

Radios Bring Pres. Roosevelt's History-Making Speech and Other War Events to Tense Classrooms

December 1941

War came officially to the United States exactly ten days ago at 11:30 a.m. Washburn students heard for the first time, via radio, the President of the United States call upon a joint session of Congress to declare that a state of war existed with Japan.

Then on Thursday, Washburn again heard that war had been declared, this time on Germany and Italy.

At first there were few evidences of concern among the students but when reports appeared in newspapers and came over the radio telling of actual participation of Washburn alums, students' relatives, and faculty in the conflict, the school as a whole started talking and wondering.

By Thursday of last week students and faculty alike were willing to give opinions to the press.

Jerry Remole, 12A president, says, "I think the age for drafting men should be lowered from 21 to 18, for the military practice, but I do not think these younger men should do the actual fighting."

"It is not only soldiers that need preparation for the coming struggle," says Louise Woodhouse, Blue Triangle president, "but everyone should prepare himself. It's up to each individual to set up a code of living in order to keep up the morale."

"In Politix Club we have radicals, conservatives, and extreme conservatives. However, in the one meeting we have had since the war began, it was evident that all were solidly behind the

present war effort. The only question now disagreed upon is 'What will we do with Japan when we have beaten her?'" -Bruce Sumner, president of Politix Club.

Mr. Vilhelm Larsen, track coach, says, "As bad as it is, the war will have a remarkable effect on the unity of American people. We will come out a stronger nation with a definite goal. We will make the world a place where free men can live. It will take all the sacrifices we can make as individuals and as a nation to bring the war to a victorious conclusion."

"The attack at Pearl Harbor," says Major Robert Morris, math teacher, "was very much of a surprise. Mobilization isn't the problem it was in the last war, but we are not as well prepared as we should be."



In 1968 as the war effort escalated in Southeast Asia, more and more of America's young men, including young men from Washburn, were sent to fight in the Vietnam War. The soldier in this photo hikes through the harsh and unfamiliar terrain of Vietnam.

Minneapolis Tribune Photo



For many years there was a contest at Washburn that crowned one girl "Miss Washburn" based upon her posture. This title was quite an honor at the time. Virginia Bros [left] was crowned "Miss Washburn" in 1944. The runners up [right] felt distinguished as well.

Army Claims Washburnites

March 1943

The meteorological corps of the United States Army Air Force gained two valuable members when Don Stevenson and Charles Haverstock, A seniors, enlisted recently. Both boys left here about three weeks ago and are now at the air force basic training center at Kearns Field, a distance of about twenty miles from Salt Lake City, Utah.

While at Washburn, Don was all Hi-Y president, all city Hi-Y vice president, treasurer of the S.T.O. chapter, member of the Polotix club, track team, and Grist staff.

Charles was known for his work in the Harlequin Club, Polotix club, Grist and Wahian staffs, Sparks Hi-Y, the Chess club, the German club, and the National Honor Society.

Washburn wishes both of these boys the best of luck in their new endeavors.

Nixon's Policy Towards Economic Inflation Failing

October 1970

The Nixon Administration has so far conducted a sort of laissez-faire policy toward the economy in hopes that inflation could be reduced or halted without resorting to imposed government controls. A significant reduction in the cost of living rise buoyed administration hopes this could be done, especially before the fall elections. However, the cost of living resumed its sharp climb in September, with an increase of 0.5%, as opposed to 0.2% in August.

The economic situation is rather peculiar: unemployment is rising, building starts are slow, corporate profits and production are both way down, all indicating a mild recession. Yet inflation is still on the move with no promise of permanently slowing down.

Clearly the administration policy is ineffective.

Other factors enter into the economic picture. Unreasonable union demands for increased wages and other benefits without an increase in individual productivity, arbitrary management price increases contrary to the supply and demand situation, unbalanced government spending, and, to a lesser degree, the Vietnam war, all contribute to inflation, and these situations are precisely what the administration is not dealing with effectively. Temporary, limited wage-price controls, balanced government spending, and a quicker solution to the war would certainly help matters. Otherwise, inflation will continue to take a bigger bite out of workers' paychecks nationwide.

Donovan, Hendrix, and The Doors Spark Concert Circuit in Minneapolis

November 1968

Last Saturday night the Jimi Hendrix Experience came to Minneapolis. About 8,000 people went to see and hear the effects and music produced by this set of electric guitars, and about twenty amplifiers and speakers.

Unfortunately, according to Hendrix the equipment was "screwed up." Despite the technical hangups, however, the "experience" was able to generate enough vociferousness to create a lasting impression on my eardrums. This, despite that during much of the concert I sat toward the rear of the auditorium.

The volume of the experience, however, takes nothing away from the talent of Hendrix himself. Whether his music appeals to others or not, his skill with the guitar, electrical effects, and musical arrangements shouldn't be questioned. The Hendrix sound is hard rock vibrating and thoroughly original.

Hendrix kept his audience captivated during most of the concert. At one point, when the majority of the audience had pushed its way in the front third of the auditorium, Hendrix,

at the request of the fire inspector, convinced his fans that they should retreat to their former seats. There was never any question that the sound would carry to the rear of the auditorium.

The experience was ended by Hendrix's interpretations of "Sunshine of Your Love" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

The concert preceding Hendrix at the auditorium was performed by an artist of equal popular appeal, despite his much more gentle sound: Donovan appeared on October 13.

Donovan, while sitting crosslegged in the center of the stage, playing his newest album; he also, of course, included some old favorites like "Mello Yellow" and "Jennifer Jupiter." Donovan's sound consist of soft guitar chords, a flute, a harmonica, and gentle voice ranging from low to high. His lyrics are of beauty, love, and life, and they vary from simple rhymes to thought-provoking poetry.

He closed his performance with a sing-along of "Happiness Runs." The concert was not unlike a bunch of friends sitting around the campfire telling jokes and singing.

This Sunday night the Doors come to the Auditorium.

Students Volunteer in Emergency

April 1943

Every day Washburnites feel more and more the effect of the war on their lives. This is shown by the large number of alumni in the armed service, of whom Washburn can be proud. It can also be shown in the classrooms, school clubs, and all the outside activities.

The high school youths of Minnesota are being given a chance to prove their mettle by applying for farm work. This program has been designed to relieve the great drain on the nation's food supply that will come when the United States will have to feed the conquered countries. There is not enough available manpower to meet the requirements of food production. The plan is to have classroom and practical instruction. There will be instruction given at the University farm campus. Ordinarily, farmers would be hesitant to accept city boys for this work, but with the training and the seriousness of the situation, they will be readily accepted. Many students, it is hoped, will take advantage of this chance to learn about how a farm works, and to help their country. This work is one of the very best for building up a fine body.



In the fall of 1993, gun-related violence claimed the life of a Washburn student (Sophia Lewis). Displaying poems and other artwork commemorating Sophia's death, fellow students erected a memory wall pleading other people to stop violence.

Freddie's Fads Cannot Mask Freshness

September 1985

The Freddie Freshman look as we have known it has almost completely vanished. Gone are the familiar black, high-water, polyester Big Yank pants; the uneven buttoned Hawaiian-print shirts; and the thick black glasses.

