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Ms. Stewart said, "The administration appreciates the cooperation we are getting from the students in regard to the parking problem."

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DIARRHEA,  
CHA-CHA-CHA

ANARCHY AT HHS  
Josh Grimes

Students can no longer park backwards. What? That's right, students must park front end first. This rule was given to us over the intercom no less. Why is there a new rule about parking?

Kelly Stewart, assistant principal, says, "It's been a school rule all along." It's not in the handbook. This rule came about because some idiots don't know how to park correctly. The positive side of this rule is that everyone should use one parking place. The negative side, more space is being taken. For example, the back row. More vehicles fit backwards there than diagonally. Does anyone else notice this? **Stewart says, "We can save more parking space if we park uniformly."** Hello! Please look at the back row. Parking spaces were hard to come by before this rule. Students have to park on streets as it is. This is MADNESS, MADNESS, MADNESS!

The solution to this problem isn't easy. Many solutions come to mind. Instead of punishing everyone, only punish people who take two spaces. Lines could be painted in the lot. Give parking permits to upperclassmen (sorry sophomores, ride the bus). Last, but not least, tear down the art building and extend the lot. These solutions should be tried before some rule comes over the intercom.

Ms. Stewart, this is not an attack on you. This is an attack on a rule that seems unfair to many students including myself.

Fellow students, as sad as it is, we can only do what we're told. This seems like another one of those rules which contains no logic but has to be followed. When will it end?

"Remember that today never dawns again." -Dante

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## OPINION POLL



What is your opinion of the new parking rule at HHS?

Jay Gearing, senior, "I don't see how backing in makes more room when I counted five cars slanted to nine cars backed in. It has never been a problem before, and it's more economical to back in."



C.A. Bryant, senior, "The new rule is stupid because we've done it forever, and we should still get to do it. Blacktop the parking lot. I don't care as long as I get a spot."



Candi Heil, senior "The new rule about backing into spaces has just made the people mad so now they take up more room. When they backed in on the back row they parked closer than the other three rows."



Kris Nelson, senior, "Student parking has been as issue at HHS for the entirety of my high school career. By now the school administration should have figured out the fact that there is not sufficient room for all of the students that are of driving age with cars to park. The rule about not parking backwards solves nothing. Making such absurd rules is like a skydiver flapping his arms to save himself when his parachute won't open."

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Above: HHS students Jaclyn Mann and Shannon Horstmann visited the Pope in Denver

### POPEFEST '93

Shannon Horstmann

It was called the "religious Woodstock" or the "Godstock". It was World Youth Day '93, held in Denver, Colo. On Aug. 11 - 15 Pope John Paul II joined youth from over seventy countries.

The Pope had not been in the United States since 1986. He arrived in Denver on Aug.

11. The next day was his Papal welcome at Mile High Stadium (home of the Rockies and Broncos). Because of the limited seats, not everyone got to go to the opening ceremony. By lottery, a small Harrisburg group won tickets to go: Jaclyn Mann, Samantha Carter, Brandie Banks and myself, along with our leader Judy Hagedorn. It was very exciting that the five of us got to go out of 800 kids from southern

Illinois. We went to the stadium at 3 p.m., although the Pope didn't arrive until 5:30 p.m.

Saturday was the long walk to the Cherry Creek State Park. The southern Illinois group only had to hike four miles, while more than 35,000 walked the whole 15 miles from downtown Denver. That night the Pope arrived and gave a three hour prayer vigil that started at 7:15 p.m. When it was over, the 250,000 young people from all over the world camped out on the ground.

At 5 a.m. the park opened for the public to watch the Papal mass that started at 9:30 a.m. The park got as full as a half-million people.

Despite people getting sick and waiting in the food and restroom lines for two hours, it was definitely worth it. It was an unforgettable journey. It is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. In 1995, I plan to go to the Phillipines for the next world youth day.

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### Have Band, Will Travel

Jed Nelson

It is 5 a.m., do you know where your school's marching band is? Well, if it is September 25, they are on their way to the University of Illinois at Champaign.

