

A Classic Win



State Champions

WASCO

Pasco High's Premier Publication

Volume XXX No.8 Pasco High School, Pasco, WA 99301
December 16, 1998

Santa is the Reason for the Season?

By Jennifer Holzer

When someone says "Christmas" what's the first thing that pops into your mind? Can you honestly day that it isn't something superficial like presents, a decorated tree, or even Santa Claus? I didn't think so. The problem now-a-days is that Christmas has turned from a religiously derived celebration into an overrated, overspent, over-advertised commercial racket. And as time goes on things seem to be getting worse and more exaggerated. Will we ever be able to publicly re-focus and remember the true meaning of Christmas? Sadly, the outlook isn't so bright.

Have you ever seen "A Charlie Brown Christmas"? I know. I know it's just another way producers are benefiting off a holiday, but this seasonal cartoon is actually a good one. That's because it brings to light the problem of everyone getting so mixed up in the pre-Christmas hype that they totally overlook the reason we're celebrating. Everyone in the movie gets so obsessed about having the perfect Christmas that they end up arguing about a stupid thing like a pink, tin Christmas tree. However, Lynus comes to the rescue near the end of the chaos to give a speech reciting the birth of Jesus and reminds everyone that this is a joyous holiday, not a spiteful, greedy one.

There was a thing on TV a couple of weeks ago that had this lady shopping like crazy and getting stressed out by long lines and packed stores. She stopped to rest in this coffee shop and sat by a foreign man who asked why she looked so troubled. She told him of all the hassles she'd been through that day and he asked what the reason was. She tried to explain to him that it was the Christmas season. Still confused, he asked her why Christmas season was so stressful and she explained about all the presents to buy, food to prepare, and the hassle of having all the relatives over for dinner. To make a long story maybe a little shorter, he made her realize that she was dreading a holiday meant to be focused on quite the opposite of what she'd been putting herself through.

Now, all commercial associations aside, we can remember the real derivative of everyone's favorite holiday. I know religion isn't supposed to be talked about in public school, but in this case it has to be so if you're going to be offended.....stop reading. Christmas is the day that Jesus Christ was born, in other words, his birthday. How, you would wonder, could society have developed such a holiday out of Jesus' birthday? I mean how do you rationalize the tradition of gift giving when really it's Jesus' birthday, not ours. Well, that could come from a guy we like to think of as Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, or St. Nick. Where did he come from? In the Catholic faith, St. Nick was a real man who left gifts in people's shoes on the night of December 6th. How that simple tradition developed into one about a fat and velvet-wearing super hero who rides in a sleigh pulled by nine magical flying reindeer is beyond my imagination.

Besides the fact that the simple reason of Christmas has been twisted into the biggest commercial racket is the fact that the problem is intensifying. The hype used to start after Thanksgiving. However, to my disgust, I walked into the mall about a week before Thanksgiving to find the place fully decked out in wreaths, lights, and yes, even Santa. I realize that the Christmas season accounts for a huge percentage of a store's yearly sales, but are they so eager for this profitable season that they want everyone to get an early jump on it, hoping to increase their sales further? Is the aim of decorating the mall so early to give the illusion that Christmas time is upon us when really it's the middle of November?

Not only is the mall getting into the holidays early, but the avid house decorators are as well. Some people get pretty competitive when it comes to decorating their yards and houses with thousands of watts of electricity in the form of waving santas, flying reindeer, and of course blinking, steady, running, or alternate colored lights. Some neighborhoods get so into decorating with lights that when the sky goes dark and the lights come on, it's as if it's daylight by accident again. Granted, these lit up houses are pleasing to the eye and do bring about a holiday reminder, it doesn't excuse the early birds. JUST PLEASE WAIT UNTIL AFTER THANKSGIVING!!! Let one holiday pass before we start another- that's all I ask.

So how do we reverse the deterioration of Christmas' true meaning and save it's formidable fate? Well, as a whole, it's probably not going to improve at all, but individually we can remember. I'm not saying to stop decorating trees and yards, cooking a huge dinner, and giving presents. I'm just saying that for all our celebration we need to give thanks to the man who is responsible for all the fun we have during the holiday season. So instead of thanking Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph for bringing Santa to your house with presents, let's thank God for making it all possible.

Thank You to Baker & Giles, B&B Express Printing, Vincent Construction, and M&M Bolt for sponsoring the color photos on the cover and back page of this special edition WASCO!

Wasco Staff

Editor in Chief- Jennifer Holzer
Chief Layout Editor- Leslie Jones
Chief Story Editor- Natalie Kinion
Business Manager- Andrea Kidd
Stamp Champ - Chantal Collins
Billing- Chantel Liebing
Ad Design- Brooklynn Mitchell
Computer Pastor- Nick Scaief
Photo Editor- Danyelle Walsh
Darkroom Manager- Katie Gray
Photo Assistant- Nathan Hall
Candid and Showcase Editor- Wendi Andelin
Focus Editors- Blanca Torres and Vicki Montegudo
Sidelines Editors- Hana Merk and Anna Roach
Profile Editors- Erin Michael and Kori Fish
Scoop Editors- Alissa Schneider and Josh Nerpel
Hootenany Editors- Marcie Mackay and Emily Fox
Slapstick Editors- Pat Hines and KC Andres
La Onde Hispana Editors- Yeimi Garcia-Galindo and Mireya Cabrera
Advisor- Mr. Wright

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Wasco is an open forum published to entertain, show various viewpoints of students through editorials and letters to the editor, and provide information to the students, staff, and community. The Wasco is governed by the same legal rights as the professional press. We reserve the right to free expression under the First Amendment; considering the newspaper does not include libel, obscenities, or slander to any person/persons. All letters to the editor must be signed, and avoid anything slanderous or libel. All articles shall avoid slander to any race, religion, or national origin. The Wasco is financed through advertising, at a rate of \$5 per column inch, \$10 yearly subscriptions, and a stipend from ASB card sales. Any inquiries for advertising in the Wasco can be directed to the Publications Room 135, Pasco High School, Pasco, WA 99301, (509)548-5581 ext. 3515.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

Pasco School District No.1 complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap. This holds true for all students who are interested in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities and in recruiting, hiring, training, and promoting persons in all job classifications. Policies of non-discrimination are in accordance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 1973, as amended; and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, as amended. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to our Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, W. David Shaw, Executive Director of Personnel, C.L. Boothe Education Center, 1215 W. Lewis, Pasco, WA 99301 (509)547-9531.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Educational institutions are responsible to ensure that acts of sexual harassment against students and employees do not occur, in accordance with Title IX of Educational Amendments of 1972 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to W. David Shaw, Executive Director of Personnel, C.L. Boothe Education Center, 1215 W. Lewis, Pasco, WA 99301 (509)547-9531.

