

# Firing up or... forgetting the whole darn thing?

Impatient students lined up across the gym and more were piling in as the football cheerleaders used their expertise in painting and quickly applied blue and gold bear paws, football numbers, and "GO BEARS!" to faces. The spirit level rose dramatically and the school was pepped for the day. Freshman Tony Bush believed that painting faces added more spirit to AHS and commented, "Everywhere you looked everyone had blue and gold on, and it made you think about the game."

Unfortunately, the spirit had its ups and downs throughout the week. Jennifer Denniston noticed that there wasn't as much

spirit as in the past. "Let the students choose more activities and the theme for floats," advised Jennifer. Bill Wallen also agreed that spirit is lost each year, but said that Homecoming did have a lot of spirit and stated that our school should have that amount of spirit all the time.

Slave day was one day during Homecoming week when the spirit was not at a high point. Still, there were plenty of unique individuals like Chad Huntoon, who had to prance around school in a silk robe and drag along a toy horse on wheels with stuffed animals attached, or Ellery So-sebee, who had to paint the nails and lips of his mas-

ters, Sharon Keck and Nicole Peters, and then wear the makeup himself! These people definitely stood out in a crowd! All eyes were on them as they obediently

carried out their dutiful tasks to serve their masters. Slave Kevin McElhane was ordered to yell, "I love Jenny Blender!" and bark like a dog whenever anybody said his name. Another slave, Jenny Powelson, exclaimed, "They made me wear discriminating posters, carry their books, and do everything they asked me to do." Jenny's masters were Dominic Lowe, Dave Fowler, Warren Faircloth, and Bob Mason.

Though the spirit during Homecoming week rallied back and forth, the students of Ashley High made Homecoming week a memorable experience!

Angela Brzak

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J. Thompson

**FIRE UP!!!** Tim Bush, Brandon Malek, and Jim Fabus pitch the dummy into the blaze during the annual bonfire. Afterwards, the senior leaders give a traditional pep talk to their fellow football teammates and fans for the upcoming Homecoming football game.

## What Makes Homecoming Special?

"Homecoming is special because it brings about everybody's school spirit. It is a time when the entire community can become involved and enjoy the event."

Sarah Brzak



J. Ortman

**SHOUT IT OUT!!!** Football players Dave Fowler, Joe Beracy, Brian Malek, John Schaibly, and Eric Wang cheer the crowd on during the Homecoming pep assembly. Sophomore Joe Beracy commented, "Homecoming is the time of year when everybody gets together to root for the team and, of course, the King and Queen."