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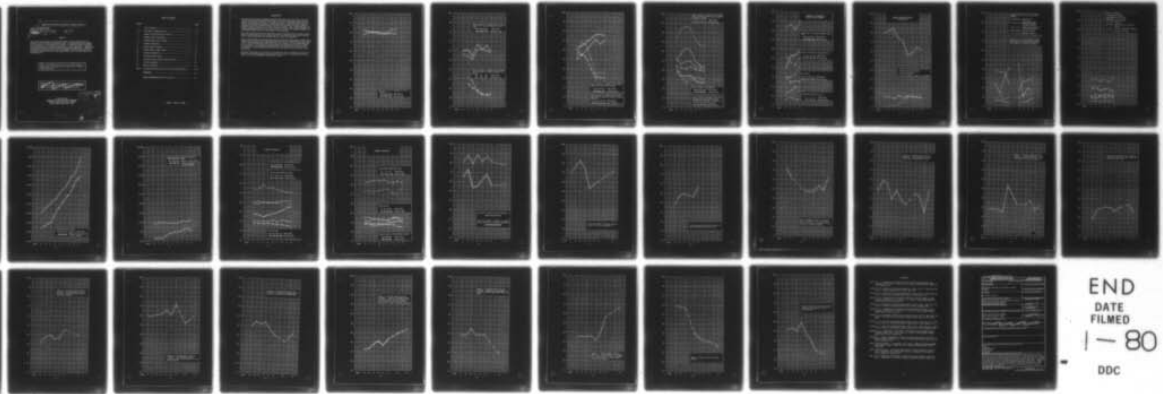
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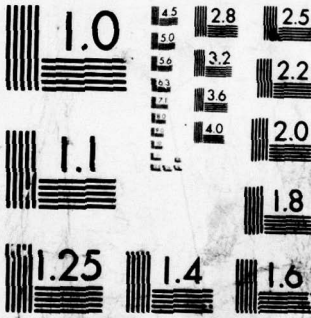
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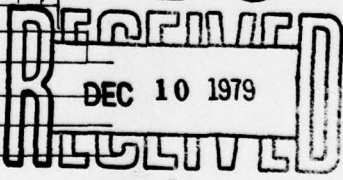
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ABSTRACT

This report shows trends in characteristics and attitudes obtained from two sources. The first fifteen charts show trends of characteristics of new cadets for the Classes of 1970 through 1978 as found on the American Council on Education surveys given to the entering classes for the last nine years. Comparisons are shown with national norms of college freshmen where appropriate. Charts sixteen through thirty-three show trends of attitudes and opinions of cadet First Classmen as indicated on First Class Questionnaires given to cadets shortly before graduation.

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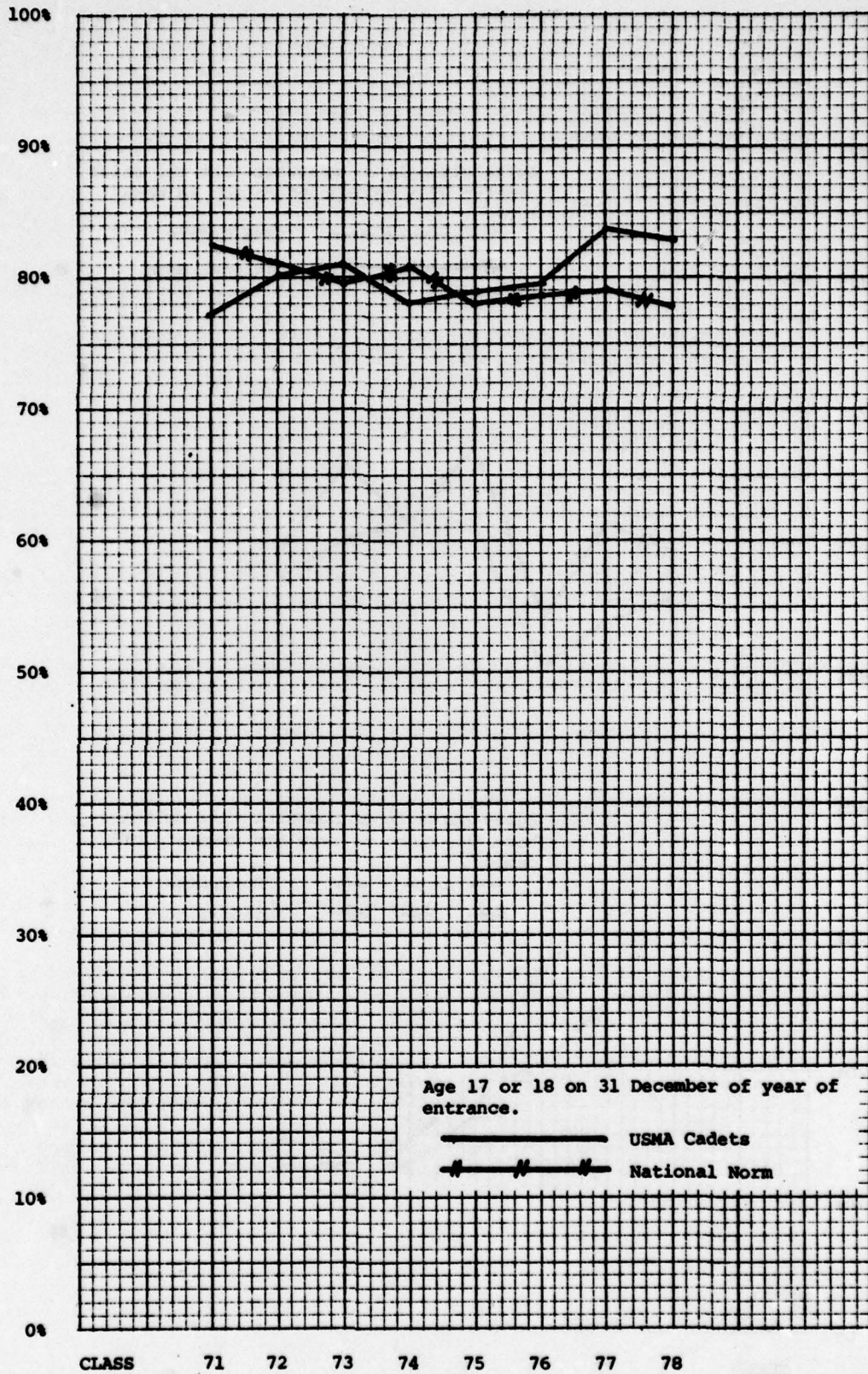
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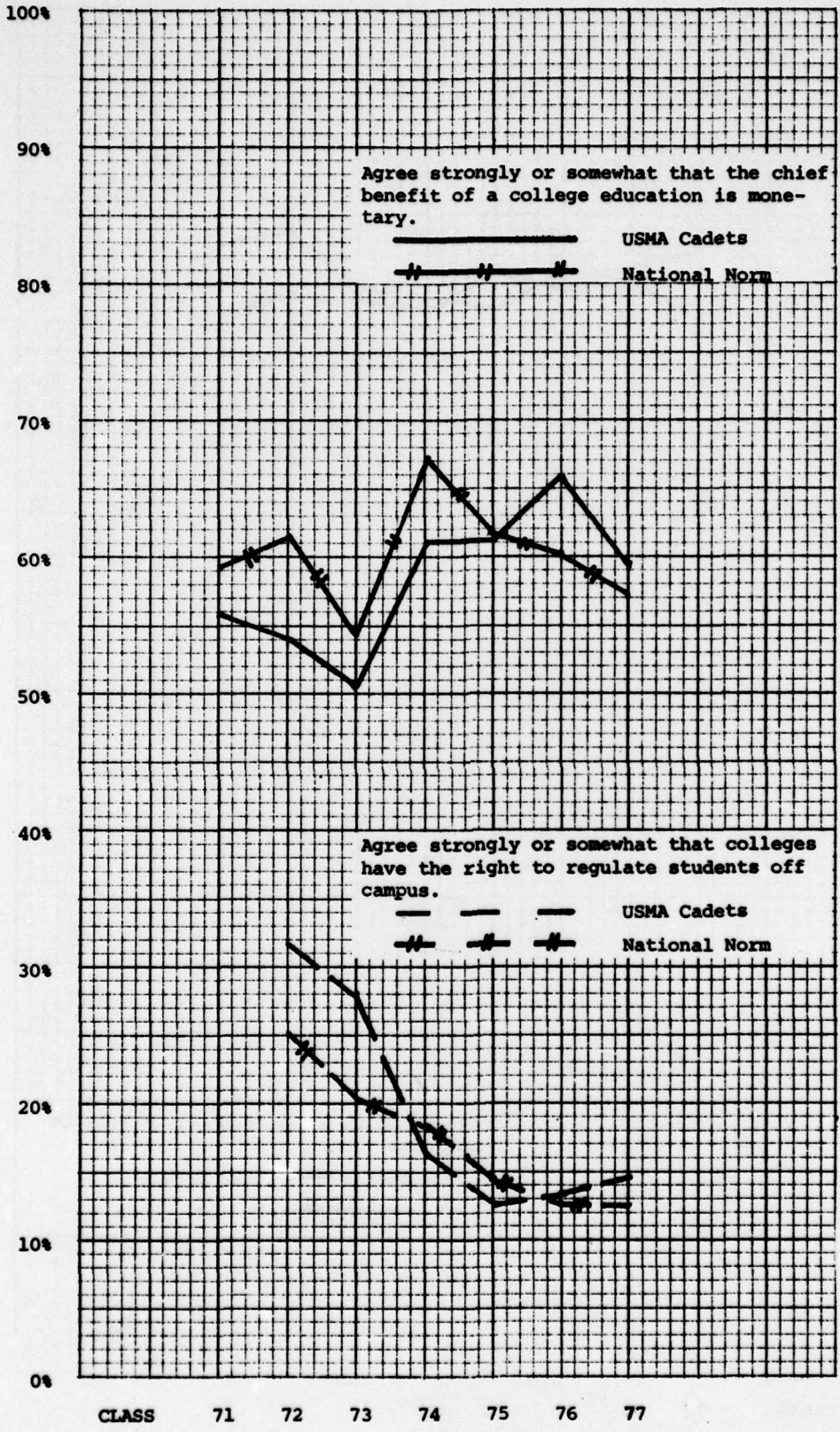
The United States Military Academy has participated every year since 1966 in the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP), an ongoing longitudinal study of the American higher education system. The American Council on Education (ACE), which initiated this program, has furnished a report each year on characteristics of students entering the Military Academy as well as national normative data on characteristics of students entering college as first-time, full-time freshmen. The survey instrument, the Student Information Form (SIF), is revised annually to reflect the changing concerns of the academic community and of others who use the information.

