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Are Our Cars Safe? Vandalism at Pasco High

by Noe'l Smith

Vandalism has returned to Pasco High. Everyone thinks it won't happen to them until reality strikes, and it does. Darrick Dietrick became a victim of vandalism on December 20th when his '86, Mazda B2000 mini-truck was shot by a BB gun. The damage was a broken passenger window. Dietrick's insurance paid for all \$100 of the repair bill.

"I think someone just drove by and shot at it because the same thing happened to 5 other cars that day",

said Dietrick. "I don't think the shot was aimed at me personally, but it still makes you think twice about driving to school."

The second vandalism victim of Pasco High is Preston Jones. He owns a '76, dark-green, Ford Courier mini-truck. It was vandalised on January 10. Jones wasn't quite as fortunate as Dietrick with his damages. Jones' truck received a kicked in door, broken out back window, broken driver's side window, and his knock-offs were stolen. Jones' insurance is paying all but \$250 of

the repair bill.

"I can't think of a reason why someone would do this. No one is mad at me that I'm aware of and I don't flip anything to anyone", commented Jones.

Jones filed a police report and they said that they're seriously investigating the crime.

Jones said, "It doesn't seem like the school really cares, although they're trying to be sympathetic."

Both Dietrick and Jones think that the school should have someone patrolling the parking lot to watch

out for vandalism.

"Students need to work together and help each other to find the culprits. If we knew who they were, we could then bring them forward and make them pay for their crime", said Mr. Williamson, who is doing his principal internship.

Being a vandalism victim is a tragedy and until the criminals are caught, it's hard to trust anyone.

"I'll never drive to school again, you can't trust anyone", stated Jones.

Drinking and Driving Could "Wreck" Your Life

by Shelley Perkins

"Even in normal conditions a person, especially a teenager, should be a cautious and defensive driver, but it is even more crucial to drive defensively during a holiday weekend," said Sheriff Richard Lathim.

Lathim explained that on an average day in Franklin County there maybe one or two D.W.I's given. On an unaverage day such as New Year's Eve, there are at least five times that amount just. On New Year's Eve 1988, there were 6 D.W.I's given before 12:00 midnight.

Of course, midnight is when all the champagne bottles explode into every party animal's body before they riskingly drive home to sleep for the rest of the 1st day of the new year. Hazardous? Yes well, some seem to think it will never happen to them. Maybe it won't, but that champagne may have a greater effect on you than you realize. It is a

fact that the first thing alcohol does to a person is relax them. Of course most people don't drink on New Year's Eve to relax, they drink one after the other as they play games and watch the countdown to midnight on T.V. It is also a fact that after 3 to 4 drinks an average person will have a reduction in their performance, which means that driving is a critical chance to take. If you are a real party animal and you keep drinking, this leads to an impairment of the judgement your brain is responsible for the rest of the night. You may think you are a good driver until you get on the road, get pulled over, receive a D.W.I, and are sober enough to realize that you were not a cautious, defensive driver, but an offensive driver.

That's how it goes when you decide to drink on a night of celebration and drive when your body is not ready to quit celebrating.

Over the holidays there are always

more accidents nationwide because of more travelers or weather conditions. During the Christmas and New Year's holiday there are not only more potential hazards for wrecks or fender benders, there are an added number of drunk or "impaired" drivers lurking out on the

streets blind to their mind block.

Fortunately, in Franklin County over the holidays there were not any fatal accidents nor were there many accidents related to drunk or intoxicated drivers. However, as statistics show there were several alcohol related accidents nationwide.

Earn an "A" Get a "P"

Recently at one of the ASB meetings, someone suggested that there be a school letter for academics. The Academic Booster Club will sponsor this letter which will be handed out at the awards ceremony at the end of the year.

The purpose of the academic letter is to recognize academic excellence. This requires three semesters of a grade point of 3.5 or higher signify that it is academic and not athletic. This letter looks just like a sports

letter, but will have a little lamp pin to signify that it is academic and not athletic.

The Academic Booster Club is a group of parents who sponsor kids in Honors and AP classes, and other ways such as the Academic Letter. Sometime this spring they are going to hold a rummage sale to pay for the letters. They meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in Mrs. Mannion's room, 277b.

Newton's Law



by Dawn Newton

It seems unfortunate to me that the ASB in this school doesn't always get a lot of respect. The folly of some basically uninterested people can tarnish the accomplishments of the very hardworking members—officers and representatives alike. One very impressive move this year came from ASB President Shawna Sweeney, but it seemed to go by with little notice. A policy has been implemented giving the student body as a whole some new power over ASB decisions. Representatives are to bring back proposals to their home-room classes to be voted on. The representatives are then obligated to vote as their class voted.

