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New rule symbolic gesture

by Diana Grisham

For the remainder of the school year, jackets, coats, and sunglasses will not be allowed in school.

This new change in regulations can be traced back to three recent incidents. Students and staff members have complained about an increasing problem with illegal substances on school grounds. A janitor discovered joints in the Davenport Gym area. These two problems, coupled with the unexpected results from a recent school survey on drug and alcohol abuse, prompted a new look at school policy concerning drug abuse.

Many alternatives were discussed, according to Mr. Gordon. However the only rule that was decided upon, as a symbolic gesture was that coats and sunglasses would be barred from school grounds on the premise that hygiene problems occur in warm weather and outerwear can not only magnify the problem, but also conceal drugs or weapons. Mr. Gordon stated that defining the limits of outerwear was the only negative feature of the new rule. "What is a jacket?" questioned Mr. Gordon. "The biggest problem with the sudden change was informing students about the rule and answering their many questions." Mr. Gordon stated that the rule would be temporary, lasting only to the end of the school year. It would be discussed for the '92-'93 school year.

Although closing the campus at lunch and barring student automobiles were also discussed, Mr. Gordon said he felt those measures were too drastic to implement at this time.



Entrance was blocked while the construction progressed.

H.H.S. receives a face lift

by Josh Greer

You may have noticed the orange mesh fence blocking off the front of the C building recently.

Barter and Mitchell Construction Co. is restoring the original precast concrete over the entrance. Over the years, the concrete has been broken down by the weather, making it an eyesore. A facia was put up over the precast concrete to help protect from the weather. "We took off the decaying facia and found that the concrete was still in good condition," commented Danny Winters, an employee of Barter-Mitchell.

"With technology being as good as it is now, we are able to replace it to its original state," remarked Winters. "The entrance will look like it did a hundred and one years ago, maybe even a little better."

Heeere's Johnny All that snaz? Worth it?

by Johnny Ping

Spring is upon us again, which means warmer temperatures and the end of this school year. Before the school year ends, an age-old tradition must be kept. This frivolous tradition is prom.

Almost everyone knows what prom is, but for those uneducated few that don't, prom is basically the stockpiling of large amounts of money to be thrown away on a four-hour romantic experience in a school gym. As senior Jerid Pickford so eloquently expresses his feelings for prom, "It is boring and stupid."

It would seem that any normal person would see the senselessness in spending this mass quantity of money on one short, boring night, but the typical teeny-bopper, for some unknown reason, can't see that prom is merely a conspiracy by evil flower shop owners to take their money.

Basically, prom is a waste of time and money. Hopefully sooner or later, people will realize that prom is nothing but an overrated dance. Senior Emily Carter sums up the "overrated prom" theme by saying, "Getting a date and dressing up is fine, but prom is too overrated. People stretch it too thin."

Open your eyes people. You would probably have a better time watching a movie like Terminator 2 for three bucks than spending three-hundred bucks to go to prom.

Prom is a fantasy where kids get together and try to be what they're not: sophisticated and glamorous. It is a joke.

-senior David Mitchell

Students lose privilege

by Johnny Ping

Hello boys and girls! Welcome to kindergarten! Now, since the weather is growing warm again, wearing our jackets to school is a no-no. It makes us smell icky and bad. Also, some meanies bring bad things to school like drugs and knives and guns that go bang! So remember kids, don't talk to strangers, eat your vegetables, look both ways before crossing the road, and never, ever wear your jackets to school.

I know what you're all thinking. You're thinking that I've gone mental or something. Well, let me tell ya, it's not hard with the rules around this place. In-school suspension is one thing, but this newest rule from the administrative dictatorship is absolutely insane. I guess it's time for the voice of reason to once again arise and explain things to the office.

First of all, drugs are pathetic, but I hardly think that not wearing your jacket to school is seriously going to stop drug usage around here. Maybe I am wrong, but I just don't think that will happen. As for weapons, is this Harrisburg or East St. Louis? Also, if hygiene seems to be the problem, then eliminate P.E. (which makes you sweat and smell bad all day long) and buy some air conditioners. If the office must make little kids' rules for high school students, then they could at least give us cookies and milk at recess.

