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A Walk Through the Wahian 75 Year's Worth

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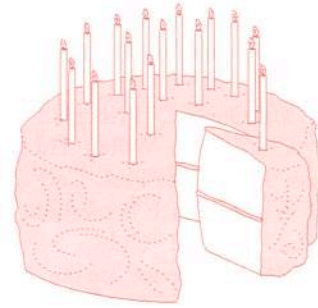
An explanation for this column. When I volunteered, many months ago, to do this party, I knew I needed a place where I could bury myself in Washburn lore. Suddenly I thought: The *Wahian*! and I was told there was a treasury of *Wahians* upstairs in the school's media center (we used to call it the library). So let me quickly thank the person in charge, Renee Jesness for her well-kept records, and for letting me sit up there day after day and *stew myself in Wahian juices*. What I did was make notes out of every *Wahian* going back to 1928, like the names of the class president, the record of the football team, special news about special Washburn people. So here it is, 75 years. And if there are mistakes (and I know there are) they're mostly mine. If you have half as much fun reading this as I did doing it, it'll be worth the effort.

1928 A.E. MacQuarrie, Principal. Class Pres.: Morcom Ivey, Jan. June Pres. Alton Lindbloom. *Wahian* Editor, Otis Dypwick (who later become Sports Information Director at the U of M). Some teachers: Emil J. Beckstrom, Phillips W. Lee, G.C. Hoard, Jack Wells. The name *Wahian* was one of 600 submitted. The school opened on Sept. 8, 1925. 50 people in the class, 35 of them girls.

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So Where Did the Name Washburn Come From and Why Do they Call 'em Millers?

Fair questions. The school was named for a flour-milling business pioneer, man named Cadwallader C. Washburn. He had served as a U.S. Senator, a Governor of Wisconsin (where he lived) and as a Civil War General. He was a business kind of fellow; he and a business friend started a flour-milling company on the Mississippi shores in what is now downtown Minneapolis. In 1880, the flour milled here was a Best-in-the-World winner at a miller's exhibition in Cincinnati. The flour became known as Gold Medal and the bags it came in were orange and blue. Washburn and his partner John Crosby formed a partnership, which quite naturally became the Washburn-Crosby Company. Along the way, these two bought a local radio station and the call letters became WCCO. And even later, the Washburn-Crosby Company became General Mills.



School Song

*Cheer for the Orange and Blue
Waving forever
Pride of old Washburn High
May she droop never
We'll sing a song for the flag today
Cheer for the team at play
On to the goal we'll fight on our way
For Washburn High!*

Now, for you graduates of the University of Illinois, it's true that this song is sung to the same music as the Illinois fight song. And, it's also true that Illinois' colors are Orange and Blue. Make of this what you will, but don't attach too much importance to it and don't let it spoil your fun.

In 1949 she was co-founder and first President of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA). In 1975, she won the Ben Hogan Award for her comeback from cancer. At Washburn, Patty was originally in the class of 1936, but eventually graduated later because golf kept her on the fairway and out of class. Beyond golf, Patty is a witty conversationalist and a great person to know.

Washburn's First Principal, 1928-1944 A.E. MacQuarrie



You've hear the expression "Larger than Life?" Of course. If ever a set of words defined a human being, these words fit A. E. MacQuarrie. He

was a good 6'5" but walking down the hall toward you, he seemed at least 10. *He was a presence*. To thousands of Washburn grads, he WAS Washburn. A marvelous educator, he loved the school and every student. A man of high ideas. No locks on the lockers. No paper on the floor, no dust, no grime. He went to every school sporting event: football, basketball, women's tennis, you name it, there he was, towering over everybody, loving every minute. Stern, yes, but when he smiled, it was real. And oh golly, did he love cars! Here we have him in his red convertible. We have printed this cover in red, just to show our appreciation for his wheels. To this day, almost every graduate of Washburn from 1928 to 1944, calls him MISTER MacQuarrie. To not have him on *this* cover of this *Grist*, well, it's unthinkable.



Washburn's Most Celebrated Graduate Patty Berg



Just as A.E. MacQuarrie was Washburn, so Patty Berg was golf. Long before the days of tricked-up head covers and three wedges in every bag, Patty Berg was winning golf tournaments. Always in the low 70's, frequently in the high 60's. From 1934 to 1940, Patty won 28 tournaments including two majors. 1941 to 1962, she won 57 times, including the Western Open and the U.S. Women's Open. Four times Women's Athlete of the Year, twice Professional Women's golfer of the Year, three times best scoring average. You want more? Twice a member of the Curtis Cup Team, Vare Trophy winner three times, three times leading PGA money winner, and in 13 different golf halls-of-fame, including World Golf, 1974.

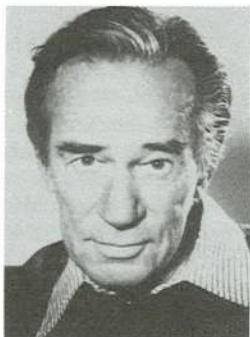
Mayor of Minneapolis Speaks at Our Big Birthday Party



Although wall-to-wall busy from morning to late at night, Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton felt the 75th anniversary of our school was something she did not want to miss. She's the first African-American and first female mayor of the city.

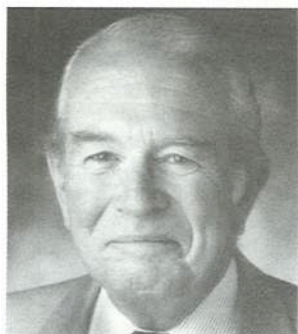
Active public service appealed to her even as a teenager when she was a volunteer at Mt. Sinai Hospital. She's a life-long resident of Minneapolis, graduated from Macalester College, is married to a local attorney, has three children. Board member of several active city organizations, and served as Board Chairman of the 20-year Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Mayor Sayles Belton, we welcome you on this important day in the history of our school!

Alumni of significant achievement



Richard Carlson

Well-known movie and TV star of the 40's, 50's and 60's. In films he starred opposite Bette Davis, Barbara Stanwyck and Judy Garland. In TV, he had leading roles in "Ironside", the "Rockford Files" and "Adam 12". Possibly he is best known for his starring role in the long-running TV series "I Led Three Lives." At Washburn, Carlson was president of his class, editor of the *Grist*, quarterback on the football team. And at the U of M, he made Phil Beta Kappa. Class of June, 1929.



Dave Moore

TV personality and actor. For many years, Moore was the news anchor on WCCO-TV, a truly beloved public figure, popular with all age groups. A wonderful sense of humor, with a passionate interest in sports: Washburn, Gophers and our local pro teams. He knew more about U of M football, going back to the beginning, than any local sports writer. A fine actor of broad talent who starred in a number of plays at the Old Log Theatre. Dave did not like domed stadiums for baseball and did not keep his opinion to himself. A great, great guy. class of 1942.



Jim Arness

Starred as Matt Dillon in one of the longest running shows in TV history, "Gunsmoke," (still running late-night around the country). "Gunsmoke" was a first in its time, an effort to upgrade westerns from the earlier shoot-em-ups, to quality adult fare, but also suitable to children. At the height of its popularity, "Gunsmoke" was the number one show on TV. And Arness, a towering 6'6", played his role with humor and sensitivity, but when the shooting started, he was tough as anyone. His brother is Peter Graves, who also attended Washburn until Southwest opened. Class of 1943.



Arlene Dahl

A Scandinavian redhead, often called the most beautiful woman in films. Starred in 30 movies and 19 stage plays and musicals, including the Tony Award-winning "Applause!". A multi-talented person, she also wrote 16 best-selling books on beauty, health and astrology, and, for 20 years wrote an international 3-times weekly column for the Chicago-Tribune-New York News Syndicate. If that's not enough, she was also a V.P. with one of the country's large advertising agencies, and was Health and Beauty Director for Sears. Designed a complete fashion line called "In Vogue with Arlene Dahl." In 1982, she was named "One of the World's Most Elegant Women." Wow! Class of 1943.

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1929 Mr. MacQuarrie still Principal. Richard Carlson, Class President, Quarterback of the football team, Valedictorian, Phi Beta Kappa at the U of M and later, a major movie star. June president was Richard Forrest, who later was a VP at a large Minneapolis Ad Agency, and one-time owner and editor of a magazine called *Golfer & Sportsman*. The football team lost all 7 games.

1930 MacQuarrie, Principal. Jan. Class Pres. Wilbur Humber. 70 in class. June Class Pres. Carl Carlstrom. 91 in class. Each homeroom had a president. Several clubs, Science, Poly-Tech, Hi-Y. Here we see the beginning of witty sayings for each class member (which once started, had a way of repeating themselves down through the years). Football team won 2 out of 7. A typical basketball score was 8 to 22.