This seems to be a tremendous step toward making the ASB a more truly democratic body, as well as giving it a shot in the arm in the area of respect. It certainly won't hurt to have the students more aware of the decisions being made in the school, either. For years, many classes have been plagued by representatives who want nothing more out of their role in student government than missed class time. Now, when concerned students feel that they have an active part in ASB decisions, the desire for responsible representation may rise.

There is, however, an odd flaw in this policy. There seems to be no rhyme or reason as to which issues the students are allowed to vote on. During ASB meetings seemingly arbitrary decisions are made between what the representative group will vote on themselves, and what will be brought back to classes to vote on. I have all the faith in the world in Sweeney's ability to make such decisions. However, even if those who follow her have the same decision-making capacity, I don't have the faith that all future ASB Presidents will have the same desire to see this policy work for our school. It seems that steps should be taken to preserve it—let's not let this slip onto the back pages of the year-in-review ASB report mentioning its passing into law. Our student government needs no more rules on the books that aren't actually followed through with.

Although enacting other rules about the new rule certainly has the potential to become another hunk of governmental rhetoric, a solid outline of procedure to be followed in ASB meetings toward this issue also has the potential to assure it will remain in action.

I'm proud to see this move made by the ASB. I hope they have the momentum—and the desire—to keep it going!

Staff Speaks

by Kamille Thorne

Biology, Honors English, PE, World Literature, Spanish 3/4, and Geometry. More and more, this is becoming a typical schedule for a college-bound student. Oh yes, there are still plenty of "fun" electives available to students, but colleges have become more selective and are demanding a higher number of required courses. These days a student is rarely even considered for admission, let alone scholarships, unless they have 3 years of math, 2 years of science, 4 years of English, and 3 years of history. And that is only the beginning!

I, for one, have often wondered why a student intending to be a plumber or interior designer would have a need for so many science and math classes. Or why an engineering major would need 2 years of foreign language and 3 years of history. From comments I have heard it is obvious that many other students have wondered this same thing, and even resent being forced to

take so many required courses. Many students would most likely prefer to take electives that relate to their future careers. Or in all honesty, courses that are fun! Yet, there is another side to the coin. Colleges have made it clear that they are looking for well-rounded students. As today's world becomes more and more high tech., it is important to have intelligent students with a basic knowledge in a wide variety of areas. This knowledge stems from challenging courses in high school.

I'm sure that much of what I have learned in high school will never be used in my future career, yet it will always be something to fall back on and it is giving the colleges what they want. So instead of always complaining about the courses we are required to take, maybe should spend more time learning it and let that question answer itself. In time it will. For the time being, let's just "hit the books" and leave college requirements to the people who know it best - the colleges!!!

February Calendar

Thur 2 - Frosh boys BB-H-Kennewick, A-6:00 B-7:30pm, Frosh girls, BB-T-Kennewick, 7:00pm

Fri 3 - Boys BB-H-Kennewick, Soph & JV-6:15, V-8:00pm, Girls BB-T-Kennewick, C & JV-6:15pm, V-8:00pm

Sat 4 - Girls BB-H-Wenatchee, C & JV-6:15pm, V-8:00pm, Boys BB-T-Wenatchee, Soph & JV-6:15, V-8:00pm, Frosh BB-H-Moses Lake, Boys A-1:00pm, B-2:30pm, Girls-1:00pm, District Wrestling- TBA

Mon 6 - Frosh boys BB-T-Kamiakin, A-6:30pm, B-8:00pm, Frosh girls BB-H-Kamiakin -7:00pm

Tue 7 - Boys BB-T-Kamiakin, Soph & JV-6:15, V-8:00pm, Girls BB-H-Kamiakin, C & JV-6:15pm, V-8:00pm

Thur 9 - Frosh boys BB-T-Walla Walla-Berney Elem., A-5:00pm, B-6:30pm, Frosh girls BB-H-Walla Walla -6:30pm

Fri 10 - Boys BB-H-Walla Walla, Soph & JV-6:00pm, V-8:00pm, Girls BB-T-Walla Walla, JV-6:15pm, V-8:00pm, Girls CBB-T-Walla Walla-Garrison Jr. High, Regional Wrestling TBA

Tue 14 - Boys & Girls BB-District tournament TBA

Fri 17 - Girls & Boys BB-District tournament TBA, State Wrestling TBA

Sat 18 - Girls & Boys BB-District tournament TBA, State Wrestling TBA

Mon 20 - Presidents Day, NO SCHOOL

Fri 24 - Boys & Girls BB-Regional Tournament-Spokane

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Record Review:

"Messages From The Boys"

by Noe'l Smith

Make way for the cutest little boys to ever step into the music business. They are "The Boys" and their first album is "Messages From The Boys." Their messages aren't only adorable they're also performed very well. These four brothers, ranging from age five to eleven, can really get down.

