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Girls Place 4th at State

It's been a season of basketball deja vu with the girl's team picking up where last year's boys left off. Again a goal of going to state competition seemed far out of sight at the beginning of the season. Yet, like last year, the Bulldogs rallied to take second place in districts and a place in regionals earning them a berth in the WIAA Championships in Seattle.

But this time hot rollers and mascara were added to the teams' suitcases. And this time the female Bulldogs took it all the way to fourth place, beating teams with records of 20-2 despite bringing the worst season record to the tournament ever.

Playing their first game at 7 p.m. against last year's number two team, Snohomish (20-2), the Dogs put on a stupendous show of sizzling hoop featuring Debbie Sporcich on rebounds and Kendi Keeney on offense. Sporcich led the team by adding 20 points to the scoreboard. With 15 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Sporcich went to the foul line and sunk two shots to tie the game at 43.

The game went into overtime with Pasco claiming the jump ball for Kelly Fifer who added two more points to the score. Again, the game was tied with 2 minutes to go. This time Pasco's Sporcich landed the ball for another two point lead. But two points didn't satisfy Sporcich who blocked a shot, stole the ball, and headed downcourt for 2 more points. Snohomish clinched 1 point at the foul line before the Bulldogs claimed a 49-46 victory.

Pasco's next opponent was Spokane's Shadle Park. Although the Bulldogs were defeated only by an off-chance shot in the last seconds during regionals, they could not gain the momentum they needed to defeat Shadle. Pasco fell short with a final score of 38-47.

Pasco then went up against the Kentridge Chargers the following afternoon in what could have been mistaken for Big Time Wrestling with both teams constantly vying for the ball on the floor. The game ended in an easy victory with Pasco winning by 21 points with 61-40 for a final score. Again Sporcich had the game high for points by contributing 18 to the score.

Pasco's next opponent was the Kent-Meridian Royals. It turned out to be another action-packed game. During the third quarter the referees failed to realize when the Royals attempted to add a few rules of their own to WIAA rules by sending six



players on the floor. Despite angry calls from the audience and Coach John Shimek, Kent-Meridian received no penalty. In the fourth quarter, Shannon Pudwill astounded the audience with her snake imitation when crawling on the floor to save the ball. Sporcich displayed her softball talent when she showed the audience the right way to slide into home in an attempt to save the ball. The Bulldogs' spunk seemed to be just what the doctor ordered as Pasco High claimed the fourth place berth in the WIAA Girls' Basketball Championship.

This year's girls team owes their success to no one but themselves. Unlike last year's boys' team, the female Dogs received no pep assembly before they left, nor did they receive the fan support that previous year's team did. Last year 300 fans travelled to the annual tournament. This year only about 20 students found their way to the Seattle Arena. The rest must have lost their way in traffic.

"I was upset that it seemed that this year the teachers made it harder for students to attend state for the girls than last year when the guys went," commented senior, Becky Pence, who attended the tournament as a photographer for the yearbook.

"I thought there was poor support for the girls who all worked so hard this season," added senior, Rene Menchaca, who also went to Seattle.

"I felt that, although the attendance was not what it could have been, the fans that were there were very supportive," said Fifer.

This year Eastern Washington monopolized the girls' basketball tournament by snagging the top four berths at state.

Pasco, which loses only Fifer, Pudwill, and Tebay to graduation, will be a team to beat next year. "We should be better because we will have so much more experience," predicted Keeney, "and people are going to have to watch out for us!"

The reality of achieving a top place in the tournament was the golden coin on the merry-go-round of girl's basketball. "I knew we had talent," said Shimek. "The key with this group is that they never gave up on themselves. We had real fine leadership with Pudwill and K. Tebay. And Kelly Fifer was the cement that held us together. It was just a matter of it all coming together."

Ah, victory! How sweet it is!

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Special congratulations go out to sophomore, Debbie Sporcich, who was the only Pasco team member named to the girl's Class AAA all-state tournament team, voted on by tournament sportswriters, and to the Kamiakin Braves who received third place in the tournament.

Jodi Writes

Each month, for approximately two hours, the Associated Student Body meets for business. Technically, the ASB is made up of every student attending PHS. Of course it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to hold a meeting with 1500 people. As a result, each home room elects an ASB Representative to inform them of the ASB's activities. It is the responsibility of each representative to bring back these issues and discuss them with the class. The class should then discuss these happenings, voice opinions, and vote on the various topics, if need be.

Unfortunately, this is not how ASB is currently handling its affairs. The majority of students are not aware of what goes on in ASB meetings. A very small percentage of students have ever actually voted on any of the issues that the ASB has dealt with. The student body is not making choices on its own behalf.

Logically, there is justification for this. The ASB must complete its transactions as soon as possible. In addition, when they meet only once a month there is not time for representatives to take back the various subjects to their classes for discussion to be brought back a month later. It would be two months before any business could be completed.

As a possible solution, at each meeting, the ASB could present only the facts about each decision that needs to be made; no voting would take place. Then, each representative could take back the issues to their home room for discussion. The class could vote, as a whole, on how they prefer their representative to voice their opinions. The representative could then return to the next meeting with the decision of the thirty people they represent, rather than with merely the view of one person. As a result, there would be better representation of the student body as a whole. In addition, the ASB could meet more often because of the shorter time period required to complete business.

In this way, the ASB could not only meet more often, but also complete business more quickly, and get the opinions of the complete Associated Student Body.

Staff Speaks

Call it what you want

by Beckie Bernard

Some call it vegetation, some call it mental relaxation, others call it nothingness, but when you get right down to it, I care to think of it as a psychological congestion of the brain molecules, known to us all as laziness.

You know what I mean. You spend three hours a night doing various things for the benefit of your personal entertainment time: you sleep, watch Vanna spin her letters, and consume numerous amounts of junk food, but you can never find those extra couple of minutes to finish that essay assigned to you two weeks ago in English.

Or better yet, one of my personal favorites, you've been sitting in the classroom for two weeks straight making no mental exertion whatsoever at attempting to think of an idea for a term paper due in less than two days (not to mention the fact that you've had two months to get it done).

We can never seem to pull ourselves to grips with the fact we have to motivate ourselves, get into the intellectual mode of being, and get off of our rumps to get our priorities in line and taken care of.

But wait a minute, who could possibly categorize a term paper as a higher priority than a date with the hot babe down in metal shop, well, let's make that weights.



Hmmmm? That's a good question, right?

