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SMOKE SIGNAL

Sr. 'Skins are District 2AA champs; 10-1-1 season

By Lisa Golden

The Pocahontas Redskins ended the 1988 football season as District 2AA champions going 8-0-1 in regular season play and 2-1 in state play-off action.

For the first time since a first round loss to Searcy in 1984, the Redskins earned a state play-off berth. They hosted the District 3AA Gosnell Pirates at Schoonover Stadium in the first round.

In that game the two teams were tied at 20-all at the end of regulation and went into overtime. According to play-off rules, both teams get a chance to score from their opponent's 10 yard line. Gosnell scored a touchdown, but missed the extra point kick.

The Redskins answered with a touchdown of their own and opted for a two-point conversion. The decision paid off when Marcus McCarroll ran into the end zone for the game winning score.

Pocahontas then advanced to

the second round where they faced the District 3AA Nettleton Raiders at Paragould.

With the 'Skins trailing 8-6 in the 4th quarter, quarterback Kenny Waymon took charge. He led his team on a series of plays that ended 95 yards later with a TD pass to Travis Bagwell. The final score was Pocahontas 12, Nettleton 8.

Pocahontas faced the defending state champs McGehee Owls at Searcy in third round play. The 'Skins could never generate any offense in the game and McGehee rolled over them 63-0. The loss ended the season for the Redskins.

Redskin fans showed the 'Skins overwhelming support at the Searcy game by turning out in large numbers to support the team.

Parents of the boys served two breakfasts to the team, and the cheerleaders provided a special meal or treat each week during the play-offs.

The last four weeks' meals at Bonanza were paid for by local businesses.

In addition, Joe Hawkins, a 1974 graduate of PHS, paid for the team's meal at his Steak Shop in Searcy after the McGehee game.

The Redskins were led this season by eight seniors who played a big role in the team's success. Travis Bagwell, Joe Grider, Chris Hoggard, Eric Housh, Darrell Layton, Dale Lewallen, Duane Money, and Shannon Steele provided leadership for the juniors and sopho-

mores who had had more successful years in junior high.

Despite the success, the 1988 season was not all happy.

During the second quarter of the Highland game, Dwayne Hawkins collapsed and was rushed to Randolph County Medical Center. From there he was transferred to St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center in Jonesboro, where he remains in the intensive care unit.

Doctors at St. Bernard's said Hawkins suffered heart failure

and respiratory arrest.

Kenny Waymon, junior line-backer, says, "We're all pulling for Dwayne. We think about him at every practice and at every game and we go to see him every chance we get."

The 1988 season will be remembered as a year of glory and grief and dedication and hard work. Coach Dave Williams reflects, "I would say it was a great year for a great bunch of players and PHS fans."



Steve Laird has been selected the Smoke Signal's November Super Citizen because of his efforts to promote SPIRIT at the Redskin football games.

Laird is a manager for the PHS band.

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 2 - Pocahontas Christmas Parade
- Dec. 3 - Jr. Clinic Tryouts - Band
- Dec. 10 - Physics Club Dance
- Dec. 11 - 2:00 P.M. Christmas Concert at Middle School Cafeteria - All Bands Perform.
- Dec. 17-Jan. 2 - Christmas Holidays

Editorial

Is locking the bathrooms when students are caught smoking a solution to the smoking problem at PHS?

The overwhelming answer from us students seems to be NO. Solving one problem, but in the process creating another one, is not an effective solution.

The bathrooms in the main building have been locked on several occasions this year. This is a good punishment for those who smoke. But what about those who don't? The number of students who don't smoke far outnumber students who do.

When the bathroom doors are locked, innocent students are punished. Noses have been smashed on the bathroom doors. More people are tardy for class because they have to go all the way to another building to use the bathroom. And nothing is more frustrating than running to the bathroom between classes only to find the door locked!

What if a student got sick during class and had to run to the

bathroom to throw up, and the door was locked? What if it's just a case of "gotta go now"?

The bathrooms are for all students, and if a few students are not using the bathrooms for their original purpose, these students alone should be punished.

