

THE MIRROR



"Reflections of the Pratt High student body"

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New Year Brings Changing Landscape to PHS

Emily McIntosh
Editor-in-chief

The Pratt High School campus looks very different lately. With the construction efforts for the new high school well underway, the landscape changes almost daily. Students are now completely used to hearing the noises of heavy machinery, and stepping around construction materials on their way to class.

Perhaps the biggest change has been the removal of the houses between PHS and the Pedigo, along with the annex that housed math classes in the previous years. Once demolition of the houses was complete, a mound of dirt was brought in to level the construction site. Many trees were also removed, and a temporary fence was put up to keep the site of our future school secure. Currently, the USD 382 school board has approved most of the bids for construction, and the few pending should be decided upon soon. The biggest issue affecting students at this time is that of parking. The section of Fourth Street in front of the cafeteria is being completely torn out, leaving the school without a decent number of places to park, and only one sidewalk leading to the Pedigo. This causes many students to actually choose to walk in the street to get to class. Parking spaces will continue to dwindle as construction progresses.

In the near future, work on the sewer lines and systems will begin, and a few more trees will most likely be removed. "We should see some picking up of steam sometime soon," commented Principal Tim Kuhn. The school is still slated for completion in the fall of 2007.



The building site for the new high school begins to show signs of progress. Pratt High's new building is due to be completed in 2007. Photo by: Neil Goss

LAPTOPS CHANGE LEARNING AT PRATT HIGH

Andrew Taylor
Editor-In-Chief

Excited chatter and nervous laughter filled the Pratt High band room on August 22nd as everyone present anticipated the beginning of a new era for PHS. Principal Tim Kuhn, superintendent Glenn Davis, and Tech Advisor Bob Lee faced the group of anxious students and began to explain the responsibilities of being the first class at PHS to receive laptops for every student. Finally, following the explanation of all the rules, Bob Lee unleashed the horde to find their laptops.

Now one month later, these laptops have become commonplace in most classrooms. Teachers have begun to integrate them into their daily activities. Some of the more interesting uses thus far include designing a web page and making various diagrams or PowerPoints.



Using their new laptops, students catch up on their homework at lunch. Laptops not only provide a new way to do homework, but are also a source of entertainment. Photo By: Neil Goss

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Of course, the main reason laptops now appear at PHS is to increase educational quality. In a questionnaire sent to a random selection of PHS students the general consensus appears to be that the laptops have made a positive impact on their education. Many of the students say that the computers have helped them finish homework faster, and stay focused in class. Freshman Lindsey Mitchell commented, "We have access to things on the Internet that the whole class can go to at the same time and watch a video or go to a webpage on current events...stuff that we couldn't get out of textbooks." However, as with any good some bad also accompanies it. A few students say that the laptops prevent them from focusing on their homework. Students also say that the laptops have at times been a distraction, such as when others listen to itunes in class without headphones, or when students do not close their computer lids during a lecture.

PHS students also enjoy the fact that the computers now give them something to do in their free time. For example, some students will listen to music while

others will browse the Internet. Some have already consumed much of their hard drive, around 1 GB, while the vast majority still has about 20 GB of free space remaining. However, most of the PHS students questioned don't like the fact that the computers are from Apple. They commented that it all seemed a little foreign to them and it would take some adjusting, which is to be expected.

In any case, if what has already transpired indicates anything, then the laptops will help Pratt High School move in a positive direction.




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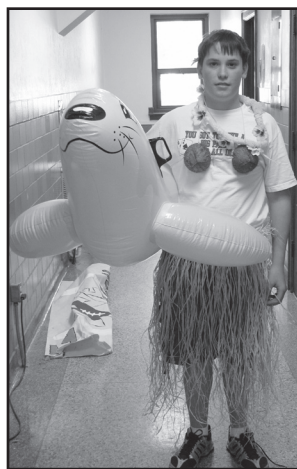
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Freshman Curtis Haste suits up as Batman for Superhero Day on Thursday. Photo By: Neil Goss



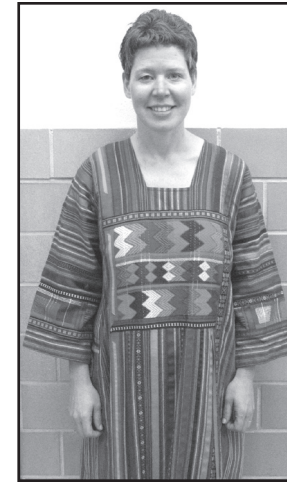
Mr. Kahmeyer and Miss Kahmeyer give peace a chance on Tuesday's "Hippie Day". Photo By: Neil Goss



