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The Varsity Wrestlers recently won the regional championship and nine of thirteen Varsity Wrestlers advanced to individual sectionals. Team sectionals are to be held next Tuesday in Hillsboro.

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Josh Grimes

Parker Plaza Madness Pan-handle

Hail to the Wrestlers

In the winter time there are two sports, basketball and wrestling. Basketball gets all of the spotlight while the hard fighting wrestlers get no respect. Everyone knows all of the basketball stars while most of the wrestlers are unknown. Why is this?

Lack of sports coverage by newspapers such as *The Southern Illnoisan* and *The Daily Register* are part of the reason. The wrestlers get very few great articles for their wins. This happens in spite of the wrestlers winning conference, making trips to state, and having winning seasons year in and year out. What would happen if the basketball team went to state? The town would be in a frenzy. Why isn't the wrestling team respected? *The Daily Register's* sports editor, Jay Reed, was asked why the wrestling team didn't get as much coverage for winning conference as did the basketball team for winning the Carmi Invitational. He re-

sponded, "I didn't get the wrestling information until the next morning." Maybe Jay Reed should have been at the conference meet. He goes to all of the basketball games. Granted, he's doing much better now, but what is that junk with the J.V. wrestling results? He just lists the names of the winners to the weight. Jay, take a little time and do it right. Now let's get to *The Southern Illnoisan*. In Feb. 6th's edition, they reported on the wrestling regionals which were held here. But instead of an entire page on the regionals like the basketball scores, they got a couple of columns with no pictures. Truly, wrestling regionals must be more important than regular season basketball games.

The major difference between the two sports is the al-

mighty dollar. Many people go to the b-ball games which means advertisers want to make a lot of money by advertising for basketball games. Few people go to wrestling meets. This means of course that the press will put more coverage on the basketball team to get more ads. That really is a shame. The brave wrestling men go one on one with tough opponents and it is a war! They train like mad to lose weight and be at top physical shape. And why do they go through all this madness? They do it for pride. They do it to slam their opponent to the mat and walk away the victor. Basketball is a team sport which means they rely on each other to do their job. In wrestling, one has to rely on himself. It is the ultimate sport.

Hats off to the wrestling team for winning the regional and here's hope for continued success all the way to Bloomington. If you see a wrestler in the hallway, just look in awe because they are real men!

"If you can't annoy somebody, there is little point in writing."

-Kingsley Amis



Brandon Simmons

Go to Boulder, CO

Paragliding, Rapelling, Skydiving, Bungee Jumping, Ballooning, Hang Gliding, Mountain Bike Riding, Horseback Riding, Scuba Diving, Rock Climbing, Caving, Kayaking, Canoeing, Backpacking, and Camping: What do all of these have in common?

They are all less than an hour from Boulder, Colorado. Boulder is a great place for vacationing. Even in the winter travelers can ski, snowmobile, hike, ice fish, or just camp. The Colorado Rockies are a wild and colorful array of exciting things to get the adrenaline pumping. This is not a place for Grandma and Grandpa to go, it is for the adventurous few who want to get the heck out of Armpit.

Be careful for black bears, who can be from blond to black, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, peregrine falcons, and

lightning, which has been known to frequently strike unsuspecting backpackers. If you go, be sure to bring a first aid kit, but what fun is a camping trip if nobody gets hurt?

For merely 55 dollars anyone who is 18 years of age, and doesn't have a heart problem, can bungee from a hot air balloon. For 139 dollars that same person can get 4 hours of lessons and skydive for the first time. If you've been before it costs only 7-17 dollars, depend-

ing on the height of the jump. The big one is hang gliding, which is a 7 night/5 day lesson for only 620 dollars.

If you have an itch for adventure than Boulder is the place for you to go. Grab up about a thousand dollars and head on out to Colorado for a good time. If that ol' adrenaline bug is calling you then write:

Boulder Outdoor Center
2510 N. 47th Street
Boulder, CO 80301



Student Feature



Name: Erin Storment.

Age: 17

Birthdate: 1-14-77.

Eyes: Green.

Hair: Blonde.

Year: Senior.

From: Hardin Co.

Hobbies: Snow skiing, reading, and men.

Status: Single.

Comments: I like this school, but I am still getting lost. It is a lot bigger than Hardin Co.



Name: Jens Geisler.

