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GWA Compassion Gone Forever? Say Hello to the Me Era

By Rosario Diaz

Why is it that no one seems to understand the meaning of compassion anymore? Every where I turn, no one ever thinks of anybody else but themselves, it's all me, me, and me. I never see anyone doing something for someone else for the pure joy of being nice or just to be friendly. People have learned that if you do something for someone else, you need to get something out of it. Say for example, if someone asked you to take them to McDonalds, a common response would be, "Give me some gas money." Seriously, how much does it cost to drive from school to Mc Donalds, fifty cents, if that much, and you expect at least two dollars for your trouble. I have learned to cope with this "me" era and only give those people who would be kind enough to give me the time of day, my sincere friendship.

Recently, my one and only grandmother passed away. I had debated whether to stay home and wallow in grief or come to school and try to put it out of my mind. At school I tried to concentrate on my work and I avoided even saying the word grandmother. My attempts proved to be worthless and regardless of all my effort I found myself looking for someone who I could talk to. When I tried to tell someone who I thought

was my friend all the comfort that I got from them was a simple "That is too bad." She then began to tell me all the things she had done the previous weekend. She did not care about me, all she needed me for was to listen to her and everything that she had done.

It is not uncommon in the present time to see people's minds just working trying to find a way to hurt someone. For example, one of my brothers has had a very harsh life, the cruel hand that life has handed him has left him with both physical and mental scars. He is "normal" but there are a few things that make him physically different and cause people to stare. The thing is that where ever we go people can not keep themselves from either giving a second glance or remarking on his appearance. This is done by people of all ages and all types, even the kindest of people seem to do it. I can understand their curiosity and I put no blame on them for that natural instinct that we all have. However, they should take into account how that person must feel. My brother is the most self-conscious person and is aware of all the criticism.

Society tells us that all of this non compassionate behavior is wrong and we should all try to sustain our curiosity. It's hard sometimes to

restrain from gossiping, even if we are talking about someone we don't know. From personal experience, I have felt very guilty about discussing somebody I did not know, because when I later got to know the person I felt even worse than before for saying the things I did. It is quite apparent that none of us know how cruel words can be and to the extent that they can hurt.

As it was before mentioned, it is natural to stare at someone with a deformity or a scar. It is even comprehensible to question as to why they have these scars or deformities but for the benefit of the person under scrutiny, it would be best if you discussed all of your probing questions in the privacy of your own home where no one will be offended by your remarks.

Yet another thing that makes me wonder how compassionate we are, is the fact that there are only a few people out there that will do something for nothing. For instance, a few months back I typed a term paper for an old friend of mine. Later, when I told people what I had done they would always ask me, "How much did he pay you?". Even worse was their response when I told them I did it just because he is my friend. I also have this friend that volunteers her time and effort at a

veterinary clinic. Often I hear people questioning her as to why she "wastes" her time there when she could be working some where else and getting paid. They can not seem to understand that she devotes this time toward her future since she would like to become a veterinarian, also for her love of animals.

This is not to say that all people are cold and inconsiderate but for the most part this whole world could use a little bit more compassion. I know that there are many people out there that are willing to "bend over backwards" for a close and dear friend. I would like to see more compassion toward simpler things. If some people did just a few little things to make someone feel good, we would all be a little happier.

I do not mean to make myself look as if I am the most caring and compassionate human being alive. As a matter of fact, it was in myself that I noticed all this. It was then that I realized that I needed to change as well as others and perhaps begin to take into account the feelings of others before I say something to hurt them. I personally will take things on a much more sensitive level and begin to change my ways for those around me as well as myself.

GWA Proud to be an American

Amy Mathews

Because of technical difficulty my article for this month's issue was errased. So very briefly I would like to focus on a subject that affects us all. When the war first began I saw a change overcome the country. But more close to home I sensed a feeling of pride that took over the entire Tri-Cities. Flags were seen almost everywhere. Yellow ribbons decorated trees, cars, and houses. When the National Anthem was played at the PHS basketball games a peaceful calm took over the crowd. Prior to the war hats remained on, and students would talk and giggle. Then, after the war began not a sound could be heard as the crowd and teams thought about our free-

dom and the war. It touched my heart to see the athletes wear flags on their uniforms with pride. Thousands of TV viewers kept their dials turned to CNN throughout both the night and day.

But what I don't understand is why do we have to wait for a war to hit our country before we appreciate what we have. At Pasco High we say the pledge of allegiance every day during second hour. But how often do we stop and think of what we are saying and what it actually stands for? I am proud to live in this country as I am sure most everybody is. I have enjoyed witnessing the patriotism that our country has expressed throughout the past few

months. It's almost as though we suddenly realized how lucky we actually are to be in this land.

Now that the war has eased up, troops are being sent home. Friends and relatives have been welcoming them with open arms. But it's not over yet, and when it is, will the loyalty to our country remain the same? Troops will continue to be sent home and we need to accept them with as much enthusiasm as we are currently doing.

There is no reason why we cannot display our flags all the year round. I love to see them on days other than Veterans Day and The Fourth of July. Our flag is a symbol of our freedom and the choices we are

allowed to make in speech, religion, education and even what line of work we go into. The list goes on and the decisions are all up to us. But that is what freedom is all about.

I have only ever lived in Washington, but I think that no matter what state you are in there will always be a certain national pride of our country. I just hope that when the war is said and done, that we will remember this patriotism and support our country's leaders. There are always Americans who are in other country's, representing our nation, or defending our boundaries. Let's not forget who we are and what we stand for.

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Editorial

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WASCO Speaks: Hanky Panky Should Get a Spanky

by Sharmen Herr

Every day as you stride down the hall attempting to wade your way to your next class, you may have noticed the number of couples who consistently take the time to show their love to each other. They can be found leaning up against their lockers (and your's), on the benches in the courtyard, or in the corners of the hallways, usually heavily involved in passionately showing their lust for each other. Obviously they have been misinformed of the proper amount of affection they should display to the rest of the world.

