



# Seventy niner-liner

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### THIS IS SPIRIT WEEK!

The time is upon us once again when the true patriots' and patriettes' outward rowdiness reaches a peak and those who couldn't care less about displaying any school spirit--or wouldn't dare let anyone know that they do--coolly strut down the halls dreading the thought of a whole week full of wild and zany activities. This period of busy hub-bub and exciting enthusiasm is, of course, Homecoming Spirit Week. The following is a run down of all the events.

1. Mad Hatter Monday - The perfect opportunity to display the, dadadada--hat of your choice!

B. Train Track Trek - This is the contest launching class competition. There will be 5--count 'em--5--big maps of the U.S. hanging in the cafeteria. Each will contain a western railroad track, all a uniform distance, to represent a different class and the faculty. With a dime you can purchase a "piece of the track" to help the SENIORS complete their track first. The money will go to some Wootton fund.

2. Toga Tuesday - John Belushi you may not be, but try your wildest toga on us anyway. Don't be inhibited--let your imagination run wild! And don't forget to come and participate, during lunch, in the first toga fashion show to hit Wootton ever.

3. Wild West Wednesday - Ride 'em cowboy! Dig out your western-style clothes for this occasion. This will also be scored: SENIORS rule!

B. Pony Expression - What better chance to send a message to your "special someone". Again, creativity is encouraged. Some sample messages: 1. A certificate for a kiss; or 2. A hug, or even; 3. Ruffling of the hair.!! Orders will be taken in the

front hall before school and delivered during lunches. You must know the receiver's lunch.

c. This is also the day for homecoming princess voting. Ballots will be sent to first period teachers. There will be 5 SENIOR princesses--choose carefully!

4. T-shirt and Tie Thursday - An assortment of t-shirts and the ties of every shape and size will be on hand Thursday.

B. Custer's Last Stand - We salute General Custer will our custard-eating contest. Competition will be during all 3 lunches. Contestants for the class of '79 are: Emily Potter, Mindy Kantowitz, Many Lou Adams, Mickey Livingston, Bob Burke and Chuck Augustino. Come and encourage them to be BIGGER PIGS than the under classmen.

5. Freaky Friday - Halloween comes early. Beware of the ghosts and goblins who may be hiding around any corner!

B. Frontier Jail - Come on down to the craziest western town around. A mock jail will be set up in the cafeteria complete with a sheriff and deputies! This is your chance to lock up your secret enemy, or least-favorite teacher, for the cost of a dime. The deputy will put the person in jail and then bail will be posted. The prisoner may put up his/her own bail (a dime) or may be sponsored by anyone else (at the cost of ten cents). If sponsored, the "convict" will sing a western song to show appreciation before being freed. In the event that no money can be raised, the prisoner must remain in the jail for the remainder of the lunch period.

C. Pep Rally - The word is out: the SENIOR class is putting on the Homecoming pep rally. It promises to be different



from past pep assemblies, yet it will keep several of the Homecoming traditions. Among the activities planned are the announcements of the princesses, and--hold on to your hats--the voting of the Queen.

6. Homecoming Day - Wrapping up the week's activities are the float parade, football game, and, last but not least, the Big Dance. Again, we are setting a precedent: we are actually decorating the gym. The gym is being designed to resemble an old ghost town. We need people to help out with a variety of jobs. If you are in any way interested, please contact one of the officers or me.

The Homecoming activities were designed with the intentions that anybody wishing to participate could do so easily and have a lot of fun at the same time. So participate in anyway you can and we'll see which class pulls through at sundown.

Carrie Buck

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RESULT OF MAGAZINE SALE

The Senior Class Executive Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in the Magazine Sale. The class sold \$5,700 worth of subscriptions and made a profit of \$2,300. However, this was extremely short of the proposed \$6,000 goal. Your class officers cannot be responsible for the price of your Prom Tickets '79ers; you have one more chance--the big December fruit sale. Better get psyched up or we'll still be broke (or sitting home) on June 8th.

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WEAR IT WESTERN

We've got spirit, yes we do; we've got spirit, how about you? Do all you seniors have spirit enough to get dressed for the Wild West on October 28? You guys and gals who were planning on just wearing three-piece suits and long gowns--why not doing something different and show your enthusiasm for your school. Guys--how about adding a touch of the west with cowboy hats. And gals--how about those flouncy, frilly dresses with petticoats they used to wear out west?

Go ahead! Get into the Spirit of Homecoming and the Spirit of the Wild, Wild

West. Let's show the rest of Wootton what the Senior Class is all about. Yahoo!

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SENIOR PUNISHMENT

Several Wootton students are quite ill. I know because, as an aide for the attendance secretary, I've noticed a particular trend which concerns the continual absence of the ones they call "Seniors". Their dreaded disease causes more than a physical absence; it also produces a mental one. A physician would be stumped but any teacher can give a definite diagnosis and its accompanying medical term "SENIORITIS".

