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The first Good Dogs Day of the year was held January 24 in Davenport gymnasium.

(Photo Kate McLeod)

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Josh Grimes

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### Where are Morals?

An occurrence took place that needs mentioning. This is a perfect example of useless things that fill our lives. If we start noticing these worthless practices, then maybe something constructive can be accomplished.

People are so upset with violence in this country that they are coming up with the most stupid ideas ever. Conventions are going on and congressional hearings and all the other things that people do to look like they are actually doing something are taking place. Legalizing drugs has even come up to stop the violence.

It is upsetting to know that our Surgeon

General advocates legalizing drugs. That's right, for those of you who don't know, our top doctor favors this madness. The idea of legalizing drugs is illogical. Think of how many people have died, how many cops have lost their lives, and then we're just going to say it's alright. Just give the drugs to kids, collect taxes on it, and if they die, they die. Well, that's wrong because the government has a moral obligation to take care of our better interests. Giving in to the problem will not end it. What's next, giving guns to everybody and saying hey,

anything goes, free country. Where has the majesty of humanity gone?

The first step in correcting these problems is so easy that it's unbelievable that it isn't used more often. Kids act as their parents raise them. If some parents would take some responsibility and take care of their kids then a lot of problems wouldn't happen. Our parents are the examples for us and that's why they must be good examples to us. The second step would be to elect some politicians that have some morals and values. If we do not change our lifestyles then the end is nearer than any of us expect. In this materialistic, homophobic, racist society, somebody needs to stand up and make things better for others!

*"Children inherit their parents' madness."*

-Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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## BELOW THE BELT by AARON BAILEY



COMMON PRE-SEMESTER EXAM NIGHTMARES.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

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George Fornes

# Roadkill's Horrorshow SLOVOS I've got Senioritis

With these huge stressful tests that we all love comes the last half del ano. For a fourth of us it was the last set of semester exams we'll ever have to take in Harrisburg - and we're ready to go. Just sliding by to get those last needed credits and trying to keep that beloved GPA up to kiss college butt. Seems rather pointless, though. I'm really starting not to care as much any more.

With this being the last leg of my time spent here, more important seeming things keep presenting themselves. There's always something better to do than sit at home drooling over the textbooks. Why

should someone study for hours for a relatively unimportant test when they've already sent their transcripts off to the university? As long as there's no chance of failing miserably, why not do something else? I'm not saying we should all just sit around or watch T.V. or vegetate - there's a plethora of constructive stuff to do.

*"It's gone eight, son. You don't want to be late again."*

*So I called back: "A bit of a pain in my gulliver. Leave us and I'll try to sleep it off and then I'll be right as dodgers for this after."*

*- Anthony Burgess, A Clockwork Orange*

*"Each additional day I spend at Harrisburg High School, I am more convinced that Jack Kavorkian is right."*

*- Delana Boatright*

## Lady Dogs Fall...Again!



Laura Conn

The Lady Dogs took a hard fall to the Lady Eagles on the 25th of January. It was a hard game as the Dogs lost 46-26. The Eagles played a hard defense making baskets hard to come by for the Dogs. The first 12 shots the Dogs tried to make were blocked. This made things look bad for the Dogs.

Coach Chuck Ingram made the comment, "you have to be able to shoot to win a game." It was a hard game with Anna Banks

and Jaylyn Crabb being the top scorers with only 8 points for both of them. Having 3 of their starters out doesn't help. "The

Lady Dogs will be back!!" is quoted by many players on the team. Everyone is behind you ladies, lets win, win, win!



Jaylyn Crabb goes hard to the basket January 25 against Eldorado.  
(photo compliments of *The Daily Register*)

## Five Members of Harrisburg FFA Attend National Convention

*Aaron Hull*

Chris Elam, Jodie Harper, Corey Parkinson, Nicole Nease, and Aaron Hull attended the 66th National FFA Convention, November 10-12 in Kansas City, Missouri. They were among more than 25,000 FFA members and advisors who represented more than 12,000 chapters from all fifty states.

