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PROM...

Making Plans For The Big Event!!

PROM!!!!!!!

As it gets closer to May 4th, everyone is getting pretty busy. May 4th, of course, is the date of the Junior Prom. It's hard to believe how much work goes into staging a prom! To get it all done, the prom committee has been divided into a lot of smaller committees.

These committees include: Working on the entrance, the faculty leader is Mrs. Allen; the student leader--Darci Allen. For the construction committee Mr. Ingram is the faculty advisor; Kevin Sullivan and Charlie Sheldon are the student leaders. With the help of Treva Webb, Carol Cannon, Sheri McNew, and Signe Hull, Mrs. Clemmons has taken on the task of tickets. Mrs. Clemmons is also faculty advisor for pictures, and Kim Puttuck is the student leader. The committee on

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AFTER PROM

when and where

The parents of the juniors are once again organizing the after-prom for all juniors and seniors. This year the after prom will be held at #10 Cherry Street from 12:00 to 4:00 a.m. Even if you can't make it to prom, you are still invited to the after-prom. There will be refreshments, door prizes, music, and all of your friends.

And if you're still up after all of that, the Kiwanis Club invites everyone to a free pancake breakfast, beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday. See you there!!

Jeri Frese

PROM SERVERS

The prom servers this year were selected from the top twenty in the Sophomore class. Six boys and six girls were chosen. The boys will wear black pants, a white shirt, and a black vest topped off with a bow tie. The girls' attire will consist of an old fashioned dress with a scarf. The outfits will go with this year's theme, "Gone With The Wind". The prom servers are Beth Lilley, Donna Butler, Melinda Bobo, Martha Harper, Angela Friend, Patty Walker, Robert Elliot, Delmer Hagan, David Stricklin, Jeff Irwin, Brad Horton, and Jeff Thomas. Marina Antoline is working with the servers on their duties, mainly waiting on tables and serving punch. Since the prom servers may attend After-Prom, it is a job the sophomores are glad to have.

Delmer Hagan

THIS IS DOERGE

Spring at last! I was beginning to wonder if it would ever get here. Just think, in one more month the seniors will graduate and the rest of us will be off for three months. Now that the weather is growing warmer, classes seem longer and it is forever until 3:00. The absentee list mysteriously gets longer too, if you get my drift.

There is a problem in our school which I want to mention. It seems that while assemblies are being held, some people just can not keep their mouths shut. This is an old problem of ours. Some people can be so rude not only to the performers but to the ones who want to hear what's going on. In Bonnell it is very hard to hear under the best conditions. I am probably as guilty as anyone sometimes, but some people talk all the time through every assembly. The students are not the only ones at fault; not all, but several teachers stand out in the hall near the door to B Gym and talk during assemblies. They joke and tell stories and their laughter is a disturbance to the assembled teachers and students. It seems only common courtesy that the teachers should be as quiet as they expect students to be.

Another, far more serious problem is that it seems we have a few crooks

running around. It takes sort of a sick mind to steal someone's engagement ring. We do have a few students in our school who would do anything for a few bucks.

About the only thing we can do is keep a good eye on everything we have at school. I just hope these kids who are stealing will grow up and mature a little bit so they can see how dumb they are. If anyone sees a student stealing anything, turn them in. Our school has had enough of this theft. There are a lot of people you can turn names into and no one will ever know. Now I know this sounds corny, but you'll be helping the guilty ones in the long run.

John Doerge

ART STUDENTS WIN BIG!

Winning-AH!!! How sweet it is! Our fine H.H.S. Art students recently placed in four categories entered in the Eighth Annual Art Fair '79 at the Carbondale Mall. Top winners were as follows: Water color--2nd place ribbon, Francie Flota; Pencil--3rd place ribbon, Curtis Drue; Mixed Media--3rd place ribbon, Rebecca Poirot; Graphic Design--3rd place ribbon, Randy (Pierre) Jones. Many students received honorable mentions. Those were as follows: John Bybee, Sam Fuller, Rebecca Poirot Sandy Clark, Lenetta Blackburn, Mary Daly, and Sandy Alvey. On April 23, H.H.S. art work was on display at the South Eastern Illinois College. Later this spring we will have our own art show. Be there!!!