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Just Say Justin

University scare holds

by Justin Williams

I used to think that if I wanted to be scared, I had to either go see a really good horror movie or go to a haunted house. Little did I know that the greatest horror experience of all would come at school.

I'm talking of course about the horror and reality of senior year. All my life I've waited in anticipation of that blessed last year, the year of freedom the year of fun, the year of seniority. To my surprise, senior year displayed little if any of these qualities.

Instead of all the enjoyment, it was the year of homework, the year of stress, the year of Government, and the year of wondering how am I going to afford college.

All through high school I had thought about the excitement of going off

Malan presents Our Town

by Melissa Butler

The stage was almost bare of props but the room was full—standing room only. Malan Junior High drama students performed the American classic Our Town by Thornton Wilder on April 2-3. With a large cast, many students had to perform double parts. One performer broke his ankle early Thursday morning so another was required to read his part on Thursday night. The injured performer, Nikki King, returned to the stage Friday night.

The play was performed in Malan's Little Theater. Mrs. Gingrich, director, said that the location change was due to the lack of enough microphones and the poor sound of the auditorium. Also, this smaller room got the audience more interested and involved in the play. The theater was absolutely packed, which also contributed to the friendly atmo-

to another state, to another school, to any place as far away from Harrisburg as humanly possible. How was I supposed to know it cost so much money?

After finally deciding on the school that I want to attend—the real one, not the hundreds that I considered—I had to figure out how I was going to dish out all that money.

I explored all the options. I tried saving but that didn't seem to work. How am I going to save over 7,000 dollars by next year? I've applied for scholarships, so far I've only got 1,000 dollars. I've also applied for grants. Now all there is to do is sit and wait in fear of the response. This is kind of like the suspense part in all those horror movies I've seen.

Anyway, I sit here, terrified that I may possibly be in debt for the rest of my life for the next few short years of my life. Those of you out there who are seniors know the feeling. For the rest of you, consider this a warning.

"The price of college is so outrageous that I am going to move to Iowa and become a shepherd."

-senior Charlie Arbic

sphere in the audience.

The surprise of having some actors and actresses seated in the audience for their parts and of seeing many actors walk through the audience gave the play an exciting twist. No obvious mistakes were apparent to the audience, and the play was a success.

Mr. Gordon's son Cameron played a major role. Even without a program, high school students would have figured out who he was because of his amazing resemblance to his dad.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



I have a dream, a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.' And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring.
Martin Luther King Jr.

Faces of racism exposed

by Justin Williams

"Racism is constantly a problem and one of the greatest threats to the survival of humanity because people go to wars, kill, maim, and commit genocide all in the name, or under the guise of racism," states Dr. Alvin Poissant, a psychiatrist who has been studying racism for twenty-five years.

"The main characteristics of racism are when we say that a particular group is inferior, that does not have the right to participate in society....and where you can set up institutions to keep them rejected and out of the main stream of society," Poissant comments.

Racism: is it a thing of the past that the people of America no longer participate in? Or is it alive and breeding in this country, where "all men are created equal"?

Racism seems to be on the rise in the U.S. today. Even though the country has undergone tremendous changes in the last 200 years, from the abolishment of slavery to the end of legal segregation, there seem to be many other forms of hidden prejudice. Prejudice may make you feel not welcomed in different

places, or may even get you treated differently because of your race.

One study by the American Bar Foundation shows that in the United States, on average, blacks pay about \$500 more for new cars than whites, because they are often quoted higher prices.

What is the real cause behind racism? Why is there so much hate towards one another because of race?

Channel One recently did a week-long series on the Faces of Racism, and professor Shirley Hune commented that "people feel they need to blame someone else, and the tendency is to blame someone different. This is what we call the phenomenon of scapegoating, and people of color are too easy to blame."

One student interviewed thinks that "people like things to be in groups. They like everything to be nice and neat, and divide everybody up, and put everybody in their own little category."

Another cause of racism is the fear of what one does not know or has not seen before.

It is obvious that racism exists but what are the faces that it takes? It could be that it is as extreme as cross burning and violence, but in most cases it is as small as telling a racist joke or loosely using racist terminology. Whatever size the face may be, it is still serious and can cause hurt to many people.

