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OUR GENERATION SCORES HIGH ON ETHICS REPORT CARD

By Emily Sullivan

I followed two elderly people down the mall one day and watched them as three teenagers with piercings on their face and outrageous hair walked by. The couple stared in amazement and I heard them utter something about, oh you know, those common phrases referring to teenagers as abnormal creatures that appear on our planet. It made me think about our generation and if we are that different from generations before, or if it is a stereotype that is placed upon us because of the way we speak our mind and try to let our individualism shine through. Is it a part of our generation, or does it solely abide to every teenager? We receive criticism from people day in and day out, but they are merely stereotypes that apply to every group of teenagers. Do you not think that your parents

generation were referred to as rebellions? It is a part of life, a stage that this age group goes through and learns from. Yet, the question is . . . Are we a more negative and blown up replica of the teenage stereotype? Do we have less values that we adopted, as many people would agree, or are we going to turn out just fine and prove that we grew up with good morals and ethics?

There was an ethics test that was given to 8,600 teenagers called the "Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth." Here are some of the facts that it revealed:

- *Seven in ten students surveyed admitted cheating on a test at least once in the past year.
- *92% said they lied to their parents in the past year; 78% said they had lied to a teacher.
- *Nearly one in six students said they had shown up for class drunk at least once in the past year.
- *68% admitted they had hit someone because they were angry.

Yes, sure this data reveals a hole in the moral ozone, but these are actions that teenagers have been caught doing throughout time. It isn't like lying to parents is a total new shock that has hit American families. I know that our mothers were caught sneaking out of their house at wee hours of the mornings and fathers cheated on their test because they had forgotten to study

the night before. It is not a generation decline because we are known to do this. It is a teenage act.

I believe our generation is

statistics are beginning to side with us. There are myths out there that are commonly believed by individuals of all ages and races, for example:

Myth #1: violent crime among

nesses and strengths. There are certain things that are going to happen, no matter how much we try. This isn't the perfect world, we cannot end all violence, we can't end all teenage pregnancies, but we can begin to reduce it.

Go home and say this to your parents, "I am more optimistic, less likely to use drugs and healthier (excluding fat) than you were at your age." This is the truth according to some of the findings in Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation, a book that uses new statistics and an in-depth opinion poll to describe the generation of people born since 1982. It says that youth today value teamwork, spontaneous shows of religion and rules. They honor their elders and, increasingly, see premarital sex as a negative thing. They also believe selfishness is a critical cultural obstacle. And because of that, they are convinced that they - not selfish Boomers or Gen-X- will be the generation to resolve society's distress.

Now, I don't believe everything that is told to me. I do not think we are near the perfect generation, but outlooks are better for us than we are led to believe. We aren't the generation where we were looked like perfect school kids and were out on the weekends engaging in activities that our parents hadn't even heard of. We are experimental, yet still hold on to our values. We definitely are on the right road to a bright future, just stuck in a stage where most kids linger for a few years of their life. They then, take the knowledge that they learned while there and begin a strong life with the values that they grasped during this time. Lets prove ourselves and take advantage of all the opportunities that have been handed to us; technology, freedom of speech, openness of opinionated issues, and form a strong generation

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very admirable. We have grown up in a country that is no longer afraid to speak out about sex, drugs, and violence and are getting better at speaking about the taboo subjects that were once so unused to say in public. Some may think that this is a bad thing, that speaking about it makes things that once were hidden about in households and talked about in families. Yet, our families aren't the same. In most American families the mother and father leave to work every morning and arrive home, on good nights, in time to sit down and have dinner together as a family. Things are more hectic, so therefore the subjects that may need to be discussed are not as thoroughly talked through. We have been lucky to not have been shunned from these problems and they are all laid out on the table in front of us. Although we are said to be cheaters, liars, or violent, we are also taking the step up and proving that the subjects talked about are helping us.

After all the badmouthing about how our ethics have gone down the drain and that the odds are slim that we have indulged in one of the unethical acts, sta-

the young is sky-rocketing

Truth: The FBI says 65% increase between 1980-1994 for youth but 66% increase between 1980-1994 for ages 30-49.

Myth #2: Schools are cauldrons of violence

Truth: Between 1992-1994, there were 60 murders in school buildings. During the same period, between 4,000-6,000 children and youth were killed at home by their parents or caretakers.

Myth #3: Teenage birthrates are out of control

Truth: Teenager birth rates are identical to those of adults, and poverty is the overriding factor. Furthermore, adult males largely cause their pregnancies: three-fourths of babies born to teenage mothers were fathered by men over age 19 and half by men over 22. The most recent statistics show a decrease in the teenage birthrate.

Now these are just three myths out there provided, there are many more that abide. I am not saying that we are perfect, by far, but I am saying that everything believed by other people is not all true. That is the point being made. We all have our weak-

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MASQUERADE: ARE YOU READY?



By Meagan Hines

It's that time of year again. Time to put on your costume and party hardy! Yes, Masquerade is just around the corner, Friday November 17 to be exact, from 9 to 12:30. But this year, there's going to be a change. We're tired of seeing the same old costumes year after year. You know, the ones that a whole group of girls will wear, and then pass on to the next year's class. As well as ones that practically half the dance floor is many people have decided to steal this original idea from a few years ago. It isn't called "the 20's Dance" it's called Masquerade.

-Students: For the love of Christmas people, making a costume isn't that hard. Get some foil or something.

-Medical people: Every year the same old thing, doctors and nurses are just plain old.

-Angels and Devils: Unless you're sportin' the wings from Dogma or Brittany Spears red cat suit, these costumes are a weak attempt.

-Sports Players: This does not include boys dressed as cheerleaders! We mean football players who wear their uniforms and so on.

Next, here's some hints to keep you're costume original: Think of a new idea that you've never seen. Even if it seems impossible, there's always a way.

-Don't tell anyone your idea. Even your best friends, surprise them at the dance when they see just how crazy you got.

-Exaggerate. Take everything you're going as 10 times too far. Let everyone know exactly what you're trying to be. So if you want to be Pamela Lee, you better be stuffin' that bra and poofin' that hair!

-Go to Gorilla Grams. The lady who rents the costumes has great ideas, and she'll make sure you're set up with an outfit that will satisfy you.

-Be absolutely random! If you can't afford to rent a costume, dig into all your parents old clothes, household appliances, toilet paper, just anything you can get your hands on. The crazier the better.

This year's dance is guaranteed to be just as great as ever. And if you've already got one of the costumes above, don't sweat it. This is your night to be totally random and outgoing. If you look ridiculous, you've done it right.