Age: 16.

Birthdate: 3-3-77.

Eyes: Green-Blue.

Hair: Brown.

Year: Senior with some Junior classes.

From: Paderborn, Germany.

Hobbies: Repelling, computers, and camping.

Status: Single.

Comments: I kind of like the system. The teachers have their own room, and decorate it their own way. In Germany, the teachers go to the students.

Lasers can Remove Tattoos, Treat Birthmarks

*Dr. Ronald G. Wheeland
M.D. Dermatologist*

Since their development 30 years ago, lasers have been used in an expanding variety of ways. The word laser actually stands for "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation." Lasers are now used daily in more and more industries, including grocery store check-out lines, military hardware, communications systems, and medicine.

Perhaps the most exciting use of lasers has been in medicine, where laser surgery can be used to prevent diabetic blindness, for instance. Some of the most dramatic laser treatments are used to remove unwanted tattoos or to fade or remove disfiguring red birthmarks of the face and neck. In the past, little help was available for people with blood vessel problems in the skin. Now these marks, such as the port-wine stain or birthmark, can be successfully treated even on very young children.

Port-wine stains, or marks called hemangiomas,

(he-man-je-o-mahs) are present at birth or develop in the first months of life. A port-wine stain often starts out as an area of skin light pink in color; as the child grows it becomes a deeper red, or even purple, and the skin thickens. The darkening in color is caused by the stretching and expansion and bundles of blood vessels under skin. Surgical removal of the discolored skin and grafting new skin over it used to be the only treatment. Trouble was, the new skin tone never quite matched the old skin's color.

Early lasers used for treating port-wine stains resulted in scarring and occasionally skin pigment or color would be completely destroyed, leaving a white area where the birthmark used to be.

More recently, a newer laser, called the flashlamp pulsed-dye laser, has been used effectively. It can be targeted to treat blood vessels deeper in the skin without destroying surrounding areas or disturbing the skin's surface texture. Children as young as four weeks of age can now be treated, helping them avoid the psychological or physical damage that a large, visible birthmark can cause.

Another type of laser, called the ruby laser, has been used to remove tattoos. Professionally-applied tattoos are usually easier to treat, since the pigments are uniformly distributed in deeper layers of the skin. Home-made tattoos, which usually have a more uneven distribution of pigment, are more difficult to deal with. (the toughest colors to remove are blue and black.) Laser removal of tattoos is almost bloodless, since the instrument cauterizes, or seals off, the blood vessels as it works. The ruby laser can fade tattoo pigment without producing sores or even a change in skin texture.

Other lasers are used in certain types of surgery, such as the removal of skin cancers. And since the lasers do not affect pacemakers or heart monitors, they are considered very safe for most patients.

The number of medical uses for lasers in treating skin disease has grown rapidly. New and better laser systems and techniques are constantly being developed and tested. The future lasers in treating skin problems is promising; more and more people are benefitting from this amazing therapy.



Cory Romonosky

Needful Things

If you are like many students here at HHS you either drive a car or will be driving one soon. Unfortunately if you drive a car sooner or later you are going to have a wreck. In the past two weeks two of my friends have had fender benders. What does all this mean? Insurance. Yes, as awful as it sounds you have to have it. If you are like me you

pay for your own insurance and you pay dearly. When insurance companies look at us they see one thing (cha-ching) cash. The reason they see cash is because of the fact that our age group tends to be a little on the wild side as far as driving habits go. We also tend to drive cars that attract the attention of both cops and robbers. The two most frequently stolen cars are the Oldsmobile Cutlass and the Pontiac Firebird. Also high on the list are Corvettes,

Mustangs, Camaro's, and just about anything else capable of sending tires up in smoke. Luckily

there are a few things we can do to make our insurance a little lower. Such as:

1. Maintaining a B average
2. Having a higher deductible can lower your rates by as much as 30%
3. Driving under a specific number of miles per year.
4. Having an anti-theft alarm.
5. Having a clean driving record



Jed Nelson

Now that the Dallas Cowboys have made the Buffalo Bills the laughingstock of the sports world, again, the next big event of 1994 is March Madness. After thirty four conference tournaments in early March, sixty four of the best teams in the NCAA get together in cities from East Rutherford, New Jersey to Phoenix, Arizona to decide the best team in college basketball.