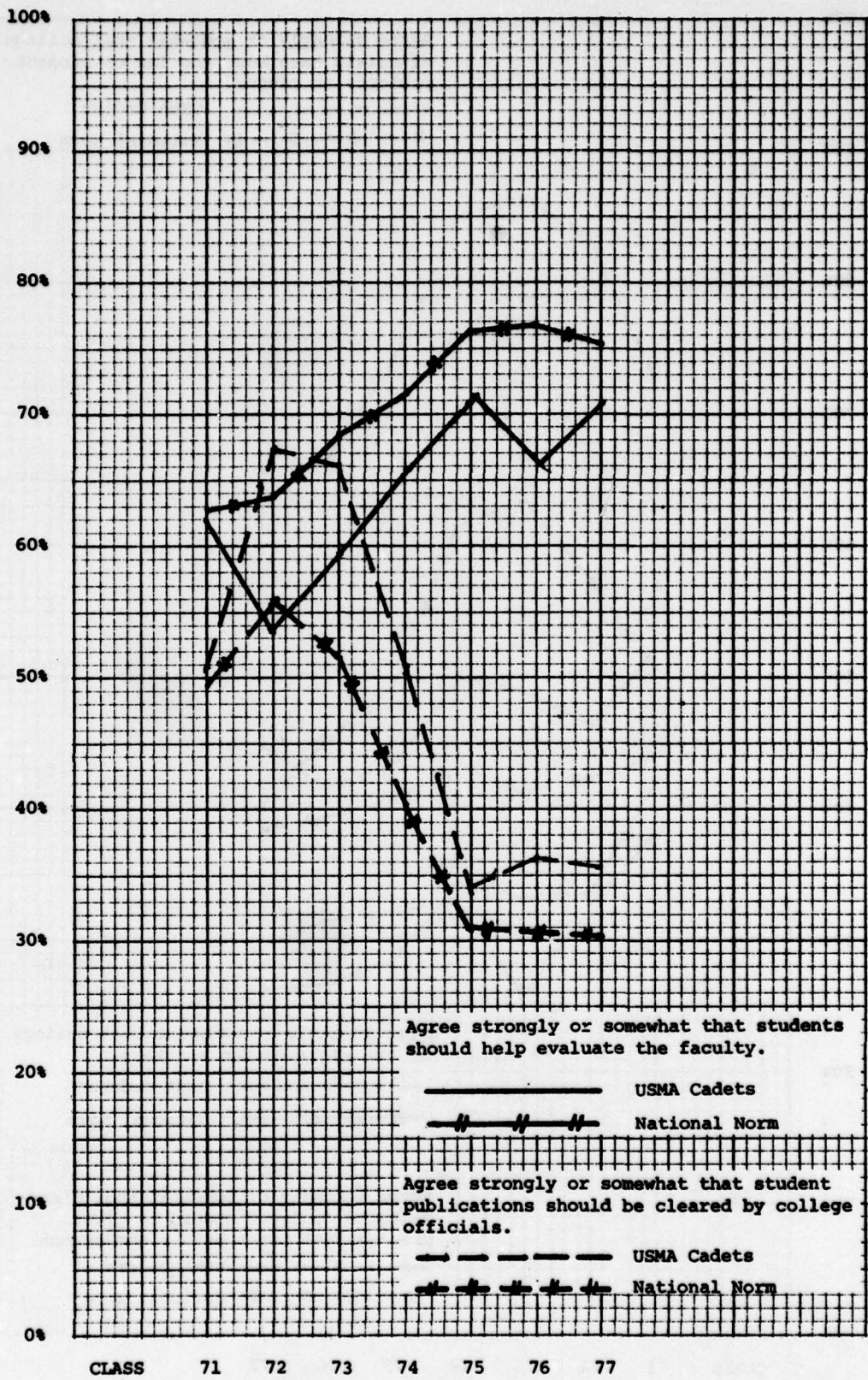
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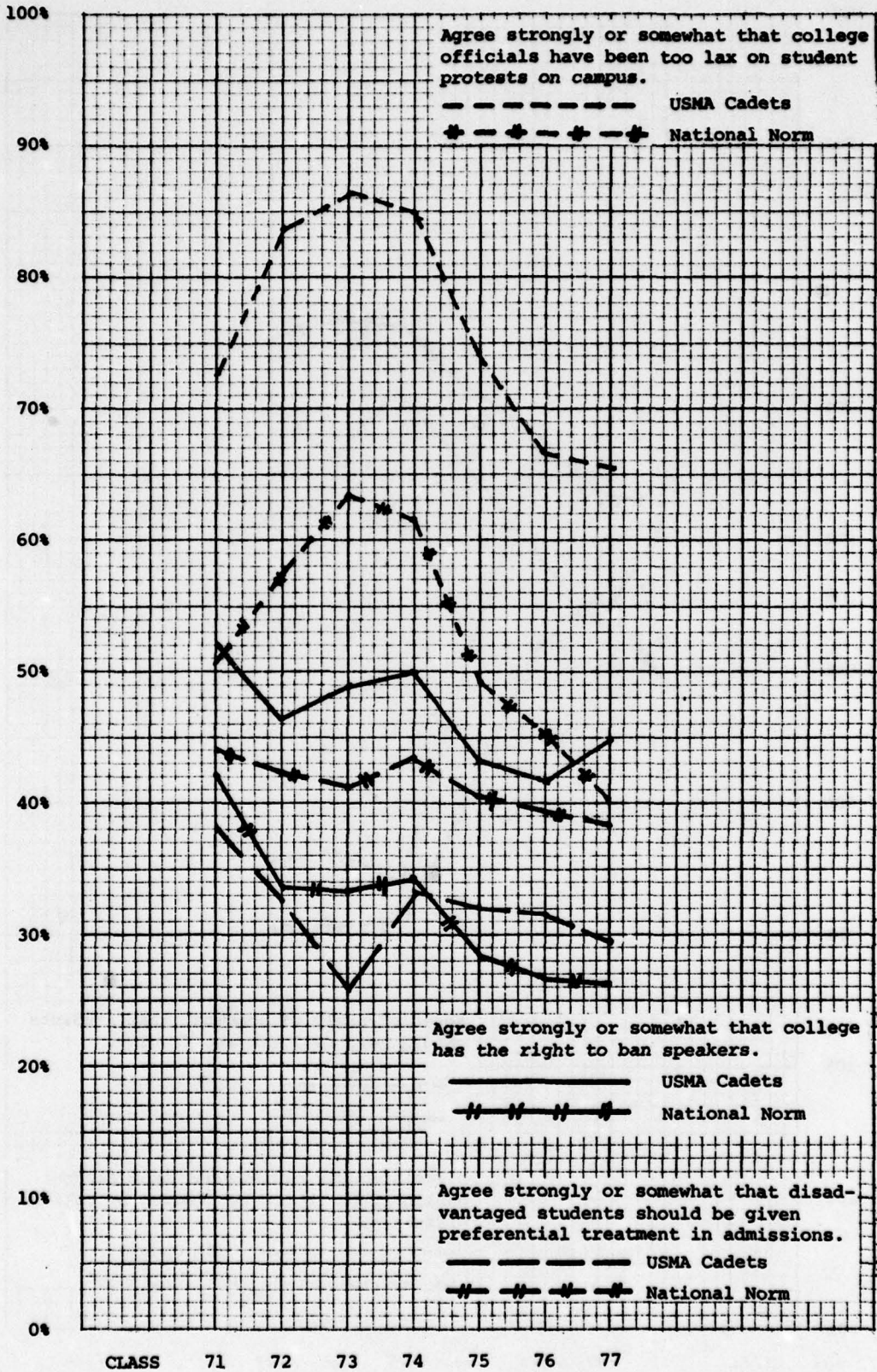
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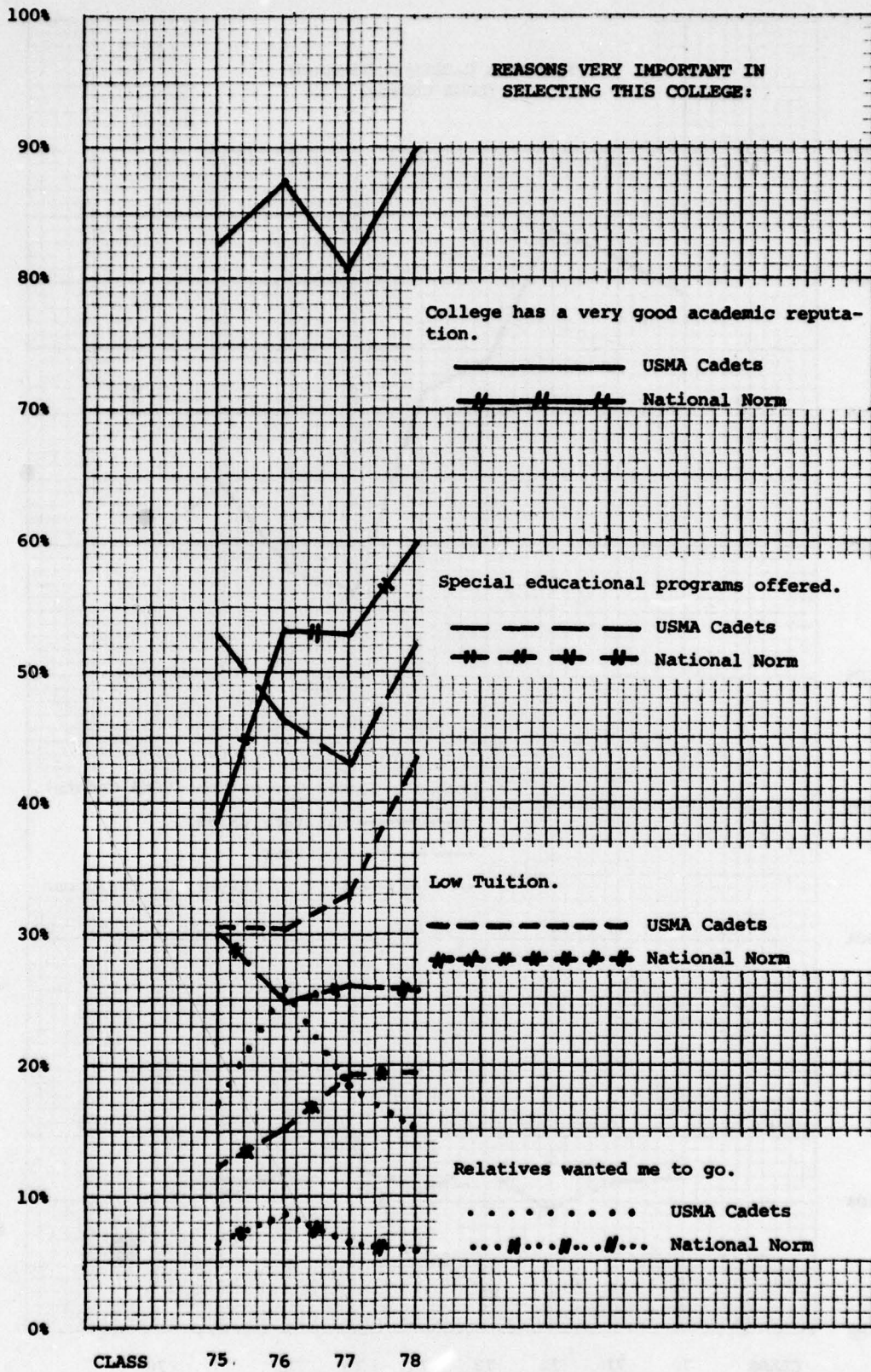
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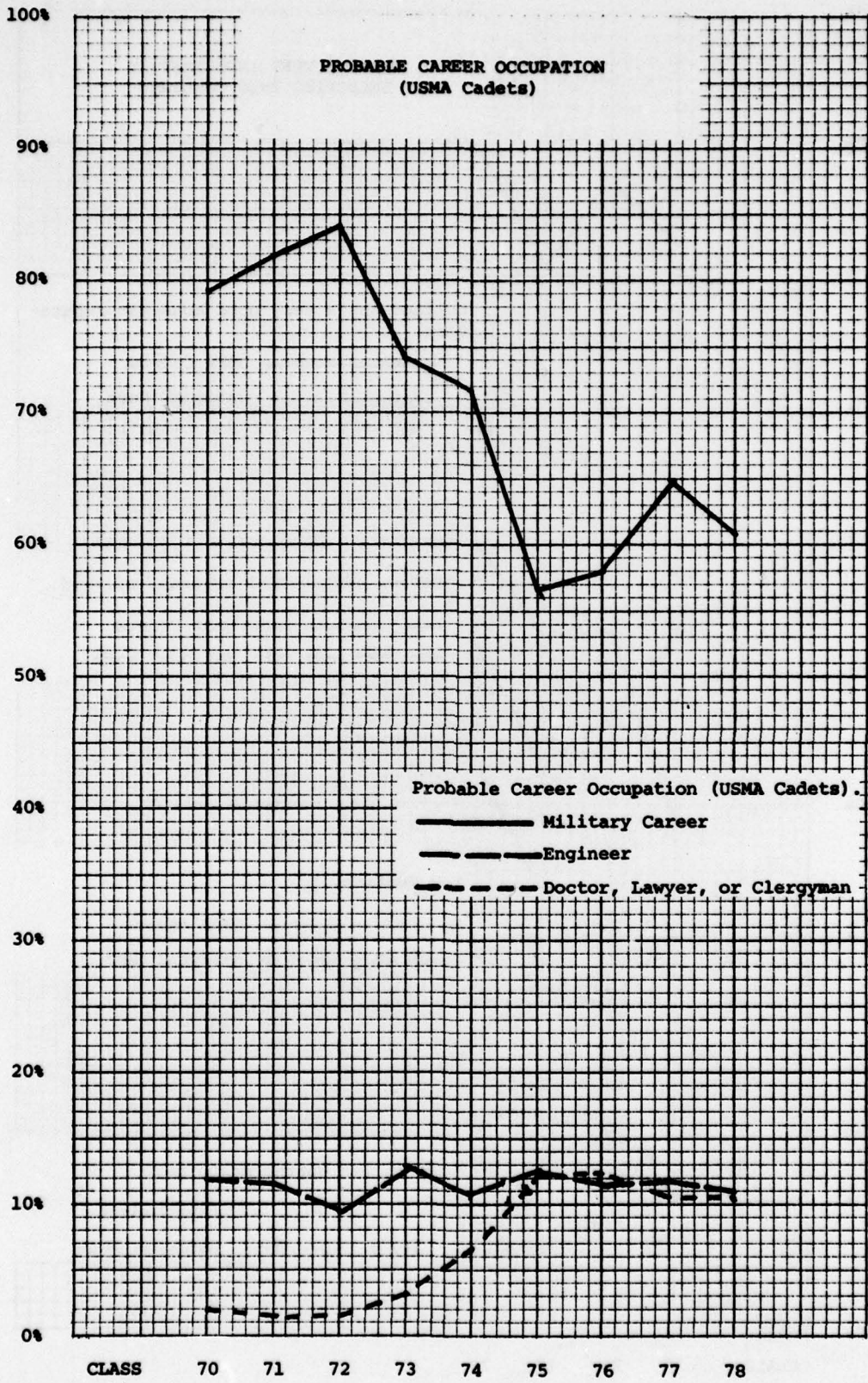