LA ONDA HISPANA

The Wasco, 16 de Diciembre de 1998.

Página 3

¿Que Deseas Para Navidad?

Escrito por: Yeimi Garcia y Mireya Cabrera

Estas son algunas de las respuestas de los estudiantes acerca de que es lo que quieren para Navidad.

ADRIANA VARGAS- Deseo que el deseo mas simple de todos los estudiantes se conviertan realidad.

NELIDA RAMOS SOLANO- Pues yo deseo que esta Navidad sea la mejor de todas las que he tenido, y que me la pase con mi familia y amigos.

VALENTIN PARRA- Yo deseo terminar la escuela.

NAOMI MENA- Que el deseo que he deseado de ver a Santa Claus se me haga realidad. Tambien que todos amigos y enemigos tengan una Navidad bien chida. Especialmente Joanna Mena, mi Mamá, Yeimi, Mireya, Christian en fin todos se consideran mis amigos. Quisiera que tenga la oportunidad de conversar con Leonardo Di Caprio. Espero que Santa me lo puede adelantar.

RAFAEL PARRA- Deseo hacer un viaje a Miami.

MARIO ALBERTO LIERA- Que los desee de toda la gente primero que todo se les cumplan y que pasen una noche de Pascua llena de paz y un día de Navidad feliz. Y sobre todas las cosas paz y felicidad para todos.

ADRIANA RAMOS- Yo deso un muchacho alto, guapo, de ojos de color y guero y que me regale un mono de peluche grande con rosas por un lado.

EVELYN HINOJOSA- Para esta Navidad que todos los

estudiantes le hechen mas ganas y que saquen muchas "A".

LETICIA MERAZ- Deseo un mono de Peluche con su ramo de rosas rojas.

JUAN PABLO LOPEZ- Deseo estar junto con Ana Lilia Guzman.

YADIRA P. LOPEZ- Deseo un muchacho bien guapo y bien bueno y estar con mi familia.

DAVID VARGAS- Yo deseo en esta Navidad par todas las personas que se la pasen muy feliz.

SANTIAGO NEGRETE- Me gustaria que todas las personas estuvieran al lado de todos sus seres queridos.

JESUS RIOS- Deseo un Avión.

JOSE ALFARO- Deseo un Avión tambien para hacerle competencia a Jesus Rios.

MARIA CONTRERAS- Deseo en esta Navidad encontrar mi media naranja o por lo menos alguien interesante que realmente me quiera y ser muy buenos amigos. Pero que no me aburra tan pronto, y estar con mi prima Mireya en su casa para esta Navidad y año Nuevo.

MIREYA CABRERA- Que en esta Navidad todos los estudiantes y maestros esten junto con sus seres queridos y que pasen un día de paz y Armonia junto a todos ellos. Tambien pido que Dios ayude a todas esas personas que fueron dañadas por el Huracan Mitch y ue ayude a que por lo menos ese día

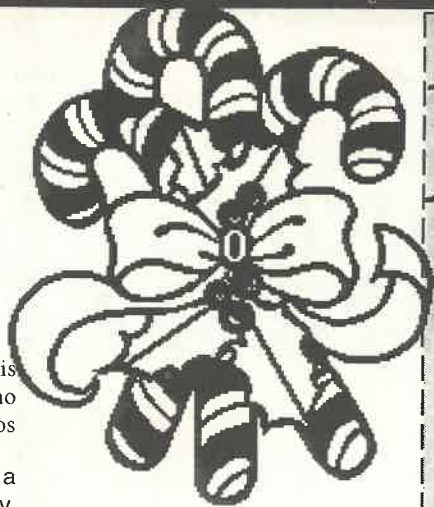
ROCIO GARCIA- Les deseo a todos los estudiantes que tengan una muy feliz Navidad al lado de las personas que

mas quieren. Tambien a todos mis amigos como Emiliano, Mono Letty Y Juan Pablo y a todos los demas porque son muchos que mas quieren. Tambien a todos mis amigos como Letty, Mono Emiliano y Juan Pablo. Atodos los demas porque son mcuhos.

YEI MI GARCIA- Les deseo a todas las personas de todo corazon que tengan una muy feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo al lado de las personas que mas quieren. Y que Dios los bendiga a todos en esta Navidad.. Tambien deseo estar al lado de la persona a quien mas amo y adoro con toda mi alma que se llama RASEC.

ALBERTO CRUZ- Deseo un carro nuevo.

NANCY PALACIOS- Mi deseo para esta Navidad es que todos tengan amor, paz, y felicidad. Amor para ti mismo y amor para aquellos que lo necesitan. Paz con aquellos que te odian, con aquellos que te molestan y paz con tigo mismo. Felicidad con aquellos que comparten su alegria y demostrar tu felicidad con todos los que te rodean, felicidad con tus amigos y especialmente con tu familia. Les deso que pasen una Feliz Navidad.



**FELIZ
NAVIDAD
Y
AÑO
NUEVO**

¿Quejas Contra Nosotras?

Escrito por: Yeimi Garcia y Mireya Cabrera

Hemos estado recibiendo quejas acerca de nosotras. Nos han dicho que a muchos se les hace aburrido lo que sacamos en el periodico o que solamente no les gusta. Bueno la verdad es que no se imaginan lo dificil que es estar sentado en una silla frente a la computadora escribiendo y tratando de colocar las historias en la computadora para despues mandarlas a la compañía. Es muy dificil a veces nos tenemos que quedar despues de escuela muy tarde para poder escribir y pensar en algo que les puedan gustar. Necesitamos su ayuda. Por eso es que siempre escribimos que si tienen preguntas, comentarios o ideas que nos digan porque queremos ideas, queremos poner algo que realmente les guste pero hasta ahorita no hemos recibido ideas de estudiantes mas que de maestros. Asi que por favor comprendanos y piensen en lo dificil que es.

