

Merry Merchants Making Money

by Jason Alderson

The yuletide decorations festooning this country's favorite department stores this Christmas season belie the Scrooge-like mood that has spread among the many retailers nationwide.

The infamous October Crash of 1987 caught the department stores with huge Christmas inventories and a debt laden consumer who became frugal. According to the Wall Street Journal, retailers ring up as much as 40 percent of their annual

receipts between Thanksgiving and Christmas. With so much riding on these months, the retailers were left with inventories that had to be reduced drastically and lost money.

The outlook for the Christmas season of 1988 does not look any rosier. Although there was a 2.4 percent increase in sales, 1988 revenues for most retailers barely kept pace with inflation. Recently there has been a wave of billion-dollar buyouts and in an attempt to protect themselves, retailers have econo-

mized to the point where they are run by bookkeepers. At Olympic Sporting Goods in Bellevue, evidence of the season can be observed first hand. Stock count was depleted with no replenishment in sight and it was only November. A salesman stated, "What you see is what you get." As with this store and the major department stores merchants have cut stock to avoid the huge year end markdowns they faced the previous season. With many stores earning profits just above inflation, it is not surprising to see such tactics. Stores such as Marshall Fields and R.H. Macy are designing their own merchandise and discounting other products to keep sales moving.

Prospects in the Tri-Cities, however, are a whole lot merrier. As a whole, sales are up and business is good. Though not in the same league as the fancier and thus more expensive department stores, K-Mart reported that sales are humming right along, with a dramatic increase over

last year's sales. Last year's sales slumped when the N Reactor was pending a decision to lay off workers. At Columbia Center sales are also up, with many out of state shoppers contributing. Columbia Center general manager, Gary McCollum, said in the Tri-City Herald last week that the mall expects to sell 15,000 tax cards compared to last year's 11,000. Tax cards allow owners immunity from Washington State sales tax. The large draw of the mall has also helped area business, who at first thought the opening would drain customers away. With Christmas falling on a Sunday and a leap year, merchants have an extra shopping weekend to take in the profits.

With the nightmare of last Christmas season behind them, national department stores are stocking the bare minimum to avoid huge year end discounts. Even though area merchants are ringing up sales, shoppers who wait till the last minute may find little left but humbug.

A Modern Christmas Carol

by Jason Alderson

If one is looking for a movie full of Christmas cheer look no further. "Scrooged" is basically a modern version of Dicken's A Christmas Carol. Frank Cross, played by Bill Murray, is a cutthroat network executive who stomps on people in search of the elusive dollar. Following in the tradition of the classic, he is soon reformed after experiencing some spiritual therapy.

Bill Murray, noted for roles in such movies as "Stripes" and "Ghostbusters," does a fine job of acting in "Scrooge" with a ruthless manner and frank speech.

Murray, unlike Dicken's Scrooge, allows the crowd to laugh even when he is coldly firing someone before Christmas. With his many facial expressions, Murray makes a otherwise cruel situation into a laughable one.

This picture also has a dose of romance and compassion. These aspects round out the modern Scrooge by showing his influence

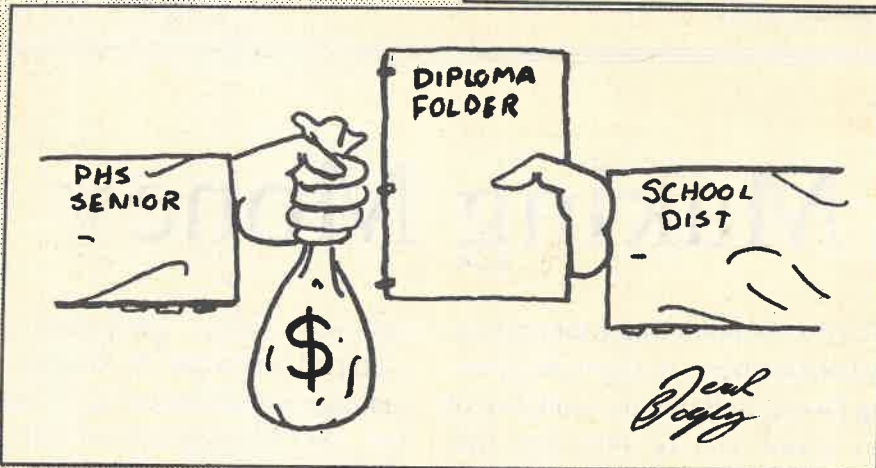
out of the business world. Frank has a past girlfriend whom he contacts but because of his cold and heartless ways they could never get together. There is even a representation of Tiny Tim. Frank Cross's secretary has a little boy who cannot speak after seeing his father killed. Since the Scrooge underpays his employees, there is no available funds for the secretary to provide therapy, or even a Christmas tree. Frank, after his reformation, literally bursts with sensitivity. The viewers should listen intently to his almost gaudy, but meaningful sermon he preaches to the world.

