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Who's Who Among PHS Seniors



Twelve students were selected by the faculty to be included in "Who's Who Among PHS Seniors" this year. They are,

left to right, Michael Bagwell, Ben Bigger, Kelly Jones, Rebecca Lambert, Bret Robinett, Leigh Swaim, Michael Thompson, Jay Towell, Chris Williams, and Kim Williams.

Twenty-Three Excel

Only 23 of the 613 students here at PHS made the "All-A" Honor Roll the first nine-weeks. This elite group of students deserves our recognition and congratulations!

Grade 8 - Gina Caffrey, Loretta Evans, Lisa Golden and Mark Tyler.

Grade 9 - Sarah Anderson, Chris Brown, Leigh Daniel, Karen Durham, Annette Golliver, Kelly Oaks, Missy Reed, Karen Schaffer, Tracie Smith, and Deni Smith.

Grade 10 - Stefanie Jones, Leslie Swaim, David Taylor, and Doug Tyler.

Grade 11 - Kevin Dust, Laurie Harris, Devonna Hawkins, Brenda Killion, and Jackie Manis.

Welcome To PHS

Welcome, new students! The following students have enrolled at PHS since the beginning of school.

8th - Donnie Haynes, Bonnie Haynes, Donald Stowers, Michelle Sanders, Marty Davis, Nancy Reynolds, Leah Ann Crawford and Loretta Young.

9th - Elizabeth Harralston, Bradley John Sigley, Keith Berry and Krystal Palmer.

10th - John Dahm.

11th - Gregory Yamnitz, Delbert Blackwell, Everett Blackwell and Harold Robinson.

Century III Winner Chosen

By Stefanie Jones

Becky Lambert, daughter of Elby and Pat Lambert, was selected the PHS Century III winner this year.

Each year students participate in this program. These students pick a problem of today and provide an answer with supporting data. Before writing the paper, the students take a test on current events and happenings. The number of points received determines which students go on to write the paper.

The students also write a

resume on leadership skills, community involvement, and personal data listing their prior accomplishments.

A screening committee of selected teachers picks the three best essays submitted, and out of those three the winner is chosen.

The runner-up this year was Jay Towell; Chris Williams ranked third.

Becky will travel on to state competition and compete for scholarships against participants from other schools.

Good luck, Becky!



Holly Steimel Becomes Hugh O'Brian Winner

Holly Steimel has recently been named the Hugh O'Brian winner at PHS. Holly, the daughter of Danny and Debbie Steimel, will attend an all-expense paid seminar in Little Rock in April.

To compete for this honor, interested sophomores wrote essays demonstrating their

leadership, sensitivity to others, and school and community involvement. A faculty committee selected the winning entry.

Runner-up this year is David Taylor, son of Philip and Shirley Taylor.

Holly joins Kristi Luter and Chris Williams as Hugh O'Brian winners at PHS.

Parent-Teacher Conference Day Labeled A Success

By Sarah Anderson

Parent-teacher conference day on Friday, November 15, was a day set aside primarily for the parents of students with either a D or an F in any class to come to the school to talk with their child's teachers. Prior to that day, students who received a D or below on their report card had to take home a letter to their parents with suggested conference times

listed. Then the parents of the student came to the school on Friday to talk to the

teachers and get the student's report cards.

This conference day allowed a lot of parents to get acquainted with and have the opportunity to talk to the teachers about the student's progress within the first nine-weeks grading period.

Mr. Malone states, "Probably 70% of the parents whom we needed to contact participated this year in these conferences. The counselors have been in the process of contacting those who didn't attend."

Twelve Sing In Senior Chorus

In addition to many new chorus members, the 1985-86 senior chorus has a new instructor, Mrs. Kay Gowen. Our new members include Sean King, Eric Bass, Glen Smith, Marsha Baltz, Trish Gates, Cathy Ellis, Judy Zimmerman, Shirley Carson, Pam Carr, and Kelly Brakebill. We have two members from last year, Tina Thompson and Andy Simpson.

Officers elected are president, Judy Zimmerman; vice-president, Tina Thompson; secretary/treasurer, Marsha Baltz; reporters, Glen Smith and Andy Simpson.

