

Subject: Thought you'd like to see who was in your class...

I'm cleaning out old papers and stuff (hate to leave them all as a legacy to my poor sons!) I started in January with ten containers! I've got four left to go, and I work on them most every day.

Today I opened a notebook that had stuff about my modern dance class in college, and I was about to toss it, but I flipped through it and saw that it had some classes listed. Looked closer and it was from the first day of school at Irvin in 1960.

It has the notes from the teacher's meeting --I guess the Friday before school started, class rolls for all five classes and my five line "lesson plan."

So here goes for posterity:

English VII Period 1

1. Allen, Christine
2. Atkinson, Glenda
3. Autry, Jewel
4. Aycock, Janet
5. Barlow, Larry
6. Beard, Dick
7. Burke, Jane
8. Cram, John
9. Cronan, Colleen
10. Davis, Carol
11. Diamond, Sue
12. Drahan, Virginia
13. Fernandez, Jenny
14. Hammock, Earlene
15. Hammond, Jonia
16. Harper, Sandy
17. Hayes, Sue
18. Henry, Blake
19. Johnson, Sharon
20. Kaiser, Janet
21. Koons, Jim
22. Larken, Jim
23. Lawrence, Jack
24. McCool, Bryson (and your name is marked out and you were also on the 6th period list)
25. McCoy, Etah
26. Matchett, Kenneth
27. Mayfield, Suzanna
28. Mieszala Ellen (I think that's misspelled.)

29. O'Fallon, Ron
30. Sherman, Polly
31. Reid, Barbara
32. Reid, Jean
33. Rowell, Sandra
34. Vass, Marie
35. Ambrose, Patricia
36. Sidle, Doug
37. Kendrick, Doug

English V Period 2

1. Bartley, John
2. Bartley, Pat
3. Castillo, Joe
4. Deans, LaVonne
5. Drahan, Penny
6. Emmons, Helen
7. English, Carole
8. Epley, Anne
9. Farnsworth, Judy
10. Foster, Pam
11. Gill, Phyllis
12. Hammond, John
13. Heil, James
14. Holland, Craig
15. Flynt, Virginia
16. Janes, Carol
17. Jiron, Martha
18. Kennedy, Shirely
19. Lessing, John
20. Logan, Barbara
21. Lunney, Mary
22. Maurer, Eva
23. Mossbaum, Cheryl
24. O'Banion, Margaret
25. Onick, Peg
26. Phillips, Joe Jr.

27. Phillips, Vicki
28. Propst, Karen
29. Reger, Frances
30. Rowell, Mary J.
31. Schilhabel, Larry
32. Smith, Margie
33. Snider, Lynda
34. Snow, Margaret
35. Mareczko, Marilyn
36. Jones, Carol
37. Greene, Richard
38. Leal, Yolanda
39. Durham, ?

English VII Period 3

1. Berryhill, Bob
2. Bolstad, Vernon
3. Boullion, Carol
4. Bully, Bill
5. Brefczynski, Judy
6. Clawson, Daniel
7. Cooper, Beverly
8. Cernaghan, Carole
9. Duchene, Vic
10. Eastburn, Sharon
11. Fox, Linda
12. Froemel, Jean
13. Gonzalez, Irma
14. Hale, Ace (which is what was on his little card...) Don
15. Harris, James (James marked out and Phil inserted)
16. Hitchcock, John
17. Jeffcoat, Clyde
18. Leake, Steve
19. Legg, Steve
20. Letersky, ? (and Joyce added later)
21. Lotspeich, Judi
22. Luedtke, Roger

23. McClaskey, ? (James added later)
24. Matheny, Dianne
25. Nichols, N. (Nick added later and David added later)
26. Patrick, Jeanne
27. Perry, John
28. Poolegard, Paul
29. Shaw, John
30. Smith, Carol
31. Sobey, Arthur (Diacritical marks added to show how to pronounce his name which took me a week to get right!)
32. Stratton, Pam
33. Sullivan, Susie
34. Turney, Charles
35. Vega, Bonnie
36. Worthy, Don
37. Kelley, Bill
38. Phillips, Eric
38. Clifford, ?

English V Period 4

1. Adams, Sherry
2. Billingsley, Carol
3. Breckenridge, KAryn
4. Brokate, Judy
5. Bryson, Larry
6. Clawson, Eva
7. Ezell, James
8. Fink, Steve
9. Frederick, Terry
10. Frey, Susan
11. Galavez, Raymond
12. Ginnings, Doris
13. Gosstyla, Ted
14. Harney, Woody
15. Harris Bea
16. Hitchcock, Kathy
17. Hodges, Sandra

18. Hudgins, ? (Added Millicent later)
19. Hurley, Donna
20. Igoe, Alice
21. Jordan, Brenda
22. Keller, Tim
23. Lepar, Lynne
24. Manning, Frances
25. Mueller, Eric (Rick)
27. Perkins, Ronnie
28. Reeves, Barbara
29. Rosier, ? (Myra added later)
30. White, Monica (Mike added later)
31. Fox, Susan
32. Maxwell, Paul
33. Messier, Jon
34. Porter, Robert
35. Green, Jay
36. Maxon, Steve

English VII Period 6

(Obviously they took the first part of the alphabet and gave them to someone else!)

1. Fernandez, Stephanie
2. Freiburg, Joannie
3. Harrison, Delores
4. Hoffman, Carol
5. Hunter, Judy
6. McClendon, Joe
7. McCool, Carol
8. Moffitt, Sharon
9. Moore, Karen
10. Mueller, Paul
11. Osgood, Sue
12. Reese, Jim
13. Sager, Sandy
14. Schmolze, Patricia
15. Erion, Mildred (later added Millie)
16. Kohn, Mary

17. Glasgow, Lloyd
18. Massey, Robert (Bob)
19. Leal, Yolanda
20. McCool, Bryson
21. Collins, Howard
22. Christiansen, Gary
23. Roberts, Donis
24. Ford, Sharon
25. Lot, (?)

Can you believe they gave me 175 students!!!! No wonder I never got any papers graded on time! I also realized later that I had so many students in the morning because lots of you were in sports in the afternoon, and I had the only senior English classes in the morning.

Thankfully, a few years later they changed the rules and said English teachers could only have 125 students.

The names still go with faces. Lots of them are gone now.

Here's the funny part. I have my notes on what I said the first day, and they are embarrassing.

First off, I gave my name as "Miss Mary Ruth Knight" and then I gave out my address and phone number! Who does that!!!

Then I suggested that the class keep the noise down if you wanted to hear what I had to say because I didn't talk very loud!

I asked that pencils be sharpened before and after class, and that no one throw paper wads or chew gum. (My student teaching experience in Lubbock had been with a room full of misbehaved 12 year olds!)

Then I suggested that no one talk while I was talking but otherwise I didn't care!!! I said that you could sit where you wanted, but you had to stay there after the first week.

I also talked about grades and writing papers and waiting to leave at the end of class and stuff like that.

I said that I "wasn't perfect and therefore didn't expect you to be either!"

Guess all that reflects the times. I'd be laughed out of town if I said that to a class these days....

Then the rest of the notebook is hand marked and lined for keeping box scores of Yankee's games which is what I would rather have been doing!

Bet you didn't have any other teachers as nutty as me!!!

Mary