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Who Let the Dogs Out? (for the summer)



PHS Is A Cultural Experience

By Holly Mattson

I feel privileged to be a student at Pasco High, for Pasco is the most diverse school of the Tri-Cities. Every day, if we choose, we have the opportunity to learn from one's personal experiences about at least twelve cultures. Yet, how often is it that an individual stops to celebrate another's heritage, rather than mock, or make fun of such differences? Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, as one philosopher has said, therefore one can find beauty in something as small as leaves flowing with electricity, or as complex as a culture.

In my world, due to the environment I've created for myself, there is no denying that the focus of Pasco High is white-middle and upper class students. This summer, I was surprised to hear that the Caucasian students no longer make the majority of the school. When extra-curricular activities are thought about, instantly it is football, drama, key club, and other activities that highlight my group of friends that come to mind. True, my focus undoubtedly is on my friends because I am interested in what they are doing, but in no way am I, or many other students, acknowledging the progress of other clubs, such as: the African-American Student Union, ESL Club, M.E.C.h.A., (Chicano Student movement of Aztlan,) or the Onda Latina Dance club. Only twice a year or so do we as a school stop to appreciate what two of our more dominant ethnic groups are doing, yet everyone else in the country is recognizing them at the same time. One assembly accompanies both Black History Month, and Cynco de Mayo, and yet we have thirteen to fifteen assemblies and rallies a year.

Growing up in a culturally diversified atmosphere, I feel less naïve and more aware of the tension differences in race can cause. Why is this so? Instead of celebrating individuality, uniqueness, and differences, we group, and label people. If everyone was alike, and had the same upbringing, culturally and morally, then essentially I believe we would all have to agree to agree. Yet, life would be boring. Opinions would not matter, for we all would have the same voice. One's uniqueness would not be shown on the outside, for we would all wear the same outfits. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to open up worldly, and share our views. If we all chose to listen to each other, who knows how many great ideas would come about. When one idea combines with a differing view, and a compromise is found, two ideas have formed one great one! By accepting differences, rather than fighting them, (for they are inevitable,) a revolution could come about.

Yes, our generation is more accepting than past historical moments. But can it get better? By recognizing and celebrating the different cultures around us, we are opening up new high school experiences for many, and involving more students than ever before. Could I be considered hypocritical for writing this article? Sure. As I said, I have not on a regular basis stepped outside of my comfortable social group. But I feel such a step is necessary, for many students in our school are doing great things, and not being recognized. I encourage everyone to step outside of their comfort zone and be open to learning new ways of life.

MARIJUANA... LEGAL OR ILLEGAL FOR CELEBRITIES?

By Emily Sullivan

This summer I packed my concert materials and in the early hours of the morning hopped into a van with a bunch of friends as we headed to the Tacoma Dome for the "Up In Smoke Tour." For those of you who haven't heard of it, it was the leading concert touring the United States and included artists such as Eminem, Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, Warren G, Ice Cube, Eastsiderz, and others. We had anticipated this event for a few months and were overly excited. As we entered the Dome, we forgot all the previous problems that we had encountered and found our seats. Soon the concert began, the whole Dome was filled with all types of people gathered to watch and listen to a great performance. Yet, this wasn't all that was on many people's minds. Shortly after the concert started, puffs of smoke were filling the huge area of space, but it wasn't from cigarettes. The amount of marijuana in this single place was unbelievable. Yet, you sit there and think, there must not have been security or police, but that is the funny thing about it. There was a security guard everywhere we looked. One was standing about five rows down from us. Yet, that didn't stop the crowd.

This isn't surprising to see unfamiliar people smoking weed at a concert because they aren't held highly, seen in magazines or praised for their great albums. Yet, out comes one of the artists and asks time and time again for the crowd to light it up with him as he smokes it, in front of thousands of people, not to mention hundreds of police from the cities around Seattle. He even got free samples from the crowd as he pleaded them to throw it up on stage and stood there before all these people as he smoked it. It was the "Up In SMOKE Tour" and I guess I shouldn't have been surprised, but as I thought more and more about it, I wondered this single question... How is it that millions and millions of people are getting fined and put in jail for the possession of marijuana after they have been searched or were trying to hide the fact that they had it? Yet, these police that were in attendance of this concert, arrested people for the same crime, sat back and watched as these famous men sit and smoke it. It does not make sense.

Are these men so highly looked upon that the rules don't apply to them? In the United States of America we are proud to say that everybody is treated equal, no matter race, sex, wealth, and many other things. The cops day after day are out in the community speaking out against illegal drug use and how to get it off the streets. Yet, these men are right in front of them and they don't do anything about it? It does not say that if you are a famed music artist and you decided that you want to smoke weed that you are treated differently than the regular "Joe Shmoe" walking along the streets.

I understand that to these men who make millions and millions of dollars, the fine of \$250 is like you or me going to our bank and withdrawing five dollars, but that is not the point. They should be treated just like a normal person. If I was to get caught with marijuana, it is guaranteed that I would have to pay the fines and whatever else is required. Yet, here they are, in front of millions of people across the world, smoking marijuana, as if testing the police to come and get them.

Riots, riots, riots. That is the main problem that it would cause. The police cannot go up there during the concert and arrest this man performing for using this drug. We all seem to accept this idea, but why? If it was anybody else at any other time, the cops would have no problem handcuffing them and taking them to jail. It is the whole concept that celebrities get away with things in our world that nobody else can. Yet, athletes get fined and are punished if caught using drugs or engaging in any other illegal activities. They have just as much money or more, so what makes them different? Is it because athletes are looked upon as role models and kids watch them day after day wanting to be just like them? Sure, maybe that has something to do with it. But I guarantee that many more kids these days are also watching TV and wanting to be seen on stage performing some day, it is many kids life-long dream. So maybe they are seen as role models.

It just amazes me that there has come a point in society where we begin to believe that it is righteous for somebody that withholds millions of dollars to be able to carry out activities that a normal person would be thrown in jail for. If we are a country that is prided on equality, than why are they treated so much better?

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Homecoming kick off a big success

By Christine Nelson

As Caterina Gordon opened the September 15 Homecoming assembly with the National Anthem, several young ladies sat in the front of their classes and patiently waited to find out who would have the privilege of walking down the aisle on the arm of a football player. The setting was lovely—a lighted, flowered arch opened up to reveal a path meandering through a charming little park, and benches bedecked with balloons awaited the lucky royalty. As soon as announcements were made, the lights dimmed and the ceremony began.

Jennifer Rossmeisl emerged and performed a lovely song, and then, Mr. Wright stepped forward to introduce the freshman nominees. On the count of three, each nominee opened a paper flower and looked for a butterfly inside. The two princesses were Camille Gibbons and Dominique Gonzalez.

Next, a student stepped forward to honor the first homecoming dedicee, Nora Merk. Mrs. Merk was honored for her hard work with the Booster Club and the fact that her children graduated from Pasco High. Mrs. Merk and her husband also own Merk Sheet Metal.

Sophomore princesses came next. Each nominee picked up a lily pad, and the two with frogs attached to the lily pads were the princesses. (Wonder if they turn into princes when you kiss them.) Rachel Lamb and Shelby Ramirez were the sophomores chosen to wear the crowns.

The next dedicee to be honored was

was also dedicated to him.

The Junior nominees were each given a colored bottle. On the count of three, each girl turned over her bottle to see if her water was colored. Tana Smith and Veronica Daniel were the Junior princesses.

After the Junior princesses were seated on their park benches, the third and final dedicee was honored. Football players leapt to their feet and roared with pride as they recognized the radio voice of Frank Murray, the man who narrated their 1998 state football championship. Mr. Murray has been giving play by play accounts of Pasco games for several years, and the excerpt students heard from the championship game brought back many fond memories.

newspapers, were rolled in and placed before the finalists. After some technical difficulties ("Hobos are apparently very hard to wheel," commented Mr. Wright) the hobo dressed as a football player leapt up from the cart placed in front of Emily Sullivan. She was now the queen, and Jami Woodward and Jamie Wright were the princesses.

In honor of the queen and her court, Kim Wilson and Ryan Dupuy performed a duet. The song was the theme for Homecoming 2000, "When I fall in Love," and the performance was beautifully done and very sweet.

Congratulations to all the royalty. Enjoy Homecoming!



Finally, it was time for the two Senior princesses and Homecoming Queen. Each nominee was given a bird's nest, and Jami Woodward, Jamie Wright, and Emily Sullivan received the white birds of the finalists.

Next came the crowning of the queen. Three hobos found in the park, hiding behind



Tom Brandon. Mr. Brandon has dedicated countless hours to working for and supporting the Pasco School District. Last year's Pasco Track Invite



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New Police Officer at Pasco High

By Nicole Gibbons

As some of you may have noticed, we have a new police officer at PHS this year. Her name is Officer French. When asked why she wanted to come and work here, she said, "Because I get weekends off." But she really wanted to come because it was a nice change of pace for her.

She has been with the Pasco Police Force for nine and a half years, and she was on the military police force in the ARMY for four years.

"I have about five or six belts that I've taken away," she said. And this is just one of the many rules that she has been enforcing at PHS. ID's, shirts tucked in, and every other rule. She knows the rules, and has been doing a very good job with enforcing them.

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PHS Honors 'Dedicated' Trio

By Brandon Herres

One voice has become synonymous with Big 9 sports over the years; it is that of Frank Murray. Murray has been announcing local high school events with KONA for 24 years becoming nothing short of a high school sports icon in the Columbia Basin.

Pasco is closed for a week, Pasco Bulldogs win the State Championship
- Frank Murray

Throughout his career, Murray has been an avid supporter of Pasco High where both of his sons attended, including senior Spencer Murray. He will be remembered by many for announcing 1998's State Championship Football Game. Although a Wilson graduate himself, Murray's voice sang of Bulldog pride when he said, "Pasco is closed for a week, Pasco Bulldogs win the State Championship!" Murray is retiring from his announcer chair to take a position at CBC. "Everybody loved to listen to him, it is a shame he is retiring," said longtime friend Mr. Shimek. This is why Frank Murray will be the first of this year's homecoming dedicatees.

Nora Merk is not known for saying no when it comes to helping out at a Pasco High event. She is a familiar face at our football games, gymnastic meets, and track meets. As past president of the Booster Club, Nora Merk has always been a big help with Pasco High events. She could always be seen at a gymnastic meet or a track meet cheering on her daughters Erin and Hana, both PHS graduates, and helping out anywhere she was needed. Her time, effort, and dedication for Pasco High makes Nora Merk more than deserving of being named a homecoming dedicatee for the year 2000.

ing dedicatee for the year 2000.

Tom Brandon graduated from Pasco High in 1962 to go on and play football for CBC and Western Washington University. Born and raised in Pasco, Brandon came back home with a degree to teach at his hometown school. For 30 years he taught and was also a principal before taking an administrative position with the school district. He has been instrumental in the designing of new schools as well as the renovation of Pasco High. Tom Brandon has been a longtime supporter of Pasco High and a key player in her remodeling and we owe him a debt of gratitude making him our third homecoming dedicatee for 2000.

New faces at Pasco High



Ms. Demarest,
Computer Teacher

By Mecque' Whitcomb

As the new school year starts, you might see quite a few faces that you are unable to recognize. Some might look like new freshmen, or maybe upper classmen. But there are many new teachers and other staff members as well. Which ones are new, and who are they?

Mr. Smurthwaite probably doesn't look new to some. Last year he was a substitute that

seemed to always be around Pasco High. Well this year he was hired on as a full time teacher. Mr. Smurthwaite found that the students, "are generally nice compared to last year when I was a substitute." He is also helping out with Key Club this year.

Mr. Hovland is a teacher with a pretty good reputation. Before coming to Pasco High he taught at McLoughlin Middle School. One of his former students was, "glad to see that Mr. Hovland decided to join the Pasco High staff." Currently he is teaching freshmen science over in the "R" wing. He is excited to be here, "it's great being around the many students I have taught in the past once again."

