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Dear Readers,

This is the last of the historical issues, celebrating Washington High School's One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Graduating Class. The next, and final, issue for this year will focus on the future, not only of the high school, but also of the entire school district.

This assignment of bringing to you the history of Washington High School became a labor of love for me, no matter how frustrating it was, at various times, not being able to find enough background material, or being advised that I had missed something. I have come to realize that everyone associated with the community of Washington School District through the years is very special in carrying on the pride and tradition of excellence in academics, service organizations, and athletics.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have called or written to me, expressing interest in this project. I also want to thank Adele Smith, Ron Faust, Jan Cain, and Victoria Scarmazzi for their contributions of resources for my research.

And now on with the final twenty-five years of history:



1967

The Red Cross Youth Corps was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Moses in December, 1967, with a membership of eleven girls: Susie Campbell, Elaine Ahwesh, Debbie Clouston, Janis Ruben - President, Adah Spiegel - Program Chairman, April Boyd, Janice Short, Jane Ma-

quire - Secretary, Maria Paradise, Sharon Bennett - Vice President, and Marsha Krull - Treasurer. Each of the girls completed the Red Cross Home Nursing course, and four young ladies completed the Junior Life-Saving courses in March. During their first year, the young women took a program to Washington Manor at Christmas and made coloring books and Easter baskets for twenty-five children in Washington Hospital. The girls also visited the Centerville Clinic, County Homes for aged men and women, and the Canonsburg Hospital.



Carol Hummel was chosen the 1968 "Girl of the Year" by Washington Business and Professional Women's Club. Candidates for the title came from each of the local high schools, all seniors and academically in the upper third of their classes. They were also to be active in church and school organizations. The girls were chosen by the faculty of their respective schools. Carol was a member of the National Honor Society, Pep Club, Future Teachers of America, and the Spanish Club. Where is she now? She is Mrs. Carol Balaz, a teacher at the Washington Park Schools.

There were ten active clubs at the high school during 1968: Future Teachers of America, Future Nurses Club, National Honor Society, Junior Achievement, S.O.S., Key, Ushers, Girls' Go-To-College, International and Student Council.

The 1968 Achievement Test scores for Washington High School students revealed some interesting facts. On the Iowa Test of Educational Development, 9th graders were in the 67th percentile for the composite scores and 60th percentile for the juniors; both of which were well above the national average. Conversely, the 10th and 12th grade scores did not continue to improve. The Stanford Achievement Test taken by 8th graders showed an average of 47 percent, while the national average for 1968 was 50 percent.

Leo Trich, now Pennsylvania State Representative, was elected Student Council President for the 1968-69 academic year. Members of his cabinet were John Andy - Vice President, Sue Brown - Secretary, and Gloria Duncan - Treasurer.

Female students at Washington High School formed the Junior-Senior Pep Club in October of 1968 to show their school spirit. Fifty junior high girls attended all of the Junior High and Reserve games and made posters to support their teams. The leaders for the Junior High Pep Club were Miss Shannon - advisor, Debbie Maiello and Anne Gizoni. Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade young ladies of the Varsity Pep Club attended varsity games and created the Washington High School Drill Team, which performed at assemblies and half-time shows under the coordination of Mackie Wise. Officers of the high school unit were: Mrs. Watson - Advisor, Sue Brown - President and Mackie Wise - Drill Instructor.

Angela Vaira was selected semi-finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Service on September 19, 1968. She was a member of the Spanish Club, International Club, National Honor Society, Girls' Go-To-College

Club as President, and Editor of the newspaper staff. At the same time, Patty Blanton received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Service. She was a member of the German Club, International Club, Choral-Aires, and Girls' Ensembles.

Officers of the Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of the *Little President Newspaper* were:

Angela Vaira - Managing Editor
Kathy Findley - Assistant Editor
Tom Anderson - Advertising Manager

Leo Trich - Circulation Manager
Ralph Garbart - Sports Editor
Linda Evans - Business Manager
Mike Kearney - Staff Photographer
Nelda Barnes - Advisor

The Dirtiest Locker Award of 1968 was won by Mary Lou Dulanie of homeroom 312. She was found in the hall in front of her locker, knee deep in debris, long after all of the other students had returned to class after cleanup. Some observers rumored that her locker contained a petrified orange, a dried mouse, a 1961 Elvis Presley picture, 237 Humphrey stickers, and a boy's sweatshirt.

