WHS salutatorian wants a career in education

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Rachael Hoover wants to make a difference.
She is the co-founder of the Interact Club, a community
and international service club.
Hoover also volunteers at the Oregon Zoo.
"I have always loved animals," she said.
Her zoology teacher Linda Miller describes her as "an
awesome student. She enjoys learning and is always pleasant
to have in class. I could count on her for anything. I wish I
had more students just like her." Even with
her love of zoology,
Hoover discovered it
was not the
learning path
she wanted
to follow.
"I wanted
a career in
animals, but
I realized I like people even
more so," she said.
This love of working with
people will serve her next year
at Western Washington

University in Bellingham
where she will pursue a career
in elementary education.
Hoover would like to teach
third or fourth-graders.
For her senior project Hoover
decided to write, illustrate and
self-publish her own children's
book. She will end up donating
copies of her book, Jacob and
the Bed Bugs, to elementary
schools and libraries in the
area.
Hoover should be prepared
for WWU, as she has taken
Running Start classes at Clark
College.
"It was just this year, part
time," she said. "I got experi-
ence in college life and classes."
Even though she attended a
few classes away from WHS,
Hoover was still involved in
school programs.
"I like club activities," she
said. "Just because it is a way
to make new friends.
Sometimes you don't have any
classes with your friends, but
you can all join the same club.
It is a way to make a difference
but still have fun, a good way
to connect."
Besides Interact Club,
Hoover is a member of
National Honor Society and
holds leadership positions in
Readers Club.
Readers Club is a group of
students who get together to
recommend books for the
school library. Then, once a
year, the group makes a trip to
Powell's Books in Portland and
buys the books.
She also loves tennis, and
has played on the WHS team
for four years.
While excited to continue life
outside of Washougal, Hoover
looks back over life here some-
what wistfully.
"I am going to miss it," she
said.