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Something To
Crow About!

SMOKE SIGNAL STAFF MEMBERS WIN HONORS

Congratulations to Kristi Luter, Karen Petty, Freddy Lindner, and Jim Porterfield who won a total of eight certificates at the annual Journalism Day activities at ASU recently.

Kristi received honorable mention certificates in Radio-TV Announcing and Radio-TV News Writing. She also won second place in Writing Radio-TV Commercials.

Karen won honorable mention certificates in News Writing, Feature Writing, and Writing Radio-TV Commercials.

Freddy won honorable mention in Advertising Copy and Layout.

Jim won honorable mention in Editorial Cartooning.

The **Smoke Signal** is proud to have tied for third place in Division II of the newspaper contest. Division II is made up of schools with 301-700 students in grades ten through twelve.

JUNIOR BETA CLUB IS ACTIVE CLUB

The Junior Beta Club has been working on ideas for the Sesquicentennial Parade in Little Rock. The club is going to use the theme "The Old Courthouse" for their float.

They have also been working raising money to send to the flower garden in Little Rock.

Prom 1986 Nears; King, Queen Candidates Chosen

By Brenda Killion

As you well know, PROM 1986 is quickly approaching us. The anticipation has begun. Many changes are being made this year because of the high cost of both a banquet and prom. In years past there were numerous amounts of uneaten food, and the state of the auditorium made decorating very difficult.

The junior class has decided to let the students in on some of the upcoming activities planned for PROM 1986. The following information is pertinent to you if you are attending the prom this year.

Prom glasses will be given out Friday, May 16, the day before the prom.

The date of the prom has been set for May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Prom pictures will be taken by Pack-Davis. Pictures and package prices will begin at \$8.00. Pictures will be taken at 7:00 p.m. They are to be paid for at the time they are ordered.

The well-known KKYK DJ Mark McCain will be the entertainment for the prom. Caterer Aldena Casey will be in charge of a food buffet, which will be available after the short program.

Everyone who attends the prom will be required to present a ticket at the door. All seniors and juniors who have paid class dues will be given a complimentary ticket. Anyone else attending from PHS (underclassmen) or from another school will need to purchase an advance ticket for \$4.00. This cost is assessed to cover the cost of food.

All students attending must sign a reservations list in the office by Thursday, April 24.



Prom Queen candidates are Kelly Jones, Tracy Keech, and Beth Larsen. King candidates are Brian Fender, Jeff Looney, and Bret Robinett.

A new aspect of the prom this year is the bringing back of Prom King and Queen, a tradition PHS has not practiced for many years. The prom committee has nominated six seniors to be honored as the Prom Court. The Queen candidates are Kelly Jones, Beth Larsen, and Tracy Keech. The King candidates are Bret Robinett, Jeff Looney, and Brian Fender. Voting will be done by the entire student body.

As in the Bloomer Bowl, students will carry a ballot container for each candidate. Each penny will count as one vote. These students will be carrying the nominees' containers: Brenda Killion, Lesa Marie Schafer, Tonya Ridge, Kristi Luter, Tanya Cullison, and Dawn Burris. Voting begins the week of April 21-25. Be sure to look for these people and cast your vote!

The King and Queen will be announced as the highlight of the program prior to the entertainment. At the end of the program, all students attending will join the Prom King and Queen and their Royalty in a Grand Processional.

Student Council Attends Convention

By Stefanie Jones

Student Council members Dawn Gutterridge, Dana Warren, Shane Taylor, Angie Garrett, and Jeff Bounds traveled to the State Convention at Conway, Arkansas on April 4-5.

They stayed for one night attending discussion groups, banquets, and hearing guest speakers.

Dawn Gutterridge and Dana Warren lead discussion groups on Friday.

OLD AGE TAKES COURAGE

By Julie Atherton

"It's a youngster's world out there", some say. "Old people don't have what it takes in a new society of technology."

These are some of the things that people have to say about their elders. But what they don't realize is that old people created the basis of all we have today. They were the ones who stood and faced their future for us so that we could do the same for our posterity. But where's the respect? The recognition?

