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Indecisiveness- Lack of Opinion or Just an Excuse?

By BreAnne Hovley

"So where do you guys want to go to lunch today?" is a frequent question that my friends are always asking as we drive out of the parking lot on our lunch break. And on the days when I don't bring a lunch, my first response is, "I don't care, you guys decide." As I think about it, most of my answers to questions regarding solely my opinion, are either an "I don't know," or an "I don't care." It sounds as if I am very indecisive, but is that really the case? Do I really not have an opinion about anything, or am I just holding it inside afraid to speak my mind?

I think I am more in the middle of those two choices (once again, right in the middle and indecisive). If I really feel strongly about something, or am around my closest friends, I will speak my mind like no other. But I am the type of person when controversy comes into play, I tend to leave, whether it be checked out mentally or gone out of sight. Let's say that two teammates of mine are getting into a fight, no matter who's side I am on more, I will most likely keep my mouth shut and get as far away from the argument as possible. Maybe that's why I've never been in a fist fight, cause I can't get far enough in an argument to voice my opinion. If somebody gives me two or more choices I go crazy. I can't make decisions unless I am feeling very confident in myself. I use my indecisiveness as an excuse. It is actually one of my biggest excuses that I use. Without having to choose anything it does a couple of things: first off, it makes me sound like I'm passive and just go with the

flow of whatever happens, happens. That is actually the case most of the time, but then there is the second outcome of not making a sound decision. It is all about my fear of commitment; without making a decision between two or more things on my own, I don't have to take responsibility for the decision. I can then move my choices around whenever I see that one of the other choices isn't working out too well. For example, I wrote a paper in English at the beginning of the year, and it took me two weeks to decide what I was going to write on. This allowed me to research and think about all of the possibilities, but by doing this I didn't have enough time to really write a good paper, and consequently I got a horrible grade on it.

My fear of commitment affects more than just school, but to more serious subjects such as relationships, having a favorite color, food, and music group, to which colleges I want to apply to, what I want to major in and so on. It is a sacrifice to have to commit to something, most of the time a sacrifice I am not willing to make because sacrifices take risks and with risks there are chances of getting hurt and failing. This editorial goes along with the middle section of the Wasco this issue because of all the people who had to make a decision and make a sacrifice to their country. Those people were willing to stand up and say that is was important for them to risk their lives for our country, and they didn't allow excuses to lead them away from their choices. I know that I, and probably many other people, wish that I could be as brave as them and stand up for my decision without worrying about how much of a commitment it is going to be and worrying about the outcome of the situation tremendously. It takes a lot of guts to make a decision as big as going to war and fighting for your country, just like it is going to take a lot of guts for a person like me to even make a decision as to where I am going to college.

I guess I just need to get over my fear of commitment and start making the little decisions in my life instead of letting other people make them for me. I need to stop swaying my opinion to sound more like other's opinions. And once and for all I need to make my life easier and make quicker decisions on what to write my editorials about.

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La Onda

LA CELEBRACION DE "HOMECOMING"

Por: Alejandra Herrera

La primera celebracion de HOMECOMING se llevo a cabo en 1947, despues de la guerra. La Escuela Pasco High fue la primera en el Estado de Washington que llevo a cabo tal evento. La idea de la celebracion de Homecoming fue para honrar a los ex-alumnos y a los veteranos de guerra.

El juego de Homecoming por decadas se jugo "El Dia de Los Veteranos" y fue el ultimo juego del año contra Kennewick. Este juego se realizaba en la tarde del sabado y por la noche se presenciaba el baile. Este baile siempre ha sido un baile formal y tenia que llevarse a cabo en Pasco. La idea del desfile de Homecoming comenzo con lo fue conocido como "Serpentear" por las calles.

El campo de Futbol Americano y las fogatas eran en el centro de Pasco cerca a la calle 1^a. La fogata ardia toda la noche y los alumnos hacian porras y participaban en diferentes actividades que promovian al espirito escolar. Actualmente, la fogata se lleva a cabo en el estadio y hay un baile para los alumnos. La madera para la fogata ha sido tradicionalmente la responsabilidad de la clase del decimo grado.

Actualmente el desfile es una produccion competitiva entre las clases. El baile que se organiza siempre ha sido un formal en donde el chico invita a la chica. En este año el baile se realizo el Sabado 27 de Octubre por la noche y el juego de futbol Americano se realizo el Viernes 26 de Octubre, donde jugo Pasco contra Kennewick.

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QUE PUEDEN CAUSAR LAS AUSENCIAS?

Por: Erika Alvarez

Muchos estudiantes ignoran lo que puede causar al no asistir diariamente a sus clases. Cuando un estudiante tiene 10 ausencias y sin excusa les pueden suspender un credito y este estudiante tiene la oportunidad de recuperarlo hasta el fin del semestre. Pero para esto el estudiante debe de asistir a sus clases y hacer su trabajo asignado. Y sobretodo poner todo su empeño para recuperar este credito. Pero si el estudiante aun sigue faltando a sus clases entonces este credito se lo quitan. Y como todos sabemos para ganar un credito se requiere mucho esfuerzo en cada una de nuestras clases. Y si lo pierdes por algo que puedes evitar de que sirve tu empeño en la educacion. No hay que poner en riesgo nuestra educacion ya que es por el bien de nosotros asistir diariamente a la escuela. Y si por alguna razon importante no puedes asistir diles a tus padres que avisen a la escuela para que puedas sacar una excusa y llevarla a tus clases. Y eso te da la oportunidad de hacer tu trabajo del día que faltastes. Para que te pongas al corriente con tu trabajo y con tus compañeros de clase. Hugo Palmas es un estudiante que ahora esta arrepentido por haber tenido tantas ausencias el año pasado. El dice que el año pasado no le importaba faltar a una o mas clases o aveces todo el día por cualquier tontería que se le cruzaba en el camino. Y por causa de esto Hugo reprobo el año y ahora lo esta repitiendo pero lo bueno de todo esto es que Hugo se dio cuenta de que hay que aprovechar el tiempo para tener una buena educacion. Quizas lo que hizo recapacitar a este estudiante es que sus compañeros se van a poder graduar para el año 2002 y ahora el por causa de tantas ausencias se va a graduar para el año 2003 un año despues de lo que tenia previsto. Hugo ahora le esta echando muchas ganas al estudio y asiste diariamente a sus clases pero sobretodo le esta poniendo bastante empeño a la escuela para tener todos sus creditos necesarios para graduarse. El tambien dice que tiene pensado asistir a la universidad del Estado de Washington donde ahora esta estudiando un primo de el. Bueno amigos hojala que recapaciten a tiempo y no hasta que reprueben el año para darse cuenta de lo que causan las ausencias.