In fact, you may also have taken notice of some of the more intricate details of their activities. (Unless, of course, you are a courteous person who knows it is unkind to stare at someone's private affairs, even if they are displaying them publicly.) Such as the untimeliness in their kisses when you can see the outline of their tongues before their lips

touch together. Their pretense of being masseuses or something with their obscure way of rubbing the flesh of the other's anatomy, and that drooling puppy-dog look in their eyes.

Then, you may have observed the sudden undescrivable feeling of disgust that rises up inside you, along with an immediate urge to throw up — similar to that feeling you encounter when trying to keep your lunch in your stomach while riding the round-up at the fair on an extremely hot day.

You may also have wondered if these certain couples were aware of the number of other students who are affected by their activities and, though trying intensely to disregard them, turn to gape at the atrocity, curious and alarmed at the inability of the couple to do all things in moderation. It might have crossed your mind to stare harder, maybe to cause them the slightest bit discomfort so they might be

enticed to take a second glance at the 'no touching' rule this school supposedly has in effect.

Then again, we must remember that there are those in this school who blatantly choose to ignore the rules in order to get attention. They either like to show what kind of jock they are by proving to their friends and anyone else who cares to take notice that they have a girlfriend and can get something from her, or go on a mighty high ego trip as they feel they are showing off that they have such a wonderful, handsome ... loving...boyfriend.

Obviously, though, these couples have no respect for the integrity or reputation of their partner, nor for the higher authority of the school administration, nor for the feelings of the other students who happen to have their lives hampered by these performances. (It becomes somewhat difficult to get places when you are forced to work against people who apparently believe they were

destined to be Siamese twins and are blocking the hallways or leaning against your locker.) They don't seem to realize the extent of the distraction they are creating, much less care. All they want to do is make out, letting their hormones run out of control.

These couples seem to have forgotten that there is a time and a place for everything — and the school was not built with the intention of housing people whose soul desire is sex, and sex was not intended to be performed during the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. when reading, writing and arithmetic classes are in session. We're here to build a foundation for future careers, not learn honeymoon night sex roles. Somehow these affectionate activities do not seem to coincide with the intended learning processes of this school. I believe that there are better, more appropriate ways to show affection than to perform sex in the hall-ways!

Letters to the Editor

Stand Up: Yes Put Down: No

Dear Editor,

The idea for the article, Pump Up the Participation, in the February 14, 1991 edition of the WASCO was well intentioned. I also feel that our crowd lacks participation. However, stereotyping and degrading people is not the way to get people to see your point. I quote from the February 14, 1991 edition of the WASCO, "most of the people sitting down are normally the type that don't try very hard in anything they do anyway." I agree with Dan (the author) in the sense that our high school has a lack of participation, but I think that I do sit down sometimes and I don't see how sitting shows a lack of respect or support. I can support the teams just as well as standing as an athlete, I know how important a crowd can be. I agree with Dan and think that our students should try a little harder to show positive support, but wouldn't giving a positive message work better? I understand this article was on the editorial page, but please give us readers a break from low informative, overly opinionated articles.

Jennifer Green

Oldies but Goodies

Dear Editor,

I'm referring to the musical article by Josh St.Aubin, which I thought was a great idea.

I'm a musician and have a great knowledge of music history. When I read the article dealing with Jimi Hendrix, I was most impressed.

Usually, I'd just flip through the pages to see what the topics are, not really reading any of them. The only thing I'll read is most likely the car corner. When the teacher told us to read the paper, like usual, I opened up to the car corner. As I did, I noticed the music review, so then I read that first.

I thought it was going to be something stupid about the school band. When I realized it wasn't, I was pleased.

I wish the people of Wasco would introduce music history. One thing I believe is that music history should be anything 70's and earlier.

Out of it all, I agree that Hendrix can kick some big booty. Now it's time for the "Doors".

Thank you,
Hans Olson

"Love in War" Fitting for Holiday

Dear Editor

I am writing in regards to the article entitled, "Love in War;" I would like to say that I'm deeply touched. I feel that for those of us who took the time to read it were greatly benefited by this Valentine's Day was spent with the ones close to us. This article however made me aware that many weren't as fortunat as myself. For some, Valentine's Day meant nothing more than just another day. Soldiers in the Persian Gulf hadn't any other choice but to just accept it as "just another day." I'd like to express my feelings on the subject that people tend to get caught up in life and take a day or week for granted. This article enables one to see and feel the value of our own life and the significance our life has on others. So on a holiday, even as minute as Valentine's Day, be grateful and be appreciative that you're able to spend it how you wish.

Ginny McKelvy

Positive Towards Pasco

Dear Editor

I have a problem with the image that our school has. The reputation and the appearance of our school is the worst in the Tri Cities. I know that the reputation ia st least 80% false because I go here but students from other schools need to hear more positive news from Pasco. Pasco is a good school. I've gone to Richland before and I think that they have a lot more problems than we do.

The appearance of the school could be changed more easily. The school looks like it was hit by a scud. A good coat of paint and a little landscaping could make our school look good.

I realize that it would take a lot of money, but I think that it would be worth it.

Kirk Baisch

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Work Experience in Science

by Victoria Nicacio

Inquiry to Science is a very unique opportunity for students at Pasco High. Right now there are 9 students from Pasco that go to their jobs while the rest of us go to the second half of the school day. Two work at Westinghouse, two at Batelle, and five work at Advanced Nuclear Fuels. The nine students are: Danielle Naef, Richard Williams, Karen Carlson, Amy Roessler, Eddie Torres, Michelle Churman, Jamie Martinez, Claudia Silva, and Unsil Kang. These students leave school around noon and usually get off work between 4 and 5. They all receive minimum wage, but most are hired to work during the summer.

Mr. Mauch is the coordinator for this program at Pasco High School. He says that this is a good opportunity for students because it allows them to work with actual scientists and pursue careers they are interested in. It prepares them for col-

lege by combining work experience with a school atmosphere. About half of the students in this program return to their jobs after college.

