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MAY 12, 1992

TO: SENATOR DOLE

FROM: DAVID WILSON

SUBJECT: BLUE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE (MAY 16, 1:45) KEYNOTE SPEAKER

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT BLUE VALLEY, PULL-UP ALONG SIDE THE FIRST DOOR ON THE SCHOOL'S CIRCLE DRIVE (WEST SIDE). YOU WILL BE GREETED BY JODIE HAGERMAN (CLASS PRESIDENT), AND DR. SUSAN BLOOM (PRINCIPAL).

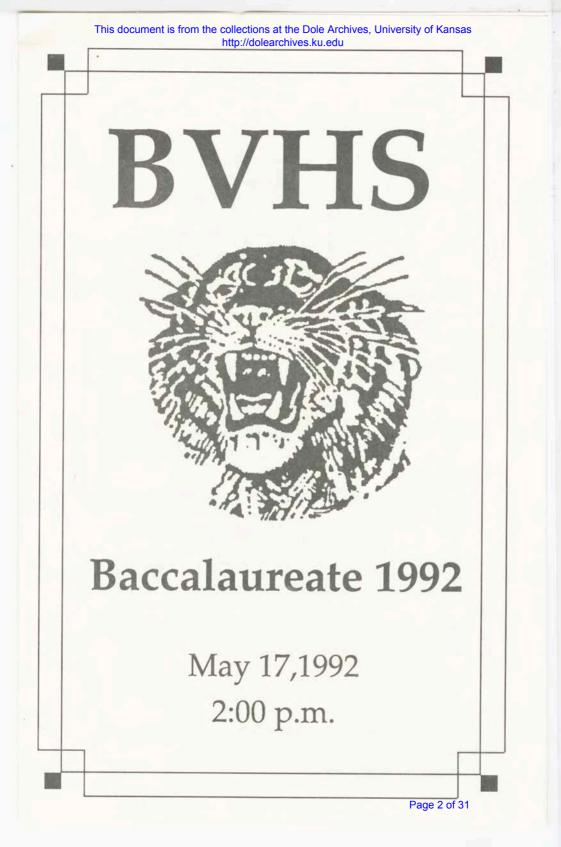
VISIT AND MEET THE GRADUATES PRIOR TO THE EVENT (15 MINUTES).

PROGRAM IS SOLEMN, BUT NOT TRADITIONAL. THERE ARE NO MINISTERS.

EIGHT PEOPLE WILL BE ON STAGE WITH YOU DURING THE PROGRAM JODIE HAGERMAN, SCHOOL PRESIDENT FIVE SENIORS (NAMES UNKNOWN) LES PAGE, CLASS SPONSOR KATY KORONA, CLASS SPONSOR

FACTS ABOUT BLUE VALLEY TIGERS'S CLASS OF 1992 O 500+ PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED. 220 ARE GRADUATES.

- O BV IS A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS ESTABLISHED 22 YEARS AGO. THE STUDENT POPULATION IS ABOUT 1000, AND MOSTLY ARE THE CHILDREN OF SUBURBAN MIDDLE TO UPPER-MIDDLE CLASS PROFESSIONALS.
- O 85% OF GRADUATING CLASS WILL GO ONTO SOME FORM OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; FEWER THAN 1% OF BV STUDENTS DROP OUT.
- O BV WAS THIS YEAR'S 5A STATE CHAMPIONS IN BOTH FOOTBALL, AND FORENSICS AND DEBATE. THEY CAME IN 3RD IN BOTH BASKETBALL AND VOLLEY BALL.
- O THIS GRADUATING CLASS HAS AN OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RECORD; 3 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS AND 11 SEMI-FINALISTS.
- O TWO STUDENTS WILL GO ONTO THE ACADEMIES. BRAD JOHNSON, WHO YOU NOMINATED, WILL ATTEND WEST POINT, AND AMBER MASON WILL GO TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY.



