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Welcome To PHS

By Brenda Killion

Welcome to PHS, eight graders, freshmen, and new students!

There will be many new experiences happen to you this year, some good, some not-so-good. If you get to feeling that you are at the "bottom of the ladder," don't feel bad; we all went through it. Once you get to know more people and the PHS campus, you'll realize that you're not alone.

The following students are "brand-new" to the Pocahontas School System.

8th Grade - Beatriz Arpayoglou, Angelia Golliver, James Bailey, Carla Reeves, Kerry Powers, Jeremy Philips, Tammy Brown, Patrick Smith, Sheila Hannaford, Elizabeth Harralston and Michael Goodwin.

9th Grade - Jackie Peyton, Dana Thielemier, Lateice Vandergriff, Sherry Tribble,

Tony Shephard, Gina Smith, Richard Goodnight, Jennifer Pemberton, Lori Nolte, Jeffrey Todd and Donald Carr.

10th Grade - Wade Teaster, Anita Warner, Steven Davis, Crystal Elliott, Laura Clampit, Sheila White, Traci Tyler, Clayton Burton, Lisa Jones, Brian Loyd, Ramona Hogan and Brad Foust.

11th Grade - Debbie Hoggard, James Ward, Curtis

Ellis, Juan Lopez, Sandy James, Sonja Derrick, Pamela Carr and Lee Hand.

12th Grade - Cassandra Price, Jimmy Weaver and Tammy Greer.

Eighth Graders

Join Us

By Angie Martinez

A big change has taken place since the millage was recently defeated. The class size in the elementary and middle school had to be reduced, thus the school administration and board moved the eighth grade classes over to our high school. The halls are more congested, the concession stand is busier, the locker situation isn't ideal, but overall everybody seems to be taking the situation in stride.

Mrs. Harris, eighth grade English teacher, states, "Since I went to school here and taught here in this building before the middle school was built, it's like moving across the hall from room 3 to room 2. The administration has provided everything for me to teach basic skills to eighth graders; 'I'm very pleased.'"

"Social studies teacher Mrs. Fender says, 'I'm very happy; everything's going well. I like my classroom and my students.'"

Members of the class are Kim Williams, Joyce Hibbard, Brent Powell, David McDonald, Karen Petty and Lawanda Weiss.

Donna Morris teaches Speech II.

Meet Juan Lopez!

By Debby Carr

As of August 15 Juan Lopez from Maria, Spain, came to call Pocahontas, Arkansas, "Home." An eleventh grader, our newest exchange student will turn 16 in October in a country and culture much different from his own.

Juan says school here is easier than in Spain; he says that so far he enjoys his life here very much, even though it is very different from his native homeland.

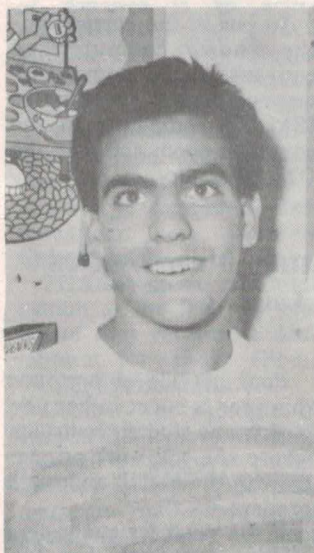
He likes to participate in

school activities. He loves sports such as basketball, windsurfing, and waterskiing. Hobbies he enjoys include reading.

Back home in Maria, Spain, his father is a pediatrician. Family members include a brother and two sisters.

Juan will stay this school year with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Howell and family. Mrs. Howell being the Spanish teacher should be a nice touch added to his new and very different environment.

Welcome to Pocahontas and PHS, Juan!



Speech Class Hosts Radio Program

By Angie Luter

Member of Speech II will be hosting a radio program this year on KPOC/KCYN starting Saturday, September 28 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Each Saturday two members of the class will host the program, which will include news from the Pocahontas Elementary School, Middle School, and High School.

The hosts will read the school calendar, interview students, and discuss a particular activity or center on a particular student.

