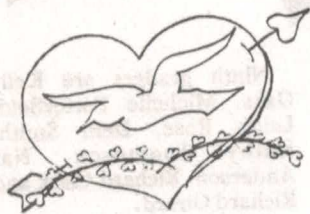


POCAHONTAS, ARKANSAS

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Smoke Signal staff,
Thank you for
your hard work!
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PHS Band Hosts Senior Clinic Tryouts

This year senior clinic tryouts were hosted at the Middle School by the Pocahontas band members. Many bandsmen from some 25 schools participated in this annual event.

PHS students winning honors were Becky Lambert, John Copeland, Devonna Hawkins, and Deborah Tribble. John, Devonna, and Deborah made the Red Band, and Becky Lambert made the Blue Band. Deborah plays the oboe, Devonna the clarinet, John the trumpet, and Becky plays the contra bass clarinet.

The school was crowded with nervous band members

saying silent prayers to themselves for good scores. Senior clinic is a big event for serious musicians. It could mean getting a scholarship if one does well in tryouts. If in tryouts one gets high scoring, then he can go to state to play in either the number one Blue Band, or the Red Band.

The senior and junior band members worked as typists, runners, and did other odd jobs as they hosted the contest. Band boosters ran a concession stand in the cafeteria for the large group.

In an earlier junior band competition at Paragould Michelle Holscher (bells) and Mike Murphy (tuba) made the Red Band.

Murphy Entertains 2500

Ronald Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Murphy, participated in the talent program at the Arkansas Beta Club Convention held January 25 in Little Rock at Robinson Convention Center.

A PHS senior, Ronald played a piano solo, "Breaking Up Is Hard To do." He gave an outstanding performance before an audience of 2,500 Beta Club members from around the state.

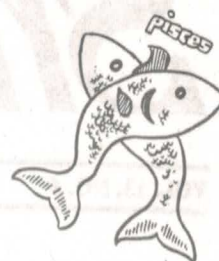
The PHS Beta Club is proud to have been represented by such a talented individual.

Chieftain Maids Named

PHS clubs and organizations are in the process of selecting Chieftain maids. At this time, the following girls have been chosen: Kim Williams, Health Careers; Michelle Crawford, FHA; Beth Larsen, Library; Lori Rouyer, Physics; Robin Vinson, FBLA; Tracy Keech, Speech; Kelly King, Key; Vickie Akins, Leo; Brenda Burrows, Art; Faye Foster, Foreign Language and Joyce Hibbard, Smoke Signal. Some clubs have not yet chosen their nominee.

The Chieftain Queen will be announced in the yearbook.

Let's Have 'Heart'



Whose birthdays radiate around HEART day? How many students have the true spirit of that shooter of arrows, CUPID? None other than three distinguished students have the distinct honor of having been born on Valentine's Day: they are Krista Cannon, Kim Murphy, and Mike Bagwell.

Thirty-one other lucky-in-love students share the privilege of having been born under the Aquarius or Pisces signs of February.

Eighth graders include Sally Anderson, Kim Grooms, Kerry Poindexter, James Anderson, Joey Becerra, Blake Earley, David Gay, Jody Luther, Marcus McCarroll, Steven Southerland, Scott Strickland, and Darrell Taylor.

Ninth graders are Kelly Oaks, Michelle Porterfield, Leigh Rose, Deni Smith, Kathy Thompson, Nat Anderson, Richard Clark and Richard Girard.

Sophomores include Pam Collins, Angie Dawson, Jayna Sullinger, Robyn Waterworth, Jeff Brown, and Daryl Cain.

The list grows shorter, as only four juniors were born in the month of February. They are Debby Carr, Devonna Hawkins, Billy Coates, and Andy Harris.

And what of the seniors? Only one other senior besides Mike Bagwell was born in the HEART month, Kevan Wilson. Oh, well, seniors, at least you get to graduate before the rest of us.

Mrs. Magee Joins Us

By Fred Lindner

Mrs. Delores Magee has recently become our new Spanish teacher since Mrs. Howell resigned.

Mrs. Magee is originally from Gulfport, Mississippi. She started working for Bell Telephone Company when she was 15 and worked there until she graduated. After high school she went to William Cary College in Mississippi, where she got her bachelor's degree in elementary education and certification in English. After college, she went to Costa Rica with her husband Bob Magee and studied Spanish there. She has also lived in Bogota, Columbia; Chile; and Honduras. She has traveled

extensively in South America and has been to nearly every country in Central America except Mexico.