With all the hype and color in Christmas today it is easy to forget some of the basic principles of the season. It's the time of year when people should be merrier and thoughtful. "Scrooged" does a good job of reminding people of that. All in all, it was a humorous movie with a message everyone should take to heart.



Pasco High drew a record-breaking 128 pints at the blood drive on December 7. Sylvia McKenzin, a Red Cross worker at the drive, said, "This was an exceptionally successful draw... We have been very impressed with the students."

Newton's Law



by Dawn Newton

I think seniors are handed a really raw deal. We work in school for thirteen years, waiting for the day we graduate; waiting to walk down the aisle in your cap and gown in front of hundreds of people and to say to them all, "We finally made it!" It seems like a day well earned.

But guess what? The day you become a senior you suddenly owe money to the school. The amount has steadily increased each year, but it made a jump this year to twenty-two dollars. This pays for all sorts of wonderful things like your cap, your gown, your tassel, and your folder for your diploma. Last time I checked, we needed all these things to participate in graduation ceremonies. If I don't have twenty-two clams to spend, do I have to sit on the sidelines on June third? If a folder for my diploma isn't worth the money, do I just get a warm handshake when I graduate since you don't receive your diploma until after graduation?

I can see that the district shouldn't pay for everyone's cap and gown—it'd cost several thousand dollars, and they're a fairly necessary part of graduation. But a piddly thing like the folders for our diplomas? I've seen them, and I don't even think they're so wonderful, but either my parents or I have to shell out for it anyway. Great.

I've been told that we have to pay for our folders this year because graduation was too expensive last year, and we need to help pay.

If the folders are getting so darned expensive that the district can't afford them, and our school goes into debt paying for graduation, then it's time to do some comparison shopping, folks. Someone out there must put out a folder that's at least as exciting as the one we get, for less money. Maybe we could survive with a plain white matte folder. Does anybody out there really want a folder that badly? I think you'd be hard pressed to find someone who's really dying for one.

The way it is now, it seems like somebody's sticking it to the students just for graduating.

Staff Speaks

by Jay Greenwell

"Hey can't you hit any harder than that, or did your momma raise a wimp!!" This is an example of something you might hear from a very excited crowd at a Tri-City Americans hockey game. If you like football and boxing or enjoy seeing Rambo movies then you should discover the world of hockey! It's a bunch of guys flying around on ice with two thin blades holding them up. The two teams were slamming their bodies into each other, smashing opponents into the glass walls, throwing punches when they were angered. In their spare time on the ice, they were trying to get a small black rubbery thing, called a puck, into the opposite team's net which was being guarded by a player with enough armor and padding on to defuse a bomb. Take it from me the game is a total blast!!

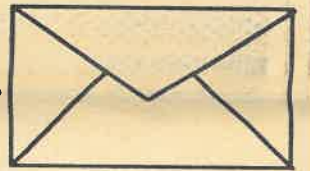
I went to see my first Tri-City Americans hockey game on Sunday, the fourth of December. They defeated the Kamloops Blazers four to three in overtime. I sat in section W seat eight, right next to the glass, and as far as I'm concerned that's the only place to

be. All night I had guys getting slammed into the glass right in front of my face. It was great seeing the faces of pain and anger as they would peel themselves off the glass and get back into the action with vengeance on their mind.

The breaks between the quarters weren't exactly boring either. During the first quarter break they gave a person with the matching number in their program the opportunity to win 100,000. They went onto the ice at a little past half court and shot the puck, trying to make it into a hole about a foot long and six inches high. During the second quarter break the lucky person with a special signature in their program was given the chance to go onto the ice and shoot the same shot as the person before, but this time for a new car from Simpson Toyota.

The new coliseum is a great place and they have a wonderful selection of food, too. So if you are looking for something to do, I seriously suggest you try a night of hockey with the Tri-City Americans and experience some real action!

Letters to the Editor



Dear PHS:

Homecoming 1988 was as near to perfect as it is possible to be. The assembly was fun, the Coronation was great, the game was super (We Won!), and the dance was just the best ever.

It seems appropriate that there should be a world of thanks to all of you for making Pasco Homecoming 1988 a very special event for the Smith family. We appreciated being a part of the Homecoming activity and are proud to be associated with a great institution and so fine a body of young people. We have the beautiful trophy clock which will remind us of each precious moment, (although we were in a bit of a daze while receiving it!) It is something we will always cherish.

Someday each of you young people may be citizens and parents too. Perhaps you will lend a hand to someone, just "be there" when needed, or love for the pure joy of loving. For the Smiths, that will be the best trophy of all.