Transitional ELD

Por: Rafael Fariás

Que esta pasando en la clase de ELD? Esto es lo que esta ocurriendo en la clase de ELD: los estudiantes de esta clase todos los días, al comenzar la clase lo primero que hacen es tarea de

entrada de un libro. Despues que terminan la tarea de entrada leen 15 minutos otro libro. Eso les ayuda mucho en su lectura de ingles. Diariamente leemos una historia todos la clase junta para tener un mejor entendimiento. Al terminar la lectura tenemos que escribir brevemente lo que entendimos de la lectura. Cuando llegamos al fin de la historia hacemos un resumen sobre la historia. Cada historia nos lleva por lo menos cuatro dias para terminarla y entenderla. Haci nos ayuda para el examen que hacemos al final de la historia. Otra de las cosas que hacemos constantemente es ir a la libreria y buscar un libro para leer. Estas fueron las actividades que hacen los estudiantes de transicional ELD.

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Class Action: What is Considered Too Close in Terms of Public Displays of Affection??

By Kim Gonzales

There is a time and place for everything. The halls, the middle of the dance floor, behind school buildings, or anywhere in public vicinities is not appropriate for so called public displays of affection (PDA'S). Showing your boyfriend or girlfriend signs of affection can be considered cute if not taken to a certain extent. I mean there is a boundary line some of us should not be ex-

ceeding. A cute kiss on the cheek or so on the way to class, now I think we can all handle this but the continous groping that accompanies the full force make out session is taking it a little to far.

Constantly everywhere I look at school I see this happening left and right, quite frankly its disgusting and inappropriate there is nothing cute or loving about any of this. It's like our own personal

freak show right at school. Really, there is no need to show such forceful signs of affection. Why would you want the rest of the world to see you partaking in such actions? You should have some respect for yourself to keep that kind of stuff private and in secluded areas where you and your boy/girl friends are present.

Just recently I was at Homecoming and as I was dancing. A

couple about 5 feet away from me were instantly going at it on the dancefloor. Hands were everywhere and kissing not just on the lips but the face, neck and whatever else was in range. It was disgraceful to watch such a thing. I mean here we are at a beautiful dance, a nice romantic slow song is playing and all of a sudden the mood is killed because two people decided the dance floor is just as

good as the privacy of their own home. Some might want to counter my opinion with why don't I mind my own business, but when its happening in front of your locker or the door to your classroom then it begins to get annoying. There are some things you shouldn't see at school and watching others grope each other is definitely one of these such sights.

HIGH SCHOOL LESSONS LEARNED BY LOOKING ELSEWHERE

By Laura Fluharty

This last year, my freshman year, I was just not getting along with my friends. I was getting behind in my school work and all around I wasn't very happy. I decided that Pasco just wasn't the place for me at the time. I talked to my mom and Mr. Guajardo about what I should do and in the end decided that I was going to try out Richland. In order to go to Richland High I had to live in Richland, so I moved in with my aunt and uncle who live in Richland. This was an interesting experience. I started my first day as the loner in school. The only person I really knew was my cousin who was a senior and his friends were all "preppy" I just didn't fit in. At first I was thinking "jeez there is no place for me" but after a while I made some friends and felt a little more at home. Maybe the second week into school I started meeting girls and figured out that all I really cared about was school and not the drama that every high school student goes through. I didn't want to get close to anyone, really. All I wanted to do was mind my own business and do my homework. So that's exactly what I did. I started doing my homework everyday and got a job at my uncle's law firm. I kept really busy and all I did was concentrate on my work and realized that Richland was a lot harder than Pasco. I was actually working my butt off to get the grades I had gotten by doing a little homework maybe a half an

hour a day in Pasco. It was a real eye opener for me to think that everything I did at Pasco was evolved around my friends and that was the reason why I was so unhappy. At first I thought Richland is so much better than Pasco and I never want to go back. Richland was really fun. I loved the teachers I had except for one but I learned to live with him because it was the end of the day and the class wasn't so bad after all.

The whole time I never even thought it was me that was the problem it was all my friends at Pasco that were dragging me down. I was really blind to the fact that it was me and me alone. Finally my mom sat me down and told me that in reality I was the problem and this is exactly what I didn't want to hear so I continued to go to Richland. Soon my mom made me come back home and go back to Pasco. It really was true that you choose how you will be.

You will work for your smarts or you will just get by and have fun with all your friends and not really learn anything. It's all about you and what you choose to do. So really Richland was a good experience and I made some really

great friends when I left, but Pasco is the place for me. Even though my friends make me mad and I hate things they do I will always know that what I choose to do about things is going to effect the results drastically.