LEE EATON ENTERS SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH CONTEST

Lee Eaton, a senior, is currently preparing an experimental project as an entry in the forty-fifth annual national Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

Lee's project is designed to test for gravitational field changes around a gravitational solenoid. He hopes to show that gravitation is not just an inward directed force, but has properties similar to electricity and magnetism.

The experiment is similar to one which would detect electromagnetic effects in a wire carrying electric current.

The deadline for his project is December 15.

His sponsoring teacher is Mr. Gary Miller.

Junior High Chorus Selects Officers

Ivy Tyler will lead the 1985-86 junior high chorus. The vice-president is Pam Morris. The treasurer/secretary is Tanya Sutton, and the reporter is Michelle Jones.

CHRISTMAS BREAK: COMING SOON!

The last day of classes before Christmas break this year will be on Friday, December 20. We will return to school on Thursday, January 2. This means we will

have eight school days off.

The first semester is slated to end on January 23.

A second parent-teacher conference day is set for January 31.



Queen Kelly Jones is escorted by Tim Loggains and Jeff Looney.

Kelly Jones Crowned Homecoming Queen

By Angie Luter

Kelly Jo Jones, daughter of Dr. Joe K. Jones and Mrs. Peggy Baker, was elected Homecoming Queen for the '85-'86 school year.

Kelly, active in many clubs this year, is co-captain of the cheerleading squad, secretary/reporter of the Student Council, secretary/treasurer

of the senior class, president of the Leo Club, and treasurer of FBLA. Her hobbies include going walking, playing tennis, and listening to music.

After graduation, Kelly plans to attend college and major in dental hygiene.

Are You 'Literate'?

According to William Bennett, the secretary of the federal Department of Education, the following 30 selections are essential to the well-educated high school student.

1. Works of William Shakespeare, particularly *MacBeth* and *Hamlet*.
 2. American historical documents, particularly the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Gettysburg Address.
 3. *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.
 4. The Bible.
 5. *The Odyssey*; *The Illiad* by Homer.
 6. *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.
 7. *The Republic* by Plato.
 8. *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck.
 9. *Scarlet Letter* by Hawthorne.
 10. *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles.
 11. *Moby Dick* by Melville
 12. 1984 by Orwell.
 13. *Walden* by Thoreau.
 14. Poems by Robert Frost
 15. "Leaves of Grass" by Whitman.
 16. *The Great Gatsby* by Fitzgerald.
 17. *The Canterbury Tales* by Chaucer.
 18. *The Communist Manifesto* by Karl Marx.
 19. *Politics* by Aristotle.
 20. Poems by Emily Dickinson.
 21. *Crime and Punishment* by Dostoevsky.
 22. Works by William Faulkner.
 23. *The Catcher in the Rye* by Salinger.
 24. *Democracy in America* by de Tocqueville.
 25. *Pride and Prejudice* by Austen.
 26. Essays and poems of Emerson.
 27. *The Prince* by Machiavelli.
 28. "Paradise Lost" by Milton.
 29. *War and Peace* by Tolstoy.
 30. *Aeneid* by Virgil.
- How well do you fare?

Open Campus? It Was Only A Poll!

Recently several members of Speech I took a poll among the high school students concerning their feelings about open campus. To noone's surprise, over ninety percent said they would like to have open campus. No change in campus policy will be made, however, for legitimate reasons.

About six years ago we began having closed campus because merchants in town were complaining about students loitering outside their stores. Mr. Malone said, while discussing it with the Speech I class, that accidents, tardiness, and truancy were major problems during open campus.



Seniors Wish For...

The seniors are busy making Christmas wishes. They wish for, among other things

1. an end to apartheid
2. three playboy bunnies
3. a new car
4. families to be together
5. a brand new Porsche
6. a pink Jeep
7. a barrel of Bud
8. lots of snow
9. a new sister
10. McDonald's to get built earlier
11. a 1985 NEA basketball championship
12. peace
13. my two front teeth
14. the Raiders to beat EVERYBODY
15. a successful senior year
16. the safest Christmas ever
17. a four-wheeler
18. graduation to accidentally be moved up six months!



Teacher Feature

Lillian Durham

By Debby Carr

Our faculty focus this issue spotlights Mrs. Lillian Durham, annual sponsor and a fifteen year veteran English teacher.

She was born in Strawberry, Arkansas, to parents who owned a grocery store and ran the post office in conjunction with it. Mrs. Durham states that she liked her childhood very much; she even loved school. She said she was a "good" child; she didn't rebel. She even won

the Miss Strawberry pageant while in high school.