The new freshman is a pseudo-rebel gone not quite chic. High-waters are out, but planned mid-calf "crop" pants are in. Hawaiian print shirts have been replaced by "psychedelic neon green" or "ASU" muscle T-shirts. Glasses are shed by both girls and guys to reveal eyeliner. Earrings have replaced ear wax, and dippity-do-hair-by-mom is now the accident-with-the-hedge-clipper-hair-by-friend.

However, all the change in style still can't mask the fact that freshman are freshman. Nine o'clock is still the curfew whether the watch is Mickey

Mouse or Swatch.

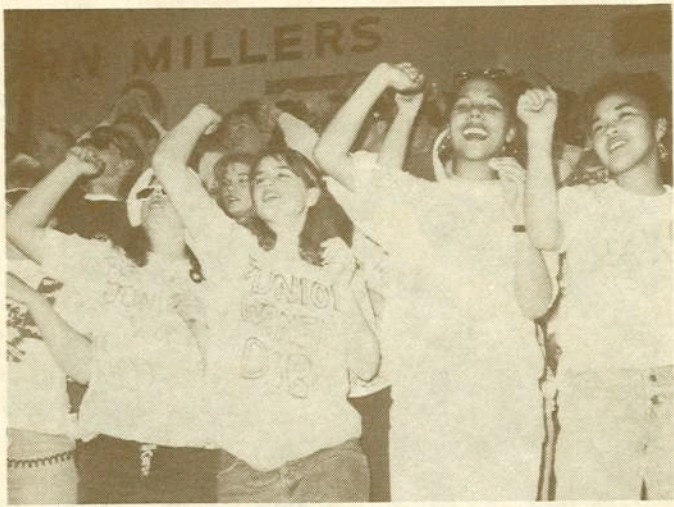
"I got lost; it was so mortifying," said Kip (not his real name), a distraught freshman who walked into the advanced calculus class thinking it was the boys' bathroom. "I already had my fly down when I entered the room," he whined. "Luckily, I was wearing my Guess boxers!"

Incidents like these are every day happenings for the freshman. "Jeri" tells her story: "Oh, migod! It was the most embarrassing experience of MY LIFE! My mom, ya know, took me and my girlfriend to this senior party, ya know, and 10 minutes after we'd been there (I was even talking to a senior guy) my mom comes into the party to drop off a 'warmer sweater.' It didn't even match my Esprit shoes!"

Although today's frosh may be convinced that their PC-jr. has given them all the answers, they still have far to go.



1991 marked a special occasion for Minnesotans and Millers alike when the Minnesota Twins won the World Series [right]. Dedicated fans from Washburn [left] went to the parade in downtown St. Paul to show their support.



The Junior women of 1990 show their spirit at a pep fest.

Follow The Crowd

April 1987

What is a trend? Some have called it a means of expressing themselves, while others look on it as a fashion or something that appeals to them at a given time. Trends have, at times, been a means of separating the "cool" from the "uncool" or further dividing the economic classes. It has always been the people who are envied, respected, or just bold enough to do new things who have started trends.

The original trend, something like the original sin, began with one person's need to stand out in a crowd; for example, Lady Godiva rode through the town bareback—literally. Modesty was never one of her virtues. Of course, this didn't catch on until centuries later when people, especially students, could be seen "streaking" through the city streets. Looking back at trends that have been dominant during this century, we see some pretty ludicrous ideas. We had pet rocks, goldfish-eating contests, hoola hoops, and mood rings. Some may have considered rock-and-roll a trend when it first

began, but we now see that it was something more.

Why do people follow trends? What is the point in buying some expensive gadget only to have it go out of style the minute you have it in hand? Sometimes it seems as though we are fighting a lost cause. Perhaps we follow trends to fit into a group where we feel secure; this could be hippies, yuppies, punks, or metallic hard-core. But are any of these groups really different or are they just groups of non-original clones? They all have a common goal: to stand up and make a statement that they feel reflects their ideals. Status is their main obsession.

Trends create a demand for a product. Whenever there is a demand, there is a supply and somebody at the other end who profits. Sometimes it is just a matter of being in the right place at the right time. Trends affect us in different ways whether we follow them, or make money from them: we are all reacting to social standards that are present at the time. So, look out! You could be a "trendy," too.



The 1962 men's Harriers (Cross-Country team) warm up before a meet.

A Plethora of Policy Smokin' in the Boy's Room

October 1987
John Coskran

It isn't allowed in school, and now the administration has outlawed smoking near the "fry doors" also. Why? Well, we can assume that they are concerned about how Washburn will appear to our neighbors and the community surrounding us. Washburn upperclassmen will remember the years when Washburn received a lot of bad press and they will certainly agree that our appearance is important (freshmen and sophomores will just have to take our word for it).

So, we have agreed with the administration that our appearance is important, but does their decision to ban the "fry doors" really follow from this drive to improve our appearance? At first it might seem that it would make sense to ban all smoking from Washburn grounds, but people will smoke anyway (this is true about almost everything that adults try to ban from teenagers). All that the administration will do is

chase the students across the street into our neighbors' yards. I think that if I lived next door to a high school, I would rather see the students standing near the doors smoking instead of standing in my front yard smoking. It is inevitable that if there are people standing in front of my house smoking during lunch, they will leave litter behind (at least cigarette butts and probably more).

While we believe that it may be right in principle to ban smoking on our school grounds, we are really making it someone else's problem because of our inability to control the smoking situation. If the administration were to allow the students to smoke outside the doors facing the football field (as they did last year), we would not have a problem with presenting an unsavory appearance, and we would not be alienating our neighbors.

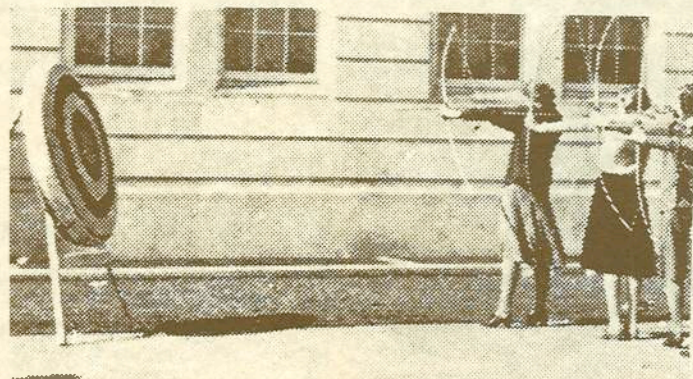
While we stop to consider the issue, a startling concept is exposed: does the school really have the authority to tell us that we cannot smoke or do anything else that does not hurt

Washburn's Facilities Cannot Cope With Rising Enrollment

May 5, 1961

Washburn High School is in trouble. In the next four years, Washburn's enrollment is expected to swell by 400; yet facilities for even the present 1730 students are entirely inadequate.

