





*The June Class of 1959
Returns to school after 50 years!*

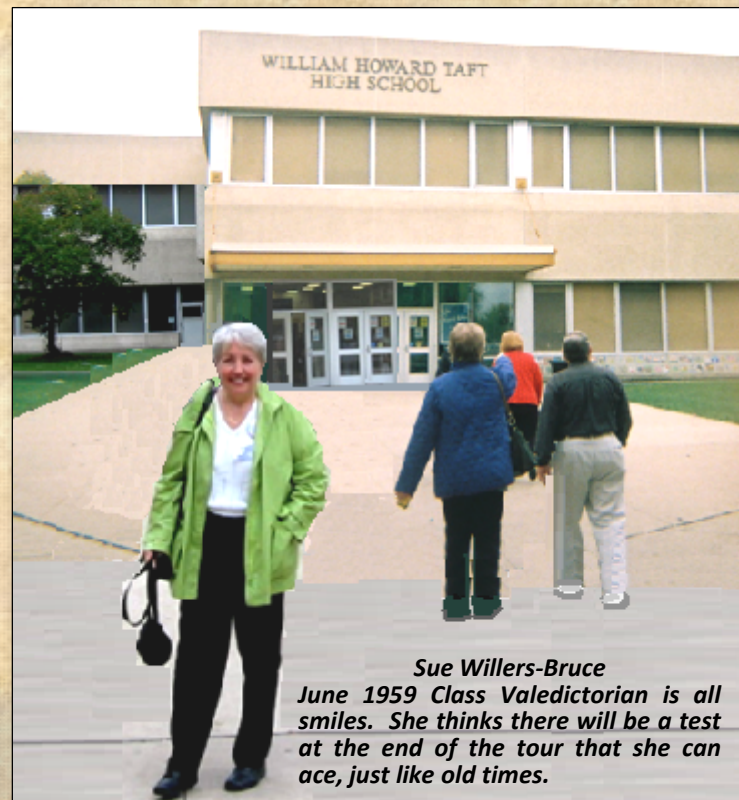


Given all the titanium hip & knee replacements in the group, the metal detector was turned off so the tour could take place before nightfall.



↑ *The new entrance includes a metal detector and a beautiful floral mosaic! I think that's called irony, I'll have to check with Sue when I see her. It could also be called: Beauty while looking for a Beast.*

Most of the women took the two flights of stairs to the cafeteria without the need of the EMT's that were on site. The men however were all on the elevator. →



*Sue Willers-Bruce
June 1959 Class Valedictorian is all smiles. She thinks there will be a test at the end of the tour that she can ace, just like old times.*



Taft TOP TEN Lunchroom Rules

1. Display ID
2. Be Respectful
3. No Profanity
4. No Yelling
5. No Running
6. Dispose of Trash
7. No Sitting on Tables
8. Leave Tables Clean
9. No Electronic Devices
10. No Throwing Food

ACT LIKE AN
ADULT
TREATED LIKE ONE



Class of June 1959 assembled in the Taft High School Cafeteria for a Superdawg Lunch

Here we see Reunion Committee Chairman & 1959 Class President Larry Marsh covering the Taft Top Ten Lunchroom Rules, which basically boils down to: "Act Like an Adult = Be Treated Like an Adult". There were some in the group that felt that was going to be a challenge but would give it their best try. Seniors can be a discipline problem sometimes.



Taft High School Cafeteria for a Superdawg Lunch SUPERDAWG ARRIVES

Here we see Anne Allegretti, Fred's wife, is covering the fine art of eating a Superdawg, while John & Betty Henning-Murphy and Karen Bartel, Joe Bartel's wife listen carefully.

Well at least Fred is paying attention, or maybe he is trying to recover from the hot peppers he ate on his Superdawg.



***Still finger-licking good after all these years...
Where's my Beano?***



***No pushing or shoving, there are enough hot dogs for all.
Remember the Taft Cafeteria Rules Larry just covered.***



Here is Sue Willers-Bruce & her husband Jim Bruce, with Dave & Lucia Barth enjoying their Superdawg hotdog.



