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Coach Al Way watches the offense as Harrisburg High School begins its fall football practices. This is the first year the Bulldogs will compete in the River-to-River Conference.

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## Memoirs of a Collapsed Lung

### Is Kindness Becoming Extinct?

Josh Grimes

Over the summer a very delightful but surprising action was taken. In wake of the great flood, people who did not even know each other were helping one another. But why does it take a national disaster for this to occur?

It seems more apparent each and every day that the art of chivalry is vanishing. People used to help one another without expecting payment, but today, some people would not even spare a quarter for someone to use the phone. How did this happen?

The only answer is as time progressed people became more independent. Men and women began to look out only for themselves. In today's society, people feel too self-conscious about doing a kind thing for a total stranger. They are afraid of what people would think. People have an attitude that if they keep to themselves life will be just fine. Take a close look here at HHS.

The only solution is that each day we must try to make someone else's life a little bit easier. Whether it is helping someone with an overheated car (i.e. Tessie) or helping someone lift a package up the stairs, we can all help one another a little bit. People are always talking about saving the planet but without kind people why live here?

"...the secret of happiness and virtue-liking what you've got to do."

-Aldous Huxley

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## Mr. Hill Takes Over April Mayhall

The 1993-94 school year will start with a new superintendent, John Hill. Mr. Hill seemed very eager to begin his first year here.

This isn't his first superintendent job. Mr. Hill started out as an assistant superintendent in Virden, Ill. for 4 years. Then he was superintendent for one year in Blue Mound, Ill.

Mr. Hill is very excited about the new school year. Jokingly but promising he says, "School will start with less controversy than last fall." He feels Harrisburg is a friendly town and he looks forward to his job. If possible he would like to have a one on one relationship with the students. He does plan on attending school functions such as football and basketball games, plays and musicals. He'll be seen walking the halls and sitting in on classes. He would enjoy it if you'd say hello and make him feel welcome.

As far as any changes this year, Mr. Hill says that this year will be about the same as last year. "Being a new superintendent, I want to spend the first



year evaluating." He goes on to say that maybe next year he'll be ready for a little bit of change.

Mr. Hill says that snow days and hot weather schedule are his decision and it will be made from day to day. While laughing he says, "Listen to the weather and don't call me."

Mr. Hill ended the interview with this message, "Work hard, do your best everyday because your education will effect the rest of your life."

## Woman Heads Missile Squadron

George Fornes

If there is any existing tension against women in the military these days, Air Force Lt. Col. Patricia Fornes doesn't seem to notice. Fornes recently assumed command of the 740th Strategic Missile Squadron, located in Minot, N.D. The 740th is a Com-

bat Air Command unit housing several Minuteman type long range missiles. By assuming command, Fornes becomes the first woman ever to hold such a high leadership position. She is in charge of the approximately 65 men and women who maintain the base.

Coincidentally, the 740th SMS is the same unit that Fornes's father, Ret. Lt. Col. Glen Fornes, was once in charge of. During an appearance on "Good Morning America," both explained that Mr. Fornes was able to take an integral part in the change of command ceremony because of this. It was like passing on the family business from father to daughter.

The question remains, are females truly qualified to hold such positions in our beloved armed forces? Apparently so. Fornes got her start as a youth in ROTC, where her leadership abilities began to show. She surpassed her male counterparts at an early age, and continued a great and ambitious career in the Air Force. Her qualifications stand out above many others, both male and female. She is indeed capable - she just happens to be a woman.

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This is a section of the paper where students can submit anything humorous. Please remember that all jokes must be in good taste. That being established, I'll begin my story.

When I was in Minneapolis for the National Scholastic Press Association newspaper workshop, I met with editors from all over the nation. They had some interesting stories to tell which I

would like to share.

In the state of Montana, there is a law that would surprise many of you. Every high school in that state must have a designated parking area for students who ride horses to school! That's right, schools are required by law to have a place where cowboys can park their buckaroos.

I also heard an interesting fund raising idea from West Virginia.