She graduated from ASU. Fifteen years in the classroom hasn't made her hate teaching; in fact, she loves it, and she loves kids. She has taught at PHS for fourteen years. Prior to that, she taught one year at Strawberry.

Her five children are Teresa, 27; Mitch, 26; Mark, 23; Kevin, 17; and Karen, 14.



For What Are Sophomores Thankful?

At Thanksgiving PHS sophomores had a number of things they said they were "thankful" for. The items they listed varied greatly. Some of the things they said they were thankful for include...

1. a good home
2. a mom who loves me
3. boyfriends
4. a gorgeous sunset
5. PARTIES
6. everything
7. love
8. food
9. best friends
10. teachers who care
11. WOMEN
12. kegs
13. . . .that we're not

freshmen any more
ALSO...

14. deer season
15. duck season
16. Mom and Dad
17. TV
18. weekends
19. GUYS
20. teachers who don't give homework over the holidays
21. . . .that I didn't take geometry
22. my family
23. stereos
24. money
25. . . .that I have no younger brother or sister
26. a free country in which to live
27. books

Junior Class Executive Committee Named

By Tonya Ridge

An executive committee for the junior class has been selected. The committee was developed by the class officers due to the overflow of responsibilities. To better serve the junior class, Kristi Luter, Tonya Ridge, Tina Britt, and Tracy Hallman

have been chosen to try to make the junior year for the class of '87 the best ever.

This group of four will use the best of their abilities to help the officers make decisions regarding the entire graduating class of 1987.



Debby Carr, Angie Luter, and Marsha Baltz sort the numerous Tom Wat orders.

Smoke Signal Concludes Successful Fundraiser

The **Smoke Signal** staff has recently completed a successful Tom Wat fundraiser.

Prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$5 will be awarded to the three top sellers in the group, who were Angie Luter, Karen Petty, and David Taylor, respectively.

According to Mrs. Ulmer, advisor, \$2,106.65 of products were sold. The paper staff will receive approximately 35% of that amount.

The staff would like to thank those of you who made the project successful.

Library Club Holds Successful Book Fair

By Katie Williamson

This year's Library Club book fair was one of the most successful ever. All together, there was a profit of \$1720.

The club also sold cookies, cakes, cupcakes, etc. Country Cottage provided many stationery items from which the club got 25% of the profits. This year the Book Ark and Scholastic sup-

plied the books for the fair. In addition to these books, weeded books from the school's library were sold.

Mrs. Hatch and the Library Club would like to thank Mr. Busby and Mr. Malone for letting the students participate during school. She would also like to thank the English teachers for bringing their classes.

LIFE SURVIVES

By Carnella Anderson

Well, now it's getting cooler and winter's coming on. The air is getting cold and soon ice will form on ponds. I think winter is a sad time of year. Everything looks like it has just lost a battle. We've been beaten back. We've retreated and we're hiding. There's a force more powerful than we are.

But in spring we burst forth, full of glory, ready to conquer. After waiting all winter we renew ourselves,

put together our forces, and finally come out on top. We conquer. It never fails.

No matter how long and hard winter may seem, no matter how much it appears we're through for sure, we can make it. We always have and always will. Life's a strong substance. It's hard to hold it back. Life has determination. It holds on and on until it can't hold on any longer and then -- it holds on some more.

Band Performs At State Competitions

By Kristi Luter

Imagine 68 band members and six chaperones at 4:00 in the morning.

A majority of people would not think that to be such a pretty sight, but for the Pride of Pocahontas and the spirited parents behind them, Saturday, November 2nd was a great day in history, and nothing could have been more beautiful.

Our capital city was in store for a special treat when 24 tri-state high school bands accepted the invitation to

participate in the marching contest held at War Memorial Stadium. Top-notch bands competed against each other in quest of the highest ratings possible.

Considering the stiff competition and hard-core judging, Pocahontas band members left Little Rock with their heads held high and a smile on their faces because now there hangs yet another plaque of outstanding performance in our bandroom.

Library Club Co-Hosts District Meeting

The annual District XV meeting for student librarians was held November 11, 1985, on the ASU campus in Jonesboro. Co-hosted by PHS and Maynard High School, this meeting was a time for student librarians to attend special workshops such as video, microfiche, basic skills, fundraising, and library club organization. This gave students a chance to exchange ideas to help each school's club.

