

# The WASCO

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## Is the Tri-Cities Becoming a Place for Tourists??

by Tracie Jacobs

Is the Tri-Cities going to be a place for tourists? It seems so with all the coming attractions. This past year may not have been good for some people, but as for the Tri-Cities, it brought new hopes for some excitement in this humble home of ours. The Tri-Cities has always been looked at as a fun place to live.....if you go out of town. Now maybe our neighboring towns will come here to have some fun.

The newest and biggest attraction that will be coming to the Tri-Cities in September

thirty-two thousand tickets were sold. The coliseum will be located near the Benton County Justice Center.

The coliseum's main purpose is to hold

### WHEN THE MALL IS COMPLETE IT WILL BE THE LARGEST IN EASTERN WASHINGTON

hockey games. There are four teams in the region that will be competing here; they are from Seattle, Spokane, Portland, and the Tri-Cities. They will also be competing against teams from Canada. The Western Hockey League will draft players for the Tri-Cities team. But the coliseum will be used for much more than just hockey; it will be open to the public for ice skating and it will also have tractor pulls, rodeos, pageants, conventions, basketball, and CONCERTS!! "We will put in just about anything that will fit," stated Marvin Kinney, the economic developing coordinator for the city of Kennewick. They will try to hold two concerts a month. The coliseum will hold approximately 5,500 people for hockey games and 7,200 people for concerts. It is said that the coliseum will bring

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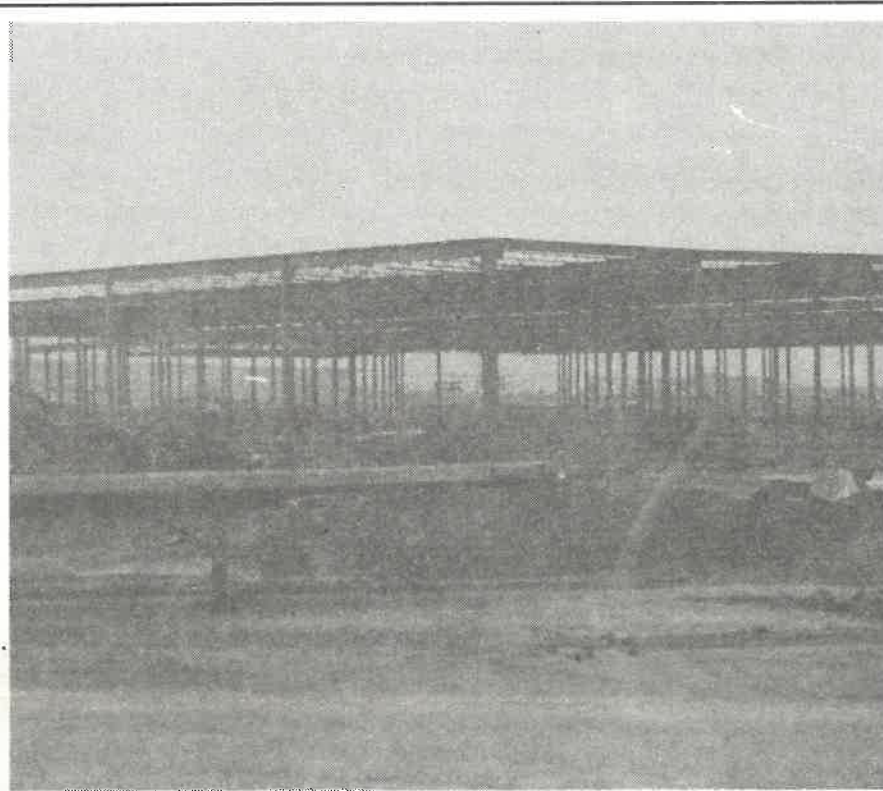
1988 is the coliseum. The developer is Ron Dickenson from Vancouver, British Columbia. He made a proposal that if the Tri-



Cities sold two thousand pre-season tickets at \$20 apiece, he would build a coliseum in the Tri-Cities. Between thirty-one and

in approximately 30 to 40 million dollars a year.

Avid shoppers will be glad to know the



The new wing, under construction, in the west end of Columbia Center

Columbia Center is expanding. Allied Stores has bought the mall and is remodeling and expanding. It will extend on the west side into a Y configuration. Sears from Pasco will be moved to one point of the Y and Lamonts will be located at the other. An estimated forty new stores will be

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built, including the food services. The expansion is projected to be completed in the latter part of the year, around November. When the mall is complete it will be the largest in eastern Washington.

Those who don't like to shop and enjoy making clothes will be happy to know there will be more than just Hancock Fabrics and House of Fabrics, because Fabric Land is coming to Kennewick. It will no longer be necessary to travel the distance to Richland,

because Fabric Land will be located south of the new Costco and is planned to be completed in the spring.

**IT (THE COLISEUM) WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ICE SKATING AND IT WILL ALSO HAVE TRACTOR PULLS, RODEOS, PAGEANTS, CONVENTIONS, BASKETBALL, AND CONCERTS!!**

The Wild n' Wet water park also has plans for expansion. The water park is owned by the city of Kennewick, but the operator wants to buy. They also want to buy the five acres surrounding the park. The operator has plans to install a wave tech pool and enclose it so it will be a year round activity.

Those who are always having trouble trying to decide what they are going to do will no longer have this problem. For the person who likes shopping, ice skating, concerts, hockey games, year round swimming and many of the other activities mentioned above, then the future Tri-Cities is the place to be. Hopefully people can start having a great time here in the Tri-Cities and they won't have to go out of town to enjoy themselves.



## Jodi Writes



by Jodi Morasch

Public school officials have broad powers to censor student newspapers, the Supreme Court declared January 18, 1988 in a decision which restricts the protection that high school journalists may claim under the first amendment.

The court ruled that a principal in Hazelwood, Montana did not violate students' rights to free speech by deleting articles on teenage pregnancy and the impact of divorce in a student newspaper.

This decision marks the third time in three years that the Supreme Court has ruled that students do not have the same constitutional rights that adults do. It would seem that the once liberal courts of the 60's and 70's are beginning a new era of conservatism amidst the decade of the open minded eighties. Yet, as recently as November of 1987, the Student Press Law Center of Washington D.C. stated in a pamphlet sent out to the advisers of student publications that students do have First Amendment rights. "Students have the right to voice their opinions and write about the issues that concern them just like every other American." It goes on to say that, as agents of the state or local government, public school officials are prohibited by the First Amendment from censoring most student speech.

At Pasco High the Wasco receives no censorship, although a controversial story may be reviewed before publication. Principal censorship is rare, if ever, leaving the advisor to fulfill his or her responsibility to guide the staff. But many student publications may not be enjoying the same freedom, especially with the new court decisions.

As editor of a student publication I feel that the student press is entitled to the same rights as adults in the journalism field. Because an individual is younger does not necessarily mean they are incapable of writing mature, informative pieces on controversial subjects.

There are many controversial issues that affect teens today and they should be able to report on such issues, as well as read about them. Of course common sense and mature judgment must prevail. There is a fine line between controversy and poor taste. A reporter must decide if the subject is one that is truly newsworthy. In addition, a reporter must be careful to delete any personal opinion and be sure to show both sides of the issue, as well as the facts.