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PASCO HIGH HAS AN AWARD WINNING ARTIST

By BreAnne Hovley

Wouldn't it be great to have natural artistic ability? Of course it would, but if everyone had great talent then those few artists wouldn't stand out. We have a few famous artists among us at PHS. Anna Goranson is one of them. Over the summer her mom picked up an entry form for her to enter in the Washington Apple Association Calendar Contest, which is held every year. There are three age divisions, which include elementary, middle school, and high school ages. For each age division there is a grand prize of a \$500 savings bond and a runner up prize for a \$250 savings bond. Anna won the runner-up.

On the poster she drew, she painted a map with a semi-truck full of apples and the doors of the truck open. Anna says, "I've always liked to draw and doodle, but two years ago I took an art class and I painted a zebra. I entered it in the fair and took first place (grand champion)." The art class is what turned her onto painting and drawing. For Anna's service learning project she painted a little boy with a fishing pole walking in the woods and gave it to the children's center at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

THIS IS ONE WILD RIDE

By Brandon Herres

You may have seen it in the school parking lot, towering over hundreds of cars; it's big, it's black, and it's mean. But what is it? The vehicle I am speaking of is a 1955 Chevy station wagon that is a little different than the rest. I asked the driver, junior Joel Garcia, for a ride so he could explain how it was made. After driving a Volkswagen bug for the last year I was not used to having to jump 3 feet in the air to enter a vehicle. Once I overcame this obstacle we were on our way.

The body of the "Monster Wagon" came about when Joel and his dad realized the frame on the '55 wagon was bent and restoring it to original condition would not be a good investment. Then his dad came upon a 1980 Chevy Blazer 4x4 that he got cheap. After a few months of evenings and weekends it was built. The frame of the Blazer had to be lengthened for the longer wagon body and the wagon's 6-cylinder engine was replaced with a strong V-8. The 36-inch off-road tires give the wagon its beastly stance as well as the traction



(Photo by Joel Garcia)

needed to get it over the river and through the woods with ease. Unlike the other off-road vehicles at Pasco High this one actually looks good, sporting a new interior and paint job. Joel, his brother and his dad have always loved Chevy and V-8's, with the exception of a customized Harley-Davidson in the Garcia garage. The three always have a project going like their '69 Super Sport El Camino that is being painted as I write this. Joel says that the Monster Wagon is his personal favorite because, "There isn't anything like it and it can off-road as good as it looks." I asked him which car he would take to prom he replied, "My dad has a 1969 427 Corvette Convertible that is really cool, but if it rains I might take the wagon."

Even though the Monster Wagon's ride is comparable to that of a school bus there will be nobody laughing when you are seen in it. Joel Garcia's wagon always turns heads while cruising Clearwater on a Saturday night and leaves other off-roaders in awe when chugging through the mudhole on a Sunday afternoon. While some students might find the Monster Wagon to be ugly, outrageous, or just plain cool it is surely an all-original automobile. Joel asked if I would feature his teal '55 Chevy Hardtop in a future issue and I

think I might if it had full off-road capabilities as well. If any student feels that their car, truck, or cross of the two is worthy of being featured talk to me and tell your story.

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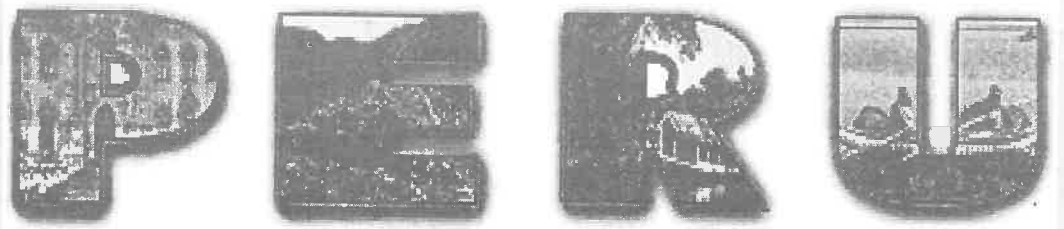
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PHS Student Takes On



By Anna Roach

If I could describe life in Peru in one word it would be Different. It shouldn't be all that surprising that a foreign country, with unique customs, language, food, and people, would be different; but the reality, when I stepped off the plane to have everyone speaking Spanish, and to have the sights, the sounds, and the smells, change completely in a matter of hours came as a huge shock. Of course I knew that I was leaving the U.S. I had chosen to go to Peru for a year to be an exchange student, so I knew more or less what I was in for. However, it turned out to be one thing to anticipate these

changes and another thing completely to undergo such extreme changes. Perhaps I could have prepared a bit better or studied up a bit more. In the end, however, it was part of the fun to be completely lost for a while.

The first few days I was here in Perú, I felt like I had walked into some radical Total Body Experience ride in a theme park, which took complete control of your senses and transported your whole conscious mind to a new dimension. It was unreal, everything was moving fast, I was excited, and having fun until I realized that I was in Perú, not Disneyland. I

couldn't just walk out of the other end of the ride. This was my life, my new country, the new language. I was going to meet new people, have new friends, and a new family. But this was the challenge I had chosen for myself. I wanted to try this. I wanted to learn Spanish, to experience a new culture, to see how life is in a developing country. It was intense at the beginning, and still it is hard not only to be the only blond-haired, blue-eyed gringa in my city of Tacna, but also adjusting to the differences.

I have learned to enjoy the unpleasant parts as well as the parts that are more fun,

like travelling to Macchu Pichu, Lake Titicaca, and Chile. All in all, I love it. I love the people and the language, and the ways in which Perú moves differently than the United States. Perú, for example, is on the whole more relaxed. The people spend a lot more time resting, and are almost never hurried. They walk or take buses, and enjoy taking time to eat a big lunch in the middle of the day. The general attitude of 'mañana' is prevalent and it is the Peruvian custom to be at least a half and hour late to any sort of function.

I have learned more about myself in 2 months down here,

then I could have ever hoped to learn in a year back home. The disruptions and inconveniences of are part of the exchange experience as a whole. They have helped me to become more aware of myself, my limits and my strengths. Meeting and living with people from other parts of the world, different cultural backgrounds and philosophical traditions, adds a new dimension to my own experience, provides insight to other world perspectives, and also continues to reaffirm the basic similarities that exist between all people.

(Anna Roach is a PHS student who is in Peru on a student exchange)

Peru -It's Unique

By Ryan Orozco

In Peru things are a lot different then back here in Pasco. In almost every town, smack dab in the middle of town square there is a cathedral. About 95% of the population is Catholic in Peru, and they have many beautiful cathedrals. The cathedral is just one part of the square of the town. Usually they have a park filled with plants and fountains and other art pieces. Accompanying the cathedral and bordering the park, is usually the president or mayor's mansion. Also there may be the Bishops palace which is generally across from the cathedral. A building called a municipal may be there, which is a place where the police and other government forces gather and have meetings. In between the buildings there are oftentimes vendors selling gadgets of all kinds.