Are all forms of racism as obvious as burning crosses or making jokes? Americans walk past images of racism everyday and don't even notice it. Look at the commercials put out by the business industry today. "Jaun Valdez, he picks his coffee as it has been picked for centuries, by hand."

Are these pictures racist or are they just a harmless way to advertise products? Raphael Sun Lee, who was interviewed for the Channel One series feels, "some of them are really racist just looking at them, like the ones with Aunt Jemima."

How is a country suppose to change its ways of thinking when the media itself is portraying a negative attitude towards those who live in the inner city. One student named Jon, from the Channel One series, feels that the media is giving Americans a false image of what life in the inner city is really like.

"I have certain friends, that when they come down, they have this vision of the inner city being filled with all these drug lords and that on every corner, you know, a drug dealer and all this kind of stuff. And I'm like wait a minute you know, reality check here, this is not what's happening.

"The media is very negative. It would be nice to be able to see more positive things that minorities or such have made in anything, you know, science or technology or journalism."

How are the children of America supposed to know any better when they see things such as these and hear such negative talk from the people they see everyday?

One interviewee dislikes blacks and says, "Part of the reason I don't want them in my town is because the races just do not seem to interact well in society, throughout the country, throughout the world."

Mike Pratt, an ex-city councillor, feels "These are people who have been convicted of using baseball bats to beat up on people. We're not talking about the highest calibre citizen in my opinion."

What have Americans been doing and what can they do to change the way it is today? One school passed out a Unity Pledge which said students wanted to promote cultural understanding and diversity

"People should try to partake of the different cultures in their midst. It's enriching, it's enhancing and it makes you feel good to learn about other people and in fact, it makes you feel a lot less threatened by them, and you are more appreciative of what they have to give."

Don't you run around here trying to make friends with somebody who's depriving you of your rights...I say that with no hate. I don't have hate in me. I have no hate at all. I don't have any hate. I've got some sense. I'm not going to let somebody who hates me tell me to love him. I'm not that way.

Malcolm X

MALCOLM X FIGHT THE POWER



remarks Dr. Poissant.

Patrick, another student from the Channel One series says, "Disliking someone for their race, just common sense wise, is really stupid. There are so many individual reasons to like or dislike someone. Basing it on their race is just stupid. I can't describe it any other way."

Unity Pledge

I _____ want to promote cultural understanding and diversity among myself and my peers. I from this point forward will do my best to judge a person by his actions, not his appearance.

Signature _____

Date _____

According to Ace '92 NCAA Tournament: a historic matchup

by Rich Frailey

A miracle year for many, a magical year for some, a devastating year for others, the 1992 NCAA college basketball season offered a host of surprises for several men's division I teams across the nation.

Many will argue this year's season and tournament to be the best since the conception of the 64-team tournament, the 45 second shot clock, and the 3 point line. Undoubtedly it was one of the best tourneys. The upsets and underdogs made this tournament fun to watch.

Perhaps the biggest surprise came from Ann Arbor, Michigan. Five students, just one short year removed from their high school prom, were playing big time basketball for the highest stakes any college freshman could play for. Many doubted coach Steve Fisher's ability to incorporate a lineup that featured these "Fab Five Freshmen" into a group of already experienced sophomores and upperclassmen, a few of which started last season. The quintet had a reputation for playing great ball and talking trash to their opponents. Coming into the tournament their show did not receive all thumbs-up, but this cast of youngsters entered the field with high school hopes.

The other historical climb was made by Duke University, a preseason pick to be champs by everyone involved in college hoops. Needless to say the Blue Devils did not disappoint. Although the team did not go undefeated, their season was a classic reign atop basketball peak and will be remembered for a long time to come. They went into the tournament with an automatic bid as the ACC champion. The dream of repeat was still alive.

The two teams marched along to the beat of two different drums as tour-

nament play began. Michigan played mostly the underdog role. In defeating Temple, East Tennessee State, Oklahoma State, Ohio State and Cincinnati, the Wolverines proved they were a force to be reckoned with.