The Optimist Club honored Ron Faust (now a W.H.S. English teacher and basketball coach) and Mike Kearney on November 12, 1968. Ron was awarded the Outstanding Athlete's Award for lettering in four sports, while Mike Kearney received the Scholastic Student Award for achieving a 3.95 grade point average and presenting a science project and paper at Penn State and Washington, D.C.

Fred Lief participated in the School Band of America and travelled with the 140-member organization, directed by Edward T. Horn to eight countries in Europe: Belgium, France, Germany, Austria, England, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, and Lichtenstein. Another student of Washington High School, Lloyd Roby, was chosen to tour Europe that same year with the Orchestra of America, conducted by Donald McCathrey, Paul Roger, and Herbert Wilson. The organization played in France, England, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

Girls' Powder Puff Games were held on November 27, 1968 in basketball and wrestling before a crowd of 400 in the gymnasium at Washington High School. The varsity cheerleaders defeated the varsity majorettes with a score of 28-22. High scorers for the cheerleaders were: Paula Swart, Nancy Mangiapane, and Debbie Amos. In the first wrestling match, Acquanelta Frazier and Gloria Duncan tied at

13, but Mackie Wise pinned Noel Vactor in 17 seconds of the first period in the second match.

Angela Vaira and David Sharp, seniors, were selected as two of 350 student members of the first presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. which began on February 22, 1969. The classroom was a new educational project planned to teach government operation to selected high school seniors for a 7-day period. Students, selected by their principals, had outstanding academic and personal school credentials.

Replies to a 1969 *Little President Newspaper* Teacher Survey revealed many interesting data about the faculty. The typical W.H.S. faculty member taught 16.3 years, 12.2 at Washington High School. She or he taught 3.6 different courses, 4.4 periods per day, and sponsored 5/8ths of a school activity. The average teacher had .75 free periods per day and chose W.H.S. out of 2.5 other schools at which he or she had taught. Each faculty member drove an average of 6.86 miles to school in his or her 1.3 cars. Other statistics showed that on the average, a Washington High School teacher was married 10.5 years and had 1.4 children. The average height of a W.H.S. teacher was 5 feet, 7 inches.

Politics characterized the year of 1969 when the Student Council sponsored a statewide movement to lower Pennsylvania's voting age from 21 to 18. The school organization, together with a special committee, contacted 100 other high schools across the state in order to begin a ground-swell. Student Council President Leo Trich and his organizers received support for their cause from such notables as: former President Johnson, former Vice President Humphrey, Governor Shafer, Mayor Barr of Pittsburgh, Senators Sweiker and Scott, Pennsylvania State Senator Shoup, Federal and county judges, as well as Representative Fisher.

Washington High School students also became concerned with the problems of children in Washington County. Six seniors attended the initial meeting of the Washington County Committee on Children and Youth at Trinity High School. Angela Vaira, Leo Trich, Patricia Blanton, Sue Brown, Gary Gordon, and Terry Gordon attended an open discussion on February 10, 1969, which centered on the roles of home, school, and peer group influences shaping the values of a child. The final, compiled study was presented at the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

An open forum was held in the Washington High School auditorium on March 7, 1969, to air problems which black students felt were vital. Almost 150 black students attended the meeting which lasted all morning. Various administrators and faculty members were also present: Dr. Hess, Mr. Dupke, Mr. Keisling, Mrs. Watson, Mr. Eros, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Mousetis. The Student Council representative was Leo Trich. The three objectives sought by the students were a course in Black history, revision of cheerleader selection, and removal of one requirement for majorettes. Superintendent Hess advised the students that he would do his best to help them. One result of the student concern was the formation of the Inter-racial Committee composed of Sue Brown, Carla Yarbor, Ocie Lindsay, Ralph Garbart, Bob Keene, Sharon Brown, Ron Faust, Jim Stringer, and Doug Canan.

Distributive Education — a new business program — was inaugurated for the 1969-70 academic year under the supervision of Irving T. Gottleib. It was a planned program of classes covering all phases of retailing, coordinated with on-the-job training in such businesses as Sears and Grants. After completing morning classes, students were given release time for work where they received thorough training by supervisors and other regular employees in retailing. Gottleib made regular checks at the students' places of employment to determine their rates and learning, and to assist with any problems the students had.



