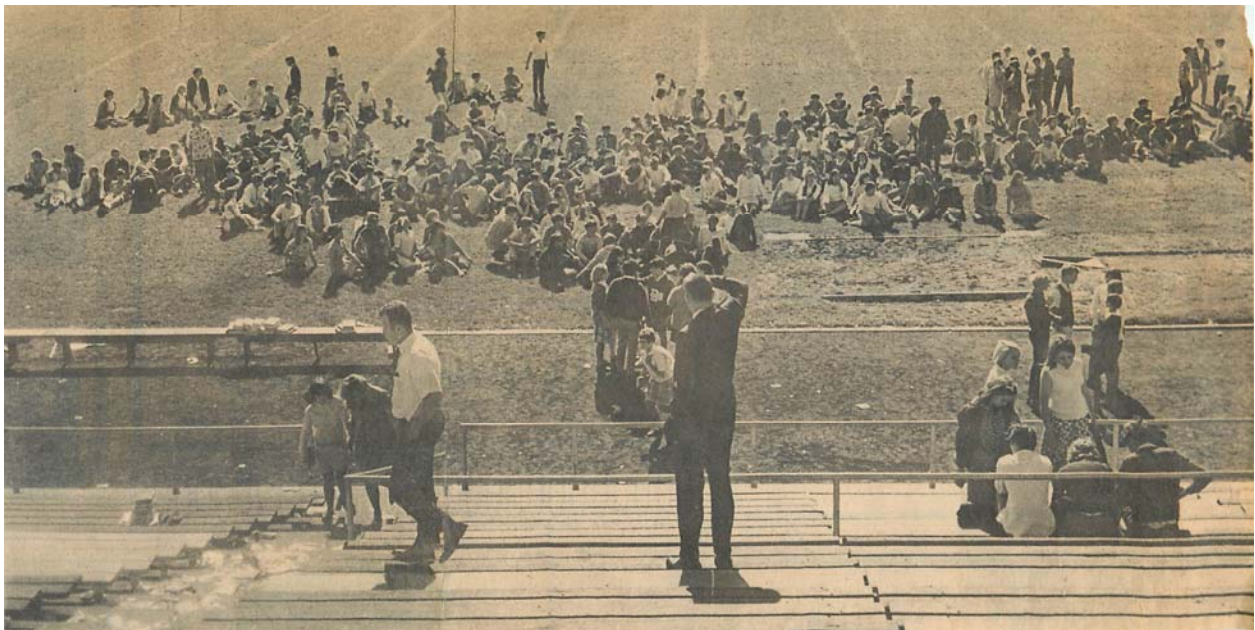


The Greatest Class EVER, Part 1, September 25th, 1967

David Nelson posted a question on the Facebook Dubuque Roots group, "What is the greatest class ever to graduate from Senior?" I asked each member of the website to contribute to the discussion group what their opinions were. Thankfully no one contributed, so you'll have to put up with my opinions. My #1 Reason for why **WE, Dubuque Senior Class of 1968**, are the greatest class to ever graduate begins with September 25th, 1967 (with a little help from classes of 1969 & 1970).

I was intending to publish this article on or about the anniversary, when I received a call from a Telegraph Herald reporter, Jim Swenson, who was investigating Dubuque school names when he came across information about the protest. He called me and interviewed me about the demonstration. The article will be published in the very near future. I should mention that all photos and articles were published by the **Dubuque Telegraph Herald**.

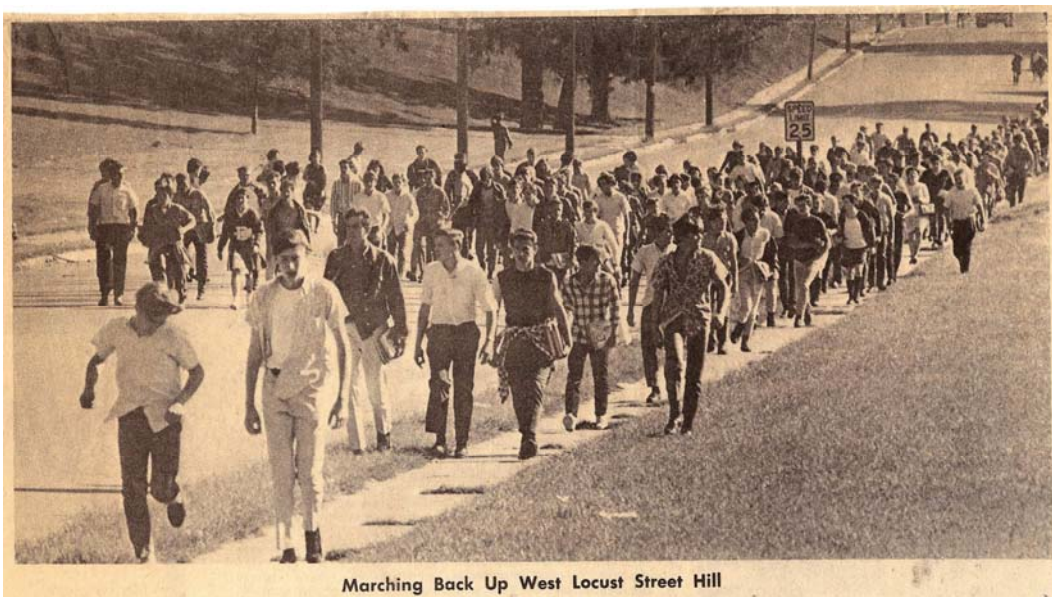
It was a warm fall day, high temperature heading to 72°, after an overnight low of 61°. Perfect fall day, which probably had something to do with the demonstration (remember all of the bomb threats our junior & senior year, always on nice, warm days with no rain?). I don't remember the exact trigger for the event, but on that day approximately 200+ students decided that a recent school board decision to rename Senior to Julien Dubuque High School was a mistake. They assembled on the football field to express their displeasure with the change.



