



# Seventy niner-Liner

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## WHAT THE PREZ SEZ. . .

Seniors, now that Homecoming, and all of its excitement is over, what more do we have to look forward to? The tedious task of filling out college applications, the ominous worries of taking ACT's, and the basic Senior Slump that occurs between Homecoming and winter vacation? Not true!!! The Senior Class has two fun spirit-boosting activities planned-- --a pizza nite on Friday, November 17. --the freshest fruit from Florida will be furnished once again on December 16. We need help and ideas to better this sale.

As Pete Celano would say, "When you think it's a drag, you know you're having fun." Come out and give it a try!

## A SPECIAL NOTE

I'd like to thank Deb, Carrie, Tom B., Greg K., Greg T., Linda H., Abba S., Dara F., Chuck A., Micky L., Emylie D., Soozie T., Brian K., Tod M., Yvonne C., and Kevin D. (for sheets).

Lisa Chen

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## SUPER SENIOR

This issue, the "Super Senior" is CARRIE BUCK. Carrie is one of the highly-spirited members of our class. She started participating in the 9th grade, having the homecoming float at her house and continued to have it at her house for the following 3 years. In 11th grade, Carrie became one of our fearless leaders--the treasurer. Keeping all those fruit records was no easy task.

This year Carrie was Co-Chairperson for our Homecoming activities. Keeping the Wootton spirit, she was one of many seniors who dressed for the days during Spirit Week. She has been working hard on Prom, also as a Chairperson.

Besides being active with the class, Carrie enjoys sports and goes to games as often as possible. In addition, she is working part time at House of Fine Fabrics in White Flint.

Carrie is applying to various colleges, some of which are: Drexell and Rhode Island Institute of Design. Best of luck to you, Carrie, and thanks for your contributions to the "Class of '79".

## ROWDIE RUNNER-UP

. . . is LIZ TRIGGS, for her cosmic and wacky get-ups all through Spirit Week. Liz is presently keeping herself quite busy with her job of Business Manager for the Fife and Drum. Her energetic voice is heard each day as she faithfully announces any Patriot News. We commend you, Liz, and wish you a cosmic day!

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## SENIOR PUNISHMENT

*Editor's Note: Mike Feibus is currently on vacation, at home in bed. He's trying to forget about school at the moment, but he didn't forget about the class of '79. After his color TV blew up, and he had nothing left to do, he decided to honor us with his wit. (He was under medication while writing the following column!)*

ARE YOU A FIELD HOCKEY FAN?

President Carter seems hard at work trying to combat our nation's inflating prices. With the possibility of another recession in the not-too-distant future, some necessary steps must soon be taken for the welfare of the country.

Today is the big game which will decide if the Wootton field hockey team will go to county playoffs against Rockville High School.

In addition to economic inflation, there is another sort of inflation sweeping the country of late, although it's geared mainly to the younger generation: Grade Inflation.

The game is at Walter Johnson at 3 p.m. We're expecting great things from the seven senior members of the team--Sally Blundon, Annette Cosgrove, Ann Bidson, Joan Klienkinect, Judy Klitsch, Nancy Knapp and Lisa Polgreen. The unusually small team surprised many fans by accumulating their incredible record so far this year. We know that with such strong '79 leadership, they will continue with their success. Good luck, girls!

Grade point averages have shot upwards in recent years and the valedictorians are beginning to outnumber the football team. Yet there is no indication that the percentage of "smart kids" in our nation's schools is increasing. Assuming the computer that so neatly sealed our class standings in their envelopes did not confuse us with a study on retail food prices leaves us with one logical solution: that is Grade Inflation.

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SENIOR SCENES

For many students, especially seniors (see last issue--same column) grades are of optimum importance provided the work involved in obtaining these grades is minimal. Many teachers are aware of this academic "apathy" (I'm almost afraid to bring up the word again) among students and simply give grades they think the students would want. They know that many Wootton students are bright upper-middle class kids who lead the active life and just don't have time for trivialities such as schoolwork.