Junior Jarid Rojas goes All Out for "Surfer Day". Photo By: Neil Goss



Pratt High Students Celebrate Spirit Week By Dressing Up for "Hick Day" Wednesday. Left to Right: Adam Boone, Jarid Rojas, Willie Rempe, Jonathan Prater, and Lance Calloway. Photo By: Neil Goss



Mrs. Phillipi shows her hippie side as a part of spirit week. Photo By: Neil Goss



Sophomores Jake Renner, Nicole Solomon, and Elisabeth Short show their hippie side to celebrate "Hippie Day". Photo By: Neil Goss



Mr. Nightengale and Senior Emily McIntosh dress up with Superman spirit as Clark Kent and Lois Lane. Photo By: Neil Goss

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PHS Welcomes New Teachers

Joe Schmisser
Head Staff Writer

This year PHS is full of new things. We have new laptops, we are getting a new school, and we have four new teachers. Getting four new faculty members in one year is the biggest change for the faculty of PHS in recent years. These four new teachers are Lindsay Cox, Kim Rolfs, Dennis Gonzales, and Curtis Nightingale.

Lindsay Cox

Lindsay Cox is the new science teacher. She attended high school at both Great Bend and Mustang, OK. She then attended Southwestern College and Kansas State University, and is still taking classes from Fort Hays State University and Wichita State University. Cox is married to Dennis Cox and has two sons, Dawson and Darrian. She has nine Labrador retrievers (does anyone want one?) and one parakeet. She began teaching at PHS because she always wanted to be a teacher, and jumped on the opportunity when she saw that PHS had an opening. Her favorite thing about Pratt High School is the administrator support and the fact that

they try to improve things for the students. She teaches Biology, Environmental Science, Genetics, and Zoology.

Kim Rolfs

There is also a new Physical Education and Health teacher at PHS, Kim Rolfs. Rolfs worked at Fairfield for two years, Quivira Heights for six years, and Mankato for one before coming to PHS. She started working here because she was living in Pratt, and actually wanted to work in the same town that she lived in. She is married and has a daughter and son, Taylor and Trey. She also has a golden retriever named Shooter. Her favorite thing about Pratt High is how easy the transition to teaching in a new school was. And she wishes the new school would get done faster.

Dennis Gonzales

Dennis Gonzales teaches Desktop Publishing, Multimedia, and Web Design. He

once worked with USD 480 and Southwest Kansas Technical for 15 years. He went to college at Seward County Community College, Pittsburg State University, and Southern Nazarene University. Gonzales came to PHS because he wanted some administrative experience and really likes all of the staff.

Curtis Nightingale

Finally, we have Curtis Nightingale, the new activities director. He worked at Wichita where he taught geometry, algebra, and U.S. History. He also worked at Newton, where he taught Social Studies, and he coached football at Bethel College. He also worked as a police lieutenant specializing in narcotics. He has two children, Damian, 19, and Brittini, 16. Nightingale also has two dogs and one cat. He attended college at Newman University and Wichita State University. He also has recorded two albums and is working security at the Rolling Stones concert

on October 1, 2006.

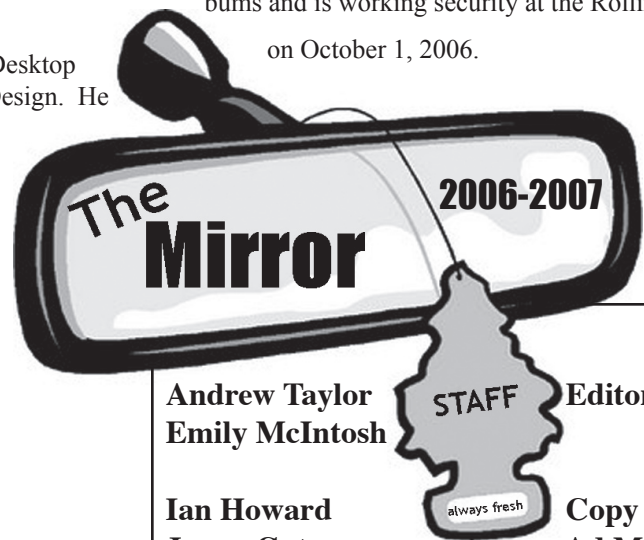
ROOKIE CARDS

Audrey Kisner
Staff Writer

Full Name: Cora Kaye Dennis
Date of Birth: 2/09/91
Where you used to live: Kiowa, KS
Favorite Class: art
Favorite Color: Red
What you miss about Kiowa: Mary and maybe some other people
What you like about Pratt: It's somewhat bigger than Kiowa
What you dislike about Pratt: Being new to everything
Favorite music: emo/punk
If you were invincible, you would: do a lot of daring things that I would normally fear such as skydiving or bungee jumping.