Policy of the Press

The purpose of The Purple Clarion is to inform the students of current issues and to improve communications between students and teachers. The paper will try to publicize upcoming school events and past school activities and projects. It should meet the needs for publicity within the school community.

The Purple Clarion is a high school paper written by high school students. Editorials are signed and express the writer's opinion. It is hoped that they reflect the spirit of the school. Opinions of students, teachers, administrators, and parents can be expressed in letters to the editor. These must be signed; however, the name will be withheld upon request.

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table decorations includes Lena Smith, Myra Schrock, and Lisa Ozment. The group for tables has Jimi Williams as student leader. Both groups have Mrs. Foster as faculty advisor. Mr. Hunsinger and Mr. Way are the faculty advisors in charge of the ceiling and the student leader is Greg Buchanan. The committee leader for walls is Todd Lambert with Mr. Frantz as faculty advisor. Mrs. Allen is in charge of Art and Design which has two sub-committees. Background flats is headed by Teri McClusky and Lisa Vinyard, while artists working on the prom are Sam Fuller, Mary Daly, Teri Price, Rebecca Poirrot, Sandy Clark, and Lisa Lawrence. The committee in charge of food and refreshments has Mrs. Wathen as faculty advisor and Marina Antoline as student leader. Ramona Stilley, Junior class-president, has been a general co-ordinator, helping in many areas. The overall chairman is Mrs. Stoever and she wishes to express appreciation to everyone -- and special thanks to Mr. Parkhurst who, although he isn't a junior sponsor, has done quite a bit for the prom already.

All of these students and faculty members deserve a special thanks from everyone. The best way to thank them would be to have a great turnout for the prom and for everyone to have a good time. This year's theme, being "Gone With The Wind"

should turn Davenport Gym into the Deep South for the evening. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Scott Air Force Band.

So let's see a good turnout May 4th for the big prom!!!

Note: Any junior wanting to help decorate for prom must get out of study hall and not classes. Decorating will begin May 1. Sign up with the committee advisor or leader of a group

Jerri Frese

FHA TO HOLD JUNIOR OLYMPICS

FHA will be holding the Junior Olympics on May 17. All school clubs will be participating if they pay the \$6.00 entry fee and find ten volunteers. The winning club will get a money prize to go to their favorite charity. FHA girls have also sold license plate frames. These have "Harrisburg, IL" at the top and "Bulldogs" on the bottom in raised letters. They sold for \$3.50 each or \$6.00 a pair.

Tammy Caraker



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Sports



GIRL'S TRACK

It's fun to run! That's right, the HHS Girls' Track team, coached by Ms. Boyer, is out there on the track running. You have seen those yellow shoes. That's the sing of speed, because they are bananas and really split! The team has had 4 meets, with Mr. Vernon, Carbondale, Herrin, and Eldorado, and won 3 out of 4, defeated only by Mr. Vernon.

Junior standout Sheila Gibbs is a real pleasure to watch. She has a lot of endurance and has a super chance of going to state competition. She has set records in the mile and two-mile. The freshmen, new to the team, didn't know what to expect, but they are looking really good.

Listen to the announcements and come on down and watch the girls run. It can be exciting.



CHEERLEADERS CHOSEN

Yea! Rah! Well, it's that time of year again. Yes, on April 6, many girls turned out for the H.H.S.'s annual cheerleading tryouts. These girls worked hard preparing for tryouts. They had to do a regular cheer they made up themselves, and any optional jumps. All of the girls did a good job. The cheerleaders for the 1979-1980 year are as follows: Wrestling - Lena Smith, Toni Williams, Kathy Butler, Patrice Molinarolo, Cindy Elkins, Angela Walker. Varsity- Darci Allen, Marina Antoline, Lana Calufetti, Rita Mallady, Angie Stinnett, and Melissa Slaton. Jun-Varsity- Kim Kane, Steffanie Harris, Debbie Murray, Jill Trammel, and Julie Hays. Last but not least, Freshman cheerleaders are Lucy Calufetti Susan Odum, Angie Johnson, Angie Clift, and Diana Forwe. Congratulations to these young ladies and good luck in the coming year!