If detention or paddlings or suspensions aren't effective, then the "smokers" should be banned from the bathrooms unless they are accompanied by a teacher.

The first step in catching offenders of the smoking ban might be the installation of sensitive smoke detectors in the bathrooms, perhaps rigged so they would only sound in the office.

Yes, there is a problem of kids going to the bathrooms to smoke, but there must surely be other alternatives to the problem other than locking all the student population out of the restrooms. Only the violators of a school rule should be punished.

Bathroom use should not be considered a luxury that can be taken away for punishment.

Ten Commandments of PHS

By Kathy Cooper

1. Thou must always attend a Redskins pep rally with spirit.
2. Thou shall not plow with Mr. Waites' heifer.
3. Thou shall not litter the campus at lunchtime.
4. Thou shall not steal from the concession stand.
5. Thou shall not use any foul language when describing study hall.
6. Thou shall not go out with thy best friend's "steady" behind his back.
7. Thou shall not express any "physical contact" in the halls with members of opposite sex.
8. Thou shall not write answers on thy desk before a test.
9. Thou shall not park in thy parking space without a parking sticker.
10. Thou shall not sing rap songs in the library.

Recipe

The following "Recipe for Becoming a Dropout" was published recently in the Ann Landers column of the Jonesboro Sun.

The recipe:

Take one child who has had some tough breaks. Mold into a chip on the shoulder. Press firmly into a tough shell of refusing to accept guidance. Add a heaping cup of hostility. Fold in equal amounts of arrogance and anger.

Mix well and take the easy way out. Add regular dashes of the wrong friends. Sift in the refusal to listen to people who know what they're talking about.

Stir vigorously with shortsightedness, excuses for not doing homework, and refusals to accept help. Sprinkle with a thick coating of caring more for what's cool than for what's right. Finally, cover with a thick layer of blame. There is always plenty to go 'round.

This casserole is called Adolescent Surprise. If you're surprised, you don't get it. If you get it, you're not surprised.



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Dear Ugh--

The journalism class wants to do a "Dear Abby" type column in the school paper this year. In order for the column idea to work, the class needs letters.

Problems can concern subjects as great as suicide to as trivial as what type of hairspray works best.

Put your letters in the container outside Room 4. Letters must be signed, but the student's real name is not necessary.

Problems and opinions will be printed each month in the Smoke Signal.

Dear Ugh...

Dear Ugh,

I am writing to you to ask you about having a small poetry section in the Smoke Signal. All I'm asking for is a chance for students to express themselves in poetry. Thank you for your time.

Apollo,
Patron to poets
and musicians

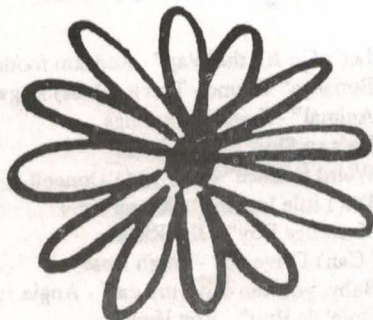
Dear Apollo,

Hurray for you! We applaud your interest in getting your poetry published. Please submit your poetry to our faculty advisor, and we'll do our best to print it this year. We took the liberty to edit this one just a bit. Thanks.

--Ugh

LOVE LOST

Here I lie in my room
Crying my eyes out over you—
Weeping in sorrow and gloom
Over a love I thought was true.
Whew! I thought you were mine.
You played me like a joker in gambler's hand.
Telling me you loved me all the time
But now you're with another man.
As I lie here, I see my tears gently fall—
The watery material of my fears—
And now I realize you never loved me at all.
I wipe my eyes—
for there will be no more tears over you—
I'm gonna straighten up my life
And find me a girl whose love is true.



Dear Ugh,

I have a problem that I'd like you to help me out with. You see, I really like this guy, but I keep getting mixed signals from him. I told him how much I care for him, but he said he didn't know exactly how he felt about me. Sometimes, he acts like he really likes me a lot, and sometimes he acts like I don't exist. Like, for instance the other day we went riding around and really had a great time. Then the next day he acted like I wasn't around. This sort of thing happens all the time. I really don't know what to do. Should I let him know how he's making me feel? I have said something to him about it before, but when I mention it, he becomes very distant and won't talk. I really don't know what to do! Please, tell me what I should do!