The FFA was founded in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 20, 1928, when agricultural high school students were invited to participate in a judging contest at the American Royal Livestock Show.

Harrisburg students listened to speeches from Emory Austin, noted motivational speaker, Kimberly Aiken, Miss America 1994, and

entertainment from Lee Greenwood and Restless Heart. Members witnessed the presentation of many awards and citations, also the voting of delegates that will be affecting the direction and operation of the National FFA Association.

Members also toured the Agricultural Hall of Fame Museum of Farming, the Truman Library, the National Agricultural Career Show, the American Royal Livestock Show, and attended the American Royal Rodeo.



Bottom: Chris Elam, Jodie Harper, Nicole Nease.  
Top: Corey Parkinson, Aaron Hull (FFA photo)

## Chafing-Rubbing Skin the Wrong Way

*Dr. William Dvorine, M.D.*

Chafing is one of the most common skin problems encountered by active people and athletes. It's caused by friction between two skin surfaces in close opposition, such as the armpits, buttocks, groin area, and beneath the breasts in women. Obesity, personal hygiene, dirty clothes and uniforms, diabetes and a tendency towards excessive sweating are contributing causes.

At first there is no rash, just an irritated feeling on the skin. Then redness develops. Irritation and pain may increase. If chafed skin remains untreated or becomes softened through constant sweat or wetting, skin splitting and oozing may develop. Sometimes very painful fissures will occur, and a foul smell develops. If not treated, infection may complicate an otherwise simple problem.

Chafing in the groin area is frequently misdiagnosed as so-called "jock-itch" or a fungus infection. Over the counter fungus remedies are usually too strong and irritating, and will

only make the condition worse. If clearing does not take place in a few days by keeping clean, and dry, a doctor should be consulted.

In a mild case of chafing with minimal irritation, people need not curtail their activities. The condition is helped by frequent washing of clothes in a mild detergent. If bleach must be used, it should be thoroughly rinsed out. Residual bleach in clothing will irritate damaged skin.

Gentle bathing with a mild soap is preferred over stronger antibacterial soaps. Do not scrub affected areas with a washcloth, since it only increases irritation. An absorbent powder should be used during the day. Zinc oxide ointment used at night can be very soothing. The ointment should be wiped off in the morning with baby or mineral oil. An application of powder before workouts will also help reduce friction.

If the armpits are involved, stop using deodorants and antiperspirants until inflammation has subsided. Do not shave or trim the hair in armpits, as this only increases friction between skin surfaces. Exposure to air is very helpful, so, when practical, remove clothing at home do

hasten the healing process.

Fungus may be an additional complication in the groin area. If you have a history of previous fungal infections, antifungal powder in the morning, and antifungal cream at night are very useful. Both are available in drug stores without a prescription. If redness, burning, and stinging result, medication should be washed off immediately with plain cold water and no soap. Obviously some ingredient in the medication is irritating the skin and should be avoided. Also, never use another person's prescription medication—these should only be used under a physician's supervision. Misapplied prescription drugs may produce serious complications.

In more troublesome cases of chafing, activity or workouts should be stopped until all the irritation subsides. Premature resumption of exercise before the skin has fully recovered will lead to a relapse. Oozing and cracking are definite signs of a serious problem. Anyone experiencing a feeling of heat on the skin, accompanied by fever or chills should see a physician right away, as an infection may be developing.



## Financial Aid Application Information

*Ms. Aljabori*

The First step is to pick up the Federal Student Financial Aid application in the Guidance office. Your parents will need to fill out this form after they have prepared their 1993 income tax return. Information from your parents tax return is required to determine eligibility for financial aid.

Qualifications have changed in the past year. President Bush made eligibility changes which are still in effect. A few of these changes are: a student is considered a dependent *until age 24, or the student is married and has a child.* Marriage no longer automatically means that you are an independent student, living alone and paying your own way also no longer means that you are considered an independent student for the determination of

financial aid eligibility. There are some other criteria to determine dependent/independent status but they don't apply to high school students.