Included in the show will be "Media Minute", sponsored by the Library Club, where a popular book or movie will be reviewed.

The program will include several rock songs and some-

times spotlight a particular rock group or singer. Dedications will be accepted. If you would like to dedicate a song to your friends or relatives, drop a note in the dedication box in Mrs. Morris' room.

Get up Saturday mornings and support the speech class by listening to the radio program!

New Business Education Building Becomes A Reality

By Brenda Killion

The opening of the new business education building has brought many new developments in the way of courses to PHS. This building has four classrooms and two business teachers, Mrs. Ruth Riddle and Mr. Gary Martin. Also, CO-OP is located there, taught by Mr. Paul Arnn. The courses range from basic typing courses to advanced computerized courses. The new courses in the field of business at PHS are Business Data Processing, Exploratory Business, Office Technology Laboratory and Computerized Accounting.

To help you understand more about these courses, here is some information about them.

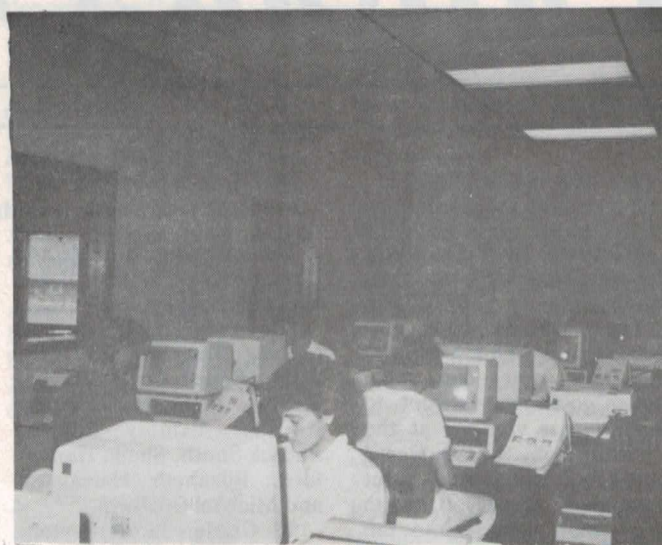
Business Data Processing I/II is a one-year introductory course in data processing with emphasis on computer literacy. Students use the basic language to create some simple programs for business application. Students should have had at least one year of typing before taking this course.

Office Technology Laboratory is a one-year, two hour block course designed to prove opportunities for students to develop advanced office skills. This course also requires having had typing one year.

Exploratory Business is a one year course for students interested in exploring the many opportunities of business. Some of these areas are computer literacy, keyboarding, management and sales, and secretarial and clerical. Typing is not required before taking exploratory business.

Computerized Accounting is a one year course putting emphasis on basic accounting principles as they relate to both manual and computerized financial systems. Typing is required to take this course.

To put in the curriculum the new computerized courses, new computers were necessary. There are 26 IBM XT computers in the computer room and 4 in the OTL laboratory.



PHS Students Visit Spain

By Stefanie Jones

This summer a group of daring PHS students took a seventeen day tour of Spain. The group consisted of Sandi Anderson, Brigitte Robinette, Caroline Jackson, Stefanie Jones, Ben Bigger, Daryl Cain and Mrs. Kay Howell, the foreign language sponsor.

They flew from Memphis to New York then on to Madrid, Spain. They traveled down to Sevilla then up the coast to Valencia and Barcelona.

During the tour the group saw historic cathedrals, famous sites and what life was really like in Spain. They swam in the Mediterranean Sea and went shopping every chance they could. One day they went to Africa and visited the city of Ceuta.

All of the students enjoyed the trip.

Caroline Jackson said, "I want to go to college over there."

Ben Bigger noted, "The kids there are very interested in education."

Daryl Cain simply says, "It was a new experience."

And Mrs. Howell adds, "It was great; I would go back today!"

Mrs. Malone Assumes New Duties

By Kristi Luter

Veteran science teacher Sally Malone has assumed duties this year which include being junior class sponsor, advanced placement biology teacher and counselor.