Signed,
Weary and Confused

Dear Weary and Confused,

The boy seems to be unsure of what he wants. Give him room; give him time. Don't push him; let him breathe. Don't send messages to him by your friends; talk with him personally if you want to confront the problem. If you push him you may lose him. Remember that you need a solid friendship with him first. But also, remember "there are other fish in the sea."

—Ugh

Dear Ugh,

I'd like to know how students are chosen to be in the organization SADD? For I see some of the members out on weekends drinking and driving around from parties. Then they come back to school preaching that it's not right. If they can't practice what they preach, they don't need to be in SADD.

Not a Hypocrite

Dear Ugh,

Students are selected for membership to S.A.D.D. (Students Against Driving Drunk) by applying and being evaluated on twelve criteria by three people of their choice. The applications are reviewed by faculty and SADD members.

Once an invitation to join is extended, the student and his/her parent sign a "Contract for Life" which states these points:

(1) Teenager: I agree to call you for advice and/or transportation at any hour, from any place, if I am ever in a situation where I have been drinking or a friend or date who is driving me has been drinking.

(2) Parent: I agree to come and get you at any hour, any place, no questions asked and no argument at that time, or I will pay for a taxi to bring you home safely. I expect we would discuss this issue at a later time.

(3) I agree to seek safe, sober transportation home if I am ever in a situation where I have had too much to drink or a friend who is driving me has had too much to drink.

(4) SADD does not condone drinking by those below the legal drinking age. SADD encourages all young people to obey the laws of their state, including laws relating to the legal drinking age.

In addition, we sign the SADD Honor Code which is used for reported violations within the group itself. Joining SADD is a personal commitment which involves basic values of honesty and integrity. If a person is not truly committed to these ideals, they will not follow through with the entire application process. A personal commitment does not involve imposing one's beliefs on others. The goal of SADD members is to save lives of our fellow students.

Signed,
The members of SADD

Club Corner

The SADD Chapter recently participated in a drug awareness program at the Alma Spikes Elementary School.

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The Key Club is selling candy bars. Two recent projects include participating in a turkey shoot and sponsoring a road block to raise money for Dwayne Hawkins.

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The Student Council has been very active in the past few weeks. They sold sweatshirts, sweatpants, T-shirts, bags, and shorts with the Redskins emblem. They also sold hands, pins, and bumper stickers. They held a dance and sold caps to raise over \$800 for Dwayne Hawkins.

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The Health Careers club has started a number of projects this year. Every member must have nine hours of volunteer work to remain in the club the following semester. Some members are candy strippers at the hospital; others adopted a grandparent at the nursing homes, which involves going to the nursing home to visit people. Some members are working at pharmacies.

The Health Careers club will hold a blood drive in the spring this year.

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The PHS band is finishing up marching season with the play-offs and will soon be moving into concert season. The band has earned numerous trophies and awards this marching season.

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The Spanish Club gathered for a spaghetti lunch last month. They are also planning to go caroling at Christmas time.

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FBLA members have elected

their officers for the 1988-89 school year. They are President, Vinna Patel; Vice-President, Jim Riffel; Secretary, Greg Mock; and Treasurer, Shannon Martin.

The club has sold candy as a fund raiser.

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On November 16 the GCE Club attended a meeting at Hot Springs to elect state officers.

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To show appreciation to the Fire Marshalls, Mr. Malone and Mr. Waites hosted a fish fry for them on November 5.

Chad Chester and Marcus McCarroll recently attended a fire marshall's training session at Walnut Ridge.

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The Sr. High Cheerleaders treated the Redskin football team to a victory dinner on Thursday, November 10, in the auditorium. The team enjoyed barbeque sandwiches, with all the fixings, prepared by the Polar Freeze in Walnut Ridge. Along with the dinner, a pep speech by Mr. Pete Waites was given.