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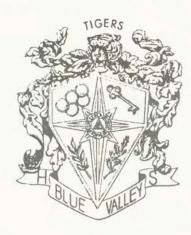
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Class officers

Jody Hagerman Brian Vierthaler Nicole Stallbaumer Lisa Clements

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SENATOR BOB DOLE BLUE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1992 THANK YOU. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SHARE THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE CLASS OF 1992 AND THEIR FAMILIES. **IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO** LEARN THAT BLUE VALLEY HIGH

SCHOOL REMINDS ME OF WASHINGTON, D.C. AFTER ALL, WASHINGTON IS HOME TO THE SUPER BOWL CHAMPION **REDSKINS. AND BLUE VALLEY IS** HOME TO THE KANSAS STATE **CHAMPION TIGERS.** WASHINGTON IS ALSO FULL OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LIKE TO DEBATE. AND BLUE VALLEY IS

ONE OF THE BRIEFEST SPEECHES ON RECORD WAS

SEATED.

BRIEF, BE SINCERE, AND BE

WHAT I CALL THE "3 B'S"--BE

AND SPEAKING IS TO FOLLOW

FROM MY YEARS OF DEBATING

ONE THING I'VE LEARNED

CHAMPION DEBATE TEAM.

ALSO THE HOME OF THE STATE

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LOUSE IT UP!" **IT WOULD BE NICE OF** COURSE TO SAY THOSE WORDS, AND TO MEAN THEM. BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THE WORLD THAT AWAITS YOU--WHETHER YOU'RE GOING ON TO COLLEGE **OR THE WORLD OF WORK--IS A** WORLD THAT HAS SOME **PROBLEMS.**

THE ECONOMY, WHILE **IMPROVING, STILL ISN'T AS** STRONG AS WE WOULD LIKE. **UNCLE SAM CONTINUES TO** SPEND HIS WAY DEEPER INTO DEBT. MANY WORRY IF WE'RE TAKING PROPER CARE OF OUR **ENVIRONMENT. AND AS WE ALL** SAW IN LOS ANGELES, WE STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT

GETTING ALONG WITH EACH OTHER.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. AMERICA DOES HAVE HER PROBLEMS--AS SHE DID WHEN I GRADUATED FROM RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL A FEW YEARS BACK.

THAT YEAR, MY CLASSMATES AND I WERE GRADUATING INTO **A COUNTRY FINALLY MAKING ITS** WAY OUT A DEVASTATING DEPRESSION WHICH LEFT MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS WITHOUT JOBS AND WITHOUT HOPE. DISEASES SUCH AS **POLIO AND TUBERCULOSIS RAVAGED THE NATION. IN EUROPE, A BLOODTHIRSTY** DICTATOR NAMED ADOLPH

HITLER WAS SWALLOWING COUNTRIES WHOLE, AND SEEMED ON THE VERGE OF SEIZING AN ENTIRE CONTINENT. WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF MY **GRADUATION, MY FRESHMAN** YEAR AT COLLEGE AND MY PLANS TO BE A DOCTOR WOULD CHANGE, WHEN EVENTS AT PEARL HARBOR BROUGHT

AMERICA INTO THE WAR. AND FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS, AMERICANS **GRADUATING FROM HIGH** SCHOOL KNEW THAT THEIR **IMMEDIATE FUTURE MIGHT WELL INVOLVE A JOURNEY OVERSEAS** ON A TROOP SHIP.

AND ONCE WORLD WAR II WAS OVER, AND THE FORCES OF **FREEDOM HAD PREVAILED, A NEW WAR--A COLD WAR--WAS** UNDERWAY. IT WAS A WAR THAT WOULD NOT END UNTIL LAST FALL. **INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON** WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICA, I ASK EVERYONE HERE TO THINK

ABOUT WHAT'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA...TO LOOK AT THE REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST DECADES.

THE MOST FAR REACHING ACCOMPLISHMENT IS THE FACT THAT YOU, THE CLASS OF 1992, ARE ONE OF THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASSES WHO

ENTER A WORLD NOT DIVIDED BY AN IRON CURTAIN...A WORLD WHERE TWO SUPER POWERS **ARE TALKING OF PEACE AND** PARTNERSHIP, RATHER THAN COUNTING NUCLEAR WARHEADS. YOU ENTER A WORLD WHERE **FREEDOM IS ON THE MARCH--**WHERE COUNTRY AFTER

COUNTRY HAVE THROWN OUT DICTATORS AND COMMUNISM, AND REPLACED THEM WITH DEMOCRACY. AND IT IS THE AMERICAN **DEMOCRACY WHICH SERVED AS** THE ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER NATIONS, AND WHICH REMAINS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.

