

Artwork

Jessica Hwang
The Muse,
Northview High School



Judge's Comments:

***The painting immediately grabs my attention. It is inventive, unique + well-executed. Wonderful!!**

Photograph LM

“Man in Light”

Grace Yu

The Muse, Northview High School



Judge's Comments:

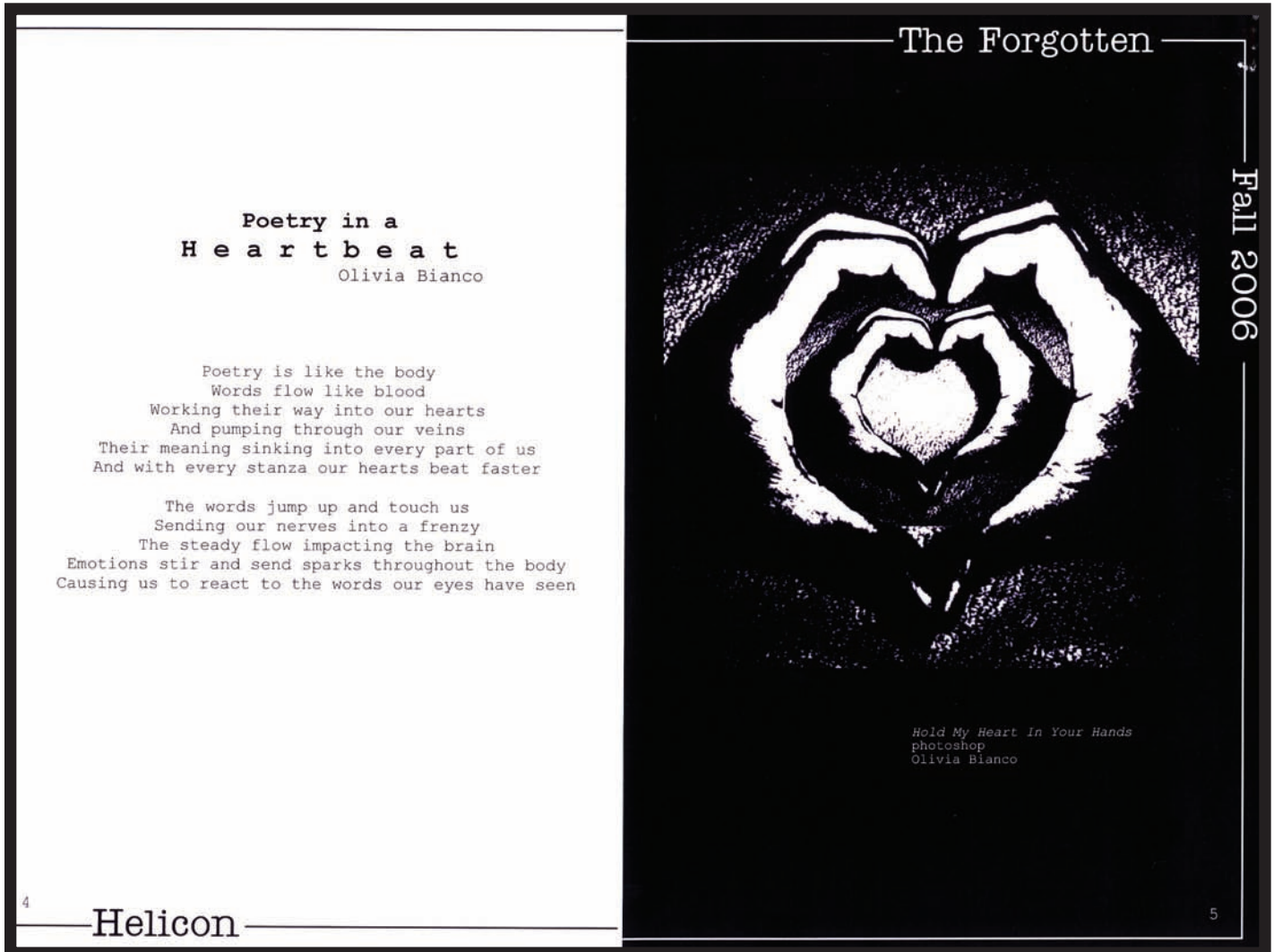
*** A very thoughtful, maturely framed image (I take issue with the cropping done on the magazine page!). The silhouetted figures, the break in the clouds, the little hut in the corner- this is so atmosphere and it all hints to a deeper story, and even though I don't know the story specifically, I know one is there.**