Lisa Freeman

To introduce the 1979-80 cheerleaders, find the names of the Varsity, J.V. Freshman and Wrestling cheerleaders. Try to find them in this word search:

SOFTBALL HAS BEGUN

It's softball time! Finally! With so many rainy days and the fields unplayable, it was almost impossible to get started. After winning the first game against Benton, the girls lost the next two games to Metropolis and Vienna. Players on the team include: Tanya Lanton, Jenny Hann, Beth Harrawood, Joni Sisky, April Horning, Kim Abell, Brenda Lacey, Nora Sutton, Beth Davis, Lori Ledbetter, Sherry Murphy, Belinda Furlong, Candy Jones, Robin Gullett, Melinda Pickering, and Debbie Murray. The coach is Mary Jane Dameron, assistant coach is Carol Rose, Managers are Leta Small, Geri Woolard, Chris Cape, and Ellen Collett, and scorekeeper is Debbie Black.

RAINY DAYS DAZE BASEBALL TEAM

Well, baseball season is back, and so far we've been rained out of nearly every game. But recently we did get to open our season with a win over Centralia. Statistics are not available but will be by next issue.

Baseball is a game played with the mind and body. One has to have the knowledge and the skill to be a successful player. Our team has both and is again a contender for the South Seven Title. We will finish high, if not first place, in the rankings.

Since we've got a great chance to win the South Seven, some of that great school spirit that we displayed earlier should reappear during baseball season. Our school spirit is not at its highest, but it will rise with the anticipation of proving who's the best in the South Seven.

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Boy's Track in Action



RENA'S REVIEW

COMING HOME

John Voight, Jane Fonda, and Bruce Dern make up the spectacular cast in "Coming Home". This is a movie depicting the Vietnam War in all aspects. John Voight plays a war veteran who was crippled during the war. He plays this part to the fullest and gives a great performance. Jane Fonda portrays the wife of a war hero; she has a love affair with John Voight. Her husband, Bruce Dern, comes home from the war and finds out his marriage and life are over. This movie is so touching and so real that one can't help getting involved and loving the characters and what they stand for. Don't miss it!

THE CHAMP

John Voight has been busy in the movies this year. His role in The Champ is spectacular. He is an ex-fighter and he wants to go back to the ring for one more fight. His life evolves around his son, T.J., played by an outstanding newcomer to the screen, Ricky Schr-

HALLOWEEN

The movie Halloween was made to scare----and scare it does! It's a story about a crazy man who escapes from an insane asylum and terrorizes a small town in Illinois. He comes back on Halloween night and the terror never ceases. It will have you on the edge of your seat or under it. This movie is so suspenseful that you don't know what to expect. It could have been a better movie if some things were explained. If you enjoy a good scary movie, Halloween is the movie for you to see.

oder. He is so convincing and good in this part that he will have you crying throughout the movie. Faye Dunaway plays the mother who abandoned her family for a career but now wants

to come back. This movie is one of the best I have seen this year. This is a movie everyone should see.

TOP FORTY HITS IN A LOVE LETTER

Sweet Lui-Louise,

It's such a Tragedy that a Big Shot like me must go In the Navy right after graduation. Maybe I'm a Fool, but I'll get Used to It. Just think, no more Stumblin' In on Friday Night like a Renegade on a Green Light!!!! Keep On Dancin' while I'm away, but NOT with that guy who thinks he's The Greatest Dancer since the Prime Time Superman. Oh well, What a Fool Believes is his own business, I guess. He looks like some Music Box Dancer with enough Body Heat to Shake Your Body. I left my Dog & Butterfly Forever In Blue Jeans with the Sultans of Swing. Everytime I Think Of You, all the Good Times Roll through my mind like a Rock & Roll Fantasy. Heaven Knows, that Just One Look from you, Precious Love, can melt a Heart of Glass. Oh Honey, I'll Supply the Love Just The Same Way I'm Makin' It. Here Comes the Night, so I guess this is goodbye. Don't worry-- I WILL SURVIVE ! ! ! ! ! (Knock On Wood) ! ! ! ! !