By following these simple guidelines, a student journalist can be just as professional as any adult reporter. In effect, students are entitled to the same First Amendment rights that adults are. As the Supreme Court stated in 1969, "It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional right to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." This still rings true today.

## The Wasco

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Letters  
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Dear Editor,

I am really upset by the audacity of some people. I feel that the unkind, rude comments about certain cheerleaders is showing how childish certain people are. When it comes to writing things on library tables and on the walls of the bathroom it becomes a little ridiculous. If the person has a grudge or wants revenge with the other person take it up with them. There is no need for expressing it to the whole student body just because you have a problem with someone.

Sincerely,  
S.L.

Dear Editor,

I am deeply concerned with the safety of the people who drive to school. Some people tend to leave their brains in the backseat when they drive. I have noticed many times people racing up and down Henry St. at speeds faster than man was ment to travel. They squeel their tires, and tear up the street as fast as they can. These people must be really starved for attention to ruin their cars and endanger other motorists to get it. What can we do to make it safe to drive your car on the streets again?

Hoping everyone has good reflexes,

Chris Rhoads



by Rosa Peralta

Do you sports players ever feel like dropping all of your equipment, leaving that loud mouth coach behind, and going home to be a couch potato? Do these phrases "I give up; I can't handle it; I can't take it any more; I wish I were dead, that way everything would be all right!" sound familiar? Don't kid yourself! This super negative attitude will get you nowhere.

Coping with problems out on the court or field is about the hardest thing that an athlete will do in that sport or event. For an athlete to be able to keep his head, it takes a great deal of patience and dedication. Some people put down jocks' and jockettes' intellectual ability, calling them dumb, airheads, and igno-

rant. But to be an athlete you must dedicate yourself to your sport and always listen to your coach, like it or not.

Not dealing with the problems and deciding to give up and just completely forget about the whole situation is not the best thing to do. As you probably already know, it will only make matters worse. Have you ever thought about talking to someone like a friend or a natural helper, or maybe even your coach or that person you have been having problems with? There are thousands of people out there who are willing to listen, but don't wait for them to figure out that there is something wrong. Reach out and let yourself be touched by someone special who cares.

Staff  
Speaks



## Mr. Dong:

## ASB's Teacher of the Month

By Brian Miles

"This month the ASB and class officers chose Jeff Dong as the teacher of the month because he has helped ASB and many people with their activities. Mr. Dong helped ASB have a very successful canned-food drive by making it a class competition. Without him the canned food drive would not have received as many cans and boxes of food. Also, his Key Club members dressed-up as Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, Frosty, etc., and gave presents to children in Pasco School District's special education program and the Benton-Franklin Developmental Facility. Overall, Mr. Dong has supported and given a lot of his time to the students and ASB for the month of December," commented Marivel Rojas, ASB president.

Teacher of the Month is a new idea created by the ASB (Associated Student Body) and selected by ASB officers, for the purpose of

honoring those Pasco High teachers who put in the extra time and effort with the goal of bettering students' lives and improving their community.

When asked why he was so supportive of



the ASB activities, Dong replied, "A motto I learned from Key Club is: 'Caring is our way of life.'"

Dong has made an enthusiastic effort to motivate his classes to participate in ASB

activities. During December, Dong's classes brought in over 4,000 cans to contribute to the canned-food drive. Dong's third hour AP history class alone brought in about 1500 cans and was rewarded with a prime rib dinner.

Besides teaching history and AP (Advanced Placement) history classes, Dong has advised Key Club for the last 19 years, and has been the head tennis coach for the past 15 years.

Overall, Dong was "surprised" to have received this honor and be presented with a plaque and flowers by the ASB. Dong commented, "I wish to thank the ASB for this honor; however, I have heard that a committee picks the Teacher of the Month. I believe if this is true, then a small minority picks the teachers to be honored. If this is to be an honor bestowed by the ASB, then either the ASB representatives or the student body should vote each month."

## News Briefs

### Interhigh Meetings

by Noe'I Smith

Once a month ASB officers from the Big Nine schools get together in what is called an interhigh meeting to share ideas on many school related subjects.

"Interhigh meetings are good because they give all the schools a chance to brainstorm on different things. They have given me a chance to see how much alike various high schools can be. Aside from all the good times I've had, they've been a great learning experience," said Scott Sunblad, Senior Class President.

Each meeting is hosted by a different school. The school that hosts the meeting also chooses the topic that will be discussed. These topics range from ways to raise money to fast and easy ways to decorate for a dance.

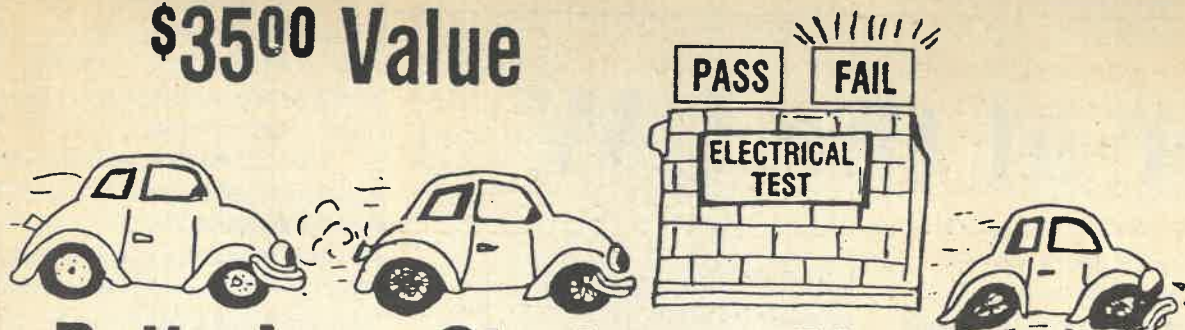
Interhigh meetings give the elected ASB officers the opportunity to get acquainted and talk about things that are relevant to the issues of their schools.

"Interhigh meetings are fun and interesting. I've learned more about leadership by attending these meetings than I ever thought I would," said Norma Peralta, Junior Class President.

Annually, the junior officers of the Interhigh meetings give a \$200 scholarship to senior. The recipient is selected according to the following criteria: his or her involvement in the community, academic excellence and abilities to communicate well with others. Wendy Vail, last year's ASB President, was the 86-87 recipient of the scholarship.

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# SAC: Not Just a Club

by Brian Miles

Club presidents have more obligation than they probably were aware of. As SAC (Student Activity Council) representatives, they now will begin regulating all club money making projects with the help of the SAC officers and Jenn Riley, SAC president. This was a direct result of a three hour conference with Principal Ray Reynolds concerning constitutional responsibilities, included in Pasco High's constitution, that have been neglected for the past ten years. Reynolds, Riley and Marivel Rojas, ASB president, all agreed that it was SAC's constitutional right to "conduct business concerning the recognized clubs of P.H.S.," and act upon the other duties assigned by the constitution.

"SAC can now start meeting and begin taking the first steps toward organizing the regulation of fund raisers, so as not to have, for example, four candy sales at the same time, making it four times harder for each club to sell their goods," commented Riley. She added, "The club presidents have been notified of a meeting of the Student Activity Council to discuss this 'new' responsibility; however, plans and goals cannot be enacted until each club member of every

club understands SAC's true role."

