

Memorabilia from Carol Butters Marsh
High School Class of 1950

These bits and pieces of life as a boarding school student in the high school during 1947-50 may or may not enhance the collection for your archives. Please use or discard them at will. I'm enclosing a number of forms to give you a flavor of just how watched over, regimented, and regulated we were during those years. Of course, the responsibility of the administration for our welfare was a serious one, which certainly wasn't always fully appreciated by the students. I also enclose a few notes to indicate just what might happen to someone who strayed even a bit from the straight and narrow!

The other enclosures are relatively self-explanatory. The Key Club Fall Formal booklet is a fun reminder of how formal dances were organized and who could be expected to dance with whom. My escort filled in the "no-breaks" dances beforehand. The Regulations and Privileges of Preparatory Juniors are for 1949 as are the Junior Yells. Horseback riding instruction, culminating in the Spring Riding Show, was very popular then, and I loved it, even though I never excelled. The performance of "The Gondoliers" was representative of the annual collaboration between Castle Heights Military Academy (an equally regimented school for boys providing male companionship - when allowed) and Ward-Belmont to present a musical endeavor to the public. I've enclosed some Ward-Belmont stationery, used frequently in maintaining contact with family and friends beyond the hallowed halls!

I hope these random contributions will be of help to you in your organization of the Ward-Belmont archives. The mere fact that I have anything in my possession that can be classified as archival is a sobering thought. Does that make me a living antique?! In any event, I really look forward to the reunion in October. It will be special, I'm sure.

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