Danielle Naef likes the set schedule that the program has. It allows her to work and still go to the games at night. She says that the people she works with are very friendly. The option to return to her job after college was a factor when Danielle chose to participate in Inquiry to Science. The only thing that she doesn't like is the inability to join clubs that meet after school. Mr. Mauch says that the program makes allowances for people who participate in sports. They allow you to leave work early for one season.

There is an immense amount of paperwork that accompanies an application into the program. For that reason, the admission process for this year has already begun. If you are interested, you'll have to wait until next year.

Who Inspires Us?

by Laurie Humphrey

Last month a survey was passed out to students and staff members in order to determine the most inspirational teacher to both groups. This was one in a series of activities designed to increase staff awareness during "Wellness Month." The survey was thought of by Mr. Morgan, who is a building wellness representative.

The teacher voted "Most Inspirational" by students was Ms. Eddy, who had this to say about the honor: "It was embarrassing to be singled out, but it was nice to be chosen. It's nice to know that I had

positive effect on some of my students' lives. It's nice that the students of Pasco High had this opportunity to reflect on the influence that their teachers have had in their lives."

"Most Inspirational" to staff members is Mrs. Mannion, who said: "Such an honor always reflects the people who vote for you. It is a reflection of their generosity and kindness—it tells me that we as a staff are a team of people who care for each other. An American psychiatrist answering the question, 'What have we learned from the Iraqis?' suggested that we as a nation are more than willing to serve and want to act within a community. This feeling of community is what such an honor expresses—and I hope that it means that we will grow in the truest sense of community: to cherish the diversity of each other, to hold each other up, and to stand together with confidence and hope for the future."

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"Grease" a Success

by Jami DeWall

On February 27 and 28, the Pasco High Drama Department held the annual spring play. This year, the musical Grease was a huge hit. Lots of people came to see the play on the 28, and made the musical famous. Joanne Barber said, "The participation of the students in the audience made the show. It was really wonderful to see." The students were really wild and got into the play with enthusiasm. Ian McDowell said, "Sometimes it was hard to hear because of all the screaming." Many of the people who attended and are regular play attenders said that this was one of Pasco High's greatest performances. Uyen Pham stated that, "The performances by the

students were phenomenal."

Grease was one of the biggest productions that the school has ever attempted to produce. Hopefully the money generated by the attendance will make up for the cost of putting on such a spectacular musical.

The highlights of the student performances include when Danny, Matt Keyes, had a little accident with the microphone. However, Matt recovered in time for the grand finale with Sandy, Keri Shultz, for "You're the one that I want!"

Tryouts for the spring play are coming March 26th and 27th at 2:30 p.m. in room 250 - C. Auditions are open to any student and no previous acting experience is necessary. See ya there!

Nuestros Soldados en

Kuwait

por Yovani Aguilar

Kuwait; como todos sabemos ha sido realmente afectado a consecuencia de la guerra. Pero al parecer ha llegado la paz para esa naci6n y para el mundo entero. En Kuwait se refleja ahora un espiritu de alegria, aunque hay que agregar que todo esto va acompa6ado de un poco de malancolia. Debido a la destruccion que ha venido a causa de los ataques de Iraq. Al parecer, la naci6n de Kuwait cuenta con poca agua potable. Adem6s de que carece de algunos servicios p6blicos, y sus fuentes de energia tales como las de electricidad y petroliferas han sido seriamente afectadas.

No hay que olvidar la contaminaci6n que sufre en estos momentos el Golfo Persico y que su resoluci6n depende en gran medida de todos los pa6ses que esten dispuestos a ayudar. Ya lo unico que queda, es limpiar el suelo de todo tipo de materia explosiva que es capaz de danar seriamente a la ecologia mundial. Y por supuesto, "comenzar otra vez" y olvidar una guerra, la cual ya paso y que en estos momentos pertenece a la historia.

Todos los soldados fueron recibidos en los aeropuertos por generales de la armada nacional, fa-

miliars. Y por supuesto, no podian estar ausentes los reporteros los cuales brindaron una agradable informaci6n al inter6s americano. Por su parte, las personas reconocidas en el medio artistico; planearon desde tiempo antes. La elaboraci6n de una cinta discografica que representaba el orgullo y apoyo que poseia, y posee el pueblo americano en su gente. Adem6s de que les recordaban que no se encontraban solos en su lucha. Y respecto a Saddam Hussein; todav6a le queda otra pelea: "Enfrentar la Realidad".

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Bond Issue Returns May 28

By Josh St. Aubin

On May 28 the Pasco School board has decided to put the bond issue back on the ballot. After its upsetting loss last year, they have reevaluated the bond and have come up with another chance to change the sad response from last year's vote. The school has decided that if our righteous voters don't come up with a positive consensus this May, our school will not last past the year 2000.

A few days ago, I and one of my colleagues were able to take a tour

of the broken down facility. Our tour guide, Mr. LeCompte, kept our spirits high as we travelled to the deepest and most unknown bowles of our school. We experienced an overrated trip to one of the school's 17 different levels of roof. We were led to a basement type area where we saw the infamous dead and moldy mouse that was slowly decaying in a small pool of water that was coming from a broken down recirculating pump. I will spare the details of what its job is. I was pointed out the structure damage

that is very prevalent in the old school gym and elsewhere in the older parts of the school. Cracking of support beams and heavy rusting of the bolts that hold them together. Also, when it rains you might have noticed the ever present garbage cans that try to catch the streams of water coming from the skylights. There is a very complicated system of steam tunnels under the school that are a main cause to the constant problem with rust in and on the water pipes leading to the drinking fountains and P.E. showers.

Don't be suprised if you are getting a drink one day and chunks of unmentionables are spouted from the fountain and enter into your mouth. Staff and parents are having a hard time believing that our facility could go to such waste in so little time. Nobody is to blame but the constant stresses from nature and public use.

If you are old enough to vote or have a large impression over your parents than make sure they vote yes on the extremely needed bond issue this May.

