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Abstract (summary)

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Full Text

Germantown High School has perhaps the most unique beginning of any other senior high school in Philadelphia. The pioneer school, located at Germantown Avenue and Tulpehocken, was an all-female school. Another building located on West Haines Street near Germantown Avenue was an all-male school, and served as an annex to Central High School until 1910.

On Nov. 1, 1915, the two schools merged into one high school known as Germantown High School. The enrollment at the new building was divided into two parts, one for the boys and one for girls. The auditorium was for both sexes, with the girls using the assembly on even-numbered days and the boys on odd-numbered days. The fact that that the sexes were separated structurally accounts for the present difficulty of having female lavatories on one side of the building and the male lavatories on the opposite side of the building.

Since the first graduating class, Germantown High School graduates have been involved in every pursuit; a large number of them have achieved national and international fame in industry, arts, education, law, politics and athletics. Germantown High School has a proud heritage.

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