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Kendall crowned 2001 queen

By Brent Miller and
Elizabeth Crisp

Redskin Fever could be felt through the halls of PHS during Homecoming 2001.

For Tara Kendall, homecoming was especially important. Tara was crowned homecoming queen for 2001.

Tara was very surprised when her name was called as queen.

"I was shocked! It was really cool, and I didn't know what to think," Kendall said.

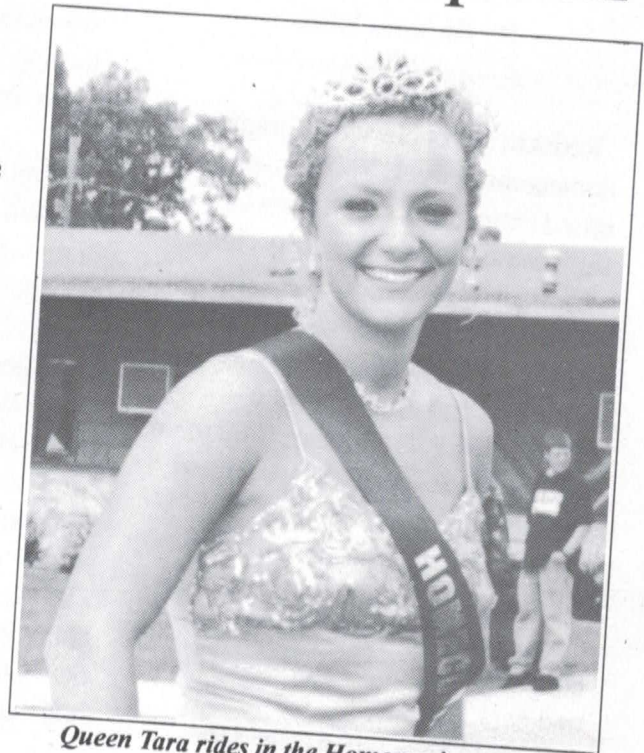
"It is such an honor, I can't believe I got it!"

The student body voted for their choice for queen on October 11 and the winner was crowned in a coronation ceremony the next day.

Tara is the daughter of Paul and Kathy Kendall.

She is a tri-captain of the Redskin cheerleading squad and has been named an NCA All-American Cheerleader.

Kendall serves as the Senior



Queen Tara rides in the Homecoming parade.

Class Treasurer and is also active in Student Council, Beta Club, Rotary Interact, FCA-JAM, and Key Club.

After high school Tara plans to go to college to become a dentist.

The homecoming royalty included sophomore maids Lauren Wise and Elizabeth Holt; junior maids Lindsey Bailey, Sarah Hicks, and Lindsey Peters; and senior maids Ali Carter, Susie Harper, and Lindsay Baltz.

Redskin fever breaks out on campus

By Rhonda Ricker

Redskin Fever burned throughout homecoming week. Spirit week raised temperatures with everything from camouflage to comfy clothes.

Monday was Camouflage Day, when the halls looked like a forest. On Hat and Hex Day, fans wore crazy hats and dressed as the Highland Rebels to put a hex on them. Wednesday students dressed in red and white to show school spirit. Graffiti Day students brought or wore T-shirts to be signed by friends. On Comfy Day Redskins wore comfortable clothes to work on signs and parade floats.

"I could have fallen asleep for

being so comfortable," junior Mandy Crosson said.

Burning with excitement, the seniors paraded by the school for a Senior Honk.

"We met at Wal-Mart at 7:00a.m." Elizabeth Crisp said. "The seniors just got all together and drove around town and honked their horns. We had a police officer escort us so we didn't get split up and lose the group," Crisp said.

A feverish Friday ended with coronation, followed by the parade and pep rally. The parade consisted of the marching band; floats by FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, basketball, Key Club, football players, cheerleaders, dance team, chorus, Pride; homecoming maids and queen. The

parade ended with the victory bell. The winners of the best looking floats were first place FBLA; second place dance team; third place FFA. In a skit at the pep rally, Chief Warchild healed patients who suffered from Redskin Fever.

The fired-up Redskin football team defeated the Highland Rebels 21-8.

A homecoming dance followed the game.

"The dance was a lot of fun; it turned out to be a blast," sophomore Samantha Lambert said.

Junior Sam Hicks agreed.

"Last year's homecoming wasn't that great, but this year was different. I had more fun than I expected," Hicks said.

Students learn to "major in success"

By Elizabeth Crisp

On September 20 seniors went to ASU to see Major in Success, a lecture by Patrick Combs.

These students were selected randomly from members of the Senior Class because only 20 students could be taken. The guidance counselors, Phillip Taylor and Sallie Malone, accompanied them.