It is extremely important that you fill out the financial aid form even if you expect to be denied standard financial aid. Many schools use this form to help determine scholarship eligibility as well. Also, at least as far as SIC is concerned, you can apply for an exception or special circumstances if you had a parent who was a miner and is now unemployed.

The Pell Grant can range from 5400 to 2,300 per year. This is money which does not have to be repaid. The Pell Grant determination is based on your EFC (expected family contribution). You must file the federal student aid form to be considered for a Pell Grant.

Other forms of assistance now managed by the State of Illinois:

### General Assembly Scholarship

Provides tuition for students who are enrolled at Illinois state-supported colleges and universities.

Applications are available from the state representative or senator in the student's district.

Eligibility criteria for the scholarship are set by each legislative member; contact the General Assembly member from the student's district for more information.

### Special Education Scholarship

Provides tuition and some fees for students who are preparing to teach special education.

Scholarship may be used at Illinois state-supported colleges and universities.

Recipients agree to teach two of the first five years following graduation in Illinois.

Contact the Regional Superintendent of Schools or high school principal for more information.

### MIA/POW Scholarship

Provides tuition and mandatory fees for dependents of veterans/service persons declared to be prisoners-of-war, missing in action, deceased or disabled with a 100% disability as a result of a service-connected cause, and who were Illinois residents at the time of entry into active duty.

Scholarship may be used at Illinois state-supported colleges

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and universities.

Administered by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs; contact Vickey Campbell at (217) 782-34218 for more information.

## Department of Rehabilitation Services Education Benefits

Provides financial assistance for individuals with physical or mental disabilities to attend accredited Illinois colleges, universities, and technical schools.

Contact the Department of Rehabilitation Services at (217) 782-2004 for more information about the available benefits.

## Medical Student Scholarship Program

Provides tuition, mandatory fees and a monthly stipend of \$700 to a student enrolled in an Illinois allopathic or osteopathic medical school.

Recipients agree to work in an identified physician shortage area of Illinois one year for each year of assistance received.

Eligibility based on financial need.

Administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health; contact Tom Yocum at (217) 782-1624 for more information.

## Baccalaureate Nursing Assistance Program

Provides funds to assist Illinois registered nurses in obtaining baccalaureate degrees in nursing (BSN) at Illinois institutions approved by the National League of Nursing (NLN).

Program provides up to \$2,000 per year in tuition and fees and up to \$2,500 per year in living expenses.

Recipients agree to repay the assistance through employment as a professional nurse in Illinois, by enrolling in a Master's Degree program in nursing (MSN) for an equivalent time supported by the loan, or by monetary repayment of the loan amount.

Administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health; contact Jan Foster at (217) 782-1624 for more information.

## Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

Provides Illinois high school graduates a one-time scholarship of \$1,500.

Scholarship must be used during the first year of undergraduate study at an approved college/university in the United States.

Federal program administered by the Illinois State Board of Education; contact Anne Marie Fuhrig at (217) 782-9374 for more information.

## Teacher Shortage Scholarship

Provides tuition and fees for Illinois residents who are preparing to teach in identified areas of teacher shortage.

Scholarship may be used at approved Illinois public or private colleges and universities.

Recipients agree to teach a total of three years in Illinois schools in the identified shortage area.

Administered by the Illinois State Board of Education; contact Fred Nunn at (217) 782-9374 for more information.

## Mathematics/Science Traineeship Program

Provides \$1,000 per academic year for Illinois residents holding a degree in mathematics or science or students who have completed one or more academic years of college towards such a degree.

Recipients agree to pursue course work leading to an Illinois Teaching Certificate.

Recipients agree to teach science or mathematics in an Illinois elementary or secondary school on the basis of one-half year of service for each year of training received.