Thanks and love to all,
Keith and Nolita Smith

Dear Editor,

I am outraged about an article recently published on the front page of the Wasco. I am inquiring about Jason Alderson's article entitled, Four More Years of Republican Rule. In the first sentence it states that, "George Bush became the nation's 41st president." The second sentence reads, "All was not lost, however for the Democrats strengthened the lead as the majority

in both the Senate and the House."

The second sentence does not imply that all was not lost for the democrats. It means that almost all was lost because George Bush won the election.

I suggest that the Wasco allow its readers to form their own opinions about the election, and avoid trying to sway the impressionable young minds at Pasco High School.

Sincerely,
Jad B. Meyer

The WASCO staff admits the error. Our reporter intended to point out that the Democrats didn't lose everything in the election. The confusion was created by a grammatical error.

-Ed.

Dear Editor,

I feel that students should be given a one hour lunch. The half an hour lunch that we have now does not give us enough time to go somewhere eat and get back to school on time. Also having two different lunches causes problems too, the people that stay at school or arrive early back from lunch cause disturbance in the halls. This is a big distraction for people who are in class. Having a one our lunch would also give students more time to do their homework. All that it would take to give us an hour lunch is each class would have to be cut by five minutes and what can you do in five minutes?

Sincerely,
Ron Wigger

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Record Review: "Forever and Ever"

by Noe'I Smith

"Forever And Ever" is the featured album for the month of December. It is Howard Hewett's second solo album and is definitely a happening item!

The first release on "Forever And Ever" is "Strange Relationship". It is an upbeat song that tells about a man who is being two-timed by his girlfriend. He can't eat, can't sleep, or put up with this strange relationship anymore.

"Once, Twice, Three Times" is a love ballad on the album. With lyrics like, 'Then I kissed you once, and my head started spinning/ twice, like a merry-go-round/ three times, and I fell so deep in love with you baby,' it is obvious that this selection is for lovers only.

The title song "Forever And Ever" is one of two gospel songs on the otherwise secular album. "Forever And Ever" contains lyrics like, 'We will feel his holy love, feel his holy peace, forever and ever.' While listening to this moving song it is almost impossible not to hum along. The soothing melody and meaningful lyrics of "Forever And Ever" put me in a wonderful mood and gave me a feeling of good-will toward myself and others as well. Hewett puts a lot of feeling into this song. Each and every word and beat seems to come straight from his soul. This is probably because Hewett is a born-again Christian. He gave his life to Jesus Christ in 1983 and has been a happier man ever since. His religious decision definitely comes through in "Forever And

Ever."

"Shakin' My Emotion" is a danceable song on the album. It does an excellent job of displaying Hewett's voice range. He hits the high notes just as solidly as the low notes. His voice control is tremendous in this selection.

"This Time" is a slow jam on the album. 'Who's to say what love intended/ happiness or tears to cry/ what's the game that fate will play this time/ can we say that love is real this time?' This song is a reuniting song. It's lyrics give the impression that the featured couple didn't actually have a reason for breaking up and just wanted to start fresh and forget about the past.

"Good-Bye Good Friend" is the second

gospel song on the album. It is about someone whose good friend dies and even though he misses him, he knows that his friend has gone to a better place. 'Where do I go from here, this is the strangest feeling I ever felt/ I can't get used to this emptiness/ it's hard to realize that the time has come to say good-bye good friend/ I'll see you again on the other side,' Hewett puts so much emotion into this song, it seems like he is singing from his own experience.

"Good-Bye Good Friend" is superb and so is the entire album. My only complaint is for the lack of danceable selections on the album. Other than that defect, I could truly listen to Howard Hewett's album "Forever And Ever!"

Car Corner



by Jay Greenwell

This month's Car Corner features Chris Wolf and his 1969 Plymouth Road Runner. The engine is a 440 with 410 horse power and a 440 torker high rise. Wolf acquired his car three days before his seventeenth birthday, but before he could drive it home he had to repair some broken parts. The car cost him \$1100. He raised the money with his paper route and by selling his CR-500 for \$750. Wolf stated, "The condition the car was in when I got it was pretty sad." Wolf has done a lot of work on his car. He

has buffed the exterior to make it look a little nicer until he can get it painted. Some cash went toward putting new heads on the engine because the old ones made the car overheat, but he says most of his money goes towards gas. Right now Wolf would like to sell his car because he is jobless and the car costs too much to drive.

When asked if there was anything else he would like to comment on he replied, "I just want everyone to know that Mopars RULE!"

Dear Sue: "I'm Hopelessly in Love"

Dear Sue,

I'm in quite a bind. I'm in love with this guy and I'm sure he has feelings for me, but he's going out with another girl who he won't break up with because he doesn't want to hurt her feelings. She has him and I don't! Help me!!