1931 MacQuarrie. Jan. Class Pres. David Wolf. 105 students. June Class Pres. Justin Halpern. 175 students. Here we learn about the Harlequin Club, the Chroma Club, and the Warpathians. Football team lost all 7. In downtown Minneapolis, the Foshay Tower was well under way. In basketball, scores improved to, like, 25-21.

1932 MacQuarrie. Jan. Class Pres. Harland Horness. Jan. class play "Captain Applejack". June Class Pres. Lawrence Rosenthal ("Bud") to his friends. Football team beat West and Central. Tennis team coached by Harry Pulver, who later owned probably the first drive-in restaurant in the area, Pulver's Drive-in. On the basketball team was a young freshman with a name to become famous for years in Washburn sports, Bill Tustison.

1933 MacQuarrie. Jan. class Pres. Kenny Wilson. 140 in class. One was Jack Ranger, who for years ran the popular Ranger's Chow Mein. June Class Pres. James Dean. Football team lost 6, tied 1. A member of the football team was Bob Naegle, who later owned a large outdoor advertising company. A

sturdy freshman was Marty Christiansen, later a super star in football and later at the U of M.

1934 MacQuarrie. Pres. Jan. Class Eugene Seelye. 150 students. The class play was "Dulcey". William Thompson, later a prominent attorney in Minneapolis, was June Class Pres. 145 in class. Football team won 2. A member of this class who went on to modest fame as the number one dance band in town, LeRoy "Swiftly" Ellickson.

1935 MacQuarrie. Jan. Class Pres. Gaydon "Pep" Godward. June Class Pres. David Thomson. 145 students in class.



Washburn's leading women golfers in the '30's. Priscilla McKusick, Patty Berg. Playing in many local tournaments, they went head to head several times.

1936 MacQuarrie. Jan. Class Pres. Clifton French. 315 students. June Class Pres. Richard Gray, who later headed the famed Freshwater Institute. The class play was "Bachelor's Haven". Also in this class, although she graduated later, was Patty Berg, America's golfing sweetheart. Patty was also the golfer who started the LPGA tour for female pros. The football team had the best record to date, and beat West on the last play of the game.

1937 MacQuarrie. Wheeler Smith, Jan. Class Pres. 180 students. June Class Pres. Roy Hirsch. 270 students. Football team lost 6, won 1, a big win over a great Marshall team. (Marshall High football would field fine teams for many years in this era.) On the track team was fast-as-the-wind Eric Hopley the fastest sprinter in the state. The basketball captain was all-around athlete Reed King, later killed as a pilot in World War II.

1938 MacQuarrie. Jan. Pres. Bill Dunsworth, 220 students. June Class Pres., all-around athlete, Doug Cravens. 220 students in class. The new football coach, taking over from Jack Wells, was Merv Dillner, former U of M player and star punter. The team won 2, lost 5. All city fullback was solid Bud Leckie, who went on to stardom at the U. A hint at things to come in basketball was a record of 5 wins, and a fine young athlete named Bud Higgins, who would be a famous player at the U in 1941. Captain of the pretty good golf team was big-hitter Herb Rose.

1939 MacQuarrie. Jan. class Pres. Bob Hayes and class secretary was Cloe Mary Bennison who some years later would be Mrs. Bob Hayes. June Class Pres. Raymond Habata. 160 in class. The play was tried-and-true "Cat and the Canary". The golf team 3rd in the whole state. As many had predicted, football player Bud Higgins starred all year and made All City. And, a young basketball player with an unusual shooting style, made himself known on the basketball team. Name, Dave Rullifson.

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Principal of Washburn During the 20's, 30's and 40's

Time spent in the job and a few highlights

Editor's comment: On each page we list the people who were principals of Washburn during the years featured on the page. You will immediately notice that in the years 1925 through 1979, there were but four principals. However, from 1974 to the present, 13 different people held the position. It would be poor journalism not to remark on this. During the same period, there were at least six school superintendents. Without going into unnecessary detail, we can tell you this. It was a combination of bad luck, illness, and, politics from top to bottom. However, we can also tell you that during this period, the staff of the school was stable and solid and the quality of education at the school remained very high.



1925-1944: A. E. MacQuarrie

Our very first leader. A true educator, a man of sound beliefs, love of the school. Stern, but with a fine sense of humor. Not only set standards, but roamed the halls regularly to help keep things the way they should be. To get this school under way and pointed in the right direction, there could have been no better person.

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Alumni of significant achievement



Clifton French

If you like and love the Hennepin County Park System, this is the guy to thank. He dreamed it, he created it, he lived it, he finished it. Just like him. A winner at everything he ever undertook. Enthusiastic. Tough-minded. Organized. Thorough. A shining example of that old saw "If you want something done, ask a busy person." As a young, burly fellow, Clif used to amuse his classmates at recess by wrestling five of them. All at the same time. A starter on the football team from his sophomore year on. He saw all his hard work, and the team's, come to an explosive conclusion when the Washburn team beat West on the last play of the game—at West. Chaired the school's 50th birthday party. Elected class president, Jan. 1936.



Richard G. Gray, Sr.

Where to start? Dick Gray may be best known as the founder of the Freshwater Foundation, organized in 1968. The \$5 million Foundation was donated to the University of Minnesota in 1976, and in 1978 it was renamed by the University as the Gray Freshwater Biological Institute. He is now chairman Emeritus of its Board. After Washburn, Dick attended Dartmouth College and the U of Wyoming, graduating from the U of Minnesota with a degree in Engineering and Petroleum Geology. He was founder of Zero-Max Industries, a Minneapolis-based manufacturer of (among other things) tachometers and variable speed drives. From 1976-1981 he was CEO of IDS Mutual Fund Group, one of the world's largest complex at the time. Receiver of the U of Minnesota's Outstanding Achievement Award for service to the University and the community, recognized by the Minnesota Academy of Science, and awarded an honorary Dr. of Science degree by Montana State University for his scientific contributions. Recently awarded the Medal of the World-Wide Water Environmental Federation for his work and writings in the environmental field. A U.S. Navy officer in World War II, with extended duty in the Pacific. President of the June class of 1936 and Captain of the basketball team.



Richard J. Durrell

In October of 1973, then a hard-working, young executive with Time, Inc., was appointed publisher of a new magazine to be launched by Time. This, 4 months before the first issue. He had joined Time in 1949 in Minneapolis and moved through various levels of circulation and sales, and spent some years with Life Magazine, becoming New York manager in 1964. Then right on up the corporate ladder. Anyone who knew him at Washburn and later the U of M, knew that there would be no stopping him. He was a star athlete, captain of both the basketball and baseball teams, making All City in both, and in 1943 led the city in scoring. In baseball he was later offered a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers, but turned them down for a hitch in the Marines in WWII. He was the only sophomore on the first Washburn basketball team to make the State Tournament, 1941. Class of 1943. Oh yeah, the magazine referred to above was called *People*.

Editor's Note: In compiling this list of Washburn graduates of special achievement, our intent was to locate and contact as many men and women as possible whom we believe deserved recognition. The people pictured here are less than half of the number we had wanted to appear. But as we were at press time, we had not heard from several at their various addresses around the country. Our criteria was very broad, including achievement in many areas—from community involvement, science, letters, education, religion, business, medicine, journalism and more.



Donald F. Swanson

His is your basic story of success. After Washburn, he went on to the University of Minnesota. Then went to work for one of the largest and best-known companies in the world, General Mills. Rising through a series of different kinds of job responsibilities, he eventually hit the very top, where his title became Vice Chairman of the Board. He served on the GM Board of Directors and also on the boards of four other well-known Minnesota corporate names: First Bank of Minneapolis, The Soo Line Corporation, Graco and Jostens. For a time, when that company needed his leadership, he also became Chairman of the Board of Soo Line Corporation. He married a Washburn classmate. His affection for Washburn continues to this day via the comradeship of a group of guys who also attended the school. The name of the group? The Lunch Bunch; can't get any simpler than that. Class of January, 1945.

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1940 MacQuarrie. The *Wahian* had a strong Indian motif. Jan. Class Pres. Gordon Playman. 219 in class. June Class Pres. Harry Merrill. Class Valedictorian was Clark McGregor, later Congressman McGregor. 456 in class, which included Herman Berg and Dixie Frost, who were voted "best dancers". The football team lost 6, tied 1. The basketball team won 2 and jump-shooting Dave Rullifson made All City.