Mrs. Malone started attending meetings last December in Little Rock on advanced placement biology after her idea for offering the new course at PHS was approved. She spent most of the month of June studying at the University of Texas at Austin with nine other Arkansas biology teachers. Guest speakers there conducted intensive seminars and Dr. Erwin Spear headed the entire workshop.

Four periods of her time this year is spent in her new position as student counselor where she will work primarily with the eighth and ninth graders.

If the need for counseling arises, remember that Mr. Taylor or Mrs. Malone are only an appointment away. That's why they're here - to help.

Announcing...

Parent Information

Night Held

By Sarah Anderson

Pocahontas Middle and High Schools held parent information and orientation meetings September 10th so that parents could meet their child's teachers and principal and familiarize themselves with their child's schedule and routine.

Approximately 75 parents took advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the school.

Schoonover Stadium Has A New Look

By Tonya Ridge

Fans who come to the senior and junior high football games this year and in the future will not only see a new team, they'll also see a few new changes in scenery. It took a lot of hard work and many contributions, but within a short time the works were finally underway to having an improved playing field.

"So many people were involved that I honestly could not name them all," stated Coach Williams. Members of the Pocahontas staff involved in the renovations were the entire PHS coaching staff, school board member E.L. Modlin, and Principal Jerry Malone. The following also contributed time and effort: the agri department, Farm Bureau and the City of Pocahontas. Dirt was donated by Mike James. Various Redskin football players were also a big help.

First Baptist Hosts Party

By Lesa Marie Schafer

The First Baptist Church in Pocahontas treated the junior and senior football teams and the Pride of Pocahontas marching band to a party at Alexander State Park prior to the opening of school.

Youth director Steve Matthews was in charge of the activities. Following a barbecue the group enjoyed swimming.

Nutrition Is In

By Joyce Hibbard

"Now that we're serving approximately one hundred to two hundred more students daily," says our school food service manager Neva Hibbard, "we have to stay on our toes."

The field, which is now complete, will take approximately a year to settle, but it must have the proper care. Maintenance is not as much trouble as it would have been without the new underground sprinkler system.

Other changes you might recognize are the opening of the visitor concession stand and the moving of the scoreboard.

Campbell And Jones Lead Cheerleaders

By Angie Dawson

Julie Campbell and Kelly Jones have been selected to be captain and co-captain, respectively, by the PHS cheerleaders. Supporting these two are Stacye Blackwell, Beth Larson, Carmen Rose, Dawn Gutierrez, Delaina Lemmons, Katie Williamson and Robin Waterworth.

Pocahontas High can be very proud of its cheerleaders this year. After having practiced two hours a day for a month in the summer, they are ready to show their spirit. At cheerleading camp this summer they received superior and excellent ratings.

The cheerleaders and the **Smoke Signal** staff urge everyone to get out and support the Redskins this season!

Last year our cafeteria workers served about 600 to 750 students, but things have changed this year. They are serving approximately 750 to 800 students. Mrs. Hibbard feels that the increase may be accredited to both the addition of the fourth grade and a lengthened high school lunch break.

In her observations, Mrs.

Redskin Roster

By Karen Petty

The Pocahontas Redskins are fortunate this year to have returning to them a group of eight seniors.

Ben Bigger, the son of Frank and Kay Bigger, a wide receiver, is one of the faster players on the team this year. Fred Lindner, a defensive tackle and offensive guard, is the son of Al and Helen Lindner. "Fred is a hard worker," states Coach Dave Williams, "and he is a really good football player. Tim Loggains, the fullback and tailback, is the son of Johnny and Joyce Loggains. "Tim Loggains is a very good athlete," says Coach Williams. "He can play any position on the field." Paul Martin, the son of Wayne and Rita Wileman, plays offensive tackle and defensive end for the 'Skins. "Paul is a very consistent player," declared Coach Williams.

