

Imagine If...

1996 - 1997

The 1996-1997 school year at Harrison High School is remembered for an incredible amount of school spirit. This year, students were determined to make a difference at Harrison High School and to proudly show their Hoya pride.

Due to a large amount of incoming students, 1997 was truly a year of accommodation and adjustment. In response to the arrival of 817 freshmen, Harrison High School made several adjustments. The "Freshman Priority" policy allowed freshman and seniors to enjoy their own lockers while sophomores and juniors were required to share. Interestingly enough, most Harrison students reported that they approved of the new locker policy as it provided another social outlet during the school day.

In addition to the new locker policy, 18 new learning trailers grouped into what was known by students as "the village" were added to alleviate the overcrowded conditions in the classroom. Television sets were also added to classrooms and a new cross-country trail was also created.

To help cars move faster and ease congestion in the Harrison parking lot, a supplemental exit next to Hoya Stadium (now Cobleigh Stadium) was installed.

Other new installations to the Harrison school day included what was known as "zero period." This class period was offered exclusively to juniors and seniors and was designed to let students earn their credits while leaving school an hour early. In this class period, students would show up to school an hour early to take one of their classes.

While Harrison made adjustments to produce success in the classroom in 1997, it also made adjustments to produce athletic success. In 1997, The varsity football team went to the state playoffs for the third year in a row. In addition, Daniel Cobb, the leading passer in Harrison history, earned a full athletic scholarship to the University of Georgia.

The H2OYAS had a total of 39 state qualifiers and was named the best team in Cobb County and 10th in the state of Georgia.

The varsity and junior varsity wrestling teams both had an outstanding season during this school year. The varsity team finished their season with an 18-1 record and finished at fourth place in the state. The JV team also finished their season strongly with an overall record of 15-1.

Varsity baseball epitomized athletic success at Harrison High School during this school year. USA Today ranked them 22nd nationally and fourth in the state of Georgia.

One student athlete who excelled tremendously at Harrison was boys' tennis team singles player Bobby Reynolds. Much of the tennis team's success could be

Imagine If...

1996 - 1997

attributed to Bobby's contributions. After graduating, Bobby later went on to play professional tennis after playing for Vanderbilt University and achieved a career high ranking of 63 in the world.