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## Nelson to spend semester away

by Corey Hess

Harrisburg High School will not be able to enjoy the wit and cunning of senior Erik Nelson next semester. Erik will be leaving on January 19 to go to Springfield, the state capitol, for a gov-

ernmental internship.

Only 23 students in all of Illinois' high schools were chosen for this "hands on institute." Erik will be living with a host family during his stay.

Erik had to go to through lengthy applications, including several essay questions and in-depth interviewing. He will be working four days a week alongside a state government official, but he will not know which official until the middle of December. Each Friday he will stay at his living

quarters and write reports on what he learned the rest of the week.

Erik commented, "I wanted to become an intern strictly for the hands-on learning type experience. Harrisburg is too far from Springfield for us to see much state government up close."

Erik said he can come home on weekends. He will be back to march through the graduation line.

Three years ago senior Jeff Dunn's sister Stephanie served a similar internship.

## Study panel researches problems for Unit District 3

by Diana Grisham

A committee of 36 citizens recently gathered at Smugglers restaurant to kick off a major scrutiny of Unit District 3.

Superintendent Don Albracht introduced Dr. Hazel Loucks from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Dr. Loucks will coordinate the study but emphasizes that she is only filling an advisory capacity and the committee itself will make all final decisions.

Dr. Loucks opened the meeting by suggesting that all subcommittee meetings be open to the public in order to gather input from taxpayers and parents. She informed those gathered that "it will be exciting and sometimes frustrating" but she feels the end result will "be most beneficial to Unit 3."

The group was divided into six subcommittees who are requested to be prepared to give a report to the Unit 3 Board by April, 1992.

Committees include: Curriculum Design, Professional Staff, Demographics of Learners, Physical Plant, Fiscal Matters, and Demographics of Community. All are setting out to provide a chart or "road map" for Unit 3, according to Albracht, to help insure that our school system is up to standards necessary in today's world. Representing the high school on the committee are principal Gary Gordon, counselor Judy Harris, and teacher Jay Thompson.

## Large cast entertains large fall play audience

by Stephanie Welch

The fall play featured 34 students, one of the biggest play casts director Sue Ewert has ever worked with. This large group presented The Man who Came to Dinner on Nov. 14-15 at Malan Auditorium.

The play is a comedy, written by famous playwrights Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. The play opened in New York in 1939, so the setting was in the 1930's.

Carrying the load in bringing this comedy to life was senior Josh Bradley. His part was very demanding because he was in a wheelchair the entire time, yet everyone's attention was focused upon him. Josh played the part of Sheridan Whiteside, an eccentric radio personality.

Providing much of the comedy was Mr. Whiteside's nurse, played by junior Nancy Nicholes. Nurse Preen, Nancy took a great deal of verbal abuse from Mr. Whiteside, which produced one laugh after another.

Playing the part of Mrs. Stanley was junior Diana Grisham. She did a very commendable job, as did Mark Lucas, playing her husband.

Senior Josh Banks was the sought-after Bert Jefferson. He caused much conflict between

Lorraine Sheldon, played by Tricia Richerson and Maggie Cutler, played by Anjanette Sternberg. Bert wanted to get a play produced so he became very friendly with Mr. Whiteside.

The lovely Lorraine Sheldon was played by senior Tricia Richerson. She was a very conniving person, the kind audiences love to hate. Lorraine did many things to cause trouble during the play.

Overall, this reviewer found the play did have some funny parts, but because it was written so long ago, some of the humor was lost on most high school students.

Best actor and actress will be decided by Act 4 members at their next meeting.



Senior cast members Josh Bradley and Terry Glenn are witness to a touching moment as Toby Marcum greets Anjanette Sternberg with a friendly kiss.

The scene triggered lots of laughs from the audience, while Toby's private fan club cheered.

### Top 10 Reasons for Owning The Clarion (from Creative Minds club)

10. Everyone needs kindling for the yule log.
9. You've graduated to the next step after "see spot run" reading primer.
8. You needed something to line the bird cage.
7. You stole it from your buddy.
6. To see black and white examples of bandwagon commentaries which do not rely on facts.
5. To read a concise summary of yestermonth's Channel One.
4. To watch reporters flail for grammar and creativity in the rehashed reporting of The Clarion.
3. You wanted brownie points from Mrs. Clemmons.
2. To giftwrap the socks you're going to give your cousin for Christmas.
1. The Coke machine took your other quarter.