Mrs. Magee has taught in New Orleans, Fort Worth, and South Mississippi before coming to Pocahontas. "Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to be a teacher," comments Mrs. Magee.

Mrs. Magee lives in College City at Southern Baptist College where her husband is choral director. They have a son, Robert, 19, and a daughter, Melanie, 16, who goes to Walnut Ridge High School.

Mrs. Magee likes to travel, write recipes, read, listen to music, and go picnicking and hiking.



Miss Redskin Contest Nears

The annual Miss Redskin pageant will be held February 22 at the high school auditorium. Sponsored by the Beta Club, this contest honors the girl chosen "best" in overall performance in three categories: evening dress, talent, and sports clothing.

Miss Robin Gill, Miss Redskin 1985, will crown this year's winner. So far, 13 girls have been selected by

various clubs to participate in the contest. They are Kim Williams, Beta; Tommie Harper, FHA; Becky Lambert, Physics; Laura Jackson, Foreign Language; Beth Larsen, Library; Lesa Schafer, Health Careers; Anita Warner, Art; Marsha Baltz, Chorus; Pam Collins, Speech; Katie Williamson, Leo; Stacye Blackwell, Cheerleaders; Kelly King, Key; and Kristi Luter, **Smoke Signal**.



"Redskin Rally" which started the year off at 9:30 on Saturday mornings, has been moved up 2 hours. Tune into KPOC Saturdays at 11:30 for Speech II's Redskin Rally and be sure to listen for your name on the air! In this photo, Brent Powell and David McDonald look over a script for the program.

Pocahontas Student On ASU Council

Tracy Keech, a senior at Pocahontas High School, has been selected to serve on the High School Student Leader Advisory Council at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

The council members met recently with faculty and staff members to discuss issues relating to high school students' attitudes toward attending college.

All of the council members are either leaders in the

student government organization or academic honor organizations at their schools.

Miss Keech is treasurer of the Beta Club, secretary of the Speech Club, president of the Health Careers Club, captain of the band's flag corps, Student Council representative, and a member of the Leo Club Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Keech.

Fifteen Betas Attend Convention

Fifteen members of the PHS Senior Beta Club attended the Arkansas Beta Convention in Little Rock January 24 and 25.

The program for the two day meeting consisted of an election of officers and a talent show. Also, Pete Collins of the Mississippi Highway Patrol delivered a speech about the dangers of drunk driving entitled "So You Think You Are Going To Live Forever". There were 2,500 students from

Arkansas schools in attendance.

The group was accompanied by the sponsor of the local club, Tom Towell. Those who attended were Ronald Murphy, Chris Williams, Caroline Jackson, Rhonda Rosenwinkel, Terri Lombardo, Pam Collins, Nancy Towell, Stefanie Jones, Brenda Killion, Angie Dawson, Kristie Dismang, Tonya Ridge, Karen Hoelscher, Karen Eveland and Holly Steimel.

Teacher Feature: Mr. Harry Fletcher

By Angie Martinez

Our faculty focus this issue spotlights Mr. Harry Fletcher, junior class sponsor and a six-year veteran mathematics teacher. Born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to a father who was a cattleman and a mother who was a housewife, he graduated from ASU where he obtained a BSE in mathematics.

Hobbies that interest him are camping and hiking, which he does when he travels. He has traveled all over the West, where he has visited twenty-six of the national parks. He has also done some traveling in the eastern states. Another vacation trip took him to Mexico City.

He and his wife, Anne, have three children: Corinne, 29, Darice, 27, and Mark, 23, who have all graduated from PHS.

The most common and the most important discipline is self-discipline. Self-discipline is when a person takes the job upon himself so he does not have to be corrected.

Chad Richardson and Lori Heslep were named January Student Librarians of the Month.

Love

Famous Couples

1. Romeo & Juliet
2. Prince Charles & Lady Di
3. Dagwood & Blondie
4. Samson & Delilah
5. Madonna & Sean Penn
6. Ron & Nancy Reagan
7. Luke & Laura Spencer
8. Antony & Cleopatra
9. Ashford & Simpson
10. Ozzie & Harriet
11. Tarzan & Jane
12. Scarlet O'Hara & Rhett Butler
13. Elvis & Priscilla Presley
14. Katherine Hepburn & Spencer Tracy
15. Adam & Eve
16. Billy Joel & Christie Brinkley
17. Mickey & Minnie
18. Popeye & Olive Oil
19. John Lennon & Yoko Ono
20. Superman & Lois Lane

Juan Lopez's name should be added to the senior high basketball roster. His name was inadvertently left off this roster in our last issue. Sorry, Juan!



