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Smoke Signal staff receives 15 awards

By Lori Turner

Members of the Pocahontas High School Smoke Signal recently attended the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association Convention, held April 12-13 at the Arkansas Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock. Elizabeth Crisp and Lori Turner represented the Smoke Signal there. Eight hundred twenty-seven people registered for the convention.

In March, the Smoke Signal staff chose entries for evaluation. Journalists from several states judged these stories, which appeared in the Smoke Signal this year. With the awards, judges wrote commendations on how to improve the story and the appearance of the newspaper.

The Smoke Signal received an excellent rating in the general excellence category.



From L to R: Miranda Pierce, Lori Turner, Elizabeth Crisp, Megan Smith, Angela Phillips, and Kishan Amin display their certificates.

For individual awards the staff received two Superior, two Excellent, and ten Honorable Mention ratings.

Students attended workshops and on-site

contests as well. Several renowned journalists attended the convention and held these workshops, such as Laura Cartwright and Jennifer Christman from the Arkansas Demarcate-Gazette; Dave Davis, producer of Channel One's HTV magazine; and Scott Winter, assistant editor of the Bismarck Tribune.

Following an awards banquet Thursday night, students attended a dance while advisors went to an ice-cream social.

Remodeling of the Excelsior Hotel caused some slight inconveniences. Students had to check-in their luggage an hour before getting their room keys and had to take numerous detours through the hotel to get to the event sites of the convention.

The hotel remodeling also lead to some adventurous trips for Janet Crabbe and her students.

"We won't go into detail, but we kind of ended up in a restricted area at one point on our trip," Elizabeth Crisp said.

Smoke Signal Awards

General Excellence--Excellent rating

Superior

Newspaper News Story

Elizabeth Crisp

Newspaper Service to School and

Community

Angela Phillips

Excellent

Newspaper Sports Page Design

Elizabeth Crisp

Newspaper Photo Essay

Miranda Pierce and Angela Phillips

Honorable Mention

Newspaper Sports Feature

Kishan Amin

Newspaper Original Artwork

Kishan Amin

Newspaper Feature Story

Lori Turner

Newspaper Center Spread Design

Angela Phillips and Elizabeth Crisp

Newspaper Opinion Page Design

Elizabeth Crisp

Sports News Story

Miranda Pierce

Newspaper Special Section

Elizabeth Crisp

Newspaper Front Page Design

Elizabeth Crisp

Editorial Cartoon

Kishan Amin

Newspaper Personality Profile

Megan Smith

Odyssey of the Mind teams compete

By Elizabeth Crisp

Among the many types of competition that students from PHS participate in, very few are creativity competitions. Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a creative problem-solving program that teaches students how to think differently by providing five open-ended problems yearly.

In an OM competition, teams earn scores in three different areas: long-term problem solution, style of presentation, and spontaneous problems. Students can compete in four divisions, based on age.

The five problems for the 2001 year were Techno Pets, Ody-SEE-ing Sounds, Wild.Winged.Wonders, Achilles' Heel, and Idiom Inspiration.

In the Techno Pets problem, teams built two "pet" vehicles that operate differently from each other and perform tasks for a score. The pets had to perform a total of eight tasks. The teams are limited to \$125 to spend on their problem.

In the Ody-SEE-ing Sounds problem, teams presented a humorous performance that included ten different sound effects. The sound

effects were performed live for the audience. The cost limit was set at \$110.

Wild.Winged.Wonders required the team to identify three birds: one of a living species, one team-created, and one found in a documented work of art or literature. The teams also had to create works of art depicting the three birds and make at least one bird appear to fly. The cost limit for it was \$125.

In the Achilles' Heel problem, teams designed and built balsa wood structures to hold as much weight as possible while withstanding impacts from a free-wheeling vehicle also designed and created by the team. Their cost limit was \$85.

Idiom Inspiration was a problem that required teams to present a humorous performance that included four idioms, including one team-created idiom. The others were chosen from a list. The team created idiom had to be explained through a skit while two of the others had to be acted out literally and figuratively and the final one had to be incorporated into an original poem.

Their cost limit was \$100.

Odyssey of the Mind begins with regional competition. From there teams may advance to the State level and to the World Finals. If teams place first-fourth at Regionals, they advance to State. If they place first or second at State they go to the World Finals.

This year the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition was held at Pocahontas on March 24. Different parts of the competition took place in the intermediate school, the junior high, and the high school.

Three high school teams placed at the State competition at Lakewood Middle School in North Little Rock April 21. The Techno Pets team placed third, the Wild.Winged.Wonders team placed fourth, and the Ody-SEE-ing Sounds team took first place.

Brent Miller, Jillian Pecoraro, Leah Baltz, Angie Baltz, Lyle Williams, and Elizabeth Crisp make up the PHS Division III Ody-SEE-ing Sounds team that placed first at State. These six students will represent PHS at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition June 2-5 at the University of Maryland—College Park.

Jay Early named Mr. Redskin

By Miranda Pierce

The Pocahontas High School Annual Staff held the second annual Mr. Redskin pageant March 30. It consisted of a casual wear and formal wear. Mr. Redskin for 2001 is Jay Early. The first runner-up is Shaun Hatch, and Mr. Congeniality is Josh Williams.

Rachel Wise and Ruth Miller, members of the annual staff, served as hostesses. Wise said that the staff worked hard to get the pageant together in time. This pageant is not a tradition, as the Miss Redskin pageant is, and this makes it difficult to put together.

"I believe the pageant was

successful in raising money for the annual staff," Miller said.