In the December issue of the Wasco an editorial was published portraying the role or duties of SAC, which have been forgotten over a period of ten years. These duties were taken directly from Article XI of P.H.S.'s constitution, and include:

- A. To enact needed legislation for the normal function of the association.
- B. To set up any committee which is necessary for the association.
- C. It will be the responsibility of organizing and carry ing out these: Home coming and Spring Day Assembly.
- D. SAC shall regulate all club money-making projects.

All of these duties, except for organizing and carrying out Homecoming and Spring Day Assembly, have been ignored by student government or absorbed by the ASB.

Riley commented, "As of now, I have contacted each club president and adviser. This year, since the school activity calender has pretty much been set for the year, I will devote my time to the education of the club officers as to their responsibilities to SAC; that's all I can do. Also, we (SAC) will make it our goal to enlighten and motivate future generations. Hopefully, through the

process, a more vast student participation in SAC and school government will be created.

In conclusion, Jenn Riley and SAC officers are in the process of trying to create "a more vast student participation in SAC and school government" by educating SAC representatives (club presidents) as to their responsibilities portrayed by the constitution of P.H.S., with hopes of a complete, functional school government and smooth-running school activities.

Riley added, "I agree that the constitutional role of SAC has not been carried out in the past ten years; but, realistically we cannot change the role of this organization in one year. I also feel it is crucial that SAC and ASB work together. If the ASB could run more efficiently with some extra help from SAC, that's great! However, just pulling away jobs the ASB has taken over for SAC would be detrimental to both organizations. We should keep a balance between the ASB and SAC, but this adjustment must be a subtle one."

## News Briefs

## Business Student of the Month



by Norma Peralta

January's Business Student of the Month is Laine Hall, a senior with a 3.0 grade point average.

Some of the things that Hall enjoys doing is playing sports, reading, creative writing, and most of all he loves to procrastinate.

Hall is currently enrolled in two business classes, which are accounting and computer math.

Hall's goals for this year are to graduate, to attend college although he is still undecided as to what career he will pursue.

When asked how he feels to be Business Student of the Month Hall replied, "I didn't expect to receive this award."

# A Summer at the UW

by Rosa Peralta

High school students can start college before they finish high school with a special University of Washington Summer Quarter program.

Through the Advanced Study Program, students with grade point averages of at least 3.5 can attend regular UW Summer Quarter courses. Courses can be audited or

taken for credit. Credits can be later applied to degrees at the UW or transferred to other colleges or universities.

The program, open to those who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in autumn 1988, starts June 20 and ends Aug. 19 (some courses meet June 20-July 20 or July 21-Aug. 19). The cost for students taking 10 or

more credits will be \$597.

Admission requirements and application procedures are described in detail in "Earn College Credit Now," a free brochure available from Summer Quarter Marketing, GH-24, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 98195, (206) 543-2300, Ext. 363.

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## "Tokyo" Exchange

### Fumi Yamasaki

by Beckie Bernard

Fumi Yamasaki, a foreign exchange student from Osaka, Japan, staying with her host family Alan and Deanne Fielding, is currently attending Pasco High School for the 1987-88 school year.

Along with the required classes of a senior, including U.S. History and World Literature, Yamasaki is enrolled in Algebra/Trigonometry, Consumer Education, French, Home Economics, and is a member of the Foreign Exchange Club.

Yamasaki enjoys playing the piano, reading books, watching baseball and basketball games, and swimming.

Yamasaki decided to become a part of the foreign exchange program mainly for the opportunity to see the country for herself and to be able to stay with an American family.

Yamasaki views the American schools as being "easier with more cheerful people" as compared to the stricter schools of Japan, full of more serious and quiet people.

During the year, Yamasaki hopes to polish up her English skills and then will return to



her home in Japan where she will attend high school for two years, after which she will attend a university to study journalism, and pursue T.V. or newspaper writing.

When asked what her main goal was for this year, Yamasaki replied, "I want to talk with many American students."

To sum up her trip to America so far, Yamasaki feels, "I'm glad I came."

### Asako Tomonaga

by Beckie Bernard

Attending school here at Pasco High School, Asako Tomonaga, a foreign exchange student from Kanazawa, Japan, came to Pasco to further her understanding of the English language and to complete her dream of seeing the country.

Tomonaga, one of the few students chosen to come to the United States on the foreign exchange program, will study with the American students for a year at P.H.S. She then will return to her country in June, where she will attend school for another seven months, graduate, and then will further her studies in either an American or Japanese university.

Tomonaga is currently enrolled in a six hour schedule at P.H.S. and is a member of the Foreign Exchange Club.

Tomonaga's hobbies include shopping for clothes with her friends, watching movies, and listening to music.

"Japan is a clean country, full of tourists, castles, temples, big parks, and is full of beautiful cherry blossoms in April," To-



monaga explained.

Although Tomonaga likes her country, she likes America much more.

"I like it here. I don't want to go back. I like the school and my host family here."

## Bulldogs of the Month

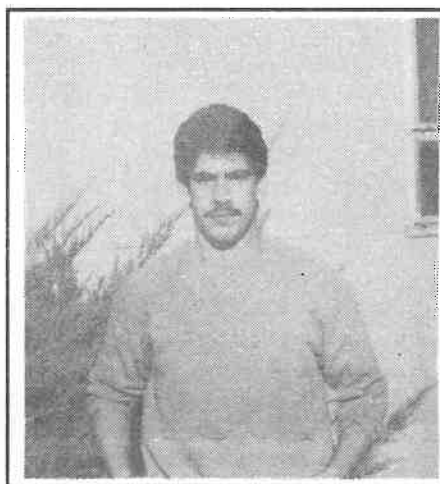
### Rene Menchaca

by Norma Peralta

Rene Menchaca, January's Bulldog of the month is full of not only spirit but also intelligence. Football, tennis, intramural basketball (I.B.A.), Trust, and Rah! are just some of the extra-curricular activities that Menchaca loves to do.

Menchaca has gained and received lots of recognition throughout the past three years. He received a football award for outstanding linebacker and was leading tackler for the 1987 season.

This spring, Menchaca will be playing tennis for his third season, which will also make him a three year letterman.



"I love to not only play sports but also go to the games and just cheer my lungs out," said Menchaca.

Menchaca is not only busy after school but during school as well. This semester he has carried a very busy schedule consisting of AP Chemistry, Trigonometry (3-4), Accounting, World History, and Word Clues.

Being a senior class representative has really gotten Menchaca involved.

"I gave blood and we helped pick out the emblem that will go on our graduation announcements," stated Menchaca when asked about his contributions as a senior class representative.

Like most seniors, Menchaca has high goals and expectations for his future. "Although undecided on what career choices I have, I still plan on going to college," Menchaca replied

Menchaca's present goals are to get some kind of scholarship and to become a better person in order to be a good example to everyone.

### Katie Primus

by Norma Peralta

Outgoing enthusiasm, a friendly personality and great achievements are attributes of January's Bulldog of the Month, Katie Primus.

Primus is currently enrolled in two honors classes, Honors Geometry and Honors Biology. She is also enrolled in a spanish and physical education class. While having two honors classes, she currently holds a 3.6 grade point average.

Volleyball, basketball, and track are just some of the extra-curricular activities that Primus enjoys participating in. On some week nights she attends her church's youth group.

At this time Primus is keeping herself busy by playing junior varsity and some varsity basketball for Pasco. In the spring she also plans to join Pasco's track team.