Signed, Hopelessly in love.

Dear Hopeless,

It sounds like the main reason you like him is because you can't have him. Stop and rethink your motives. He may be feeling sorry for you instead of her and doesn't know how to tell you. It's time for you to step out of the picture, or tell him a decision must be made.

Dear Sue,

I've been going out with a guy for two and one half years. He's in the armed forces and stationed in California. I am not sure of my feelings for him anymore. He calls every week and I always say I love him. He wants to marry me when I graduate, but I'm not sure anymore! Before, I would've jumped at the chance, but now I just don't know! Help!

Signed Hopelessly confused.

Dear Hopeless,

First of all, you may be too young to be making marital decisions. Give your future more of a chance. Time will reveal if you and he are meant to be. Regardless of how you feel about him, distance is a hard circumstance to deal with. Two and a half years is a long time and when you and he are

reunited I am sure if you really love him, you still will. I wish you luck!

Dear Sue,

What should I do? I need your help! I'm in love with Scott Phelp. Before I see snow, I would like him to know!

Signed Phelpless

Dear Phelpless,

There will soon be snow on the ground and he still won't know who you are. If you want him to know you should have signed your name.

If you have a concern or a problem, just write to Sue and she'll try to answer you in the WASCO, Rm. 263.



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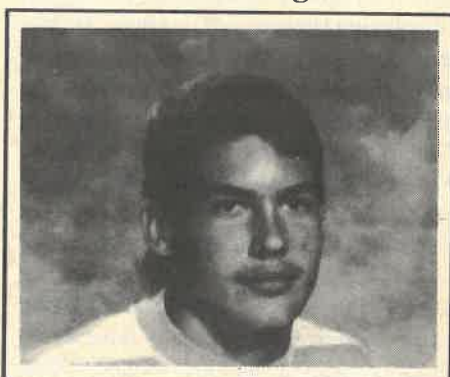
by Megan McDowell

One of this month's spotlighted athletes is gymnast Mayke Lentz. Lentz is a junior this year and has been a member of the PHS gymnastics team since it was introduced three years ago. Lentz used to play basketball and run track, but her strong interest in gymnastics and the time and attention it required pulled her away from them. She felt that to be competitive in her chosen sport, she needed to concentrate solely on gymnastics. She eventually began going to The Club, a place in Kennewick where gymnasts can go on Saturdays to practice and learn together with the help of experienced gymnasts, to improve and get a little extra practice.

Lentz believes that one thing that she has gotten out of gymnastics is confidence in herself. Although it is a very demanding sport physically, she believes that it has helped her greatly to become a stronger athlete.

Lentz plans to attend Eastern Washington University and major in elementary education. As of now, she does not anticipate gymnastics as a part of her future after high school. Lentz does, however, hope to be able to remain somewhat involved by coaching gymnastics through Pasco park and recreation during the summer.

"Our team is really new and young, but every year we get stronger and more competitive towards the other teams. Last year we had a couple girls placing right along with the other higher ranked teams so I anticipate us not only to place but to clinch some number one and number two positions. With a lot of hard work, a couple of us have the potential to make it to state, but we need support from the students and the faculty as well," stated Lentz.



Wade Hawes

by Megan McDowell

Another of this month's spotlighted athletes is junior Wade Hawes. Hawes plays football, wrestles, and runs track. On the football team Hawes plays safety and linebacker. In track he runs in the 4x100 meter relay and hurdles. This season Hawes hit the wrestling mats for his second varsity year.

Hawes has been wrestling for a total of five years now, including a number of years participating in camps. Hawes wrestles at 168 pounds and spends much of his time maintaining this weight. Hawes practices daily from 3:00 to 5:30, with vigorous conditioning, running, and weight lifting.

"I think that if we continue to give as much effort as we have so far we will have a very good team. Right now a lot of seniors are ineligible, but there are a lot of people picking up the slack. One of the things that some of us say to help encourage each other is 'candle in the pocket'. I am hoping to have a very successful season," stated Hawes.

Hawes's plans for athletics in the future include a hope to receive some type of athletic scholarship to either a community college or a four year college.



Wrestlers Start Strong

by Chad Gilley

Stay after school and go upstairs and look around. You will notice some very hard working people running laps and trying to get in shape for their up-coming wrestling matches.

The wrestlers work very hard each day trying to lose weight so that they are qualified at the weigh-in. "You really have to watch what you eat because people don't realize how quickly something can affect you," stated Shaun Guajardo, a junior wrestler.