Band Boosters Plan For New Band Uniforms

By Lesa M. Schafer

The marching Pride of Pocahontas band has recently began the conquest of purchasing new band uniforms for next year's marching season.

Companies, corporations, and individuals have graciously donated money or are planning to. The devoted band boosters, parents of the band members, have been dedicating their time to this cause. They have made a special red and white quilt for senior band, junior band, and beginning band, with each individual member's name on the quilt. These quilts will be raffled off. Also, the band hosted Senior Clinic at the Middle School and brought in profits from the concession stand which was operated by the band boosters.

All profits from the quilts and concession stand will go for the purchasing of these new uniforms.

The school board has committed themselves to meet the band with half the cost of the uniforms. The uniforms are approximately \$200 each.

Liberty Marts I and II are sponsoring a fund-raising drive the months of February, March, and April to help raise money for the uniforms. Liberty Mart will donate ten cents on every dollar spent on Deli items. Just say, "I am a Band Booster" at the time of your purchase.

The band would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all who have supported their program during the '85-'86 school year.

Gates And Baltz To Represent Chorus

Senior Trish Gates has been chosen to represent the senior chorus as candidate for Chieftain queen. Trish attends morning classes at PHS, and works at Hosman's Dairy Center as part of the General Cooperative Education program. The daughter of Randy and Netta Meeks, she plans to be married to Patrick McManner in December following her graduation.

Marsha Baltz, a sophomore, will represent the senior chorus in the "Miss Redskin" pageant February 22. Marsha is active in many organizations in addition to chorus: Leo Club, Health Careers, FBLA, and the Smoke Signal staff. She is the daughter of Gary and Norma Baltz of Pocahontas, and Max Seamans of Imboden.

Junior Betas Install Officers

The newly chartered Pocahontas High School Chapter of the National Junior Beta Club recently installed officers and initiated new members. Shane Taylor, past president of the Pocahontas Middle School Chapter, installed the following officers: Chris Brown, president; Candi Gazaway, vice-president; Deni Smith, secretary; Kelly Oaks, treasurer; Leigh Daniel, reporter; and Angie Jarrett, historian.

During an impressive candle-lighting ceremony, Lori Heslep, daughter of Bob and Charlotte Heslep and Lisa Golden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Golden, were initiated into the club. After the ceremony, refreshments were served by Karen Durham and Gina Caffrey.

The Beta Club is an organization which requires high scholastic standards. Its objectives include the promotion of citizenship and leadership.

The club's sponsor is Janet Harris.

What Are The Legal Rights Of Teenagers?

Too often teenagers and their parents are unaware of the rights that they have under the juvenile justice system. These rights, affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, include the right to the help of a lawyer; the right to have the court appoint a lawyer if the family cannot afford one; and the right of the teenager to remain silent.

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, a private statewide organization committed to improving services for the children of Arkansas, has a campaign underway to call attention to the juvenile courts and to make sure that children and their parents understand their legal rights. Arkansas Advocates has hired a lawyer to assist in answering questions regarding the juvenile justice system and is prepared to make public appearances to groups interested in seeing that the due process rights of all persons--juveniles as well as adults--are honored.

Call if you have any questions about what happened to you or if you just want more information about your rights and proper court procedures.

The toll-free number to call is 1-800-433-6545 outside of Pulaski County. You may write to Arkansas Advocates, Suite 931 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, AR 72201.

32 Make All A's

Thirty-two students at PHS made the All-A Honor Roll the second nine-weeks of school. Seniors on the list are James Chastian, Eric Futrell, Bret Roblenn, Rebecca Lambert, and Jay Towell.

Juniors are Julie Campbell, Kevin Dust, Kristie Dismang, Devonna Hawkins, Laurie Harris, Jackie Manis, Brenda Killon, Angie Martinez, Tonya Ridge, Sharon Thatch, and Lisa K. Schaffer.

Five sophomores made all A's. They are Carnella Anderson, Angie Dawson, Stefanie Jones, David Taylor, and Doug Tyler.

Freshmen include Sarah Anderson, Chris Brown, Leigh Daniel, Shane Taylor, Karen Shaffer, and Missy Reed.

Diana Brown, Lisa Golden, Doug Hackworth, Mark Tyler, and Kenny Waymon are the five eighth graders who made all A's.

Congratulations!

Juniors Make 'Resolutions'



Everybody (well, almost everybody) uses the new year to make themselves a little bit better. Here are some of the common and some of the unique resolutions for 1986.

