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1985 PHS Homecoming Royalty



Stacye Blackwell



Kelly Jones



Beth Larson



Carmen Rose



Julie Campbell



Dawn Gutterridge



Cyndi Jenkins



Katie Williamson

Football Team Selects Eight

The senior high football team has chosen the above eight girls to be this year's PHS Homecoming Royalty. Four seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores are traditionally chosen. From these eight, the student body selects the queen. This year students will vote Wednesday, October 23. The queen will be announced at the coronation assembly on Friday, October 25, at 12:45.

Representing the seniors this year are Stacye Blackwell, daughter of Benny and Betty Blackwell; Kelly Jones,

daughter of Dr. Joe Jones and Peggy Baker; Beth Larson, daughter of Lewis and Jo Larson; and Carmen Rose, daughter of Larry Don and Frances Rose.

The two junior girls chosen are Julie Campbell, whose parents are Tommy and Linda Campbell, and Dawn Gutterridge, daughter of Jim and Diana Gutterridge.

Sophomore girls picked are Cyndi Jenkins, daughter of Phyllis and Mike Davis, and Katie Williamson, daughter of Dave and Dianne Williamson.



Homecoming Schedule Of Events

Thursday, October 24, 1985

5:00 Victory Stew (High school front lawn)
5:30 Bonfire
5:45 Pep Rally

Friday, October 25, 1985

12:45 Coronation Assembly in PHS Gym; Parents and friends are welcome
1:45 Parade begins route from PHS to courthouse

2:20 Pep Rally in front of courthouse
5:00-7:00 Chili Supper at Middle School Cafeteria
7:00 Presentation of queen and her court in pre-game ceremony
7:30 Kickoff; Redskins VS. Hoxie Mustangs
10:00 Homecoming Dance; PHS students and alumni

Class Officers Selected

By Karen Petty

PHS class have met and chosen class officers for the 1985-86 school year.

Seniors - President - Robin Gill; Vice-president - Lori Rouyer; Secretary/Treasurer - Kelly Jones; and Reporter - Mike Thompson.

Juniors - President - Dana Warren; Vice-president - Jeff Bounds; Secretary - Brenda Killion; and Treasurer - Lesa Marie Schafer.

Sophomores - President - David Taylor; Vice-president

- Donny Breyspraak; Secretary/Treasurer - Boyd Robinett; and Reporter - Stephen McMullin.

Freshmen - President - Sarah Anderson; Vice-president - Rene Maxwell; and Secretary/Treasurer - Chris Brown.

Eighth Grade - President - Lori Heslep; Vice-president - Kenny Waymon; Secretary - Sally Anderson; and Treasurer - Nancy Coates.

SCOREBOARD

Senior High Football

September 6 - Trumann - Lost 14-6

September 13 - Mountain View - Tie 0-0

September 20 - Piggott - Won 20-8

September 27 - Walnut Ridge - Won 28-22

October 4 - Nettleton - Lost 28-8

October 11 - Corning - Won 27-6

Junior High Football

September 5 - Corning - Lost 6-0

September 12 - Paragould - Lost 14-8

September 19 - Piggott - Won 34-0

September 26 - Nettleton - Lost 12-0

October 3 - Walnut Ridge - Lost 18-8

October 10 - Hoxie - Won 12-0

Dress Code Chosen

The cheerleaders have decided on the following dress code for Homecoming week:

Monday: Sweats Day
Tuesday: Double-Vision Day
Wednesday: Camouflage Day
Thursday: Jersey Day
Friday: Red and White Day

New Key Club Members Selected

By Karen Petty

The members of Key Club have been voted in. Each year, this affiliate of Kiwanis Club chooses several new members. Jeff Mock, Billy Coates, David Taylor, Donny Breyspraak, Dana Warren, Eric Bass, Boyd Robinett, Chris Reeves, Juan Lopez, James Riddle, Kevin Casey and Brian Pickett were selected for the '85-'86 year.

The Key Club helps out with the Kiwanis turkey shoot and pancake breakfast, and this year they are planning some activities of their own, such as a car wash fundraiser.

Coach Tom Kimbrell is Key Club sponsor.

The president of Key Club is Paul Martin. Jay Towell is vice-president, and the treasurer is Jeff Looney.

The speech club, sponsored by Mrs. Donna Morris, has chosen their officers for the '85-'86 school year. Kim Williams will lead the group as president. Kristi Luter will serve as vice-president. Tracy Keech was elected secretary of the organization and reporter is Karen Petty.

Homecoming Parade Theme Decided

Student Council president Chris Williams has announced that the theme of this year's Homecoming parade will be "cartoon convention". Each club and organization is asked to participate in the parade, one of the highlights of the year. The parade gives the student body an opportunity to demonstrate their support

and spirit to our community.

Prizes this year will be \$50, \$30, and \$10 for major float winners, and \$30, \$15, and \$10 for mini floats.