Billy Poe has worked very hard to become this year's quarterback, according to Coach Williams. The son of Bill and Helen Poe will be playing quite a bit in the offensive backfield. "Jim Porterfield is very dependable," says Coach Williams. Jim, the son of Tom and Lucena Krutsinger, is an offensive guard and a defensive tackle. Jeff Looney and Jay Towell were two of the only juniors named as All-District football players last year. Jeff, a center and a linebacker, is the son of Jerry and Geraldine Looney. Jay is the son of Tom and Carolyn Towell and he is playing at tight end.

Hibbard, also found the students to be better educated concerning their diets. She feels that teachers and principals should be commended for teaching their students about foods needed for adequate body growth. Mrs. Hibbard is personally pleased to see a growing awareness of healthy eating habits among young people.

The rest of the Redskins will see a lot of action this year. Here is a roster of the 1985-86 Redskins:

PLAYER	NUMBER
James Riddle	10
Donnie Breytspraak	12
Norman Kincade	14
Curtis Ellis	16
Billy Poe	17
David Schratz	20
Doug Johnson	21
Jeff Lindsey	22
Dusty Hunt	34
Tim Loggains	39
Ben Bigger	40
Ronnie Blackshear	51
Raymond Mansker	53
Paul Martin	60
Jeff Looney	61
Jason Creach	62
Darryl Foster	63
Joey McDowell	64
Chris McCleskey	65
Eric Bass	66
Daryl Cain	70
Greg Jones	71
Fred Lindner	73
Troy Smith	74
Jim Porterfield	76
Kevin Casey	77
Charles Mitchell	80
Robert Kearby	81
Mark Davis	84
Brian Cates	87
Jay Towell	88

Head Coach - Dave Williams; **Assistant Coaches** - David Wellman, John Malone and Dalles Howard; **Student Trainers** - Clyde Hackworth and Brian Pickett and **Manager** - David Johnson.

It is the desire of our school food service management to meet the needs of all students. To help make the cafeteria more satisfying to students, Mrs. Hibbard is contemplating a suggestion box. However, she asks that we consider limited funding and the cost of our meals when making our suggestions.

It is her hope to meet the needs of all the students adequately and to present a clean, wholesome environment, along with tasty food.

Meet Our New Teachers

By Fred Lindner, Julie Atherton and Karen Petty

Because of all the new changes in the school standards and the eighth grade moving to the high school, a number of new faculty members have been added. They are Mrs. Lassiter, Mrs. Wiedemen, Mrs. Gowen, Mr. Shelley, Mr. McMullin, Miss Lee and Mrs. Gates.

Mrs. Suzanne Lassiter teaches eighth through twelfth grade resource room at the middle school. A graduate of ASU, she has a bachelor's degree in elementary special education. Mrs. Lassiter has formerly taught at Jonesboro for eight years and Portia for one year. "I like the attitudes of the students here," she says. She likes artwork, canoeing, and camping in her spare time.

Mrs. Kendra Wiedemen is the eighth grade math teacher at PHS. She graduated from ASU where she received her BSE in social science in 1978. She also received her master's degree in administrative education there in 1982. She has taught five years at Weiner, Arkansas, before coming to Pocahontas. Among her many interests are reading, making silk flowers, and sports, particularly basketball. "I think the students here are very cooperative," she comments.

Mrs. Gowen Teaches two classes of fine arts, junior and senior chorus, and sixth and seventh grade music. Mrs. Gowen graduated from Harding University in 1968 where she majored in music and journalism. She also edited the college newspaper was on the annual staff and lettered in intramural sports there. She is now working on her master's degree in science and communications at ASU. She has been teaching for 15 years and has taught in Arizona, New Jersey, as well as at Crowley's Ridge College, Maynard and part-time at Harding Academy. She says, "The potential for a good chorus program here is tremendous." She has two sons in the Pocahontas school system, James (ninth grade) and Darren, (sixth grade). Mrs. Gowen is also the owner of the Country Cottage Gift Shop in town and enjoys painting in her spare time.

