White Pigeon
Community Schools
White Pigeon, Michigan
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This Year's Editor - Sondra McCormick

1977 Yearbook

Mike's Christmas Tree

Advisor - Karl R. Crisler
Next year's Editor - John Hiner

1977 Editors Staff

Now Steve quit that.

Kim Tucker Business Manager.
In Deepest Appreciation

The White Pigeon Community Schools are losing one of the finest teachers on staff this year. She will retire after a most rewarding fifteen years of teaching. Truly rewarding for those of us fortunate enough to have studied under her, hopefully, a rewarding experience for her as well. This gives the Yearbook Staff the pleasure of dedicating their Yearbook of '77 to Mrs. Marlon Thompson.

Mrs. Thompson, with her husband Samuel, moved to White Pigeon in 1948. They have two daughters, Lynn and Barbara, who have now married and have children. Mrs. Thompson, at the age of 40, started her teaching career in White Pigeon as another income for her family but it became a rewarding experience.

She obtained her education from West Technical High School in Cleveland, Ohio and West Virginia at Bethany College where she graduated with a summa cum laude.

Speaking on behalf of the student body, we hate to say good-bye to the best teacher around. She had the aptitude for teaching with assiduous performance to get the students avid for knowledge. (See, we did learn something!)

Good luck Mrs. Thompson.
There is a lot of criticism on public schools and quality of education. What is your opinion on the matter, do you think this is justified, if so why, if not why?

Probably the criticism that public schools are not doing the job they were designed to do is justifiable - but then that original charter no longer obtains or at least not to the same extent. Re-organization and rededication has been the obvious solution since the notorious "generation of the 60's." The system is long overdue for an overhauling.

To begin with, compulsory education is an anachronism. The need to keep teenagers off the streets and out of the labor market no longer exists as it did in the early day of Mann and Dewey.

Modern Technological fields they are such that we can't begin to keep up with omnivorous demands for more and more vocationally proficient, career oriented, consumer-wise bodies. The day of the craftsman is truly waning, but worse still is the grievous fact that we have fallen heir - thru negligence - to a generation of ambivalent souls who can't read or write adequately upon graduation. Of course overreaction is as much at fault as having done nothing. The 50's and 60's bore this out - what's called for is enlightened, pragmatic concerted effort on the part of all involved in the educational delivery system to the end that "schoolin' once again is a profitable, meaningful experience.

KRC

I would offer a tiperillo to a lady.

The class of 1977 would like to give its great appreciation to Mr. Crisler. He has been a great help to us. Personal thanks comes from the 1977 Yearbook staff, who are dedicating this yearbook to him. Thank you for all your advice.

1977 Yearbook Staff.
Sandra McCormick, Ed.
Kim Tucker, Business, mng.
Shirley Schwartz, Photo ed.
Barb Daniels, Ad., mng.

WHO ME!??
Among the chatter between classes, anxiety of waiting for the bell, and cramming for semester exams, we led two separate lives. Extra-curricular activities bound our free time to school after the final bell. Classes provided us with meeting places to talk to our friends and plan our future.

On the serious side, we learned experience and responsibility through our jobs in the community. We spent long hard hours taking notes, reviewing, and studying for tests we dreaded weeks in advance.

Thinking ahead as we planned our future was often pushed aside to make way for doing things we enjoyed much more. Lending a helping hand and working together helped us unify.

Student Life
A. Oh Dave you can do it.
B. Rick you're such a pig.
C. Jealous girls
D. Studs of the Junior Class
E. They don't have play girl.
F. Can't eat it, smell it.
Memories
Mrs. Slack's Charlie Brown sandbox nursery school.
The nursery school comes twice a year for area young kids to learn a few little things before they start school.
A. Our White Pigeon baton sweethearts
B. Calm yourself down girls, they're trying to take a picture.
C. Kick 'em high Deb.
D. Let me talk now Jason.
E. Our senior trombones
F. Suzy you can flip 'em.
A. Are you ready?
B. My name isn't even in here.
C. Study, Study
D. Look ma one finger.
E. Where did you come from?
A. Hurry up I got to go.
B. Oh man, what are you doing?
C. This is what they say our school is all about.
D. Sondra watch it.
E. All right just cool it.
A. Are you sure they’re going to be good?
B. It will be O.K. Kim.
C. This is my sexy look.
D. Please give me a yearbook.
E. Diane our perfect 7th grader
F. Jason stop that!
A. The stud is crippled.
B. The seniors at play
C. Ecology class at work
D. HO HO HO
E. Rah rah sis com pah
F. How's seating.
The SENIOR YEAR of high school, the year we have been waiting for, for many years. The most fun of them all! The excitement started with the Senior Trip, was that fun, then the Prom. And then last but not least, GRADUATION! We thought we would never make it! But we did, and now we have a lot to think about. And a whole lot to remember.

Graduates
Senior Class of 1977


Last of the Greats

Teresa Ann Arthur  David J. Baechler Jr.  Charann Bakeman
What Is a Senior?

Christina Elaine Balyeat
Bart Wade Bennett
Gail Marie Bennett

Senior Class BBQ
Suzy as Santa

Seniors pound Juniors 36-14.
SENIOR PICTURES

Colonial (Skylight) Studios of Coldwater, Michigan worked with Pigeon Seniors on indoor and outdoor portraits September 20-21, 1976.
Seniors at Lunch

John Robert Carr
Marcia Ann Cloud
Jason J. Copenhaver

Ricky Lee Cummings
Barbara Jean Daniels
Beth Ann DeMeyer
Merel DeWayne Hoard

Scott hard at work

1977

Lucinda Marlene Hummel
Michael Leo Hurley
Colleen Kay Huster
We Are the Seniors

Donald Merritt

Randall Leroy Miller
Michael Loren Nicholson
Thomas Mitchell Nottoli

A Smile of Love
Mr. Stanton, Class Sponsor

Kathy Gayts
Exchange Student

Ricky Lynn Strawser

Scott Kenneth Strawser

Cheryl Ann Stutsman

Julie Marie Taggart
FIND THE SENIORS: Ralph, Kelly, and Chris.
They sure do eat slow.

Can I sit here?

Gee, I didn't get any of that.

Those poor kids.

Hope he knows what he's doing.

Syrup on sausage?

Mrs. McKenzie serving the drinks.
Senior Trip

1977

A. Clowns having fun.
B. Connie and the Capital
C. Relaxing by the Washington Monument
D. Char, Ralph, and Darcy having a good time.
Our chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. West.

The White House.

Abraham Lincoln Memorial.

Heeeve Ho.

The Changing of the guards, at Arlington Memorial Cemetery.
Steve and his sweeties.

The United States Marines.
CLASS MUSICIAN: Cheryl Stutsmann Ralph Hagner
CLASS ARTIST: Cathy Mentor Ron Rex
MOST ALL AROUND: Brenda Burton John Buck
JOLLIEST: Suzy Walters Ralph Hagner
CLASS PEST: Beth DeMeyer John Jackson
OPTIMIST: Suzy Walters John Buck
MOST POPULAR: Brenda Burton Scott Trout
BEST DANCERS: Rosemary Groves Earl Bennett
LATE FOR EVERYTHING: Donna Hiner Dale Hagen
BEST PERSONALITY: Brenda Burton John Buck
LADY AND GENTLEMAN: Starla Bergerson Ralph Hagner
MOST DESIRABLE DATE: Brenda Burton Scott Trout
MOST TALKATIVE: Brenda Burton Randy Block
MOST COURTEOUS: Starla Bergerson Ralph Hagner
CLASS CLOWN: Sheila Terry Ralph Hagner
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Kim Tucker Randy Miller
QUIETEST: Valerie Springer Don Merritt
MOST STUDIOUS: Kim Tucker Randy Miller
CLASS ORATOR: Joyce Rauguth Randy Block
TEACHER'S PET: Brenda Burton Jason Copenhaver
BEST ATHLETE: Cindy Gasper Rick Strawser
BEST DRESSED: Starla Bergerson Bart Bennett
CLASS BROWNIE: Brenda Burton Jason Copenhaver
FIGURE AND PHYSIQUE: Deb Holt Scott Trout
PESSIMIST: Beth DeMeyer Farrell Burns
FLIRT AND WOLF: Darcy Weiderman Dave Harman
BEST LOOKING: Deb Holt Scott Trout
A. The girls marching in.
B. Rick and Deb
C. Class Valedictorian
D. Barb handing over the gavel to Ranc
Black
E. Seniors hamming it up.
F. Choir entertains.