ANGEL AMADOR FLORES



**Complete
Homemade Lunches
and Dinners,
Including Tamales
and our House
Specialty, Carne
Azada**

Welcome to Cinco de Mayo! Come and enjoy our fabulous food. Great service, Affordable prices. See you amigos!

5011 W. Clearwater (509) 735-7318
Kennewick, WA 99336 Fax (509) 736-6881

Licensed ACTUAL HEALING
Massage Therapist

Deep tissue, isolated injury, pregnancy, chair, and full body massages, & hydrotherapy.

Walter E. Ford, III LMT
Member of AMTA

(509) 547-8106
9612 W. Court St.
Pasco, WA 99301

"Attune"
(509) 585-0262
500 W. 1st, #C
Kennewick, WA

Distributor of Awareness and Pisces Products

Family Dentistry

Robert K. Andelin, D.D.S., P.S.

1921 W. Sylvester
Pasco, WA 99301

Telephone
(509) 547-1791

BAKER & GILES, PS Certified Public Accountants

Daniel L. Boyd, C.P.A.
Mark J. Morrisette, C.P.A.
Randy W. Shoop, C.P.A.

Telephone (509) 547-0544

202 N. Third Ave. • P.O. Box 704

Pasco, WA 99301

• Fax (509) 547-0505

**Congratulations
State
Champs**



Junior Girls

What's your favorite X-mas CD?

By Marcie Mackay

If you are looking for a great Christmas album for the holidays this year, I have a solution. I took a survey on students' favorites here at Pasco High. The top four were:

1. Chipmunks Christmas
2. Christmas with the Beach Boys
3. N'sync Christmas
4. Mariah Carey

Other albums that were mentioned were: Bing Crosby's White Christmas, Harry Connick Jr.,

When my Heart Find's Christmas, Lorrie Morgan, Elvis Presly, George Straight, Trans Siberian Orchestra, Nat King Cole's Christmas, The Carpenters Christmas, King Singers, Allman Brothers, Smashing Pumpkins Christmas Symphony, and Neil Diamond.

So now that it's time to get into the Christmas spirit, go to the nearest store and try a new CD.

Fun Christmas Reading!!

By: Nick Scaif

When we were little kids, Christmas was all about getting cool stuff. What was under the tree was more important than how it got there. So, we were read some really great illustrated children's books. We all remember the smash hits: The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, The Polar Express, and Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. It was important that we learned what Christmas was really all about- giving. Not just giving material things, but ourselves. We learned that even without all the cool toys, the folks down in Whoville could still have a wonderful Christmas. And even with all his stashed

Reading a classic to a child, teaches the importance of Christmas.

cash, Ebenezer Scrooge was still a stingy guy who hated his life- until he learned to give. So, as annoying as your elementary-age siblings might be, give them a gift of yourself. Sit them down and read them a good Christmas book.

The Hunt for SANTA

By: Blanca Torres

Santa is spending much of December at Columbia center surrounded by huge ornament, ribbons and glitter. Most of his time is consumed with taking pictures with little kids.

You can visit his workshop in the Parkade on Kennewick Ave., Kennewick. It's a small decorated house.

On Dec. 19, Santa will be giving out candy-canes on Desert Plateau starting at about 7:30 p.m. Take the second left as you drive up to the hill and then take another second left and you'll see him. His appearance will be part of the annual Luminary during residents of the plateau decorate their sidewalks with candles.

And let's not forget the night ski on Christmas Eve, all you need is a telescope and an imagination.

Winter Blues?? Problems Solved!

By: Wendi Andelin

Christmas vacation is here. You now have plenty of time on your hands, so what are you going to do with it? Well, for those of you who find Christmas break a little long and boring, here are a few suggestions on how to increase your holiday fun.

Remember those neighborhood snowball fights that you had as a kid? You know, those snowball fights where each side spent most of the day building an indestructible snow fort and stockpiling the snowballs only to have a thirty minute snowball fight that ended with one of the wimpy neighbor kids running home in tears? It's probably been years since your last snowball fight like that. Isn't it about time there was a final, decisive battle to prove who is really king (or queen) of the neighborhood? I think so.

What do you do with your leftover Christmas tree? If you planned on leaving it up until next year, I may have a slightly better suggestion. Why not have a Christmas tree bonfire? Maybe volunteer to get rid of a few of the neighbors' trees for them. They'll think you're great, and you can have a bigger fire. Christmas tree fires burn easily and generate a lot of flame. It would be perfect for roasting Aunt Gertrude's leftover fruitcakes.

Speaking of Aunt Gertrude's unwanted fruitcakes, what about the yearly knitted sweater that never fails to come in the most atrocious colors and the rest of those presents that you would be happy to do without? I mean, who likes to find underwear with pastel ladybugs on them under the tree? I'll bet that if you decorated the well meaning gift giver's car with the unwanted underclothing, they'd get the point.

Try something new this Christmas break, and if you run out of things to do, you can always watch a few of those great Christmas classic movies.

Campbell & Bruce Inc.

Quality service at affordable prices since 1983

AIR CONDITIONING
HEATING
HEAT PUMPS
FURNACES ■ FIREPLACES
SHEET METAL

545-9848
2828 W IRVING
PASCO

RESIDENTIAL ■ COMMERCIAL ■ INDUSTRIAL

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE



CHINESE GARDENS

CHINESE &
AMERICAN
CUISINE

CALL 545-6324 FOR
FREE DELIVERY

1520 N. 4th Ave, Pasco

MON-SAT 11 AM-11 PM

SUNDAY 12-10 PM

INTERNET

Get Online. Get Connected.

BOSSig 547-8896

1 Month FREE \$19.95 Value

(With 3 Month Pasco, WA

1828 W. Lewis Sign Up)

B&B Express Printing



Desktop Publishing
In-House Graphic Design
Full-Service Copying & Printing

3616 W. Court, Suite D
Pasco, WA 99301
(509) 545-5237

7519-A W. Kennewick Ave.
Kennewick, WA
(509) 783-7383

HOOTENANNY

The Wasco, December 16, 1998

Page 5

Test Your "Wonderful Life" I.Q.

