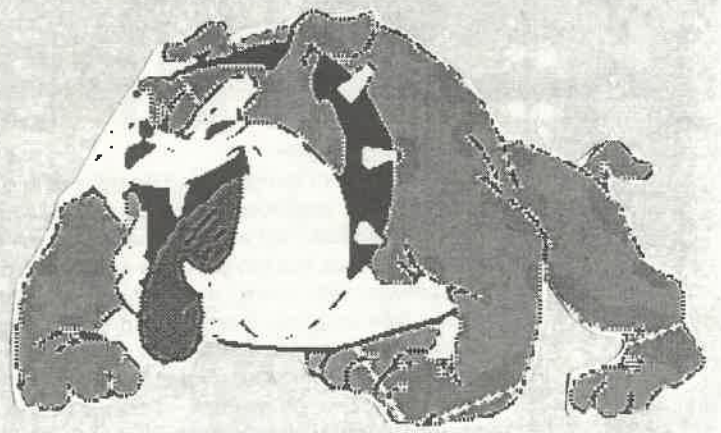


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the chimney,
inducing a hernia
by one of his elves.

“Santa Claus is coming
to town...”

Changes in Life; Alteration in Friends

By BreAnne Hovley

I sat on my floor tonight doing homework and something on the wall caught my attention. It is the same ordinary thing that has been reclined against my wall for almost a year now (I am just too lazy to hang it up). It's my antique window frame, with broken glass and a collage of pictures in each of the six panes of the blue window. Half of the pictures in it are from freshman and sophomore year of high school, so it is no wonder that I have looked at those pictures hundreds of times, but tonight I saw something different in it. I realized how much my friends have changed over the course of three years. Many of the girls on the collage, with which I always hung out with, I barely even see anymore. And this makes me wonder... Why has my group of friends changed so much from that time and does everyone's group of friends switch over the course of the years?

Of course, every one's circle of friends change sometime or another. And I think that mine changed because all of us started to grow up and change at a different pace, and it just so happened that we were changing in different directions. An example of this comes from my freshman year. Coming into high school my best friend and I were inseparable, not only did we talk on the phone every night (about what, I don't know, we didn't have any drama or boyfriends to gush over). We knew every little thing that happened to each other during the day, writing about 4 notes to each other a day at school; some of which were so elaborate that they included stickers. Then all of the sudden sophomore year we started to hang out less and the phone calls and notes stopped all together. We didn't even have a fight, we just grew apart. Although we rarely spoke sophomore year we have grown to accept our new found hobbies and friends, and we still remain good friends. I think in that case with my best friend, I had different situations I was dealing with, and didn't necessarily know how to deal with them. As I look back, all of the friends I have grown apart from, wasn't from any bad fight or experience, but merely a difference in interest and change in our lives. It is funny that after looking up on my wall for four years, that it just now clicks how much my friendships have changed in high school. But then again, I am a senior and this is the last stage in my life before everything changes drastically. As one of my teachers told me, I will start to notice a lot more things now as a senior, like the evolution of friendships because it is the end of my high school days. I'll start noticing these things because my high school friendships will never be the same once I depart from Pasco High School and venture off into the unknown world of college. And as scary as that is for me, I might as well appreciate it now.

I think that my friendships will always change somewhat or another because it is human nature to change and grow. I've noticed that my true friends are there for me when I need them, and when they can't be at my side, they try their best to understand. Hopefully, these are the friends that four years down the road, after coming back from college, we'll still be friends because time means nothing with friendship.

"Coming into high school, my best friend and I were inseparable... all of the sudden sophomore year we started to hang out less..."

"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me."
- Henry Ford

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Speculations

Security Measures..... Are They up to Standard ?????

By Emily Dunn

Are airports really safe? Can they ever really be safe? Since the September 11th attacks, it seems that the answer to this question is not likely. We as Americans were hit by terrorism where it wasn't even expected. The problem is that it should have been expected. With millions of people traveling all over the world on airplanes from different airports, shouldn't the safety of the people have been a top priority at all time, and not just now?

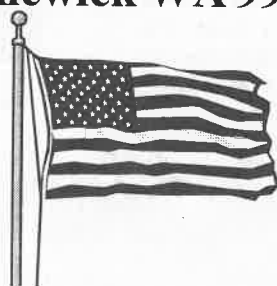
In America, we have a tendency to coast along until something goes wrong. Once something does go wrong, we try to fix it. In the case of security in airports, the problem that now needs to be fixed is not an easy task. The task includes the question of how to make airports and also airplanes safe. But even with more security in our airports, there is still the possibility that something could go wrong. If anything could have been learned from the September 11th attacks, it should have been that we need to be prepared at all times for anything, especially in our airports.

Then, on November 12th, another plane crashed in New York killing many people. There is question as to what caused the crash, but if you look at the bigger picture, why did this happen in the first place when security measures are supposed to be up since September 11th. Shouldn't the security measures also include a heightened mechanical safety check, and also looking at the background information of all of the people who mechanically work on the plane? This incident has been called a catastrophic mechanical failure. They have said that this incident was not terrorist related, but how can they be sure? With these two, supposedly separate incidents, both occurring in such a small period of time, can terrorism be completely ruled out for the November 12th crash? Also, what does it take to make airports safe, or can airports ever really be safe?

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Class Action: Is it Worth Your Time To Get Creative Asking Someone Out ?

By Meghan Gray

Is it better to ask your date to the dance in person or is it better to ask in a creative way? This is the question many people ponder as school dances approach. Both males and females debate over creative ways to ask their date. If a creative way doesn't pass through their minds they are often scared to let down their date with a simple, "Will you go to the dance with me?" I like it when guys take the time to ask a girl creatively, but do guys really care about being asked creatively?

As dances approach I often hear girls talking about cool ways they have been asked to the dance. Girls become envious of the girl who's date asked them in the most creative way. Girls get excited about being asked in a nice way. They make their dates look like the most thoughtful boys in the world! When a whole bunch of girl's get together they compare the ways they have been asked and decide what boy did the best job. So if all girls think it is so cute, why don't we all get asked in a special way?

When comparing boys and girls reactions to getting asked to dances, I realized that boy's attitudes towards dances are much different. Hans Esterhuizen, "It's all about getting to the dance." So should girls really bother with the fancy treasure hunts and catchy poems?

Although boys may not gossip and compare the ways they have been asked, all boys like to know that the girl put some thought into asking them. Brandon Benson commented, "I like it when girls ask creatively, it's cool to see what they can come up with." Not only is it more thoughtful to ask your date in a creative way, in most cases it ends up providing the couple with more fun then the simple question.

A good example of a creative way that provided about 16 guys and girls with a fun day and also a date to Masquerade was when 8 girls got together and decided who they wanted to ask to the dance. Next they decided to ask them on Halloween and make them dress up as women. Not only would the guys have to dress up as women but they would all have to go trick or treating at houses that would embarrass them. They were given addresses at each house they trick or treated at, and in the end their final treat was their date hidden in a house! The boys actually enjoyed dressing up as women and not only went trick or treating but also went out on the street and waved at the on coming traffic. That was a Halloween that won't be soon forgotten.

Asking creatively is the way to go. Not only will you impress the guy or girl you are asking but it will end up being a lot of fun planning and actually asking. For those of you boys and girls out there who aren't creative thinkers, it's ok. If you can't think of anything special, ask around. Get ideas from your family and friends. If you still can't find anything, just aim for getting your date. No matter what everyone is happy to get asked to a dance, creatively or not. Before you go asking that date the simple question though. Sit down and brainstorm a little and find something to keep your date talking about.



Jesse Lamb, Mikey Welch, Kyle Kania Tyler Kelly, Brady Neergaard,
Nick Thompson Robby Burns, and Will Hargrow dressed up as girls

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Bad Rep Haunts Pasco High

By Shelby Ramirez

Pasco High School is a "gangster" school. This is a typical stereotype I have heard throughout the Tri-City area from Non-Pasco members. What is the big deal with criticizing Pasco? Pasco is no different than any other school in the Tri-Cities, yet Pasco seems to cling to the reputation as being rough around the edges and very gang affiliated.

I have a specific memory from one of last year's post-season basketball tournaments. It was a little "Round Robin" tournament that was played here, at Pasco and the game was Pasco vs. Richland. Of course Richland being a major cross-town rival of ours, the game was very intense.

So of course our girls were going all out and playing passionate throughout the whole game. Richland parents and fans must have not been familiar with this sort of play, because the crowd began to get a little rowdy. Which in most cases, just makes the game so much more fun.

The part that remains in my mind the most about this game is what happened towards the end of the fourth quarter. One of the Richland girls had gotten hurt, and more than likely, it was the father of the girl, got a little upset with our team. He then continued to shout out above the crowd, "we better get out of here quick after the game is over or else we might

get shot!" Of course the reaction of the Pasco crowd was an automatic fit of hysterical laughter. To this day whenever we play at the Bombers I think of that man's comment and it brings a smile to my face and I ponder how some people can be so ignorant.

Pasco, along with every other school has problems. Our problems are the same ones other schools have. We have a great administration and a hard working principal whom work hard to improve Pasco High's reputation. In many cases, Pasco has more restrictions than other schools have. Mr. Morgan is working hard and intently to better Pasco's reputation.

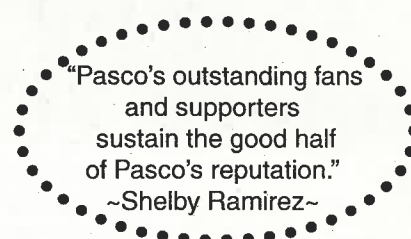
But of course Pasco members bring some of our "bad rep" upon ourselves. Mr. Reynolds was a prime example of this. The fact that people feared Pasco used to intrigue Mr. Reynolds and he used to occasionally mention how it

wasn't possible to walk around Pasco without having a knife in your pocket or down a brightly lit street at night. So because of the absurdness of the rumors said

about Pasco, Pasco members would antagonize the fact and add kindles to the fire of Pasco's ruthless reputation.

Pasco's outstanding fans and supporters sustain the good half of Pasco's reputation. Thank you for all that you have

done for our school! Without the strong support you provide us with Pasco High would not be what it has become today.



"Pasco's outstanding fans and supporters sustain the good half of Pasco's reputation."

~Shelby Ramirez~

VEGETERIANS ARE MORE THAN LEFT-OVER HIPPIES FROM THE 60'S

By Jaimie Hall

There are 12.4 million self-reported vegetarians in the United States and I happen to be one of them. Usually when people find out that I'm a vegetarian, there's usually a wide variety of responses and opinions. Some people are really cool with it, some are really curious about it, while some just seem outright disgusted by it.