On July 7, 1970, George Bryant, a junior, began a seven-day wrestling tour of Mexico City as a member of the United States Wrestling Federation's Freestyle Championship Team. He had won the national freestyle championship at Stillwater, Oklahoma, in May of that year in the 114½ pound class to earn the trip. He prepared for the tour by "working out" at the Brownson House, and in June, he spent a week at the Thorn A.C. Wrestling Camp at Camp Buffalo.

The 1970-71 academic year at Washington High School was one of

change and success. Dr. John Khouri was appointed district Superintendent in July, and a month later Lee S. Ellsworth was named Assistant Superintendent.

A work-study program was launched as well as the introduction of Black History as an elective in the curriculum. Other new courses added were: Creative Writing, Shakespeare, Modern Novel, Electricity, and Power Mechanics. The traditional six-week grading period was replaced by the current four nine-weeks sessions. The deficiency report was instituted for students receiving a "D" average or below and for those having a drastic drop in grades. Student lunches held the line at forty cents.

It was also during the fall of 1970 that James H. McCreight, a senior at Washington High School, and his chemistry teacher, John Stack, attended the 12th National Youth Conference on the Atom in Chicago. McCreight was one of 700 students from the United States who participated in the three-day meetings.

The golf team, coached by Bill Loughlin, was successful that fall, for it had won the Section 16 championship. Members of that team were: Dave DeHaas (who qualified for the PIAA tournament), Dennis Maloy, George Ward, Tom Pobleck, John Huffman, and Wally McCarrell.

That winter, the basketball team won the Section 12-B championship with a score of 90-51 over Fort Cherry. Mark Taylor was high scorer of that game, tossing in 24 points. Other members of the team were Dave Mayer, Shuman Yandell, Dave DeHaas, Rusty Shoaf, Bob Anderson, Rich Sadler, Mike Brown, and Carl Grinage. The head coach of the team was John Unice, now at Washington and Jefferson College, and his assistant was Douglas Masciola, now Washington School District Administrative Assistant. In wrestling, George Bryant finally realized his three-year dream by winning the PIAA 112-pound championship at State College on March 22, 1971.

Later that spring was the second undefeated track season for W.H.S. over a three-year period. The team coached by Dave Johnson, gained an 86-59 victory over Baldwin to establish a perfect dual meet record. One star of that meet was John Reihner who established a WPIAL discus record of 184 feet, 1 inch, and he also placed first in the shotput with a throw of 56 feet, 3½ inches. Other standouts of the meet were the first places: 800 yard relay team composed of John Reihner, Guy Montecalvo, and Archie Marsh; Tom

Bell - the 2-mile; Fred Sams - 120 high and 180 low hurdles, and Mark Taylor - broad jump.

The first William E. Amos Athlete Award was bestowed on John Reihner in May, 1971 for his excellence in sports.



Change also characterized the 1971-72 school year for Washington High School, for new marching uniforms were donned by the Washington High School Marching Band. They were of similar design in current use today, created to mirror the fashion of our early American Continental Soldiers.

The very first Homecoming occurred at W.H.S. in the fall of 1971, which included a parade from the high school to the football field, half-time crowning of the queen, and a dance at the high school at 9:30. Members of the maiden Homecoming Court were:

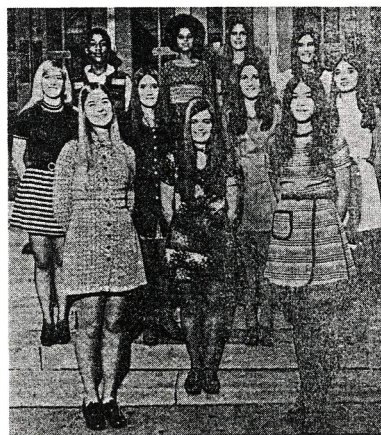
Seniors - Debbie Wiley, Debbie Desiderio, and Cindy Mack

Juniors - Betsy DeHaas, and Debbie Brooks

Sophomores - Linda Jeffers and Jody Giles

Freshmen - Kandy McWilliams and Gay Griffin

Eighth Graders - Patty Contino and Ruth Ann Sorice



Also occurring that fall, the Washington School Board hired 1937 Washington High School graduate Roy M. Seibert to replace John C. Keisling, who resigned to assume duties at Carlynton High School. Patty Judy, a senior, was named the 1972 Current Events Club scholarship winner. Washington High School Varsity Cheerleaders placed first in overall competition at the Pioneer Cheerleading Camp at Seven Springs. Members of the squad were: Linda Funk, Betsy DeHaas, Lee Burnett, Cindy Lucatorto, Debbie Lasday, Debbie Wiley, Carla Yarbor, Jackie Beaty, and Jean Ahwesh.