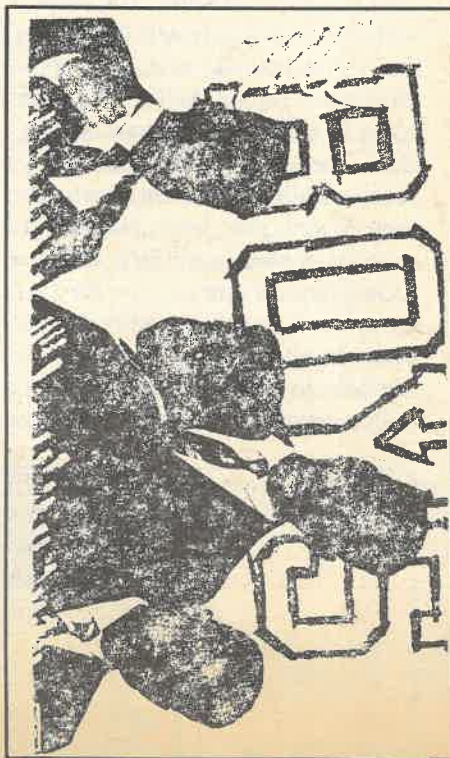
"The Boys" first release is "Dial My Heart." It is an upbeat song that says, "Call my baby on the telephone/ gotta get a message to let her know/ that if she ever feels alone to dial my heart." This selection also features a rapping portion which is performed by the 11 year old. "Don't matter where you are/ near or far/ you'll never be alone" is a short part of the solo. "Dial My Heart" has an excellent video that shows the group's dancing and gymnastic abilities.

"Lucky Charm" is the second release of the album. It is a fast-paced love song that tells about a cute little brown-eyed girl who just happens to bring good luck whenever she's around.

My favorite song on "Messages From The Boys" is "A Little Romance." I like it because it has a good funky beat and a more mature sound. It features a perfect harmonic blend of the four brothers' voices. A few of it's lyrics are, "Know matter how hard I try/ I can't get next to you/ a little romance/ a little romance/ just a little bit says I love you."

"Sunshine" is another song that caught my attention. It features an outstanding trumpet solo, performed by Sal Rodriguez.

The only slow song on "Messages From The Boys" is entitled "Happy." It was a



refreshing change after hearing all upbeat tunes. The song's romantic lyrics seem strange to hear when they're coming out of small children's mouths. With lyrics like, "I can see the tears in your eyes/ you thought he was the only guy/ and now you feel sad and blue/ because of what he meant to you", it is obvious that this is not the typical 5-11 year old type of song.

"Messages From The Boys" is a great tape. My only complaint about it is for it's lack of slow songs. Other than that, "The Boys" are a wonderful, fresh, new group that are bound to do well in the music business.

Car Corner



by Jay Greenwell

This month's car corner is every teenager's dream come true. Junior Tina Burkett was treated to a wonderful, white Christmas when she came home Christmas

eve and found a white 1968 Chevy Camaro sitting in the garage. This smooth beauty is nearly all original. Factory made it came with a 350 cubic inch engine, but now has a 283 in it.

Movie Review:

"Rainman"

by Noe'l Smith

"Rainman" was a gripping film that portrayed the meek and featured the superb acting talents of Dustin Hoffman", said Chad Giley.

"Rainman" is receiving excellent reviews from critics everywhere. You might say it's viewers are flooding the theaters!

Starring in "Rainman" are Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise. Hoffman portrays a 35 year old autistic savant, named Raymond. Tom Cruise plays Charlie, who is Raymond's younger brother. Charlie wasn't aware that he had a brother until his father died and left 3 million dollars to the older son. The reason why Charlie didn't know about Raymond was because he was sent away to a mental hospital at age 18, Charlie was only 3. Charlie had not been in contact with his father since he was 16, therefore, his father didn't make him the 3 million dollar recipient. When Charlie finds this out he becomes irate and he proceeds to find out who the recipient is. He is very surprised to find out that it's his older brother and that he lives in a mental hospital. Being autistic, Raymond is in his own world and he has trouble communicating with the real world. But he has an exceptional memory and he is a genius in math. Everything that he reads he automatically

memorizes. This is shown in the movie when he memorizes from A to G in the phone book. This scene in the show is hilarious. Raymond's mathematical skills are shown when a doctor asks him to multiply various numbers with 4 and 5 digits and he immediately rattles off the answers. Even though I knew Hoffman was only acting out the part, Raymond seemed extremely real in this scene.

The movie really starts getting good when Charlie kidnaps Raymond from the hospital and says that he will return him for 1.5 million dollars. While waiting for the state and hospitals decision Charlie and Raymond get to know each other. Charlie learns how to take care of Raymond and Raymond learns to trust and depend on Charlie.