1941 MacQuarrie. Jan. Class Pres. Bud Smith. 189 in class. June Class Pres. Lawrence Bachman. 112 in class. The football team won TWO GAMES and DICK NAUGLE WAS ALL CITY. The name of Ray Tharp broke onto the scene as his accomplishments in track were merely outstanding.

1942 MacQuarrie. Jan. Class Pres. Jerry Remole, perhaps one of the three or four best athletes in the history of the school. 186 in class. June Class Pres. Paul Sutton. *Wahian* photos for the first time show several students and grads in the uniform of their country. Students were taught how to protect themselves in air raids. The first piece of bad news from athletics saw football player Jim Rundell die from an injury. The team responded with its best season ever, 5 wins. The basketball team, including a new star for the future in Dick Durrell, won 6.

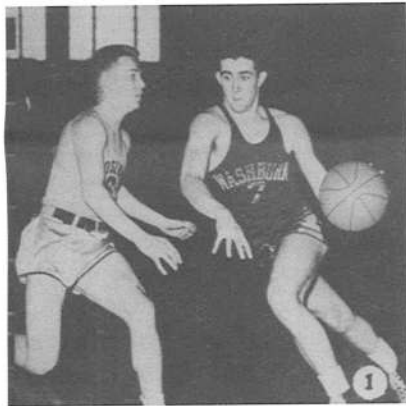
1943 MacQuarrie. This year's *Wahian* was the school's 16th. Bud Hurd was Jan. Class Pres. Photos reflected the times, with lots of men in uniform, and the shoes of the day were saddle. 162 in class. The football team won 5. Dick Durrell made himself felt in both basketball and baseball, captain of each. John King was All City as a football halfback and the basketball team came in second in the city. June class Pres. Jim Shikany. 324 in class. And, the school got word the PFC Donald Bigelow had been killed in action on an island known as Iwo Jima. In Europe, PFC John Budde was killed in action.

1944 MacQuarrie. Here, the war's impact on the school showed up in restrictions on paper, printing and graphics for the yearbook. Jan. Class Pres. Ralph Eide. 130 in class. Fella named Buzz Wheeler a major star in

football and basketball. The Buzz' grid-ders won 4 games, and his round ball mates helped win 7! June Class Pres. Frank Chase. 350 in class. The *Wahian* was filled with things military, stories about war bonds and lots and lots of photos.

1945 Archbald E. MacQuarrie died Oct. 31, 1944, at 61. MacQuarrie was far more than the school's first principal. He WAS the school. A fine man, a wonderful educator and visionary. Washburn was lucky to have him and that's the reason he's on the cover of this special *Grist*. Succeeding MacQuarrie as principal was Leonard A. Fleener, a solid man with high principles and a special love for its students. Former football coach Jack Wells now became assistant principal. Jim Stark, Jan. Class Pres. 144 students. June Class Pres. Pete Karos. 312 students. Stark's basketball team won 7 and he went on to stardom on a very good U of M team. Lots of military in this issue.

1946 Fleener. This issue of *Wahian* a special tribute to Washburn grads in the armed services. A shocking number, 134 Washburn grads were killed in the war, including a young woman Marine who died in training. Page after page of pictures of members of all the services, representing every class in the school's history, going back to 1926. Jan. class Pres. Bert Maiers. 208 in class. June Pres. Don Sovell, a name that appears often throughout this particular yearbook. Sovell, surely one of the school's most distinguished graduates. 468 in this class!



Dick Durrell, captain, leading scorer, All City, 1943.



Bert Maiers, 1946 President

1947 Sorry, but the '47 issue is missing.

1948 Fleener. Jan. Pres. Paulus Prottenger. 116 students. June Class Pres. Bill Marton. This school year was the last of the two-class splits. The football team won 2, basketball team won 6. Norm Lundberg All City. Bob Werness a coming star.

1949 Fleener. 112 in class. June Pres. Bob Rueff. 384 in class. Football team won 3, two losses, two ties. Basketball in 3-way tie for City champ. Star player Lloyd Thorgaard, 3rd in city scoring.

1950 Fleener. Class Pres. Gene Booker. 412 students. Football team won 1, basketball won 5.

1951 Fleener. The *Wahian* honored teacher Mr. Henley whose death was mourned by the entire school. Class Pres. Jim Udem. 313 in class. Football team one win; basketball 5 wins.

1952 Fleener. Seymour Druskin, Class Pres. The influence of the new medium, television, runs through this *Wahian*. The football team won two; basketball 6 wins. Ted Stephens All District and highest scorer.

1953 Fleener. Charles Edwards Class Pres. 392 in class. Class Play was "Father of the Bride". Football team had one win; basketball 8 wins, 2 losses and lost in the finals in the District. A star baseball player emerged in the person of pitcher Gery Bergseng.

1954 Fleener. Class Pres. Ronnie White. 440 in class. "Harvey" was the Class Play. Football team won 2, lost 5. Bob Ten Bensel made All City. Basketball team won 6, lost 4 and get this: THE BASEBALL TEAM WON THE CITY TITLE.

1955 Fleener. Jon Spolum, Class Pres. A huge class, 849. The football team WON THE CITY TITLE, 7 wins, 0 losses! Lost in the Twin City game. Coach Marv Helling, Gordie Sundin voted MVP. Basketball team won the City, District, Regional and State, and broke the city scoring record. The baseball team? Well, they tied for second. NOT A BAD YEAR.

1956 Fleener. Assistant Principal former Army Colonel Frank Janes, WWII veteran. John Councilman, Class Pres. 429 in class. Class play "The Man Who Came to Dinner".

1957 Mr. Fleener retires as Principal. Class Pres. Jack Hanson. 381 in class. "George Washington Slept Here" the class play. Football team second place.

1958 The new Principal is Carl Anderson. Football team tied for the City Championship under new coach Russ Helleckson, co-captains Don Casey, Charlie Hoag, Tyson made All City.

1959 Carl Anderson. Class Pres. Rolf Svendsen. 354 students. Sophomore class biggest in school history. Football team WON THE CITY TITLE, winning 8, losing 0, and they beat Hardin in the City game. Buzz Anderson All City and All State.

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Principals During the 40's and 50's

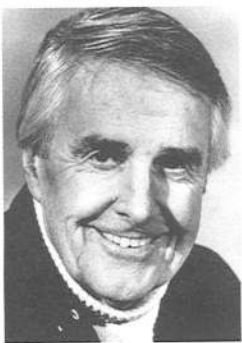


1944-1957: Leonard A. Fleener

A different kind of leader from MacQuarrie, but a leader all the same. Fiercely loyal to Washburn and its traditions. In retirement and living on his farm in Indiana, he still came back to the school for football games and other activities.

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From the 30's and 40's Alumni of significant achievement



Robert B. Pile

Graduated from Washburn after lettering in football, basketball, baseball, had supporting role in class play. Went to U of M, got journalism degree, enlisted in Army Air Corps, June 1941. Spent 5-1/2 years in the service as a pilot and pilot instructor, B-17 and B-29. Back to Minneapolis, and spent 28 years with Campbell-Mithun Ad agency, 10th largest in U.S. Senior Vice President, member of Board of Directors and Executive committee. In charge of several major ad accounts, including Hamm's Beer ("I did not create the Hamm's Bear!"), Dairy Queen, Tonka Toys, National Car Rental, Pillsbury, many others, and Munsingwear, which involved him in many golf activities. Board member American Association of Advertising Agencies, Pres. Twin City Council of Ad Agencies, Who's Who in America, active in national and local adv. community, 40 years. Has had published 4 novels, children's books, travel, plus many feature articles for magazines and newspapers. 6 children, 11 grandchildren. Former member Board of Governors Interlachen County Club. Class of June, '36.



Richard Gehring

At Washburn, Dick Gehring was, among other things, a major track star. Set the state record for the 220 and his time held until 1970, many years after he had graduated. After graduation, he attended the U.S. Naval Academy and then was on active duty for five years. After leaving the service, he joined Univac and in 1978 became President. In 1981, he was promoted to Executive Vice President of Sperry Rand Corp. He was a lover of aviation and travel, but had a particular enthusiasm for trains and was proud to say he had ridden just about every major train system in the entire world. In retirement, he became intensely interested in Alzheimers (because of his wife) and soon became Chairman of the Alzheimer's Association and lobbied for what ultimately became research funding from Congress 3 times what it had previously been. Class of 1941.



