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morials, the hymn, the AFS program, and Swing Out. Now it's Seaholm's turn to take this heritage, cherish it, and add to it.

It is unfortunate that the classes of '60 and '61 are caught in the middle by the change, but it has to come sometime. No one will mind of these students continue to use the name Birmingham in conversation, cheers or the song, because Groves won't be a full-fledged high school for two years. By then students will be accustomed to the Seaholm name.

This isn't to say that things won't be somewhat different at Lincoln and Cranbrook next year, but it won't be because of the name.

THE SIZE OF the class of '60 the smaller sophomore class, the graduation of the last four year class, and, most important, the departure of Miss (Vida) McGiffin—for 31 years guardian of tradition and school spirit—will alter life at BHS far more than any mere name change.

Even with these changes, and others sure to come, our Maple heritage will go on whether they call the school Hill, Baldwin, Birmingham, Seaholm, or PS 46.

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Call a member of the board of education as I did and listen to their assurance that, except in intra-school district sports, the name of Birmingham remains as it always has and will.

Let that be the end of this.
Mrs. GEORGE HILFINGER
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Look in other sections for later-arriving letters on the high school name change.

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Why So Much Dispute Over School Names?

To the Editor:
Having returned from a warm and wonderful vacation, a session with the back issues of The Eccentric reveals a warm and not so wonderful controversy over the changing of names of our high school—four weeks of elevated temperatures—human and otherwise.

Another seven years will see the first of my own children in high school. Thus, I must admit to a long-range view and, hence, to some, a cold-blooded one.

TO ALL PRESENT members of the high school, to recent graduates and to parents who are understanding in sympathy with them, I address one question:

If a senior English course had been dropped; if the third year of a foreign language had been omitted; if classroom size had been increased to 60 students—would four weeks of industrious protest have resulted?

"In short, what DOES Birmingham high mean to you? What are your values?"

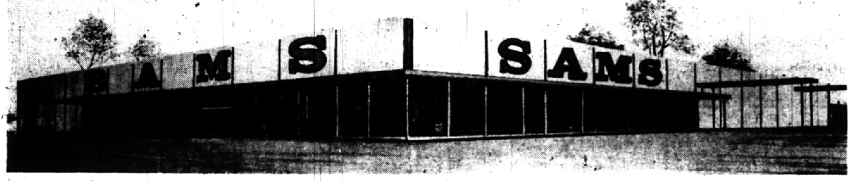
IF IT'S ONLY a name, then why all this heat?

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