Don't we know that growing old takes courage? They are laughed at, mocked, and just plainly rejected because they don't have the looks to fill the spot. I think we'd better take a good look at ourselves.

Where do we think we came from?

Yellow By Kathy Stratton

The sun is very yellow,
It reminds me of a cowardly fellow who runs from a fight.

Even though he is right,
He just remains quiet and mellow.

NEGATIVE, ANYONE?

By Carnelia Anderson

Given a large sheet of white paper with a black spot in the middle, a negative person will zero in on it, pointing out the intense blackness and how dirty it looks. He'll forget about the large white part. All he can see is the bad.

People like this are hard to get along with. On an April day this type of person is likely to think the day is dreary and bleak. While everyone else seems to think happy thoughts about how wonderful spring feels with everything in bloom and the gentle rain, all he can think of is how cloudy it looks and that he can't go outdoors.

It makes a person want to shake him and make him realize just how great everything is. Of course, it wouldn't do any good. It's unfortunate that some people just have a bad outlook. I'm sure glad we don't meet too many people like this in life. It might rub off!



From Our Students

The English teachers have provided the **Smoke Signal** with material written by some of their students this year. We think you will agree that we have a great many "Emilys" and "Edgar Allans" walking our halls.



Body

By David McDonald

A body is just a barrier
It's a trap for human kind.
It hides the soul, bars up
the brain and keeps us
deep inside.
It fears for its life
and tries to stay away
from Death's Deadly Knife,
which will sadistically
separate the two into night
and day.
One will die, and one will
live a life anew.

I HAVE TO TELL YOU

By Andy Magee

I have to tell you right
away

I have to tell you today.
I'm sorry but...

I was baking some bread in
the kitchen, you see.

There was a box of yeast
right next to me.

Well, I don't really know
how all the yeast got in the
dough, but...

The loaf is huge
I'll have to admit -
No, don't get mad -
Don't have a fit.
I'll clean up the mess as
best as I can.

And we can have bread
over and over again.

DEATH

By Mark Tyler

Death stole in my life
one night

totally unexpected.

It smothered my father
in its cloak of darkness.

It carved a piece

of my life away

and left a void

that can never be

filled.

Death will always be
an enemy to me.

I used to be a child;

now I am a young man.

I do not fear death.

I don't look at death;

I look at life.

A Game Of Pool

By Cyndi Jenkins

You, solids

Me, stripes.

You perfected, calm,
smooth.

Me, jumbled, confused,
loving you.

You, gliding easily to your
fulfilled spot.

Me, caught in the mass
crowd

completely lost,

Getting pushed

farther

and farther

away from you.

Green Are The Leaves

By Jon Fears

Green are the leaves on

the trees in the spring,

Those that survived

winter's bitter sting.

They held their breath

for all winter long--

Now they bud again, to

be lovely and strong.

Green are the leaves on

the trees in the spring.

MY ROOM OF DOOM

By Brent Powell

My room is not a pretty sight. As a matter of fact, I received a phone call yesterday from the nuclear waste chemical plant requesting permission to dump there. My room makes the sewer look like paradise. There is usually a pile of clothes which I avoid. There are things growing in there that science has not even heard of yet. We are talking disaster area. The only possible cleaning I do is to clean a path to my bed at night. I thought I would try to clean it up once, so I started to pick up my socks from the floor. Unfortunately, they darted under my bed, so, I was unable to capture them. I've often wondered why my walls are green in color. I guess my brother's mold project got out of hand.

Now talking about disgusting, I noticed yesterday that

ODE TO A SPACE SHUTTLE

By Douglas Hackworth

At first, he only sits there,
silhouetted against the night
sky, hoping that just before
takeoff nothing will go awry.

Hark! The dawn has come,
shining upon his metallic
hide, knowing full well that
the heavens is where he soon
will glide.

He has good reason to fear
after his brother's mourned
demise. The world will never
know the flight from the
shuttle's eyes.

But he must stand bold!
He must keep working! For
in space there is no room for
wanton, needless shirking.

He will blast off soon, as
the hour draws nearer. He
wishes this whole thing was
explained to him clearer.

