

# SENIOR EDITION 1997

*Warning: This issue contains embarrassing survey results, pictures from the wonder years of your life, and just about anything else that you hoped would die with your graduation from the school system.*



# Can you guess who these seniors are?



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## My how we've changed...

Jeremy Moodie  
Josh Kaser  
Bridgette Verhagen  
Andre Nothern  
Mike Fisher  
Vanessa Whitmer  
Brad Pianski  
Mark Sniadecki  
Derek Dabrowski  
Katharine Chan  
Harry Densmore

April Parks  
Beth Baker  
Adrienne Sparks  
Ryan Hanyzewski  
Heather Mann  
Janice Koch  
Tara Kenjockety  
Scott Siri  
Julie Ewing  
Erin Zielinski  
Brent Nimitz

Heather Deka  
Essie Johnson  
Jeff Poe  
Nicole Drabecki  
Balinda Holloway  
Paul Ohnesorge  
Jason Krol  
Emily Black  
Heather Stokes  
Steve Naragon  
Tim Balasa

Monica Baker  
Clint Butler  
Jeremy Wasmer  
Brian Krawiec  
Lori Wood  
Carrie Jastrzebski  
Kris Arizmendi  
Brad Langhofer  
Rich Wojtas  
Matt Pawelski  
Sandy Osowski

Sarah Lister  
Tanya DeLee  
Todd Bella  
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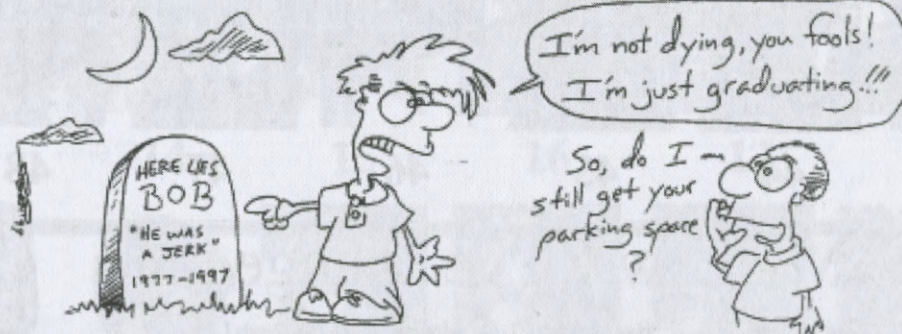
## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

### MALE

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jesse Perez              | BIGGEST PARTIER              |
| Isaiah Dockery           | BIGGEST SKIPPER              |
| Josh Kaser               | BEST MUSICIAN                |
| Paul Ohnesorge           | MOST PESSIMISTIC             |
| Rudy Cavazos             | BIGGEST FLIRT                |
| Steve Jaworski           | MOST UNUSUAL                 |
| Mark Sniadecki           | MOST CREATIVE                |
| Derek Dabrowiak          | BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS           |
| Jeff Poe/Derek Dabrowiak | WORST DRIVER                 |
| Erik Kolacz/Jeff Poe     | BIGGEST PROCRASTINATOR       |
| Erik Kolacz              | MOST UNPREDICTABLE           |
| Jeff Poe                 | MOST CHANGED SINCE 9TH GRADE |
| Brad Pianstki            | STAYED THE SAME              |
| Mike Szymarek            | MOST STYLIN'                 |
| Mark Sniadecki           | BEST ARTIST                  |
| Paul Ohnesorge           | BIGGEST BRAINS               |
| Rudy Cavazos/Todd Bella  | BIGGEST PLAYERS              |
| Rudy Cavazos/Erik Kolacz | BEST CAR                     |
| Jim Allen                | BIGGEST LIAR                 |
| Derek Dabrowiak          | BIGGEST BROWN NOSER          |

