


SENIOR CLASS HISTORY



In 1980, the incoming students from Park and Terrill merged into the sophomore class of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. This blending created new friendships that would last throughout our high school careers. After patiently enduring Sophomore Orientation, the confusion evolved into organization with the election of Kathy Kutcha, Gina Dinizo and Susan Morton as our class officers. We then became "hardened" members of S.P.F.H.S. as it became all too clear that our lockers were combustible and as we dodged flying food in the cafeteria food fights. Talented members of our class designed an exciting float entitled "Annie", which won the award for the best float in the Homecoming Parade. This was the year that our outstanding class athletes first demonstrated their talents at the high school level.

As Juniors we elected Ray Valasquez, Karyn Kmak, and Shari Somerville as our class officers. For the second year, artistic members of our class created a prize-winning float entitled "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at Homecoming 1981. We attended the last Gong Show and a controversy arose because of allegedly unruly crowds. This controversy precipitated a sit-in and an assembly to resolve the tensions caused by the feelings of hostility in the school. The African Relief Drive was held, strongly supported by the Junior Class, and broadcast on major TV networks. The highlight of our junior year was not the traditional class prom, but instead we had a Junior Class Bar-b-que. Despite freezing conditions, many juniors and their guests dined on a bar-b-que meal, danced to music, and left contented. At the end of the year we were relieved to have completed the exhausting dreaded junior workload and looked forward to a somewhat easier senior year.

The Senior Class of 1982 began its third year in S.P.F.H.S. under the leadership of officers Michael Gordon, Jay Griffith and Fran Butler. Creative members of the class constructed our float, "Urban Cowboy", which was recognized as the best Homecoming Float. Our football players donned new uniforms and performed with dedication. The Marching Band inspired pride by winning first place overall and a rating of Superior at Cedar Ridge and also by appearing on "Real People". The Senior Class sponsored a picnic for the entire school and then sold M&M's to "starving" S.P.F.H.S. These fundraisers defrayed the cost of our Senior Prom which was held at the Governor Morris Inn on June 5. The Senior girls revived the Senior-Sister program to help incoming students adjust to their new environment, and once again we supported the African Relief effort. Many students spent their first semester studying feverishly to achieve good grades for college applications and began to imagine life after S.P.F.H.S. Few students will forget the exchanging of Senior pictures or the writing of farewell messages in our yearbooks on the last days before graduation from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

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