Full Name: Beau Travis Borst
Date of Birth: 6/11/90
Where you used to live: Star City, AR
Favorite Class: German
Favorite Color: Brown
What you miss most about Star City: Everyone talking like me
What you like about Pratt: the colorful people
What you dislike about Pratt: too flat, not enough trees
Favorite music: Rock in general
If you were invincible, you would: die of boredom



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ATTEMPTED SUICIDE?

Controversial NFL Wide Receiver Allegedly Overdoses On Prescription Painkillers

Andrew Taylor
Editor-In-Chief

Fame, fortune, money...everything anyone could ever want. He had it.

A troubled past, arrogance, ridicule...everything people try to avoid. He had it.

He is Terrell Owens, arguably one of the most talented wide receivers of the new millennium. It also could be argued that he is the most controversial football player of the 21st century.

On Tuesday night Owens made headlines yet again by allegedly trying to take his own life. Or did he?

That dilemma began when EMS rushed him to a Dallas-area hospital following what officials first called an allergic reaction to pain medication. However, the next morning police announced that Owens had attempted suicide.

The announcement rocked the sporting world, and speculation quickly ensued. Supposedly, Owens' publicist called paramedics following the discovery of an emptied bottle of pain medication. The publicist then saw Owens sticking two pills in his mouth, the last of the 35 he allegedly ingested. When paramedics arrived on the scene, they asked Owens if he had intentions of harming himself to which he replied, "Yes." This story hit television and radio early Wednesday morning.

Later that same day, Owens appeared at a Dallas Cowboys press conference denying the allegations that he had tried to take his own life. He claimed that some details of the previous story were correct: he had been in the hospital, his publicist had called 911, and there was an empty pill bottle. He stands firm, however, in that he went to the hospital

because of an adverse reaction of mixing pain pills and supplements. He further claimed that his publicist called for help after Owens became unresponsive, and as far as the empty pill bottle goes, he stated that the rest of the pills had been emptied into a drawer.

Before the conference, as if to prove that he had suffered no physical harm, Owens caught passes from Cowboy's quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

In the past Owens brought on more than his share of controversy. He made inflammatory comments about the quarterbacks of his various teams, calling one gay and the other a quitter. Owens also made headlines by celebrating a touchdown on the star of the Dallas Cowboy's home field, a team he came to in the off season, with hopes of making a new start and changing his stripes.

Whether or not Owens did try to take his own life still remains unclear; the world will ultimately have to decide for itself. The final police report labels the incident an "accidental overdose." In any event, this just adds one more link in the chain of Terrell Owens' controversial career.

Weird News

3-Year-Old Buys Car On E-BAY

Emily McIntosh
Editor-In-Chief

In London this week, Jack Neal purchased a pink convertible from the online auction site E-Bay. The strange part of the story is that Jack was no ordinary E-Bay user, he was a three-year-old playing on the computer. The boy's mom left her password in the computer and Jack accidentally clicked the "Buy It Now" option, bidding 9,000 pounds (approximately 17,000 dollars) on the pink Nissan Figaro convertible. Fortunately, the seller found the bid humorous, and didn't require that the mother pay the fee.

WORLD SHOCKED BY STEVE IRWIN'S DEATH

Joe Schmisser

Head Staff Writer

On September 4, 2006, Steve Irwin, the beloved Crocodile Hunter, died at the age of 44. He was impaled by a stingray while snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef. The wound would probably not have been fatal, save for the fact that the stinger went into his chest cavity and pierced his heart. The entire ordeal was caught on tape while he was working on a new documentary entitled *The Ocean's Deadliest*.

The tape of Irwin's final moments is one of the biggest controversies concerning his death. In fact, Irwin's wife Terri recently said that she never wants the tape to be revealed in public.