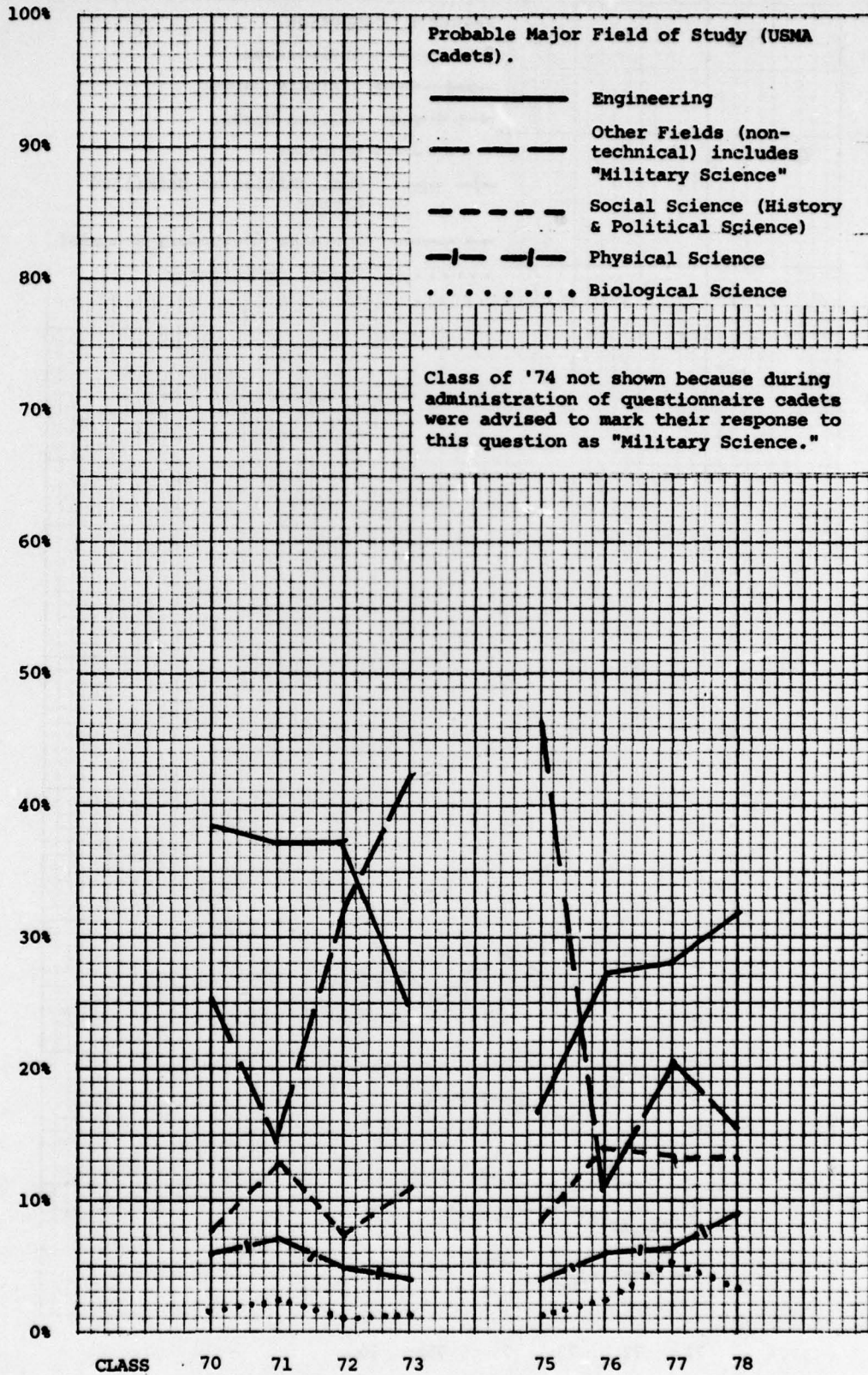


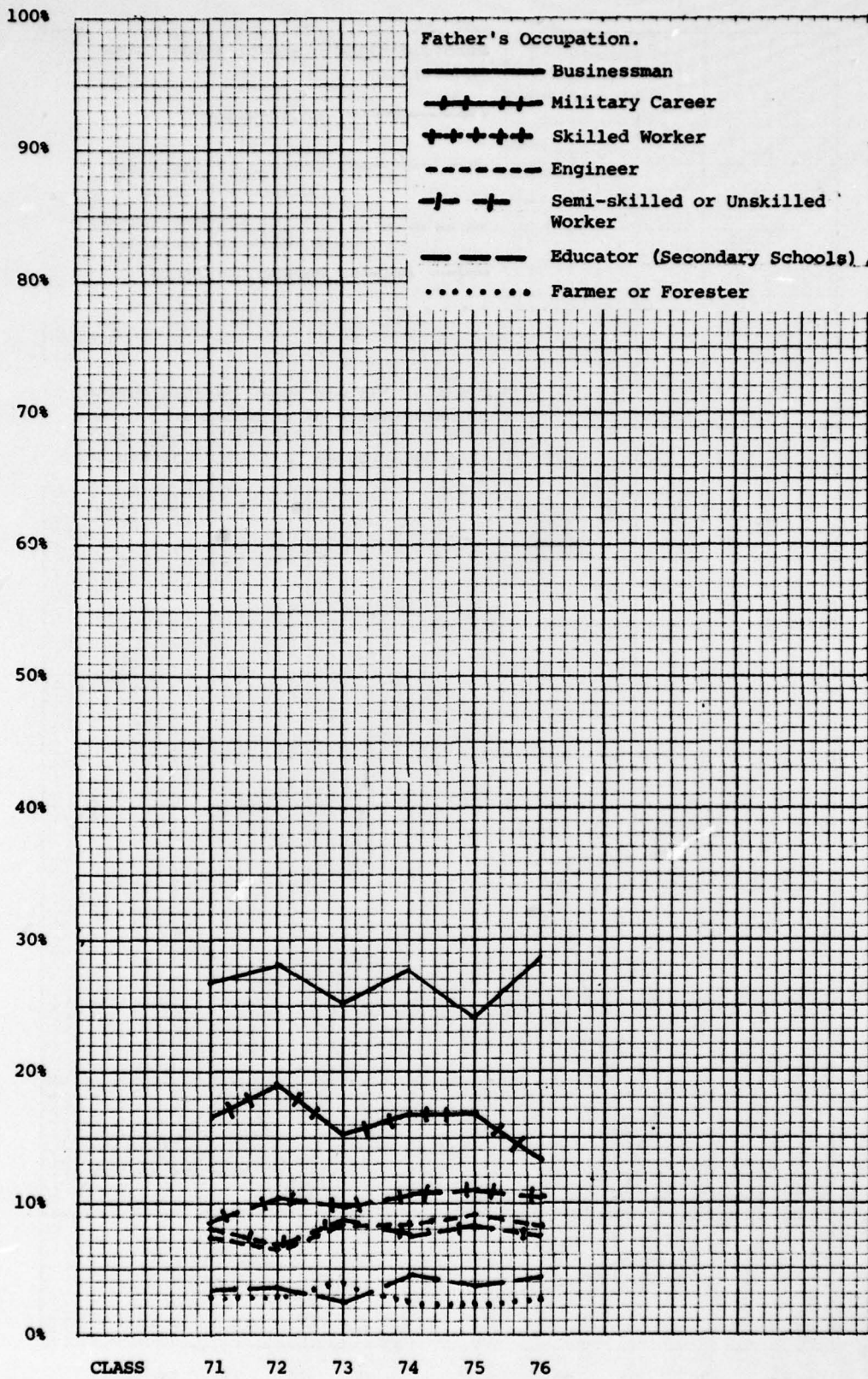


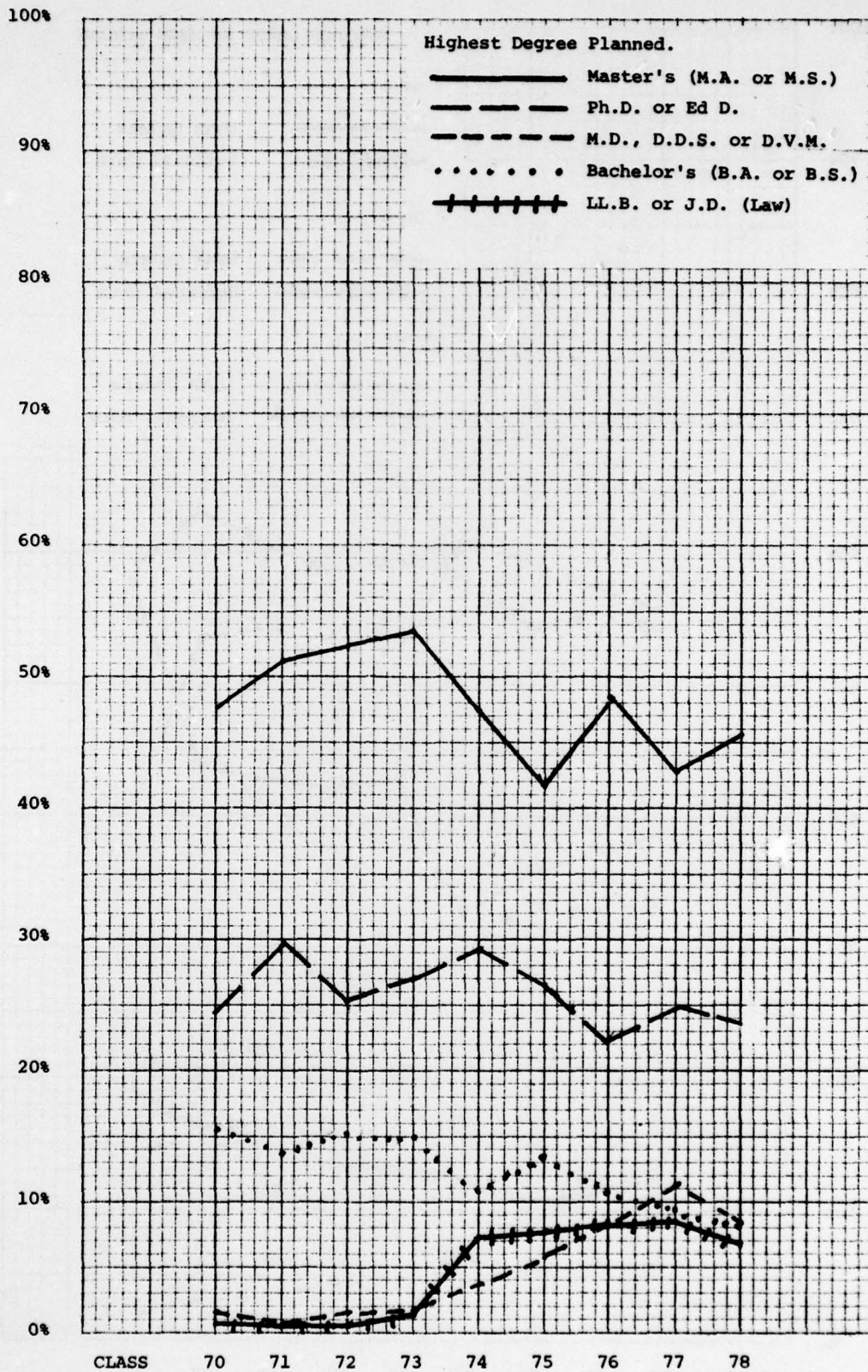


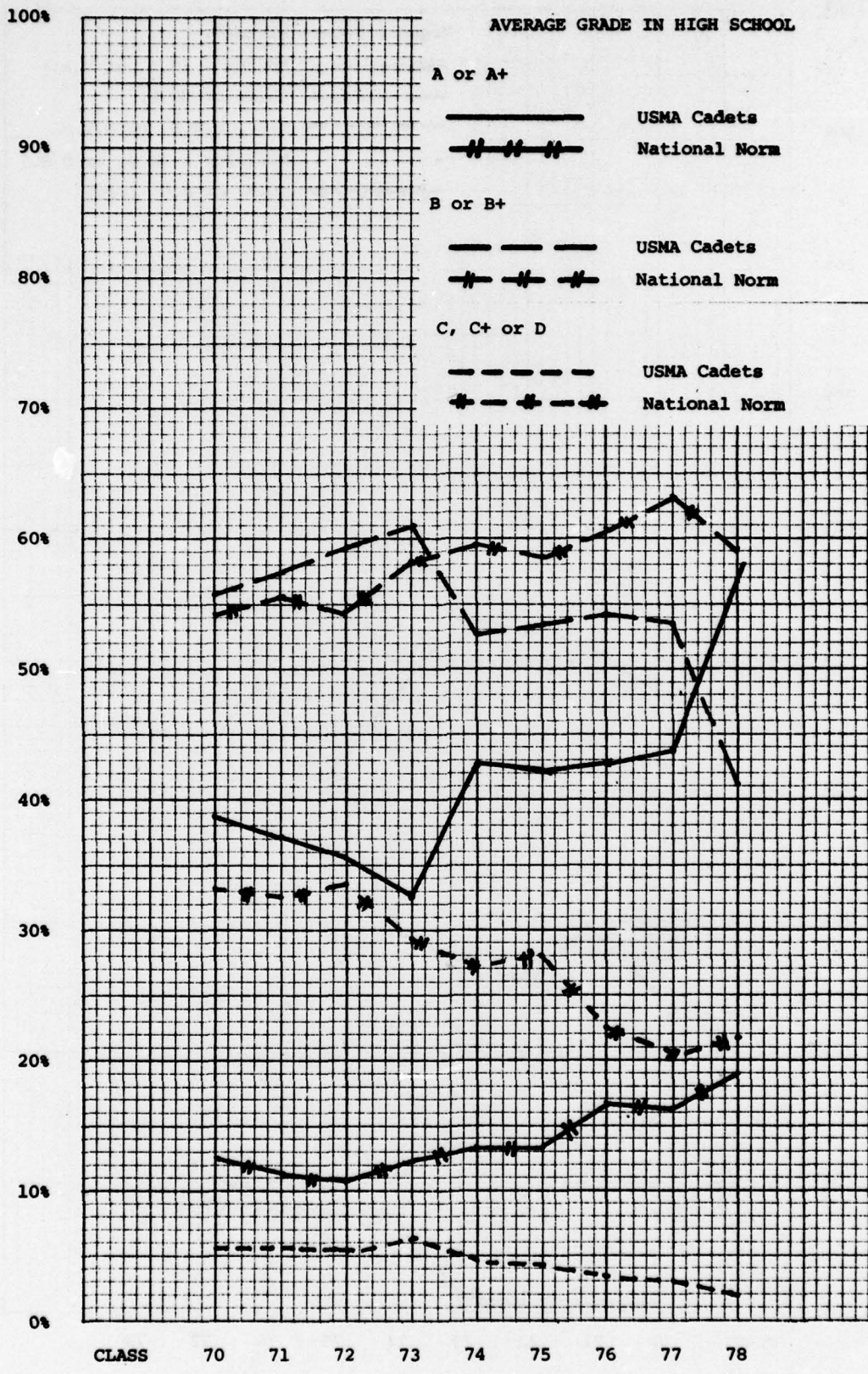


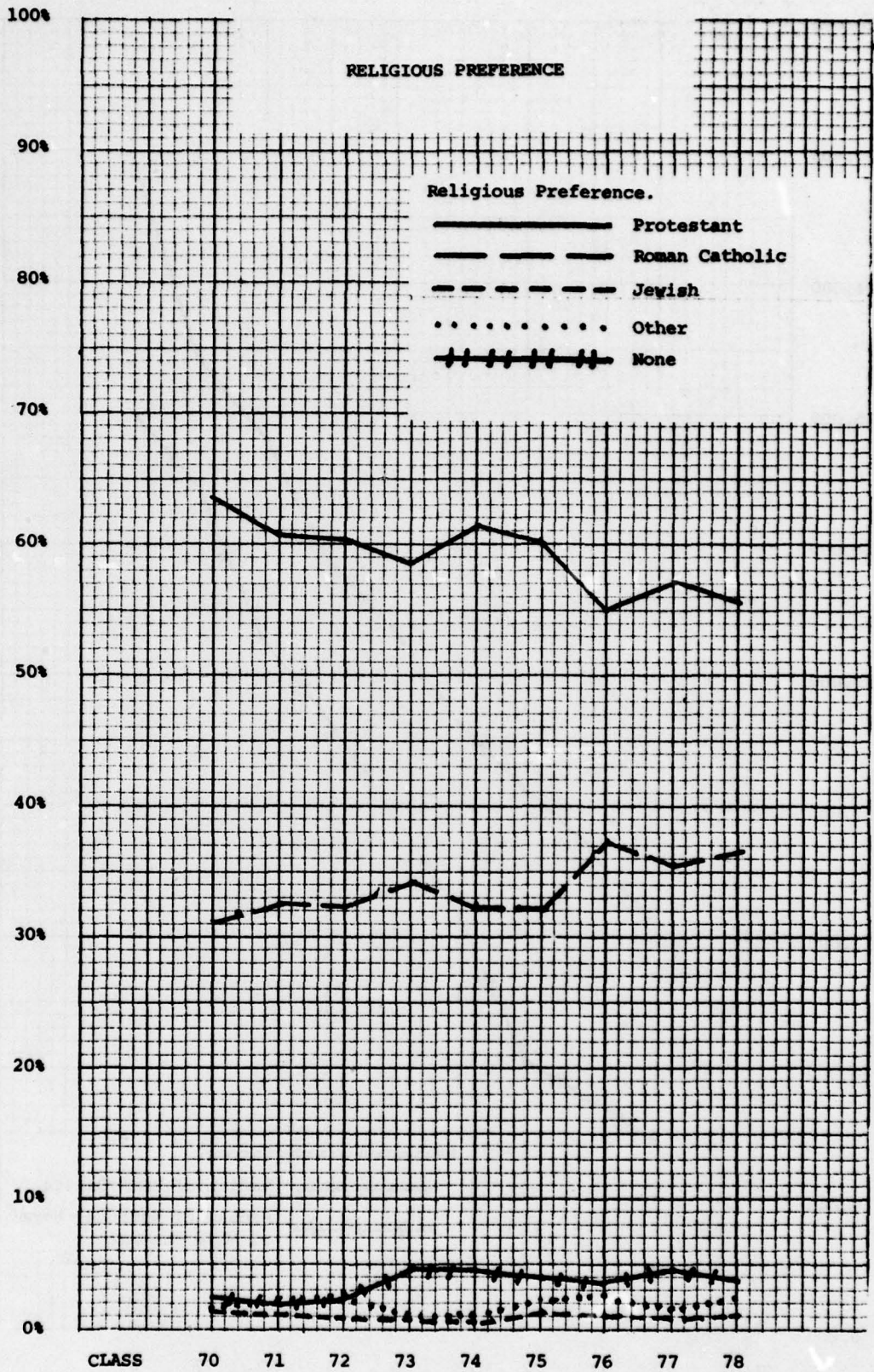


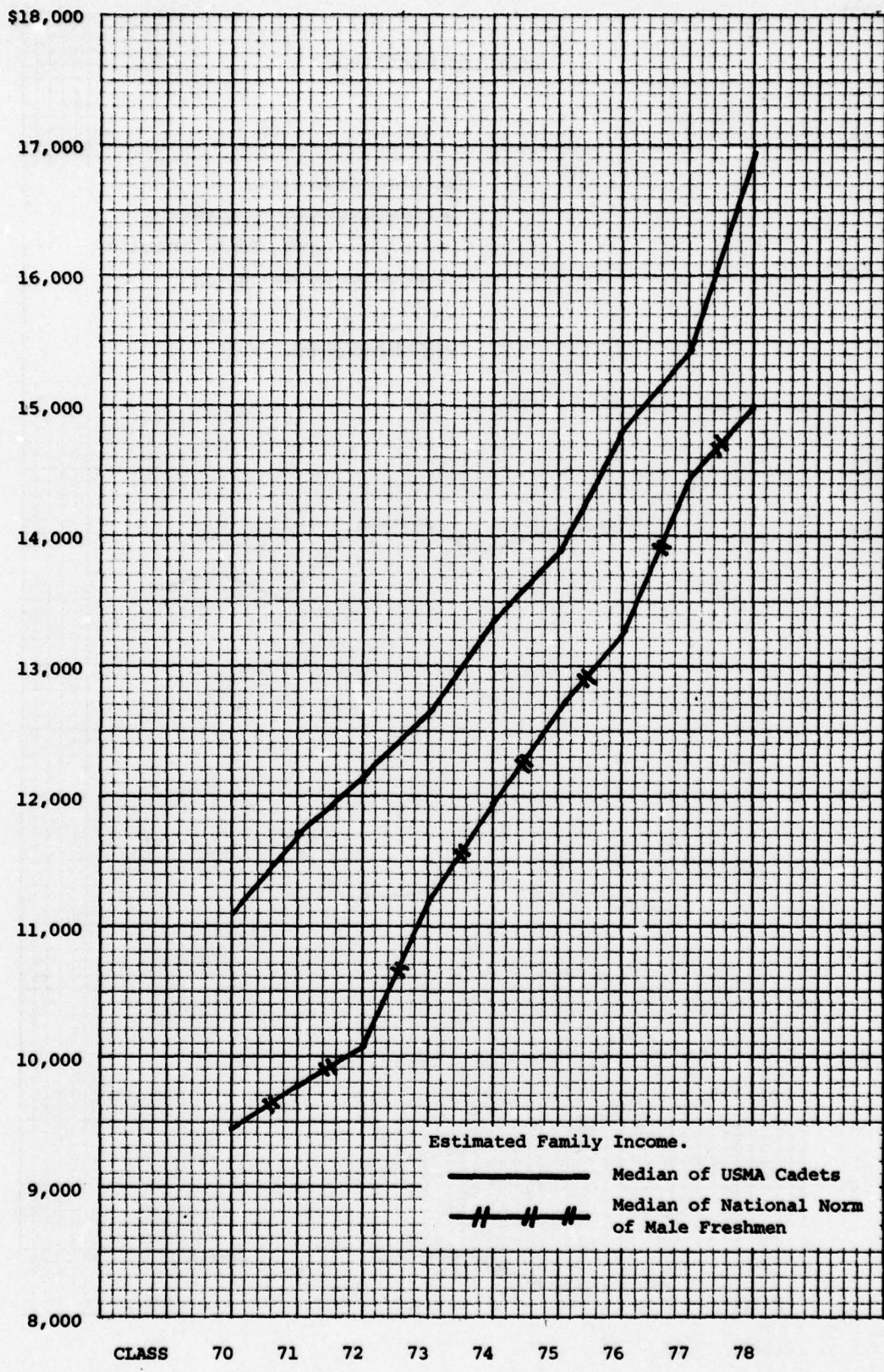


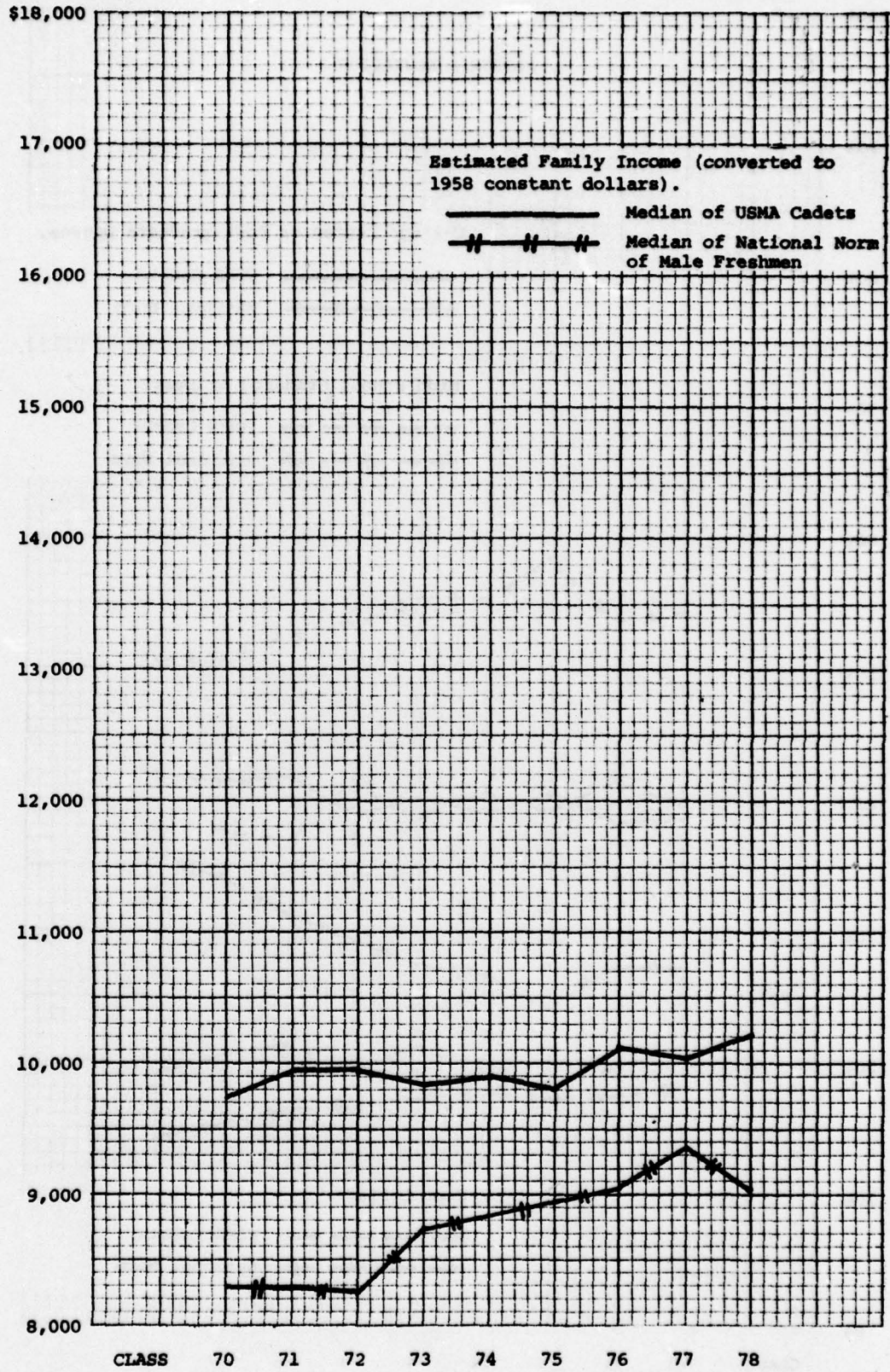