Still early in the day, several administrators and student council members headed for the field to try and convince the demonstrators to return to class, with little success. Eventually the group headed down West Locust Street towards downtown.



Eventually the demonstrators wound up on top of the 8th street parking ramp and then made their way back to Senior. They continued to demonstrate, walking to Wahlert until they were turn away by police.



The next two .jpg files are from the Telegraph Herald the day following the event.

Students Assail Change to 'Julien Dubuque'

200 March to Protest New HS Name

About 200 students skipped classes at Julien Dubuque High School Monday morning and paraded through downtown Dubuque to protest the new name of their school.

The name was changed from Dubuque Senior High School—the name the students prefer—to Julien Dubuque High Sept. 18 by the school board. At the same time the board adopted the name of Stephen Hempstead for the new high school soon to be built on the west side of town.

The parading students were noisy and they disrupted traffic, but there were no reports of damage.

The protest began at about 8:25 a.m. when 150 to 300 of the school's 2,200 students gathered on the football field shouting "we want Senior!"

Principal Dr. Roger Kampschroer, two assistants, Donald Huth and Les Moody, and football coach Don Fisher went out to talk to the youngsters.

The students agreed that several representatives would meet in Dr. Kampschroer's office Monday afternoon to learn the proper method of presenting a petition to the school board.

The football field demonstration broke up at about 8:30 or 8:40 a.m., and about one-third

to one-half of the students went back to class.

The rest started marching down Clarke Drive. They halted a city bus and pounded on its side and windows as they walked past.

The students continued to Main Street and then to Eighth Street where they turned west and climbed to the top of the Municipal Parking Ramp at Locust Street. They again began chanting "We want Senior!"

A reporter tried to interview some of the protesters:

"What is it you want?"

"We want our name back!"

"What will happen when there

are two senior high schools in town?"

"Let them change the name of the other one!"

Another protester was asked: "I understand there was also a protest last Friday at the football game. Were you there?"

"Yes."

"What happened?"

"I don't know—I was too drunk to remember."

(Some fans at the home football game Friday night reportedly booed when the name Julien Dubuque High School was announced over the loudspeakers.)

The marchers left the parking

ramp and walked north in the center of Bluff Street—a one-way street with traffic against them—to the School Administration Offices, 1500 Locust St., where a girl dressed as a cheerleader led them in cheers.

The Locust Street door of the building was locked, but some went into the 15th Street entrance, where they were met by Supt. Dr. Garlyn Wessel, Asst. Supt. Dr. Howard Pigg and other officials.

Dr. Wessel attempted to get the group to choose four or five representatives to come in and talk, but the students did not do so.

Two students, who gave their names as Gus Pasqual and Katherine Avery, stood in the front seat of a convertible and pleaded with the protesters to return to classes. They said they heard from the principal that none would be expelled.

Principal Dr. Roger Kampschroer told the Telegraph-Herald that no decision had been reached on the punishment. He said some of the students might be suspended, but that more than likely they would be treated as absent from classes—which means they would have two per cent deducted from their grades in each class they missed.

The protesters then straggled back to their own school. By the time they arrived, fewer than half of them were believed to be students; the others were described as dropouts or adults.

Mrs. Jane Graves, former school board president and chairman of the committee chosen to select and recommend names for the new buildings and to review the name of Senior, said, "people should realize that the school is no longer the only senior high school in town."

"There will be another one in two years, and probably three or four more in the future," she said.

Mrs. Graves said she was a graduate of the school and many of the 21 selected to choose the new names were also Senior grads.

"To me, the school will probably always be Senior," she said, "but we simply have to admit that it is no longer the only one."

One student asked, "Are you going to change the name back?"

"I can't do that," Dr. Wessel replied. "That's up to the board."

"What's a school board?"

Dr. Wessel explained that the board was an elected group of citizens that meets the second Monday of each month to set school policies. The student re-

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plied that he would wait there until the next board meeting.

The students began passing around petitions that they said would be presented to the board. The students took the petitions with them when they headed back up West Locust Street toward the school.

Once back at the school some of the students went to their classes, but most of them staged a sit-in on Clarke Drive in front of the school, blocking traffic for a few minutes.

Then they went back to the football field, where they staged what they called a "lie-in"—by lying down on the field, chanting "Down with Dubuque—We want Senior!"

About 200 students then began a march to Wahlert High School, but they were met there by six policemen who ordered them to stay off the parochial school's property.