Administered by the Illinois State Board of Education; contact Fred Nunn or Sharon Riffey at (217) 782-9374 for more information.

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## Top 100 of 1993



Jed Nelson

Every week executives from Billboard Magazine and good ol' Casey Kasem get together to agree upon the top 40 songs of the week. The decisions are based on sales of singles for songs, and a poll of radio stations around the nation.

At the end of the year, Billboard and Radio and Records magazine get together to announce the top 100 songs of the year. For the past few years, Casey Kasem has done the Top 100 countdown on his regular Sunday show (9:00 A.M. on 96STO, and 5:00 P.M. on CIL-FM).

Janet Jackson seemed to dominate the list, scoring three top fifty hits "Again" at #33, "If" at # 10, and "That's the Way Love Goes" at #2. Aerosmith made the list once with "Cryin'" at #32. Stone Temple Pilots' "Plush" hit #74, and "I Would Do Anything For Love (But I Won't Do That)" by Meatloaf went as high as #49.

"Bad Boys" by Inner Circle became the first song from a TV show to make the top 100. "Sweat a la la la la long" got to 58.

En Vogue had three hits in 1993, "Love Don't Love You" at 94, "Runaway Love" at 92 and at 53 "Give It Up, Turn It Loose" #7" by Prince, or whatever it is he wants to be called now, got on the list as the shortest title for a song, and went to 27. His other hit "The Morning Papers" got to 98. Snow hit the list twice with "Girl I Been Hurt" at 97 and "Informer" at #25.

Bryan Adams started the countdown at number 100, with "Please Forgive Me" from his greatest hits album. Eight hours later Casey announced that the #1 song of 1993 was Mariah Carey's "Dreamlover". Mariah's "Hero" only made #79.

Elton John broke Elvis Presley's record of twenty three straight years at the top, when "Simple Life" made 1993 Elton's 24th consecutive year in the Top 100, coming in at #86. A record eleven movie songs made the countdown including, at #78 "The Crying Game" from Boy George, "A Whole New World" by Peabo Bryson and Regina Belle made # 23, and Whitney Houston's "I'm every Woman" "I Will Always Love You", and "I Have Nothing" made #22, #16,

and #7 respectively.

Some newcomers to the list included, at #67 Lisa Keith with "Better Than You", Tony Toni Tone's "Anniversary" at #65, and "If I Had No Loot" at 9. Jodeci's "Lately" went to #30, and "Another Sad Love Song" by Toni Braxton climbed to 13th.

At #90 was "Stand Up, Kick Love Into Motion" from Def Leppard, one of their four big hits this year. Toad the Wet Sprocket's "Walk on the Ocean" made #80. Coming in at #70 was a duet between Peabo B and Kenny G "By the Time This Night is Over". At 60 was the Country-Adult Contemporary group Restless Heart's only top 100 song "When She Cries". Fifty was Mikey Jackson's "Who Is It". Forty was from the Beverly Hills 90210 Soundtrack, Jeremy Jordan's "Right Kinda Love". Twenty was "River of Dreams" the title of Billy Joel's new album. "Can't Help Falling In Love" by UB40 beat out Elvis himself for most sales, and made UB40 the top male group on the countdown at #3.

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## On a Strand of Glass



*Cory Romonovsky*

Imagine walking into your living room and turning on your TV. On the screen is a list of topics. You would like to see a baseball game so you select it on a pull down menu. Under sports is a list of categories, you pick baseball, the Cardinals vs. Padres in particular. You are then given a choice of camera angles, commentators, etc. You like the view from the first base line so you select that camera view. There are also a couple of new players you've never heard of so you select player statistics. This is a look at the Interactive television of the future. If you were doing a report on underwater basket weaving you could have selected an

interactive university channel and if there had been any lectures on that topic you could see it.

Called the NII or the National Information Infrastructure this new system offers over 500 channels of movies, television, sports, interactive video games, you name it. All the TV information is digitized which allows for a users decoder to select what the viewer is most likely to watch based on past choices. It can even store a program that it thinks you might like and didn't even know about.

