

CLASS DAY PROGRAM *****1968

PROJE SIGNAL SENIOR CLASS
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.....ALL
led by Rich Johnston, Class President
STAR SPANGLED BANNER.....ALL
led by Ruth Pearson
WELCOMING SPEECH..... GEORGE LESSER
Student Council Pres.

Welcome to Class Day, 1968. The program you are about to see is quite different from the Class Day programs of the last several years, but it is not the first unique undertaking that the class has experienced in its six year history at Amherst.

One of the greatest problems facing America today is the communication gap between older and younger generations. Today we hope to bridge about six years of the communication gap by remembering many of the little things which have happened to our class but that some of our classmates and many of our parents never have heard of.

In a moment we present The Making of the Class of '68, with commentators Alan Dinitzer and Joe Borzillieri.

But first a word from our sponsor.

MESSAGE TO THE CLASS.....MR. MUNSON
RICH JOHNSTON

And now, produced and directed by members of Senior Class Council, we present The Making of the Class of '68.

Al: Good Morning. All well versed Americans have heard the old adage: Rome was not built in a day. A great class is not constructed within the course of twenty hours either.

Joe: It takes years of careful brewing.

Al: A classwide survey taken 300 years ago by the Sophomore Class Council revealed that less than 48% of the contemporary class began Kindergarten at one of the four Amherst elementary schools. Each school had its own distinctions. At Eggert Road, the swingin school, half of the sixth grade class went steady. Eggert and Windermere fought a fierce rivalry, with Windermere usually boasting superiority because of its swimming pool. Harlem Road produced the most athletes, and Smallwood, well Smallwood produced the most members of today's class-20%.

Joe: In 7th grade the class came together for the first time. 75% of the present class began 7th grade at good old Amherst Central Junior High School, which has also been called the Happiness Farm and the Kings Highway Country Club by some of senior high professors. Eggert load graduates, hot off their sixth grade social activity, mad their junior high presence felt by supplying 3/4 of the seventh grade class officers (remember President Bill Joyce) and most of the hallowed junior high clique.

Al: Remember those days, Joe? All the times that Mrs. Schweitzer took your temperature in the clinic? Once when you broke your leg, once when you cut your finger, and once when you went for a hearing test. And the torture sessions down in Mr. Rouse's headquarters? Like the time that he told you to look up the word "rape" in his dictionary and you read "To knock loudly, as against a door"? And all the intellectual sessions in the library-when Miss Carter had you moving furniture around all period?

Joe: After the Freshman Farewell the class skipped over to the sacred halls of 4301 Main Street, where it has resided for the last three years.

In the past three years many outstanding individual accomplishments have been made. Linda Karuth and Robin Palander demonstrated their social concern by donating their energies to work downtown for Vista. Joe Fried and Chris Niehaus capped arduous high school music careers by performing with professional orchestras. Seeing Jim Capalino's picture plastered all over the TV set after his successful organization of Project Understanding and hearing him on a first name basis with Mayor Sedita convinced political insiders that he really will be elected President of the United States in 1984. Many Amherstonians accomplishments never will be recognized and others will. At this time I would like to ask Mr. Munson to present a few well-deserved awards.

AWARDS.....Mr. Munson

Al: Many students participated in extracurricular activities and through these activities Amherstonians made important group accomplishments. Tiger athletes, led by three-sport letter winners like Ted Batt, Mike ^Mriscoll, and Jerry ^Keters, won the Clarksen Trophy for the 14th straight year. ^Taffler, edited by Jayne ^Dhister, was rated the best public high school newspaper in Western New York. The Debate team, captained by Bob Gerlach, placed seventh in the nation during one of its many tournaments. ^Interact^Ulub, under ^Kresident ^Mich Johnston, organized a statewide convention in ^Syracuse. ^The Band seemed to spend half the year in Canada, yet still received the highest rating possible at the yearly contest.

Joe: Not all, however, elected to enjoy the benefits of extracurricular activities. Some students, those ^{who} Mrs Munson called the first to hit Main Street at 3:20, missed much of the worth of ^Amherst.