ROTC The Military Alternative

By Bill Davis

The threat of college choices and tuition costs are a common fear with many of today's seniors. Many apply to various colleges, naive to the cost factor. There are various scholarships waiting to be claimed and awarded. However, several people don't realize how specialized each individual scholarship is. Many require you to take certian subjects, pursue a career in a designated field (according to each scholarship), or attend a certian school. With all these specific requirements for each \$500 or so dollar scholarship, it becomes more difficult than one might imagine to acquire a considerable amount of money to pay for college tuition.

Some Seniors have found a different way to achieve their college goals with 75% tuition scholarships. Charlynn Hull and Darrin Hall have just been awarded three year ROTC scholarships. The ROTC (Reserve Officers Training

Corps) is a program designed to train and create officers for service in the United States Military. Each branch of the military has its own ROTC program designated by ROTC (Army), NROTC (Navy) and AFROTC (Air Force). In the ROTC program one learns how to be a successful Army officer after college. As you attend college you take the ROTC classes and train with the corps of cadets within the school you attend. ROTC is, indeed, the military fraternity. Several can join ROTC but only a select few in the nation recieve scholarships the pay for school tuition. The United States Department of Defense pays tuition costs for whichever university you attend with an ROTC program. The three year designee program provides a full tuition scholarship after your freshman year in college.

In order to compete for this scholarship, an applicant must fill out

numerous bubble sheets and collect various teacher recommendations. "The application process is really tedious," stated Charlynn. After you submit all the required material, SAT scores, and a personal statement, you may be asked for an interview. Following the interview (if you make it that far) you are required to take a physical endurance test and endure a full medical examination. After that, you sit and wait for an answer. "I'm really glad I was able to get a three year," stated Darrin. "It really helps my financial situation."

After a ROTC cadet graduates from college he/she can either pursue a graduate degree or go into the military. Usually, the Department of Defense will agree to provide the cadet with additional funds if he/she chooses to seek additional degrees in graduate studies. After graduation the cadets are commissioned as Second Lieutenants

(Butter Bar Brass) and serve in the United States Military for five years. Many believe serving in the military is something every American patriot should do. Others do not, but whatever the case may be, the Reserve Officer Training Corps is considered one of the best ways to serve your country (as an officer) as well as get an excellent education with the United States Military.

If you are interested in learning more about ROTC and becoming an officer through college, you can contact your local recruiter. After you wade through the enlisted programs they try to throw at you, perhaps you can get the information about ROTC. If not, go to the Pasco High School Office and obtain a ROTC brochure. Scholarship deadlines for 1991 are July 15 (For early Cycle) and December 1 (Regular Cycle). Remember the early bird gets the worm.

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Two Reviews for the Excitement of One

By Kris Tefft

Submitted for your approval- 2 streamlined reviews, meant to entertain and inform, but never to influence. On the cutting block are two current music-related releases: The Doors movie, and the album "Out of Time" by R.E.M. This article isn't meant to be a review of anything, especially the Doors, since it will probably already be on home video by the time the WASCO sees publication. Instead, fasten your brain straps and join me on a look at two musical "things" that have caught my eyes and ears this last month.

> The Doors: Directed by Oliver Stone

The first time I saw this movie, slightly inebriated girls were throwing feminine hygiene devices at me, so it took another showing to fully appreciate (and depreciate) the film as a whole. In the big picture, the movie was somewhere between good and great. It is probably the best thing that has come out currently, except perhaps for Silence of the Lambs. It was musically in good taste, but Oliver Stone had great music to work with. Unfortunately, Val Kilmer, who played Jim Morrison, sang Jim's parts on some of the songs. It did, however, mesh together well enough to fool some people. One of my biggest annoyances with the film was the way in which it glorified excessive revelry. Through all the excessive sexual scenes, drugs, drinking, etc., that way of life, if only for most of the movie, seemed to be put on a pedestal. Stone did repent at the end of the film, as he showed how Morrison's self-destructive activities got the best of him in the end. It just makes me wonder, though how many dorks went out and dropped acid for the first time and got hurt after seeing the Doors when they otherwise wouldn't have. My biggest complaint about the film actually has little to do with it. I find it annoying, if not insulting to see all these people running who, after seeing the film, are total Doors authorities and talk to people like they've had a personal relationship with Jim Morrison all of their life. This new generation of dorky wannabes who think they're cool because they can memorize movie lines and act original to their friends is probably the movie's biggest shortcoming.

> Out of Time by R.E.M.

I bought this the day it came out, since I thought I owed it to my favorite band. One of my biggest fears as I took it out of the wrapping was that it would be a total sell out, since I had read alot of hype about it, like that KRS-One of Boogie-Down Productions would join lead singer Michael Stipe on one of the numbers. So, somewhat apprehensively, I popped the cassette in on the way home from the Center, and after awhile I felt like driving around for a couple of hours just to listen to the tape. Stipe's voice and R.E.M.'s music was like a welcome embrace from a long lost friend. After the questionable success of the Green album, the band had some apologizing to do to a great number of its fans, and I think this album is an incredible form of repentance. Songs like "Radio Song" (where Stipe joins KRS-One) mixed some weird form of rap into real music and made it sound really good. Stipe also sings with Kate Pierson of the B-52s on three songs and they sound great. The song "Losing my Religion" is probably the most questionable song to me- it's on MTV and being terribly overplayed, and my own convictions make me disagree with losing religion. I'm really not sure about what the lyrics are really conveying in this song, but that's always part of the fun on an R.E.M. album. Two of the songs, "Belong" and "Low Low Low" were previewed on this years "TourFilm" video release, so listening to them was like some strange deja vu.

All of the songs on the album are a kind of a departure from the ways in which all seven of the previous studio albums have been put out. Both vocally and musically, R.E.M. has tried something new, and it worked very well for them.

Since this album wasn't a sell out straight out of the wrapping, my biggest fear now is that it will be sold out by an evil conspiracy of MTV, the Radio, and the alternative wannabes mentioned somewhat before in the Doors review. Anybody who seems to think himself a musical rebel because he owns the Pump Up the Volume Soundtrack CD, or prides himself on how half of his CDs are in the alternative section at Camelot shouldn't buy this album. In my opinion, you need morally pure reasons to like R.E.M.