Irwin's life was full of excitement and adventure. He was born on February 22, 1962 in Australia to Lyn and Bob Irwin, both



wildlife experts. He started handling crocodiles at the age of nine, and after graduating from high school, worked as a crocodile trapper, moving the animals away from places of danger and taking them to zoos. He married Terri, an American, in 1992 and had his first child, daughter Bindi Sue, on July 24, 1998. His son Robert Clarence "Bob" Irwin was born on December 1, 2003.

Of course Irwin will always be remembered by his television shows *Crocodile Hunter*, *The Croc Files*, *The Crocodile Hunter Diaries*, and *New Breed Vets*. Irwin also starred in many documentaries and even had his own feature film, *The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course*.

Steve Irwin's death truly captured the sympathy of the world, and he will always be remembered as a great



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Jenna Gatz
Ad Manager



“A professional basketball team called the Jackson Five. It just has a certain ring to it.”
-Mr. Jackson, Faculty

“The Blue Blaze, just because it sounds cool and the mascot would be the Blue Blaze Bumper Cars, because it rhymes.”
-Hannah Page, Frsh.

“The Juggernauts, because they would be an unstoppable and crushing force, like the Greenbacks. JK.”
-Heather Himmelwright, Jr.

“The Kleptos because we would always beat the Steelers.”
-Josh Slief, Sr.

“The Coons, because they are cool... (Justin)”
-Cole Kumberg, Soph.

FEATURED WEBSITE

www.10000reasons.org

Emily McIntosh
Editor-In-Chief

Reality shows. Leaf blowers. Hate. Dr. Phil. All reasons, according to 10000reasons.org, that civilization is doomed. The website asks web users to submit their own evidence of the meltdown of society, working to compile a list of ten thousand reasons. The reasons are not scientific, like global warming or that inevitable huge meteor of doom, but rather pop-culture and society related. The reasons can be submitted by online form, and are then reviewed and ranked by a panel consisting of the six founders of the website. Ten thousand reasons may be a lofty goal, but in a few short months, they have compiled over 3,800 reasons. As the website's motto states, “Perhaps if we are heard, some doom can be deterred.”



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Neil Goss
Photography Editor

How was your summer Eight Ball? Ready to begin the end?
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Yeah, sorry about that. Do you anticipate major chaos once parking becomes even more limited?
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Are any of the students' computers going to break or have expensive problems occur throughout the year?
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PHS HOMECOMING

"The Secret Garden"



Sophomore Elisabeth Short sings a solo entitled "Probably Wouldn't Be This Way".



Andrew Taylor and Joe Schmisser, seniors, emcee at the homecoming assembly.



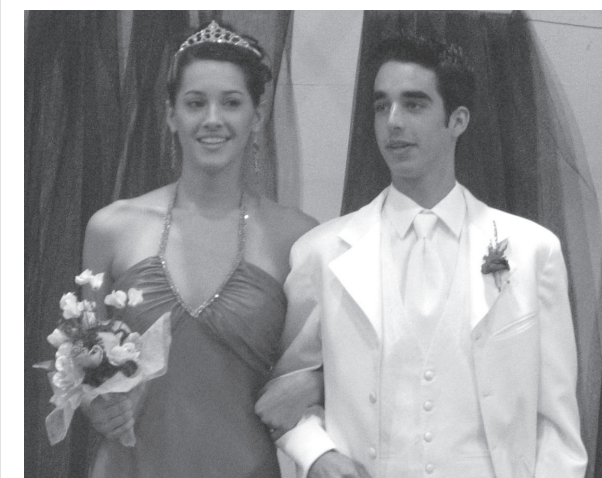
Left: King Justin Navaratte crowns fall homecoming 2006 queen Amber Ladenburger.
Right: Amber and Justin share a hug after the crowning.



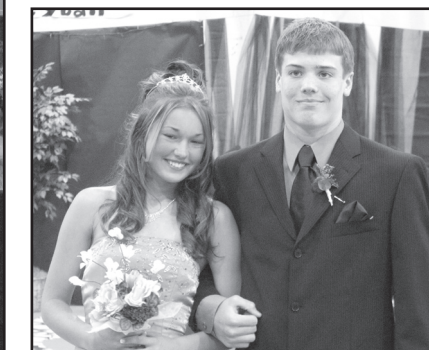
Queen Amber Ladenburger and King Candidate Jesus Perez.



Queen Candidate Jenna Gatz and King Candidate Dexter Dietz.



