

School of Performing Arts Division of High School of Music and Art Louis K. Wechsler, Principal

Edward T. Koehler, Teacher in Charge

I am a boy, I am a girl, I am a teenager A student, A teacher, An adult . A beatnik, A square. I am an American, White, black, yellow. Sometimes I am blue, sometimes green. l am an artist. I am a part of my mother, Part of my father. I am a part of all living And all the living that went before me. 1 am myself.

Our Third Parent

We have adjourned for the past three summer vacations, certain that when we returned, P.A. would be just as we left it. We were right until September, 1961. When we entered school that first day, there were whispers, sullen faces, even tears. The news spread quickly that Dr. Paine was not in his office - that little cubicle of an office that we all know so well. The man who sat behind the desk in that office and signed our lateness excuses, the man we went to confide in knowing that he'd do all he could to help, the man who gave us his best and for whom we wanted to be our best would not be among us anymore.

Suddenly there is a void during our assemblies at P.A. No matter how entertaining or interesting the program may be, there comes an almost imperceptible lull at the end, for that is the time when Dr. Paine would mount the stairs to the stage and speak to us as the student body of the High School of Performing Arts. We all remember his lectures on school attendance, latenesses, report card grades, and then almost always following these lectures, he would have some funny little story on hand to give us a few laughs. We, the senior class of '62, feel the loss of Dr. Paine intensely, because we were with him and grew to know and love him. This, our last year at P.A., would have been Dr. Paine's last year as well, because at the end of this school year he was to retire.



Yes, the students of P.A. still have the same goals, the same traditions, and there are still the same crowded noisy halls during the change of classes, but despite these unaltered matters, there is an emptiness in the school and in our hearts. We are all aware of the gap left by Dr. Paine. He was a part of each of us, and he will always be remembered because he offered us, in all situations, love and sympathy and trust.

And so, Dr. Paine, we, the class of 1962 dedicate our yearbook to you.

Binnie Altholz

Dear Seniors of 1962,

This year of your graduation promises to be one of those moments in American history that marks a significant shift from one national mood to another. Change goes on constantly and irresistibly, but not always visibly.

In recent years American life has seemed comparatively tranquil or dull, depending on the point of view. In spite of many revolutions in science, education, industry, agriculture, and world organization, the life of the average American has been unprecedently free of the anxieties and insecurities which have afflicted and still afflict the vast majority of the human race.



Louis K. Wechsler ` Principal

One of the results of our good fortune is that we have witnessed a period of seeming aimlessness and boredom in the younger generation of this country, a result that was reflected in some as the "beatnik" aberration and in others as a reluctant infatuation with security and a superficial posture of cynicism. The normal enthusiasm and idealism of youth appeared to be orphans in an indifferent society dedicated to perpetual safety and sunshine.

Of late, the seams of the glittering fabric have begun to come apart, revealing the fears and strains beneath the surface, as, for example, in the negative nuclear panic and in the positive groping represented in the Peace Corps. There was some evidence of an expectancy in the air, of youth waiting for the event that would symbolize the end of the years of wandering in the wilderness.

It has come perhaps in the successful launching of an American into cosmic orbit and his fiery return to the earth. And again you feel that you are on the threshold of another great adventure in the saga of humanity – another new world challenging your strength, skill, imagination, and spirit more insistently than that which beckoned to Columbus and his successors – a new era in which great achievements are won by intelligence and sacrifice contributed to a common world effort, and in which security is the reward and harvest of taking risks and enduring danger.

Whatever endeavor your hopes and talents may lead you to undertake, you cannot but be inspired by the prospect of this brave new world. As you step into its bracing air, we who have helped to bring you to this juncture wish you well and bid you godspeed on your journey.

Louis K. Wechster

LOUIS K. WECHSLER, Principal

Graduates:

As I complete my first year at this unique school, you are leaving to go to college or to take the first steps toward a place in the realm of the performing arts.

Though we have had but a brief moment together, I enjoyed sharing with you the fine assembly performances, the practice sessions which eventually blossomed into concerts, the projects, the student participation in the academic classes, and the informality of the lunch hours on the main floor.

