

the juniors speak

WHAT IT IS TO BE A JUNIOR

It is really great to be a Junior with a brand-new class ring—at long last! Although we are not quite at the top, we are close enough to get a little dizzy and light-headed from the height. Along with this feeling goes the honor and privilege of being called a junior. A lot of people are depending, trusting and guiding us, and we cannot let them down. As upperclassmen it is incumbent upon us to show the way and set the example for the underclassmen; this must be done with care and consideration.

There is a great deal of hard work connected with being a junior. This year our subjects are harder than ever; and by having more competition for class ranking, we really have to WORK to keep up those grades! As juniors we have the chance to hold high offices in the various organizations and to help more with the governing of the school, besides our big project—giving the seniors the Prom.

The Prom takes more work and cooperation than anything we have ever attempted. There are a million and one little details depending on one general thing—money. The class play is another important project that requires cooperation and work, but is a lot of fun.

All in all, being a junior is something pretty special. Although we have many duties and a lot of hard work, there is so much fun and enjoyment in it all that we do not mind or remember the troubles and worries.

Bev Lotz

COMPETITION

The Junior Class is the most competitive class in Mariemont High School, scholastically.

Competition is a good quality for any group to have. A highly competitive group of persons can accomplish much. The reason for this is that persons wishing to excel will put forth the extra effort. When more work is done, the standards of the class are raised, and everyone works harder to rise to them. A favorable chain reaction is begun which advances the quality of the group as a whole.

Competition comes from people's natural desire to rise. Most people have it, but there are those who, seeing those above them, are inclined to take the inert attitude. Our class is blessed with a large number of competitive people who give a motivation to carry many of its members to the top of whatever field they wish to enter.

Competitive spirit is a very important part of a democracy. It promotes individual as well as group advancement. A group with no competitive spirit will soon be deterred and will not rise. The same applies to any individual.

All the juniors with this spark deserve a respectful glance because they are the ones who will rise and become the leaders of tomorrow's complex and competitive world.

Dick Crone

HOMEWORK

I have been in three different high schools in the past four years, and believe it or not, Mariemont assigns the most homework. I think homework is a very fine thing, as long as the amount is not too heavy. When there is a lot of homework assigned, it tends to discourage me. The teachers all seem to pile on the homework at the same time, and expect you to have it all in at the same time. I personally think school hours run from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. To most students, three o'clock is just like another change of class, because, when they get home, they have to study twice as hard as during regular school hours. I do not think the teachers realize how much mental strain is involved in studying for hours at a time, trying to remember four or five different subjects, then coming back to school and being expected to know everything,

down to the last detail. There are a few students who can do this, but on the whole, the students find it very difficult. They have to give up many things in order to pass their different subjects. Because of this, the students depend on their ability to memorize to carry them through. Without this ability, there would be many more failures in school today. The teachers try to convince the students that when they memorize something, they have not learned it. Yet what is to be expected when they have seven or eight hours to study four or five different subjects. Daily homework is not enough, the student is expected to do extra work every six weeks, book reports, progress reports, themes, and so on. I think if the amount of homework could be cut in every subject, the student would be able to spend the same amount of time on each subject, and would understand each one more thoroughly.

Donald Isenhower

ENJOY LIFE

I would like to speak on how to enjoy life. The best way to enjoy life is not to worry about anything. I once read a book about a fellow who worried himself right into the crazy house. The way I figure it, by golly, is, "Why take such a horrible chance?" In my way of thinking, nothing is worth worrying about.

I recall that one time before a football game I worried myself sick about the game. I never played such a terrible game in my life. I was so nervous that I could not do one thing right until the tension finally wore off.

Do not get me wrong. Everyone has duties and responsibilities. When these duties involve someone else, they had better be taken seriously. This does not mean worrying about them. Just carry your burden to the best of your ability and do not worry about it. Failure, I believe, is the result of consistent worrying. Enjoy life and you will be the better for it.

My philosophy is have faith in God, believe in yourself, trust others, and have a good time. And remember, don't worry!

Clayton Shea

"FIGHT TEAM FIGHT"

Mariemont has an exceptional amount of school spirit. Every year it has increased, and this year the students have really tried to show the teams that we are behind them all the way.

The kickoff this year was the traditional Pow-Wow. The purpose of this parade is to show the team that the whole school is ready to cheer them to victory. Win or lose, rain or shine, the students are always ready to sing out the Fight Song.

The pep assemblies are enjoyed and supported by most of the students. The cheerleaders and the Pep Club deserve recognition for all the hard work and energy they put into promoting school spirit. The cheerleaders always seem to know the right time to cheer and the Pep Club is responsible for the encouraging signs and posters found in the halls and classrooms.

When our football team captured the Eastern Hills League Championship, the champs were escorted by the students in a victory parade. The student body of Mariemont is proud of the Blue and Gold.

We, the students of Mariemont are proud of our capable teams. When we bring them on the football field or the basketball court with the Fight Song, we show the team that we know they can win. Let us hope that this school spirit will last throughout our years and make it known to other schools that "We're from Mariemont and couldn't be any prouder!"

Marie Caroselli