"The pageant is also a good way for the guys at Pocahontas High School to get the feeling of how girls feel in front of an audience," Wise said. The pressure that is on the contestants is often more intense than audience members see.



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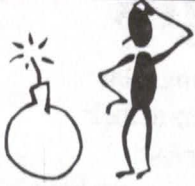


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Everything you want to know....and then some more!

Student struck by lightning on school trip

By Elizabeth N. Crisp

Strange things often happen on school trips, but on a recent drama trip PHS junior Sarah Bolden experienced one of the strangest of occurrences. Bolden was struck by lightning during a storm in Little Rock after attending a theater production of "Fair and Tender Ladies."

"I don't really remember much about that night, I just remember leaving the theater and it was storming...and then I woke up on the ground. The other students said I had been struck by lightning or something," Bolden said.

Many of the students on the trip, as well as John and Janet Crabbe, the teachers accompanying the students, witnessed what happened.

"It was the strangest thing, we were



Sara Bolden recovers after her "incident."

all trying to hurry to get to the bus because of the storm and suddenly there was this flash and I realized what happened to

Sarah," Janet Crabbe said.

After being rushed to the emergency room, and sitting there for 4 hours before being examined by the doctor, Bolden was released with minor injuries. There are certain side effects associated with being struck by lightning though.

"The main thing that I have noticed that is different now, is that I have trouble remembering things like my homework or when I start to take a test, my mind just goes blank. And sometimes I just feel the need to get up and run circles around the room, but that usually just lasts for about 3-4 minutes.

Unfortunately many of the teachers don't seem to understand my situation," Bolden said.

Things you never new about lightning



Lightning cures chronic nose bleeds.



After lightning storms beef sales increase.



Everytime a car is hit, the battery is fully charged.



A bolt of lightning is hotter than the surface of the sun.



Ball lightning was once thought to be a hallucination.



Do not play with children's transformers during a lightning storm.

New policy brings a *number* of changes

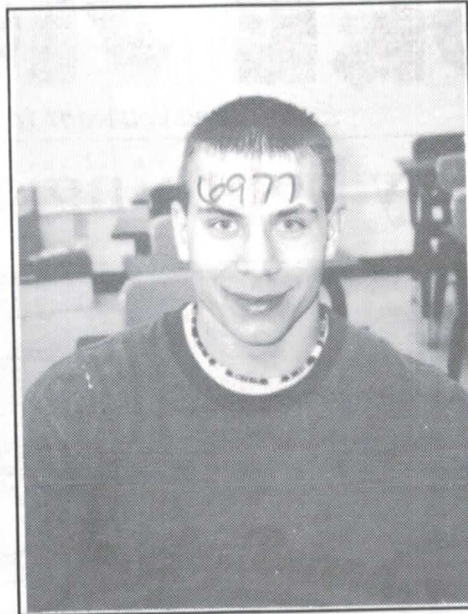
By 4165

There will be no more name calling at Pocahontas High School. A new policy has been adopted. Students are no longer identified by their names; instead, they will be identified by the last four digits of their social security number.

This new system will cause less confusion, less mispronunciation, and avoid biases. This will especially help the many teachers suffering memory loss.

"I like this new system we are using in school. The substitutes never mispronounce my name anymore," 0421 said

In some cases numbers are causing confusion. Students are warned not to tamper with other student's numbers. This may cause a deletion



Number 6977 supports the new policy in identity. Some teachers have mistakenly added the grades to the numbers, causing high averages.

"I was wondering why so many people have high grades in my class.

I was somehow adding their identification numbers to their grades," Gary Miller said.

According to statistics our high school has had a sudden decrease in fights. Since a main cause of fights is name-calling, the new school program has eliminated this problem.

Many things have been less time consuming because of these numbers. Things like checking attendance, grading papers, announcements, and even other school related activities like graduation would be done in no time. The new procedure will speed up awards night and graduation dramatically.

Soon students will have to print their ID numbers on their foreheads in order to help teachers identify them easier.

Dictionary for the uninformed

By Miranda Pierce

Slang terms are used often by students. The smoke signal decided to compile a list to help teachers and other uninformed people understand the lingo.

1. **all that** - possessing good qualities
2. **bling bling** - jewelry, comes from the sound it makes.
3. **boo** - term of endearment
4. **chillin'** - to relax
5. **down low** - something that is secret
6. **To give props** - to give thanks to someone for something.
7. **phat** - physically attractive (pretty hot and tempting).
8. **played out** - something that is now old.
9. **mack** - to be a ladies man.
10. **back in the day** - a long time ago.
11. **slammin'** - something that is very good.
12. **wack** - something that is not normal or something strange.
13. **411** - information
14. **playin'** - to have more than one personal relationship.
15. **slingin'** - to sell illegal drugs

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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). It would not be wise to go swimming today. You will get sick.

Aries (March 21-April 19). It would not be wise to read a book and drive today. You will have an accident if you do.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). It would not be wise to use a red lighter. Bad things will happen if you do.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You will read your horoscope today and it will not make sense to you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Today is a good day to buy flowers for

someone you love, as long as it's not just a secret obsessive crush that you have on them.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). It would be wise to eat lunch today. If you don't you will become fatigued or you may lose weight.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will buy a *Smoke Signal* during third hour. The *Joke Signal* section will be very funny to you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will learn something today, whether you want to or not.