"The team puts a lot into everything that they do. They have to! If you don't work at

getting better then you won't and it really shows when you are out on the mat," commented coach Sanford. The team is expected to do very well as a group, yet there will be a lot of individual competition.

Many people probably don't realize the talent that exists in our team since Santos Gallegos and other wrestlers have graduated.

The team has a tough act to follow. Pasco has always had a good team with such highlights as Jay Covington, Kelly Silvers, Chad Stone, and last years star Santos Gallegos. However, they work hard and will defeat many of their challengers.

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"Then I got that awful phone call."

"SHE'D NEVER CALLED ME BEFORE. We'd just been together a couple of times. So she tells me she's pregnant. I mean, I didn't know what to say. There's just this silence on the phone until she asks if I died."

She sounds like she's burnt out on crying and you don't know what to do. It's like you're a blank.

The worst part is I wake up in the morning and it just rushes at me. Quit school. Get married. Run away from it. I don't know.

I didn't know then and I don't know now.

All I know is all the ways it shouldn't have happened. All those easy ways. But it's a little too late for that, I guess. Too late this lifetime, for me."

Nobody has all the answers about sex. But keep in mind that a million teen girls get pregnant every year. Which means a million guys don't hear the end of it. Here's your choice. You can take responsibility when it's easy or you can wait until it's impossible. Don't make a big mistake. If you need help or information, call us. That's what we're here for.

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Commentary:

"Herald's" Tim Murray Has Gotten Blurry

by Chad Gilley

The Tri-City Herald, a newspaper that we all, as residents of this area, rely heavily upon to give us accurate and good information. However, have any of you noticed the biased opinions and style that they have shown for the past few years.

I picked up the paper during football season and thought I would read a good article. Pasco had just defeated Walla-Walla the night before and it was an upset. The so called experts had bragged all week long about how the Walla-Walla team would crush Pasco. Therefore, I was right, it was

an upset! But rather than express that or even give the Pasco players a slight comment on how well they had done, Tim Murray wrote a little article that was about 4 inches long and never once mentioned the skill of our team. On the same page were large and lengthy reviews of the other Tri-City teams.

This really tick's me off! The Herald, a supposed reliable and fair source, is so bad that they can't even give us a good headline. Look around and you will see things like "Kennewick crushes Wa-Hi!" or "Richland

still the best in the land". Then look at the recognition we get, "Pasco squeaks by Walla-Walla", and it is in smaller type than the story!

You rarely see a picture of our games unless we lose. That is another thing. If we win they don't care and if we lose, they have a heyday! I can just see it now. They are in their little old office when someone comes in and says, "Pasco won tonight." The reply is, "Do you think we really care?" Then, next week comes along and someone says, "Pasco lost to so-and-so". So that fair

and reliable man that we all love so dearly, Tim Murray, starts running around like a mad man yelling and screaming, "Get the press' rolling. I want a great big picture and boldfaced type when we talk about the score!"

This has happened to many times and we have heard to many excuses!

Come on Tim Murray, get it together! After all, as long as you write this way about Pasco, the longer we will write like this about you and at least we can support our articles with facts!!

Boys' Basketball Team Hopes for '88 Rebound

by Megan McDowell

This year's boys' basketball team has high hopes for a great season. With five returners from last year's team, their opportunity to be successful is equal to, or better, than any in the league.

"This year's team has adequate experience and talent to be very successful. However, it must learn to play disciplined and aggressive basketball," stated coach Mike Guajardo.

The key strength of this team is it's ability to shoot and score. Senior Tony Beo is a third year varsity returner. Last year Beo averaged 18 points a game and was a key player. Another key player is junior Ben Neff. This is Neff's second year on the team. He is the inside man for Pasco and is expected to be one of the main contributors for the team. Coach Guajardo also believes that senior Leo Curiel can be a big scorer.

Based on the rest of the league, Pasco has the potential to do well. This season its toughest competitor will be Walla Walla.

"With Walla Walla returning most of their players, they will be a tough team to beat," stated Guajardo. But Guajardo also believes that they have the talent to beat them, or anyone else, if they can improve on their weaknesses. As of now, their greatest weakness is their defense. With pressure defense they have adequate speed, but they must be disciplined enough to do what it takes to force teams into making mistakes.

"If we can be patient on offense and disciplined on defense we can be competitive in every game," says Guajardo. This is coach Guajardo's main expectation for his team.

This team will have many opportunities to do well this season. Let's all get out and support our team and cheer them on to victory!

League Title a Goal for Girls' Basketball

by Chad Gilley

The leaves are on the ground and it is once again basketball season. The season officially opened on November 20th and the first practice for girl's was held the same day.

After a strong fourth-place finish at state in the 87-'88 season, this year's team is expected to do extremely well. Among returning players on varsity are: Kendi Keeney, Megan McDowell, Debbie Sporchich, Chanda Tebay, Carla Alford, Shannon O'Leary, and Katie Primus.