Sleeping With the Enemy a Real Eye Opener

By Jami DeWall

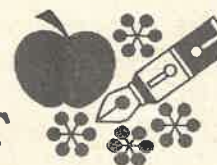
The "Pretty Woman," takes a leap from the modern day "My Fair Lady" to the suspenseful thriller Sleeping with the Enemy. Julia Roberts plays a battered wife in this psychological drama who finally finds the courage to leave her abusive husband.

This two and a half hour drama deals with the startling effects of physical abuse as well as emotional abuse on women. Julia Robert's character, Laura, finally finds the courage after three years of marriage to leave her successful, yet deranged husband. Throughout the whole three years of her marriage she begins to prepare herself for the one day she will escape her evil husband's battering ways. She gets her opportunity on a stormy night while they are out on a boat with a new acquaintance. The small sea vessal runs in to a storm and Laura ceases this opportunity to make her escape and so as of that night she begins a new life. After several hours of heavy searching, her husband as well as everyone else assumes that she is dead.

Everything is all right until her husband uncovers little details about his "dead" wife that lead him to believe that she is not dead. His devious head finally puts two and two together and slowly he begins his pursuit for the woman that had ridiculed him. He uses everything in his power to unvail any detail which could bring him one step closer to his wife. He finds her in a remote and friendly town where she had met a drama professor and had discovered the true meaning of love. He keeps an eye on her for a while, just long enough for him to find out exactly what she is up to. It is not until much later that he decides to begin to leave her small yet definite hints that he is around.

In the end she surprised her husband by showing him she had the courage to stand up to him. Although this movie is predictable in some events it does give a new twist to an old plot with a beautiful woman and a couple of handsome men. All in all it was a good movie and well worth the \$5.50 you pay to see it.

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Kentucky Headhunters: Guitar Plucking Good

By Bill Davis

This month's music review explores a field of music that is not common to most northern high school students. Now, this isn't the NKOTB April fool express, nor is it Barry Manilow's greatest hits, but something outdoorish. This month's music review explores a segment of the vast field of country music. With this in mind, I decided to select one of my favorite country groups that has dominated the country pop charts.

The Kentucky Headhunters 'Pickin' on Nashville' has dominated the country pop charts as well as the Nashville dance charts with its new country beat that mixes a country 'twang' with the fast pace of the familiar 50's and 60's music. Most of the songs are fast, lively and keep the required pace for perfect ten and two step dances.

The Kentucky Headhunters, at a glance, look as if they have just returned from a hard days work in the mountains. They take pride in keeping this image. For example, at the National Grammy Awards while everyone was wearing tuxedos and formal evening wear, the Headhunters decided to show up in their

usual attire of work overalls, Dixie flags, and a coonskin cap (which incidently was worn by the drummer who makes up for his hairless image with the largest lambchops in country music).

With all the previous factors in mind (hopefully not biasing the general RAP public) one can evaluate the quality of the individual songs. The first standout songs on the album are quick paced songs that bring out the gung ho dance attitude of the country hick. 'Dumas Walker', 'Oh Lonesome Me', and 'My Daddy was a Milkman' bring out that 50's pace that is absent in many other country albums. Meanwhile 'Walk Softly on this Heart of Mine', 'Smooth', and 'Rag Top', reveal that ever-present country twang in all good country albums.

If you are a Country music fan, or if you are just a good oldies' fan, The Kentucky Headhunters are a tough to beat. But don't take my word for it, experience the Kentucky Headhunters in concert at the Tri-City Coliseum May 4th. However, if you are a Rap or a Metal Head, then this album is, well, perhaps next time...

Guest Review

By Mrs. Foreman

When I was asked to review Whitney Houston's new album currently 9th on the U.S. album charts, by the taff, I figured that it would be pretty easy. I have Whitney Houston's two earlier albums (1985, 1987) and I enjoy her voice. As soon as I got home I put on this album expecting an outstanding collection of songs....instead I found the album to be insipid, deficient in spirit, life, and animation. I couldn't believe I didn't like this album so I listened to it again...three more times!

was blah as were most of the other songs. After waiting for three years for this album, I was disappointed in the unexciting choice of songs; Whitney Houston's dynamic voice was definitely not showcased in this album.

Houston's record was overproduced in two ways: 1) There were eight different producers each producing one song, and 2) The production mix was overdone and the instrumentation effectively muted most of the energy generated by Whitney's voice. With eight different producers, there was a chance that there would be some diversity in the songs. Unfortunately, this album was extremely consistent—ranging from monotonous elevator type muzac to extremely dreary humdrum numbers, 5 moderately fast songs, 6 slow songs.

If you are a Whitney Houston die hard fan, you may like this record. If you are not a fanatical Houston fan...My suggestion for listening to this album is to invite your boyfriend or girlfriend over, put the album on, and go make out on the couch. That's the only way you'll enjoy the entire album.



I liked a few songs such as "I'm your Baby Tonight", "Who do you Love?" and "All the Man I Need". The only duet on the album called, "We didn't know", was written and sung by Stevie Wonder. This tune composed especially for this album



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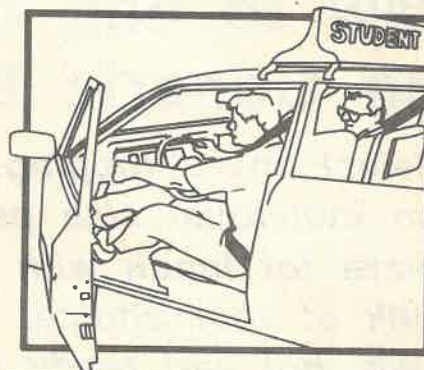
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Pros and Cons of the Pasco School District

by Joanne Barber, Rosario Diaz, Amy Mathews, and Kris Tefft

The Pasco School District is an "innovative district that doesn't hold you back from being the best you can be," said special education teacher Ralf LeCompt.

As such, the district has strengths that set it apart from any other district. Though shortcomings exist, the district is aware of them and is willing to take the necessary steps to alleviate them.