Spread Design

“Poetry in a Heartbeat”

Olivia Bianco

Helicon, Rowell High School



Judge's Comments:

* The design is simple and does not overpower the perfect match between text and image. Bianco's artwork of the mirroring heart-shaped hands captive the staccato rhythm described in the accompanying poem. Well done!

Yearbook Story

"A Cinderella Story"

Ibiye Amasa

Aplomado, Pebblebrook High School

A Cinderella Story

by Ibiye Amasa

The journey the Falcon football players ventured on was not an easy one; the task laid ahead of them was to turn the losing streak that Pebblebrook has had to endure for the past four years into a legacy of victory. Head coach Michael Collins, his coaching staff and the senior leaders decided for the betterment of the team that working together as a whole was the best policy.

"Last year we had great players, but many who didn't play as a team, but this year the individualism continuously portrayed has stopped and those individuals now play as a team," said senior Omre Harris. Although the team started off on a bad foot by losing the pre-season game to South Cobb High School. This loss didn't dampen the spirit of the Falcons; it made them work even harder to win their remaining games.

The season started overall on a bad foot with early losses to Douglas County and Woodstock at the beginning of the season. Regardless of this early setback their hard work and determination led them to become region champions with a record of 8-2 with crucial victories over East Paulding, Cherokee, and Sequoyah.

"I feel [the season] could have been better and that we shouldn't have lost a game, but I'm happy with what we have accomplished," said senior Linnie Patrick. The season

ended with a place in the state championship just a few heartbeats away and a few seniors believe their year is incomplete without winning that title.

"My senior year will be left open ended and it will feel as if I didn't complete it," said Harris.

"Being cut off when we are so close [hurts] because it [is] the end of what we worked so hard for," said senior Jeremy Fonda. As with many good things, they come to an end. Two games into the playoffs the Falcons lost a hard-fought game to St. Pius by the score of 18-20 which brought an end to their journey. The players were in shock and dismay at the abrupt end to their voyage.

"I still feel good about our year as a whole, when looking back all I can do is smile; we showed so much fight and determination I'm just heart broken and appalled. It felt like life was over," said Patrick.

Although the players were hard on themselves, "I'm very proud, I'm proud of their off-season work ethic, and they did everything I asked them to do," said Collins. Regardless of how the season went, this team has left a new legacy for Pebblebrook High School.

"Hopefully that [good spirit] will carry over to the other sports this year," said Collins.



OFF TO THE RACES

Jefferson turns on the jets in order to beat the defense. This game against Sequoyah was a tight one, but they managed to pull it all apart by late touch.

AND THE HEISMAN WINNER IS

Rightback, St. Donnie Haskin, misses a Heisman pose for the camera while the falcons advance the ball up the field. Haskin's key does not get in trouble for doing so. Photo by Stephen Hurst



OREY YOUR THIRST

Left, senior Michael Johnson hypes to get a cold drink of water. He previously ran down the field giving a tremendous block for Michael Foykins, after returning an interception for a touchdown. Photo by Joseph Johnson



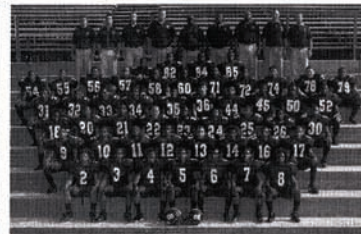
STONE THE GLADIATORS. The Falcons prepare to crush the region against the Sequoyah Gladiators.