On New Year's Day, 1972, Washington High School's band was one of 10 out-of-state bands to play at the Orange Bowl Festival in Miami, Florida. They had also been invited to participate in a Festival Parade at Disney World in Orlando at that time.

1972

The Little Presidents' football team was undefeated in the Century Class A Conference during its 7-0-0 1972 regular season. As a result, six W.H.S. football team members were named to the first Century Conference All-Star Squad: Guy Montecalvo - halfback, Bill Jordan - fullback, Jim Day - halfback, George Reihner - tackle, Charles Hollihan - tackle, and Paul Reihner - guard.



"The father of schoolboy wrestling in Southwestern Pennsylvania," Dr. William "Doc" Harris, administrative assistant at Washington High announced his retirement on Monday, November 25, 1972, which became effective at the end of the 1972-73 school year. Harris, a graduate of Washington High School and W&J College, first returned to his alma mater as a biology teacher and wrestling coach in 1944. From 1945 - 1955 his teams compiled 107 victories, including a 36-match win streak. He coached 13 individual WPIAL champions, half of whom became state champions. His teams were also victorious in 1948 and 1950 for WPIAL titles. Dr. Harris was named principal of Sixth Ward School in

1955, and later served in the same capacity at Eighth Ward School. In 1959 he was appointed to the administrative staff as resource specialist and later became coordinator of science, health, and physical education.

In January, 1973, the Washington School Board approved the establishment of a student-operated store at the former Leiner Grocery at Hallam and Allison Avenues.



Washington High School won the final contest in the "Battle of Wits" TV show on Channel 11, Pittsburgh in May, 1973. Not only did the team successfully compete against 50 other area high schools, but also achieved the highest score of the year. Members of the team were Paul White, Wayne Spence, and Bill Frazier. Jody Lambright served as the alternate.

The next year, after serving five years as head coach of Washington's more successful basketball teams, John Unice resigned from the District on August 3, 1973, to accept the head coaching position at McKeesport High School. Unice led the Little Presidents to 2 section 20-B titles in 1970 and 1971 and the Section 14-B crown in the 72-73 season. Assistant Coach, Douglas Masciola, then took over the reins of the team.

Six W.H.S. students placed first in a chess tournament at California State College in the winter of 1974. They were: Keith Bebout, Tom Cupler, Steve Waite, Kevin Cokeley, Ralph Stuart, and John McWee.

Tim Mousetis dominated the round-robin finals of the Western Pennsylvania Freestyle Wrestling Qualifier in April, 1974. Mousetis, who won at 143 pounds, was named Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament. Joining him with titles were Tommy Diamond - 105½ and Ricardo Bryant - 114½.

Christmas, 1974, was a time of giving and volunteering at Washington High School, for students of the home economics and industrial arts departments joined together to refurbish a district-owned property so that it was presentable as the site for the very first child care class at the high school. Nine youngsters attended the class from April 1, 1975, to May 9,

from 12:30 to 2:00 daily. The first members of the child care class were: Judy Harris, Richard Sonson, Darsi Craig, Charmaine Hutter, Bobby Wehn, Denise Ullom, Sheldia Zelenka, and Rachelle Smith. Students working at the nursery school were: Debbie Dukelow, Bev Grinage, Peggy Davis, Denise Kelly, Marlene Mirto, and Sonja Liggons. Susan Bender, home economics instructor, supervised the students and their charges.

In 1976, the Little Prexie wrestlers gave Coach Mousetis his first undefeated season with a record of 14-0, and #1 in the WPIAL and #1 in the state. Curtie Ellis at 98 pounds and Mel Gray at 138 pounds posted perfect seasons for the team. Bill Solominsky replaced Mousetis in 1980, and during the 1981-82 season, his wrestlers won the WPIAL title and Section 9-AA title. Selected members of that team were Lonnie Barnes, Jim Frazier, Randy Agnew, Jeff Frazier, and John Midea.

1982

Audra Rotella, a fifteen-year-old at Washington High School, auditioned for and was accepted by the Pittsburgh Ballet in the fall of 1982. She was instructed by Sally Miller, past member of the New York Ballet, and Audra had performed at the Olin Fine Arts Center on the Washington and Jefferson Campus.