By: Anna Roach

This story is not for the oh so cool people who will be spending their Christmas breaks at ritzy ski resorts or cruising among warm island countries. This quiz is for the pleasure of those whose every minute won't be planned by tour guides, and who might just have a few hours, or days, or heck maybe even the whole two weeks of Christmas break to spend watching classic Christmas movies that we only get one chance a year to dig out of the garage and pop into the VCR. Set aside some time to take in The Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, The Nutcracker, Miracle on 34th Street (the old one is good, but there is always something to be said for color,) Santa Claus is Coming to Town, A Christmas Carol, A Christmas Story (hilarious movie based on the book In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash,) and finally, A Charlie Brown Christmas.

The following quiz is meant to be completed while you watch the ultimate Christmas movie: It's a Wonderful Life. This quiz starts off easy, but don't take your eyes off the screen, or you just might miss something. Good Luck, and hey, Merry Christmas.

Who stars in the movie, It's a Wonderful Life?
Where does George Bailey work as a child?
Who Produced and Directed this film?
Where does George live?
What is the angel's name who has an IQ of a rabbit?
Who does George save from drowning?
What ear was George deaf in?
What does Violet ask George to get for her?
How many wives does George want?
Why was Mr. Gower drunk?
How many stripes can you see on George's cap when Mr. Gower

hugs him?

What's the word on the big window farthest to the left when George gets his suitcase?
How many bulbs are on the lights down main street?

What does Annie use to bang on the ceiling when George and Harry are making a ruckus upstairs?

What can you see framed behind Mr. Peter Bailey when he is seated at the table, talking to George?

What is under the gym floor?
What does Mary hand to her date so she can dance with George?
How does one dance the Charleston?

What number is on the jersey George wears home from the dance?

What color are Mr. Potter's eyes?

What does George realize at the train station?

What record does Mary play for George?

What does Mary's house smell like?

What does George call the last two dollars that he has left at the end of the day, what do they need to do?

Where is George and Mary's honeymoon?

What does Mr. Potter say he will send George a box of?

Where does Mr. Carter's family live?

What crawls on Uncle Billy after George yells at him at his house?

Lend a Helping Hand this Holiday Season!

By: Emily Fox

What is the difference between Santa and his sleigh? I don't know, but we need to be nice to each other this Holiday Season. For people who don't know anything about goodness and love, I have compiled a list of things one can do to show love and kindness to another.

- Send e-mail to your network of internet friends.
- Mischievously hang candy canes on neighbors doorknobs.
- go caroling
- Can't sing? knock on doors and do a Christmas jig.
- knock on wood.
- have a gigantic bonfire in your front yard, invite everyone to come.
- bring donuts to your first hour class
- have a hot chocolate party
- if it snows, make snowmen for friends
- send a letter to your grandparents
- feed the birds
- decorate neighborhood trees
- decorate, decorate, decorate
- cut, cute, cute!
- scrape ice someone else's car before they can.
- say 'Merry Christmas' to every single person you know.
- make cookies then invite someone over for an eating contest
- yummy
- share your gloves with someone who doesn't have any
- don't get angry with your family
- offer to baby-sit so the parents can go shopping
- if it doesn't snow, toilet paper a person's house who wants a white Christmas.

The final message: Be nice. Ho ho ho!

Mike Zook &
Nick Nikus

547-7021

Bob's Barber Shop



A family tradition
since 1962



1019 W.
Sylvester St.
Pasco

Open Mon-Fri
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Lawn and Garden Experts
Since 1937

COLUMBIA
GRAIN & FEED

2001 W. Lewis
P.O. Box 2361
Pasco, WA 99302

Duane & Fred Wattenburger
Phone (509) 547-8818
Fax (509) 547-2127

MIKE & KATHY REED



CONGRATULATE

**AMERICAN EAGLE MUFFLER
& BRAKE CENTER**

Highest Quality Workmanship - Expert Service



Complete Exhaust Work
Custom Pipe Bending
Headers & Shocks

Owner,
Dick DesJarlais
(509) 547-6056

1503 N. 4th
Pasco, WA
99301

IN THE MOOD FOR SOMETHING
DIFFERENT?

**FOOD
PAVILION**

HAS GOT THE GRUB
**CHICKEN STRIP
& JO JO
★ JUST \$2.98★**

FOCUS



Mathews Auto Body

Autobody and Frame Straightening

Domestic & Imports
Unibody-Paint Matching
Specializing in Insurance Repairs

614 West Columbia
KENNEWICK
582-9713



We D

Pasco crushes Wilson state champ

By: Josh Nerpel

The Washington state class 4A Football champions. Wow! Big Nine coaches projected the highest the team would finish was fifth place. The Pasco Bulldogs left both skeptics and students in disbelief on December fifth in the Tacoma Dome, trouncing the Woodrow Wilson Rams 17-0 en route to Pasco's first state championship since 1947. "Seeing that we were ranked fifth at the beginning of the year really motivated us," said Kyle Nelson. "We worked hard and as a team all year," he continued.

Wilson's inability score is evidence of the defensive line's hard work. Having averaged 41 points per game in their first twelve games and being shut out in the championship must have been very surprising to Wilson. It certainly was for Scott Smiley, who was quoted in the Tri-City Herald as having said "I can't believe we shut them out."

Efren Ramos made a number of key plays from his safety position, including two inter-