Mr. Carl Shelley, our new algebra teacher from Grubbs, has taught for 15 years. He was born in Newport and resides in Beedeville, a halfway point between Grubbs and Pocahontas. He is married with two sons, Michael, who is a senior at Grubbs High School

and Eric, an eighth grader there. Mr. Shelley, who has a BSE with a major in math, has taught at four schools since his graduation from the University of Central Arkansas. As for our school he says that the majority of students are "well behaved" and states that he likes our scenic foothills.

Mr. Kenny McMullin, earth science teacher, replaces Mr. Loop. He graduated from ASU with a BSE in science and has previously taught six years. He has two daughters, Ashley, a second grader, and Kim, a fourth grader. "PHS students seem eager to learn, and they have a good attitude and a lot of school spirit," he says.

Miss Linda Lee, eighth grade earth science teacher has been in her profession for three years. She came here from Helena with one previous school on her resume and a BSE-MS from ASU. Her comments on our school are that "The student body and community are friendly," and that we have "excellent school spirit."

"So far I have really enjoyed it here," reports Mrs. Debbie Gates enthusiastically. An ASU art education major, Mrs. Gates is the

new practical arts teacher for Pocahontas Middle School, and she teaches a class of Art I for PHS. She and her husband, Fred Gates, have one son, Justin, age 4. The family makes their home in Delaplaine. "I first became interested in art in junior high school," said Mrs. Gates. "I had a teacher that really motivated me." She graduated from Paragould High School in 1971. She did her practice teaching here at Pocahontas. "Everyone here has been so nice and cooperative," she says.

Four Place In Beauty Contest

By Brenda Killion

Four PHS students were the runners-up in the annual Miss Randolph County beauty pageant held recently. They were Brenda Burrows, Latese Seyler, Stacy Blackwell and Michelle Crawford.

Senior Brenda Burrows, daughter of Bob and Wilma Burrows, was named first runner-up. Junior Latese Seyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seyler, won the second runner-up position. Stacy Blackwell, a senior and the daughter of Benny and Betty Blackwell, placed next. Named fourth runner-up was senior Michelle Crawford, daughter of David and Lucy Brown.

The 1985 Miss Randolph County is Angie Hausman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Ramsey. She attends St. Paul's School.

Career Orientation Makes Debut

All eighth graders this year are taking a state-mandated course entitled "Career Orientation."

According to counselor Philip Taylor, one of the teachers of the course, the purpose of the course is to orientate students with 15 major career clusters and make them aware of the type of preparation needed to enter these occupational fields.

No textbook is available at the present time for the

semester course. However, a wealth of information from different sources will be used.

"By taking a course of this type at the eighth grade level, students should have plenty of lead time to help them make viable subject choices in high school," Mr. Taylor said.

State law requires all schools to have the course installed in their curriculum by the 1987 school year.

Mrs. Sally Malone is also a career orientation instructor.

It is not so much what we know as how well we use what we know.

NOTICE

Concession Stand Changes Hands

By Marsha Baltz

In previous years the Student Council ran the concession stand at noon and at ballgames; however, this year there is a change. This year the annual staff and the junior class will be taking charge. The profit derived from the stand will be divided among the annual staff, the junior class, the student council, and the high school general fund.

The reason for this change is that both the junior class and the annual staff need a large amount of money to meet their obligations. If managed correctly, the concession stand profit should help them reach their goals more readily than in past years.

A special effort will be made to insure that the student council can continue the programs and activities

in which they have engaged in past years. Primarily, they will earn money by sponsoring school dances.

The high school general fund's share of the profits will be determined only after the needs of the junior class, annual staff and student council have been met.

Those responsible for the stand's operation will be Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Malone, Mr. McMullin and Mr. Fletcher. These teachers will assign committees each week to work the stand.

The concession stand is open each day from 12:20-12:40. Food and snack items are basically the same as last year.

Students should remember that the snack bar is a privilege and if we abuse it, we may lose it. Pushing and shoving should be avoided.

Larsen Leads Library Club

By Brenda Killion

Officers of this year's Library Club are President Beth Larsen; Vice-President Robin Gill; Secretary/Treasurer Terri Ennis and Reporter, Brenda Killion.