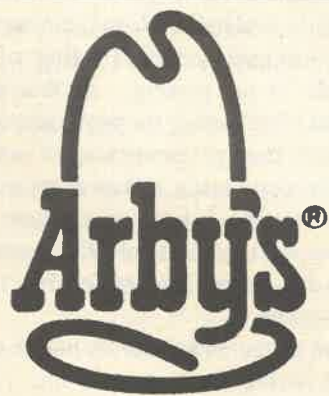
"Rainman" was great! I truly enjoyed it and I felt it was very educational. It educated me by proving to me that just because someone is abnormal that doesn't mean they can't have a neat personality and feelings. I think Hoffman did an excellent job in his portrayal of Raymond and Cruise did a good job portraying Charlie. "Rainman" was very touching and it was easy to get wrapped up in. I think everyone should see it. "Rainman" really reigns!

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If one were to travel to a distant land for fifteen to twenty years and return, they would find the United States being criss-crossed by superconducting trains, supercomputers in compact cases the size of magazines and cornfields that produced their own insecticides and herbicides. If this person were to look closely at these new creations, they very well may see a foreign label on these products, and the sad outcome of America's struggle to remain a technological leader.

Foreign technology is fast encroaching on the lead the U.S. built and the reputation as a place where marvels are made. This lead has been shattered in some areas that were once dominated by U.S. firms. In the field of supercomputers the Japanese are steadily

making gains in disk drives and storage devices. According to Time Magazine, the American Electronics Association reported that from 1984 through 1987 electronics production rose 75% in Japan vs. a 8% increase in the United States. Even a more startling fact is that the Japanese firms of Canon, Hitachi and Toshiba were awarded more U.S. patents than American firms. The failure of the American technological base can be contributed to the policies of our nations businesses and corporations.

Our industry, once known for its ingenuity and spontaneity, is becoming a lame duck. The nation's businesses are failing to capitalize on new ideas because of a no-risk attitude. Whenever an individual stays secure and

content with little or no risk they become stagnant and rusty. This practically sums up the mode of thinking of our captains of industry today. For example, our industrial and technological base thought that the marketing idea of the compact disc, developed by the Norwegian firm of Phillips Electronics, was too risky and that the black record was here to stay. The too-risky compact disc accounted for over a billion dollars in sales for the music industry last year, while black record sales dropped dramatically. In a similar area of technology the story is just the same. An American firm called Ampex developed the video cassette recorder (VCR) in the sixties but failed to market the product. They simply didn't recognize the potential. Now two-

thirds of American households have with 12 million being shipped in la Not a single one was produced in the States.

The United States used to be known for Yankee ingenuity and good ole' know-how. The industrial revolution catapulted the United States into the lead as a technological superpower, but these days are waning. That industry can't seem to grasp new technologies and products. Right now the leader in technology for the 21st century is already decided, with the U.S. rapidly falling behind. One such technology is superconductivity where a disk floats above a magnet. An electrical energy keeps the disk floating because of the unique molecular structure.

U.S. Education Losing the Grade

In the United States, we go to school for 180 days every year. But in countries like the Soviet Union, West Germany, and Japan, students go to school for as many as 5 or six weeks longer than we do. That may not seem like much, but just imagine your eleven week summer vacation. Then imagine it cut in half.

The United States is falling dreadfully behind in the area of education. But it is not just minor things like the school year being too short. It is a broader problem that includes the decay of an entire system.

The failings of the system are becoming apparent at all levels of education. The SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores, for instance, dropped over 50 points nationwide between 1963 and 1980.

One reason the system is failing is because sometimes academic programs are made to compete with athletics. In the majority of schools across the nation, sports are highly stressed by the communities, parents, and educators. When given a choice between a coach who can barely teach and a teacher who can barely coach, some school districts tend to hire the better coach.

What most teenagers don't realize, however, is that sports won't last much past high school. True, some participants may be lucky enough to make college teams, but even they have a slim chance, if any, of ever turning professional.

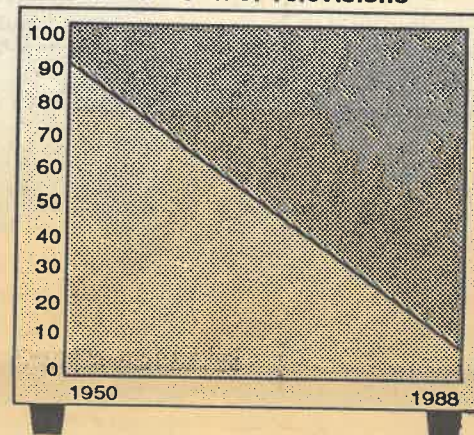
Another failure of the system is in the quality of teachers. Believe it or not, teachers

simply do not get paid enough, which helps to explain why we have so many mediocre teachers. There are a few devoted teachers who know their subject. Business and industry is taking the brightest and most capable minds away from education. However, they can easily get into a higher paying job than teaching. Many teachers either can't teach or, if you're lucky, can teach but don't know the material very well. If you're extremely lucky, you run across a teacher who likes to (and can) teach on top of knowing their material. There simply isn't enough motivation to become a teacher, and as a result students do not get a consistent quality of education.