See if you can guess what juniors made these resolutions:

1. My New Year's Resolution is to make new friends and keep the ones I already have 'cause they're the greatest!
2. ...work harder in basketball and straighten out my social life.
3. ...to be the best person I can be.
4. ...to have a lot of fun before I graduate.
5. ...to be a better person.
6. ...to stay awake during school.
7. ...to make this the best year ever.
8. I am going to have a different attitude on life, school, and athletics. I hope to lose weight.
9. My resolution is to have lots of fun before I graduate 'cause I know I'll have fun after graduation.
10. ...have lots of fun and finally make it to a senior.
11. ...to have fun my junior and senior years and keep my grades up at the same time.
12. ...to be a better person over all.
13. ...to pass chemistry.
14. ...to win at least one basketball game this year.
15. ...to date 6 times a week and save one night to do my hair.
16. I'm perfect already; no resolutions.
17. I really need to improve my spelling before I graduate.
18. ...to get finished with this year and graduate as soon as possible.

Physics Club Studies Halley's Comet

By Brad Foust

This past month Mr. Miller and his Physics Club have been viewing Halley's Comet. The comet, of course, is drawing much attention as it only comes around approximately every 75 years. Mr. Miller states that this is one of the comet's worst showings. One of the best was in 1910. In 1910, the comet came within 14 million miles of the earth and had a 60 million mile tail. But in 1986, the closest the comet will come is 6 million kilometers, and the tail will be only 115,000 miles long.

The comet has a long history, dating back to 240 B.C. when it was first seen by Chinese astronomers. There have also been many myths told about the comet. It has been everything from a messenger of doom to a carrier of lost souls. No one really knows what a comet is, but it is thought to be an iceball.

One more bit information: If you want the best view of the comet, never mind telescopes; the best view is on the planet Venus.

No Pass, No Play?

By Debby Carr

"No pass, no play" is the new Texas policy that states if students in extracurricular activities don't pass all subjects, then they will not be allowed to participate in sports, band, etc.

A poll taken from 50 students at PHS shows that 88% were for this policy and 12% were against it. Both athletes and non-athletes were polled. Evidently, the students interviewed believe that this would be an incentive for better grades!

Junior Betas Sell Books And Posters

By Sarah Anderson

The Pocahontas High Junior Beta Club is having a book and poster sale the first two weeks of every month. This sale begins each day at noon and lasts until 12:30.

Mrs. Harris, the Junior Beta Club sponsor, encourages every student and teacher to stop by room #2 and take a look at the poster brochures and book orders. There is a great selection to choose from each month.



DUCK HUNTING BECOMES POPULAR SPORT

By David Taylor

Duck hunting is quickly becoming one of the most popular pastimes among PHS students. Besides students, many faculty here at PHS hunt, including Coach John and Mr. Taylor.

A typical hunt usually starts at 4:30 in the morning. After a quick breakfast, one gathers all the things he will need for the day. A gun, bullets, waders, and something to drink to keep warm, are just some of the necessities for duck hunting. Upon reaching the river and putting in the boat, it's just a short two or three miles' ride through the cold air to a favorite hunting place.

Duck hunting also has its disadvantages, as Billy Coates found out when he fell up to his neck in freezing water. Some people, too, have had their decoys shot or stolen.

Although duck hunting is expensive, it is one of the most popular winter sports with many PHS students.



Student aides provide a valuable service to PHS teachers. Senior Carol Thielemier is an aide to Mrs. Malone first hour.

Athletes Attend B.F.S. Clinic

By Freddy Lindner

Recently part of the Pocahontas off-season group went to the "Bigger, Faster, Stronger" clinic held at Newark High School. The first B.F.S. clinic ever held in Arkansas, it has been extensively successful in Oklahoma, Texas, and Missouri.

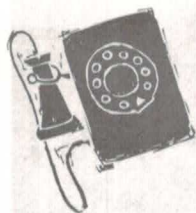
The clinic's main purposes were to show young athletes how to do the major lifts: deadlift, bench, military, and powerclean. Other objectives were to give athletes a varying schedule of repetitions of lifts to increase strength fast and to give athletes a diet plan to help increase more muscle tissue instead of fat. The clinic used some of the most modern techniques. Weight lifting coaches from some of the major universities were there to instruct and lead the program.

At lunch the team got to eat a prime steak meal in the

"restaurant style" Newark cafeteria and later browsed through the brand new modern high school and gym.

The highlight of the program was a weight lifting competition between the different schools. Each group entered four of their athletes in competition to lift 500 lbs. Greg Jones, Dusty Hunt, and Eric Bass all lifted over 500 lbs. The only other team to place three in the competition was Osceola. Each person to lift over 500 lbs. was awarded a "Bigger, Faster, Stronger" T-shirt.