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Speculations

High School is About Having Fun and Getting Work Done

By Peter Gadd

Have you ever known someone who seems to play every sport, be in every extra class imaginable, and in every after school club, all at the same time? To me, these people have a good grasp on high school. I do believe that I want to be as lazy as I possibly can, while still satisfying the necessary requirements that I am held up to. But, I also think that if I am lazy, there are way too many things that I would be missing out on. Right now, I'm very busy. With running start, PHS classes, and sports, I'm swamped. I need my sleep, and with all these "fun activities that will benefit me in the future," I don't get any. Take for instance, my "normal day." Wake up at 6:00. Go play tennis until 7:45 where I speed over to CBC. After class I speed home so I don't reek during my first hour at Pasco High. I go to school 'til 2:30, then it's off to practice until dinner. After dinner, I am in my room doing homework 'til sometimes, the wee hours of the morning. I don't have to do all these extra activities. I could choose to not play sports altogether, and I could choose to not take classes that challenge me (my parents also have a say in that.) If I chose to be lazy, I believe that I'd be bored out of my mind. These forms of "entertainment," are what high school is also about. I might's well do the most I can, while I can, because I know that when I'm thirty, I won't be getting up an hour and a half before work to go play tennis in the dark. I just believe that I won't have the energy. So for me, I think that, although watching TV, sleeping and eating junk food on the couch are all very fun and entertaining, I will still continue my daily routine. High school is all about having the most fun you can, in the shortest amount of time you have, while still receiving an education. And besides, how fun would it be to sleep and get fat instead of playing basketball and getting decent grades. Getting fat is what retirement is for. And when the time comes, you can be sure that I will enjoy that aspect of life. But for right now and the rest of high school, you can bet that I'll be up at 6:00 am and in bed at 1:00 am on a regular basis so that I can get the most out of my most energetic years.



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Disappeared?

By Whitney Sherwin

Last year I only went to two school dances. I didn't have enough courage to go to any more than that. How can anyone feel comfortable dancing to songs with titles like "If You're Horny". How disgusting! I would be much more likely to attend a school dance if I didn't cringe at the lyrics every time a song came on.

What bothers me more than the songs themselves is the fact that people actually listen to them. America is a free country full of blind sheep. I'll never understand why a person would invest their

time and energy listening to music with violent, hateful, and ignorant lyrics.

Hasn't it occurred to anyone that Eminem has been keeping a low profile lately? It's no wonder in wake of the current circumstances our nation is in. We've witnessed hate first hand. Who wants to listen to music

that is creatively limited to sex, drugs, and hating people enough to kill them? It's sad that people are just now beginning to recognize how unfortunately vulgar our entertainment industry has become.

Music is an art form. Art is supposed to be beautiful. And yes, art is also a form of expression.

However, expression involves sharing an idea. If your art has no idea to share, then it's just mindless. If your song is about nothing more than how cool you are because you go to parties, get high, and drink expensive types of alcohol, it leads the listener to ask the question "So what?" And if you can't answer that question intelligently, then your music is not a form of expression. You've only demonstrated your own stupidity.

Ladies- here's a brainteaser: why are we promoting music that

How can anyone feel comfortable dancing to songs like "If You're Horny!"

"Can't you anticipate the whole song is going to be about the ugly fat man that thinks of himself as god's gift to women."

demeans the female sex? For example, when you're watching a music video channel, and a video comes on with an ugly fat man surrounded by nearly naked women who were mostly likely rented for a few hours from the Playboy mansion, why do you keep watching? Can't you anticipate that the whole song is going to be about how the ugly fat man thinks of himself as God's gift to women?

If I could make one wish on behalf of my peers, it would be that they start thinking for themselves. There's a whole world out there. Our existence does not begin and end with pop-culture.

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Women on the War Front

By Nicole Gibbons

Throughout the ages, there have been many women heroes. Some fought wars against countries, some were nurses in hospitals, and some changed the things that women today are able to do.

Women in the military are a minority. With all the women's rights movements, there should be more. But there isn't. The first women in the military other than nurses joined during World War II. They were in what was called the WAC, or the Women's Army Corps. At first, the public and other military leaders had difficulty accepting women in the ranks.

Women who wanted to be in the WAC had to be US Citizens between the ages of 21 and 45, have no dependents, be at least five feet tall, and weigh over 100 pounds. A survey taken at the time, found that the average woman was 25 years old and was working as an office administrator, teacher, or executive secretary. One out of five women enlisted because a male member of her family was in the armed forces and she wanted to help out.

In 1945, Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "During the time I have had the WAC's under my command they have met every test and task assigned to them...their contributions in efficiency, skill, spirit, and determination are immeasurable." So the women were not taken for granted, and their skills were used in many different ways. Some were telephone operators, while others made guns and equipment for the men to use on the frontlines.

During the Vietnam War, there were women there too. They served as nurses in hospitals, in MASH units, hospital ships, operations groups, and many other clerical offices. Some of the women were as young as twenty years old, with only two years in service, while others had been career women over forty. There were often in the line of fire, just like their counter parts were.

When the Korean War started in 1950, there were as many as 22,000 women total. Around 7,000 served as healthcare professionals, while the rest served in the WAC.

Before 1994, women were not allowed in the field, which stood on the front lines during the war. But that all changed. Now, women are allowed in the field in the Army, except for those that deal with the ground, and in the units that deal with the air. They can now fly Army helicopters and be field artillery surveyors.

Women in the Army have come a long way. They have rights and there are even organized women's groups. If any young lady is interested in joining the Army, the field is wide open.