... And Mr.
Teacher
A. Seniors of the 1976-77 Marching Chiefs Band  
B. Deb and Valerie  
C. Science Fair Winners  
D. Mr. Dennis Stanton  
E. Joyce presenting trophy to the school.

Dennis Stanton  
of the Year
1977

Valedictorian

Cheryl Stutsman

To my Fellow graduates:

Good evening to you on this night of June 8th, 1977. This is an evening that has been set aside to honor the completion of thirteen years of hard work and study.

As each person listens to this service, many different thoughts and ideas pass through his mind. These thoughts probably pertain to each year of his school life and these memories undoubtedly bring mixed emotions. There might be good memories of catching the winning touchdown, passing that impossible test, or even skipping class and not getting caught. There might also be sad memories of getting caught cheating on a quiz or receiving a “get lost” letter from your special guy or gal.

We will cherish these memories for many years. All of these memories are made possible only through the constant guidance and strict teaching by our teachers, parents, and friends. We have spent thirteen years being cajoled, threatened, or sometimes forcefully pushed into working up to this night.

I would like to thank my parents, teachers, and each of my friends for all of the help that you have given to me though the past years. There have been many times when I have been angry or upset and these people have helped me to see the bright side of my problem. I shall always remember the piles of school books that were somehow left unopened until many reminders had been given.

We should realize that these memories, both pleasant and unpleasant, are just remembrances. Now, it is time to turn our thoughts to the future. We should all keep in mind our motto of “Fear not tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today.”

In the past few months, every Senior has made decisions. Some have decided to work or go to college and a few have decided to remain undecided. In whatever decision we have arrived at, each of us has a common goal in mind. In striving to reach this goal, we unconsciously model ourselves after every other person that has lived on this earth. We are now going out into the world to claim one of the rights that our forefathers fought for in the Revolutionary War. We are claiming the right to the pursuit of happiness.

I hope that each of you use your own special talents to seek this goal. In whatever path of life you decide to follow, live the most complete life that you can. Make yourself happy by trying your hardest in whatever you set out to accomplish. Help yourself and everyone who is around you to learn to love life. Above all, take time to appreciate every sight, sound, and marvelous wonder as you travel through life in God’s great world.

Thank you

Cheryl Stutsman - Valedictorian - 1977

Salutatorian

Kim Tucker

To the class of 1977, high school faculty, parents, and guests:

Each year, the graduating Senior Class is a little different than the graduating classes in the past. But, there is one similarity every graduating class has in common. Each and everyone of us at sometime or another daydreams about the future, wondering what our next move will be in life. Will it be further education or immediate entry into the job market.

With this decision comes a little fear, but with all the excitement the fear seems to fade away.

At one time or another everyone of the graduating seniors probably thought they would never make it through school. But, each time they rose to meet the challenge.

In the future there will be many challenges to be met. Each time the members of the Class of ‘77 will have to rise to meet the challenges in order to be successful in life and achieve the goals we have set. For there is nothing to fear because you rose to meet the challenges yesterday and you CAN meet the challenges of tomorrow if you want to.

In closing, I would like to thank the White Pigeon High School Faculty for all their time and efforts. They are deeply appreciated.

Most of all I would like to make a special thanks to my parents. Without their support and guidance I know this day would not have been possible for me.

Good luck to all, in the Class of ’77, may you achieve your goals.

Thank you.

Kim Tucker,
Co-Salutatorian - 1977
Good Evening,

I'd like to say I'm sorry
That this time has come to pass,
But actually I say to all . . .
"Let's stand up and cheer!"
How many times have we asked ourselves
"What am I doing HERE!"

For twelve long years we've listened to THEM
And really gotten tired.
Now we've got to use what we've learned,
HOPING to be hired.

Others of us, so certain in our knowledge
Are bluffing it through and
Going on to college.

I'd like to thank the teachers
Who have helped me in my success,
But actually! . . .

To Mr. Stanton, Mr. West
And their charming wives.
Thank you for making the Senior Trip
One of the BEST times of our lives.

Mrs. Thompson is retiring, I do sadly fear.
But I'm glad you stayed
At least this one last year.

To the teachers who've been both fathers and mothers,
I leave you at the mercy of my two younger brothers.

My poem is closing and I'd like to say,
It was just meant to brighten your day.

I've had my say, I've had my fun
And with this thought, my poem is done.

As we put our books upon the shelves,
REMEMBER: The Lord helps those who help themselves.

Jacquelyn S. Starr
Co-Salutatorian

On behalf of the Seniors, I would like to welcome all of the parents, relatives, friends and faculty to our Graduation Ceremonies here at White Pigeon High School.

For all of the Seniors graduating tonight, it is another step in our lives. We will be leaving old friends, good teachers and a way of life to go out into the world to live as an adult. It's like being kicked out of the nest by the Mother Bird and told to fly on our own.

Many of the teachers we have had here at White Pigeon will be remembered by us all of our lives. You liked some, respected some and admired some. They wiped your nose, dried some tears, pushed your brain, said they would never teach another year but they always came back.

Teachers are the unsung heroes of our lives. Many Seniors here have been awarded with high honors and awards for achievement, but the real honors should go to our teachers for 13 years of this Senior Class of '77.

Most of the Graduates here have been at White Pigeon all of their school years. I have only been here for five. Coming from a large school was quite an adjustment for me. I know many people feel a large high school will give you a better education to prepare you for college or society but I have found the smaller school with its closer relationships can make for a better human being.

So if we leave here tonight with a strong desire for learning, compassion for our fellow man, respect for other people and a Love of God, then how can we miss.

John Buck
Senior Class President
June 8, 1977

Our last time...

Junior escorts

If a picture paints a thousand words...

[Images of graduation and ceremony moments]
We are not afraid of tomorrow,
For we have seen yesterday,
And we love today.

Talking over old times

Our Class Sponsor and Teacher of the year.

A lot of hassle for a little tassel.

... together
Class Wills

Teresa Arthur - I will to my brother David to stay in school, have a good time and stay out of trouble.

Dave Baechler - I will my lighter, little white papers, tweezers, and my I.D. to Greg Brewington.

Charann Bakeman - I will my bright smile to Roxane Logan even through the worst days, and keep up faith in what you’re doing.

Chris Balyeat - I will to Kim Balyeat all the loneliness of my senior year because next year she’ll have the same problem.

Gail Bennett - I will the opportunity of having a little brother and sister to Mr. and Mrs. Bozo.

Jerry Bennett - I will my job at KK Ranchwear to Be Arbogast and my horse to Leonard Parker, whenever he needs it.

John Bennett - I will to Jody Tackett the ability to go to any dance he wants to drink and never get caught.

Starla Bergerson - I will to “Dimples” my ability to choose winning football teams.