Or here's a good one. You've been looking at those righteous magazines full of skinny girls, tight jeans, and fully figured men, and you've made up your mind to start the physical gears of your life and become a real hard body like the people in those wonderful magazines. So you pull out your calendar, take out a pen, and start making yourself a routine of all the exercises you're going to do starting next Monday. So you gorge yourself with food, potato chip bag after potato chip bag, and finally next Monday arrives and you find yourself too tired from the week before of lifting those chips to your mouth that you just can't find it in yourself to pull on them polyester sweats, fasten those tennies, and jog off those bulging thunder thighs and cellulose rolls that are still trailing you from three Thanksgivings ago.

It sounds to me like it's definitely the time to motivate those brain cells, whip them muscles into shape, and tackle the intensity that everyday life brings to you.

So whether or not you are suffering from the dreaded plague of laziness or not...think "Vegetation, mental relaxation, move my rump to motivation."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Jay Greenwell's commentary which appeared in the "Staff Speaks" section on the March 2 Wasco edition. In this article he categorized Pasco High students into three traditional stereotypes. As a representative of his "type three" (consisting of "people who want to go to college, have a career and be successful"), I am taking a moment to "step down from my pedestal" and enlighten the obviously uninformed Greenwell about this type of student.

For on thing, Jay, you stated that "type three" students' "brains and ambitions can contribute to destroying the learning environment." That statement was not only erroneous, it was unjustified. Teachers do not lecture solely to their best students—the course material is presented to the entire class, each student has the right to ask questions about it, and so each individual makes his or her own decision as to whether or not he or she will take advantage of the educational opportunity. Goal-oriented students do not usually interrupt their classes with trivialities. Furthermore, such pupils do not habitually badger their classmates for extensive "help" on incomplete homework assignments. In no way do motivated, industrious students deliberately thwart another's learning. They don't have time, being too busy working in order to succeed in their own right!

The article also charged "type three" people with being "rude and impatient with those who don't learn as quickly as they do." It went on to say, "These very smart people feel they are too good or too smart for other people. Many have a phobia of people cheating from them..." Come off it, Greenwell! Who died and made you Sigmund Freud? Have you personally probed the psyche of every "type three" student at Pasco High for evidence to back up your claims, or did your insecurities about your own academic capacity prompt you to generalize about individuals whom you know nothing about from a personal standpoint? No matter how intelligent a person may seem, he or she is nevertheless human, with all of the human tendencies and sympathies. Most "type three" students can relate to a fellow classmate's struggle to grasp complicated subjects, for even the highest achievers among us can't know everything. Consequently, most really don't mind helping those who truly want explanations and not just answers.

You are entitled to your opinions, Jay, provided that you have reasons for them. You are not, however, entitled to print emotion-packed generalizations in journalistic format. The next time you feel like writing out of personal bias instead of knowledge, please don't.

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In the March 2, 1988 issue, Jay Greenwell was pointing out a negative aspect that exists in every classroom; the problem of students interfering with students' learning. Whether we like it or not, it exists and is more a problem than most would care to admit. Who wants to fault one's own friends and classmates? Of course, not all students fall into all or any of these categories. Yet to express an opinion in the clearest form possible, generalities must be made. This editorial was not aimed at any single person or group, but at the student body as a whole. We apologize for any misunderstanding.

Dear Editor,

This letter is regarding the front page article in the March 2 publication of the Wasco.

Do people who litter spoil the environment for all? The answer is yes.

Do people who litter lack a sense of pride in themselves and their surroundings? The answer is yes.

Pride is defined in Webster's dictionary as a justifiable self respect. We all need self respect. Equally important is the need to respect others and their property.

For the many students who take pride in attending Pasco High School, please take a minute to pick up and dispose of a piece of litter you may see. The action is well worth the effort. Your action may cause other students to follow your example. Who knows, the litterbugs may actually begin to think about their careless and inconsiderate actions.

Sincerely,

Lynn Seay

McDonald's of the Tri-Cities
Community Relations Representative

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News Briefs

Business Student of the Month



by Shelley Perkins

This month's Business Student is senior Gina Bayless who has various business skills.

Bayless has a typing rate of 50 wpm for 5 minutes with 5 errors. She operates electronic typewriters, IBM/PC and Apple IIE computers. Bayless is able to transcribe from machine dictation and answer the telephone. Her shorthand from dictation skills rates 80 wpm.

For a year Bayless worked at Hallmark's in the Columbia Center as a sales person. She operated the cash register, assisted customers, and worked with stockwork. However, she recently received a job at Boise Cascade through COE. As an afternoon mail person, Bayless works from 12:30 to 4:30 at minimum wage.

Along with her various business skills, she has been involved in several clubs. As a freshman, she was in NJHS and in both her freshman and sophomore years, she was in French Club. She has been a varsity wrestling cheerleader for both her junior and senior year. Bayless is also a senior picture representative for Zinn Photography.

"Because of her outstanding business skills, she is certainly an asset to any employer. She holds qualities of high character, performance, and determination," explained Mrs. Hubbard.

by Brian Miles

On March 29 an extremely important decision will be made concerning what could result in major changes to the educational program in the Pasco School District and at Pasco High. Voters will be asked to ratify a two-year levy to replace the levy which expires this year. Without voter approval on March 29, Pasco will be forced to cut nearly 3 million dollars from its budget, or basically, every 1 out of 6 dollars that the levy contributes.

WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL ON MARCH 29, PASCO WILL BE FORCED TO CUT NEARLY 3 MILLION DOLLARS FROM IT'S BUDGET, OR BASICALLY, EVERY ONE OUT OF SIX DOLLARS THAT THE LEVY CONTRIBUTES

On February 2 the first levy was voted on and failed due to the fact that the voter perceived it to be too high in comparison with the one two years before. The reasons this levy was higher are first: an additional 424 students have entered the Pasco School District in the past two years; second, the inflated cost of needed items including insurance, books, etc.; and third, a state-

mandated 3% salary increase for teachers. The revised March 29th levy will provide for about \$480 per pupil for the daily cost of operating schools, which will result in an increase in taxes by \$10 per year (on a \$50,000 home).

If the March 29th levy also fails, the school district will call an emergency conference to decide where cut backs will be made. Areas that the levy helps pay for that most likely will be reduced or dropped include tutorial programs, the honors programs, textbook and material supplies, school transportation, music, art, sports activities and various other student activities, just to name a few. Also, an expected 1 out of 6 teachers (roughly 63 teachers) may be laid off based on seniority.