To handle next year's 1800 students, four new teachers will be added to the total of peripatetic teachers to 12. In addition, all possible classroom space will be pressed into service, giving rise to such abnormalities as an English class in the lunchroom, a history class in the chorus room (with no writing desks), and a business-law class in the cooking room. Teachers will not be able to make the best use of their free periods, since they will have to vacate their rooms and will have nowhere to go to work.



These 1930s Warparthians practice their aim outside of Washburn.

The rising enrollment has also been felt in the library, where conditions are anything but good. In fact, the situation is so bad that the North Central Association has informed Washburn that it will lose its accreditation unless immediate steps are taken for expansion.

Health is a subject required of all juniors. But how can health be taught in surroundings so contradictory to standard health practices at Washburn? At present more than 80 students may crowd into a single gym class and forced to share locker room facilities that should have been condemned by the Health Department 10 years ago.

Students eat lunch in a lunchroom that was built to health standards that were current 36 years ago. Dishes are bussed into open containers. There are not even any

lavatory facilities on the same floor as the lunchroom.

The home economics department is on probation and is in danger of losing its state aid unless its facilities are rehabilitated. In the music department there is nowhere for instrumental or choral music classes to practice without disturbing the rest of the school.

Washburn was built in 1925 at a cost of \$759,879, making it the cheapest high school in Minneapolis. Since then very little money has been spent for improvements compared to other schools. In fact, the desks in use in some rooms were not even new when the school was built.

The only sign of modernization at Washburn is the recent remodeling of the science laboratories. This is a much needed improvement, but we cannot allow it to breed an attitude of complacency at Washburn.

An addition for Washburn has been in planning stage for the past several years, but the School Board has not seen fit to provide any money to begin building. It is up to the students of Washburn and their parents to convince the Board of Education of the urgency of our needs.

Without at least 10 additional classrooms, Washburn students will be attending school only half days by 1963. Only by immediate action can this be avoided.

Selective Service Answers Army's Woe

January 1986

Joe Symeonides

Every male in Washburn should have an opinion about the draft. "It's unfair." "It's unnecessary." I argue that a volunteer army, one that recruits without conscription, is not fair and that a military draft is necessary to bring justice.

What is wrong with the army? To put it bluntly, it is too poor and too black. Almost one half of the army is Black or Hispanic, with especially heavy concentration in the fighting branches and relatively few in the technical areas and the officer ranks. Three of the 16 army divisions are over 40 percent black.

From tests of reading level, it can be seen that most of the men in the lower ranks, from private to ser-

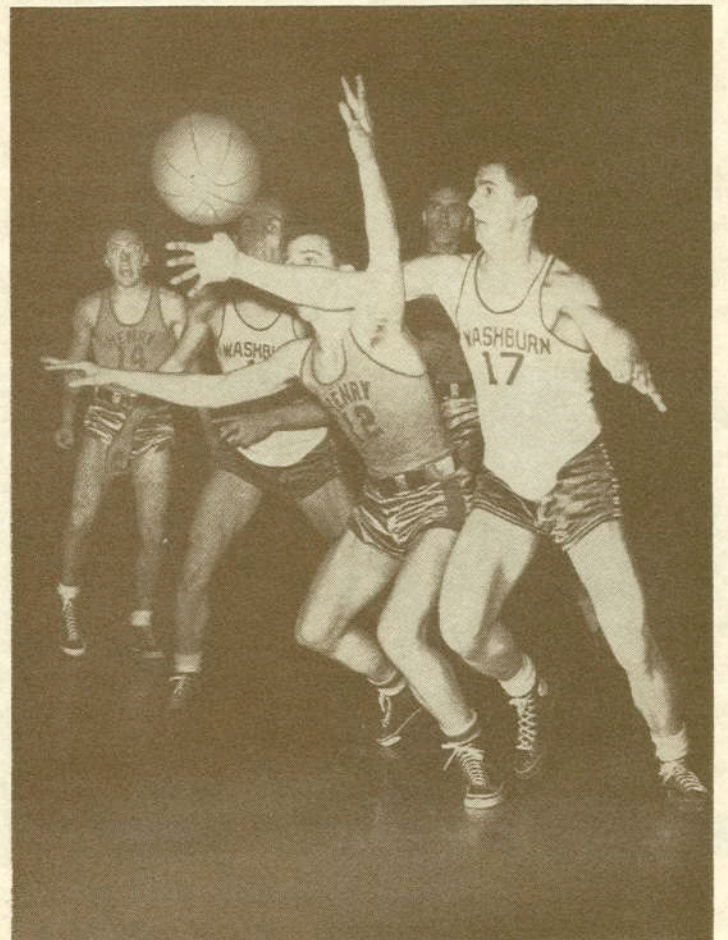
geant, come from the lower economic class. In bad economic times, the army was a way for the poor to work their way up; but now, says a former officer, it has become a form of conscription of the poor.

"I worry about a country that would let its poor and underprivileged defend it," says one marine colonel. Is it ethical to have a "soldier class?"

This is but one of the army's many problems, and the return to a draft is just one possible solution. It is one I consider the best remedy to this problem. The mandatory would be as universal as possible. If a name drawn by the lottery is not that of one who is quadrapalegic or blind, the army can find a use for them. Remember, only ten percent of most military positions involve combat,

so one confined to a wheelchair could be a clerk. The person selected has a choice of two years in a heavy labor or combat job, or three years in some other capacity. Pay and benefits would be minimal for rookies, but would increase greatly for those re-enlisting. Technical training, something many recruits today enter the service in search of, would be given only to those who re-enlist. Exceptions to this would be doctors, nurses, ROTC, and military academy candidates. Doctors and nurses are very expensive and difficult for the armed forces to train, so their service would be deferred until after they have been trained.

The United States cannot ethically allow its disadvantaged class to fight it. Selective service is fair and America needs it.



The 1942 basketball team shows off their moves and go for a steal.



These characters in the 1973 Senior class play, "Come Blow Your Horn," pose for a picture.

All Right-So i;m Dumb

October 1941

Yoo no what i jest hurd we have two take a grammer test — eer im a seenyor at high skool and they want me to take a grammer test — minimum essentials — dats wat dey calls it yood think i wuz dum or sumpin but im not why i unly missed 67 on the last l now dats a good mark — sure sum kids didunt miss any but there excetion — yah dey wur happy about da hole thing but im much hapier — anyweigh dis is my last

turn at washburn heer ive spent years — ate yeers to bee exakt — wurking hard on my studies and wat happens — dey wants to give me a nuther grammer test — dats grade skool stuff — i luned all dat yeers ago i dunt see why I shoold have to lum spelling and commas all ovur again — ders no reeson why a boy uv my age — a boy 23 yeers old shoold bee mid to take a grammer test — aint it a shame we have sech dumb teachers.

Dynamic Duo Movie Is Monotonous Batbomb

March 1966
Mike Smith

The movie "A Night with Batman and Robin," composed of the original 1940's Batman, is a must to avoid. The 15 episodes, lasting over four hours, are too much to take at one sitting. One can only take so much of a farce at once.

Besides the length of the masterpiece of prewar science fiction, there are certain other elements which add to the monotony of the serial.

