

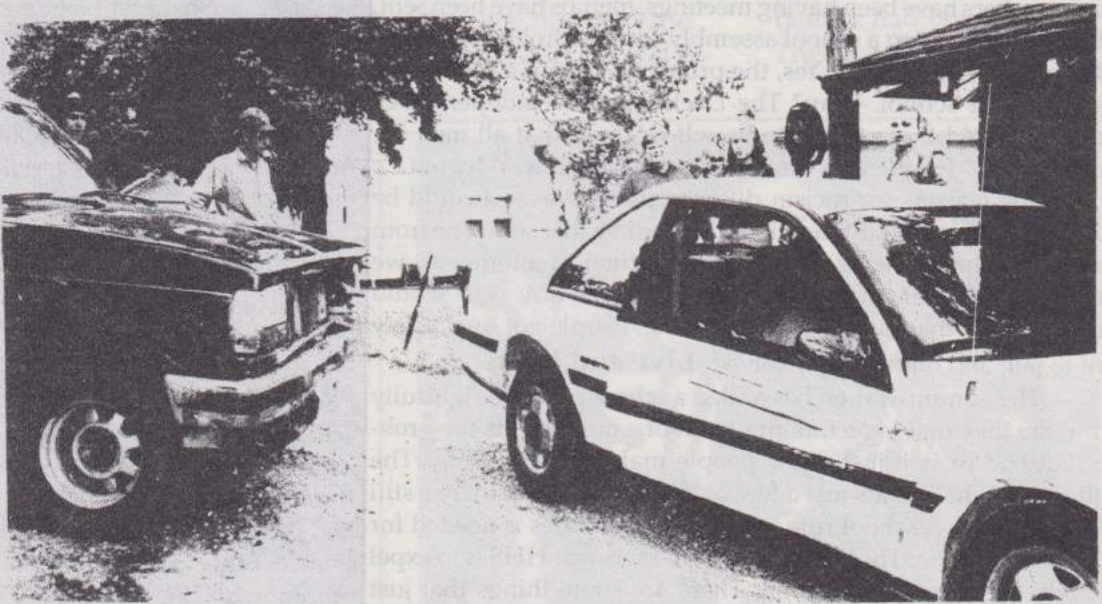
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## INGSOC, NEWSPEAK, STEAK DINNERS

### Making a Mountain Out of a Molehill?

Well fellow students, what's going on here? A problem has arisen at HHS and there really isn't a reason for it. In the last few weeks, teachers have been having meetings, memos have been sent, and there's even been a school assembly for this problem. Racism and gang activity at HHS? Yes, the problem without a reason has filtered to our school. Why? The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." People don't treat each other equally. Why not?

The reasons for racism differ in many ways. It could be what parents have taught their kids. It could be that someone from another race has done us wrong at some time or another so we stereotype the whole race. One would think the L.A. riots would teach everyone that racism solves nothing. People got hurt, a few went to jail, and nothing was solved. **Live and learn.**

The administration has added a school rule and rightfully so, but are they making a mountain out of a molehill? Is the problem that bad or is it just a few people making the trouble? The truth is that whether it's just a few or if it's everybody, there's still no reason for it. A school rule with severe penalties is needed for such useless action. The best solution for racism at HHS is to expel anybody causing racial tension. There are some things that just have to be dealt with severely.

All of us have to go to school here and hopefully no one will get into trouble and get expelled or arrested. This problem has gone on for centuries but that doesn't mean it has to continue. One man's skin doesn't show his character. Think about it.

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"Freedom is freedom to say that two plus two make four. If that is granted, all else follows"  
- George Orwell

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Laura Conn

## Bulldogs Conquer Rams

The old adage says may the best team win. Harrisburg football Coach Al Way will agree that last Friday night the best team did win. Yes, a tremendous victory led the Harrisburg Bulldogs to prevail in a 19-15 victory over the Mt. Vernon Rams.

