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Governor visits Pocahontas



Governor Huckabee speaks with teachers.

By Elizabeth Crisp

On March 21, Governor Mick Huckabee visited Pocahontas and met with the students of MD Williams Intermediate School and a group of teachers from the Pocahontas School System. There he presented a musicianship award to Evan Waggoner, spoke on the importance of music education, promoted his proposed education reforms strategy, and answered teacher questions.

The band played "Africa Ceremony and Dance" for the governor and then he spoke to the intermediate students on the importance of music education.

"The primary common denominator among the top CEOs in the nation is they were all involved and participated in extra-curricular activities," he said.

He attributed this to the fact that

"they learned lessons of teamwork, lessons of discipline, lessons of responsibility, and lessons of sacrifice."

After this meeting with the students and the PHS band, he had a brief conference with some members of the faculty. During this conference the governor focused his attention on promoting his *Next Step* program, which will be proposed during the 2003 Arkansas legislative session.

Next Step is a continuation of previous education reforms implemented under Huckabee. The governor compared the education reforms to a game of basketball, emphasizing the need of standardization from school to school.

After endorsing this program, the governor was open to questions from the teachers. Some subjects that arose were the ACTTAP testing, teacher accountability, and the Academic Challenge Scholarship.

The ACTTAP is a standardized test that is made up of two parts. The literacy portion of the test is taken at the end of the junior year and the math portion is taken at the end of Algebra (I or B) and geometry. The test does not impact students' grades and they are in no way held accountable for their scores. It does show up on the school's report card and reflects on the teachers, however.

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Pennington crowned Miss Redskin 2002



The winners of the 2002 Miss Redskin Pageant are: Lindsay Baltz (1st runner up), Bridgette Kick (2nd runner up), Miss Redskin Lauren Pennington, and Amy Downs (interview award winner).

By Elizabeth Crisp

Senior Lauren Pennington was crowned Miss Redskin 2002. She was also picked as Miss Congeniality. The Miss Redskin pageant was held

on April 6 in the MD Williams Intermediate School gym. The event was sponsored and organized by the PHS FCCLA.

Sixteen girls participated in the event this year. It consisted of

competitions in casual wear, formal wear, and interview. A teacher evaluation conducted prior to the event was also a part of the overall scores.

Pennington was surprised when they announced her name as Miss Redskin.

"I was shocked," she said. "I feel honored to represent the school in such a way."

Seniors Lindsay Baltz and Bridgette Kick were chosen as the first and second runners up, respectively. Amy Downs won the interview award.

The top ten finalists for the event were sophomores Katie Tyler, Holly DeClerk, and Laura Presley Allen; juniors Natasha Broadway and Alaina Rowe; and seniors Michelle Guthrey and Anna Loyd, in addition to Pennington, Baltz, and Kick.

The announcers for the event were seniors Megan Hausman and Tamera Rickman.

Waggoner receives award from governor

By Elizabeth Crisp

At a recent visit to the Pocahontas Schools, Governor Mike Huckabee presented the first Governor's Award for Music Excellence to senior Evan Waggoner.

Waggoner has been a member of the Pocahontas bands for seven years. He plays the clarinet, oboe, and soprano saxophone. He also served as a member of the colorguard for three years.

Waggoner was recently selected to the All-Region band, and then selected to the All-State band. This was his third year to be selected to the All-State band and his sixth year to make All-Region.

Waggoner said that he was "shocked" by his award from the governor.

"I didn't even realize the governor would be giving an award," he said.

The governor started the award this year because of his appreciation of music. One band member from each

of the schools in Arkansas will be selected for this award each year.

Prior to the governor's visit, he requested that the PHS band, which received the Governor's Trophy at a marching contest in Beebe this past year, play for him while he was making his visit.

The band played a piece of music entitled "Africa Ceremony and Dance" for the Governor. Afterward, Huckabee spoke to the third through sixth grade students on the importance of music education.

Pocahontas Quiz Bowl team competes

Places second at regional competition and advances to state tournament

By Brent Miller

Each year there is a group of students that work to cram knowledge into their minds in order to excel and represent PHS at competitions. This group is known as the Quiz Bowl team.

This year's team consisted of Matthew Walton (captain), Jillian Pecoraro, Drew McNutt, Anthony Hudson, Jennifer Collins, Eric Flagg, Brent Miller, and Kristin Morris. SPECTRUM coordinator Roger Eveland coached the team.