Randy Block - I will the hair on my chest to Mr. Wood and he can even use some on his head if he wants.

Chris Bralick - I will my ability to fail every Algebra test ever put in front of me and still pass with a “C” to Lynn Sheaks, and also my ability to row out in the middle of Mrs. Bennet’s lake and get left behind to any track member.

Mike Brewington - I will, to Brian McQuade, a new pair of blue jeans and the class of ’78 a partyin’ SENIOR YEAR.

John Buck - I John Buck will Tim Wilson my ability to leave my Athletic supporter at home. To Kevin Becktell my athletic ability, not that he needs it. To Kevin Sullivan my number in football. And all the luck in the world to the teachers at White Pigeon.

Farrell Burns - I will to my good friends, Greg Brewington, Steve Niblock, all the wild times I had in High School and to John Hiner, the small hope he may party someday, and to Laura Berchallit my brown sweater and to Lisa Cholometes my great classic of a van.

Brenda Burton - I will to the only person who deserves this, Cinday Benash, my clumsy abilities in Volleyball and P.E. “Have Fun.”

LuAnn Carper - I will to Dave DeMeyer my little, big sister Cindy.

John Carr - I will my Volkswagen to “The Bob” so he can go on to be a pinball wizard and PARTY!

Marcia Cloud - I will my ability to stay so skinny and not get fat to Amy Sparrow.

Jason Copenhaver - I will to my brother my ability to get good grades without really trying and my fantastic spelling powers. An two Mrs. Tomsun mi grade spelng powers.

Barb Daniels - I will my love of Klinger Lake to everyone who lives on that swamp over-flo called Long Lake.

Carrie Erlandson - I will to Jody Tackett and Randy Miller the ability to enjoy their last two years of high school without getting caught.

Deb Flatt - I will my ability to sit through Mr. Martin’s entire gov’t. class without getting caught with my chewing gum to Becki Walcott.

Connie Foreman - I will to Cindy Bane the ability to keep calm when going out with a guy, that owns a Trans Am.

Cindy Gasper - I will my height to Anne Nottoli, who is going to need it against those 6 ft. centers, and I will my keen insight for “business transactions” to anyone who thinks they can handle it and still come out on top.

Fred Gilham - I will to Rosalyn Walter my lucky hat. To Chuck Shaver and Kent Bakeman a good year in X-country and a green “Kiss” ticket. To Kim and Rhonda Mathew my “Bad Co.” T-shirt. To Mr. Jarrad my favorite X-country coach I will my entire Notre Dame shirt collection.

Rosemary Groves - I will to any Jr. the ability to write your own excuses like me and never get caught.

Dale Hagen - I Dale Hagen, being of sore mind and body will all of my baseball mishaps to all future and present 1st basemen especially John Hiner.

Ralph Hagner - I will - my will holds many thoughts and Ideas for many people. There are so many friends in this school that I wish I could will something to everybody, but the main Idea for my will is that everyone in this school will have happiness in their hearts - especially my closest friends.

Dave Harman - I will every SENIOR this year the best of their senior year, because I tried my hardest to make it my best.
Deb Helgn - I will to my favorite Junior, Judi Rex, the ability to have a great senior year even though the people you care most about are out of school.

Donna Hiner - I will my rowdiness to Frank Seybert and my defensive tricks and temper in the Powder Puff game to Shirley Schwartz. As for Leslie, Longacre, LuAnn, Sabe, Jamie, Shelly, and Sue, I leave you with memories of some of the high times we had in 76-77, for when you run into some of the hard times in life.

Deb Holt - I will my body, my great sense of humor, and my ability to skip school and not get caught to Greg Brewington.

Cindy Hummel - I will my ability to get up in the morning to Lori Ireland and Kandy Balyeat.

Mike Hurley - I Michal Hurley being of perfect body and dwindling mind, I hereby beget and devour all of the following words, people, places and things. To Sondra (Sarsy) McCormick, a word of THANKS for the use of the swimming pool for the practice of my expertise in swimming. To Scott Balyeat my expertise in swimming so not to drown the next time he goes to the dunes. To my brother Mark, the ability to make it in after a hard night's "work" and not get caught. And to Kim Balyeat (or whoever wants it) my poor battered body.

Colleen Huster - I will to Walls my speed in shorthand and to "Pollock" my "stero" and to both a lot of fun times in school.

John Jackson - I will to Rick Kiefer, the wrath of Mr. Crisler.

Kathy Lemasters - I will my ability to be short and the ability of not growing for three whole years to Steve Tavenler and Pam Eymer.

Sondra McCormick - I will to all Mat Maidls, the ability to keep up with and understand Mr. Stanton. And to Bryan Strang all the best of luck in the world. To Mark Hurley some ice cream for the top of his orange cones. And to Mike Hurley thanks for letting me use his Cb for advertisement at the chicken BBQ.

Randy Miller - I will to all underclassmen the ability and desire to be an individual and to seek and obtain what he or she wants.

Good Luck.

Tom Nottoli - I will my toughness from Rick Leamaster to Greg Brewington and Jesse Salisbury.

Joyce Rauguth - I will the courage to play baseball to any girl willing to try it.

Ron Rex - I will Mrs. Davlo my ability to clean the art room next year cause I won't be here to do it for her.

Dianna Sassaman - I will my job in the cafeteria to Richard Sanford and all its problems.

Lisa Sassman - I will my ability to mouth off to Mr. White to anybody who's unfortunate enough to get stuck in his class.

Karen Shaver - I will my running ability to Kristi Shoppell.

Jody Snyder - I will "Sarsy", "Boozer", "Squeaky", and "Heifer", all my empty bottles so they will always remember me. Also, leave you with a lot of good memories.

Becky Stabler - I will to Mrs. Davlo all my skimpy clothes, and to April, Carmen, and Vicki all my old homework papers and all my credits.

Jackie Starr - I will Cindy Bale the ability to listen to Mrs. Benne but not hear a thing.

Rick Strawser - I will to Tony Cholomeotes my ability to protect myself on the basketball court. Plus one steel jock for added protection.

Scott Strawser - I will my brains, that I never used, to any sucker who is willing to take it. I will my body to that girl who has a crush on me. P.S. her name is "sexy."

Cheryl Stutsman - I will my ability to goof off in band and not get caught to Lori Cline and Ellie Schott.

Julie Taggart - I will to the class of 78 to have a good and rowdy time.

Sheila Terry - I will to Monte, Nick, Shelly, Mark, Steve, Anne, Diane, Brenda, and Tami, Tonil, and Rhona (the rat) all the chances to have good times like me. To Monte and Cindy the best cause they deserve it and to Cindy my I.D.

Kim Tucker - I will my ability to get along with Mrs. Benne to the three stooges of the girl's basketball team.

Steve Wagner - I will to Chuck Shaver my nickname "Javeline" on the Basketball team and to Dave Slack my ability to cheat in Cross Country and not get caught.

Darcy Weiderman - I will my ability to drive a Volkswagen to Tammy Lamb.

Suzy Waiters - I will Donna Gardner, Deb Taggart, and Chris Mentor my ability to ask the wrong questions at the right time.

Beth Zerbel - I will to Karen Kosefein all the good times I missed out on in the past 4 years.
The years of a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior are filled with many great memories for everyone after they are out of school. Freshman year is probably the most hectic of them all, trying to get used to the teachers, where the rooms are, and how to dodge everybody in the hall. Sophomore year you really start to feel like you’re in high school. You start raising money for your Senior Trip, by having dances, pot-lucks, car washes, and anything you can think of. Junior year that’s the fun one. The record sale, and still trying to earn money. You start to think, only one more year.