There he goes, rocketing
into space. He hopes this
mission is not a wild goose
chase.

"Ahhh! In orbit at last!"
he says, glad to be free,
"And now you know what
it's like to be a space shuttle,
like me."

my brother's booger collection was collecting dust as they clung to the bed post, petrified there for who knows how long. I asked my mom what would be a good way to start cleaning my room. She suggested DYNAMITE!! Can you believe it? Well, if you can't, you haven't seen my room!

I took inventory yesterday of creatures I had lost in there. First there was my pet frog Herbie, then the salamander family, also a litter of mice, five rats, two hamsters, four gerbils, one cat, one monster that resulted as a experiment from my chemistry set (which I cannot find), and I have lost one brother in that place. Well, who knows. I might even go on a safari in there one day. If I'm not at school, you'll know where I am. I'll be in the ROOM OF DOOM!!!!



Stephen McMullen was one of the winners of a "scoop" of ice cream given by the library during National Library Week. "Get The Scoop at Your Library" was the theme of library week this year. Jealous and hungry sophomores watched Stephen enjoy his treat during activity period.

FHA Members Attend State Convention

By Angie Luter

Robinson Auditorium was packed Saturday, March 22, as FHA members and their advisors gathered to attend the annual FHA State Convention.

Entertainment was provided by the Arkansas School for the Deaf Chapter as they danced to music using sign language. Also, City Rhythm sang various songs both old and new.

PHS students who attended were Sandy Trevillion, Cindy Anderson, Debbie Bunch, Nina Allen, Angie Thompson, Tracy Smith, Natalie Massey, Shannon Carter, Pam Hufford, Carol Cates, Beth Hibbard, Angie Luter, Robin Bruton, Sherry Riney, Dionne Foster, Tina Reeves, Shiela Mitchell, Patty Poe and Debbie Menard.

After the convention ended, the twenty members who attended enjoyed an afternoon of eating and shopping at McCain Mall.

Signs Of Spring



By Kristi Luter

Of all the seasons, spring is the favorite among several persons here at P.H.S. According to the calendar, March 21st is the first official day of spring, but around Pocahontas High you know spring has arrived when our media specialist, Mrs. Hatch, stocks up on tissue, new fashions are donned, white shoes are worn, a bad case of senioritis breaks out, and the desperate search for a prom date is on.

Of course, spring is sometimes considered a time of rejuvenation. The trees and flowers begin to bloom again after a long dormant winter. The birds begin to sing and chirp at your window sill and all of God's spectacular creations are coming back to life.

Springtime a grand time.

Key Club Projects Are Successful

By David Taylor

Key Club members, in cooperation with the Kiwanis Club, raised money this year by working in the Turkey Shoot and the recent Pancake Day.

The Turkey Shoot was designed to raise money by selling chances on turkeys and hams. The Key Club members were responsible for changing the targets, a job which involves hiding behind a steel plate and being shot at.

Key Club members again worked with Kiwanis by doing jobs at the Annual Pancake Day. These jobs included waiting on tables, cooking sausages, and washing dishes and silverware.

The Key Club, which usually receives 10% of the proceeds, will use the money received for expenses for the National Convention at Kansas City.

Have You Seen 'The Comet' Yet?

Mr. Miller and his Physics Club have been busy recently trying to get a good view of Halley's Comet, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most people.

Halley's should be near the constellation Scorpio roughly one hand width above the horizon in the southeastern sky (slightly east of due south), about 1½ hours before sunrise. Allow about an hour for your eyes to adapt to the darkness, so get out long before sunrise. At our latitude the best time was the first week in April. In late April the dwindling comet can again be seen almost due south about an hour and a half after sunset.

The easiest way to spot the comet is by using binoculars. Once spotted with low magnification, a good telescope can bring out more detail at higher power.

Meet The 'Board'

By Cheryl Gilbreth

Some students may not know who our board members are. These dedicated individuals spend a lot of time serving our school. Our school board consists of Bob Adams, James Ray Chester, Jack McCord, E.L. Modlin, and Jan Tyler.

