

Dixie Heights Graduates Share School Loyalty, Outside Interests

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Energy and diversity abound in the 220 seniors at Dixie Heights High School, Crestview Hills—

and an awareness of the "outside world."

"This is a great school and class," summarizes Mike Ryan, senior class president.

"We think we're pretty outstanding — and not just in the halls," added Ronnie Phillips, a football and track letterman.

"Our class embodies a large number of honor students, a diversity of interests, a strong bond between teachers, students, and parents," said Mike, who is 17 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ryan, 543 Mason road, Covington.

"Principal a Friend"

"And we have a principal, Mrs. Walsh, who's a friend."

The students are active in events outside the "red" brick walls.

Sherry Riley, 18, is a good example.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Riley, 2971 Dixie Highway, Sherry has served as president of the Kenton County Hi-Y Council and was elected secretary of state at the Kentucky Youth Assembly.

Active in the Christian Church, she attended a church-sponsored United Nations youth conference in New York City earlier this year.

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She also found time to work as secretary of the National Honor Society, and participate in Beta, Spanish, and French clubs.

Said Ronnie, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips, 3106 Madison avenue, Covington: "I don't think the seriousness of the war or draft has really sunk in. Most of us are going on to



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Discussing future college plans with Elmer Kidwell, guidance counselor, are from left, Sherry Riley, Mike Ryan, Barbara Kline and Ronnie Phillips.

college and it's something we'll have to face in the future."

As exemplified by 17-year-old Barbara Kline, valedictorian of the class, studies and activities can be mixed.

Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kline, 3043 Lyndale court, Edgewood, was a National Merit finalist, an honor accorded few in the nation.

And More

She's been active in Drama Club, Tri-Hi-Y, served as secretary of Future Teachers of America.

She's also secretary-treasurer of JETS (Jr. Engineering Technical So-

ciety), business manager of the school annual and staff member of the school newspaper, The Dixian.

Barbara, Sherry, and Ronnie will attend college on academic scholarships. Mike will enter UK's premed program.

"Our guidance counselor gave us all a lot of help in picking colleges and vocations," explained Mike.

"Parents are good with suggestions, but he had the facts."

The counselor, Elmer Kidwell, knows a lot about the senior class.

113 Look to College

"They were a tremendous group of kids to work with

— mature and yet fun-loving," he explained. "In the class 113 plan to enter college in the fall. They will attend 38 colleges across the country although the largest number, 35, will go to the Community College.

"Ten will enter the services immediately and 17 plan to marry after graduation," he said.

The knowledge that the class will soon scatter is not of great import.

"We're a close class. We've already planned several reunions — and we'll show up," Mike concluded.

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