Principal Ray Reynolds predicts that if the reduced levy doesn't pass, Pasco High will be testing below the national average within a year. This would be in sharp contrast to Pasco High's previous record, which includes being named one of the outstanding high schools in the nation in 1982-83.

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However, if the levy does pass, Pasco High can expect certain positive changes in

the building's environment and in the list of electives; for example, part of the proceeds

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of the levy will go repair the chemistry lab and to sponsor a Chinese course, taught by history teacher Jeff Dong, to be introduced next year. In addition, Japanese and Principles of Technology courses may be added in the near future.

Failure of the levy election March 29 will result in major changes to the educational program in our school, including teacher lay offs and several programs being reduced or dropped; however, if the levy passes, positive attributes will be felt by students, including a more modern working environment and new elective courses. Either way, the levy election will have an important impact on the educational process.

Conference teaches relaxation techniques

by Paula McMakin

Thoughts of success went through the minds of several Passkey students while attending the Leadership Conference on March 8, 1988.

Passkey's Leadership Conference was held at Columbia Basin College. The Passkey students of Pasco and Kennewick High School missed a day of school to attend this conference.

Presenters Rip Shephard and Joann Nai

Chi from Consultants and Speakers Placement Bureau taught the students how to deal with stress and peer pressure.

"The presenters were really interesting. They taught us relaxation techniques and how to relieve stress," said Benny Clark.

Another Passkey student, Erika Butcher, added, "I learned older people can really relate to us kids of the 80s."

"I felt that the conference was extremely

successful. The feedback from the students was definately positive. The students were prepared to be bored by a lecture situation and were pleasantly surprised by the energy and enthusiasm of the presenters," says Mrs. King.

"The leaders made us feel really comfortable. After we left the conference we felt important and a responsibility to the community," said Ben Izaquirre.



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N-Reactor shutdown affects education

by Jay Greenwell

The news of the N-Reactor shut down was a hard blow for the Tri-Cities, but far from the end of its growth, according to Pasco High principal Ray Reynolds. He stated,

"PROGRESS IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO GROW WHETHER YOU WANT IT TO OR NOT"

- Principal Ray Reynolds

"Progress is going to continue to grow whether you want it to or not."

The area school levies were all cut short a few votes from passing in February. Some people say that was caused by the uncertain future of the N-Reactor. The general feelings of people is that the school levies will pass in March because people must realize

that they are hurting their children in the long run.

Hanford High School principal, Darrel Reisch, feels there is always a certain "stress factor" involved with people whose jobs are threatened. He has heard that about half of Hanford's workers live in the Richland area. Based on the ratio of how many people work in the area and live in Richland to the amount of jobs to be lost it could mean about 700 students, grades K-12, would leave the school district, if their parents were to move away looking for jobs. Reisch also feels that this probably wouldn't happen until about the year 1990, and that the 1988-1989 school year is solid. But if school enrollment drops, which it isn't expected to do very much, the Richland schools are expected to be hurt the most.

Reynolds feels that the Tri-Cities has been through times equally as rough in the past,

like the closing of the WPPSS plants out at Hanford or the departure of the U.S. Naval base at the Pasco Airport. People thought the Tri-Cities economy was doomed then

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too, but within a couple of years the Tri-Cities was growing again.

Youth 2000 - supporting America's teens

by Brian Miles

In June of 1986 the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Labor (DOL) joined forces to create a nationwide program which addresses the problems facing the nation's youth. This campaign, called Youth 2000, has hopes of enlisting all sectors of society from a national, state, and local scale in order to support America's youth from now to the year 2000.

The Youth 2000 campaign plans to support youth by doing the following: first, bringing together all aspects of the local community to develop local plans of action against important teen problems; and second, to take results and recommendations to the state government in order for favorable legislation, which would allow a community to work toward its own solution, to be

passed.

On March 1 of this year the Mid-Columbia Regional Youth 2000 Conference was held at Cavanaugh's Inn from 8 am to 4 pm. Five areas of concern addressed at the conference included: school dropouts (illiteracy, substance abuse), teen pregnancy, juvenile crimes, lack of employment skills, and family support systems. It was the conference's goal to make our community more aware of its region's resources and needs, to foster understanding of the problems and barriers, and to form cooperative agreements in order to develop local action agendas.

Suzy Penny, a PHS student who attended the conference, was a part of the local committee to discuss teen pregnancy, a problem which rated Franklin County first in the state from mothers between the ages

of 10-19 years. (Data taken from the Health Data Unit, April '87; and from 1986 Population trends for Washington State.)

Penny commented, "I thought Youth 2000 was a good idea; however, at the conference I felt they were trying to help teens with the problem more than trying to think of ways to prevent it".

The Youth 2000 campaign is designed to educate and inform people about the problems so that they may determine where and how they should take action. Youth 2000 believes that Americans, as a nation, must heighten public awareness about the issues in order to foster a greater involvement and commitment by both the private and public sector, and that they must mobilize resources to develop solutions that can begin to solve the problems that face America's future, its youth.

News Briefs

ASB Update

by Brian Miles

On March 14 David Verbarg, history department head, addressed the ASB (Associated Student Body) and asked for a sum of \$40 to send Kathy Smith, outstanding PHS band member, to the Washington State University Honor Band Competition being held March 26-27 at Washington State University.

\$20 of the requested \$40 would be used to pay entry fees for the Honor Band competitions, and the additional amount would be used to pay fees for the prestigious "Music in May" conference being held May 26-27. After discussing it, the ASB voted to fund Smith with the \$40; however, due to technicality of whether or not she would be considered a Pasco High representative, the ASB vote was over-run until further consideration could be made.

Additional business addressed in the ASB includes the selection of Becki Paup as ASB teacher of the month, the selection of Jeff Densley as the ASB rep. of the month, and the '88-'89 election committee's announced schedule for all students running for next year's offices. It was decided that all petitions were to be due March 31; an election assembly, where candidates would be able to voice their views to the student body, would be held April 13; and the actual election, deciding next year's new officers, would be April 20.

In the previous ASB meeting February 11, Principal Ray Reynolds referred to the ASB as a \$300,000 business. ASB's actual anticipated income for this year is \$264,663. This is the combined yearly incomes of all clubs, sports activities and the selling of yearbooks, pop, etc.. For 1987-88 the estimated expenditures are also \$264,663. This is due to the fact that every money-making organization over-estimates its expenses and yearly incomes as much as possible, as not to go out of the school's budget and face being audited.