Col. (Retired)
John S. Cadwallader

Following Washburn graduation, John went to Colorado College, B.A. Degree Economics. In 1942, joined the Army Air Corps. As B-25 pilot, flew 71 missions in Europe. As the Air Corps became the U.S. Air Force, John served in many and various capacities as pilot, and command and staff officer in the U.S. and Europe. Retired in 1966 as full Colonel, got a Master of Science degree from George Washington U Personnel Administration. In civilian life, joined General Electric as manager of organizational development and training specialist. His interest in community life has involved him in many activities in Salisbury, N.C. where he has lived for 27 years. He is past president of the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, and Junior Achievement. Serves on Advisory Board of the Salvation Army and Senior Warden of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.



Herbert A. Schoening, M.D.

Graduating from Washburn, on to U of M, from which he got his M.D. Degree in 1954. Board Certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Director Rehab. Services, Sister Kenny Institute; Director Rehab. Services, St. Mary's Hospital, Riverside Hospital; Assist. Professor U of M Medical School; President Minnesota Physiatriic Society. Dr. Schoening developed the Kenny Self-Care Profile, and the first in-patient Cardiac Rehab. programs in Minnesota, Mexico and Central America. Very active in-patient and out-patient treatment. From 1989 to 1992 developed management criteria for the use of physical therapy by physicians at Health Risk Management, a utilization review company. Very active in running, swimming, scuba diving, woodcarving, writing, golf. Also sings in the Apollo Male Chorus. Former member Board of Governors Interlachen Country Club. Hard to find a more active human being anywhere on this or any other earth. Washburn class of 1945.

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1960 Carl Anderson. New Assistant Principal Harry Vahos. *Grist* editor Steve Schuck. The FOOTBALL TEAM WON ITS 3rd STRAIGHT CITY CHAMPIONSHIP GOING 7-0. Dave Rullifson returns to Washburn as basketball coach, after a fine career at the U of M. The baseball team swept, winning everything, including the State. Russ Harder, Class Pres. This issue features very sharp dressing by the school's males. Hats, suits, ties.

1961 Anderson. Class Pres. Dan Nelson. 583 in class. A now fairly common situation is the increasing number of foreign students. The football team, still known as "Cake Eaters" second in the City and whopped rival Southwest 61-0. Tackle Fred Nord, All State. Basketball team won 4, lost 6, but the BASEBALL TEAM WON THE STATE TITLE AGAIN. This *Wahian* issue told the tale of yet another Sadie Hawkins Day.

1962 Anderson. Class Pres. Arne Rovick. 525 students. *Wahian* editor Minxie Staubly turned out a very splashy edition, filled with color and flash. Football team won the City title and Twin City. Bob Grossman All State. The Homecoming cry "Put West to Rest". Baseball team won City, Regional and 2nd in the State.

1964 Anderson. Class Pres. Gerry Clark. Bill Carlson, student photographer for the *Wahian*, co-editors Joy Satre, Marilyn Michaels. National Honor Society Pres. Fred Schroeder. Football team won 7; John Tietz lineman of the year and All State. Hockey team tied for 1st in City. Baseball team went 19-1, won the State, coached by Mr. Cosgrove. Women's swim team won its 5th championship in 6 years. Class play "Take Her, She's Mine". Buzz cut Marv Helleckson becomes Assistant Principal and there are no more Beatle haircuts.

1965 Anderson. *Wahian* editor Lee Bachman. Girl's swim team 1st in City. Class play "The Lark". Class Pres. Tracie Bell. La Petite Academe, French honor group, 28 girls with "A" average. Bill Kuross new football coach. They won 5. Boys' hockey team tied for 1st in City.

1966 English students take their annual visit to the Guthrie. Class Pres. Chris Gossett. Homecoming Queen Cindy Johnson. "Pink Panther" a popular school dance number. 28 members on the *Grist* staff, editor Keith Kellogg. Class play "Harvey," starring Carl Evenson. Most successful cross country team in school history. Baseball team won City title.

1967 Anderson. Foreign languages more and more popular. Mr. Lagios' Stage Band a much admired group. Class play "Bye Bye Birdie". "The Sound of Soul" a big school hit. *Grist* editor Steven Issacson. New football coach George Wemier's team in worst season since 1953, but the swim team won 1st. A City title for the baseball team, and Bill Homeyer captain of the golf team.

1968 Anderson. Jim Klobuchar, columnist for the *Tribune* entertains in the English class. The girls' choir had their first taste of the acoustics in the new building addition. School's largest club is AFS, American Field Service. The *Grist* this year became the school's largest outlet for student expression on the subject of drugs, grading systems, student dress codes. Class Play "Of Thee I Sing", with John P. Wintergreen played by Mark Andrew. The football team won its FIRST TITLE since 1962. Wrestlers were 2nd and the baseball team won CITY TITLE. Discus thrower Tim Ueller beat state record by 5 feet. Bill Nelson, Class Pres.



1968 Student Council President
Sheila Oman

You've heard, of course, of the famous "hot seat"? Well, in 1968, this was the coldest seat in town.



1969 Anderson. New Assistant Principal Wayne Courtney, former basketball coach at Roosevelt. Swim team won another CITY TITLE. Football team won 6, scored most points and Denny Berry was All City and MVP. Hockey team won the CITY TITLE. The medley relay team won with a new city record. Women's Golf team second. AFRO-BABY gains recognition for its goal to establish pride and peaceful understanding. Boys' haircuts still reflect the Beatle influence. Class Pres. John Kulczycki and Secretary Marilyn Lund.

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The Gang

By George Town, Class of 1946

When World War II arrived, I was 16 and a junior at Washburn. I had some close buddies, like Tom Leach, Roger Stam, Bob Perlich and Ralph Gilquist. Like most teenagers of those times, we wanted desperately to grow up, graduate and go off to war. These guys were the ones I hung out with, the guys I learned to smoke with, wear suits and hats with, and tried to get in the local bars with. I recall trying to remember the name of a cocktail that, when requested, would show our maturity. We settled on whiskey sours. Ralph enlisted in the Air Force, the rest of us got in the Navy. Tom and I were sent to California (California!); me to a Sea Bee Battalion at Port Hueneme, and Tom near San Francisco. The two of us corresponded and occasionally got together. Well, each of us had his particular adventure, and eventually we were discharged and got back to Minneapolis and back into

school. Tom? Well, Tom married Jane Vander Bie, also class of '46 and they live in Sun Valley, CA. Good old Washburn best friends... almost 60 years later!

Principals During the 50's and 60's



1957-1972: Carl Anderson

Graduate of the U of M, with B.A. degree and Masters. He taught school at the lowest level and worked his way up through the system. A real strength at finding the right teacher and coach for the right job. His special interest in music led to the development of outstanding band and choir programs. Nationally recognized educator.

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What's This Big Deal About Change?

By Scott Ruhsam,
Current *Grist* Staff

Time passes. Styles change. Ideas change. People come and go. The old familiar is nowhere to be found. True just about everywhere and true today right here in Washburn. And now approaches the school's 75th birthday. My assignment for this special issue of the *Grist* is to look around me and comment. As I began to write, well, I had an epiphany (have wanted to use this word!) and I realized the obvious. Sure, some students are now of a different race, different hairstyle, different clothes, different music. They're changing the way I view my world. And they will change about theirs. Where my thought took me is that all the changes are on the *outside*.

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Alumni of significant achievement



Michelle Norris

Washington-based correspondent with ABC News. She contributes to "World News Tonight," with Peter Jennings. Also for "Nightline," and "Good Morning, America." Michelle joined ABC in 1993 after 10 years covering politics and social issues for three newspapers, The *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *Los Angeles Times*. Widely recognized as an expert on Education, and has produced several in-depth reports on the subject. Past assignments of special interest have included the 1966 Presidential campaign, the O.J. Simpson trial and the inauguration of Nelson Mandela in South Africa. Her series "Chicago Schools: Worst in America," was published as a book and won a number of awards. She is a four-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, and owns a number of prized awards including the 1990 Livingston and the 1990 Federal Bar Association awards. Has a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, and a journalism degree from the U of Minnesota. Michelle Norris is married and lives in Washington, D.C. Class of 1979.



Tom Swain

Tom's entire adult life has been deep involvement in his community, not just skimming the surface, but going all out. In the business world he rose to the position of Executive Vice President of one of the country's largest insurance companies, The St. Paul. He has also been, most recently, a key player at the U of Minnesota dealing with many issues including administration and sports. In retirement has made himself useful across a number of areas, with particular emphasis on non-profit and governmental affairs. A lifelong Twin City resident, four children, and seven grandchildren. "Better to wear out than rust out." U of M graduate, 1942. Washburn class of 1938.



