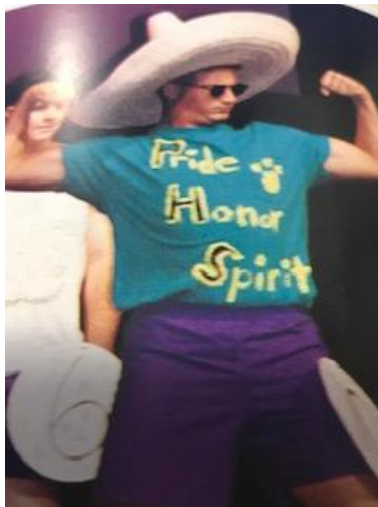


Notes From the Green and Gold

- For the first time since the 1950s there were two principals that served in a decade. The two principals were Jim Williams and Dr. Tom McKenzie.
- Do you remember when? Monica Suarez the Student Body President led the charge on throwing tortillas from the stands during the state football championship game.
- In 1994 the football team was crowned State Champions when they tied Sahuaro of Tucson in the final game. Leading the Panthers were Tavon Cooper, Jeff Johnson, Kenny Mitchell, and Mike Kalin.
- During the 1993-94 school year the Peoria Parent Booster Club had 283 members. Their largest membership ever.
- During the 1995-96 school year the girls' soccer team won the regional championship under coach Greenberg. Darice Castro and Cassandra Nelson were key members of the team.
- Mrs. Vinck in 1992 was given an award for her excellence in English and was able to take a trip to visit England as her reward.
- School Team was started in the 1990s to counsel students, tutor and help younger students adjust to high school life. It was a very successful program.
- Peoria had a Mr. Peoria Spirit Contest in 1992, which was won by Joe Fox:



Mr. Peoria Spirit!!!!!!

- In 1993 the Peoria Football team went 10-0 during the regular season. It was probably one of the most talented Peoria teams ever. They lost, however, in the semifinals when quarterback Nathan Sanders broke his collar bone.
- In 1992 the Peoria student body created one of the best things ever when they created the Buddy System for special needs students. Peoria is a very welcoming school, and the school had a very large population of special needs students. This was set up to help them with school and promote their self-esteem. It was a great program and very successful.
- The 1993 Golf Team had their most successful season ever when they won the Region Championship and were 5th in the State. The team was led by Jamie Harrell and Chad Webb.
- Coach Strack and the Boys' Basketball team won the Region Championship in 1997. The team was led by Miguel Hernandez and Michael Hrabak. Hrabak played in college and ended up playing in the Philippines.
- In 1990 Peoria High School had 5 foreign exchange students. Oliver Renson was from Belgium, Nao Watanabe was from Japan, Luiz Moreira was from Brazil, Luis Ballester was from Spain and Irene Granelli (Below) was from Italy. Irene today is a veterinarian in Milan.



Irene Granelli, Italy

"A great year, what else can I say!!! I loved it here. I've met wonderful people who have accepted me for what I am and with whom I've shared many great moments. I am thankful also for having found a great family here in America who have treated me just as if I were here child. I am grateful to my parents in Italy for giving me this opportunity which is and will always be an unforgettable experience."

- The Girls' Basketball Team won the region championship und Coach Bill Gollihare. The team was led by Angela Reyes, Kalani Hui Hui, and Latavia Kelly.
- In 1990 the Varsity Football team led by Aaron Franklin lost in the finals of the State Championship to Sabino 33-28.
- Peoria has always distinguished itself in wrestling. In the 1980s they had two four-time State Champions and defeated the powerhouse Sunnyside Blue Devils twice in the Peoria Invitation. However, this was all topped by the four state championships in 1996,97,98 and 99. The Panthers under Coach Sammy Chagolla won the four state championships and were as dominant a program as ever in the state of Arizona. Below is a picture of the 1997 State Championship Team that had just won Back-to-Back State Championships.



- In 1995 the school had a very successful Renaissance and Shakespearean Week, with all the costumes, singers, and activities.



- During the 1990s there were so many clubs on campus that it became a hard choice for students to figure out which one or ones that wanted to join. Peoria has always wanted to have their students involved. Below are most of the clubs they could join: FBLA, VICA, HERO, Student Government, Yearbook, Newspaper, Aerospace, Chess, Auto, Humanities, Close Up, Interact, Model U.N., Odyssey of the Mind, School Team, Speech and Debate, Science, Youth Arc, Photo, Art, SADD, Youth Arc, FHA, FFA, Computer, Students for Animal Protection, French, MESA, Mock Trial, Key Club, Thespians, Mat Maids and many more.



- One of the things that Peoria High School always prided itself in was the Student Council Canned Food Drive for Christmas. See pictures below in 1993:



- In 1996 the football team lost a hard-fought battle to Ironwood in the semi- finals. The team was led by Dominic Brunetti who went on to play at Stanford.

I hope you've enjoyed the Green and the Gold!