There are the typical stereotypes of vegetarians. Such as all vegetarians are women, they're all leftover hippies from the 60's, they're all crazy animal rights and environmental activists that chain themselves to trees and have sit-ins at the Gap. I'm sure that there are some vegetarians out there that really are like that, but there are meat eaters like that as



Alicia Silverstone- Vegetarian

well. There's such a variety of famous people that are vegetarians. Such as pro skateboarder Geoff Rowley who helped design a cruelty free skateboard shoe, even Bob Barker, the host of the Price is Right. Even Ricky Martin and the Beastie Boys. I could name tons of people off the top of my head. There's Billie Joe Armstrong of Greenday, Michael Jackson, Alicia Silverstone, Jude Law, Julia Stiles, skateboarder Jamie Thomas, Josh Hartnett, you get the idea.

I get asked a lot of questions about vegetarianism. First off, most people don't understand that there are three main types of vegetarians. There's the ovo-lacto which is someone who doesn't eat any meat including fish and poultry, but do eat eggs and dairy products. Then there's the lacto who doesn't eat any meat at all including fish and poultry, or eat

eggs but do consume dairy products. Last, there's the vegans. These are the most strict vegetar-



Beastie Boys- Vegetarians

ians of all. Vegans don't eat any meat, including fish and poultry, don't eat eggs or and dairy products. They go as far as to not wearing any clothes in which any part of an animal is used, even fur.

Some people just don't understand why someone wouldn't want to eat meat. For me, I stopped eating meat because I didn't like it. As a kid I never liked it, I always ate vegetables instead. Some of it had to do with the

whole I-don't-want-animals-to-die sort of thing. So about 2 years ago, I stopped eating red meat, then a year later I stopped eating all meat. So it's not like one day I just decided to be a vegetarian. It's pretty much been a life long thing.

The most common question is how do you get your protein or isn't it unhealthy to not eat meat. Some vegetarians do take vitamin or iron or protein supplements to stay healthy. Also, there's meat substitutes, such as tofu and soy beans. According to the statistics, vegetarians tend to have lower blood pressure, vegetarian kids had less cavities, I could go on and on.

Then there's the smart aleck comments like "do you eat steak?" I mean, think about it. Vegetarians don't eat meat. What do you think steak is? Some type of carrot? And people will often ask me if I'd rather eat a hamburger or a shoe (or something dumb like that). I guess they just want to hear me say that I'd eat the ham-

burger. I don't know if they get joy and amusement from me saying that. I don't know. Those are the types of questions I get.

Hopefully this article informed some people out there that really didn't know anything about vegetarianism. I don't think it's a huge deal to get all worked up just because I don't eat certain foods. Someone out there might not like broccoli, but you don't see people questioning them. Things get pretty redundant. So just think about what you're asking next time.



Josh Hartnett- Vegetarian

Speculations

No More Time to Stall, Seniors Get on the Ball

By Ashley Doherty

With the football season coming to an end and winter sports beginning, I'm reminded that this year is going by quicker than I thought. June 2002 is the day I graduate along with students and then off to college.

Everyday over the intercom, there is a new announcement of new scholarships available to many different cultures, disabilities and interests. There are scholarships for students belonging to families of potato farmers, to those with asthma

and those under the height of 5'2. They are endless, but most don't take the time to look for them.

With all of these scholarships available, everyone after highschool should attend college, whether it be CBC or a University. Those students who complain about not having enough money for college, don't have the right. The career center is open all day for those seeking help, and Mrs. Klippart is more than willing to assist anyone with filling out forms. All of the computers in the

career center are filled with scholarships and college applications, and with the simple click of a mouse, they are brought up on the screen for you to print, fill out and mail. That simple!

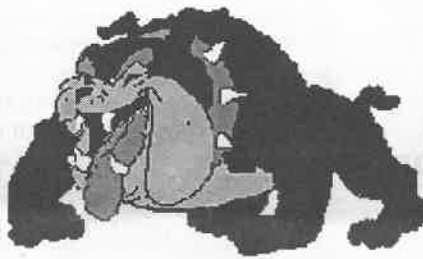
I'm not saying it doesn't require any effort, it does. Filling out the applications over and over is tedious and the endless essay writing gets old, but think of the money you could acquire to further your education in college just by filling out a form. I would like to go to a 4 year university, but they

are all extremely expensive. I know I can't afford it, but I'm not going to let a shortage of money ruin my dream. With the help of scholarships, hopefully my dream of attending a university will come true.

I'll admit, I have gotten many scholarship forms and applications, and have told myself to sit down and fill them out. When I actually sit down, I always end up finding something better to do. It's my own fault, endless amounts of money are sitting right in front of

me, if I'd only fill out the form. The only way to get them done, is to take a couple hours out of your busy schedule, and designate it to filling out forms. Stay in from lunch, after school, or during your open hours to visit the career center, you'll not only benefit yourself, but you'll get to know the guidance workers even better. So next time you hear someone complaining about not having enough money for college, just walk away before you hurt them.

WELCOME TO BULLDOG Territory



By Meooue Whitcomb

I walked down the steps of the stadium, the same as I have every Friday night during the football season. But this time it was different. The stands were filled with many many people; in fact, more people than I have seen ever come together for the same cause. So what was that cause you might ask? To support our

very own Pasco Football Team. The stands were adorned with all different types of people, adorned in purple and white. Not only do many people come to the games to support the team; you can see signs of support through out our quaint little town. At Food Pavilion their window has a big bulldog with some words of wisdom and support for the boys. Not only

this, the football guys that wear their jerseys into Food Pavilion on Fridays get an exceptional deal on Chinese food..basically half off.

The fans are also made up of the students who take pride in their school. A few of the senior girls wear jerseys of the players, and I am sure that they love looking into the stands to see their number. Every game, many stu-

dents show up an hour early just to get a spot in the front row, to have a good place to cheer that is. Around town, many people show their support on an every day basis by wearing Pasco hats, sweatshirts and t-shirts. Every where I go, it seems as though people are discussing or showing some sign of support for our football team.

Ever since other teams figured

out how good our team really was, they for the most part, have neglected to show up to the games. In the game against Davis, their fans didn't even bother to show up. Their stands were almost empty, with their fans only amounting to about 30 people. Because of this, I feel a bit sorry for the teams with no fans; after all they do work hard. They just don't have all the talent they need to become a top-notch successful team.

A fellow WASCO staff member and myself were on the field taking pictures at one game. All of the sudden we hear this loud cheering, and with out us knowing, the players can hear all of the yelling and cheers that go on up in the rowdy crowd. The parents were even joining in the crusade and following along with the cheerleaders in their very own rendition of "bulldog power". A member of the student section stands up during half time to remind his fellow student to cheer because "if we don't cheer we are going to lose." His straightforward matter of fact attitude should inspire all students to cheer and show their support

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Perspectives On Religion

By BreAnne Hovley

For this issue of Controversy, five students from four different denominations of religions got together and discussed different values, beliefs, and so on. Jessica Henderson is a senior who attends the Catholic church, Anna Goranson is Methodist and also a senior, Marcus Henry is a junior and is a Mormon, and Norma Chavez is a senior and is a Christian along with her sister Aime Chavez who is a freshman.

Reporter- What are some misconceptions that you think people have about your religion? Or misconceptions that you have about another religion? You guys can also ask each other questions.

Jessica- That Catholics aren't Christian.

Reporter- And why or how is that wrong?

Jessica- People feel that Catholics aren't Christians when they are because if you believe in Christ you are a Christian.

Marcus- If you are Mormon, people think that you can only be Mormon and not Christian. People sometimes think that being Christian is just a religion on its own, but really it just means that you believe in Christ. A lot of people say that if you are Mormon you can't be Christian.

Anna- I don't know if this is the same as what you believe, but I believe a Christian is that you have to take, and you can't just believe in Jesus because a lot of people believe in Jesus. But you have to take him as your Lord and Savior, and as the ruler of your life. I mean, that is what you live your life according to.

Jessica- Yeah

Marcus- Yeah

Norma- Yeah, you guys are right. And I mean, you can't just say I'm a Christian and not live by that, ya know what I mean? You actually have to live like a Christian and show people that you are different and it's all for Christ.

Reporter- There's a lot of people that say they are Christian, but then you see them and see their lives and you know

they're not really.

Norma- Yeah, they usually just say it because, "oh well my parents are Christian" or they were raised in a church so "that makes me Christian." And I just

"You have to actually take what you learn at church and apply it to your everyday life." - Jessica Henderson

don't think that's the way it works. But some people see it different.

Jessica- Yeah. Another misconception I think people see about the Catholics is the whole deal with Saints. Because many think that we are praying to them. Instead, we actually ask the Saints to help us pray.

Reporter- Do you think that is the same with the Virgin Mary?

Jessica- Yeah. It's the same thing, we're not praying to Mary, we're asking her to pray for us.

Reporter- Anything about the Mormon religion?

Marcus- Um...

Reporter- Or do you guys

have anymore?

Jessica- How come you guys can't go into the marriage room during the actual marriage ceremony?

Marcus- Because the people that are in there it's a... the marriage is taken as a very sacred ordinance in our religion, so the only people that can go in there are those who are worthy and of age (which is 18 and 19). It's just that they don't want anyone that can't, or anyone that shouldn't be in there because of not total knowledge of the religion or people that aren't worthy to be in there. So they limit it to those who are worthy or of age to go.

Reporter- What are some stereotypes that you feel your religion faces? That's sort of the same question...

Marcus- Do you mean like... I know a lot of people think Mormons don't drink caffeine, and they're not partiers, that's a conception of a lot of them.

Reporter- Another one I've heard about Mormons is that they always have big families. People always ask "you're Mormon, why don't you have a big family?"

Marcus- Yeah, this one guy I know, he asked my dad that question when they were talking about family, and my dad said that we have 6 kids in our

family. Then the guy asked, "Are you Mormon or Catholic?"

All- laughter

Marcus- Yeah,

every-

one

knows

that if

you

have a

big family,

you are usually

Mormon or

Catholic.

Reporter- Why do you think that people are sometimes so close-minded about other people's beliefs? For example, like in English class in the past, we've had something where the Catholics and the Mormons will get into a kind of heated discussion on who has the most knowledge about their religion. And sometimes people don't get their views understood.

Jessica- I think it's just a personal thing I guess. I don't know, I respect what other people believe, I don't necessarily think it's right, but you should always respect what they believe.

Marcus- And a lot of it is just how you've been raised. Obviously if people have been telling you the same thing over and over for your whole life you are going to have a pretty strong belief in it. I mean...

Norma- You can't just believe it...

Marcus- Yeah so you can't let...

Norma- So you can't let go.

Marcus- So you can't just turn away from it and all of the sudden change just like that. If you are really going to change it, it would be something that would take time to kind of drop one belief and pick up on another.