As a WSU graduate, Mrs. Rubalcava had been teaching two years before coming to Pasco High. Here she teaches Spanish for Spanish speakers, first year Spanish, and she also helps out with yearbook. Since she is bilingual, she will be a great asset to our school. Mrs. Rubalcava is excited to attend the up coming football games and other events. Her husband, Mr. Rubalcava is also new to Pasco High.

Ms. Demarest is a new-comer to the business education department. She is teaching microcomputer applications and computer literacy.

Before coming to Pasco High, she was an accountant at Gesa Credit Union. Ms. Demarest feels very welcome here, and she loves, "seeing how proud of Pasco High the staff and students are." She is very appreciative of everyone that answered all of her questions and also who have been very helpful.

Other new staff members are Mr. Ordaz, Ms. Pratt, Mr. Sittmen, and Ms. Swenson. The guidance department has also hired a few new members: Ms. Beraza, Ms. Dunstan, Mr. Rojas, and Mr. Nguyen. They were all too busy to interview, but they are all happy to be here. If there are any of these new staff members that are walking down the hall, make sure to make them feel welcome here at Pasco High.

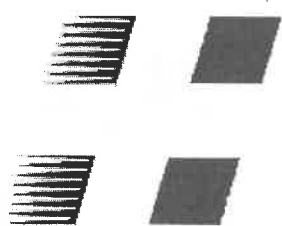


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Teen life in Spain:

Our Many Differences

By Jami Woodward

Youth from all over America grow up with the understanding that the lifestyle they are accustomed to is the world wide way things are done. However, this is just a lack of knowledge on their part, for cultures all over the world have their own way of doing things that is often totally opposite from the American way.

In Spain, there are many

and end around eight in the morning. Wouldn't that be great to have no curfew, coming home when most teenagers are just waking up? The teens in Spain don't even have to have jobs because they believe that education comes first and careers begin later. It sounds like kids in Spain have a pretty laid-back life, especially since there is no drinking age in Europe. Alberto Jackson said, "Kids start drinking around the age of ten in Spain, but we're not allowed to drink alcohol during school."

Soccer is the main sport in Spain and is basically played by everyone. In the schools, the only sports that are even offered are soccer, basketball, and tennis, which is beginning to become more and more popular.

However, the sports are not played through the school. You have to be in a club for each sport and play through the clubs, not the school.

Spain is a beautiful place to visit but it would be a big adjustment to live there if you were from America. If you enjoy living the lazy, carefree lifestyle, maybe Spain is a country you might like to try.

differences from America when dealing with teen life and education. For instance, school in Spain only goes until eighth grade. After that, students can either go into a basic program where they will be trained for the work force or they can take and pass a test to go to a University. Alberto Jackson, a student who has recently moved from Spain to Pasco, chose to do so because he wanted to continue his schooling. He also has a twin brother at Pasco High named Sergio and they are cousins to the well-known LaFonda Jackson. She refers to them as her "long lost cousins from Spain."

Being a teenager in Spain would be much different than being a teenager in America. Teenagers in Spain do not have cars. They either have to take the subway or the transit bus in order to get anywhere around the city. When they do go out on the weekends, they usually go to night clubs that begin at 3:00am

"Cultures all over the world have their own way of doing things"

Shake your booty to Spanish Tunes

By BreAnne Hovley

Listen to Britney Spears in Spain? Yep, along with Back Street Boys, Enrique Iglesias, and N*Sync. In the country of Spain the most popular music to hear on the radio is an equivalent to what Pasco High students could hear on Power 99.1. The radio stations in Spain do a top 10 and 50% of the music is in English. One popular Spanish group it Nek with a song called "Llegas tu" (You arrived). One Pasco High student who traveled to Spain this summer claimed they listened to lots of Carlos Santana. "Carlos Santana was our favorite. We'd walk into stores and it would be Alanis Morissette." The Pasco High students got tired of hearing the same music as at home, so they enjoyed hearing new groups. A favorite was a band with them was called King Africa with a song named Bomba.

Even though Spain's music is similar to the United States, there are many types of regional music. According to Pasco High Spanish teacher Mrs. Steach, who also visited the country this summer, every region has some sort of fiesta that celebrates a patron saint and includes their own kind of dance music. In Barcelona they have the sardana, in Cevit it is the seviliana, and in Madrid the dance is the madrillena.

Another type of music and dance most often associated with Spain is called the Flamenco. It originated in Southern Spain and has thrived since the 15th century, now becoming a rare art form. The flamenco exists in three forms; cante, the song; baile, the dance; and guitarra, guitar playing. It has very vibrant rhythm and is often at festivals.

Alberto and Sergio Jackson: Our spanish visitors

By Chris O'Neill

It's a little weird to think that someone from this little town in Pasco can be related to someone half way around the world and not even know it. Well pasco high school has someone like that, well she knows it now. Lafonda Jackson just realized that she had 2 twin cousins that live in Spain and are now here at pasco high school to study. "I met them in the club this summer, now that I know who they are and where they are from, that's awesome, IM so happy. I can go visit lal the time because I LOVE SPAIN" lafonda said when asked about her long lost members of her family.

Alberto and Sergio Jackson, twins, were born in Kennewick but moved to Madrid, Spain when they were three years old. They are now 18 and are back in the tri cities to study and to visit family they havent seen since they were young. School in Spain only goes until 8th grade so they needed a change and wanted to continue learning. Isn't Pasco High the perfect place to do it? The twins love to play soccer and basketball. Soccer is the main sport in Spain so both have been playing since a very young age. Hopefully we will see them both out for the pasco high team this year. School in Spain consists of 8 class periods a day with the same kids in your class. "It is not like hear, you have to have the same people in everyone of your classes, the only thing that changes is the teacher" said Sergio. When asked about their favorite types of music they listen to in Spain, both seemed to agree that they like rap music the best. They plan to stay hear a year and earn a high school diploma and then go back to Spain. Alberto would like to come back someday and go to college or continuing his education.

Congratulations to Lafonda, you have two great cousins who are a very nice addition to Pasco high. Although they are shy, unlike you Lafonda, they look to have a good time while they are hear and they want to make the most of their opportunity in America.



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"Spain Trip makes memories of a lifetime"

By Sydney Patrick

"No matter what happens, travel gives you a story to tell." -Jewish Proverb This quote proved true for about 10 lucky students who traveled over the Atlantic ocean to a new territory called Spain. The trip started out as a great opportunity to brush up on our Spanish, and ended as an adventure through a multitude of cultures which would brand memories into our hearts forever. After 24 grueling hours of peanut fights, sassy flight attendants with their ever so cool drink carts, neck cramps, butt cramps, leg cramps and a horrible odor floating through our already limited air supply coming from a man's bathroom stall, we arrived in Espana. Our sexy British captain cordially thanked us for flying Sebeña air as we departed the plane and took our first step into the humid Spanish air. We met up with two other states that would be traveling by our sides for every minute of the next 17 days; California and Pennsylvania. Our advisors Mrs. Steach and Mrs. Tippet, (bless their little hearts for putting up with us) made an early judgement that

these kids were trouble. It proved to be true later on down the road. Throughout the 17 days we made stops to Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, Granada, Malaga, Tangiers, Rhonda Benalmadena, Morocco, Mijas, and Gibraltar by various forms of transportation including trains, our sweet tour bus, that was always filled with tunes by Carlos Santana, and taxi cabs. We spent our mornings touring these picturesque cities on foot, with our bags on our backs containing our precious bottled water, sunscreen, Chap Stick, and our journal. We were able to tour 900 year old Moorish buildings; such as Granada's Alhambra and huge churches with beautiful paintings. We were fortunate enough to visit Museo Del Prado, which is the third largest art museum in the world. Inside the huge museum were famous art works by valasquez, and goya. We were lucky enough to feast our eyes on these amazing art works that introduced new styles such as transparency and surrealism. We also just hung

out in parks, which were beautiful and observe the Spanish culture. After our tour we were able to have some free time of our own. This meant either taking a long nap or shopping for me. If we indeed decided to take a nap this would sometimes

"No matter what happens, travel gives you a story to tell"

mean taking an hour long subway ride to the hotel, and you would have to be careful not to fall asleep on the metro and then wonder around aimlessly on the streets of Spain looking for your hotel.....which does make for quite an adventure. Lunch would usually be served around 2-3 in the afternoon and was most often served in bars. My favorite meal was paella, there were many different kinds you could have, such as; shrimp, ham, and cheese. Apparently they thought we were birds because we were always served

rock hard bread at every meal, you were lucky if you got partially soft bread. Our dinner was served around 10 p.m. and then we would prepare ourselves for the nightlife which gets hopping around 12 -1 a.m. My favorite part of the trip was down south on the Costa Del Sol, with the beach right there and the clubs all along it. We would go to McDonalds, which was in the center of all the action, and decide which club to go to, depending on what was more happening. Our favorite place to spend our nights was in the ever so cool karaoke bar, where we sung the night away. The whole scenario was much in sync with the song, "Dancing in the club till the heat is on, all night on the beach till the break of dawn...welcome to Espana." While down in the south we were also fortunate to visit Great Britain where we had apes jumping all over us for peanuts, We unfortunately were only able to spend a day here. We also spent a day in Morocco Africa, it was quite an experience, in that the place stunk horrible, and they all wanted our money. Our tour

guide's name was Muhammad and he called us his "family." We thought he was cool until we discovered that they were all just trying to con us out of our money. We did receive a camel ride only it was in one circle and we had to pay like 100 pesos. We also met up with a snake charmer dude, and he put a snake on my neck and I freaked out, so he did a little dance for us and banged his drum and then he asked us all for our money for his little routine. In Granada, which was in the central part of Spain, we paid our way in to a bullfight. I witnessed a lovely Spanish Custom that is a part of their culture, only it practically made us all puke from the bull guts and blood every where. It started with some nice men on horses prancing their way around the arena, and ended with blood covered bulls being dragged out into the butcher room. We consequently had to leave early because we were feeling sick. We made many memories that will last us all for a life time, and carry this experience with us for ever more.



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Good Eatin' In Espana

By Joyce Taylor

Spain is a country that truly enjoys its food. There's really no such thing as "typical" Spanish cooking. Food in Spain is as varied as its climate, cultures, and geography. Most regional dishes are based on quality local ingredients and relatively simple preparation.

The best known "Tourist Dish" is probably paella, a rice dish that comes from the Mediterranean area around Valencia. If you want genuine paella, you'll find it in Valencia, or (sometimes) in a specialty restaurant in Madrid or Barcelona. The typical tourist paella bears little (or no) resemblance to the real thing.

In the big cities like Madrid and Barcelona, you'll find every type of regional cuisine and some great restaurants. Despite its distance from the sea, Madrid (for example) has some of the best fish restaurants in all of Europe.

For those who really like to eat, the Basque country is a must. In Bilbao, San Sebastian & Pamplona. You'll find some of the best food anywhere. Go with a good appetite, and try the "merluza" (hake) or the "bacalao" (cod).

When in doubt, in most parts of Spain the lamb is almost a good option. And (whatever you do) don't forget to wash down the local specialties with the local wine.

HOMECOMING WAY TOO EARLY

By BreAnne Hovley

It's stressful, chaotic, crazy, obscene, ridiculous, and cruel to put Homecoming a month early on September 23. Yes, I heard the reasons the dance has been pushed up an entire month (although I can't remember them). Still, the spirit week and dance is just too early. What happened to the date in our planners that say Homecoming is October 6 for the Moses Lake football game? That date is only two weeks away from last years, but then there is the Calvecade of Bands that same day.

To put it simply, there was no time. The big day is tomorrow and we have only been in school for less than a month. In the past, guys start to ask girls about a month in advance, allowing time for dress shopping (which can take forever), shoe shopping, make hair appointments, nail appointments; and for the guys to rent a tux and make dinner reservations. Most girls know how much stress and time it takes to get a dress and getting asked two weeks before the dance doesn't help. Way too many activities are going on in the first three weeks of school to add Homecoming to the list. Junior Amy Andelin agrees with me by saying, "Having Homecoming early sucks. There are so many things going on the first couple of weeks of school and no time to get ready. And no one is asking anyone!"