The lecture was approximately an hour long. The purpose was to

help students in choosing a career and finding the means to reach those career goals. It provided information on internships, colleges, and finances.

The speaker was enthusiastic and entertaining, as well as informative. Combs told of how he went from being an entry-level intern at Levi-Strauss & Co. to being in charge of video conferencing.

He has appeared on several

television shows such as *Dateline NBC*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and *Real TV*.

Each student that attended the lecture received a free copy of his book Major in Success. The schools were also reimbursed for the cost of their trips.

Many of the students felt that it was a worth-while activity.

"The speaker was interesting to listen to. I think it really helped me in planning for my future," Anna Loyd said.

History students learn from drama

By Elizabeth Crisp

Why do we learn history? What do we gain from it? On October 4 the PHS Thespians showed the AP American History classes the answers to these questions by performing *The*

End of Civilization As We Know It, by Mark Coffman.

The play takes place in an ordinary history classroom. It opens with students cramming for a test to be taken that period.

When the teacher, Mrs. Mangler (played by senior Megan

Hausman), finally arrives she is extremely disheveled and in a very bad mood.

She begins to tell the class that the test they were expecting will now be conducted orally with everyone starting out with an F. Each question answered correctly raised the grade by one letter.

Mangler, who now prefers to be referred to by her maiden name, Miss Thudlick, then proceeds to tell the students that she has just found

out that her husband, the town mayor, was cheating on her with their neighbor.

The test opens with the question of whether Miss Thudlick should kill her husband or not. Of course the students find this an absurd question and the first answer is to forgive him, but after

have. The discussion continues with more students speaking up as grades rise until Thudlick declares that everyone failed except the one that stuck to her morals.

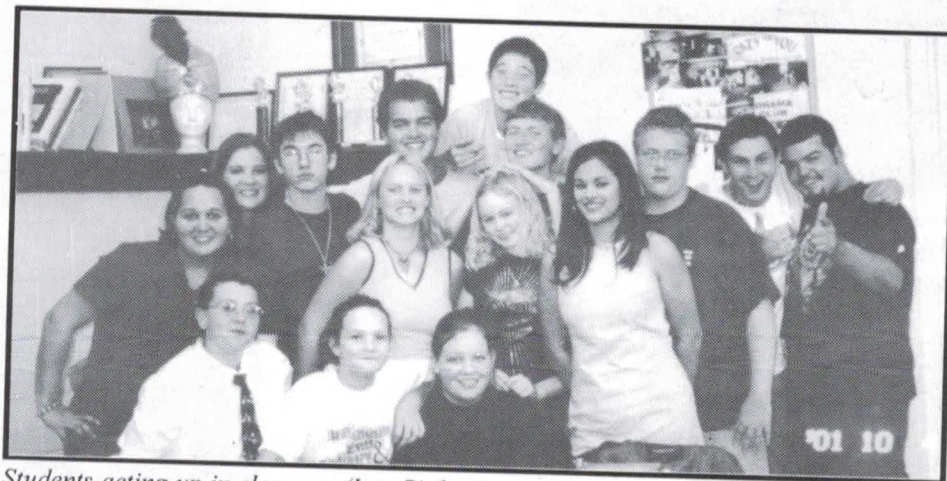
The lessons from the play and Mrs. Mangler's antics are that you

"cannot appease a tyrant" like the allies originally tried with Hitler (a subject which the students had been studying) and that it is important to stick to one's morals when faced with tough decisions. Personal gain cannot be achieved if morals are compromised.

The AP

American History teacher Derek Clements felt that it was a good way for his students to learn a lesson from history instead of just reading from history books.

"I am very appreciative of Mr. Crabbe and his classes for putting together this performance. I felt that it really taught the students a valuable lesson and put a fundamental aspect of history into perspective for them," Clements said.



Students acting up in class are (L to R) front row: Elizabeth Cobb, Barbra Bishop, Megan Hausman, row 2 Jessica Theilemier, Tasha Moore, Julie Stayton, Tiffany Casillias, row 3 Londyn Clements, Mark Wilde, Joe Hardin, Mikey Johnson, Lee Jacobson, Steven Halla, Ben Koch, and Toby Manciaz.

Thudlick strikes down the first answer and gives an F, it becomes apparent just how serious she is.

After a short discussion on how to kill the husband, the students begin to create a plan of revenge, instead of murder, on Mr. Mangler. All of the students participate except one girl, played by Londyn Clements, who feels that it is morally wrong to do this to the husband.

The students' discussion is very in depth they make a plan that would ruin any future political career Mangler may

Homecoming 2001

The epidemic breaks out...