Although each of you occupies three square inches in this little album, I hope it will symbolize for you in the years to come the joys and spiritual satisfaction derived from cooperating with your classmates to achieve goals set for you by your dedicated teachers at Performing Arts.

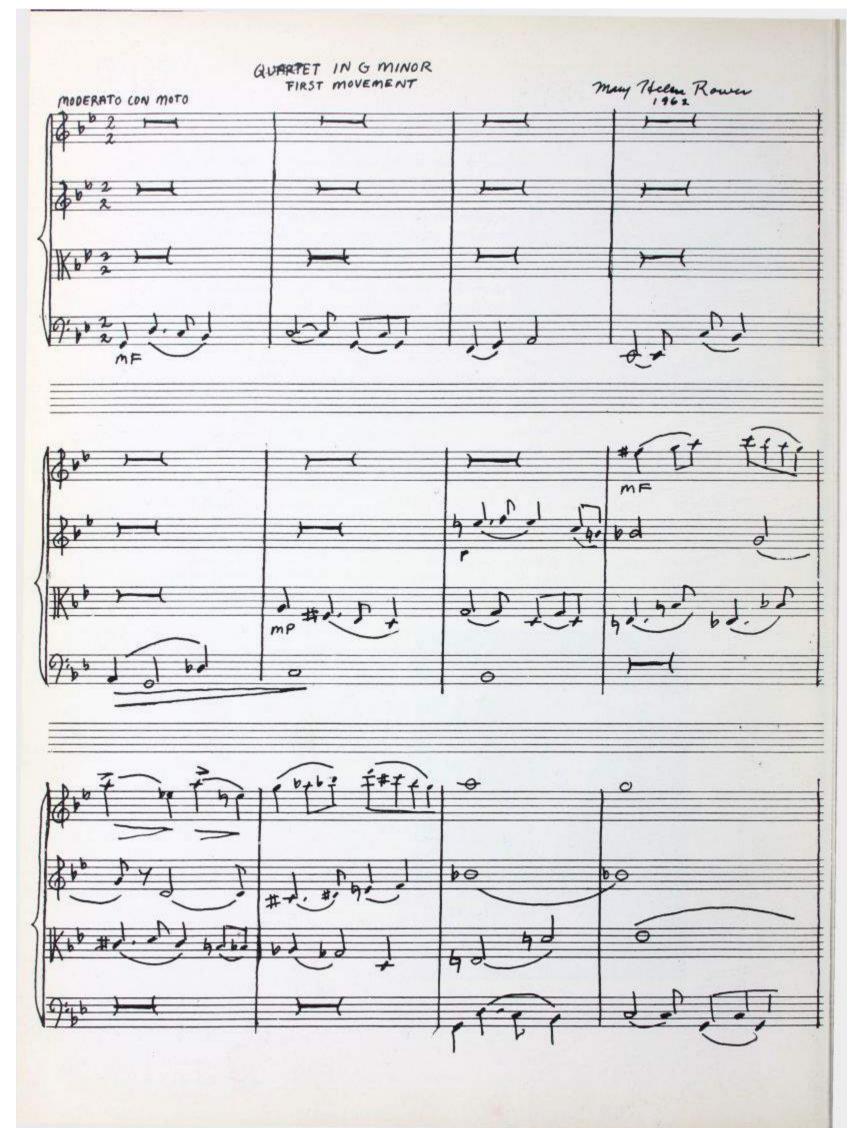
Good luck to all of you.

Sincerely,

Award) Joele Edward T. Koehler



Edward T. Koehler Teacher-in-charge



1 am a musician,
1 create emotions through sound.
1 am longhaired,
1 play it red-hot and blue.
With the notes 1 play
1 can take you back
Through time:
To Bach,
Past Debussy
And Gershwin
To Charley Parker.





Edith DelValle



Harold Sachs



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Irving Lash



Joan O'Brien

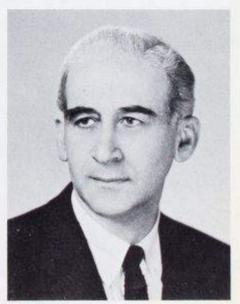
The School of Performing Arts had its beginnings in the old building of the Metropolitan Vocational High School, with five boys, five instruments, a boiler room, and a musician in search of a job. Dr. Keller, the principal, offered Mr. Julius Grossman the school's boiler room to rehearse in and the five boys who cared for nothing but music.