Kendi Keeney, a third year varsity player, stated, "If we play up to our ability, we can't

be beat!" This is because they are a very experienced team and function as a group rather than as individuals.

As many of you already know, the girls opened with wins against two of our "cross-river rivals", Kennewick and Kamiakin, during the jamboree. What a way to open!

Coach John Shimek, who has been coaching the Pasco girl's varsity for 7 years, commented, "We are working hard and doing very well. I expect us to really peak when playoffs roll around."

The team has done extremely well and we wish them the best of luck.

"Letters", continued from p. 2

Dear Editor,

I think that school should buy up-to-date movies. It is very hard to pay attention to the movie when everyone is wearing bell bottoms.

Fashion plays a major role in our society. If you want to students attention, then the movies should be within this era. The actors also present the movie or film in a dull way.

Current movies may have violence or bad language, but I believe that we are mature enough to handle it. We could always get a written note from our parents if the movie rating is something else besides "G".

There is nothing more irritating than a film with just a speaker. If they want students to pay attention, then the films should be more interesting.

Sincerely,
Nicole Nicacio

Dear Editor,

I think the heaters should be fixed for the wintertime and the air conditioning should be installed in the old wing for the summertime.

In the winter it's too cold in the classrooms and students have to wear their coats and it is uncomfortable to do the work in coats.

In the summertime, it gets too hot and students are uncomfortable and can't concentrate on their work. Since students can't wear shorts, the school should at least have air conditioning in the summertime.

I think that the ASB should be able to raise money to fix the heating and air conditioning system if they can raise money to pay for a club's debt, such as the band. I also think that the money that the ASB is planning to give to some students to go to another country should be put to better use, such as to fix the heating and air conditioning system in this school. This fund would then benefit our entire school, which is the ASB's purpose.

Sincerely,
Carmen Mendez

Hitting the Slopes



by Megan McDowell

It is that time of year again when hundreds of people, young and old, will hit the snow covered slopes for fun-filled days of skiing. Many Tri-Citians will pack up their gear and head for a number of different ski areas, but the favorites around this area are Bluewood, White Pass, and Spout Springs.

Bluewood is probably the most popular of the three for the Tri-City area. It is around an hour and a half away from Pasco. It has two lifts and a platter pull. The runs range from beginner to expert. Some of the favorite runs are Huckleberry, which is an "ad-

vanced beginner" run that consists of a number of turns and some semi-steep areas. Skyline, which is for intermediate skiers, consists of some steeper areas and a number of moguls, bumps and jumps in the run. For those people who prefer to ski off trail in the trees there is a run designed for such skiing — Jesse's run.

Another popular ski area for the Tri-Cities is White Pass. White Pass has 4 lifts, a platter pull, and a rope tow. It's runs also range from beginner to expert. One of the popular runs at White Pass is Cascade. It is the longest and consists of a couple of turns, some steep areas and a few jumps.

The third area that is not as popular with the downhill skiers, but is a favorite of the cross-country skiers is Spout Springs. There are a number of ski trails, ranging from half a mile to 7 or 8 miles. Although it is known to be more of a cross country area, there are a few downhill slopes, but they are mainly for beginner skiers.

All of these places can be fun, so try them all out to have a great ski season. See you on the slopes!

Foreign Exchange

by Paula McMakin

"My dream to come to the United States has finally become reality," says Norito Takenaka.

He is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Covington until March. Since school in Japan starts in April and ends in March, he will be getting back just in time for vacation.

Takenaka has a brother in the state attending a Jr. College in Seattle.

He enjoys wrestling, watching movies and listening the radio.

Takenaka's goal for the year is to be able to speak English fluently.

"I was surprised to see that almost all the roads here are straight," says Takenaka.

Takenaka has spent a week in California during the summer with his host family.

"We went to Universal Studios, Disneyland, and The Hard Rock Cafe. It was a lot of fun," says Takenaka.

by Paula McMakin

"Everything is a lot bigger here. The trees are huge and the sky seems to go on forever. I love the view, especially the sunset," says Masayo Fukuhara.

Fukuhara has spent the past eight months here as a foreign exchange student. She is from Chiba, Japan. Fukuhara came to the United States to experience new things.

"I am very interested in American life," says Fukuhara.

Fukuhara is staying with Lisa Peterson and her family until March, when she will be going back home to get ready for the following school year.

"My host family is planning on taking me to Arizona and Mexico over Christmas vacation. I can't wait," says Fukuhara.

She enjoys playing golf and snow skiing. "I started doing both of these a couple years ago," says Fukuhara.