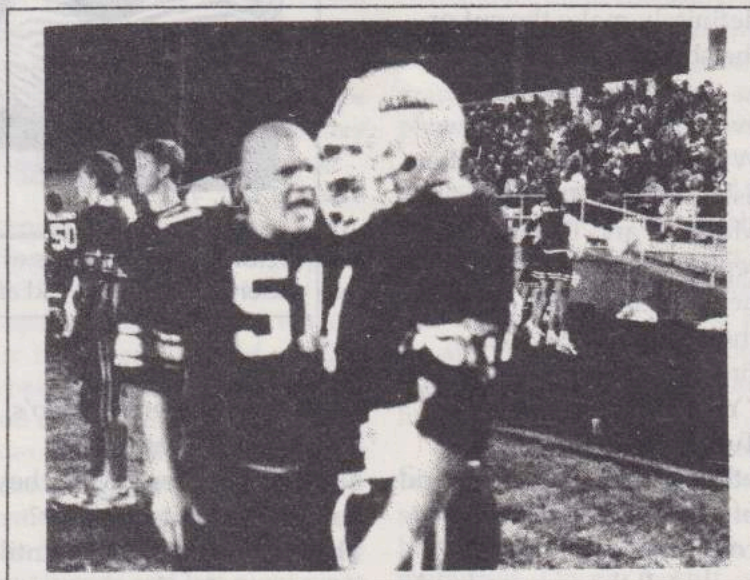
The Bulldogs went into the game with an 0-2 record. It being their first home game, the Dogs were prepared to show the Rams what they were made of. Coach Way said "All it takes is two losses to appreciate win."

Brad Ziegler took a great crunch by two Rams defenders, but still helped lead the Dogs. Ziegler had help from the great hands of Ben

Trees, Jason Roper, and Brandon Reynolds, and the great feet of Marcus Questelle and T.R. Price. Though none of this would have been possible if it had not been for the tremendous efforts from the offensive line, and the determination of the defen-

sive line. They weren't going to let anything stop them.

The Bulldogs are ready to put Harrisburg back on the football map. You can see the Bulldogs in action at Benton Friday Sept. 24. Benton had better watch out. The Dogs Are Back!!!



Marc Brown congratulates T.R. Price after making a touchdown as he gets more and more excited with the Dogs.

## "To Shave or Not to Shave, That is The Question"

Laura Conn



How much team spirit do you have? Do you have as much as Jason Tuttle and Marc Brown? Not many people can say they do. These two bald guys are a sight. When it comes to team spirit, these two can definitely make the cut or the shave in this case.

Now the question everyone wants to know. Why did they do it? When asked why Tuttle says, "-Money!" and Brown just replies "I got guts.". The next question was how their parents reacted. Brown's parents told him "You look stupid," while Tuttle's parents on the other hand ask, "What kind of hair cut is that?" He continued to say, "All I could tell them was a bald one".

Now who did they let shave it? Not just anyone.



Before and After shots of seniors Marc Brown and Jason Tuttle before and after they lost their wigs.

Tuttle went to Ron Seets, while Brown went to Deb's Hair Care. What a man! Next off how long were they going to keep it that way? They both agreed "just until it grows out unless we win against Mt. Vernon". They say, "This should motivate the team and should be an

intimidation factor." Brown ended by saying "If everyone on the team shaved their heads it would pull us together, but they're chicken!" Now how many football players are going to take that? We'll soon see.



Shannon Horstmann

He changes wires, fixes the heater when it breaks, and all maintenance work. A lot of people probably don't know who I'm talking about. The person who I'm referring to is Charles "Buck" Agin, the head custodian. Buck has been working at HHS 16, going on 17, years. I didn't know Buck until I interviewed him and I learned he is a dedicated worker and loves his job. "I think it's the best job I've ever had," says Buck. He thinks if you work with people you like it makes it a better job.

Buck enjoys working with the kids and teachers. "They're a good group of people to work with," says Buck. His shift starts at 6 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. There

## Meet Buck

are five more janitors that work with Buck. four work in the school and one works at Taylor Field. Buck and the other custodians are all good friends. "You should stay together because that's what makes your job good. It's kind of like going to school. If your friends are mad at you, you don't want to come," says Buck.

Buck thinks the

students could make it hard or easy on the janitor. He said, "Over all, the students are doing excellent."

I think we need to appreciate our janitors more. They are hard workers and they deserve a pat on the back once in a while. So if you see Buck in the hallway tell him, " hi" and let him know we appreciate his hard work.



