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SUPER SENIORS

It's birds! It's planes! No. . . It's SUPER SENIORS!!! Yes: This issue we could have two really fantastic seniors to give our award to; but instead, our winners are Doug Reichley and Chris Myers! No, seriously, we really have the right winners in these two guys. Following is some info about our two super seniors. If anyone questions the honesty of this article, see the writer. . . whose name will remain unknown. Any girls interested in these gentlemen, perhaps as a Sadie Hawkins Dance prospect, please contact a class officer.

DOUG REICHLEY is one of our funnier seniors. But the Niner-liner has always said looks aren't everything! To be very truthful, Doug's a great guy. He's been a great help to '79; he has happily emceed and assisted at all our activities as well as having a hammer in on the float. One of Wootton's most involved students, Mr. Reichley is a dramatic star (he was the narrator in The Good Doctor) as well as a member of the Orange Gang.

Magazine-man, CHRIS MYERS, is a workaholic. He heads up a good many of the organizations and clubs at Wootton. The esteemed president of our National Honor Society contributes to class activities every chance he gets, especially fund raisers. Though not aware of girls until last year, Chris is now dating a gal from Holy Child, with whom he really has his hand bull (Ann Bidextrous).

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ABONDAZA! (A Message)

Seniors-a class-a along-a with-a the SGA and-a Harris-a is-a sponsoring-a a dance-a

and-a Pete-sa nite-a which-a we-a think-a be-a a WHOPPING good-a time-a, on-a Saturday, December 9. It-a starts-a at-a 7:30 p.m., ends-a when-a the-a big-a hand-a is-a on-a the 12-a and-a little-a hand-a on-a the 11-a. Please-a sign-a up-a to-a bring-a your-a baked-a goods-a on-a the 9'er-a bulletin-a board-a in-a the front-a hall-a.

A very important meeting will be held Wednesday, the 29th at 2:45 in C-203.

Please show all your pizza-faces and HELP-A!!

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FUND-RAISER

Oranges and grapefruits are rollin'. Here is the schedule for all meetings (meetings scheduled on Mondays).

Organizational meeting, November 27 in C-203 at 2:45.

Poster construction, December 4 in C-203 at 2:45.

Flyer distribution, December 11 at 4:00; meet in front hall.

Come on Seniors--GET FRUITY!

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SENIOR PUNISHMENT

For our graduation speaker, we have a choice. We could take the easy road and get some local weatherman or we could be different and search for a really special speaker(s) and make our graduation a great moment in our lives or even go so far as to make this an historical event. Our class would go down in the books if

at our graduation we had the Beatles reunite! This is obviously not an easy task, to get the Beatles together. No one else has been able to do it yet. So obviously normal tactics are not what it takes. What we'll do, then, is we'll invite each member of the legendary English rock group separately so they won't know about the reunion until they arrive. Then they will feel compelled to play for us, and we have our historical event. Here now is a copy of the letter sent to each of the Fab Four:

Dear (fill in name--i.e. John, Paul, George and Ringo):

The graduating class of 1979 of T. S. Wootton High School would like to have the best commencement ceremony that the school has ever witnessed! Planning is already underway for the event to be held at Constitution Hall on June 10, 1979. And we decided that what could make this special occasion more meaningful and exciting is to have you, (insert name) speak.

We would be more than honored to have you as our guest speaker. Perhaps you could play a tune? That would be nice for each of the Beatles is known for his musical achievements.

Your wife is certainly welcome to come along (this invitation is offered to Paul only--not to the others, especially John Lennon!). Please, though, try to keep the number of friends and relatives down to a minimum as there are only 7 tickets per participant. Thanks so much for your time. I hope your looking forward to the date as much as we are!

Sincerely, (fill in your name)

P. S. We have a little surprise for you!

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SPORTS

Cross Country Runners Do It Longer!

The 1978 Wootton harriers have once again lived up to that old adage created by some unknown, philosophical distance

runner by winning the first state title ever to be awarded to any of our school's cross-country teams.

The Class A Cross-Country state championship was, and could only have been, achieved through painstakingly laborious efforts of the entire seven-man squad that was sent to represent Wootton at the state meet. This squad consisted of Ray Baldwin, John Galasso, Doug Collum, Tristian Quinn, John Dillon, Craig Casagnola and Mark Corbliss.

The squad was not easy to qualify for. This belief is shared by a few disgruntled candidates (such as Jim Wymer and Frank Webert).