Auto Shop Running Smoothly

by Paula McMakin

You will find the Auto Mechanics students doing everything from oil changes to rebuilding engines.

"Auto Mechanics is a good class because you don't have to spend all your money on expensive labor charges when you need minor repairs done," says Junior Chad Boothe.

Scott Salisbury, the Auto Mechanic's Instructor, covers brakes, lube and cooling systems, tune-ups, and electrical systems with the first year students. He goes over the same subjects only more in depth with his second year students.

"My second year students have an opportunity to take the class for two hours," adds Salisbury.

There is only two things Salisbury won't work on in class. "We don't do wheel alignments because the equipment needed to do it would cost about \$1000.00 and transmission work because there is not enough room in the shop," says Salisbury.

"Most of my students take Auto Mechan-

ics as a hobby and to learn 'what makes their wheels go,'" says Salisbury.

"I have learned a lot more than I expected. Mr. Salisbury is very good at teaching and explaining auto mechanics," says Senior Shawn Montgomery.

Some Auto Mechanics students are really serious about their work and plan on going into the mechanics field. As Brent Baldwin put it, "I have already learned a lot and I hope to obtain all the knowledge possible from this course. This class has inspired me to fulfill my dream of being a mechanic."

About 45 students are in Auto Club. The members pay fees of \$5.00 a year and try to meet every Thursday night after school.

"Each year the Auto Club members go to the Renegade Raceway in May and compete in the Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest. The students get extra time to work in the shop. We also design the Auto Shop jackets each year. This year we have the jackets, hats, and shirts with the same design on them," says Salisbury.

Bulldogs of the Month



This Month's Bulldog of the Month is Denae Monson. She is involved in Stage Choir, Concert Choir, and Treble Choir at Pasco High. Monson was chosen to sing in an all girls choir called All Northwest Choir. She and other top students from other states will attend and be professionally recorded. Monson was also chosen to sing in a mixed choir in Seattle with girls and boys from all over Washington. Monson's extracurricular activities also include being an organist at her church, participating in her church Youth Group and serving on the Seminary Council. She is an ASB representative as well. In her other spare time she teaches piano lessons to 16 students and takes her own lessons. She has received many different awards throughout her life including the John Philip Sousa Award and high honors from the National Guild for her piano playing. Monson's GPA is 3.8 and in the future she would like to attend BYU where she will major in music. Monson's words of wisdom are, "He who chooses the beginning of a road, chooses the place which it leads."

This month's Bulldog of the Month is Chris Parks. He is involved in many extracurricular activities such as music, acting, and learning how to play many different instruments including the bass and electric guitar, key boards, and drum set. He also is working with sound and lighting systems.

Parks GPA is 3.3 and his plans for the future are going to college at Green River Community, the Grove School of Music or the Vocal Institute. In the future you'll be able to see Parks in the concert and jazz choir. Parks word to his fellow seniors are, "We all need to cut loose!!"



A.S.B. Rep of the Month



Tate Andrews



by Paula McMakin

This month's Business Student of the month is Angie Wick. She is currently working at Battelle Northwest in the contracts department, where her job includes filing, answering phones, typing, distributing, and working on the computer.



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Here Come The Brides!

by Shelley Perkins

How many of you are thinking of tying the knot? The consumers education class learned how and could tell you everything they know. A mock wedding took place in the church across the street from P.H.S. on Friday the ninth of December.

Mrs. Murray is the coordinator for this wedding education. "The students get hands on experience at the ceremony," comments Murray. The only big differences are the facts that no one is really getting married and there are not as many detailed things such as ushers and bridesmaids.

This year senior Kevin Wells took a very special part in the fake ceremony. He was an assistant pastor. "Like father like son," says Norma Peralta about Wells's place in the mock wedding.

Why did the wedding take place in a real church instead of in class? Well, simply

because most people will not be rude and obnoxious in the Lord's house. Murray thought that it would be the best for the situation.

Murray's 4th hour class asked to have this experience in order to learn more about wedding procedures and costs. So the wedding mostly consisted of fourth hour Consumers Ed., but some of the students in the other classes asked to participate and did also. Although not everyone participated in the actual wedding ceremony, all of the classes had to plan a wedding, budget, and be familiar with costs and materials.

Congratulations to the following couples: Shane Bruce & Chris Davis, Tommy Carroll & Trevor Quesenberry, Chris Cortinas & Allison Price, Aaron Crayne & Noel Smith, Mike Crow & Tiffany Nayen, Todd Humphrey & Merilyn Collins, Jodi Caloway & Leonel Curiel.

A.S.B. Update

For those interested in what's happening in the ASB, here's a summary of what's going on and what's being planned.

"The ASB is very busy planning Christmas activities. We have the canned food drive and maybe a New Years Eve dance," said Shawna Sweeney, the ASB president.