A library skills examination was given to selected members of each school. At the banquet following the workshops and business meeting, three PHS students were recognized for their scores on the exam. They were Beth Larson, Leigh Swaim, and Brenda Killion.

To top off the evening, one of our very own students, Bobby Adams, was elected District President. He had the responsibility of selecting the district secretary and parliamentarian. He chose Martha Jackson and Brenda Killion, respectively.

Junior Beta And Smoke Signal Floats Garner First

By Stefanie Jones

The homecoming parade of 1985 was a big success this year. Six floats were selected winners. The sponsoring organizations of the winners received cash prizes of between \$15 to \$50 from the student council.

First place in the major floats was the Junior Beta Club with Pepe le Peu. Second place went to the Speech Club with Tweety Bird, and third place was the GEC with the Smurfs.

In the mini-float division, the **Smoke Signal** received first with Superman. Second place was awarded to the Art Club with Captain Caveman. Third was given to He Man and the Masters, made by Leigh and Co.

Club reporters: Please report your club's news to the **Smoke Signal**! Bring your news to Room 4.

Three Student Teachers Complete ASU Requirements Here

Three ASU students are doing their practice teaching at PHS this semester.

Jon Troxel, son of Vincent and Betty Troxel of Reyno, Arkansas, has been doing his student teaching in the social studies department here.

Hobbies that interest him include softball and baseball, hunting and fishing. He also enjoys teaching a Sunday School class at his church.

"The kids are good and nice," he says of his experience here.

John C. Jenkins II of Route Two, Walnut Ridge, has been doing his practice teaching in the agri department. He has taught in the Exploratory Agri, Gas Engines, Forestry, Field Crops, and Power Mechanics classes.

An agricultural education major, he is married to Debona Jenkins and has one son named John. Mr. Jen-

kins plans to find a job teaching, then work on his master's degree. He recently worked at the V & B Manufacturing Company in Walnut Ridge.

"PHS has a good school, good faculty, and good facilities," he says.

Fly West is the student teacher under Coach Dallas Howard. His major is physical education with health as a minor.

Mr. West resides in Poca-hontas with his wife and two children. In his leisure time he enjoys cycling, reading, and being with his family. In addition to attending school by day, he works at night in a local factory.

He states that his stay in Pocahontas has been very comfortable and he would like to thank everyone, including the coaching staff and the student body.

The Curio

By David McDonald

I always wondered why
She would sit, stare, and
cry

When she examined the
old, chipped,
Faded glasses.

She touched with care the
plates of

Assorted design, an ac-
cumulated mass.

She had an old doll,
dressed in tissue,

Fashionable for its time,
An old oak music box that
had lost

Its rhyme --
All given to her by her
father in her
Early life.

Now he's gone, and she's
old and grey;

She sits and looks and
cries every day.

Even though time passes,
the memories
Never fade.



BASKETBALL

Basketball is in full swing now. A great number of our student body is involved in this sport. Team members are listed below.

SENIOR BOYS

Tim Loggains
Keith Baltz
Mike Bagwell
Jay Towell
Billy Coates

Bret Robinett
Dana Warren
James Riddle
Curtis Ellis
Kevin Dust
Rodney Matthews
DaWayne Anderson
Boyd Robinett
David Taylor
Donald Boucher
Donnie Breyspraak
Jon Fears
Troy Smith

JUNIOR BOYS

Chris Brown
Marcus McCarroll
Travis Bagwell
Bobby Adams
Eric Housh

David Prater
James Gowen
Bill Hallman
Dwayne Hawkins
Dean Courtney
Tony Shepherd
Steve Brooks
Kenny Waymon
Chris Couch
Joe Grider

SENIOR GIRLS

Shelly Newman
Dawn Burris
Tina Britt
Jeanie Lewallen
Cyndi Jenkins

Karen Petty
Kim Throesch
Martha Jackson
Debby Hoggard
Dottie Riffel
Nancy Towell
Laura Jackson
Becky Gipson
Sherry Riney
Renee Baltz

JUNIOR GIRLS

Leigh Daniels
Kathy Thompson
Dana Thielemier
Debbie Manard
FeFe Moreland

Diana Brown
Misty Modlin
Becky Hufstedler
Lori Heslep
Angie Looney
Kristen Mason
Ashley Bennett
Liz Harralston
Angie Taylor

The last three weekly winners of the football game ball were Kelly King, Richard Clark, and Sally Malone.