Under-classmen
Juniors of 1977

Rick Anglemyer
Robert Astling
Cindy Bale
Kim Balyeat
Theresa Barnes

I wonder what she is thinking about?

Be Quiet!

Brenda Bates
Kevin Becktell
Geno Berchiatti
Randy Black
Betty Bottoms

Tina Brandli
Bill Broson
Alice Brown
Pam Bryarly
Joni Busz
These are the shoulder pads our boys wear.

Think back to all the old memories.
Kissing in the Bleachers

Smile Pretty

Who ME

Hey I'm cool . . .
CLASS OFFICERS

Chuck Grady
Deb Hershberger

Linda Hershberger
Hope Hiller

Teena Hiller

John Hiner

Sandy Hizer
Cindy Houghton

Tim Hostetler
Lewis Hummel

Barb Jackson

Mary Jackson

Edna Jewell

Al Kershner

Rick Kelfer
Tony Kistler

Karen Koscielny
Cara Lawson
Roxanne Logan

Dan McCarrell

Delbert Magner
Tina Mahar
Rick Maichen
Larry Mann
Chris Mentor

Deb Mills

John Moffett

Scott Moyer

Oh my Knee

I hope I don't have to eat this.
Grandma and Grandpa

Hey it's me.

Hi everybody
Mr. Stanton showing his moves.

Takin' a rest

Not in the gym. Th'inkin' of Shirley Munchie, Munchie

Hi Roxy

Vickie Schmittendorf Ellie Schott Mike Schumacher Shirley Schwartz
John's normal look

Junior Class Officers and Representatives.

Don Schwemer
Frank Seybert
Chuck Shaver
Kristi Schoppell
Dave Slack

Alan Smith
Amy Sparrow
Ron Starr
Dawn Strawser
Kim Stuck

Don't take a picture of me.

Junior Sports writers

Brenda and her work of art
Sandra Studabaker
Sabra Sullenger
Deb Taggart
Cindy Thomas
Marianne Thompson

Tami Travis
Mike Tyree
Michelle Van Vlerah
Tami Wagner
Beckfi Walcott

Someday maybe my picture will be there.

No I'm not skipping class.
Oh no!!

Biology goofs

Lori Walls
John Ward
Pam Yoder
Joyce Anglemeyer

Dave Baker
Leslie Eddy
Shelly Hayes
Sue Owens
Teresa Schwartz
Sophomore
Class

Left: It's fun watching somebody else work for once!
Right: Fame, what's fame?

Who Me???

Trying to keep warm

Three Arlene's?!?
Kathleen Capp
Jeff Cast
Tony Catanzarite
Caroline Chamness
Lisa Cholometes

Scott
Copenhaver
Nancy Deubner
Susan Dowley

I'll raise you 2.

Pam Easterday
Dee Easterday

Vote for ME!

That wasn't fair!

Monty Edson
Roxane Erbe
Jody Eymer
Sara Featherstone
Felicia Finch

Matt Gasper
Rebecca Hagner
April Harrisson
Jamie Hayes
Rick Hodgson
This is my brother.

Now what do you want my picture for?
Diana Anderson
Belinda Arbogast
Randy Arnett
Charles Arthur
Joe Astling

Kent Bakeman
Mike Baker
Kandy Balyeat
Steve Barczak
John Barnard

Kim Basset
James Beardsley
Roger Bell
Lauretta Berchiatti
Play it again Gall.
Cindy Harman
Mark Harman
Diane Hart
Nick Hayes

Cathy Heign
Dean Hill
Nancy Hummel
Lori Ireland
Anita Jackson

Debroah Jessie
Diane Jessie
Andy Johnson
Autumn Kiner
Eric Kistler

CLASS OFFICERS: LEFT: Nancy Hummel, Laura Salsibury,
Diana Pillow, Tommi Tackett, FRONT: Monica Rodwick, Gina
Lawson.
Annette Moore
Joe Negrete
Mike Nihart

Anne Nottoll
Sue Oldenburg
Connie Ott

Dianna Pillow
Gerald Pratt
Peggy Ream

Ed Rentfrow
Janee Rex

Monica Rodwick
Debbie Rudolf

Class Sponsor Mr. Bargwell
Look at my new house.

Roger Schmidt
Ron Schmidtendorf
Lisa Schumacher
Tim Sheals
Ray Skeels

William Snyder
Lori Steiner
Brad Strawser
Debra Strawser

Mary Studabaker
Mike Swinchart

Tommi Tackett
Mike Thomas

Jeff Todd
Sonja Tschupp

Lori Webster
David Whistler

Robert Wilson
Jane Witmer

Study hall for studying??!
James Capp
Cindy Carper
Keith Cast
Mike Catanzarite
Gail Chamberlain

Jerry Chapman
Tim Chapman
Gina Cholometes
Roger Clayton
Angie Clipfell

Sno Festival Prince and Princess
Lori Knepp and David Kistler

What a headache.

Loreane Conley
Philip Conley
Rex Cummings
Lesa Danaher
Thom Diehl

What girl should I ask out this week??
And then she said . . .

Hey!!

Here I am!!

I wonder if there is any sawdust in this stuff?

Milk gives us energy.

Tim Eash
Connie Emerick
Mat Emerick
Todd Engel
Dennis Evilsizer

Wayne Ferguson
Lisa Flood
Kevin Ford
Penny Ford
Gordon Gann
Eugenia Krepel
Ronda Lamb
Darcy Lee
Mike Lemmerhart
Melanie Lindholm

Scott Logan
Tad Loyer
Mark Lunger
Frank Magner
Earl Mangold

Relaxing in style.

Boy this is hard.

1 + 1 = 3!!

8th Grade Clan

Patricia Mann
Ronda Mathew
Greg McCallum
Scott McClain
Glen McNamara

Hi there.
Starting out so young.

Class Clowns

Steve Ransberger
Arthur Reynolds
Scott Rickey
Ronda Rodwick
Darcy Royce

Look at those legs!!

Mike Rudloff
Bob Sanderson
Kellie Sarver
Judy Schwartz
Deb Schwemer

Connie Dee Shaver
Brian Smith
Randy Sparklin
Tony Springer
Jeff Stauffer
Mm Mm Good!

Class Studs!

Caught you with your pants down.

Laurie Stockwell
Kip Strawser
Donald Stuby
Melanie Sullivan
Tom Suplee

Chris Swan
Lisa Swarl
Penny Swinehart
Susan Taylor
Rick Terry

Sherrie Thompson
Lisa Todd
Jill Tucker
Doug Tyree
Jay Van Vlerah
No, I didn't get in trouble.

Future WP super jocks???
April Alexander
Tom Astling
Lisa Bakeman
Bruce Baker
Todd Baldwin

Mary Barczak
Jeff Barnard
Teresa Barnard
Michelle Barnes
Kit Bassett

SNO PRINCE AND PRINCESS

Mrs. Martin in action

Mr. Heckleman, Math Teacher

Pat Basting
Mark Bell
Pete Biland
Kristen Binney
Ronda Bowen
Dan Boyer
Kim Brooks
Tammy Brown
Effie Campbell

Robert Carper
Timothy Cassity
Todd Cast
Lori Chupp
Donald Church

7th Graders working hard

Lisa Cline
John Connelly
Brantly Davis
Paula Bryan
Tammie D’Haesa

Teresa D’Haesa
Steve Dimos
Sara Downs
Kelly Eggleston
Mark Elias

Mr. Miller, Science Teacher
All this work, for just a silly grade.

Copy, Copy, Copy!!!

I don't know what the answer is.

Quit that!!

