHAUB

BOONE — What happens to NASA scientists and mathematicians when they retire?

Some of them become teachers, which is where Joan Judge Mirabal comes into the picture. The former Boone woman is presently teaching a number of NASA personnel, preparing them for teaching careers. She's also an independent science consultant, a wife, mother and noted educator.

Joan Judge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Judge of Route 2, Boone, was graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1955 and became a religious nun in the community of the Sisters of Charity of Dubuque.

"During the 13 years I was a member of the congregation, I received religious and scholastic training in Dubuque and Chicago—at Clarke and Mundelein colleges, where I received my B.A. in 1960," she said.

"My teaching assignment was St. John's Elementary School in Seattle, Wash., teaching 67 sixth-grade students. That many students would be difficult to teach today, but at that time all were on grade level or above, none were from broken homes, and everyone did what I asked. Teaching is not the same today," she said.

She continued her teaching career at St. Jude's School in Cedar Rapids and at Sacred Heart School in Davenport, where class sizes were in the mid-30s and "much more normal," she said.

In 1969, she was awarded her M.A. degree from Clarke College. She called the program there "extraordinary for in-depth study, which paved the way for later study."

After leaving the religious community, she worked in a special science education teacher training program at the University of Texas, Austin, where she received her Ph.D. in education in 1974. She then had what she termed "an outstanding learning experience" teaching in the education department at Luther College in Decorah from 1969 to 1971 and again from 1974 to 1976.

In 1976, she married Alfonso Mirabal and returned to Austin, where she worked in the public schools. "We moved to Dallas in 1978, and I taught Title I reading programs. In 1980, we adopted a daughter, Maria, and I left teaching for four years," Mirabal said.

When her husband was transferred to Washington, D.C., she began a new career with a textbook company. "I presented science workshops in all of the northeastern states," she said.

"My many experiences in education in so many states on various levels and in different types of schools has given me an insight into the problems that schools face today. It also makes me grateful to have been educated in Iowa, where an excellent educational system exists," she added.

Her list of honors is lengthy. She received National Science Founda-



Joan Mirabal

tion Summer Science Programs for Teachers scholarships in 1966, 1971 and 1975. She was chairman of elementary science teachers for Catholic schools in Davenport and participated on a faculty team from 12 colleges to develop inner city study in Chicago. She served on the governing board at Luther College and developed field-centered college courses for teachers.

She is the co-author of a paper on the status of Mexican-American mental health, which she prepared for President Carter in 1977. She has written reading manuals, published numerous articles and edited a newsletter in her continuing involvement with education.

Her current position, assistant professor of education at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., brings her into the lives of the NASA scientists and mathematicians. She is also an associate professor at Towson State University in Maryland.