It was originally written in installments. There is much repetition. It was also written to be taken seriously. The original Batman is not the same as the 1966 Batman.

The early Batman still had some baby fat which made him look like a slob in his Bat outfit. The lack of a Batmobile detracts from the story.

The villain also left something to be desired. He played his part too straight. There was no humor in him at all. A person is much better off with the "Riddler" or the "Joker."

The villain's accomplices were nothing like the "River Rats."

The appeal of TV's Batman comes from the outright farce seen in it. Remove the element of farce, play the parts straight, add a serious villain, remove the Batmobile and you won't be able to last four hours.

"To the Batpoles, Robin!" is never heard in the old movie serial. Batman keeps his tights in the second drawer of his filing cabinet. Boy Wonder has also been blessed over the years. In the old movie

Robin is rather tough-looking, and he looks even older than Batman.

The old Batman is something like Superman with no super. He doesn't change clothes in a telephone booth, but in the back seat of an ordinary convertible while Robin is driving. He has no super powers and no utility belt. Batman looks like a fat slob and Robin has a case of the aggravated uglies. In contrast to the boring movie, the Batman TV show is really entertaining in its half-hour format.

U.S. Propaganda-Male Chauvinist

September 1973

We would like to dedicate this column to Bobby Riggs, who last night once and for all proved the superiority of man over woman.

The Women's Liberation Movement has been saying women are equal to men in all respects. Now we would like to set the record straight.

Athletically the female cannot compare to the male. Women are able to compete competently amongst themselves, but in the athletic integration of the sexes, as Bobby Riggs demonstrated, women appear to be athletic infants among men.

"Women can achieve great tal-

ent, but never true genius." (Arthur Schopenhauer) How true! How true! Women are intelligent to some degree, but can you name one female genius? One might think of Madame Curie, however she merely expanded the research of her genius husband Pierre Currie upon his death. Now think of the numerous male geniuses.

When a women is granted a Ph.D today she is merely a token in the male intellectual community.

Ah yes! Women are the fairer of the sex. We think women are great looking, but their place is in the home; specifically in the kitchen and the bedroom.

Non-libbers keep up the good work.



Ronald Reagan joins the Washburn swim team in 1989.

W.H.S. Fuel Shortage Hits Home

November 1973

We Americans, mainly, because of Arab cut-offs, will face a ten to seventeen percent shortage of fuel oil this year. The shortages have been responsible for changes in the Minneapolis Public Schools' policies and will continue to have an impact on the schools.

St. Paul, for example, may have to close all but two of its eighty-one schools because they had trouble obtaining the fuel oil and didn't have an allotment plan. Also most of the schools either have no gas service at all or are on interruptible service.

The construction of the fuel oil storage tanks at Washburn (by the 50th Street door) may help to alleviate some of the problems in obtaining the fuel oil for the Washburn. It will allow for a storage of 30,000 gallons of oil in addition to the 20,000 gallon tank we already have. This

means we have oil storage facilities for about twenty five days, depending on the weather.

Since Washburn heats Ramsey we consume on the average of 15,000 to 20,000 gallons of fuel oil a day (that is in the cold weather). This is approximately 1,000 more gallons of oil than the average school uses and for this reason it is necessary to have the storage tank.

So in many ways the Minneapolis Public Schools, including Washburn, are fortunate. We have more alternatives. Washburn is able to use gas or oil. A priority basis determines the way in which the Minneapolis Gas Company fills their commitments. For example, hospitals and homes for senior citizens have priority over the schools. The gas company can at any time tell individual schools to switch over to oil. The school then has the option of staying on gas and paying the

penalty rate or switching to oil. Another fortunate factor is that we have greater access to oil and gas than the St. Paul schools. They did not contract.

Standard Oil, our supplier, has said that the Minneapolis schools will not be able to have the quantity that we had last year. In order to get through the winter there has been a policy change concerning room temperatures. They have been lowered either three or four degrees depending upon the room. The classrooms are now at seventy degrees; the halls are at sixty eight; and the gyms and bathrooms are at sixty five degrees. It has been approximated that the drop in temperatures will save about seven percent of the fuel.

Fuel shortages will continue and will affect all of us. So if you're cold, bring a sweater to school!

Does Washburn Have a First Name?

May 1961

What's in a name? In most names there are at least two words. Schools like Patrick Henry, Thomas Edison, and Theodore Roosevelt all have more than one word in their names. Of course schools like West and South don't count, since they aren't named after people.

But what about Washburn? Does it have a first name? Is it named after a person? Is his name Minneapolis Washburn maybe???

Now after years of tedious searching Grist is ready to announce the answer to these earth-shaking questions. Washburn is named after that great general, governor, statesman, and pioneer businessman, Cadwallader Colden Washburn.

General Washburn was born on April 22, 1818, and died in 1882 after a lifetime of great activity. He was a governor of Wisconsin, represented Wisconsin in the House of Representatives, and commanded a regiment in the Civil War.

In 1886 he built the great flour mill affectionately known to those with less than his vision as Washburn's Folly. It was built at Saint Anthony Falls at the (then) huge cost of \$100,000. In 1877 he formed a partnership with John Crosby and founded the now famous Washburn-Crosby Milling Company.

By his death at the age of 64, Cadwallader had amassed a fortune of over \$2,000,000, much of which was given to charity.

So let's be proud of our school's name. The next time someone asks you where you go to school don't just say Washburn, say Cadwallader Washburn.

Men's Track State Champs:	1940
	1941
	1942
	1947
	1957
	1994

Women's Soccer State Champs:	1981
Second Place:	1982
	1983
	1984

Participants:	1985
	1986
	1987
	1988
	1989
	1992

Women's Volleyball State Participants:	1980
	1984

Women's Skiing State Participants:	1979
	1981
	1982
	1983
	1985
	1990

Men's Skiing State Participants:	1981
	1982
	1984
	1985
	1989
	1990
	1995
	1996

Women's Tennis State Participants:	1989
	1990

Legalize Marijuana

January 1982

Approximately 15 million people smoke marijuana regularly in the United States today, and another 30 million have tried it. The marijuana habit has reached unprecedented proportions, and laws against its use have been largely ineffective. It is time the drug is legalized.

Attempting to enforce marijuana laws is a waste of time, money, and police officers. Over \$600 million is wasted each year attempting to enforce these laws when crucial social programs and education budgets are facing deep cuts.

Marijuana is a billion dollar industry in the United States. If legalized, it could provide a strong stimulus for our economy. Excise taxes like those on alcohol or tobacco could

be placed on marijuana, and the industry could provide thousands of new jobs.

Much of the present marijuana industry is controlled by organized crime. This provides an enormous amount of capital for them to help run some of their other operations. If marijuana is legalized, a large part of these profits would be transferred to legal, private industry.

But, above all, it is purely hypocritical for a nation of 100 million drinkers and 60 million cigarette smokers to tell anyone that he cannot smoke marijuana. While I am not advocating the use of marijuana, I am saying that marijuana laws, like Prohibition, are unenforceable and wasteful of public funds at a time when we can least afford waste.