Some Clarion members respond:

### Top Ten Reasons for joining the Creative Minds Club

10. The steroids have finally taken over your brain cells.
9. Your subscription to Sports Illustrated For Kids just ran out.
8. You lost your HHS map and the only room you can find belongs to Mr. Thompson.
7. You feel the urge to rate girls on the 1 to 10 scale.
6. Because your Ego told you that you were too good to join the Chess Club.
5. All of the 900 lines were dysfunctional on club sign-up day.
4. You got tired of peeling the gum off the bottom of your homeroom desk.
3. You just got off the Thigh-Master Program.
2. You wanted to see Erik Nelson flex.
1. You have the social prowess of a cockroach.

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# Did you hear about... my car?

A new year a new column Not another opinionated reporter's column, but one written by YOU! This column is about automobiles and how they affect our lives

Each month we will have an article about good and bad experiences with our possessions

This month's story is courtesy of junior Nancy Nicholes.

If you would like to share a possibly humiliating car incident with the entire school just write up a short summary of your experience and give it to a staff member.

## One day later, it happened to me

by Nancy Nicholes

I found out that a car incident can happen anywhere. It does not matter where you are. You may be at Wal-Mart, on a highway, or even at a party, as in my case. You see, I had just gotten my license Friday and my little accident happened the day after, on Saturday.

It was Saturday night and I had gone to a party over at a friend's house. When I first got there, I parked on the road, because it was really crowded and there was no other place to park. I went inside and started talking to a friend of mine. We decided to leave and I drove. When I came back, my parking space was gone, so I decided to pull up in the driveway and park there. I had just walked inside the door when this guy came in and said, "Hey Nancy your car just got hit!"

I thought, NO it can not be my car. I have just been here two minutes! When I got outside, I found out that terror was true. My car had been hit. Not only had it been hit, but the guy who hit it had left, without even telling me. Lucky for me, a girl happened to see him so she was a witness. Otherwise, I might never have known who did it.

My brother, also at the party, helped me calm down and find out what had happened. We went inside and decided what to do. We called my mom and told her first, knowing she would take the news a lot better than my dad. I thought she would be mad at me, but she was not at all.

The guy that had hit my car was nowhere to be found. Finally someone said he was staying at his grandma's in Carrier Mills. My brother looked up the phone number and called him there. He was not there yet, but my brother explained everything that happened to his grandparents. His grandmother came to Mackie's where my mother was, and they worked everything out.

My parents and his parents discussed the problem and decided his parents would pay for the damages. He apologized and was very sorry for what had happened. The car is fixed now, and everything is fine. I learned that you have to be a defensive driver in everything you do, even parking your car.

...from left field

O.K. smart guy whats the population density of - California!

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when will geography come in handy in the real world?"



## Ozment cites little interest for low sales

by Angie Stallings

"There is obviously some lack of interest in prom among this class; I do not think most of them want to put on a nice prom," commented teacher Bob Ozment, junior class sponsor and magazine sales coordinator for the class of 1993.

Mr. Ozment feels that this seemingly apathetic attitude explains the "extremely poor" \$6800 total sales of the campaign. "Sales totals have not been this low in probably 10-15 years. And with inflation over the years, this was perhaps the worst effort in a long, long time," he added.

Since the two-week sales promotion, which began in late October, had a slow start, with sales totaling less than \$1000 after a week, Mr. Ozment extended the magazine sales for another week.

"Although sales were generally poor, there were some outstanding individual efforts made," Mr. Ozment noted, adding that, "Alayna Martin, our top seller, sold \$657.00 worth. Tiffany Simpson sold \$591.53, and Christi Hull sold \$403.14."

Mr. Ozment's juniors led the homeroom sales with a total of \$1373.88. Following were Ewert, \$932.63; Seagraves, \$929.12; Hays, \$924.57; Leitzen, \$662.10; Blades, \$570.51; Rann, \$548.26; Pavelonis, \$426.62, and Trees, \$368.74.

Mr. Ozment said that enough money has been raised for the juniors to put on "some kind of prom, but probably not a very good one."

## Harper named DAR good citizen

by Rich Frailey

Tony Harper has been named the recipient of this year's NSDAR good citizenship award. The local award is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Micheal Hillegas chapter.

The award is presented to a senior from every participating high school in the nation. Criteria for the award include the students' qualities of leadership, dependability, and patriotism in not only the school, but also the home and the community.

With the qualifications in mind, teacher followed tradition by nominating one senior. Tony, Beth Jones, and Jennifer Kerley received the most teacher nominations. The senior class then voted Tony the winner among the three.