Day one of the fever: Camo. Day



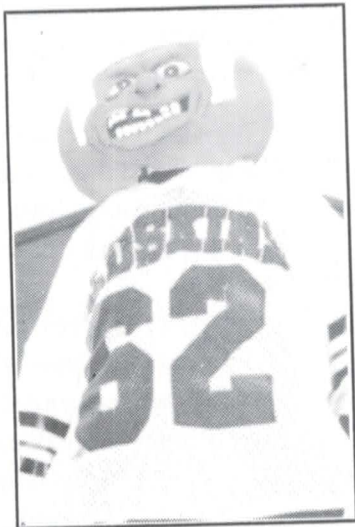
Guys try to hide from the fever in their camo gear. They are: (L to R) Anthony Dunavant, Logan Davis, Ryan Swindle, and Jeremy Bergman.

Day two: Hex Day/Hat Day



Brian Henson tries to put a "hex" on the rebels by impersonating one!

Day three: Red and White Day



Students who have caught the fever wear red and white.

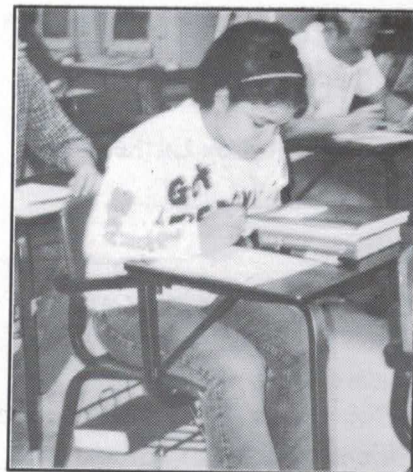
Temperatures keep on rising...

Redskin Fever

Day four: Graffiti Day, Bonfire,
Voting for Queen

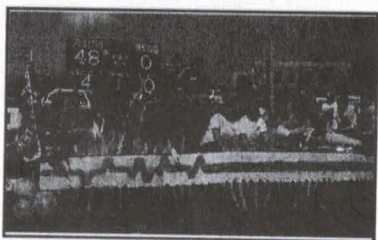


After three feverish days, the sophomores indulge at the tailgate party.

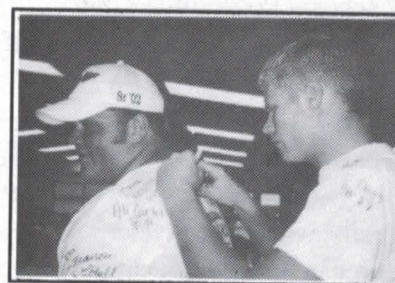


Melanie Blasini votes for Homecoming Queen.

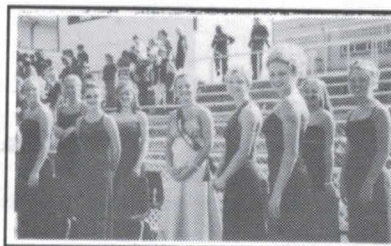
Day Five: Comfy Day, Coronation,
Parade, Pep Rally, Football Game, and
Dance



FBLA wins the parade contest by having the "sickest" float.



Chris Vance signs the "sick list" on Justin Guthrie's shirt.



The homecoming royalty has the fever! They are: (L to R) Ali Carter, Lauren Wise, Lindsay Baltz, Elizabeth Holt, Queen Tara Kendall, Susie Harper, Sarah Hicks, Lindsey Bailey, and Lindsey Peters.



*The football team gets **SO HOT** that they have to ride the fire truck!*

This concludes homecoming 2001, but the FEVER continues to spread...

Teacher Spotlight

Grider enjoys teaching, hobbies, and SouthernersBy **Lindsey Luther**

When Mrs. Carol Grider was in high school, she had a friend with a physical disability who needed crutches to walk. Mrs. Grider carried her friend's books to class and back. This was one major influence on her career choice. Now she is a special education teacher at Pocahontas High School.

Grider has been teaching about 17 years. She attended college in Cazenovia, New York; Florida Atlantic University; and Arkansas State University, where she got her Masters Degree in Special Education.

She feels the most rewarding part of her job is watching her students grow and become more self-assured and independent.

As a northerner, coming from West Hartford, CT, Grider says she has nothing against southerners.

"I like them," she said, "they are friendly and helpful."

Grider moved to Pocahontas with her husband, who accepted a job here. Her son and husband are local attorneys, while her daughter is a dental hygienist in Little Rock.

Mrs. Grider's mother and father are from Italy. She last visited Italy in 1963, and she said she loved it.

In her spare time, Grider enjoys hobbies.

"I love to cook, enjoy antiques, dancing, and cooking Italian food," she said.

"She makes great cakes and cookies," commented all of her students.