On March 2, the Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl Association (AGQBA) held its AAA Regional competition at Pocahontas High School. This was one of five AAA Regional Competitions throughout the state.

Teams from Pocahontas, Corning, Central Arkansas Christian, Beebe, Heber Springs, Hoxie, Highland, and Mountain View attended the competition.

Each of the teams played three preliminary matches to determine the seeding for the tournament round.

Pocahontas won all three of their preliminary matches against Heber Springs, Beebe, and Hoxie. The tournament round had Pocahontas seeded 2nd and playing the 7th seeded Hoxie team.

Other first round matches included

Mt. View against Heber Springs, Central Arkansas Christian playing Corning, and Highland facing Beebe.

Pocahontas defeated Hoxie in the first round 245-145 and then went on the defeat Highland in the second round 195-20.

In the final Central Arkansas Christian defeated Pocahontas. 250-205.

The winning team from each of the AAA Regional sites advanced to the AAA State tournament at ASU-Beebe.

There were also three wild cards that advanced to this competition;

Pocahontas received one of them.

"(I was) quite excited because it's such an honor to be one of the top eight teams in the entire state," Eveland said.

The team competed at the AAA State Quiz Bowl competition on April 2 where they placed 5th. The team went 1-2 in the preliminary round and was defeated by Farmington in the tournament.

"Being the 5th best team in the state is to be commended, and I am very proud of them for what they have accomplished this year," Eveland said.

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Teachers whose students do not meet the state's standards on the tests can be held accountable.

Although PHS has high average scores on both the ACT and the Stanford 9 tests, scores are relatively low on the ACTTAP. According to the PHS guidance counselor Phillip Taylor, only 3% of the seniors this year passed the math portion of the ACTTAP.

This has led many teachers to question the testing system. Taylor brought this issue up in the discussion with the governor. The governor replied that it was the responsibility of the school to set punishments and rewards for student test scores.

Another question that arose was that of teacher accountability. The gover-

nor spoke on his views of teachers by saying that he "never wants the teacher to become the scapegoat because of students" but also said he doesn't "want to waste tax money on someone that should not be teaching."

As for the state of the Challenge Scholarship, the governor compared it to a car without gas, saying that there was still a car, but it was just out of gas temporarily. He encouraged high school seniors to still apply, hoping that funding will become available for the scholarship next year.

The meeting lasted for approximately 40 minutes. Afterward, the governor visited the Walnut Ridge Schools.

Governor answers questions and raises more

By Elizabeth Crisp

It's not every day that the Governor of Arkansas visits Pocahontas. The official reason for his being here was said to be to promote his *Next Step* program, but the short time that he spent in Pocahontas was divided into two completely different meetings.

First, his focus was music. The band played (at the governor's request), an award was presented to a band member, and Huckabee spoke to the intermediate students on the importance of music education.

Next the governor's focus switched to what it was supposed to be when he held a meeting with faculty members. A handout about the program was given to everyone in the meeting. In an introduction the handout is described as being "an outline of the proposals you'll be hearing about during the next several months as we prepare for the 2003 legislative session." Strangely, the governor will be up for reelection in November 2002, which means there's no guarantee that he will even be governor during this session.

He compared the program to a game of basketball and said that there should be school standardization so that a student could go from one school to another and remain at the same level. This idealism is nice, but is it feasible, especially in a state as diverse as Arkansas? Economic situations in different areas prevent schools from being as advanced as the more prosperous ones. In order to have this type of standardization, the state would have to start by making the areas equal in every way. Schools are a reflection of the community and

the people in the community, for the most part.

The governor then answered questions. The issues brought up were ACTTAP testing, teacher accountability, and the Academic Challenge Scholarship.

When asked about testing and teacher accountability, the governor could only reply that it was the school's responsibility to set rewards and punishments for test results. Wouldn't this be a step away from his standardization theory?

When questioned about the state of the Challenge Scholarship, the governor explained that he created the Governor's Distinguished Scholarship (another scholarship that was cut this year), which oddly has nothing to do with the Challenge. Huckabee then explained that the lack of funding resulted from the September 11 incident and that we should all "blame Osama Bin Laden" and not him. Since the cut was officially announced in January, this could either mean that the economy of Arkansas dropped *drastically* in a period of three months by an event that happened in New York, or maybe he was mistaken.