Bob Adams is a teacher in the Walnut Ridge School System. His wife teaches at Alma Spikes Elementary School. Their two children are Bobby and Mary.

James Ray Chester is the co-owner of Stockman's, Inc. His wife Susanne works at the Pocahontas Middle School as study hall monitor. Their two children are Chad and Casey.

Jack McCord is the assistant director at Black River Vo-Tech. His wife, Kay, teaches at Pocahontas Middle School. Their two children are Blake and Tara.

E.L. Modlin is active in community service. His wife, Ann, is a TMR aide at Alma Spikes. They have four children with one daughter, Misty, in school.

Jan Tyler is the public relations representative at Randolph County Medical Center. She and her husband, David, have three daughters: Ivy, Holly, and Heather.

"Student" Teacher Feature

By Angie Martinez

Jennifer Brumley is the student teacher under Mrs. Singleton, teacher of the Special Education department here. As a student at ASU, she is planning to get a graduate assistantship. If she doesn't get an assistantship, she hopes to find a job teaching.

Before student teaching, she worked as a desk clerk in a dorm on campus.

Hobbies that interest her are fishing and cooking.

She resides in Imboden. Her parents are Everett and Georgia Brumley. She plans to get married in June.

SENIOR BOYS' TRACK TEAM

Eric Bass
Darrell Cain
Kevin Casey
Billy Coates
Dusty Hunt
Greg Jones
Norman Kincade
Fred Lindner
Juan Lopez
Raymond Mansker
Billy Poe
James Riddle
Jay Towell

GOLF TEAM

David Taylor
Bret Robinett
Boyd Robinett
Ben Biggers
David Britt
Eric Housh
Leigh Ann Rose
Chad Couch

BOYS' TENNIS TEAM

John Magee
Brian Fender
Chris Williams
Kris McCluskey
Stephen McMullen
Terry Dollahite
Mike Neece

GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM

Melanie Robinett
Dottie Riffel
Leigh Daniel
Ashley Bennett
Leigh Swaim
Kelly Jones
Beth Larsen
Pam Collins
Leslie Swaim
Kelly Heslep
Dawn Gutterridge
Dawn Burris
Angie Jarrett
Krista Cannon
Debbie Carr

SENIOR GIRLS' TRACK TEAM

Jamie Evans
Jeanie Lewallen
Kandi Perkins
Crystal Southerland
Katie Williamson
Terri Ennis
Martha Jackson
Manager: Stacey Blount

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Brock Bigger
Scott Brown
Chad Chester
Drew Dawson
Joe Grider
Dewayne Hawkins
Chris Hoggard
Ty Howard
Darrell Layton
Dale Lewallen
Chris Lindner
Tim Malone
Marcus McCarroll
Jason Reid
Brandon Richardson
Shannon Steele
Kerry Summitt
Lyle Waterworth
Greg Waymon
Kenny Waymon
Sean Wells
Eric Williford
David Williamson
C.J. Vandergriff
Doug Hackworth

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Angela Cousins
Karen Fears
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Shannon Martin
Trina Martinez
Tina McPherson
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Allison Rogers
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Sierra Steele
Susan Towell
Ivy Tyler
Shannon Ulmer
Sally Anderson
Nancy Coates
Stephanie Bagwell
Meredith Brown
Michelle Hoelscher

From The Editor's Desk

The last edition of the *Smoke Signal*, the Who's Who edition, went so fast that not everyone had a chance to purchase a copy. As editor, I want to apologize for this. It is hard to know how many copies to print because sometimes not all editions are sold at all times. The staff and I regret that this happened and hope that it will not happen again.



Girls' State delegates this year are Kristi Luter, Tonya Ridge, Lisa Kay Shafer, Julie Campbell, Tina Britt, Brenda Killion, and Dawn Gutterridge. The alternates are Kristi Dismang, Tanya Cullison, and Lauri Harris.



Boys's State delegates are Jeff Mock, James Riddle, Billy Coates, Dana Warren, and Chris Reeves. Alternates are Kevin Dust, Kevin Casey, and Jeff Bounds.

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