How The Past Relates To Now

By Mecque Whitcomb

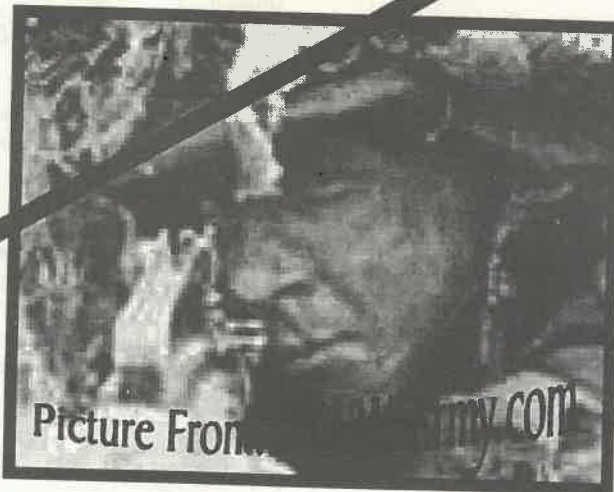
How would you like to be sitting at home, waiting for a telegram to arrive at your house at any moment to explain that you will be shipped out to war in the next twenty four hours?? Many people cannot stand the thought of this, but if you were enrolled in the military, reserve or active duty, around the time of WWII and Vietnam, the daunting task of protecting America was given to you. Because of the draft thousands and thousands of men were sent out each day, leaving concerned parents, wives and friends only to wonder when you were going to return, or if you were going to return at all. In WWII from the US alone, 295,000 soldiers and officers were killed. This does not include the other 61 million people from other countries that were killed as well.

Ever since the terrorist attack on America has come together and tried to stop the sacrifice of their own kind. In doing this, the Los Angeles Police Department was forced to hire 800 more police officers that continually patrol the streets for any sort of suspicious

activities. In Georgia, the Atlanta Police Department also hired 370 new officers. While the police officers are tirelessly working to make the streets safe for the public the 11,000 firefighters that were called to help with the trade center bombing are beyond exhausted. Working 12-hour shifts at a time, is something that should be expected.

Another part of our sacrifice is the horrible realization that many children no longer have parents. Husbands no longer have wives, and parents no longer have children, all because of an attack on America. In WWI and WWII especially, mothers would watch their two sons go to fight in the war

and one or maybe neither would come back. Saving Private Ryan is a good example of why Americans are so willing to give up everything they have, just to protect their country and the people who live in it.



What We Gave Up At Home

By Rachel Lamb and Shelby Ramirez

Since the events that took place on September 11, 2001, the world had put a hold on their busy lives to stop and realize the possibilities of a major war. With war as a possibility, we as Americans need to stop and think about what sacrifices we can make to help our country in this crucial time of need.

WWII showed many sacrifices from both men and the women. They both did their part in helping their country during times of sadness. Before WWII, women were not allowed to work. Instead, men were the providers in the house hold and the woman stayed at home tending to the children and the chores. As America stepped into the brutal war of WWII we got to see how not only those of the battle field made sacrifices but those back at home made sacrifices as well.

We all applaud those who went out on the battlefield and sacrificed their life for the freedom of their country. But, they weren't the only ones working hard to make an effort

as shown in the communities of those who had family at home. For example, during WWII women for the first time had to work they tended to do was that of assembly lines that worked and build planes, guns, war gear, and other war related items. Between working all-day and coming home to take care of children, women worked harder than they ever had. A woman of the time named Rosie the Riveter was well known because she was one of the first women to work at the Ford plant where women helped to build warplanes. Women faced a lot of childcare when they had to go to the plants. Daycare and school care centers were created during WWII. Rationing

During WWII rationing was very important. Items such as sugar, butter, and coffee were rationed greatly. A person had to plan where they wanted to go each day in advance because gas amounts were being cut down significantly. Ladonna Miller's yearbook especially in 1942. "The pictures were so crummy and didn't turn out very well at all." The yearbook pictures didn't turn out well because the metal in the plates

Looking at the Past

By Peter Gadd

War is a time of personal and national sacrifice. During the Vietnam War, American people went through a tremendous time of pain and struggle. During the Vietnam War, 58,184 soldiers were killed in battle. More Americans were lost in this war than any other wars except for the Civil War and the two World Wars. This war lasted about 30 years, and is considered one of the bigger mistakes that the U.S. has ever made. The U.S. was involved in the war for 10 years. The U.S. joined in the war to help out the South Vietnamese, who were fighting against guerilla forces aided by the

Originally, Vietnam was a French colony. All of Vietnam kicked out all of the French, and once they were gone, there was a huge power struggle. The war was the capitalist vs. the communists. The capitalist South Vietnamese lost more than 400,000 men, while the communist North Vietnamese lost over 900,00 soldiers. The U.S. withdrew after a futile attempt to conquer the North Vietnamese because of many casualties, the length of the war, and the high number of U.S. troop involvement in war crimes. There was a large amount of political pressure for the U.S. to pull out because Americans believed that this wasn't our war to fight. Also, the U.S. was supporting the South Vietnamese and there was a

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question about their government's cor-
ruption. The U.S. eventually pulled out due
to an overwhelming belief that this war
wasn't ours to fight. The North, after los-
ing a tremendous amount of men, even-
tually won, converting the country to com-
munism, which is the economic system
still used there to this day.