A high school sold roped off pieces of land to students for a small price. Then one Saturday they all went to this roped off field with a cow. They all waited for this cow to do his business and if he did it on your piece of land, you won a prize! Can you imagine watching and waiting all day for a cow to use the bathroom on a small piece

of land that you were braindead enough to buy? The Student Council could do this and even sell popcorn and cokes while the students could have side bets on where the droppings will land first! This could even put this town on the map for our Annual Cow Dropping Contest.

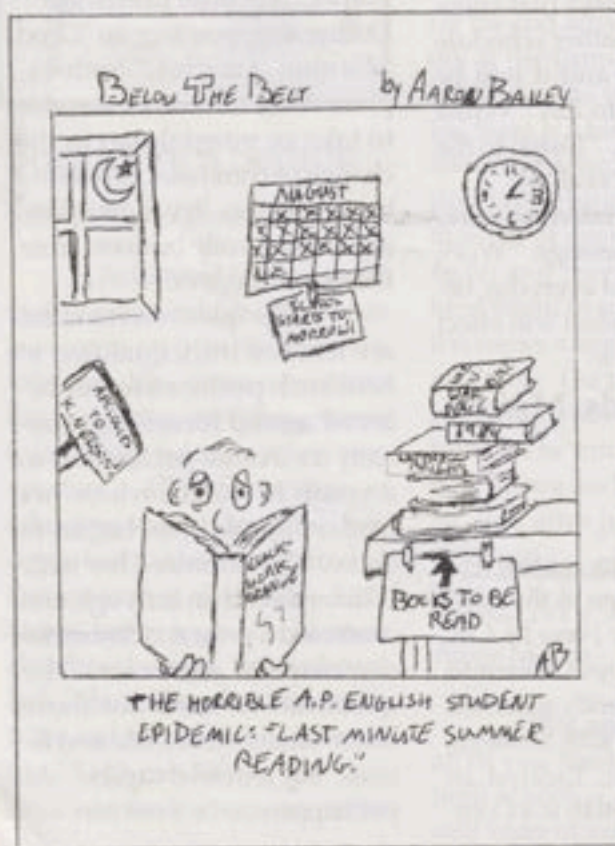
Josh Grimes

### Top Ten Things NOT to Say On a First Date

10. Did you smell that when you got in?
9. My parents are gone for the weekend.
8. Is it okay if we just rent a movie?
7. I hope you brought money.
6. Is that makeup?
5. You smell like Teen Spirit.
4. Did you catch Rush Limbaugh last night?
3. Here have a Tic-Tac.
2. Did you see yesterday's Channel One?

And the number one thing NOT to say on a first date is.....

1. Pull my finger.



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### Remember.....

The survey from last year gave the Clarion Staff many ideas on things students would like to see in The Purple Clarion. We will try our best to use these ideas. Anytime any student would like an article, editorial, column, or cartoon submitted, please bring it to Mr. Harbison's room. If a student or teacher should be featured, put their name in the Suggestion Box. Any Letters to the Editor,

Joker's Forum, or a Cheers and Jeers, should be placed in the Suggestion box as well.

This year The Purple Clarion will contain a classified section. Classifieds cost one

dollar for a one issue run. Last but not least, any ideas, complaints, compliments, or suggestions can be placed in the Suggestion Box.