As a result of winning the award, Tony will be entered in state and possibly national competitions. Tony was required to write a personal essay about what he has done in school. He also had to get a letter of recommendation from someone in the community.

As a reward for this honor, Tony was invited to a dinner at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.



The Illinois State Scholars from top to bottom are: Josh Bradley, Pat Fornes, Tony Harper, Erik Nelson, Brian Wilson, Beth Jones, and Heather Howton.

## Seven named State Scholars

by Diana Grisham

Seven seniors have been recognized as Illinois State Scholar finalists.

This elite group consists of Josh Bradley, Patrick Fornes, Tony Harper, Heather Howton, Beth Jones, Erik Nelson, and Brian Wilson.

To enter the competition, a student must take the ACT and/or the SAT exam during the junior year. Scholars are selected on the basis of test performance and class rank.

A student ranked in the top five in the class may be named a state scholar with slightly lower ACT/SAT scores, but test scores are still the main criteria.

Certificates will be awarded at the honors ceremony in the spring.

## Band sponsors dance

by Diana Grisham

Mistletoe Madness, the band sponsored Christmas dance, was held as a four-school event on Sat. Dec. 14 from 8 to 12p.m.

Advance ticket sales were held with each band student encouraged to participate in the fundraiser. Committees such as publicity and decorating allowed band members to involve themselves in the project.

Tickets sold for \$3 and refreshments were provided in the wintry wonderland, complete with a huge snowman. Music was provided by Thompsonville's Music Machine.

Christi Hull, chair of the sales committee, remarked, "I didn't think we were going to be able to pull it all off, but during the last week before the dance everything began coming together."

## School Report Card Figure Misleading ; Dameron follows up after teachers express concern

by Angie Stallings

As reported in the September issue of The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School enrollment has risen this year and class size has been a problem. However, in early November, the 1990-91 School Report Card was distributed, and it reported that the average class size was 13.3. Although this figure reflects last school year, several teachers with average class sizes of twenty and above became upset.

Physical Education teacher Mary Jane Dameron said, "We (Harrisburg High School teachers) do not feel that this figure is an accurate representation of the classes at the high school, and since this statistic is what is presented to the students, parents, Board of Education, and the State of Illinois, it has become a matter of concern to us."

At the last faculty meeting, teachers asked how this statistic was derived. They learned that the total number of second and fifth period classes as well as the total number of students enrolled in these classes was counted, and the average was computed. In both periods the average was under students per class, which became the 13.3 average in the School Report Card.

Ms. Dameron noticed that there were 37 second hour and 44 fifth hour classes. "Now that made a little bell go off somewhere. Those numbers seemed too high, especially for fifth period since we do not approach 44 teachers on our staff," she noted.

Evidently, when classes were counted, a computer list was used. The list counted TI-IN

classes and vocational courses taken at SIC, Galatin, Carrier Mills, and Eldorado. These classes, with low HHS student enrollment (two-three in most) "threw off the average," according to Ms. Dameron. She felt that these classes provided inaccurate and invalid figures.

Therefore, Ms. Dameron computed 1991-92 class average statistics with a different approach. Using the 1991-92 schedule, she included every class taught first through seventh period. She also added Mr. Goodley, who teaches three special education classes. Vocational courses and study halls were not included.

In addition, classes that meet in the same room during the same period but are listed as separate classes, such as French II and French III, were counted as one class.

Finally, Dameron considered behind-the-wheel Driver Education students as classes. "If behind-the-wheel is discounted as a class, the average class size increases by about 1.2," she commented when presenting the results, which are as follows: The average class size for first hour was 19.9; second hour, 20; third hour, 19.7; fourth hour(A), 22.5; fourth hour(B), 19.0; fifth hour, 19.1; sixth hour, 20.1; seventh hour, 21.4.

"I feel that the new figures give a much more accurate perspective of our large class sizes," Ms. Dameron said.

After her results were presented to Principal Gary Gordon, Gordon and secretary Myra Bascom refigured last year's class average statistic. Counting the second and fifth period classes taught on campus last spring (not including TI-IN, SIVS vocational courses, behind-the-wheel driving, or study halls), the average class size was calculated at 18.2, nearly five more students per class than the 13.4 figure.

## Josh Banks wins VOD contest

by Heather Bean

Josh Banks, Heather Harner, and Erik Nelson were named winners of the annual Speech contest called Voice of Democracy.