"I love to play sports; it's like the key that keeps me going. I also like it because I not only get more confidence in myself, but I get to really know all of my teammates," expressed Primus.

"My big dream is to some day be able to play basketball for the University of North Carolina (U.N.C.).", said Primus.

Primus has lots of goals and expectations. After graduation she plans on going to U.N.C. (if possible) to become a child psychologist.

Keep up the good work and keep reaching for the stars!!!!!!



~KEEP UP ALL OF THE GOOD WORK AND GOOD LUCK IN THE FUTURE~!!!



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# Making the G

## "I remember back in

by Dawn Newton

Have you heard lately how hard it was in school for your parents? Every day to get to school they probably had to walk ten miles in the snow—uphill both ways! Those stories are hard to believe, but it's still hard to deal with a comment saying that it was much harder to get good grades when they were in school. Complaints like these started an investigation into grades at Pasco High for the past twenty-two years.

Using graduation announcements from the

year 1966 through the year 1987, lists of people in Honor Society were compiled. With that, the percentages of Honor Society members for each class were figured. Surprisingly, the class with the highest percentage was the class of 1968, with 16 percent as Society members. The all-time low percentage was in the year 1979 when only 6 percent of the graduating class were members. This indicates that more students were able to meet requirements from 1966-1972 (each of these classes had double-digit member per-

centages) than were able in the later 70's and 80's. In addition to this discovery, the standards for Honor Society have increased, according to Becki Paup, the current Honor Society director.

"The requirements have increased to make sure that only people taking harder classes and higher-level maths can become members," she said. With these statistics and the added standards from Honor Society, the suggestion is a higher difficulty level in later years, resulting in more difficult grading

standards. Even with the 5.0 honors-A system in place, only 13 percent of last year's graduating class was in Honor Society. That still isn't as many as from the 1968 graduating class.

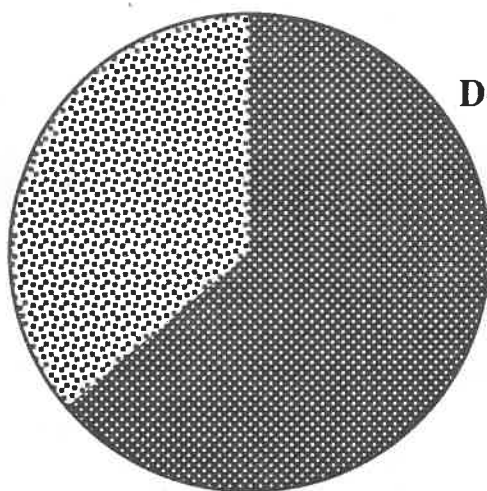
Five of these twenty-two years were chosen for a closer look at academic standings. Out of the top ten students for the years 1966, 1971, and 1976 there was only one 4.00 GPA. In 1981 there were two, and in 1987—a year using 5.0 honors-A system—there were six 4.00-plus GPA's. It is perhaps this

## You be the judge...(What's fair?)

by Kala Kraft

Do you think the grading system is fair? Some of the students at Pasco High don't like it, while some do. Many of the students who don't like the system are AP and honors students. The higher grading scale (5.0 system) was abandoned last year; as a result, honors students do not receive any reward for their extra efforts.

Since the change, 43.5% of the student body say their grades have gone down, 13%

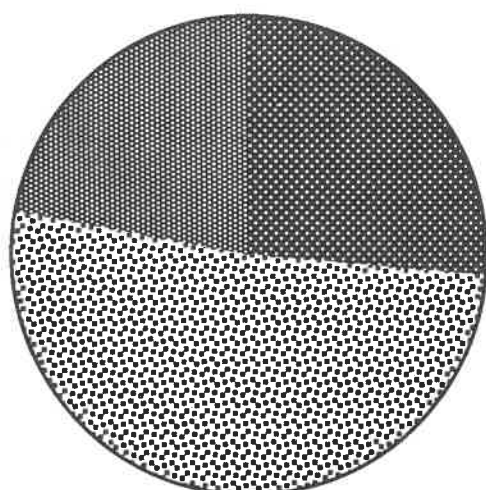


Do you like the current grading system?

Yes 63.9%  
No 36.1%

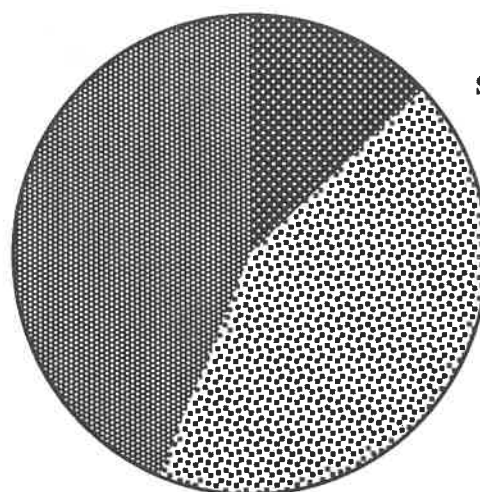
have gone up, and 43.5% have stayed the same. Thus, the majority of the grades are dropping or staying the same.

According to the 100 students recently polled concerning the 4.0 grading system, 26.5% like it better, 51.5% like it less, and 22.1% don't care. "As a whole I think the grading system is bad for the honors students because they don't get any recognition for taking those harder classes," stated Ryar Quesenberry.



Do you think that this system is better or worse than the old system?

Better 26.5%  
Worse 51.5%  
Who Cares 22.1%



How has the grading system influenced your grades?

up 13.0%  
down 43.5%  
no change 43.5%

## Credit where credit is due

by Dawn Newton

"Your class valedictorian this year is....." That's not a phrase we hear at Pasco High graduation ceremonies anymore.

The class valedictorian is dead.

The class valedictorian was done away with in 1979, as passed in a motion by the ASB in April before that year's graduation. It is

interesting to note that their decision did not affect that class—the Valedictorian Selection Committee stayed in effect until the next year's graduation. In the year 1980, the gold-cord graduates were born. They are acknowledged by wearing a gold cord at graduation ceremonies, and being listed as 'Honored Students' in the graduation program.

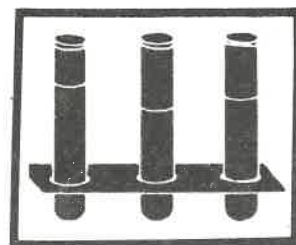
This was implemented because it was decided that many people with 'easy' classes were grabbing valedictorian and salutatorian spots, while work-like-a-dog, higher-level thinking students looked on. It's true that the thought of somebody getting higher grades by taking easier classes and then becoming valedictorian is pretty sour. However,

people seem to like the idea of having valedictorian.

"It seems neat, and I don't really like this system, but I don't want somebody taking easier classes than I do to get valedictorian," said Melanie Swoboda, National Honor Society President for Pasco High.



## ade at P.H.S. the good old days..."



inspection of the sudden jump in by adults to be a sign of decreasing ls. Presentations like that fire up the My Day..." speeches from parents. s Newton, a Pasco High School and current teacher at McLoughlin, said, "I hesitate to say anything that nd like I had to walk six miles in the r anything, because it wasn't like ausing for a moment, he then contin- feel the reason it has been easier for ent generations to get better grades

(than I did) is that in the 70's there were more and more concessions made for differences in ability. There was a concept of 'success for everyone' no matter what." Now, however, he feels there is a swinging back towards the feelings held in the 60's. "...and I feel the elimination of the 5.0 for advanced-placement classes is evidence of that."