Mr. Weed, a teacher here at Pasco High,
was a combat engineer in the Vietnam
War. His job was to build a road 80km
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tect himself and the others in his battal-
ion at the same time. He said that he and
the others in the war sacrificed many dif-
ferent things. "We sacrificed: a chance
to go to college, a chance to get an early
start and earn a living, our friendships,
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ing able to dry off in the humid, swampy
area) and for many, our lives. We had to
realize the fact that we might die for our
country." The Vietnam War was obviously
not a time that was enjoyable for our coun-
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and all other veterans for their efforts and
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It's scary to think about what might happen to the USA as it
deals with the seriousness of terrorism, and it's also a little
irritating to think about what sacrifices we'll have to make. Can
you image having to stop buying all your favorite snacks at
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So as America deals with terrorism, stop and begin to think
about what you at home can do to help out our country if it
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Being On The Frontline

By Brandon Herres

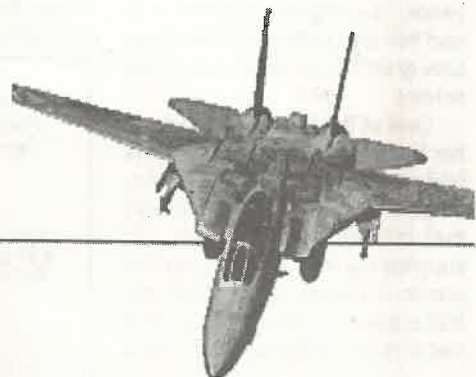
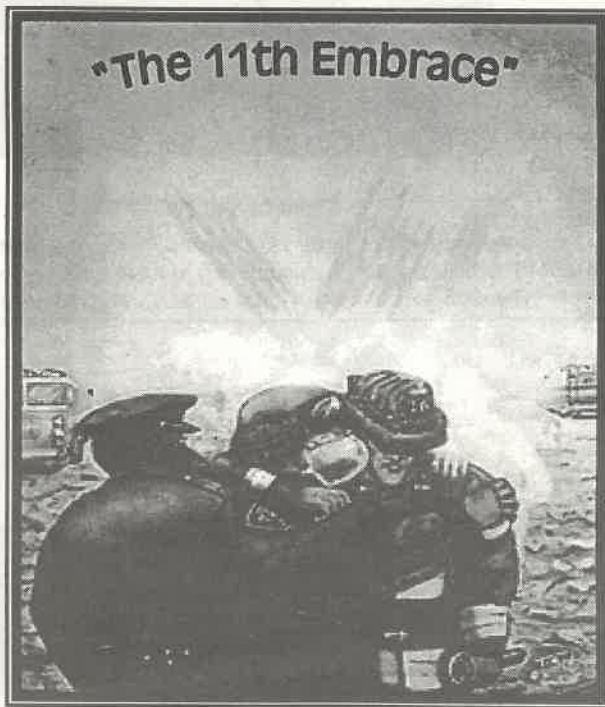
Imagine being half a world
away from your home and realiz-
ing that all of the security you
once knew was gone. This is the
feeling shared amongst Veterans
who left America to fight in the
armed forces during a war. "I

wanted to go there, I thought I was
ready because I was at that age
where I thought I was indestruc-
tible," commented Coach Robert
Bodnar on his decision to join the
Marines and go to Vietnam.

Some of those who went to fight
were away from home for the first
time in their lives. Leaving one's
home to go to a war-torn country
is a sobering experience. During
my interview with Mr. Bodnar he
said, "the VietKong had been at
war for several decades and were
used to it. Our drill instructors tried
to give us an idea on what we
would see, but nothing could re-

ally prepare us for what we
perienced." Fear and inse-
curity were constants for the men
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Coming home from Viet-
nam was different from other wars,
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PHS BAND WORKING HARD

By Ashley Doherty

How much dedication goes into being a member of the marching band? How about three to four hours a day two times a week! That's a lot of practice but it has paid off, and it shows by the amount of quality we see at every football game. Our Pasco High School band is led by drum majors Alisha Dent and Amy Hanson. To become the drum major you have to be a senior and also audition for the part. Alisha and Amy won and are seen at every game dressed in all white leading the rest of their band members. With all of the time they put into practicing every week, it's natural that everyone is really close. According to Kylie Swisher, who plays the alto saxophone, they are friends outside of band also, and that "this year our band is closer than it has been before, thanks to our great leadership." Amy Barry who plays piccolo, and Anna Goranson who plays clarinet also agreed with her. Senior Jaimie Hall, who plays the flute, stated they've won awards for everything,

and at their past competitions were placed into the finals but didn't win because of politics. She went on to explain that "their new band director, Mr. Bennet doesn't know all of the judges so they don't get as much recognition as the other schools competing, "Otherwise we would of won", stated Jaimie. Since they

only missed placing by one point up in Yakima it was disappointing, but an excuse to look forward to working harder. According to Alisha, during their 4 hour

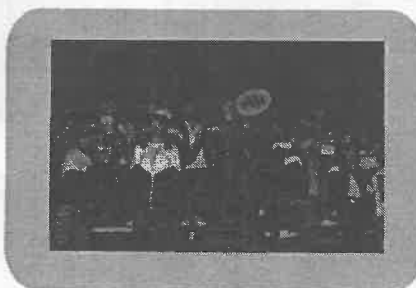


Photo by Rachel Lamb

practices, not all of their time is spent on practicing. "Kylie and Anna get into a fist fight everyday. Well not really a fist fight, but pretty close." Amy Barry remembered that as a freshman at band camp, Brian Landry stuck a spaghetti noodle up his nose and was pulling it through his mouth at the same time." They all have plans on making it to Tacoma for the state competitions, of course because they've earned it, but mainly because they get to go for free.

Student Spotlight: Chris Wheatcroft

You might have seen him participating in track or in football, in assemblies or in school plays. The guy does it all. His name is Chris Wheatcroft if you haven't already guessed. As a junior here at Pasco High, Chris is a very busy guy. "I can't stand not having anything to do," says Chris. This is apparent with all of the activities and classes that he has. As ASB Co-Treasurer, Chris is very active in his leadership class. He can be seen at the football games working in the concession stands, or working on other things to help raise money for the junior class. Chris is also DECA, and his favorite class is French.

This fall, Chris decided to be in the play, The



Photo by Rachel Lamb

Hobbit, rather than playing football. His character in the play is Gloom. Chris really enjoys being in the play and is excited for the performance.