The HHS band, the Marching Purple Pride of the Deep South, directed by Bill Hezlep, will be one of only 50 marching bands from the state of Illinois performing at halftime of the college football game between the "Fighting Illini" and the University of Oregon "Ducks."

Approximately 3,000 students representing bands from throughout Illinois, in addition to the University of Illinois marching band, will be led by the U of I drum major, Matt Businaro and Lance Curly begin band practice

Hezlep believes this performance at the game will be beneficial in many ways. He hopes it will lead to the Purple Pride accomplishing its goal of playing at several universities as well as the annual band festival at Busch Stadium in St.

Louis.

The goal of this trip, according to Hezlep, is an educational experience. And what an experience it will be as the Purple Pride shares the excitement of performing with a Big Ten marching band.



### GO AHEAD, SHOW THE WAY Traca Allison

Leadership is viewed through different eyes. Some may think that being a leader involves being a teacher. Others may think leadership involves being

a friend.

When asked who or what helped you decide to become a leader, Judy Harris, guidance counselor, replied, "My teachers, the opportunities to learn skills, and I enjoy it."

Another question asked was "Do you feel you have made a positive influence in lives, and how. Harris answered "Yes, by making sure that people know that they can make choices."

For those of you who don't know, Harris is a correspondent for the Teen Leadership Conference held every Spring out at SIC.

Here is a little advice for future leaders: get a good education, stay open-minded to ideas, don't be a controller, and provide opportunities and role

models. Be honest, trustworthy, and open to change. Harris commented, "Change is good - change means you grow."

You may know someone who is cut out to be a leader. They may be a teacher, a friend or a parent. Whomever they may be - let them know it.

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### CROSS COUNTRY ON THE RUN

April Mayhall

On your mark, get set, GO! The cross country team has been getting in shape for their first few meets. Between sore thighs and calves, the runners find themselves getting in shape fast.

They are working hard, hoping this year is a success. "We run two to three miles everyday in the blistering hot sun," said Melinda Hazel, senior.

The SIC course is two miles for females and three miles for males. The course is run on a grassy field that is to the right of the college. It is a moderately hard course, with a few tough hills and wet places.

The females have a team and there are two male

teams, frosh/soph and varsity. There are seven top runners on each team and those who did not make the top seven compete in the open race. Anyone in the top seven can lose their place to someone who finishes better than them.

Being a cross country runner takes a lot of hard work and dedication. Chuck Ingram, head coach, says that it is still early to tell what the season will bring - besides success.

"We run two to three miles everyday in the blistering hot sun." - Melinda Hazel, Senior



Chris Bevis and Mike Eisenhauer start out the cross country season.

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### New Guidance Teacher Moves to HHS

Angel Gibson

This year HHS has the pleasure of welcoming a new guidance counselor / sociology teacher by the name of Ms. Aljabori. Aljabori was a pleasure to interview and a very interesting person. She received her Bachelors Degree in Education from Eastern Illinois University with social studies and Spanish as her undergraduatemajor. In addition, she has taken some business courses and has a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology and Guidance from Eastern Illinois University.

Teaching is what Aljabori has wanted to do since high school. She has taught many

places before HHS, the most recent being Charleston High School which is about one hundred and fifty miles north of Harrisburg. Ms. Aljabori has also taught at the Baghdad High School for Girls and the Parents Cooperative School in Arabia. The subjects she has taught are as varied as the places. Sociology is only the beginning. She has also taught geography, civics, computer classes, and English as foreign language.

Aljabori enjoys listening to music, working jig-saw puzzles, embroidery, and talking on the phone with her sisters. She studied Spanish for three years, French for two years, and is able to speak some Arabic.

One interesting thing that happened to Aljabori during her teaching career was when

she was teaching English as a foreign language. She was teaching forty pupils in a room made for fifteen. To make matters worse, she did not know any Arabic and her class did not know any English. Together the class learned some English and she learned some Arabic.

Joining Aljabori is her daughter Sarah who attends SIC and her son, Sean who is a senior here at HHS.