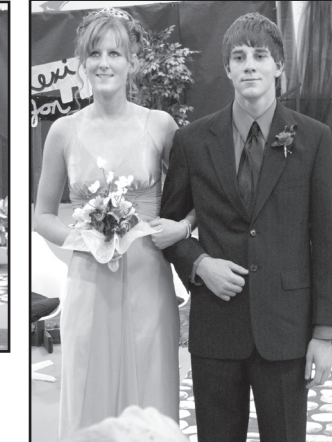
Queen Candidate Lindsey Melichar and King Justin Navaratte.



Sophomore attendants Jessica Voss and Zach Pixler.



Freshman attendants Hannah Melichar and Brady Batman.



Junior attendants Lexi Trimpe and Jonathan Prater.



The PHS Pep Band performs for the assembly.



(Left): The Band "El Grande" performs their rendition of "Get It Faster" by Jimmy Eat World. Members are (L to R): Matt Westershaus, Tyler Besser, Cody Inslee, Mike Quinn, and Hannah Page.



The PHS Cheerleaders lead the crowd in a cheer. The cheerleaders also performed an original dance.



The Pratt High Singers entertain the crowd with their rendition of "River of Dreams"



The band "Ron's Day View" provides music prior to the assembly. Members are (L to R): Willie Rempe, Emily McIntosh, Ema Hitt, and Brittany Hullman.

Music Review



Neil Goss
Photography Editor

Architecture in Helsinki
Fingers Crossed

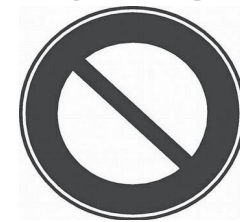
This is simply the best band I have recently invested in. Architecture in Helsinki has many sounds, ranging from more up beat to the soft and calming sound of elegance. However, no matter which sound is playing, the music is always artistically layered with a great pop sound. The opening song is a 59 second instrumental song that is so amazing you want more than the minute provided. Architecture doesn't disappoint though; they keep the fantastic songs coming. Another superior track is "The Owls Go". This song just flows. The chorus is sung by a female vocalist, which ties in very well with the mood of the song.

My favorite song on the CD has got to be "Like A Call"; it is very euphoric. After listening to this song you feel cleansed, like a new tunnel has been opened in your mind. The closing track on the CD is "Vanishing". In the beginning of the song it has a collage of many different instruments interlacing and playing off of each other. After the two minute and 24 second instrumental into a single line is repeated many times in front a simple and heavy emotional beat. If a new sound of brilliant pop music is what is needed in your life, look no further than Architecture in Helsinki's *Fingers Crossed*. It has the power to touch any kind of music fan, no matter what you are into.

Senior Mosts No More?

Ian Howard
Copy Editor

It's a new school year, and with every new year, there will always be ups and downs. And since this is an editorial, of course I am going to write about the downs. First off, a long tradition in Pratt High has been the "Senior Mosts" where the seniors vote for certain things that they thought one particular senior deserves, for example, "Most likely to succeed" or "Most attractive". Since my first year in high school, I, and others, have enjoyed reading the Senior Mosts immensely, I've always derived from these Senior Mosts that they are just something 5, 10, or 20 years from now a person can look back at these and remember the good ol' days when he was voted "Most Talented", or "Most Attractive". However, as of this year, the Senior Mosts are no more. As a senior, I find this inexcusable. It's not just taking away part of the year book, it's taking away part of the tradition at Pratt High, it's taking away memories of the glory days. Whether people agree with me on this or not, people still have to admit that it's pretty unfair that most classes before ours got to and now every class after last year gets jipped. You only get to experience high school once my parents always say, and they tell me to enjoy it while it lasts, because of the rest of life is 20 times harder. I've always believed that and have tried to enjoy school as best as I can, but I would at least like to have some type of memory to go along with adulthood. Yearbooks are a great way to preserve memories, but they don't capture the essence that senior mosts do. I mean honestly, what is more appealing, your picture in the yearbook, or being voted for having the "Most Awesome Exit". Eliminating "Senior Mosts" is eliminating part of our memories and our past, and I know I'm not the only one who is disappointed by this.



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FLICK PICKS

Courtney Witten
Staff Writer

Motorcycle Diaries-

Wow, this one was great. Ernesto 'Che' Guevara travels South America with his buddy Alberto Granado. Over this loooooong journey, they find out about the injustices of South America and they begin to feel more connected to their land. They are both doctors hoping to specialize in leprosy and they make a pit stop in a leprosy camp in the Amazon. Although this might sound a bit too inspirational, I would recommend this to anyone. A must see!