From a student's perspective, the Pasco School District is a place with people who give us the opportunity to better our education and not limit our personal enrichment.

A definite strength of the Pasco School District is ODE, an acronym for "Outcome Driven Education." ODE rests on the belief that all students have the ability to learn. This system has been in the district for four years now, and though ODE was widely misunderstood, its benefits are just now surfacing.

Along with this belief, as LeCompt stated, "ODE is an extremely fair learning system that provides maximum education for all stu-

dents." This learning system offers opportunities for students who have difficulties or are looking for extra challenges.

According to Superintendent Larry Nyland, ODE is a challenge, but will be extremely beneficial in the long run.

The system itself has brought along many other strengths, such as improving communication between teachers and students in all of the grades. Without communication, the ODE system would assuredly break down.

A recent change in the Pasco School District that affected every school involved was the transformation to a middle school format. This meant that students now are enrolled in elementary school from kindergarten to fifth grade, are in middle school from sixth to eighth grade, and are in high school from ninth to twelfth grade.

This move brought the Pasco district into conformity with other area school districts.

Another of the district's qualities is its staff. Pasco schools are full of people who really believe in what

they are doing; they believe that all students can be successful. The teachers are ready to undergo the training necessary to prepare them to ready students for the future. Nyland described his district's staff as "excellent-resourceful and committed to student success." John Foskett, principal at McLaughlin Middle School, described Pasco's staff as receptive to overcoming challenges, however difficult they may be.

Overall, the Pasco School District has strength in many different areas. These include a wide base of community support with parents who aren't afraid to get involved, a wide range of cultures represented in the student bodies, and strong support of athletics and other extra-curricular activities.

More of Pasco's strengths rest in making every curriculum department an important element, changing management from a top-down to a consensus format so all views are taken into consideration, readily informing the public on internal changes, and most importantly, focusing on student-teacher communication so that all students are able to fulfill their inherent right to be successful.

Although the Pasco School District's strengths greatly outweigh its shortcomings, there are some negative aspects in the district.

Among them are misunderstandings about the ODE system. If not practiced correctly, ODE seems to encourage irresponsibility in the student. By giving too many chances on tests or not grading homework, or not giving homework the recognition it deserves, students often procrastinate by wait-

ing until test day to learn the material. Possible explanations of the problems may include that the system appears to be too rushed, as only some of the teachers have received proper training.

The final shortcoming of ODE seems to be that, when it's used badly, it holds back the achievers and promotes the slackers.

It created severe overcrowding at Pasco High School, a building that is already showing the effects of time. As well, this change affected student's mental attitudes. The eight-grade students felt cheated because they had to "put" up with elementary students again, studies show that ninth-grade students who are forced into the high school atmosphere are likely to drop out of high school completely.

Yet another insufficiency in the district is that some teachers feel their curriculum is given less importance than others. Barbara Mannion, a science teacher at Pasco High, feels that there is a lack of emphasis in the science department, as well as in learning basic English.

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Where's the Beach?

By Uyen Pham

In this issue the foreign exchange student is Jose March, who is from Spain and a senior here at PHS. Jose is one of three foreign exchange students from Spain, who came to Pasco on August 23, 1990 and is living with the Nicacio family of Pasco.

Jose found out about the Foreign Exchange Program through his school, and he also went out and hunted around for the best program. Jose also found out about it through TV, magazines and newspaper advertisements. He finally found one, and when his parents heard about him wanting to get into the program and come here, they didn't want him to come, but they let him go anyway. He told me that if he came here he would have to take care of himself, but that doesn't seem possible, because each month his parents send him about \$250.00 dollars.

Jose was born in Valencia, Spain. Valencia is of the eastern coast off the Mediterranean sea, at the mouth of the Turia River. The city population is about 1 million people. It's the third largest city in Spain. The favorite place for teenagers - in Valencia - is to go and meet people in Conava. According to Jose, "This is where you go during the day to meet your friends, and later at night everybody heads for the disco".

Spain is very different from America. Like school for instance, the school board picks the classes for you, the only classes you can pick

yourself are foreign language and science. You have to stay in the same classroom for 10, yes 10 different subjects you're taking, and that they don't have any sports for girls. They only have for boys, and you play one sport the whole year through. Another thing is that you can drink at any age, as long as you have money, but to get your license you must be 18 years of age. Aren't you glad you live in America.

When asked why he wanted to come to Pasco, his response was, "I didn't, I wanted to go to California or to Florida, but they put me here." "Pasco is too small, boring and it doesn't have a beach, that's why I don't like it". Jose loves to travel, so far he has been to seven different countries. He loves to shop, especially for clothes, and that is why he is willing to work at the Boutique, and they pay him clothing instead of money. Where do you usually find him? On the beach, of course this guy loves any kinds of surfing. Jose also likes to play soccer, he plays forward in his school back home, and he also plays forward here at PHS.

During this spring break he and Jose Robles are planning to go to Hawaii, before he has to go back to Spain a week after school is out, and study for the test he has to take to get to college.

The last question I asked was if he would rather stay here or go back to Spain, which would he choose? "I would stay here, but in some warm places, like California or Florida".

Bulldog Profile

By Manon Laliberte

This month, Julie Kuster, has been chosen as our Bulldog of the Month. Julie is a freshman who is very involved with being a trainer. After school, she helps get the athletes ready to practice by taping ankles and rehabilitating injuries. She also helps out during practice and at games by taking care of on the scene injuries. Now, she is traveling with the soccer team. Julie keeps busy everyday after school until 6:00pm and later if there is a game. Julie lettered in training in the spring of her eight grade year and intends to do this as a profession. She stated that her favorite thing about being a trainer was "the excitement of working with all the athletes."

Julie is also involved with the Tri-City branch of Up With People. Right now she is only in the practice group but she is practicing so she can be in the travel group when she gets older. Although Julie prefers the singing, they also give testimonies, and put on plays. These are just a few of the things that Up With People is involved in, they also help people build positive self-images and keep them out of trouble. "I love to sing, it gives me a chance to improve my skill. I meet a lot of people too!"