The team was mainly led by three very qualified senior lunatics. The first of the three being Mark Corbliss. Known throughout the county as "Captain Space Cadet", Corbliss made a few people stick that semi-inappropriate title where the sun doesn't shine (--but that could mean anywhere) by coming across the finish line as the fourth-best three miler in the state.

The next in the trio is the only member of the team who is still a part time resident of Naples, Italy on his off days. He is Doug Collum, the icing on the team's cake. An outstanding runner in all aspects of the word, Doug finished seventh in a field of thousands of high school runners through the state who didn't even get a chance to try their hands, or feet as the case may be, against this running machine.

The last, but certainly not the least, of this mutually exclusive group of athletes is John Galasso. This member of the three, in my humble opinion, deserves a large share of credit for our victory last Saturday. He showed his determination when things really started to get tight. When we needed him the most, he finally got his head out (of where? is a question to remain unanswered) and worked the hardest I've ever seen him work since I've run with him. His hard work did not go unmerited though, as our work usually does, because it proved to be a key factor in our attainment of that magnificent title that is envied

by many but is only held by the boys in this band!

I'd also like to thank Carla Densel, the team manager, for putting up with us this season. My thanks also go out to all the guys for putting up with Carla. But most of all, and this opinion is shared by all of us, I'd like to thank Leonard J. Marco for getting us there. You're unreal. Well you all, we did it and we got you to know who we are.

By the way, if there's any attractive available young ladies out there who are interested in finding out what "it" is that we really do longer, you'll have to ask one of us and find out!

M. C.

Field Hockey

The 1978 field hockey team has finally revealed the talent that has been hidden for so many years! They zipped through the season with a 7-0-1 record and captured the county "A" league title. (We used to be so bad!) The team has really pulled together under the pressure. However, Saturday, November 18, will be the moment of truth. They will compete for the state championship at Woodward at 12:00.

The team's success is due not only to exceptional talent, but to superb coaching by Miss Faust. Captain Judy Klitsch and co-captain Annette Casgrove were a big help in maintaining team spirit. Without spirit and a terrific coach, the team couldn't have done a #*@! thing!

Nancy Knapp

Sudden Success for Soccer Seniors

Coming back from a mediocre midseason record of 3-3 to win the rest of their remaining games, Wootton's Varsity soccer team completed the season with a league record of 7-3 and a non-league record of 7-4-1.

Commenting on the burst of sudden victories, one team member said, "We started winning for two reasons. Number one is that the hardest teams were at the beginning, and number two

is that the offense started playing like they knew how."

Most of the offense consists of seniors including Suk Lee and John Kwamya. Both Lee and Kwamya received Honorable Mention for "All-Metropolitan". Also other seniors on offense include Urs Bachmann, Roberto Garcia, Dave Gibson and Jorge Mejia.

Contrasting to the offense, Wootton's defense was the stronghold from beginning to end. Heading the defense was Soctt Barrett (also a Honorable Mention "All-Metropolitan" man), Greg Kane (Goalie), Craig Falci, Keith Foery, Joel Korotkin, Dan Moyer (goalie), Roger Stewart and Andy Yeatman.

Congratulations seniors for contributing to Wootton's pile of successes!

Marlin Dayoub

Volleyball

What a year! 9'ers have sparked Wootton's spirits to superb heights in football, cross country, field hockey and girls' tennis. We were represented as a class by our always enthusiastic fellow class members and the rest of the class congratulates you all. Another team which deserves to be congratulated is our much-underpublicized volleyball team.

The fantastic females who worked hard came extremely close to the county title. Senior Carol Rickard helped motivate our team to a winning record of 11-3. Carol (who probably finds it a lot easier to see under the net than over it) played consistently at setter throughout the season. As the captain and only senior on the team, "Daffy" shared her four years of experience with her teammates and helped form one of the closest teams in the school. Good work, Carol! Next year's team is sure to be a contender for the state championships!

M. O.

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STRIKE UP THE BAND

The 1978-79 Wootton Patriot "Spirit of '76" Marching/Concert Band includes twenty-two members of the Class of '79:

Judy Klitch, Ellen Doherty, Lisa Polgreen, Knsida Stotts (flutes), Linda Freund, Donna Headloe, Dem Stern, Sue Harris (clarinets), Scott Barrett (bass clarinet), Shawn Justement, Alan Taylor, Mathew Zell (trumpets), John West, Eric Darrow (trombones), Clark Kendell (baritone), Mark Corbliss (french horn), Andy Yeatman (tuba), Barbette Sell and Pat McMahon (glochenspiel). Also Brian Gross (percussion) and Chris Rankin (cymbals and bassoon). The '79 Drum Major is Jeff Broadhurst.