Placing first for this school, Josh Banks received \$100. Second place Heather Harner and third place Erik Nelson both won \$50.

The Voice of Democracy is a National Broadcast Scriptwriting program which allows students to express an opinion about their responsibility to our country. This year's topic was "Meeting America's Challenge."

Contestants first wrote an essay on the topic. Then, they recorded their essay on tape. Contestants were judged on their interpretation of the topic, delivery, originality, and content. The contest judge listened to the tapes without knowing who the speakers were.

The Voice of Democracy contest is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



The Voice of Democracy winners from left to right are: Eric Nelson, Heather Harner, and Josh Banks.



Adam Mayberry is hard at work under the careful eye of Mrs. Elam.

## Elam replaces Wetzel

by Heather Bean

Carol Elam has replaced Etta Wetzel as a special education teachers' aide.

She was an aide at Independence School and, when it closed, moved to be a substitute aide for teachers at East Side. Teachers encouraged her to go to college to get a teachers' aide certificate. She attended S.I.C. for two years and became a certified aide.

Here Mrs. Elam is helping students with several different subjects. She works with Mr. Seagraves, Mr. Goodley, Mrs. Tanner, and Mrs. Harbison.

Mrs. Elam is married to Arnold Elam. They have two children, Christopher in the seventh grade and Amanda, a sophomore here.

Mrs. Elam says all of the students have treated her with respect like any other teacher here. She feels it has been "a great year so far" for her.

## Goodley wants to be good

by Angie Stallings

The Harrisburg High School faculty has grown by three this year. Among the three new staff members is Greg Goodley. Although this might be embarrassing to him, he can be identified by the trail of girls chasing after him.

Goodley has a double major in education. He has degrees in both Physical Education and Special Education. He focuses more on Special Education because there are more job openings. "There is plenty of room for me in this field and I enjoy it. I like the interaction with the students and the challenge of teaching them," he said.

In addition to his Special Education classes, Mr. Goodley coaches two sports. He assists with varsity football and coaches 8th grade basketball.

Goodley feels that there is quite a difference between junior high and high school athletes. "Coaching the youngsters is more of a challenge because they do not have the athletic ability the high school students have, as they have not yet fully matured, so you have to break everything down into steps." He is hoping that his basketball team will be successful because the first game will be played against his brother-in-law.



Greg Goodley assists his student Dean Raymer with an assignment.



Mrs. Tanner assists Eric Moss with an assignment.

## Teacher designs clothes

by Kate Utter

Mrs. Nancy Tanner of Hardin County is the new special education teacher here.

Mrs. Tanner graduated from Murray State University. She attended college to take classes in computer programming, but while in school she decided that she did not like the classes. So her roommate talked her into becoming a special ed teacher, as she was. She went to classes with her roommate and ended up in the teaching profession.

Mrs. Tanner teaches the following classes: American History, World History, Arts and Crafts, Driver's Ed, and Pre-Vocational. All of these are Special Ed courses. She likes to teach here because she likes the high school level and she gets to teach what she wants to. She said, "It took the students quite a while for them to adapt to my expectations of teaching."

Mrs. Tanner designs clothing for her home shop, Icarus Designs. She has attended some craft shows and has held some home shows. She says that it is very hard to have a business and teach at the same time, especially while teaching at the high school level. This is because she has "no spare time."

At home Mrs. Tanner has a husband named Ruane Tanner and a son named Izak who is eight years old.

## Exchange student leaves Hamburg for Harrisburg

by Sara Evans and Angie Stallings

Among the three foreign exchange students who came to HHS this year is Tanja Wenske. Tanja, who hails from Hamburg, Germany, lives with the family of Sunny (HHS class of '91) and Clay ('93) Mattingly.

"Sunny was an exchange student in my class in Germany," she said. Thus, it is no surprise that the Mattinglys are Tanja's host family for her ten-month stay in America.

Tanja, age sixteen, is considered a senior in our school system. She noted that a major difference between German and America involves education, with her former school having thirteen to fourteen classes in a school day, rather than our seven. Currently she is enrolled in Health, English III-1, Driver's Education, Algebra II, U.S. History, and Athletics.

Tanja would like to attend college in America, "but first I want to finish high school in Germany," she added. She must go three more years there.

In addition to her classes, Tanja enjoys being involved in extracurricular activities. She was a member of the Lady Bulldog volleyball team and hopes to qualify for the basketball team. "I enjoy sports. In Germany, I took taekwondo lessons for three years," Tanja said.