These instrumentalists played popular music only, and their combined instruments could not form a satisfactory ensemble. Mr. Grossman issued an all-school call for instruments — the students were invited to bring any instrument they could carry. The results were tremendous. Instruments of all types and sizes appeared, in varying conditions; some of them Mr. Grossman had never seen or heard in his experience as a musician. Those which were practical were repaired and thus a fourteen piece orchestra was formed.

As the need arose, new courses were added to the students' programs. Harmony and the History of Music were offered, as well as instrumental training and ensemble work. The years since have seen the addition of sight-singing, keyboard harmony, instrumentation, conducting, piano literature, piano accompaniment, and sight-reading.

The new department grew and expanded. The Advisory Commission, vital to the growth of the Music Department, numbered among its members Walter Damrosch, Alfred Wallenstein, Jaques Malkin, and Gerald Warburg. The later development of a Drama Department and a Dance Department were incorporated in 1948. The original plan was to dedicate the school to some well-known patron of the arts. It was only after several names had been proposed that someone suggested the school be known simply as a school "for the performing arts." The name was a gold mine. Critics use the term repeatedly in their reviews of the dance, drama, and music, and the new Lincoln Center is to be called the "Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts."

After a long, hard fight, the new school was granted a building of its own on West Forty-Sixth Street in Manhattan. Thus the School of Performing Arts became a separate institution, a school dedicated to the training of performers. It is the only school of its kind in the country. The needs of the five boys in the boiler room, representative of aspiring young performers everywhere, were satisfied by the formation of the High School of Performing Arts.



Julius Grossman Chairman





I am an actor, The sad misunderstood Romeo, The foolish Nellie Forbush. I am King Kong And can make my audience Weep, Laugh, Fear. I am any one I wish to be. I am master of the stage I'm on.





Roslyn Schein



Zenaide Trigg



Vinnette Carroll



Elizabeth Parrish



Ruthel Provet



Lawrence Olvin





Edith Bank



Robert Alvin

In September 1939, four students were assigned to Mrs. Edith Bank at the Metropolitan Vocational High School and a drama department was under way. The four were not chosen for their talent; one had been a constant problem in shop, his only talent being an amazing ability to imitate a chicken! They were the school's problem cases, those for whom there would otherwise have been little future.

By the following year, there were twelve students interested in drama. Mr. Sachs of the music department taught singing, Mrs. Bank acting, speech, and some dancing. This was the first time that drama, dance, and music were incorporated, a sign of things to come. The twelve students learned improvisation and pantomime, mastered exercises in relaxation, as well as justification exercises, even managed some scenes. Every year the group put on a production. They made their own costumes, scenery, sold their own tickets, and arranged for their own advertising.

In 1944, under the leadership of Mrs. Samuel Lewisohn, the original Chairman of the Advisory Commission, it was decided that a dance department should be added. Martha Graham and Martha Hill became interested, and together they worked on a dance curriculum for the proposed dance department.