All around town there are mini marts, covered head to toe with beer ads of all kinds. The beer companies give out free posters, and even T-shirts, which also can be seen all over. Men and women of all shapes are wearing them, much more then they do here in America. The beer logos are also all over hats and bags and other gadgets that are sold such as cups.

The people in Peru seem to be very religious. In practically every car and taxi there have signs of the catholic religion. There are crucifixes, statues, and pictures of Mary and Jesus all over. They sometimes even paint moving murals on their cars of religious scenes.

Possibly because of their strong religious feelings, there is a strong sense of family in Peru. They have deep rooted family values, and stick together no matter how hard the times. Which there are plenty of in Peru. The unemployment rate is high, and there are still people coming into the cities with no money. They have a problem where Indians and farmers from up in the mountains, come down into the cities and try to survive in the streets. With nothing but the rags on their backs, they stumble into the cities, and eventually end up sitting around on the streets. They set up shacks and try to find work. They buy bricks, sometimes one or two at a time, all that they can afford and slowly build themselves real shelter. These "Squatters," as they have begun to call them are big problems for the government to handle.

APPAREL SIMILAR TO U.S.

by Mecque' Whitcomb

The clothing style of Peru today is for the most part very similar to what we wear in the United States. Anna Roach, who is on an exchange program over in Peru commented, "nothing here is authentic, and there is not that much style in my neck of the woods." In Peru, there are still women that wear the traditional, large, pleated skirts that go below the knee. They also wear rather strange tall hats. Women in the sierra wear beautifully stitched costumes. The Peruvians also wear

alpaca sweaters. Alpaca are animals native to Peru and look very similar to a llama, so the wool is very soft and warm. The teenagers in Peru wear very tight pants, revealing tops, and very high shoes. In the schools though, the students must wear uniforms and are not allowed to wear makeup. The Peruvians also have many more elegant gatherings than we have here in America.

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NO MORE BABYSITTERS PLEASE!!!

By Tyler Shook

I debate each and every day which college I want to be attending next year, actually in less than a year. . . And I still have baby-sitters. In less than a year, I am going to be out in the world, the big world, day in and day out making decisions that will affect the outcome of the rest of my life. Yet, I don't have any freedom from the athletic code to make my own decisions, so in a year now, when faced with pressure of the immense life at college, I will not have had the luxury of turning away from this pressure. I am not disagreeing with the punishment or consequences of drinking. It is against the law and there are legal reasons why one cannot drink until an adult at 21. Therefore, yes, I agree an athlete should get in trouble if they are at a party and get caught drinking. We aren't old enough and we are athletes so we shouldn't be doing it, therefore we are going to suffer a consequence if we get caught. But come on!!!! Out for the whole year? That is a little harsh and also hindering the students. They should be apprehended and punished, but isolating athletes from athletics for a whole year is going to, nonetheless, make the situation that they got punished for, worse than it was before. Now, instead of the athlete going to practice everyday after school and having games every week, wouldn't it be likely that they turn to drinking because they don't have anything better to do or anything to strive for? Their goals have been seized and there is not anything else to look forward to. Sports obviously keeps students out of trouble. Statistics prove how much healthier men and women

teenager athletes are, yet, they now have no reason not to get into trouble. Some will say "well they are athletes and shouldn't be involved in such things as that." Well, I strongly agree, but if they are solely at the party they are

punished. Think realistically, we are in high school. People who aren't in sports have no reason not to do it and some of those people are friends with athletes. They drink and we don't, we get in trouble they don't. Con-

sequently, we complied with the athletic code and now are faced with more serious situations at college.

High school is the time when we always want to hang out with our friends and be together, but then if some people come with alcohol, we are held liable for their mistakes. What, tell them to go somewhere else? Why? They aren't disturbing anybody, I have enough respect and willpower for my-

self to turn it away. Shouldn't we have been given the strength to say "no" to these kinds of things, and by the age that I am, I should not question it. These students want to partake in that because they

the law says we can buy tobacco. But the athletic policy says if you get caught with tobacco we will have to suffer the consequences. If they are 18 and want to puff on a cancer stick or chew tobacco, that's their problem. It should no longer be the schools say in if they want to use tobacco or not. Its legal for them to do it. It's not

legal for us to drink so that is still the schools say in if we do it or not.

Leaders of the school; that is what we are told that we are. Very believable, yet if we are leaders, we have a strong voice or willpower or actions that give us those leadership qualities. Therefore, we have the qualities to turn down the peer pressures at parties. It is handed down our way and we walk the other direction to talk and mingle. It is a social gathering. Every high schooler has their party moments. This is a part of our lives when we are inclined to be with our friends, but where do we go if our friends are out there at parties? The athletic code seems to undermine our qualities that we are told everyday that we acquire. In a year my class will be gone. That means two things . . . 1) We want to be with our friends every weekend.

and not just with a few of them, all of them and 2) We are going to have to grow up sometime and live without the baby-sitters in our life that hinder us in our freedom to choose our own destiny.

Lastly, we have parents who have instilled in us our morals and ethics to abide by. We need to take these into our world and abide by them. Our parents show us the way we need to live, not the athletic code. Two parents watching our every move is enough. Athletes deserve punishment when involved in illegal actions, they are not inhuman. They do deserve the consequences, but not when they aren't partaking in any illegal actions. The law is the law and that is not changeable, but gives us the freedom to be with our friends and make our own decision, if we turn down the wrong path, then we deserve a harsh consequence.

"Yet I don't have any freedom from the athletic code to make my own decisions."

won't get into trouble and guess what . . . That's their problem. But we can't go to these kick backs because if that does happen we are the ones who get in trouble. Just being there where stuff is shouldn't be what gets us in trouble. Yes, I do think we should get in trouble if we are in possession of any alcohol or any other stuff kids can get a hold of these days. But I do think the punishment is hard and not helpful to the situation. The main reason we would get in trouble I think is because it is illegal for us to drink.