On the weekends, Tanja likes to meet with friends, but says she often just sits at home and watches TV or reads.

Tanja is anxious to make new friends. She will remain in Harrisburg until early June, so that leaves plenty of time to get to know Tanja and her country better.

## Boston KNOWS

### Looking back on a great season

by Ron Boston

Can one word describe the great season the Harrisburg Bulldog Varsity Football team had? The Varsity team made it all the way to the Semi-Finals before being beaten by the biggest and #1 ranked team in the state. The Dog's season ended at a sensational 11-2. The only losses came to the #2 ranked Carbondale Terriers and the #1 Bloomington Raiders.

"The effort this year was very strong," commented senior player Josh Greer. The Bulldogs started the season off by upsetting the Mt. Carmel Aces 21 to 14. The second game of the season was against a strong Mt. Vernon Rams team. The Dogs battled to a 27-6 victory.

Then, the big match-up between two unblemished football teams. A rivalry. It was the visiting Carbondale Terriers taking the victory, 21-13. However, don't let the score fool you; the Bulldogs fought a close battle until the end.

After the Carbondale loss, the Dogs won the rest of the regular season games, beating Centralia 27-14, West Frankfort 47-0, Herrin 40-0, Marion 30-0, and Eldorado 47-0.

The Dogs held their last four opponents scoreless, as the regular season came to a close, with their record standing at 8-1. It was playoff time, and the Dog's "D" was once again a huge factor.

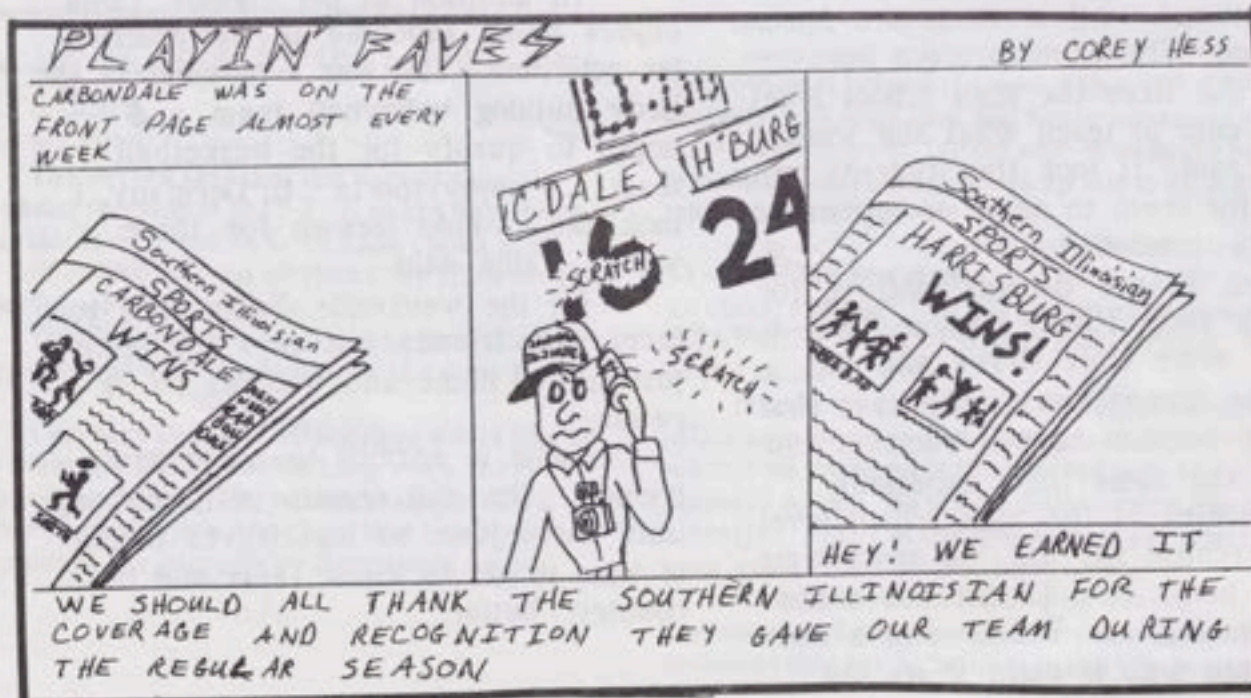
Harrisburg drew Murphysboro for the first round of the state playoffs. Harrisburg took control of the game both offensively and defensively. The Dogs came out victorious, pounding Murphysboro 34-6.