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Bulldogs of the Month

Laura Speeler

By Carrie Abbott

The female Bulldog of the Month for March is Laura Speeler. "Laura is an extremely interesting and intelligent person and she should have been publicly recognized for this honor a long time ago," commented Brian Miles, a junior.

Speeler is enrolled in many different classes. French, Physics, and Computer Word Processing are just a few of her favorites. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has a 4.0 grade point average. Speeler is also involved in French Club and participated in the spring play, *Time and Time Again*.

Speeler says she enjoys school and the people she works with there. "I have learned to be more open in life and with people. I try to take into consideration what other people's needs and wants are, not just mine," revealed Speeler.

She feels she has been able to focus on goals for her future life and hopes to achieve what she wants in life. Speeler says that the only way she could have put her mind to her goals were her teachers and friends around her. She also believes that since she is now a senior she is more concerned with what is going to happen after graduation. "I think more about what I want to do because



graduation is coming closer and closer each day," said Speeler.

After school, Speeler volunteers her time for a veterinarian. Speeler would like to become a veterinarian and helping at a clinic gives her just the experience she needs. "I want to become a veterinarian and specialize in small animals. I also would eventually like to own my own veterinary clinic," commented Speeler.

Speeler plans to attend CBC for two years and then go to WSU. She hopes to major in animal science, and is applying for community scholarships now. "I will attack the bigger scholarships later," Speeler added.

The Exchange

by Beckie Bernard

One of the foreign exchange students featured this month is Dagrur Hintze, a sixteen year old senior from West Germany.

Hintze is from a city (close to the size of Spokane) near Hamburg and the Danish border, on the coast of the Baltic Sea. Hintze describes Lubeck as a "pretty city" with old buildings surrounded by grassy lots.

Hintze decided to come to the United States for the chance to become a part of a different culture and to improve her English. She describes herself as wanting to become "Americanized".

Hintze is currently studying six full hours of courses here at Pasco High School, which includes: Drama, U.S. History, Psychology, French, Consumer Education, and Contemporary World Problems. After she is through with her senior year at P.H.S., she will return to Germany where she will complete further schooling for the period of three years, and may return to the U.S. to attend an American university.

Hintze enjoys horseback riding, being around animals, aerobics, playing the piano, clothes shopping, and going to the beach.



When asked what the biggest difference between the teenagers here in the U.S. and the teenagers in West Germany is, Hintze replied, "The teenage girls in Germany don't make themselves up for school or worry about impressing their peers there, but they do enjoy getting all dressed up for a night on the beach or the town."

Hintze likes places here in the Tri-Cities such as Red Robin, but doesn't think there is much to do for teenagers on the weekends.

Hintze's goals for this year are to meet many people and to be able to improve her English speaking.

Solo Ensemble Competition

by Jay Greenwell

On February 20th three choir students and nine band students competed in a Solo Ensemble competition held at Hanford High School. Each participant signed up for the competition a week in advance. If they wished to they could also sign up to be judged as a state competition participant.

The three choir students sang short artistic songs and all received very good scores. Denae Monson received a II, Jay Greenwell received a I- and Kristin Steensnaes (a foreign exchange student from Sweden) received a II+. Steensnaes also played a piano piece and received a I-.

The students from the band were judged on either one or two pieces. The instrumental soloists and their results are as follows:

Chad Gilley played the drums and received a I; Shilo Kennelly, Rhonda Jennings and Kathy Smith each played flute solos and received a II; Debbie Decker and Dawn Newton played a flute duet and received a I; and Chris Ham, Benton Free, Kenney Turner and Debbie Decker played in a saxophone quartet and received a I-.

A couple of participants were asked what they enjoyed about the competition. Debbie Decker commented, "Playing in front of people is a good experience, it teaches you stage presence and helps you get over shyness. I also enjoyed working with Dawn Newton on our duet."

Denae Monson replied, "It was a fun way to grow vocally and a good opportunity to recognize needed improvements."

Craig Young

By Carrie Abbott

The Bulldog of the Month for March is Craig Young. "This young man is very intelligent and is involved in a lot of extra-curricular activities; He's also a terrific runner. I've seen him run and he's great," commented Norma Peralta.

Young has participated in track and cross country these past few years at the High School. "I was team captain for cross country this year and helped all of my teammates at state this year," commented Young, a three year letterman. Young has entered in track again this year also.

Young has a 3.8 grade point average and has many different honors classes. Calculus and Spanish 3 & 4 are some of Young's favorite classes and he enjoys the company of Mr. Verbarg and Mrs. Mannion because "they are great to work with."

Young enjoys running and computers. "Computers are so much fun to work with and take up my spare time," said Young.

Hobbies such as skiing and hiking are other activities he enjoys. "I went hiking in the Cascade Mountains and had a great time," Young commented.

After graduation Young hopes to attend WSU and major in chemical engineering. "That's what I have planned for right now, but maybe something else will come up in



the future," replied Young.

One of Young's goals in life is to become an Olympic runner. He loves to run so he hopes he'll succeed.

Young's favorite time of the year is summer. Last summer he went to Seattle to attend Governor School which is a place to learn how to be a community citizen and learn how to deal with people. "I learned how to become a community leader and how to get involved in things to help other people."

Young has enjoyed being a student here at Pasco High. "I've liked the people and my friends that have stood by me in the past school years and being on the track and cross country team has really been fun," said Young.