Custodian Charles "Buck" Agin works downstairs on a pipe. Buck has been working at HHS for 16, going on 17, years.

# Dear Elvis

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Dear Elvis,

I like my best friend's ex-boyfriend. They broke up about 3 months ago. He claims he's over her, but I don't know if I should go for him or not. Another problem is I don't want my best friend to get mad at me even though she already has another man. Can you please help me?

CONFUSED

Dear Confused,

Go with your feelings! Life's too short to worry about what people care about. Go to the guy and say "Darling I love you" And if that doesn't work club him and drag him to your cave. By the way, you don't need your friends permission to go out with anybody.

ELVIS

Dear Elvis,

I know I'm ugly because people, tell me so every day. What can I do to be pretty like those people in the Oxy-10 commercials?

BARK

Dear Bark,

Get a life! You actually think that commercials matter? The only thing that matters is your inner soul. Just tell those mean people to like you for what you are and then walk away.

ELVIS

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## Bulldogs Too Much for Rams

Aaron Bailey

In last Friday's nail-biter, the road weary 'Dawgs came back home and defeated a solid Mt. Vernon squad, 19-15. The Bulldogs pulled ahead when senior halfback Marcus Questelle squeezed in the end-zone with just thirty-two seconds left in the game.

"There was no doubt in my mind that we would win," senior tackle/noseguard Kris Nelson commented.

Actually, the outcome looked dreary for the Bulldogs as

the Rams had possession and a three point lead with less than 5:00 to go. But the Harrisburg defense stiffened and regained the ball with only 4:12 left in the game. That's when quarterback Brad Ziegler showed extreme courage and desire as he remained in the game despite an injured arm and led the offensive squad back down the field. A quick pass to Jason Roper, a powerful run by T. R.

Price, and an incredible catch by Brandon Reynolds brought the Bulldogs to the Ram fifteen. The ball was then given to the quick Mt. Carmel transfer and he brought the Dogs within five. Price got the handoff from

Ziegler on the next play and carried the ball to within one yard of the goal. Questelle then put Harrisburg ahead of the Rams with a one-yard run and that's where the Bulldogs remained.

Throughout the night the Harrisburg squad played solid offense, but silly mental errors continuously hurt them. Fumbles, missed blocks and the occasional penalty killed numerous scoring drives.

"All we needed to do is cut out the stupid mistakes. If we could have done that, the score wouldn't have even been close," said senior guard Marc Brown.

Throughout

the night the 'Dawg defense punished the Ram offensive attack and held their bread and butter back to only three yards rushing. The defensive line also punished the Ram star quarterback with continuous sacks.

"They couldn't keep me off him," said senior defensive / offensive end Ben Trees. When all was said and done, Trees recorded three and a half sacks and numerous other tackles.

When the night was finally over, the Bulldogs proved they are still one of the most dangerous teams in Southern Illinois and will be tough contenders for the conference crown.

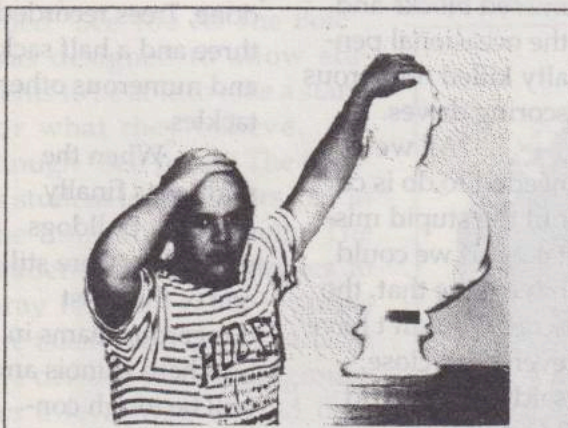
# Student Features



Name: Michael (Mickey) Place  
 Year: Freshman  
 Sports: Football  
 Hair: Blonde  
 Eyes: Brown  
 He thinks: "School is O.K. I don't have any favorite subjects."  
 What he likes: "I like to play football."