The ASB will be unable to sponsor the Christmas dance this year because of a BSU sponsored after-game dance on the same night. There is a chance, though, that there might be a New Years Eve dance to take its place.

If a proposal is presented to Mr. Reynolds, there is a chance that there would be a study hall for those not interested in attending pep assemblies in the future. Last year students had a choice whether or not they went to pep assemblies, this year they are supposed to be mandatory.

Tate Andrews and Norma Peralta were

appointed to check into ASB sponsoring an athlete of the month.

It was decided at this meeting that the band was not in debt and did not need a loan from the ASB.

If the food drive, starting November 30, can produce 600 or more cans from each class students will be able to have open containers for a trial period.

One of the reps asked why guys can't wear baseball caps in class. When a member of the administration was asked, the answer was that they were ungentlemanly and improper attire.

You can voice your opinions on these and other issues in your second hour class when your ASB speaks to your class. You can tell them your opinions, give them suggestions, and tell them how you would like them to vote.

TAVSC Has a Lot to Offer

by Jasha Droppo

There are many reasons why some people have not considered the option of going to TAVSC (Tri-City Area Vocational Skills Center). Some people think that it might waste three hours of their school day, and others think they won't learn anything useful. "Some people" may be wrong.

A lot goes on in the usual two and a half hours that each class meets. Students first learn basic theories, and then are allowed to apply what they learned in a job-like setting. In this way, a double goal is achieved. The students get technical training in the line of work they will most likely pursue, and they also get a feel for what it is like to work in that field. As a result, TAVSC students are, on the whole, well prepared for the job market immediately after graduation.

Furthermore, most TAVSC classes are worth three credits towards graduation. This makes up for the three classes that are missed when you take a class there. Those

three credits can either be used towards those necessary for graduation or, in some classes it is possible to get specific English, Math, or Science credits. For instance, you can get English credits for taking a course about being a health unit coordinator, and science or math credits for taking welding.

There are also numerous other bonuses for taking a TAVSC class. Since some of the courses are taught at C.B.C., Advanced Placement is possible and students can go to C.B.C. with a few credits under their belt. One of the best advantages, however, is that TAVSC is completely, absolutely, positively free to anyone in an area high school.

In class you can meet people from all over the area. Besides seeing your friends from Pasco High, you can also meet students from Columbia, Hanford, Kamiakin, Kennewick, Kiona-Benton, Pasco Alternative, Richland Alternative, Richland, and River-view High School. This also helps towards developing a job-like atmosphere as students learn to work with new people.

Metal Tech Forges Ahead

by Shelley Perkins

Metal Technology? Just what exactly is metal technology? Sophomore, Jerry Welch answered, "What metals are made of." Senior, Kevin Wells seems to think that this class consists of learning heavy metal music or sound. Well, guys, try again!

This class is all about metals and the several different kinds of things that can be done with metals. The students work with different machines, do sheet metal work, learn to heat and forge metal, weld, and a few more interesting things.

The advanced class this year has about eight students and the beginning class averages 18 in each of its two periods. Mr. Moffit, the instructor for this class, has the students go through classroom work about one day a week. In class the students learn how to use the metals and what kinds of information is needed to do hands on work in the shop.

Metal technology is a vocational class, where the state pays for equipment and tools needed in the work shop to learn. The state funds money to this class based on the number of students enrolled. Machines, computers, tools, and metals are some of the important things needed in this class for a successful learning environment.

According to Moffit, a lot of people feel that there are no more jobs for welding, machinery, or craft and trade, but he says, "There are jobs out there!" Hanford is not the only industry with jobs for these quali-

fications." It is true that machines are doing a lot more welding for big jobs but machines cannot do everything, good experienced workers are needed to do detailed work and miscellaneous welding. "You may not find a good job in the Tri-Cities, but there are many jobs outside that are available," says Moffitt.

Maybe you don't intend to be in this line of work, but this class isn't only taken by students seeking a career in this area. Some students feel that this class is an opportunity to learn something different and still get a credit. Math and science credits are given in all shop classes as a result of dealing with both basic subjects while working.

Many students really enjoy this class including sophomore Josh Texley who says, "I enjoy the class. I get a wide variety of working with different kinds of metals, and we all become more knowledgeable about working with machinery."

Concerning the overall education in the class, junior Christopher Wolf says, "I am learning how to become a better welder which will help me in the future whether I go into a welding field or need welding experience for a job at home for myself."

An advanced student junior Joe Garcia, feels that this class is a good class to take for experience. "There are many fields a man could go into if he has welding and machinery experience. Not just specifically welding, but it is a good experience to have on any resume. I really like the class because it is very interesting."



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