### FEMALE

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| Rosalinda Leyva    |
| Qiana Williams     |
| Kathy Chan         |
| Noelle Chiddister  |
| Jenny Brenner      |
| Pam Haskell        |
| Janice Koch        |
| Janice Koch        |
| Jacqui Clark       |
| Balinda Hollaway   |
| Balinda Hollaway   |
| Kathy Chan         |
| Bridgette Verhagen |
| Qiana Williams     |
| Janice Koch        |
| Kathy Chan         |
| Cortney Litka      |
| Julie Ewing        |
| Qiana Williams     |
| Qiana Williams     |



joke and Mrs. Bergeron's class. To Ed Kelsey, a kiss from Todd. To Balinda Hollaway, my best friend. I leave you with all the crazy, wild, and good times we've had. I also leave you a driver's manual, the ability to say no, all the times we were late for every football and basketball games, Penny's crumbs, and all the time in the world--you'll need it to get ready for all the college parties. Also, a gold medal in track. Thank you for everything. I'll be up to party. To Mr. Banaszak, Mr. Meuninck, and Mrs. Drapek, thank you. You all made this year one of the best. And finally, to Robbie Putz, I leave you all my love. It will be with you always. I also leave all the good times we've had, a new Ford truck, the ability to remember something for more than five minutes, Texas, and me. I love you! Good luck to all other Panthers. I'm gone and you're not. See ya.

I, Kim Robak, hereby leave my sister Carrie Robak the strength to go on in this school. No matter what, keep your head up. You're worth it. To Toshia Downhour, I leave the knowledge that someday you will understand the importance of a good education. I also leave love for you. Keep on going! Jason Kuspa, I leave you a friendship that will never die and a special something I'll never forget. Thank you, Jason, for the memories. Everyone else I leave you love and happiness (Sarah Baker) and Jason Lips I leave eternal love.

# Great Expectations

Katharine Chan is going to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois where she plans to major in English while participating in the pre-med program. After receiving her undergraduate degree, Kathy is going to go to medical school and become either a general practitioner or an AIDS care specialist.

Ryan Hanyzewski will be attending Purdue University at West Lafayette. He has been accepted into their school of engineering. He plans on graduating with a degree in engineering and working and living in South Bend with his family.

Derek M. Dabrowski is enrolled at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN for next fall. The future Puma will major in mass communications and go into a career in either radio or television.

Heather Mann plans to attend Marian College and major in dietetics. In four years she will graduate, hopefully, and marry Matthew Andrzejewski. They will have many children (two boys, one girl) and be very "Brady Bunchily" happy.

Michelle Bovenkerk plans to go to Hope College in Holland, MI. She will major in education and minor in art. She would like to become a ceramics teacher.

Beth Baker plans to attend the University of St. Mary's in San Antonio, Texas. She is going to study child psychology and buy a red Mustang convertible. She will get married and have five children, all girls, and have a really big house in Texas.

Courtney Litka plans to attend St. Mary's College next year. She will major in business and/or social work. She also hopes to find a nice, handsome, young guy in college and marry him after she graduates from St. Mary's. She will start a family and have three children. She will also have a very good job as an accountant.

Kelly Jo Retek plans to attend Indiana University in Bloomington this fall where she will hopefully major in physical therapy. Then she wants to go to graduate school and become a physical therapist.

Janice M. Koch plans to stay in South Bend for her first year of college at I.U.S.B. During this time, she will establish credit and create "financial stability". Then she will go to Columbia College, Chicago, study something creative and broaden her horizons. She will try to find greater understanding of life and savor every moment spent with the one she loves. Life will be fabulous through all its ups and downs.

Mark Sniadecki plans to attend IUSB and if he gets really sick of South Bend, he'll transfer to Bloomington. He will pursue either cartooning, novel writing, or amateur ostrich farming.

Brad Pianstki plans to attend IUSB and major in the field of marine biology. After four years at IUSB, he plans to attend Purdue University to obtain his masters.

Relebobile Balinda Hollaway is planning to attend Indiana University in Bloomington. She plans to major in business/accounting, and she will be entering the groups program in June.

Kristen Andreae plans to attend Ball State University to major in early childhood and primary education.

Vanessa Whitmer plans on going to Butler University in the fall, pursuing a major in accounting. After graduating from college, she plans on marrying her sweetie, getting a job with an accounting firm in or near Indianapolis, then having children about two years after getting married.

Ron Kocsis plans on going to Holy Cross then transferring to Notre Dame. He will go into law but will own his own company and become a millionaire, possibly a billionaire. He's going to marry Jessica and have at least eight children to carry on the Great Kocsis seed. At the age of 40-something, he will leave for Texas and become a cowboy and be the best there ever was.