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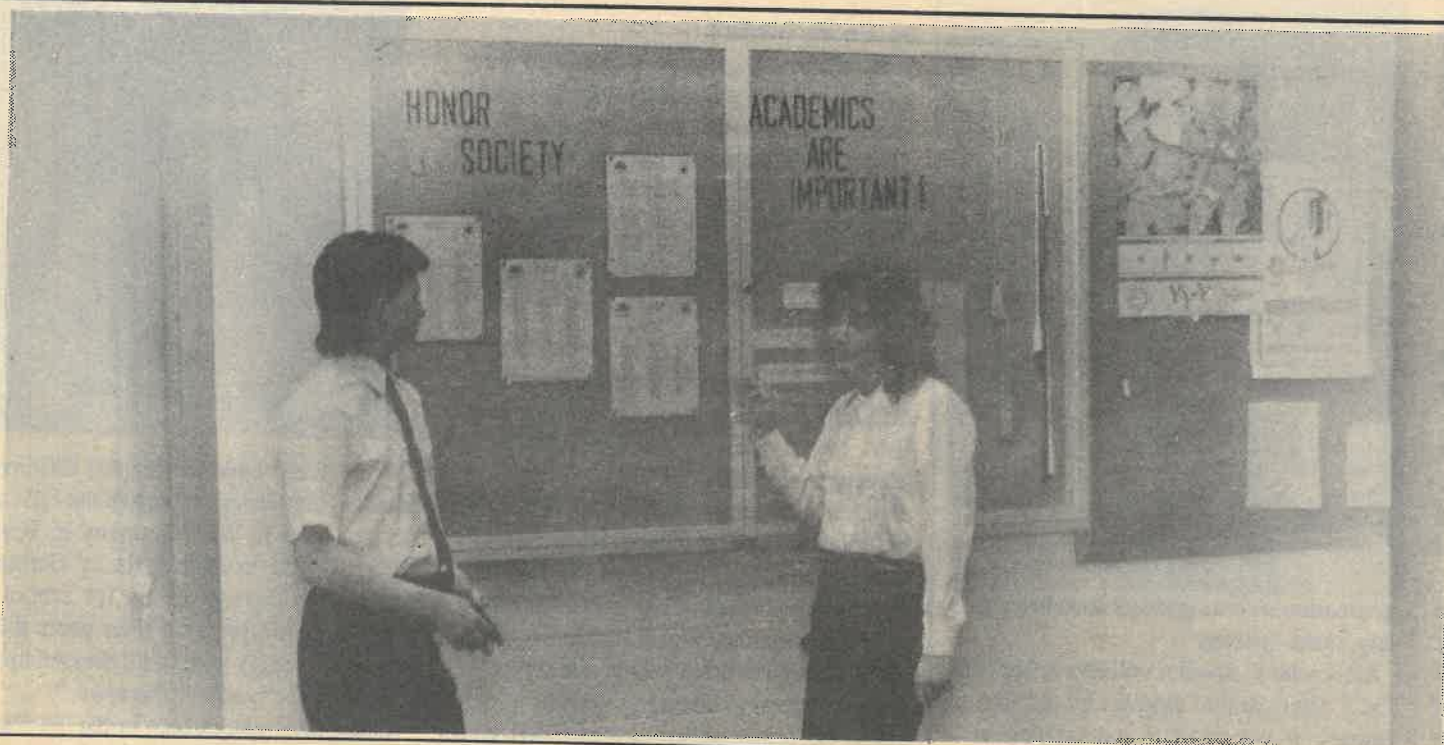
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Two Pasco High students sport the new uniforms which will soon be required for all students.

Policy requires student uniforms

by Dawn Newton

It may be unbelievable, but it's coming true. Under the new framework for our school, starting this year at the beginning of fourth quarter, the associated student body at Pasco High will be required to wear uniforms. Throw out those stretch pants and those Nike Air high tops, because you won't be seeing any of that around campus much longer.

The new uniforms will consist mainly of a white shirt with full sleeves for the winter, and a white shirt with short sleeves for the summer. The short sleeved shirt is optional, but the long sleeved version will be required. A thin black tie is to be worn with the shirt and it is expected that shirts will be buttoned up during class time. The type of slacks or skirts worn are fairly optional, but is is generally recommended that girls wear black skirts (below knee length) and guys wear black slacks. Mini-skirts will not be allowed,

and neither will shorts, cut-offs, stretch pants or running tights.

Principal Ray Reynolds was quoted as commenting that the use of uniforms will "...distinguish between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'."

The uniforms will need to be purchased by students' parents. The correct style of shirt will soon be available at the Nordstroms included in the new Sagebrush Center shopping to be built later this year in Pasco. The total cost of a uniform will be under forty dollars. Extra items that coordinate with the uniform are available at an extra charge.

According to Dr. Craig Moore, (see "Reform" story, this page), the use of uniforms allows the students to concentrate on their schoolwork more fully so they are able to attain a much higher level of achievement in school.

"By utilizing the small change of uniform dressing students' performances in school are improved drastically. This has been shown in McKinley and, to a degree, in the other prototype schools just beginning this program." Pasco is expected to feel these positive effects of this program after three years.

In order to give the students some variety, the uniforms will be changed every three years. Says Moore, "The change of uniforms every three years allows each class to have at least two different styles of dress during their high school years."

It's not expected that PHS students are going to accept this new policy in stride, but Moore projects, "Students will feel entirely comfortable wearing uniforms to school after the initial rejections of the program have subsided."

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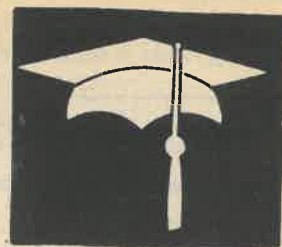
by Dawn Newton

There's going to be some change good ol' PHS, and they're going changes. It all started with the initial "blue binders" at the beginning of the year. Despite skeptical views concerning the program, principal Ray Reynolds maintains the current framework is the ideal framework.

For years we've been hearing about the school administration's grief over low scores among students, rising illiteracy among graduates, as well as increasing drug abuse and social problems in schools.

There have been studies in several schools looking for the "better mousetrap" in school structures. One very successful program in Cleveland, Ohio has been studied by the Pasco School Board and various teachers throughout the district.

This prototype has been so successful that over 90 percent of students who took the SAT or SAT test received scores from the top 10 percent of the nation. The found



GRT

New "Graduation Requirement Test

by Dawn Newton

Have you ever heard about the graduation finals that many students in foreign countries are required to take? Are you always relieved that in the United States there is no such thing? Hold on to your book bag—a graduation final for Pasco High is on its way. Now added to the list of standardized tests in this area (SAT, ACT, WPCT, etc.) is the GRT—

Graduation Requirement Test. This test was designed by Dr. Craig Moore, a Stanford University graduate who is now attempting to make drastic reforms in the school systems of the United States.

Although the government hasn't made the graduation final a federal requirement, it was decided that the use of graduation finals will be left to the discretion of each school dis-

trict. McKinley High (a Cleveland school studied by Pasco school district) has used the graduation final since 1982. The use of this final is thought to be the reason that students' SAT and ACT scores are so high in that area.

"Students are more inclined to study for a test like the GRT because they know their graduation depends upon it. The GRT is unlike the SAT which affects fewer areas less

traumatically," says Moore.