Goodbye, I Love You

Casey.....

SPRING ARRIVES!!

Well, it's that time of year again! You wake up on Monday morning, it's pouring down rain, and it is about 30 degrees! An hour later you decide to wear your new bedspread shirt to school and finally crawl out of your nice, warm bed. About 3 hours later, you're staring out the windows. Now, it is 84 degrees, you're nice and toasty-oasty warm. Isn't it wonderful to live in Southern Illinois! All you have to do is close your eyes for a few short minutes and PRESTO! CHANGO It's INSTA-WEATHER!! This is the time of year to be prepared for whatever ol' Mother Nature will throw at you. That's why you see all those people walking to school with suitcases. They're going to be prepared for any weather!

But seriously now, I think everybody's finally through complaining about all the snow and cold weather. Now it's rain and allergies!!! It's finally SPRING! With it comes all the nice green grass to walk barefoot through, flowers that gently scent the air, butterflies to watch while your mind daydreams, and of course, the best part of spring is the schools are just about out and Prom is just around the corner, and then my birthday, (oops!). . . . The most important part of school for some is that time around the end of the month, Graduation!!!

So all you people suffering from colds, hay fever, etc., stick with it

and before long it will be summer and all your worries will be over. Except for the sunburns, hot weather, humidity

Myra Schrock

KEY CLUB HONORS MR. GARDENER

Key Club officers for 1979-80 will be led by new president Tim Ross, elected at the April meeting.

At that meeting the club presented Mr. John Gardner, former sponsor, a plaque in recognition of his nine years of service. He was thanked for leaving the comfort of his home all those years for night meetings. In expressing his gratitude for the honor, Mr. Gardner humbly said he thought he well deserved it.

BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

This is the ninth month that I have been living in Harrisburg, the ninth month that I have been living in a foreign country 6,000 miles from home. I do miss my family and my home country but I am having one of the most precious experiences in my life.

I learned about the people of another part of the world different from my own little part. I became a daughter in a loving American home and learned about American family life. I went to school here and got acquainted with an American school system. I lived with all of you in your town and found out about your culture and social life. Every single thing that I saw or did gave me more information about this part of the world.

On the other hand, I improved my own self. I learned how to live away from my home. I learned how to solve some of my problems all by myself. I learned how to understand people that are different from me and to love them. I built up myself from my own experience.

It is a great change in life, not only for a while but for one's whole life. One builds up relationships with another family and town. The one will have two loving families from two far apart places in the world.

You too can become an exchange student, or your family can become a host family for an exchange student very easily. You can go to 26 European, Asian or South American countries or have an exchange student from one of these countries in your home. There are year-long programs (like mine) or six months programs or summer exchange programs that you can use to go to your favorite country or bring a brother or sister from your favorite country. If you want to have more information about the exchange programs all over the world, just come to me and I will be glad to tell you anything I know.

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT ATTENDS 30th YOUTH LEGISLATURE

The H.H.S. Youth and Government delegation arrived at the Holiday Inn East in Springfield on Friday, March 23, to begin a three-day weekend in Mock Committee sessions and legislative sessions in the 30th Annual Illinois Y.M.C.A. Youth Legislature. Sponsored by the Y.M.C.A., the Youth and Government club consists of high school students from all over the state who are interested in politics. This year over 700 people participated in the program.

The Harrisburg delegation was represented by three bill groups which sponsored separate bills. On Friday, after meetings at Sangamon College and a banquet at the Holiday Inn, they attended the first of several committee sessions where decisions were made as to the order the bills would appear in the Senate and House of Representatives.

On Saturday morning, the delegates boarded buses for the capitol to participate in the Legislative sessions and more committee meetings.

During the day, two of the three bills from Harrisburg were debated. One, concerning limits of taxes on inherited income, passed both houses; the other, concerning the placement of stop signs at dangerous railroad crossings, passed the Senate but failed in the House.