Qiana Williams plans on majoring in political science at Earlham College. She is going to become a lawyer and get married at 27. She will have one kid at the age of 29.

Felicia Moodie plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and study accounting. She hopes to return to WHS in the year 2003 to replace R.V. Banaszak! She's also considering becoming the next Mrs. Pat Czarnecki.

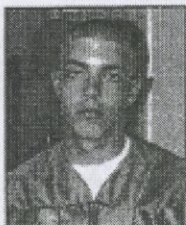
Erik Kolacz will be attending Ball State University and majoring in theater. He hopes to go for theater schooling in London, England his sophomore year. After finishing college, he will probably become a used car salesman or star in the stage version of *Hair*.

Heather Deka is going to attend IU - Bloomington next fall. She will major in human development and family studies, following in the pre-med program. She will become a pediatrician or real estate agent. "I JUST WANNA BE SOMEBODY!"

# If I were you, I would...

*In the fall of 1992, a little over 300 freshmen entered the doors of WHS. Twenty-five of the 213 graduating seniors (included in the 213 is one foreign exchange student and three special education students) give their advice; advice that could be used to encourage more of their classmates and future seniors to walk across the stage.*

## TODD BELLA-



Everything goes by fast, so make the most of it. Have fun, don't let guy/girl relationships bother you so much.

Don't put off your research paper.

## KATIE SHUAMBER-



If you're going to college, try to take all the AP classes to prepare. Keep your head above water. Be smart and get involved in as much as you can.

## ZEB GATHRIGHT-



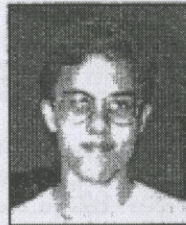
Have a goal and try to reach it. No matter what the cause or what the situation is, try and maintain a focus..

## KELLY RETEK-



Get into extra-curricular activities, so you can make friends and be a part of groups. Hang around people who won't change you.

## PAUL OHNESORGE-



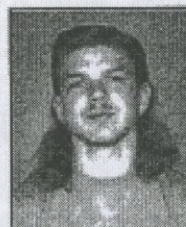
Meet your deadlines and make the most of school. Keep up with fine arts to get a good scholarship.

## ADRIENNE SPARKS-



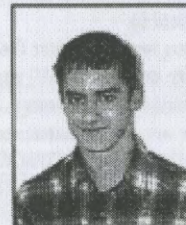
Start getting good grades your freshman year, because it'll be hard to catch up later. Don't goof off.

## JASON KROL-



Accomplish your goals, but definitely don't forget to have fun!

## SCOTT SIRI-



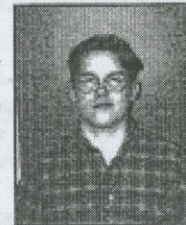
Start early for preparing for college; your junior year at least.

## JANICE KOCH-

Live it up—do as many extra activities as you can: football and basketball games, prom, pep assemblies, etc. You might not have that chance one day, and you might regret it. Start college planning early—don't procrastinate.



## MIKE HORVATH-



When you have homework, or an English paper to do, don't do it at the last minute. Get it done and over with, so you don't have to worry whether it'll get done.

## ROSALINDA LEYVA-



Keep your head up high and remember you're only in high school once—make the most of it.

## DEREK DABROWIAK-



Enjoy these four years because after that, you'll hit the real world and people will expect you to act like an adult or something.

**ANNIL HAMILTON-**

Always surround yourself with positive individuals starting now and continue throughout the high school.

**JOSH KASER-**

Don't worry about grades so much and don't get caught up in dead-end relationships. High school is one of the best times of your life—enjoy it.

**WENDY MITCHELL-**

Go to class! Don't skip just because you're tired of coming; it's not worth it. Don't act like you can make it without trying, or you might not graduate.

**JAVIER ROCHA-**

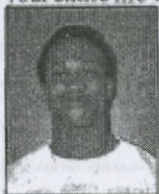
Have fun and cherish the time in high school, because it's hard out in the real world.

**CLINT BUTLER-**

If you have homework to do, do it right away instead of putting it off until the last minute. Most especially, don't let your friends influence you and stay in school.

**MARVIN WILLIAMS-**

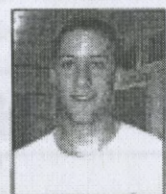
Don't mess up in school, because your entire life will evolve around you getting that diploma. Watch your friends and your so-called "homies," because if they're not down for you getting your education, then they're not down for your well-being.