Most people do not realize the many activities that our band attends. The major functions, of course, for this time of year are the half-time shows. This year the band has prepared six shows so far, and with the hopeful victory last weekend, will give a final performance. Also during the football season, the Pep Band is always present at away games to give support.

Other activities include parades. As of now, the "Spirit of '76" Band is scheduled for two such events. The first is the Bethesda Christmas Parade (December 3) and second is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in D. C. in the spring. Also the band occasionally is asked to perform at dedications and grand openings of stores and schools.

If you asked a band member what he or she most enjoys about the band, depending on who you asked, you would receive one or two answers. One would be "A.U.!" (American University has adopted the Wootton Pep Band for home basketball games). But the most common answer is the band trip (or vacation). Every two years the band travels. In the past they have gone to Florida (Disney, Sea World, Daytona Beach) and Georgia. This year's destination is still undecided, but as any band member will tell you, "There's plenty of time".

Jeff Broadhurst

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HONOR SOCIETY

Members of the NHS are presenting a variety show for Collingswood and Rockville nursing homes. Members will perform acts ranging from ballet dancing to jazz music. The shows will be on January 10 and

January 17. Any non-members interested in helping in preparation for the shows are asked to contact C. Myers, Coleen Tate or Karen Borring.

Chris Myers

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MEDICAL CAREERS CLUB

You've probably heard mention of a new club, the Medical Careers Club, while listening to the morning announcements. And you probably wonder that this club is all about. The Medical Careers Club is a newly-formed club, organized through the efforts of our president, Chris Myers, and science teacher Mr. Ron "Did you hear the joke about. . ." Smetanick. The Club is made up of people interested in pursuing a science career and those who just have an interest in the sciences. The members plan to take advantage of the close location to institutions such as NIH (National Institutes of Health) and plan for guests speakers and field trips through the year.

So, if you're interested in any aspect of science and medicine, keep an ear tuned to the morning announcements for further information about the club.

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DRAMA

Seniors contributed a valuable part in the recent production of Neil Simon's The Good Doctor. Seniors such as Scott Davies, Brian Gross, Donna George, Sean Burns, Karen Ebert, Helen Hayes, Virginia Browning, Abba Shapiro, Judy Westley, Chris Rankin and Doug Reichley played roles in the play while Joan Geer and Lynette Cahill helped by being assistant directors. Other seniors helped in making the set, costumes, props or in directing the lights. All in all, everyone was very happy with the performances and are looking forward to helping in future shows. They especially look forward to the parties after each performance where much socializing takes place and the performers have a chance to get a feeling for the other people in the play.

Doug Reichley

'M STREET BAND'

Commendations go out to those enterprising men who, desperately in need of cash, ingeniously decided to supplicate all those rich, high-society type folks who are down in Georgetown every weekend. They call themselves "M Street" after the famous byway that passes through D.C. and they constitute one of the best Dixie-land bands ever to come out of Wootton. Jeff Broadhurst (on tuba) and Brian Gross (on drums) are the senior members of the band. You may have caught their act during the spaghetti dinner or even heard them at their home on M Street. If you get a change, listen in sometime. You'll be in for a treat!

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WHAT? ACADEMIC SENIORS?!?

On Saturday, November 11, three (erudite) members of the Class of '79 competed on the WRC-TV game show "It's Academic".

Harris Leviton, Chris Myers and Martin Shumway represented Wootton and struggled tirelessly against the intellectual powers of Madison and Washington-Lee High Schools.

Many Wootton fans, including cheerleaders, parents and members of the Pep Band, attended the taping. The Wootton team won \$150. The show will be aired on December 17 on Channel 4. See your local television listing for exact time.

Good going, guys! It's nice to know there are still seniors concerned with their education!

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FINE-LINE

Donna George is our new chairperson of the "Fine-Line" column of the Niner-Liner. Donna, editor of the Literary Magazine, has many other interests which include drama and dance (she recently performed in The Good Doctor). We welcome her and ask anyone interested in submitting a creative piece of writing, appropriate for this column, to see her or an editor.

They're known as "Brains", born with an inexplicable affinity for good grades. A casual observer could easily spot one in the high school hall--the inch-thick, horn-rimmed spectacles, calculator on belt and Shakespearean quotes muttered under breath are all sure give-aways. Brains use big words a lot because they study the dictionary a minimum of an hour a night. In fact, studying is their major pastime. They love to study hard, willing to sacrifice any outside pursuit to sit down and pour over textbooks, solve equations and memorize such worthy works as The Handbook of Chemistry and Physics. A school still holds a soft spot in its heart for Brains because their test scores can be used to play one-up-man with the archrival, but otherwise it's safer and more pleasant to lock them all in a room somewhere with a computer, or an esoteric piece of literature to discuss. Let's face it; they like being with their own kind, right?