The governor went on to compare the scholarship without funding to a car without gas and assured that the issue would be brought up in the next legislative session (which, once again he may or may not be attending, depending on if he is reelected). He then proceeded to say that he did not get a Challenge Scholarship, because they didn't have it then, so maybe this year's seniors should "start walking" instead of depending on the "car."

But, once again he failed to mention something. The governor was never told that if he took these classes, made these grades, and

made this score on the ACT then he would be given the Challenge Scholarship, all prior to being told that the state didn't have the "gas" for it.

The time spent on answers was not adequate, but the governor had to make an appearance in Walnut Ridge, so he had little time to deal with questions.

It's funny that he did not use his time in Pocahontas to explain this to high school students, especially seniors. Instead he spent time with the third through sixth grade and presented an award to Evan Waggoner in front of a group of students five to eight years younger than him, rather than his peers.

It would have been a wonderful opportunity to get some younger people to vote.

So many people say that not enough 18-year-olds register to vote, but then political candidates don't take the time to talk to them. In this case though, it is easy to understand someone not wanting to meet with high school students. Obviously a photo of a candidate with little kids and giving a band award looks much better than one being bombarded with questions about a serious issue.

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By Angela Phillips

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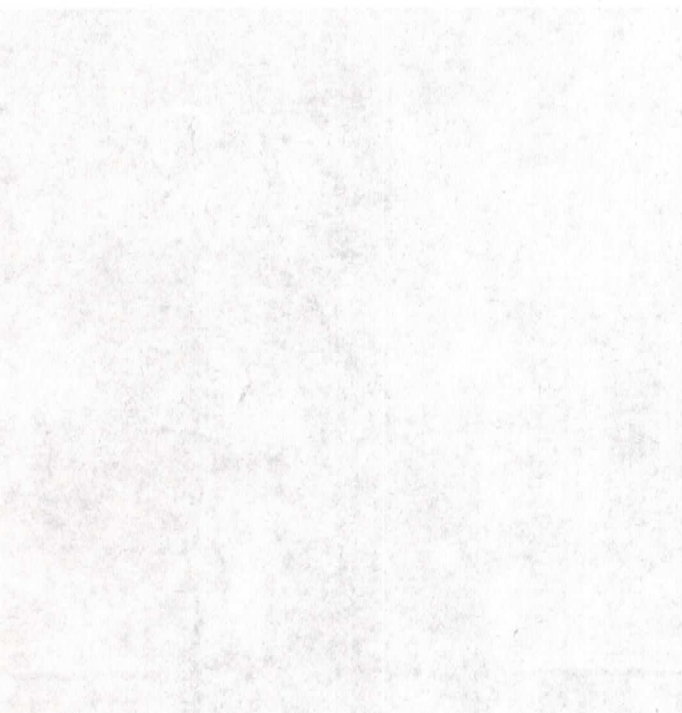
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First, Crisp and Crabbe attended a workshop called "Coaching Writers" by Lori Oglesbee, while Archer attended one called "Britney Spears is Evil and Must Be Punished" by Scott Winter.

"I learned a really good technique developed by the Poynter Institute for getting people to write better stories at the first workshop," Crisp said.

"It really gave information on how to write a good entertainment section and why entertainment should be in your newspaper," Archer said.

Other workshops that they attended included "A Note from the Principal," which dealt with high school publication censorship; "Report Ledes, Don't Write Them," which taught how to write a story with a good lead; and "A Laughing Matter," which taught appropriate use of satire.

In addition to workshops and awards ceremonies, there was a dance and onsite contests for students to participate in.

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Compare Pocahontas to other Arkansas schools

By Elizabeth Crisp

Students who have attended the Pocahontas Schools all of their lives probably take a lot of things for granted. There are many Arkansas schools that are in desperate need of improvement. The recent court case filed by the Lakeview School District has brought this issue into the eyes of the public.

Imagine attending one of these schools:

Lakeview. At Lakeview High School there is only one math teacher. He teaches geometry, trigonometry, pre-algebra, Algebra I and Algebra II. He is not certified to be a math teacher, so he is hired as a substitute and gets paid \$10,000 a year.