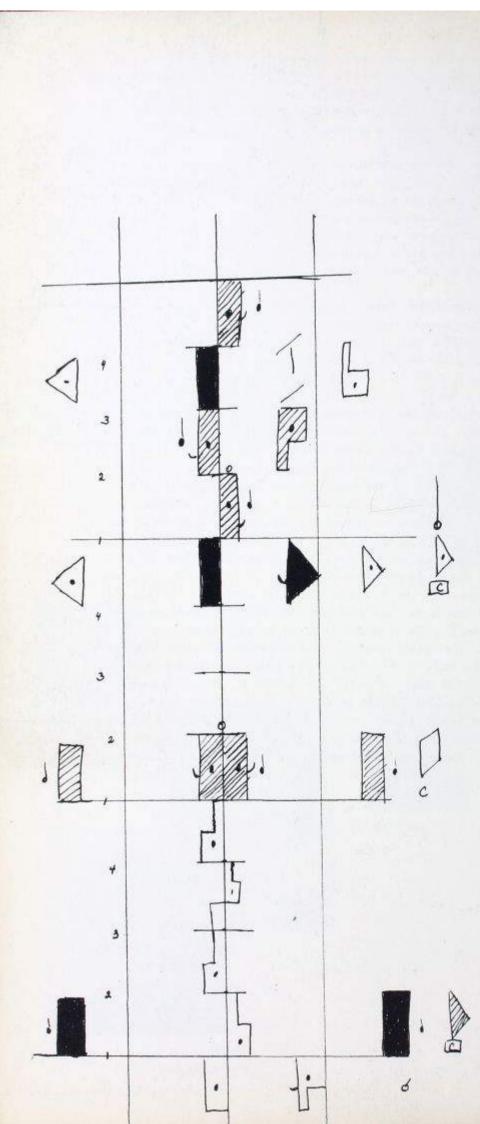
The blueprint for the School of Performing Arts had thus been drawn. It remained to find a building. Mrs. Bank set out to tour the town. She found a weathered old building on West Forty-Sixth Street between Broadway and Sixth Avenue, a few doors down from Variety. The building carried a sign over the front door: MARINE COMMISSION SHORE CONTROL. Years before it had been used as a school, but it had passed out of the hands of the Board of Education into the city's possession. Something kept that building standing long enough for the Advisory Commission to persuade the city to turn it back to the Board of Education. The Marine Commission moved out; the School of Performing Arts moved in. The first classes began in September, 1948, with Mr. Julius Grossman as Chairman of the Music Department, Dr. Marjorie Dycke as Chairman of the Drama Department, and Mrs. Elizabeth Rockwell in charge of Dance.

As P.A. developed, changes were made in the students' curricula. The Advisory Commission proposed that in the last few terms of study, the drama student be instructed by professional performers and be given an opportunity to work under professional direction. The faculties of all three departments include men and women who work professionally in their fields. The future and the hopes of the Drama Department are, to the minds of those who formed it, most encouraging. It contributes to a theatre of the future by training young actors and actresses to know what they are entering, to be aware of the requirements, and to look at their careers realistically. In short, the department is doing its utmost to train students to be a part, not merely of theatre, but of a better theatre of the future.

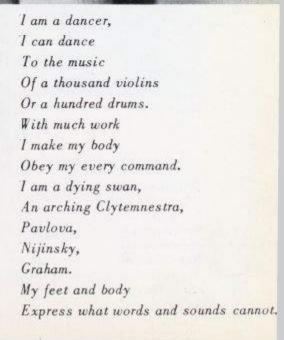
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Marjorie Dycke Chairman











Stuart Hodes



Gertrude Shurr



Norman Walker



David Wood



Billie Kirpich

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Betty Low Sara Malamente Annabelle Lyon May O'Donnell





Ólga Popova

Matteo



Mara





Leo Solow Yurek Lazowsk





Ernest Lubin

Pauline Koner





Rachael Yocom Chairman

The Dance Department of the School of Performing Arts came into existence when the new school moved into its own building in 1948. The first few months were chaotic. Only two dance groups were being instructed, a beginning and an advanced class. By the end of the first year, three sections had taken shape, and as the second year drew to a close, six sections were being trained in professional dance. Modern dance and ballet classes were given in addition to dance history and a course in dance notation.

The first group was a motley crew; they were so excited and enthusiastic about their work that it took some time to tame them. They were ready to devour everything offered them. Rehearsals often lasted until 5:00 PM, after which the young dancers visited the Museum of Modern Art to see re-runs of old dance films. Performing Arts was the first school of its kind, and the excitement it generated was tremendous both inside and outside the building. Articles about this experiment appeared in every leading magazine and newspaper.

One of the most influential of these articles was written by the noted dance critic, John Martin. By a far-sighted description of the marvelous idea of a school for the performing arts, he sent troops of teachers applying for positions on the faculty. Among these were flying trapeze artists and acrobatics instructors! The testing program was intensive and comprehensive and through the recommendations of the Advisory Commission three teachers were finally chosen: Eve Gentry, Ann Hutchinson, and Elizabeth Rockwell. Mrs. Rockwell became the first chairman of the Dance Department, and, working with the Advisory Commission, organized what has grown into a large department dedicated to the training of young dancers.