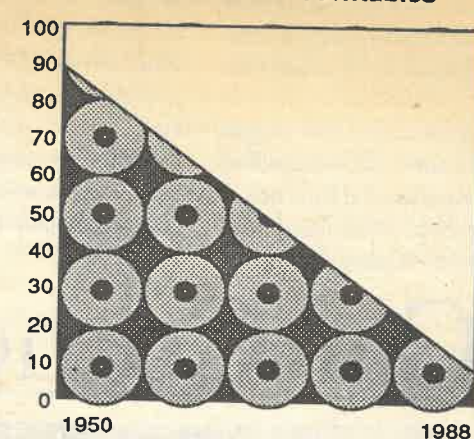
Our academic system also has other monetary problems. Regan, during his first term, dropped federal funding of public schools by ten percent. At that time, 50 percent of the money for public schools came from the state governments, 42 came from local property taxes, and an average 8% was funded by the federal government. Also, starting with the class of '92, Congress has voted to cut some funding for their financial aid program.

The system is apparently not all bad; it is slowly trying to patch itself up. At Pasco High, those who will be first to feel some of the effects are this year's freshmen, the class of '92. Among other improvements, they will be required to take a standardized test to graduate and to complete one credit of fine arts.

Production of Televisions



Production of Turntables



On the Home

When the N Reactor was labeled for shutdown by the Department of Energy, there was deep concern in the Tri-Cities for the future of our technological industry and our economy in general. A year later prospects are brighter, with a economy on the upswing and new industry moving in.

The technological industry has brought the Tri-Cities wealth in the fact it brought in a very educated workforce and a large payroll. Even with the N Reactor shutdown there have been many spin-off ideas that industrial companies are working on out at the Hanford Reservation. The 2100 technological jobs

and \$40 million drop in payroll since January has had a minimal effect on the economy and industry, and will continue to do so through the efforts of new technology and existing firms.

The Tri-City Industrial Development Council (TRI-DEC) has been very successful in attracting new industry to the Tri-Cities such as the Lamb Weston Co. and Coca-Cola. Although these are not technological industrial firms, it does represent a start in diversified economy. With the help of \$1.7 million last year in state aid and an expected \$1.5 million this year, the va-

States Technology Base

es virtually no energy. A presidential hel recently reported that the U.S. efforts to ploit recent breakthroughs were frag- mented alongside Japan's. The Japanese ve already filed over two thousand patents d have started to develop superconducting tors and generators. American projects e still in the planning stage, which is puz- ng since it was two IBM scientist who de the breakthrough in superconductivity. Another highly potential new technology High-definition T.V. (HDTV). HDTV has wider screen, almost like a motion picture een that would allow the viewer to see the ter edges. The clarity is fantastic, with out 1125 lines of resolution compared to a gular screen which has about 250-350 lines

of resolution. HDTV also has many thou- sands more pixels (dots) per square inch when compared to regular T.V. sets. Im- proved audio, which has been stated as good as an compact disc, and reduced picture noise are also part of HDTVs asset. Besides revolu- tionizing regular viewing, it has many medi- cal and industrial applications. Japan started developing HDTV twelve years ago, com- pared to the U.S. industrial push which started developing about five years ago. Japan has such a lead that for every dollar we spend on HDTV, Japan spends ten. If the U.S. loses the HDTV technology race, the American share of the electronic and com- puter industry would be cut in half. One U.S. corporation that was contacted, Zenith Elec-

tronics Corp., has launched a drive to develop HDTV in America with a large increase in Research and Development (R&D), with extensive research in the area of compatibil- ity with the existing U.S. T.V. broadcast system, which has a 6-megahertz band width. This system was established in the 1950s as the standard in which T.V. is broadcasted around the country. The Zenith Spectrum Compatible HDTV System will utilize the current T.V. standards but at the same time none of HDTVs qualities will be lost. Hope- fully, other U.S. corporations will follow Zeniths example and take the initiative to develop new technology.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel however, with the American industry finally

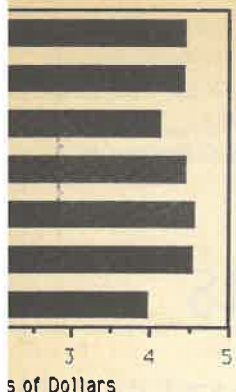
awakening from it's deep sleep. Cooperative projects, modeled after the Japanese, are on the rise and competing successfully against stiff foreign competition. Efforts in the fields of superconductors, HDTV and semiconduc- tors are receiving the more funds and are gaining ground. With the U.S. running the risk of becoming a second class technological power, and having for the first time, a lower standing of living, our industry can ill afford to procrastinate. Unless the U.S. can match Japan's all-out research effort, the race to dominate the 21st century may be over before it has begun.