The Bulldogs were next pitted against rival Carbondale. This game was not only the 2nd round of the class 4A playoffs, but also "The Grudge Match Of The Year," as it was a tough re-match. Harrisburg played a strong Terrier team at Carbondale. The Dog "D" played yet another spectacular game, holding Carbondale to only 16 points. Carbondale started the game out with a good offensive show, racking up a 10-7 halftime lead. A super strong second half pulled HHS through with a thrilling 24-16 "in you face" victory.

Jerseyville High School was the next opponent. A very tough defense and solid offense carried the Panthers to this third round playoff game. It was a battle of defenses on a field so muddy that any pig would be proud to "waller" in it. The undefeated Jerseyville team stymied the Harrisburg offense with their strong defense, but Jon Davis and Co. took over and rushed a total of 235 yards- just 3 yards short of a state record. At the half the panthers led the Dogs 7-6. For the second straight week, Harrisburg's offense put on a second half exhibition. The second half brought the Dogs the 18-7 victory and their 8th consecutive "W" to up their record to 11-1.

The next upcoming game was as evenly matched as David and Goliath. The Bulldogs, the smallest team in class 4A, would play Bloomington, the largest 4A school. The Dogs fell behind in the first half by a score of 18-0. Their defense played a superb game but was put in tough situations with fumbles and interceptions. "A defense can only be asked to do so much," said linebacker Jay Herring. Nevertheless, Harrisburg played a terrific game but was just simply outmanned.

Thanks, Bulldogs, for a great season!





## Lady Dogs a worthy opponent

by Amy Combs

The girls basketball team seems to be a serious contender this year. To begin the season, in their own invitational, the Lady Dogs collected two victories over Hardin County and Benton, but were then handed their first loss by McLeansboro. As a result they landed in the second place slot. Junior Melissa Butler made the All-Tournament Team.

Veteran Coach Chuck Ingram commented, "Our team this year is the tallest we've had. We possess overall quickness and each girl plays good defense. All the girls are team players, but we need to improve our ball-handling and shooting."

The Bulldogs triumphed over Hardin County once more to begin the regular season. Then history repeated itself as McLeansboro edged out the Lady Dogs by six points. The final score was 57-51.

The junior varsity Bulldogs also were victorious over Hardin County, but like their mentors couldn't achieve a win over adversary McLeansboro. Coach Dana Brewer heads the jayvees.

Sophomore Jamie Hathaway said, "We need to work on rebounding, and we need more movement on our offenses. Overall we should be a forceful team this season."

The Junior Varsity is now 1-1 and the varsity is 3-2. The only two seniors, Amy Davidson and Charlotte Morris, lead the varsity scoring.



Junior Melissa Butler receives an outside pass following a fast break.



Senior wrestler Derral Redwine responds to his teammates' cheers as he nears a pin.

## From the mat

by Marc Popetz

### Wrestlers are still recovering

The Varsity wrestlers have gone undefeated in all of their team competition, even with football running over into what is normally wrestling time.

Since the football team was so successful, varsity players came into wrestling practice only five days before their first meet. This had two major consequences.

The first is that all of the late arrivals were out of shape for their first meet against Lawrenceville and Carmi. If you've ever wrestled, you know that being in "football" shape is a far cry from being able to wrestle a full six minutes without dying from exhaustion.

The second consequence is that several key wrestlers were out of their weight classes and didn't have the time to drop enough weight to wrestle where they desired.

Going into their first match hampered as they were, the Bulldogs still beat Lawrenceville and trounced Carmi.

The wrestlers have been wrestling every Tues., Thurs., and Sat., and will do so (excluding Christmas) until the start of February.

The Bulldogs also have a couple key wrestlers out due to injury. Marshall Lane is suffering a severely sprained ankle but hopes to be back soon. Also, John Holloway has tendonitis of the hip and is out until he can get the proper brace from his doctor.

Slowly but surely the Harrisburg grapplers are sliding into their prime shape, and everyone is dropping down to their proper weight classes. By the beginning of January the wrestling team ought to be at its best and ready to go to the state finals once again.

## The Latest Stiles

Rich Frailey stays out of the gutter

by Jeremy Stiles

Senior Rich Frailey is the focus of this month's column. His chosen athletic field is bowling. Most people might not consider bowling a sport, however, it is a popular American sport that requires a great amount of skill and concentration.