Another advantage of NII is the instant availability of video in the home. If you want to watch the Terminator you can select a movie database that has the entire movie stored in

giant computers called digital servers. Say goodbye to the video rental store because now you will be able to watch a movie on the spur of the moment. All of this is piped to your house by a strand of glass called a fiber optic cable.

Current plans call for the decoder to be rented in much the same way cable is set up today. A monthly fee will cover the cost of all the services and capabilities of this new network.



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## One Member's View

*Melissa Cook*

Our parents are called Baby Boomers and have also been called the Me and the Now Generation. Their parents are the silent generation, known as the only generation to not put a president in the White House. Before that was the GI Generation, people known for politically fighting the vocal Boomers. But now the generation in question, the thirteenth generation in America, has been labeled Generation X. The reason for this is partly because any other appropriate name has been considered too negative, and part of the reason is that we are viewed as a worthless generation, lazy and apathetic.

Do we deserve this label? And is it our fault?

First off, who are we talking about? Generation X currently spans ages twelve to thirty-two. We've been called the MTV and Why Bother Generation, Baby Busters, plus the Sacrificial, Repair, and Survivor Generation. We've been given the national debt crisis and a poisoned environment. We grew up with the highest divorce rate ever and the highest number of latch-key kids. We were the first whose parents fixed problems with abortion and prevented the same problem with the Pill. The Baby Boomers got free love; Generation X got AIDS.

Even after all of those facts, some people still fail to see why we are uncaring, apathetic, and negative about our future, if we even bother to think about the future. Our

childhoods taught us to fend for ourselves and to be cynical about adults. We've been raised as a group of rule benders; we're people who want to beat the system, and we're willing to compromise anything to do it. The way our Boomer and Silent parents raised us, unwanted and badly schooled, taught us that we can't rely on anyone except ourselves.

The most recent studies on our generation have come to a drastic conclusion. First it is pointed out that the Boomers were a great group of people. They didn't like the ground work their elders set, so they went out and changed things for themselves. In other words, they were Fixers and Creators. But then

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people point to Generation X and say that we didn't like what had been handed to us by these Boomers, but instead of changing things to our satisfaction, we are only interested in tearing down what Boomers made. In other words, we have been labeled Destroyers. I think this could be accurate. And I also think that Boomers had it coming. Their lives were spent in self-indulgence, drug use, and redefining right and wrong. Now our lives will be spent paying for it.

Experts pretty much agree that Generation X is a generation with a bleak future. We are identified as the first American generation that will not surpass or even equal our parents' success. Fewer of us will enter

the job force and fewer of us will own our own home. We are already the most incarcerated generation ever. But experts also agree that we are a *necessary* generation in order to get things back on track. We are the group that will open the nation's eyes to problems in family life and big problems in "the system". We're the Clean-up Generation, the Sacrificial Generation. We will sacrifice ourselves for the generations that come after us.

But are there any *good* things that we have brought about or that have been brought on us? Sure. We are the most culturally diverse generation as well as the group of people who place the most *value* on this personality kaleidoscope. We are realists and survivors. We don't need anyone but ourselves. We're self-reliant and loners. It has

been predicted that our political leaders will be cunning and flexible. Our generation will never receive much from the government, but will never ask for nor require this help. Once in positions of influence, we will run a high-tech society, being the first generation to grow up with personal computers. We aren't a negative group in every way, though the negatives and positives came from the same sources.

Though Baby Boomers got their name from their large numbers, Generation X outnumbers them greatly. Boomers currently number at sixty-nine million while this twenty-something generation is at seventy-nine million. By 1999, Generation X will be the biggest voting group in the country. That is, if we learn to care enough to actually vote.