The coaching staff has already made adjustments and changes in the PHS weight room and will be trying out a form of the B.F.S. program to suit the needs of our athletes. The expectations of the athletes are high about the new program.



Listenin' In

By Kristi Luter

The following passage is a telephone conversation between two friends. Let us be the silent third party as we listen in on the gossip shared by Julie and Leslie.

Leslie: I can't believe Ben told Donna to **Beat It**. Can you?

Julie: No! Well, I wonder **Who's Holding Donna Now?**

Leslie: Well, rumor has it that it's **The Boy in the Box**. You know, that nerd that was supposedly performing **Magie** in the talent show and got locked in his own so-called mystical trunk? I laugh everytime I think about it. Isn't that just a gas?

(pause...pause)

Leslie: Julie! Are you there?

Julie: Yeh, I'm here. You put me in a **State of Shock** there for a minute. Please **Say It Isn't So**.

Leslie: It's true. I heard it from a very reliable source... uh? Oh? Oh! Sheila. That's

her name.

Julie: **Who's That Girl?**

Leslie: She's no **Mystery Lady**, Julie. She's the girl they caught **Smokin' in the Boy's Room** on Election Day.

Julie: So, exactly why did he break up with her?

Leslie: Apparently, he wanted his **Freedom**.

Julie: **Freedom?** From what? I thought they were **Head Over Heels** in love with each other!

Leslie: **What's Love Got To Do With It?**

Julie: **Human Nature** lets you know love is the **Perfect Way to Never Surrender** when the **Heat Is On**.

Leslie: **The Method of Modern Love** is to slip inside a **Sleeping Bag**. At least that's the way it is in a **Small Town**.

Julie: **What is Love, Anyway? I Want to Know What Love Is**.

Leslie: Well, **If This Is It** - I don't want any part of it.

Julie: **Never**.

"Click."

Challenger Disaster Touched Us All

By Jon Fears

Tuesday, January 28, 1986, will be a day that we will all remember the rest of our lives. Whether we were in P.E., English, math, science, or wherever, we'll remember the reaction we had when we heard about the explosion of the Challenger.

At first we didn't believe it, or thought it was a joke, but as the day progressed, we learned that it was for real; seven astronauts had been in the awesome explosion of the space shuttle.

At 11:38 a.m. on that Tuesday morning, all was clear for a smooth launch. At 11:39 a.m., from the control tower, full speed ahead was

signaled and that is when the shuttle burst into flames.

There were five men and two women on board the shuttle when it exploded, including the social studies teacher from Concord, New Hampshire. The presence of the teacher on board made the tragedy seem nearer to us, since she represented the first "common citizen" to have the opportunity to experience first-hand the wonders of space exploration.

The student body at PHS, together with the whole nation, was saddened by this tragic event.

What's 'In' With Fashion

By Stefanie Jones

What's "in" with fashion for the new year? Everybody wants to keep up with the changing scene. A new fad that has arrived at PHS is a dressy blouse with an exotic stick pin. For guys, nice sweaters or buttoned sweaters worn with the layered look are popular.

Everybody has been going for the Coca-Cola sweatshirts that have become a new craze for the fashion scene. Paisley shirts, pants, sweaters, and many other items have become really popular. Even paisley watches, which have been introduced by Swatch Swiss, are on the move with teenagers.

Even the cold winter months haven't stopped people from looking nice on the "outside". Girls and guys alike have gone for long and short wool coats of all different colors.

As spring is only a few months away, more new fashions will be introduced and students, both guys and gals, will be looking their best at Pocahontas High.

Reagan...What Do We Think?

By Joyce Hibbard

Ronald Reagan: actor, cowboy, President. What do we high school students think of this extraordinary man?

In a recent random poll of 30 8-12 grade students at PHS, 95% said they approve, and 5% said they disapprove of Reagan as our President.

A junior says, "I approve of President Reagan because he is the first President to build defense. He also has achieved more arms talks and is now negotiating from a position of strength."

Some were not so optimistic. A sophomore says, "I think he's selling our country out to Russia."



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Valentine's Day. Yes, the day is finally here, the day all the girls look forward to because they might receive a long-stemmed rose (or maybe a dozen) from their one and only "Romeo". It is also the day all the guys enjoy because they like to surprise their "Juliet." Yes, it seems as though love is always in bloom, especially this time of year. For those that romance seems hopeless to right now, don't give up - you've still got the whole year!

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