Song #1 Bill Fudeman Extracurricular activities

Al: Lots went on after school, but still most of the action occurred between 8:30 and 9:20.

Song #2 Al Dinitzer Those were the Good Old Days.

Joe: One of the weeks' most fruitful periods was 7th hour Wednesday, when Student Council met.

Song #3 Bill Fudeman Look at Student Council

Joe: The mere existence of Student Council, however, gave students the opportunity ^{to develop} leadership qualities and to express their opinions about their school. The Bullboard, initiated by the Tatler staff, also served as an outlet for student opinion. Opinions appeared on such unnoteworthy subjects as Vietnam, the urban crisis, and the Presidential race. Important comments also appeared about vital social events such as ^{at} Church dances and Mel and ^{and} football games.

Song #4 Bill Fudeman I got the Blues

Al: On the whole Amherst students love their school and are proud of it. They have a right to ^{be} proud. But one part of Amherst this class did not particularly love-homework.

Song #5 Bill Fudeman When We First Came to Amherst

Joe: Classes have come and gone at Amherst for over 30 years and ~~the~~ only those who remain here as time takes its toll, the teachers, can judge one class from another. Our staff has interviewed certain illustrious teachers, asking them the question, "What is your impression of the Class of '68?"

Interviewer: Miss No. er, I mean Mrs. Meer, what do you think of the class of '68?

Answer: Well, I think the class is lousy, but don't say that I Haven't told you so all these years.

Interviewer: Mr. Alterelli, what is your impression of the Class of '68?

Answer: Well, "its all a matter of taste" said the old lady as she kissed the cow.

Interviewer: Mr. Reed, we gave time just for one very short answer as to your opinion of the Class of '68.

Answer: Well, when I was in Long Island with Miss Richter, we did things completely different. And I know that I'm unfair but thats the way I am. First of all there are too many cliques in this class.

Interrupter: Mr. Reed, Mr. Reed;:..

Answer: Yes Mrs. Atkinson....

Interrupter: Mr. Reed, the word is oleque.

Interviewer: That is about all the time we have, so now back to commentator Al Snitzer.

Al: Thank you. As the school year came to a close, the class of '68 faced the future. Most seniors had submitted their ^{college} applications in the fall and had learned during the spring where they would spend the next four years of their lives. Others waited too long before making plans and found themselves with their backs to the wall.

Song#6 and Kit Bill Fudeman Sitting Down in Guidance

Joe: College looms ahead for 87% of the Class of '68. It took 12 years to assemble the class. In two short months the class will scatter in a thousand directions, like seeds in the wind. All that remain are memories and attempts at self-perpetuation.

Al: That about ties it up for this morning, June 13, 1968.

Our program may have been entertaining, it may have been educational, but most of all, we hope that it will ^{help} you remember our

class, the class of 1968.

Joe: Good Morning, Dnitzer.

Al: Good Morning, Borz, Borzillrell, oh Good Morning, Joe.

Rich: Of the 450 seniors in the class of '68, three will stand out distinctly in the memories of their schoolmates

AFS FAREWELL PETRA PATTEN
KALPANA SHAI
HIROSHI KONDO

Rich: In thirty years, though we be long gone and separated from Amherst, schooldays will be relived with a few glances at the Tower.

TOWER PRESENTATIONLINDA MARCHETTA

Rich: Before the class of 1968 collectively leaves the scene, it wants to make a contribution to the world which it will enter.

CLASS GIFT PRESENTATION PAT DOWNING

ALMA MATER SENIOR CLASS
led by

RECESSIONAL..... SENIOR CLASS

SONG # 2

To the tune of Five-Foot two

1.

After school-

What a fool

Stick around, Pretend you're cool

By going to the soccer game.

2.

Oh what fun

Avoid the sun

Class Council won't end till 5:01

If dinner's cold, that's just a shame.

3.

Now if you want to hear some good advice- listen to me.

I've tried them all now once or twice- avoid the
Spanish Honor Society.

And

Go play pool

Go to shul

Do anything inside this rule

I hope you'll stay away

Just play away the day

Be smart & stay away

From school.

Once out how can you stay in.