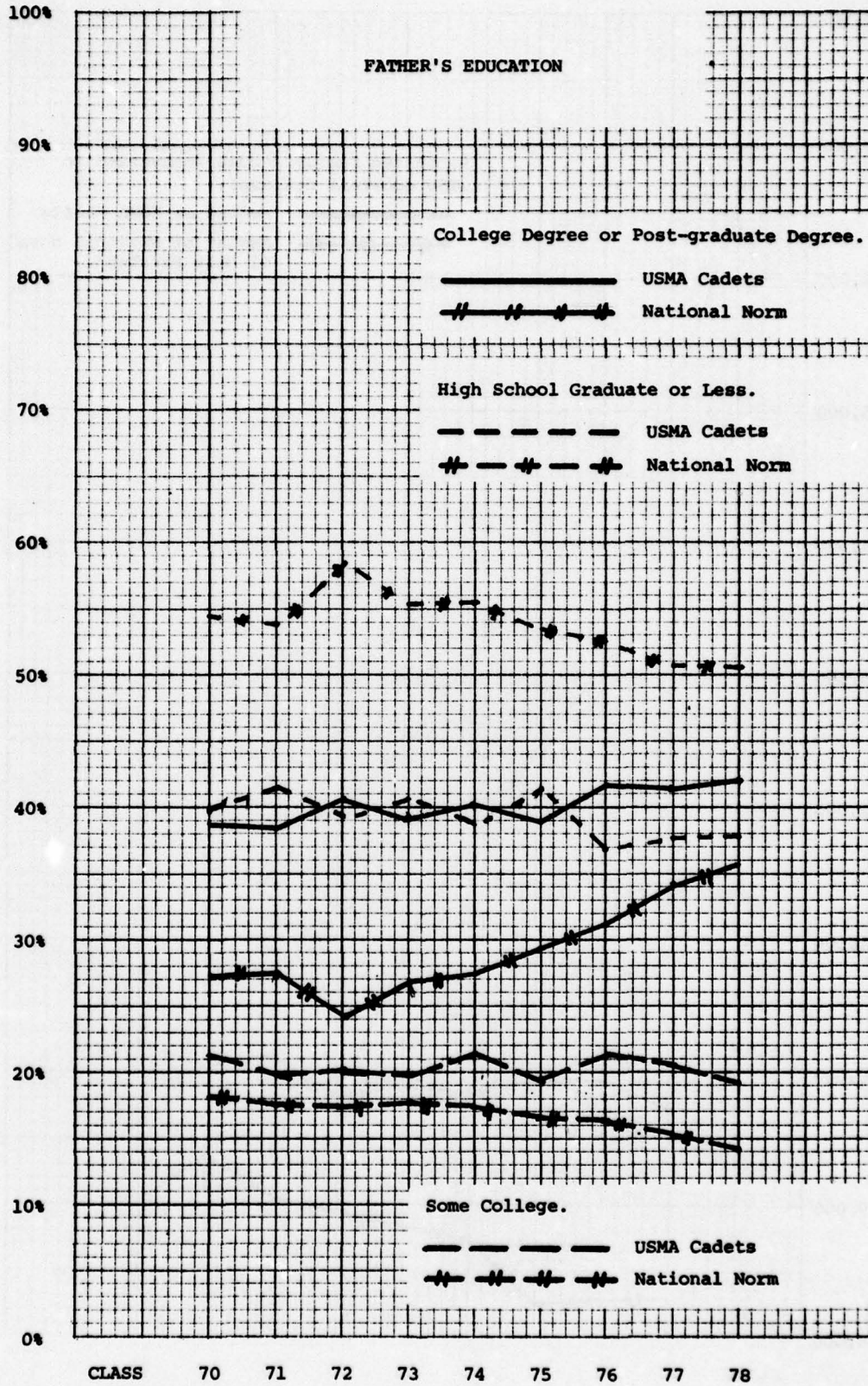


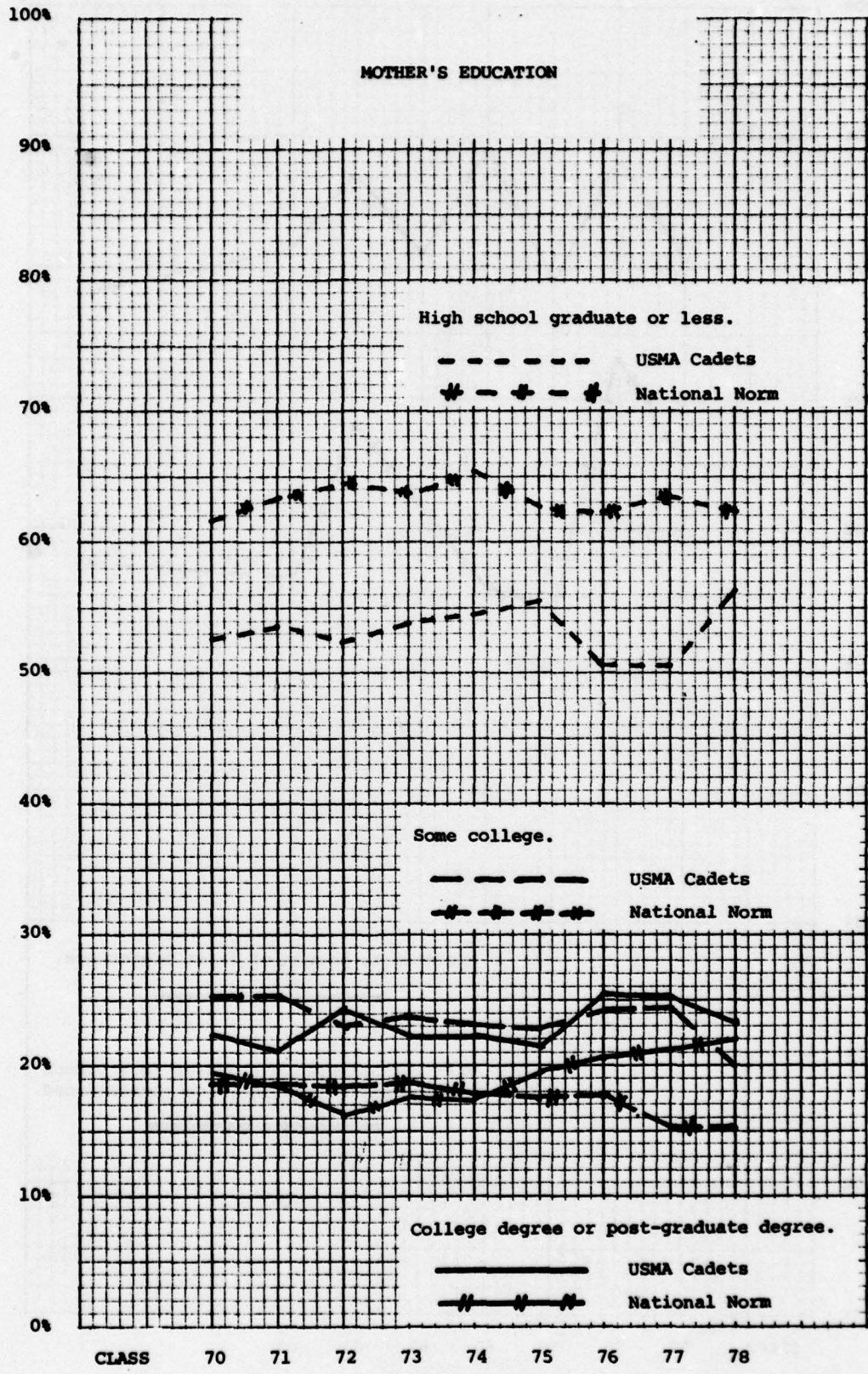


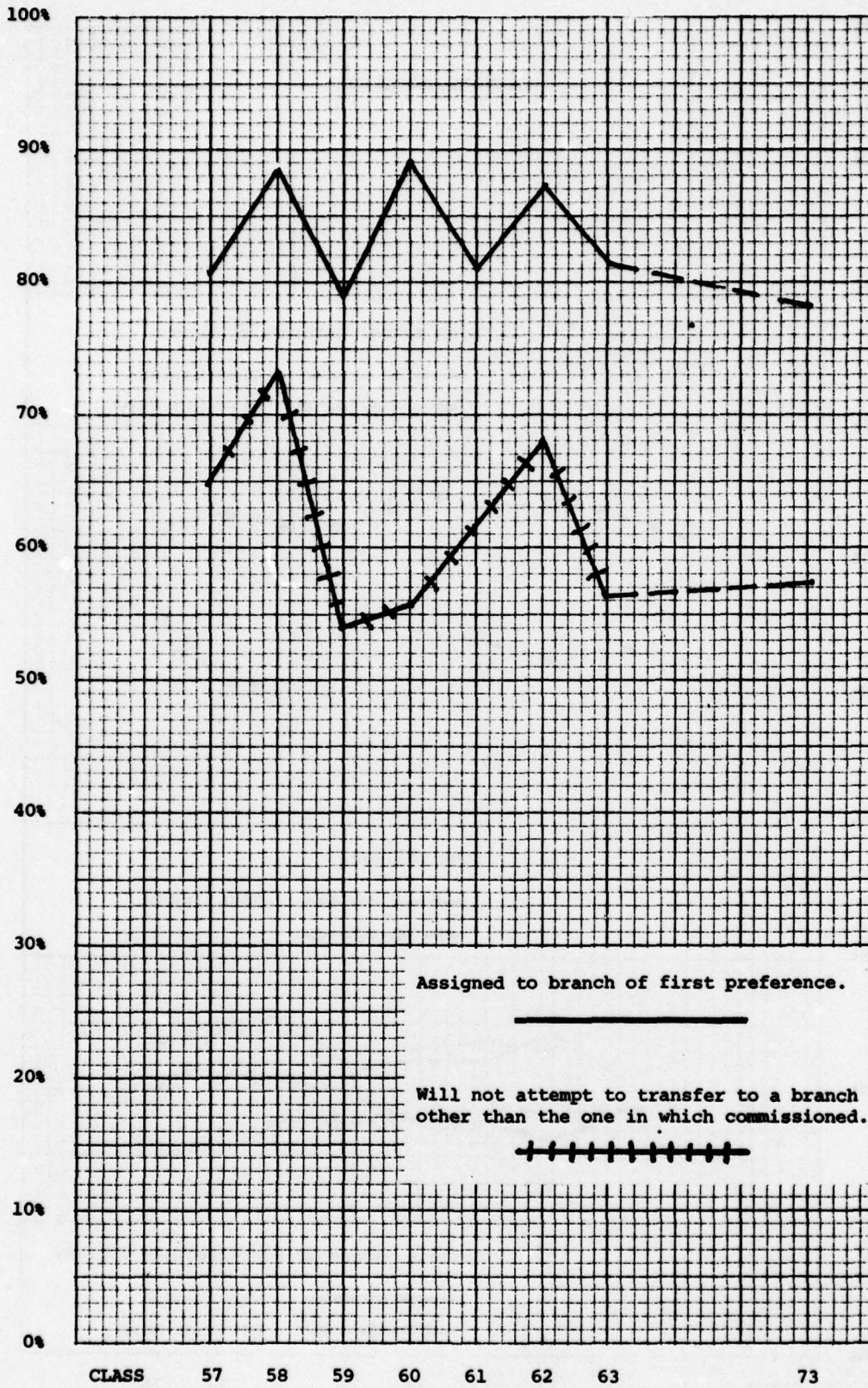




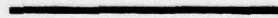
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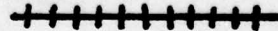