Jessica- Unless you were unhappy where you were before.

Aime- Yeah

Jessica- That's why some people switch churches 'cause they don't like what they have in the other one.

Marcus- Yeah they don't feel like they have everything there they think they needed.

Reporter- Were all of you guys brought up in the denomination that you are in now?

All- Yeah

Reporter- Do you think that you guys would be a different denomination or have different beliefs if you weren't raised by your parents with these beliefs and values around you?

Aime- I think that we would because like, I mean there is so many other religions that you are able to consider and I think that if we weren't raised the way we were we would probably all be in another...

Norma- Another belief.

Aime- Yeah we would probably believe other things.

Jessica- I don't necessarily if we weren't raised with it, I don't even know if we'd have any beliefs. I don't know if we'd believe in a God, and certain things, believe in a heaven or a hell. Cause you weren't raised around it, you probably wouldn't have thought about something like that.



Photo By Rachel Lamb



Jessica Henderson

Photo By Rachel Lamb

Anna- Unless you had friends that believed that.

Jessica- Yeah

Anna- And they influenced you or whatever.

Reporter- With friends, do you feel that there is a boundary between people who have different beliefs. For example, one of my best friends is Mormon and I am Catholic, and sometimes I feel we can't have as close of a discussion about religion because we sometimes have different beliefs.

Jessica- I think there is a boundary because that's such a personal thing because it's what you believe and, ya know, it's deep inside. And I think it's a boundary because you can't share your ideas with that person. And it's kinda hard to be able to express and talk about the things that are so ingrained in you and have your best friend disagree with your ideas.

Anna- Yeah because if that's the joy of your life and that's what you are living for... and you can't express that with them, I mean, everything else is gonna be, not fake, but it's not going to be pure as if you do everything with the joy of God.

Norma- People won't always agree on everything.

Reporter- Do you guys think that religion should be a part of everyday school? Besides classes, like Mormons have seminary, but you guys don't get credits for that do you?

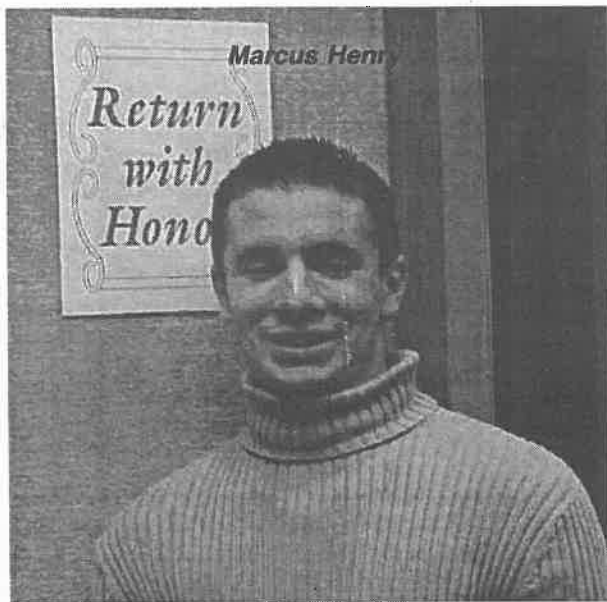


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Marcus- No

Reporter- Do you think that everyone should have a religion class or something where you would get credit for it? Or have school prayer?

Norma- That would be a pretty good idea, I mean school prayer at least. That's how it used to be before, right? And then everything just totally changed. I guess that's where everything became bad, ha, but I think that would be a good idea having prayer during class or before class, or when class would start or whatever.

Aime- The flag, it's like our nation's faith ya know, and it's like, We Trust In God, and all that... Then why shouldn't we be able to pray to God at school, at least for the nation.

Jessica- I think that it would be a good idea to pray before class or at the start of the day, but I don't think

it would be good to have classes because it would be hard to run that. Would you break it into Catholics and Mormons, and Baptists, and Lutherans. That would cause segregation in the school, and the whole point of prayer and God is to bring everybody together. And some people don't even believe in a God. Or are Jewish, or Buddhist, or some other religion, and how are you going to incorporate everything together.

Norma- True.

Marcus- There would probably be too many. There are so

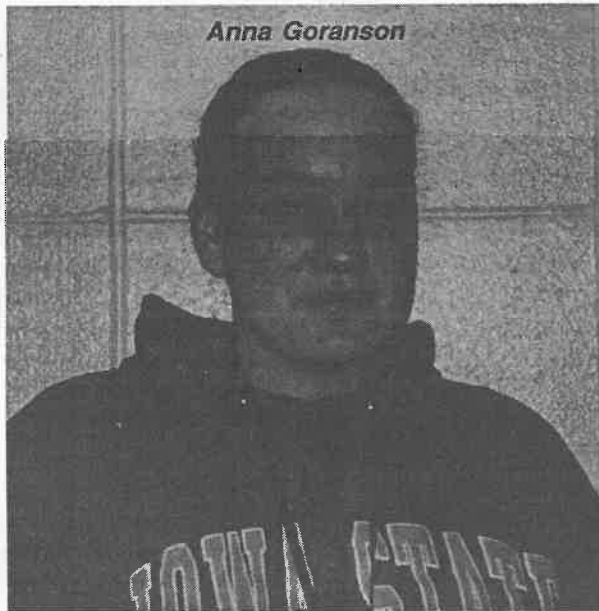


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many religions out there, too many to probably handle if everyone wanted a religion class. But having prayer before each, like at the beginning of school is a good idea. I know at BYU football games, before each game they have prayer and everything.

Jessica- Same with Notre Dame and Gonzaga.

Reporter- Like before the game with the whole crowd?

would be better.

Anna- Yeah.

Aime- And then that way you have support from the other people who know or who have been through the same thing that maybe you're going through. And then because they can help you.

Marcus- I don't think you have to go to church to just believe in God, but to really be, to honestly say you are a Christian and to be able to stand by that I think

Norma Chavez



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Jessica- Yeah like you see, well I don't know with the whole crowd, but you see them like huddle in the locker room or something.

Marcus- At the BYU games they do it over the P.A. before the whole stadium, before the game they have a prayer.

Reporter- Ok. Do you think that people have to go to church to be labeled as a Christian? Or to believe in God?

Anna- I don't think that you have to, but it says in the Bible that you should go and fellowship and be with other Christians. So if you want to truly live with God then you need to go and fellowship with other people. So, yeah, you don't have to, but you should.

Norma- It

that attending church is a big part of that. I mean there is no way you are going to grow as carefully and gain more knowledge if you aren't attending church, learning more about beliefs and other stuff like that. And so it's hard to say you're a Christian if you aren't attending church on a regular basis.

Jessica- I agree.

Anna- And you learn so much at church, like by getting views of pastors and just like other people there too, and everybody at church has a different point of view but it's all for the same purpose so...

Jessica- I agree with Marcus.

Reporter- Do you think that people can go to church every Sunday, or whenever their church is, but yet not live a Christian life? Does going to church redeem you from all of the things you do?

Marcus- No

Norma- No

Anna- Going to church does not redeem you at all. You have to ask for forgiveness from God and if you don't then there's nothing.

Jessica- You have to actually take what you learn at church and apply it to your everyday life.

Marcus- You have to take those teachings and you gotta... Since our church on Sunday, you gotta take what you can and apply it and carry it with you through out the whole week. A lot of times they compare it to a bucket with holes in it and you get your bucket filled with water on Sunday, and through out the week, water slowly goes out and goes out, and each Sunday you can get it refilled. And that is kind of how you live your life.

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Government Probes Yield Few Leads in Anthrax Threat.

By Laura Fluharty

Anthrax is a new concern for us Americans. We wonder as we go get our mail if it's going to be the next envelope filled with some white powder that will kill us. Recent research has shown in Chester, Pa., about two dozen state and federal agents searched two houses Tuesday in connection with the anthrax investigation. FBI officials would not discuss what led them to the houses — or what might have been found. Several bags of material were brought out of the houses, NBC News reported. Chester is about 40 miles from Trenton, N.J., where three anthrax-tainted letters were postmarked. In India, authorities are testing a letter containing white powder mailed on Tuesday to the Bombay office of the Bharatiya Janata Party, which leads the country's ruling coalition, police said. The suspicious letter was sent to the Haffkine Institute, a state-run biomedical research center in Bombay, to be tested for anthrax bacteria.

The CDC said Monday that it is testing the blood of a New Jersey physician who believes he might have contracted skin anthrax in the first week of September. The date is significant because it precedes the mailing of anthrax-tainted letters sent out on or around Sept. 18. The CDC said it is testing the blood of Dr. Gerald M. Weisfogel, one of 4,300 people who called the state worried that they might have had anthrax. Weisfogel's symptoms had disappeared by the time he called.

New Jersey has seven suspected cases of anthrax infection; all but one are postal workers. Authorities believe all the infections can be traced to the Hamilton mail processing plant where the letters were routed. An FBI psychological profile released Friday concluded that the person who mailed the tainted letters is probably an adult male who has a scientific background or interest, is comfortable working around hazardous materials and has access to microscopes and a centrifuge. There are many ways to treat or prevent getting anthrax. Some reports have said you can iron your mail many times and this will kill the spore. People are buying



Anthrax spores close up.

Flood of Afghan Refugees Caused by U.S. Retaliation

By Whitney Sherwin

While Americans are comforted with the knowledge that our government is using precision guided weaponry in Afghanistan, Afghans know that the word precision is relative when referring to dropping things out of airplanes. The term the U.S. uses to describe the harm done in this situation is "collateral damage". Reports of missed targets in Afghanistan have been confirmed.

Prior to the September Eleventh Attacks, Afghanistan had already been suffering from drought and famine-like conditions for three years. War is nothing new to the people of Afghanistan who have witnessed the conflict firsthand most of their lives.

In spite of this, Afghans led fairly normal modern lives until the rise of the Taliban government just a few years ago.

Women, who were the most oppressed by the shift in power, were able to be educated and pursue a career. They could dress how they wanted as long as it was in respect to the Koran. Now, however, Taliban laws prohibit any rights enjoyed by women in modern times. To walk down a street in Afghanistan is almost like walking into the past.

Pakistan has temporarily closed its borders to a flood of Afghan refugees. Men, women, and children are leaving their country and seeking protection from the U.S. retaliatory bombings. Because Pakistan has little resources for its won people, it is

only allowing the weakest refugees through the border. This includes women, children, the elderly, and those who are sick or injured.

Those of us who live in a land of opportunity imagine immigration as something that always has a happy ending. Not so for the few Afghans being allowed into Pakistan today. Many will end up working like slaves and barely earning enough money to survive on.