Ya ha ha - those were the good old days.

I see opportunists in detention,
And slippers not to mention
All the hoods who left their locks
unlocked when leaving gym.
It was really the worst
when the school's boiler burst.
Ya ha ha - those were the good old days

Trouble started brewing,
They clamped down on gum chewing,
But still they let you eat that mud
they serve for lunch.
Swimming wasn't it fun
In the pool full of scum
Ya ha ha ha those were the good old days

I sit in my English class
Dare I risk another pass?
The john is the place where I'd be
The principal means to purge
So if I should get the urge
I hold it from nine untill three

I see John, that noble man
atop his garbage can
A target for the food that we
xmg refused to eat.
And that wonderful worn
That Dissenter was born
Ya ha ha ha

Those were the good old days

I look back and my pulse quickens
When I think of Charles Dickens
And his great creations?
David Copperfield and Pip

Our great Band as a rule
played to 1/3 of the school.
Ya ha ha ha those were the good old days

I'd walk to London town
To see the school burn down to
see those good old days

SONG # 4

Intro

In Student Council, the class of '68 was bound to really change the school. You could see it in the platforms, promises, and campaigns of the Presidential candidates,. We were certain to have many fine accomplishments.

(To the tune of Puff the Magic Dragon)

1. Look at Student Council

See all we've done this year.
The Jew Bill did with The School Board
There's little else I fear.

2.

Planning how to welcome
Drive for magazines
The hours spent to organize
look back- see what it means.

3.

Executive board decided
Exactly what we passed
The representatives slept away
See the wasted time we've passed

4. Self-perpetuations

The only goal we've learned
Attendance and committee reports
No new business-meeting adjourned

(to the tune of

Introduction

As seniors, and mature young adults, we became disturbed by what seemed petty rules with no purpose other than strictness for its own sake. Some bullboard complaints are echoed here.

I got the blues when Mr. Schaifer made me cut off all my hair
He says he likes my family but he cant stand the clothes I wear
He really doesnt think Im so bad
Just hates every idea Ive ever had
Gotta wrestle in gym till my head gets split
Makes me wanna drop out school and quit
Well Ive got weak kidneys more often than three times a year
But Ill have to suffer or have detention I fear
If I try to write down what I think
Might as well be thrown in the clink
Cause my recommendations gonna be washed down the sink

Song 7 and still sung by Bill F.

To the tune of Homeward Bound

I'm sitting down in guidance waiting
For that conference I'm anticipating---ughoh.
I've sat around an hour or so
My name is called and in I go
The names of colleges we throw
around, that's me ~~me~~ Mr. Pankow-
Where'm I bound? He says we'll
look around.

Why are we getting no place?
Why does he talk at that pace?
Why can't I look at his face?
Or hear what he is saying?

Counselor:: Well, let's see. You've probably going to have
enough credits to graduate, um.... (looks at folder)
oh yse -Bob. Now then, is there anything troubling you
about school? What do you want to be when you grow up?
What's your favorite subject?

Bob::: Well you see Mrs.-----, I've been having trouble filling out this
application.

Con::: Now just remember don't apply too far over your head. Visit
colleges on weekends and vacations of your junior year.

Bob::: But it is March of my senior year, don't you see,
and now I don't want to get drafted.

C...Remember only apply to three schools As your 1st choice apply
to the school you want to go to most and be sure it's difficult,
but be sure you'll be able to get in. Early decision is always good.

Bob...You're supposed to fill this out I think, and.....
Now you should be almost sure of getting into your 2nd and 3rd choices.
Remember to visualize what life will like when you're there t next
year- think of how to budget your time.

Bob...When I'm where What are you saying?

C...I'm glad I've been able to help you BRIAN. Anytime you have a prob.
don't hesitate to call me. I'm here just to help you. Remember to jo

clubs & organisations and succeed with them. Edit a publication or be a
lead in the opera, colleges are impressed with that sort of thing.

(Bob walks out without con. realizing it.)

C...I hope you realize which standardized tests your school requires in the
midwest the ACT & Sat , Boards & Achievements. Now if you stay in state