Wrong! Wrong! (You may clench your teeth and fists and jump up and down to read the second "wrong"). If I hadn't written the preceeding paragraph myself, I would seriously consider suing the author for slander and poor jokes. The "Intellectual" circle, like all cliques, is the victim of a static image that allows no room for self-expression. Would you believe that some Brains don't wear glasses? Some sneaky ones try to get away with contac lenses, but there are actually some who don't wear glasses. In all fairness, those with less than perfect vision have lenses 4 mm thick on the average, and you might even notice a designer frame or two.

The Great Study Myth is another prejudice quite out of place in an enlightened, democratic society such as ours. A recent poll taken in Ms. Schmiedeler's A. P. English class reveals that the average Brain spends thirty minutes to two hours a night studying. Especially since grade point averages are out, a larger number spend negative hours studying, if one counts the time spent convincing oneself to go into one more store at the mall instead of going home or watch the next exciting episode of "Charlie's Angels". If you happen to be in the right place, you can listen in on many Brains' unwitting denial of the mythical marriage to study. For example, one Brain claims to have written four essays on a piece of literature that he/she

hadn't even read. As a matter of fact, Brains usually only like to study when good ole Mom needs someone to do the dishes or go along to the Flower Show with Aunt Agatha.

So, now we have a bunch of Brains running around with thin glasses and not spending each waking hour hunched over the dictionary; but then, what do they do? Well, as they are human (don't argue that, it's the point of this article), it's a safe bet that Brains get up and have a bowl of Count Chocula or maybe Cookie Crisp for breakfast just like every red-blooded American consumer. They then grudgingly go to school and develop the same skills at stifling yawns during classes. Many Brains excel in athletics of all sorts (not just marathon report writing), dramatics, music, art, obscene joke-telling, filling the much-sought-after honor of Being Fun on a Date. . .the list is endless, for they are indeed a versatile lot. After the ordinary day of unwillingly having knowledge jammed down their throats, Brains go home, watch TV perhaps, and flop into bed. No, they don't unplug themselves or recharge their batteries. You see, Brains are just like everyone else, with the same insecurities, doubts and capabilities to be real fun fellas. Please, don't lock them in a room with a math problem. Get to know one; take him/her out to lunch, and you might find his/her company worth a little more than just help with homework.

In conclusion, it is quite unrealistic to expect a deep-rooted misunderstanding to disappear simply by application of the well-known "Typewriter is Mightier than the Bomb" philosophy. Instead, I might point out that Brains also represent a large majority of nuclear scientists, and who knows what they may do in revenge if they're consistently treated unfairly. . .

Donna George

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One of our many-talented seniors has a gift for writing short books! We cannot disclose his name at this time, as the books have not been published yet; but we are able to reveal their catchy titles to you at this time:

"It's a Small World" co-authored by Jack Puglisi and Nancy Knapp.

"How to Smoke Pot in Montgomery County High Schools This Year"
"How to Make Friends with your Fellow Inmates"

"How to Eat Cafeteria Wootton"
"How to Work a Stomach Pump"

"How to B. S. on a Musgrove Test"
"How to Beg for Mercy"

"How to be in the Strap Gang"
"How to Treat Jock Itch"

"How to Date Girls with "Personality"
"How to get Them to Stop Chasing Cars"

"How to Take Chemistry with Mr. Smeller"
"How to Explain an "E" to your Parents"

"How to Find Mr. Miller"
"How to Use a Microscope"

"How to be a Jock"
"How to go Out with a Cheerleader"

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NINER 'NOUNCEMENTS

- Here is a list of college representatives who will be at Wootton in the near future:
- November 20 - George Washington
 - November 21 - G W (Engineering Department)
Mt. Vernon College, DC
Morgen State University
Reed College, Portland OR
 - November 27 - Hollins College
Cedar Crest College, PA
 - November 28 - Longwood College
Wittonberg U., Springfield VA
 - November 29 - Cornell University
Occidental College, CA
Stronger College
Case College, Western Ohio
 - December 1 - Conns College, New London
 - December 4 - New York University
Rollins College, Florida

We strongly urge all seniors to check at the Career Center and your guidance office about colleges, scholarships, financial aid, etc.

We would like to thank all the seniors who contributed to this issue. The newsletter is for the convenience of the entire class, and if anyone has anything they would like to say, please see one of us.

*Bob English and
Karen Miranda*