Which brings me to my next subject. If we are 18

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Los Deportes Extremos que los Estudiantes de Pasco High Practican

By Claudia Urrea

Los estudiantes de Pasco High si que saben lo que son los deportes extremos. Demuestran que si son perros de verdad al practicar deportes tan peligrosos como andar en patineta, bicicleta, y escalar montañas. Aunque ay mas chavos que practican el andar en patineta que otros deportes eso solo significa que

el andar en patineta es mas divertido y mas llamativo en cuanto atraer la curiosidad de muchas personas por el peligro. Estos chavos si que saben lo divertido y emocionante que es al intentar dar una media vuelta en el agre, en una patineta. Tambien el intentar dificiles maniobras en una bicicleta

con el miedo de llegar a caer, es una experiencia unica. Si esto no les impresiona que tal el subier a lo alto de una montaña a mas de cinco millas de altura con solo una piola alrededor de tu cintura.

Deverian intentarlo y sentir la emosion y la indrolina correr por sus venas es una experiencia unica. Como dicen

algunos de los estudiantes que practican estos deportes es una experiencia que combiaria el modo en que muchos miran la vida. Ay muchos estudiantes en esta escuela que prefieren pasarse el tiempo en la biblioteca y asiendo tareas pero dicen algunos chavos que practican estos deportes que es porque nunca an intentado

practicar estos deportes, porque si lo hisieran no bolberian a tentar un libro la experiencia que se siente es mejor que cualquiera de lo que se puede sentir leyendo esos libros. Eso es todo piensen en practicar algun deporte aunque sea solo para pasar el tiempo no se arrepintiran.

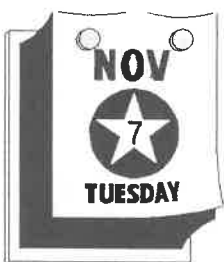
Frases De Las Que Los Muchachos se Deven de Alaiar

Por Claudia Urrea

Que pasa con los muchachos de hoy en dia que pasaron de ser unos caballeros a unos patanes, al intentar conquistar una muchacha. Las frases de conquista que usaban llenas de respeto y piropo, que acian que una muchacha se sintiera alagada, se convirtieron en frases irrespetosas y horribles que solo hacen que una muchacha se arrepienta de tratar de ser atractiva.

Algunas de las frases mas usadas y que acen que una muchacha se sienta tan mal son; hay mamasita que buena estas. Estas hermosa, te quieres acostar con migo? Hay preciosa que buenas piernas tienes. Hojala que los muchachos se dencuenta de lo irrespetosos que se estan comportando y se alejen de estas frases a unas mas respetosas y no tan bulgares.

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PASCO TEENS GO TO THE EXTREME

By BreAnne Hovley

As I jumped upon my brother's mighty cr80 dirt bike I heard the engine roar. As I slid off the slippery seat of the bike, my trembling grip tightened and pulled back, making the bike go extremely fast. The bike popped onto one wheel and I rode for 20 or so feet on my one mighty wheel until I could no longer hang on for dear life. At that moment, I thought I was dead, but only until I rolled for several turns and felt the monstrous beast upon me. After that experience, I realized I can't participate in extreme sports.

Although I am not an avid extreme sports fan, there are students at PHS who are. For example, there are many students who skateboard after school on the school grounds. Ricardo Gutierrez is a sophomore who has been skateboarding since the third grade. Along with breaking 17 boards he said his worst crash was when he tried to do an alley gap, and his board hit him in "the junk." Junior David Levitt's extreme sport is snowboarding. David's best trick is a backside 180 method grab, and he says, "I can voluntarily pop my shoulder out of place from crashing." One time, David (this is when he first started) did a superman off of a jump and didn't know that there was ice instead of snow on the other side. He fell flat on his chest and cut his chin and starting bleeding everywhere.

Two students at PHS are involved in racing. Sophomore Skylar Guzman races BMX bikes every other weekend. He

was in a national race and won 2nd place for his age group and received a big trophy. Racing in motocross (which is amateur dirt bike racing) is junior Brian Meldrum. He started riding four years ago and began to race two years ago. Brian has a cr250 bike and has won some "regular" races, as he calls it. Freshman Barret Tomlinson sounded pretty enthusiastic about his extreme sport, snowmobiling. When there is snow in the mountains Barret takes his Polaris 700 (that's fricken huge) and goes snowmobiling.

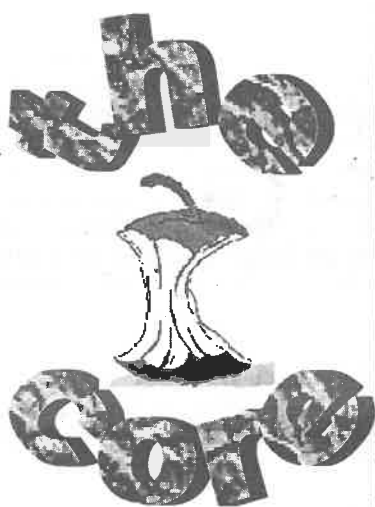
"I got in a wreck going 89 mph once," Barret's worst wreck occurred as he hit a whoop, and was thrown over the handlebars. His feet caught on the snowmobile, and got ran over. He bruised his whole leg, which almost broke, and cracked his helmet in eight different places.

There are even teachers here who have done extreme sports. Ms. Greenwalt went skydiving in June of 1997. She said, "I just always wanted to jump out of an airplane because of the parachute game in PE." She stated that the best part was sitting there right before she jumped, and that pilot had to drive by the spot five times because she forgot how to jump.

Last but not least is a rather new sport: Extreme lawn mowing. Yes, you read it right; it's possible. Well, at least for Tracy Spier. Tracy was quoted as saying, "I thought I was being funny again, so I took the

lawnmower out and Meagan was on the back and we stopped to talk to Mrs. Kelley, and when we were leaving I forgot to put it in 1st (it was still in 7th). So I started it without my foot on the brake. It goes VROOOOOOOOM!!!! And tipped up, and Meagan flew off the back and almost broke her arm, and then I flipped it in reverse and ran over her." Nice story Tracy.

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SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU TO DO

By Brandon Herres

Do you find yourself spending too much time with your Playstation because there is nothing else to do? Don't get me wrong, I love my Playstation just as much as I love my mommy, but what are you going to do when your TV breaks. Trying to find ways to occupy yourself may not be easy, but after several minutes of deliberation I've come up with 10 activities that will come in handy when your Playstation breaks.

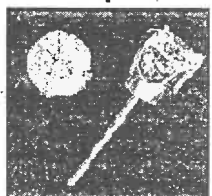
1. Shopping Cart Derby-This activity requires four people and two shopping carts. Place a person in each cart and ram them into fixed objects at full speed and watch the passengers take flight.
2. Real Life Racecar Driver-Race up and down city streets at top speed just like in the Gran Turismo circuit.
3. Make Your Own Talk Show-All you'll need is a video camera, a dead moose, and a little creativity.
4. Read to Children-Share the latest issue of Maxim or Cosmo with a child to brighten their day.
5. Do Your Homework-This is a last resort activity.
6. Start a Stock Portfolio-Cash in all of your savings bonds and college funds then start an Ameritrade account. Don't take any advice, its wrong, just buy on impulse.
7. Mailbox Baseball-This activity is very illegal, but it is a true classic.
8. Talk to Your Parents-Ask your mother and father about the birds and the bees, then explain to them what you know and watch their jaws drop.