Ugetsu-

Okay this is a Japanese movie from 1953 (so yes it is in black and white and yes it does have subtitles). It's a pretty crazy movie about morals, human nature and ghosts. It's pretty cool if it's what your into. 3 stars.

- Many of you have probably discovered that handy-dandy program called Google Earth. It's super fun to check out your house, the high school, and who knows maybe even Iuka. But beyond that it gets a little tiresome...so I came up with a couple things to check out. Just type these coordinates in and have fun traveling the world! Don't forget to write! (Remember to type these in exactly as they are or else it won't work. You may need to zoom in a couple times to see them better)
- Sydney Opera House 33 51.43'S, 151 12.9'E
 - Stonehenge 51 10.73'N, 1 49.58'W
 - Pyramids 29 58.5'N, 31 7.83'E
 - Roman Coliseum 41 53.41'N, 12 29.55'E
 - Statue of Liberty 40 41.36'N, 74 2.67'W
 - Taj Mahal 27 10.39'N, 78 2.53'E

In My Opinion...

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE HOMECOMING DANCE THIS FALL?

"The dance was actually fun this year... there was a pretty good turn out....a lot better than last year, might I say"
-Beth Hill, sr.

"Umm.. it was OK I guess.."
-Kaylee Gripe, fr.

"I thought it was better that we had more of a high school dance instead of cameras watching you while you dance and all the lights on. I think you should be able to dance the way you would want to."
-Tyler Schelling, soph.

Top 10!

Jenna Gatz and Eric Kocher
Ad Manager, Staff Photographer

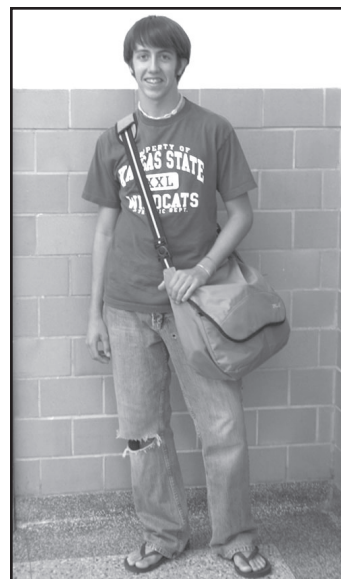
WIDGETS YOU WISH YOU HAD

10. The "Top 10" Widget – A widget that makes the Top Ten for the Mirror staff automatically.
9. The Snood Widget – Forget life, play Snood!
8. Homework Widget – Since we were kids everyone has wanted a device to do their homework for them...well, now here it is!
7. The Llama Widget – Ok, so Jenna's the only one who wants a spitting llama on her desktop.
6. The Gizoogole Widget – A widget that "gangstafies" any word you want.
5. Security Camera Widget – A widget used to hack into the security cameras.
4. The Defilter Widget – A widget that can bypass TwoTrees and access blocked websites.
3. The Halo Widget – Do we really need to explain this one?
2. Teacher Radar Widget – The widget that shows where every teacher is in the building.
1. The School Appropriate Widget – Converts everything to "school appropriate" language.w

Ana's Passion for Fashion

Ana Whitson
Staff Writer

As you walk through the PHS halls you see several different styles and fashions. While most of the student population tends to lean toward the comfy look, there are several students that have their own unique style. They not only use articles of clothing to show their fashion sense, but they also use accessories, such as chunky jewelry, headbands, or a variety of shoes for the girls. For the guys, some of the styles include faded jeans, track jackets, or a nice button-up shirt. These kids are innovators of the fashion field, and they're making their mark in the PHS halls.



Name: Jake Renner

Grade: Sophomore

What colors do you prefer to wear? Green and blue

How would you categorize your fashion? Comfy, trendy

What does your wardrobe mainly consist of? Jeans, t-shirts, and flip flops

What is your favorite article of clothing to wear? Distressed jeans

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Name: Paige McDermitt

Grade: Junior

What colors to you prefer to wear? Black and white

How would you categorize your fashion? Preppy

What does your wardrobe mainly consist of? High heels, shorts, and fitted shirts

What is your favorite article of clothing to wear? Shoes



~~Benton's~~
Eric and
Joe's

HORRORSCOPES

Joe Schmisser and Eric Kocher
Head Staff Writer and Staff Photographer

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18):

You will be forked to death by a mob of raging Leprechauns after they catch you stealing their pots of gold.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20):