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ncies in the Tri-Cities should continue to successful. Right now several Seattle ns are looking at the Tri-Cities has a logi- place for expansion. Gary Karnoski of the nton-Franklin Governmental Conference, orted that there agency is concentrating resources on moving in new very impor- t technology and manufacturing employ- nt, which along with the efforts of TRI- C, will preserve and bring expansion to economy in the Tri-Cities for the years to ne.

The state of our industrial might cannot entirely be contributed to our nation's busi- ness leaders. The U.S. government's extreme laissez-faire approach, in a world where the rival economic powers are gaining rapidly, is seriously harming American industry.

The United States Government has absolutely no policy coordination on science and technology. Unlike Japan and the Euro- pean countries, there isn't even a governmen- tal agency to coordinate a policy or strat- egy— if there was one. The U.S. has as- sumed that American technology and busi- ness would be number one, because they always have been. Washington, even with all the warnings and forecasting, is starting the year on a sour note. The Battelle forecast of Research and Development (R&D) funds for the U.S. stated that for 1989 the expected ex- penditures for R&D should reach 129.2 bil- lion. This averages out to be a 2% increase over last year when inflation is included. The U.S. government did have 3.8% yearly in- crease in R%D funds. What our country spends on R&D determines in large measure what our country is to be. With the Japanese and European countries, governments heav- ily funding and coordinating their industry, the U.S. government should be increasing the R&D funds, instead of tightening up on them. Most companies, such as the major electron- ics firms of Hewlet-Packard and Zenith Elec- tronics Corporation fend for themselves.

Besides the lack of funding, the U.S. government's muddled tax policies discour- ages long term investing and thus slows down new growth. Tax credits are now based on a short term basis, when they used to be based on the long term. When it takes a company three to four years to develop a new product and millions of dollars, the modified tax cred- its are of little use. On the same subject, the government's anti-trust laws, which once

helped small enterprise at the turn of the century, makes it difficult for businesses to pull their resources together. In Japan and the European countries just the opposite is hap- pening. With their governments encouraged cooperative industry, they can launch a mas- sive research effort in a matter of weeks. For example, several months after the supercon- ductivity breakthrough, the Japanese Minis- try of International Trade and Industry (MITI), brought together within weeks 45 companies and 50 scientist for research on super conductors.

An indirect reason for our slipping tech- nology base is the greedy and insatiable app- etite of Wall Street. The U.S. now produces more millionaires than ever before, not be- cause of new marketing ideas and products, but because leveraged buyouts (when one buys a business using credit to finance the aquisition) and hostile takeovers. Todays business's seek instant wealth, instead of spending more on R&D and therefore strengthening the company. Recently an American firm invented a laser copier that had tremendously increased quality over existing copiers. The firm could not find and any American backers because they wanted their money in and out as quickly as possible. This "quick turn-around" mode of thinking is promoted by the casino-like atmosphere of Wall Street. The stock exchanges operate on quarterly reports-reports which state whether a business or product lives or dies. A product could easily find support if the stock went up several points every quarter, but since most products perform in the long run, investors usually ignore them.

Compounding all of this is the 140 billion dollar federal deficit, which brings uncer- tainty and doubt to the industry. This all adds up to a spend thrift society with little caring for the long term.

The government is half-heartedly chang- ing it's policy towards industry by encourag- ing cooperative industry and looking at changing the anti-trust laws. President Bush has a high priority on science and technology and pledges to create a national technology and industry coordination agency to point our efforts in the right direction. The New-York and American exchanges could help by changing form the quarterly reports to a semesterly report system, but they have no plans to change in the foreseeable future. With the enemy at the gates, it is extremely necessarily that our nations government and Wall Street work together to solve these prob- lems before it is to late.