Rich practices with his team, the "Unbelievables," on the weekends and twice during the week for two hours each time. Sophomore teammates Ben Phipps and Brad Webb join him for practice at Ross Cotton Lanes. The team trains approximately eight hours a week, so Rich's bowling requires a major time commitment.

Rich has been bowling for just one year. In that short time, he has achieved a respectable average of 155. He has an all-time high of 234.

The team, started in 1990, has a .500 record with an average of 510 and a high of 1005, a great score. The team is in an extremely tough league, but has placed several times in tournaments.

Bowling is a fairly inexpensive sport. One game costs \$1.50 with shoe rental costing fifty cents. In league play, three games cost six dollars, but at the end of the year, the team wins some of the money back, earning around two dollars for each win on the season.

Rich plans to continue his sport as long as possible. Bowling is a sport in which you can continue until a very old age.

Rich is active in school. He maintains a grade average of 3.2. He serves as a Clarion reporter and is a member of the Art and Computer Science clubs.

## According to Ace

Basketball turns 100

by Rich Frailey

In 1891 at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), James A. Naismith was confronted with the challenge of inventing a sport which could be played indoors during winter.

It seemed the students at the YMCA loved football and baseball, but were not too fond of their daily gymnastics routines that they performed in the winter months. Seeing the problem, Luther H. Colick, head of the physical education staff, asked Naismith to invent a sport to replace gymnastics.

With this goal in mind Naismith asked the custodian for two square boxes. Luckily, two peach baskets could be found. Otherwise, the game might not have lasted. The baskets were hung on the track, which happened to be ten feet above the basement floor.

Hence, basketball was born. Basketball, in its earliest stages, was a rough sport. One of the original rules stated that if the ball went out of bounds, the first player to touch it would have possession.

This led to some of the YMCA's putting cages around the court so the spectators would not be hurt. This is where we get the name "cagers," today.

Although basketball began as a rough sport, it has become one of the most polished and publicized sports today. With high school, college, and professional basketball all being very competitive, it is easy to see that Naismith succeeded in completing his task.

Their "new rule" seems to have hurt more teams than it helped. I am sure that 1A, 2A, or possibly a 3A team that had never advanced to the state playoffs went far because of so many past winning teams being moved up and then not even making it in their new class.

It is sort of humorous how Bloomington is of 5A school size and managed to be #1 in the state's 4A class. I wonder if it has anything to do with the IHSA's office being located in Bloomington. What do you think?

Put the clues together: The IHSA's main office is in Bloomington. Bloomington plays 5A schools all year and is then moved into 4A for the playoffs, so that "no school could have a bye in the playoffs." I believe the selection of the hometown team was a little uncalled for.

I suggest that the IHSA quit "Playin' Favorites" and start doing their job of making decisions that are beneficial to the whole state.

"Thank you, IHSA, for the terrible job you're doing"

by Jeremy Stiles

The record says that the varsity football Dogs ended the season at 11-2. It might have been 13-1 if the move from 3A to 4A hadn't been made.

Of course, we can all thank the IHSA for the wonderful job they're doing.

The Bulldogs could have been the state 3A champs instead of being beaten in the semi-finals of 4A.

I am sure that all Bulldog fans would like to know what the IHSA was thinking when they "changed the rules." Maybe every single board member has a son in a 3A school that has been beaten out of the playoffs by Harrisburg on past years.



Senior Joe Smith struggles to free himself from Wildcat traffic snarls.

### Dogs start slow; begin to pick up pace

by Jeremy Stiles

At this time last year, the varsity basketball Dogs were at the same point, 1-2. With some young underclassmen blood, this season could be a winning one.

The Dogs led the Eldorado Eagles for most of the first game, but ended up being beaten by one point when an Eagle player put up a last second shot for two. The final score was 60-61.

Both Chad Lakatos and Lee Simpson had 15 points on the night, while Casey Teckenbrock had 11.

The Dogs met Marion, the first of the two teams of Wildcats, on their home court. They put up a heck of a show only to be put down by a score of 59-68. It was a real moral victory considering how close they came to Marion, the #1 ranked team in the South Seven.

Again, Lakatos led the Dog scorers with 14 points, while Simpson was close behind with 13, making 2 three-pointers.

37 points was the difference in the second of the Wildcat confrontations with the Dogs at home against Carrier Mills. This time Harrisburg was on top, 94-57.

The gym was filled with Carrier Mills' #21 Newton's wild antics. His crazed style didn't get him farther than the third quarter, when he fouled out.