Since the test is not a state or federal requirement, Superintendent Dr. Larry Nyland decided that any student who receives a score of 18 or higher on the SAT or a composite score of 18 on the ACT will be exempt from the graduation final. Students who do not take one of these tests (and those who do not receive the minimum score for exemption) will be required

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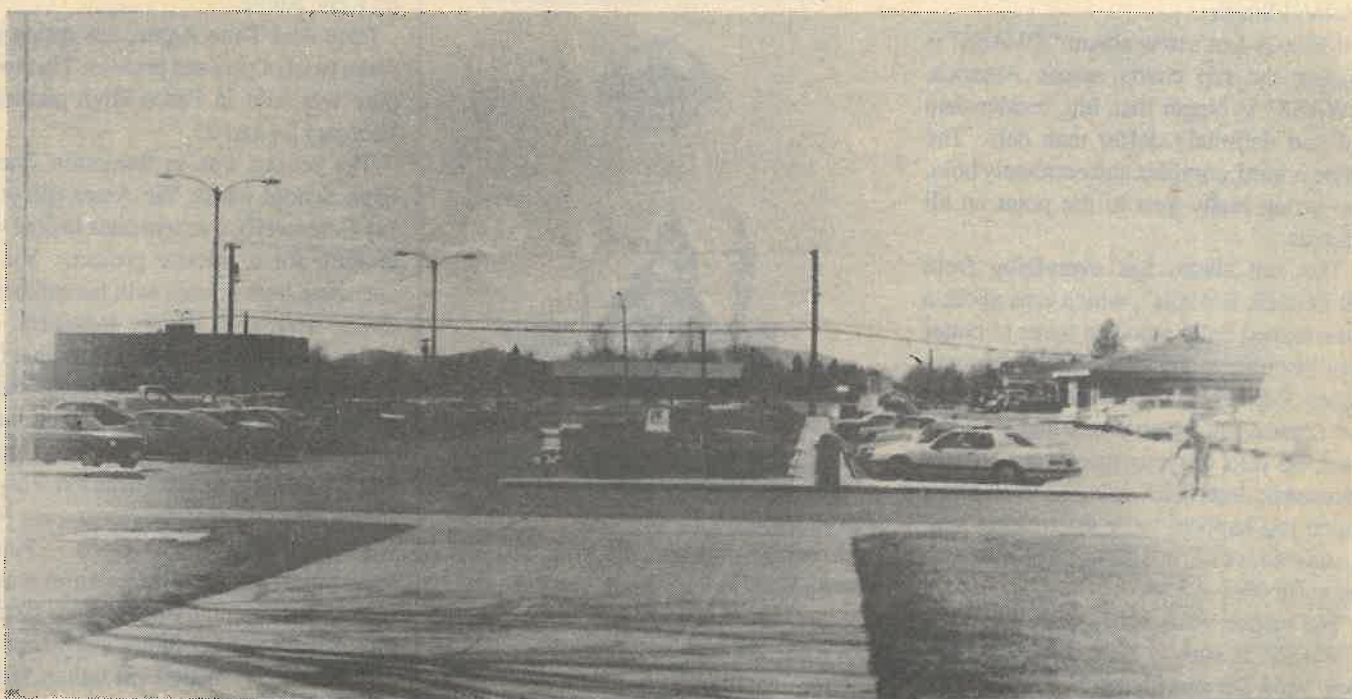
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A look at the Pasco High parking lot as it stands before Circle Foods is built. Students will no longer be parking here.

No more parking lot at P.H.S.

by Paula McMakin

The Pasco High School parking lot will no longer be available for student parking as of April 1, 1988.

"I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO PARKING MY NEW TRUCK IN THE PARKING LOT NEXT YEAR. IT REALLY IS UNFAIR TO THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE PAID FOR THEIR SPACE THIS YEAR"

- SOPHOMORE SHELLEY PERKINS

Circle Foods, a new grocery store chain from the east, has bought the parking lot. Due to the school district's great debts they have decided to sell.

Because Pasco High School will no longer be able to provide parking for the students

additional bus drivers will be hired and more buses will be bought to provide transportation for the students.

Most students are very angry about this new action. They believe that the student body should have a voted to determine the outcome of this matter.

"I was looking forward to parking my new truck in the parking lot next year when I am a junior. It really is unfair to those who already have paid for their space this year," said sophomore Shelley Perkins.

It seems that the A.S.B. does not plan to give any refunds to students who have bought parking spaces because the school year is near its end. Jeff Smith is just one student upset about this matter. "I am very appalled at the manner in which the school district has handled this situation. I think they should have displayed the issue to the students before making their decision," stated Smith.

"The removal of student use of automobiles allows students to spend their time more fully on their studies," said Principal Ray Reynolds.

"THE REMOVAL OF STUDENT USE OF AUTOMOBILES ALLOWS STUDENTS TO SPEND THEIR TIME MORE FULLY ON THEIR STUDIES"

- PRINCIPAL RAY REYNOLDS

The school district apologizes for the inconvenience and assures students this will be beneficial in the long run for Pasco High School and the students.

The school district has already signed the business contract so no phone calls or letters to the school district will be necessary in attempts to regain the parking lot. The deal has been finalized.

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ill soon be mandatory for all seniors

RT in order to graduate.

There will be no charge to take the GRT, but it will not be accepted by colleges in place of other standard test required for admis-

s testing situation, unlike other changes at Pasco according to the McKinley academic program, will take effect for class of 1989. This decision was made on

the basis that this year's graduating class would not have enough time to prepare for such an important test.

"Although a year's worth of study is not all it will take to receive an excellent score on the GRT, it will be plenty of time to adequately prepare. Receiving a higher than normal score will require future students to be preparing from the beginning of their schooling.

This is the goal of the test—to make students aware that their everyday studies are important," says Moore.

This change is yet another that the student body is not expected to receive well, but the concern will most likely spread to parents as well. Says Moore, "When parents are able to see the improvement in performance from their children in schools, they will fully sup-

port this testing system. I am confident that by 1991 or '92, the GRT will be a federal requirement. Those students now beginning to take the test are only getting a head start on the nation's educational standards."

YOU MIGHT READ ALL KINDS OF JOKES GOTCHA!! HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY! ☆ ☆ ☆

Rap it up with SWASS Time and Time Again

by Noe'l Smith

Sir Mix-A-Lot's new album "SWASS" is topping the rap charts across America. "SWASS" is bigger than big, badder than bad and definitely deffer than def! The sound is hard, complex and extremely bold. The group really gets to the point on all subjects.