Duke, on the other hand, was considered the favorite in each game. Senior center Christian Laettner was supposed to play Superman. After early rounds with Campbell, Iowa, and Seton Hall he did, delivering the knock-out punch to Kentucky at the buzzer in overtime to put Duke in the final four against Indiana. In the Indiana game he was not sharp, but his team survived. The rookie vs. pro match-up was set.

The sports fans wanted to know which Duke team would show up, the powerful, dominating one, or the tired, drained team that won two tough back-to-back games against Indiana and Kentucky. Fans wanted to see if Fisher would bring the trash-talkers or the diaper-dandies who were still learning to play.

The first half pitted the tired Duke team against a fired up freshman bunch. Michigan center Chris Webber seemed to hold the Kryptonite that held Laettner's powers to a minimum. The "Fab Five" took a one-point lead to the locker room at the half.

A different Duke team came out of the locker room with a recharged Superman and took the title 71-51, making themselves the first repeat champions since '73 when the UCLA Bruins reigned supreme.

People should give Coach Krzyzewski credit. He gave his team a thorough verbal beating and then was tender enough to give the team warm embraces. It was this chameleon personality that kept Duke on top all year long.

Those who followed the tournament have witnessed a part of the history that will carry basketball into its second century.

BOston Knows Dogs start strong

by Ron Boston

It is always important to get off to a good start. The Dogs achieved the task of starting off the Varsity baseball season on a winning beat, whipping the Vienna Eagles 9-1, in five innings.

The weather was more suitable for a football game, being cold, wet and cloudy. However, the weather could not hold back the offensive attack of the pumped up Bulldogs.

Josh Banks led the offensive attack with a 2-3, 2 double, 3 RBI day. Ryan Franks knocked in 2 RBI's and Jay Herring had a RBI Double as well. Josh Banks commented on the game by saying, "We played strong but we need improvement to win the South 7 Conference."

Junior Right-hander, Ashley Gott did a fine job on the mound. He pitched 4 innings giving up one run on three hits. Brandon Frantz came in to shut the Vienna Eagles down in the fifth inning to end the game. The Dogs are 1-0 and will face Gallatin Co. on Wednesday and Warren Gurnee (Chicago) on Thursday. "I think we played pretty good. I think we had a solid effort in the field," commented Ryan Franks.

The Dogs' second game was not a pretty sight! The contest between the Gallatin Co. Hawks and the hosting Harrisburg Bulldogs was a two-part episode. The first three innings were lackadaisical. The Dogs made a few errors and were very disoriented, falling behind 10-2 in the third inning.

"We played strong but we need improvement to win the South 7 Conference"

...senior Josh Banks



First baseman Ashley Gott makes the play.

The second episode was the complete opposite. The Dogs awoke from their hypnosis and battled back to tie the game 10-10 in the seventh inning when the game was suspended due to darkness.

Again, Josh banks was the leading hitter, feasting off the Gallitan Co. pitching. He went 3-4 with two triples and a single. Jon Davis tied the game with a three run triple.

The defense was shaky as three errors were committed. The pitching was rough. Jay Herring, Jason Duncan, Ashley Gott, Chad Brown, and Josh Banks all pitched. Brown and Banks did fine jobs.

On April 22, the bats of Varsity Dogs were completely asleep when they faced the Marion Wildcats' right-hander, Charlie Cox. The Dogs had one inning in which they scored two runs. The rest of the game belonged to Marion.

The first inning set the tone for whole game when, in a run down, Terry Trip, a runner from third base, scored. After that, Marion was given the game. Bulldog errors, three by a single player, gave the host Wildcats cheap run after cheap run.

Brandon Frantz suffered the hard-luck loss. He pitched well, but the offense was lacking. He left the game in the sixth with the score 5-2. Jason Duncan came in in the seventh and gave up four runs on five hits and two errors.

The Bulldogs are 5-1 in the Conference, good for first, and 8-1 overall.

Teachers on a roll in faculty/key club face off

by Rich Frailey

The annual faculty/key club basketball game turned out to be an easy affair for the faculty team. They retained their winning streak that spans over the history of the game by defeating the clubbers 111-81.

A one dollar donation was taken at the door. All proceeds were given to the March of Dimes Foundation.