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Hobbies of the Bizarre Strike!

By Amanda Foust

Hobby (hob'e): an activity or interest pursued for pleasure or relaxation. Many people pursue typical hobbies like TV, biking, internet, hacky sack, etc. Some Pasco High students of a slightly more creative breed, though, prefer hobbies of a bizarre nature. Most of these people are extremely inventive, many are kleptomaniacs, and some of their activities ride on the verge of infamy.

Interestingly enough, many strange hobbies revolve around that ever-helpful transporter of groceries, the shopping cart. Shopping cart racing is always a fast favorite. Be sure to choose a store you don't normally shop at for these races; management tends to frown upon people who demolish displays of canned peas. Students BreAnne Hovley, Ashley Woodward, Amy Andelin, and Meagan Hines solve this problem by simply "borrowing" the cart for their own personal amusement. Candace Haun, Jamie Hall, and Vanessa Hansen have fun just leaving the cart in the store. "We fill up carts with weird stuff like dog food and baby food, and just leave it there," said Candace. "We also call Boys Town National Hotline and

make up weird stories to tell the people."

Many PHS students entertain themselves by taking performing and graphic arts to a whole new level. "I draw on my walls," said artist Laura Guidry. Some people take pride in performing the National Anthem in the bathroom. "Excellent acoustics in there," explains junior Amy Hanson, "all that tile." Marching band percussionist JJ Turner said, "Sometimes we throw drumsticks at the goals on the football field." Drumstick field goals have been scored from as far as the 40-yard line.

Theft is a source of great amusement for some people. Along with shopping carts, students tend to "borrow" pens, posters, and the popular orange cones. Sophomore Kyle Kania occasionally makes off with peoples' backpacks and hides them. "It's funny 'cause they can't find them," he said. Keep an eye on your bags!

Some people do things just because they can. Sophomore Samuel King can walk forward's with his feet facing backwards! "I have double jointed ankles," he explained. Thrill seeker Phil Beaudry has fun at the park. "We scare couples making out at Chiawana," he said. Sometimes, doing something strange and bizarre is highly entertaining.

9. Master the Belly Flop-Soon to become an Olympic event, the belly flop is a true art. Remember when you get the wind knocked out of you that is good form.
10. Fire in the Hole-Order a milkshake or large beverage at a drive-thru, remove the lid, and throw it back threw the window while yelling, "Fire in the Hole."

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Comical Commentary Livens Up Monday Night Football

By Sarah Johnston

Are you ready for some Miller time? Dennis that is. This summer, Dennis Miller joined the announcement booth of the classic Monday Night Football lineup. While curiosity was aroused at the presence of a comedian in the sports booth, his debut was highly anticipated. And ever since the preseason debut, his performance has been constantly scrutinized. Can sports and comedy mix? Obviously, look at Warren Sapp.

Dennis Miller may be obnoxious, and his voice may be annoying while digested for long periods at a time. But he's better than a "has been" player rehashing his glory days for four hours. Weather it's his well-known "Ump Cam" comments, or his usual array of peculiar and sometimes successful attempts of comedic relief, at least it's something different to listen. A supplement to Al Michael's constant dribble year after year. Sure, Dennis Miller may not have been the best choice, but he should be welcomed as a fresh face rather than listening to Dan Fout's perspective on every team, which always relates to "Back when I played them, and everyone thought I was great". No one wants to listen to "has been" players once their days of glory are over, except maybe Al Del Greco. America could never have enough Al Del Greco. Monday Night Football is supposed to be a glorious weekly ritual and event, you can't blame ABC for trying to mix it up a little. Besides, it could be a lot worse. We could have been stuck with Dennis Leary every week instead. God Help us.

"JACK ASS" PROVIDES A NEW TYPE OF HUMOR

By Chris O'Neill

MTV is known for its music videos and shows that entertain people. They have shows from The Real World, Road Rules, The Tom Greene show, and TRL that attract millions of viewer's form across the nation generating many fans. MTV has a new show called *Jack Ass* that has taken the whole nation by storm and is creating something to talk about.

This show is in a way like the Tom Greene show, where people are very rude, outrageous, insane, and at time can be very disgusting. This show was originally created by a group of college kids who would go around town performing insane tasks while being video taped by a home video camera. MTV got hold of the idea and has now turned it big.

The whole goal of most parents is to protect their children's life. This is an American agreement . . . Our children are the world. Therefore when these group of young men seem to put a baby's life in danger, reaction definitely exploded. These men put a young baby (a doll as we all saw on television) on the top of his car and "forgot" about the precious child. People came panicking out of stores and all places imaginable to save this poor child's life. Although it was ridiculously hilarious to the viewers, imagine watching a man drive off, with what you thought was his kid, sitting on the top of the car. Absolutely hilarious, yet if it was a real life situation, I doubt any of us, sane, people would be sitting back with tears of laughter rolling down our face. Another prank they pulled was when they had a blind guy pretend to have a driver's license. The guy used a guide walking stick to locate his car and then once in the car he ran into a few cars, did a hit and run, and ran a stop sign. This was so hilarious to see how people reacted to this.

Well there is a little background of the show if you haven't yet seen it, which would make you a loser because it's only the coolest show on TV now days. Its on Sundays at 9 o'clock on channel 46. So tune in or miss out.

"This show was originally created by a group of college kids who would go around performing insane tasks."

Will you Remember the Titans?

By Kyle Lamb

If you haven't already gone to see the movie "Remember the Titans" I highly suggest that you do. It is an unbelievable story about a football team with black people and white people that are brought together in a time of segregation. This movie is a tear jerker because it is based on a true story.

From the early to middle 1900's Southern States had a history of segregated schools. This created two separate societies. Many Southern towns had a school for blacks and a school for whites. In the 1960's the city of Alexandria, Virginia planned to eliminate school segregation. After a Swann case authorized busing to speed up the integration process, T.C. Williams High School became the only senior high school in Alexandria.

Now that blacks and whites were all in one high school there was a problem. There would only be one football team. The school needed to make a decision about who would play and who would be the coach.

Bill Yoast was the winning white coach of Hammond High football team in Alexandria and had the support of the white parents. However he didn't get the job. Herman Boone did, a black assistant coach who had less experience than Yoast.