The Afghan and Pakistani Governments are working together to provide camps outside the border for the refugees. The U.S. is also extending a gesture of good will by dropping food packets for the starving people. Unfortunately, combined efforts of several relief organizations are not enough. Thousands of refugees camped outside the border may wonder just how long they will remain displaced from their homes and without refuge. The truth is, no one knows.



Taliban on run from Northern Alliance occupation of Kabul.

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An American soldier stops to greet an Afghan youth.

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Students Outraged at Terrorism Speak Out

By Jaimie Hall

Terrorism brings many very similar, but different feelings and opinions. Here's what some students had to say about this topic.

Cillia Fabela-I think that people, well the terrorists, are jealous of our country and it's freedom. They need to try and make their country better instead of ruining ours. They just need to stop giving us so much pain.

Amanda Foust-I hate it. They are a bunch of sick cowards.

Zach Nelson-It's wrong. I don't like that fact that anthrax is harmful to everyone when it's not everyone that is involved in the whole ordeal.

Jose Sanchez-It's crazy. I think everyone needs to stop all the violence.

Rachel Lopez-It's all sad and scary at the same time. It's indescribable.

Ricky Mendoza-If I were to say anything about terrorism today I would have to say that along with terrorism there is tragedy, destruction and misfortune.

Amy Hanson-It's sad that have so much hate to destroy everything. God doesn't want them to be doing all this.

Aaron Hart-I think that terrorism really accomplishes nothing, no matter what their reasoning is.

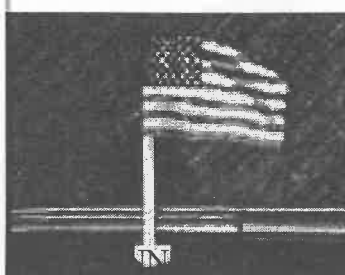
Marie Hoge-It's scary and it really makes you think.

Kenneth Diekarski-I think it is a petty attempt to make America look bad.

Sandra Tabullo-I think that they are cowards. We all should communicate without violence instead. It's just not understandable.

Joel Madrigal-We shouldn't really hate them, but we shouldn't be welcoming them either.

Economic Opportunity During Crisis Brings Out Best and Worst in Human Nature



By Michael Arellano

When tragedy strikes our country, it is our patriotic duty to be proud and face adversity with courage. After the terrorist attacks on our nation, our country united and showed its perseverance through such tragic time and waved their flags proudly. If you didn't have a flag, guess what, you could've gone to the nearest Wal-Mart and picked one up on sale.

The displays of nationalism

throughout the country have touched everyone, but have you noticed that nationalism has gone as far as to reach the business community. Not in the good way where businesses donate money to help the victims of the tragedy, but as merchants in the selling of our country. The most visible sign of this was the large amounts of commercials with patriotic themes. Having pride in your country is not a bad thing, but is there really that much need for the "Car Flag" to have a commercial? This comes down to whether it is ethical to use our country's misfortune to further your business goals.

Whether you'd like to believe it or not, this has been a practice long before there was television. There is always going to be someone trying to make a profit from an event whether it is good or

bad, but this is a normal part of life. During the World Wars, there was a call to purchase only items made in America. This wasn't because we were at wars with other countries, but because our country was in recession and our economy needed to be stimulated in some way. Is this any different from our situation today? Probably not, but the ethical question still stands. Our country's strength comes from our free enterprise system and the opportunities everyone is given to take their financial situation and turn it into anything they'd like if they apply themselves. It's the American Way! So whether it makes you mad that people are making money from such tragic events, keep in mind that commerce is what keeps our nation strong. Be proud and display your car flag.

With Increased Security Olympic Games to Continue as Scheduled

By Jesse Lamb

After the occurrences of September eleventh, security has become a high priority anywhere that there could possibly be an attack. The Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah are at the top of the list of concerns. Olympic officials have already stated that the games will proceed as scheduled. Safety will be the major concern of Olympic officials when the games start February eighth and through the end on the twenty-fourth.

Congress originally put together a \$200 million security plan for the games. Since the terrorist attacks congress has added a whopping \$12.7 million and the state of Utah's safety contribution is estimated at \$35 million which will also go towards security mea-

sures. Lawmakers are also moving to repeal legislation that limits the use of military personnel at the Olympics. Salt Lake Organizing Committee chairman Robert Garff says the games "could be one of the safest places on earth" with protection by 7,000 federal, state, and military personnel. It is assured that Salt Lake City will not look like a military camp. The majority of safety personnel will not be in uniform and will look like spectators or volunteers. The point is to assure the people of the United States and the rest of the world that the Olympic Winter Games will be safe.

The fact that the Olympics are going to take place has brought about different opinions among citizens nationally. Stephan Pace, a Salt Lake resident, actu-

ally fears for his life, because of the games being so close to his home. "What better place to have a huge effect?" says O'Keefe, an Australian fitness center owner. Gerhard Hieberg a respected IOC (International Olympic Committee) member from Norway also disagrees with the decision to go on with the games. "A country at war can't organize the Olympic Games," says Hieberg. Allan Liu thinks otherwise. Liu is quoted saying, "I definitely want to see the games go on. It would be a shame if the terrorists spoiled the athletes time."

The only thing that could possibly stop the games according to the IOC is "World War III." The games are a symbol of our civilization and our unity of mankind. The games will go on!

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Short on Cash? Here Are a Few Low Cost

By Mecque' Whitcomb

Whether you choose to believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner. If you're low on funds and you have many people to buy things for, never fear, there is always some high quality, but cheap gifts you can make yourself. Some people enjoy presents that are made for them, rather than bought, especially moms and dads. Here are a few gift ideas to get started with:

Go to the fabric store and buy some fleece or flannel fabric, cut the sides so they have fringes and that is what you call a blanket.

At the craft store, pick up a paper mache box and some decoupage glaze, then find some pictures of you and your friends or of cool things in a magazine and decorate and decoupage the box.

Go to the store and get a white picture frame, put a cute picture inside and decorate the border with different colors and shapes of tissue paper.

If you have a friend that you have gone to school with for a long time,

you could make a me from the first day of kindergarten.

Buy some clay at the craft store and make some cool beads. You make a bracelet or Find different quotes a ship or other ones you together a journal or book you can add pictures or

rabalia Bake some Christmas candy and give them to ones

If you are really not craft can always resort to find a favorite coloring book and ture for one of your friends. If you can't find a cheap your mom, make a couple nice things you will do for of these things could in ing her car, mowing the ing dinner or anything think of.

Whatever you choose to ge your family and friends for C as long as it's from you, the

Recognizing Various X-Mas Traditions

By BreAnne Hovley

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening? In the lane, snow is glistening. A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight walking in a winter wonderland. Gone away is the bluebird, here to stay is a new bird. He sings a love song as we go along walking in a winter wonderland... The song Winter Wonderland, along with others like Jingle Bells, and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer are Christmas songs that many people listen to and sing to every year as the Christmas Day nears. They are part of the many traditions that people take part in for their holiday.

Mr. Bichenkauser told some of his traditions that him and his wife share in their Jewish-Catholic home every year. To share in the Jewish religion they put up a Menorah and have dradles around the house and Bickenhauser's wife makes sweet bread and they share little gifts. While, he said that they decorate their house very elaborately with everything from a small Christmas tree and manger to many miniature Christmas villages. He says, "It looks like an elf lives there."

Freshman Steven Hovley shared that his family always makes Christmas candy, which in-

cludes their famous homemade caramel. They then set up a Christmas tree as a family, and they always go to Christmas Eve mass and open presents on Christmas morning. After opening presents with their mom, they go over to their dad's to celebrate with him.

Taren Armer, also a freshman says her family goes up to the mountains every year to cut down a tree to decorate, which they decorate as a family. Taren and her brother get to open one present on Christmas Eve and leave the rest of the presents to be opened when they wake up as early as 6:00 a.m. on Christmas day, and Taren's family eats a turkey dinner.

Laura Guidry is excited for Christmas because she gets to make her own traditions. Her family used to be Jehovah Witness' and she never experienced holidays until last year. Instead of giving gifts on Christmas her family would exchange presents on her parent's anniversary. Laura says, "I didn't understand Holidays and didn't know what made them so special, but the older I got the more thankful I was because I didn't have them when I was younger." She says it means a lot more to her now because it is so much more special that she gets to start her own traditions.



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A Day in the Life of Santa

By Brandon Herres

This is the time of year when Santa is gearing up to deliver presents around the world. He has been working out for the past eleven months to get rid of that extra fat from the tons of cookies consumed during the previous Christmas season. After his rigorous training program Santa Claus is back down around his lean 180 pound build, which may surprise those who's image of Santa is a fat, jolly sort smelling of cheap bourbon and Old Spice spending the better part of the holiday season at local shopping malls. This image is also caused by his kind-heartedness, his unyielding compassion for those who worked so hard to give him cookies. So Santa eats every cookie no matter how bad they might be and what does he get for his kindness? Santa is bedridden for 3 months due to the extra nine hundred pounds he gains as a result of Christmas. Don't be afraid to leave Santa some celery sticks this year because every snack goes strait to his rear end.

Santa is often asked, "How do you deliver all of those presents in one night?" Santa said it isn't hard at all because a good share of the world doesn't believe in him due to their inability to get into the spirit of Christmas. Santa found this out the hard way when his sleigh drifted into the Middle East where he was subjected to gunfire and SCUD missiles after being mistaken for a military plane. After this years events you can

bet Santa is taking a map and checking it twice.

Mrs. Claus is right there by his side every step of the way. Santa's wife, friend, and personal trainer all wrapped up in a very nice body resembling that of Kathy Ireland (perhaps explaining why you hardly see the famous supermodel from the mid-90s these days.) Mrs. Claus is also in charge of the elves. Now the elves aren't the little people that one would imagine, those classic elves tried to form a union to demand better pay from Santa and were promptly ousted from the North Pole. So the hard working and noble Oompa Loompas replaced the striking elves. Although the weather at the North Pole is not well suited for Oompa Loompas the are kept happy by being paid with leftover Christmas chocolates and Mrs. Claus' aerobic workout tapes.

Santa has to put up with a lot of politics and such to deliver those toys to all of the inappreciative, spoiled children. Children don't realize what it takes for Santa to get them their toys and keep them happy. And what does Santa get in return? The truth is he gets very little because it is a labor of love. Even though Santa isn't always appreciated or believed in he keeps loving all of the world's little ragamuffins in hopes that someday they will all have an idea of how much a little love can do in a world that is caught up in a terrible mess. Even though many people are "too old" to believe in Santa Claus he wants you to realize that what is important is the continuance of the Christmas spirit and the spreading of the joy to the less fortunate of the world.