Ms. Aljabori brings a variety of experiences to the HHS staff.

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### Prejudice Abounds at HHS

Kate McLeod

It tears people apart, weakens the framework of our nation, wreaks chaos on families, hates everyone, kills out of revenge and misunderstanding, is ruled by violence, and is the enemy of reason.

What is this terrible being? It is prejudice, the prejudice that seems to lurk in every corner of our small town. People everyday feel they are outcasts because of their looks, class in society, intelligence, gender,

sexual preference, disabilities, religious convictions, or race. How can one man or group of men do this to another man? It is through fear, jealousy, hatred, and narrow mindedness. Prejudice always seems to stem from the ignorance of a person's beliefs or intolerance to differences.

Prejudice has always been found in our history. It is in the present and will certainly be in the future. Will we never be able to work through our differences and become a strong, united people? Probably not,

but we could definitely work on it.

Rule E on page 23 of our student handbook prompted this article. It states, "No student or group shall participate in any action designed to promote racial unrest or gang activity." Of course this means no racial slurs, fights, or any displays of hatred. How far does this rule regulate students? Are there no more rebel flag motifs or Malcolm X T-shirts to be worn? These are part of our history, but unfortunately they are also stained with the blood and violence

of our ancestors. Maybe if we analyze the mistakes made in our past, we could correct some of them in the present.

This rule should not have had to be made. Come on folks, we are in high school and still have to be told how to treat one another? Everyone of us has four years or less left until we will be out on our own. If we can't solve problems without bringing our race or mother's name into it, then we're hurtin'.

## Welcome To America

Angie Moore

Where in the world is Columbia South America? One of our foreign exchange students, Andrew Nino can tell you. Nino has not only visited America before, Orlando, FL and New York, NY, to be exact; but he has

also been to Ecuador, Venezuela and Canada. Nino is staying with Jo and Anthony Funaro before returning home.

Nino, a 17 year old senior, plays soccer, baseball and rides horses. His favorite subject in school is history. Nino's school back home is just as hot and

humid as ours. One difference, however, is that instead of students changing classrooms, the teachers go from room to room.

Even though Nino has traveled thousands of miles, he has found that people here are just the same and enjoy the same common activities as they do in Columbia.



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### WHAT IS HAPPENING TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS?

Tracie Partain

Although the nation's top newscasters tell us that the nation's economy is improving and unemployment is decreasing, around southern Illinois the story is totally different.

Over the past few years, the people of southern Illinois have witnessed widespread and high unemployment. The average unemployment around southern Illinois is at 16% and rising. This means that for every five people who are employed, there is one that is not.

Most of today's unemployment stems from the closing of coal mines. From 1980 to 1982; southern Illinois watched as coal miners were laid-off from their jobs at Will Scarlet mine with no hope of returning. Sahara coal mine was closed this May. The most recent closing is Eagle #2 in

Shawneetown. Rumor has it that still another coal mine in southern Illinois will shut down. These mines have all been closed due to the high sulfur content of the coal and the unwillingness of the coal buyers to install scrubbers to clean the coal.

Since the closing of these mines, there has been a considerable increase in unemployment. Also shops, restaurants and department stores around southern Illinois are not hiring because of the dramatic decrease in business.

The result of this is more people out of work, long unemployment lines, and no available jobs for high school students wanting to start a work career. In a survey given to the students of HHS, most students said they had problems finding jobs around Harrisburg. This problem arose because of the out of work middle aged group. Business employers tend to hire someone who already has work experience before hiring someone they have to train. When

asked if she found it hard to find a job, senior Angie Nugent replied, "Yes, it took me four months." Senior George Fornes replied, "Yep. I had to look and look." So did most students.

The students were also asked if they enjoy their job or if it is just the money they are after. Brad Bolin, junior, commented positively on both aspects, "I enjoy it and it pays great." A surprising number of students said they enjoyed their jobs.