The math classroom has one usable chalkboard (out of four in the room) and only two working electrical outlets. The classroom computer has no sound,

few programs, and the printer does not work.

The faculty copier, which is actually an addressograph, is often overworked. In addition to this, the school has little funding for paper so the teachers often give tests by writing questions on the chalkboard.

As for extracurricular activities, the basketball team is the only competing team at the school, but there are not enough uniforms for the entire team. The school band does not have uniforms either.

The college remediation rate for Lakeview graduates is 100%.

Lee County. The Lee County schools are made up of about 600 students. There are only 30 computers available for student use.

Recently, the school was forced to cut the band program for two years due to lack of funding.

The school offers no Advanced

Placement (AP) classes.

Only five of the schools' 26 busses meet the state requirements.

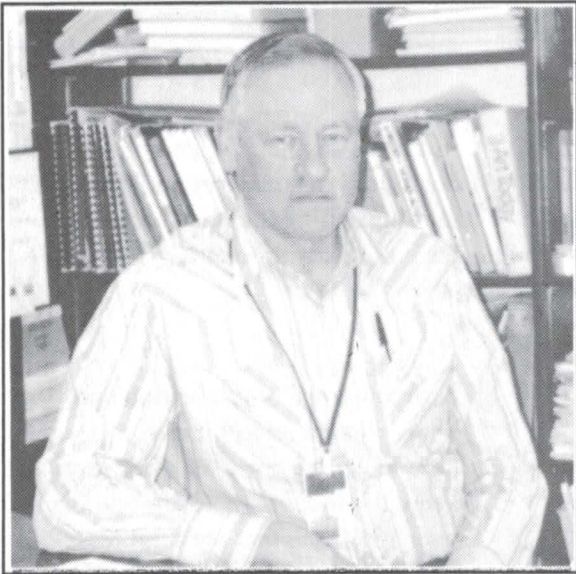
The buildings have a wide range of problems. Some have leaking roofs, few have any heating and/or air conditioning, many have mildewed or missing ceiling tiles, and some even have asbestos problems. (Source: *The Jonesboro Sun*)

Going to a school where there is a constant sense of renovation and improvement makes it easy to forget how lucky we are. We must always keep in mind that there are schools all over Arkansas that are a lot less fortunate than this. For those schools, it will take a long time to just be brought up to the point that PHS is already at. It is already in great shape compared to them, and the administration continues to make improvements.



Teacher Spotlight

Gilbreth makes plans for retirement



Lonnie Gilbreth sits at his desk.

By Angela Benson

After 29 years of teaching art Lonnie Gilbreth still plans on using his

artistic talents after he retires this year.

"I would like to do a series about Randolph County: its scenery and history (events and interesting people). I would also like to make drawings and paintings of wildlife and biblical scenes," Gilbreth said.

Gilbreth enjoys many aspects of art. He likes chalk pastel because it is so versatile. Someone can work in delicate or aggressive style. Also,

someone can get very detailed or stay loose with chalk pastel. After pastel he likes any kind of sculpture.

"I am tactile and like to manipulate material to make something that is real (3D) instead of illusion (2-

dimensional)," Gilbreth said.

Gilbreth in no way plans on slowing down. He has many plans for how he will spend his retirement.

"I plan on spoiling my grandson, tilling the garden, sleeping until 7:00 a.m., hunting, fishing, doing art work, finishing my sci-fi novel, spoil my grandson, get more exercise, build things, camp out, take pictures of Arkansas scenery from the air, spoil my grandson, and do church activities. Also, see more of this great country (Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and the Buffalo River)," Gilbreth said.

Kara (Caffrey) Sullinger, one of Gilbreth's former students, will be taking his place next year.

"I think it's great when a student follows in the footsteps of the teacher," Gilbreth said.

Goetz to teach at Subiaco Academy next year

By Amy Whitehorn

After teaching sophomore English at PHS for two years, Cheryl Goetz will be leaving the Pocahontas school.

Next year she will teach at the Subiaco Academy, a private college preparatory Catholic boys' school. It is located near Ft. Smith and is for boys in grades 9 through 12.

She explains her reasons for leaving Pocahontas.

"It was a difficult decision to make, but the bottom line is that I decided to leave Pocahontas High School because I believe God is leading me to do so. Neither my

husband nor I were seeking new positions, but through church connections, we were asked to consider Subiaco."