In a separate interview, Principal Ray Reynolds defended current learning processes with an analogy using history classes. "History classes were a lot different before

World War II," he said. "After that point, everything changed. Students have been forced to learn the material their parents had, and much, much more! These students are learning more in a less intense manner."

Much of this "lack of learning" feared by parents can be set at a school district's doorstep. Ultimately, it is they who decide what classes will be offered, or what material should be covered in a classroom. We can, though, still hope that the system students are bound into now is preparing us as we should

be. The answer to this concern will only arise as this generation comes of age and begins to shape their world.

As Newton commented, "I hope the standards within the system continue to rise and promote even better education."

*The help from the Guidance and Main offices in compiling the information for this article are greatly appreciated*

— Thank You!!

## The best thing that ever happened...



Kraft  
ent involvement is the best thing that opened to Pasco High School," stated ynolds. For the 700 students who are d in school activities and are active in the drop out rate is less than 1%. For er 400 students who aren't involved, p out rate is approximately 14%.

Students who are highly involved in many activities may easily become overloaded, resulting in stress. As a result, their grades may drop. Students who are into music, like singing in the choir, playing in the band, etc., seem to have very high stress rates. The student government also is under a lot of pressure because of all the stressful activities

involved.

Students who are involved in too many activities at one time seem not to have enough time for academics. They're either too tired or they feel like they don't have enough time. "After practice I usually have something else to do, and then I feel too tired to do my homework," stated Trevor Quesen-

berry.

Some students feel that if they're involved in activities they are more energetic and they feel good about themselves. Kara Tebay plays basketball and she stated, "It depends on how practice or the games goes; if they go well then I feel good about myself, but if they go badly I feel down."

## The Rise and Fall of the Great 5.0

wn Newton  
manna from heaven for honors stu- t PHS. Finally, a system was put into to reward the hard work in honors — besides a pat on the head and an ice that all the knowledge would be in college.  
the infamous 5.00 grading system. initiated in 1984, but since it's revo- we've heard even more about this than before, and the comments are g from the many honors students the grading system affects.

For sophomores in 1986— this year's seniors— the Washington State Board of Education decided there would be no more 5.00 system. It wasn't regulated across the state, much less the nation. This presented a problem to colleges when looking at admission applications. Some students had grade point averages (GPA's) in an incredible range, and without a standard scale, it was impossible to tell what the numbers represented.

This removal of the proverbial carrot dangling before honors students' eyes has caused a commotion. Once again there is no

differentium between the honor's-level work and the standard-track classes, although honors courses are heralded as being college work loads.

However, there is no discussion on the matter according to Vice-Principal Don Matson.

"The Board has made it's decision. The schools can't do anything about it. It's not our decision whether we can use the 5.00 system," said Matson when questioned about the possible reinstatement of the system.

An idea now coming from some honors students is the use of the system for class-ranking only. A student's actual GPA could be different than the GPA used in ranking, if they have Honor's classes. This would, at least, return some of the edge in grading that honors students seem to be searching for.

**HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT USING THE 5.00 SYSTEM FOR CLASS-RANKING ONLY? PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND TELL US HOW YOU FEEL.**



## Could've been Good



by Suzy Penny  
How would it feel to have a top ten hit,

appear on the Johnny Carson Show by the time you were 16, and have yet another hit climbing the charts? Just ask Tiffany, the latest teen rock star to hit the top forty.

Beginning her career singing in shopping malls in the Los Angeles area, her popularity brought her a recording contract. Her first release, "I Think We're Alone Now", was a remake of Tommy James and The Shondelle's hit in the late 60's.

Tiffany's second release off of her album, "Could've Been", is already a hit. The songs she records are fun to listen to and the lyrics are realistic, so teenagers can relate to her and her music. "I like her first two singles, but I really don't like the album as a whole," stated junior Kala Kraft.

"I like her second release "Could've Been", but I don't think her album will make it," agrees Rebecca Long.

Tiffany's first two releases have been great, yet her album doesn't include many good songs with lyrics that will make people stop and listen and relate to what she's feeling and singing, like her first two releases. Not many young teens make it big as quickly; Tiffany was one of the very lucky few. She's fulfilling a fantasy that most can only dream about at 16. I hope she makes it big, but I don't think it will be this album that does it for her.

## O'Neil's Success not Hearsay



Although Alexander O'Neil's latest album is titled Hearsay, I know for a fact that it isn't hearsay that his album is on the hottest of the new year. Featuring a collection of dance tunes and slow songs, this album will definitely be one to watch for in 1988.

The first single, "Fake" hit the top ten on the Pop and R&B charts. A song about a who can't seem to be perfect enough, it was a smash on the dance floor and off. His latest single to be released is "Never Kissed Love Like This", a duet with Cherrelle, a slow song bound for the top ten.

Other tracks on the lp include "So Close to Me", a slow song made for kickin' it up with that special someone, and "What I Say To Make You Love Me", a jam that won't stop.

The array of various sounds O'Neil portrays on his latest attempt at the top is a definite success. With songs that fit the mood "Hearsay" is headed for platinum.

## Top Ten Hits

<u>Song</u>	<u>Group</u>
1. Everywhere	Fleetwood Mac
2. Could've Been	Tiffany
3. Seasons Change	Expose
4. Don't Shed a Tear	Paul Carrack
5. What Have I Done to Deserve This	Pet Shop Boys
6. Say You Will	Foreigner
7. Hazy Shade of Winter	Bangles
8. Hungry Eyes	Eric Carmen
9. Can't Stay Away From You	Miami Sound Machine
10. I Want to be Your Man	Roger

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Def Leppard performs in Pullman

Kala Kraft  
On Wednesday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m., while some were home doing their homework, others were waiting in line to see Def Leppard perform at the Beasley Arts Coliseum in Pullman.  
The concert started at 8:00 p.m. with the opening group Tesla. The stage and band were basically what one might expect at a rock concert. As Tesla exited the stage, curtains were lowered so that the stage was hidden (the curtains were tapestry with Def Leppard's album cover on them). About half an hour later, the lights went down and through the enormous speakers came Joe Elliot's voice screaming, "And welcome to my show!!!!!" The curtains dropped and the stage lit up with black lights and many different colored spot lights. The black lights illuminated the stage floor, which had the Hysteria Album cover design on it. The drums were in the center of the stage and rotated all the way around. The stage itself had no front or back, so just about every seat could have been considered good. From anywhere in the coliseum one could have watched Joe Elliot and the rest

of the band bounce back and forth around the stage. With the loss of one arm, drummer Rick Allen makes use of his good arm and both feet. Another added feature of the concert was the laser lights which created radical designs on the ceiling and in mid-air. With the laser lights images were drawn with precise detail, on screens.  
They sung almost every song from their "Hysteria" and "Pyromania" albums, and even a few from "High and Dry" and "On Through The Night."  
Besides listening to them, there was plenty to watch. When Therese Paullin, who attended the concert, was asked what she thought of it, she replied, "It was the best concert I've been to so far. Joe Elliot was hot and the lasers were cool."  
"Yeah," Keri Blouin added, "The light show really added to the concert."  
When the concert came to an end the crowd roared for more; everybody was in awe. The atmosphere was great and the people really seemed to be impressed. It came to an end around 11:30 p.m. and everybody went rushing out the door to get home to go to school the next day.