"I feel that as a team we accomplished something that we had worked hard for!" - senior Markus Malone



"I include myself from everyone I mediate and think about nothing, just even the darkness in the back of my eye." - senior Furqan Muhammad



Tracy Thomas, Linnie Patrick, Mike Johnson, Furqan Muhammad, Jevario Jefferson, Ryan Kilgore, Markus Malone, Michael Peoples, Courtney Haugabook, Moses Marid, Jordan Reeves, David Harris, Sean Foley, Ronald Lee, Kameron Dawson, Doree Morgan, Johnny Lester, Andrew Shaver, Jonathan Raley, Brian Pugh, Shawn Lee, Raymond Spry, Mattson Gaines, William Amagun, Austin Nuester, James Giff, Stephen McKinley, Aaron Appleby, Paul Bowler, Alex Gamal, Jeremy Fonda, Frank Donley, Jarvis Joseph, Dave Harris, Tavor Fathom, Cody Duffy, Ryan Wilson, Nick Tronzo, Matthew Merritt, Terence Major, Jacques Thompson, Brandon Martin, Brian LaFente, Stephen Hurst, Davinie Justice, Wilfred Morris, Nick Westbrook, Darius Galtier

Wheo Springs	38	14 W
Douglas County	7	10 L
East Paulding	34	17 W
Alexander	41	17 W
Osborne	17	8 W
Woodland	47	7 W
Chapel Hill	23	6 W
Cherokee	21	17 W
Sequoyah	0	7 W
Clark Central	21	28 W
St. Pius II	18	20 L



Special Interest Story

“Operation Iraq”

Alissa Fuller

The Eagle, Chestatee High School

Headline: Operation Iraq

By: Alissa Fuller

Section: Student Life

The reality of war marched into ESOL teacher Phillis Ableman's life with the February 2006 deployment of her only son, 29 year old Marine Core SSGT Brian Ableman. "It's difficult because he's in harms way, but my son has unbelievable training," said Ableman. "He's extremely qualified and brave, and he knows how to take care of himself out there." Brian Ableman is in Iraq, along the Syrian border, training Iraqi soldiers to protect the border from terrorists. There are ten other Marine Core sergeants along with Brian Ableman, training a 1,000 Iraqi soldiers. "I knew he was going to go as soon as the whole situation came to head," replied Ms. Ableman, "He chose to go. That's his job and his duty in the Marine Core." However, Ableman isn't unfamiliar with the heartaches of war. Her husband was drafted and sent to Vietnam in '67 soon after they were married. "It's different because he's my son, and I worry about his safety. But when I see pictures of him looking strong & working hard over there, it helps because it gives me a feeling of security for him." Hopefull, he will return in January of 2007.

While rolling through the dusty streets of Iraq, 24 year old Michael Morris sat on the edge of his Humvee. Half a minute later, his world was blown to pieces as the Humvee, he and three friends were riding in, runs over a hidden ground bomb. War became real as pieces of metal burrowed into the left side of his face. He lost his vision and hearing for the next few months. However, he was one of the lucky ones that day, for his three close friends riding with him died in the explosion. Junior Heather Morris knows just how close her brother came to the very thing she prays and worries about every day, just as many relatives of the heroes in Iraq do nationwide. "You worry about it a lot," Morris explained. "It's scary. I just hope and pray everything is okay." Her brother Michael was deployed last October for his second trip. He went back even after the life changing incident. He has spent the last year on street patrol, on his second tour of duty. Morris and her family still don't know when he will return home; but meanwhile, they eagerly await emails from a world thousands of miles away.

Twice a month the phone rings in Leah Dean's house. Her family is suddenly connected to a world thousands of miles away where instability, fear, and war reign. Twice a month 21 year old, Jeremy Zimmer, informs his family of his status in Iraq and then receives an update on the Dean family. While senior Leah Dean worries about the normal senior year fears - SATS, college applications and her GPA - she also worries about her brother. You may not have a relation to any of the soldiers deported in Iraq, who spend every hour of every month living with car bombs, bullets, and suicide bombers; but, for Leah, this is all too real. "I'm worried about his safety," Leah said, "I think the cause is good, but it needs to be over." And Leah speaks for a lot of Americans, who carefully stick magnetic support ribbons onto the back of their cars; yet, rightly question the authority of our president and the cause of the war. Until it's your own brother heading out the door to a bomb wrecked country, fighting insurgents and patrolling the borders, the war can seem to far away.