Yoast became Boone's assistant but wasn't very happy about the situation. When the team left for a camp before the season they hated each other and hated playing together. Herman Boone knew that if they didn't come together as a team they would be very unsuccessful. He demanded that they come together and play with perfection. Boone made each player get to know about another player of the different race. If they refused to do so he would make them practice three times a day and believe me the practices were no walk in the park.

The team came home from camp as one. The town unfortunately didn't. The first day of school was chaos between the whites and the blacks. The football team couldn't understand why the other people couldn't learn to get along like they did at camp. They were worried that if something major was to happen that they would cancel the football season so they took it upon themselves to set an example for the rest of the school.

The T.C. Williams Titans went on to overcome unbelievable odds to win the state title. This championship showed the town that if blacks and whites worked together they could accomplish so much more. "Remember the Titans" isn't just a story about football, it is a story about relationships between other people and overcoming odds.

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Big Boys Eat Up the Big 9

By Meagan Hines

Tonight is the last game of the season, which we should undoubtedly win, because of a line of guys who make it that much easier for us to get all the way to state. It would be impossible to pick one of these guys over the other to be named "Athlete of the Issue", so this special edition is dedicated to those guys who put their butts on the line to protect their fellow teammates; the entire offensive line.

The starters for Pasco's offensive line are Brett Rogers, Nick Gonzales, Ryan Dupuy, Gabe Gutierrez, and Kyle and Brandon Kania. Brandon Kania is proud of the new boys that, "Haven't been under the light on a Friday night before. We work great together." Brett Rogers feels the same. He says, "We work well together because we have been working hard to get things done."

Kyle Kania lives for this position, claiming, "It's the most fun position, and I am excited to play with Brandon. I feel special being the youngest on the line and especially playing next to Nick G. We go together like peas and carrots."

Nick Gonzales feels equally proud, especially of the team. "We have better leadership," he says, "and a good scout team gives us a good look on defense, especially David Shimek." The help they give to the rest of the team also satisfies Gabe Gutierrez. Gutierrez says, "We've finally given our quarterback enough time to plan more options than just throwing it away."

No one sounded more pleased than Ryan Dupuy, who claims, "We are all having a lot of fun. We're 'gelling' and we rely on and trust each other." All these qualities Coach Graff finds very unique. Graff says, "They just get better every week. Still some things they need to work on, they need to become more constant, so they haven't played the perfect game yet. They can always get better. It's gonna be real hard to replace these boys

These men aren't just on the line to push people around, they are on a mission to protect their teammates, their friends, their brothers.

WASCO apologizes for the lack of sports stories. Due to a shortage of money, we were not able to print pages necessary to include all teams.

Freshman Cross Country Star Shines

By Sydney Patrick

She's only a freshman, yet her hard work and determination show that of a 4 year Varsity cross-country star. This issue's athlete of the issue is Jennifer Kronvall. She has been running consistently since the 7th grade, and just can't seem to get enough of it as she practices hard with the team everyday, and then on her own time as well as throughout the winter by herself. Teammate Amanda Foust comments, "she has a really good work ethic, and does her best at everything." Coach Fuller agrees that Jennifer is a really hard worker and works well with Stephanie Stine, and Amanda Borey to form the perfect trio. Jennifer is inspired to run by her father who is also a runner and motivates her to stay focused as well as run better

and help out her team. Jennifer's strength is shown in meets with her placing 1st or 2nd in every race, which enhances her chances to going to state. Not to shabby for a freshmen coming up against tough competition. Now that the league is over that leaves the cross country's record at 5&4, a good record to end with. The team should have no problem advancing against their competition with Jennifer's enthusiastic attitude, and hard work put into her races, as well as the help of the trio Stephanie and Amanda.

Volleyball Seniors Serve the Team One Last Time

By Tyler Shook

When the Lions came to town on Tuesday the 17th, the Seniors Bulldog Girls loved it when they sent them back to "The Den" as losers. The senior girls had played their last home game as Bulldogs. "It's going to be sad when its all over!" Carla Dickman said. The win over the Lions kept the girls hopes high going into the playoffs. Still without Brooke Lanning, who had surgery on her knee just a couple of weeks ago, the ladies have their goals to do the best they can in the playoffs. Despite all the troubles the girls have gone through they all have become closer friends.

"We are like one big happy family. I love our team," Carla said.

These girls have worked their hearts out and feel they have become stronger through the year.

"With all the tournaments we've gone to, we have grown stronger as a team and hope to carry that to the playoffs." Carla said.

The weekend of the 13th the girls went up to Spokane for a tournament and came home feeling pretty happy. They woke up early Saturday morning to play three games.

"We played real good in the morning. This was the best we have played this year. It was fast paced but we came together as a team." Senior Emily Sullivan said.

As the day went on the girls moved into the Elite Sixteen. "But as the day went on we became weaker, from being up since six that morning."

They played their hearts out till the end of the day and came out of the tournament in sixteenth out of forty teams.

Along with the seniors leading the team, the coach has plenty to do with leading this team to become what they have.

"We have great senior leadership. There are six of us. We couldn't have done it without Mr. Steach," Carla said, "he's the best coach ever."

TIME-OUT

Soccer Season Comes to Unexpected End

By Emily Sullivan

As fall sports begin to wind down, the Pasco High's girls soccer team is not ready to turn in their jerseys just yet. Not without a fight. Pasco started out their season very strong, went 5-0, but then lost three straight. Meghan Gray says, "We started out the season very well, but got into a little slump. But with our win against Walla Walla, 3-0, that should get us ready for post season." Their hopes are still very high. They obviously have the strength to achieve great things, they just have to work together as a team. They are looking forward to the games, coming up in post-season, which is when the season truly begins. Michelle Elliott comments, "We play Richland on Tuesday, which is a huge game. If we lose we are done. We are looking forward to keep on winning so that we can get Courtney Lamb, a huge asset to our team, back and playing healthy. She will help us a ton."

The Bulldog team has come across some underlying factors through their season. Yet, that also makes them a stronger and more versatile team. Other girls have had to step up and take the spots of injured players or academically ineligible athletes, which is a tough spot to fill. Yet, they have come together as a team and have had a good season. Michelle says, "Our season has gone well, but not as good as I would have hoped it to. We have had a lot of negative factors throughout the season that have hurt us a little. But we have seemed to keep our focus and we need to keep that same intensity throughout practice and the games. That should take us into post season with high hopes."