Parks' Song Airs on KZZK

By Kerri Ruble  
Have you ever wanted to be a famous singer, or wanted to know how to become one?  
A couple of lucky students who you might know, had such a chance.  
During Christmas Vacation, Chris Parks and Denise Erickson from Pasco High's music department, recorded a song called "Christmas Time."  
It was aired on KZZK's Love Notes after weeks of work and planning.  
The song was written by Chris Parks. "I wrote this song while I was sitting in bed at the Hilton Hotel in Seattle," replied Chris.  
The song was recorded by D. R. Burroughs at his studio.  
"It took about four to five hours to record and mix the song," says Chris Parks.

It almost made it on the top five at nine after it was aired.  
Recording a record is a lengthy and difficult process. The group arrived at the studio at 2:00 p.m. Next, a sound check was made to adjust the recording level for each instrument and the singers. After that was completed, the group rehearsed the song a few times and made the first cut. Later, after about six or seven more cuts, the sound engineer was ready to mix the tracks. A length of time was put into finding the appropriate mix for the song. Eventually, the final copy was ready to be recorded. The total time spent from beginning to end was approximately seven hours.  
The song was performed in the school choir, the Christmas concert, and also for a dinner at the Red Lion.

Hope Springs Eternal

by Jodi Morasch  
She peers into the dimmed room with a sigh as she watches couples move to the rhythm of the music. The annual Valentine's Ball had once again arrived and she was dreading every moment to come. But somehow this year her mom had convinced her that the only way she was going to meet Mr. Wonderful was to get out and mingle and what better way than at the Valentine's Day dance at school? Right, she thought as she slowly made her way in to stand by the refreshment table. Again, this year, the Beginning Foods class was responsible for the "goodies". This year nutrition seemed to be the theme as carrot sticks, celery chunks, and slices of brown fruit were layed out.  
She always dreaded this time of year. As soon as the Christmas decorations were pulled down, up came the Valentine ones. Valentine's had now joined the retail heights of being brought into our Hallmark lives over a month before it gets here. She

couldn't even go to the grocery store without being exposed to the madness.  
The smell of slightly spoiled fruit started to nauseate her so she moved away in the direction of the exit. Mr. Wonderful obviously had decided to take a raincheck.  
Just then she noticed him staring intently across the crowded room. Curious and unable to see anything in the darkened room, she cautiously returned the look. After finally making eye-contact, he realizes this may be his first and last chance; he flashes an over-confident smile while wiggling his eyebrows and moves in for the kill.  
As he nears, she realizes it was the guy secretly nominated for class nerd and her eyes search for an escape. But it's too late- he murmurs the latest locker room line and again uses his "hey-baby" smiles. Silently she cringes at the celery wedges between his two front teeth.  
Suavely he offers her one of the five black olives he has stuck on the end of each finger. She gracefully declines while desperately seeking a way out.

Wanting to impress her, he reveals that he has seen Top Gun thirteen times and has mastered the scene where Tom Cruise serenades the girl and offers to show her.  
Noticing the stricken look on her face, he decides it would be better to try something else. He shares his darkest secret with her; he writes poetry.  
Realizing that the corners of her mouth are twitching from laughter and not an oncoming sneeze, he switches the one-sided conversation to his car's life story. Unfortunately his car seems to have as many lives as a cat and she stifles a yawn.  
After ten minutes of carburators, she catches the eye of a friend; rescue is on the way.  
Later that night, drowning her sorrows in chocolate chip cookies while the rest of the world basks in candlelight, she fervently hopes this will be an evening to laugh at years from now. With a philosophical smile, she raises her glass of milk in a toast to Mr. Wonderful, wherever he may be.  
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## Gymnastics team has potential

by Shelley Perkins

Gymnastics is becoming more popular with spectators this season. "At first," states Adam Richeson, "I didn't think that the meets would be boring but after I went and actually watched, it was pretty good."

Although the gymnasts are at a record of 0-3, the girls have improved a lot from last season. So far they have played Moscow, Hanford, Kennewick, and Kamiakin. Their closest game was lost to Kennewick by only 2 points. Their worst score was when Pasco played Kamiakin and fell to their 30 point lead.

The gymnastic coaches are Coach Fastabend and assistant Coach Kay. Together they help the girls to do their best and teach

them as much as they can. The coaches can't do everything for the team though; there must be action from the team also.

Coach Fastabend was asked how he felt the girls were doing and if he thought they would go far this season. He replied, "Potential is everywhere in everyone. Working on basic gymnastic mechanics of the skill and perfecting these basics create a growing atmosphere in which the gymnasts may reach their potential."

The gymnasts from last year see an improvement in the team and are hoping that it continues throughout the season. "We learn new things every day and are constantly improving," said senior Stacy Stapleman.

## Girls B-Ball on the Rise

by Rosa Peralta

Bounce, bounce, dribble, dribble, SWOOSH-these are the sounds that the Doggettes make when they get on the court with an opponent. The records might not show it, but these girls have great talent. They play well together but they are not consistent. The girls' season record is 4-5, being at 3-2 in the league.

When asked how the team is progressing, Coach Shimek replied, "They are doing great! Out of the games that we lost we only lost by less than six points and we were ahead in all of these games with the exception of one. It wasn't a matter of the other team beating us—we just found ways of beating ourselves by not playing consistently."

The starting line up consists of the following: Kelly Fifer, Megan McDowell, Shannon Pudwill, Kendi Keeney, and Kara Tebay. "We have a very young team and the future looks very bright, but want the future

to be now. I want the seniors this year to experience that little taste of victory and we can do it if we play consistently all year round," said Shimek.

The team this year has no key players. "I think this is what makes the team an excellent one. We don't have to rely on just one person to score all the points; all the players make an equal contribution to the team. I think they actually enjoy playing together," said Shimek.

Both the team members and the coach agree that Walla Walla and Kamiakin are their hardest competitors. But as Shimek put it, "I have ten really good kids."

When questioned about the team's potential, Shimek responded, "I really hate the word potential because it only means that you haven't done what you are capable of doing." The best of luck to the girls basketball team they have a long season ahead of them!

## Game Updates

### Girl's Basketball

#### Wenatchee

by Ryan Quesenberry

On Monday, Jan. 18, the girl's varsity basketball team walked over the Wenatchee Panthers in a Big Nine make up game. The game that was rescheduled due to snow on Saturday, Jan. 9, got the Bulldogs back on track for the season.

The girls set a school record stomping the Panthers 93-26, and evened their league record at 4-4. The girls performed a near flawless game as the Panthers struggled to find the court. "That was the most points we've had since I've been here. It was just amazing at the number of correct decisions the girls made tonight on the floor," commented an impressed Coach Shimek.

These girls were indeed very impressive as they scored the first 16 points of the game. Senior guard Kelly Fifer was the game's high scorer as she added 23 points for the Bulldogs. Fifer took control in the second half as she sank seven of her 10 attempts, three of which were 3-pointers. Fifer is now eight for 11 from the 3-point line and still remains the only female Bulldog to score from the 3-point line.