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C.R. Rath

## Bulldogs Win Carmi Invitational

Your Bulldog basketball team won three impressive games on route to a Championship on January 18-22 at the infamous Carmi Invitational. The 'Dawgs ratholed the Salukis of Red Hill, the Aces of Mt. Carmel, and the Maroons of Robinson.

Who and where is Red Hill? I'll spare you the gory details and tell you that the Bulldogs won. It was real ugly, but we got by the last ranked team in the tourney.

It was a different story in the other two games. The Bulldogs showed fans a great display of "32 minutes of hell" (a term given to the Bulldogs by head Coach Smithpeters) and one of the best displays of basketball Harrisburg has ever played. Dale Overstreet showcased his talents and received all-tourney and MVP honors. He set a record of most consecutive made field goals (14) and scored 88 points in the three game tourney.

The Bulldogs advanced

to the Championship game by defeating the Mt. Carmel Aces and once again spoiled their chances of advancing (just like in football, baby). The Bulldogs whipped the Aces 76-58 and topped it off with a dunk by Brad Ziegler. Well, wait a second. Brad didn't dunk it...but he could have if he wanted!!!

The Bulldogs jumped out to a huge 20-9 first quarter lead and never looked back. Dale Overstreet scored eight of his thirty-three

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**"We still don't do anything special for Dale to score"**

*-Coach Smithpeters*

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points in the first quarter. "We still don't do anything special for Dale to score," Head Coach Randy Smithpeters said. "For Dale to score like he does, shows the kind of player he is to get the shots."

Mount Carmel beat the 'Dogs in the third quarter. They outscored us 15-13 which made the score 47-33. The dogs then woke up and hit eight straight free throws to seal the victory. Adam Vargo was quoted as saying, "I want it! I can smell it!" when asked

about Harrisburg's chances of winning the rest of the Tourney.

The Bulldogs of Harrisburg then met the Maroons of Robinson in Dougal-Evers gymnasium for the well-awaited championship clash. The game starred two of Illinois' best high school cagers, our very own Dale Overstreet and Robinson's David Lesmond. Lesmond, a 6-8 senior from France signed with Purdue earlier this season. Bulldog backer Jason Nyberg said, "This game has the best two players I've ever seen in high school action. It has some of the best talent in America versus the best of France. This one will go down in the record books." And boy, did it!!!

The game went in to overtime with the 'Dawgs outlasting the Maroons and coming out on top 67-63. This game had it all, three pointers, cable shaking, rim rattling dunks, and half-court miracles. The Bulldogs played one of their best games of the year and Dale Overstreet had the Tournament of a lifetime.

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After that they gave away free food, popcorn, and cokes. There were games where you could win food, video tapes, hair products, pizzas, and gift certificates.

Some of the many games were the cake walk and dart throw.

Even though 80% of the school were good dogs, it seemed that there were a handful of bad dogs that attended and

Ms. Stewart wasn't a happy camper. She was very disappointed with the garbage problem on the gym floor. If you didn't notice there were oranges, smushed bananas, and popcorn all over the floor. "We didn't have a problem like this

last year," said Ms. Stewart. She was also upset about how a handful of immature students didn't have enough respect to even know what they are doing. Ms. Stewart

The cooks, custodians, teachers, Ms. Stewart and her advisory board worked very hard for Good Dogs Day. "I don't think everyone knows how much hard work and

effort went into Good Dogs Day," said Ms. Stewart. She didn't know who caused the problems, but since we didn't have this problem last year she thinks it may be some freshman. In the future, the students at

"I don't think everyone knows how much hard work and effort went into Good Dogs Day"

- Ms. Stewart

said, "It may depend on whether or not we will have refreshments or what kind if any just because of this incident. Behavior at the next Good Dogs Day will also depend on Good Dogs Day in the future." It is a shame that a few bad apples can ruin the whole bunch.

HHS should be a little more responsible and mature or we may not have Good Dogs Day. A lot of people would hate to see it go because it is a positive program and it is definitely worth it.