**NICOLE DRABECKI-**

I think it's important that underclassmen set their sights on their academics and try to get into as many extracurricular activities as possible. Try to have fun and stay out of trouble. Hang around people who aren't "bad."

**TYRUS MATHEWS-**

Do the work. Period.

**RYAN HANYZEWSKI**

Live it up and just have fun while you are in high school. It does not last long and then you are on your way to college. Stay in school and stay on task. Put academics first, there is always time to party.

**BALINDA HOLLOWAY-**

Start off on a good foot with grades and school work; you don't want to get behind. Also, stay true to your friends.

**MONICA BAKER-**

Stick to your deadlines and don't fall behind in school. Get involved in as many different activities as you can because it's a blast!

**ADAM SIECZKO-**

Just have fun and live life! Don't get caught doing anything bad!

**MICYLA FORD-**

Get all the required classes out of the way before your senior year. You don't want to be taking gym with a bunch of freshmen.

*For the III Panthers that are going to college, keep up the good work! To the one student who is going into the armed forces, may the force be with you! And finally, to the 102 beginning their careers, may you obtain your dreams! Ever onward, Panthers!*

# SENIOR FAVORITES

## Actress

1. Claire Danes
2. Drew Barrymore
3. Nia Long
4. Meg Ryan
5. Jenny McCarthy

## Actor

1. Val Kilmer
2. Sean Connery
3. Paul Reiser
4. Brad Pitt
5. Harrison Ford

## Female Singer

1. Shania Twain
2. Toni Braxton
3. Jewel
4. Alanis Morissette
5. Mariah Carey

## Male Singer

1. George Strait
2. Garth Brooks
3. Harry Connick, Jr.
4. R. Kelly
5. Gavin Rossdale

## Teacher

1. Mr. Foley
2. Mrs. Coddens
3. Mr. Meuninck
4. Mr. Killeen
5. Mr. Banaszak

## Songs

1. *One Headlight*
2. *Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?*
3. *Can't Nobody Hold Me Down*
4. *Swallowed*
5. *Meant to Be*