Julie Kuster

Brad Vinson

By Manon Laliberte

This issue's Bulldog of the month is Brad Vinson. He's a freshman here at Pasco High and was involved with the last play called Grease. He played two parts, the leader of a band, and the teen angle. In Grease, Brad sang two songs, one included the song 'Beauty School Dropout'. "That was my favorite part," said Brad. He plans to get involved in the next play which is to be announced in the next couple of weeks.

On top of being in the play, Brad has been involved in the choir since he was in fifth grade. He plans to be in it again next year with Jazz 1 and chamber choir. Brad was also in cross country at the beginning of the year. He didn't join track this year because of his interest in the play, but maybe next year. Last, Brad worked for the EYC, ecology youth corp, last summer and has already applied for a job this summer.

When I asked Brad what his future plans were he replied, "I want to go to college but I don't know which one yet." He is considering many of the colleges in this area, however. Brad's main interest is to become a marine biologist, but he is also interested in archeology.

As far as past times or hobbies are concerned, this guy is full of interesting things to do. One of Brad's favorite things to do is spend time in Idaho with his aunt, where he'll spend his time panning for gold. "It's a lot of work but it's fun," said Brad. He also has an interest in growing plants and raising animals.



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When I Grow Up

By Shereonta Davis

Since I was a little girl I've always wanted to be a newsreporter and be on T.V. just like Connie Chung and all the rest of those great people. I guess I was and still am the type of person who wants to be known by the public. What I mainly like about journalism and broadcasting is being able to write stories and being recognized and letting people know that I wrote that particular article and have done a great job writing it.

To me becoming a journalist or a newsrepoter would be the biggest thrill of my life. That would be a dream come true. Well my dream just might come true. I say this because I had the opportunity to go and observe the way the work is done meaning how a journalists day is scheduled and how they function day by day. Now as you may already know, the Tri-City Herald is responsible for getting the newspaper out everyday to all of their customers.

In order to make sure that the paper is distributed on a daily basis the journalist must keep on a timely schedule and know what needs to be done right away and what can wait another day or so. As far as schedules are concerned there is no punching in or punching out on a clock. The time varies. The reporter never really knows how long he/she will be at the office, it really depends on how many stories need to be completed and it also depends on what the daedline is for that particular story. Everything is pretty relaxed around the office.

In other words the journalists must know which articles are more important than the others. In order for the journalist to be able to know whats going on in different cities they are kept in a list on the computer known as a wire. This wire provides the journalist with the events that are taking place in different areas and from this wire they can go through the list and determine what would be the best news to put in the newspaper.

The shifts that the reporters work vary also. Some come in late at night. The only people who really has to come in late at night are people who are responsible for the weather, they have to keep up with the forecast and of course theres the people who have to keep up on the police reports and in order to do that the reporter has to keep in touch with the police department. The reporters are given a police scanner so that they can keep track of any fires that may occur or anything else that may happen. The reporter has to take the scanner whith them everywhere they go.

Being a reporter aslo means coming in on the weekends and catching up on work. Some people get work assigned to them on Saturdays and Sundays. But there is an advantage to coming in on the weekends and that is having te opportunity to take two days off in the week. Sometimes there is only one person working in the office, so you see it can be lonely at times. Around mid-day the office starts to

fill up and everyone is busy trying to get their stories done.

The office is divided into different sections for example arond the outside of the room is where the reporters sit. In the back office is where feature meetings are held and also this is where they decide on what pictures will go in the newspaper. There are also different compartments in the building. Compartments consisting of the library, graphics area, editorial area, dark room, and clssifieds. Each of these compartments are of course used for different types of reasons. The library is where the files are kept on certanin stories and it is also a place where pictures are kept. They keep mug files there, generic pictyres, and all local things. They also keep things from out of town on file.

The graphics area is called the art center. When pictures are being made they are considered as art. In this area charts are also made. 97% of all the art work are done on computer. The reason for most of this work being done on the computer is because the computer is capable of blending colors and the computer is equiped with a color screen so that just makes things a little easier.

Next theres the Editorial section. In this section the person lets the readers know whats going on or what the paper thinks about certain things. Then theres the darkroom. Now get this, there is a seperate room for developing colored pic-

tures and black and white pictures. I always thought that all pictures colored or black and white were devepoed alll in the same room.

The last department is the designing compartment. In this compartment the pages are designed on the computer. There is no pasting done. The computer does all the work. The way it appears on the screen is how it would be printed out. So you have exactly whats on the screen printed and all ready to go. Thank god for computers!

After everything is layed out on the computer a meeting is held they decide on which story to put in the paper. In the meeting the values of the stories and the politics of the stories are discussed. After the stories have been picked they go into the newspaper for all the world to read.

As you can see being a reporter takes a lot of hard work and dedication. So if any of you besides me has a burning desire to be a jornalist you now have the scoop on the whole process.

Journalists also get graded on their work. The way that they are graded is like this. Everyday the paper is pinned up on the wall and it is criticized and praised by the head person of the newspaper to let the reporters know how they did on their article.

Well now you have it. The day in the life of a newsreporter. This is the career that I want to pursue. I plan on working very hard to strive for my career. I'm outta here!