Groups participating in the parade must sign the list in the guidance office so that a place in the parade order can be assigned. Deadline for entering is Monday, October 21.

New Football Tradition Begins

By Marsha Baltz

Coach John Malone has been instrumental in starting a new tradition at PHS. Each week a student who is not associated with band, athletics, or cheerleading is awarded the game ball to carry from class to class until the end of the day. The weekly winner is announced at Friday's pep rally.

Coach John and two other teachers observe students and vote from their selection. To be picked, the student must maintain school spirit, be helpful to the athletic program, have academic excellence, and be involved in the community.

The first four weekly winners were Mark Tyler, Karen

Petty, Juan Lopez, and (Surprisingly!) Mrs. Durham.

Junior Redskin #56 Joe Grider says, "It's great to give the game ball to a member of the PHS student body."

Senior high cheerleader Julie Campbell says, "I hope it promotes some school spirit."

Flag corps member Deborah Tribble says, "I think it's fantastic because hardly anyone showed school spirit until this."

Kenny Waymon and Mike Smith say, "We think this award is a goal to be achieved by everyone; we hope to be the next proud recipients."

PHS Band Invited To State Contest

By Brad Foust

The Pride of Pocahontas has the honor of being invited to attend the 1985 Central Arkansas Marching Championship at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. This is an annual contest to show marching and playing ability. Hope-

fully, the band will show that they can compete with the highest rated bands in Arkansas.

The contest will take place on Saturday, November 2nd. Let's support the band as they represent Pocahontas High School in Little Rock.

New Leo Club officers are president, Kelly Jones; vice-president, Robin Vinson; secretary/reporter, Melanie Robinett and treasurer, Dottie Riffel.

New Health Careers Club officers are president, Tracy Keech; vice-president, Lori Rouyer; secretary/treasurer, Kristi Luter; and reporter, Brenda Killion.

Gifted Program Moves Up To High School

By Freddy Lindner

The gifted and talented program for exceptional students, called the "Spectrum" program, will soon encompass grades kindergarten through twelve.

Last year, the gifted program was stationed at the middle school and worked mainly with grades five through eight. This year, Spectrum will include the ninth grade and go up until it has all the students in the upper grades identified and classified in order. Mr. Eveland, the facilitator of the program for grades five through twelve, and Mrs. Weaver, the coordinator of Spectrum for the Pocahontas School System and facilitator of grades kindergarten through fourth grade, thinks that the program should be running in all grades by the end of the third quarter.

To get in the program, students are first nominated into a talent pool of higher than average students by having a 90% or better composite score on the achievement test or by being nominated by a teacher or parent who thinks that a student has exceptional ability in a certain subject. Information is then collected on that student by Mr. Eveland and Mrs. Weaver and they submit this information to a nine-person

selection committee. This committee is unaware of the person's name to insure that everyone is equal. They then select the student based upon what is known about their achievements.

If a student is selected, they take a special interest inventory which lists certain topics and interests the student can study for. They then do a lot of independent study for the subject. "Some of the subjects are an extension of a regular class," says Mr. Eveland. In some of the advanced subjects, a student may attend seminars and meetings.

Some of the subjects now being studied by the Spectrum students are computer literacy, neurosurgery, sign language, and astronomy. Every student is introduced to new types of thinking and studying skills.

Mr. Eveland says that the main goals of the program are to provide extra opportunities for capable students, to continue expanding a student's abilities in a subject, and to acquaint them with new and unusual areas of study. He says, "The students in the program are excited about it and they like challenging their minds."

Mr. Eveland and Mrs. Weaver are available for counsel to any student interested in the program.

Remember Frank?

Mr. Taylor has recently received a letter from Frank Arendt, a German student who spent last school year with us at PHS. Frank writes that he's in the 11th grade this year in Stuttgart. He said he could have been in the 12th, but every single test he didn't do well in would lower his grade, which

ultimately would decide whether he could be accepted in a German college or job.

If you would like to correspond with Frank, here is his address:

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Mr. Roger Eveland, Talented and Gifted Instructor.

PHS Students Participate In Summer Program

By David Taylor

Five PHS students participated in a summer program called PROJECT GO (Geological Orientation) for two weeks in August. Students on the trip were Kelly Heslep, Daryl Cain, Donny Breytspraak, David Taylor, and Jon Fears. The trip was designed for students from grades 10 to 12 who had an interest in geology or the earth sciences. The project was put on by the Trumann Public Schools in coordination with the Arkansas Geological Commission.

Students started at Trumann High School and proceeded to travel 2,000

miles across the state of Arkansas. They visited mines and dams, canoed on the Buffalo River, went to Blanchard Springs Caverns and dug for diamonds in Murfreesboro, among other adventures.

A typical day started at 6:00 a.m. with a wake-up call. Students had to be ready in an hour and on the bus at 7:00. After eating breakfast, students spent hours on the bus going to out-of-the-way places.