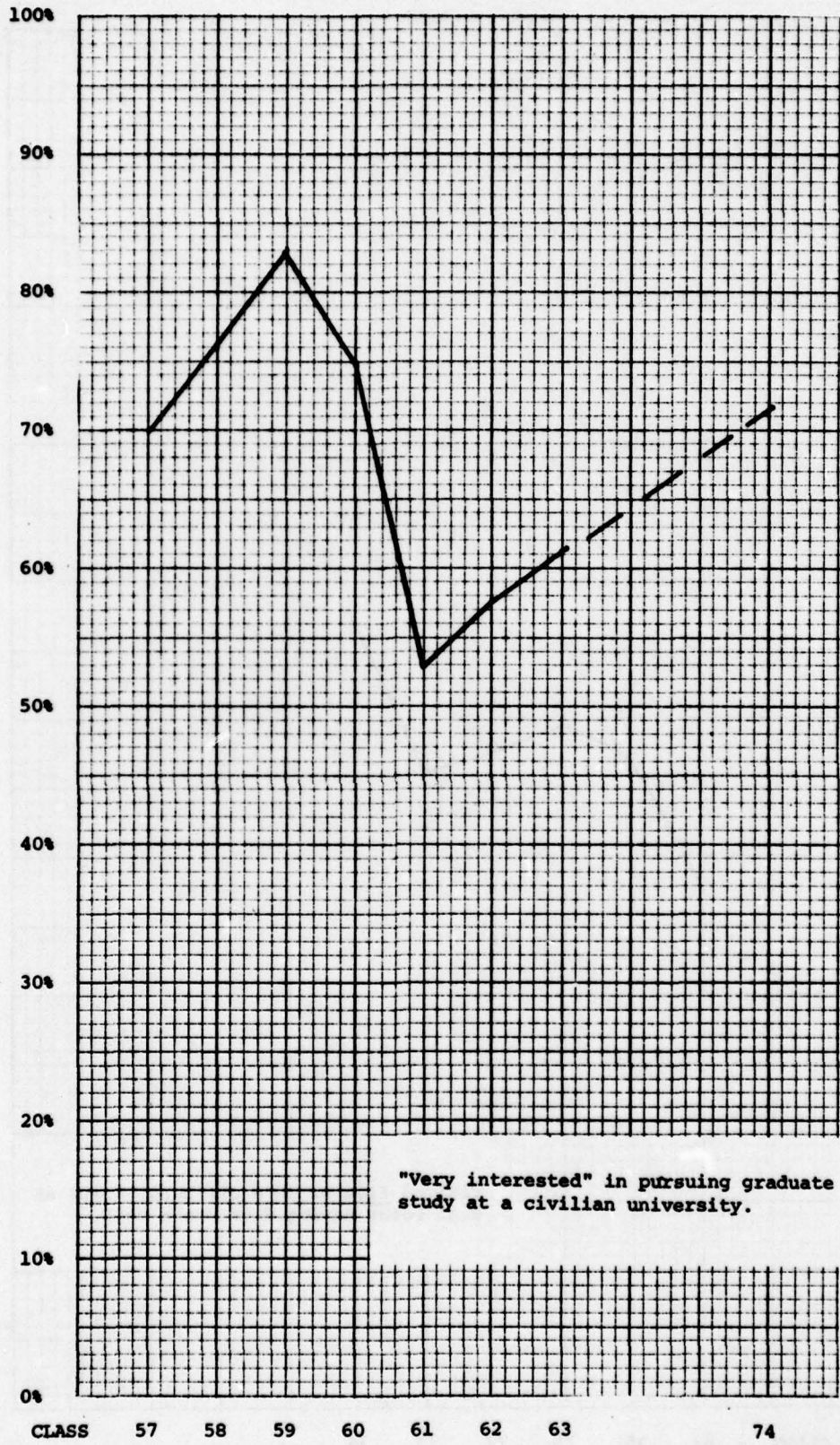


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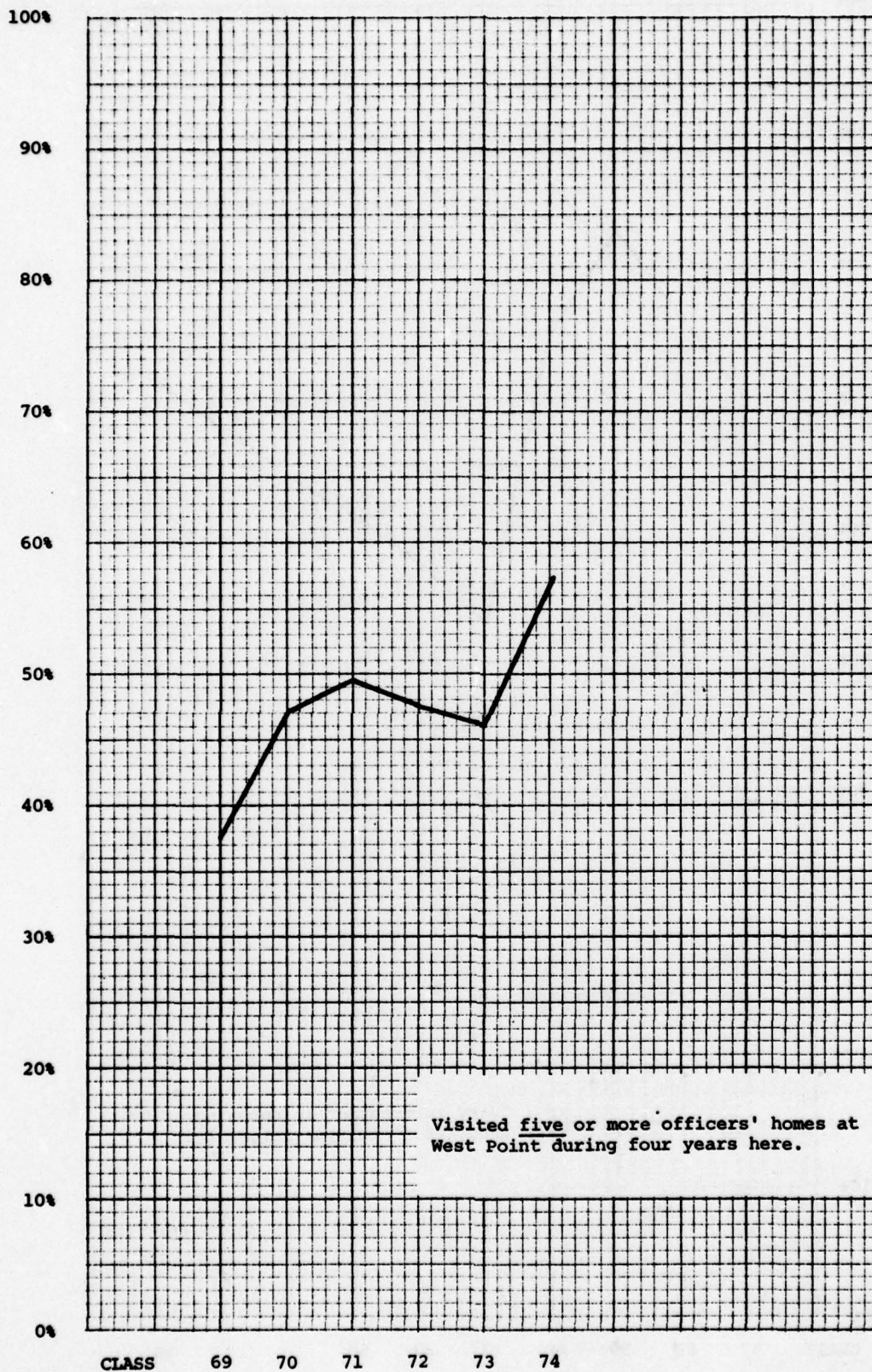


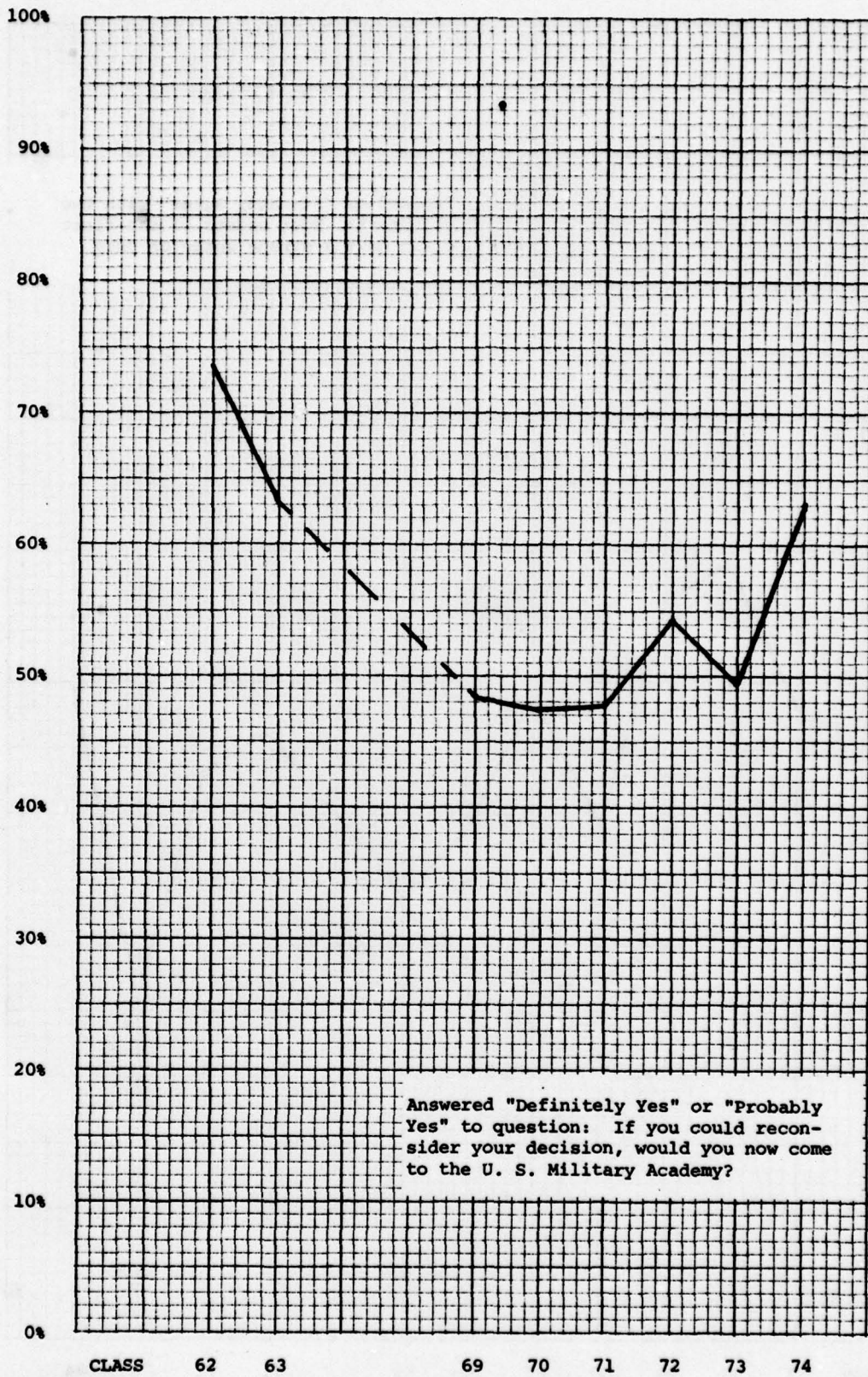
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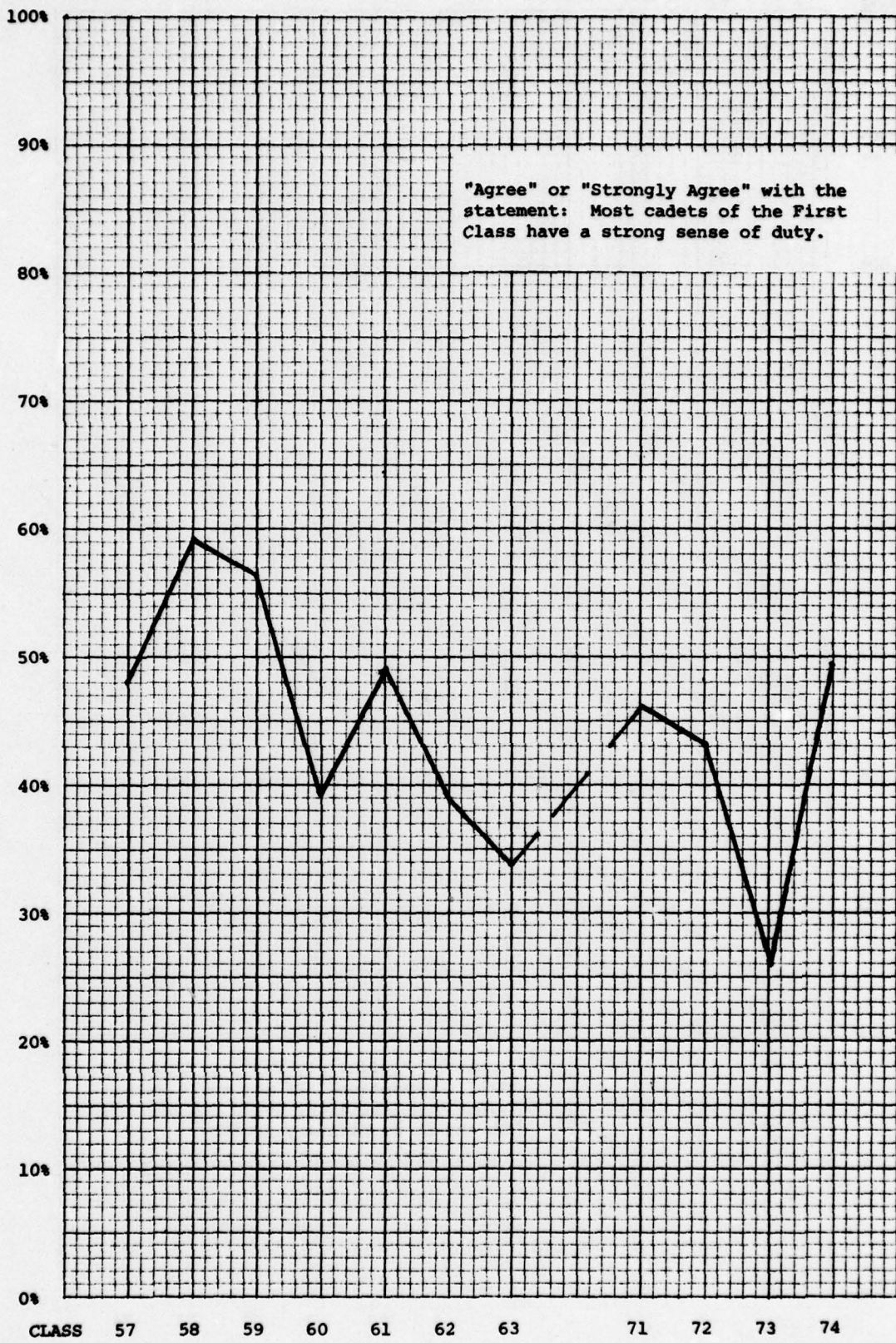