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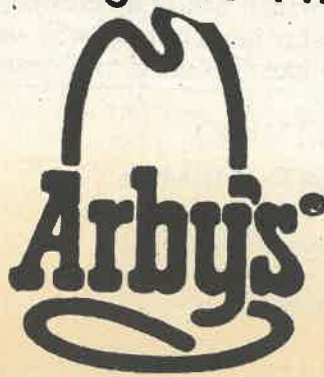
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Baseball Hopes to be Contenders



Brian Werst Takes a Few Practice Cuts

By Phil Hill

Pasco baseball team has a new look this year with their black attack uniforms. Pasco is going to bring blackness to the Big Nine this season with a blistering hitting force and an experienced outfield that will let nothing throw it's domain. Ron Jablonski said "I think we are going to contend with the top teams in the Big Nine. I think we've come along way in the last couple of years. I think we will be a threat to many teams. The Big Nine League Championship is not out of the question. I believe we have a lot of talent. We have a lot of guys that can hit and throw the 'rock. We have a lot of varsity experience. We also have a lot of returning leterman that are will be coming back this season," Ron Jablonski. Jeff Zaro

said "I think we will be a contender for the Big Nine League and District Championship. We have the best outfield in the Big Nine. We have a lot of quality pitchers. Ron J. and Buzzard (Herron) are throwing well. I think the returning juniors this year will contribute well since they have a year of Big Nine experience under their belts. Our batting will be one of the hardest hitting teams in the Big Nine. We have a lot of speed on the bases and in the field." Ron Jon and Jeff Z., "We have very good team unity, but we still need the support from the school and the fans! We would really like to see a good turn out. "Be sure to reserve your seats for the district play offs," Jeff Zaro. This year the Bulldog Baseball promises to be one of the most exciting yet!

Soccer Kicks into Action

By Scott Bond

This spring marks the beginning of another Pasco High soccer season. The bulldogs bring back some experienced players from last year. With these players and some good newcomers they should fight for one of the top spots in the Big Nine.

They started off the season with games against Kamiakin, Moses Lake, Hanford, and Eisenhower. Although their season started of with a loss they gained back their pride with wins over Moses Lake and Hanford. Once again they found themselves down on their

luck when beaten by Eisenhower in an overtime shootout.

Up and coming games include; Richland at Pasco the 30th of March, Selah at Selah the 4th of April, Wenatchee at Wenatchee the 6th of April, Eisenhower the 9th of April, Kennewick at KHS Stadium the 12th of April, Kamiakin at Kamiakin the 16th of April, Davis at Yakima the 19th of April, Moses Lake at Pasco the 23rd of April, and Othello at Pasco the 25th of April. Pick the date you can come watch and check the team out.



Todd Kidwell Springs into Action Golf off to a Flying Start

By Phil Hill

It's spring again and it is already time for another Golf season at Pasco High. Greg Jablonski said "I think that we are going to be a really good team, we have a lot of experience and we are picked to finish at the top of our league. We also have four or five people who are state bound. Jeff Maulden said "We look like we have a good chance to send three or four players to state, and we all hope to make Mr. Brown proud of us!" "I think that Mr. Brown makes golf not only fun, but

enjoyable. He's like one of the guys." Maulden said with feeling. Jablonski said, "I think Mr. Brown is a pretty neat guy. He knows how to take jokes and he just fits in with the team. He also knows the game of golf and he knows how to teach it. "We have a lot of young talent and in a few years the Big Nine better watch out," said Jablonski and Maulden. Pasco High Golf team is going to be a very big competitor this season. The team needs your support because we are on par.

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Softball Wins Big in Opener

By Scott Bond

Again spring brings another season of P.H.S. softball. The girls have been practicing for around a month preparing for Big Nine competition. The Bulldogs should contend for one of the top spots in the league. They have some great players who should give the leadership that it takes to win.

On March 16th the girls took on the Hanford Falcons in the first

doubleheader of the year. They played some tough ball to earn them their first sweep of the year. Tara Young pitched complete games in both giving her her first two victories of the year. Denise Somers had a great day at the plate.

They open up league play with Kamiakin on March 29 at Pasco. Come out and give the team some support.



Oliver Acosta Works on His Serve

Tennis Serves High Hopes

By Ian McDowell

Tennis is here and along with it are hopes of a successful season for both team and individual. This year's team is looking very good so far as the season begins to pick up momentum.

One of this year's standouts is Andy Van Hoy. He has been playing tennis for six years and is currently seeded second for varsity singles. When asked about his feelings toward this season Van Hoy had this to say. "Well my last season's record was 13-10, and so far this season my record is 3-1. I took 2nd at the Lewiston tournament. The only schools I see as posing a real

threat are Davis, IKE, and Walla Walla".

So far, the boys team is 0-1 in league, losing the opener to Kennewick. The girls, however, are 1-0 after a convincing victory over the same team.

Hopefuls on the boys' side are Oliver Acosta, Andy Van Hoy and Philip Racsa for singles and the doubles teams of Jason Archiblad/Justin Bleazard and Kris Tefft/Eric Little. For girls, Melissa McNickle and Sara Higginson are tearing up singles, and Jill Wodtli/Maile Wilson and Jenny Robisch and Trisha Burgess are doing well in doubles.

Sports Spotlight



Theo Hurley

By Tracy Wilczynski

This year at our Pasco High track meets, one of the featured attractions will be watching Theo Hurley zip around the track in the 100m dash, 400m dash, and 4X100m relay. Track is Theo's favorite sport, mainly because, "I like smokin' people." Eventually, Theo would like to run in college for either Washington State University or UCLA. The highlight of Theo's track career so far, was when he was ranked 5th in the nation, when he was in the 8th grade.

Along with track, Theo also competes in basketball, where he plays a shooting guard.

When not involved in athletics, Theo is just like everyone else. He enjoys just going out and partying with his buds. However, Theo also likes to rap. He is in a group, and hopes to become as famous with rapping, as he is in his running.

We wish Theo lots of luck, for a successful track season this year.



Trinity Aldous

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This month's sport spotlight is sophomore, Trinity Aldous. Trinity participates in volleyball, and track throughout the school year. Track, however, is her favorite. "I like it because it's more yourself doing the work, not the team," she replied.

Trinity competes in several events within each meet. The 100m and 200m dashes, 4X100m and 4X200m relays, are a few. Trinity's best events are the 100m and 200m dashes. So far, Trinity has yet to break a track record here at PHS. She has come close many of times, but not past the overall best. Although, the 4X200m relay team that she was on last year, broke the record and went to the state competition.

Just this last November, Trinity had surgery on her right knee, because of a few complications. Currently, "it's not 100% yet, but hopefully by the Pasco Invite, it will be." She is going to therapy a couple of days a week to help build it back up.

When Trinity isn't running over at the track, or at home, she enjoys going out and spending time with her friends.

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