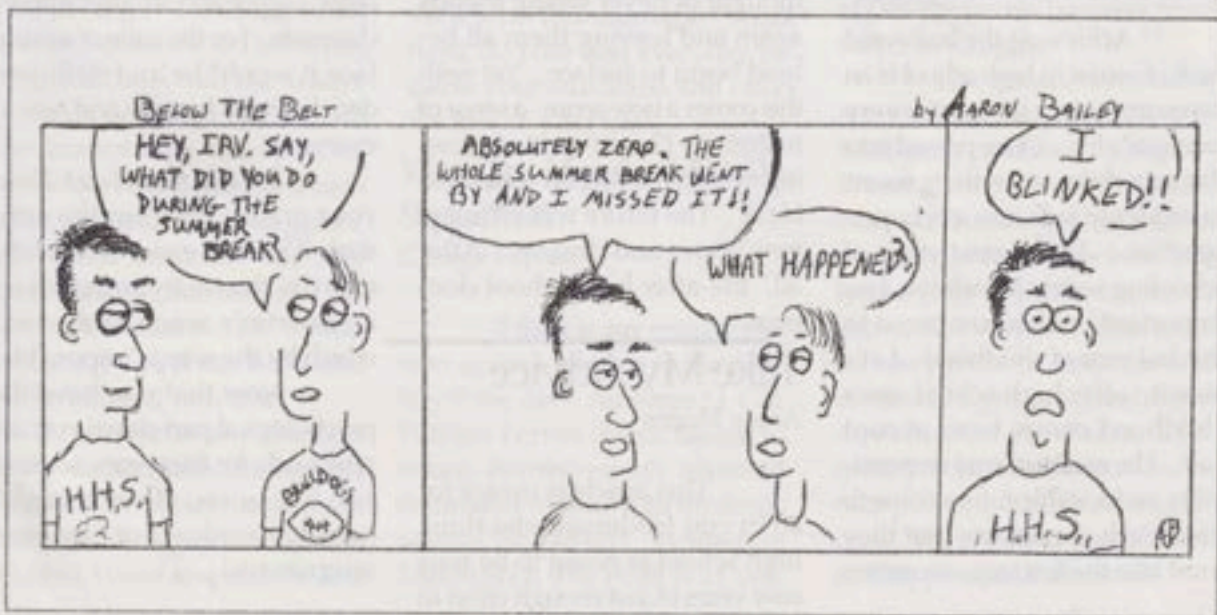
*Coming in October!*

*HHS Thespians*

*present*

*The Outsiders*

*(Auditions will be held the week of August 30.)*



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Senior Arron Bailey prepares for his final year as a member of the Bulldog Football Team.



### Suddenly a Senior

Cassandra Wood

Achieving the hallowed rank of senior in high school is an awesome step in most every teenager's life. Once passed into this new realm, everything seems to suddenly fade into a new perspective. All the past years of schooling seem, somehow, less important, when compared to this last year of childhood. Let's face it, after high school one's childhood comes to an abrupt halt. The reality of true responsibility and a stable future come to life. Each one knows that they must take the first step, no matter

of what magnitude it may be and plunge into an altogether new life. The fear of one's uncharted future is born into their conscience. Along with this startling reality comes a paradox; an overwhelming sense of pride at the thought of coming this far and achieving things thought at times impossible. It is reassuring to know that all the hard work payed off.

After much trial and error the end arrives. Now standing at the threshold that seemingly one has waited a lifetime for, there is a hint of redundancy about entering and completing this last glorious year. The thought of never seeing friends again and leaving them all behind begin to surface. Yet with this comes a new sense, a sense of maturity. The prospect of growing up and moving on seems less bleak. The future will be full of new hopes and dreams. After all, life after high school does exist.

### Take My Advice

Angie Moore

This article is meant for all of you freshmen who think high school is going to be four easy years of just enough effort to

get by. This is just to give you some advice from an experienced ex-freshman.

The first rule of being green is to take it slow through the halls. It may seem like five minutes isn't enough time, but just settle down because if you race through the halls lost and afraid you will end up looking like a big dork suffering from severe exhaustion.

The second rule is to the smart alecks who think just because you were the head haunch of junior high, you're going to run everyone else over when you get to high school-WRONG! It is not wise to try to push around older, bigger and smarter upper-classmen. For the sake of saving face it would be an intelligent decision to be friendly and nice to everyone!

Last, but not least, keep your grades up from the very start. It is much easier to do a little each day than to try and catch up a semester's work in a week, which by the way is impossible.

Now that you have the psychological part down you are now ready for four years, some of you five or six, of every night, non-stop armloads of fifty page assignments!

**THE PURPLE CLARION****Deep Thoughts**

Kate McLeod

During my whole life I've tried to accomplish goals. This year I'll be walking into HHS as a senior. For three years now I've told the seniors how lucky they are to be graduating from high school. Now it is my turn to be congratulated for making it to my senior year. I should feel rewarded to be "the big man" at HHS and have the right to look down on my fellow underclassmen.