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Orders for the Chieftain yearbook must be placed by November 30. The cost of this year's yearbook is \$15.

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Father Mark Woods and Rev. Larry Robertson spoke at a voluntary noon prayer service for Dwayne Hawkins on November 8. The service has sponsored by the FCA.

FCA leaders this year are Eric Housh and Leigh Daniel.

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FFA held a Thanksgiving luncheon on November 23.

Eleven members participated in a leadership contest at Walnut Ridge on November 28.

'Turkey' definitions

What is a turkey?

Ivy Tyler: Someone who is stupid
 Shelley Dismang: A person who is a jerk
 Kim Carson: An ugly person
 Shannon Steele: A person who is wishy-washy
 Kerry Summitt: A nickname for a person who hunts a lot
 Duane Money: A big, fat, or plump person
 Sierra Steele: Someone who does dumb things
 Michelle Smith: Someone who is unpredictable
 Brock Bigger: Someone who talks a lot
 Bill Hallman: Someone you don't particularly like
 Heidi Lambert: A stupid bird that was almost our national symbol
 Shawn Carter: A person who talks a lot



All-A Honor Roll

Grade 9

Jennifer Howard
 Dena Mock
 Lee Prondinski
 Jennifer Simington

Grade 10

Allison Rogers

Grade 11

Jason Baltz
 Cathy Butler
 Loretta Evans
 Melissa McClanahan

Grade 12

Chris Brown
 Terry Dollahite
 Karen Shaffer
 Dana Sutton

Congratulations!!



Something To
 Crow About!

Top Ten Tunes

1. "Let's Go All the Way" - Redskin football team
2. "Bonanza" Theme - Travis (Hoss) Bagwell
3. "Animal" - Frank Cummings
4. "He's so Shy" - Chris Jones
5. "Weird Science" - Shawn O'Donnell
6. "Ten Little Indians" - Vinna Patel
7. "Mercedes Boy" - Jim Riffel
8. "I Can't Drive 55" - Leigh Rose
9. "Baby, you can drive my car" - Angie Jarrett
10. "Doin' da Butt" - Eric Housh

Girls' basketball begins

By Sierra Steele

Four seniors, five juniors, and eight sophomores make up the Sr. Girls' basketball team this season.

Coach Dallas Howard seems optimistic for the Lady Redskins. He states the girls have worked hard in off season. Also, a plus for the Redskin team is a strong bench so that in case a player gets

in foul trouble, will be a replacement.

The new players have been an asset to the team, and they will be very competitive this year. The team has set three goals for themselves; one, to have a winning record; two, to place first or second in district; three, to go to state.

With team effort, these goals can be achieved.



Four seniors lead Lady 'Skins

By Ashley Bennett

It's that time of the year again - basketball season! This year the Lady Redskins are lead by four seniors. Three of them are returning from last year, and the other has just moved back from Oklahoma.

They are Dana Thielemier, Debbie Menard, Becky Hufstedler and a new addition to the team, Leigh Ann Daniel.

Dana is a center and wears number 30. She is the daughter of Don and Mary Thielemier. Dana has been playing since the 7th grade. Dana says she likes basketball because it keeps her in shape and it's fun. She feels that the 'Skins "should have a good season."

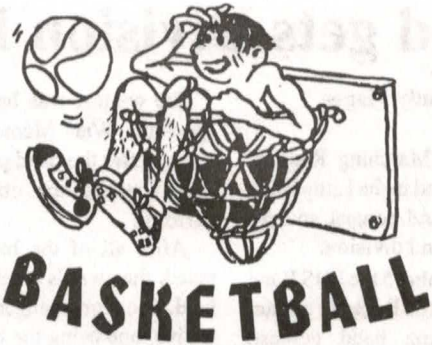
Debbie Menard, another returning senior, has been playing since the 7th grade. Debbie is the daughter of Gerald and La Deana Ungerank, and she wears number 22. She's stuck with it for so long because she just really likes the

game. Debbie thinks that this year's team should be really good if they can stay together and play as a team!