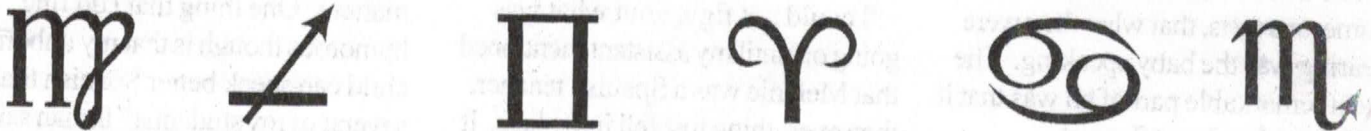
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pay no

attention to rumors, unless they began as a secret to your best friend. Then you can be mad!

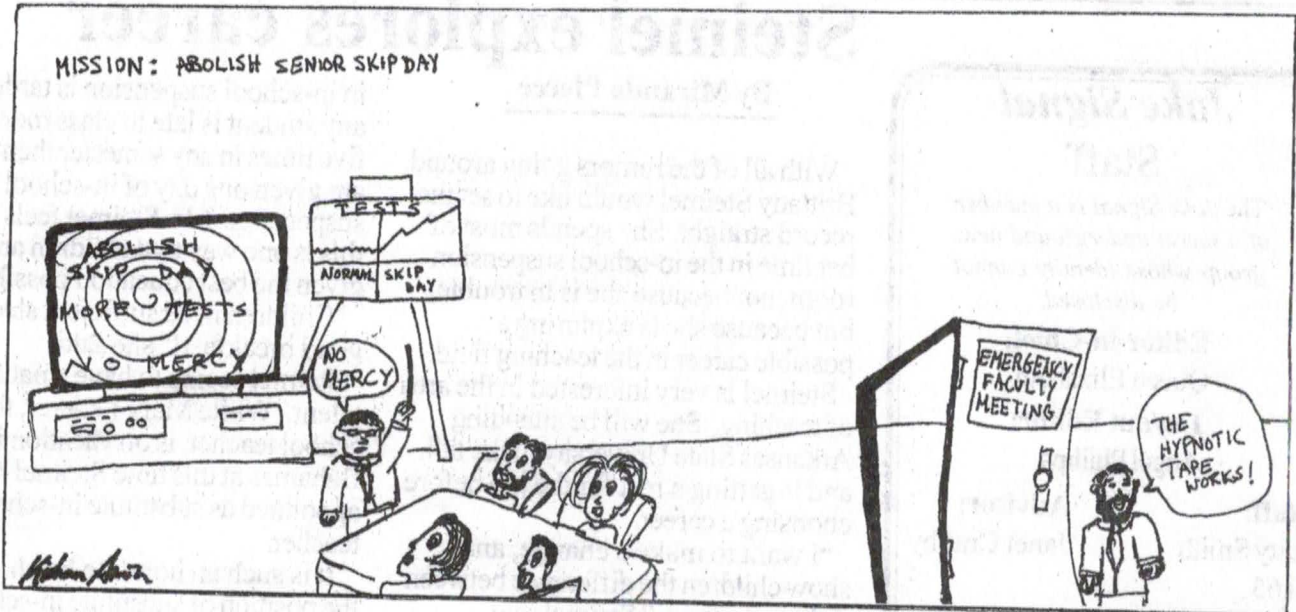
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Beware of what you say it may come back to haunt you, especially if your best friend is a Scorpio.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today you will finally realized you're a Capricorn! After you do, you will read your horoscope and wonder why you even bothered.

Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18). Look for a golden egg on easter. It will bring great fortune if you find it.



MISSION: ABOLISH SENIOR SKIP DAY



Baby phenomom shocks doctors

By Elizabeth N. Crisp

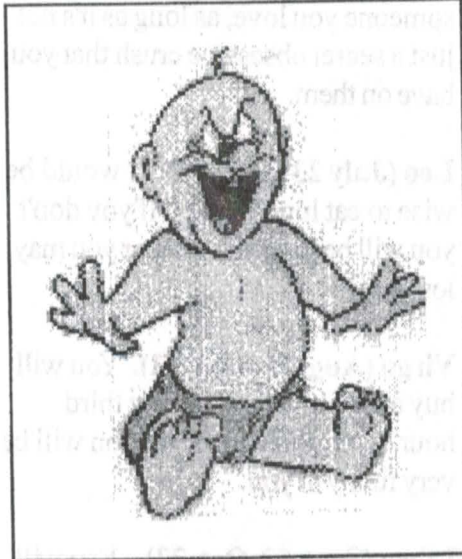
After several months of pregnancy, Melanie Inman, the high school Spanish teacher, received some shocking news from her doctor concerning her baby.

During a routine check up while trying to listen to the baby's heartbeat the doctor kept getting a noisy interference.

"It sounded like muffled talking, but not in English," he said.

Curious as well as concerned about what the strange sound could be, various doctors from all over the nation performed various tests on Inman. What they found amazed everyone.

The doctors determined, after numerous tests, that what they were hearing was the baby speaking. The most remarkable part of all was that it was speaking fluent Spanish.



Dr. Shakuba Krishkam is a leading expert in the fetal phenomena field. Krishkam came to the final conclusion of the Inman baby case after learning that Inman teaches Spanish.

"I could not figure out what was going on until my assistant mentioned that Melanie was a Spanish teacher, then everything just fell into place. It

makes perfect sense theoretically. Babies are very sensitive to outside noises while in the womb, especially the voice of the mother. I have only heard of this happening one time before. A French teacher in Germany experienced a similar occurrence," Krishkam said.

Scientists and doctors from all over the world are excited about the Inman baby. They are now awaiting the arrival of the baby, due April 24, so that further research and tests can be done, but the Inman family has not disclosed their official decision concerning the baby.