The key club team was coached by Brent King and Scott "Bud" Kieseoms. The starting five of Chad Lakatos, Joe Smith, Casey Teckenbrock, Mychael Cartwright, and Terry Glenn backed by a host of other club members took an early lead with Cartwright's second free throw attempt, giving the club a 1-0 lead.

After a technical foul call on Kieseoms, for throwing his shoe, the faculty team then countered and never looked backed. Team members were Mr. Thompson, Mr. Way, Mr. Holler, Mr. Bard, Mr. Goodley, Ms. Horning, and Mr. Hamilton.

Leading scorers were Holler and Bard with 31 and 28 respectively for the faculty and Lakatos and Smith with 32 and 11 for the club squad.



Coach Al Way goes for the hook shot to score.



Sophomore Diche Okasili and senior Patty Steapleton use the atlas to answer trivia questions pertaining to library week.

Library week observed

by Melisa Boston

During national library week, April 5-11, there was a daily quiz that involved Mrs. Hafford making up one question to be aired over the announcements each morning. Each winner received one dollar.

Jay Herring was the winner of Tuesday's question: How many items have been checked out of the media center since 1987? Jay guessed 55,000 and the correct answer was 64,832.

Wednesday's question was: What is the population of Country Club Hills, Illinois? Blake Behnke was the winner with the correct answer of 15,431. The funny thing about this question was that nearly everyone was thinking of the Country Club Hills, a subdivision of Harrisburg. Blake was the only person who found the trickery and looked it up.

Thursday's question was: How many magazines have been checked out in the month of March? Mark Lucas guessed the closest 714; the correct answer was 678.

Jennifer Hale was the winner of the question on Friday: What has been the top selling candy since 1913? Jennifer Hale guessed Life Savers, which was correct.

Candy was sold all week and will continue to be sold for the next few weeks. Proceeds will go to a new computer circulatory system in the library.

Tokar going home

by Rich Frailey

Mrs. Tina Tokar is leaving HHS after this year to follow her husband, David, in his pursuit of an internship in Counseling Psychology at the University of Akron, Ohio. Mrs. Tokar is very excited about the move, but regrets leaving HHS students.

"I am going to miss all of my students. Each class has a special place in my heart. I have had a lot of good times here," says Mrs. Tokar.

Fellow English teacher Mrs. Clemmons remarked that the department is going to miss Mrs. Tokar. "She is one of those people who put their whole heart into teaching. She will be an asset wherever she goes."

Mrs. Tokar would also like to thank the faculty here. "I can't express what an outstanding English department we have here," she says. "Everyone was willing to help. I'll miss Mr. Gordon and the rest of the staff."

Mrs. Tokar has many vivid memories and some surprises from her one-year stay. "I have many memories that will last a lifetime. I couldn't believe how quickly a foreign language comes back to you," she commented on teaching Spanish after years away from studying it. The most surprising thing that happened to her took place during the XL concert when she was chosen to play Ted.

"I never dreamed a rookie like myself would be chosen for something like that. I remember standing there thinking to myself which 'lucky veteran' would get to join the band. I never thought I would make my acting debut at an HHS assembly," says Tokar.

Although she plans to continue her teaching career, she is not certain where she will teach next due to the nature of her husband's position, which is only a one year position.

Mrs. Tokar plans to work in her family's furniture business while in Akron.

HHS will host Olympics

by Melisa Boston

Harrisburg High School will host The Special Olympics on May 1. The Special Olympics will include 22 counties with approximately 500 participants. Ages range from 8 to over 30.

Events will start at 8:30 am and will be coming to an end in early afternoon, 2:00 pm at the latest, since this event will be on the same day as prom.

Four students will be participating in the events: Dawana Workman, Aretha Coleman, Marie Milligan, and Kristen Wetzel. The events include: throwing a shotput, softball or tennis ball, high or long jump, individual races, relays, wheelchair races, walking, and coed relays. The individual winners in each event will be awarded ribbons or medals.

Numerous hosts and volunteers will help coordinate events. The special edu-

cation teachers and aids will be helping. The volunteers will prepare a lunch for all of the participants, hosts, and coaches. Everyone will be eating together, which will provide a chance to meet others. There will also be a concession stand set up throughout the day.