Of the sixty four teams selected by the NCAA to go to the 'big dance' are the champions of the Atlantic Coast, Atlantic 10, Big East, Big

March Madness is Here

Eight, Big Sky, Big South, Big Ten, Big West, Colonial Athletic Association, Great Midwest, Ivy-League, Metro, Metro Atlantic, Mid American, Mid Continent, Mid Eastern, Mid Western, Missouri Valley, North Atlantic, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Pac-10, Patriot League, Southeastern, Southern, Southland, Southwestern Athletic, Sun Belt, Trans-America, West Coast, and Western Athletic conferences.

Most of these conferences winners, such as the pride of the Southland and Metro Atlantic, usually end up as number 15 or 16 in their regions and play North Carolina, Kansas, or some other top 10 team in the first round. Santa Clara made history last year as the first

15th seeded team to beat a 2 seed in the first round, Arizona, while North Atlantic rep Delaware was beaten by Cincinnati.

The other thirty teams are picked by the NCAA Final Four planning committee in Kansas City. The teams that get in here are the top twenty five teams that don't win their conference, Duke or North Carolina, only one can win the conference, but both can go to the tournament. Most of the time teams get in by having a winning record in a tough conference, this is why Wake Forest and Minnesota get in year after year.

The tournament is divided into four regions, East, Southeast, Midwest, and West. The regional names have little significance outside

of deciding where the regional games will be played. Last year's East region was made up of such "Eastern" teams as Texas, Iowa, and Missouri.

Some underrated teams to look for this year are Maryland, Virginia, Oklahoma State, Mississippi State, and New Mexico State. The conference tournaments begin in just two weeks, and the ACC and Big East tournaments may be the best to watch, remember Illinois fans, the Big Ten doesn't have a tournament.

This year's tournament may be one of the best yet. The smaller conferences are producing good teams such as St. Louis from the Great Midwest, Delaware from the North Atlantic, and New Mexico's Lobos from the Big West.



Jay Gearing

The wrestling team has done it again. It was Saturday, Feb. 5, the IHSA regionals took place at Davenport gymnasium where your own Bulldog Wrestlers dominated the competition, sending nine individuals to sectionals and claiming the team title.

Chris Fetter, at 103 lbs., dominated in his first two matches man-handling his opponent to put him in the finals. In the finals, Chris faced the first ranked kid in the State at 103 lbs., Bill Rinker from Red Hill. Previously they had faced off but Rinker had pinned and technical faulted Chris two rough losses, but it was different this time. The two went head to head for the first period where Chris only gave Rinker a single takedown for two points. It was in the second period where the tide seemed to change. Chris came up scoring a single point which left the score at 2-1 going into the third and final period. It

Need We Say More?

was here where Rinker seemed to take over. Rinker scored on a reversal and immediately turned Chris to his back. It seemed to be over for Chris but he wouldn't give up fighting off his back to give Rinker only a 7-1 victory. This performance was great and sheds light on Chris's road to state.

Cam Thai along with Brandon "The STREAK" Simmons had rough matches that left them with a second place finish. Thai faced off with Bennett from Herrin and went to the final seconds where Thai was forced to settle for second. Simmons a senior went against Tomanovich from Frankfort. These two had met many times before and Tomanovich had come out on top, but today Simmons gave the

opponent a run for his money only letting him take the victory in the final period.

Jay Gearing the 125 pounder, man-handled his first two opponents for technical falls putting him into the finals. In the finals, Gearing faced off with Mason from Frankfort. Here he dominated his opponent to a technical fall giving him three falls for the day and the regional championship.

Jason Quinn and Paul Roberson had a rough day. Quinn won his first match,



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but lost his second match which left him going for the third place finish where he lost. Paul won his first match, but lost his second one which left him going for third place. In his third place match the battle was lost and left Paul with a fourth place finish.

The 140 pounder, Matt Sheldon had a tough first match barely beating the kid by a large margin. Then in the finals Sheldon walked out, shook hands, and then threw the kid straight to his back pinning him in :42 seconds. With this outstanding performance, he was the regional champion.

The 145 pounder Josh Gribble went up against the first seed, Jones from Herrin. In this match, Gribble gave the kid all he could handle and it wasn't till the last thirty seconds before Jones clinched the match after a crucial mistake from Josh. Despite the tough loss Gribble came back to take fourth place in the tournament.