You will discover your true love next Wednesday. Too bad your true love is a middle-age balding eunuch.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19):

You will be appointed Emperor of Lichtenstein and forced to marry the crown prince. Who has a uni-brow.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):

You wake up with superpowers. In an unrelated incident, the Pope decides that your soul is infested with demons and sends army of priests to exorcise them.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):

You are destined to win an online contest and receive \$500,000 dollars. However, the payments will be made completely in pennies.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):**

You will receive an exotic plant in the mail. Unfortunately it is the recently discovered "Venus Human-Trap"

LEO (July 23 to August 22):

You will be trampled to death by an army of priests chasing someone with superpowers.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22):

You will inadvertently travel through time and be declared a deity by the native Eskimos.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22):

While typing on your new laptop, you accidentally send a rude e-mail to the CEO of Exxon, causing gasoline prices to spike to eight dollars per gallon.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21):

You accidentally click the wrong button on iTunes and all of the songs on your iPod are converted to Gregorian chants.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21):

Today, someone will actually listen to your "Quack, quack, seat back."

CAPRICORN (December 22 to February 18):

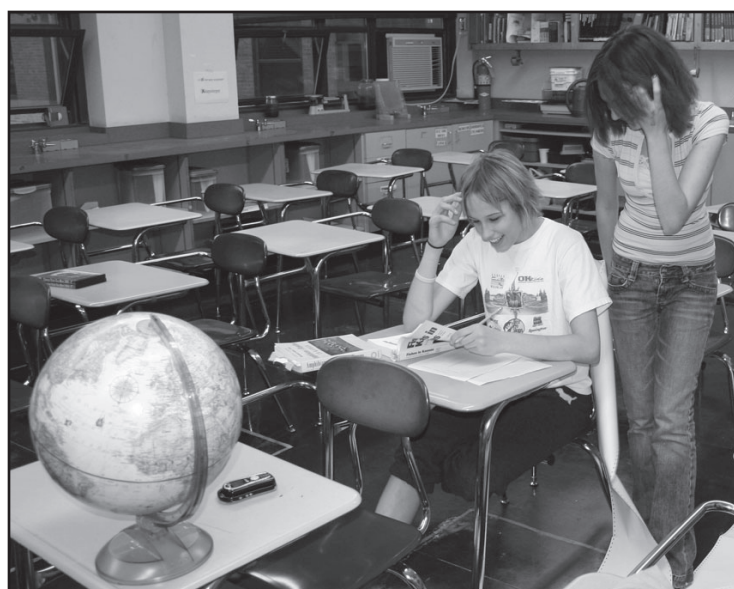
Whatever you do, avoid looking at a map of the state of Florida. Please!



STUDENT LIFE: SCIENCE



Students prepare for Robotics competition by putting in extra effort at after-school practices and meetings. Photo By: Ian Howard



Jillian Aramowicz and April Cline, Juniors, study for their upcoming eco-meet events. Photo By: Ian Howard

XC Goes the Distance

Courtney Witten
Staff Writer

After three meets, the Cross Country season is looking promising. Their rigorous practice schedule may have something to do with this. "We start at 3:45 everyday after school. We're done with 2-a-days, thank God!" says senior Dexter Dietz. The team warms up with a few laps and then stretches for a good ten minutes to decrease the risk of injury. Senior Josh Slief interjects, "My legs hurt" before practice one day. The seniors have stepped up and displayed some admirable leadership skills. Justin Navarrette, sr., is optimistic about the rest of the season, "Well this year we are really young but have some pretty good talent. I feel like we should be able to make it to state as a team again this year and maybe even place a little higher in the rankings."

Cody Ervin, jr. and Dustin Johnston, so. prepare for the finish at the annual Pratt High School Soap Bowl. The Event serves as an exhibition for football, volleyball, and cross country. The other athletics are announced as well.

Photo by Neil Goss



Tennis Team Nets Success

Joe Schmisser
Head Staff Writer

The first half of the lady greenback tennis teams season has been full of success. The first challenge that the varsity team faced was at Lyons on Aug 24, where the entire team lost the first round, but came back in the second round and both the #1 singles, Jessica Voss, so., won 6-3 and #2 doubles, Christine Schotte, sr., and Kiley Shinkle won 6-1. Pratt ended up second in the tournament. They then faced a very hard meet at Larned on Aug 31, where they finished in 4th place.

The JV team also took second at their home meet on Aug. 29, beating out Lyons and St. John, but giving up first to Kingman.