All the students enjoyed the trip and encourage anyone interested to apply next year.

PHS Students 'Fall In'

By Arlene Bennett

In late September, PHS scholars were required to "fall in" for a fire drill.

A report from Mr. Waites indicates that students are doing "better than usual" in completing fire drill procedures. He hopes students will comprehend the importance of these drills and have a more serious attitude towards them.

This will make Mr. Waites' third year as fire marshal coordinator. He

wants to stress the fact that fire marshals have one of the most important jobs of the whole school because their concern is for the safety of others.

The fire marshals this year are Sheila Patel, Clyde Hackworth, Jason Creach, Tanya Cullison, Joey McDowell, Rhonda Rosenwinkel, Fefe Moreland, Stephanie Bagwell, Marcus McCarroll, and Erika Baxley.

EDITORIALS

By Kristie Dismang

The rivalry between Pochontas and Walnut Ridge has been around for over sixty years. Some may ask, how could a rivalry last that long? Well, it seems to grow stronger each year.

A former Redskin player, E.L. Sutton, remembers the rivalry to be already going strong in the 1940's. He remembers a teammate, whom he had to replace, getting his leg broken during a Walnut Ridge game. He said that the popular thing to do at that time was to put signs all over your car, and to drive down to Nuthill, honking your horn all around town. Mr. Sutton says that vandalism such as that which occurred this year did not go on at that time.

Year in and year out, Pochontas and Walnut Ridge struggle to find out who is the best by means of a football game. This year, the Redskins were the victors of the battle with a 28-22 win. Some years, PHS is victorious, and other years it is the Bobcats. But the loyal PHS fans will forever know who really is number one.

What Is Sportsmanship?

By Cheryl Gilbreth

Sportsmanship is defined as "fair and honorable play." Sportsmanship is most definitely not ruining property by the use of spray paint and shoe polish, breaking windows, or any type of sabotage. This unsportsmanlike behavior has gone on for many years between Walnut Ridge and Pochontas. Not only is it ineffective on the football games, but it is very expensive for the owners of the property being vandalized. AND it is against the law.

This "ritual" is very strongly asked to be stopped by the school boards of both schools. So if students want to keep their respectability and not take a chance on being put in jail, it is suggested that everyone keep a sportsmanlike attitude and not participate in such juvenile actions.

Rene Maxwell was named the Student Librarian of the Month for September.

By Karen Petty

EVERYONE knows that **SOMEONE** is getting into a lot of trouble over the recent vandalism, both here and at Nuthill. It gave the old folks a great chance to talk about the good old days and make generalizations about every person on earth between the ages of twelve and twenty. (The dreaded teenager!)

EVERYONE has been hearing about discontinuing an age-old rivalry. But what is a football team without a rivalry? Can you imagine the Dallas Cowboys without the Washington Redskins? Just think of a season when Arkansas didn't play Texas. Even worse, contemplate a football season without a chance for the mighty 'Skins to play those Nuthill Bobcats. Mr. Pete Waites, a very spirited Redskin fan, put it

well. "Ever since there has been this august institution and Nuthill, there has been a rivalry. That's the way it was and that's the way it will be."

Now think back. Our rivalry. What's it about? It's about who has the best football team. Not about who can write the most obscene message in spray paint. Not about who has the fastest draw in the south with a bottle of shoe polish. The best way we can help out is go to the football games. We can go to the games and hold our heads high because we didn't participate in writing dirty language. We've got a little more class than that, right? But still, just once, we've gotta say it . . . "Kill Nuthill." I feel better already.

By Brenda Killion

Homecoming at PHS is one of the most important events that happens throughout the school year. It is a time to recognize the team and honor the senior Redskins. The Homecoming royalty is nominated by the football team and the queen is then voted on by the student body.

We should all participate in the choosing of the homecoming queen and her royalty. Show spirit during Homecoming week and give the Redskins your support!

Oops! In our last issue, four names were left off the list of band members. Mike Murphy plays the tuba, Mark Murphy plays baritone, Steven Southerland plays the saxophone and Laura Clampit plays trombone.

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Editor's Mailbox

Dear Editor:

This letter concerns the so-called "pep rallies" held on Friday mornings of every week. I am not really trying to put down the senior high cheerleaders, but it is their responsibility to get the students involved in the chants and excited about the upcoming football game. Right? Well, I am not the only person to notice that by the end of the pep rally some duds are still sitting on their behinds twiddling their thumbs.

From the very first chant

until the last note of the Alma Mater, **everyone** should be standing on their feet; the whole event should be a great revival for the entire student body.

I wish I had some suggestions on how to liven up the pep rallies, but I think the first step would be for the cheerleaders to get interested and enthused about what they are doing. If something doesn't spark a flame soon, our activity period will be totally wasted.

Name Withheld By Request