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Seven principals called the Nguzo Saba, provide a basis for the celebration of Kwanzaa. They are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith). These principals are the themes for each of the seven days in Kwanzaa. The celebration begins with Umoja (Unity), and continues through the stated order.

By Whitney Sherwin

"As an African American and Pan-African holiday celebrated by millions throughout the world African community, Kwanzaa brings a cultural message which speaks to the best of what it means to be African and human in the fullest sense." -Dr. Maulana Karenga.

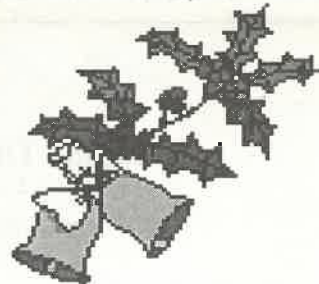
Beginning on December 26th, and ending on January 1st, people all over the world will celebrate Kwanzaa. Traditionally, this time period has been the time of "first fruits festivals" in Africa. Founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga during the Black Freedom Movement. Kwanzaa "reflects (the movement's) concern for cultural groundedness in thought and practice, and the unity and self-determination associated with this."

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There are several ceremonial objects used in the celebration, of these, the kinara is probably the most important. It looks somewhat like a Jewish menorah, and holds seven candles in the colors of Kwanzaa, red, black, and green. Each of

the candles represents one of the seven principals and is lit on that specific day.

Lia Osborn, a senior here at PHS says that her family has celebrated Kwanzaa for several years now. As with all holidays, each family has their own customs and traditions. Her family sees Kwanzaa as a time for creativity. Lia remembers writing songs and plays and performing them as a gift to her family members. Her favorite day in the celebration is Imani, the day of faith. When asked about her favorite Kwanzaa to date, she recalled the year her family drove all the way the Yakima to see the movie *Amistad*, and with a smile recited the line "Give me free!"



Students

Anticipate

Christmas

By Nicole Gibbons

As Christmas rolls around for yet another year, students are getting excited. Whether they are excited about the break from school, the presents, or the food, the excitement can be felt in the air. Many students were interviewed about what their favorite part of Christmas is. Here's what they had to say:

Catherine Powers: No school

Chelsea Rodgers: The whole Christmas thing, everything about it

Katie Whitemarsh: The days off from school, and the traditions

Britney Draney: Christmas music

Christina Partida: Spending time with family

Allen Leibing: Sleeping in front of the fireplace waiting for Santa Claus

Jordan Giesler: Chestnuts roasting on an open fire

Megan Frazier: Going to my Grandma's on Christmas Eve and having all the rest of my family over on Christmas Day to open presents

Melinda Wamsley: Christmas Eve, it's better than Christmas Day

Lacey Buckingham: The Christmas Eve church service

Ofelia Gomez: Having dinner with my whole family

Joey Graham: Getting presents and eating food

Ron Mitchell: Going snow mobiling, snow boarding, and the snow in general

Shira Garza: Not having school, getting presents, fun times

Nataley Inglima: Being with family and no school

Alex Kraft: Being with family and presents

Kaci Bernsen: All the time off of school

Tiffany McCarthy: Playing in the snow, tubing, and decorating the tree

Kyung Cha: Snow

Rachel Ellison: Giving gifts to friends and family

Joel Kramer: No school, snow boarding, and Whistler

Carissa Partida: No school and spending time with family

Robin Clarke: Getting out of school

Marcus Henry: The Henry, Fielding, Barber basketball tournament. Oh yeah, the food's good too

Peek-a-Boo Santa



CHRISTMAS IS SOON TO COME

Teacher Feature: Mrs. Vandervert Making Learning Fun

By Leah Rommereim

I've been in the Pasco School District since kindergarten, and when asked to write an article on a special teacher, I had lots. Yet the one that stands out in my mind is my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Vandervert. I remember that every day in her class was fun, and all of us kids looked forward to it. She's been teaching for 9 years now, with seven years in the Spectrum program at Ruth Livingston Elementary. She's come from a long line of teachers with her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother were all teachers. As a kid she swore that she wouldn't teach "It required too much time, and effort, for not enough money, and forcing you to sacrifice other things." Yet in college she took an introduction to education for as a joke, and "I fell in love with teaching, I couldn't stay away." Before I went to her class, I was always bored with school; everything was either too easy or just plain boring. Yet in her class we made whales to learn about them, painted famous works of art to learn about artists, learned French, and calculus. With group book reports, ra-



Photo by Leah Rommereim

dio shows, and popcorn snacks she won, mine and the rest of the classes love, and respect. I asked her where she got her all of her information and she said "I read a book, or article, and if it's something that I would want to do, and interest me. It can't be boring, or practical to translate to real learning, it

has to be something fun or interesting for a person to learn." This is probably one of my favorite ideas of hers, because it's true, and I wish it could apply to some of the classes I've taken. When I asked her to name a favorite experience, she said she couldn't for "every year, every quarter, there's

some many wonderful experiences. My goal in retirement is to write a book on them all." Probably the main thing that makes her such a great teacher is that she loves what she does, "It's so fun to be a teacher because everything's changing, the education, curriculum and the kids, it's a fun and ongoing challenge. You learn so much from all of the kids, and you love them for it." Thank you Mrs. Vandervert, for you, your patience, your caring, and most of your knack of making every day fun.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND OUR CLEAN HALLWAYS

By Sylvia Duran

Pasco high is a high maintenance place. We have twelve custodians who work night and day. Being a custodian at Pasco High is not just picking up garbage, mopping spills or refilling bathrooms with toilet paper. Gary Allen who has worked for Pasco high for three years says, "We replace over thirty air filters a month, ten tubes of fluorescent lights each night and clean over twenty bathrooms each day." Custodians also set up for many events such as sports sign up night, schedule pick up, picture day and graduation. I asked Gary Allen what was his favorite thing about Pasco High. Gary an-

swered, "I like how there is teamwork involved with the students and staff. The student cooperation is great, they all carry pride for Pasco." I also asked what they picked up the most around the school. Gary said, "We usually

pick up keys, hackie sacks and tennis shoes hanging on the wires." It turns out that the sickest thing the custodians



Photo By Rachel Lamb

don't like to clean up is vomit. Gary says, "vomit definitely tops the blood." Blood would be the second grossest thing. So the next time you sit at a clean table or see yourself on the waxed floors thank a custodian.

Dance Team Working Hard

By Kim Gonzales

This year you might have noticed our exceptional dance team. They generally perform at every football game as well as some of our school pep assemblies. The dance team consists of a group of well-rounded girls who are out to have fun doing what they love to do. Some might expect that being a part of dance team is as easy but all the girls put a lot of time and effort to perfecting their dances. They spend an average of two hours a day every week except for Wednesdays at practice. They were also training and practicing all summer long. So far they have learned five dances. Their coach Becca Schwan creates the majority of the dances but she is striving to educate her officers to choreograph and eventually be able to use their own creativity to produce routines for the

team. They are definitely a dedicated bunch of girls as their coach states, "to be a team member takes a lot of discipline and organization, and ability to learn at a fast pace and these qualities I see in each team member." They have a large squad with lots of potential and so far have received great



Photo by Rachel Lamb

feedback from the student body. "We get along fine right now, but it was weird at the beginning with all the new freshmen joining the squad," says Nadia Martinez of the bonding between the team.

In December, the team will be attending an invitational and they

are planning to go to state in the spring. "It's a little intimidating going to state with such a very young team," said Coach Schwan, "but they are the best, very positive, energetic, and eager to learn." The leaders of the team consist of Nadia Martinez, Jerrica Kanehl, Alyssia Partida, Crystal Wilson, and Racheal Vaughn. Although the work seems hard the girls do what needs to be done to put on their dances. "It's really hard and you have to be really conditioned to get down every move," said team leader Jerrica Kanehl. "Being in shape is one of the most important thing," said Shasheen Swan.

More then likely you will see this bunch of girls at the next football game or upcoming basketball game so be sure to acknowledge all the work these young ladies achieve.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

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Sophomore Brings Sincerity to Others

By Michael Arellano

With so many students at Pasco High, it's almost impossible to meet every single person. With this story, you can add one more name to the list of faces you've seen around, Estella Cardenas. Estella is a sophomore here at Pasco High and is one of the nicest people you'll meet at this school. She has two sisters that also attend Pasco High, but will not be mentioned because this story is about Estella! Maybe her two cats Poofy and Flaco too, just because they're her pets.

Estella describes herself as an easygoing person who enjoys meeting all types of people. She says, "I like talking with people because you

never really know what kind of change in their life you can make."

In the future Estella hopes to have a career in science. She enjoys being outside and being in touch with nature. She is fascinated by plants and thinks that she might even become a botanist perhaps. Of course, this is all after she graduates and goes to college, which she sees as realistic goals for herself.

In her spare time, Estella enjoys hanging out with friends and going out. After school, She enjoys playing basket-

ball at the park near her house. She's never played for the school, but just enjoys being out on the court and having



fun. She also enjoys listening to music. The music that she listens to is much like her outlook on life, that different

everything from DMX, Britney Spears, Mojado and even Cumbia Kings.

When asked about her thoughts and reactions to all the terrorist news she said, "I can't understand why people would want to hurt others when they have done nothing to them. There should be more purpose to their attack."

There are many people at this school, and everyone is unique. When you see Estella, say what's up, there shouldn't be no reason why she wouldn't say the same thing back.

Art Department Students of the Month



India Wall has been an inspiration to her peers with her willingness to do what is needed for the "group." India also learned tuba so that the marching band would have good instrumentation. India also plays the bass clarinet in Wind Ensemble. India spends her time helping others in her section and always has a positive word to give.



Jaimie Hall was selected for the student of the month in October. Jaimie has been a positive leader, hard worker, and willing to go the extra mile. Jaimie is involved with Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Marching Band, private lessons, contract music,, and has been auditioning for various honor bands

STUDENTS TRAINED TO TACKLE REAL LIFE PROBLEMS

By Laura Fluharty

The Natural Helpers and Third Party Mediators had the opportunity to get some further training on suicide prevention dealing with students and friends at school. Sue Eastgard(director of the Youth Suicide Prevention Program for Washington State and President of the American Institute of Suicidology) is providing this further training and skills in helping friends in need and preventing crises. Mr. Riojas and Mrs. Mason, Natural Helper program advisors, had the opportunity to hear Mrs. Eastgard this past June, and were so impressed with her information they asked her to come to Pasco High and share her message.

Sue talks to teens not just about statistics on teen and adult suicide, but focuses on Prevention. She taught a system for identifying warning signals in friends and getting them help:

- A. Show you care
- B. Ask the question
- C. Get help.