Her husband is currently the principal of St. Paul's School in Pocahontas.

They visited Subiaco for interviews and even taught classes there during the time that Pocahontas and St. Paul Schools were on spring break. The headmaster, dean of academics, and department heads evaluated each of them and then offered them jobs.

The Goetzes considered every aspect of leaving. This included the thought of uprooting their two children. After much prayer, they decided to make the move.

Goetz says her experience at PHS has been "fantastic."

"I can whole-heartedly say that the administration, faculty, and the students at PHS are among the best I have ever known."

The working relationship among English teachers was very satisfying for her.

"I feel that Mrs. Crabbe, Mrs. Fears, and I have worked hard to make the English Department what it should be," she said.

She also feels that she has gained a lot from teaching here.

"I have bittersweet feelings about going. I will certainly miss PHS. My life is better for the time I have spent here," she said.

Odyssey of the Mind team advances to state

By Allen Archer

This year two teams from PHS competed in the Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. One of these teams placed first in the region and earned the privilege to compete in the State OM competition. That team, which is competing in the OMER's Earthly Adventures problem, is composed of Leah Baltz, Brent Miller, Jill Pecararo, Ben Thielemier, Jessica Thielemier, and Lyle Williams.

Each team has to come up with a way to solve their problem and present this problem with a skit on stage. Problems are created by Odyssey of the Mind and contain rules on what the teams have to do.

This team considers their problem this year to be pretty difficult.

"We had to come up with a problem with the environment and 'fix' it. We had to make three 'tasks' to help fix the problem (two from lists and one team-created). These three tasks have to malfunction and OMER comes in and fixes them," Ben Thielemier said.

There are incentives to participating in OM. It is not all work.

"I enjoy being challenged and stretching my mind to new limits. It also gives me a chance to meet lots of creative people," Miller said.

A team member must be committed give time to the competition. This team practices between two and eight hours a week.

The team also has to have cooperation.

"When you have a team that is made up of six strong leaders, like ours, sometimes we have trouble just

taking a backseat and letting someone else take over," Miller said.



Pocahontas football coach Dave Williams with honored seniors Jeremy Stout, Justin Guthrie, and Brady DeClerk at the Arkansas Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame banquet.

Three senior football players honored

Three senior Redskin football players were honored at the Arkansas Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame banquet March 30.

They were Brady DeClerk, Justin Guthrie, and Jeremy Stout.

The banquet was held at the Riverfront Hilton in North Little Rock.

Forty-eight high school athletes from Arkansas were invited to attend.

They were picked based on academics, football performance, school

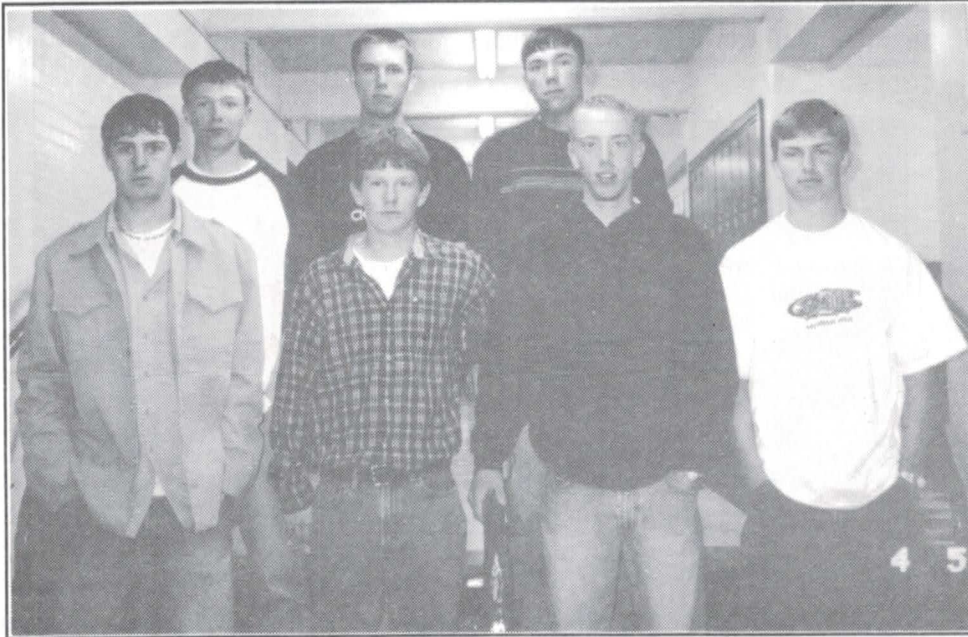
leadership, and community involvement.