Tina Sassaman
David Schmidt
Michael Shank
Liella Shelton
Bill Slack

Vince Sommerlot
Rick Souter
Ronald Sparklin
Thomas Sparrow
Chris Starr
Lynette Stuck
Lorie Stutsman
Pat Tavernier
Darlene Taylor
Terry Thomas

Kevin Tschupp
Billy Jo Tullos
Lynnie Underwood
Phillip Vellie
Ann Ward

Nancy Weideman
Jerry Welch
Mark Wentzel
Carmen Williams
Timothy Wilson

I wonder if this is right?

Class Clowns
Look at my ears!!!

One shoe on, one shoe off.

Susan Wittenberg
Thomas Wood
Lori Yoder
Patricia Yoder
Roger Schmidt

Connie Shaver
Mike Moore
Mary Campbell
Given a chance to expand interests and pleasures, individuals were able to join various WPHS clubs to further their hobbies, skills and social development. Helping to better the individual, school, and community, clubs provided worthwhile activities ranging from chess matches to the discussion of Sports. The fifteen different clubs offered students a chance to explore special interests.

Organizations
Jr. and Sr. High
Student Council

Darcy Weiderman, Student Council Representative.

Scott and his pop.

The Leaders of Our Student Body

A. Todd Engle, Rhonda Lamb, Lori Knepp, Chris Nihart, Mr. Blue.
B. HO HO HO!
C. Darcy Weideman, Rick Strawser, Barb Daniels, Cathy Mentor, Suzy Walters, Ralph Hagner.
D. Junior High Student Council.

President of Student Council - Barb Daniels
Ecology

I'm on my way... to the city life.

Just think Mr. Stanton. Seven years from now they'll be taller than you.

I've caught my game!

Take it easy next time, John.

Editors staff of the 1976-77 Post Script

SUPER SENIORS
Barb Daniels, Brenda Burton, Mike Brevington, Karen Shaver, Ralph Hagner, Cathy Mentor, Connie Foreman, Jerri Bennett, Deb Fless, Charanne Bakeman, Sondra McCormick, Suzy Walters, Cheryl Stutsman, Mrs. Outman, Chris Balyeat, Jackie Starr, Joyce Hauguth, Beth Zerbel, Kim Tucker, Carrie Erlandson, Darcy Weidner, Jason Copenhagen, Marianne Thompson, John Ward, Deb Taggart, Chuck Shaver, Ron Starr, Christy Shoppell, Shirley Swartz, Frank Seybert, Mike Schumacher, Steve Niblock, Judy Rex, Roxanne Logan, Karen Kosiciel, Dan McCarrell, Chris Mentor, Chuck Grady, Lynette Clinton, John Diesler, Connie Fivis, Tony Cholmetes, Randy Black, Gene Berchialli, Kevin Becktell, Randy Block, Starla Bergeon, Cindy Gasper, Rick Strawser, Scott Strawser, Steve Wagner, Cindy Balle, Joyce Anglemeyer.

How exciting!
Varsity Club

Now what do we do?

Business Office Education Club

BACK: Tami Travis, Kellie Elias, Mrs. Melchi, Joyce Bau- guth, Jackie Starr, Ralph Hagner, Jason Copenhagen, Brenda Burton, Chris Balycat, Marianne Thompson, Dawn Strawser, Starla Bergerson, Jerri Bennett, Kay Aligood, Colleen Huster, Connie Foreman, Randy Block, Sonda McCormick, Suzy Walters, Jody Snyder, Kim Balycat, Deb Yoder, Cindy Benash
BOEC OFFICERS: Jason - Pres., Ralph - Parliamentarian, Connie - Sec., Randy - V.P., Sondra - Reporter, Brenda - Sec.
Pep Club

Members of the 1976-77 Pep Club, an enthusiastic organization.

A. Sweetheart Swing Chaperones.
B. Part of the Sweetheart Swing Crowd.
C. Everybody's Dancin'
Future Homemakers of America

A. Crazy FHA Officers.
B. Senior members of FHA
C. Don't take a picture of us.
D. How embarrassing!!
IHA
Style
Show
Mat Maids

From Left: Tami Travis, Roxane Logan, Jane Whitmer, Deb Hershberger, Mary Gilhams, Gail Brandli, Anita Jackson, Betty Bottom.
Office Help

From Left: Shannon Games, Deb Taggart, Cindy Rhodes, Connie Fitts, Candi Strawser, Lori Cline.
Presenting the White Pigeon Sr. High Concert Band.

The Band has been active in marching for pre-game and half-time shows for home football games in the fall. The cold weather got to everybody, so we didn't do our last show. The "Seniors" put on a fun-loving, exciting show. We went to Marching Festival in Sturgis, and received a No. 1 rating. For the Christmas holiday we brought good cheer to the community by ending the Musical Sunday afternoon concert. Now we are in the process of competing in the District Festival in March.
I don't believe it, we did it!

Beat that drum, Blow that horn.
White Pigeon Marching Chiefs at the St. Joseph Co. Grange fair.

Glad that is over.
Jr. High Band

Future flute stars of White Pigeon High School.

The Junior Band with director Donald Mort.
Ski Club


Hey, Deb, which way did they go?
A. Rick's Carnation
B. French Club Officers
C. The French Club
D. Connie has a secret admirer.
E. Sponsor, Mrs. Pfefferle
F. Main reason for the visit to the vineyards.
Thrilling victories and depressing defeats climaxed a year of excitement in Chief athletics. The football team showed flashes of brilliance as they won the SJV League Championship. The wrestling team showed a fine performance this year qualifying two wrestlers for state. The basketball team showed an outstanding performance this season with a record of 18-3. And a league record of 16-0. Showing the Chief pride every other athlete as WPHS strived for the ultimate goal of victory.
Girls Varsity Basketball


COACH: Bev Benne

VARiTy TEAM SCORES

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38-36
44-29
39-30
58-27
26-35
50-30
36-58
42-46
42-48
39-31
61-36
56-31
26-39

DISTRICT

Burr Oak
Springfield
Seniors in Action

A. Cindy Gasper
B. Kim Tucker
C. Deb Flatt
D. Jackie Starr
E. Chris Bralick
Girls JV Basketball

TOP, L to R: Julie Crist, Shannon Games, Diane Pillow, Dee Easterday, Laura Salisbury, Coach Babcock, Cindy Benash, Deb Yoder, Tommie Tackett, Ann Nottoff.

COACH: Diane Babcock

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7th Grade


8th Grade

Golf

Chuck with a chip shot

Geno Berchaitti, Tim Saunders, Al Kershner, Mr. Bale, Steve Tavernier, Craig Bakeman, Chuck Grady.

FOUR!!

Al with his best swing

Coach Bale

Head Coach Ned Bale

VARSITY

WP 182 Schoolcraft 191
WP 168 Mendon 213
WP 169 Mendon 193
WP 184 Constantine 197
WP 172 Schoolcraft 172
WP 173 Eau Claire 181
WP 187 Climax Scott 187

RESERVE

WP 182 Schoolcraft 226
WP 184 Mendon 260
WP 187 Mendon 224
WP 199 Constantine 229
WP 184 Schoolcraft 196
WP 210 Climax Scott 253
WP 182 Constantine 229
WP 182 Schoolcraft 189
WP 192 Climax Scott 233
WP 195 Constantine 242
WP 206 Schoolcraft 210

Reserve Record 11-0
Girls Varsity Volleyball

JV Volleyball

Coach Gayle Brokaw

KNEELING: Diane Pillow, Lisa Cholometes, Denise Schumacher, Brenda Bates, Deb Yoder.