On Sunday morning the delegates followed Saturday's tracks. When they arrived at the capitol, they had just one more session before returning to Harrisburg. During this session the third Harrisburg bill passed the Senate

but did not come up in the House because of time limits.

After the last session, everyone got in the cars and started back for "the big H", discussing the weekend, preparing for next year, and of course, sleeping along the way.

During the weekend the Senators and Representatives from all over the state made several revelations about themselves. A resolution for adopting E.R.A. passed, a bill that would lower insurance rates for young male drivers by outlawing discrimination by the insurance companies failed in a Senate that was mostly young, male drivers. In accordance with most adult legislatures, most bills involving great amounts of money were failed.

David Jolly

ELECTION RESULTS

Harrisburg's final election was held on Tuesday, April 17. John D. Cummins won the mayoral race with 1,648 votes while Darrel "Butch" Biggs who was the other candidate for mayor, followed with 1,459 votes.

Elected to the City Council were Gene Ragan who received 1,615 votes, Joe Bishop-1549, Jerry Bramlet-1,454, and Wayne Gidcumb-1,439.

The totals of candidates for commissioner who did not place in the final election were William "Bosco" Watson-1,400, Gene Greer-1,378, and John H.L. Parish-1,183. Jim Cox, who withdrew from the race because of added personal and business responsibilities, still received over 300 votes.

Cummins, Ragan, Bishop, Bramlet, and Gidcumb will be the new council beginning May 1. This election generated much talk and interest. As expected, it was a heavy voter turn out. It is to be hoped the interest in out city government will continue now that the votes are in.

CLUB NEWS

OFF TO THE RACE!

Latin Club's annual banquet was held on April 9, with a theme of "Off To The Chariot Races". The slaves learned what serious, kind students the Latin Club members are. The food was delicious, although the slave service was a bit slow! (It's getting harder and harder to find good slaves!) Mike Rann was voted slave of the year. After eating, "Chariot" races were held in Bonnell Arena. Even special guest, Mrs. Boyer, participated in the exciting, dangerous race. Judge of the races, Linda Goble, finally announced that the team of Anthony Johnston, Jami Hay, and Kim Puttuck was the winner. The "Roman Citizens" of HHS became students once more.

During club period Tuesday, the outgoing seniors were honored. Each senior received a scroll containing inspirational Latin mottos, and Mrs. Foster gave a short speech on different types of students.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE HAS A FIELD DAY

One of the biggest field trips in the month of April was the trip Latin and French students had on April 23 at SIU. After a brief orientation meeting, students went to some classes.

Each class lasted 20 minutes. Students chose what they attended from a varied list. Many were about the languages themselves; others were mini-courses in obscure languages like Japanese, Chinese, or Ancient Greek. Not limited to language study, there were also classes in foreign cultures. For example, in one class French folk dancing was demonstrated; in another, the Japanese tea ceremony. One class was on the bath houses of Rome.

Students ended their day with competition in which skits, songs, and dances native to various countries were performed. Awards were given for best performance and for best name tags. HHS won for best Latin name tag, for which designer, Jean McDermott, gets the credit.

Classes were interesting, and the end-of-day entertainment was fantastic. All in all, it was a satisfying trip.

Debbie Reeves

MATH CLUB

Math Club members got together for a pizza party at Monicals on Monday, April 16. Besides providing fun, the party helped to show appreciation to those students not in Math Club that helped in the concession stand. There were some very special guests also, Mrs. Beggs's first grand daughter and Mr. McClusky's new son.

Brenda Reed

MATH HAD A FIELD DAY

On Sat., Mar. 24, the top four math students in each of the four classes, accompanied by Mrs. Beggs, went to Carbondale to compete with other schools in a math contest. Winners will go on to a state competition, and eventually it becomes a nation-wide competition. Everyone was given the same test. For two hours students labored over difficult geometry or algebra problems.

The students brought test copies home, enabling them to compare answers on the bus trip back to Harrisburg. The test covered both knowledge and memory. The tired students were glad to have finished it and to be headed for home.

BUCK SCHNIERLE DIES

Eugene Schnierle, better known as Buck, was a familiar face around the H.H.S. cafeteria for many years. He served as the Director of Food Services of the unit district for 13 years, as well as owning and operating Schnierle's Restaurant on Poplar Street.