In its early years as a separate institution, Performing Arts had to prove itself. Constant pressure was applied to test the strength of the school. A battle was waged for double periods to be devoted to dance, won largely through the aid of Martha Hill, a member of the Advisory Commission who later became director of the Dance Department at Juilliard. Dance accompanists were added through the efforts of the Commission. Was it folly to train young people for work in a field already crowded? The founders of Performing Arts replied that more highly trained performers were needed to carry on a growing profession. Especially for the dancer, whose career is so short, training at the high school level is of the greatest value.

Over the years, the Dance Department has been in capable hands - Doris Rudko, Betty Jane Warburg, Pat Casey and Nancy Lang under the chairmanship of Dr. Dycke, and in 1955, Dr.Rachael Yocom. One of the important contributions of the school is the setting of a favorable pattern for serious study toward a dance career. But perhaps more valuable to today's student is the marvelous professional experience being offered them, and the opportunity to become part of a richer and finer world of the performing arts of the future.

Mary Burton

A Few of My Favorite Things

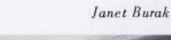
Candies and ice cream and nesselrode pie, Elizabeth Taylor and bread that is rye, Time magazine for all the news it brings: These are a few of my favorite things.

Bagels and lox and all kinds of muffins, Mickey Mantle and football ruffians, Dust ruffles, bows, earrings and rings: These are a few of my favorite things.

lce-skating - And skiing - And sailing, 1 think is grand,
Ballet and jazz and razz-a-ma-taz,
And airplane trips - when 1 land.

Tradition and spirit and overnight camps, French provincial and figurine lamps, The twist, lindy, cha-cha and all highland flings: These are a few of my favorite things.

College applications and C. E. E. B.'s, Buses, subways, weather when I freeze. Maybe in 200 years I'll sing: These were a few of my favorite things.







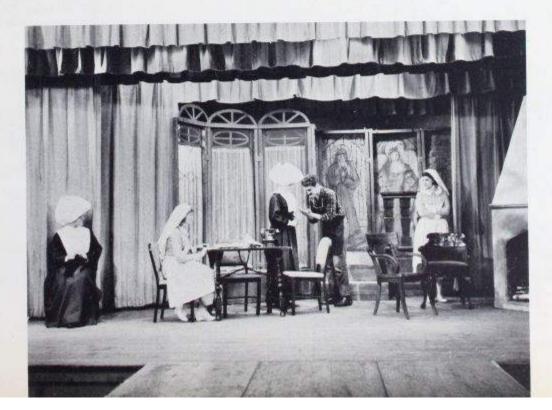
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Sharon Benet



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Enid Edelman

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Beverly Ficker

Larry Fishkind









Lianne Foldes





Rheatha Forster





Vincent Gaudioso

Sandra Garson

I am a because, a therefore, a never, an undoubtedly, an instead of, a maybe, a not possibly, an in addition to, an if not, a since, an and, and a then.

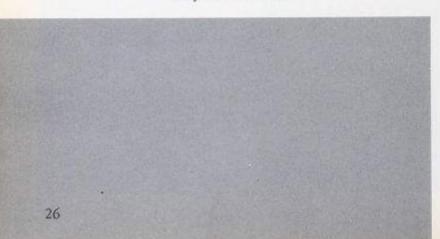
Sue Schulman

A picture postcard Am 1, Sent through the mail. I give pleasure To a few, But arrive Worn and torn.

Leslie Vega

I am a wave, A cormorant curve emerging from The silent sea, Brushing against the currents And swooping on The starboard deck of skimming ships, Leaping towards the Wakes and crests of Turbulent events that Pass me by. And, when into foam I turn, My shapeless shape Embraces all.

Mary Helen Rowen



l am and if you don't believe me perhaps l'll smile at you and then you'll know won't you

Karen Gorney

I am a sound, a vacuum, a pulley, Only a physicist appreciates fully My great versatility.

Now I'm a calorie or maybe an echo, My presence is needed for any new break-through In the great field of science.

I work at high frequency, my storehouse of power Remains unlimited, as hour by hour I toil over my problem.