However during the summer I did more philosophizing than usual because of the extra time on my hands. I've thought that this will be my last year of high school and that now I'll be thought of as the mature adult that I know I am (yeah right!). This hallowed light had already engulfed me when I went to register for my senior year. As I watched the nervous freshmen begin their high school careers, it dawned on me that I had seen that same unsure look on the faces of my friends who had graduated last year and now were being thrown from the sheltered existence of high school to fend for themselves starting school

again as a freshmen in college (is this de'ja'vu?) or going out into the working world.

It seems every goal you finally achieve only leaves a new one waiting in the wings. Fortunately the class of '94 is on the last leg of one of its mileposts, moving on to bigger and better things.

**New Horizons at HHS**

Jed Nelson

Harrisburg High School has gone through a number of changes over the summer. From athletics to administration, this year marks a new beginning for HHS. A new superintendent, a new head basketball coach, a new athletic director, and a new athletic conference are some of the changes affecting HHS this year.

Our new Unit 3 superintendent, Mr. John Hill, comes to us from Blue Mound, Illinois. Mr. Hill has worked in the Dongola and Anna-Jonesboro school systems. He served last as Blue Mound's superintendent.

The new head basketball coach is Coach Smithpeters. Coach Smithpeters comes to Harrisburg from McLeansboro High School's successful Junior Varsity basketball program.

Our new athletic director

is the Assistant Principal, Ms. Stewart. Ms. Stewart has had coaching experience at Vienna High School.

This year the old South Seven conference has dissolved. Teams such as Marion, Carbondale, Mt. Vernon, and Centralia, all former South Seven rivals, will not be on the schedule in most events. Instead the Bulldogs will be playing teams such as Murphysboro and Massac County in addition to the remaining three South Seven teams: Herrin, West Frankfort, and Benton.

The River-to-River conference is divided into the Ohio and Mississippi Divisions. Harrisburg, Massac County, Benton, Murphysboro, West Frankfort, and Herrin make up the Ohio Division. The Mississippi Division consists of Anna-Jonesboro, Chester, Du Quoin, Nashville, Pinckneyville, and Sparta.

In addition to athletic competition, the River-to-River conference features Speech and Scholar Bowl competitions.

The 1993-94 school year marks a new beginning at HHS. With changes in administration, and athletics, 1993-94 will mean some changes at HHS.

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### Back to School

Tracie Partain

Welcome back to school! Yes, it's once again time for those familiar bells to toll that tell you that you have exactly five minutes to get to your next class. Don't worry, you'll make it - Hey! No running in the halls!

Since several of the teachers retired at the close of the 1992-93 school year, we will be seeing some new faces. For example: Mr. Harbison from the Junior High will be taking over Mrs. Clemmons's classes, and Mr. Craig will be teaching either government or history. Mrs. Aljabori is the new sociology teacher/

guidance counselor, and Coach Thompson is back as a football coach and a freshman English teacher.

There are some upcoming events that you may want to think about. One is Club Day. On Club Day, we all take about a half hour off and go down to Davenport Gym, where representatives from clubs have booths set up. This provides the students with time to sign up for any clubs they are interested in joining. For a list of clubs, consult your Student Handbook or ask the office personnel.

Remember all the fun and excitement of last year's "Good Dogs' Day?" The tricycle race, shaving balloons, and who could

forget throwing pies at Ms. Stewart's noggin? Just stay out of trouble (no detentions or unexcused absences) and you can have fun with the rest of us. Also, keep your grades up and you could be named "Student of the Month."

Another thing to consider is Homecoming. Get ready, because it will be here before you know it. This year's is on October 16.

To the freshmen of HHS - welcome to your first year of High School. Sure, you're going to make a few mistakes, but you'll make it - just hang in there. To the seniors - this is it, so let's make the most of it.

### The Raging Mississippi

Heather Bean

The flood has affected many people this summer. The grief of losing homes, farms, and other valuable properties is a disaster in itself.

Flood victims have dealt with many

losses. Homes have been destroyed, farms, livestock, vehicles, businesses, and other valuable properties have been hurt also. Victims have lost their jobs and are having trouble paying for medical needs, food, and clothing. The flood has damaged the environment by spreading farm pesti-

cides into drinking supplies.