It's not the guy's fault they asked two weeks before. I mean, school just began. Who wants to think of a homecoming date the first week of school? (Oh, wait... people did have to do that this year!) The first month of school is getting used to the routine again. Sophomore Jamie Darden says, "It's just the beginning. We are just getting to know people."

When asked about the awful date change most people including myself (adults included) have a similar response. Ashley Woodward puts it this way. "It sucks! None of the guys are asking because they say it's too early. All the girls are basically peeing their pants thinking they won't get asked and the guys just don't care!" Here's a crazy idea for everyone thought of by Senior Brad Boler, "First of all, what if Homecoming was on September 23 and instead of going in a tux and wore moon boots and asked an alien monkey?" I would like to thank the persons (I'm not naming names) for making a half-witted decision and putting many students into a Homecoming frenzy.

SEX HAS ITS CONSEQUENCES

By Christine Nelson

I have to admit that as I sit here writing this article, I'm blushing a little. But this topic is one that definitely needs talking about. I'm going to talk about sex.

Stick with me. This is important.

First of all, I'd just like to say that abstinence is cool. You've probably heard many of the reasons for it, but let's just review really quick, shall we?

One of the best reasons for avoiding sex are our little friends the STDs. Condoms, even during the times when they do work, can't protect you from every kind of STD. There are at least 20 different kinds of incurable STDs, and that fact came from a book published in 1995. I wonder how many there are today? Catching one of these would be really lousy, because, not only would you be stuck with a very uncomfortable situation, you would probably pass it on to every other person you're with.

Ever heard the expression "there's no condom for the heart"? No matter how casually we may treat sex, there's still an emotional bonding that happens. Every time. Sex means giving away a part of yourself that you can never get back and the memories will stick with you for a lifetime.

Which brings me to another point. Right now many of you are probably thinking, "No problem. I'm not gonna have sex until I get married anyway." Good for you! From what I've heard, it's definitely worth waiting for.

We may be proud of the fact that we're virgins, but how much do we care about our purity? We may not "go all the way," but our actions often threaten our commitment. It's great to technically stay a virgin, but if we fool around so much that technical virginity is all that's left, what's the point?

We may think that our actions now really won't have consequences in the future. So we might begin doing physical stuff with members of the opposite sex. It may start innocently- ya'know, fun stuff like holding hands or kissing. But pretty soon those become boring, and we start to get a little more serious. Some couples manage to put on the brakes before the physical stuff takes over. But sex is like a fire; you can't play with it without getting burned. It may start with an innocent kiss, but if that cute little peck leads to some serious make out sessions, things start going downhill from there. And the more you roll downhill, the harder it is to stop. Even if we do manage to stop ourselves before it happens, we're still left with the memories of all the stuff we did.

Josh Harris, in his book *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, describes a dream his friend had the night before her wedding.

"As the minister began to lead Anna and David through their vows, the unthinkable happened. A girl stood up, walked quietly to the altar, and took David's other hand. Another girl approached and stood next to the first, followed by another. Soon, a chain of six girls stood by him as he repeated his vows to Anna. 'Is this some kind of joke?' Anna whispered to David.

'I'm... I'm sorry, Anna,' he said, staring at the floor... 'They're girls from my past. They don't mean anything to me now.... But I've given a part of my heart to each of them.'

'I thought your heart was mine,' she said.

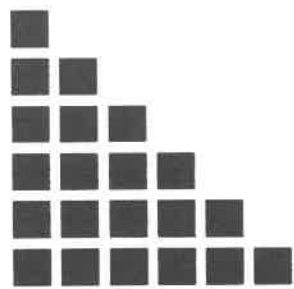
'It is, it is,' he pleaded. 'Everything that's left is yours.'

Memories are funny little things. No matter how we try to shake them, they usually manage to stick to us. Even if we're virgins, we might have done some physical things that will remain burned in our memories and taint our marriages.

Besides that, imagine your future husband or wife. How would you feel if they were doing some of the stuff you're doing right now— with someone else? We can't expect our future spouses to save themselves for us if we're not going save ourselves for them.

I don't mean to lay a guilt trip on you. Stuff happens. If you've messed up, you can be forgiven. And you can make a commitment to start afresh.

God designed sex to be shared between one man and one woman. It's a beautiful thing. Let's not mess it up.



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SENIORS GET NO LOVE

By Sarah Johnston

Senior year is the year of all years. The king of the hill, the cream of the crop. We're the eldest at our school, the masters of the Universe if you will. It's the ending chapter of our high school days, the most anticipated time of adolescence. I've been looking forward to it since I entered middle school. When I entered this school as a freshman, I looked at all of the seniors with a twinge of envy that I suppose all freshmen experience. Seniors are the lucky ones. Their high school ride is coming to an end, and they are the ones that get the special treatment, for they have the seniority. Hence the title seniors.

Since I was a freshman, every year my class and myself had new requirements or duties to fulfill, that the class before did not. It never really bothered me, until this year. Our class has been the experimenters, the guinea pigs. We were the first to try the Pathway Program, and a series of projects each year following. First it was the Service Learning Project, and then Enterprise 2000, and now the real whopper, a little thing titled the Senior Project, which has become a graduation requirement. It's not the validity of these projects that I'm questioning, rather their timing. Every year, my class has spent months working on these new projects. And every year, we are the first class to attempt them. Therefore the projects have never been exactly organized. We complete the project, then all of the time that was wasted on errors is corrected for the coming years. It is doubtful there is away around this, but is it necessary for us to be the pioneers of every single project implemented at Pasco High?

But alas, my class has continued to spend hour after hour on these new projects. While we reflect back on last years seniors completing their senior year in the traditional sense, we sit writing letters of intent, making note cards and going to senior project meetings. Some teachers have told me it is an honor for our class to be the first participants of such a helpful project. Without getting vulgar or obscene, let me just state clearly this is not my idea of a privilege.

It's not only the new projects forced upon us that is starting to get under my skin, but the many other disappointments of senior year that seem to be showering down upon me. The class of 2001 is graduating on June 9th, rather than the traditional week before school gets out. Well slap my rear and call me Judy, it seems to me seniors always got the privilege of finishing school a week before everyone else. Nah, not us.

This year is the first year where our newly acquired Captain Grey addition is active. At first glance, this is quite the blessing! Less crowded hallways and lots of freshman out of our hair. So why is that we have all of the senior history classes located there, not to mention the Senior Project center. I understand the reasoning for need of expansion, I just feel a little awkward being nearly 18 attending school in a classroom where the drinking fountain is no higher than my thighs.

Not to get back into the old argument of game cheering, but it's our final year. Let us cheer Overrated when we beat Richland, we're just returning the favor. So long as we aren't putting ourselves in danger, let us lean on the railing at football games. Don't pretend that new purple lanyards make up for everything else forced upon us. Basically, all I'm asking is that the school acknowledges that there are a few areas we're getting screwed over in please don't pretend it's an honor. I don't know how many more of these presents I can take

HOMECOMING DANCE: TO GO OR NOT TO GO

Emily Sullivan

Most of us can remember the days when our mother's pulled out their old pictures and we sat there on her lap as she flipped through the days of her own Christmas's, Halloween's, and family vacations. Then the pictures started showing a more mature mom. She was no longer that cute, little girl in frilly dresses, now she was in a beautiful gown with her hair pulled up and we admire that pretty teenager. There she was going to her own high school Homecoming. Don't we all want to be able to pull those pictures out in our later days, even if the dance wasn't the fondest memory, it was a high school memory that will never be taken away. Why would anybody want to miss this experience? There is a span of about four years, for those fortunate freshmen who are allowed to attend, when we are given the opportunity to dress up in fancy dresses and handsome tuxes and go out to dinner and later dance all night long.

Everyday there is more and more people complaining about the dance "It is too expensive, I don't like anybody, I would rather just stay home ... etc." But does it really have to be that expensive? Girls isn't there somebody that you could borrow a dress from? Boys I am sure that your mom would be more than willing to make dinner for you and your date and I am sure another couple. Sometimes these ways are more fun and exciting anyway. There are many ways to cut down the expenses so that it isn't ridiculous.

Another ridiculous comment is that they don't like anybody. Every single person out there has a friend, it may not be their best friend in the world, but each person has a friend of the opposite sex. Why not go with them? Wouldn't that be just as fun? There wouldn't be as many butterflies in the stomach worrying about how good you look or if the tux fits just right or the color of the dress looks good with your hair. It would be very relaxed and just as fun.

Many people don't realize the hard work and dedication that goes into planning for a dance. There are many different people involved that spend many hours of their day preparing for this night so that we can go and have a memorable experience as high schoolers. It is very disappointing to work on something and take great pride in it and have an unsatisfactory turnout. Might as well take advantage of the fact that somebody has done everything for you, you don't have to do anything except get your outfit for the night, flowers, eat some-

thing, and then attend.... That is it. The rest has been taken care of for you.

The question is... In about fifteen years when your small child is sitting upon your lap looking through the pictures of you growing up, do you want to be able to show them your high school memories? Do you want to look back on this night and smile or laugh of embarrassment about the way you did your hair? These are all memories that we can acquire if taken advantage of. This is it, the only time in your life when it is handed over to you, all you have to do, boys, is ask, and girls, say "yes!"

By Christina Craig

To most people Homecoming is one of the busiest times of the school year.

To me it is just another date. You don't even have to dress in formal clothes! Why should you waste your time going all out (Those people know who they are) when they are going to be people in jeans and T-shirts.

Some people feel the way I do, "It costs too much money." Says senior Tara Burns.

Money is an important factor. The guys should buy dinner and the tickets, rent a tuxedo (or go in regular cloths), buy the corsages, supply the transportation (weather it's the "Special" Limo or their own car). And let's not forget the Pictures.

The guy might have a bunch of little things, but girls have a lot. We have to go get a dress (or may rent one matching shoes, makeup (lipstick, eye shadow, jewelry, etc.) Oh and we mustn't forget the hair and the nails. And to make your date feel special the boutinaire.

Most of this is before the dance. One senior puts it in words even I can agree with, "The music selection can GREATLY improve," Joyce Taylor. This is the Senior's last Homecoming and I think that there can be a better music selection then the Thong Song, especially for a "semi-formal" dance.

Many have the excuse, "I have to work", or the ever so popular, "If I have a date", or I have even heard "I'm grounded." Whatever the excuse most of the time it is trying to ditch going to the dance.

Homecoming is a big hassle, for students and teachers. From pictures to dresses. Even the renting of the Tuxs and the dinner. Why should we waste our time and money on a dance that isn't mandatory to dress nicely.



Speaking out with Safetown



By Tyler Shook

"Another shooting at a nearby school kills five." This was headlines reading across the nation last year a few too many times. When you read and hear these sorts of things happening it just shocks you to think, "What if somebody had known." Well in most cases somebody does know. They don't speak out and look what happens. Tragedy!!! Why didn't these people speak out? They were too shy to talk to someone, they were afraid their name would get out. Who knows? PHS is starting

up a new program called, "SAFE TOWN." This program is just for situations like that. Safe Town is a program for students to report anything they feel they need to get out to someone else. Mr. Barrett sums it up as, "A Crime stoppers for kids." This program is offered through an outside agency, not the school. So when a student contacts this program it by passes the administrators and your name stays anonymous. Mr. Morgan

says, "It is a unique program because the students names are anonymous." Kennewick

possible. There is a number that you can get to reach someone when there is a concern you have. This number can be collected down in the time-out room. There is also a video down there you can watch about it, these videos were made by PHS students. They soon hope to have these videos available to all the teachers for the students to watch. But as of right now if you have a concern that needs to be

said to someone else, don't wait. Pick up the phone and call "Safe Town." When asked how this is going to effect the community, Mr. Barrett said in closing comments, "This is a positive thing for the community. Anytime you can take steps to help people it's a positive thing." Don't let the headlines read as they did last year. Make a difference by just picking up the phone. The hotline has not yet been set up, but if you need help, you can call the school or crime stoppers at 586-8477.