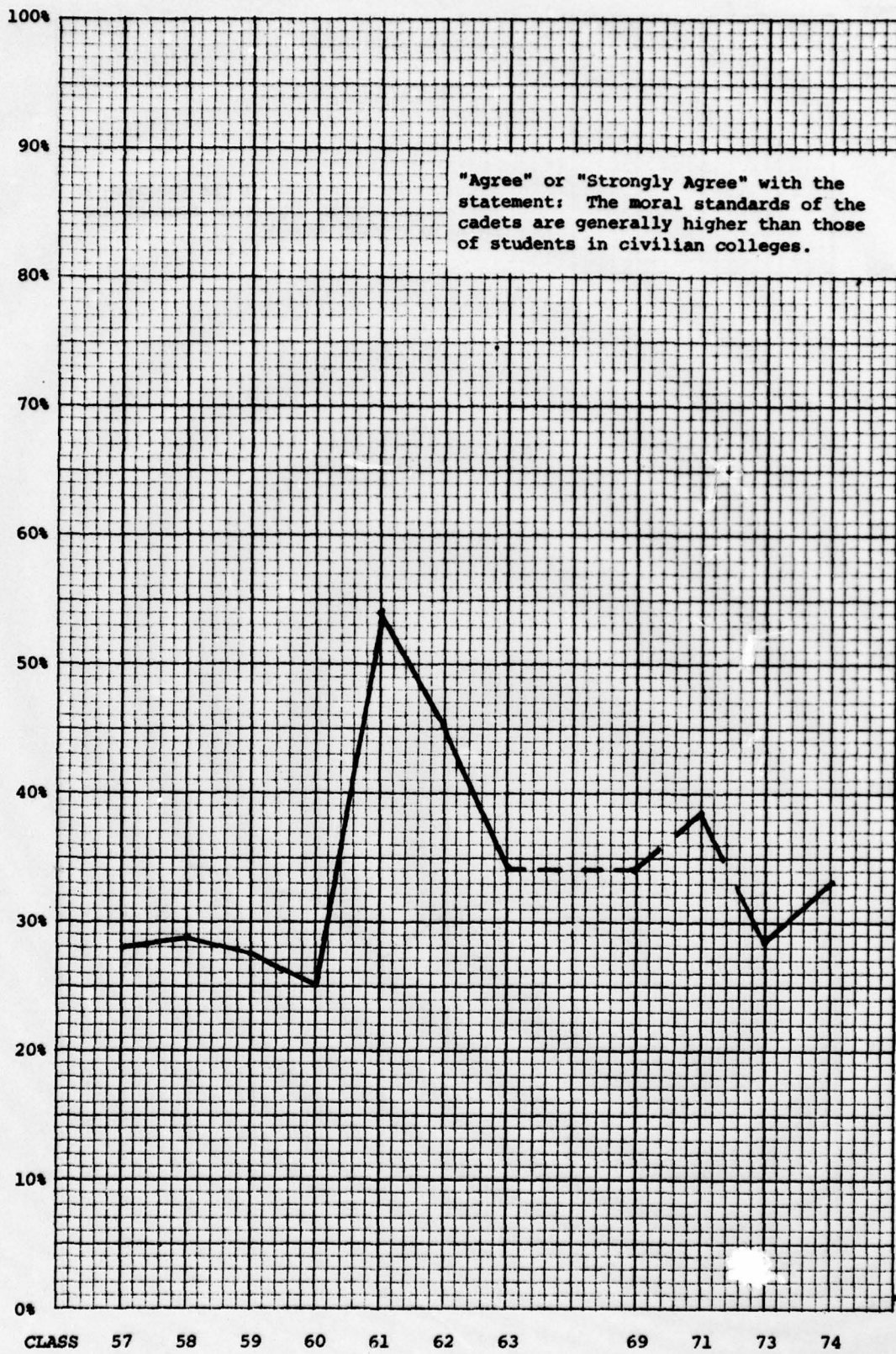


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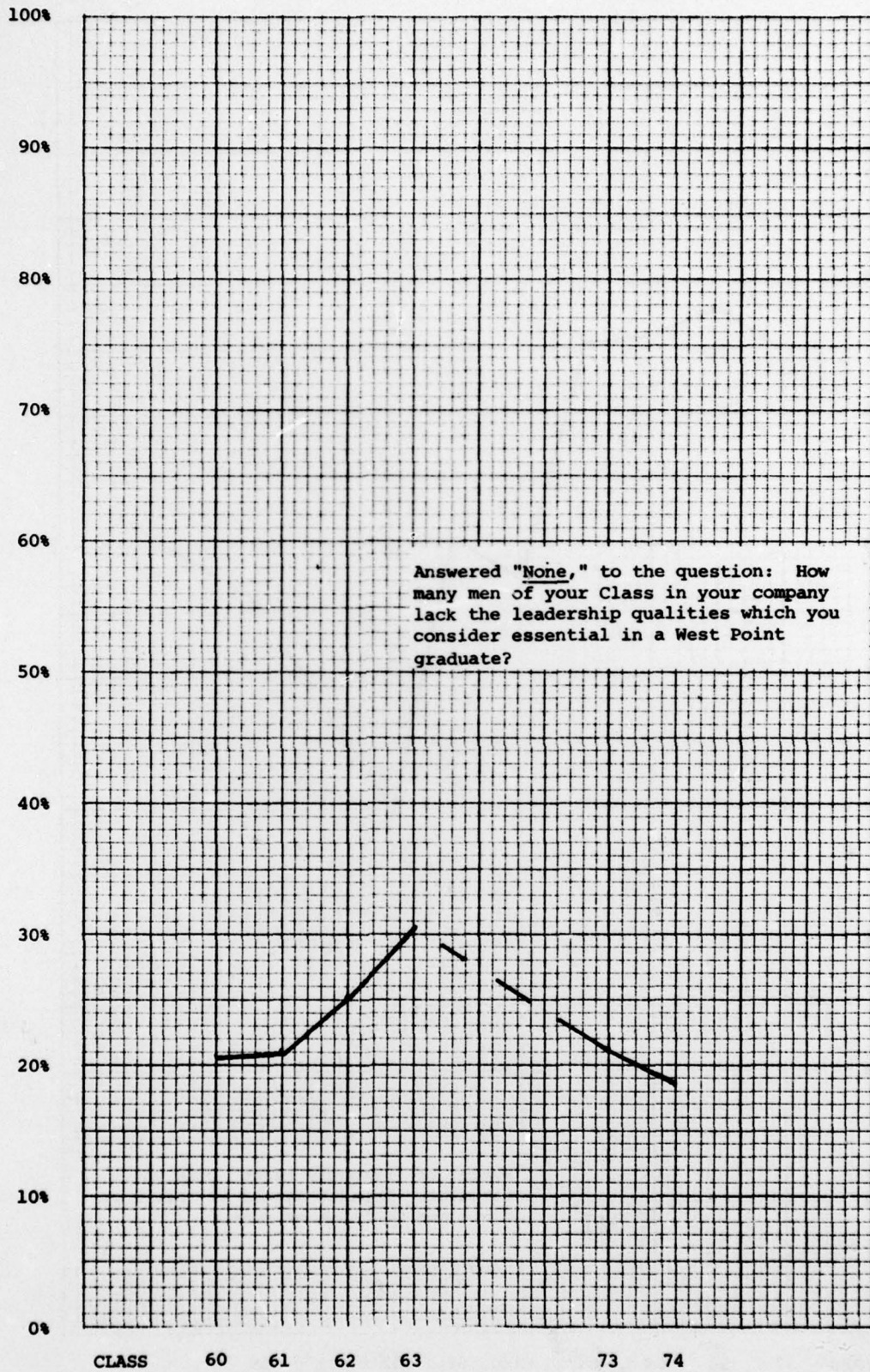