## Movies

1. *Scream*
2. *ID4*
3. *Friday*
4. *Romeo & Juliet*
5. *The Rock*

## Sports Figure

1. Fuzzy Zoeller
2. Tiger Woods
3. Michael Jordan
4. Andre Aggasi
5. Grant Hill

## Kind Of Music

1. Country
2. R & B
3. Rap
4. Hip Hop
5. Rock

## Pop

1. Dr. Pepper
2. Mountain Dew
3. Cherry Coke
4. Pepsi
5. Jolt

## Music Group

1. Brooks & Dunn
2. The Wallflowers
3. No Doubt
4. Smashing Pumpkins
5. Bush

## Food

1. Pizza
2. Chicken
3. Mexican
4. Chinese
5. Steak

## Candy Bar

1. Snickers
2. Twix
3. Kit Kat
4. 3 Musketeers
5. Butterfinger

## Place to Shop

1. UP Mall
2. Ayres
3. Victoria's Secret
4. JC Penny
5. Kohl's

## Radio Station

1. B100
2. The Bear 103.9
3. 106.3
4. 95.3 WAOR
5. B96

## Seniors who are Most Likely to . . .

|                                                             |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Market an infomercial.....                                  | Derek Dabrowiak              |
| Be Goofy at Disneyworld.....                                | Erik Kolacz                  |
| Make it to the Guinness Book of World Records.....          | Todd Szucs                   |
| Be a used car dealer.....                                   | Steve Naragon                |
| Become an astronaut.....                                    | Scott Siri                   |
| Be the next Jerry Springer or Ricki Lake.....               | Eishau Allen                 |
| Be a game show host.....                                    | Erik Kolacz                  |
| Become president.....                                       | Jeff Poe                     |
| Become the first female president.....                      | Katharine Chan               |
| Discover the meaning of life.....                           | Paul Ohnesorge               |
| Win an Oscar.....                                           | Derek Dabrowiak              |
| Own a brewery.....                                          | Ryan Hanyzewski/Drew Jeffrey |
| Become a millionaire.....                                   | Ron Kocsis II                |
| Come out with a hit CD.....                                 | Josh Kaser                   |
| Win lotto/lose ticket.....                                  | Mark Sniadecki               |
| Marry for money.....                                        | Qiana Williams               |
| Be on <i>Saturday Night Live</i> .....                      | Andy Rhoades                 |
| Be the next "Friend".....                                   | Cortney Litka                |
| Take over the world/overthrow the government.....           | Jeff Poe                     |
| Have 12 kids.....                                           | Gussie Hardy                 |
| Work at a psychic hotline.....                              | Tara Kenjockety              |
| Be a WHS security guard.....                                | Harry Densmore               |
| Be homeless.....                                            | Isaiah Dockery               |
| Be impeached if elected president.....                      | Jeff Poe                     |
| Be caned in a foreign country.....                          | Janice Koch                  |
| Become the next <i>Saturday Night Live</i> cheerleader..... | Erik Kolacz                  |
| Have twenty wives/husbands.....                             | Qiana Williams               |
| Invent a time machine.....                                  | Paul Ohnesorge               |
| Max-out their credit cards.....                             | Qiana Williams               |
| Come back and teach at WHS.....                             | Monica Baker                 |
| Become an exotic dancer.....                                | Tara Kenjockety              |
| Become a cranky old woman/man.....                          | Derek Dabrowiak              |

# SENIOR ABC'S

## Female

## Male

|                                |                      |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Nicole Drabecki.....           | ATHLETIC.....        | Ivan Blount/Cedric Moodie  |
| Pam Haskel.....                | BASHFUL.....         | Javier Rocha               |
| Heather Mann.....              | CARING.....          | Javier Rocha               |
| Kathy Chan/Nicole Drabecki.... | DEDICATED.....       | Scott Siri                 |
| Kathy Chan.....                | ELIGIBLE.....        | Brad Langhofer             |
| Janice Koch.....               | FUNNY.....           | Erik Kolacz                |
| Lori Wood.....                 | GULLIBLE.....        | Josh Yike                  |
| Carrie Jastrzebski.....        | HAPPY.....           | Zeb Gathright              |
| Kathy Chan.....                | INTELLIGENT.....     | Paul Ohnesorge             |
| Monica Baker.....              | JOKER.....           | Todd Bella/Erik Kolacz     |
| Kristi Ganus.....              | KIND.....            | Javier Rocha               |
| Heather Deka/ Heather Mann.... | LOVEABLE.....        | Sam Burris                 |
| Heather Deka.....              | MAC.....             | Jeff Poe/Ivan Blount       |
| Kathy Chan.....                | NAIVE.....           | Brad Langhofer             |
| Janice Koch/Jenny Jacox.....   | OPTIMISTIC.....      | Eloy Alvarez               |
| Annil Hamilton.....            | PLAYER.....          | Andy Cenkush/Rudy Carvazos |
| Pam Haskel.....                | QUIET.....           | Jim Schaefer               |
| Kathy Chan.....                | RELIABLE.....        | Scott Siri                 |
| Janice Koch.....               | SCHOOL SPIRITED..... | Erik Kolacz                |
| Kathy Chan/Janice Koch.....    | TALENTED.....        | Josh Kaser                 |
| Janice Koch.....               | UNIQUE.....          | Steve Jarworski            |
| Tara Kenjockety.....           | VULNERABLE.....      | Jim Schaefer               |
| Kris Arizmendi.....            | WILD.....            | Jesse Perez                |
| Kelly Retek.....               | YOUNG-AT-HEART.....  | Erik Kolacz                |
| Janice Koch.....               | ZANY.....            | Erik Kolacz                |

ON FIRE! Long live the days of blowing conch shells, the front row, throwing bologna and (gasp!) goldfish (and Jesse Perez?).

We have experienced teacher strikes and pep assembly fights, stink bombs and those people clad in yellow who keep our lunch rooms oh so under control.

Now think back to days you will never forget. Parties? Your first car? Sporting events? Late night tee-pee outings? Prom? After prom? The list could go on and on...