The names and achievements of these athletes will be on file at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, IN.

Each also received a plaque and a letter of congratulations from Governor Mike Huckabee.

Stout was also picked to be one of the nine athletes to receive a \$1000 scholarship at the banquet.

Seniors lead baseball team to victory



The senior baseball players are: (L to R) row one Rusty Farrin, Brent Ignico, Will Pearson, Casey Rickey, row two Ryan Swindle, Matt Spurlock, and Denny Moore.

By Amy Whitehorn

Seniors have exploded in action this year for the Redskins.

There are seven senior players that play a big role in

the team's victories.

They are Rusty Farrin, Brent Ignico, Denny Moore, Will Pearson, Casey Rickey, Ryan Swindle, and Matt Spurlock.

Farrin is the Redskin shortstop and pitcher. He

leads the team in hits this year and bats third.

Ignico plays third base and hits in the fifth position.

Pearson is the leadoff for the Redskins and is the fastest runner on the team. He plays left field.

This trio makes up the left side of the field, making it almost impossible to get a hit through.

Moore is one of the starting pitchers and plays first when he isn't pitching.

Rickey is another valuable player. He plays whenever he is needed, whether it is infield or outfield.

Swindle plays center field and pitches. He is considered to be one of the best in the outfield in the league.

Spurlock rounds off the team by pinch-running whenever needed.

These seniors are hoping to help bring home the state trophy.

At press time the Redskins are 6-0 in conference.

PHS baseball record at press time

<u>Wins</u>		<u>Losses</u>
Southside	Westside*	Paragould
Trumann	Bloomfield	Trumann
Piggot*	Greenville	Cave City
Paragould	East Carter County	
Marmaduke	Walnut Ridge	
Highland*		
Rector		
East Carter County*		

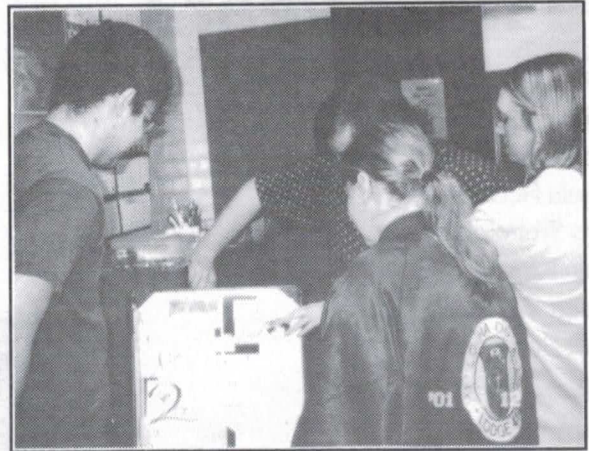
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What will you miss least about PHS?

Brian Hibbard, Elizabeth Cobb, Steven Bagwell, Ryan Swindle, Brady DeClerk, Allen Archer, Drew Banka, Ben Koch, Angela Benson, and Heahter Burrows--Teachers and homework!
Chris Wellman--Mr. Malone's speeches.
Susie Harper--The gossip!