Name: Tonya Gunning  
 Year: Freshman  
 Hair: Brown  
 Eyes: Green  
 She thinks: "I like school."  
 What she likes: "I like to go to football games and spend time with my boyfriend, Tim Rister."  
 Hobbies: Talking on the phone.



Marc Brown makes his comparison to Shakespeare



HHS cheerleaders perform at the pep rally Friday.



## Colorguard, Not Just Another Pom-Pom Squad

Angel Gibson

They practice four hours a day three or four times a week. They rehearse flag formations over and over again to insure timely precision. This is just a small portion of their duties. Who you ask? The answer is the HHS Colorguard.

This year's Colorguard consists of twelve members: Maria Acosta, Jennifer Belton, Jennifer Dawson, Natalie Ellis, Kelly Farmer, Amy Frantz, Brandi Gaugher, Elaina Ledbetter, Jacyn Mann, Sarah Moore, Angie Trammel, and Linda York. Shelly Francois is the Colorguard's instructor from Salem. Francois

meets with the Colorguard only on Mondays. All other practices are the sole responsibility of the team. The Colorguard uniforms are purple metallic with white satin.

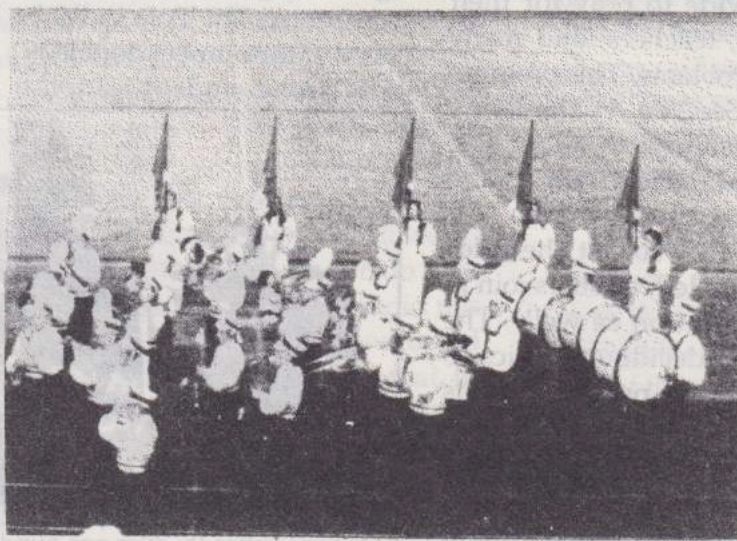
The Colorguard is essentially part of the band. Any fundraisers the band has the Colorguard also takes part in. On September

25, the Colorguard will travel with the band to the University of Illinois in Champaign - Urbana to perform flag formations while marching with the band. On October 23, the Colorguard will travel to the Greater

St. Louis Marching Competition at Busch Stadium.

Jennifer Belton, team captain, says: "Colorguard is a lot of hard work, but it's fun. We are not cheerleader wanna-be's."

"Colorguard is a lot of hard work, but it's fun. We are not cheerleader wanna-be's." -Jennifer Belton



HHS band gets ready for action last Friday night at our first home game

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Traca Allison

What's so important about a flagpole? Well, on Sept. 15, it was the symbol of Christians unifying themselves to witness to others.

Last year, thousands of students gathered at flagpoles nationwide to pray for their schools, teachers, and many other problems. This program titled "See You At The Pole", was designed to allow students to be able to take a stand for what they believe. Although "See You At The Pole" is student led, teachers join in the unification as well. The students decide on topics to pray for but prayer requests are taken too. The attendants are divided into small groups for a few minutes, and then join in one big group around

## Show Your Faith

the flagpole. As we pray, we join hands, because this is a sign of unification.

Even though some may feel that 7:30 a.m. is too early to go to school, the turnout is good. If you figure it, some of us have early classes anyway, so what is one morning going to hurt?

Approximately 100 students in Harrisburg's junior high and high school attended "See You At The Pole in '92." This year the number doubled! With strong student leaders,

next year should be outstanding. Don't get me wrong. "See You At The Pole" is not a competition to see how many people one person can drag to a flagpole at 7:30 a.m. "See You At The Pole" is a unification of denominations to pray for their nation.

If you are interested in finding out more about "See You At The Pole", contact Steve Davis at the First Baptist Church. I hope to see YOU at the pole in '94!