Soak those smiley :) memoires in, because our time is almost up. Yes, our flame is about to go out (sob) and all that we'll have are the memories (sob) they leave in our hearts! Now isn't that sweet (corny, but sweet). Hey! You guys are sweet for voting me president four years in a row. I really do thank you and I hope you feel I've accomplished my job as president and governed you in a fair and delightful manner. I would also like to thank Big Mama Dietrich and Mr. L. (Laskowski) for being really amazingly special sponsors and giving us the space, wisdom, and time our class needed to become GREAT! You two are all that and a bag of chips.

The journey ends here. Almost too soon, yet not soon enough. The rise and fall of the '97 empire. Happy trails to you, until we meet again.

*Your president,  
Janice M. Koch*

To the class of 1997,

About four years ago you walked into this school eager, reckless, wild, and naive. Let us emphasize that you were reckless and wild, or, at least entergetic. Your hard work and enthusiasm paid off with the six spirit sticks you won and the nine consecutive traveling spirit stick awards. Well, you did yell the loudest. On the athletic field, you played the hardest; in the classroom, you studied the best; in your hearts, you remained loyal to WHS. Without a doubt, you all eagerly waited in anticipation the coming of your senior year so you could rule the roost. What happened to those four years??? Friends, they are now gone and now a memory.

You celebrated a basketball sectional victory and participated in a resurgence of school spirit, and reinforced a positive image of WHS. You had common fortunes as well as misfortunes; you spent four years of your lives with each other at this school. No one knows every member of the senior class personally, we have recognized, though, you all have shared many triumphs as well as sorrows. You have entered this school as individuals and are now graduating together as a unit. Yes, you will individually receive your diplomas, but we remind you that you graduate as the Class of 1997.

The time has come to formally make your exit from this school, yet not the Class of 1997. We cannot overemphasize this message too much simply, because you have all somewhat been influenced to a certain degree by your surroundings. You shared a common link, formed common bonds and developed a sense of com-

munity among each other.

As you enter the adult world, remember the joyous and sorrowful times which have shape you. Remember your friends, the loyal faculty and staff, and the pride which makes all of us Panthers. As most of you become worlds apart, all of you leave together as friends and make this world a better place to live. If you believe in yourselves, you can do anything. These past four years have proven that!!!

We will always remember you, the Class of 1997!

Ever Onward!

Mrs. Jeanne Dietrich  
Mr. Larry Laskoski  
Class Sponsors

## Senior Class Officers

Janice Koch.....President  
Katharine Chan.....Secretary  
Kristi Ganus.....Treasurer  
Kelly Retek.....Historian  
Heather Deka.....Social Chairman

Advisory Board:  
Eishau Allen  
Brad Langhofer  
Felicia Moodie  
Javier Rocha  
Lori Wood

Class Sponsors:  
Jeannie Dietrich and  
Larry Laskowski

**Congratulations  
Class of 1997!**

**Ever Onward!**

To the Class of 1997:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I congratulate you on the fine job you have done the last four years at Washington High School. I have enjoyed working with you and you have provided the leadership that is so important for schools to be successful.

The numerous contributions to Washington High School by you, the senior class, are greatly appreciated by all. A special thanks to the class officers, advisory board members and to each senior who has successfully carried off each major event. Your positive efforts have allowed our high school to maintain a leadership role and positive image in our community.

We hope that through our curriculum and extracurricular programs you have been able to satisfy your personal and educational needs. Each of you needs to continue to develop your greatest potential in order to live in today's ever changing and demanding society.

As you look back over the last four years, only you can determine if you have been successful in reaching your goals and accomplishments. The school and parents can only provide the assistance and guidance for your directions. You have to assume the responsibility and end results.

As you prepare to take the next step in your adult life, I ask you to examine where you have been, where you are, and what you want to do and become. Your answers to these questions will

play a large part in the you live.

I would like to wish each of you a happy, healthy and successful life. The Class of 1997 has been a great class to work with.

*Ever Onward,*  
David L. Kaser, Principal

Dear Class of 1997,

It was the best of times, it was a season of light and learning, it was a great four years.

Fellow seniors, how many times have we all sat in class wishing that the day would fly by so we could be rid of school, only to now wonder, "Where did the years go?"

Wonderful memories, promising futures, and great talents have been shared and displayed by our record-breaking, spirit-capturing Class of 1997. Our lives have been greatly molded and shaped by these four years we've spent at WHS.