Maureen Bazinet Beck

Graduated from Washburn and attended the U of Minnesota, getting her degree in 1970. With a deep interest in education, she immediately moved into the Minneapolis Public School System as a teacher. Over a period of 30 years, she moved up through the system, becoming a Principal (at Wilder, North Star and Robert Fulton, which is now Lake Harriet School). Her roles in teaching cover wide ground, but reading and math should be underlined. Retiring this past year, she immediately came back into action, taking on a key role with the Washburn Foundation, where she chairs the important fundraising effort. This will be (was) explained as part of the 75th anniversary program. Her love of the school and her strong beliefs in its needs are driving her hard in its behalf. Only with significant funds will Washburn have the strength to address the wide needs of students. These include scholarships and mini-grants, as well as certain physical improvements. The Foundation and Maureen Beck are part of what makes Washburn a very special place. Married to Peter Beck, also a former Washburn student. They live in the Washburn district; her family includes two children and two dogs). Class of 1966.



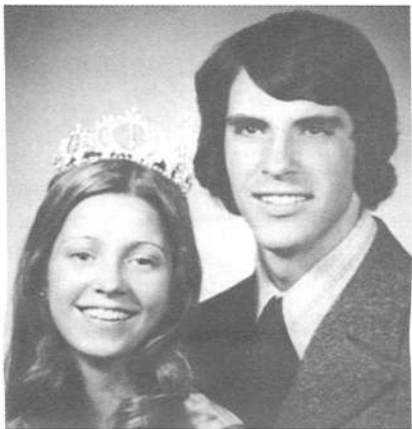
Clark MacGregor

Graduated from Washburn as one of two Valedictorians, went on to Dartmouth College, graduating 1946 Cum Laude. Between high school and college, he served with honor in World War II, awarded the bronze star, earning a direct field commission in Burma in 1945, and, the Legion of Merit. Out of Service and into the U of M, where he graduated from law school 1948. Plunged into law practice until 1960, when he ran for Congress, won a seat and served honorably and effectively 1960-1968, representing the 3rd Minnesota District. In a try for the Senate in 1970, he was defeated by Hubert Humphrey, former Mayor of Minneapolis. 1971-72, he was special counsel to the President of the U.S. for Congressional Relations. Then moved on to United Technologies Corporation as Senior Vice President, where he served a number of roles, beginning in 1973. Retired in 1988. Married Barbara Porter Spicer, June, 1948. Three daughters. The Honorable Clark MacGregor should be thought of proudly by Washburn graduates as a man who served his country with courage and honor in WWII, and then in our House of Representatives in Washington. Class of 1940.

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1970 Carl Anderson. The football team went 8 and 0, plus beating St. Paul Harding 60-18 in the Twin City title game. The team was undefeated in 28 games over 3 years. Rick Newberry led the conference in scoring, Dale May voted MVP. Basketball team 8-2, won the district title. Baseball team at 10-0 won the City title, Twin City game, Region 5 and ended up as STATE CHAMPS. Women's tennis team won the City title, with Nancy Berger voted best player. The Acapella Choir took a trip to Norway, Finland, and Denmark and sang there in the shadow of Hamlet's castle. *Wahian* editor K. Nelson and Class Pres. M. Koller.

1973 Roland DeLapp, Principal. The years of long hair continues. Class play "Come Blow Your Horn" starring Elyse Smith. *Grist* co-editors Dan Nelson, Nels Truelson. The '72 Miller Mates were winners in the 1972 Aquatennial contest. Football team City, Twin City and State Champs, MVP Russ Anderson and All City Ross Baglein. Basketball team won the City title and 2nd place in the Region. The women's track team 1st in the City. Assistant Principal Shelton Rucker, the *Wahian* editor Linda Warden. In this issue, we see that teachers too, were not afraid to let their hair grow.



1973 King & Queen

1974 Michael Joseph, Principal. In this issue, the skirts of girl students were up another inch or so, and the hair of boys down several inches, in some cases near the waist. Soccer was now the growing sport, and the football team saw its long winning streak of 60 games come to an end. Co-captain Scott Mayes All City. Sadie Hawkins Day still very big and the ski team visited Park City, Utah. Class play "The Hostage", and a rather new feature, the All School Play did "Hello Dolly". Black History month saw a fine program. Basketball team won 22, lost 2 and reached the State tournament. The baseball team won 14, lost 3 and claimed the City title. The Washburn Service Award, the school's most prestigious honor, went to Laura King.



1974—The agony of defeat

1975 The school's 50th year! Roland DeLapp, Principal. Rucker and Elias the two assistants. *Grist* editor, Paul Spika. Also, the band's 50th year. President of the National Honor Society M. Kavoukjian. Sadly, the soccer team won 1, lost 9, but the girls' tennis team tied for 1st. Class Pres. Bill Coulter.



1976 King & Queen

1977 DeLapp Principal; William Lewis, Assistant. Football team won the big Homecoming game beating South 34-7. Snow Week still a very big school event. *Wahian* editor Linda Tedfred, and Chris Cannon sports editor. The football team went 6 and 3, Dave Hannon All City. Rhonda Goodman top academic honors, in top 3% of class.

1978 DeLapp, Principal. The All School play "Arsenic and Old Lace". Coming in for a short time as an associate to Rollie DeLapp was Howie Straiton, a former fine football star at Washburn. *Wahian* editor Karl Frykman and sports written by Paula Palmer.

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Let me try this. It's my first day of school in the fall. I'm taking the first steps into my second home for nine months. Into the 50th Street door and chaos washes all over me. All I see down the hall is a real world I want no part of. Just want to go home and back to bed. As things are their bleakest, I hear my name and over there are some buddies. Walk over and suddenly in control again.

Different on the outside, but inside, pretty much the same. In a few months we'll be ex-students and we'll be in a different world. What we'll need is a group of peers to share fears and worries. And if someone different joins the peer group, why, wonderful! Now we've seen different color, different clothing, heard different music. We've seen pep rallies and protests. In a class of two or three, we've learned some different stuff. And we're better for it. And, we realize right then it's not the difference that counts, it's what's the same.

Washburn: The School That Worked. For Me.

By Bill Greer,
Class of 1946

Walking through the halls of my old school recently, I got hit by a memory. It went back 50 years. Sure, things have changed. But that's not what hit me.

What I remembered was how well the school had prepared me for the future. In our time, the percentage of graduates who went on to college was pretty high. And I was one of them. Enrolled at the U of M. And met by some pleasant surprises. I was in the SLA (Science, Literature and Arts) now called the College of Liberal Arts (CLA). Right away, I found myself in an enriched English class, which I understood and deeply appreciated. Washburn was already working for me.

At Washburn, classes in the so-called "Dead Language" of Latin have proved to be amazingly useful to me in my career as a writer. Shakespeare opened my eyes to writings that have survived generations. And what I found out in biology made me aware of the marvelous machine we call the "human body".

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Voice of the Students

By Christine Pesavento,
Grist Editor and President of the
2001 Class

One of my assignments for this birthday issue of the *Grist* was to get a reading on how students feel about their school. Washburn first opened its doors 75 years ago, and a ton of young people have walked its halls in that time. Many years ago a high school education was a luxury, often followed by a lifetime job instead of four more years in college. It wasn't rare to marry your high school sweetheart and start a family. This still happens, but far less often, and in this world today, it's very tough to find a meaningful job without a college degree. So for a few days this year, I walked the halls and asked questions of students. Here are some of the answers:

Rebecca, 10th grade: "I feel that Washburn has contributed a sense of cultural awareness to my education. It has expanded my horizons and opened my eyes to the changing world I live in." Rebecca plans on attending college, is looking at the College of St. Catherine, and would like to go into nursing.

Curtis, 10th grade: "Washburn has contributed to my social understanding and helped me to develop friendships and trust." He would like to attend the Air Force Academy.

Ashley, 11th grade: "Beside academics, Washburn has given me a lot of leadership opportunities. It's opened a big level of diversity for me, something I've not experienced before." Ashley plans to attend the University of Minnesota and would like a career as a teacher or guidance counselor.

Nicole, 12th grade: "Washburn has given me self-confidence, leadership skills and some good solid friendships." She is looking to major in astrophysics at the University of Chicago.

Camellia, 12th grade: "The diverse community at Washburn has helped me and will help me more as I work to succeed in this global world." Camellia is now attending the University of Minnesota and has not yet decided on her major.

Erin, 11th grade: "I feel I can now get along with almost anyone in the world because of the diverse experience Washburn offers." Erin plans to attend Gustavus-Adolphus in 2002 and will major in sports therapy.

My take on these trips down our halls has been a most unique experience because here at Washburn you can find persons from every conceivable ethnic and social background. And among these there are so many students with big dreams for their future. Most feel that Washburn has prepared them to meet the challenges of a higher education, and has also given them the ability to connect with people of different colors and backgrounds.