Chris Wheatcroft hasn't always lived in the Tri-Cities. Up until the third grade, Chris and his family lived in Wenatchee. He went to Cascade Christian Private School. When he moved to the Tri-Cities because of his parents jobs, he went to Faith Assembly for his fourth and fifth grade years. Then in middle school, Chris was homeschooled.

When spring rolls around, look for Chris on the school's track team. It would be hard to miss him since he runs four of the events. These include the 100 meter, the 400 meter, the 1x4 relay, and the 4x4 relay.

The Big Green Machine Rollin' Through

By Brandon Herres

"I really wanted a Chevelle but we couldn't find one so I got the truck instead," said junior Rachel Lamb about her 1969 Chevrolet ¾ ton pickup. Nicknamed the "Green Machine," the beastly Bow Tie sports its new 70's earth tone metallic green finish and gold rims. "I like the color cause it matches my eyes. The rims have got to go when I get the money to get new ones," said Rachel. Rachel didn't like it when I sold my '69 Chevy pickup because '69 is one of the most desirable model years. During the summer her and her dad picked up this clean pickup for her to drive to work and school.

One of her favorite aspects of her truck is the ability to lay in the bed and gaze at the stars. Another is the V-8 sound and power that makes it fun to drive. To supplement the new paint job, the previous owner also rebuilt the 350 cubic inch small block. The motor is a little better than stock

with the addition of an Edelbrock Carburetor and intake manifold. But every vehicle has its quirks and Rachel's is no exception.

Aside from the flashy gold rims the stereo doesn't work. Rachel remedied this problem by bringing along a portable boom box when she needs some music.

The Chevy V-8 uses its fair share of the world's oil reserves so it isn't likely that Rachel will keep it through college. While it is a nice

pickup it isn't very practical for a student so she is looking for a newer car to drive. However, Rachel really likes cars from the



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late 1960's muscle car era and would still like to have a Chevelle even if her education has to put it

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Substitute Teacher Leaves Lasting Impression

By Meghan Gray

Throughout my life I have had many teachers, yet very few have had quite the impact on my life that Mrs. Brucker did. I met Mrs. Brucker in 8th grade. Mrs. Brucker had came to McLoughlin to fill in for a teacher for the rest of the year, then she ended up substituting for my math class. My math teacher's mother had become ill and she had to take a lot of time off to care for her. Our Algebra class had a new teacher every day and often times the substitutes didn't even have a math background. The administrators realized that all of the students would be suffering if they didn't get a teacher to be there every day. They decided to move Mrs. Brucker into the math class. Mrs. Brucker became our regular teacher for quite some time. We all became close with her and she was not only our teacher but she was our friend. Whenever we had a problem with math homework or something in our personal life we went to talk to Mrs. Brucker about it. Mrs. Brucker stayed after school every day to tutor students needing help. Our original teacher ended up coming back

to school towards the end of the year. We were sad to have Mrs. Brucker go, but she ended up staying in the building so we became frequent visitors in her classroom.



Photo By Nicole Gibbons

When I asked Mrs. Brucker about some of her best memories as a teacher she told me a story that seemed quite familiar.

She told me about these two boys and a girl that would come into her classroom every day with a plan to steal her chair. The girl was the distraction, she would make a scene in the back of the classroom so Mrs. Brucker would have to leave her chair. One of the guys would run to her chair and try to get it out the door, and the other boy would be the "blocker" and if he saw Mrs. Brucker coming he would stop her! Needless to say that group of crazy kids never ended up taking her chair down the ramp at McLoughlin, but they had a lot of fun trying!

Another one of her favorite memories was when William Hargrow, Brian Boler and I used to come into her class for tutoring every day. We all had so much fun together it was sometimes hard to get work done. One day we were playing with Highlighters and we all started writing on Will's head with bright color high-light-

ers. Including Mrs. Brucker! It was a fun day, and Will ended up having to scrub his head extra hard that night!

Mrs. Brucker has been teaching for 7 years. She began teaching right out of college. She graduated from Central Washington University. She is currently working on her Masters Degree at WSU, Tri-Cities. She has taught at Burbank Middle School, Richland Highschool, McLoughlin Middleschool, and she just moved to Pasco High last year! She is now the Nova Net Site Director, she teaches Nova Net, and also math classes.

Mrs. Brucker is a great teacher and friend to all of her students, and I am very excited to have her back at school with me, and a lot of other students feel the same way! Thank you Mrs. Brucker for your hard work and dedication to your job!

The Hobbit: Coming soon to PHS

By: Leah Rommerein

"Exciting, action-packed, and hilarious" are the three most common words used when a person is describing the Pasco High Theater Company's first performance, "The Hobbit". It's originated from the book written by JRR Tolkien, *The Hobbit*. When asked, assistant stage manager Amanda Lyons said, "Hobbit fans

would be impressed by it. It follows the book well." For those of you who haven't read the book, here's a basic plot: a group of dwarves are going on an adventure looking for treasure, and hunting a dragon. On their journey, they experience excitement and challenges, which make up their story.

Some of the main character in this years play are familiar, while others are not, here the main roles: Bible Bagginess- Paul Francik, Vandal- Chris Steiner,

Dwain- Pascual Verduzco, Baling- Anna Goranson, Golan- Chris Wheatcroft, Bomber- Dorothy Warden, Thorn- Jennifer Fisher, Glum- Nathaniel Warden, Orin- Leanne Sleigh, Smug and Bert- David Riddle, Goblin- Carlos Bruce, Great Goblin- Ed Roan, Elvin Queen- Ashley Wheatcroft, Bifrom- Whitney Sherwin, and Bofur- Brittany Miller. When asked play manager Sarah Moffit said, "The play is really coming along, the cast is really working hard and pulling this together. We're lucky to have such a great cast." They've been working with each other from 3 to 5 every Mon-

day through Thursday, and from 6:30 to 9:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Not only is there an awesome



Photos taken by Rachel Lamb

make, not just plywood, as in the past. Also, they have new

fog machine, and new lighting. There is also some cool lighting effects and the Wasco was told that this years sound effects are the best. Also the costumes are great this year and add great visual effect to the play, unique to each character. Since the play is also in accordance with the book, the costumes are set as if it were a fairy tale, or book setting.