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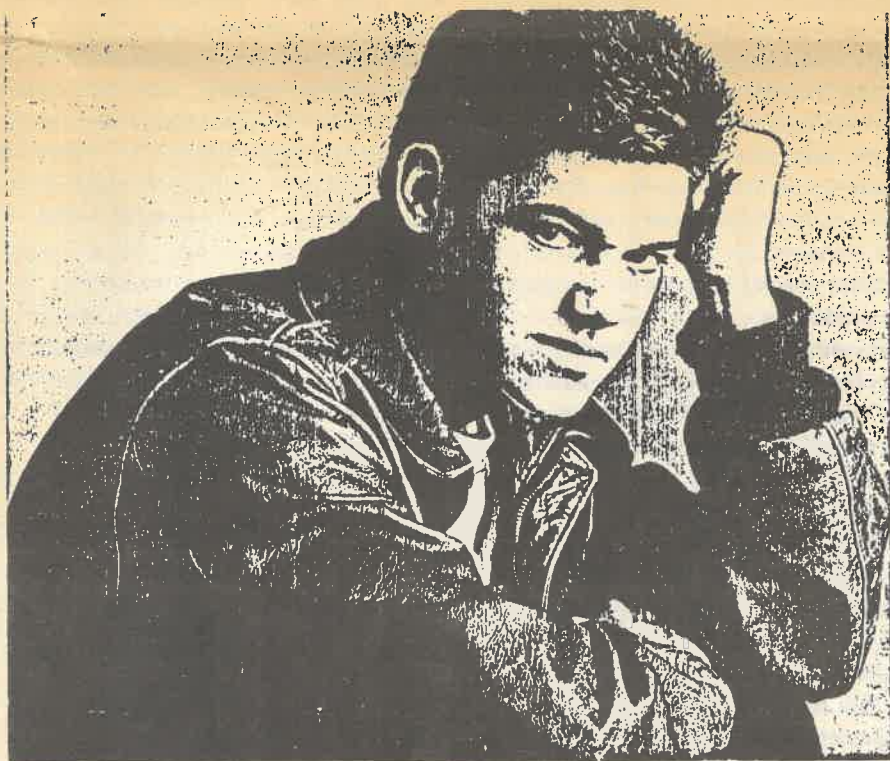
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January's Bulldogs of the Month

This Month's Bulldog of the Month is Lisa Peterson. Peterson is in AP English, German 1-2, French 7-8, Physics, and many other challenging classes. She holds down a 3.2 GPA. Peterson plans to go to France for one year as a foreign exchange student then return to go to Washington State University, majoring in political science or government. Peterson is ASB Secretary, Key Club President, and she is involved with French club, German club and the Foreign Exchange club. Peterson is also a member of the Girls Golf team.



This month's Bulldog of the Month is Pat Blank. He is our Senior Class President. Blank has a spectacular GPA-3.95. He is presently enrolled in many AP classes. All of these things will help Blank to achieve his dream of going to the University of Washington and majoring in Pre-Med. Blank is a member of the IBA "Dream Team" and states that his senior year is fun but there aren't enough activities going on to keep busy.



"Then I got that awful phone call."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Foreign Exchange: Alfredo Ayesta

by Kamille Thorne

To leave the only life you have ever known and make a new start among complete strangers may seem like a lot to most of us, but for Alfredo Ayesta it was a dream come true. Ayesta, a foreign exchange student from Spain, left his homeland to find new experiences and learn the English language. America, "the land of opportunity", was a big change for Ayesta, as Spain is not a very rich country. Yet, he likes the U.S. because it is different. It is all part of the experience that he came here for. He also notes that Pasco is very different for him because of it's size. He originally comes from the big city of Barcelona. When he first arrived in this strange land, he had a strong desire to

meet new people. So far he has done just that, with the Cadmans being on the top of his list. The Cadmans are Ayesta's host family, and he has felt very fortunate to stay with them. He has talked to other foreign exchange students and he believes that his host family is the best!

Alfredo is not the only member of his family to have visited the U.S. His oldest brother Santi came to California two years ago. His brother also enjoyed his stay in the U.S. Speaking of California, that is the other area of the U.S. that Ayesta has visited. He enjoyed that trip very much.

Ayesta enjoys all sports, yet golf is his personal favorite. He is also a member of the Foreign Exchange Club.

Leaumont: The Orient Express

by Paula McMakin

"I never realized how good we have it here until I went to China. Most of the country was poverty except for Hong Kong," says Stacy Leaumont.

Leaumont spent ten days in China, Seoul, and Japan with the cross country team exchange program. She was picked by her coach, and the rest of the decision was up to her. "Most of the money was raised by donations. I also bused some tables at Pizza Hut to raise money. My parents helped out with the rest of the money." After 15 hours of riding on a plane, Leaumont arrived at her destination.

"If I had a chance to go back, I would, but I wouldn't like to see Guangzhou, because it was really depressing to see how the people lived. Most of them had little shacks that didn't hold out the rain, and they hardly had anything to eat", says Leaumont.

"We were served a 15 course meal at Guangzhou. I wouldn't eat anything except the rice because I didn't know what anything else was. They eat a lot of different meat than we eat here. Instead of keeping dogs and cats as pets, they use them as a food source. They also eat a lot of monkey", says Leaumont.

Military Benefits Pasco High Students

by Paula McMakin

How many of you are thinking or planning on going into the Military after graduating?

To enlist in the Marines you have to be at least a senior in high school, pass a physical, and a ASVAB test. To get guaranteed a job you have to score a 50 or better and a 37 to get in. After you join they encourage you to attend academic classes held about once a month to prepare and keep you interested in the Marines.

Starting wage in the Marines is \$649.00 a month with each promotion you pay goes up approximately \$100.00.

"The GI bill is a really good opportunity to go to college after serving your 4 years. With the GI bill you pay \$100.00 dollars a month for one year and the government adds enough money to total \$10,800 for

schooling. When I go in that's what I plan on doing," says senior Aaron Brumbaugh.