She went into detail that "showing you care" means that you don't just pretend but you say what you really felt about the person. "Asking the question" means that you ask if they want help, if they go on to refuse your help you can ask nicer or try a different approach. If they still don't want your help don't try too hard. Another way to "ask the question" is to approach it as a statement like, let's go and get some help together. "Getting help" means that you go with them to the counselor or

see to it that they make it there

safely and they really get help for their problem.

The students then had to role-play scenarios where someone was the victim and someone was the Natural Helper or Third Party Mediator.

Some of the role-plays were quite interesting for example: Chad Anderson was the "victim" and said that his girlfriend had recently dumped him, gave him a STD and he was thinking about suicide. Claudia Crispo was another "victim" who said that she was suicidal because her boyfriend got her pregnant and left her. Nick Perez was upset because he got cut from the basketball team. Brian Dean was upset because he was not going to graduate and Kelly Gamache said that her boy-

friend beat her and she really needed help. These were all ideas that the students randomly thought of



Photo by Laura Fluharty

to show others how to help people and friends with problems.

I believe this will help our school and that our student body should be grateful to Sue Eastgard for sharing this information with our Natural Helpers and Third Party Mediators.

Choir Student of the Month



Kyna Harris is a sophomore student who sings in the PHS Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir and also serves on the choir council. Kyna is always willing to help with projects that arise and can always be counted on to sing a national anthem at volleyball games which she may be playing in. Her natural leadership skills make her a strong musician and a great student liked and respected by her peers, she even has a song written about her simply stating: "Kyna, she's good at stuff." (music and lyrics by Kelly Patrick)

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Noticia de Ultima Hora

Por Rafael Farias

La Ciudad de Nueva York sigue sufriendo desastres. El día lunes 2 de Noviembre del 2001, un avion de 250 personas incluyendo ilotos, aerohermosas y pasajeros cayo en una zona residencial en ciudad de Nueva York. Causando una vez mas un terrible desastre. Este avion estaba con destino a la isla de La Republica Dominicana, s terrible imaginar el dolor que los familiares sienten al saber que us seres queridos que esperaban haigan tenido este accidente onde todos fallecieron. El presidente desengaña a todos los que ensaban que habia sido otro ataque terrorista. El dijo que todavia o estaban seguros que habia ocasionado este accidente. Pero un no descartan la posibilidad que este sea otro ataque terrorista. Este accidente nos puso a pensar a muchos de nosotros porque este dia ya que el ataque anterior fue el día 11 de septiembre y ahora este accidente fue el día 12 de Noviembre. La pregunta es ¿Este fue un ataque terrorista o fue un accidente?

Nancy Medina "La princesa"

Por Erika Alvarez

Hola Amigos! Como todos ustedes saben Nancy Medina fue una de las candidatas elegidas para ser una de las princesas de Homecoming. Nancy tiene 15 años y esta en el grado 10th. Ella viene de Zacatecas, Mexico tiene apenas tres años aqui en Los Estados Unidos. Platicamos con Nancy y esto es lo que nos dijo: "Me siento muy orgullosa de haber sido elegida como princesa de Homecoming 2001. Yo nunca imagine que me fueran a elegir para ser candidata. Tengo que confesar que fue muy sorprendente para mí el saber que fui una candidata elegida por mis compañeros. Pero mas me sorprendi al haber sido la ganadora, nunca creí que ganaria porque todas las demas candidatas eran mas bonitas. Y ademas yo vine a ser otra de las princesas latinas, que gana con un nivel de ingles bajo. Eso me hace sentir aun mejor porque eso significa que estamos siendo mas aceptados apesar que nuestro ingles no esta en un nivel muy alto como el de todas las demas candidatas con las que me toco competir. Espero que despues de esto todos los estudiantes de ELD se integren en mas actividades de la escuela y que sobretodo le echen muchas ganas al estudio para tener un mejor grado y eso ayuda mucho. Yo me di cuenta de eso al haber sido la princesa". Bueno amigos hojala que les haiga interesado este articulo acerca de "LA PRINCESA" Nancy Medina.

Juan Bolas Show

Por Juan Antonio Valdivia

En esta ocasion les quiero dar aconocer los siguientes estudiantes, que por sobre nombres son muy famosos por LA RAZA en toda la escuela. Si alguno de estudios los conose preguntele a el o ella por que les llaman asi.....
Hercules en persona.....Israel Martinez.
Chiqui Dracula ya regreso.....Miguel Perez
El Tunco maclobioMr. Bonnie.
Zumo's en Peligro de Extinsion.....Jenny Fernandez-Titina Valdivia-Erika Valdivia.
"La Garroch".....Erika Alvarez
El Niño que Vino del Mar.....Leonado Huerta.
Ricky Martin.....Jose Contreras.
Luz Clarita.....Brenda Ursua.
P e d r i t o Fernandez.....Jorge Villegas.
La Invasion Terrestre.....El Club M.E.C.H.A.de Mr. Martinez y asi es muchachos y muchachas estos estudiantes llevan la fama por LO GUAPO que estan.

¿DONDE ESTA SRA. GREER?

Por Alejandra Herrera

Muchos de los estudiantes que conosieron a esta profesora, se han hecho muchas veces esta pregunta, ¿ Donde esta Mrs. Greer? Para muchos de los estudiantes que no conosieron a Mrs. Greer, ella era una pñfesoras que enseñaba Ingles Intermedio/Avanzado y Ingles para principiantes.

La Sra. Greer era divertida y muy pasiente con todos los estudiantes, tenemos algo decir de ella. estudiantes la que fue una ejemplar. Ella tenia tiempo satisfacer las de todos y cada estudiantes y aquellos a los dia ayudar. esperamos su que es como para todos nosotros.

"La Sra. Greer era divertida y muy pasiente con todos los estudiantes."

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Tenemos entendido que en este momento ella esta acompañando a su esposo en la ciudad de Washington mientras el termina su diplomado en Ingenieria. Ellos viven ahora en Pullman, Washington gunto con su familia, sus hijos asisten alli a la escuela durante este año, y ella se esta tomando el año libre ya que no esta dando clases en ninguna otra escuela.

Sus planes actuales nosotros no los podemos definir y lo unico que esparamos y deseamos es que su ultima decision sea regresar a dar clases aqui en la escuela Pasco High.

Ya que queremos que comparta su inteligencia y sabiduria con todos nosotros.

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Deep Thought

By Maxene Alonzo

If you choke a Smurf what color does he turn? Why is it that when you transport things by car it's called shipment but when stuff is transported by ships its cargo. Nothing in English rhymes with silver, mouth or purple. Cat urine glows under a black light. Oh but wait! It's illegal to pawn your dentures in Las Vegas. Dude that's not cool!

The Animal Brings Humor to the Big Screen

By Meghan Gray

When trying to figure out your weekend plans, and you fail to find anything fun and exciting. You can always resort to going to the video store and picking out the latest flick, popping some popcorn, and wrapping up in a big warm blanket in front of your t.v.

If you are in the mood for a funny movie, and you have a free weekend, go see *The Animal*. It's rated PG-13, stars Rob Schneider, and is a good choice. This movie is sure to make anyone laugh.

Although the story line may be lacking and it is quite unrealistic, if you need a good laugh this is the movie to do it.

Rob Schneider plays the role of a character who wants to become a policeman, but he doesn't have the physical abilities necessary to pass the test. Suddenly Rob's character gains the ability to do the things he once could only dream of doing. He is amazingly given the ability to perform fitness tests like animals such as a horse, eel, etc.... Rob Schneider does a great job of playing all these characters.

If you are looking to watch a movie with a good story, and a little bit of seriousness, this is not the movie. But..... if you are looking to have a good time and get a good laugh, Watch "The Animal."

BRAYTON'S BRAIN BUSTERS

By Anna Brayton

Why do they call kitty litter "kitty litter"?...When I think of litter I think of garbage that has been thrown out the window of a car going down the freeway... and speaking of the freeway... has it always been free or is this a recent thing?... Did we have to pay to drive on it before... I know there are toll ways where you have to pay every so often but those are different... and if I didn't think of this then who would?

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Zymurgy- What is the True Meaning?

By Kimberly Gonzales

What does zymurgy mean to you? It is the branch of applied chemistry dealing with fermentation. When asked about the meaning of zymurgy, PHS students answered:

Ben Fox- something Ped would say

Andrew Ruble- Brian Urlacher is the best player in the NFL that's exactly what it means

Skyler Allen- squeegee



Joe Scales- a new video game



Ryan Bernsen- a dead fish



C.J. Black- an insect



Mr. Davis- don't know don't care



Coach Spray- muddy water



Nick Perez- a science term



Jenny O'neil- some type of bug or animal



Tracy Spier- a sumo wrestler



Amy Andelin- a muddy swamp filled with pigs



Josefa Portugal- a monster



Drew Castleberry- a really bad storm like a hurricane, typhoon, tornado, blizzard, and a tsunami all in one with flying mud and cows.



Frank Pigulski- the art of making stuff with fungus

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Caleb Stromstad: Coming Through in the Clutch

By Meghan Gray

The football athlete of the issue is Caleb Stromstad. With the recent knee injury and surgery of Skyler Allen, Caleb has stepped in to play quarter back and done very well. Not only does Caleb play quarter back, but he is also an awesome safety and wide receiver. Against Moses Lake Caleb led the team to a convincing victory. Then against Kennewick



A pumped Caleb Stromstad after a recent victory
Photo By Mecque Whitcomb

Caleb played well and again the Bulldogs devastated their opponent. Coach Graph commented that, "Caleb has really stepped up for us when we needed him."

Not only is Caleb a great player, he is also a good leader and friend. Skyler Allen commented that, "Caleb is a hard worker, and a good example." Part of being a good football player is being prepared for every team. Kyle Kania stated, "Caleb studies his opponents well, he is always watching film."

When teammate and good friend Jacob Galstad was asked to tell a funny story about Caleb he relayed a story about a massage given to Caleb. While at a friends house Jake thought it would be funny to start rubbing Caleb's neck, so he would think it was his girlfriend (Tana Smith). Jake's plan worked and Caleb assumed it was Tana and didn't even turn around. Jake continued on rubbing Caleb's neck until he couldn't hold back

the laughter any longer. Jake began laughing and Caleb turned around to find that the nice massage he was given wasn't from his girlfriend but from his teammate and friend Jake!