Washburn: The School That Worked. For Me. (continued)

I couldn't hack it in every class I took. Some were exceedingly tough. But I will never forget teacher Harvey Jackson scribing a perfect circle on the blackboard with one dramatic swing of his arm. And then he launched into the mysteries of sine, co-sines and tangents. Nor can I forget the English essentials test taken simultaneously by everyone in the school! Just think! Two legal-size pages quizzing us on spelling, punctuation and correct usage!

We thought then that the school administration had set the achievement bar

Principals During the 70's and 80's



1972-1974, 1975-1979:
Dr. Roland DeLapp

Previously a principal at two other Minneapolis schools. Took a sabbatical in '73-74 to get his doctorate. Deeply human guy who always took time to listen. In 1974 was President of the State High School League, maintains his commitment to Washburn to this very day and minute.

1974: Dr. Michael Joseph
Briefly took over for Roland DeLapp in his absence to work for a higher degree.

1979-1982: Dean Berntsen
Had been principal at Franklin Junior High, then assistant principal at West. Left when appointed to an even higher position.

**September 1982-February 1983:
Wayne Nelson**
Came to Washburn from the principal's spot at Vocational. Left to head the MTC.

**March 1983-February 1986:
Donald Burton**
Left the principalship at Patrick Henry to come to Washburn and retired at the end of the '86 semester.

**March 1986-June 1986:
Yngve Magnuson**
Come from a junior high school and soon retired because of illness.

**September 1986-June 1987:
Robert Lynch**
Had been principal at West for three years, and principal at North where he began the Magnet Program. Was recruited by Edina to be principal there and left to be a principal in the State of Georgia.

**September 1987-June 1989:
John Dzyacky**
Came from Iowa, eventually released from Washburn because he was not licensed in Minnesota.

**September 1989-December 1989:
David Roffers**
Acting principal from the Superintendent's office until a new principal was found and in place.

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pretty high. But thank heaven they did! When we faced the next set of challenges—and there were plenty of them—we were ready. Washburn is a school that worked—for me.

(Bill Greer went on to a very successful career in advertising. As a writer and creative director, he conceived many of the ads that you have seen in print, on radio and television. Over and above that, he remains today a very civic-minded guy and one of Washburn's most ardent supporters.)

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1980 Dean Berntsen, Principal; Barbara Bellair, Assistant. One of the year's big events was Black History Month with Mrs. Juliette as advisor. *Grist* editor Billy McLaughlin, news editor Julie Holtzman. Women's cross country team 1st in Conference, 1st in Region. Women's swim team first in their Conference. Men's hockey team 2nd in Conference, 2nd in Region. Women's track team won City and Region. Baseball team, 11-5, tied for City Championship. Class Pres. Billy McLaughlin; Judi Bergstrom, Vice President.

1981 Dean Berntsen, Principal. Charles Smith, Social Worker. All school play "The Music Man", with Harold Hill played by Tom Walchuk. *Grist* associate editor was Sarah White. AFS members spent considerable time making a wide variety of foreign students welcome. Women's volleyball team tied for Conference title and their swim team won the City Conference meet. Basketball team 17 and 5. T.J. Nagy, Class Pres.

1982 Several national and international news events had an impact on the school: President Reagan shot, Sadat of Egypt assassinated, other significant stories. In the *Wahian* several pages in full color added to the impact of the school's annual. Berntsen, Principal; Dawn Mennes Assistant. The play was "Fiddler on the Roof", and there were 27 different presentations in Black History month. *Grist* editor David McConkey, Ann Bailey managing editor. Football team lost but one, beat LaCrosse in a big inter-conference game, lost to Rosemount in the finals. Peggy Weaver All Conference in volleyball. Soccer team won 14, lost 2. Women's swim team 1st. Class Pres. Kristi Youngdahl. Miller of the Year Keith Anderson.

1986 The school's 60th year, and the Class Pres. Jim Reay. Football team beat Southwest. Gas \$1.19 a gallon; a stamp 22¢. Seven seniors chosen to travel to Spain, Finland, Chile, Denmark, Brazil, Japan and the Philippines. There were 8 international exchange students in our school. Gordon Andrews, a 6'6" basketball player from Tasmania thought in coming here he'd be the shortest player on the basketball team. Lynn Murphy Pres. of Drama club, men's soccer team city Champs, women's soccer team won City and Regional and Nancy Totall was All State.

1987 Thirteen international students this year, from Mexico, Sweden, Germany, Austria, France, Chile. *Wahian* editor Lauren Nguyen. Fall play was "The Rise and Fall of Daniel Rocket," in which the Washburn student playing the lead actually levitated from the stage. Football team 6-5 under new coach Greg Clough, 5 members of the women's volleyball team made All City. Men's soccer team conference and regional champs, women's team tied for title. Class Pres. Keith Wegman. Rufinoa Ochoada raised the quality levels of choir, piano and band. Robert Lynch, Principal; Vice Principal R. C. Johnson.

1988 Lots and lots of color pages. John Dzyacky, Principal; Cynthia Tyson, Assistant. Eight students from foreign countries, including Jon Kvist from Norway; Raul Yaque, Spain. Soccer team won its 6th straight City title, with Mike Krotek All State. Women's soccer team won the City, lost in State finals. In the first year of the 3-point shot, the basketball team struggled. Football team beat southwest in Homecoming. There were two pages of stories and pictures of the Minnesota Twins bringing a World Series win to our town in 1987.

1989 *Wahian* editor was Michael Turbes. Former Minnesota Viking star Carl Eller spoke at the school during African-American History, and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) became a factor, providing helpful and needed advice about an increasingly serious problem. Women's volleyball team came in second in the Conference, and the women's soccer team made its way to the State tourney for the 8th year in a row. Men's soccer team tied for the title. Women's tennis team won both City and State titles. Hockey player Cobby Anderson was All Conference. Principal John Dzyacky.



1989 Cheerleaders

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The Long, Storied History of the Washburn *Grist*

By Christine Pesavento,
Grist Editor 2001

A long time ago in a classroom not so far away, some ambitious students and a willing advisor created that chronicle of Washburn news and people forever known as *The Grist*. The philosophy was simple: publish information about the school to create a stronger feeling of community. The *Wahian*, Washburn's yearbook, would give students a chance to review the happenings of a year upon that year's completion. But *The Grist* would enable students to be aware of breaking news, current events, sporting results and other pertinent issues of the day.

Now, for three quarters of a century, *The Grist* has been doing its job. The first publication was 1927, and every year since then, the paper's selective staff has researched information, debated issues, and written intelligent, timely and often humorous pieces. These many dedicated students have had varying personalities and backgrounds, opinions all over the place, but one fact has been a constant: they have all been qualified journalists with the thirsts and curiosities such people must own. We have been so lucky to always have a supply of this kind of student. They have been willing to devote much of their free time (often well into the short hours of the morning) to bring to the school, its students, teachers and staff... the kind of publication we can all be proud of. One thing more should be said. We are not afraid of controversial subjects. If it's pertinent, and if it can be written about in acceptable English in a fair and objective manner, why that's what will be done.



The current *Grist* staff helped us do this special issue of the *Grist*. Back row Christine Pesavento, editor of the regular *Grist* and Pres. of the Class of 2001. Also in back row Scott Ruhsam. Front row left Kent Ortner, and sitting on the table is Paul Teeter. Incidentally, they are all younger than I.

The Trophy Case— Where is it and What's in it?

We are well aware that hundreds of our grads who attend the 75th birthday party will want to see the trophy case. Well, there isn't just one case. And the trophy case you may be expecting to see isn't right there in the main hall across from the office. Many of the school's biggest and most cherished trophies are kept in a separate place. Why? First, because of space restrictions; second, because of frequent break-ins over the years. So it's surely a shame that the treasures of the glory days of sports accomplishment at Washburn are hidden away. The current visible case holds trophies only since 1980. And what is there speaks highly of the school's long-standing commitment to athletic success.

Over the 20 year span since 1980, there are 37 state championships and countless second place awards. The boys' tennis team won the title from 1993 to 96; the men's cross country team won championships from 1981 to 89. The girl's cross country team matched the men's record, winning every year but '82. Men's track captured the state title in 1993 and again in '94. Girl's basketball enjoyed four years of championships 1981-84.

In the middle of the case there is a set of three, with the name of one male athlete who stood out from all the rest his final year. Going all the way back to 1963 there has been a traditional "Miller of the Year." Women have a similar award.

So, while you are here, take a look at all cases, the one on the main floor, and those downstairs near the lower gym at the 49th Street doors.