These Miller fans, hoping to catch the eye of their favorite track stars, are cheering on the Orange and Blue in 1981, "GO WASHBURN!!!"

Life Does Not Get Any Easier

June 1992,

Ross Fredrickson

11 boy friends for the guys.

Here are some of the things Freshmen can expect to experience in the next three years to come.....

57 dateless Friday nights, with nothing to do but pick your nose.

63 teachers, from science to study hall: brilliant to boring.

9 formal dances.

3 years, 27 months, or 780 days of school, having to get up at the rising of the sun.

30 more times at the movies.

9 more times you have to hide your grades and mid-tri reports.

3 times getting a new job.

1362 assignments.

3 times getting fired for being irresponsible.

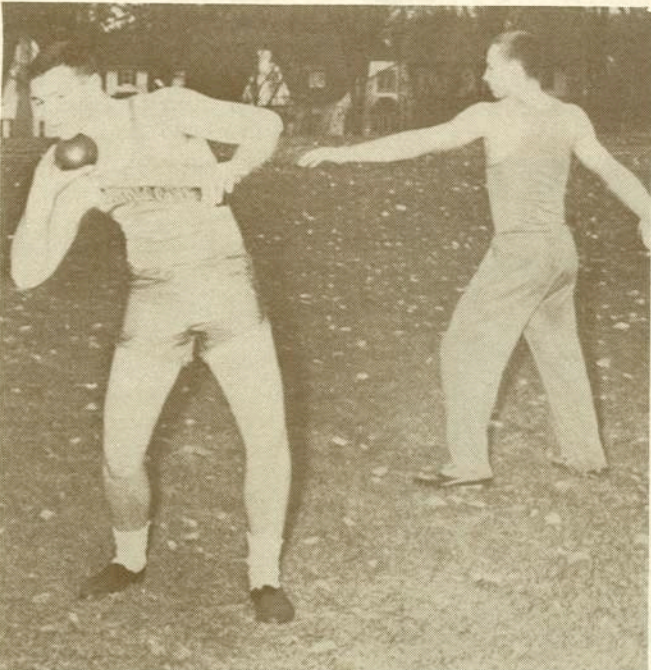
16 reports on various subjects.

At least 2 more family vacations with your younger screaming siblings and difficult parents, to visit relatives you haven't seen since you were 3.

167 pens used in writing.

6 or more colds during the chilling Minnesota winters.

23 girl friends for the gals.



Track and field stars Pike and Bonley loosen up to work on their shot and discus techniques. The *Wahian* called the team "Terrors of the track."

The JukeBox

September 1952
Shelly Goldfus

The past summer saw the return of good music to the shelves in the record stores replacing the flood of poor records that depended only upon their gimmicks to sell them. The poor records were produced because the bigwigs in the record companies and publishing houses took the path of least resistance in their efforts to pile up an extra million or two dollars. Rather than take the time to write, choose, rehearse, and record good, inspired music, the record bosses pushed mediocre material down the ears of the Public. The records were then loaded with shouting, hand-clapping and whistling to make them sell.

Obviously, this lazy attitude in the head offices convinced a lot of talented people that they didn't belong in the music business. When all this talent was lost, a vicious cycle started. As the truly talented

people, now frustrated, left the scene, poorer and poorer music became the only thing heard. Granted, many immortal performances of ten and fifteen years ago were reissued. But, although they made enjoyable listening, no progress was made because these records were merely memories of something long gone.

Fortunately, such performers as Nat "King" Cole, with his recordings of "Mona Lisa" and "Too Young"; Billy Eckstine, who recorded many great standards; and the George Shearing quintet kept the spark of tasty music alive until the present, healthy trend started in the fall of 1951.

Disc jockeys, ballroom operators, and the fellow travelers of the music business sensed a change for the better when singers Tony Bennett and Eddy Fisher and bandleaders Billy May and Ray Anthony began to hit solidly with their fresh, new styles. More established names — Harry James, Ella Fitzgerald, Doris

Day, and Stan Kenton — either emerged with new styles or new examples of the great music they had been making for some time. Sarah Vaughan, Duke Ellington, and Woody Herman helped, too, by making tours across the country so they could present their ideas personally to many more people.

As mentioned earlier, the new trend hit hard this summer when "King" Cole made his fine record of "Somewhere Along the Way," Peggy Lee made "Lover," Tony Bennett recorded "Here In My Heart," and Johnny Ray brought "Walkin' My Baby Back Home" back to popularity. Rising rapidly now are some records released just recently. They are "Have a Good Time," by Billy Eckstine; "Wish You Were Here," by Eddy Fisher; and the topper of them all, "You Belong to Me," a genuinely pretty song, done well by Jo Stafford. "Good listening" till next issue.

Ten Bs Think Washburn is "Dizzy, Fast, and Snappy"

February 1938

Have you noticed those new faces around school lately? They belong to the latest crop of 10Bs who by this time should feel quite at home. Here's what some of them think about our fair school:

"It's dizzy, fast, and snappy," says Abbott London. He says that he had no trouble finding the classrooms, but even with assistance, he couldn't find his locker. He doesn't like the turmoil of book stamping or the large amounts of homework. What does he like the best about Washburn? The senior girls, but he admits that it doesn't do any good, so he'd like more sophomore girls.

Jean Murphy thinks that the classes are too long, but the kids are swell. As an improvement of the school, she would suggest new lunchroom seats.

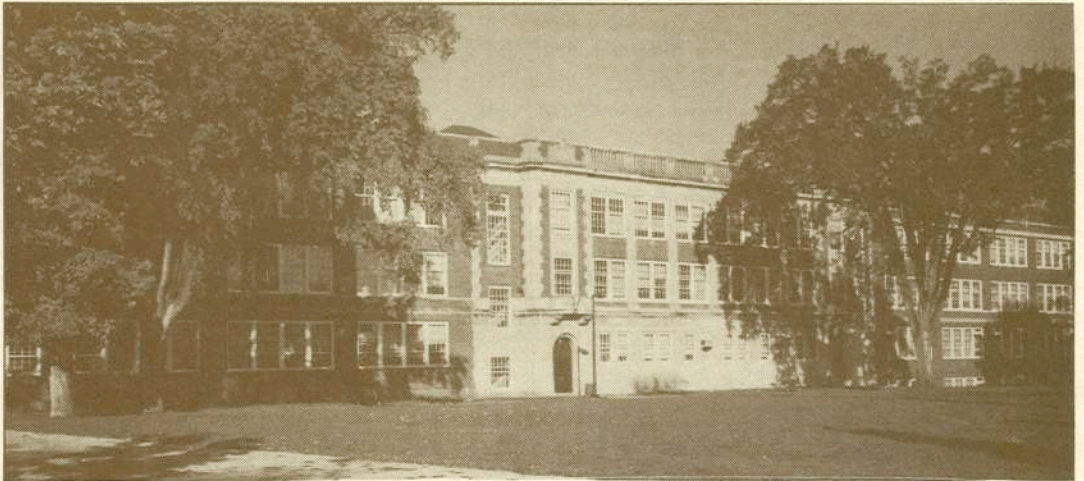
Dick Bremicker misses the movies during the lunch periods, but he likes the freedom of that half hour. Really, he likes the school except for the fact that the boys and the girls have separate home rooms.