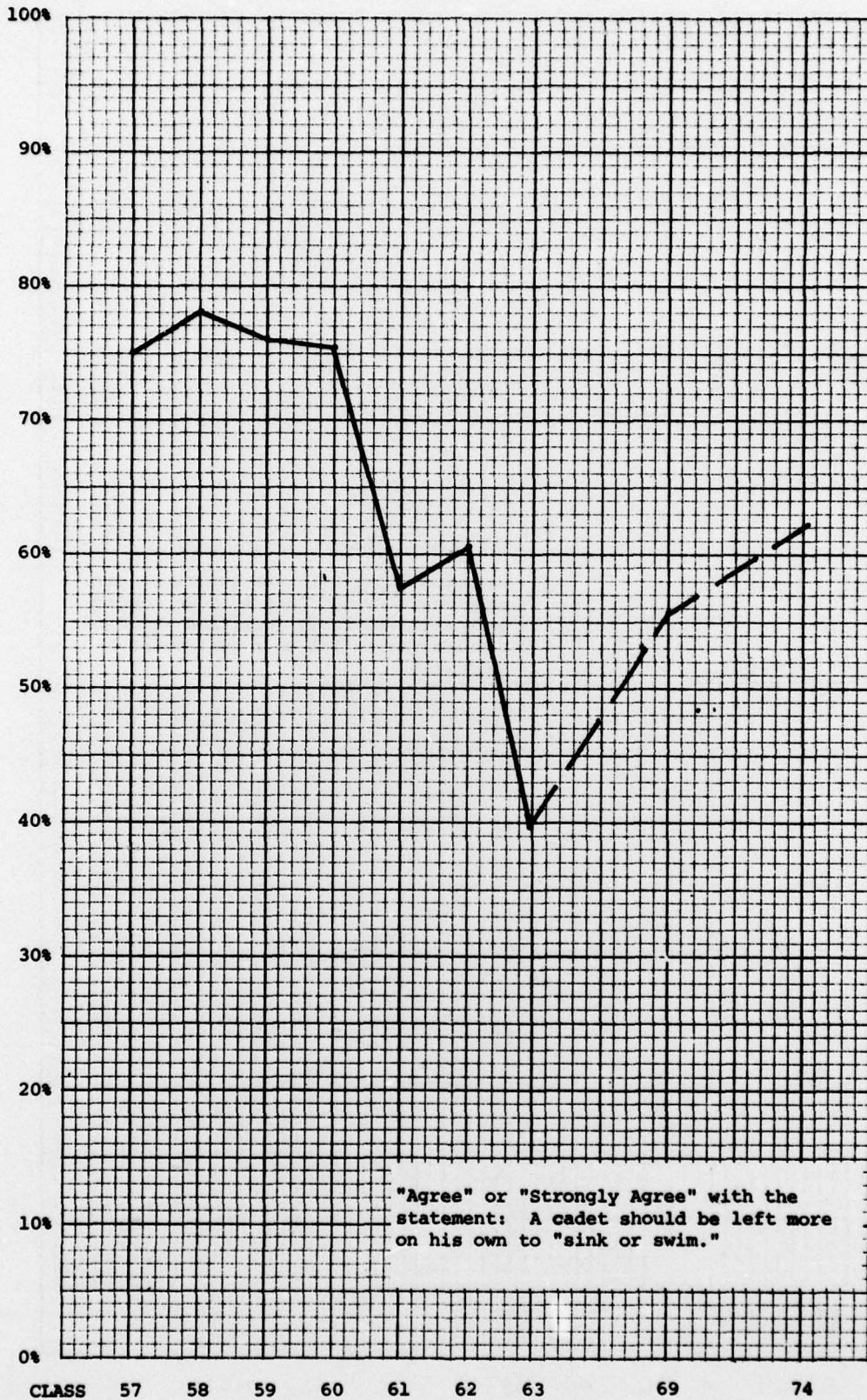


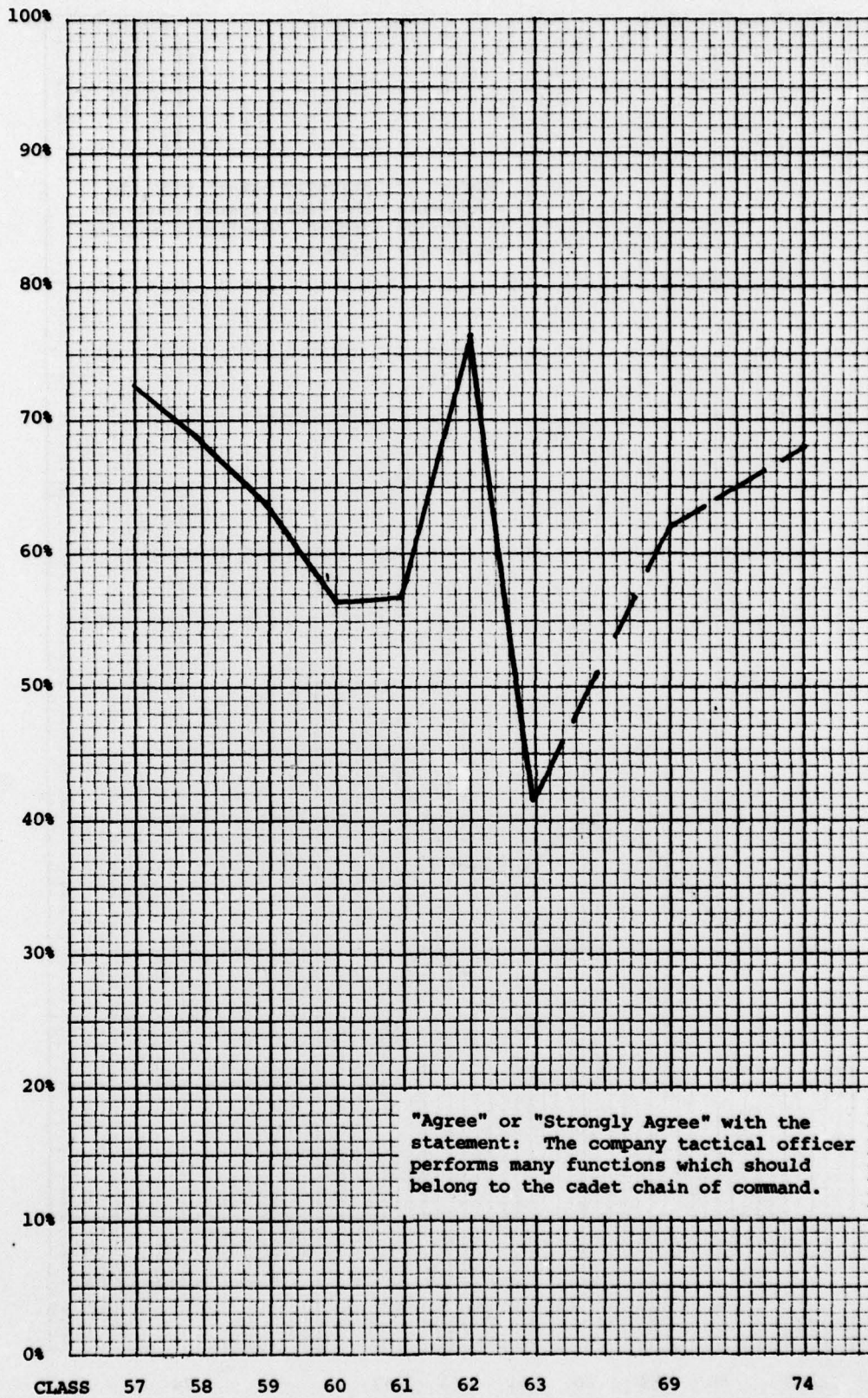




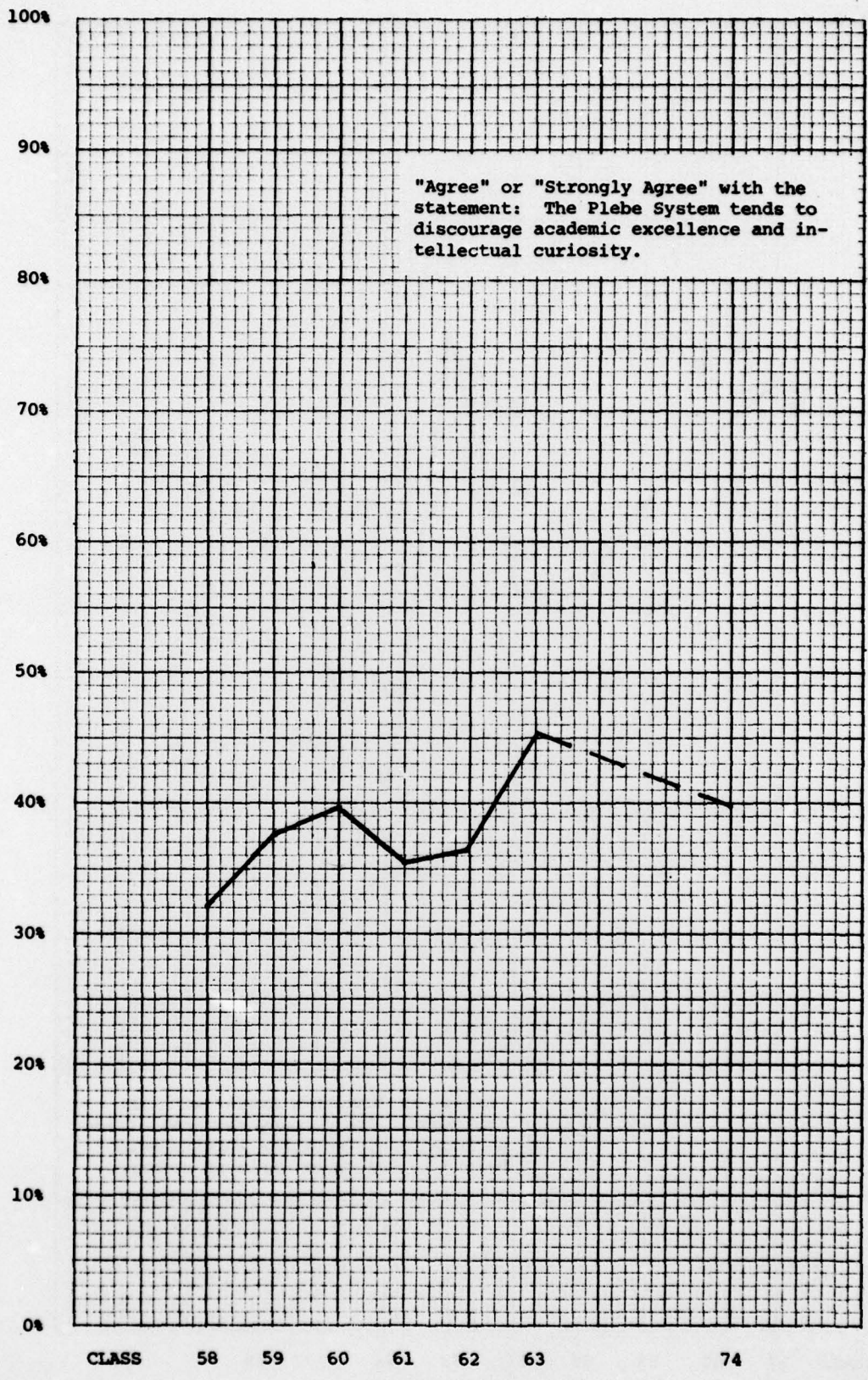


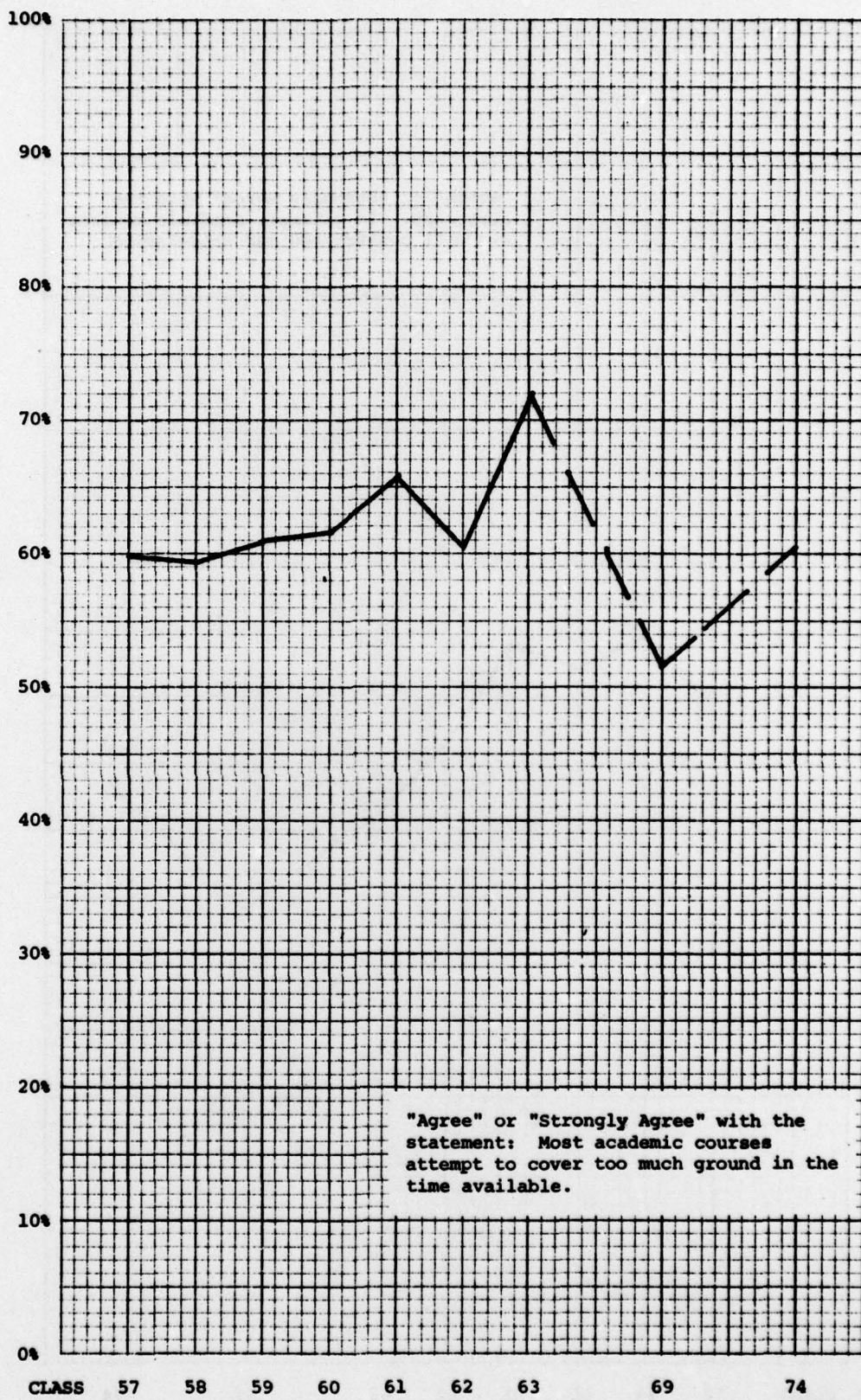




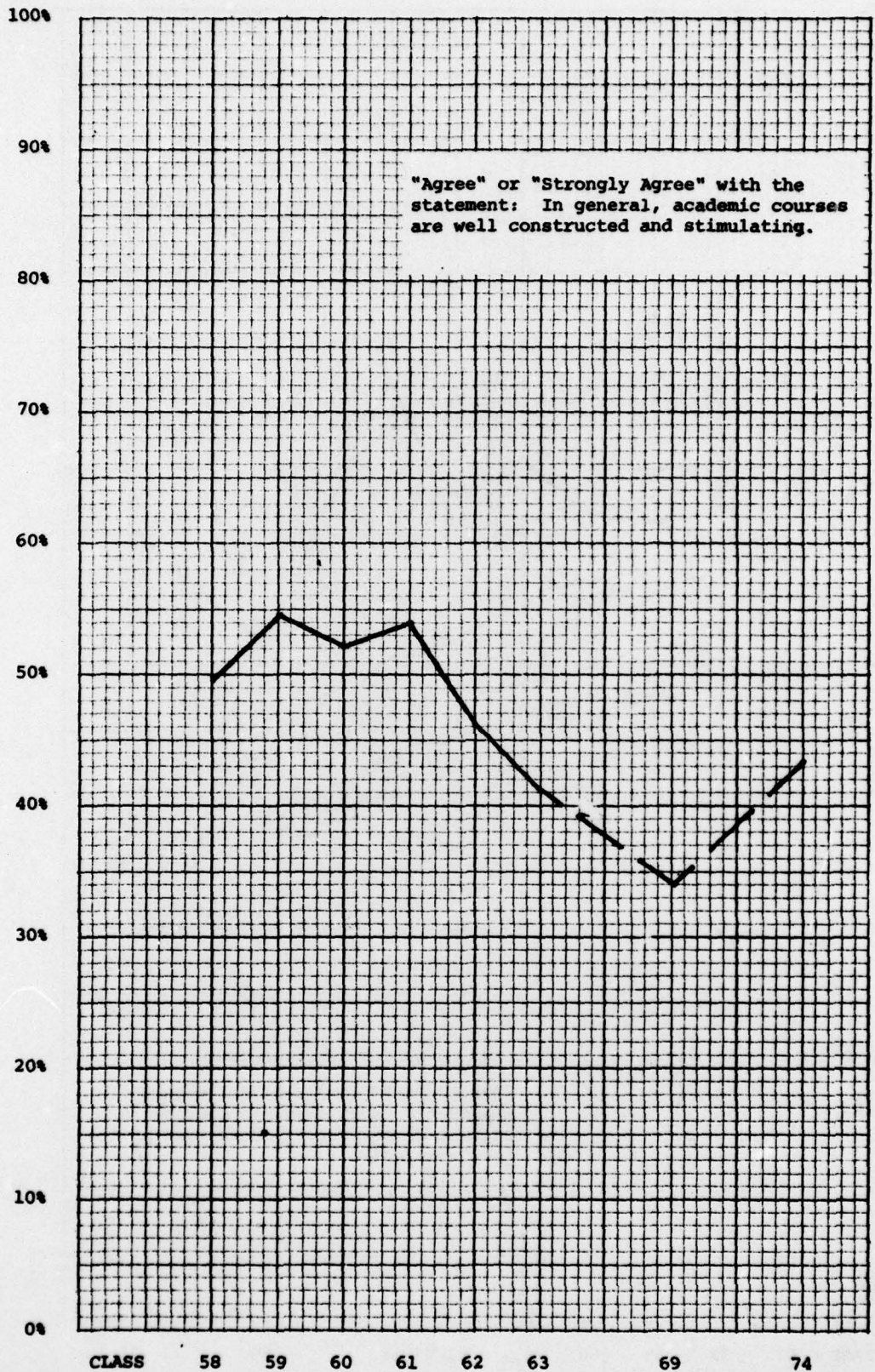


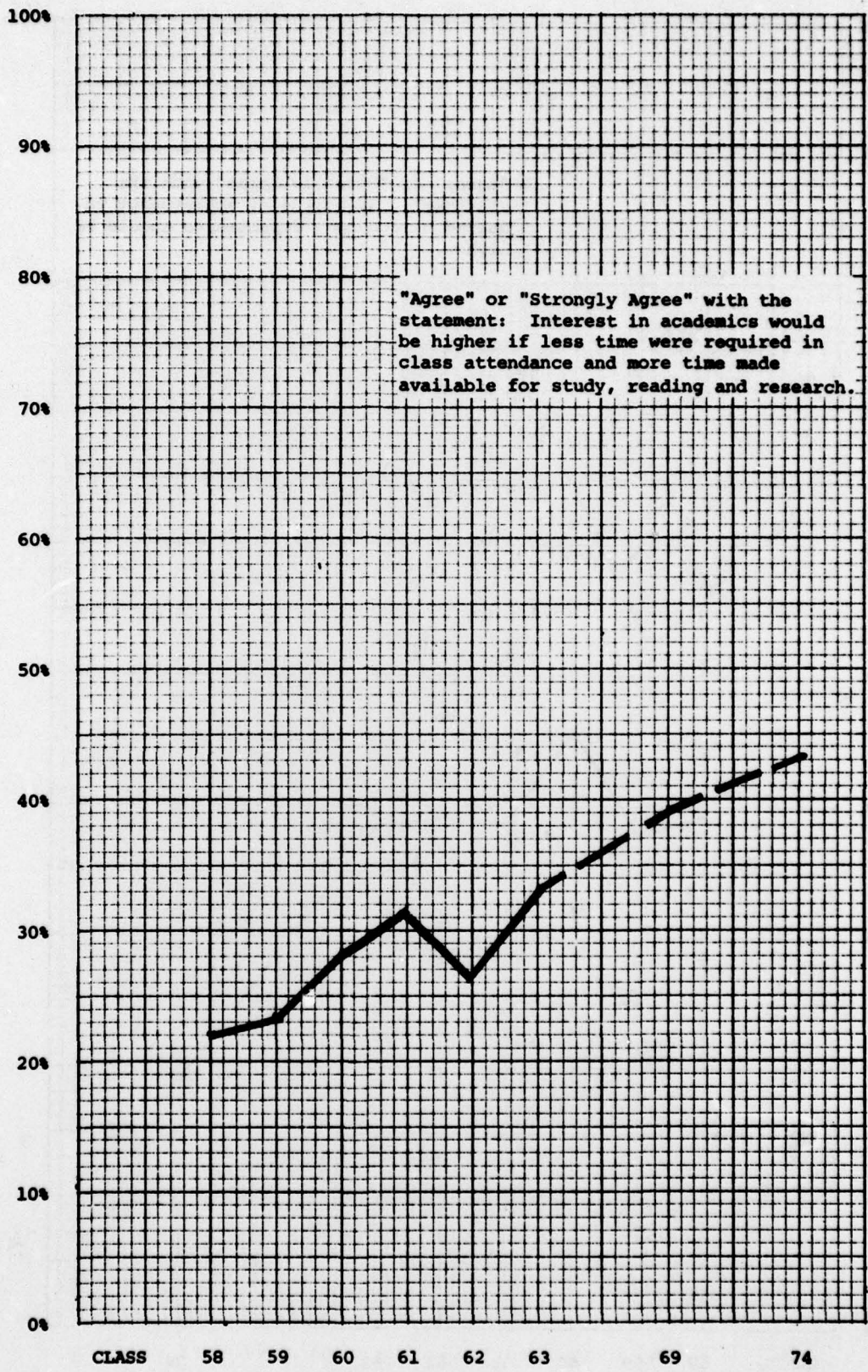