Lastly, this is the first play that is to be directed by the new drama teacher, Mr. Westendorf. It promises to be great entertainment for all ages, and pleases all types. As Ed Roan (the Great Goblin) said "Everybody should just go see it, because it's cool and high-schoolers would like it." So be sure and leave some time in your schedule to go check out the play running the 15th, 16th and 17th of November at 7pm, with \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids and seniors, in the PHS auditorium!



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Replay

Girl's Soccer Season Ends With Close Loss

By Leah Rommereim

"We excel as a team and crumble as individuals, said Katy Jorgensen." That's the

But Richland was their biggest rival, and as Jamie Klippert said "If we can beat them



Jaime Klippert evades a Davis defender
Photo By Anna Brayton

team motto for this year's girl's Varsity soccer team. "This year's team is extremely talented," said Jorgensen. "We all play well alone, but we play great together." She's just one of the many talented seniors on this years team, along with along with juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. With all of this wonderful talent and combined years of experience, the team had high hopes going into the playoffs. "We have lots of heart," said sophomore Jaimie Klippert. "Once we are in a game we give our all." Which they did with a record, the team was doing well. They are an extremely hard working team and they go to their highest ability. "We take things step by step, game by game," said Vanessa Hileman. The team did really well especially with their 1-0 domination of Davis on Tuesday the 23rd and a 6-3 regular season record. Yet, unfortunately they lost to Richland in the playoffs 0-1. They worked extremely hard this year to win the game and gave it their all.

(Richland) we can beat just about anyone." Even though they lost, they had a great season. With the team jokes such as Michelle Elliott wearing different shoes at the team dinner, and "Bump". Sophomore Vanessa Hileman said "Were like a big family. We help each other out, on and off the field," which everyone agreed with. Katy Jorgensen said, "Were really supportive of each other. If we had a problem, we would go to the root of it and talk it out." Well, congratulations girls on a great season, and good luck next year.

Regional Runners Cross Final Finish Line of 2001

By Ashley Doherty

With the fall sports coming to an end, the cross-country team hopes for a light at the end of their dark tunnel. With only four girls, led by seniors; Amanda Borey, Amanda Foust, along with sophomore Jennifer Kronvall and freshman Rachel Herndon, its hard to have an outstanding season. Coach Dale Fuller admits their season wasn't the best and with their 0-9 record it's hard to keep any hope. "It was hard with so little of a team, but Jennifer has been our number one runner all year and she's our big hope for going to state. They have a lot of fun though, so it makes it all worth it." The boys' team was larger with over seven boys competing with Nate Penwell and Eric Mata leading them. It's a tie between the two runners, even Eric Mata has only been eligible to run for two weeks. They are followed by Seniors Brandon Herres, and Clark Tobler. Unfortunately, Clark Tobler was out on injury for 2-4 weeks, which didn't help the team, or his chance at making it to state. The incoming freshman: Dan Kinion, Tim Coronado, Kyle Philips and Jacob

Jones, and returnees Derek Philips, Cameron DeHaven, Brian Geyer and Tim Oord follow the seniors. Mr. Fuller states that their team is filled with a "ton of good kids, who have improved tremendously from the beginning of the season until now, but they just need a little more improvement to make it all of the way (to state)." Brandon Herres stated that "as far as the boys team goes, we got better every week." A typical day of practice consisted of running either distance or intervals. The team ran a distance of 2-3 miles a couple times a week to keep their race

pace steady, and intervals consisting of sprints to help with their kick at the end. Coaches Dale Fuller, Curtis Paxton, and Dan Carey led this team, and often ran with them. They are among the few coaches who practice what they preach. Every team member who reflected back on the season, did happily and would do it again. Cross Country involves a lot of running, but if you're talented at it, which these runners are, you might as well go after it. Mr. Fuller also added that "cross country is a lot of fun, but it would be more fun if we actually had a team, so maybe I need to do a better job of recruiting people."

"It was hard with so little a team, but...they have a lot of fun, so it makes it all worth it."
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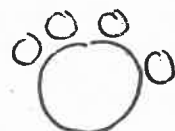
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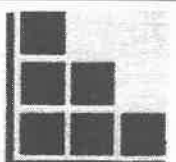
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Replay

With The District Championship, Pasco Enters the Playoffs

By Mecque' Whitcomb and Nicole Gibbons

The football team continues their streak of success, and it looks as though they are going to continue straight into the playoffs. Senior Brian Dilley put it best; "We've done good so far this year because of the success of Allen Ailep, and the hard work in the off season. It's a team effort, we play as a team to accomplish the things that need to be done to become a successful team." Fellow senior Tom Kinion added, "As long as we play as a team we'll go as far as our team wants to take us."

Quarterback Skyler Allen is going to be out for two weeks. Coach Graff commented, "There will be no changes made to the team. Our number two guy (Caleb Stromstad) will step in and get the job done." Drew Castleberry said, "I'm looking forward to having Caleb throw the ball to me."

Senior Joe Scales explained, "The team will only go as far as

they want to go." Senior Ryan Orozco added, "We are preparing for the playoffs by working hard and taking one week at a time." Brian Dilley also added that they are getting ready for the playoffs but it's important to them not to overlook any team that they still have to play in the Big 9. Coach Graff added, "In the playoffs we would like to stay in as long as possible, but it all comes down to being lucky."

