

Excerpts about Clifton School from 1975 Cincinnati Magazine article about Clifton:

From p. 8 of the document:

Latest census figures show that Clifton's population of 10,736 is 10 percent black, 88 percent white, and 2 percent 'other'. Yet Clifton School's enrollment for the last several years was 49% black, 49 percent white, and two percent 'other'. Census figures also show that the median family income in Clifton is about 20 percent higher than that of the City of Cincinnati, yet 42 percent of the Clifton School children received regular free lunch during the 74'75 school year, indicating a low level of income among many of the school's families.

From pp. 10-11:

The present owner of Probasco house on West Cliff Lane, Carol Nagel, and her mother, Margaret Spalding, are long-time Clifton residents. Mrs. Spalding has watched Clifton grow since the turn of the century, but says the character of the neighborhood has not changed radically.

She remembers Clifton as a community where educational attainment was always important, partly because of the influence of UC people who have traditionally made up a large portion of the area's residents.

Mrs. Nagel, who attended Clifton School as a child and has been active in the school's affairs as a parent, sees many similarities between then and now. "Clifton School always had a variety of students," she says. "There may be more socio-economic differences among the students today, but there was always a wide range."

From p. 12:

And Clifton School is getting a facelift—physically and programmatically. Its main building, constructed in 1905, is being completely renovated, and a new multi-age, non-graded open classroom program organized by Harrison Herms, principal, will open in September. About 200 children from all over the Cincinnati school district will be enrolled, along with 600 neighborhood children.

Parents of neighborhood children have strongly supported the school. A unique organization is the Clifton School Foundation, a non-profit fund raising group developed by Clifton parents to supplement the school's budget. Since its formation in 1973, \$16,000 has been raised for teacher training, instructional materials, musical instruments, art supplies and other educational items.