Beginning this year, the Library Club is starting a new project. With the help of Mrs. Lin Hatch, media center specialist, the club will sponsor a "Media Minute" which will air weekly on our local radio station. This will consist of highlighting a student librarian each month on the program. The student librarian of the month is chosen by a system devised by Mrs. Hatch. The student recognized will be awarded a prize chosen by the media specialist. This system is to reward the library aides for doing an especially good job on the tasks they are assign-

ed. One of the points of this program is to understand that everyone is not always rewarded for doing a good job, but part of the satisfaction of doing an exceptional job is being rewarded.

New club members, including eighth graders, are Becky Gipson, Rene Maxwell, John Bibb, Bobby Adams, LaWanda Weiss, Jim Porterfield, Carla Brown, Andrea Barnett, Julie Richmond, Ann Burgess, William Gay, John Magee, Juan Lopez, Angie Jarrett, Leigh Rose, Chad Richardson, Lori Heslep, Bridgette Waymon, Selena Griffith, Sandy Trevillion, Tom Snow, Shannon McDaniel, David Prater, Danielle Gutierrez, Leigh Swaim and Chris Williams.

Drum Major Attends Camp

Summer vacation is a time for setting the alarm for 11:00 a.m., oiling your body from head to toe and still burning after only two hours at the beach, partying with friends, meeting new friends, sparking hot romances, and rekindling old ones, catching up on things you meant to do three months ago, and it is also a time for choosing which summer camp you wish to attend.

Kristi Luter, the daughter of Ann Luter of Pocahontas and Jim Luter of Conway, chose Lion Pride Camp at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, MO. After

being chosen as the new '85-'86 drum major of the Pride of Pocahontas band, she spent four days of intensive training so that she might be prepared for her upcoming task.

Dave Beckman, former drum major of the famous Madison Scouts, was instructor over 50 drum majors from various schools in the tri-state area.

Kristi commented that even though the camp lasted only four days, she learned much, met a lot of new friends, and now is ready to lead the band all the way to state contests in Little Rock this year.

FHA News

By Katie Williamson

The Future Homemakers of America is an active organization. This year's officers are Faye Foster, president; Natalie Massey, first vice president; Sandy Trevillion, second vice president; Selena Griffith, third vice president; Robin Bruton secretary; Latese Seyler, treasurer and Shannon Carter, reporter.

FHA set up an education exhibit at the fair this year where they received a blue ribbon for their theme "Color Me Beautiful."

October 25 through 27 several FHA members have planned to attend a cluster meeting in Little Rock. Here members from other states as well as Arkansas will come together to share ideas.

Members plan to sell stationery to raise money for their club this year.

Mrs. Perry and Miss Huett sponsor the club.

Remember that AMERICAN ends with I CAN.

Better to try something and fail, than to try nothing and succeed.

FFA News

By David Taylor

The FFA has been very active over the summer. Besides the regular monthly meetings, activities for the FFA began before school was out with members attending an FFA convention in Hot Springs at Camp Couchdale and a spring livestock show in our county on June 1.

In July, members visited Camp Couchdale again for a leadership workshop. Recently, FFA members entered livestock in the county fair. FFA members plan to participate in both the district and state fair.

Mr. Hager and Mr. Ashcraft sponsor the FFA.

Club Corner

All people smile in the same language.

The dictionary is the only place where you will find SUCCESS before WORK.

Strike Up The Band

By Kristie Dismang

It takes many people doing many different things to make up a band. The polished, sharp-looking band that you see on the football field at halftime is not easily attained. It takes a great amount of effort and hard work to become a band that your school can be proud of and can call its own. Some of the most important members of the band are the seniors. They are the leaders and the ones who have the experience as to what to do. Their duty is to be an example to the underclassmen and to lead the way. Thirteen seniors grace the PHS band this year.

John Copeland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Copeland. John plays the trumpet. Robin Gill plays the flute. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gill. A flag for the PHS band is Tommie Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harper. Caroline Jackson also plays the flute. She is the daughter of John Jackson.