TACO SPOT

Restaurant & Nonfat Frozen Yogurt

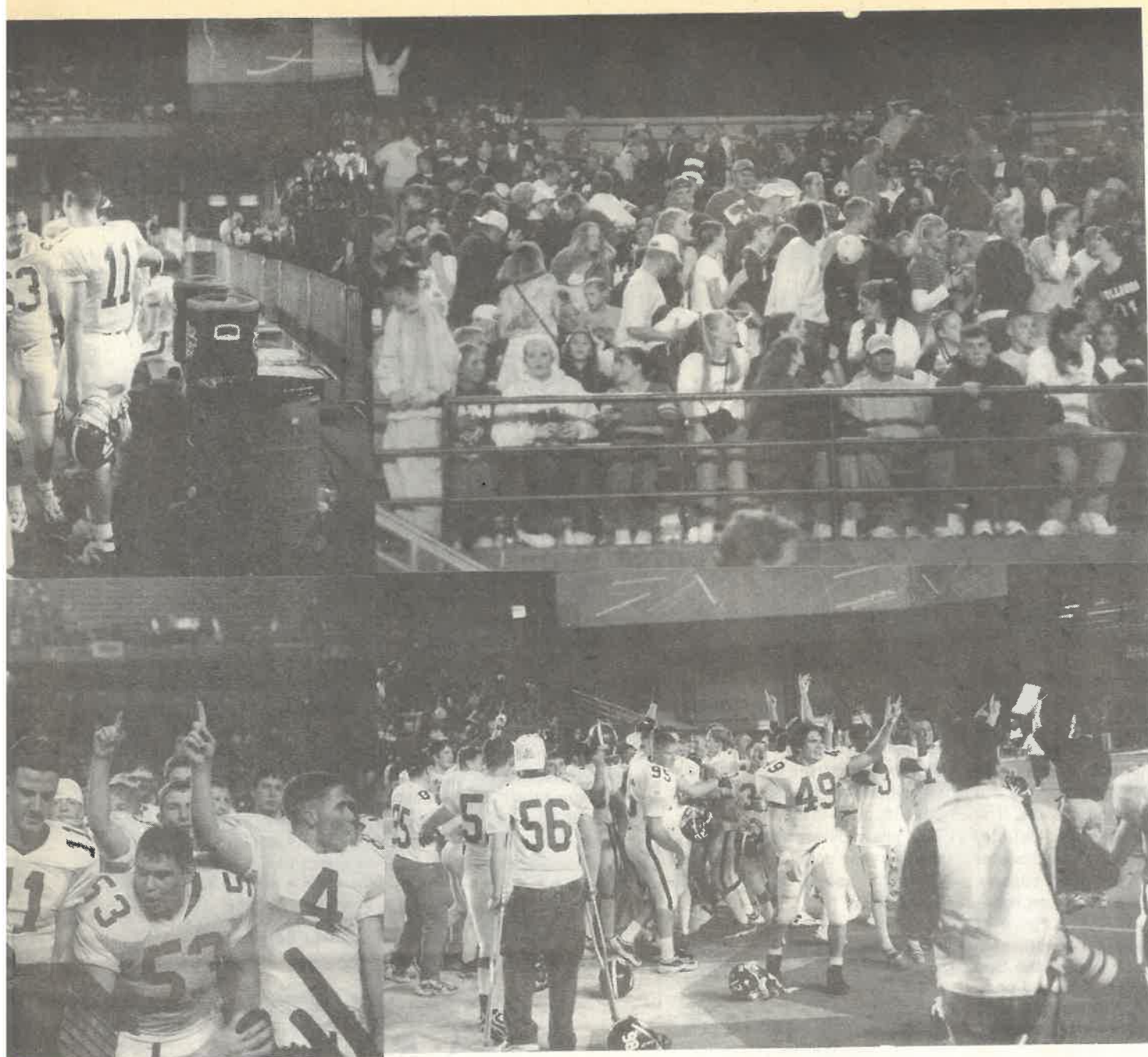


**\$.99 softshell taco
with an A.S.B.**

Frozen Yogurt & Icecream

*Not valid with any other offer

(509) 545-1127
1408 N. 20th
Pasco, WA 99301



Did It!

on 17-0 to win the pionship

ceptions. Ipolito Maloy forced a fumble and Brandon Kania, Gabe Gutierrez, and Gilbert Marquez all recovered fumbles.

While the defensive unit was being praised as "one of the best in the state," the Bulldog's offense is what had people excited. Kurt Morgan, playing with two broken bones in his left hand, ran for 157 yards and a touchdown, setting a state record with 33 carries. Kurt was not the only offensive player to star in Saturday's game. Josh Shimek passed for 107 yards and Kyle Nelson scored on a fifteen yard passing play.

Before the game it was uncertain whether Kurt would be able carry a football, much less lead the Bulldogs to a state championship. Again, a Bulldog proved all doubters wrong, using skepticism as a means of motivation. The Bulldog's were relaxed and confident heading into Saturday's game, but it cannot be said that the pre-season fifth-place ranking was not in the back of the player's minds.

Roach Law Offices, P.S.

Thomas W. Roach
Patrick T. Roach
Gerald F. Roach
Brian J. Ramming
Todd E. Ungerecht
Phone (509) 547-7587

Pacific Steel

Artie Bonneru
Branch Manager

925 No. Oregon Ave.
P.O. Box 3035
Pasco, WA 99302-3035

(509) 545-0688
Toll Free 1-800-237-1742
FAX (509) 545-0697



Rene Posoda

THE BEST SOUND & AUDIO IN THE TRI-CITIES

1835 W. Court St.
Pasco, WA 99301
(509) 544-9154

AMERICAN EAGLE MUFFLER & BRAKE CENTER

Highest Quality Workmanship - Expert Service



Complete Exhaust Work
Custom Pipe Bending
Headers & Shocks

Owner,
Dick DesJarlais
(509) 547-6056

1503 N. 4th
Pasco, WA
99301



F O C U S

1998: The Year In Review

By: Andrea Kidd

1998-99 school year has so far been one of incredible accomplishments for Pasco High. Memorable events include; Deca's Fall Leadership Conference and the WASC Leadership Conference, where many Tri-City families housed student leaders from across the state during the weekend of October 9, 10, and 11.

Also creating a name for PHS is the arts department. In addition to a very talented and active choir who has taken trips to Jazz festivals, the Leavenworth Christmas town lighting, and participated in the Tri-Cities mass choir concert, we also have a very talented drama department. Their first play of the year, "The Act of Murder," consisted of a play within a play, and turned out to be an interesting and fresh production. What often makes people or a group interesting is the fact that they are not afraid to try new and unusual things.

Also concerned with originality and presentation is the marching band here at Pasco High. This year the overlaying theme of the band was Spanish style, as illustrated by the flag girls' and drum majors' costumes. Drum majors Shannon McFadden, Theresa Bravard, and Kari Hayles have shown great leadership and talent in leading the band not only across the football field, but also in various parades and competitions such as the giant Calvacade of Bands festival, held in October.

Mrs. Rable's cheerleaders have worked very hard and have done an awesome job not only getting the crowd rowdy at various sporting events, but have also done a super job in preparing assemblies and dances. The dance team is also very deserving of credit this year, as a few individuals have come forth to show great talent. Ally Metz won \$25 for doing a total of five piroettes in a row at a recent dance competition. Denielle Green and Katy Smith each took third place in drill downs compe-

tition, Denielle competing in the advanced group and Katy in the novice catagorie.