My compound bar or thermostat Shows expansion of metals. Did you know that? I did.

What am I, then, who takes many forms, And measures the distance to thunderstorms? A physics student.

Mary Burton











Diane Germaine

Marsha Gervan

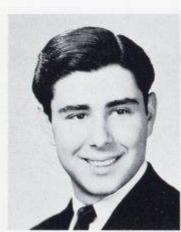


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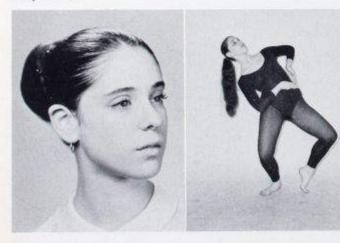
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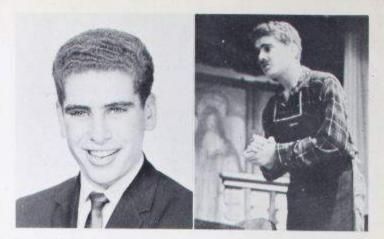




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I'll Remember Mickey

When I think back on these busy years, I'll remember Mr. Orfuss praising the audience after an assembly, Mrs. Gilchrist inviting us to brunch, and Mr. Olvin leading us to safety, but, most of all, I'll remember Mickey.

Mickey was a little boy when I first saw him tiptoeing into Performing Arts. I could tell he had talent from the very first moment. I told him so, hoping he'd say the same about me. He did, and we parted to face our auditions, having done as much for each other as any apprehensive fourteen-year-olds could.

It was quite an experience. He wasn't flustered at all; at least, that's what he told me. It was difficult to believe that the audition we had waited for so intensely and so long took only twenty minutes. It was gone so quickly! We assured each other that such shining lights as ours were dazzling despite the short exposure.

The following September, Mickey and I met again. Performing Arts had proved itself and had accepted both of us. We were ready to burn the school down with our talent, but there were fire extinguishers ready and waiting.

My brightest picture of Mickey will always be the one in our first dance class. In leotards and tights, he made me want to adopt him and feed him. However, he did so well in our animal impersonations that I knew he'd get along. He was the best monkey P.A. ever trained, right down to the real bananas he gobbled by the bunch. When we started scenes, he amazed us all with his versatility. As an eight-year-old in Penrod, he got the highest mark in acting.

I think it was in his junior year that Mickey became a genius. He read many, many books, all of them paperbound and esoteric. He looked different, too. It's hard to describe the change (I'll always see him as a monkey, you know), but he had become very dashing. I could tell when I saw Mickey do a scene from <u>The</u> Rainmaker; he made me cry. That's when I knew he had arrived.

I'll often remember Miss Katz subtracting zero from zero, Mrs. Simmons reading Lady Macbeth, and Mr. Tolmach searching for Russia, but most of all I'll remember Mickey.

Lois Mintz

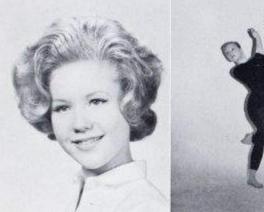




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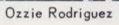




Linda Robbins



Barry Robins





Pamela Roma

Sue Rosen



Marcia Rosenblum

Mary Helen Rowen

There was no one there to pick me up No arms enclosed me. Blood was present yet it did not allow me to cry aloud. No soothing words wiped away the choked feeling. I was grown I gathered up my books and continued.

Suzanne Lapka



Diane Arlene Schaefer

Dorothy Scharff



Gloria Schreiber





Sue Schulman





Vera Schultz



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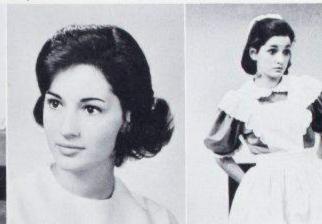




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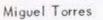






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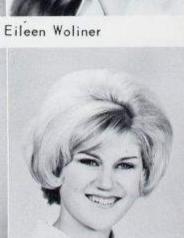
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The Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class of 1962



Gordon Gilbert Science

We, the senior class of the High School of Performing Arts of the year 1962, having declared ourselves to be of sound mind and body, do at this time ordain and establish this, our last will and testament. We bequeath the following:

To Mr. Aaron: An empty home room or thirty ready-tosign excuses from home room.