Many students are planning on going into the Military because you can get free schooling compared to paying 6,000 for a public university college.

"I hope to get into West Point because it is a really good school and the campus is gorgeous. After you finish school you have to serve in the Military as a officer for five years. It really isn't that bad though because you get to choose where you want to live and you get paid 20,000 a year. They also pay for all you housing," says senior Carina Susiene.

Susiene has received information on several colleges but has chosen to pursue interests in going to West Point because it has alot more to offer for her than other colleges.

Girls Play Great - Hope to go to State!!



Kendi Keeney (42) scores at the line against Davis as Megan McDowell, Debbie Sporcich, and Chanda Tebay position for a rebound.

Sports Spotlight

Chanda Tebay



years, starting in fourth grade. She plays basketball during the regular season and during the summer for six weeks. Last summer she also attended a number of camps during the month's of June, July, and August.

Tebay is also a good student as well as a good athlete. She maintains a 3.1 G.P.A. This, too, should be beneficial to her offers for college. Tebay is looking to attend such schools as Gonzaga University, University of Idaho, Eastern Washington University, North Idaho University, San Diego University, and, of course, Columbia Basin College (CBC).

Tebay does plan on playing for a four year college and playing "hoop". She has not yet signed to any particular school or made her mind up as to which school has given her the best offer, all things considered. Some of the offers that she has recieved are offers to Nevada-Reno, Idaho, Eastern, North Idaho, Oregon, San Diego, and a five year \$64,000.00 offer to Gonzaga.

As of now, Tebay's primary concern is this season. The only thing she really had to say about her future in regards to basketball is, "See ya at State!"

all year round. In the off season he devotes much of his time to improving his game. For the past two summers he has attended the Oregon Duck Basketball Camp put on by coaches from around the West.

As well as being good on the court, Beo also maintains a 3.2 G.P.A. His grades are primarily A's and B's. By maintaining good grades and being such a good basketball player, Beo should have no trouble in receiving some type of scholarship.

As of now, Beo is not really worried about what college he is going to attend. "Right now I'm just concentrating on the basketball season. After this season I will start looking for a college," stated Beo.

However, Beo has recieved some letters from Idaho State College. Beo plans to play basketball all through college and even after college. "I'm going to become a basketball coach," replied Beo.

by Chad Gilley

The crowd jumps to their feet with cheers and applause as the Pasco girl's basketball team enters the gym and takes over the court.

This is the typical scene at each of our girl's games. The girls have not been seriously challenged yet, and as of the end of the first round, they stand undefeated with a record of 8-0 in the Big-Nine and 12-0 overall.

"It's great having a winning season because you get a lot of support from the community and the school," stated guard Carla Alford. "It's neat looking at the crowd from the bench and seeing the stands filled up!"

Another great aspect of this team is that the entire starting line maintains at least a 3.00 grade point average or above.

The talent of these players can be easily noticed at each of the games they play. With Debbie Sporcich's shooting ability both inside and outside of the key combined

with the outside ability of Kendi Keeney and Megan McDowell, the team can create a challenge to many opponents. All of these keys work together with the defensive playing style of Shannon O'Leary and Chanda Tebay to form a fast paced and high scoring game.

This team played together last year, but they didn't have confidence in their chances of winning. The team has a much more positive attitude on the court and they have changed their style a little, too.

Last year, a major focus was to set the ball up for a half-court offense. This year, the focus seems to be more on transition and getting to the other end quickly. They don't play zone defense except for a 1-3-1. Basically, it is all man to man.

The attitude is a lot different as well. They play more as a team and put more into it physically. More confidence is shown and they are finally receiving the support that they deserve.

You'll Flip over Gymnastics

by Chad Gilley

With a flip and a tumble they will enter the gymnasium. The gymnastics team has been working extremely hard to represent Pasco High and they have done a very good job.

"Gymnastics is a really competitive sport that takes a lot of concentration," commented one junior. "You have to focus on what you are doing because if you lose link, you will step off the wrong foot or something."

The team this year consists of 9 members. The team works really hard. Many of them

are newcomers so we have a problem with competing against more experienced teams, but they are doing well and it is anticipated that they will keep working hard. They haven't given up before and they don't act as if they will!

This is the team's third year and although they have not won a meet they are consistently placing in the top. "We need a lot of support from students as well as faculty", commented junior Mayke Lentz. "We put out a lot of time and practice hard and deserve the school's support."

Tony Beo



Megan McDowell

One of this month's spotlighted athletes is senior Tony Beo. Beo is a third year letterman for Pasco's basketball team. As a sophomore, Beo played for the team that went to state. Beo averages 21 points a game and has recently been recognized as most valuable player for the Moses Lake game on January 9. Beo plays basketball



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