This rap album has everything from "Buttermilk Biscuits", which raps about a freak named Sally who just loves to butter your biscuits, to the ever popular "Square Dance Rap", which tells you that if you can't dance just tap your toes and if you're stuck up turn up your nose. Or maybe a "Romantic Interlude" is more your style, which just happens to be the freshest love rap this side of LL's "I Need Love", according to Sir Mix-A-Lot.

"No matter what your musical taste is 'SWASS' is sure to have something you like," said Donnie Simpson, B.E.T. video host.

"I think 'SWASS' is great! Sir Mix-A-Lot is an excellent rapper and his raps show a lot of variety," said Jennifer Hoover.

"Sir Mix-A-Lot is the baddest! 'SWASS' is definitely his best album so far," said



Von Jackson.

Sir Mix-A-Lot and his crew are from Seattle, Washington. They've all grown up together and attended the same school. "SWASS" is the group's first album. While listening to this album you may want to dance or maybe you will just want to chill, relax and enjoy the beats. All in all, the whole album is an outrageous example of what some people call rebellion, but Sir Mix-A-Lot and his posse' simply call it "SWASS"!

by Kerri Ruble

Time And Time Again, the spring play, was a twist of past and present. This two act play was held in Pasco High auditorium February 24 and 25.

The setting was in Benjamin Franklin High School where Vic Ames (played by Jay Greenwell), was sent back in time while looking for a science project. Vic was attending high school with his mother and father who were distant strangers. Vic realized that he had to get his mother (K.C. Ross), and his father (Chris Parks), together in order for him to be born in the future.

Many conflicts stood between getting Vic's parents together. Marlon Van Brut (Marc Felsted), was the rough gang leader who was after Mrs. Ames. Another lovestruck pursuer of Mrs. Ames was Horace (Scott Cadman), but Horace liked her only because of her father's law firm.

Vic finally persuaded his father, Wolf, to write Jennifer a love poem.

The two discussed their interests in poetry and soon fell in love.

Vic was then suddenly thrust into the future to his high school where his parents were "married happily ever after".

"Overall the play was a big success."

"I REALLY THOUGHT THE PLAY WAS A BIG CHALLENGE BECAUSE THE ROLE I PLAYED WAS SO DIFFERENT"

- Mark Felsted

Everyone had a really good time and that made our performance better. I really thought it was a big challenge because the character was so different than me," said Marc Felsted.

I thought the play was the funniest and the most entertaining of all that I have attended here. The costuming and the scenery added to the overall effect making it look true to life. The actors and actresses did a wonderful job of portraying their characters. Anyone who missed this play missed out on one of the best!

Car Corner



by Kerri Ruble

This hot '74 Camaro is proudly owned by Brett Stone. The paint is a bright '82 Corvette Red with tinted windows. It has a V-8 400 turbo transmission, Cragger SS/T

wheels and a Pioneer stereo. He bought it totalled, and had it fixed up about six months later, doing some of the work himself.

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Entertainment

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Prom Update - *Midnight Masquerade*

by Noe'l Smith

"The 1988 prom plans are coming right along," said Ms. Foreman, Prom Committee Advisor.

This year's theme is "Midnight Masquerade" featuring colors of black, red and silver.

Prom will take place on Saturday, April 3, at the Hanford House in Richland from 7:30 to 12:30 pm.

"We chose the Hanford House because the prom was held there last year and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It's a very nice place," said Norma Peralta, Junior Class resident.

Ticket prices are \$15 per couple including the souvenir cost. Souvenirs are 12 ounce tumblers glasses with "Midnight Masquerade"

printed on them in the theme colors.

Pictures will be taken by Zinn Photography. There will be two picture set ups starting at 6:00 pm. Picture sign ups will be starting in the library on Monday, April 11.

PROFESSIONAL AUDIO ENTERPRISES HAS A 9 X 12 VIDEO SCREEN AND THEY PLAY TOP 40, HARD ROCK, SOUL AND COUNTRY

Professional Audio Enterprises will be doing the music. This will be their first time working in Pasco. They have a 9x12 video screen and they play top 40, hard rock, soul and country.

This year the prom committee did some-

thing different for the theme songs. They chose to have three of them, the reason being that each class preferred to have their own in addition to an overall theme song for the dance as a whole.

"The juniors chose 'I Live For Your Love' by Natalie Cole, the seniors chose 'Time Of My Life' by Michael Bolton and the overall theme song is 'Honesty' by Stryper," reported Kerri Ruble.

The prom committee will put on the annual prom assembly on April 13th. The crowning of the court will take place then. The chorus will perform then.

"There will be one voting session to elect the court on March 28," said Foreman.

"Sophomores do not vote nor are they able to be elected. All juniors are eligible for the

"THE PROM COURT FINALISTS' PICTURES WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY SHOWCASE THE WEEK FOLLOWING SPRING BREAK"

- Ms. Foreman, Prom Advisor

court except for girls who have been Homecoming princesses and guys who have been Twirp princes. Everyone in the senior class is eligible with the exception of this year's Homecoming court and this year's Twirp court. The court finalists picture's will be put on display in the library showcase the week following spring break," said Foreman.

Jazz Band raises \$266 at concert

by Shelley Perkins

"Jazzin' up the bucks! That is what the Jazz Ensemble did 6th hour on March 2, 1988 with a fundraising concert in the auditorium open to all PHS students for the price of \$1.

The performance raised \$266 worth of fundraising funds for the Ensemble and a lot of attention. "It was good for the Jazz Band to play in front of the student body which is something they rarely get to do. I think they had a pretty generous response," said sophomore Arron Mitchel.

The performance lasted for approximately

45 minutes and was a very good one according to Mr. Roberts, director. "The band played well and it was a very enthusiastic and exciting crowd. We enjoyed playing for the students and would like to do it every year," commented Roberts.

The first song played was "Tuning Up" featuring Pat Wright, Aaron Brumbaugh, Debbie Decker, Tim Thompson, and Derek Bagley as soloists. "Angel Eyes" featured Tom Watts, Debbie Decker, Chris Rhoads, and Tim Thompson. "Blues In The Night"

also featured Thompson in a trumpet solo. Aaron Brumbaugh and Kenny Turner played solos in "Basically Blue" with Turner also playing a solo in "Groovin' Hard" with his baritone sax.

Ironically, this was not a tune picked by Roberts. "Skank Blues," conceived by Thompson with the help of Watts, Al Plum, and Montey Webb, was a hit.

Thompson was enthused to write this song by his own interpretation of a previous girlfriend who was as he quotes, "...a

skank." "I was thinking about a skank and thus became the 'Skank Blues'," exclaimed Thompson.