This is also the end for the seniors and the team. They look down the road and see that it will be over, not quite so soon, but in a while. The team's unity has held them together throughout all the tough times and has made them a tighter group of girls. Meghan says, "This season has been a blast and our team has become very close. I am definitely going to miss the seniors a ton, especially "Grandma."

With good intensity and the willingness to put everything that they have into the next few weeks, we should be seeing these soccer athletes out practicing and playing throughout the remaining of the cool, fall weather.

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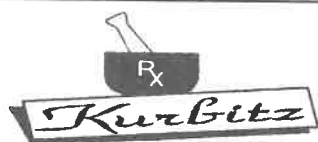
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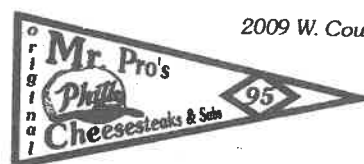


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Scooters: Here to Stay or Just Another Fad?

By Sydney Patrick

Just like flare pants, and crimped hair, the little red scooter that we all owned about 10 years ago is back in style. You've seen all the neighborhood kids zipping around on them, teens speeding throughout the mall getting from the Gap to the food court in 2.5 seconds, and adults rushing to meetings from their office's on them, it's the hot, new, and hip mode of transportationscooters! The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and even the WASCO is writing about them. Scooters are the hottest thing since, well....scooters! These millenium scooters are the 21st century take on the tradional scoter of yester-year—the difference? They are sleeker, and decked out with all the features you need to scoot-in-style with. Some of their best feates are that they are light weight and easy to carry with a tote strap, fold away and take up little space, they have a roller blade type wheels, they take away parking problems, a smoother ride, an easy stopbrake, and the best yet, they are environmentally friendly. Scooters have been described as skateboards with safety rails or inline skates with handlebars. Associations and clubs are popping up everywhere involving these sleek scooters. The Japenese are riding them, the Germans love them and the Austrailians are creating an epidemic of enthusiasts. New Yorkers are competing with the trendsetters in California and as for those of us with parking problems, fashion has been outweighed by function and the scooter wins hands down. Nurses are scooting their way through long corridors and warehouse employees are zipping between aisles quicker than ever, it's scooter mania! These sleek scooters that can weigh in at a mere 8lbs, and some as low as 6lbs, are sporty, convenient an practical. They provide great fun for the weekend or serious, economical transportation to scoot from place to place. Offering all types of scooters they are a combination of skateboard and bike great for the young and the young at heart. The scooter is so popular that even the 7-11 down the street sells them, however by now most are allready sold out of them. The price of the scooter varies, and you can get them just about anywhere, such as the 7-11 downthe street sells them for a whooping \$79.99, however, they are so popoular don't be surprised if they are allready sold out. So what are you waiting for take a spin on a smooth scooter that combines fond childhood memories with cutting-edge, millenium technology.

Let Your Voice Be Heard; Go Vote!

By Mecque' Whitcomb

For teenagers over eighteen today, voting might seem irrelevant, boring, or a waste of time. But let me assure you that it's a quick and totally painless way to voice your opinion about important issues and to decide who will hold offices in our country.

So why is it important to

good point about how the citizens of the United States, give the power to the senators, legislators, and other important people in the government. Mrs. Axel said that she votes because she is a "Tax paying citizen and the representatives decide how the money is going to be spent, therefore it is important to vote for the representative that I want." Junior Jordan Madison stated, "When I am old enough I plan to vote. I care about having my voice heard." Heather Hanson does not plan to vote in upcoming elections, "I don't understand the issues," she explained. Tracy Spier added, "Voting is a part of me that will get my voice heard, and I can help make a difference."

"When I am old enough I plan to vote. I care about having my voice heard."
Jordan Madison

vote? It's vital to our country's existence to get the teenagers of today, the future of our country if you will, to understand what the issues are about and to let their voices be heard. By getting American people's opinion, the country can continue its goal of creating a better government.

Don't think I'm the only one telling you to get out there and vote. If you've watched TV over the past two weeks you should have noticed numerous commercials stating the importance of voting, and some even directly target the young adults.

Mrs. Axel brought up a

PHS PARTICIPATES IN PATHWAY PROJECTS

By Joyce Taylor

For the first year in Pasco High's history, all students in every grade will be participating in a pathway project. Here is what students in each grade will be doing:

Freshman are participating in the Search and Rescue projects where they will learn how to use a compass and "rescue" students wounded during a bus accident.

Sophomores will be doing a service learning project and what they do is community service. "This is an opportunity for them to give back to the community and lean something about their pathway at the same." Explains Mrs. Gregorich- Bennett. Sophomores must complete packets, turn in a paper (with

3 rough drafts), and this year students must present to their class what they did.

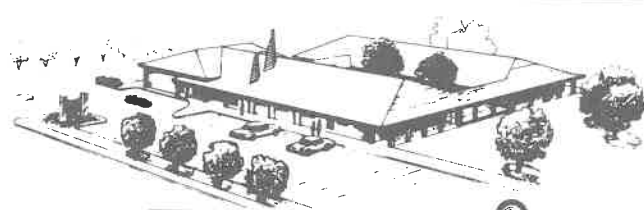
Juniors will be at CBC for Business Week, which is going to be March 24-30 this year. This year instead of doing the Trade Show in the gym ant CBC, the show will be on display here at PHS. There will be a Parent Meeting November 20th at 7:00pm.*Mrs. Thurston is looking for student reps. willing to serve o the planning committee. Seniors preferably. Those interested contact her.

The Seniors will be completing a senior project and the senior project is a culminating activity where students can explore an area of interest and show what they know and have learned.

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Yeah, It's Another Tanner Story

By Tanner Savage

Once upon a time, Isaac Newton and his brother Fig were sitting under an apple tree. An apple fell off the tree, hitting Isaac in the head, and inspiring both young lads. Isaac came up with his revolutionary theory of gravity, while Fig decided to combine the fruit with a delicious flaky crust to create a wonderful dessert and made millions. Speaking of delicious cake-like desserts, Ho-Ho's and Ding Dongs galore. Mr. Dong is partial to Ho-Hos. Al Del Greco had a partially blocked field goal last week, but it still cleared the uprights. El Greco was a famous Spanish architect who got hit by a car. George's lifelong dream was to become an architect. George Washington cut down a cherry tree. Jeff George plays for Washington. Jeff Dong is partial to Ho-Hos. Santa says ho-ho-ho. He is also partial to ho-ho's, evident by his waist line, or his jolly chubby cheeks. Ho-Ho. Ho-ho-ho. Hoe the garden. The secret garden. New Jersey, the garden state. Della wore her new jersey to the gala ball, in order to impress her kin folk. But when she got there, they had vanished, implying that the time was not yet upon them. So instead, she sat and cried a river, creating the Rip Grande where Buffalo Bill Cody, who actually quarterbacked the Dallas Cowboys, no the Buffalo Bills. The most famous Bill is not Bill Clinton but the dollar bill. A dollar won't buy anything these days, except a 20 minute phone call using 10-10-220, or so I'm told by Dennis Miller, who is a distant relative of Reggie Miller, Miller Lite, Dennis the Menace and Menace one. One is the loneliest number that you'll ever know. Two can be as bad as one, but if you put two and one together you get twenty-one. Number twenty-one for the Pasco Bulldogs is Brad Boler, who contrary to popular belief is not a professional bowler. Speaking of pro-bowlers, Al Del Greco should make the Pro-Bowl this year. If he doesn't I'm likely to fly off the handle, or just handle it delicately. Handlebars on a bike. Bars on a jail cell. You can't go into bars unless your 21 like Brad Davis or number 21 like Brad Boler. But you don't want to walk into a bar anyway because it will hurt your head.