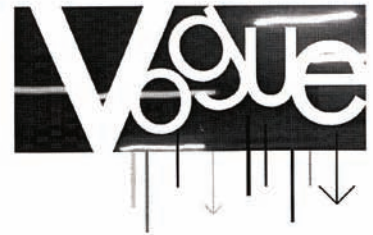
Spread Design

Amanda Jones

The Eagle Yearbook,
Chestatee High School



Not again! I'm definitely getting out of things to wear. This is not good. Oh well, I will buy double next month. For now I will just layer this red polka dotted tank from Wet Seal and my blue Forever 21 tunic. The colors don't have to match... as long as they don't clash. The same jeans as yesterday will do. They were too expensive to just let them hang in the closet. Show! I'll slip on my \$5 black flip flops. What about accessories? No, not a big chunky necklace. I'm so tired of those. I think I'll wear this one with the heart pendant. Wow, I'm so tired of this purse. I need a new one, brown maybe! The clock says 8:10. I should have left five minutes ago! There is never enough time to put together an outfit. Who am I trying to impress at school anyway? Mom says my shopping addiction is a problem, a big problem. I say it is her problem. After all, she is the one spending \$500 a month on my clothes. I'll just grab my Nicole Richie style sunglasses and run out the door. One more glance in the mirror before I go. Hee, I still look pretty cute. No one will ever guess I got ready in fifteen minutes.



1. [Jessica Wilson '12] Black Shirt: Forever 21 [\$12], Yellow Bag: Wet Seal [\$11], Jeans: Nordstrom [\$75]
2. [Stephen Vargas '11] Brown Jacket: Good Will [\$6], Blue Shirt: Buckle [\$22], Jeans: Pac Sun [\$40]
3. [Brittany Bunch '12] Shirt with Tie: Forever 21 [\$15]
4. [Jennifer Alemany '12] Jean skirt: Old Navy [\$20], White Shirt: Old Navy [\$8], Pink Suspenders: Forever 21 [\$10], Heart Necklace: Forever 21 [\$9]
5. [Kris Addison '11] Black Spaceman Shirt: Pac Sun [\$30], White Hat: Hat Stock [\$28] [Chris Suggs '10] Black Shirt: Pac Sun [\$21]

Judge's Comments:

- * Overall nice, simple, clean design
- * Great use of white space
- * Excellent crop on photos
- * content works well with design layout

Theme Development

Aplomado Staff

Aplomado Access Grated,
Pebblebrook High School

You're in the game!

Do you dream of standing courtside as the star pointguard unleashes an improbable three as the final seconds tick off the clock? Or how about being out front on the sideline as the phenom quarterback hits his top receiver for the game-winning touchdown? Unless you are one of Pebblebrook's elite athletes, you'll need a press pass to get that kind of up close access. This pass will take you into locker rooms, dugouts, and behind closed doors. You'll see the action before, during and after the big games. This pass gives you access to exclusive interviews and insider information that only the most informed reporters could know. With this press pass, you're in the game.

You've got All Access clearance

Here is the highly sought-after backstage pass that will give you "All Access" clearance to see Pebblebrook's most talented performers on stage and behind the scenes. Everyone knows Pebblebrook's reputation in the performing arts established by the state's premiere dance, drama and choral programs, but people often forget about Pebblebrook's other performers. This division will allow you to remember the trumpets blaring at every football game that fill falcon fans and players with adrenaline. You'll also be reminded of the soft harmony resonating from the strings of the violas in orchestra. You'll swear you hear the vibrations from the floor underneath the synchronized stomps of the Pebblebrook step team. Use this backstage pass to get an up-close and personal look at "Do Brook V" prestigious performers.

Judge's Comments:

*** Very creative use of "Access granted theme"**

Story design, variety of uses in wording... it makes sense throughout book.