Center Becky Hufstedler wears number 44 for the Lady Redskins. She is the daughter of Dale and Betty Hufstedler. Becky has been playing basketball since the 7th grade. Becky likes the sport because she feels involved with the school. She also feels that they will have a winning season if they can "stick together and play as a team."

Leigh Ann Daniel has just returned from Oklahoma to play for the Lady 'Skins. This is her first year to play senior high basketball in Pocahontas. Leigh wears number 24 and plays guard. She is the daughter of John Daniel and Deanna Daniel. She says, "We have worked really hard and should have a great season!"

The Redskins have a lot of talent this year and are looking forward to a great season.



Boys' basketball is back

By Lori Heslep

As the football season winds down, a new basketball season begins for the Redskins. Rick Hagood comments on the Redskins' upcoming season: "We will all play hard each time we hit the court, and we will enjoy playing."

When Coach Hagood was asked how the team would differ from last year's team, he replied,

"The team is much more experienced and a lot older. Everyone will have more playing time."

The schedule for this year is a little different because the Jr. Girls will not be rotating the gym with the guys. They will also be lifting weights once a week.

The team has high expectations this year. They have a lot of talent and should do really well in both conference play and county play this season.

Players of the week

Hoxie - Marcus McCarroll
 Highland - Lance Schmidt
 Gosnell - Marcus McCarroll
 Nettleton - Kenny Waymon

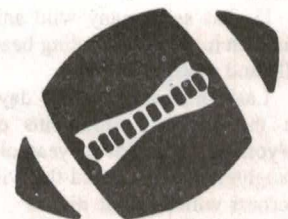
PHS Football Scoreboard

Senior High

Won 20-15	Hoxie
Won 20-9	Highland
Won 28-26	Gosnell
Won 12-8	Nettleton
Lost 0-63	McGehee

Junior High

Won 42-22	Oak Grove
Won 36-16	Corning



Band gets Division II

By Andy Magee

The PHS Marching Redskin Band competed in the Little Rock Marching Band contest and received a second division.

On November 5 the PHS Band traveled to Little Rock for a state-wide marching band contest. Numerous bands from all over the state competed in this huge contest.

The contest was held in the spacious War Memorial Stadium. After the band performed, they watched the other bands perform.

After all of the bands competed, the awards ceremony was held. The scores ranged from one to five, one being the best.

The "Most Outstanding" band trophy went to the Hope Marching Band.

Mike Murphy is a senior in the PHS Band. He has been in the band for five years. He plays the tuba and is presently first chair and section leader of the tuba section. This information was inadvertently omitted from the senior band spotlights in our last edition.

Malone is backpacker

by Denny Bubrig

Ask yourself this question: What PHS teacher has over 20 years of backpacking experience?

Well, if you said Coach Malone, then you're right.

Planning for his annual trips starts 6 to 8 weeks in advance. He makes lists of what needs to be packed and studies maps of the area to calculate distances and time involved.

He started backpacking in the Bighorn Mountains in Wyoming, a state in which he lived for 6 years.

He has seen many wild animals on his trips, including bear, elk, and moose.

Last summer he spent 5 days in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming. His eleven year old daughter, Rachel, faced the wilderness with him one night.

Malone takes many safety

precautions when he goes backpacking. He makes sure that he doesn't have a pack that is too heavy. He also makes sure that he doesn't hike too long in one day.

"The pack shouldn't weigh more than 20% of a person's body weight," 'Coach John' says.

The weather also plays an important part in the pleasure derived from backpacking, for dry weather makes walking easier.

Coach John says that his worst experience was when he was caught in eighteen inches of snow in 1980.

He and his two comrades (one of them Pete Waites) took shelter in an old bunkhouse for two days. When the food rations began running low, they left the safety of the cabin and walked 4-5 hours in 18 inch snow to an upper trail.

Malone states that a "beginning" backpacker should take only a one-day trip, walking no more than he/she can handle.

'Skins are superstitious

By Angela Taylor

For some of the Redskin football players, superstition takes a serious role in the super season the Redskins have played. Several of the players and coaches follow strict rituals on game days.