Renea Tyler, Grider's teaching companion, has her own opinion of Mrs. Grider.

"Mrs. Grider is truly my mentor. She makes my job fulfilling and something I can look forward to each day. We have spent nine years side by



Carol Grider teaches special education at Pocahontas High School.

side working with kids who made us both laugh and cry. And through it all, she cared and continues to do so. Her passion for her students has helped them accomplish things that, without her, they never would have done," Tyler said.

Band begins 2001 contest season, wins twoBy **Jillian Pecoraro**

The Paragould/ McDonald's Invitational October 8 marked the beginning of the competition season for the Pocahontas Marching Redskins. The band earned a superior, as did the colorguard. The brass section were also recipients of the outstanding brass award for class

AAA. The band was also named outstanding band in class AAA.

The band traveled to Beebe October 16 to compete in the Arkansas Governor's Trophy Small Band Marching Championship. At this competition, Governor Mike Huckabee presented the awards. The band received top honors. They earned a superior rating for

colorguard, field commander, and band. They also were named Champion Brass line and Champion Woodwind line. In addition, Drum Major Matthew Walton was named Champion Field Commander. The band also received the very honorable award of Governor's Trophy Sweepstakes Band. All the awards were in class AAA competition.

What is the meaning of Halloween?

Students relive Halloween memories...

By Amy Whitehorn

Halloween is the one day out of the year we can go door to door asking people for free candy. The holiday has a background that might be surprising.

Halloween is one of the oldest holidays, with origins going back thousands of years. The holiday we know as Halloween has influences from different cultures over the centuries.

Students of PHS shared their stories, memories, and ideas about Halloween. Jonathon Cobian was conflicted about Halloween as a child.

"I felt like every year something bad but exciting would happen. I really loved Halloween," Cobian said

Kendrea Prater had a different feeling about Halloween as a child. "It was all about the candy," Prater

Picking out your costume for Halloween is almost as fun as going trick-or-treating. Ghosts, pirates,

childhood.

"I remember going through town scaring smaller kids, and bigger kids would scare me," Cobian said.

"I would go to all the teachers' houses and get bags full of candy," Prater said.

Senior Brad Ashcraft still likes to go trick-or-treating sometimes.

"I have not grown up yet, I'm still twelve," Ashcraft said.

He still likes to go to haunted houses. Last year the Mouse Lodge had a haunted house. The haunted house had people lying down as props and sausage links made to look like entrails. Creatures jumped out of walls to scare people.

They had strobe lights so you could not see

anything and had to feel your

way through.

The Halloween we celebrate today includes influences from early Christian religion in Europe and Britain as well as Roman customs. The Roman Pomona Day celebration included apples, nuts, and fruits of harvest. From the Celtic Festival of Samhains came black cats and magic. The Roman Catholic All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day contributed ghosts and skeletons.



Jamie and Jeremy Bergman get ready to Trick-or-Treat.

pumpkins, and cheerleaders were popular with students when they were kids.

"When I was little I liked to have costumes that were not very scary, like a pumpkin or a cartoon character. As I got older I wanted something scary like pirates and monsters," Cobian said.

Halloween is a big part of

This section is devoted to news and reports from the various clubs at PHS. Clubs may submit news to the Smoke Signal by bringing a written copy to room 6 or by e-mail to Mrs. Crabbe or any staff member.



The FBLA members braved the cold, windy conditions September 24 to hold a car wash for the American Red Cross. Approximately 28 students washed over 45 cars and raised \$360 for the Disaster Relief Fund.

Spanish Club

The Pocahontas High School Spanish Club recently had a fundraiser for the American Red Cross, raising \$1017 for the Disaster Relief Fund from the September 11th attacks on America.

The Spanish Club raised the money by pumping gas at four local gas stations: Murphy's USA, T-Rick's, Riverside Express, and Petro Pete's.

"I was overwhelmed by the monetary support we received from the community. It's nice to know the people of Pocahontas are willing to assist victims no matter where a tragic event might occur," Spanish Club sponsor Melanie Inman said.

FBLA

September 27 the FBLA traveled to Jonesboro for the Fall FBLA Leadership Conference. Dr. Williams from ASU spoke on Dress for Success, and Kevin Naegy performed a comedy routine for entertainment. District FBLA activities were discussed at the conference. Fifty-seven members from PHS attended.

Rotary Interact Club

The former LEO Club is now sponsored by the Pocahontas Rotary Club and is now called the Rotary Interact Club.

FFA

The PHS FFA earned Grand Champion of educational booths at the Randolph County Fair. Jake Turnershowed turkeys at the StateFair and won \$20 in prize money. He placed 23rd out of 70.

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