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SEAL ORIGIN DISCLOSED

A student in one of the high school classes recently asked the teacher where the school seal originated. The teacher, in turn, asked the Alumni Association. The student's interest then became the interest of the Association. Down through the decades the seal has become an accepted part of our school heritage but few people seemed to have any information regarding its creation.

The ALUMNI PRESS decided to do a little historical research and find out about the origin of the seal. Oddly enough, it was not too difficult. That's because one of the original designers, Logan Kirk ('26), still resides in Oakmont. Logan remembers the beginning as if it were yesterday and he was happy to share the information with us.

In 1925, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. Frank Carter, wanted a seal to identify the "new" high school on Darby Road. He asked two juniors, Logan Kirk and Allan Dow, to draw up the seal, which they did in their senior year.

Although the seal was officially adopted in 1926, both Kirk and Dow had graduated before the first printing of the seal became a part of Haverford's history in 1927.

When looking closely at the seal it is noted that the words "HONOR", "TRUTH", "HEALTH" and "SERVICE" are across the bottom. Kirk explained that these terms were taken from the letters "H-T-H-S" which stand for "Haverford Township High School."

Getting into the spirit of the research, Mel Drukin, principal, was able to locate the original draft and sketch of the 62-year-old seal. The Alumni Association hopes to have this original framed and located in a suitable place in the school. The belated thanks of all Haverford grads go to Logan Kirk and Allan Dow (deceased) for their efforts in creating this lasting part of HHS history.

FORMER TEACHERS MEET

Do you ever wonder what happened to all those teachers who were so much a part of your high school years?

Last November we found out that their spirit and enthusiasm for Haverford still lives on even though most of them are now retired. A group of twenty-six former Haverford teachers, administrators, and secretaries gathered for a reunion the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Under the organization of John Keefe, colleagues from the 40's, 50's, and 60's gathered to share "war stories" from the halls of Haverford.

Among the "HHS OLDTIMERS" were Bob Brown, Jane Pike Buxton, Jean Crum, Bernice Gilmore, Oscar Granger, Gerald "Doc" Harter, Walton Hill, Harvey Huber, Glenwood Hughes, Fred Ingraham, Steve Juenger, Olive Kennedy, Ted Keyser, Bob Landis, Lorna Landis, Mildred Lawler, Libby Ott, Thelma Perkins, Howard Price, Joe Schmuckler, Jim Shiplett, Zane Studenroth, Betty Allison Uhlig, and Kay Yerger.

Since this first reunion was so successful, the "HHS Teachers Alumni" plan to make it an annual affair.

HHS PRINCIPAL TO RETIRE

HHS principal Mel Drukin announced recently that he plans to retire in June, 1990, after 35 years in education. Mel has been principal at the senior high for the past 12 years.

As far as the Alumni Association is concerned, one of the highlights of his career has been his assisting in the organization of our Association. It was Mel and Bob Landis who laid the groundwork for our organization back in July, 1986. We have much to owe Mel for making our initial years a very cooperative effort.

Superintendent of Schools, Ewald Kalmbach, commenting on Drukin's Haverford career said, "Mel brought to the job a total commitment to provide the best we could to every youngster at the high school. He is a caring person, a genuinely nice guy, and a friend of Haverford."

The Alumni Association echoes those words and reminds all grads that Mel Drukin will always be a part of our Alumni Association. Thanks, Mel, for without your assistance we would never have been able to create our successful organization.