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Shannon Horstmann

## Immaturity Strikes

Good Dogs Day was held on the Tuesday the 24th, and once again it was a huge positive success. All of the less fortunate students or "Bad Dogs" who had any detentions were stuck in a room why the rest of the school had an afternoon of fun.

Good dogs day started off with the physical challenge. We are talking messy. I was proud to be one of the volunteers for the stunt. I got to pair up with my friend and partner, Sara Henshaw. I had to lay down on a piece of plastic with a little dixie cup in my mouth, while she poured chocolate syrup into it. Hey, it didn't bother me any. It's all fun and games. Next, they had a suitcase race where you had to run with

your ugly red suitcase in hand and then you had to put on everything that was in the suitcase. After the suitcase race some lucky guys got to hula hoop, spin a bat around, and ride a tricycle.

We are all wondering if Ben Trees is alright. He not only fell while running to his bike, but he also racked himself while riding the tricycle. The basketball shoot-out was dominated by Jeremy Wilson who made it all the way to half court (and missed). The

grand finale was lead by lucky Luara Conn and Dustin Kielhorn who got to pour Karo syrup and dump Rice Krispies on Ms. Stewart. She was such a good sport about it.



A chocolate scene from Good Dogs Day  
(photo Cassandra Wood)

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Tracy Allison

## Nation Feels Shock of Disasters

Nationwide, disaster has struck. The earthquakes in Los Angeles topping 6.6 on the richter scale, the heavy snow and ice in the Mid-West and East, and the shocking case of Kerrigan and Harding have left the U.S. in an uproar. These horrid disasters hit the U.S. like an avalanche.

A presumed forty-two are dead on account of the devastating Los Angeles earthquake. The Santa Monica freeway along with other roadways have been damaged. Alternative routes have been made while the aftershocks reached up to 5.1 on the richter scale, and caused even more damage. California has been struck hard with brush fires, floods, and earthquakes over the last few years. Why citizens

choose to stay is beyond belief. Some feel they have to take the risks in order to live in warm weather the whole year through. Others say that California has always been their home and would not think of leaving it. Whatever the reason may be, the people of California stand tough to their ground.

In other areas of the nation, snow and ice are the dominating parties. In Kentucky, interstates were shut down for days. Traffic resumed on the interstates after the road conditions improved. Many schools in our area unexpectedly received a week long vacation because of the hazardous road conditions. A reported sixty-six are dead through out the Mid-West and the East. The wintery conditions have made it impossible for some to get out and go, but it has been possible to enjoy winter activities such as sledding.

Another hot topic hovering the U.S. is the case of Nancy Kerrigan being injured at the first of January. Suspected of the crime, was Shawn Eckardt, Tonya Hardings bodyguard. Jeff Gilloly, Hardings ex-husband, was suspected for being the master-mind of the whole ordeal. The big question is, if Tonya Harding is found not guilty of being involved with planning Kerrigans attack, should she be able to go to the Olympics?

There are many hot topics being distributed throughout the U.S. and the world as well. Some of us may think we have it bad because of the cabin fever we have recently experienced, but there are a lot more important problems going on.

# Wrestling

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Brandon Simmons

On January 22, the HHS wrestlers went to Herrin High School Memorial Gymnasium and narrowly took the River to River conference title from Murphysboro by only 2 and a half points. Coach Greg Langley did it again when Harrisburg had a wrestler in the finals at every weight class, while Murphysboro had eight people in the finals. Gearing nailed his opponent with no trouble by outscoring him 16-8. It went down to the 189 pound weight class, when Marc Brown upset the number one seed from

## Wrestlers Take Conference Title/ Topple Union County

Pinckneyville. Brown barely edged the win 1-0. That win assured Harrisburg of victory over Murphysboro.

Harrisburg won 169 points, while Murphysboro had 166 1/2. West Frankfort followed with 112 points, Herrin was next with 110, and then Pinckneyville with 106. Anna-Jonesboro had 48

Bailey (2nd), Lands (2nd), Duncan (3rd), Brown (1st), and Nelson (4th).