Although she had quite a bit of locker trouble, and doesn't care much for study hall, Lorna Lee Swanson says, when speaking about Washburn, that she's "happy about the whole thing."

Connie Neilsen likes the fact that here one looks up, while at Ramsey

the 7Bs were always underfoot, so one looked down. In her opinion, there is very little difference between an upper classman and a lower classman at Washburn.

Mr. Dillner's home room was very hard to find, according to Dick Hoffman, who doesn't think that Washburn is very different from Ramsey. He too, likes to go out for sports, especially basketball and football. What he likes best, though, are the Washburn girls! When asked if there was anything else he wanted to say, he answered, "I wish she still loved me." Figure that one out for yourselves!



Fads...

November 1954
by Bevstran

Girls' legs have really come into the spotlight lately but, my guess is that they have always been noticed! "Knee high socks for school" has become the "battle-cry" and every known color can be seen parading down the halls. Red and white are the most popular color, but I kinda' go for the argyles myself. Some of them could walk by themselves.

No boys can see in study halls without being blinded by those shiny metal head bands reflecting the sun. Whatever happened to all those pounds of metal? Some junk man really could of had himself a time collecting just headbands from

Washburn.

We still have many would-be sailors in our midst. Middy blouses really "caught on" and still are going strong. Certain stores were caught off guard by Washburn gals and their pleas for "those white blouses with stripes."

Charcoal seems to be a favorite with the "fellas" this year. Sweaters, flannel slacks and argyles are among the many things found in this color. Pink shirts are also "the thing"; I've never seen so much pink before. If you're a "crazy" pink cordsman you're really cool!

The hunting season encouraged a lot of boys to camouflage their heads with those...oh, what do you call them...oh, yes, "hunting hats,"

of course. The fact that they can't be distinguished from the lockers doesn't seem to stop them. With all this enthusiasm, I wonder how much "game" they are bringing home.

Teachers probably appreciate the "inflated" skirt idea out of style. Walking down the aisles in those "hoops" was a stunt in itself. Also, the breeze that they caused reportedly knocked countless books on the floor. They're really kinda' vicious, huh?

Some tongue twisters still around are those short pedal pushers or "shrunken slacks" better known as "Bermudas." I wonder how they got that name; does anyone know? Do you think they really wear them in Bermuda? I like them but . . .

Athletes to Lose Free Sixth Period

May 1952

Effective next September there will be a new ruling providing for the end of the sixth period excuse granted athletes in Minneapolis high schools.

Up until this time and for the remainder of this year those boys active in athletics were excused from gym and given a free sixth period, thus permitting them to leave school at two o'clock and have an extra hour's practice. The ruling will keep these boys in school until three o'clock, except on game days.

Boys in all schools in Minneapo-

lis participating in football or cross country in the fall, basketball, hockey, wrestling, skiing, or swimming in the winter, and tennis, baseball, track, or golf in the spring are affected. If this ruling stands, the only pupils eligible for excuse at two o'clock will be those excused for a "B" average or those who make special provision with the office.



The Girl's Basketball Team moves in for a shot that may lead to yet another Washburn victory in the 1944 season. No Nike Air needed here as they tear up the court.

Driver's Training To Be Made Possible By Six Mill Levy

September 1956

Everyone of driving age who is a pupil in the Minneapolis Public Schools will be able to have behind-the-wheel driving instruction if the School Referendum is passed. This behind-the-wheel training will supplement the classroom instruction already being given in the junior high school. Such a combined program is now offered in a large number of school districts in Minnesota and throughout the United States.

There are some remarkable statistics to prove the immediate effect of driver training in the schools. In cities where there has been a long experience with this training, automobile accidents among those of the high school age has been cut as much as 50 to 75 per cent.

As a result from fewer accidents among well-trained drivers, the insurance companies are willing to reduce the extra charge for young people if the applicant for insurance has met a minimum requirement of six hours of behind-the-wheel training and thirty hours of classroom instruction.

Of the revenue received under the new mill levy, \$120,000 will be set aside to provide the necessary facilities and at least one car per high school will be provided as soon as the money is available.

It has not yet been decided whether or not the instruction will be held during school hours or after school and on Saturdays. For awhile the schools will experiment with both plans to see which is most suitable.



Getting everything ready to go: The percussion section of the 1982 band warms up before a pep fest. They hope to carry on the tradition of excellent Washburn pep fest entertainment.

They're Off! Until "Niece" Stops Them!

March 1936

There's the gun! They're off! The audience is held noiseless by an intense interest. No! It isn't the track team. It is the spelling team!

Miss Mary Alice Suber smartly raps out a word and another. Then comes the simple word "niece" and they go down like leaves off of a maple tree in the fall!

At home room periods, teams have been whittled down by simple words, but a few have withstood the shock, and the competition goes on.

The room that comes out on top will challenge other home rooms.

Here is a chance for the girls to enter into a sport. Now parents will hear from their brawny sons instead of, "I'm on the football team," "I'm on the spelling team."



A 1965 member of the ski team turns to make the gate and bring Washburn a skiing victory.

Yoga To Be Required Course in 60-61 Year

April 1960, Humor Issue

It is rumored around the school that Washburn is going to adopt Yoga as a required course next year. This all came about when a member of our faculty, Miss Barbara Callender, announced that she was an expert in the field and would be willing to teach yoga as a course. Yoga (no relation to the bear) is a practice of mental and physical discipline.

Washburn feels that she is well qualified to do this, because a certain university professor confided to the Grist staff that "Miss Callender is a very decent yogist." He can also validate this by a state-

ment from Miss Callender herself in which she said, "Mark Twain practiced yoga, why can't I?" This in itself shows that she is sincere in her efforts because Mark Twain is her idol, and whenever she uses his name one can be sure that her statement is sincere and from the heart. She also said, "Mark Twain and yoga go hand and hand; they are one and the same." This proves that she is sincere.

On many occasions old fashioned Miss Callender has gone into her meditations and has demonstrated her extraordinary feats to the creative writing class. During her period of transmigration she has revealed many of her deep-felt philosophies to the class.

Watergate: How Far Will It Go??

May 1973, Bill Kunin

In recent months the so-called "Watergate Affair" has been a subject of much controversy. At first it seemed to be a petty burglary blown out of proportion by

overzealous journalists. Currently, it has blossomed into possibly the most important political scandal in recent years.

There has been a mass calculated effort on the part of the White House to conceal the facts in this case from the American public. Recent public

Smoke Up

March 1988 David King

A tasty cigarette should be enjoyed, not disrupted by some vehement non-smoker who's pigheaded in his or her ways. Far worse evils exist and are probably practiced by non-smokers too, like picking your nose in public. Nose pickers should be equally kicked around and stepped on. It's simply cruel.