Among other players for the Bulldogs to score in double digits were Shannon Pudwill with 16, Kara Tebay with 13, and Kendi Keeney who added 12. Although these four girls finished in double digits, everybody on the team scored.

The girls shot 40-77 from the floor, outbounded the Panthers 52-35, and only turned the ball over an amazing 6 times throughout the period of the game.

The girls have gotten back in the rhythm of things and look to finish the season on a positive note. They are playing as a team more and are just letting their ability and knowledge of the game take over.

#### Kennewick

by Ryan Quesenberry

The Pasco girls traveled to the Lions' Friday, January 8, to match up with the Lionets. The Lions, losing only two of the Big Nine games, showed no sign of waning.

While the Bulldogs looked very hopeful the first half with a 28-18 lead, this score dwindled as they fell to the Lions 44-40.

There were standouts for Pasco as sophomore Debbie Sporchich scored a team high 15 points followed by junior Kendi Keeney who had 10. Sporchich also was very aggressive pulling down a number of rebounds for the Dogs.

On the defensive side of the ball Kara Tebay, sister Chanda Tebay, and Kelly Fifer helped keep the Dogs in it. Kelly Fifer plays center and forward, dominating the key with the help of C. Tebay. Standing at 5 foot 11, 5 foot 10, 5 foot 10, and 5 foot 10, Sporchich, K. Tebay, C. Tebay, and Keeney make it very difficult for any team to score from inside.

Leading the team in shooting, senior guard Kelly Fifer controlled the shooting for the Dogs. Fifer is the only player on the team to be successful from the three point line having scored five times.

The girls play very well together and look to have a promising season this year.

## Boys' Basketball

### Kennewick

by Ryan Quesenberry

On Friday, January 8, the Bulldogs took on their long time rival, the Kennewick Lions.

Kennewick, after losing to the Big Nine leading Kamiakin Braves by only a dispointing two points, came to Pasco with aggressive and serious attitude. The Bulldogs, looking rather sluggish from the start, could not get into the rhythm of the game.

Junior Tony Beo led the Bulldogs in scoring with 21 points, 6 of which came on the point shots. With 172 points on the season Beo also leads this category with a 17.2 point average. Beo also leads the Bulldogs in the rebound category with 11, and 65 the season.

Although Beo stood out with his game high 21 points, it was not enough to overpower the Bulldogs past the aggressive Lions. The Lions got off to a quick start, taking an early lead that they never lost.

## Do they practice what they preach?

by Shelly Perkins

From the mouth of a bulldog to the mind of a bulldog... is this the key for the Bulldogs to win?

The team stands at 2-6 in the league with two of the six games lost by a one point margin. According to Coach Guajardo, "The team has a lot of potential, but certain things have to happen to win. They have to play and believe that they can win."

"...So, we have possibilities of being a

good team," said Coach Guajardo after stating that the team currently stands at 1-4 in the league with two of the four games lost by a one point margin.

Junior Tony Beo is currently the leading scorer. Beo feels that the team could be hard to beat. "I think we're doing pretty good, but it's going to take a while for us to start playing together as a team. When we accomplish that, it will be hard to beat us!" said Beo.

Alfredo Tamez is the second leading scorer on the team. "He always comes through with a crucial basket," said teammate Antony Brown.

"We played hard against Eisenhower although we came up short," said Tamez, "but we have to play that way every game in order to win."



## Wrestlers Get Rigorous Workout

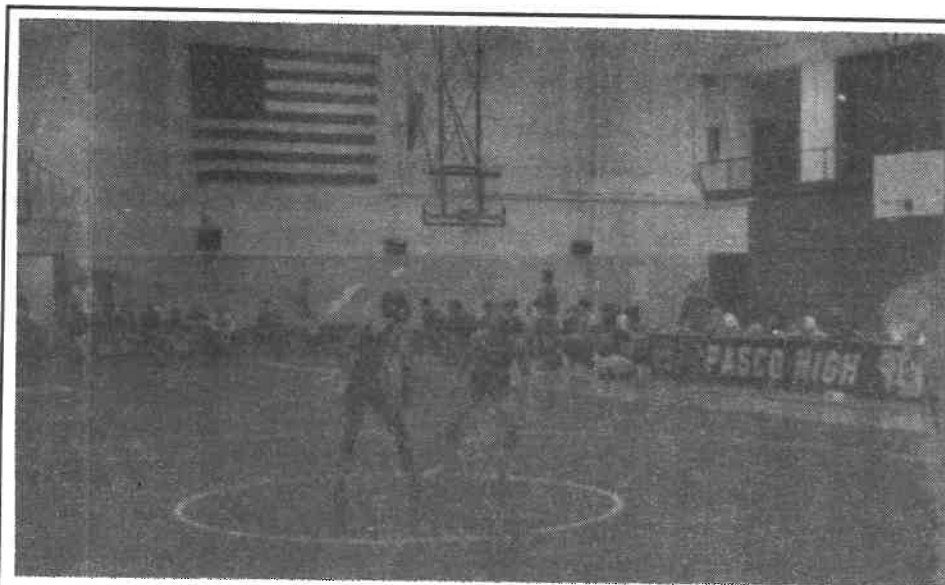
by Scott Long

Wrestling is considered to be one of the most difficult and demanding sports today. With intense fast-paced practices to insure maximum conditioning, all of these dedicated players do what it takes to be successful in this demanding sport.

To start off their everyday routine, the wrestlers begin with a 2 to 3 mile run, whether it be in the gym or in the snow. Immediately following the team comes together at about 3:30 for a warm up period consisting of many fundamental drills that range from reversals to take downs. This lasts from 15 to 30 minutes. Next in this rigorous routine, the wrestlers match up with a partner of somewhat equal ability in the same weight class. The two wrestle a burnout consisting of six minutes on non-stop wrestling. This process of burnout is repeated with 2 more wrestlers.

Senior Jason Klein stated, "Wrestling takes a lot of discipline and willpower. It requires the most out of a person as far as sports in the Big Nine are concerned. There are no secrets; if you work hard you will do well." Klein is doing very well this year for the Bulldogs, as his State goal is well within reach. In the 191 weight class, junior Chad Lute also described this sport as a tough. "It calls for a lot not only physically but also mentally. It is the hardest sport around!"

The Bulldogs hope to have a prosperous



season with all this hard work. Kye Carpenter commented, "It's hard to say how we will do this year; we are in the middle of the season and it's hard to predict how we will do. I am trying my hardest and I have a feeling all the others are also."

This sport has taken its toll on a lot of wrestlers already, one of which is Dan Phelps. In a recent match against the Kamiakin Braves, Phelps suffered a cracked sternum after Braves wrestler Ron Childs slammed Phelps to the mat, landing directly on his sternum. Childs won the match on a medical disqualification.

The Bulldog coaching staff consists of

head coach Gary Hackney, Mr. Sarver, Mr. Sandiford, and Mr. Bodner. Hackney, who has been at Pasco for 15 years, described what it takes to be a wrestling coach: "It takes long hours, lots of time away from home, just like any other coach." Hackney also stated that being a wrestler helps the player later on in life. "They learn that you get out what you put into the hard work it takes. This goes not only for wrestling but also for life." It is a coaching staff like this that turns out not only great athletes but great people in the long run.

These individuals are truly giving their all to represent their school well.