Varsity Football ’76

WHITE PIGEON HIGH SCHOOL

BACK ROW, LEFT: Tom Nottoli, Rick Hodgson, Dave Baechler, Ralph Hagner, John Ward, Steve Niblock, Cliff Haack, Randy Block, Jason Copenhaver, Joe Rauguth, Jeff Baechler, Mike Schumacher, Rich Hedrington, Kevin Becktell, Keith Harris, John Buck, FRONT: Bob Deisler, Alan Smith, Don Schwemer, Tim Hostetler, Randy Black, Nick Todd, Scott Trout, Dave Harman, Tony Cholometes, Brad Evilsizer, Bill Borson, Robert Astling, Frank Seybert, Rick Strawser.

VARSITY SCORES

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Season Record: 7-2
League Record: 6-1
Good Job Chiefs!!
A. Buckaroo turns the corner.
B. What a mess!
C. I think I’m falling.
D. Look at that line move!
Senior Members of the 1976-77 football team from left: Cliff Haack, Ralph Hagner, Scott Trout, Dave Baechler, John Buck, Keith Harris, Randy Block, Brad Evilsizer, Rick Strawser, Jason Copenhaver, Nick Todd, Absent: Davie Harman.

All-Conference

All Conference, Left: Dave Harman, Rick Strawser, Ralph Hagner, Keith Harris, Steve Niblock, Cliff Haack, John Buck.
BACK, LEFT: Coach Stanton, Kevin Sullivan, Jeff Cast, Scott Copenhaver, Bob Wagner, Mike Stutsman, Bill Owen, Craig Outman, Jerry Bennett, Mark Hurley, Greg Brewington, Vann Weiderman, Curt Powell, Joe Astling, Dan Gest, John Owens, Gary Shoppell, Jeff Russell, David Ford, Greg Comstock, Dale Miller, Coach Smith, FRONT: Mike Nihart, Mark Stears, Tony Catanzarite, Carl Sassaman, Lester Graber, Jeff Dickerhoof, Nick Hayes, Dean Hill, Dave Bell, Bryan Strang.

RESERVE RECORD
Edwardburg 34 W.P. 0
Glimmer Scott 0 W.P. 16
Schoolcraft 6 W.P. 12
Mendon 0 W.P. 14
Centreville 26 W.P. 46
Burr Oak 16 W.P. 30
Colon 16 W.P. 38
Constantine 26 W.P. 28
Season Record 7-1
League Record 7-0
Good Job Mr. Stanton!
The White Pigeon Wrestling team had a great season this year. Defeating arch rival Constantine 35-29. Congratulations Mr. Stanton and team for a super season.

Won - 3  Lost - 6

In the hall action.

VARiTY WRESTLING


MANAGERS: Wayne Ferguson and Eddie Hummel
Team in Action

A. Vann on the move.
B. Wendell doing his reverse.
C. Merel turning his opponent over.

D. Dave Fighting for control.
E. Harman in control.
F. PIN, PIN, PIN.
State Men

OUR STATE MEN: Frank Seybert, Coach Stanton, and Wendell Bowen.

A. SENIORS: Merel Hoard, and Dave Harman.
B. White Pigeon Mat Maids
C. COACHES: Mike Wozneil, Dennis Stanton, Darryl Smith.
D. Gail Brandt at her best?!?!!
BACK: Kirk Foreman, Pat Moore, Ron Schmittendorf, Jeff Todd, Wendell Bowen, Mike Baker, Joe Rauguth, Ted Baker, Harold Mann.

It's finally over!!

Coach Smith
Kip Strawser, Dan Walcott, Glen McNamara, Tom Lee, Randy Sparklin, Ted Whitworth, 2nd ROW: Jeff Hall, Mike Catanzarite, Mat Emerick, Tad Loyer, KNEELING: Bruce Baker and Wayne Ferguson, MISSING: Tim Chapman, Rick Deubner, and Ron Sparklin.

"Medalists"

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Final Record: 18-3
Stalwart Seniors

A. Jason Copenhaver
B. John Buck
C. Ralph Hagner
D. Steve Wagner
E. Rick Strawser
F. Coach Pete Jarrad
S. J. V. Champs 13-0
BACK ROW, STANDING: Coach Schnieder, Jeff Cast, Kevin Sullivan, Scott Copenhaver, Craig Bakeman, Fred Buck, Rick Hodgson, Jeff Baechler, and Craig Outman, KNEELING: Mike Mann, Jesse Salisbury, Ted Krull, Randy Miller, Robert Wagner, and Tim Miller.

TEAM RECORD
16 Wins - 3 Losses

<p>| White Pigeon | Lawton | 51 |
| White Pigeon | Northridge | 57 |
| White Pigeon | Constance | 65 |
| White Pigeon | Climax-Scotts | 19 |
| White Pigeon | Mendon | 45 |
| White Pigeon | Schoolcraft | 52 |
| White Pigeon | Galesburg-Agusta | 29 |
| White Pigeon | Athens | 36 |
| White Pigeon | Burr Oak | 33 |
| White Pigeon | Colon | 45 |
| White Pigeon | Centreville | 73 |
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STANDING: Manager Danny Hill, Greg Comstock, Randy Garn, Dan Gest, Mike Nihart, Dean Boyer, Gerald Pratt, Randy Arnett, Jerry Wolgamood, and Coach West.
KNEELING: Mike Cline, Barry Lutz, Joel Conley, John Heckman, Nick Hayes, Tim Bontrager, Kent Bakeman, Dean Hill, and Eric Kistler.
7th Grade Basketball
STANDING: Coach Bill Miller, Billy Slack, David Schmidt, Pete Biland, Dan Boyer, Tim Wilson, Rick Souter, Todd Knoblock, Chris Starr, KNEELING: Rob Hisey, Donald Church, Tom Sparrow, Mike Kociselnny, Steve Dimos, Pat Bastings, Gordie Evilsizor, SITTING: Dan Morris, Tom Krull, Tony Nottoli, Vince Somerlott, David Kistler, Paul Gardner, Kit Bassett.

8th Grade
STANDING: David Morris, Scott Logan, Brett Outman, Jeff Stauffer, Tim Nicholson, Tim D'haese, Rex Cummings, Donald Stuby, Coach Cal Hackman, KNEELING: Kenny Airgood, Mike Lemmerhart, Keith Cast, Todd Bontrager, Dave Wagner, Brian Smith, Mgr. Eric Hackman.
Track Records Set in 1977

EVENT | RECORD | RECORD HOLDER
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High Jump | 4'9" | Shelly Haynes
Shot Put | 34 1/2" | Cindy Casper
100 Yard Dash | 11.8 | Lisa Cholometes
220 Yard Dash | 27.1 | Lisa Cholometes
110 Yard Hurdles | 16.5 | Stephanie Black
Discus | 87'11 1/2" | Arlene Arling

Win: 6 Lost: 2

Western Michigan
Bronson Invitational
Barren Springs
Southwestern College
Invitational
Regional
Freshman-Sophomore Meet
League Meet

Lisa Cholometes
Karen Koscielnny
Kristi Shoppell

Most Valuable
Most Improved
Coaches Award
Cross Country

The 1976-77 Cross Country Team

FROM LEFT: Dianna Taylor, Coach Jarrad, Karen Shaver, Christl Shoppell.

FROM LEFT BACK: Coach Jarrad, Ron Starr, Tim Miller, Dave Slack, Fred Gilhams, Steve Wagner, FRONT: Steve Snyder, Kent Bakeman, Ernest Neal, Chuck Shaver.