"I just want my baby to live a normal life really. As long as everything is all right from a health perspective, then nothing else really matters. One thing that I do find humorous though is that my unborn child can speak better Spanish than several of my students!" Inman said.

Steimel explores career

By Miranda Pierce

With all of the rumors going around, Brittany Steimel would like to set the record straight. She spends most of her time in the in-school suspension room, not because she is in trouble, but because she is exploring a possible career in the teaching field.

Steimel is very interested in the area of teaching. She will be attending Arkansas State University in the fall, and is getting a feel for the job before choosing a career.

"I want to make a change, and show children the difference between right and wrong," Steimel said.

The main reason many students are

in in-school suspension is tardes. If any student is late to class more than five times in any semester then they are given one day of in-school suspension. Ms. Steimel feels that this is one way that children are not given the best education possible.

"Children need sufficient sleep and a good breakfast!" she said.

Steimel seems to have a natural talent. While Mary Lederer, the in-school teacher, is on vacation in the Bahamas at this time Steimel has been appointed as substitute in-school teacher.

"It is such an honor to be chosen for the position of substitute in-school teacher," Steimel said.

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Travels with Kishan

By Kishan Amin

Our journey to the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Little Rock started at 6:00 a.m. when we left the high school parking lot in the mini-bus. However, we turned back because Mrs. Hardage forgot to drop off the papers at the administration building. Finally on our way, most of the students were still sleepy.

Everyone was disappointed when we could not find Shoney's restaurant in Newport—because it doesn't exist! The bus full of hungry teenagers barely made it to Searcy, where we finally found a Shoney's. Our breakfast buffet was good, but the service was bad. Justin Guthrie took it upon himself to fill our glasses with soda. A waitress commented on it, even asking if he was interested in applying for a job there.

"The commute from Pocahontas is too long," Guthrie told her. It was approaching 9:30, and we needed to get to Little Rock before Noah Wallis and Rebecca Marrone's competitions at 10:30. We made a brief stop at Jacksonville to change into our proper business attire. Mrs. Hardage drove almost decently through the treacherous roads of Little Rock!

Parking near the Excelsior and Double Tree Hotels was terrible. We went to the Statehouse Convention Center to register. Wallis was worrying about his networking test. Five minutes before his test, Mrs. Hardage ran towards us with our nametags and told us to run to the Excelsior Hotel. After the long sprint, we made it just in time for

Wallis and Marrone's tests.

Next, we separated into groups and explored, finally meeting in the Double Tree lobby. After many trips between the Statehouse Convention Center (SCC) and the Double Tree Hotel, we attempted to sit down to rest in the Double Tree's bar because of the lack of space to sit, but we were told to leave because of age. We then killed time riding elevators and escalators.

After Wallis and Marrone came back from their tests, we toured Riverfront Park, located behind the hotels. We took a few pictures and then realized that Nick Sackman was not properly dressed. He had an orange plaid shirt, which was not up to FBLA standards. A kind Double Tree concierge gave us a ride in the hotel's van to a small department store, where we found an appropriate shirt. Back at the hotel, when Sackman opened the package, he found the shirt was too small. At this point Mrs. Hardage lost hope and said we will just have to hope he is not disqualified.

Next Sackman and I went to the lower floor in the SCC. The room was full of booths for an election. This struck me as boring and chaotic, so we went back upstairs and made another attempt to hang out at the bar. This time we had Mrs. Hardage sit with us, which kept the hotel staff from harassing us. The hotel was completely full of FBLA members. While we were talking in the lobby, we lost track of Guthrie and Ann Lloyd. As some of us went to the mini-bus, Mrs. Hardage assigned Matt London and me to

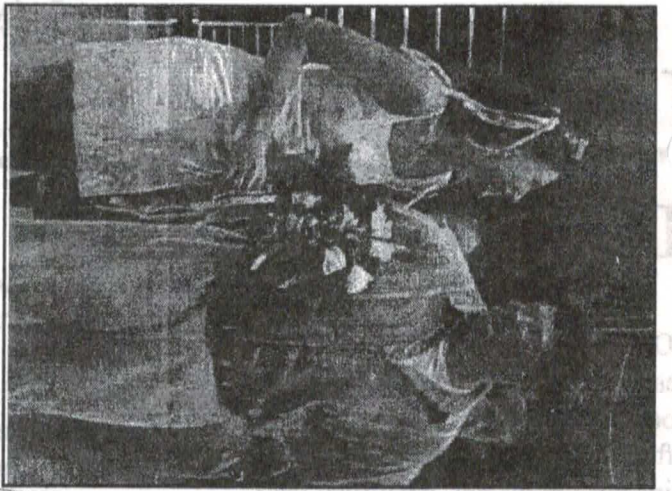
find Guthrie, Lloyd, and Sackman, later rendezvousing in front of the Double Tree. London and I split up. I covered the whole Riverfront Park while London took the high ground near the hotels. London found only Sackman, no sign of Guthrie and Lloyd. We saw our bus and approached in disappointment. But there sat the two runaways, smiling and asking where we had been. Sadly, Sackman had been disqualified, not for his plaid shirt, but because he didn't have a tie.

We left Little Rock just in time to hit the major Friday afternoon city traffic. We disputed over a place to eat. The majority finally chose Red Lobster.

All of us guys went in the restaurant to wait an agonizing 15-20 minutes for the ladies to change into comfortable clothes, on the bus. Finally, we had a great dinner. Once again the waitress was flirting with Guthrie. Next we spent an hour at the mall browsing around and buying CDs, hats, and necklaces, while Guthrie purchased a stun-gun. Of course, Mrs. Hardage confiscated his new toy.