"A Crime Stoppers for kids."

-Mr. Barrett

has a program similar to Safe Town. Their program has been going since last year. Pasco is just starting Safe Town but is doing things to get it running as quick as



By Christina Craig

The Tri-Cities proudly welcomes the arrival of The Olive Garden. This should awaken some hidden or forgotten taste buds. At first there was a faint whisper, than a murmur and hopefully soon will grow to an explosion! Located near the Broad More Park Outlet Mall, it will open our taste buds to a new blast of Italian flavor, with a touch of a unique spice. Freshman Matt Miller says, "It just goes to show that we are not as small of a town as we thought we were." This new addition will be welcomed with open arms to a community that was praying for a change. So show your support and tell all of your friends and family who haven't already heard the news!

The Merry-Go-Roundabout

By Christine Nelson

If you've ever been to jolly old England (or any other European country) you may have noticed and interesting traffic invention called a roundabout. Unused to the merry-go-round-like traffic, Tourists who have never seen a roundabout before usually end up committing a sin worse than spitting out the window—they go the wrong way. Hopefully, the European drivers are used to tourists and are able to dodge the cars coming in the opposite direction.

Now, the terror of the European highways has arrived in the Tri-Cities. A roundabout has been built on West 27th and Union in Kennewick. The roundabout was built so that the people living in the surrounding neighborhoods could better cope with the traffic coming from Southridge high school. The roundabout was designed so that drivers could get on, and get off at the appropriate exit, and avoid dealing with stop signs and right-of-ways.

So far things haven't worked out quite the way Kennewick authorities planned. Having never dealt with roundabouts before, most drivers have no clue which way to be going. People keep crossing yellow lines and heading the wrong way. In response, the Kennewick police department has been handing out tickets left and right. Most people are pretty upset about this. They feel that the police are just using it as an excuse to make money (tickets are \$71), but the police have informed the public that the issue is not to give out tickets—their goal is to educate the public.

So if you ever find yourself on the ring-around-the-rosie roundabout, just remember a few tips so that you don't wind up in the path of oncoming traffic. Never cross the yellow line.

Stay in the right lane, and head counterclockwise. If all else fails, just keep going around in a circle. You'll get out in about 50 years.

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Governor Locke Touches on School Safety

by Holly Mattson

Governor Gary Locke visited Pasco High with his presence on Wednesday September 6, 2000 to discuss with school officials and students his education ideals for future years. Many community members were invited to



is special event as well as teachers, administrators, newspaper journalists, television crews, and approximately fifty students from all four grades combined. Due to Pasco High taking the initiative to make our school a safer place, the governor came to share more ideas, as well as listen to our administrators on what precautions have been taken. He also felt the need to listen to the student's outlook on how safe our halls really are, and to inform us of steps we can take to help in the effort.

Students Ben Davis, Heather Hanson, Pascual, Nathia Servantes, and Holly Mattson, along with Vice Principal Mr. Morgan, and Principal Mrs. Adkinson all greeted Governor Locke at the entrance to Pasco High, by the gym. Very pleased to be welcomed to our school, Governor Locke warmly shook everyone's hands and inquired about the student's involvement in the school. Governor Locke proceeded to the time room so that he could become an honorary member of the school by receiving a diploma.

Governor Locke strongly supports Pasco High, and the

decisions we have made to having a safer school. He agrees there is much importance in programs we offer such as third-party mediation, safe town, natural helpers, the tip line, having an in-school drug interventionist, etc... He stressed the fact that if we can feel safe in our classroom, then we will be able to focus on a better education. The one problem he finds with the tip line, or Safe Town, is that we spend a lot of money on these phone line opportunities, when we could spend that money on better educational opportunities. To fix this dilemma, he has proposed one "tip-line" for the entire state of Washington that would be completely government funded.

At the end of his speech, he allowed students to talk back to him, and was open to hearing student's comments and ideas. Gabe Gutierrez raised a question of elementary school testing standards, and questioned the Governor as to how fair he believes it is for Hispanic children to have to take the test in English. Governor Locke replied that he believes in higher educational standards regardless, but that if there is a problem with the test, the test needs to be changed. "We can't abandon our higher goal of a higher education though," he commented. Education is Governor Locke's number one priority for the school, as he has said numerous times, and he believes that everyone has the chance to, "work and study hard. You can pick your dream and achieve it."

Did we See You at the Pole?

By Ryan Orozco

Last Wednesday you might have noticed the group of people standing around our flagpole. The purpose was See You At The Pole. At the pole students and adults gathered and held hands together to pray. They prayed for the school, the teachers, the community and the futures of the students, which go to Pasco High. The group prayer was lead by the students and lasted for about one hour and started at seven o'clock. Anyone could have stepped up and joined in whenever he or she felt led to. Another different thing about See You At The Pole was that you didn't have to be from a specific denomination, or even Christian to participate. Anna Goranson liked it a lot, she thought that it was really cool that so many people were there and that the prayer lasted a whole hour. Elizabeth Larson also enjoyed the experience and commented that it was, "Super duper." Amy Barry also commented that, "It was awesome!"

Other students decided not to participate in See You At The Pole. Most of them seemed fine with the idea and just moved around the gathering and tried to ignore it. It didn't bother most people but they often felt uncomfortable because they didn't want to get sucked in. They felt pressured to join, but did not want to.

The follow up to See You At The Pole? Youth On Fire of course! Youth On Fire is a student ran Christian group at school. Everyone is invited again of course. The first gathering will be on Tuesday, September 26, at 2:45. It will be in the choir room. Whitney Sherwin describes it as just a cool place to hang out, play some games, and share the gospel. It is led by Christine Nelson (The President), Dorothy Wordon (Vice President), and Britney Miller (Treasurer). So if you have any further questions about Youth On Fire they will probably gladly answer them for you.

Wedding Bells Ring for Celebrities

By Joyce Taylor

While many of you were out either working, skating, or camping with the family, others were at home watching old reruns of their favorite programs wondering what was happening in the lives of the favorite celebrities. Well, here's a short list of those who tied the knot during the summer break:

Billionaire and Chief of Revlon Ron Perelman, 47, married actress Ellen Barkin, 46, June 28th. They had a traditional Jewish Wedding. Patricia Duff was Perelman's 3rd wife.

Kristi Yamaguchi married Florida Panther's Hockey player Bret Hedican in Hawaii July 8th. The guest list included Scott Hamilton, Brian Boitano, and Ekaterina Gordeeva.

Jennifer Aniston vowed to wear Brad Pitt on her arm for the rest of her life as of the couples wedding July 29th.

Emmy nominee Debra Messing, 32, who plays Grace on the NBC sitcom "Will & Grace," married actor/screen writer Daniel Zelman, 33, on Sunday September 3rd in a Grove near Santa Barbara.

Drew Barrymore is merrily looking forward to "Ever After." The actress, 25, and her boyfriend, outrageous comic Tom Green, 28, are planning to get married, her publicist announced July 12th. No wedding date has been set yet.

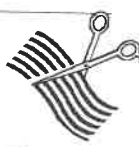


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Where Have All the Bulldogs Gone?

By: Kim Gonzales

As the last school bell rings everyone is ready to start his or her summer vacation. Everyone goes off on their own ways and experiences new places and people. Now that school is back in session all we have of those hot summer days are memories and stories of fun days gone by. Some fellow students shared with us the cool places that they went this summer.

Anna Brayton and other Pasco high students went to a trip in Japan to experience a different culture. While her trip in Japan Anna was able to go snowboarding at an indoor snow park, spend time at Disneyland in Tokyo, see the Big Buddha, shop in Tokyo, saw Mount Fuji. Ana was surprised to see people driving on the other side of the road.

Diana Riechelt- EMP (Experience the Music Project)

Heather Hanson- Minnesota

Kayla Dodson and Ashley Doherty- Silverwood

Ashley Gutke- Seaside Oregon

Shay Morrow- San Francisco

Shelsey and Shondra Carpenter- Spent about a month touring all over Europe and surrounding areas. Some places they saw were Ireland, France, Italy, Germany, and Austria to name a few. They got to go disco dancing and parasailing.

Tyler Ellingson- Deep Sea Fishing in Westport

Dasha Beasley- Reno and Canada

Kyler King- Cocoa Beach Florida

Dana Ellingson- Australia saw the koalas

Frank Pigulski- Italy for world youth day over 2 ½ million kids in Rome that day, Atlanta

Skylar Allen and Hans Esterheizen - Long Beach California

Meagan Gray- San Francisco met some guys in leather pants!!!!

Well seems like a lot of us had an awesome summer break and for some summer probably ended too early. Hopefully for the rest of us next summer will bring more excitement.

Driving Dogs in a Jam



By Christine Nelson

Car accidents are no fun. (Boy, that's an understatement.) Several students at PHS were victims of these unfortunate happenings last spring and summer.

Kim Wilson was driving home from school on May 14th when the guy in front of her suddenly slammed on the brakes. Kim slammed on her brakes to avoid hitting him, but the young lady behind her was speeding and rear-ended her. Nobody was injured, but it kind of messed up her car.

Kalynn Liebing had an accident on the blue bridge. A lady in front of her, driving a U-Haul, did not have working brake lights. Plus, she

was going about 10 miles under the speed limit. Unfortunately, when Kalynn tried to merge, she ran into her. "Don't get in a wreck," says Kalynn. "It bites."

While driving down Lewis street last May, Caitlin Smith and Holly Mattson were T-boned by a guy coming from 18th. Caitlin's Geo Metro was sent sliding across three lanes and into a car in the parking lot of Conover Insurance. They were hit so hard that Caitlin's speakers were knocked into the back seat.

The number of accidents really doesn't increase much during the summer. But no matter the season, remember to drive safely!

A Bulldog

Summer Jobs: Students Hit the Payroll

By Amanda Foust

While many were home watching *Jerry Springer*, *Days of Our Lives*, and *Digi-mon* last summer, an elite force of Pasco High students decided to do their part in improving the economy. Okay, so they probably had other reasons for taking on a summer job. The most obvious being that ever nagging demand for dinero. From retail to hay bale, PHS students found joy, frustration, fun, and boredom in their work. Here is who, where, and why they liked or despised it:

For this first group of students, the people they worked with kept the daily grind exciting. Melinda Wamsley spent her summer with "Partners 'n Pals"; a program working with mentally handicapped children. "My favorite part was just hanging out with the kids. They were really sweet and unpredictable." People on the job scene held a slightly different appeal for senior Brianne Eakman and junior Robin Clarke. Brianne was employed by Buckle along with some "highly attractive" coworkers. Robin worked at Sun Willows golf course. "It was fun. There were lots of cute guys there during the Nike tour," she said. Andrea Lindsey got the best of both worlds lifeguarding at Pasco pools this summer. "I liked playing with the little kids in swim lessons, actually. Some of the other lifeguards were pretty hot, too."

On a less glamorous note were those people who hold similar opinions to that of Amy Hanson who worked at the Booth building- "My favorite part of work was NOT working." Summer janitor Tiffany Bohnsack commented, "The worst part about it was vacuuming. I hate vacuuming. I liked washing dishes and throwing water all over, though." Paul Francik baled hay this summer, working exhausting 16-18 hour days! "Let's just say it was a bad experience," he said. Jordan Giesler taught kids' tennis lessons for Pasco, Parks & Rec.- "The kids were so annoying.

The best part of work was getting off" A semi-hazardous job with Action Builders left Justin Valentine battered and bruised. "I kept hitting my fingers with the hammer and falling off ladders." Krystal Perez and Gabe Gutierrez both worked at Albertson's. "It sucks because I get 10 people telling me to do different things."