The other day I spotted a typical senior, Danny Donothing, lounging in the hall. In an attempt to investigate the symptom of this malady, I cautiously approached. "Hi, Danny. What do you have this period?" He gazed up at me dizzily. "What's today?" he growled, obviously upset at being disturbed. "It's Tuesday, Danny; why?" I asked. He sighed, "Well, I don't often go to class on days that end with a 'y'." "What's the problem?" I prompted. "Oh, it's nothing. I just seem to have an allergic reaction to books this year. Whenever I touch them I start to itch all over!"

"Aren't you enjoying your Senior year?" I inquired. "Well, it's kind of a drag, you know? I mean, last time I went to English, I got there just 15 minutes late and right away Mr. Bosco jumps all over me. First he asks me for my vocabulary quiz from September. I admit I didn't have it, but I thought it was a take-home quiz!"

I told him I would try to track it down but he starts cracking on me anyway. He says "You couldn't track down a bleeding elephant in three feet of new snow!" Now, I ask you, is this fair?! Especially after I told him about the rumor I heard. You know, the one about how they might have Find-a-Word puzzles on the SAT's? I don't think he likes me."

"Hey do you know when you have to start applying to colleges? my friend asked casually. "Well, I think. . ." "What time is it, anyway?" he interrupts, lurching off the ground. "'Bout lunch



time?" "No, actually it's only 8:30, Danny." "Ah, close enough," he mutters and grabbing his car keys he darts down the hall singing, "Keep an eye on your fries. . . ."

Pete Celano

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GRADUATION

The graduation date has been set! June 10, 1979. It will be held at 7:30, Sunday evening, at D.A.R. Constitution Hall.

At our last meeting we decided on four announcements for graduation. Later in November we will select one announcement to use from the four selected.

Also at our next meeting we will be discussing speakers. If you have any suggestions, contact one of us.

Sean Burns  
Debbie Sadugar

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SENIORS LEAD FOOTBALL TEAM

With their 7-6 triumph over the Seneca Vally Screaming Eagles last week, the Wootton Patriot football team is most likely a shoo-in to represent Montgomery County in the "A" league State Championship for the second time in three years. The win, breaking Seneca's 31-game winning streak, was definitely a team effort, but Wootton's Senior tri-captains have provided leadership throughout the season.

Dan Cleveland, Gavin Jackson and Kelly Verham have provided leadership on and off the field and their desires to succeed have rubbed off on the other players, giving the whole team a winning attitude.

Cleveland, who was the Montgomery County Sentinel player of the week after a victory over Gaithersburg, was injured during the Seneca Valley game. It is not known how long the fullback-linebacker will be out of action.

Jackson came back, after two weeks out with a fractured hand, to score Wootton's lone touchdown against the Eagle. He is also invaluable on the defensive line. Kelly Verham, a tackle on defense and offense, was an all-league selection a

year ago, and has been terrorizing opposing linemen all season long.

These three seniors have maintained a degree of excellence all season long and are the main reason why Wootton is in the top position of the "A" league. We are proud to have them as members of the great class of '79.

Tom Friend

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CROSS COUNTRY

The 1978 Wootton Cross Country team has proven to be the best ever to emerge from the jock-filled rolls of our illustrious high school. A large percentage of the drive possessed by this team lies within the senior harriers who make up the majority of the varsity squad.

The newest and most agile member of this exclusive group is Doug Collum, who, contrary to popular belief, has recently transferred to Wootton from Italy and promises to be an excellent runner.

John Galasso, returning letterman and co-captain of the team, is not running as well as he'd like to be, but what he's doing is good enough to help keep the varsity squad undefeated so far this season.

Jeff Skinner also contributed greatly to the team's efforts although his legs are not always in working order.

Mark Corbliss is captain of the team and that is all that can be said of him, because he's writing this article!

I'd also like to recognize the guys who deserve some kind of compensation for all the work they do because nobody ever notices the faces who come in after the top five. These guys are the most determined on the team and I hope they keep at it. The harriers to whom I am referring are Mark Cardullo, Ed Oppler, Barry Barger and Buddy Krug.

The seniors representing the first girls' cross-country are also hard at work trying to build a reputation for the new team. They are Becky Haslip, Lisa Weddig and Susan Williamson.

Mark Corbliss



NINER-LINER GOOD DRIVER AWARD

This time around, the honor goes to RAY LYNN, who accidentally met up with a tree recently.

Honorable mention is given to JAMES ALLARD who is in the process of reimbursing Ma Bell for \$1200 for a telephone pole which he destroyed on River Road.

*Have you been exposed to any good driving maneuvers lately? Let us know so we can honor these great efforts!!!*

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SPIRIT SALUTE

Today is the first day of Spirit Week, and there are two groups of seniors which we are sure will be highlights.