Superdawg lunch in the Taft cafeteria was a big hit! Some say it's was tipping-point reason they came to the reunion.



Barb Kundson-Newlin auctioned off her original watercolor drawing of the Superdawg Drive-In for the benefit of our Taft donation.

The Superdawg Watercolor Auction was a Great Success!

The final seconds of bidding became hectic between Anne Fear-McManus and Jan Wordell-Pfannensteil. In the end, with a final bid of \$250 Anne secured the watercolor.

Here it is being presented to her by the artist, Barb Kundson-Newlin and Larry Marsh.

The only question that remains is... What do with a Superdawg watercolor when you can't put mustard on it and eat it?





Class of June 1959 Donation to Taft High School

According to the principal, Dr. Tarvardian, our group of 107 was the largest reunion group he had ever addressed in his 14 years at Taft. "...reunion groups usually number about 30.," said Dr. Tarvardian.

Also, he mentioned that the June Class of 1959 was the first reunion graduating class ever to present a financial donation to the school. Because of the generosity of attending classmates the donation to Taft totaled \$1,872.00.



The official presentation by the entire Reunion Committee on behalf of the June Class of 1969. From Left to Right : Arnie Werling, Pat Santell-Lutz, Carole Mommsen-Meyer, Judy Thornton-Lewis, Ken Yonan, Sue Willers-Bruce, Fred Allegretti, Les Torrey, Dr. Tarvardian, Larry Marsh, Barb Kundson-Newlin, Joe Bartel



Larry also presented Dr. T. with our Reunion Memory Book. Here he is viewing our 50 year profiles & remarking on the large number of teachers from the class of 1959.



The Taft Gym where we graduated on June 25, 1959, now referred to as the "Joe Kupciet Gymnasium".

The Tour of Taft High School

Everyone remembered the rooms & spaces to be a lot bigger than they seemed to be today... 50 years later.

For those who could remember... finding their old "home room" and/or their locker seemed to be very important, almost like a quest. While some others were not sure they had ever step foot in this school.

Regardless of which group you were in... the Taft Tour was one of the highlights of the 4 day reunion celebration.



Jim Fisher, at home in front of and as well as on stage.



The Taft Auditorium, updated with new seats, where many assemblies and concerts were attended.



The pool where the girls wore different color suits based on their swimming skill level, and the boys wore blue when the water was cold.

The Naval ROTC Honor Guard posted the colors as we all said the "Pledge of Allegiance", then they performed Armed & Unarmed drills which were outstanding. Retired Admiral, Larry Marsh, participated in authorizing the execution of the drills. You could see the pride on his face; Larry had a part in bringing the Naval ROTC program to Taft. As for the rest of us, we were proud of the school, proud of the young people performing and just proud to be an American.

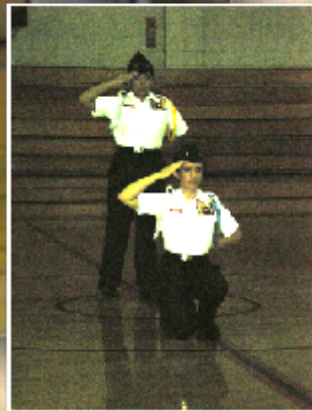


Armed Drill Demonstration

The Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, (NJROTC), Drill Demonstrations took place in the Joe Kupcinec Gymnasium, (Our school gym in the 50's)



Unarmed Drill Demonstration



Retired Rear Admiral Larry Marsh & Taft's NJROTC Chief Petty Officer Instructor discuss the planned drill maneuvers.



Posting the Colors for the Pledge of Allegiance



The cheerleaders were wonderful & concluded an exceptional student program. They lead us in cheers for the Blue & Silver... Go Taft Go!

All the Taft students voluntarily gave up their Saturday morning to make our celebration of the 50th Anniversary visit to Taft memorable... and they surely accomplished that goal!