Even though Washington High School never had a swim team, in the fall of 1982, two young ladies distinguished themselves in competition — Lynn Cameron and Bonnie Pankopf. Lynn had swum since she was three, and began competing at age seven. Her competition swim events were the fifty- and 100-yard freestyle. Lynn met WPIAL requirements by placing in the top seven in section meets, and she participated in the PIAA state meets. In order to prepare herself, Lynn qualified for and went to YMCA Nationals in Florida. Bonnie Pankopf, a junior in 1982, had only been coached in diving for two years in the one-meter, three-meter, and tower diving boards. She placed second in WPIAL section championships, eighth, in States, and qualified for the All-American High School Diving Team. Lynn trained at the Trinity Middle School pool, while Bonnie travelled to the University of Pittsburgh, where she dove with the Pitt Aquatic Diving Club.

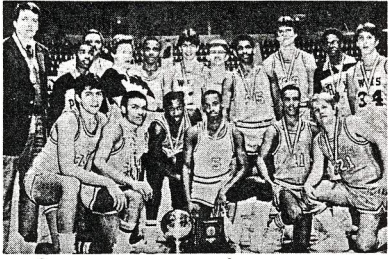


The second Madrigal Dinner of Washington High School was named "Merrie Olde England," in February, 1983. The participants, dressed in Renaissance costume, sang 16th century madrigals under the direction of James Cope. The event was held at the Club Internationale and starred: Morty Posner - Magician, Mark Jacobson - Juggler, Don Amon - Jester, Janet Stickler - Harpsichord, Derrick Brent and Allan Fergus - Trumpets. The singers were Mary Beth Adams, Vicky Brogdon, Kelly Bromage, Cassie Closser, Amy Diamond, Jerry Diercks, Kristen Emery, Chip Frank, Dan Halulko, Delano Hall, Craig Hummel, Heidi Legler, Debbie Martin, Cheryl Miller, Carrie Morris, Lori Oberst, Jeff Thomas, Florida Thompson, and Jesse Warnick.

George Taylor was named Superintendent of the District, and W. William Watson was appointed assistant principal at Washington High School for the 1983-84 school year. During this time, one of the best kept secrets was Mark Jacobson, who, by the time he was a junior, had competed in ten national kayaking championships, seven of which he had won. On the World Team, Mark competed at Dartmouth and Nova Scotia at Pan American Championships, and in Bydoczsz, Poland, for the Junior World Championships. Jacobson won the Junior National Marathon and Junior Mixed Kayaking titles.

Another champion that year was the boys' basketball team which made its mark in Washington High School history by becoming Pennsylvania State Champions on March 31, 1984. The team, coached by Ron Faust and Bob Dickson, consisted of: Robbie Mazzie, Mark Wise, Brian Davis, Jamie LeMon, Tony Ellis, Mark

Popeck, Troy Naylor, Robert Proudfit, Furlo Ellis, Jordan Grossman, Chris Popeck, Sean McKenzie, Tom Ford, Harold Williamson, and Mike Suwak.



The 1984 - 85 academic year was begun with the institution of "Early Bird" classes for students who had conflicts with their schedules. Geography, Safety Education, and Stage Band were offered during the 7:35 a.m. slot. Stage Band remains as the only "Early Bird" class at present.

In November of 1985, Julie Kopko represented Washington High School in its first year of participation in the annual Miss Christmas Seal Pageant. The contest was open to all senior girls submitting an application and writing an essay titled, "Why Good Health Is Important to Me." Julie was chosen because of her poise, personality, and involvement in school and community activities.

Washington High School Basketball once again entered the history books by winning its second state championship in March, 1986. Members of that team under the coaching of Ron Faust and Bob Dickson were: Jordan Grossman, Ron Moore, Mark Popeck, Sean McKenzie, Eric Spencer, Harold Williamson, Mike Suwak, Robert Proudfit, Furlo Ellis, Danny Price, Richard Bryant, and Mike Humphreys.

Also that spring, Niki Holmes reached two personal athletic milestones by scoring 1,000 points in girls' basketball. Not only was she a stand-out in volleyball and basketball, but also in May, Niki became the Pennsylvania State Champion in shotput competition.