More Washburn History and More of the Legend of A.E. MacQuarrie

(With thanks to Bill Greer who did research to provide facts for this piece.)

When businessman Cadwallader Washburn died in 1882, he left money for an orphanage, and donated a piece of land on which to build it. The property extended from Nicollet to Pleasant, and lay between 49th and 50th Streets. The Washburn Orphan Asylum opened on the spot where Ramsey sits today.

The land west was sold to the Board of Education and would be used for a junior-senior school to be called William D. Washburn. It would cost nearly a million bucks! Later, the school was built and served both juniors and seniors until Ramsey was built in 1929. A hill between the two schools was leveled for an athletic field.

MacQuarrie was a most unusual man, which became increasingly apparent. From Wisconsin, he had a law degree. He then taught school for six years, and education really got into his blood stream. Very creative, with a flair for entrepreneurship, he had invented a teaching device which was a kind of dis-

play rail which would hold maps and charts and visual aids for teaching. He copyrighted it and the MacQuarrie-Supervision-Charts idea was sold and used nationally.

MacQuarrie had a habit which is called today "thinking outside the box", and by the time he became the principal of Washburn, this became a real plus which drove him to unique achievements for his new school. The new school was lucky to have him. He was not your average principal and his leadership over the next several years gave the school a character very much like a private college preparatory academy. In those days, a principal *could* hire his own faculty. Mac made the most of this and first built his English Department, then went on to literally hand-pick outstanding people who would help make his school the kind he had dreamed of.

He became, in effect, Washburn's CEO. Independently wealthy, he was able to function in a way most principals could only observe and envy. There may be disagreement among those who remember him with affection as to just how tall he was, but six-five or even six does not seem (excuse the word) a stretch. He had an acute sense of style, wearing suits not off the rack, usually gray, and striding down the halls, he was an impressive figure. It was said he wore rubber soled shoes to provide a quiet footstep, but this may simply be a part of the legend. He prowled the halls, not to spy on teachers, but because he was hugely curious about what his students were learning.

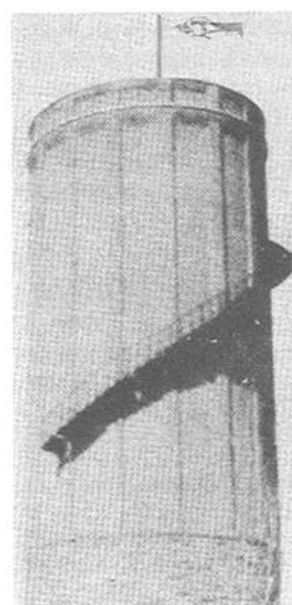
When the population of the Washburn district increased to where a new school had to be built, serving seniors only, he had strong feelings about how it should be done. He objected to the Board about what he was seeing. (Unheard-of behavior!) Work on the building stopped, and he was given full freedom to supervise. He had insisted on a pool, and offered to pay for half. However much the Board wanted to accept (they needed the dough), they turned him down. The Great Depression had begun.

To an extent thwarted, but undefeated, he began to build a school, not only with brick and mortar, but with a *philosophy*. It was unlike anything the city's brain-stagnant educational bureaucracy had ever imagined. He stressed language, and likewise math, and created something (pay attention, Minneapolis) called the National Honor Society. It advocated service, scholarship and character. His brand of thinking was soon copied all over the United States.

A. E. MacQuarrie died October 15, 1944, age 61. His influence was never more apparent than for the fact school was recessed. The service was at Westminster Church. The Boy's Glee Club sang, and Dr. Arnold Lowe's eulogy was from the poem by Robert Burns, "For A' That and A' That," a noble bow to Mac's Scotch heritage.

He was indeed a man for all seasons.

The Great Washburn Tower Mystery



On a cold and blustery morning in the spring of 1930, a terrifying sight greeted Washburn students walking to school (yes, *walking*). Swinging from the flagpole at the top of the old water tower was a *body*. A cold April wind caused the body to swing back and forth, up and down. For a student about to take a tough math test, it was not the way to start the day. As the morning began, the hanging body was the story of the day. Who is it? Who put it up there? How did it get there? As the day wore on, the body took on a life of its own. Students with imagination began to create and spread their own version. It was, one said, last year's football coach. No, said another, it's the governor (he lived in the area) and the guy who did it is running against him. By noon, the hot story was that it was the infamous gangster John Dillinger. When the police arrived, they could do little but gather in small groups and point. Later in the day, the fire department made the ascent and took down the body. You guessed it, a dummy. The mystery was never solved, nor explained. Somewhere, even now, it's very possible that the perpetrator is alive and still grinning.

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1990 Homecoming Queen Melissa Munsey; De Christopher Granger, King. No snow during Snow Week. *Grist* co-editors Rob Kennedy and Stephanie Voss. The Tower, a new school publication. Featuring original art by students. New was the International Magnet Program designed to put strong emphasis on English and Social Studies, plus modern language. The football team 3rd, and women's soccer team City Champs. Chad Hendrix football capt. Dr. Rosa Smith, Principal. Richard Greer Class President.

1991 Dr. Smith, Principal; Teacher-of-the-Year, Judy Yung; Ryan Howard, Class Pres. Football team won Homecoming game over Henry 41-8. Homecoming King Brian Carpenter, Queen Melissa Kramer. The most popular ice cream joint was Sebastian Joe's. Student council Pres. Tara Bruestle, *Wahian* editor Nick Henning. Foreign exchange students from Norway, Jamaica, Hungary, Ethiopia, and more. The soccer team, 14-1-3, won the City title and women's tennis team won its 5th Conference title. Football team 6-2-0 with QB Chris Esterly All Conference.

1995 Pres. of senior class Faheem Majeed. During this class year, there were increased efforts to curb student smoking. A fairly major renovation of the building, to cost 5.6 million, was proposed. Prin. Ronald Chall; Gregory Hodges Sr. Assistant. The prevention of AIDS now became a factor in the lives of students. Black History Month continued with vigor. The football team, captained by Jasha Johnston, made the City finals. There were ads in the back of this issue of *Wahian* (interesting). A survey was done this year, objective to determine home lives of students. Key findings: 40% lived in mother-and-dad homes; 30% single moms, and a rather surprising 6% by themselves.

1996 Many students working at part-time jobs, several in video stores, and one ushering at the Guthrie (Shani Nestingen). Class Pres. Eric Larson, Sec'y. Minh Jo Oehlke. *Wahian* editor Ben Kantor. Drama Club's fall play "Buried Child", by Sam Shepard. Black History Month continued, bigger and bigger, including a most provocative talk by Phillip True, who the story said, "inflamed" the students. Principal Ronald Chall. Basketball team made it to the regions, but lost. (North High was very big in this period—two State titles in a row). Women's basketball team tied for city title under co-captains Tammy Taylor and Tisha Anderson. Men's hockey team 8 and 2. NOVAS the name of a women's hockey team made up of women from several schools.

1997 The *Wahian* this year was dedicated to the memory of Christine Bahnemann, 1980-1996. New service wing added to the building, and increased community involvement via the International Magnet project. Football team beat Henry for Homecoming in a steady down pour, and there was minus 50 below windchill during Snow Week. There were two full pages on tattoo and body piercing, also several pages in full color, a breakaway from the past. A forward-thinking program called WRAP served students with special needs (WRAP—Washburn Resource Adaptive Program) for students 14-22 years; several participated in Special Olympics. Also new was WACC—Washburn Asian Culture Club, to counteract stereotypes and expose all students to diverse cultures of Asia. Editor of *Wahian* was Vanessa Lawrow. Principal Ronald Chall, Hu Tuong, Assistant.



1997 Kosol



1997 Tattoo

1999 Football team won Homecoming game over South 41-0 under the lights. Sadie Hawkins Day continues, still a major school event. One story featured students who drive their own cars—several of them. Homecoming King Godson Udeh; Queen Sara Komoto. Special recognition given to Richard Grim of the program called WRAP. Lots of photos of students "most likely..." such as "Most likely to write for the National Enquirer." *Wahian* gave special recognition to 1940 grad, Miles McNally for his achievements in business and service to the community. There were ten foreign exchange students, and the new assistant principal was Rasheedah Ali. Comforting quote from a new Washburn teacher "Students at this school really want to learn and be in class." Class Pres. Natlie Bowers. *Grist* editor Theresa Pesavento. Nine students in the new Dixieland band. Women's soccer team advanced to the Regional, as did the women's tennis team.