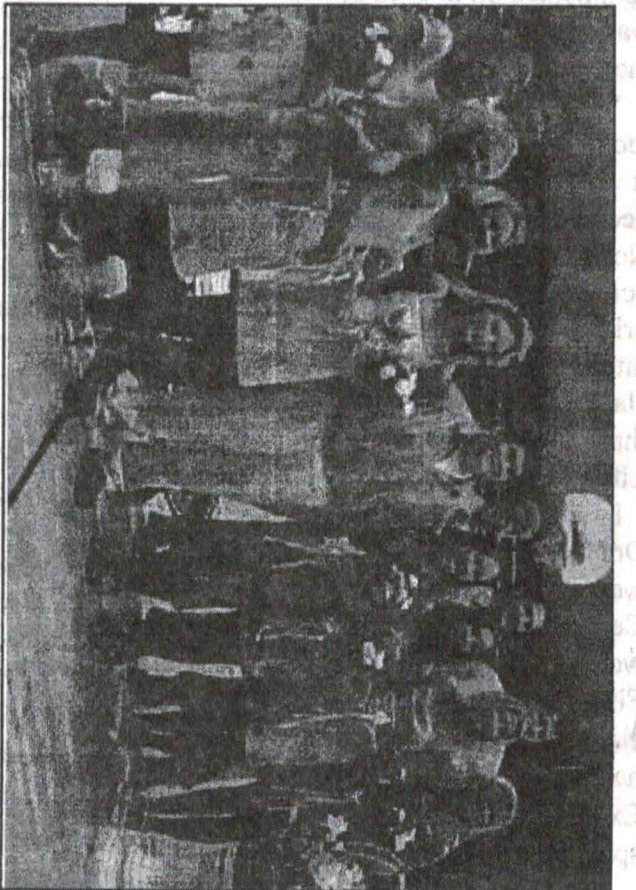
It was getting dark, so we headed back to Pocahontas. We took one more break in Newport to purchase refreshments. The lady at the register deflated Guthrie's happy mood with her extremely rude behavior.

We finally arrived in Pocahontas around 10:00pm and honked past the pit. Nothin' like cruis'n town on a Friday night on a mini-bus. The trip was a good experience and we all made it back safely.

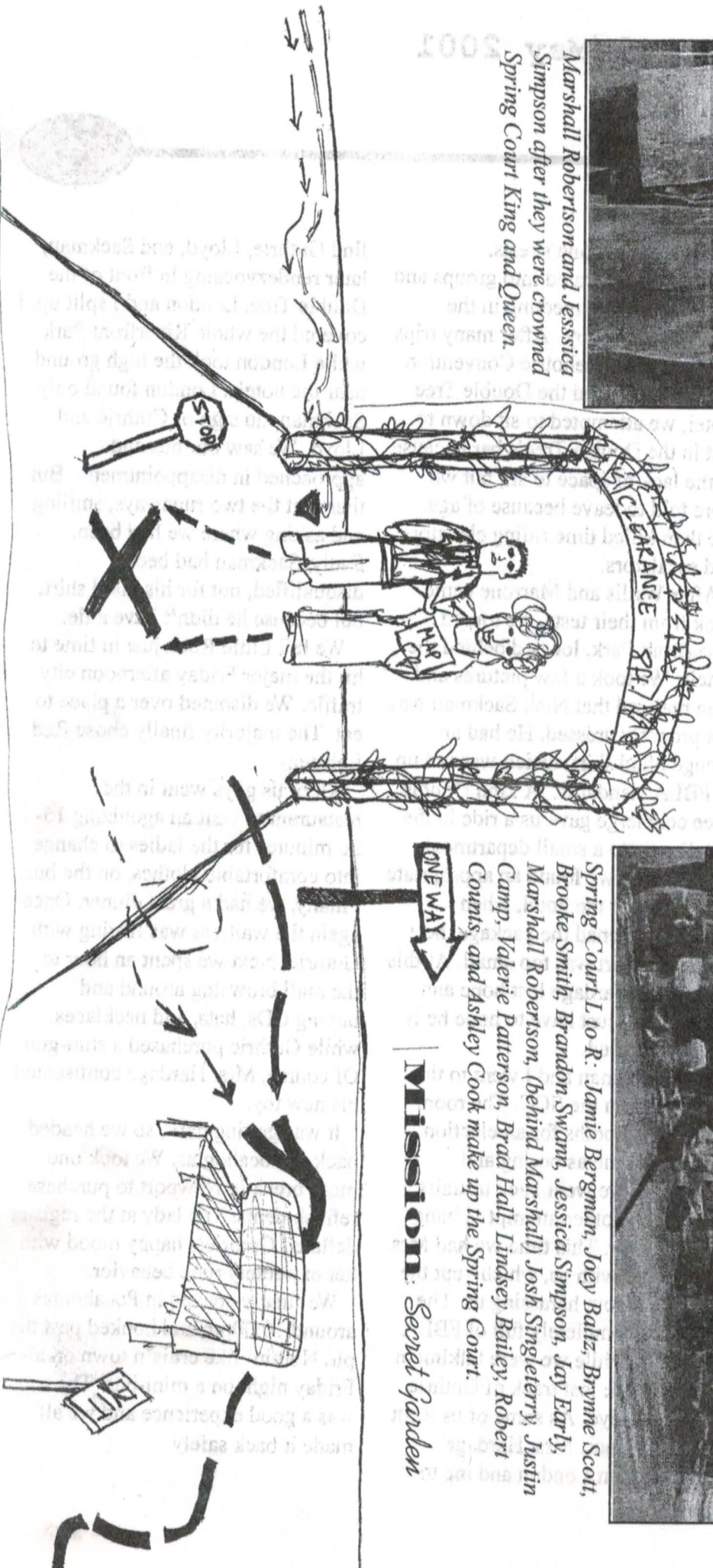


Marshall Robertson and Jessica Simpson after they were crowned Spring Court King and Queen.