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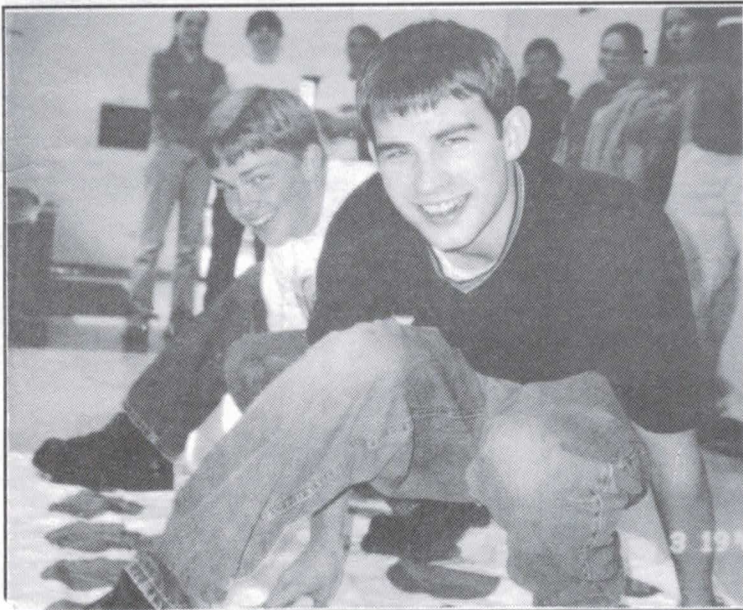
Justin Guthrie--The \$1.25 lunchroom food and having a friendship with teachers who care and give useful advice.
Toby Manciaz, Jason Cissell, Tiffany Casillas, Kristin Schafer, Steven Ward, Brad Ashcraft, Elizabeth Cobb, Jamie Bergman, Brian Hibbard, Tiffany Bennett, Chris Wellman, Heather Burrows, Angela Benson, and Ben Koch--Friends!



Seniors Lance Williams, Kristin Morris, Jason Tyler, and Jennifer Collins choose which graduation announcement they like best.

Advice to Underclassmen:

- Tamara Rickman--Make friends with everyone, because the people who you think are your friends may not be there when you need them most.
- Kristin Schafer--Don't take college English, take Mrs. Crabbe's class!
- Jamie Bergman--Stay close with your friends and don't ruin a friendship over small stupid things because you may never see each other again after graduation.
- Tiffany Casillas--Enjoy high school while it lasts.
- Brian Hibbard--Don't let the teachers get to you!
- Brad Ashcraft--It'll get tough, but don't give up.



Casey Rickey and Eric Sullinger play twister while their English class watches.

Where will the class of 2002 be next year?

Black River Technical College

Heather Burrows

Jason Cissell

Angela Benson

Chris Wellman

Heath Ring

Steven Ward

Jamie Bergman

Williams Baptist College

Tiffany Casillas

Arkansas State University

Tiffany Bennett

Brad Ashcraft

University of Arkansas Fayetteville

Allen Archer

Brady DeClerk

University of Arkansas Little Rock

Evan Waggoner

Hendrix College

Ryan Swindle

Rhodes College

Justin Guthrie

College of the Ozarks

Drew Banka

Lyon College

Susie Harper

Mississippi State University

Elizabeth Crisp

UTI Automotive

Brian Hibbard

St. Louis University

Ben Koch

Farmington University

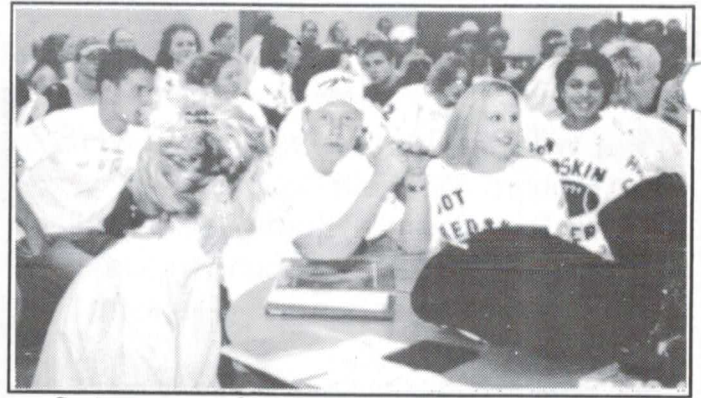
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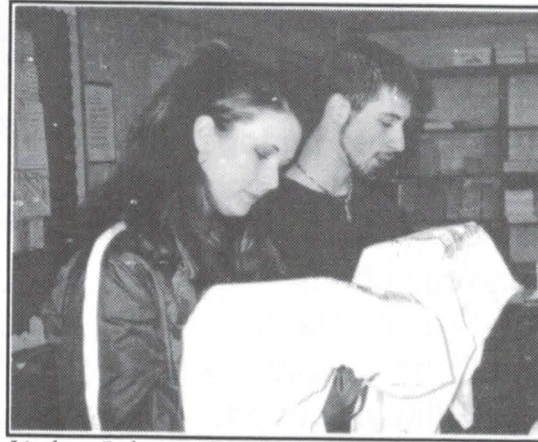
Steven Bagwell

Marine Corps

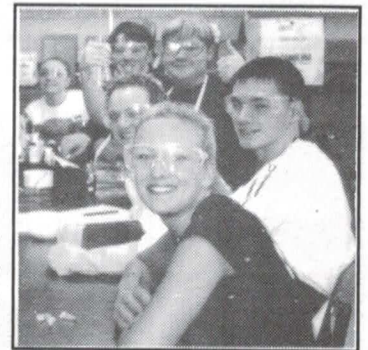
Matt Spurlock



Seniors prepare for Homecoming at the senior meeting.