In case of rain on May 1, the Special Olympics will be held on May 7, same time and location.

"This will be a good experience for our students and we hope many more will participate next year. We also are hoping for everything to run smoothly," says Mr. Barnes, a coach of the Special Olympics.

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...Mr. Barnes

AIDS: the whole story

by Jeremy Stiles

AIDS has been the subject of a major government cover-up since the mid-1980's. The government does not want the American people to know everything about the virus.

Recently a White House spokesperson said on national television, "We cannot tell the American people everything about AIDS. It would cause too much of a panic."

I ask you, why would an organization that is supposed to protect us from threats of the world, withhold information?

AIDS might very well be the second plague. The first plague or the Black Death reduced the population of Europe in the 14th century by 50 percent. Tens of millions, not thousands, died in a relatively short time. Millions were still dying from the plague as late as the Great Plague in London, which struck in 1664-65. In that outbreak, 17 percent of England's population died.

One of the reasons the plagues of the Middle Ages were so deadly was that neither the antecedent nor the transmitter of the disease was known. The disease was remorseless. People simply didn't know where to go for protection. Once people were tainted with septic or pneumonic plague, death was imminent in 7 to 10 days.

Now it is common knowledge that the plague was caused by bacillus and transmitted by fleas. Once this was learned, the ailment could be treated with medication.

AIDS may one day become just as serious as the plagues of Europe. Some experts believe that if a cure is not found soon, the Earth may lose half its population.

Most people know that AIDS is a result of a virus, HIV. AIDS is like the plague in that once a person becomes

infected, death is the ultimate outcome. There are drugs that slow the disease down and make it less painful, but death is still the final result.

There is no known cure for AIDS. Anyone who acquires the disease eventually dies. Not even with the billions of dollars spent on research each year to develop a cure has one yet been developed. The only thing that is known is how to avoid contracting the virus and the authorities are not telling you everything.

The American people are told by their government (or protectors) that AIDS can be caught only four ways: 1) unsafe sex 2) drug needles 3) being passed on from mother to child, and 4) blood transfusions

Many scientists have spent years doing research to prove the lawmakers wrong. The virus is suspected to be fragile (able to survive less than a few seconds in the air and not survive in water). There is substantial evidence to show that the virus is continually mutating and can survive freezing, live for up to seven days on a dry surface, and does not have to be absorbed into an open wound for infection.

If the changing AIDS virus can survive those harsh conditions, it seems only logical to assume that there are more than four ways to contract it. Just look at this example.

An AIDS infected person receives a cut at his/her job. The blood is then wiped up by a friend, whose skin is exposed to the contaminated fluid. The newly infected person goes on a date, unaware that he/she is now carrying the virus, he/she is involved in unsafe sexual intercourse. He/she infected their partner who in turn transmits the virus to two more people. The virus begins to spread at an alarming rate, as it is in fact doing.

In America alone today, one out of 100 males and one out of every 800

females would test HIV positive, according to Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Health and Human Services. He also concludes that every 13 minutes another person unknowingly becomes infected with the HIV virus.

In Africa, the epidemic is exceedingly bad. There one-third of the population has been tainted by this dreadful disease and the percentage is still rising. People sleep on hospital lawns hoping to get treatment, but they seldom do.

One cannot help but ask: Will the United States be just like Africa in another six years? Will this be your town, your home, and finally, your family? The answer that comes to mind is "No." But to say "no" is to turn away from reality.

AIDS is the only disease in the history of men that has been covered up by the law, politicians, the medical profession, and the government that is supposed to be protecting its people.

It is of great consequence to comprehend the fact that the AIDS virus is present in feces, saliva, and urine. It can live outside of the body for 14 days. It can survive freezing temperatures, live in a dry environment for seven days. These facts can be supported by years of research.

In three years, the number of AIDS tragedies in America will be five times the number of soldiers killed in the Vietnam War.

To settle for what the government is telling about AIDS is to be ignorant and deny the facts. The AIDS threat is real and may one day wipe the face of the earth clean.

"We cannot tell the American people everything about AIDS. It would cause too much of a panic."