2000 Principal Dr. Joyce Lewis-Lake; Assistant Mark Gagst-edder; Assistant Ruth Schultz. Football team 11-5 and get this: two women managers for the first time in school history. Basketball team placed two players on all city, Dentell Green and Ben Van Thorre. *Wahian* editor Rebecca Johnson, *Grist* editor Liz Martin. Leensa Fufre Pres. of National Honor Society. In the annual Black History Month the feature was 60 singing performers, this the 4th anniversary of the show.

Washburn Grad Fights to Keep the Baseball Twins

If you have something that's good and of value, why would you chase it away? Why not, instead, work to figure a way to keep it? That's how I feel about the Minnesota Twins. I don't think people realize how much would be lost if the Twins were to leave. It isn't just the players themselves but what they do for our entire community and state. And, for our kids. It's a real spirit, not something you can reach out and touch, but boy will we miss it when it's gone! Just recently, the Twins and some civic-minded people made a new proposal to the people in our Legislature. It was far beyond what they had previously proposed. It was financially sound and almost amazing in its total sense. Our Legislative leader in the House would not even allow it to come to a vote. He tabled it! If the Twins leave, it will hurt this whole area and state, whether you like baseball or not. And within five to ten years, we'll be trying to get another team back and it'll cost maybe twenty times as much. And how terribly stupid we will have been not to hold onto what we had. Some people and I have started something called "Citizens United for Baseball." We're collecting signatures and we'll get out a petition. We're not big shots, we're just ordinary people. Join us.

Laura Nygren, Class of 1978

Thank You!

This special birthday edition of the Washburn *Grist* has been created and produced purely for the enjoyment of any graduate of Washburn, and, for those interested in Washburn. It could not have been done without the expertise of Gladys Newberg, a specialist in type design, and the graphic arts skills of Jim Rosendahl of Publisher's Service of Edina.

Principals During 80's, 90's thru 2001

December 1989-November 1991:
Rosa Smith

Came from assistant superintendent in Curriculum in St. Paul and left to take a job in Wisconsin as district superintendent.

December 1991-June 1994:
Andre Lewis

Came to Washburn from principal post at South High. While there he continued to build the Magnet program which began back in September 1982. He left for a Honeywell job in community outreach.

September 1994-June 1998:
Ronald Chall

From Edison as assistant principal to Washburn for the top job. Finally retired from the Minneapolis school system for the principal's job at Hopkins.

September 1998-June 1999:
Deborah Brooks-Golden

Was Hopkins Junior High assist. principal, moved to North as principal intern to get more experience before filling the Washburn vacancy.

September 1999-June 2000:
Joyce Lewis-Lake

Had previously been at Washburn as assist. principal, then moved around Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota in various educational posts, plus out-of-state experience in other schools. She left Washburn to be the SEED Academy principal, a charter school.



September 2000: Steve Couture

Native of Duluth, U of M graduate, came to Washburn from the principal's spot at South. Has his Doctorate. Solid educational experience at such places as Four Winds and Anwatin Middle School. Degree in Phy-ED. And, it would be wrong here to omit the fact that he's an avid boater. If you're reading this *before* the June 3 program, Steve will speak as a part of the event. If you're reading it afterwards, he *spoke* (and very well each time).

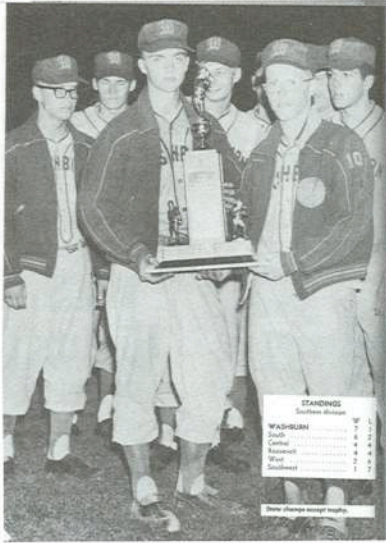


The class of 1999 leaves its mark of affection for the school.

Some Odds and Some Ends



Baseball Champs Not a single smile, and golly, they won the big banana in baseball.



The shoes of the day (and era) were saddles and penny loafers.



Hard to tell who's winning.

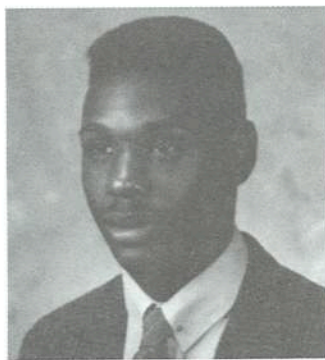


O'Kieffe Saluatorian 1943

Tall he was, but his ideas were even bigger. Just think, no locks on the lockers! You could eat your lunch right off the floor. And in the cafeteria, boys on one side, girls on the other. Hmmm.

Where Are Washburn Grads Living In This Year Of 2001?

Almost everywhere in the world, according to postmarks on envelopes, bearing helpful checks to finance our mailings. Japan, for example, 2 people. France, 3. England, 3. A surprising number from Georgia. Florida, of course, and Arizona. None in Mississippi. California? You bet. Montana, several; and Idaho. New Mexico? Yes, 6. Oregon, more than a handful. Likewise, Wisconsin. North Dakota, the Carolinas, New York City, Massachusetts, Alaska 4. A bunch in Minnesota, and a surprising number back in the Washburn district. It's called Global, that's what it's called.



1990 Class President Richard Green



1955 Football Champs. There's nothing like a win for out-of-control joy. But gee, maybe that one guy forgot whose side he was on. Coach, Marv Helling

Musings and Memories

Searching for a Cure Alumni Profiles

John Kersey has enjoyed a tremendous career at the University of Minnesota Cancer Research Center. His professional plans didn't always include medicine. Kersey graduated from Washburn in 1956 and Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire. In high school Kersey was active in both academics and sports—cross-country and track, wrote for the Grist, and was a member of both NHS and the Senior Class Board (similar to today's Senior Class Board). He says, "I was never the brightest or most gifted student."

After graduating from Dartmouth, he entered medical school at the University of Minnesota. Following graduation in 1964, Dr. Kersey would go on to specialize in the field of cancer biology.

Dr. Kersey has accomplished a great deal and become a nationally prominent figure in cancer research. He has continued to maintain a unique connection to Washburn. Dr. Kersey sponsors a special field of study for all Washburn students interested in studying biology and a possible career in medicine. Each year, Washburn student Jerry Wan was offered a summer job through this same sponsorship. It is a similar position will be offered to one Washburn student for the upcoming summer. It's a special honor made possible by a generous alumnus who's maintained a real connection to his old school.

(Name files; abbreviated)

Graduated from Washburn High School in 1956
 Member of the University of Minnesota Cancer Research Center
 Member of the Departments of Laboratory Medicine and Pediatrics, Pathology, and Therapeutic Radiology, the University of Minnesota
 Specialized in the fields of:
 Leukemia Biology
 Bone Marrow Transplantation
 Immunology
 Experimental Hematology
 Recipient of The Outstanding Investigator Grant Award since 1988, awarded by the National Cancer Institute
 Member of the U of M Bone Marrow Transplantation Program, 1974-1995
 Member of the Board of Scientific Councilors in the Division of Cancer Treatment for the National Cancer Institute, 1984-1988
 Received his degree from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH
 Received his Medical Degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School, 1964



Above: John Kersey's senior photo in the 1956 Washian.



Left: The 1956 Grist staff. John Kersey is in the back row, seventh from the left.



Dr. Kersey (right) appeared on the cover of Cancer Research Journal, September 1999.



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A special tribute to someone who deserves it so very much, Dr. John Kersey, a leader and pioneer in cancer biology. Class of 1956.



1955: It was a very good year. Won City, District, Regional and State. Wait, there's more—they broke the city scoring record! Coach Ray Ross.

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| Sara Bratsch, Secretary to Principal Steve Couture | Steve Couture, Principal |
| Jon Strom, Chief Engineer of the Building | Judy Paine, Retired Washburn Teacher |
| Coletta Lundeen, Food Service Manager | Kate Allebach, Audio Visual |
| Renee Jesness, Media Center | Bob Dehn, Special Police |
| Rollie DeLapp, Retired Washburn Principal | Charles Preis, Washburn Band |
| Judy Yung, Retired Washburn Teacher | Joanne Skully, Washburn Choir |
| Corinne Robinson, Retired Washburn Teacher | |

(And now, of course, I'm in terror for possibly leaving someone off.)

And finally, the most important thank-you of all to those hundreds and hundreds of Washburn grads all over the country (and world) who have sent their checks. Without this money, we could not have bought the thousands of stamps and envelopes necessary to make the mailings. Their long-term loyalty to their school is, well, I'll try this word: STUPENDOUS.

Bob Pile, General Chairman, Washburn's 75th