It was a treat for the audience and as Danielle Schafer said, "It was extremely creative for a last minute project and the title is very appropriate."

The Jazz Band is planning to use their funds for a trip to Mt. Hood where they will participate in a jazz festival.

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Softball springs into action



by Norma Peralta

Spring is here and softball has started once again. Last year the softball team placed 5th in the Big Nine, went on to be district champions and placed 5th in state.

Pasco has several returning varsity lettermen, including Krista Selvig, Kendi Keeney, Rosa Peralta, Kathy Bravard, Kala Kraft, Norma Peralta, and Dena Herigstad. According to last year's lettermen the Bulldogs will go all the way, not only to district championships but state champs as well.

Head coach Phyllis Mason stated that the four key players for this year's team are: Krista Selvig, pitcher; Rosa Peralta, 3rd baseman; Kathy Bravard, right fielder; and Norma Peralta, 2nd baseman.

"Selvig, potentially is an all-conference pitcher. She pitches with such a positive attitude and with lots of control," said coach Mason, also known as coach Maze.

Coach Maze believes that Bravard will be this year's strongest hitter.

"The Peralta sisters are both fast, good base runners and always play heads up ball, adding strength to the infield," Maze replied.

According to coach Maze, all of the returning varsity lettermen are taking leadership responsibilities in a positive and serious way.

"This year's girls have not only great attitudes but are always willing to do whatever needs to be done, on and off the field. Having the freshmen up this year will be a great advantage for us because they will start early competing against high school teams," replied coach Maze.

This year's coaches are as follows: Phyllis Mason, varsity; Jim Steach, junior varsity; and a new coach, Debbie Humphrey, for the ninth grade team.

With all the ninth graders and both coach Humphrey and coach Steach helping out this year, Pasco should have a very successful season.

"Our goals are set to beat at least every team in the league. After that we will just have to see what happens. That was our goal last year too, and we went on to be district champs and took 5th at state," stated Rosa Peralta.



Track - running it's way to the top!

by Chad Gilley

Spring is just around the corner and birds are already singing. However, the birds aren't the only ones outside. Track made it's '88 debut on February 29 and the athletes are working hard at making this the best season yet.

There are many events in track and one of the most interesting aspects of this sport is that you are able to choose exactly what you want to do. Also, while you are a member of the team, you have the option to participate in events that consist of a group, such as the relays, or you can work on your own in an individual event. "Many people don't realize the impact that one person can make, and when working as an individual you know that you did well all on your own," commented Stacy Leumont.

The coaches are a large, if not the biggest contributor to the success of the team. "Anyone can run well if they work at it," said Stacey Edwards, "but you need experienced coaches like we have to show you the technique that will bring you to the best of your ability. You just can't win without knowing the exact technique and learning

how to put it in effect to work for you."

The coaches for this year are: Dave Fullerton long distance; Cliff Sandberg- throwing events (shotput, discus, etc.); Eric Kelly- hurdles; and Jill Newby- jumping events such as high and long jumps.

Among the top track participants are seniors Cedric Sanders and Darcy Kenfield, junior Stacey Edwards, and sophomore Stacy Leumont. All agree that the coaches are a big asset. "Without the motivation that they give and all of the knowledge they share, we couldn't do it. And we need knowledge when doing events such as hurdles," stated Andre Wren.

Predicting a seasonal outcome is difficult. "It is hard to say, but the team does have potential," commented Sanders.

Coach Kelly replied, "I agree that they have the potential. It looks as if they can do very well but it is early."

Pasco has always had a strong track team with 12 first and second placings in various events at state in the past two years. With returning state runners Sanders and Kenfield, this should prove to be yet another successful year.

Golf goes 18 holes

by Norma Peralta

Although predicted to finish in last place, last year the golf team came out and proved the critics wrong by taking 2nd place in the Big Nine conference and finishing 3rd at districts.

In golf the winner is determined by adding up the results of the 4 top varsity players, and the school with the lowest score is the winner.

Varsity consists of the top 5 people who may be girls or guys. Varsity plays a round which is 18 holes. Jayvee consists of the second top 5 people. There is also a team of girls who compete against girls only and go up to 9 holes a round.

This year's team has a lot of golfers but not many experienced ones. We are not as strong as we were last year so we are probably going to finish in the top 6 in Big Nine conference," stated Blake DeMille.

Four key players for this year's varsity golf team are: Blake Demille, Tony Beck, Rebecca Long and Bryan Lambert.

Golfers practice every day after school until dark at their home field, the Pasco Municipal Golf Course.

"With a coach like Mr. Brown the Bulldogs should have no trouble making their way to the top," replied a former golfer.

Baseball - It's a hit

by Chad Gilley

Spring is here and the sweet air is all around us. However, some Pasco High students, such as the baseball team, are far too busy to stop and smell those lovely roses.

With returning star players such as Ronnie Maxwell, Scott Sunblad, Donnie Maxwell, Jeff Smith, and David Davis, it has been predicted that this will be a very successful season for the Pasco High varsity baseball team.

Pasco played a nonleague game against Gonzaga Prep March 18th in Richland. One of the highlights of the game was a 2-run homerun hit in the first inning by Travis Brown. Although Pasco lost, they are expected to come back strong against their opponents in the upcoming seasonal games.

Pasco will be playing their second non-league game against Sunset, an Oregon team, hosted by the Pasco Bulldogs, on March 23.

Soccer - a new but hot sport

by Chad Gilley

When one thinks of spring, images of blossoming flowers, rain showers, beautiful rainbows, and 35 P.H.S. students competing for positions in Pasco's first year of competitive soccer come to mind.

This is the first year that soccer is being introduced to students at Pasco High and freshmen from Stevens and McLoughlin. Their first practice was on February 29.

Thirty-five students tried out and only 20 made the team. Because this is their first year, there will only be a varsity team.

Head coach for both boys and girls soccer is Rick Hamilton.

Pasco does not have any key players, simply because this is their first year, but they do have many experienced players, such as Darrin Giles, Brad Haycock, Cesar Robles, Ricardo Torres and Leo Curiel.

Coach Hamilton feels that despite all the bad predictions for the team, they should end up as one of the top five in the Big Nine conference.

On Saturday, March 13, Pasco, Hanford, Richland, Kennewick, and Kamiakin had a jamboree at Kennewick stadium. Pasco performed well and it gave them a chance to play for other teams and get a sense of the competition to come.