IN ALL MY YEARS IN **CONGRESS, I'VE RECEIVED** HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF **LETTERS FROM PEOPLE WHO** WANT HELP IN TRYING TO BRING A RELATIVE OR LOVED ONE INTO AMERICA. BUT I'VE NEVER **RECEIVED ONE LETTER FROM** SOMEONE WHO WANTED HELP IN LEAVING AMERICA.

IT IS AMERICA WHICH LEADS THE WORLD IN SCIENTIFIC **ADVANCEMENTS--ADVANCEMENTS WHICH ARE MAKING LIFE EASIER, WHICH ARE CURING DISEASES, AND** WHICH--AS I DISCOVERED LAST WINTER--ARE DETECTING **CANCER BEFORE IT CAN BECOME A SERIOUS PROBLEM.**

FROM HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES ON FRIDAY NIGHTS, TO THE FREEDOM TO **CHOOSE WHAT SYNAGOGUE OR** CHURCH WE MAY WANT TO ATTEND ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, THERE IS MUCH THAT IS RIGHT WITH AMERICA. YES, AMERICA HAS HER SHARE OF PROBLEMS. BUT THE

POINT I AM MAKING IS THAT WE ARE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL NATION ON EARTH BECAUSE WE ARE ALL PART OF THE SOLUTION. EACH OF US HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A **ROLE IN SETTING AMERICA'S** COURSE FOR THE FUTURE. EACH OF YOU HAS THE **POWER TO DECIDE HOW YOU**

WILL BE PART OF THIS EQUATION. EACH OF YOU WILL MAKE THE DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT ROADS YOU WILL TAKE IN LIFE. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT **TELL YOU IF YOU CAN OR CAN** NOT GO TO COLLEGE. **GOVERNMENT DOES NOT TELL** YOU WHERE YOU WILL WORK OR WHAT YOU'LL DO.

GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PLACE ANY LIMITS ON YOUR DREAMS. THOSE DECISIONS ARE UP TO YOU.

AND SITTING AMONG YOU TODAY MAY BE THE SCIENTIST WHO WILL DISCOVER THE CURE TO AIDS, THE FARMER WHO WILL HELP FEED THE WORLD, THE VOLUNTEER WHO WILL GIVE

TIME AND ENERGY TO THOSE IN NEED, THE TEACHER WHO WILL EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN, OR THE HUSBAND OR WIFE WHO WILL HELP YOU RAISE YOUR FAMILY; OR PERHAPS, EVEN A FUTURE SENATOR FOR KANSAS. WHEREVER YOU GO IN LIFE, I HOPE YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT THE DIPLOMA YOU GET

NEXT WEEK...OR THE ONES YOU MAY EARN LATER ON FROM **COLLEGE...DOES NOT MEAN** THAT YOUR EDUCATION IS COMPLETE. THOSE WHO SUCCEED IN LIFE ARE THOSE WHO NEVER STOP LEARNING...WHO NEVER STOP LISTENING, OBSERVING, **READING, TRYING TO BETTER**

THEMSELVES. LIKEWISE, I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE A SINCERE **INTEREST IN CURRENT EVENTS,** AND IN THE ISSUES THAT WILL FACE YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR NATION. I HOPE THAT SOME OF YOU WILL RUN FOR OFFICE.

AND SPEAKING OF RUNNING, BACK IN MY DAYS IN HIGH SCHOOL, IT WAS TRACK AND FIELD AND NOT POLITICS WHICH WAS MY MAIN INTEREST. SOME OF THE EVENTS I COMPETED IN WERE THE 440 AND 880 YARD **RELAYS, WHERE FOUR RUNNERS** COMPETE FOR EACH TEAM, EACH RUNNING A PORTION OF THE RACE, EACH HANDING THE **BATON TO A TEAMMATE.**

THE STORY OF AMERICA IS THE STORY OF A NEVER ENDING **RELAY RACE. EACH GENERATION HAS DONE WHAT** THEY COULD TO BUILD A **BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, AND** THEY HAVE HANDED THE BATON **ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION.** AND WHEN THE BATON WAS **DROPPED, SOMEONE WAS**

ALWAYS THERE TO PICK IT UP. THE BATON IS NOW YOURS; AND I HOPE THAT EACH OF YOU WILL RUN YOUR HARDEST TO HELP ENSURE THAT AMERICA'S BEST DAYS ARE TRULY YET TO COME.