Since coal mining was the biggest source of economic growth in southern Illinois, it looks like we are in for a rough road. It is time we banded together as a group to help people out of unemployment. But with our unions being broken by powerful companies who no longer care about employees' safety, wages, working conditions, job security and overall just do not care about the working class man, where will southern Illinois be in the next few years?

# Joker's Forum/Cheers and Jeers

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### Top Ten Worthless People, Places or Things

10. Moby Dick
9. Those Stupid Oxy-10 Commercials
8. Parking Rule at HHS
7. Rush Limbaugh
6. Muddy
5. Racism
4. H. Ross Perot
3. Gambling Rule at HHS
2. Bud's Warehouse Outlet

### And the number one most worthless people, places or things:

1. Censorship

-Josh Grimes

Cheers-  
to L.L. for bravely  
coming out of the closet.  
-Anonymous

Jeers -

To the person or persons who  
took the Creative Minds Club off of  
the club list. Does the Creative  
Minds Club get their hard earned  
money from last year, or will they  
be stabbed in the back again? It's  
hard to tell who's on your side  
these days. That is really sad.

-Anonymous

Jeers-

to the Purple Clarion for the misspelling  
of Aaron Baily's name in the previous  
Clarion and the omission of his name as  
part of the Clarion Staff. (The Purple  
Clarion regrets the error.)

"The mass of men lead  
lives of quiet despera-  
tion."  
-Thoreau

Cheers-

to the HHS Golf Team for winning their first  
three matches. Good job guys!

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### AHHH ACE

Laura Conn

"A-C, A-C-E, Ace, Ace, Ace!" This will be a common chant now that it is time for volleyball season to resume. While the boys have football, some of our energetic females at HHS are on the volleyball team. As the boys are using each other as tackling dummies, the girls bump, set and spike a volleyball.

When speaking to the HHS volleyball teams, a few of the varsity players had interesting comments. Seniors Kristin Banks and Jamie Hathaway, captains of the varsity team, both stated, "We're sad it's our last season." When asked how they felt the success of the team would be this year, Banks responded, "We have a lot of potential and talent to go far, but there are still a lot of things we need to work on." Hathaway commented, "Our communication on the court" is their weakest point. Christa Carter, junior, quotes,

"The whole team has set high goals, and with these high goals and a positive attitude we strive for success throughout the season."

The freshmen were just as enthusiastic with their answers. When they were asked how the upperclassmen in volleyball



treated them, Dawn Halverson and Kelli Lands both responded quickly with an astonished "Better than expected," and the other freshmen agreed. As the interview with the team continued, the girls got more and more excited.

Next, they were asked how they felt they would be their senior year. Lands enthusiastically said, "We'll be great" as Jodi Harper came back with a more subtle, "We should be pretty good."

August 31 was their first game. They played the Eldorado Lady Eagles. Before the freshmen began to play they were asked if they were liking volleyball. Most said they were enjoying it, but after their victory over Eldorado, the whole team gave me a unanimous "We love it!" The junior varsity had a hard earned victory over Eldorado as well. Many junior varsity players said they were nervous, but nerves of steel is what showed on the court. The most hard earned victory was from the Lady Bulldog varsity. After a difficult first game loss, the ladies shook it off and came back fighting. Their high goals and the positive attitude Carter spoke of

were noticeable as they came back to win the last two out of three games. The whole varsity team wants to thank all of the fans for coming to the game and showing support.

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### HHS WELCOMES NEW COACH

Heather Bean

Basketball players are looking forward to a new basketball season, especially with this year's new coach, Randy Smithpeters.

Following SIU graduation in 1974, Smithpeters moved on to teaching in McLeansboro. He also coached the McLeansboro Foxes' boy's basketball team, which made him familiar with the Harrisburg Athletic Department.

Being familiar with the Athletic Department, Smithpeters has made many acquaintances with people from the area, and has come to know our school system.

He commented, "One thing that attracted me to Harrisburg was the way the community, school body and faculty support the Athletic Department. Without knowing that, this wouldn't have been as tempting a job."