This new tradition was

started this football season to gather enthusiasm and support. Recipients of the football carried it around with them all day on Friday prior to that night's game.

SCOREBOARD

SENIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

October 18
Paragould - Lost 22-23

October 25
Hoxie - Won 20-7

November 1
GCT - Won 6-0

November 8
Highland - Lost 6-29

Season: 5-4-1

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

October 17
Highland - Won 20-8

October 24
GCT - Won 8-0

October 31
Corning - Lost 12-18

Season: 4-5

letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter in the last issue regarding the pep rallies, we do not totally agree with some of the things mentioned. We think the pep rallies this year have been better and the students have shown more spirit than in the past with the exception of the GCT pep rally, which was not the fault of the cheerleaders.

We feel that we have put out an extreme effort to enthuse the crowd and promote school spirit. But there are always some students who don't wish to participate. We hope before the year has ended, this will have changed.

Do please realize the cheerleaders need **every-one's** participation to make a great pep rally!

Senior High Cheerleaders

Editor's note: Both sides of this issue have now been aired. Let's go on now with a positive outlook!

Thank You!

Dear Caring People,

I just want to thank all the teachers, coaches, the junior and senior football teams, the **Smoke Signal**, and all my great friends who have given me gifts and clothes since my family's home burned.

It's nice to know that people care and I can't say how much I appreciate everyone's concern for me.

Thanks, all of you,
Freddy Lindner

Remember to dress for "Christmas Spirit" all this week!

Dear Editor:

This refers to the letter written to the editor about the pep rallies every Friday.

A lot of us think that our pep rallies are very good and a lot of fun. You started putting down our cheerleaders, and a lot of people don't like that. The cheerleaders this year are the best we have had in a long time, and I think we should appreciate them for what they are doing. They should be praised, not cut down.

If some people are not cheering or not showing respect for our school, take it out on them, not the cheerleaders. Being a cheerleader is fun and a privilege. It is also one of the hardest things a person can choose to do.

These young ladies care about what they are doing, not just the glamour of being a cheerleader.

I agree that some people are not cheering and something should be done, but against the people not cheering, not the cheerleaders.

You say you don't mean to put down the cheerleaders, but you are. If you think you can do a better job, then you get out there and do the cheers, dances, and try to keep up with the senior band!

Caring Redskin Fans

Editor's Note: Others wrote expressing the same sentiments.]

Martha Jackson, a junior, was chosen the October Student Librarian of the Month. A free meal at the local Pizza Hut was her reward.

State Flag Garden In The Making

By Joyce Hibbard

Have you heard about the Arkansas Flag Garden? Yes, employees of the state of Arkansas have a unique opportunity to express their pride by sponsoring the construction of the Arkansas Flag Garden, a living memorial to the Arkansas Sesquicentennial.

To be created entirely through contributions from current and former employees of the state, the Arkansas Flag Garden is designed to be planted with easily replaced potted plants. Secretary of State Bill McCuen will arrange for maintenance.

On Flag Day, June 14, 1986, the garden will be dedicated in a special ceremony as part of the official events of the Salute to Statehood weekend.

A time capsule containing the name of each state employee who makes a contribution of \$200 or more will be buried at the project site with instructions for it to be opened during the Arkansas Bicentennial in 2036.

Editor's Note: Bill McCuen, our Secretary of State, visited Mrs. Harris' 8th grade English classes on November 26 to speak on this same subject. Mrs. Harris has asked her eighth graders to participate in this worthwhile civic project. Anyone at PHS who wishes to donate money to this cause should see Mrs. Harris.

Summer Leaves

By Deonna Swann

The summer leaves are falling

It's all slipped by again

The long bleak winter days are calling

Summer! Why must it end?

Welcome Back, Robin!

By Brenda Killion

Robin Gill, president of the senior class, has recently returned to the PHS campus after having been ill. She was unable to attend school for several weeks because of her serious illness. Her surgery was performed at St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro. She is now recovering very well and is now attending classes on a part-time basis.

The **Smoke Signal** staff and I would like to welcome Robin's smiling face back to PHS. We hope that she will soon be completely recovered.



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