Every year the drama department of W.H.S. puts on a fall production, and this year is no exception. Opening on Thursday, November 9, and continuing through Saturday, November 11 is Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor."

But grades are still rising. In the not-too-distant future, the entire top 10% of a graduating class will be straight A students. Than the top 20%. And so on. What's to do?

Representing the class of '79 in the cast are Doug Reichley, Brian Gross, Abba Shapiro, Donna George, Terry Mayers, Chris Rankin, Sean Burns and Helen Hays.

Many other seniors have given their valuable time to the show by working on the set, costumes, publicity, etc. Come on '79'ers; prove your spirit by not only getting psyched up for athletics, but for drama, too!

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SPIRIT SALUTE

They can't simply start grading kids on more stringent criteria; there would be an outright rebellion. I have therefore devised an engenuous new grading system which will keep parents and students happy while at the same time will give the administration a basis for separating the men from the boys. It goes like this:  
A<sub>A</sub>--Really excellent level of performance  
A<sub>B</sub>--Pretty excellent level of performance  
A<sub>C</sub><sup>B</sup>--Medium excellent level of performance  
A<sub>D</sub>--Low excellent level of performance  
B---Failure.

Winners of this edition's Spirit Salute are two bands of "Wild and Crazy" guys.

Just when we thought those seniors lost their streak of enthusiasm, the class of '79 "Strap Gang" made their second showing. The appearance was at the Homecoming Pep Rally, complete with a lighted olympic torch, togas, and an unprecedented attempt at a backward pyramid. They have managed to keep themselves unidentified (at least to the

Mike Feibus

administration), and out of trouble, so far. It takes guts, guys! We salute you!

On the other half of our salute, the orange gang started a tradition with entering their very own float in the Homecoming Parade. It was a giant Sunkist orange with a cowboy hat, shades, a bandana, and a pair of six-shooters.

We salute each group for their ingenuity at the Pep Rally and Homecoming Game.

This week we also will give the "losers" a little recognition. By "losers" we mean the stupidity shown by the "gravlers". Their "nerdity" was demonstrated during the parade by flying around the track at a ridiculous speed endangering many peoples' lives. Little feats of ignorance like this can lead to one mishap and ruin many reputable names, including Thomas S. Wootton and the Class of '79.

Kevin Dillon

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*PARTY REPORT. . .Brad Wilcox's. . .  
Saturday, October 14. . .8:00 p.m.  
. . .it was wild!!!*

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FINE LINE

Take Time

Take time to WORK  
it is the price of success.

Take time to THINK  
it is the Source of Power.

Take time to PLAY  
it is the Secret of Perpetual Youth.

Take time to READ  
it is the Fountain of Wisdom.

Take time to WORSHIP  
it is the Highway to Reverence.

Take time to be FRIENDLY  
it is the Road to Happiness.

Take time to LAUGH  
it is the Music of the Soul.

Take time to DREAM  
it is Hitching you Wagon to a Star.

Take time to LIVE.

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NINER 'NOUNCEMENTS

\* Joel Miller, with the help of the staff, has compiled a list of the colleges and universities attended by the staff of Wootton. This will aid you in choosing colleges. These teachers are available to talk to you about the schools; and if you happen to know a teacher who went to a school you're interested in, it never hurts to get an Alumni recommendation. This list can be found at the end of this issue. Thanks, Joel!

\* Before you completely forget about all of the Homecoming activities from last week, jot down any comments or criticisms you have and drop them off in the class of '79 mailbox or give them directly to Carrie Buck. Maybe you didn't agree with the way in which something was run, or you would have liked to have been involved with the publicity. Whatever it is, if you have something to say, please do. Constructive feedback enables the executives to plan better for the next class event.

\* WE NEED ADVERTISING if this newsletter is to continue! If you can help in any way, please see Bob English, Karen Miranda, Lisa Chen, Carrie Buck or Pete Celano!!!