Fetter had a tough loss when he was disqualified for an illegal hold. "I can't believe this ...", griped Chris Fetter (103) to his 'hurt' opponent, "You're the biggest wimp I've ever known in my life!"

the heavyweight match. Kris Nelson successfully outscored his opponent 9-1. There were a few hard losses, such as Simmons, Gearing, Bailey, and Brown...the team captains.

Coach Greg Langley has worked the wrestlers to a 19-3-1 regular season record. After the wins at

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"I think the team will rise to the occasion at regionals, and I predict that all thirteen will be in the finals. We will take the championship, and be state-bound."

- Jay Gearing (125 champ)

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1/2 points, Benton had 23, and Sparta was dead last with 9 points.

The winners were Fetter (2nd), Thai (3rd), Simmons (2nd), Gearing (1st), Quinn (4th), Roberson (4th), Sheldon (2nd), Horstmann (4th).

They also recently beat Union County, KY, 31-28. The entire gymnasium was up on its feet when the match went down to

Pinckneyville and Union County. Harrisburg is ranked in the top fifteen in State.

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# Exchange Student

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## German Dude Joins HHS



George Fornes

Jens Geisler has joined us merry HHS students as a foreign exchange student from Germany. The sixteen year old from a small village near Paderborn is enrolled in junior classes, and he's living with Sean Aljabori.

Jens [yenz] could only be here for the second semester due to a shortage of host families in the states. Instead of just staying in Germany, though, he was able to live with a family in Columbia for three months. The result - he's trilingual. It so happened that 24 other German exchange students also went to Columbia to wait, but he was, luckily, one of the first to get out of there. According to Jens, Columbia is boring and all they feed you is rice.

There is a lack of natural forest area in Germany, and Jens seemed to immediately like our plethora of wilderness. So, he was taken out to Rim Rock for some good ol' rappelling, and fell in love with jumping off our beloved Shawnee cliffs. The agency through which he came to the states has strict rules saying that he isn't allowed to take part in "dangerous sports," but he figures, "What cop doesn't see, doesn't matter." Jens also is not allowed to drive, get into any trouble at all with the law, do drugs, or hitchhike. Here's an interesting rule from the agency - "I can have all the sex I want, but if I get anyone pregnant, it's straight back to Germany."

Although Jens isn't sure what

to study, he's interested in history and psychology - messing with the minds of the weak. He's just here to experience the culture - to live the life of Armpit. So, if you're walking down the hall and see some long-haired guy that you don't know, either you're an introverted loser or it's Jens.



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## Top Ten Reasons Why the Creative Minds is no Longer in Existence

*Submitted by a Concerned Citizen*

10. It is not the purpose of a public school to encourage and foster elitist organizations.
9. They were mis-INFORMED that they should have their own newspaper.
8. They never ran out of people to put down and to poke fun at.
7. They were a sexist group that would not allow females in their organization. (They wouldn't be here without them.)
6. They had the words Creative and Rude confused.
5. They had our school mascot confused, it is BULLDOGS not BULLIES.
4. The halls of HHS were not big enough to hold all of their egos.
3. The creative (I put other people down to make myself feel big) club was just not needed.
2. A mind is a terrible thing to waste, even if it thinks it is creative.

And the Number 1 Reason Why the Creative Minds Club Is No Longer in Existence

1. They were just plain *not funny*.

## Scoreboard

<p><b>Congratulations</b> to the Varsity Boys' Basketball team for their 1st place finish in the Carmi Tournament. That brings their record to 15-3.</p>	<p>The Varsity Girls Basketball team record is now 6 -12. They have lost six straight.</p>
<p>The Wrestling Men of Harrisburg High have a record of 18-3-1 after recently winning the Varsity Conference Tournament.</p>	<p><b>Congratulations</b> to Dale Overstreet for winning the MVP award at the Carmi Tournament.</p>