...source from the White House

The following students have been elected into membership of the local chapter of the National Honor Society. They will be installed at Honors Night.

Seniors: Shane Hall

Juniors: Ginger Abney, Brandie Banks, Matthew Bramlet, Melissa Butler, Brian DeNeal, Travis DeNeal, Matthew Eisenhauer, Andrea Glass, Ashley Gott, Diana Grisham, Jeremy Hafford, Leslie Hearn, David Jackson, Andrew Kelley, Mike Kent, Mark Lucas, Toby Lyon, Amit Mehta, James Orr, Marc Popetz, Angie Stallings, and Heather Winters

The Latest Stiles

Pankey flips toward state

by Jeremy Stiles

As Beth Pankey completes her routine, she stands patiently waiting for the judges' scores of her graceful and agile performance. Whether she wins or whether she loses depends strictly upon the judges' opinion of her gymnastics display. If she has trained hard enough, she will win.

Beth Pankey began her career in gymnastics at the age of 5. She now trains in Murphysboro, over an hour away from her home.

Beth starts her six hour training trip at 3:15. Once in Murphysboro she begins a strenuous four hours of training with her coach Scott Belanger. Her total weekly workout time amounts to 18 hours.

This month Beth is attending the IHSA state meet, where she hopes to be recognized as a potential college gymnast.

The eight hours Beth spends on the road drastically cuts down on the amount of time available for practicing. This summer, she is planning to move to Murphysboro to practice twice a day.

What is basic instinct?

by Justin Williams

Considered by many as the movie which deserves a "X" rating, is Basic Instinct more than just a high budget porno flick? Sure it starts off with a couple having sex, ends with a couple having sex, and much of the middle in this two hour movie is filled with people having sex, but there is much more to this movie than skin. This movie contains a great plot, great suspense, great action, and a great surprise, leaves-you-hanging ending. If after going to see this movie, the sex and the nudity are the only memories for you, then you should seriously consider a second viewing.

The movie starts off with a couple in bed, the man tied to the bedpost with a white scarf, the woman stabbing him over 30 times with an ice pick, thus giving the movie its reason for being, who is the murderer?

Michael Douglas plays the detective who is out to catch the criminal. In doing so he also becomes sexually involved with the main suspect, Catherine, girlfriend of the dead man, and author of a

book which describes the exact same kind of murder. Not only is Catherine suspected of the crime, but when asked if she is upset over her boyfriend's death, she makes it clear she is just using him for his sex.

Throughout the movie, the audience is often brought to a peak of suspense, just when you think you have got it figured out, boom, the plot throws another wrench which makes you even more confused.

Basic Instinct could very easily be compared to Frank R. Stockton's "The Lady or the Tiger." In this short story the reader is never given an ending. The author leaves the reader hanging with a decision of the main character's life. The directors of Basic Instinct leaves the audience with the same sort of decision, the directors won't even reveal who they think the murderer is. And just like Stockton's "The Lady or the Tiger," the decision has to deal with love.

One final note: the directors themselves wouldn't reveal who the murderer was supposed to be. So in order to cast in your vote, go see Basic Instinct, murder, sex, and all.

Student poets were named

Four students have received recognition for their creative writing which included invitations to read their works before an audience.

Junior Angie Foster and freshman Angie Moore won first and second place in the poetry competition sponsored by Southeastern Illinois College. They will read their poems at Humanities Honors Night At SIC. Their poems will be published on Across These Hills, SIC's annual high school anthology.

Juniors Angie Foster, Stephanie Padget, and Kim Turner will read their poems in Evansville on May 9 as a part of the Ohio River Arts Celebration. Their

winners at competition

poems, two each by Foster and Turner and one by Padget, will be published in the Poetry Celebration anthology.

The poetry contest was sponsored by the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana. The poems will be published in a booklet with other winning poems and illustrations. The readings will take place starting at 12:00 noon on the downtown walkway between 4th and 5th street in the Wright, Evans, and Daly parking lot.

Sophomore Diche Okasili has had a poem accepted for publication in the Illinois English Bulletin. The issue called "Best Illinois Poetry and Prose" will not be available until the fall.