There are so many aspects that are truly helping to make a name for Pasco High. However, what will most likely stick out in the minds of students, faculty, and community members are our powerhouse sports teams. The boys and girls cross country teams worked very hard this year and had a fairly good season, with one outstanding exception—Rubi Uriostegi. This was her third year of running in the state meet held here in Pasco at the Sun Willows Golf Course, and once again she placed amazingly well: 56th place out of about 160 runners in the 4-A girls competition.

The girls soccer team had an exceptional season as well. For the first time in Pasco High's history, the team made it to the State Quarterfinals, being knocked out by Richland who eventually took the State Championship title. The playoff game was too close for comfort with a score of 1-2. After winning state, Richland men-

tioned that Pasco posed the stiffest competition of any team they had played all season. Great job girls!

Even with two of its main players, Marcie Mackay and Jennifer Holzer, out with injuries during the end of the season, the volleyball team managed to gain seventh place in the State finals. The girls were absolutely on fire this year, dominating the Big Nine with speed, strength and enthusiasm.

And of course, there is no forgetting Pasco's very own state champions, the Bulldog football team. Thousands of fans traveled to the Tacoma Dome on December 5th to share the team's 17-0 shutout over Wilson. This was a major landmark in PHS's history because it is the first time in 51 years that Pasco has brought home the state title.

Keep up the great work Pasco High. Purple pride is running wild in our school and community, and it's awesome to see people standing up and showing pride in Pasco. It's about time we decided to show them what we're made of!

Computer Certification

By Hana Merk

If you are looking for a class where you can become certified in computer network administration or computer repair, then the Computer Certification Program is what you should take. The class takes two years if you want your certification. It is also a two hour block class. The class has around twenty people in it right now. One member of the class is Nick Ihnen. Nick enjoys the class because you get to learn how to program computers and how to fix them. Nate Ossman thinks that it is a good class, although he would rather have it be a one hour class instead of two. He thinks it is fun because he gets work hands on. When you are finished with the class you will have your certification and be able to work in business making alot more money than you would if you were working at a fast food restaraunt or bagging groceries. Nick says, "Other people should join if they want to learn about computers." So you should check with your counselor and join the Computer Certification Program so that you can graduate from high school and have your national certification in computer network administration.

GO BULLDOGS!



ELITE SEED INC.

SUPPORTING PASCO BULLDOGS



**Merry
Christmas
Uncle Tyler!**



Love,
Jordin & Isaiah



HELPLine

943-6606

P.O. Box 684
Richland, WA
99352

Office - 943-9017
Teen Talk - 946-TEEN
Check Line - 943-9017

"We Care Enough to Listen"

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH

Just Roses

**YOUR ROSE SPECIALIST!
AFFORDABLE ROSES & GIFTS**

KENNEWICK*PASCO*
RICHLAND*WALLA
WALLA*YAKIMA

547-5002
www.justroses.com

Court Street Cleaners



**Family Owned
& Operated**

547-8521
1115 W. Court St.
Pasco, WA

**Bob & Jeanne Mathews
Owners**

Hrs. 7-6 Mon.-Fri.
9-3 Sat.

30% Discount with ad

Profile

The Wasco, December 16, 1998

Page 9

La Nina's Christmas Gift to Skiers: SNOW

By Erin Michael

Skiers: If you were a little disappointed with last year's snow, this year's should make up for it. Thanks to La Nina, meteorologists predict a colder winter with more precipitation, meaning more snow in the mountains. (La Nina exhibits colder-than-normal surface waters, caused by strong winds that stir up cooler waters from the deep and drive them up to the surface.) With all this extra snow, there should be more opportunities for skiing, and more opportunities for winter skiing stories.

Nick Innan has a few skiing stories to share, one was particularly painful. "When I was skiing last year at White Pass I was going over some whop-de-do's and I feel into a big ol' hole. It was like twenty feet deep... I landed on straight rocks, it hurt." Chris Cree remembers throwing skittles and snowballs off of the ski lifts when he was a kid. "Ahhh, many memories."

If you haven't been skiing before and would like to try, this year may prove to be a good year to get started. A good way to start on the slopes might be joining ski club. But don't get discouraged if you don't seem to be that great at first. Nick says, "The hardest part of skiing is learning how- once you're good it's a lot of fun."

Leadership Class Gives Needy Something to be Thankful For

By Kori Fish

Thanksgiving is a time when everyone reflects on all the blessings they are grateful for. Six families this Thanksgiving had a little more to be thankful for because of a few students here at PHS.

The leadership class wanted to do something special for the holiday, but they could not quite decide what to do. That is, until Kayla Dodson's mom helped them adopt six families from Whittier Elementary. The students came up with the idea of putting together baskets (which were actually laundry baskets) full of food, clothes, and paper products (table clothes, napkins, etc.) for these people. Pasco and Kennewick Food Pavilions gave the students a discount on the food, and K-Mart helped out on the rest.

The baskets were then delivered Thursday when school was out. The leadership class kept a pretty low profile through out the whole deal. "The kids weren't doing it for recognition," stated Mr. Shimek. "They were doing it out of the kindness of their hearts, and they did a great job."

The leadership class went beyond the call of duty, and truly did a wonderful job at it. They are a great example for all of us of what the true holiday spirit is.

2430 E. Foster Wells Rd., #B
Pasco, WA 99302-3140



Phone
(509)
547-5960

Fax
(509)
547-8228

Dedicated Linemen Work Their Way to #1

By: Chantel Liebing

As you drive down Court street you can't help but notice all of the signs of support. "Go Bulldogs, Eat-em-up Bulldogs, and sic-em-Bulldogs," just to name a few. Before the season started it was predicted that we would only get, at the very least, fifth place in the big nine. So what was it that united our football players together to win the first State Championship in Pasco high history? Was it because our guys came together with a common goal, to win, and played as a team not as individuals?

Jonathan Kovis started throwing the football around in his backyard with his brother. He has participated in football since sixth grade (6 years now), and plays left guard on the offensive line. "Back in seventh grade I thought that we could win state our senior year. I always wanted to have fun and make it a good experience. I started playing football with a lot of my friends, and though most do not still play, the friendship we built from football and other sports remains," said Jonathan. Some people believe that football is just a game, a rough sport, and some a waste of time, but in Jonathan's view football has become a way of friendship and a stepping stone to a world of opportunities.

