



## Pediatric Pointers

By JOSEPH T. BELL, MD

After being back working in the county these past 5 weeks, I am quickly reminded how bad allergies are in this area. It seems as though at least half of the kids coming in have allergy related problems. So even though I discussed allergies in this article last spring, I think it would be good to review it today.

Remember that allergies are the symptoms we experience when exposed to certain things (foods, metals, pollen, etc.) that we are sensitive to, producing symptoms such as runny nose (allergic rhinitis), watery, itchy eyes (allergic conjunctivitis), rash (atopic dermatitis), etc. These symptoms can lead to infections such as sinusitis, bronchitis, and ear infections. Frequently people with allergies also have asthma. Of course, allergies seem to run in families, so it's common to see parents who have allergy problems with kids having the same symptoms.

If your child has the above symptoms when exposed to certain things (such as pollen, for instance), then they probably have allergies. Another tip off is dark circles under the eyes, called "allergic shiners", which are typically seen in allergy patients.

The most common allergens for kids are dust, pollen, mold, cigarette smoke and animal hair. During this time of year (and in the fall) the pollen seems to be the worst offender. Recent medical studies indicate that cigarette smoke leads to an increased number of ear infections in children and worsens asthma symptoms. The most common offenders of animal hair are dog, cat and horse hair.

The best way to deal with allergies is prevention and early treatment to prevent complications. Next week we'll discuss these issues.

Take care, and we'll talk again soon!

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## Pardon and Bartlack to Wed



Desiree Jean Pardon



John Hartford Bartlack

Pandora Bullard Bartlack proudly announces the engagement of her son John Hartford Bartlack to Ms. Desiree Jean Pardon. Ms. Pardon is the daughter of Vonda Sue Locklear, and Mr. Ralph Edward Pardon of Clover, South Carolina. She is a graduate of Purnell Swett High and also attended Robeson Community College. Her grandparents are Mr. Henry Berry and Julia Mae Locklear of Pembroke, NC., also Mr. Phil and Darlene Mullins from Kentucky.

John is the grandson of Mr. Hartford Bullard (Deceased) and Eula Jean Bullard of Rowland, NC., also George and Agnes Bartlack of Pennsylvania both deceased. He is a graduate of Purnell Swett High School and also attended Robeson Community College.

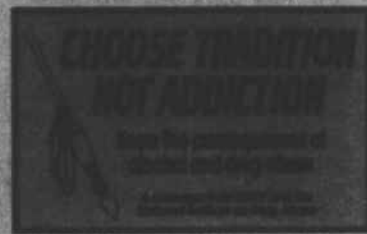
The ceremony is scheduled for May 6, 1994 and will be held at the Dillon Wedding Chapel in Dillon.

## Coach's Corner

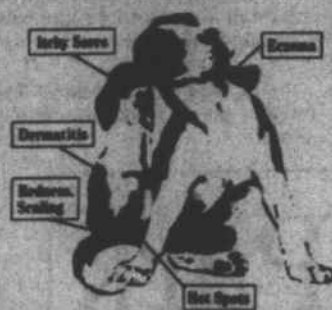
by Dr. Ken Johnson

Kelvin Sampson has accepted the basketball coaching job at football minded Oklahoma. We sure wish him well. He comes from a solid Indian family. His father Ned and Mother sure raised him well. They have professional backgrounds that sure instilled in him the compassion for success in life. A good Christian up bringing with a real mature attitude toward his fellow human beings. It sure showed in his winning at Washington State. And He and his pretty wife were real top students in my classes at Pembroke State. No doubt all the coaches at PSU that had him, Lacy Gane, Ed Crain, Ray Pennington, Harold Ellen are proud of him. English Jones would be proud too.

Golly, what a challenge at Oklahoma. Bud Wilkenson sure became legion at Oklahoma and Kelvin sure has the right background to do the same best job possible for Oklahoma.

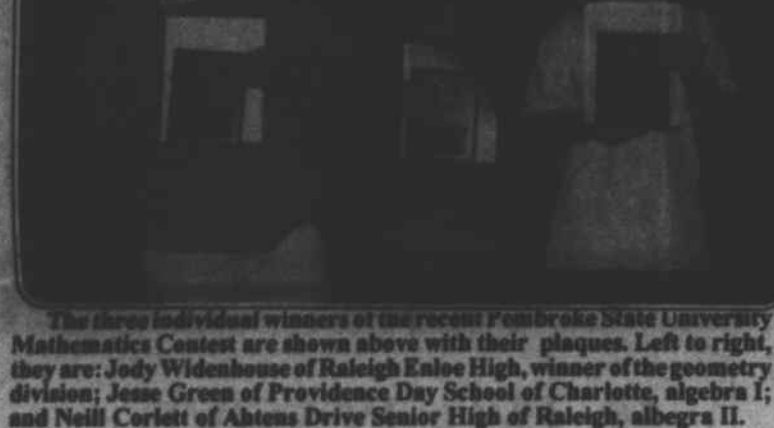


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