On September 15, over one hundred students attended the "See You at the Pole" at Harrisburg High School.

## What Do You Think?

Tracie Partain

Here's a poll of students' opinions on racism and high school. The questions were:

- 1) Do you feel there is racism at HHS?
- 2) How do you feel about the new rules?

Here's what the students had to say.



**Monica Askew-Junior**-“Yes there is racism at HHS.....We should be able to wear what we want to wear regardless of racial opinion and keep the comments to yourself.”



**Kevin Byron-Junior**-“Kind of.....I really don't care”(about the rule).



**Josh Scott-Junior**-“Yes there is racism.....You should wear what you want to wear. It's not the thing with the clothes, it's what people say.”



**Monica Kiesecomes-Senior**-“I'll admit in the past few years there have been times of high racial tension but I believe there hasn't been a problem this year. I guess the school is trying to catch it before it starts, but I would hate to see them cause something that isn't there.”



## Billy Ray Bashing

Cory Romonosky

Country music is without a doubt today's most popular music format. One of the most popular country music stars in recent memory is a man named Billy Ray Cyrus. His first album, *Some Gave All*, sold over 7 million copies, very impressive from a guy who dresses like a low rent gigolo and has the interview presence of a small grapefruit.

Now comes Billy Ray's next attempt, *It Won't Be the Last*,

and one must admit that the songs are quite better.

Though hardly award winning material, they at least have some depth to them unlike *My Achy Breaky Heart* which should be made a part of the country music hall of shame. Also, if Cyrus would lay off the Neil Diamond, Elvis Presley act he might do better. Of course whether or not he will come into his own and develop his own style remains to be seen. Cyrus

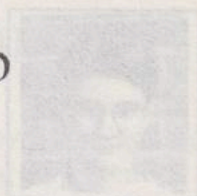
is still not a writer because most of his self-written material leans on the 8th grade side of lyrics. For the most part, Cyrus is just an embarrassment to country music. Between his colorless baritone voice and his ants in his pants dancing style, it is easy to see why *It Won't Be The Last* might be.

BELOW THE BELT

by AARON BAILEY



## Keystone Staff Attends Camp



Amy Mitchell

Over the summer, many of you were busy with summer sports, spending time with friends, and more or less trying to enjoy your very short vacation. However, the new Keystone staff was busy attending the Midwest Yearbook Experience to learn everything there is to know about the yearbook.

Farrah Alexander-editor, and myself, Amy Mitchell-assistant editor along with photographer-Jeremy Cook, and advisor-C.J. Harbison spent 4 days at Millikin University in Decatur. The workshop had over 80 students from all the Midwestern states, all with one thing in common, the efforts to create a book of memories for their student body.

Upon arrival, attendants were given their own

key to a dorm room, a schedule of classes, and were asked to participate in a competitive which was simply another name for a contest. The contests consisted of subjects such as theme development, layout design, photography, cover design, and copy writing. Participants were divided into groups making sure that those from the same school were on different teams. The groups went to class together each day and became very close friends.

Each day the groups went from different classes learning many things such as graphics and leadership skills. In the participants' free time, many worked for hours and stayed up late working on daily assignments and competitives. Editor Farrah Alexander stated, "I have never learned a greater amount of information in 4 days, but the camp was definitely worth it. The many new friends and late night pizza parties were the best."

After all the classes were

over, work was done, and competitives turned in, the camp began to have some fun. The different teams competed in activities such as pyramid building and lifesaver passing. A distribution party and dance was held along with a pie-eating contest, musical chairs, and a limbo contest. At the party each team set up a different booth with items such as autograph inserts, pins, popcorn, and photos of the week's memories.

On the last day of camp, an awards ceremony was held for the competitives, in which I placed first for cover design. A slide show of the weeks events and happenings was shown. After all the excitement was over many said their goodbyes and headed for home.

The skills learned at yearbook camp gave the new Keystone staff many new ideas on how to create a great book of memories. On our behalf, we hope to bring you the best yearbook yet.



Jed Nelson

"Same Dave, Better time, New station" those words, which were on CBS seemingly every time you 'dialed it up' on your tele, have signaled a new milestone in Late Night TV comedy.