Spring Court



Spring Court L to R: Jamie Bergman, Joey Balz, Brynne Scott, Brooke Smith, Brandon Swann, Jessica Simpson, Jay Early, Marshall Robertson, (behind Marshall) Josh Singletery, Justin Camp, Valerie Patterson, Brad Hall, Lindsey Bailey, Robert Counts, and Ashley Cook make up the Spring Court.



Valerie Patterson

Drama prepares for "Voices from the High School"

By Lori Turner

The days of high school are winding down and seniors are finally seeing the light. But as the rush of homework and the pressures of college scholarships mix together, the memories of the good old days seem so far away.

The fourth hour drama class, directed by Jon Crabbe, brings those memories to stage with "Voices from the High School." The real life situations of high school students capture the audience by sending them back into time.

"The play has a lot of potential and as long as everyone works hard, it'll turn out really good," senior Jennifer Gil said.

Mixing comedy into the situations, the actors tackle tough topics that students are faced with and how they handle them. Whether it's with family, teachers, friends, or relationships, everyone has had to deal with these situations.

"I'm really looking forward to



The drama students, from L to R:(back row) Brian Hibbard, Toby Manciaz, Mark Wilde, Mike Beaver (2nd row) Cassie Kellet, Tamera Rickman, Megan Housman, Angie Baltz, (3rd row) Sarah Bolden, Jessica Tucker, Elizabeth Cobb, (front) Tephany Powers, Londyn Clements.

being in the play. In some way students will see how it reflects their life," junior Londyn Clements said.

The performance will be Tuesday May 8th.



The first ever AP English IV class flew kites to celebrate Shelley's "Ode to the West Wind."

Symphonic band earns top honors

By Kristin Morris

During spring break, the Pocahontas High School symphonic band traveled to Orlando, Florida, and competed in the All-American Music Festival. The band received the highest score of the weekend (94.6), and was named Overall Champion. They also won first place in their division and earned all superior ratings.

The band performed the classic march "Americans We" by Henry Fillmore, "Trail of Tears" by James Barnes, and "Festivo" by Edward Gregson. The judges were in awe of the band's performance. One judge remarked "Bravo!" when the band had completed the performance. Another judge said that there were a few minor mistakes in the performance, but it was, overall, a spectacular and almost flawless performance.

Besides the competition, the band also spent time at Orlando's tourist attractions. They departed Pocahontas at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19, and reached Orlando about 3:00 the following afternoon. That evening, band members shopped at the Mercado, a Mediterranean style shopping center. On Wednesday, after eating breakfast at the Hard Rock Café, they spent the day Universal Studios' Island of Adventure and ate dinner at Universal City Walk, a

strip filled with restaurants and shops.

"Islands of Adventure was my favorite part of the trip. I got to have my picture taken with many cartoon characters and superheroes, such as Betty Boop, Beatle Bailey, Popeye, Rocky, and Bullwinkle, Rogue, Wolverine, Captain America, and Spiderman, as well as spend a couple of hours in Seussland," junior Erin Sullinger said.

After breakfast at Planet Hollywood, Thursday included a day at Busch Gardens and an evening shopping. The senior band members, however, spent the evening at a mystery dinner theater. Friday, band members ate dinner at Medieval Times, a live action, thrilling re-enactment of the battle scenes of the era of medieval times. Saturday they competed in the All-American Music Festival, held at Oak Ridge High School. They spent the rest of the day at Universal Studios.

The awards ceremony was Saturday night inside Universal Studios, where the Blues Brothers entertained prior to the announcement of scores. The band returned to Pocahontas about 4:00 p.m. Sunday. A welcome patrol consisting of band parents, local residents, police cars, and ambulances met them at the city limit and escorted the buses to the band room.

Senior Keriann Morris said that

she enjoyed the trip, but was saddened because it was her last trip in high school band.

In addition to the festival, four students entered the All-American Solo Competition. Their performances were videotaped and judged prior to the competition. Senior trumpet player Luke Walker, senior clarinetist Arielle Emmons, junior clarinetist Evan Waggoner, and freshman flutist Stephanie Nieman all earned superior ratings and were awarded individual trophies.

The trip was a big reward for the band members. They, along with their parents, had been working hard, raising money for the trip, since last June. The trip cost approximately \$35,000. Over 45 businesses, corporations, and private individuals gave monetary donations to support the band.

"It's been really amazing how the community of Pocahontas has supported this trip," band director Brady Massey said.

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Kishan has a *Mystikal* night

By Kishan Amin

Mystikal is a rap artist who performed a concert at the ASU Convocation Center in Jonesboro on March 29. A Jonesboro radio station, 101.9 KISS FM, hosted the concert.

It was a rainy week and the worse day to have a concert. My friends and I took two vehicles for our group of five—soon to be seven. Jonathan McLain and I drove the vehicles carefully through the crazy weather and traffic.

In Jonesboro we picked up two girls and went to Barn Hill's for dinner. We got the restaurant staff to sing happy birthday to Daniel Wren. After much embarrassment to the only junior in our group, we left for the Convocation Center.