Everyone who's worked a day in retail or in a restaurant would agree with Clark Tobler

"The best part of work was getting off"- Jordan Giesler

(Meadow Spring's Country Club) when he said, "The hardest part about working is being nice to people who aren't necessarily nice to you. - Can I take your order? Would you like something to drink? Can I have some money?" JJ Turner (Wal-Mart check stand) recalls, "I've had people get mad at me about the price being off just a few cents."

For one reason or another, some people just enjoyed what they were doing. Tyler Ellingson worked at The Battery Store. "The best part was test driving cars," he remarked, "I've gotten to drive a semi, a Porsche, even a limo." Another guy with an unusual auto fetish, Brandon Herres, baled hay - "Long hours, good pay. It was fun though 'cause I got to drive the huge hay-stacker in from Oregon. I spent all the money on my car which still doesn't run." Erica Booth worked at Old Navy and commented, "I liked talking about people over the cool head-set thingies."



Some summer jobs can be trash

Summer Sometimes, Summer Bites



Bulldogs Survive Family Vacations

By Ryan Orozco

Summers all about being with the family, ok maybe not but some of us had fun anyway going on trips alongside our families. Like Jeremy Blasdel, who went to Chicago Illinois and visited Six Flags. They tried hard but just couldn't hit all of the roller coasters because there were so many of them. Also, Stephen Rumble made the road trip with his family to California and visited his relatives. He also spent time at a church camp. Yesenia Vela went down to California and as she puts it, "We went over there and kicked it with friends." Lara Leon's family traveled around Washington, going to Long Beach and Mount Rainier. They went to a fair, goofed around on some go-

13 carts, and went to an arcade. After that they went to Mount Rainier and hiked around a little bit. Melissa McKeown also went to the coast but chose the Oregon coast instead. Melissa and her family went shopping and sight seeing. During their sight seeing adventures they ran into an airplane museum and a cheese factory, where she was excited to say, "We got free samples!" Mary Mendoza went on a trip this summer also, she traveled with her family to Texas. There they visited family and spent some time at South Padre Island. Larry Garcia went to Texas with his family as well. They went to a family reunion, a fair, and to the beach. Belin Travino took a trip to California, "For business," as he likes to say. Zack Clifton also went on a trip with his family over the summer. They went to Tucannon. Zack and his cousin, Shaun, were roasting some hot dogs when all the sudden his sister screams for help and his cousins were screaming too. So Zack and Shaun naturally took off, they were tearing through the brush as they came upon a swamp. Of course Zack fell in and sank like a rock, but kept going of course. Anyway after they finally got to his sister and cousins, no one was hurt. His cousin had just caught a Rainbow Trout!

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By: Keisha Leiby

The Top 10 WORST Summer Experiences

10. Having Broken Bones
9. Having a Bad Sunburn
8. Getting pulled over and put into jail
7. Having an extra body part grow out of nowhere
6. Having all your hair fall out
5. Running your car off a bridge
4. Being attacked by wild animals while walking in the forest
3. Getting lost in your backyard
2. Getting attacked by a truck of potatoes
1. Getting eaten by a giant black bear

Can an endless summer go wrong? Everyone has atleast one flaw in that long needed vacation that can turn summer dreams into the summer time blues. Some have crazy moments and others have unforgettable memories, but you know you haven't lived until you can tell tall tales of the worst summer experiences....

What is your worst summer experiences?

Peter Soupansie: Puked my guts out on the patio.

Brandon Benson: "Getting the boot from an old lady" with Skyler and Smitty at a house in Kennewick.

Julie Harden: Getting into trouble that day after a party.

Marzjon Cash: I was feeding the ducks when I was attacked by a flock of geese.

Michael Gonzalez: Stepping in dog doo at Keisha's house.

Chad Anderson: I went tubing and I lost my shorts in the water.

Amy Shimek: Working and being grounded.

Nick Black: Cutting my hair.

Ryan Ihnen: Getting my licenses taking away.

Ashley Doherty: Getting blood drawn.

Kayla Dodson: Found a dead mouse at work in the trash can.

Carlissa Partidia: Lost my shoe at a theme park and it took over an hour to get it back.

Raul Garcia: Getting into a fight, and running around in Mexico.

Rachael Doherty: Being attacked by elk.

Ashley Woodward: Running over an old lady in the parking lot.

..... And to top it all off last the worst of the worst

Amy Andelin: Went to Vegas for the summer, pulled the slot machine handle, and won \$20,000 BUT, the police found out that she was only a minor and arrested her. "It sucks because I didn't get to keep the money either!"

PHS Summer Concert Blast

By Chris O'Neill

This summer a lot of big name acts came to our region

"...my thong got ripped and everyone saw my butt." - Caitlin Smith

to put on concerts. From the Gorge, Tacoma Dome the new EMP in Seattle, Spokane Arena, and the Rose Garden. The music ranged from the style of good old country music, raging heavy metal, alternative, and of course everyone's favorite hip-hop.

This region was fortunate enough to have the Up In Smoke visit us twice. This concert came to the Tacoma Dome and the Rose Garden in Portland. I was very fortunate to see the concert in Tacoma

and it was very exciting and one of the best things I have ever seen in my life. Some of the big name performers were, Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, Eminem, Warren G, Xzibbit, and TQ. When asked about the concert senior Brad Boler said "I am a big fan of eminem's finger of choice (not the index or pinky, the ring or the thumb it's the one you throw up when you don't give a @\$\$#%)

The warped tour, which sounded like a big huge mosh pit full of loud head banging music took place at the gorge. "I was crowd surfing and it was so fun, except for my thong got ripped and everyone saw my butt" senior Caitlin Smith said while laughing about it. Also at the Gorge was one of the biggest stars of the year, Ms. Brittany Spiers. Heather Hanson started crying when at the concert and

she also said it was an awesome concert. Matt Corley (my friend from Gonzaga prep) went to the Dave Mathews Band concert at the gorge and really enjoyed it. He said it was one of the best times he has had in his life and everyone was going nuts. He also had the privilege of staying the night at the gorge and had a blast!

At the Spokane arena, the married duo of Tim McGraw and Faith Hill put on a fabulous show. They performed well on stage together and they really brought each other out in a positive watt. Kaliene king said "It was so awesome and they are so good together"

Well it sounds like the concerts were a major blast this year. The one that I was apart of was, and if any of the others this summer were anything like it, the people who went should consider themselves very lucky.

LOS BULLDOGS EMPIEZAN LA TEMPORADA

Traducido por Claudia Urrea

Después de un verano de diversión y entrenamiento los bulldogs están listos para atacar. El equipo empezó la temporada con una victoria sobre Richland, y ya están pensando sobre mejorar el año pasado. Senior lineman Doug Vincent atribuye esto al entrenamiento en el verano. "Todos pusieron su tiempo en cuanto ir al campamento y el cuarto de pesas," dijo él, "estamos empezando a jugar como un equipo." El entrenador estuvo de acuerdo en que el entrenar en el verano fue muy impresionante y necesario. Senior Dogs también han probado ser una fuerza clave. "Una cosa que tenemos es muchos líderes en el mismo grado," dijo el senior Tyler Shook, "algo que faltó el año pasado."

Otro cambio del año pasado es balance. El entrenador Graff está dando una defensa que es mejor que nunca y una ofensiva que es mucho mejor. Los jugadores están haciendo una práctica general. "Este año hemos estado haciendo de todo un poco. El año pasado fue enfocado en una defensa fuerte, así que no estaba muy balanceado," comentó junior quarterback Skylar Allen. "El equipo se mira bien. Estuvimos trabajando duro," dijo Tyler Shook, "solo necesitamos liquidar."

El resultado para la temporada es ambicioso. De acuerdo con el entrenador Graff, los oponentes más difíciles este año son Kamiakin, Walla Walla, y Richland. "Kamiakin es difícil por el tamaño de los jóvenes que tienen en la línea. Nuestra ventaja es la rapidez y agilidad del equipo," dijo Doug. La rivalidad con Richland es el propósito del campeonato del estado. "Estaban listos para atacarnos el año pasado, y nosotros para atacar a ellos," reafirmó Sklar. Sklar también está muy emocionado sobre el juego de bienvenida esta noche contra Davis, quienes los ganaron a los dogs 7-3, la temporada pasada. "Davis fue muy decente el año pasado. Somos definitivamente mejor este año, así que será un buen juego."

Los Dedicadores De La Fiesta De Bienvenida

By Brandon Hennis
Traducido por Claudia Urrea

Una vos se a convertido sinónimo con nueve grandes deportes en el año; es la vos de Frank Murray. Murray a estado anunciando eventos locales de la escuela con KONA por 24, años. Convirtiéndose en nada más que el reportero de deportes de la escuela en Columbia Basin. Por toda su carrera, Murray asido un soportador de Pasco High donde sus dos hijo fueron, incluyendo senior Spencer Murray. Sera recordado por muchos al anunciar el juego de 1998 por el campeonato del estado. Aunque él se graduó de Wilson, Murray's vos canto con orgullo cuando dijo, "Pasco serro por la semana, Pasco Bulldogs ganan el campeonato del estado!" Murray se retira de su silla de anuncios para tomar un lugar en CBC. "Todos les gustaba oírlo, es una pena que se retire," dijo su amigo de mucho tiempo Mr. Shimek.

Nora Merk no es conocida por desir no cuando Pasco High necesita ayuda para algun evento. Ella es una cara familiar en los juegos de football americano, juntas de gimnasia, y juntas de track. Como el ultimo presidente el club Booster, Nora Merk siempre asido una gran ayuda con los eventos de Pasco High.

Siempre se podía verla en las juntas de gimnacias o las de track dando porras por sus hijas Erin y Hana, las dos graduadas de Pasco High school, y ayudando donde fuera necesitada. El tiempo, esfuerzo y dedicación for Pasco High asen que Nora Merk sea mas que calificada para ser nombrada dedicatée de bienvenida para el año 2000.

Tom Brandon se graduó de Pasco High para ir a jugar

football americano para CBS y la universidad de Western Washington. Nació y creció en Pasco, Brandon regreso con una diploma para enseñar en su pueblo de nacimiento. Por 30, años enseno y también fue un principal antes de tomar un puesto de administración en el distrito de la escuela. El asido muy importante en la construcción de otras escuelas y la renovación de Pasco High. Tom Brandon a sido un soportador de Pasco High por

mucho tiempo y un jugador debemos mucha gratitud, clave en la remodelación de la escuela y nosotros le bienvenida para el año 2000.

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WHAT'S HOT AND NOT AT THE MTV AWARDS

By Holly Mattson

The awards show always provides a wide range of entertainment due to the various artists, actors, and acts they choose. Rene Zelwieger, Jim Carey, Chris Rock, Ben Stiller, Mark Walberg, and Robert DeNiro are all actors who showed face to be presentors. China, Richard Hack, (winner of survivor,) creator of Napster, Shawn Fanning, model Jazel, and Total Request Live's host Carson Daly, also were amongst the music industry stars giving heartfelt introductions to many of the acts and nominees. The show opened with Janet Jackson, who gave a wonderful vocal performance. Sisqo was the second performer doing what he does best...entertaining the ladies with his body and voice. The third act opened the door to further nudity, with Britney Spears making a dazzling appearance, while ripping off clothes, down to a barely-there color, and hardly-any-there material. Marlon's comment on her style choice later amused many: "She has gone from Mickey Mouse Club, to Strip Club." Next performance started on the streets, with Eminem and a bunch of "imitators" following at his heels, as he made his way through the crowd rapping, "The Real Slim Shady." This year, the Red Hot Chili Peppers were recognized for their many years of rock by a video compilation. The group has gone through many looks: long-haired surfer guys, short and shaggy, sophisticated golden, 80's buttrock, and their new look for this years awards: the Mohawk. After performing, a group member sent his love to MTV, and expressed his gratitude for gray hair in a Mohawk, the ability to play music with guys he loves, and for his daughter, for giving him life. Other performers included, Nelly, Christina Aguilera and a surprise feature with Fred Durst, Whitney Houston, and *Nsync. Blink 182 closed the night.