Smokers aren't inherently bad people; apathy towards the health of one's self is more like it. Living a degenerate life is not a character flaw, it's just character. The lack of having a healthy body to use as a facade to hide one's mental ability (that's not a generalization, but it is

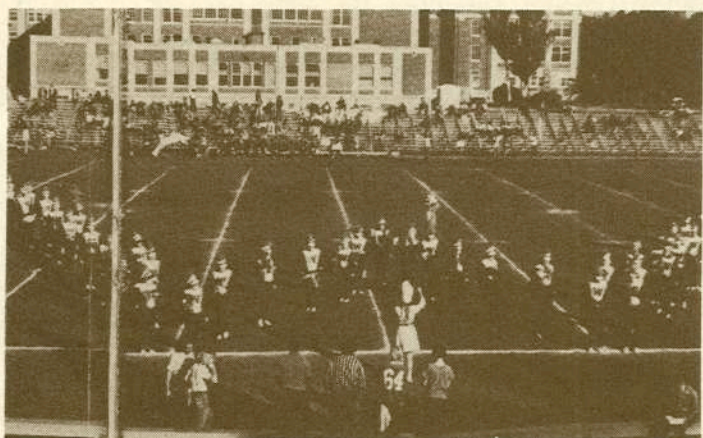
noticeable in a few cases), seems to make smokers that much more adaptable.

The under-18 malarkey around here is irritating as it's clear discrimination: a vehement nonsmoker using an unenforced law. Smokers don't need that; lung cancer is not a big issue. It's understood, but kick in the apathy. And if this is indeed the age of apathy, as it has been said, everyone should light up. Life doesn't end by sucking down a few squares, perhaps it's even enhanced. Someone who smokes will go to a non-smoking area, yet that's rarely reversed. Let the smokers make the non-smokers go out one and only one door that's locked most of the time to enjoy clean air. Discrimina-

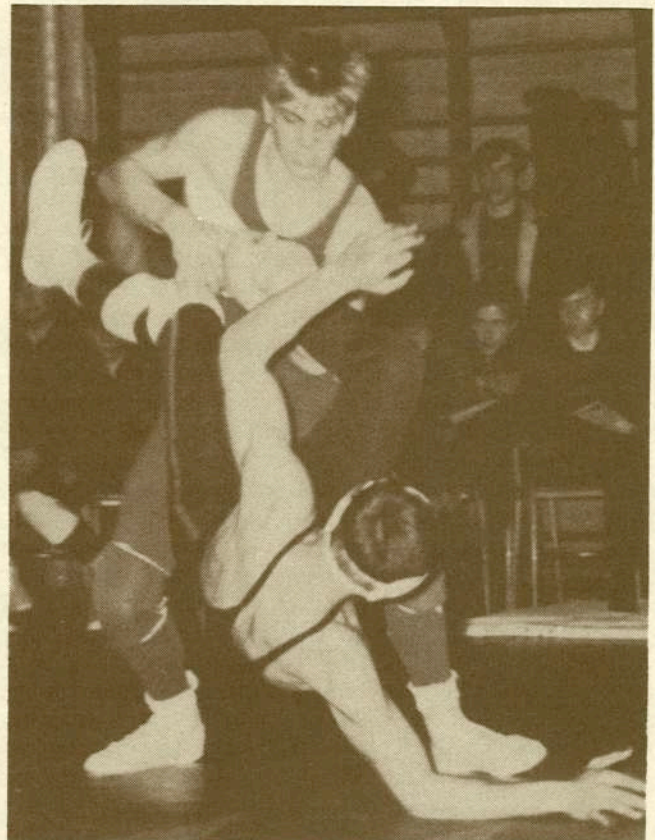
tion! They'd cry. Give them a fairly vile room to smoke inside. Or better yet, preach to them to smoke, like they preach to smokers to quit. Let's see WCCO do a five-part "Smoke Up" series.

Let all the non-smoking athletes smoke and go bowling, as bowling is the great sport it is because it encourages cigarettes. Smokers should get ads showing the world the power of positive smoking. Why shouldn't the smokers turn the tables and see the wails of the obnoxious non-smokers. It would be fun and it would spread the good word.

So let me enjoy my Old Golds in peace and think about how we smokers could treat our dogs better than those who don't smoke.



In the 1974 homecoming half-time show the Washburn marching band shows off some fancy maneuvers to entertain the Millers' fans until the second half begins.



A Washburn wrestler gets the better of his opponent in a 1967 wrestling match.

New Accelerated Classes to be Introduced at Washburn

January 1961, Humor Issue

At the December 31, 1960 meeting of the Security Council it was decided that the Washburn student body doesn't need Security Blankets to assuage its insecurities; what it really needs is new accelerated classes to provide outlets for its superabundant pep and enthusiasm. The first of the new "Experiments in Scholastic Living" will be Accelerated Chorus, to be ini-

tiated after semester exams. In this course Millers will be taught to sing faster in preparation for the Spring concert. As a teaching aid, 33 1/3 long-playing records will be played at a speed of 78 revolutions per minute. In conjunction with Accelerated Chorus will be advanced coed gym. Here, after preliminary instruction in running, underclassmen will be introduced to Accelerated Dancing. Since this course is to be held in conjunction with

Accelerated Swing Band, only underclassmen having sixth period study halls may sign up. All three courses have been granted a 5/8 semester credit each by the Ford Foundation towards admission to the Ford plant. As a first step in Washburn's "Goals for the Future" program, these courses are designed to prepare Millers for the "Washburn Run Week" to be held March 27 through March 31. Week-long relay races between English

classes on second and third floors will be conducted by Mr. Blackmur. Trophies from the new trophy case will be distributed as prizes for the winning teams. A new advance in language instruction has been undertaken by Mr. Meyer in Accelerated German. This year's senior class advisor plans to use pre-recorded tapes, played at double speed, as a main teaching aid. This will give him more time to correct vocabulary quizzes and will permit

him to dictate twice as many words. Speculation now is that first hour teachers are pressuring him for Accelerated Senior Home Rooms. As a final solution to Washburn's lunchroom problem, there will be the school-wide introduction of Accelerated Lunch. This new program will involve such sweeping changes as: fifteen minute lunch breaks, vitamin pill saucer lunches, and the installation of instant bromo-seltzer dispensers.