Many of the players believe that eating the same meals at the same spot at Bonanza is important on game days. Eric Housh, Marcus McCarroll and Kenny Waymon all agree that this is one of the most popular superstitions that the team has.

Marcus McCarroll says that he is very superstitious. "I always drive on game days, always. The only time I didn't drive was the Harrisburg game." Marcus also has a lucky shirt which he wears every Friday. The Harrisburg game has been the only time that Marcus has not worn his shirt. Lori Heslep, who owns the lucky shirt, said, "I had to go home and get it to take it to Bonanza before the guys left for Harrisburg. We always win when Marcus wears that shirt."

Even some of the coaches follow trends on game nights. Coach John always dresses an hour before the game and polishes his shoes. He also said he never talks to the players until the first play of the game. "The worst luck of all is to be behind when the game's over," Coach John remarked. He also said he forgot to polish his shoes on the Harrisburg game.

Coach Howard wears the same shirt, sweater, pants and hat, and never puts his keys in his pockets.

Even the cheerleaders have superstitions. Ashley Bennett always wears her hair up to the games and always sells spirit ribbons to Drew and Darrell. Sierra Steele always wishes Jason Reid a good game, wears her Swatch watch, and washes her hair the night before the game.

Even though several players believe the superstitions help win the game, the Redskins have something of their own - great spirit and enthusiasm and super talent.

Three lead senior cheerleaders

By Angie Taylor

Three seniors lead the PHS cheerleading squad this year. Shannan Hyde, Ashley Bennett, and Angie Jarrett have dedicated much of their free time to raising spirit for the Redskin athletic teams.

Shannan Hyde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hyde and has been a cheerleader for 3 years. She plans to attend ASU or Arkansas College at Batesville when she graduates. Shannan

says that pep rallies are her favorite part of cheering.

Ashley Bennett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett. She has been cheering for 2 years and says pep rallies and being involved is her favorite part of cheering. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas and major in pre-law.

Angie Jarrett has been a cheerleader for 3 years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Jarrett and plans to attend ASU when she graduates.

Hammerin' bother you?

How did students cope with the hammering that went on while the new roof was put on the math and science building?



Mrs. Burns: "The rhythm kept my chemistry students awake."³

Leigh Rose: "I ignored it."



Beth Housh: "It drove me bozo, and I'm glad they're finished!"

Loretta Evans: "It drove me nuts, but it kept me awake through my classes."



Roof completed on math/science building; air conditioning on its way!

By Kim Grooms

The banging and clanging is over. Teachers and students are thankful that the roof on the math and science building is completed! With this new roof, PHS has taken the first step in beginning renovations that will eventually lead to an all-air-conditioned school.

The roof work was done by Pocahontas Lumber Company. Now Black River Vo-Tech will be responsible for the necessary wiring so the air-conditioners can be hooked up.

"We are hoping that the air-conditioners in the math and science building can be used by this spring," says Superintendent Marc VanCamp. "Unfortunately, the main building will have to wait until next year to have air conditioning."

A lot of work on the main building will have to be done during the summer. Most of the windows will be removed or replaced.

Superintendent VanCamp says that the cost of the new roof was \$15,700, the air-conditioners cost \$13,000, and the rewiring cost will be \$1,500.



A new roof has recently been put on the math/science building at PHS.

Dance/drama classes available

By Jennifer Howard

Recently opened in Pocahontas is the Randolph County Performing Arts Studio. This school of dance and drama is taught jointly by Andee Evers and Amy Ide, two sisters from St. Louis.

Evers, the studio's dance instructor, has studied ballet since the age of four. She was under the tutelage of Mrs. Leah Millman of St. Louis and later danced exten-

siy with the Brentwood Children's Theatre. Since then, Mrs. Evers has performed with various dance companies.

Mrs. Evers states that her ballet and jazz courses are open to all who are interested in the art. She comments that her goal in teaching is to "make people more aware that dance can help them in coordination, discipline, and self-esteem."

Students will be involved in spring recitals, a Christmas show, and summer troupes for special interest groups.