MIGHTY SENIORS: Steve Wagner, Karen Shaver, Fred Gilhams, Coach Jarrad.
Reserve Baseball

Left to Right, BACK TO FRONT: Randy Schwartz, Mgr., Cal Hackman - coach, Jeff Cast, Mike Tyree, John Ward, Tim Saunders, Geno Bercaitti, John Hiner, Bob Astling, Craig Bakeman, Steve Wagner, Tony Kistler, Jeff Engel, Tom Nottoli, Brad Evilsizer.

Varsity Baseball

Lawton Lost
Lawton Lost
Schoolcraft Won
Climax-Scotts Lost
Colon Lost
Burr Oak Lost
Constantine Won
Schoolcraft Won
Climax-Scotts Lost
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Burr Oak Won
Constantine Won
Mendon Won
Centreville Won
Mendon Won
Centreville Won
Bronson Lost
Berrian Springs Lost

Season Record 10-8
Badly defined, activities were the events and happenings that students took part in as they rambled around the campus outside of actual class time. For many students, activities took leisure time before school. Other students used their lunch time effectively. Some activities involved all students. Such were elections and pep rallies. And also, all the sport activities, that involved the whole community. In fact, you might say, activities were the "fun and games" around school. It was only through the sharing of ourselves that these activities met with the success that they did.
A. Left to Right, STANDING: Suzy Walters, Top to Bottom: Donna Gardner, Deb Taggart, Chris Mentor, Darcy Weidnerman, STANDING: Cindy Hummel.
B. Starting out with S.J.V.
C. WOW! Did you see him?
D. Mrs. Hackman - Advisor.
Varsity Cheerleaders

Although our school isn't
As big as some
We like to think of it as
Number one.
The cheerleaders and the
Pep Club all agree
We've got the best school in
History.
The players that fight to
Win each game,
Well . . . there's really too
Many to name.

But if no one helps and shows
No might
We won't have anything left
To fight.
So let's take our spirit and
Show our pride.
To let everyone know we're
On White Pigeon's side.
So with all the help from
Everyone,
Our school will always be
NUMBER ONE.

E. Left to Right, STANDING:
Joní Busz, Top to Bottom:
Denise Hill, Chris McBride,
Roxanne Erbe, Angela
Springer, STANDING: Cora
Underwood.

G. Another Pep Assembly?
H. One more time Chris and
Freshman Cheerleaders

Bases - Monica Rodwick, Lori Irelan, Top to Bottom: Gina Lawson, Cathy Heign, Janee Rex, Brenda Lamb.

Say Carter!

A Star is Hatched.

Mrs. Bontrager - Advisor
Junior High Cheerleaders

A. Captain Copenhaver kisses Queen Daniels.
B. At the Homecoming Dance, Barb Daniels and Eric Eggleston.

1976 Homecoming Queen Barb Daniels
and escort Mike Brewington

Caryn Cast crowning the new queen, Barb Daniels.

The new 1976 Homecoming queen Barb Daniels.
Brenda Burton, Deb Holt, 1976 Queen, Barb Daniels, 1975 Queen, Caryn Cast, Chris Mentor, Lisa Cholometes, Janee Rex.

Queen's Attendants, John Bennett and Brenda Burton.

Queen's Attendants, Chuck Spiker and Deb Holt.
1975 Homecoming Queen, Caryn Cast and escort Jeff Cast.

Junior Attendant, Chris Mentor and escort Chuck Shaver.

Sophomore Attendant Lisa Cholometes and escort Kevin Sullivan.

Freshman Attendant, Janee Rex and escort Dan Gest.
Lester Hill Corporation

Randy Block - General Manager?

Jerri busy at work for Lester Hill.

Sondra and Ralph taking a break.

Jackie doing what she does best.
Junior-Senior Prom 1977
Just You 'n' Me
A. Mr. Sibery and opening ceremonies.
B. Now what am I going to say?
C. Mr. Schneider giving his awards.
D. Mrs. Buck reading her poem.
E. Mr. Stanton doing what he does best!!
Winter Sports Banquet
Give it to me THIR!

OOO-LA-LA!!!

The war is over.

Give it to 'em good Barb.

the Crossroads
Oh Joy, oh rapture!

...and then he fled.

Mr. Martin demonstrating his theatrical ability.

Dan McCarrell DRUNK??

LEFT: Connie and Joyce
RIGHT: Kandy playing her best
Special Assemblies

Steve and Mr. Crisler at Yearbook assembly

The Scottish couple.

The formal dress for White Pigeon High School.

HOWDY!!
S
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C. Seniors won!!!
KATHRIN GATYS
Kathrin came from Wolfsburg, Germany. She stayed at White Pigeon for 2½ months and moved to Grand Rapids.

She was very active in art, and very good at it. She also was in the Yearbook class.

VALERIA MATTOS
Valeria was born in Brazil and lived there for 17 years.

She is staying at our school for 6 months. She is studying to be a Chemist Engineer. She is also interested in Crafts and is good at this.
Pep Assemblies
FROM LEFT: Kim Sullivan and father, Bellinda Arbogast and Craig Outman, Cindy Benash and Randy Black, Cindy Thomas and Dan Royce, Starla Bergerson and Tim Hostetler, Deb Heigl and Jay Nihart.

Beyond the Darkness entertains the Sweetheart Swing.

Another student and teacher relationship??
White Pigeon High School teachers constantly strived for perfection trying to reach that unattainable height of becoming the master instructor while imparting the final wisp of knowledge from the depths of their souls. The White Pigeon teachers never quit probing our minds for new ideas. We learned something new every day, forever changing our perspective, forever watching the distant horizon.

**Teachers**
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Laura Kershner

Pat Swanson
Laura Loyer

Sue Watson

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND TEACHER:

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Marion Thompson

Pamela Pfefferle

William Martin

Karl R. Crisler

Darryl Smith

Helen Luegge
Fine Arts

Corky Babcock
Patricia Davio
Doris Slack
James Wood
Mathew Darrow
Donald Mort
Much Criticism has been made about the quality of education in American Public Schools today.
What is your reaction to this?

Probably the criticism that Public Schools are not doing the job they were designed to do is justifiable - but then that original charter no longer obtains or at least not to the same extent. Reorganization and rededication has been the obvious solution since the notorious "Generation of the 60's." The system is long overdue for an overhauling.

To begin with, compulsory education is an anachronism. The need to keep teenagers off the streets and out of the labor market no longer exists as it did in the early days of Mann and Dewey.

Modern technological fields are such that we can't begin to keep up with their omnivorous demands for more and more vocationally proficient, career oriented, consumer wise bodies. The day of the craftsman is truly waning, but worse still is the grievous fact that we have fallen half - thru negligence - to a generation of ambivalent souls who can't read or write adequately upon graduation.

Of course over-reaction is as much at fault as having done nothing. The 50's and 60's bore this out. What's called for is enlightened, pragmatic, concerted effort on the part of all involved in the educational delivery system to the end that "schoolin'" once again is a profitable, meaningful experience.

Twenty years ago when I went back to college to complete an English major and to take the education courses required for me to be licensed as a secondary school teacher, I had many misgivings as to whether I could be a good teacher. It seemed to me, then, that the American people expected a great deal from the schools. Twenty years later, it seems to me that they demand even more for their tax dollars.

The present day concept is that the primary function of the schools is to teach the basics, the three R's - reading, writing, and arithmetic. It doesn't matter whether the students have the ability or the motivation to learn these three subjects; we are to teach them to ALL children, anyway. We are also to instruct them in history, civics, and government, so that they will be good citizens and educated members of the electorate.