The referees called every little shove and toe across the line to fill the game with over 60 fouls and 5 foul-outs, four for Carrier Mills, one for Harrisburg.

Joe Smith led the Bulldog scorers with 27 points. Lakatos put up 21 points and sophomores Corey Patton and Ben Trees added 13 and 10 respectively.

### Varsity Q-bowl sports 6-1 record

by Jeremy Stiles

The Varsity Quiz Bowl team started the season with a loss to Casey-Westfield in the Hi-Q tournament. But the team rebounded and has won the last six matches.

Inexperienced Pope County was easy prey for the local team trying to regain its balance after the unfortunate opening loss.

Eldorado and Carrier Mills, county rivals, were beaten easily, with both out of the match from the beginning.

The varsity traveled to West Frankfort with only one of its starters, due to football practice and Rotary luncheon honoring straight-A students.

The Sesser-Valier match had to be cancelled, not forfeited, because so many students were gone. But the two teams will meet each other at the end of the year.

The Pinckneyville match, due to the most challenging questions of the year, was a very low scoring game with Harrisburg scoring only 195 points as opposed to the usual 300 plus, but nonetheless a victory.

Josh Bradley is both the captain and leading scorer of the varsity team.

The JV team has lost only one more than the varsity and played one less than the varsity, making their record 4-2. Their two losses came to Carrier Mills and West Frankfort, by less than one question in each match.

Kris Nelson is the captain and leading scorer of the JV team.



Senior Chad Lakatos shoots over the obstacle an Eldorado team member has created in defense.



German foreign exchange student, Lars Kalwitske, enjoys photography.

### Lars likes life in America

by Stephanie Welch

He's German. He's blond. He's intelligent. His name is Lars Kalwitske. This foreign exchange student from Berlin is staying with junior Jaye Walker and her family.

Lars is "on his way to becoming an American." For example, he adores "Love Connection." Silence of the Lambs is to die for. His favorite food is Lov's Brownies.

Many differences between American and German school systems are obvious to Lars. German students do not get their driver's license until they are eighteen years old. Schools house thirteen grade levels and students take twelve subjects. The name of the school that Lars went to was Wald-Oberschule.

The two countries also have social differences. Teenagers are not officially allowed to fall in love in Germany. Lars is looking forward to prom here, which he expects to be different from German dances.

Lars has seen a variety of countries. He has visited Italy, France, Sweden, Yugoslavia, and Spain. He knows four languages: English, German, French, and Latin. Lars' future plans include staying here at Harrisburg High School because he "has never liked to go to school as much as I do here. I would even like to stay here to do all of my college years." After college, he wants to move to California "to enjoy life at the beach."

One of Lars' main interests is track and field. He was on the boy's varsity cross country team this fall.

Lars was lucky enough to see the fall of the Berlin Wall. "The fall of the Berlin Wall was a great joy. It is very difficult to describe my feelings." He brought a videotape of the fall for those who might be interested in seeing it.

### Club Updates

by Heather Bean

Members involved in several activities

Club days have been busy recently with electing new officers, planning the year's activities, and initiating new members. Three new clubs have been added to the many clubs already made.

In October, 29 FFA members went to Dalton City to see the largest farm exhibit in the nation, the Farm Progress Show. Newer equipment was displayed and demonstrated for the young farmers.

Clarion has been busy with many things, mainly getting this issue and previous issues prepared and distributed.

Youth for Christ initiated their members who attended a fall hayride/cook-out on Oct. 5. The members who could not make it had to be initiated in front of the whole club.

The new clubs include Latin club, which is sponsored by TI-IN satellite. Pet Owners club, sponsored by Ms. Dameron and Ms. Horning, is a club that teaches members techniques for caring for their pet. Creative Minds is sponsored by Mr. Thompson. Their activities have been somewhat mysterious so far.

Both French Club and Art Club have their councils selected for the year. French club council consists of Tonya Cleveland, Mena Blair, Brian DeNeal, Amy Combs, Sarah Drone, Jamie Holloway, Lance Kerley, and Elizabeth Angelly. Art club council is made up of Brad Combs, Ginger Noah, Toby Marcum, Dave Mitchell, Nat Ozment, Kari Perkins, Amie Halverson, and Erin Howton.

Club officers are invited to submit club news to be published in Club Updates



Act IV members Christie Hull, Elizabeth Hodson, Delana Boatright, Chris Wangler, and Jeremy Cook worked backstage at the play.