Aaliyah, Jennifer Lopez, Sisqo, Eminem, Dr. Dre, Limp Bizkit, and Destiny's Child all left with silver astronauts that night. Perhaps the most talked of award though was the viewer's choice award. MTV left it up to television watchers, and internet surfers, to decide who the award would go to, and *Nsync was the winner. Eminem was not too far behind, but Christina Aguilera's votes were suffering with only an 8 percent. Sisqo and Britney Spears also were up for the award. Another honorable award received that night, was Best Director of a video. Red Hot Chili Pepper's, "Californication," directed by Jonathon Dayton won the award. Toni Braxton and 98 Degrees introduced the International awards in all different languages: Latin America North: Shakira. Latin America South: Las Fabulosos. Korea: Clon. India: Falguni Pathak. Russia: Detsl. South East Asia: Achmand Dhani and Andra Ramadhan. Mandarin: David Tao. Brasil: O Rappa.

The speeches all reflected the heart of the music making process: God, parents, directors, and fans. Jennifer Lopez recognized the effect rock and roll has had on the nation, saying, "Rock and Roll is an intense force that can encourage change." And Sting credits R&B as vibrant music. He knows there is soul, lepth and history to it, commenting, "one can still hear it's passionate blues and silky soul in New Orleans." The awards celebrate all music, and bring the various labels together, for one amazing night of entertainment. As Marlon Wayon's said, "You never know what's going to happen on MTV!" But it's guaranteed to be entertaining.

STUDENTS SEE THE STARS

Meagan Hines

It's not very likely that you would see a famous person traipsing around Pasco. In fact, it is pretty much impossible. It just won't happen. It's kind of interesting just how many encounters various students at Pasco High have with some of today's celebrities, and how far they go to see them:elsey Schneider- "I was with my cousin in L.A. waiting for the phone, when an in the booth turns around and who was it, but Estavez! I was like, 'ooooo!'"ey Woodward- "Up by 11 people were spread out on the floor that Tom Cruise was lying near us. So I ran to a tree and stared in awe for about four hours. I think I saw his face was really cute!"Archuleta- "I went to a ner game and my friends took me to where all the stars were supposed to be. I was surprised enough to be talking to Joey

Cora's wife, when all of a sudden Alex Rodriguez himself was standing before me. I stood there like an idiot and didn't say anything. I almost peed my pants."

Brad Boler- "At the 'Up in Smoke' concert I met Eminem. He pulled me up on stage and I rapped with him for like an hour. No, actually, that didn't happen. But it would have been cool if it did."

Brittany Barton- "I got on the monorail in Seattle and it was completely full. I finally found an empty seat next to this old man...and it was Sean Connery!"

Anna Brayton- "Ya, I met John Olerude. That's it, I met him."

Tana Smith- "Me and my friend met Keenan Thompson from Nickelodeon. He was really fat and smoking a cigarette. He looked really sad so we invited him to join us in a free continental breakfast. Then he was happy. We also met Monica and 98* that day, but they weren't fat, so they weren't cool."

Kyle Borey- "I went to L.A. and got one of those maps of all of the star's homes. I wanted to meet my idol, Leonardo DiCaprio, so I begged my parents to let me

wait to see him. I camped out all night and never saw him. Then the next day when I was waiting to catch my plane at the airport I saw this huge mob. Sure enough Leo was there trying to get through. I

got his autograph! He's so cool!"

Brandon Benson- "I met someone famous. I did."

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DRAMA DEPARTMENT STILL LOOKING FOR DIRECTIONS

By Amanda Foust

Theatrical production has long been a credit to the innovative and creative spirit of the Bulldogs. Recall last year's winter musical, *Flapper*, an impressive showcase of courageous PHS talent that packed the house both performances. For the past 30 years, PHS has produced two plays and one winter musical a year under the direction of Fred Fine. This fall, intro to drama and advanced drama students have been walking into classes taught by a substitute teacher and Mr. Brown. There has been no talk of the fall play, which is usually slated for production in November. What happened to drama at Pasco High? Obviously, an exhausted Mr. Fine retired,

but why hasn't anyone been hired to take his place?

In March of 2000, Mr. Fine submitted his retirement papers to the administration, along with a carefully compiled list of qualifications for a

replacement drama instructor, quite a tall order. "Producing these plays is complicated. A theatre arts major is a master carpenter. They have to design sets. They also have to be an electrician and able to work with digital sound. If someone isn't trained in these areas it could be dangerous. They also have to be creative artist," commented Mr. Brown. On top of this, it is mandatory that the individual be able to work with and direct kids.

What about the fall play? "By now the play should have been chosen and bought," remarked Mr. Brown. "The advanced drama students should be prepping for the head stage/lighting/prop manager positions, and intro to drama students trained to work under them as crew." In fact, according to the course description for advanced drama, "The primary responsibility of this class is production of plays." Currently, Mr. Brown's stu-

dents are studying theater history and reading plays, a worthy endeavor to be sure, but of little use come show time.

What went wrong? In the opinion of Mr. Brown, "March would have been the ideal time to advertise a position requiring such credentials." The district requires that all drama teachers also have a language arts endorsement in order for drama classes fulfill an English elective. The job for a language arts teacher was posted in May, but for reasons unexplained, a drama background wasn't specified. "We posted again in July with the drama specification, still plenty of time to hire someone," commented Vice Principal Mike Guajardo. Among applicants, only one from Ohio appeared to be strongly qualified, and the job was offered to her in August. "She waited 10 days before rejecting the offer," said Mr. Guajardo, "and by that time it was too late to find someone qualified."

Dedicated thespians and playgoers fear not. Despite early obstacles, Pasco High theatre is not dead yet. Principal Sheri Adkinson assures, "We are hiring someone to come in just to work nights directing this year's plays. We're hoping to find someone with theater/arts background."

"Drama is an important program to Pasco High. We would never intentionally kill it," explained Mr. Guajardo.

SUMMER BOX OFFICE A BIG HIT.

By Emily Sullivan

Summers are all about having fun and going out until the late hours in the night, practically every night. But what do you do when you have done all the late night swimming, all the parties, the random nights out with friends, and everything else that goes along with summer nights? What happens when you get fed up with either going out or always just staying home? There is always the big box office hits of the summer. This summer many top movies made their appearance at our own theaters. There were the good ole' comedies, the bite your-nails and grab-your-dates-arm thrillers, and the plain



and simple ones that make you smile at the end.

Comedies always tend to grab people's attention especially during the summer. *Scary Movie* was a highly anticipated spoof making fun of those good ole' *Scream* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer* flicks. Although it didn't get very good ratings from the older people, many teenagers went to see it more than once. Another comedy of the summer was *Me, Myself & Irene*. It shows a guy with multiple personalities whose wife left him for a midget. Wow, sounds like a great comedy.

Many of us love to sit there chewing on our nails as the music comes to its big climax right as the ghost reveals itself and hear the lady in front of us shrill in fright, or that may be you. To sit there so intense and scared is something that seems like it would not be a good way to spend those nice summer nights, yet, most of us do it. *What Lies Beneath* was not one of those, figure out who the killer is, it could be your best friend, types of movies. It tied you in and left you confused, yet amazed as to what the real story was. Many of us went in with nice long nails and came out with barely any.

Coyote Ugly, every girl's dream, to make it big in the Big Apple. Yet, this movie showed to pain and hard work that it takes in order to make your dreams come true. It was feel-

good movie about a young girl who has strived to become a song writer. Yet, it wasn't as perfect as she thought and she ended up making her extra money as a bartender at the biggest party bar in New York. Yet, this movie wasn't all about beautiful women dancing on the bar-tops, although there was bits and pieces of that. It made the boys fall in love and the girls walked out wishing they were her, Violet Sandford.

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pasco high students discuss the ethics of partying Page 17



Kim Wilson

Smith. This obviously is the first trial for this column, and you all were such good sports! Taboo is an article that will be appearing in each WASCO from now on, well, for this year. Taboo is a discussion on a controversial topic, hence the name "taboo." There will be four to five speakers each column, and if you are interested, please talk to me. But, for the most part, I will choose those who have differing opinions. This first topic is partying on the weekends, since it is the beginning of the year and the football season, the most notorious season for partying, has started. This conversation starts out light hearted, for none of us knew really what we were doing...
Scott: Parties are good.
Caitlin: I LIKE to party!
Caitlin: Why do I like them? Um, because it's a fun way to socialize with your friends and because school's hard, and going out and partying and kicking back and relaxing is fun, that's why I do it.
Reporter: Why do you think people disagree with it?
Caitlin: I think because, I dunno, it's morally wrong and you know that. Especially when you party a lot and people get out of control and start doing all this freaky stuff.
Nick: Freaky stuff like what?
Caitlin: Use your imagination!
Nick: It's wrong because the school says it's wrong.
Reporter: Is that right, that the school can decide whether it's wrong for you or not?
Nick: Kinda.
Scott: Depends on how out of control the student is. When people start to get too out of control, things start getting destroyed...



Nick Gonzales

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Caitlin: Or someone runs away and you lose them for the night...
Kim: It's your decision what you do on the weekends. It doesn't have anything to do with the school, but if you're leaving school to go drink or whatever, that is their business because you're their responsibility...
Nick: Right.
Kim:...so I think they have the right to do whatever they want with you.
Nick: I agree.
Reporter: What about athletes, and ASB students, and all those other student leaders, who you see out on the weekends. Is that wrong?
Kim: I think that is, but that's my own personal opinion. Just because everyone sees them, like freshman or something, and they look up to them, but then go see them get wasted. It's not exactly the role model that they should have.
Nick: I agree. I think that people playing sports should lay off drinking during the season, because it's against the rules...
Caitlin: You're breaking the contract?
Nick: yah, and you're in danger of getting kicked off the team.
Reporter: Again is it right for the coaches to be able to tell you what you can and can't do on the weekends?
Kim: Yah, I think it is.
Caitlin: I don't really think it's any of their business, but when it affects, like if someone's going to drink before practice, then I think it's their business. Or if they drink during the weekdays then it's going to mess up their school and that's their business. But really, it's none of the coaches business what people want to do on their leisure time.
Nick: if it's going to affect the way they play...
Caitlin: yah...
Nick: then the coach has a right.
Reporter: Often one group seems to always be the focus of the partying scene, and is always getting "picked on." Like, the athletes. Yet, in class you hear of other people who party maybe even more, but are never spoken of and don't go to the big "popular" parties. A lot of parties aren't known. Why is this?
Caitlin: Yah, I guess...
Kim: Well, if you keep doing it of course people are going to figure out, oh, they're the ones who are always having parties. I mean the word's going to get around.
Caitlin: I think the ones that are picked on and that do party are the people who are looked up to, they are the athletes and the lead-

ers and so the authorities are trying to stop that by getting them in trouble so that people can look up to them.
Kim: What do you mean by saying "picked on?" Like...
Caitlin: Well, you know, you hear about all the other parties that are happening and they never get in trouble, only it's like the people you always hear about getting in trouble are the athletes.
Nick: Yah, that's true. They're tougher on the athletes then they are on the other people.
Caitlin: Yah.
Kim: That goes back to, you know, they are the leaders. They are who everyone looks up to so of course they're going to be harder on them, but if you're doing it more than anyone else you're kind of asking to get caught. If you're going to go out and party every week you're going to get busted. That's just the way it is. You're setting yourself up for a disaster.
Reporter: When has one lost control? I mean, not a drunk person doing stupid things, but when has one become a "partier?" When has it become almost an addiction, or the focus of someone's life?
Nick: When they can't stop.
Kim: Like when does it become more?
Reporter: I mean do you think that partying ever weekend is bad?
Kim: I think partying period is bad, so yah, I think it is. In a... I don't know. Like I see people and I literally feel bad for them, because I know that they're going out every weekend getting drunk. I often wonder, in our ten year reunion how many people are going to come back alcoholics, and bums of a sort, because they messed up in high school. I mean it's sad. I don't think it's a way to have fun. I mean, I think it's wrong.
Reporter: But, is partying in high school messing up your life if you're keeping up with your grades, and your sports, and all your other activities?
Caitlin: See I don't think that it's wrong. I think it's a part of living. I think that each experience we have in high school is a good one even if we are messing up our lives. I just think, that I don't know, that going out and having fun, even if you're drinking or not, still different people have fun different ways, and some just turn to alcohol because it makes them crazier, or makes them feel like they're having more fun. If that gives you the confidence to be a teenager in high school then I'm just like—hey! I'm all for it.
Kim: I guess I've just never been appealed to it because I've always known there's other ways to have fun besides being drunk...
Caitlin: Right...
Kim: I know that there's so many other things I can be doing then getting arrested.
Reporter: What's the attraction to partying?
Scott: Just having fun, socializing, kicking back with friends. Something to look forward to during the week.
Caitlin: It's like all you have anymore when going to school, is just the weekends. I think anyways. School can suck, but the weekends are so fun.