Tracy Keech, captain of the PHS flag corps, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Keech. Gayla King plays clarinet. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman King. Becky Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elby Lambert, plays clarinet. Ronald Murphy plays saxophone. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Murphy.

Lori Russell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Russell. Lori plays clarinet. Johnny Segraves is the son of Mr. Sunny Segraves and Mrs. Shirley Kocian. Johnny plays the drums. Duane Venson plays baritone. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Venson. Chris Williams is drum major for the PHS band. He also plays the French horn. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doris Williams.

Kim Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williams. Kim is the head majorette.

Here are some seniors' comments on the band:

"It's a lot of hard work, but when you get to the game it's worth it!" - Becky Lambert

"It's hard work, but the band trips are fun!" - Gayla King

"Band is not for those who don't want to work hard. It's for those who are dedicated. In the past it didn't receive enough credit, but for future members, I see it as a great opportunity." - Chris Williams

"Stay out of trouble, and remember you're the Pride of Pocahontas and an important part of the football team." - Tommie Harper

The rest of the band members are important also. These students complete the band.

Drum major - Kristi Luter.

Majorette - Jamie Fields.

Flags - Debby Carr, Darla Doyle, Shanna Keech, Mary Harris, Tonya Ridge, Kathy Stratton, Debra Tribble and Rhonda Rosenwinkle.

Rifles - Cindy Jenkins, Crystal Southerland, Nancy Towell, Ramonda Brooks, Renee Baltz and Stacye Blount.

Flutes - Brenda Killion, Stefani Jones and Angie Dawson.

Clarinets - Devonna Hawkins, Dana Sutton, Julie Atherton, Kelly Heslep, Lesa Schafer, Andy Magee, Shaunie Bickford and Gina Caffery.

Saxophones - DaWayne Anderson, David Britt, Brenda Gaude, Karen Eveland, Shaun O' Donnell, Greg Mock and Joey Becerra.

Trumpets - Carnelia Anderson, Chris Reeves, Steven McMullen, Devin Snodgrass, Jason Taylor and Terry Dallahite.

Horns - Tanya Cullison, Becky Fluke, Julie Richmond and Kevin Vandergriff.

Trombones - Belinda Kinder and John Harper.

Baritones - Mike Murphy and Brad Foust.

Tuba - Mark Murphy.

Percussion - Nat Anderson, Chad Richardson, David McDonald, David Hibbard, Holly Steimel, Karen Hoelscher, Michelle Hoelscher, Andy Archer and Mike Amann.

Managers - Dana Thielemier, Kim Cates, Kristie Dismang, John Magee, Stephanie Newman, Angie Jarrett, Kandace Perkins and Candi Gazaway.



FROM THE



EDITOR'S
DESK

By Editor Brenda Killion

Yes, another summer has come and gone. School has again resumed and there is an enthusiasm in the air that only comes at the beginning of the year. We see new students, new teachers, and even many new changes around our campus. There are probably several changes within our school that you like, some you won't, and also those you must simply live with.

This year, the **Smoke Signal** has made some changes. The new improved look of our school newspaper we hope you like. The staff and I hope that you enjoy the changes we have made and

we hope that our paper will be one that our community, as well as our school, will take notice of and appreciate.



The **Smoke Signal** is a member of the Arkansas High School Press Association. Guest articles and letters to the editor are always welcome.

Brenda Killion, Editor
Erma D. Ulmer, Sponsor

Activity Period Begins

By Cheryl Gilbreth

The 1985-86 school year marks another first for us, an activity period. It was set up for a more convenient time for club meetings and pep rallies.

In the past, it was very troublesome for students, as well as teachers, to set aside a few minutes during certain class periods or during lunch for meetings. That problem no longer exists.

The only disadvantage now is that students can not leave their assigned rooms for any reason when their clubs are not meeting.

Although some may think it is a waste of time, for many teachers and those of us in clubs it is a welcome addition to the daily schedule.