## Sports Spotlight



by Ryan Quesenberry

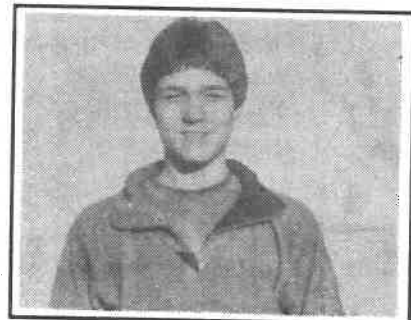
This month's sports spotlight is senior wrestler Santos Gallegos. This is Gallegos' fourth year as a wrestler and third year as a varsity wrestler.

Recently at the Riverview Christmas Invitational Gallegos finished first with a 3-0 record, one of which was a pin. Gallegos still remains unbeaten this season with an overall record of 11-0.

"I hope that through my hard work and extra effort that it will take me to the state tournament, which is my long term goal for this season."

Gallegos is involved in track as a pole vaulter, and he also started as a wide receiver for the varsity football team.

Gallegos was recognized for his efforts by the Columbia Basin Sports Writers and Broadcasters who named him athlete of the week.



by Ryan Quesenberry

This month's sports spotlight is recognized for his outstanding ability on the basketball court. Junior Tony Beo is definitely Pasco's standout so far this season. He leads the team in scoring, averaging about 19 points per game.

One of Beo's best performances came when Pasco defeated Shadle Park 65-61 for their first win. Beo led the team with 26 points, 16 of which were made in the second half.

With these efforts Beo helps the team tremendously. "Tony is a very good player; he not only has a great outside shot but dominates the key," commented teammate Alfredo Tamez. Tamez also stated, "Beo is a team leader that everybody looks up to."

Beo is extremely effective from the outside for the Bulldogs. He has also taken advantage of the newly instituted 3-point line.

Beo is a great asset to this year's team and I am glad to congratulate him on his efforts and accomplishments.

## I B A is Underway



by Scott Long

The alarm goes off, signaling it is time for the dedicated players to report to the gym. To most people, the sound of the alarm signals the start of the Intramural season again. Going on its 26th season at Pasco High, I.B.A. has become very successful this year. With one of the biggest seasons ever, this looks to be a very competitive season.

This year's teams are: The Brothers, MT

SI, B.S. Express, Tour of 88, Circle Jerks, 5 Slamma Jamma, Rated X, Edelebrock Rams, All Too Hard, Air Borne, Mormon Mafia, Passkey, Jerry's Kids, Los Mexicanos, Nerds, and Genuine Draft. Currently the top three teams are Tour of 88 (who still remains unbeaten) The Brothers, and Air Borne.

Terro Bell, captain of The Brothers, stated, "Our main offense is to run and gun." This proves to be true with a lot of

teams this year. Bell also stated that he thought The Brothers would end up in the top three. The Brother's only loss came in the form of a forfeit resulting from a number of players showing up 10 minutes late.

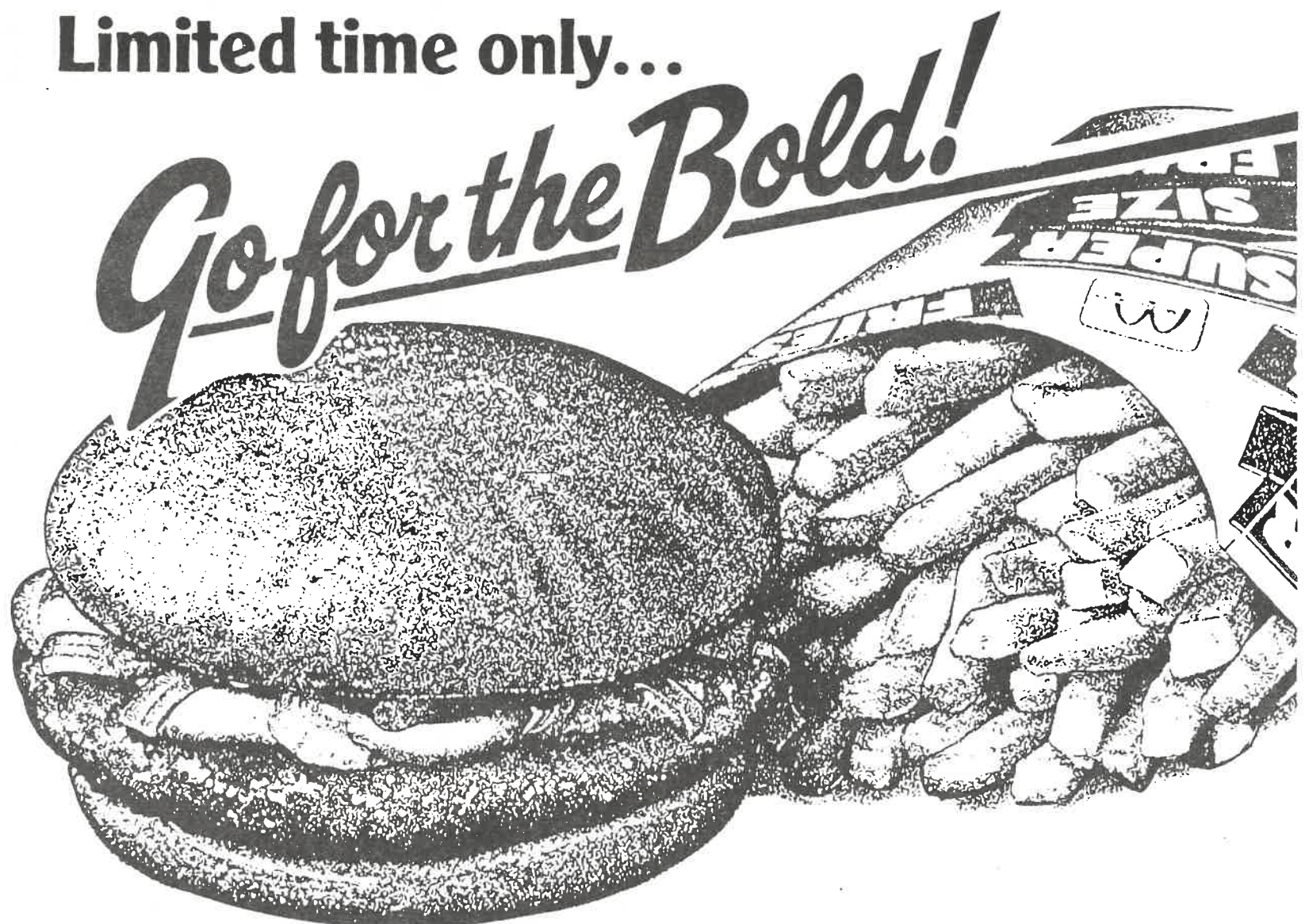
I.B.A. is not all serious; many teams are just interested in having fun and keeping in shape. "Even if a guy doesn't know how to play well, he can still have a lot of fun. We aren't very good but everybody on our team just enjoys playing," commented B.S. Express captain Scott Sundblad.

The season begins with a pre-season match up that entitles all the teams to get in a little practice before the regular season begins. Following the eight week regular season, the teams then go into a three week playoff season that results in the two best teams making it to the championship game. This championship game is played at night and determines the overall champion.

This season is one of the most competitive, as all teams are "tuff." The outcome is very undecided.



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