Kim: I want to know what people's parents think about it. Like, do your parents ever find out that you party? I mean, do they know?
Caitlin: Oh yah!...
Kim: I mean, do you get in trouble or anything?
Caitlin: Oh wow. Are you kidding me?
Kim: I'm just thinking, "man, I'd be locked up for life!"
Caitlin: Oh, wow. Ha.
Reporter: Why are some parents more lenient? I mean, is it loss of control?
Caitlin: No. I think that, some parents just trust their kids more to know that they are going to be responsible. I mean, I know that if I go out and do something stupid, I have to take responsibility for my actions. And some parents that are so strict on their kids, I think that when they were younger, they probably had that strictness and it turned out good for them as adults, or some people take it out on their kids, because they were all crazy as kids and didn't have an authority figure.
Nick: What about those parents who have no idea, and students who always lie to their parents about it?
Caitlin: That's what I was wondering about people who lie to their parents... I mean, I would so much rather have my kids tell me the truth about what they're doing and I would let them go out and do whatever they want as long as they tell me the truth you know, and as long as their not messing up their life, you know? I'd rather them be honest.
Scott: Yah, my parents know that I'm responsible and that I'll make the right decisions.
Caitlin: I don't know why some parents are like that, though, like don't want to know the truth. If you tell them the truth, they get worried and so sometimes it's better to lie to them. So, sometimes lying to your parents isn't all that wrong, because then they won't worry.
Kim: Yah, but then you lose that trust too...
Caitlin: True...
Kim:...and then they find out that you are lying. Because it does happen eventually, believe me.
Caitlin: we all know about that!
Reporter: What about reporting people? When do you feel it is right to report someone?
Caitlin: When they've lost it.
Kim: I think when they start becoming a danger to other people because if they want to drink then that's their thing, that's their decision and you can't stop that, but if they're going to start hurting someone else then it's time to do something.
Caitlin: Or when they start getting in accidents...
Nick: Yah, like when they start drinking and driving and stuff like that...
Caitlin: Yah...
Reporter: Why do you think teenagers are becoming alcoholics? I mean why at such a young age would you choose that for yourself?
Caitlin: Well, alcohol is pretty



Scott Horning

much an escape from reality...
Nick: yah...
Caitlin: So...
Nick: Pretty much getting away from all the stresses and stuff, like school.
Kim: Everyone has that idea that partying and drinking is so much fun and will solve all of your problems.
Caitlin: Yah, even if it only is temporary. You still believe that. And it is fun, for a while, you know. It's just kind of an escape, and people want to live, it's the same with drug addicts, they want to live in that world forever because they want to escape from everything. So partying is just a way to have fun and escape from your troubles of your week. And teenagers I think have more issues than any other age, so a lot of them want to party.
Reporter: So, if teenagers have all these stresses, why don't they talk it out, or do some recreation like running?
Caitlin: It's more fun that way, I guess.
Kim: I think, kind of too, that it's peer pressure. I mean it's hard for me to go to school every day and to know that I am pretty much a loner when it comes to partying



Caitlin Smith, and Reporter Holly Mattson

because I don't. I have to stand up every single day for what I believe, and say no, I'm not going to do that. A lot of people don't though, and just give in.
Caitlin: It's respectable though, that you don't.
Kim: Thank you.
 The next issue to be discussed for Taboo is religion in school. If you would like to be part of this discussion, contact me.

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Volleyball looking for answers



By Mecque' Whitcomb

This year the volleyball team has turned out to be quite a success. The team got off to a slow start at the jamboree, but as one player summed it up, "we weren't playing up to our full potential, but we will get better with time." And that they did. Their first match was against Southridge, and after three hours of play, they came out on top. "We get along great, but still need to work on a few things" said junior Ann-Erica Whitmarsh. She is confident that the team will make it to state this year. According to Mr. Steach, the team, "worked hard in the summer and has a good chance to win the south league." This summer the varsity team took a weekend trip to work on their team bonding. If you see one of the varsity players in the hall, you will notice a necklace that they wear, which has "en fuego" on it. This means that the team is going to be on fire this year. Senior Jenny Neibel thinks that, "Pasco has one of the best coaching staffs around, they really know and understand the players on and off the court." According to Any Andelin, "the team has a lot of talent and

unity this year." At their match against Richland, they only won two out of the five games. Even though they didn't win, they

"A necklace that the team wears says, En Fuego, meaning On Fire"

worked hard until the end. Most of the team agreed that the fans are great, but the players especially appreciate all of the football players that come out and support them.

The JV team is doing good as well. They have a new coach, Mr. Russell. He is a special education teacher at McLoughlin. Haley Patrick said, "He's young, and listens to cool music. The best part is, he really listens to what we have to say." So far the JV has won both of their games. Haley also added, "the JV worked well together, but since Brooke is injured both teams had to adjust, but should still continue to do well. The team has good hitters and the back row has been passing great lately, so we are going to focus on digging the balls to get perfect passes and awesome hits every time."

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BONDO STRIKES THEM ALL OUT

By Mecque' Whitcomb

This summer Jeremy Bonderman and forty-one other great high school baseball players from around the country joined together to make three USA baseball teams. Since Jeremy was the only one from Washington State, he had to fly to Joplin, Missouri for one week to try out for the team. After he got selected, he flew to Canada and traveled around on a bus, to different fields with his teammates. Jeremy said, "We just practiced at different places and played games a lot."

In Canada, his team did really well. They got second in the world and Jeremy pitched two games in the championship round. His team included the best short-stop, outfielders, and first basemen in the world. Jeremy got an award for being the best pitcher in the world in the under eighteen-age division.

During his trip to Canada Jeremy, "had a good time, and met many new interesting people." The friends that made on his team are people that



Jeremy Bonderman gets named as best pitcher in junior nationals.
Photo by Keisha leiby

player, who has been playing practically his whole life. Jeremy will continue to play baseball for the Pasco Sun Devil and our school team. After he graduates, he hopes to be drafted by a professional team.

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Volleyball Team Bonds At The Beach

By Jami Woodward

Over the summer, the varsity volleyball team took a trip over to Seattle and the Oregon Coast for a few days. Not only did they play volleyball on the court against other girls, but they also got the opportunity to play volleyball on the beach with a bunch of hot guys. And though they played a lot of volleyball, the team found lots of time to have fun and enjoy their vacation. The trip was also a great opportunity for the girls to get to know each other better and to gain team unity. Junior Amy Andelin said, "It was a great bonding experience for the team. It allowed us to spend a lot of time together so we all became better friends."

Sophomore Brittany Middleton stated, "It was fun because it was just like a vacation for us. We all got to know each other, which helps us a lot on the court. You play much better as a team when everyone gets along and it's more fun when you're playing with friends."

"This trip was a great opportunity for teammates to become friends. We made the most of the opportunity and got to know each other very well. It was a lot of fun for everyone. The trip was very worthwhile and I have a lot of great memories to remember."

Every girl that went on the trip only had positive things to say about it and if you've talked to any of the volleyball players about their trip, I'm sure you've probably heard many of the funny stories they have to tell. Whether it's Ann Whitemarsh catching fish down at Pike Place or meeting hot guys at the beach, these girls have plenty of memories from their summer volleyball trip and all agree that the team only benefited from the experience. They also hope to see everyone come and support them at all of their games this season.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING TOWARDS SUCCESSFULL SEASON

By Kyle Lamb

The girl's cross-country team started off the season with a fourth place finish at the Hermiston Invitational. "We are having some hard workouts, and we are very excited for the season to get under way," said senior Stephanie Stein, who finished eighth at the Hermiston Invitational with a time of 21:26. Stephanie quit soccer and picked up cross-country half way through the season last year and was only two spots away from qualifying to go to state. This year she is working hard and expects to make it.

Coach Dale Fuller expects the girl's team to finish in the top four in the league, but is still looking for guys to tryout for the boy's team.

Eric Mata is the one varsity returnee off the boy's team. His goals for the season are to give it all he's got and hopefully make it to state. His running coach Nate Poepel pushes Eric very hard.

Brandon Herres who ran in two varsity meets last year says, "Boys can still turn out. The best thing about cross-country is there are no fat chicks. Everything is fun except for the running part."

Junior Amanda Borey finished fifteenth at the Hermiston Invite with a time of 21:39. The Pasco girls also had three-freshman finish in the top thirty-six. Jennifer Kromwell finished

sixteenth running a 21:40, Jessica Schmaljohn finished thirty second with a time of 22:55 and her sister Samatha Schmaljohn finished thirty sixth running a 23:13.

Come out and support the cross-country runners. All home meets will be at Road 36 and Argent. Help them reach their ultimate goal, which are the State Championships in November.

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Athlete Of The Issue: Rachel Ellison

By Meccie Whitcomb

Not only does Rachel Ellison work hard on the field everyday after school, she plays for a premier team on the weekend as well. Rachel has been playing soccer for ten years, and has been on our varsity team ever since she was a freshman. According to her coach, Marty Martinez, Rachel is "an incredible player who is good on the field and at the same time is able to be aggressive." She scored her first goal of the season in the game against Kamiakin. On the field, Rachel is able to play at the forward,

midfield, or defense positions.

Senior Kailene King said, "Rachel is dependable and is always there for support. She

runs and gives her all in every game and practice." Another teammate, sophomore Meghan Gray, thought, "she is humble and

"She has the skills to go anywhere"

doesn't realize how good she really is."

Rachel is optimistic about the soccer team making it to state this year. "With hard work, dedication and determination our team should be pretty successful." Rachel will be a contribution to this success. Shelsey Carpenter thinks Rachel is similar to the Energizer Bunny. When she starts to run, she just keeps on going and never stops.

Rachel is loved by the whole team, and she is an inspiration to many of the younger players as well. Central Washington University is looking at Rachel to come play soccer for them after she graduates. Marty is "sure that Rachel will be successful in the future, especially at the college level, she has the skills to go anywhere."



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By Tyler Shook

Pasco High School has tons of athletes that work hours and hours to be the best they can. But what are the chances of them going to a National tournament, to play against teams from all over the nation? Its possible because five of PHS's sophomore girls had the chance to do just that. Shelby Ramirez, Heather Wagner, Michelle Elliott, Sheena Nunamaker, and Emily Halliday got the chance to play in a National Basketball Tournament this summer. They played in a number of tournaments this summer to get to go to this tournament. They placed first in three tournaments and placed in various others. The tournaments took place in Las Vegas and San Diego. When asked how the flight was, Sheena remarked, "The flight was scary. It was like a rollercoaster." Anyone that has taken a trip by plane knows how sitting in first class would be so much better than sitting all squished together in the second class seats. The girls got the luxury of sitting first class. They got this luxury in the air but it wasn't that great on the ground. They had a two hour delay in Pasco, five hour delay in Salt Lake, and then another three hour delay in Vegas. When finally reaching

their destination Emily said, "It was a good experience to compete against teams from all over." Sheena also remarked, "It was fun, but challenging. We had to compete against girls twice our size." Off the court it sounds like they had a blast too. "We went surfing in Cali. And the lifeguards were HOT!" Shelby re-

plied when asked what they did on their freetime. Michelle and Heather also added the best part

was, "Definitely the HOT guys!" Jumping on the beds in hotels is always fun. Just ask Emily if that is a good idea after she broke the bed. Don't ask me but some how they managed to break a window too. But when it came down to tightening up the shoes and getting down to business, that is what they did. They placed third in their pool in both tournaments.