Smithpeters says that he is looking forward to teaching

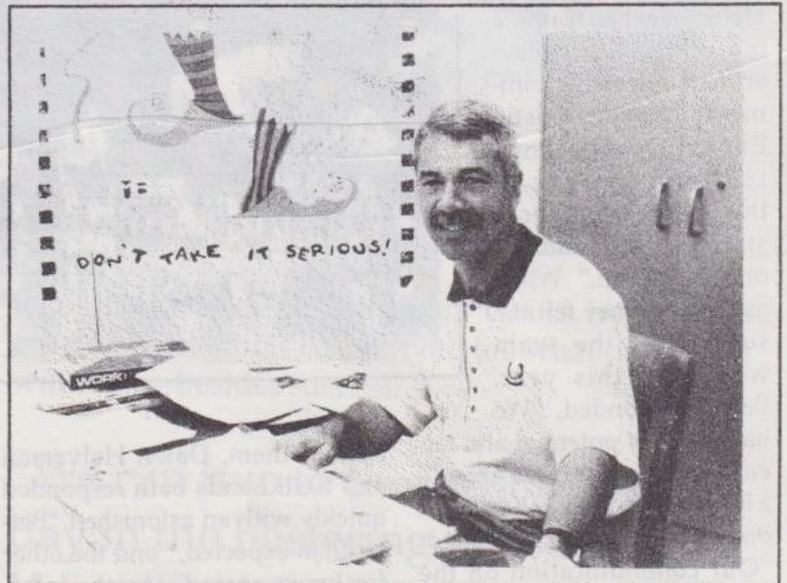
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"One thing that attracted me to Harrisburg was the way the community, school body and faculty support the Athletic Department." -Randy Smithpeters

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and coaching basketball this year.

He concluded by saying, "People are really nice and helpful which has made the beginning of this year very enjoyable."



New coach Smithpeters arrives at HHS

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### Butler Moves to HHS

Cassandra Wood

This year something new has happened at HHS, something that has not happened in 22 years. HHS has a new U.S. History and Current Affairs teacher, Jim Butler. Butler took over after Jack Wright retired last year.

Butler has been teaching for 15 years. He started his teaching career right here at HHS. He taught a drop-out prevention class for six years. The class was eliminated and Butler moved to an open position as eighth grade social studies teacher at Malan Junior High. He taught at Malan for nine years.

Butler commented about coming back to HHS, and how the teachers reacted to this. He said that coming back was like coming home. Butler stated that most of the

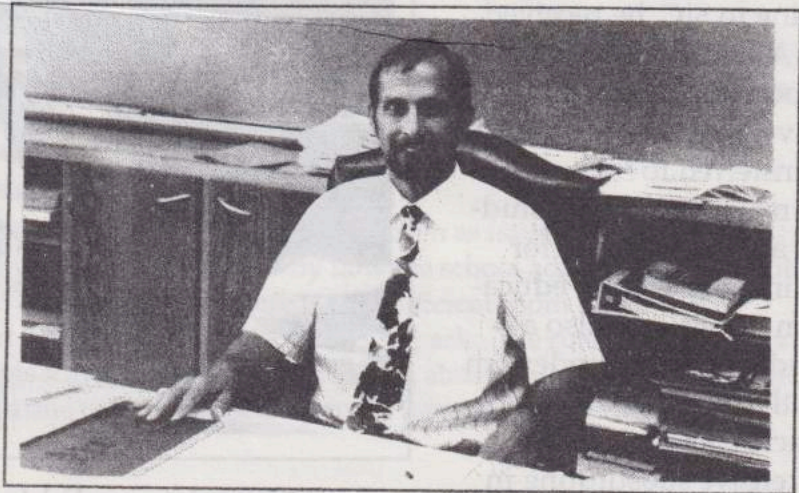
teachers didn't say welcome to HHS, they said welcome back. He added that he had always hoped to return to HHS where he could teach along with his mentors Wright and Bob Ozment.

On the subject of teaching some of his previous students, Butler said he liked it because he basically knew everyone from previous years. When asked whether he liked teaching at HHS or MJH better he

said, "I like where I am right now."