1986

Homecoming, 1986 was an extravaganza entitled, "Yesterday." The activities which took place were: College Day, Crazy Day, Toga Day, Beach Day, and Blue, Black, and White Day. The Pizza Pigout, a lip-sync, Hot Legs and Spirit Chain contests rounded out the week at school. Barbie Johnston was crowned Homecoming Queen on October 10, while Kim Stewart, Ronae Patterson, Laurel Anderson, Dia Weir, Traci Dempsey, Carmen Makokele, Missy Lutes, Julie Proudfit, Tammy Bell, and Jana Rush were her attendants.

Jerry Thomas and Bill Spencer became PIAA champions during the 1986/87 wrestling season, and Coach Bill Solominsky surpassed the 100 win mark.

Renovations of the fifty-five year old high school building were begun in the fall of 1987. Some of the changes that took place during the construction and reconstruction period of nearly a year were: placement of Central Office within the edifice, a Large Group Instruction Room, an elevator, an expanded library, and color-coordinated building floors. Completion of the renovations was overseen by Donald E. Hartswick who was named Acting Superintendent in September, 1988, when Taylor's resignation became effective.

While Washington High School has always been a front-runner in educational innovation, the fall of 1988 continued to bear out this fact with the institution of Natural Helpers, a program to help students to cope with everyday stress and the problems associated with it. School prevention specialists de Ricci Horwatt and Frank Rotunda, Jr. trained fifty students and six teachers to become natural helpers for the 1988-89 school year after receiving a two-day training session in drug, alcohol, and adolescent problems. School nurse, Peg Foreman (now Middle School Guidance Counselor), was the coordinator, while teachers Jane Bennett, Ron Faust, Linda Faust, Penny Gallagher, and Guy Montecalvo served as mentors. Students involved in the first program were:

FRESHMEN — Amy Boardley, Kim Cornetto, Inza Liggett, Vicki Murray, Elizabeth Proudfit, Kelly Ruffa, Fran-nie Spiegel, Sophia Thomas, Eric Cushenbery, Todd Fleissner, Scott Faber, Jeff Jones, Chad Robertson, Harry Ross, and David Nicolella.

SOPHOMORES — Maureen Davis, Jenny Dague, Missy Gilmore, Mary Johnson, Elsa Pliel, Shelly Ryan, Michelle Zullo, Sean Currey, Sid Olcott, Brandon Parisse, and Mikeal McTeague.

JUNIORS — Tony Kennedy, Mike Van Strien, Terry Wilkins, Frank Welsh, Laurie McGruder, Kim Pelkey, Kelly Stewart, Megan Faust, and Jennifer McAnallen.

SENIORS — Missy Chizmar, Valerie Fisher, Stephanie Patterson, Sherry Reedy, Tyrone Holden, Aaron Williams, Matt Mitchell, and Dan Fuller.

On November 16, 1988, Washington High School rededicated the newly renovated building. At 6:30 p.m., Principal Edward Starzenski introduced speakers: Architect Robert E. Lekewa, Board President Alvin W.

Spence, Acting Superintendent Donald E. Hartswick, and a representative of Dill Construction. After the program, guests were guided throughout the building by Student Council members.

The 1988-89 academic year was also a first for Washington High School soccer. Members of that team were: Marco Bezzi (exchange student), Alan Olson, Dan McKinney, Hans Anderson, Bill Carpenter, Scott Cox, Matt Dickson, Eric Drosdick, Micah Eisenmann, Marc Falvo, Trevor Holiday, Kevin Kurucz, Mike McKinney, Brandon Parisse, Mike Roble, Harry Ross, Matt Sorice, Bob Winters, and Dave Winters.

Our present Superintendent, Thomas M. Conner, was appointed to his post in January, 1989.

The following year, five new courses were added to the curriculum at the high school: Advanced Placement American History, Advanced Placement European History, German, Theater and Movie Appreciation, and Performing Arts.



Trainer, coach, cheerleader, and friend, are all the roles once describing a long-time institution at Washington High School — Lawrence "Forbie" Forbister. On January 22, 1989, Forbie underwent surgery for a malignant brain tumor; he was released from the hospital in March. A testimonial dinner of appreciation was given for him on May 7, 1989, at the George Washington Hotel. Even though Forbie succumbed to his illness later that winter, his memory will live forever with us and with our students through the scholarship, named for him, which is given annually, to deserving Washington High School seniors.

Administrative changes once again occurred at the high school after Ed Starzenski resigned to take a position in Virginia. In the fall of 1989, W. William Watson was appointed principal, and Ronald Junko was named as assistant principal.