Lindsay Baltz and Brad Ashcraft examine their senior shirts.



Seniors having fun in AP biology!



Nathan Burgess, Joseph Wineland, and David Huffman stand outside Coach Morgan's room.

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Senior Poems

Ode to Thy Wake Board

By David Huffman

The rough blue water
Call out for you on a sunny day.
My feet strapped onto you
As we gently glide on the water.
You carve through the water
With your fins like knives,
And glide through air so high.
You, my wake board, are my summer
fun in the sun.



My Car

By Tephany Powers

If only I could tell you how I feel
If only you could reply
If only you know about me
If only you could tell why
I would keep you with me
I would keep you by
I would tell I love you
But only why



Teddy

By Steven Bagwell

Lying in this bed at night
I look upon thee
To comfort me during the night
You are the protector of my soul
When things are not in sight
You watch over me
As I am asleep
Protecting me from all
The monsters and the creeps

My Desk

By Brandon Swann

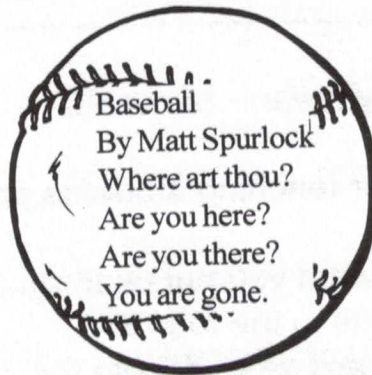
I sit on you every day.
You hold my books up
So I can work. The
Only downfall to your
Whole appearance is that
You make my bottom sore.



Conversation with a Stereo

By Dilan Ross

On the desk you sit
Waiting on the moment
When you can open up and express what you
have within
The days come and the days go.
But you remain a constant friend, always with
a song at heart.
You are always there when I need you most
You are always at my command to play
And can always see what I want to say.



Baseball

By Matt Spurlock

Where art thou?
Are you here?
Are you there?
You are gone.

To a River

By Michael Prince

The river runs swift and deep
Through the rolling hills
With many fish to catch
To feed Nature and me.

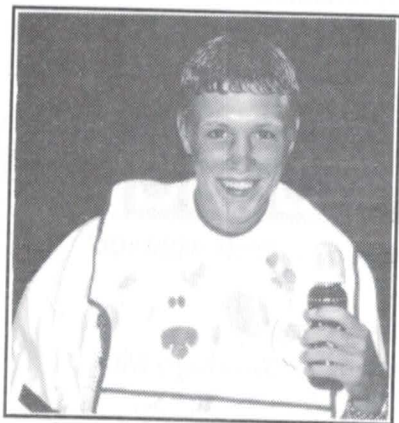
The Book

By Chris Vance

Oh thee, how you open
Up your thoughts and language
From left to right and teach
Me the knowledge that I
Yearn for. Tis you
That makes me for who
I am and what I
May become in the future.



Seniors tell...



Growing up isn't always easy.

Most embarrassing moments:
Tiffany Bennett--Falling down 5 rows of bleachers during the senior pep rally.
Brady DeClerk--Running into the lunch lady's car.
Ryan Swindle--walking around school with a neckbrace for two weeks.
Allen Archer--Sophomore spankings.



Senior pep rally gets silly.

Advice to teachers:

Evan Waggoner--Be mean! Be very mean! Show NO mercy!!

Matt Spurlock--Keep the passion for teaching students and starting their success.

Ben Koch--Don't put them through what you put us through!

Heath Ring--You will see good results in the future.

Steven Bagwell--Don't be so easy next year, double the homework amount and make the tests longer and harder, none of that multiple choice stuff.

Steven Halla--Find a new career

Seniors 2002