That's right, the late night television wars have begun, and jumping out fast from the starting block has been CBS' Late Show with David Letterman. Since Letterman's August 30th premiere, a number of changes have come to the surface.

Letterman now does his show from the Ed Sullivan theater on Broadway in New York

## Letterman at CBS???

City. Despite some minor acoustical problems in the old theater, the show is off to a great start.

The home office, where Dave's top ten lists originates in, has been moved from Talequah, Oklahoma to Sioux City, Iowa. The all-out goofyness of the top ten has not undergone many changes itself, but Letterman did put an end to GE bashing last week.

Sadly, however, Letterman has had to give up some segments. Viewer mail has been cut drastically. We'll never see stupid pet tricks again either. But perhaps the worst loss is the loss of the legendary Larry 'Bud' Melman. Larry Bud has played everyone from Elvis Presley to H. Bud Perot on NBC, but CBS has been unable to use the old deranged New Yorker for fear of an NBC lawsuit.

Letterman's first few weeks have been met with

incredible reviews, and Dave's future looks bright with CBS. With literally millions of viewers nationwide, Letterman will continue to dominate late night TV.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

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## Just a Thought

Aaron Bailey

Although I normally do very little for The Purple Clarion (save a few cartoons here and there), I would like to express some ideas on behalf of the HHS varsity football team in this, my one and most likely only, opinion-type article. I can assure you that these ideas are not exclusively mine, but are shared by all of us who don the helmets and risk physical disfigurement each Friday.

As all of you may know, the HHS varsity squad recently slated two straight losses to a couple of the toughest teams in

Southern Illinois. It was these two losses that seemed to make the whole community turn on the boys in purple and offer nothing but harsh nit-picking. The losses also caused practically every sportswriter in the lower half of the state to regard the team as nothing but a big joke.

But this persecution was not just limited to the usual football fan or sportswriter. No, this epidemic of biting criticism dug its way into the one place where support is all one would expect to find - the hallowed

halls of HHS. That's right, as hard as it may be to believe, the football squad also got the shaft from their fellow students. I personally heard one student's remark that the team is "nothing but a bunch of wimps who can't even win a game" (my regards to the cross-country king himself). Another acidic comment was even made by a contributor to this publication (my regards also to George). Well, on behalf of the rest of the varsity football team I'd just like to say, "Thanks for nothing."





## Roadkill's Horrorshow Slovos

### Dungeons and Dragons

George Fornes

DM: You see a bunch of women. What do you do?

Players (chanting): KILL 'EM!!

DM: You see a bunch of kittens playing in the grass. What do you -

Players (enthusiastically): BURN 'EM!!

DM: You come across a bunch of newborn babies crying for food. Wha -  
Players (in a frenzy): KICK 'EM! THROW 'EM!! EAT WHAT'S LEFT!! Haaha!

This is what most people think a Dungeons and Dragons game consists of. Its reputation is that of an evil pastime with nothing but death and pagan ritual. This isn't true at all - take a closer look.

D&D is like any other game in which a player assumes the role of a character.

The player rolls up ability scores for the character with dice, chooses its class (thief, magician, etc.) and from then on just says what it is to do. All of the action takes place inside the player's mind - not on a board, with the Dungeon Master (DM), who invents the story line, as a guide.

How this leads to Satanism is beyond me. Quoth Brad Ross, avid player, "You don't have a psychotic game unless you have a psychotic DM, and that's the players' choice." Still, parents persist in forbidding their children from playing

on the grounds that they will metamorphose into cloven-hooved demons.

A principle argument of parents is that their kids are just running from their real problems by taking on the role of a mediaeval warrior for a few hours. I'll tell ya' what- players change personalities during a game no more than a reader getting into a good book will identify with its main characters - or a moviegoer rooting for the hero. It is harmless.

Most of the fun of a D&D game comes not from killing and pillaging, but from simply having something interesting to do with friends. Order a pizza - grab a 2 liter - turn up the music and let's hear the story. D&D is a harmless pastime with the power to entertain.

"Come and get one in the yarbles, if you have any yarbles, you eunuch jelly, thou."

Anthony Burgess,  
Clockwork Orange

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