\* Do you have anything to say to your class? We welcome articles, letters, columns, stories, poetry, comments and suggestions from all senior class members. Here's your chance to speak out!

\* Are you bored--have nothing to do? Start thinking up a classy senior prank for '79. (We gotta start early--we want it to be good!)

\* The deadline for the next issue is November 15.

\* Looking for a school? Why not talk to some REPS. Here is the list of visitors who will be at W.H.S. through the next issue of Niner-Liner.

SENIOR FORUM

- November 8 - American Univ., D. C. 9:30
- November 9 - Frostburg State, MD 11:15
- November 10 - Simmons College, Mass 9:15
- November 14 - Bates College, Maine 1:30
- November 15 - Univ. of Maryland 10:00  
Goddard College, VT 11:30  
Endicott College, Mass 1:00
- November 16 - Columbia Univ, NY (men) 1:00
- November 17 - Boston College, Mass 11:00
- November 20 - George Washington Univ. 1:15

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SENIORS - RATE YOUR COOL!

How cool are you? Take this test and find out. . . (or maybe it's better if you don't find out!)

- Attended the college fair (1 pt)
- Attended the college fair but went to the zoo (2 pts)
- Drive a car to school:  
Family car (1 pt)  
Your own (2 pts)  
Small sports car (3 pts)
- Dressed up for Toga Tuesday (1 pt)
- Have attended a sports event besides a football game (1 pt)  
Soccer game (1 pt)  
Any girls' team sport (2 pts)
- Have been to a keg party (1 pt)  
Piney party (1/2 pt)
- Own anything orange (1 pt)
- Have done anything with Eric (1 pt)
- (1 pt) for every non-academic class  
Half-day schedule (2 pts)
- Watch Saturday Night Live (1 pt)
- Helped paint the '79 on Frost Hill (1 pt)
- Go to McD's after games (1 pt)
- Have gone to a bar in Georgetown (1 pt)  
Got in with a fake ID (1 pt)  
Wasn't carded (2 pts)
- Listen to WHFS (1 pt)  
OK100 (1 pt)  
WPGC (-1 pt)
- Worked on the Homecoming Float (1 pt)
- Bring your own beer to parties (1 pt)  
Heiniken (2 pts)  
Mich (1 pt)  
Pabst Blue Ribbon (-2 pts)  
Stroh's (-5 pts)

- Score: 28 pts - you're lying
- 28-18 pts - definitely cooled out
- 17-11 pts - manage to know what's going on
- 10-6 pts - work on it
- 6-0 pts - Obviously, you're not a senior!

This is a section for classified ads, lost and found and personal messages. Each ad (limit 10 words) costs 50¢, and it can be given to an editor, officer and left in the Class of '79 mailbox.

- \* Pete Celano - How much is brown material?
- \* To Debbie Sadugar - nerd, nerd, nerd.
- \* Wanted: Interesting articles for this newsletter. (Drop in mailbox.)

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NINER-LINER GOOD DRIVE AWARD

This time around, the Good Driver Award goes to the entire class. Except for various embarrassing driveway maneuvers and a few traffic tickets, there have been no outstanding feats recently (no one wants to admit anything!). So, for now, we will assume that maybe your classes have suppressed the typical senior aggression on the road. Or, more probably, report cards (parents) have kept you off the road!!

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CAN YOU IMAGINE?

- Four princesses cheerleading in long dresses?
- Reservations for 40 people at LaNicoises?
- Mike Feibus getting mono before Homecoming?!?!?!?
- Karen Miranda getting stood up?
- Thanksgiving vacation in 17 more days?
- Report cards coming out before Homecoming?
- Helen Hayes underdressed? Harris Leviton overdressed? Ellen Becker undressed?
- Mooning Einstein?
- Dr. Coles starring in "The Wiz"?
- The Orange Gang with their own float?

*\*\*Thanks to everyone who contributed to the last issue and to this one. We are definitely impressed. Keep it coming!\*\**