We handed our tickets over and security did the routine metal detector tests. We were excited because we had front row center seats, except that Calvin Jones, who somehow ended up at the end of the row. On the way down to the floor section, I noticed the increase in security since the last time I have been there. Three different security personnel checked our ticket stubs. When we finally sat down we waited an intense fifteen minutes till the opening band performed.

The first hour consisted of music by local opening groups, one from Jonesboro and one from Blytheville.

After a fifteen-minute intermission the lights dimmed and Mystikal's voice echoed throughout the Convocation Center. Everyone screamed and cheered.

At this point there were all sorts of people in front of us that did not belong there. Two bodyguards walked up on either side of the stage and remained standing there for the rest of the concert. Mystikal finally came out and did great. He had the crowd singing along.

A girl in front of us tried to get up on her boyfriend's shoulders but was stopped and escorted out by security.

Concert staff picked out women from the

audience for the "shake it fast" contest. Lori Turner, a senior at PHS, was chosen as one of the contestants. They played one of Mystikal's songs, "Shake it fast." Contestants had to shake their buttocks along with the music. Turner did not qualify for the last round.

To top it off, one determined finalist, an unsightly individual, had a sudden urge to expose herself on stage, leaving the crowd in a state of shock, and not in a good way.

A very disappointing aspect of this concert was that the main performer, Mystikal, only performed for forty-five minutes, and the whole concert lasted only

two hours.

Many disappointed people left and hit some serious traffic in the parking lot. It was bad enough with the dark and wet conditions. People were driving blindly to leave.

I used my crazy driving skills to pull us out of the situation. Since it was only 9:30 pm we cruised the empty city of Jonesboro. We finally went back to Pocahontas in disappointment.

"Last year's Bush concert at the Convocation Center was much better," Damian DeLoach said.

Bands rock in Poplar Bluff

By Megan Smith

Oleander started off the night just right; everyone was jumping around and holding lighters in the air. Things just got better as Three Doors Down and Fuel joined Oleander in concert at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff April 4. Roughly 6,000 people attended the sold-out alcohol and drug-free concert.

Oleander was the first band to play for about 45 minutes. There were so many people that within the first five minutes everyone in the mosh pit was sweating. It was such a tight fit that my friends and I had to hold hands so we could stay together.

The next band, Fuel, blew the roof off. That was the highlight of the night. Bret Scalion is the lead singer for Fuel, and he is **so fine**. We were only about 6 ft. away from him. He had sweat all over his body and his hair was in his face. Oh, he is so sexy!

The crowd swayed back and forth, making it really hard to stand. We were pushing, shoving, punching and kicking. That was a lot of fun. Fuel definitely had the best mosh pit. They played for about an hour.

In between Fuel and Three Doors Down, everyone pushed toward the stage. That was when you either had to sink or swim because nobody cared who you were—they were determined to get to the front.

Then Three Doors Down came on. They sounded as good in concert as they sound on the radio. Every one stood up in the bleachers and sang along. During Three Doors Down we sat in the bleachers and could see everything and everybody. Toward the end the lead singer of Three Doors Down tricked everyone by saying good bye and walking off the stage. Security was everywhere, they were stopping people if they

It was overall an awesome concert!

Seniors

What will you miss most?

I am really going to miss southernness and friendliness of the people here, and the Otis Spunkmeyer cookies- **Rachel Wise**

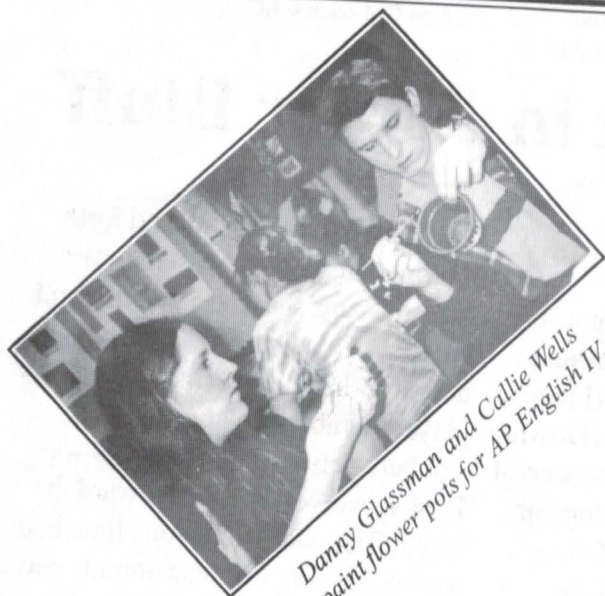
Women, cheap food, and friends- **Shaun Hatch**

The "laid back" atmosphere of high school- **Nathan Camp**

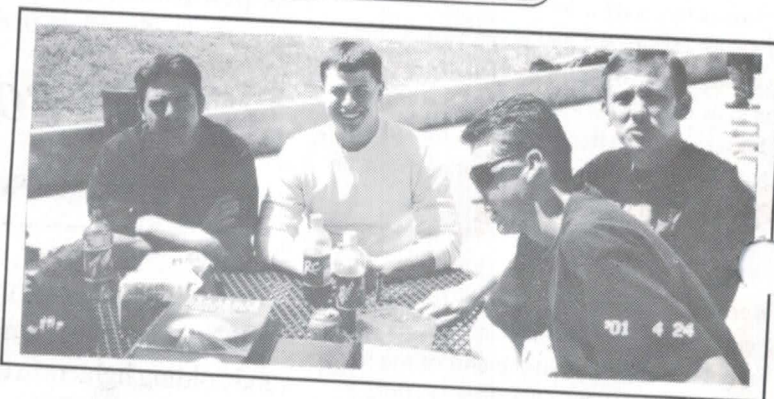
Being with your friends and having such a small responsibility- **Callie Wells**