But the time to cross our tassels is near. Soon we will bid farewell to friends whom we have grown close to and far apart, people who we may keep in touch with or never see again, and travel our separate ways.

I congratulate you for attaining this level of achievement and wish you good luck in whatever path in life you choose. Ever onward.

*Forever green and white,*  
Katharine Char, class valedictorian

Well, well, well, another one bites the dust. "My friends" (as a "horsefly" would say), we've come a long way. Through all the fury, fun, and tears, we have grown into adults. No longer leaning on each other for support, we will walk out these doors and wonder, "Where did these four years go? Is this it? Where do I go from here?" We will no longer have teachers to trace our every move and Washington Evening School to retrace our every attendance move.

Hey classmates, I am very glad to say that I have experienced high school life with you. Just look at everything we've seen in four years! I know it's pretty tough to get that brain-a-chuggin', especially with that crazed virus called senioritis going around. But remember the good old days when we had open lunch! Flying around with six people packed in the back seat to get to Wendy's to have a frosty. How about jumping the Grandview tracks in a crusty blue chevette with a Mountain Dew in mid-orbit?

Do you realize the mark we made on this school? Write our names in history and call it the great spirit rebirth! We have renewed spirit and pride with a capital "P". Under our belts are nine consecutive spirit sticks, three best hall decoration sticks, and one runner up stick. Long live our creative ability to stay one step ahead of the competition! WE ROCKED THE ASSEMBLY FLOOR! THE ROOF! THE ROOF! THE ROOF WAS

## School Song

*Washington High School, hats off to thee  
To our colors, true we shall ever be  
Firm and strong, united are we  
Rah, rah, rah, rah, rah  
Rah, rah, rah, rah, rah  
Hats off to Washington High!*

## Alma Mater

*Washington to thee we sing  
Praise be thy name  
Grant to us leadership,  
True worth our aim.  
Ours is the spirit strong  
Our hearts with love aflame  
All honor to thee we bring,  
Fair Washington.*

## Facts and figures of the Class of 1997 George Washington High School

Principal -- Mr. David Kaser  
Asst. Principals -- Mr. Michael Sacchini  
Dr. James Cohen  
School Secretary -- Mrs. Pat Czarnecki  
School Colors -- Kelly Green & White  
Mascot -- Panther  
Newspaper -- *The Hatchet*  
Yearbook -- *Memory Lane*  
Graduating Class -- 213

ANSWERS TO "GRADE  
SCHOOL PICTURES": 1.  
April Parks 2-Balinda Holloway 3-  
Beth Baker 4-Brad Langhoffer 5-  
Brad Planski 6-Brian Krawiec 7-  
Carrie Jastrzebski 8-Derek  
Dabrowski 9-Nicole Drabek 10-  
Harry Densmore 11-Jeff Poe 12-  
Kathy Chan 13-Kris Arizmendi 14-  
Lorie Wood 15-Mark Sniadecki  
16-Matt Pawelski 17-Eddie  
Johnson 18-Rich Wojas 19-Ryan  
Hanyzewski 20-Sandy Osovski  
21-Sara Lister 22-Tanya DeLee  
23-Todd Bella 24-Adrienne  
Sparks 25-Andre Norham 26-  
Brent Nimtz 27-Bridgette  
Verhagen 28-Clint Butler 29-  
30-Emily Black 31-Elin Zielinski  
32-Heather Deka 33-Heather  
Mann 34-Heather Stokes 35-  
Janice Koch 36-Monica Baker 37-  
Jason Krol 38-Jeremy Moodle 39-  
Jeremy Wasmmer 40-Josh Kaser  
41-Julie Ewing 42-Paul  
Chesavage 43-Mike Fisher 44-  
Scott Sini 45-Steve Naraon 46-  
Tara Kenjockey 47-Tim Balasa  
48-Vanessa Whimer

## 1997 Retirees

Mr. William Roberts has been teaching for 37 years. He spent the last 16 years here at Washington, but before that he taught math at LaSalle High School. He graduated from Hanover College. Mr. Roberts plans to spend the majority of his retirement playing golf.

Mr. James Stavros, a graduate of Ball State University, is finishing his 33rd year of teaching in the SBCSC. He has spent 27 years in Washington's social studies department. Before that, he taught for six years at Adams High School. Retirement activities for Mr. Stavros include spending a lot of time with his son.