When we watch a game all we see are the players running up and down the field tackling and making touch downs. Unfortunately, we never see the quite acts of service that goes on before and during the game. "When we got into the playoffs and the JV players started suiting up with the varsity, I compiled a list of things the younger guys needed to know in order to be successful at this level. They were called the John Murphy Laws and covered such topics as how to stay warm on the sidelines if they didn't get to play," said Jonathan. This is how the football team was successful. They united as a team, nobody was better than another and every-

body helped each other even if they played or not. "It feels good to know that we have accomplished something no other Pasco high team has accomplished. I remember going to Pasco games when I was young and cheering even though those teams did not always make the playoffs or win a lot. Its good to know that there are younger kids looking up to us," stated Jonathan.

Gilbert Marquez is another team player. He got interested in football when he was eight years old. He plays offensive and defensive tackle. To help his team be successful Gilbert ran everyday during seventh hour and before the season started he was in the weight room lifting weights. For those of you who do not know

Gilbert's parents died when he was a sophomore, but through this tragedy he was able to stay motivated in football. "I used that anger I had for football and I used football to keep my mind off of what happened," said Gilbert. Gilbert succeeded in one his goals to play and win at state, his goal now, is to play in the All-Star East-West Summer Classic game.

The attitudes of all of these players can be summed up in Jonathan's final quote. "Work hard in everything. As I look back on my High school years I see that I could have and should have worked harder in sports and in school. As long as you have a level head and don't take yourself too seriously, you will see the big picture and be able to work towards your goals."



RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
George and Yvonne Schmaljohn, Owners

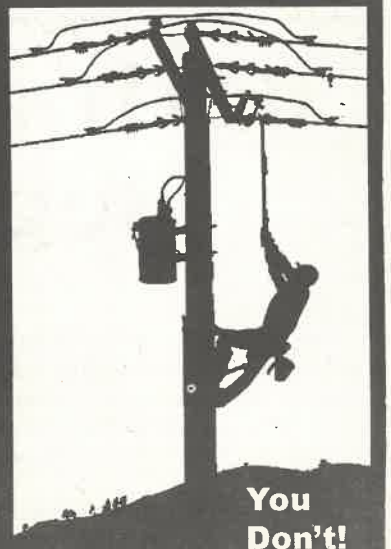
1205 S. 10th Street
Pasco, WA 99301-5109
Phone (509) 547-7081

GOOD FOOD * GOOD SERVICE * REASONABLE PRICES

You discover a
downed power line.

It might be live. It
might be dead.

How do you tell?



You
Don't!



There is no way to tell. If you try to touch a downed line, or get near it, the outcome is serious injury or death. Don't do it. Not ever. Call Franklin PUD, 547-5591, day or night. We'll take care of it.

Gymnastics: Bounding By The Dozen

By Leslie Jones

This year's gymnastics team has already made history. There are 12 girls on the team this year, which may not seem like a large group (compared to the size of a football team perhaps,) but it's actually the largest number of members a Pasco gymnastics team has ever had.

The team has 3 additions who have never participated in the sport before. These brave and determined athletes are freshman Eli, Marion, and Eva. Returning gymnast Andrea Kidd said that all of these girls are doing really awesome, especially being new at it. "They're really stickin' with it," she says.

In addition to being somewhat inexperienced, this year's team is also young in age. Many freshman joined the team this season, either mov-

ing up with experience from middle school or competition in clubs. They include Kylie Urbach, Andrea Lindsay, Elise Magula, and Jennifer Meheen. Sophomore Kailene King also joins the girls on the mat, with returnees Andrea, Alyssa Meheen, and Hana Merk.

Regardless of experience or age, this gymnastic team is determined to work hard and make it far this year. They have been practicing in the old Mid-Columbia building, with Coach Nancy Nicholas and new assistant coach Shelly Dougherty. Nancy has been coaching the team for a little under a decade now, however, an assistant coach is a new asset to the team. Andrea says that Shelly is big help, for it allows them to be more spread out.

Right now the gymnasts are working on "cute & cool" floor

routines, "trying new things and making routines even better," Hana said. Andrea thinks that their biggest strength is that talent is divided among the girls, there's no single star. Hana expressed that they are particularly strong on the beam. A weakness among the team could be merely that the team is new, which will disappear with time.

A lot of people remember the chemistry of last year's team, and many say it was an ingredient to their success. Andrea agrees and says it all revolved around the fact that they all grew up together, but she says just because this team didn't, it is not a possible weakness. The team gets along really well, she said, and are getting closer everyday.

Other exciting things going on with the team are new warm-ups, a partner-meet in Spokane on the 19th, and later this month they will be wrapping presents at Wal-Mart to raise money.

Hana says that the best part of gymnastics is showing the fans all the things she and her team have practiced. So let's give her and the rest of the girls lots of fans to impress by making it to a few meets this season.

Athlete of the Issue *Seniors* Alyssa Meheen & Andrea Kidd

By: Chantal Collins

Andrea Kidd and Alyssa Meheen are the only two seniors on the team. There aren't any set captains on the gymnastics team, but everyone agrees that Andrea and Alyssa are the leaders of the team. Teammate Hana Merk says "They keep us going and motivate us to do our best."

Andrea and Alyssa are both all-around gymnasts, so they can and do help newcomers, as well as team members, whenever help is needed. Their encouragement and leadership help to create team unity and a hard working attitude.

"They are very inspirational," says Merk. Andrea and Alyssa are always working hard and aren't afraid to let you know when you're being lazy. Teammates testify that they have personally been told to "Don't be lazy, let's go!" by Andrea or Alyssa. These two are what you could call positive leaders, which are definitely necessary on every successful sports team.

These important qualities have come naturally to Andrea and Alyssa from their many years of experience. Andrea has been doing gymnastics for twelve years and Alyssa for ten years. While Andrea's strongest event is the

floor, she likes the beam just as well. Alyssa's favorite and strongest event is the beam.

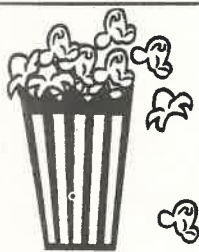
In the future, Alyssa probably won't continue in gymnastics, but Andrea is considering walking on in college. They both agreed that winning the league championship last season was the highlight of their gymnastics ca-

reers so far.