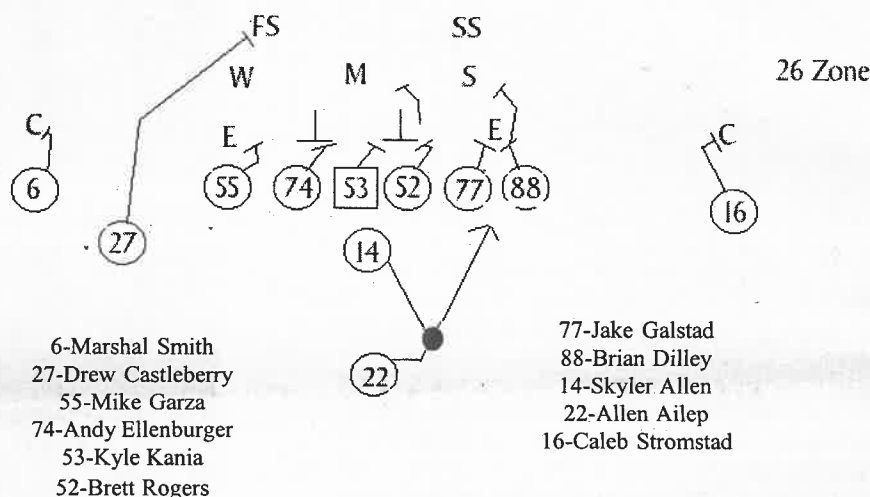
Caleb has really stepped in and done a great job for the Bulldogs. The wins against Moses Lake and Kennewick put us at 22-0! Caleb is a great athlete, teammate and friend." Hans Esterhuizen summed him up by saying, "He's a stud."

Caleb's leadership skills and athletic ability have really helped out the Bulldog's this season during their title defense.

Putting Football Lingo into English

By Peter Gadd

The Pasco High football team has a very efficient and high scoring offense. They have a very versatile playbook that they can alter for each opponent that they face. One of their offensive plays that keeps other defenses on their toes is called "26 Zone." This is a running play that takes place on the right side of the field. Take a look at the following diagram:



This is a relatively simple play. Once the ball is hiked, all of the front line (55,74,53,52,77,88) block for the running back (22). The quarterback (14) hands the ball off to the running back and it is the running backs job to read which way the defense will go. Numbers 77 and 88 hit the defensive end (E), and if he goes outside, the running back will run inside. If the defensive end fights through on the inside, the running back will run outside. Then number 88, the tight end, will continue on and block strong side linebacker (S). The receivers (6,27,16) simply block the cornerback (C) who is defending them. Then it's one-on-one, the running back (22) verses the strong safety (SS), which is the best situation an offensive player can have. This simple play works well, obviously since, in Pasco's first playoff game of 2001, a 41-17 win over Mount Spokane, all six touchdowns were scored on running plays.

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Pasco Football Continues Their Winning Traditions

By Rachel Lamb

Bulldog football is once again tackling its way to the Tacoma Dome. The team's hard work and dedication from day one has helped keep the Bulldogs on top. With positive attitudes and a determination to be the best the bulldogs are once again setting the standards. "We take one game at a time" said senior Caleb Stromstad, a varsity football player. The Bulldogs have spent many hard conditioning hours during the summer lifting weights and pushing themselves to the limit.



Allen Ailep leaps into the arms of a jubilant Mikey Welch
Photo By BreAnne Hovley

When running back Senior Allen Ailep was asked if he thought the state title would be brought home by the Bulldogs he responded with an unusual answer, "I'm not Cleo the psychic women, I can't tell the future." With all the wins the Bulldogs have brought to the table, its hard to imagine that a team with such talent can't except a mind set that they're going to win it all. Instead they believe that getting better is something they need to focus on instead of just winning the title, as junior Drew Castleberry stated as he was asked what he thought about his team.

After the match against the Kamiakin Braves, the Bulldogs proved their domain, showing that getting better is not just winning a match but winning a match that was well deserved. The Bulldogs again showed Kamiakin that they weren't brave enough to win. They worked hard and succeeded once again in a win against their biggest rivalry.

With all the talent the Bulldogs have shown, the Pasco fans have also brought many aspects to the game of football. Have you noticed who brings most of the fans to all the games, home and away? Its no surprise with a team full of young men whose game playing is an event that no one in the Tri-Cities would chance to miss.

We all should feel privileged to be able to go to a school with a football program that seems to know what goes where in a match and pulls home a state victory year after year. Pretty soon, it'll be a tradition for the Bulldogs to win them all and bring home the state title every year!



Pasco Football Players Salute After Another Big Win
Photo By BreAnne Hovley

Hans Esterhuizen Brings Leadership and Strength to Pasco Football

By Anna Brayton

This year, the football team has been continuing their winning streak. This would not be possible without some stand out players. One player that stands out to coaches and teammates is Hans Esterhuizen. Hans is one of six senior captains on the team he has three interceptions so far

this year. According to Head Football Coach Steve Graff, "He does a great job on defense and he is an awesome hitter." In the game against Mt. Spokane Hans flat out leveled some people, some of which probably wanted to cry. When asked about his thoughts on Hans, teammate



Hans Esterhuizen
Photo By Rachel Lamb

Drew Castleberry said, "for being a foreign exchange student he has picked up the game well." When asked what sets Hans apart from the other players Coach Graff said, "His last name." Coach Graff also said, "He is bigger, stronger, faster as compared to last year."

The following players and coaches put in their word of praise about Hans: Caleb Stromstead: He's a stud. He loves to hit people

and hit them hard. Hans is a hard worker, he does cool flips on the field, he should have been a gymnast.

Allen Ailep: Hans is outstanding on and off the field.

Coach Pederson: He is a great kid. I would go to war with him.

Brian Dilley: He's a stud. It's all about the Tight Ends.

Kyle Kanla: All I have to say isWOW!

Skyler Allen: Grande

Bret Rogers: He's a baller.

Ryan Oroczko: He's a stud.

Jesse Lamb: He lays the smack down.

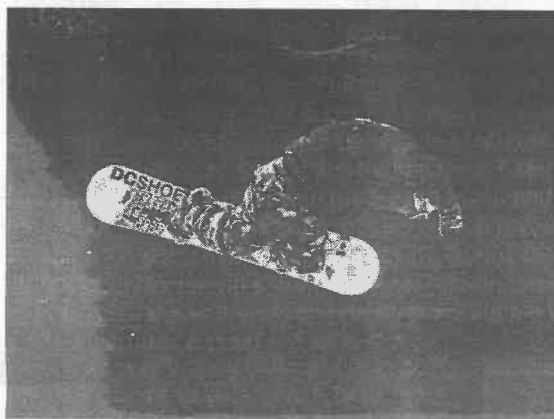
Coach Graff: He is a tenacious tackler and he sends guys packing

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Snowboarding's Popularity Grows as Sport Gains Notoriety

By Jesse Lamb

Winter sports have been a long time favorite of many people. Skiing unparticular has been mostly favored over other sports because of its challenges and the feeling of adventure it creates.



A boarder gettin' some big air
Photo Courtesy of the Internet

Freestyle boarding consists of jumps, tricks, halfpipes, and switch riding. Some tricks involved in freestyle are: the "McTwist" which is a front flip 360, a "Rodeo" consisting of a back flip 360, and a more common trick called a "Method" where the boarder simply bends the knees and grabs the board while in mid air. The freeride style is the basic style of snowboarding on a open mountain run

The past decade has seen a gradual change from skiing to snowboarding. Snowboarding has now become the craze of winter wonderlands. Weather it be for fun or competition many people have turned in the skis and replaced them with a snowboard.

When taking up snowboarding the question that most people are faced with is to buy a board or rent one. If a person is going to take up snowboarding as a full time hobby or sport then purchasing a board would be wise. A board can run anywhere from \$100 to \$1000 depending on style and brand. To rent a board for three days only costs about \$50. With a rental a person needs no extra accessories such as boots and bindings. With all the costs of snowboarding it is equal to or less than skiing. The excitement and thrill of being on a snowboard is what hooks most people.

In the few decades that snowboarding has been around, a few distinct styles have emerged. Freestyle, freeride, and freecarve are the styles that group most snowboarders.

made up of fresh powder and pine trees. Most snowboarders prefer the freeride style. An often-overlooked style of snowboarding is the freecarve also known as alpine snowboarding. Freecarving takes place on hard-packed or groomed runs and focuses on carving a lot with the board. These three styles make up the sport of snowboarding.

The styles of snowboarding make up the different events that are competed in during competitions. Big competitions like the X-Games, Gravity Games, and Vans Tour are what make snowboarding so popular. Pros like Bjorn Lines, Kevin Jones, and Mike Lablanc are recognized all over because of their snowboarding talent. Just like pros in other sports they compete for cash prizes and try to earn a living. Some great snowboarders may even get the chance to compete in the Olympic games. The Olympics have events for both men and woman (Men's Pipe, Women's Pipe, Men's Racing, and Women's Racing). Everyone knows that only the best compete in the Olympics; that includes snowboarding!

Seniors Share Memories of Their Final Season

By Melissa Tiegs

There have been many memorable moments in the minds of our Senior football players. Every Senior has their own memory, and according to



Allen Aelip running for big yardage
Photo By Mecque' Whitcomb

If you don't remember some of these times that they mention, maybe they'll share them with you if you ask nicely.

Brett Rogers: When Kyle Kania hit Scott Davis.

Allen Ailep: When a freshmen used icy hot where he shouldn't have.

Anthony Thompson (Chooch): When I hit the crap outta Dallin.

Michael Rodriguez: When Joe got that awkward tackle against Bubba from Kamiakin. Way to go 69!

Anthony Davis: When Kyle and I made up the doo-doo song.

Ryan Orozco: When Allen threw up the 1st day of his 1st practice.

Mike Garza: When we went 9-0 because we were just going

game by game and we didn't know how we'd do.

Caleb Stromstad: The Richland game because it was the start of the season and

people were ready to play from the summer practices. **Jon Colwell:** At camp when Allen hit a guy from another team and said "oops" right before he hit him and knocked him back a ways. Then, he helped him back up.

Tom Kinion: Will trying to learn how to swim. mine."

Andy Ellenberger: The game when I said

"It's all about the cookies."

Jesse Lamb: When "Mox" and I hooked up for a touch-down against Kennewick.

Brady Neergaard: Returning a punt when I almost

broke my neck.

Hans Esterhuizen: The Kona Cup.

Brian Dilley: Playing Mt. Spokane.

Brian Meldrum: Anthony and the golf club.

Skyler Allen: Our guys stepping up and going undefeated.

Tyler Kelly: When Marshal caught the ball.

Josh Davis: When we're on scout teams and Coach Ped is

looking for Eric Mattox when Eric is right in front of him and he screams out "Mattox!" Then he calls the play "trips right, 29 pitch."

Jake Galstad: I don't know.

Joe Scales: The time Tyler Kelly got knocked out.

Marshall Smith: Beating Kamiakin again.