"It was fun, but challenging. We had to compete against girls twice our size."
-Sheena Nunamaker

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Football is kicking off to good start

By Amanda Foust

After a hard summer of fun and training, bulldog football is ready to attack. The season kicked off with a 19-13 win over Richland, and the team is already talking vast improvements over last year. Senior lineman Doug Vincent attributes this to summer training. "Everyone really put in their time as far as going to camps and hitting the weight room," he said, "we're really starting to play as a team." Coach Graff agreed that off-season participation was impressive and necessary. Senior Dogs are also proving to be a key force. "One thing we have is great senior leadership," stated Tyler Shook, "something that was lacking last year."

Another marked change from last year is balance. Coach Graff is boasting a defense that is as strong as ever and a much-improved offense. Players have been working a well-rounded practice. "This year we've been working on a lot of everything. Last year was focused mainly on a

strong defense, so it was kind of disproportionate," commented junior quarterback Skyler Allen. "The team is looking good. We've been working hard together," said Tyler Shook, "We just need to execute."

The outlook for the season is ambitious. In the words of senior running back Kyle Lamb, "We want a remake a of '98!" According to Graff, this year's toughest opponents are Kamiakin, Walla Walla, and Richland. "Kamiakin will be especially tough because of their size advantage. They've got a lot of big guys on the line. Our advantage over them is

speed and agility," said Doug. The rivalry with Richland is, of course, clash of the state champs. "They were out to get us last year, and we were out to get them," Skyler remarked. Skyler is also looking forward to tonight's homecoming game against Davis, who dealt the Dogs a 7-3 loss last season. When questioned about tonight's game, senior offensive-tackle Ryan Dupuy said, "I don't know, ask somebody bigger." Skyler had a positive opinion; "Davis was really decent last year. We're definitely a better team this year than we were, so it should be a good game."

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Football Camp

By Sydney Patrick

During the summer our Pasco High football team spent their time preparing for the most anticipated and exciting season of the year, in some people's eyes. By going to both Central and Wenatchee's football camps it enabled our guys to become both physically and mentally prepared for the long awaited season, and dominating in key games such as Richland with their last year title of state champs. The team went to Central this summer, instead of Eastern, which they usually attend, in hopes of better competition and coaches. The coaches however have decided to go back to Eastern next year, because the dinning hall was too far for them. Coach Graff feels that camp is "a necessity" because all of the other big 9 team's go to camp as well and it allows the team to put pads

on all week. At both camps the team scrimmaged other teams to improve their game among other drills and spent time bonding as a team. Camp also allows the team to get more repetition against either good competition. Senior Nick Franklin felt he liked Central better over Eastern, and more of the team attended it also. However, Seniors Brad Boler, and Tanner Savage who attended both camps felt that Wenatchee was more laid back. Tanner comments, "We should have had more people at the Wenatchee camp, because a lot of people had to play different positions than they were used to." On a better note Tanner feels that, "as a team, we got better and formed a cohesion reminiscent of that of the '98 team." Senior Brandon Kania comments, "I think we will have a

real good season this year and we will be in the playoffs." The team not only worked hard at both camps, but had a little bit of fun too. "Camp was great! Well, the fishing, boating, movies, and card playing was anyway, all I have to say about the season is, nothing at all, cause actions speak louder than words, so ask me again Dec. 2nd." Comments Brad Boler. "Camp is just fun for both the players and coaches." Comments Coach Graff. The team sounds like they came home from camp with many amusing memory's, such as Senior Gabe Guteirrez running around nude through the hallway, and also well prepared and ready to be taken seriously. "Don't be hesitant to expect big things from us," concludes Tanner Savage.

time-out

Athlete of the Issue: Emily Sullivan

By Holly Mattson

Emily Sullivan has been on the varsity volleyball team for two years now, and has shown her ability to step up and lead the team. This year, the volleyball team has been facing some injuries: Brooke Lanning tore her ACL, Ann Whitemarsh has internal injuries from falling over a chair chasing down a ball, Kalynn Liebing broke a toe, and continues to play, and Carla Dickman rolled her ankle, who also is still on the court. Through it all, Emily has continued to use her great leadership skills in encouraging the team to continue to give their all on and off the court for the good of the team.

When in doubt, often the members look to Emily. Mr. Steach would agree that when the team is doing great, Emily is cheering them on, (high-fives for everyone!) and when they are facing some struggles, she is there to back them up and help refocus them on the game. Emily has said, "Yah, I know that some of us had a really good game, but really you have to focus on the team, for not one person makes the whole game." She is a star, the fans really do need to go out and support her powerful spikes, and mighty serves. "She is a team leader and is always bringing people's self-esteem up, and never complains about what the coaches are making the team do," Breanne Hovley comments on her.

Emily is a very good sport, and a strong aspect to any team. She offers her friendship to everyone, a smile to all who need one, and a high-five all around.

GIRLS SOCCER KICKS GRASS

By Meagan Hines

It's a well known fact that Pasco High has some of the greatest sports programs in the state, and one of those just happens to be girl's soccer. Not only do our ladies have skills that are almost unmatched by any other team in the big 9, but they also have the mental desire it takes to win. Last weekend the girls traveled to Idaho where they played two games, where they tied against Lakeside 2-2 and beat Sandpoint 2-1. Even though the Varsity team has 18 players, 4 of them are swinging, and a few are still ineligible to play or have injuries. Kailene King says that "this year's turnout was unusually small," but the ladies still feel that this season will be anything but disappointing. They all had positive predictions for this year and they shared just how much they intend to accomplish. Sophomore

Dayla Dougherty says, "We have a rad team and we should do really well. I can't wait to see how we do." She isn't the only one who thinks that this team can be greater than any other we've had in the past. Another player with high hopes for this season is Junior Rachel Ellison. "We have a lot of talent on this years team, and hopefully our hard work will take us far this season." She says. One of the freshman varsity players, Ashley Renz, also is looking forward to see just how far this years team may go. Ashley commented, "I think our team has a lot of talent, and with a lot of hard work we will do good and go to state. I am very excited for this season, It think it will be really fun." Renz isn't alone when she says that this years team may have a very good possibility of getting all the way to state. In fact, some of the JV soccer players have noticed just how great this years team is and they agree that state may be a very likely chance. "I think our team this year will be pretty good," says freshman Karly Orozco, "There are many strong players this year. I can't wait to see how the season goes and hopefully we'll go to state."

Brandon Kania Athlete Of The Issue

By Chris O'Neill

He stands 6'4 inches tall and weighs in at 220 lbs. He wears the number 86 and is a terror for the opposing offensive linemen who try and block him. He is senior Brandon Kania, and he is one of the athletes of this issue.

Brandon, a senior, has been a starter on the varsity for 3 years now and even gained playing time as freshmen in the playoffs against Central Valley. He lines up as a defensive end and tight end. He was an outside linebacker his freshmen year, and planned to move back there this year, but he is too good of a pass rusher and creates match up problems for other teams.

"Brandon brings a lot of experience and leadership to our team. He is always coming up with big plays in key moments of the game. He also wants every practice to be crisp, clean, and smooth with intensity" commented junior defensive end and tight end Brian Dille, who hopes to be as good as Brandon someday and will try to fill his shoes.

Brandon is the kind of player who expects everyone to go hard all the time and if they mess up, mess up 100%. He also wants everyone to play up to his level, and not give up because if they are getting tired, it's better to go hard every play than to give up and complain about it. Brandon

thinks the team works hard and has a good chance in the playoffs. He added that Kyle Lamb runs hard, the offensive line is blocking great, and the defense is unstoppable right now. Brandon hopes to continue his football career at the next level if the opportunity comes his way.

"Brandon leads by example, if we all played up to his level and intensity, our team would be unstoppable" senior David Hanson added about his fellow teammate and friend.

Good luck to you this year in football Brandon. With your help hopefully the team can reach Tacoma once again, like the team we had two years ago.

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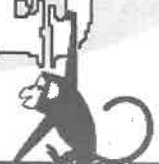


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WHATEVER THIS STORY IS ABOUT, IT IS DEFINITELY NOT ABOUT JOSE CANSECO

Guest writer Tanner Savage

Disclaimer: The following article is rambling, incoherent dribble that is in the tradition of former WASCO writers and is reminiscent of past Hijinx stories involving Lard the Spider. Those who search for a plot in this article should be beaten, and those who search for a theme should be shot.

One day I was walking in the woods when I spotted a skull off to the side of the well-beaten path. It made me think, "Who was this man? And why did he have antlers like a deer." Then I remembered from my childhood stories of a mysterious deer-man that roamed the woods. He was fond of frolicking and merriment and could often be found playing gently with the other woodland creatures. It was sad to know that he had parted company with this cruel, cruel world and had never fulfilled his dream of performing in the Broadway musical, Guys and Dolls. You should have heard him belt out the high C in the end of the closing number. It was enough to bring a tear to the eye of anyone, even Rudy from the hit TV series "Survivor." By the way, how could they vote off Colleen? I would have banished myself before getting rid of that hot little number. Which brings me back to the deer-man. As I was saying, no one could put on a show like him. Except for maybe Tennessee Titans place kicker, Al Del Greco, who once booted a 38-yarder while tap-dancing on the zyphoid-process of a Rhesus monkey. The monkey was displeased, however, and preceded to throw his feces and scream at the Ravens' mascot, who coincidentally, wore an ascot. Quote the Raven "Nevermore."

Things Not To Forget For Homecoming

By Sarah Johnston

- Don't tuck you're dress into your underwear
- Make sure the taco truck your planning on eating dinner at is still in the same location
- Make sure you get the right size dress (a 6 rather than an upside down 9)
- Get permission from your neighbor's before you cut their flowers
- Maintain good posture, so you don't fall down the Moore Mansion stairs
- Don't let Voodoo Rain (mojo luv) come out of your nose
- Make sure that your date wasn't joking.
- Don't forget your dancing shoes!



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September 28

Volleyball- 7:00 PM- Pasco vs. Wenatchee @PHS

September 29

*Football- 7:30 PM- Pasco vs. Southridge@Lampson Stadium

September 30

*Soccer- 1:00 PM- Pasco vs. Davis @ Davis

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AND THE ROYAL WINNERS ARE...

By Sydney Patrick

Pasco High's 2000 homecoming court was announced on Friday the 15th during the assembly held 1st hour. The gym was decorated glamorously fit just right for a queen and her court. The stands were filled to their highest capacity with students excited about all the commotion going on down on the court. The football players primped to the max anxiously waiting for the court to be announced and their fame in the spot light as they escort the princess' of each class and the majestic queen to their thrones, followed by a cordial kiss. For the freshman class the two lucky princesses' are Camille Gibbons and Dominique Gonzalez. The sophomore classes two princesses' are Shelby Ramirez, and Rachel Lamb. The junior have Tana Smith and Veronica Daniels for their princesses' this year. Last but not least leaves the senior class, their last and final Homecoming assembly, bringing tears to many eyes. The senior class had 15 nominees, two princesses' and one queen. The two princesses for are Jami Woodward, and Jamie Wright, and our 2000 Homecoming queen is Emily Sullivan. After the football players seated the court, Kim Wilson and Ryan Dupuy did a beautiful job singing, "When I fall In Love" to the court.

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