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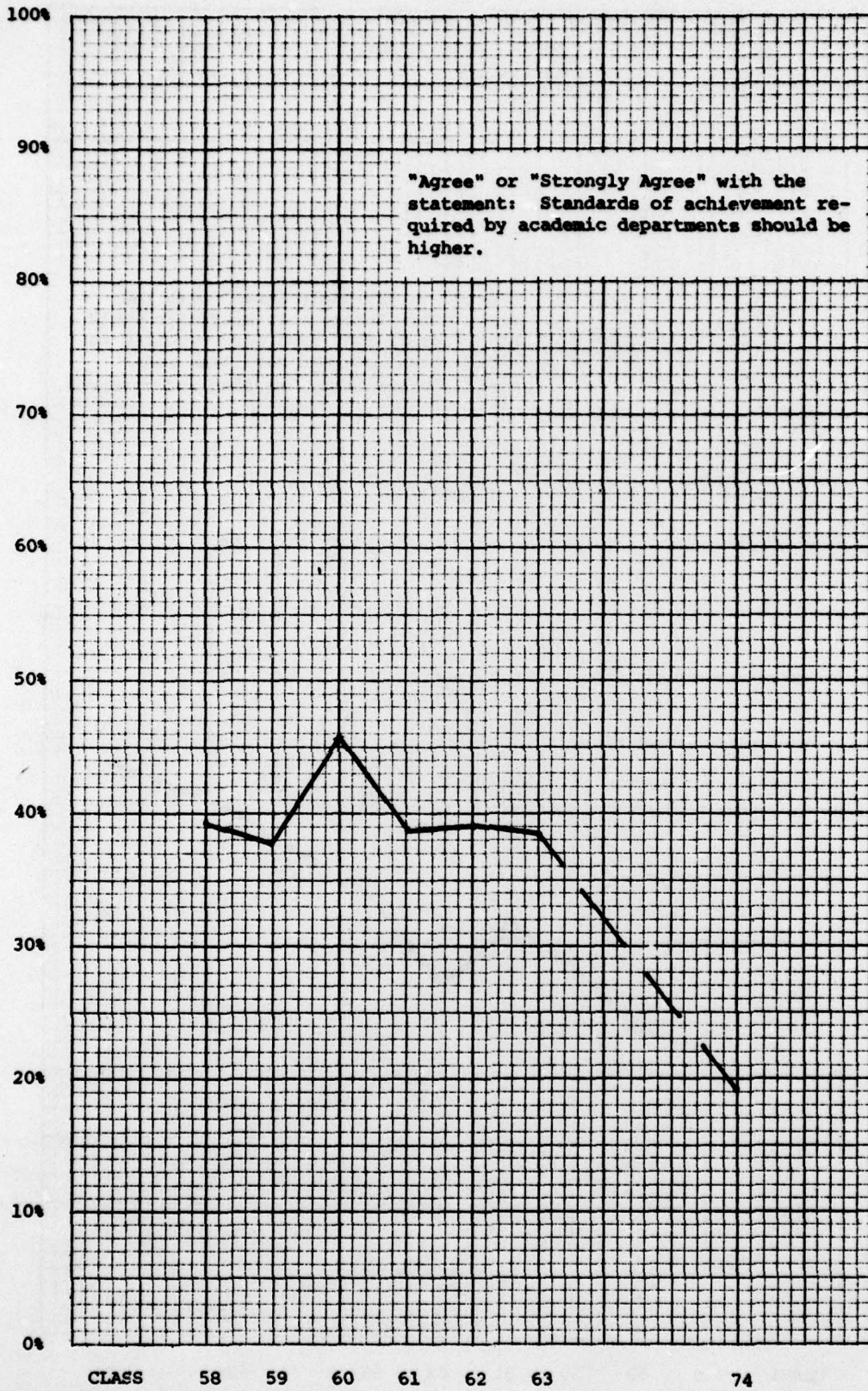


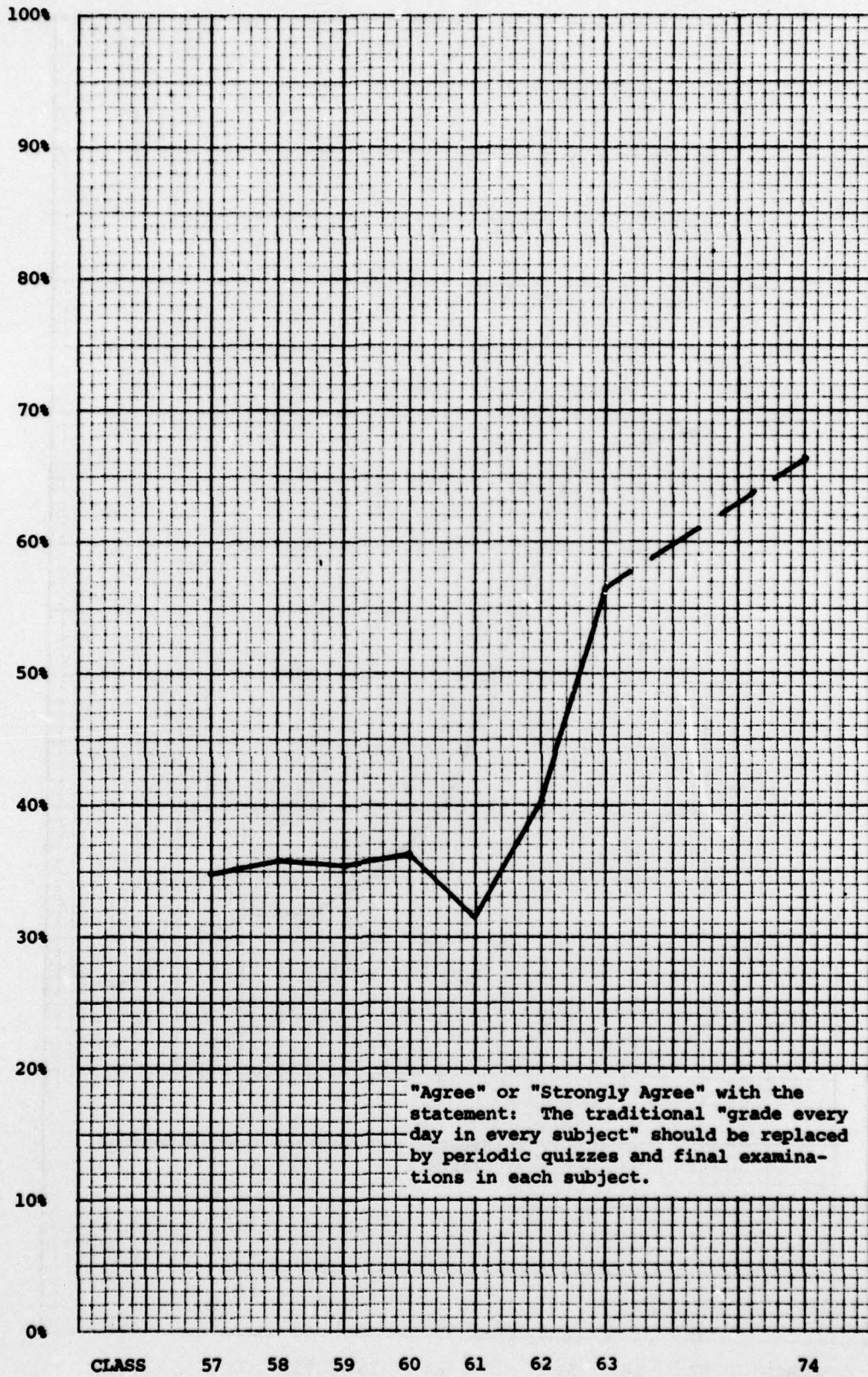


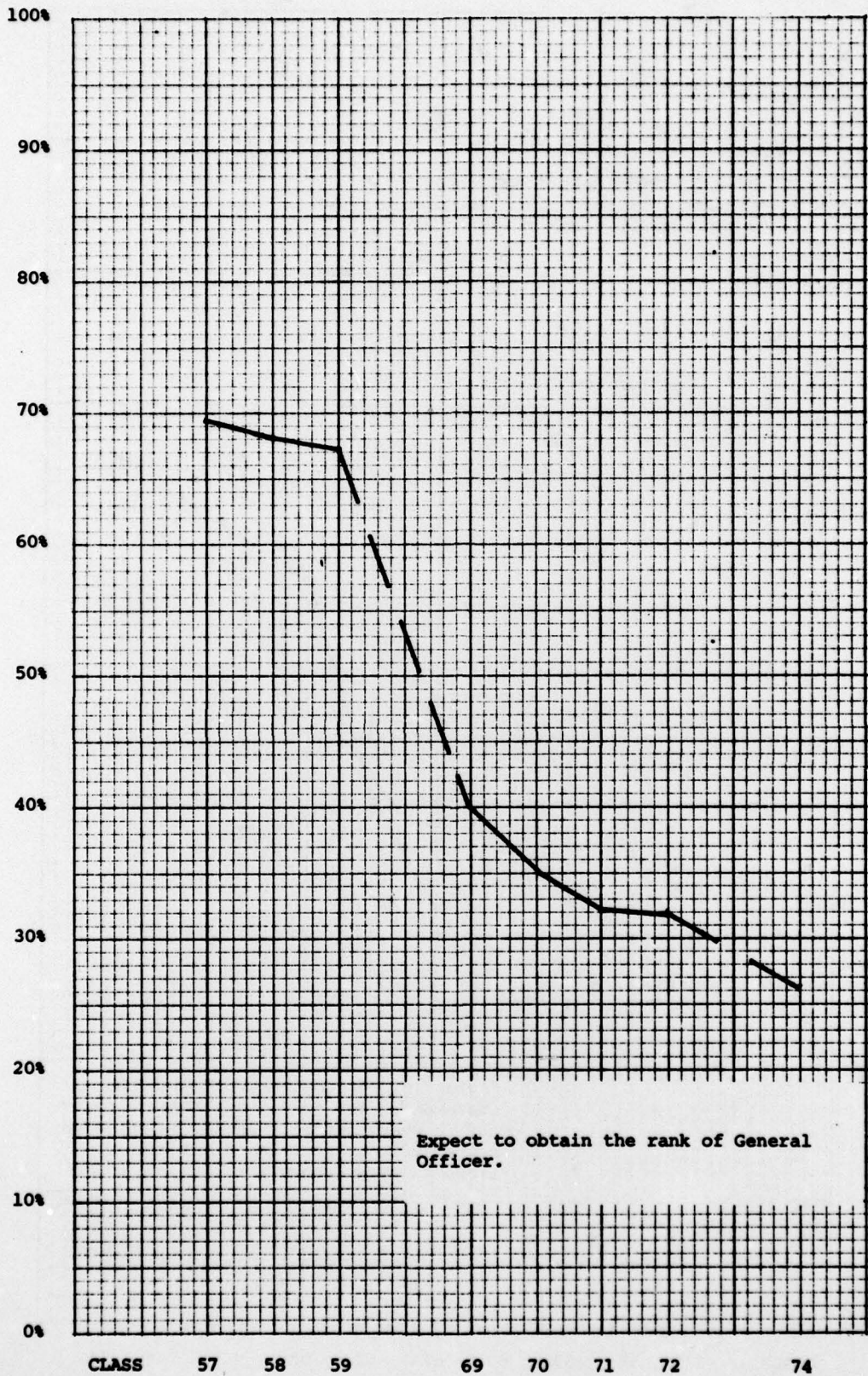
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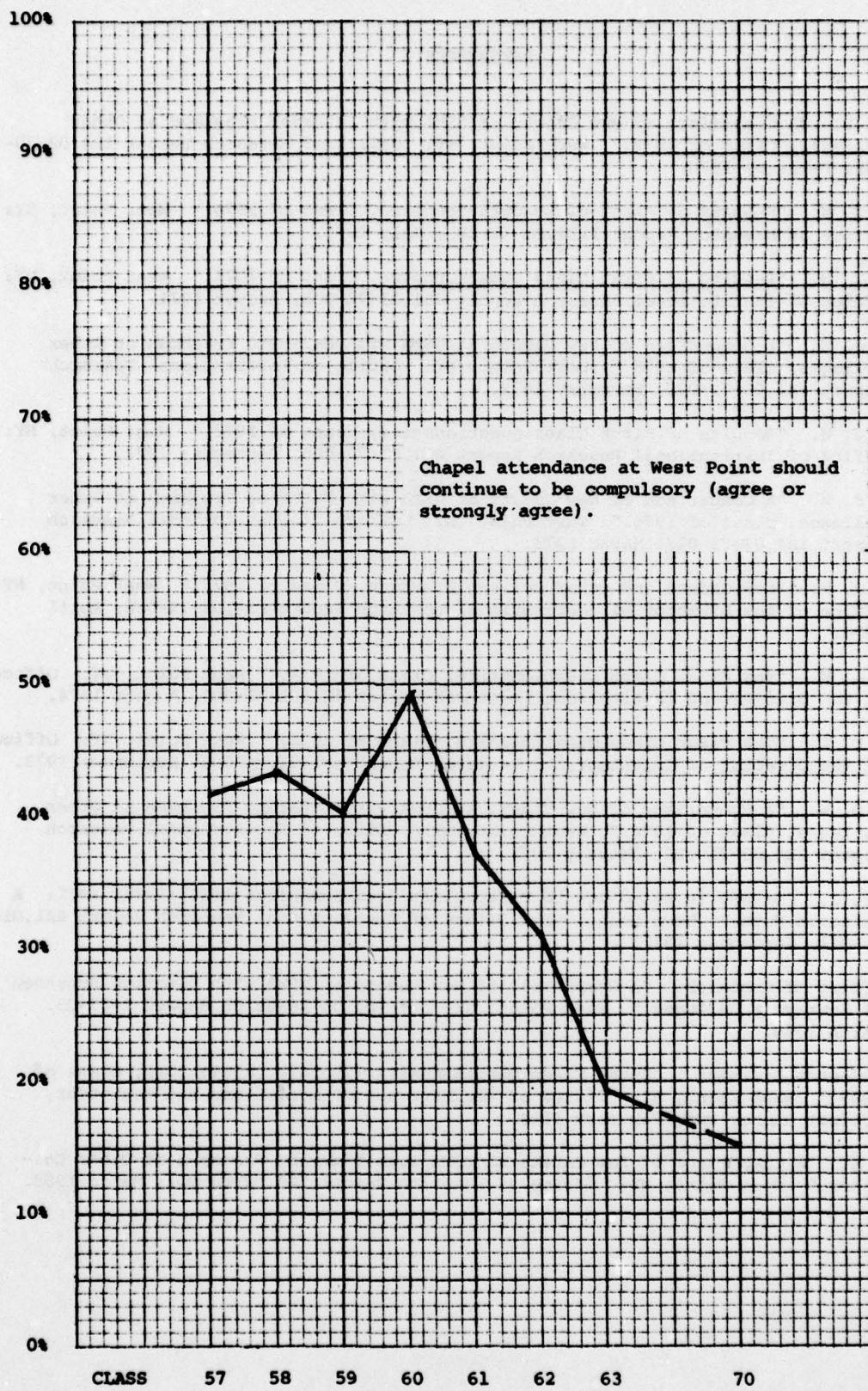












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