

# College Dropout Rate Higher for Able Girls

The college dropout rate for academically able girls is higher than that for equally bright boys, according to a study of more than 6,000 students who scored high on the 1957 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Almost 14 per cent of the girls and nearly nine percent of the boys dropped out of college before completing the requirements for a degree.

The study was conducted by Dr. Alexander W. Astin, research psychologist of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). His report appears in the current issue of the Journal of Educational Psychology.

The study shows that girls are more likely to drop out if they attend a college with a large number of male students, and where programs in engineering and business are stressed.

ONE REASON why girls drop out of such schools, Dr. Astin said, might be that "the girl who attends a college with a preponderance of male students has more opportunities for dating and early marriage than does the girl

who attends other kinds of colleges." A second interpretation, he said, "is that the cool finds that the intellectual climate of such an institution is incompatible with her own interests and aspirations." The reason most often given by girls for dropping out of college was that they could not afford the cost. The married girls who left school wanted to devote more time to their families.

Most of the male students cited personal and emotional reasons. They said that they were unsure of what to study, and that they were tired of being a student.

COMPARED WITH THOSE who completed the requirements for a degree, college dropouts of both sexes tended to be more aloof, self-centered, impulsive, and asocial.

On the whole, they were less likely than the non-dropouts to be planning for graduate or professional study when they entered college. They ranked lower in their high school classes, and they came from lower social and economic backgrounds.

# Former Hills Student School Bonds OK'd for Hills

Building and site bonds totalling \$5,220,000 for the Bloomfield Hills School District have been approved by the Municipal Finance Commission, according to Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, chairman. It was the first series of a total authorized issue of \$7,670,000 approved by voters June 8.

In announcing approval, Kelley commented: "THE PROCEEDS will be used to erect, furnish and equip new school buildings, including two new elementary schools, a new junior high school, a new senior high and new facilities for school administration and buses, additions to and remodeling of existing buildings and the acquisition of additional sites." The unlimited tax bonds will run until 1974.

up of students who scored in the top three percent on the 1957 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The study was conducted as a part of the NMSC research program, supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Ford Foundation.



## 'Night Out' With Their Dads

Daughters served their dads seconds of pumpkin pie at Bloomfield Country Day School's annual Father-Daughter Banquet held Tuesday night. Among the 90 "couples" attending were (from left) Robin Turner and her "dad for the night" Drew C. Hamerline of Birmingham; Nina and Richard Spitzley of Rochester; Suzanne and Philip Roger of Bloomfield Hills; and Susan and

Jesse Judd of Birmingham. Nina is president of the senior class, while Susan is chairman of the student council, and Judd is chairman of the school's board of trustees. Following a ham-and-turkey dinner, Headmistress Marjorie Sallie spoke to the group, and the girls closed the evening with a serenade.

# Writer Queries Italian Cop— He Interviews Right Back!

By RUTH VOYT Special Writer

ROME—If no first law of interviewing has yet been listed in any journalism book, could I drop it up right now? Naturally it is:

Never, under any circumstances, approach an Italian traffic cop and ask him if, in his first five minutes, he'd allow you to ask him a few questions about his training and job.

This would be rule number one. It'd save another green-horn a lot of bewilderment.

AFTER WATCHING the four or five doing their complicated "work of art" standing on a foot high pedestal amidst huge streams of traffic, the most dramatic, energetic, and forceful officer was selected.

As he relinquished his spot to his relief man he was approached respectfully (let's be more honest here—timidly) with:

"Excuse me, sir," and smiling while pointing to a notebook asked: "Do you speak English?" He answered, "A little English."

BECAUSE JOURNALISM is identical in both languages, he understood I wished to learn more about his job. He pointed to a table on the sidewalk where dozens of Sunday afternoon tourists and residents strolled.

My first interview began. "Bambino? Senora has bambino, si?" he asked before I could get mine organized.

"Si, three I have three."

He held up five fingers with assurance. Folding two of his fingers down he beamed. Flipping open his wallet he revealed a snapshot of himself surrounded with eight.

Right there I felt at a disadvantage.

"DO YOU EVER get a bit

afraid when some of those racy cars come so close to your feet?" I asked as our coffee was served by a waiter who slapped him on the back.

They exchanged joyful Sunday afternoon greetings in great spurts of rolling, soft Italian. My pencil waited.

"Stasie me, You afraid of Italians, you say? Non, Non, Senora no afraid, Roma safe!"

Explaining that I felt perfectly at ease in Roma anywhere (why not at my age, any other reaction could be pure consent) the first question was dropped when I saw confusion arising.

"DO YOU GET tired after directing such a flow of traffic? You seem to use every muscle in your body," I added.

Stirring his coffee with a tiny spoon he looked deep down into it.

"Goldwater... Johnson? Senora look which?"

How does one say in polite Italian that politics has no place in finding out how a traffic cop feels about his work? Not being fluent either in political tactics or Italian it was my turn to stir coffee.

"IN AMERICA you drive beer cars?" and as this question seemed to throw an utter horror over his contemplation, I tried to reassure him that we also had small ones too.

"Good. May bien!" Again we were friends.

When trying to find out how long he had been in his business he answered that "Business was good, Si, si." Then he wondered how business was in America at present?

Before I could give him a true summary of conditions, he peered at his watch, gasped, ignored the check, bent low with his white-tie and across his chest and waved good bye smiling happily as he rushed back to his platform.

Looking down at my empty page I saw a long line of "Si, Si" nothing more. Maybe he didn't understand, or, did I.

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