One is the band of guys famous for their obsession with the color orange. This 'organization' has grown from a joke to a spirited club with real meetings and wet t-shirt initiations.

Not to be outdone by guys, the "Wootton Rowdies" have caught a lot of attention at games with their impressive shirts and enthusiastic behavior. Although this may appear to be a "Battle of the Sexes," both groups have done much to promote the spirit within the class.

We salute you!

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FINE-LINE

This is a section devoted to honoring the creative and humorous writing pursuits of Seniors. If you would like to submit quality work, please do so.

*Editors Note: The following is a fictional story. All names used are fictional and any relation to truth is coincidental.*

"A STORY"

There once was a school  
In a land far away  
Where the rice grows high  
and our night is their day.

The school was called "Wanton",  
An unusual name  
But Principal Cooley  
Took pride in its fame.

It has great upperclassmen  
They all were so cool.  
They stalked the halls each day  
Chanting "We Seniors Rule!"

It was the class dream  
For the Prom to be a smash.  
But there was a slight problem  
For they had no cash.

So the leaders worked hard.  
"Help your class!" they would preach.  
"Or the tickets for Prom  
Will be a fortune a piece!"

They waited one week  
For magazine orders.  
But they never counted more  
Than nickels and quarters.

The class had lots of people  
But some didn't care.  
Any they didn't help out--  
It just wasn't fair.

The others had energy  
Their spirits were high.  
They gave it their all  
But they couldn't get by.

The figures in the bank account  
Were not high enough.  
Would the Class of '79 have a Prom?  
It was going to be tough.

Well, they did have a Prom  
And the ticket price was slim.  
For the ballroom was none other  
Then the Wanton High gym.  
Karen Miranda

*Hey, Niners. Is this going to be our story too? Now is the time to get moving on fund-raising. Our Prom will be as good as we want to make it.*

*If you'd like to help out on a committee, talk to the committee chairman or class president Lisa Chen.*



YEARBOOKS

Year book sales begin October 28 at the Homecoming game and will continue through November 2 at the ticket booth in the front hall. The price is still \$12. Be sure next semester's first period teacher is known.

Senior make-up pictures will be taken in the auditorium lobby on October 30, 31 and November 1. If seniors desire re-takes, these can also be done at this time, but they must bring proofs with them. All of those desiring to be photographed may sign up for an appointment in the main office. An appointment card will be given at that time; this will be used to dismiss students from class.

In addition to the \$3 sitting fee, girls are asked to wear dark crewneck sweaters for their yearbook pose and boys are to wear jackets and ties. Girls may wear something else for their portraits but the crew neck is required for the yearbook picture. No students will be photographed if they do not pay the sitting fee or have the proper attire.

Any seniors who still have proofs outstanding must make their yearbook selection by November 2 or there is no guarantee that the picture will be in the book.

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NINER 'NOUNCEMENTS. . .

\* Yvonne Creighton needs help with publicity!!! If you really want to help your class, leave her a note in the class mailbox.

\* If you would like to help out with Senior Prom, see Eric Darrow.

\* The Niner-Liner will be initiating into its pages a "Senior Forum" column for the convenience of its readers. This space can be used for classified ads, lost and found, or sending a message to a friend. The cost is 50¢ and each message must be limited to 10 words. See Mike Feibus, Bob English or Karen Miranda at least 5 days before the issue of the newsletter.

\* The Niner-Liner will be coming out every other Monday. If you are a senior and have something to say to your class, feel free to submit an article, letter or whatever. You can place material in the class of '79 mailbox or contact an Editor. Everything submitted will be eligible for publication, unless otherwise desired.

\* The Editorial Staff reserves the right to refuse material which is not fit to print. Please make it clean!

\* The deadline for the next issue is November 1.

\* Contrary to earlier reports (we're so ashamed) there will not be Homecoming Knights or a King elected this year. However, if the interest is high enough, it is a possibility for the Prom. . . there's still hope, Mr. Britton!!!

\* Just in case you haven't realized it yet, the class of '79 is going to have the most fantastic graduation weekend in Wootton history. On Friday, June 8, we'll all be decked up in our formalwear for the Prom. Saturday we can cruise down to D. C. for the day. The big meeting will be at high noon - on 79th street. Somehow we'll manage to get home and into our caps and gowns by 7:30 Sunday night, June 10. Graduation! What a great end for our senior year!

\* The Niner-Liner is proud to announce a new creative writing column. If you have a story, poem or something you creatively wrote (ah, ha!) submit it to us by the deadline. "A Fine Line" will appear each issue. Use your imagination.

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CAN YOU IMAGINE. . .

Breaking Seneca Valley's 31-game winning streak?

Lisa Chen as a Chinese Indian?

Kevin Gleason with a mustache?

Mr. Lasco without a moustache?

College applications?

The Class of '79 winning the Homecoming Float Contest?