When asked if he felt that he had to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Wright, he said, "I'm not trying to replace Mr. Wright. The material we cover is the same, but our techniques are not."

Butler went on to say that he really likes his new position and hopes to finish out his teaching career here at HHS.



Butler moves to HHS.

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## New Drivers Ed and Government teacher

Angelina Fonseca

Last year at HHS there were many retirements. This left many openings for new teachers. For instance, the new Drivers Ed and Government teacher, Dan Craig.

Craig is a current resident of Stonefort. He went to school at Carrier Mills and Stonefort. While going to SIC, he received an A.A.S. in electronic data processing. He also received an A.A. He then transferred to SIU where he majored in social studies and took classes for training in drivers education. Craig was also a student teacher under Jim Butler, HHS history teacher, and has done extensive substituting in

Harrisburg, Vienna, Carrier Mills, Galatia and Cobden.

To be hired in Harrisburg was a good thing for Craig. He is interested in being here. He is anxious to get programs built up like Bob Ozment and Mike

Hays and to do his best to match and exceed what they did.

Craig would like to thank the faculty and administration for welcoming him to the world of HHS.



New drivers Ed teacher Mr. Craig

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HUH-HUH-HUH

Cory Romonosky

If you are an MTV junkie, chances are you have seen animation's newest sensation, Beavis

and Butt-Head. This dynamic duo captures the attentions of millions of viewers weeknights at 6:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. The popularity of

these two characters is rarely attained by many movie stars. From their characteristic "huh-huh-huh" laugh and make-um / break-um movie reviews to blowing up 747's and cutting off cricket tweeters, Beavis and Butt-Head manage to draw unprecedented attention. When it comes to controversy, their only rivals are Tom and Roseanne Arnold. Beavis and Butt-Head seem far more entertaining than these two.

Despite their immense popularity, Beavis and Butt-Head have evoked a great deal of criticism. Ranging from Mr. Rogers to the thousands of outraged parents who think they negatively affect their children. Butt-Head bashing may in fact condemn their show to an untimely end. Hopefully not though. Beavis and Butt-Head may be a bit eccentric but that is their appeal.



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### ROADKILL'S HORRORSHOW SLOVOS

#### NEW RULES APLENTY

George Fornes

Yet another little rule has recently been added to HHS's long list of "mini-ordinances" - we are no longer allowed to back into parking spots. The justification for this needless display of authority, as read over the intercom in announcements, is that we take up more space that way. Har, har.

I can see it now - a lab of scientists analyzing a car's engine and concluding that, yes indeed - when you throw your set o' wheels into reverse it causes the particles of metal in its frame to expand to twice their normal size! Parking is cut in half! What to do? "I dunno, Elmer. We'd better make a rule about it quick."

Why is there such concern now over the efficiency of parking space? Probably what happened is some kid took up about six spaces by parking like a moron, so they blamed it on his being parked backwards. To tell the truth, the actual principle of the rule doesn't bother me much. I park forward whether I'm supposed to or not. It's just the fact that they made this little rule telling us what to do. The way I see it, student parking lot - student problem - student business. Why do they (whoever passes these rules) suddenly want to try to do something about it?

It seems like there have been quite a few new minor rules lately. Remember a couple years ago when we couldn't wear coats inside? Or last year when paintballs and toy pistols were outlawed? These things are getting old, but they do have potential to the artistic. I

say we hold some kind of contest in which the person who commits the most vile, most evil crime (like parking backwards) and gets the best new rule passed because of it receives for their efforts a splendid prize. We could get paper banned; we could outlaw a certain type of bookbag. It could even be against school policy to wear red. There are infinite possibilities - be creative.

So if you ever see one of your buddies get stopped in the hall for whistling out of tune, listen on the announcements for a new anti-music law. If you are told that black socks aren't allowed any more, ask around to find out who did it. Once you learn who has caused the creation of a new guideline, give 'em a pat on the back and tell me about them. I'll be glad to shake the man's hand.

Samuel Beckett once said, "Every word is like an unnecessary stain on silence and nothingness." ... on the other hand, he said it.