To Mr. Alvin: A hearty smile, a good laugh, and a director's chair.

To Mrs. Bank: A pre-paid charge account at Maharam's. To Mrs. Bing: A telephone answering service.

To Mr. Blair: Extra room for zeroes.

To Miss Bool: Mr. Dewey Decimal.

To Miss Carroll: All the voices she has put out.

To Dr. Dycke: A cherub tree.

To Mr. Gilbert: An ounce of hydrogen sulphide shaving lotion.

To Mrs. Gregg: Les devoirs pour demain.

To Mr. Grossman: An unbreakable baton and a bottle of borscht.

To Mrs. Hartman: An exponent machine.

To Miss Katz: A desk with a fence around it.

To Mr. Koehler: A Friday without an inspecting fireman.

To Mr. Kupfer: A jar of happiness and a smile pill.



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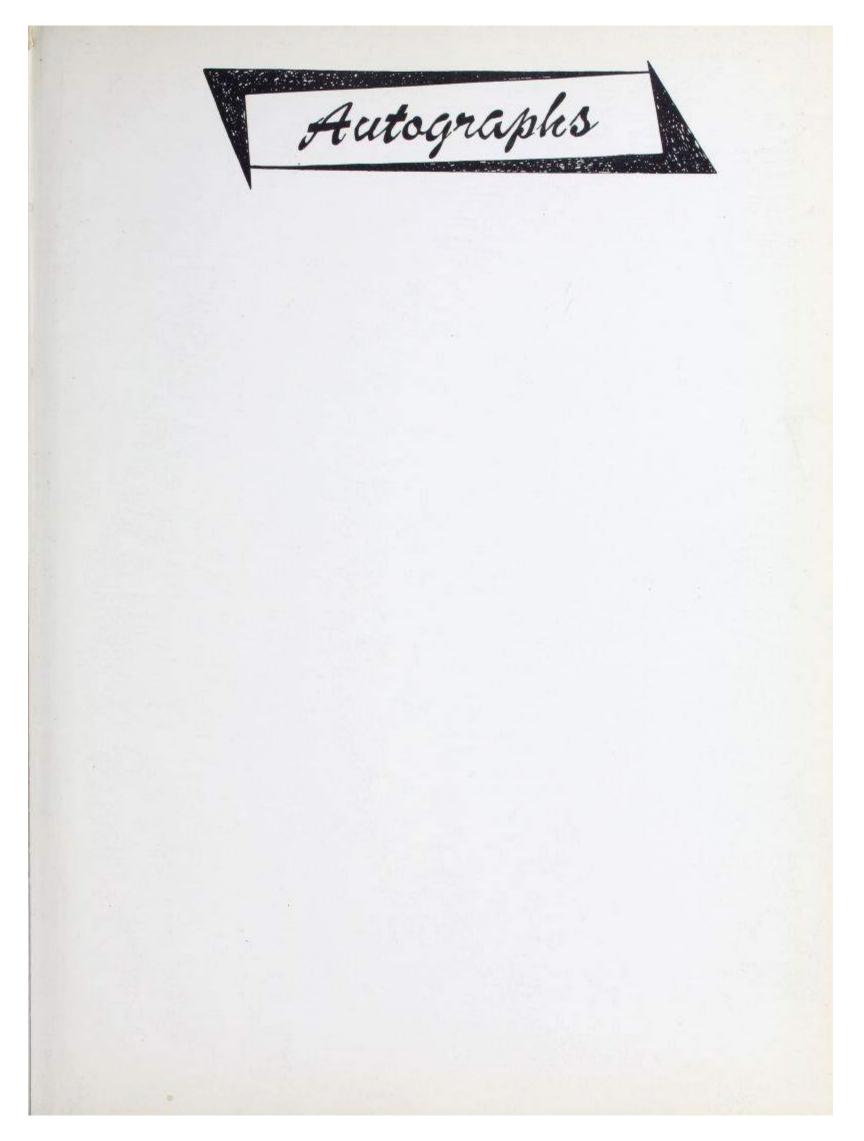
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