Physical education and health courses should provide them with sound, agile bodies, and knowledge of personal hygiene and nutrition to help them keep fit. Every student should have access to art, music, and literature. These provide an introduction to culture, and may provide a basis for later vocational or recreational pursuits. Those who are going on to college should be prepared in depth in English, Math, science, language, and history. Those who are going on to a vocational school or who go immediately into the job market should be provided with preparatory or even salable skills in such areas as the automotive field, woodworking, construction, drafting, business or commercial, and home economics. Both boys and girls should be prepared to be good home makers, cooks, nutritionists, and mothers and fathers.

However, the obligation of the schools does not end with leading ALL young people to the fount of wisdom and "making" them drink, regardless of whether they can or want to learn. Because of the breakdown of the family unit, the school is often expected to take the place of a home or of home training - to listen, to counsel, to understand, and to help - to be a surrogate mother and father - to discipline with firmness and wisdom. Some schools in the inner cities are even compelled, by law, to serve breakfasts to their students. Breakfast and lunch at school may be the only meals that some of these children get.

There is still another area in which the schools are expected to function. I refer to the clarification and instilling of values. Both the home and the church used to assume some responsibility for character building. They defined "sin," pointed out both the idealism and practicality of the Christian way of life, encouraged the development of honesty, loyalty, integrity, self-discipline, and, in general, saw to the moral and spiritual well being of children and youth. But very few young people go to Sunday School or church any more, and their exposure to Christian education is of the "hit or miss" variety. The schools do what they can, in such courses as Family Living, sociology, and literature to stress ethics, morality, and the development of good character traits, but this instruction is often classified as "academic" in the minds of the students, and its relevance is discounted.

So what kind of a job is being done by our schools? Generally speaking, I would say they are doing well. However, they could do better. For one thing, we need to get rid of the concept that all students in the public schools should be taught the same things in the same way. Students are individuals, with individual abilities, motivations, and needs. When they reach the age of fourteen, they should have access to several avenues of education - alternative schools should be provided - apprenticeships, on-the-job training, vocational and trade schools, junior colleges, colleges, and professional schools. Families need to do a better job of shouldeing their responsibilities - to provide stability, security, love, understanding, and guidance. Churches need to be more aggressive in providing interesting and attractive Christian education programs. They need to seek out young people, to invite them, to provide warmth and assurance, to answer questions, to define sin and inhumanity, to give shape to what is amorphous, and minister to sickness of the spirit.

If we stopped expecting the schools to be all things to all people; if the family would do its job; and if the church would assume its responsibility - then perhaps the school, in the new definition of its responsibilities, could do a more creditable job.

I think in many cases, we as educators, have strayed away from the basic fundamentals of education. We have a tendency to specialize in certain areas of curriculum instead of assuring students of the basic educational needs. More emphasis needs to be placed on practicality. Subject matter must relate more to preparing students for life, not necessarily for college. One aspect of education which has really helped has been the increased interest in and implementation of Vocational Career Education. These programs really provide the needed preparation of careers and jobs for students.

The two greatest problems though, which really hinder the quality of education are: 1) money and 2) crowded classrooms. There must be a better way to provide needed monies for school
systems than by property taxes. This is too great a burden for the average taxpayer. So, unfortunately, education really suffers. Programs and curriculums are thus eliminated. And without question, needed facilities are not being built. In many systems, teachers have over 35 students in a classroom. This makes education for ALL, almost an impossibility. Therefore, sometimes students "slide by" without getting the individual instruction which is so imperative to their proper learning.

The low achiever suffers because special education classes are eliminated. And the high achievers are not given the opportunity to challenge their intellectual capabilities.

Sometimes, I really question the need of compulsory education to the age of 16. Why force them to attend? Time would be better spent with those who really care in getting an education. I believe it should be compulsory for elementary students because these are their formative years and their attitudes towards education can change.

As citizens and educators, we must set our priorities to make sure that we offer the best quality of education possible for our people.

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION?**

Quality of Education would seem more important than Quantity. Everything in our society has changed drastically in the past two decades. During this period "Quantity" seems to have taken precedence over "Quality."

Students today have a more varied education than in anytime in history. They are knowledgeable on more subjects and world affairs than ever before. Television is responsible for much of this. But, while children are watching television, they cannot at the same time be learning to read.

In many of our modern schools, extra curricular activities almost overshadow academic work. So, if we are looking for explanations for the decline of College Board scores, perhaps we need not look much further than the amount of time students spend on reading and math.

I have no opinion concerning public criticism of the quality of education. But, neither do I take the responsibility for any decline in future resulting test scores.

Students and their parents are responsible for the allocation of their time. I believe they have chosen Quantity over Quality.

I believe that much of the criticism of our schools and the quality of education in the U.S. is justified. We do make mistakes and there is much inefficiency, waste and apathy connected with public education. However, many of the problems in our schools today are the same problems confronting the community as a whole.

School problems are inseparable from those of society. As such, both the school and society are at fault. I don’t think one group such as teachers or administrators can be blamed for all of the shortcomings of our schools. Parents, school boards, administrators, teachers, and students must share the blame for this situation. I think it is foolish to expect schools to solve these problems without assistance from the community and family. We must all work harder in a coordinated effort to make positive changes in education and society. There are many things wrong with our society and system of education, but I’m not ready to junk them. To keep this from sounding too much like a “sky is falling” statement, I would interject that there are good things happening in our schools. In my own classrooms (and other teachers have related similar experiences), I have observed students becoming more aware of and concerned about the world in which they live. Today’s students are on the whole much more sophisticated in their thinking and much less provincial in their outlook than students of a decade ago. As a teacher, I would like to believe that this is partially a result of better teaching in our schools.

Public schools are a building. Learning transcends time, place, and media. Acknowledged criticism should warrant scrutinizing inventory and necessary changes which would be mutually beneficial to system and student alike. Perhaps the plasticity and flux aggravated by change generates perpetual questioning. Splendid! All should welcome opportunity for explanatory accountability.

My opinion is mellowed by experience as student, parent, instructor, and tax-payer singularly and collectively with a concerted goal of lifting up a standard for myself and my conduct (knowing full well that “teachers” and “students” are collective, meaningless terms when viewed en masse.) It behooves this writer to maintain a continual goal of personal and professional improvement.

Having been associated with public, state, private, correspondence, and religious schools in various capacities. I advocate quality education via three specificities: 1. Let letter grade be abolished and replaced with criterion-referenced tests with 80% mastery level; 2. Individuals should be objectively evaluated according to capabilities, strengths and weaknesses, potential, and interest; and 3. I advocate mature students leaving formal school if not interested or can see no immediate advantage in staying. Many disciplinary behaviors are precipitated by students compelled to attend to assure financial reimbursement from agencies, or court order. QUALITY is an elusive expression but oftentimes the non-motivated student is a catalyst for entire class misappropriated behaviors. Many educational systems viewed radical and novel are in fact tested, tried, and proven worthy e.g., "schools without walls," ad hoc groupings, "enrichments," workshops, extensions, T.V. courses, and self-initiated advancements. In India, a student attends class or not and takes an equivalency test when confident of passing.

Georgia, as some other systems, has the 45-15 scheduling . . 48 schooldays followed by 15 schooldays off. This and other methods utilize more advantageously buildings, environment, and community resources, both material and personnel.

We hear much about "student rights," I appreciate that however believe all those in authority should be respected for position, if not presentation or personality. An old-fashioned idea? Then call me O.F.

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Last of all, I thank you, the student body, for giving us your support.

Sondra McCormick
Editor-in-Chief
Freedom Jam

Charlie Chaplin the 2nd.

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy ...

The student body reacts to Freedom Jam.

I ain't nothin' but a hound dog.
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