One thing for sure is that the leadership qualities shown by these two seniors girls have definitely had and will continue to have a positive impact on the 1998-99 P.H.S. gymnastics team. Good job and good luck this season.



Ron's Original Kettle Korn



**KETTLE KORN FOR THE
HOLIDAYS**

Available at

**Pasco Ranch &
Home**

**Big Orders call 266-4683
Cell: 531-6149**

Bodnar's Bunch Begins Big

By: Danyelle Walsh

On December 1 our PHS wrestlers hosted a jamboree to start off the season. With many varsity wrestlers missing due to football, the jamboree went really well for a first time experience. All of the teams that attended are planning on coming back next season. "Performance wise, all of the kids did really well, but we were definatly missing our football players," quoted coach Bodnar. Players like J.J. Mangum, Josh Brown, Brian Esparza, and Brian Post, did awesome winning all three of their matches that night.

"On December 5 our varsity team of ten traveled up to Spokane for the Mead tournament. Out of our ten wrestlers that were entered we brought home three champions, three second places, and one third place," added Bodnar. "Our final score also turned out really good, especially since we only had ten wrestlers entered."

The Richland match that was planned as being our season opener was canceled and rescheduled for January 2. Make sure you come to this match which will be our first home match of the season.



Holzer Farms, Inc.

**SUPPORTS
PASCO BULLDOGS!**

SIDELINES

The Wasco, December 16, 1998

Page 11

Boy's Basketball Having A Slamming Season

By Nathan Hall

The boys basketball team got off to a good start with a win over University. They only suited eight players for the game because

several expected players were still playing football. Even though they were without some of their more experienced players, the Bulldogs still managed to come out with the win. "We're not as experienced without them," admitted

Cody Fielding, but even with only eight players, the team had good, experienced players who were able to overcome their opponent. With the football players back, they will have some added height and experienced players.

Obviously they didn't need height or varsity experience to beat University. Straws said, "We were patient on offense and good on defense. We're concentrating on transition offense - pushing the

ball for quick scores." Levi Barber said about the game, "I want a quote in the newspaper. We're a good shooting team. They

played zone [defense] on us so we picked them apart." Straws remembered a play in the game where he came down and hit a jump shot. They went into a full-court press where he stole a pass and

layed it in.

Fielding said this year is different because "everybody works hard and they all want it. We'll play up to our potential." He hopes to finish number one in the Big Nine.

Guajardo said his team is not quick or tall, but are good shooters. This year he's going to stress shot selection and defense. He is very optimistic and hopes the success of the football team carries over to the court.



Lady Bulldogs: Queens Of the Court

By Katie Gray

The Lady Bulldogs achieved their first win of the season against Hanford High School, with the score of 83-49 in pre-season play. With key players like Briana Wagner, Carly Sullivan and Natalie Kinion running the court, our Bulldogs are sure to continue in their success.

The chemistry of the girls on the team is so great because of the friendships they have off the court. The team learned to work well together in other environments, which shows in their ability to work as a team on the basketball court. Carly Sullivan, a senior post, says that the things she enjoys most about playing with the girls on the team are their friendship on and off the court, and their ability to

work hard. Working hard is what comes with the territory of being a Lady Bulldog basketball player, as Coach Coleman doesn't put up with any nonsense from his players. "We are going to have a winning season, and hopefully make it to play-offs," says Carly, when explaining the expectations she has for her team this year.

Natalie Kinion, a senior post as well, agrees with Carly, and hopes for a season of wins, enabling them to finish in the top four and go to regionals. "If we can make it to regionals, I expect to make it to state," she added with confidence. Natalie's confidence in her team shined through as she mentioned the only difficult games would be against our three home rivals,

Kamiakin, Kennewick and Richland, with an overall record prediction of 13-3 or better.

Briana Wagner, a junior point guard knows that they have to keep their intensity level up to finish in the upper portion of the bracket, which is why she set goals to reach that ideal, such as "working hard, staying focused, and not stressing about every little thing". Although Briana admits that they have weaknesses, such as small players, she knows that the team's quickness on the court will pay off in the end.

With all of the confidence these Bulldogs have in their team, they have a great chance at success. Help them to reach their goals by being supportive of our team and cheering our Lady Bulldogs on to victory.

-Brian Esparza- Our Own Academic All-Star

By Natalie Kinion

As a freshman he wrestled at 101 pounds and went to the regional tournament, as a sophomore he wrestled behind two great wrestlers, and now as a junior, Brian Esparza is definitely a strength of this year's wrestling team. His head coach, Coach Bodnar, said "This year at 141 pounds he has exhibited focus and intensity second to none." Brian has already won three matches at the Jambo-ree and took second at the Mead Invitational on December 5th. "I have been wrestling for three years and this will be my fourth. My career record is 55-20," said Brian.

Not only does he exemplify excellence on the mat, but he is also a scholar athlete. Brian currently has a 3.93 grade point average. Of athletics and academics Brian says "I am also in-

volved in getting a good education, so my time after school (and wrestling practice) is used for studying."

Besides being a scholar athlete

desire. Coach Bodnar said "Brian is an athlete that is not satisfied with just participating. He will leave everything he has on the mat. He is an extreme competitor!"

"My strengths are leg riding and bar arms," said Brian. Hopefully these strengths can propel him to the state tournament this year. "I believe Brian can be a state caliber wrestler. We will only know as the season progresses, but from what I've seen already this year, it would not surprise me to see Brian in purple and white at the state tournament." commented Coach Bodnar.

Their toughest competitors will be Wenatchee and they would love for you to come and support them. On behalf of the team Brian wanted to add "The wrestlers would like to invite all students and staff to come to all home matches and support our team!"



"Brian is a silent leader, he leads by example; doing the right things and encouraging teammates. He is very helpful and responsible," said Coach Bodnar. "I wrestle because I enjoy the competitiveness of stepping onto the mat and putting my strength against the opponents," said Brian and about his

**MERK SHEET
METAL**
Supports Pasco Bulldogs!

547-5781 611 W Ainsworth



**Your Full
Service Company**

- Burglar & Fire
- CCTV
- 24 Hr Central Monitoring Station
- Uniformed Guard & Patrol Services
- Professional Answering Service
- Digital/Alpha Pagers

FREE ESTIMATES & SITE EVALUATIONS
Residential • Commercial • Industrial

509-545-1881/800-722-1070

DOGS DOMINATE DOME