Sneaky Stanley Strikes Again

October 1959

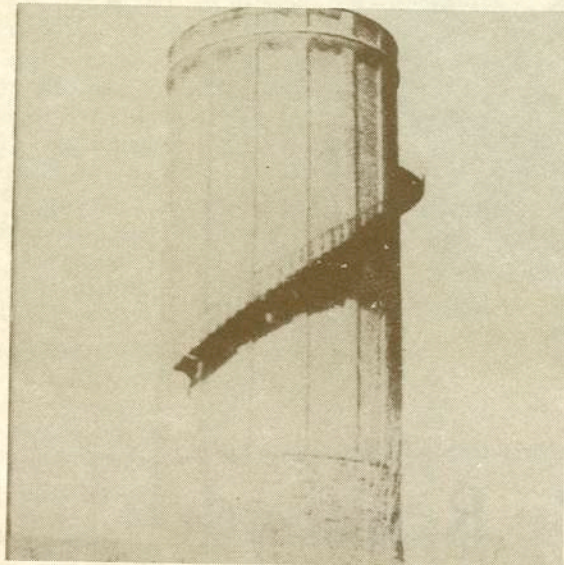
Swifter than the mighty Washburn track stars, sneakier than Edgar Allen Poe himself, and scroungier than the World's best leech, Stanley, the Sneaky Scrounge strikes again! While several sneaky Stanleys are roaming silently and undetected in our halls, the lunches of many innocent Washburnites are mysteriously disappearing from their lockers. Many a baffled Miller, finding his precious lunch missing, has been angrily shaking his head and saying, "MX?\$.-:!!". One Washburnite had his lunch (which he packed regularly in bags marked "International Harvester") stolen three times during one week. After the third time, he discovered that the sneaky Stanley who was pilfering his noontime goodies was one of his best friends, who even sat at the same lunch table with him. He accused the guilty one, who readily admitted the offense, and replied, "but my mother didn't even make me as good a dinner." Why have the sneaky

Stanleys been so active in recent weeks? Is it possible that this minority group has been stricken by an epidemic of hungry tape worms, causing it to procure and consume as many lunches as possible? Or is it that Washburn Mothers have lost the art of lunch-packing, tempting their offspring to search new horizons (in the form of lunches) and new goodies? Have the sneaky Stans no consciences? Do they not realize that everyone who's anyone suffers hunger pangs during third and fourth period? Do they have no contact with the little voice that keeps repeating, "You're naughty Stanley...naughty...". Perhaps the collective conscience of this group has gone on strike. But what are we to do to eliminate the menace of the sneaky Stanleys? Perhaps if all of us pack peanut butter sandwiches in our lunches for a solid week, the monotony will make them give up their sneaky efforts. You are happy now, sneaky Stanleys, but take heed: the lunch you steal may be your own.



The ever famous rocks of Washburn were once a traditional orange and blue combination in 1968. However, years of rivalries have left the rocks with layers upon layers of spray paint.

The Washburn water tower of 1935 and the water tower of 1997 have served as beacons visible miles away and as a marking point for the Washburn area. The "Tower" has always been a symbol of pride to anyone who has called themselves a Miller.



Epidermis Exhibited

April 1974

The hallowed halls of Washburn were bared to the naked truth last week as three streakers terrorized the student body. At approximately 10:00 a.m. last Tuesday, the tranquil shifting from third hour to fourth was rudely interrupted by three grotesque figures prancing down the halls.

Three unidentified nude gentlemen made their way down the hall into the office. They paid their respects to the principal and without saying goodbye or waiting for a reply from the principal they maneuvered out into the halls once again. They ascended to the second floor, saw the sights, then ran to the basement, and out the 49th Street door to waiting skate boards and vanished.

Student reaction to the incident was mixed. Suzie Purity (10) fainted after witnessing the action and had to be taken to the hospital. Jack Strait (12) when asked about the incident, replied, "It was the most ludicrous and obscene thing I have ever seen." Barbie Horning's (11) opinion was wanted, but it was reported that she is still running after the three fellows. It has been rumored that hopeless drop-out cases upon hearing about the streaking are cancelling their Playboy subscriptions and returning to school.

With the prospects of further streakings in the air the administration is planning to take precautionary measures to discourage future excursions, which may include planting rose bushes, poison ivy and thistle in the hallways.

A reward of a brand new jock strap has been offered for anyone having information leading to the apprehension of the three culprits.

Campus Closes! Get Out While You Can

October 1995,
Brandon Rivard

The bad news is campus is closed, the good news is it's only closed for freshmen. After many complaints, the administration has been forced to reconsider their open campus policy.

The problem of students not being able to control themselves outside the school doors was magnified last school year. Washburn's administration, the mayor's office, the police chief, and the superintendent received over 80 complaints, a majority of these from

the neighbors of Washburn. Many of these were letters graphically depicting the comments and actions of students who were frolicking and loitering outside their houses. Aside from how annoying it is to have people standing outside your house for half the day, the neighbors also had to deal with large amounts of trash and hundreds of cigarette butts.

The approach that the administration took to this problem was to see what the students wanted. They left it up to Student Council to come up with a list of options that would remedy the

dilemma. So Student Council took a survey during advisory to find out how all of the students felt. They used this feedback to come up with different options and then the administration turned it into policy.

This set of rules forbids freshmen to wander outside the doors of Washburn during lunch hours. During second tri, a new phase will be added to this policy. Any sophomores who don't have a 2.0 GPA will not be able to venture outside either. Third tri, the same thing will go for the juniors. Already the new policy has made a big

difference. The very neighbor who was the first to complain has already commented on how good behavior outside of school has been so far. The students are not out of the woods yet; campus is only open if people can restrain themselves from acting like fools. Mr. Chall doesn't want to close campus unless he is forced to. It's too bad that freshman had to be picked out of all the students as the ones to be denied this privilege, or is it? So far the new policy is working very well.

Life After Washburn: After Four Years of Preparation, Students Enter the "Real World"

June 1995
J.D. Burton

It's time. Time for what? you might ask. It's time to graduate, time to get the hell out of school, right? That's what everyone says as the graduation day approaches, or at least that's what I've heard (sometimes even coming out of my own mouth). We, as in the Senior Class, claim the good life's ahead of us, and the bad one's being left behind as we head our separate ways after high school. Many of us will head out to the glorious land known as college, while others will pursue their own separate paths. We'll be out of the home, living life how we want it, and enjoying our freedom. But as the doors to the glory land are opened, is it all it's cracked up to be?

College and the intense world that follows it is filled with tough choices and responsibilities. Not only are we out on our own for food, clothes and shelter, we have to make sure that we

keep up with our school life and not slip behind, because there's no one out there to kick our butts and keep us going. It's ironic to think that all the hated nagging our parents gave us to get our work done will most likely be missed if we start getting behind in our studies. And even though we had to live under our parents' roof and their rules, we still knew that we had their support and help. But now that's gone.

As we look back on our journeys through school, we know that only a portion of our life is done. We've only completed a fraction of the jobs that we intend to do in our lifetime. It feels as if we've been around forever, yet it's incredible to think of how much more there is to do. Not only will some of us go onto college, but following college we will find a job, a home, food, car, clothes, heat, etc. The list goes on and on. And then to kick us when we're down, most so-called "experts" in the job world claim that our

generation is lazy and irresponsible, and that the world we will inherit is in grave danger. They claim we don't have the drive that they did, and unless we get into gear, our powerful economic structure and all the benefits that go along with it will be ruined. So what are we supposed to do about that?

Although the Washburn Senior Class of 1995 is only a fraction of graduating classes in America, we still carry the same burden as each and every one of the other graduates. The adults say we're lazy, but I say that's a bunch of B.S. They say we can't do it, but I say we can. They're challenging us to take control of the world and make it a better place than they ever could. We must add our knowledge to the new technology being invented every day that the present-day adults never had a chance to take advantage of. The world is out there for the taking, Washburn-let's make sure we don't let it slip through our fingers.

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