The following spring, Sophia Thomas placed first in Impromptu Speaking competition at the 1990 Future Business Leaders of America (F.B.L.A.) Region 4 Spring Leadership Conference. Other Washington High School F.B.L.A. winners advised by Mrs. Kathy Cleaver were: Nikki

Thomas - 4th in Office Procedures, Billie Jo Harris - 6th in Job Interview, Rae Ann King - 7th in Accounting, and Jennifer Polen - 7th in Keyboarding.

Elizabeth Proudfit was the fourth girl in school history to surpass the 1,000 point mark in basketball during the 1991 season, but what made this feat so remarkable was that she had attained it while only a junior.

One of the largest, if not the largest, National Honor Society inductions took place in spring, 1991, at Washington High School. Twenty-nine new members received their prestigious collars: Scott Batson, Shelley Bednarski, Amy Betts, Amy Boardley, Bryan Cassin, Matt Dickson, Christy Dryden, Micah Eisenmann, Scott Faber, Matthew Green, Aimee Jackson, Yvonne Jobkar, Jeff Jones, Deepak Karamcheti, Steve Kazakewicz, Andrea Keron, Kelly LaPosta, Rebecca Lohr, Nicole Moschetta, Vicki Murray, David Perry, Yvette Poland, Jennifer Posner, Elizabeth Proudfit, Chad Robertson, Frannie Spiegel, Britney Strobe, Sophie Thomas, and Dayna Yaksic.

In 1992, the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth graduating class was not only remembered for its place in school history, but also for its many accomplishments. In football, Todd Fleissner was the first quarterback in school history to pass for over 3,000 yards. The Girls' Volleyball team realized their "Dream" status with members: Frannie Spiegel, Kellie Brezinski, Rachel Fuller, Jamie LaPosta, Kelly LaPosta, Elizabeth Proudfit, Denise Booker, Erin Bruno, Kristina Nickler, Heather Fuller, Selena Beddow, Janelle Elmores, Betsy Christman, Danyel Caldwell,

Kelley Dickson, Nakeisha Bennett, Amy Jones, Christi Carnes, Amy Patterson, Chalise Buckley, Lisa Michalski, and April Marshall.

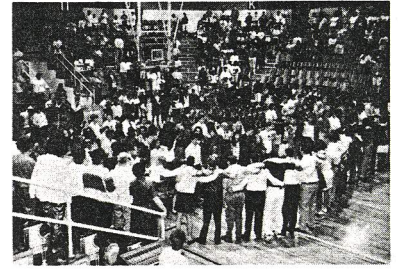


Girls' basketball posted its first WPIAL championship in 1992, co-coached by Bill Fleissner and John Yanni. Members of the team were: Elizabeth Proudfit, Frannie Spiegel, Kellie Brezinski, Nicole Moschetta, Tracy Wise, Kristina Nickler, Summerly Kulik, Shawna Russell, and Natalie Kubala. The boys' basketball team also distinguished itself this year. Members of that team, coached by Ron Faust and Joe Nicoletta were: Mike Maloy, Todd Fleissner, Eric Cushenberry, Michael Moye, Jerome Smith, Bill Proudfit, Jeff Jones, B.J. Michelcic, Dontae Patterson, Bryan Pizzi, Chris Swart, Jamaal Edwards, Brian Pelkey, and Jonathan Miles. Boys' and girls' track also had several of its members qualify for the PIAA State Meet in Shippensburg.

Academically speaking, the Class of 1992 was one of the strongest in Washington High School history because of the 29 member National

Honor Society of seniors. This particular class also distinguished itself by garnering more than \$450,000 in academic scholarships. Specifics of the awards will be published in the final version of the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Washington High School.

And now we've come full circle through one hundred twenty-five years of educational and athletic pioneering and excellence. Through these past five issues, the myriad of nuances of Washington High School life has been given. Nothing proves the closeness of those associated with our high school more than the fact that many of our teachers were themselves students of Washington High School and are proud to say that they have learned and have taught here. Another demonstration comes from the photo below, taken at the June 1st, 1992 Awards and Move-Up Day — the circle grows, then shrinks, but its boundaries are never broken.



ALMA MATER

Washington, we sing to you,
Songs of highest praise.
Hail the dear old black and blue,
Ever all our days —
Fondest thoughts and memories,
Off' come troupng by,
Loyal students we will be,
Of old Wash. High.

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