Some of our more hard working students had lunch there while being honored by the Rotary Club for straight A's. With the death of Mr. Schnierle on March 30, just two months after the death of his wife, the restaurant is closed and up for sale. More significantly for us, H.H.S. has lost a loyal worker and friend.

Mrs. Helen Baker has been employed as Mr. Schnierle's successor, a position for which her 11 years as head cook have prepared her well.



SYMBOLS OF EASTER

Two symbols of Easter that we recognize in the United States are eggs and rabbits. Eggs represent the new life that returns to nature about Easter time. The custom of exchanging eggs began in ancient times. The ancient Egyptians and Persians often dyed eggs in spring colors and gave them to their friends as gifts. Early Christians of Mesopotamia were the first to use colored eggs for Easter. Children today often find chocolate eggs or plastic eggs filled with candy on Easter morning. Many children believe

that an Easter bunny brings their Easter eggs. This belief probably comes from Germany. One legend says that a poor woman dyed some eggs during a famine, and hid them in a nest as an Easter gift for her children. Just as the children discovered the eggs, a big rabbit leaped away. So the story was spread that the rabbit had brought the eggs. There are many other symbols of Easter that were begun in ancient times. These are just two of the symbols we usually recognize.

Tammy Caraker

THE NIGHT IS MY ENEMY REVIEW

This year instead of the traditional spring musical, H.H.S. Thespian Troupe 16 presented a spring play entitled The Night Is My Enemy, a mystery play in three acts written by Fred Carmichael.

The entire play takes place in the home of Ora Fontaine (Dallas Clemmons) and his wife Hester (Lisa Ozment), somewhere on the English coast. Their household help lives with them--the Billers, Hubert (Eric Egli), his wife Margaret (Julie Goble), and their mentally disturbed son, Tommy (Tom Mason). Their unmarried maid, Tessie (Melinda Bobo) was very helpful around the house. The Fontaines are taking care of their niece, Roane Shepperley (Ramona Stilley), who is blind. Roane falls in love with a young lawyer, Gerald Clayton (Bill Allen) the Fontaines' cousin. Then there's an unusual death and everyone hears about it from the town gossip, Augusta Garvey (Angie Friend). She tells everyone that the death wasn't accidental--it was murder. So Rodney Church (John Doerge) is called in from Scotland Yard to find out how this murder was committed.

Director Mrs. Ewert said, "This play was the closest to perfection I ever came." Assistant director Terri McClusky did very well at her job also. Every character in the play acted his part to the fullest.

The people who helped make this play possible were Business (Darci Allen), Lights (Patrice Molinarolo), Make-up (Brenda Reed), Properties (Patty Dudley), Publicity (Becky Sowder and Lisa Lawrence), Costumes (Shervin Soleimani), and Stage manager (Karen Morgan). Everyone deserves credit for the FANTASTIC JOB they did. "Break a leg" and keep up the good work!

MONTE CARLO CIRCUS

The International Circus Festival of Monte Carlo is the most prestigious and respected competition of Circus artists in the world today. Found in 1974 by His Serene Highness Prince Rainier III to perpetuate and acknowledge the centuries - old tradition of Circus Arts in Europe, the Festival, held each December, has generated international attention and has attracted audiences from around

the world. Throughout the year, Prince Rainier and the Organizing Committee invite outstanding acts from around the world to participate in the annual circus competition, carefully selected on the basis of professional reputation, style and performance. When Festival Week begins, 40-45 acts of all types perform their polished routines over four consecutive evenings. The Royal Family, a panel of distinguished judges, and more than four thousand spectators populate the showgrounds each night

for the elaborate 3-hour show of stellar, international talent, judged for their superiority in the following categories: clowns, aerial acrobatics, ground acrobatics, cavalry presentation, higher horse manship, animal presentations, and wild animal acts. On March 23, 1979, the SIU Arena hosted The Monte Carlo Circus at 8:00 Friday evening. This was the first time this event had ever been held in the United States.

Tammy Bundren