The flood victims, having no home to go back to, have looked to find food and shelter. When the flood first attacked, some victims spent the last of their money renting motel rooms to stay sheltered from the raging waters.

Hopefully,

some of their needs are being met. Volunteers from local areas are pitching in to help flood victims. Money, food, and clothing have been donated and sent from across the nation. Homeless victims are staying in local shelters and a large amount of people have volunteered to help clean up the large mess.



# '93 HHS Fall Sports Schedule

(an insert of The Purple Clarion)

## Football - Varsity

Sept. 3	Mt. Carmel	T
Sept. 10	DuQuoin	T
Sept. 17	Mt. Vernon	H
Sept. 24	Benton	T
Oct. 1	Murphysboro	H
Oct. 8	Massac County	T
Oct. 15	Herrin (Homecoming)	H
Oct. 22	West Frankfort	T
Oct. 29	Eldorado	H

## Football - Sophomores

Sept. 7	Mt. Carmel	H
Sept. 14	DuQuoin	H
Sept. 21	Mt. Vernon	T
Sept. 27	Benton	H
Oct. 4	Murphysboro	T
Oct. 11	Massac County	H
Oct. 18	Herrin	T
Oct. 25	West Frankfort	H

## Football - Freshmen

Sept. 9	DuQuoin	H
Sept. 11	Mt. Carmel	H
Sept. 16	Mt. Vernon	T

Sept. 23	Benton	H
Sept. 25	Johnston City	T
Sept. 30	Murphysboro	T
Oct. 7	Massac County	H
Oct. 14	Herrin	T
Oct. 21	West Frankfort	H

## Golf

Aug. 26	Marion	T
Sept. 2	C'ville/DuQ/Pink	H
Sept. 7	Massac/Anna	Massac
Sept. 8	Benton	H
Sept. 9	Marion	H
Sept. 11	Massac Inv.	T
Sept. 13	West Frankfort	T
Sept. 14	Mt. Vernon	T
Sept. 15	Marion Inv	T
Sept. 20	Massac/Hardin	H
Sept. 22	Massac/Herrin	Herrin
Sept. 23	Benton/Carmi	Benton
Sept. 24	Conference	Rend Lake
Sept. 27	Eldorado/Herrin	H
Sept. 28	Carmi/Mt. Carmel	H
Sept. 29	Carbondale	H

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## Volleyball

Aug. 31	Eldorado	T
Sept. 2	Carrier Mills	T
Sept. 4	Carbondale Tour	T
Sept. 7	Marion	T
Sept. 9	Mt. Vernon	T
Sept. 14	Anna-Jonesboro	H
Sept. 21	Benton	H
Sept. 23	Herrin	H
Sept. 25	Eldorado Tour	T
Sept. 28	Murphysboro	T
Sept. 30	West Frankfort	H
Oct. 2	Harrisburg Inv.	H
Oct. 4	Carbondale	T
Oct. 5	Mt. Vernon	H
Oct. 7	Benton	T
Oct. 12	Herrin	T
Oct. 14	Murphysboro	H
Oct. 16	Marion Inv.	T
Oct. 18	McLeansboro	T
Oct. 19	West Frankfort	T

## Cross Country

Sept. 2	Murphysboro Inv.	T
Sept. 3	Carmi / NCOE	NC
Sept. 7	Herrin Inv.	T
Sept. 8	Mt. Vernon	T
Sept. 9	C'dale/Frankfort	H
Sept. 11	Mt. Vernon Inv.	T
Sept. 14	Marion	T
Sept. 15	C'dale/Herrin/Anna/ Centralia	C'dale
Sept. 16	Norris City Inv.	T
Sept. 21	Harrisburg Inv.	H
Sept. 24	Benton Class 4	T
Sept. 28	Marion/M'boro	H
Sept. 30	Anna Inv.	T
Oct. 2	Carbondale Inv.	T
Oct. 6	Harrisburg Inv.	H
Oct. 14	Conference	M'boro
Oct. 18	Benton Inv.	T
Oct. 20	Nashville Inv.(Girls)	T

## Football - Freshmen

Sept. 9	Carroll	H
Sept. 11	Mt. Carmel	H
Sept. 16	Mt. Vernon	T