Knowing everyone that you come in contact with- **Marshall Robertson**

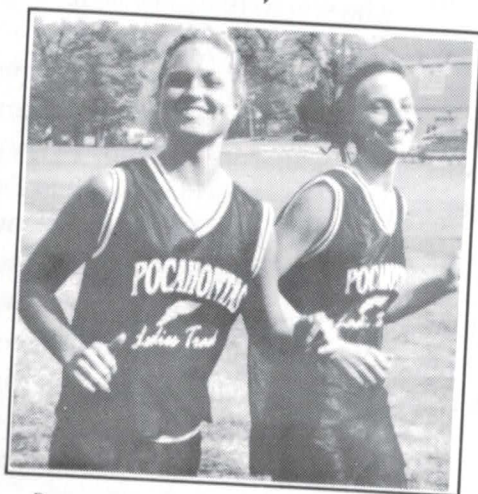
I will miss being a part of the football team. The crowd was always so great and involved at every game- **Moye Hawkins**



Danny Glassman and Callie Wells paint flower pots for AP English IV.



Clinton Baltz, Allen Perkins, Mike Beaver, and Justin Walker enjoy their lunch outside.



Brynne Scott and Jessica Simpson mug around while running track.

What will you miss least?

All the hard work which I am sure I will be grateful for some day but not now- **Olivia Epps**

Having Shawn O'Donnell for a teacher (LOL)- **Kent Hubner**

Ignorant and rude people - **Jermey Higgs**

Coming to school at 8:00 a.m.- **Jay Earley**

Advice for the underclassmen

When you are a senior, take REAL classes; don't go the easy way out and be horrified when you get to college!!!-
Tiffany Hall

Honor thy senior!!!-**Marshall Robertson**

Don't procrastinate about everything. Plan now for things to happen later.-
Brandi Downum

Don't worry about enemies. Think about what they will mean to you after high school. . NOTHING-
Allison Carr

Don't skip out on doing your homework during the last semester. You just might not make it.-**Wayne Sims**

Don't quit school.-**Denis Jones**

Don't get a job until after graduation. Your grades will hurt and it is not worth losing a large scholarship for a minimum paying part-time job.-**Amy Hausman**

Advice to the Teachers

Stay calm. The students are basically good people. They just need guidance.-
Clark Marler

Don't think of yourself always as superior and try to understand each student in an intellectual way.-**Allen Perkins**

Make it more fun for the students.-
Brandon Reed

Work more with your students than above them. Mr. Clements and Mr. Crabbe are good examples.-**Gary Johnson**

Keep up the good work and have fun.-**Jeremy Higgs**

Quit now...It doesn't get any better than us (Seniors 2001)!!-**Ben Adkins**

Realize that even though we're in high school, we're not fully mature or responsible, so cut us some slack and let us have a good time.-
Todd Matthews

Seniors

Most Memorable Moment

Knowing that the first day of my senior year was my last – **Jessi Simpson**

When my cousin and I took some of my brother's friends on a Youth Duck Hunt – **Denis Jones**

Recess was the best time. We had hand stand contests, we tried to sell bead bracelets, and we got "married" - **Rachel Henderson**

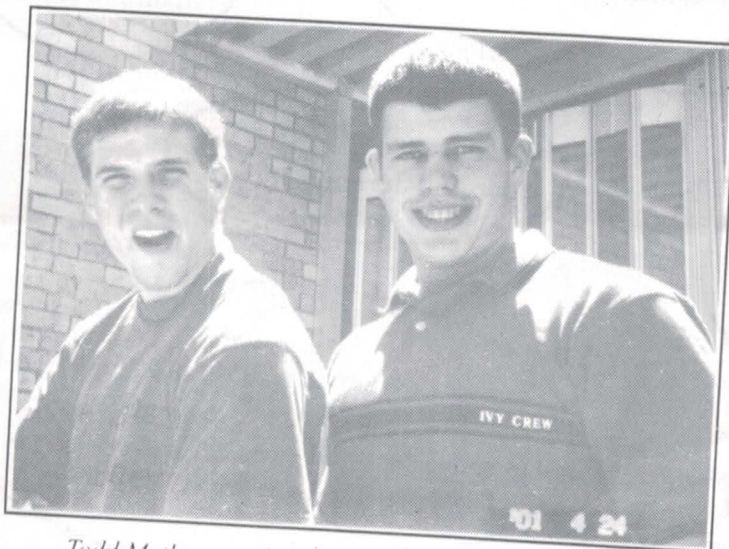
In ninth grade, the band was asked to stop playing because we were too loud. The home band packed up but we started singing in the stands. We ended up winning the game - **Danny Glassman**



Erika Snow on the hot seat of Who Want to be a Millionaire in English.



L to R: Wayne Simms, Mike Erwin, Robby Davenport, Brent Helms, and Matt Koons will miss spending time in the student center at lunch time.



Todd Mathews and Logan Eason pose for picture.

Most Embarrassing Moment

At football practice once it was muddy and I was kicking off and I slipped and fell twice, straight on my back. - **Jeff Watson**

Performing "The Weenie Dance" at Starburst. That definitely is going into the "repressing" file- **Callie Wells**

When Moye Hawkins put a kick me sticker on my jacket and I didn't find it until sixth hour- **Tim Ward**