Joe Scales preps for the Ike game
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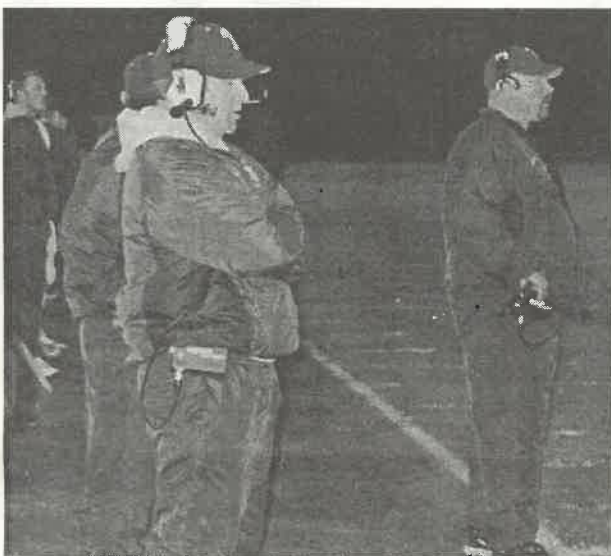
By Ashley Doherty

With the success of the football team spreading throughout the entire community and state, questions about who all of the coaches were behind this great team began to arise. There are 13 men that have dedicated their free time to coaching our football team through the season and into playoffs. They all were asked questions that would let the fans get to know them better, unfortunately, Joe Carrasco teaches at Livingston, and Brian Callaway, Scott Bond and Robert Reid all teach at McLoughlin. All of these coaches along with Gilbert Marquez, were unavailable for questioning.

Steve Davis has coached "8 or 9 years, something like that", all together, previously coaching for the Kennewick Lions, and now he's the head J.V. coach for Pasco. Davis doesn't have any kids, but he does have a 7 year old bulldog named Dozer. He's a good cook but loves his mom's lasagna and his favorite restaurant is anything with a drivethrough. His favorite college team is Tennessee, he teaches Math, and is the head girls bball coach. Next time you see him, hit him and run.

Dave Spray has coached football for a total of 23 years, and is in charge of offensive line and secondary. He previously coached at Central Valley, Riv-

erside High, and then was the head coach at Dayton high-school along with Coach Graff.



Head Coach Graff and assistant coaches during a Pasco win
Photo By Mecque' Whitcomb

His favorite pro team is the Packers, while his favorite food is mashed potatoes. He loves to eat at Granny's Buffet and claims Home EC was his favorite class in high-school, therefore he's an awesome cook. He has two kids, Melissa, 14 and Brian, 12. Coach Spray teaches weight training at PHS.

Steve Graff has coached football since 1984, at Walla Walla community college and at Day-

ton high-school. He now is the head coach of the Pasco Bulldogs and is the defense coordinator.

He loves food in general, "of course" he can cook, and his favorite restaurant is Miners. He has 4 children, Sam, 10, Lucas, 9, Grady, 6 and Mac, 4. When asked his favorite

college team, he replied "anybody but Wazzu."

Kevin Pederson's favorite food is spaghetti, therefore his favorite restaurant is the Olive Garden. He survived being single until he was 30, so he must of known how to cook. He has coached for 24 years, at Shorecrest High in the Seattle area, and in Federal Way. At PHS he coaches the A-backs and line backers. He has a daughter, 14 and a son, 12. His favorite college team is WSU, "the right squad", and he teaches PE.

Don Hogue has coached football for a total of 8 years, two in Newburg, OR and the rest at PHS. He is in charge of

the defensive line and his favorite college team is the Linfield Wildcats, where he attended college.

He teaches history, and has two daughters, Jessy, 7, who looks identical to him and Riley who's 1 and a 1/2. He loves seafood, is a really good cook and his favorite restaurant is Jake's Crawfish house.

Mike Clayton loves any food that's Italian and ironically his favorite restaurant is the Outback. He cooks all different sorts of foods, with his specialty being stuffed green peppers. He has coached a total of 6 years, three of those years in Salem, and John Day, OR, and then at McLoughlin. He now is coaching the freshman team linebackers, running back and defense. He has a daughter Kelsie, 9 and Tyler, 6. His favorite college team is Willamette Univer-

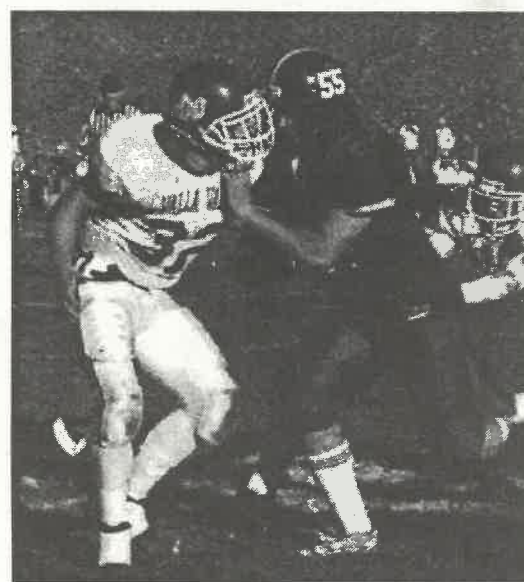
sity and he teaches English at PHS.

Troy Sommerville has coached a total of 6 years, all being at PHS. He coaches the running backs and db's. He teaches Math, enjoys Mexican food, and his favorite restaurant is Casa Chapala. He is a good cook, and his favorite college team is Washington State. He has a son, Colton, 6 who can be seen in the student section at all of the games playing football in the aisles and high-fiving the crowd, and his nephew Ryan, 9 helps out on the field during the game. His parents Sandy and Gary Sommerville are also longtime Booster Club members.

John Cazier immediately answered that pizza was his favorite food, and Olive Garden was his favorite restaurant. He has coached a total of 5 years, including in Orem, UT and at PHS as the coach of offensive line. He has three kids, Anderson, 5, Cayden, 4 and Sydney, 1. He teaches history and his favorite team is BYU.



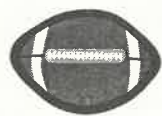
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Mike Garza throttles a Walla Walla defender
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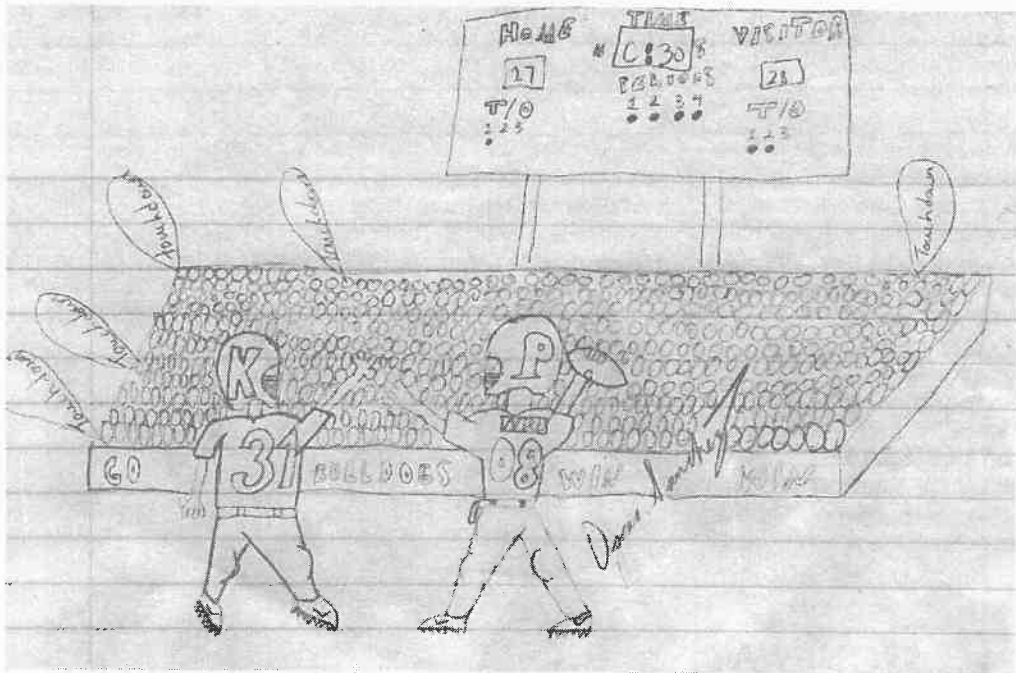
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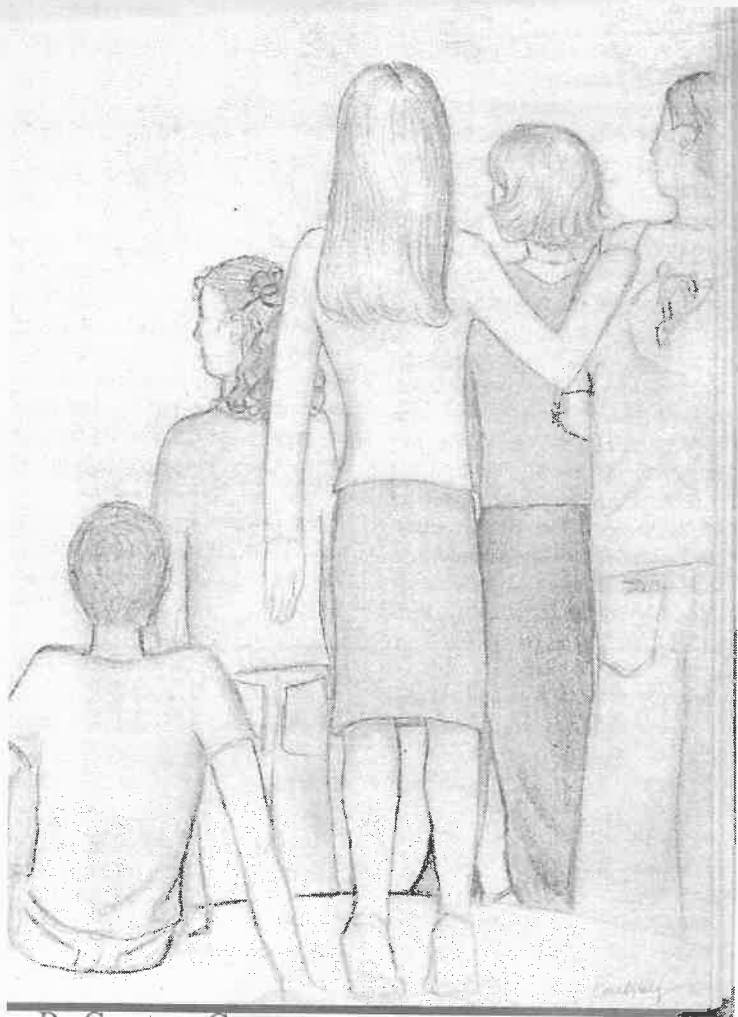
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