

# Reunions can be fun just ask at Cooley

By BARBARA BRUMM

Forty years is a long time not to see a friend.

That's what many people learned while attending Cooley High School's 40th reunion Saturday at the new Shawassee Hotel in Southfield.

The 1934 classmates met again to see how many faces they recognized after so many years. This was the class's first reunion.

And all the members of the '34 class who were present at the reunion wore name tags with their 1934 graduate picture on them to help in the remembering process. But the pictures in many cases did not help.

"Even after I see the picture, I still don't know who some of these people are," one Cooley graduate remarked.

"I JUST don't recognize many people here tonight," another '34 class member said sadly. "I wish I did."

But in spite of this "problem," the general comment to the reunion was, "It's great."

For there were many classmates who did recognize each other after not seeing one another in 40 years.

"I met a man I used to know in '34 and he recognized me after all this time and I even recognized

him!" one reunion guest exclaimed.

And even though one '34 graduate didn't recognize any longer too many of his fellow '34 graduates, he went as far and said anyway, "This is the nicest thing that's happened to me in 40 years. I'm having a great time."

CAMERAS clicked throughout the whole night as guests took pictures of their old classmates and even of some of their teachers who showed up for the reunion.

Six teachers or counselors as they were called in '34 (also known as "old hags" as one guest at the reunion referred to them) attended the reunion plus 210 classmates and their guests.

Old issues of the "Cooley Cardinal" school newspaper were on display at the gathering in addition to a copy of the 1934 graduate class commencement program plus a booklet of the school songs sung by the students of 1934.

The words of one such song called, "Red and Black," went like this:

Red and Black, Wreck, Wreck  
Red and Black, Wreck, Wreck  
Who Wreck? We Wreck.  
Red and Black, Wreck, Wreck."

Classmates came from as far as Dallas and Louisville to join in the reunion, which also included a prime rib dinner, drinks and dancing to the music of Phil Cole's Orchestra.

One counselor who attended the reunion, Arthur Wulff of Redford Township, taught at Cooley for 25 years. He reminisced about the "old days" at Cooley High.

"I TAUGHT the ninth through twelfth grades and had the end of the alphabet (P-Z). I remember that the kids then were just as much trouble-makers as they are today."

"There was one student I taught who got so mad over something that happened to him at school that he went into the men's room and pulled all the urinals off the wall."

"I met one of my students tonight who I spanked when he was at Cooley and who is now on the Michigan Board of Education," Wulff continued.

"This evening is just simply great," one graduate from the class of 1934 at Cooley summed up the general feelings of most those who attended the reunion. "The turnout is just tremendous after 40 years."

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## Program considers rights

"Who Am I Legally?" is the topic of an open forum to be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Oakland branch YWCA, 839 S. Crooks Road, Clawson.

Sandra Carpenter, president of the South Oakland Chapter of National Organization for women (NOW) and Judy Doran, attorney, will present the program and answer questions.

The program will focus on the problems women face in finance, credit, marital status, day care, rape and equal rights.

Mrs. Carpenter is the former treasurer of the Detroit Chapter of NOW and is employed with IBM as a computer marketing representative. Mrs. Doran has had her own law practice in Detroit for two years and is a member of the

Women Lawyer's Association in addition to bar associations.

The program is being sponsored by the Social Action Committee of the Oakland Branch YWCA as a community service during the annual membership campaign of the branch.

The program is open to the public at no charge. For further information call the YWCA at 435-9100.

## Westchester plans lunch

The Westchester Women's Club will hold its annual spring luncheon at 1 p.m. May 8 at the Troy Hilton Hotel.

Officers will be elected for the year.

Matthews et al of Birmingham will present fashions modeled by club members Mrs. Ronald Gushion, Mrs. James Lovett, Mrs. Monty Eason, Mrs. John Rupprecht, Mrs. Thelma Greer, Mrs. Robert Stackhouse, Mrs. Charles Pratt and Mrs. Donald Drury.

Mrs. William Olander is luncheon chairman.



RHOADS MURPHEY

## Guest talks about China

Rhoads Murphey, professor of geography and director of the University of Michigan Center for Chinese Studies, will be the guest speaker at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women Wednesday at the Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham.

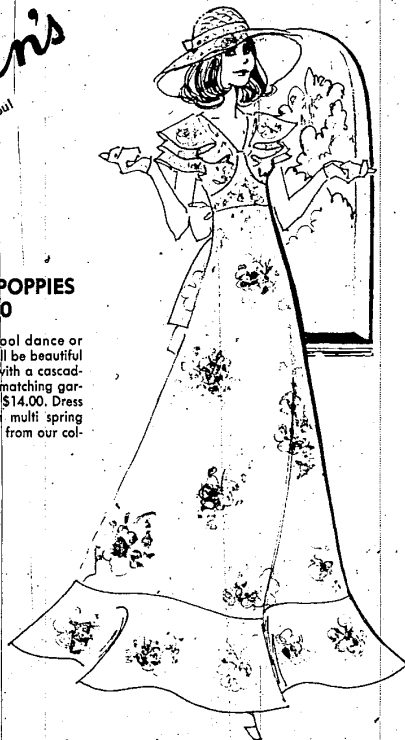
Murphey will discuss China as an alternate model of resource use and planning, stressing contrasts with the United States.

The speaker has been a visitor to mainland China within the last year. He is a specialist on colonialism in East Asia.

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