

Panther Purrs

- The band used to have Band Blackouts so students could perform and show off their many talents.
- Remember when some young ladies and men from Peoria High School went to Glendale High School and hung dead chickens from the goalposts on their football field.
- Remember when the Glendale High School football team came to play with chicken feathers on their helmets.
- Sharon Mathias came to PHS as a P.E. teacher and started a new group to take the place of the Poms. She started the Kitten Kadettes which were a precision performing group. It was a great addition because a lot more girls were able to get involved.



- In 1971 the Badminton team won the State Championship.
- In 1971 Ramona Flores won the State Archery Championship. Mrs. Sanders had her girls practicing all the time.
- The Peoria Girls Archery Team won the State Championship in 1971, 1972, 1973, and 1974.
- The students in this time loved to do the following even if it was doing it to their own school. (teepeeing)



- Remember when Miss Makowski started the Single Survival class for her students. It was great to see the guys cooking and sewing.
- These were the clubs that were active on campus: Auto Club, FHA, FFA, Photo Club, Chess Club, Science Club, Spanish Club, Y Teens, GAA, Thespians, Annual, Newspaper, National Honor

Society, Student Council, Mat Maids, Interact, Diamond Dolls, German Club, Rocket Club, Rodeo Club, Med Start, Model U. N., and Hikers Club. Students had many options and involvement was ingrained in PHS students

- **1975 was the year that Coach Mitokawa stepped down as the head football coach.**
- **In 1975 Vicki Lyall and Nancy Beck took second in doubles in the State Badminton Championships.**
- **One of the larger clubs on campus was the Mat Maids. They were set up to keep the score at wrestling matches, especially at the Peoria Invitational. They were considered the best Mat Maids in the entire state by officials.
(Below: Mat Maid Initiation 1973)**



- **Peoria High School won the 1974 State Wrestling Championship with Coach Joe Hunter.**
- **Remember when Peoria High School juniors learned to dance the Charleston in class when studying about the 1920s.**
- **Remember when they had Early Bird classes to create more room for classes.**
- **Remember when they had multiple lunches.**
- **In 1979 the Peoria/Cactus football game was held at Glendale Community College for the first time.**
- **In 1978 the volleyball team was the Co-Division Championship. Some of the leaders were Danita Cuker, Cherry Craig, Debbie Barber, and Laurie Watson.**
- **There was a big emphasis on career education led by Mr. De Seelhorst. The school had career clusters and a career day to educate kids on different careers.**
- **There were no outside stairs into Old Main. Students went up and down the inner stairs. The stairs were removed with the remodeling of Old Main in 1979.**
- **The school and student government did their part in helping the needy by providing Christmas boxes for people during Christmas.**

- In the 60s there was a dress code with no long hair or beards. Things changed in the 70s as you can see in a picture of Dale Smith.



- In 1978 Robert Connelly was one of the top tennis players in the state.
- In 1979 Kathy Kelly, Julie Eoff, Paul Gary, Bruce Tang, and Don Wilson tied for the highest honor of Valedictorian.
- Another tradition that started in the 70s was the Faculty Follies where teachers performed to a student and adult audience.
- The Boys Basketball Team led by Stan Wacker and Art Camacho were State Runner-Ups in 1972.
- The 1978 cross country team were Regional Champions. The coach was Leroy Black and the outstanding members were: Julian Vasquez, 1st Team All-Conference, Klaus Binggeli, 1st Team All-Conference, 2nd Team All-Conference were Richard Flores and Bobby Hermosillo.