Drama classes at the Arts Studio are taught by Ide, a graduate of the Visual Performing Arts School. She has acted since her first play at the age of six. She feels that drama can "help you express yourself in everything you do."

Pantomime, impromptu acting, movement, and facial expressions will form the backbone of her lessons. Drama students can also perform in plays planned for Christmas and spring or with the drama troupes available in summer.

Students engage in weekend cruisin'

By Vinna Patel

Living in a small town, teens don't have very many places to go on a weekend. In Pocahontas, the teens mostly go cruising.

First they circle McDonald's, then Sonic, and sometimes even Pizza Hut. Most of the people stop at McDonald's and get out of their cars. They stand around and gossip and see who's out with whom. They usually continue this until someone from McDonald's tells them to leave.

Once in a while, there are parties at the gravel pits, sometimes house, or at a cabin. When the parties are in the winter, there's usually a cozy fire. Everybody stands around the fire, and a lot of people either drink or smoke.

Sometimes a fight gives interest to a otherwise uneventful night. But people usually break it up quickly.

Mostly everybody's curfew is about 11:30 p.m., and the town is usually dead after everyone goes home. Some people go out of town. Nancy Collier says: "I usually go to Jonesboro and cruise the strip over there."

Some people's jobs interfere with weekend plans. Summer Burr says, "I usually have to work." Some students' activities differ from the usual routine. Eric Housh says, "I usually take Ramonda out to eat, then go and watch movies at her house."

And Mr. Malone says, "After a hard week at school, I like to prop my feet up and watch TV."

PHS students to go to Europe

By Brian Bailey

If enough students sign up to go, Ms. Janet Harris is hoping to take a group of PHS students on a trip to Europe next summer. Plans are to travel to Paris, London, and then on to Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare.

Highlights of the trip will be visits to the majestic Champ Elysees, Arcde Triomphe, Louvre Museum, Canterbury Cathedral, and Windsor.

Students will have a chance to see the Versailles Hall of Mirrors, view a Theatre performance in London, eat a meal at London's Hard Rock Cafe, and see the palaces of royalty as they experience the culture of these historic cities.

The final deadline to sign up for the trip, which is scheduled from June 19 through June 28, is February 15th.

The basic cost of the trip, including hotel and plane costs, will be about \$1,500, but including optional excursions and spending money, the cost may be as much as \$2,000.

At least 6 students or adults must sign up in order for the trip to be made.

If you are interested in any further information on the trip, contact Ms. Harris.

Patel answers questions on Hinduism

By Shannan Hyde

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a Hindu? Vinna Patel, a senior, is a Hindu.

One of the most frequently asked questions people ask Vinna is about the dot worn on Hindu women's foreheads. "This dot represents marriage, if it's red," states Vinna. "Other colors are worn for decoration."

Vinna is also asked about pre-arranged marriage. Vinna says that her parents will pick a guy for her to go out with. If she doesn't like him when they go out, her parents will try again. An interesting fact about Hindu marriage is that Hindus have to marry someone with the same last name. Vinna has to marry a Patel.

She also has to marry someone that's the same class of Patel that she is.

Hindus believe in reincarnation. This is the belief that the human soul will be born again into another human or lower animal after death, depending on how "good" a person was in his former life. "For example, a murderer's soul may be transferred to a cow, and a priest's soul may return as someone in royalty or someone born into wealth," says Vinna.

Vinna also says that if you are born on certain days, you can't wear diamonds.

Hindus don't believe in eating meat. Their main foods consist of vegetables and spicy pasta.

Vinna's oldest sister, Nayna,

lives in Vermont. She's married to Kamal Patel, and they own and operate a hotel there.

Another older sister, Shila, is married to Kirit Patel. They own a uniform factory in Zimbabwe, Africa.

Vinna has one younger brother, Kelpash, who's in the seventh grade.

Born in London, England, she lived there ten years before moving to Jackson, Tennessee. She lived there for two years, then came here to Pocahontas, where she has lived for six years.

Vinna is the daughter of Rambhai and Sita Patel. They own and operate the Town House Motel in East Pocahontas.