Being home seemed to be the good luck charm for the JV team because they finished second again at the local novice meet on Sept 16, with Katie Walters and Emma Shrack, both juniors, taking 1st in #1 singles with a perfect 4-0 record. Catherine Schotte also preformed well in #2 singles with a 3-1 finish, taking second place.

The JV team finally broke the second place mold on Sept 19, when they took first at Sterling. In #1 singles Walters took first, Shrack did the same in #2 singles, and Marina Dobbs, so., and Ca Schotte took first in the #1 doubles division.

The Varsity team will be playing regional here on October 5, and hopes to continue their great season.

Sophomore Jessica Voss tracks down a ball during a match at the recent Pratt tournament. (photo by Emily McIntosh)



Golfers on the Green

Emily McIntosh
Editor-In-Chief

The Pratt High School Girls Golf team is off to a swinging start this year. The team has had a busy schedule of meets, including stops in Dodge City, Nickerson, Cheney, Hoisington, Larned and Pretty Prairie, as well as and their home meet at Park Hills here in Pratt. Pratt took first at their home tournament, after a tiebreaker with Kingman over the fifth place score. Pratt's varsity team consists of Sarah Mason, frsh., Judy Parsons, sr., Madison Stalcup, soph., Laramie Inslee, soph., Olivia Barber, soph., Tia Nickelson, sr. JV golf has also had a good season so far, and the entire team looks to improve throughout this season. "We have a young team, but we're still a strong group of girls," said Judy Parsons about the team this year.



Freshman Sarah Mason stares her ball down following a putt at a recent tournament. Photo By: Neil Goss

UPCOMING

ATHLETICS



Today:



Girls league golf, here, 1 p.m.
9th grade football @ Scott City, 5 p.m.
J.V. Golf @ Cheny, 3 p.m.
Varsity Tennis @ Sterling, 3:30 p.m.

October 3:

Volleyball @ LMS, 5 p.m.



October 5



Varsity Tennis Regional, U.S. Open
Cross Country @ Sterling, 4 p.m.
Volleyball Quad @ Wichita
Independent, 5 p.m.

J.V. Volleyball Quad @ Rose Hill, 5 p.m.
9th grade Volleyball @ Lyons, 5:30 p.m.
9th grade Football, Here, 6 p.m.



October 6:



Varsity Football w/ TMP, Here, 7:30 p.m.

October 7:

J.V. Volleyball @ Halstead, 9 a.m.

Bumps and Setbacks spike the volleyball team

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Copy Editor

For over a month now, PHS volleyball has been in full swing, and things have not been going exactly as planned. The girls have been trying to cope with the loss of the talented senior class of last year, and the addition of a new coach, Kim Rolf, and the exiting of long time coach for the girls, Lu Bitter. Nevertheless, the girls are still having a successful season, dominating league throughout this whole season. However, outside of the league the girls have fallen victim to many losses, many of those matches going into an exciting three games, but the Greenbacks just haven't been able to come out with the victory. But senior Beth Hill still has high expectations for the rest of the season "We were struggling towards the beginning of our season, but we are getting better, plus we are undefeated in league". There is plenty of talent on the team, and things are looking brighter every week for the team, and hopefully the girls can repeat the magic from last year. The team will be hosting their only home meet on October 3 at LMS, all are encouraged to attend and come support our lady Greenbacks.

Senior Angela Loganbill tosses the volleyball to serve in a recent Pratt High volleyball game



photo by Neil Goss

PRATT FOOTBALL EVENS RECORD

Katie Walters
Staff Writer

Coaches Aron Jackson, and Jeff Fuss give a sideline pep talk to srs. Justin McGuire, 73, and Jude Williams, 7 and the rest of the team.



photo by Eric Koehler

Despite the game count 2-2, the Greenback football team has kicked off the season with soaring spirits. Coach Jeff Fuss anticipated avoiding injuries, but it has already happened. He hopes that the injuries heal fast, and the young kids grow up quickly. Jake Eisenhauer, one of the team captains, said, "Watching our games, you will notice that these underclassmen don't play like underclassmen, they play like they've been playing on varsity for two years. As the season goes along, they get better and better. As injuries happen, they step in. These freshmen are flat out athletes, plain and simple." Jude Williams, another team captain, talked about the upcoming game tonight, "Ulysses is a solid team, but they're not unbeatable by any means. If we can put four quarters together and match the intensity then it will be a very exciting game." The Greenbacks are expected to put up a good show this season.