The football team does work hard, but they also have fun too. Junior Brian Boler commented that most guys on the team enjoy eggs in their Pepsi, rather than eggs in their tomato juice. Phillip Mehlenbacher said that he enjoys the weird sayings that Coach Pedersen comes up with, and he also considers being a member of the scout team a good experience.

All the players that were in-

terviewed were asked what they thought contributed to their success this year. Here's what they had to say:

Ryan Orozco: "Hard work. Whenever we work hard we do good."

Brian Dilley and Tom Kinion agreed that "it's all because of the off season."

Phillip Mehlenbacher: "Good leadership, and most of the guys on the team have a lot of experience."

Ron Mitchell: "Good coaching, good captain's and good leadership."



Jesse Lamb(7) Blocks for a Marshal Smith(6) Return
Photo By BreAnne Hovley and Mecque' Whitcomb

Volleyball Finishes Successful Season at Districts

By Jaimie Hall

Well, another season of vol-

leyball is over. The teams record over the regular season was 11-2. The team has experienced many wins, some losses, some close games and some fun experiences. The team did really well in regular season. As Ann Whitmarsh said, the post season game felt almost unfinished. She said she felt like they could've done better than what they did.

Despite the games, the team

had many fun experiences. The most memorable according to some of the team members were the trips to Seattle and Spokane. Pretty much on these trips they just did stupid, crazy things.

According to Coach Steach, the players that stood out the most were senior Amy Andelin and Ann Whitmarsh. He said that these players were awesome and are very consistent with their playing. Another player that stood out was junior Haley Patrick. Coach Steach said that she came through every time they needed her to. Ann Whitmarsh said that she admired junior Lindsey Hughes the most. She said that during the games, Lindsey would look scared, but always did very well.

This year's volleyball team overall had a good season. They had some very talented players and had fun winning.

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THE INS AND OUTS OF PSYCHO

By Melissa Teggs

They were all psycho. The entire cast in the movie *Psycho* was, each in their own way, psycho. "We've all gone mad sometimes. Ha ha, haven't you?" This quote was from the character Norman Bates, the infamous motel keeper of the Bates Motel in the movie *Psycho*, played by Vince Vaughn. This 1998 remake of the 1960 original movie by Alfred Hitchcock portrays Marion Crane (played by Anne Heche), a woman who steals \$400,000 and tries to get away and runs into a motel on the side of the road, which turns into a slaughterhouse, "slaughter shower" I should say. This nearly identical remake of the movie was scary in its own way, yet I believe the scariest parts of the movie had to be the sound effects and the camera angles. They played a big part in both the original movie and the remake because, in the original, there weren't many special effects that could have been used effectively. Many times, they positioned the camera to where it seemed scarier than it actually was. I, for one, never get scared at movies. I just can't see how people scream and grab onto people, geez. What are they thinking? In this movie, there were so many characters that had voices in their heads that I thought they were all crazy, not just Norman Bates. He was not only a murderer, but also a Peeping Tom. How can you go and put a hole in the wall and watch unsuspecting guests as they enter the shower? From now on, I'm never staying in a motel. Either that or I'm never taking a shower. Either one would suffice.

Twelve cabins, twelve vacancies. What do you know? In that motel, don't you think that all of those vacancies would clue you in and make you realize something was wrong? Maybe not, but if there is ever a motel with that many vacancies and no occupants, watch your back. She should have at least taken her boyfriend with her and perhaps learned to share (the money, that is). I think that was something we learned long ago, possibly in kindergarten, to share. At least then she would have had somebody to help her out when crazy people were staring at her through holes in the wall and killing her. In my opinion she was psycho for thinking she could make it on her own.

This remake could have been done much better I believe. Why would you want to watch a movie nowadays without all of the special effects that are available to us when you can just go and rent the original and get it in its great original format, black and white? Oh that's right, we can't watch movies in black and white. Our generation can't handle that format. Color is probably the primary reason why they remade this movie. That must be the reason. Because they definitely didn't redo the movie to make it better.



Deep Thought

By Maxene Alonzo

How do you get deer to cross at deer crossing signs? Do they do a census? Speaking of signs why is the dude on the pedestrian crossing sign hunched back? I thought we were all about

straight backs? Ever stop to wonder why there is always that one shoe on the highway. How did it get there who put it there, where's its brother shoe? Dude who stole all my left footed socks? He who laughs last thinks slowest!

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BRAYTON'S BRAIN BUSTERS

By Anna Brayton

Ok, so you are able to use the handicapped stall in the bathroom, but it is illegal to park in a handicapped parking space? ...I don't understand. You ever notice how that every time there is a ship mutiny, the sailors always ask for a better treatment? ...If I was on the ship I would ask for a pinball machine because with all that rocking back and forth you could probably get a lot of free games. If trees could scream would we be in such a hurry to cut them down? ...We might if they screamed all the time for no good reason.

Whiffet. What is the True Meaning?

By Jesse Lamb

What does the word whiffet mean? A whiffet is a young, small, or unimportant person. When asked about the meaning of whiffet, PHS students answered:

Josh Davis-Either you whiff the ball or get a whiff of something

Coretta Henry-To eat it up or munch it up

Hugo Flores-To chill

Joel Madrigal-When you whiff the ball in baseball

Lacey Buckingham-Danish Football

Raphael Mendoza-To throw something

Amy Shimek-When you swing and miss

Chris Roundy-A new style of panties

Josiah Stromstad-Something that stinks

Tiffany Cornwell-A Nerf ball

Debora Monteiro-When your sprung on somebody



Mike Welch-You don't even want to know!



Brian Boler-A Tasmanian Devil



Rachel Lopez-To smell something



Phillip Mehlenbacher-Some kind of toy



Troy Farley-A bouncy ball



Andrew Ruble-When a girl plays whiffle ball and swings and misses