Pick UP LINE HORRORS

By Christine Nelson

Once upon a time, I was casually strolling down the hall when all of a sudden, some guy that I had never seen before jumped out in front of me and said, "How you doin'?" "Ummm.... Fine, thanks," I answered. I appreciated his apparent concern but was rather perplexed at his sudden interest in a perfect stranger. Having answered his query I gave him a polite smile and continued on my way. He began to follow. "Are you the CLAW?" he asked.

"Excuse me?" This was getting downright weird. "It's a pickup line," he said, "I invented it myself. So, you wanna go out?"

I rolled my eyes and began to walk away. "But that's my

best one!" He said.

Since that fateful day, I have heard many other horrifying stories of innocent bystanders attacked by such attempts at cleverness. Here are some of the other pickup lines that we have had the pleasure of hearing:

"Beeew.... Beew.. Do you hear that? That's the sound of an ambulance because my heart stopped at the sight of you. Beeew.....beeeew!"

"Hey, baby, that hall pass looks good on you!"

"I know you like puppies. If I follow you home will you keep me?"

"Do you believe in love at first sight, or do I have to walk by again?"

"Hi."

"Your dad must be a thief, be-

cause he stole all the stars and put them in your eyes!"

"Kiss me if I'm wrong, but is your name Penelope?"

"Can I borrow 35 cents? My mom told me to call her when I found the girl of my dreams."

"If I had a garden, I'd put my tulips next to your tulips."

If you're ever of victim of some of the following pickup lines, try these clever rebuttals:

"I lost my phone number. Can I have yours?"

"It's in the phone book."

"Well, how about your name?"

"That's in the phone book too."

Or:

"Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

"Yes, that's why I don't go there anymore."



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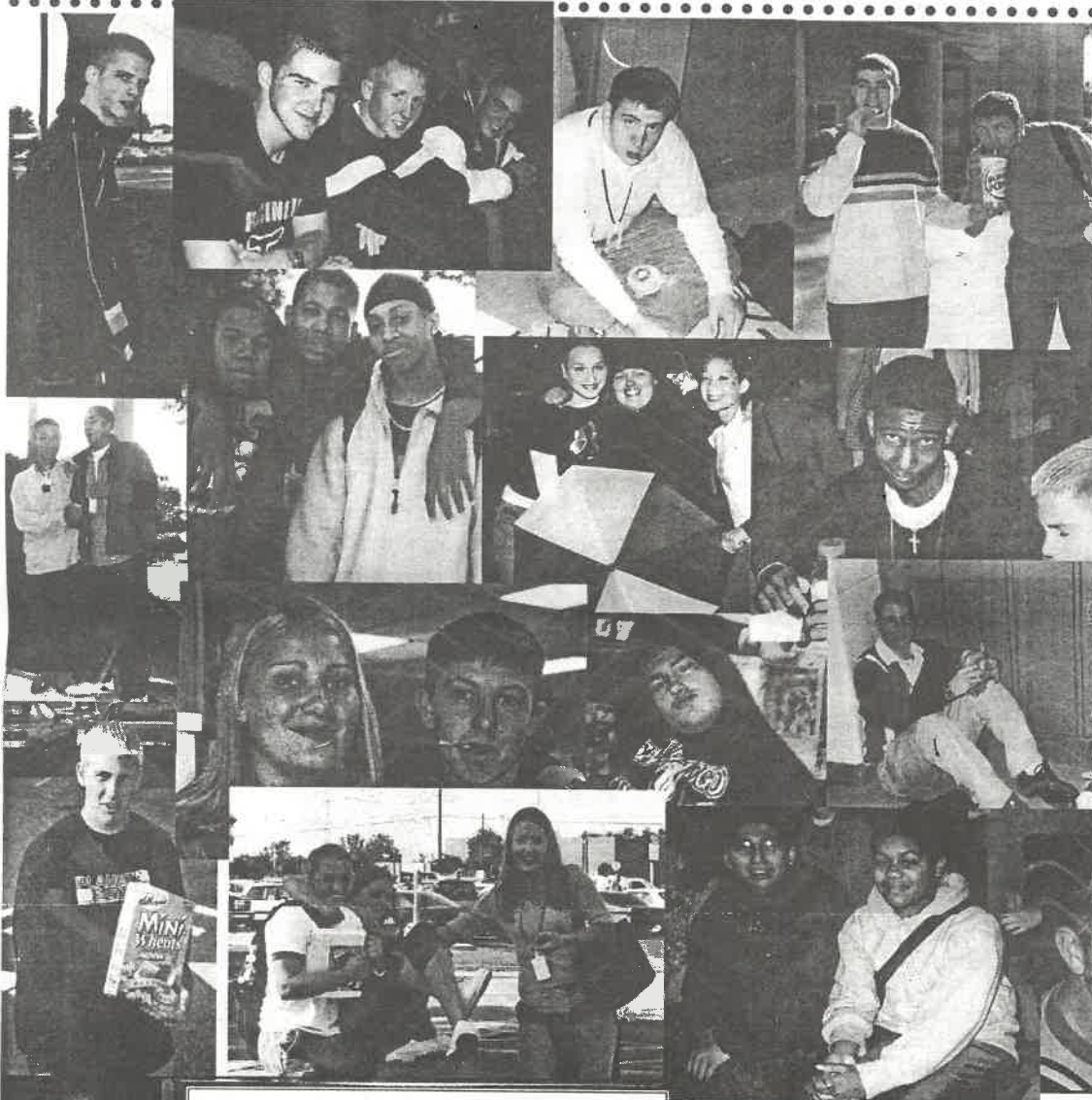


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