

# Class of 1966: Fun Facts and Statistics

(based upon 256 returned surveys in July, 1986)

**Size of Graduating Classes: Summer 66 = 568 Winter 66 =166 Totals= 734**

**Aggregate Class Size = 784**

(includes all grads, non-grads, and those who passed through the school but who may have moved before graduating, etc.)

## **Most Influential Teachers (looking back, 20 years later):**

#1 Bob Binder (20 votes)

#2 tie (11 votes each): Leonard Gagliardi and Marvin Lee

#3 tie (6 votes each): Howard Geilow, Warren King, Alice Thompson

#4 tie (5 votes each): Hal Finn, Stephen Haas, Margaret Hindie, Sol Kaufler, Ron Schmidt, Hazel Shindo, Ray Smith.

Honorable Mention (4 votes each): Lindy Bell, Charles Chapman, Arthur Cole, Jean Fleming, Bernard Goodmanson, Tatiana Keatinge, Bela Palagyi, Albert Sobo.

(Note: 61 different teachers received at least one vote each.)

**Favorite Teacher (we voted for in 1966):** Martin Denyer

**Favorite Songs:** #1 Surfer Girl, #2 Yesterday, #3 Satisfaction

(Note: 86 different songs received at least one vote each.)

**Favorite Phrase Spoken in High School:** "Bitchin'"

## **Clothing/Hair Styles Most Remembered:**

Mohair and Paisley shirts, Angel Blouses, White "T" shirts and levis, jams, teased hair, flip and bubble hair styles,. Many remembered Ms Price (Girls' Vice Principal) dress length "crusades" (most of the comments are not printable!)

**Most Important News Event While in High School:** The assassination of President John F. Kennedy (occurred during third period when we all were in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.)

## **Most Interesting Memories/ Unusual Experiences from High School Now Revealed for the First Time:**

Ron Saks: "Losing my swim trunks while diving at a swim meet."

Jim Hopkins and Hoppy Weiss: "Seeing Coach Quick spit out his false front teeth while arguing with an umpire during a baseball game."

Larry Burtoft: "Turning orange after using QT tanning lotion."

Karen Marquez, Nancy Brackovich, Butch Zapotosky: "Dancing on Lloyd Thaxton's TV Show."

Claudia Shainman: "Wearing my raincoat to school one day with only my underwear underneath."

Kathy Pixley: "Switching classes with my twin sister and not getting caught."

Ron Smetzer: "Don Theissen and I lifted Coach Binder's VW from the parking lot onto the sidewalk and we never got caught."

*[No, but a lot of us did many laps as punishment the next day because you two never confessed! Thanks for finally clearing up the mystery. – Ed.]*

Bill Irish: "Getting 13 swats from 3 different teachers all on the same day."

Wanda Curry: "heerling with a broken leg."

John Content: "Graduating without ever attending a class – I paid someone to go for me.:"

Many classmates remembered toilet papering houses in the middle of the night, hanging out at "Little Bob's" (Big Boy Restaurant, Van Nuys) after school, and cutting class to surf at Zuma Beach that last semester ("The waves were awesome and we couldn't let the moment pass.")