The 152 pounder Aaron Bailey pinned both of

his first two opponents putting him into the finals against a kid from Carmi. It was in the finals where Bailey technical falled the opponent in the third period giving him the regional championship. Aaron and Jay were the only two wrestlers in the entire tournament to have beaten their opponents without a decision.

Kyle Lands the 160 pounder had dominated his weight class for the first two matches putting him into the finals. In the finals, Lands had a tough match losing by major decision giving him a second place finish.

At 171 pounds, Adam Duncan had a bad day where he was upset and left high and dry for the rest of the day. This tough loss put Adam out of the tournament. Even though Adam didn't qualify for sectionals, his effort was one of excellence.

At 189 pounds your own Marc Brown demolished his opponents for the regional victory. Marc has now claimed victory to both the conference and regional championship. Now his goal is to make it to Assembly Hall where the big boy's play.

Kris Nelson went into the tournament ranked third and came out on top with the regional championship. Kris had an easy first match where he left his opponent in pain on the mat. His second match was a little different, he faced Fields from Frankfort a worthy opponent. It was in this match where Kris prevailed beating Fields in a closely fought match that came down to the final seconds. Then in the finals Kris prevailed again beating his opponent and taking the championship.

The Bulldogs have nine wrestlers advancing to sectionals in Vandalia and, have seen the light for a possible sectional team championship. This team has come out of the dark and has shown Southern Illinois what wrestling is all about. The varsity team would like to congratulate the J.V. squad on a fine performance at conference and,

" Way to bring home the big one fellows!"

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the top 10 list published in the last Purple Clarion. First of all, to the person who wrote the top 10 list, who are you to say if a club is funny or not? Anyone without the guts to put their name on a controversial subject like that shouldn't feel that they are the holy emperor of humor. Who are you to stereotype everyone in the Creative Minds Club as a bully? I seriously doubt that everyone in the club was a bully. As a matter of fact, as I recall, most of the students in the club were the leaders of this school and community. National Honor Society Initiates, Student Council Presidents, and star athletes made up the Creative Minds Club.

There were some good things I got out of the letter... I guess. As I remember, there was a huge ordeal of the making fun of certain student groups. Many articles and statements were censored. And all of the sudden a top ten list gets submitted where all ten of the jokes were directed at one club. And whammo... it's in. I guess Mr. Harbison is going to publish what he wants. Wait a second, do I sense an infringement of our Constitutional rights? Why yes, I believe I do. I think you here me knockin' Mr. Harbison, and I think I'm comin' in, and I'm bringin' this article, a constitution, and a big box of jelly donuts with me.

And lastly, to the person who wrote the top ten: step up!!...unless you're yella!!!

Sincerely,

C.R. Rath

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C.R. Rath

Just when you thought the Dogs were done, they pulled another great victory out of their bountiful bag of tricks. When their backs were up against the wall, with potential all-American Dale Overstreet out with a sprained ankle and point guard Bryce Jerrell sidelined with a bad back, head coach Randy Smithpeters rallied his troops past Benton to a 61-45 offensive showing Friday Feb. 11, night at Davenport Gymnasium. But, defense wins games. The Bulldogs held the three point shooting, running and gunning Benton Rangers to only 22 first half points. With the help of an ameoba-like press and the post defense of stopper Martin Nicholes.

The 'Dawgs got off to a sluggish start, missing their first 7 shots and with

Bulldogs Whip Benton

a baseline jumper by Benton's Ryan Houseworth the Bulldogs were down 11-4. But the game was hardly over. With the help of treys by Brandon Reynolds and a rebound basket by high-skying Brad Ziegler, the Bulldogs racked up 8 unanswered points. With 5:50 remaining in the second quarter Harrisburg led 14-13.

Way to go 'Dawgs!!!

Benton rallied to a 20-15 lead after a three pointer by Ranger Jason Kern. The Dogs then went on a 11-2 run after a steal and acrobatic finish by Brandon Reynolds at the horn. The score into the locker room: Bulldogs 26, Rangers 22.

In the beginning of the third quarter it was time for the Jeremy Wilson show. Wilson hit two long bombs on the offensive side of the court and on the defensive side, "Magoo" had two monster swats. Marty Nicholes helped

the Bulldogs with excellent play underneath and Brandon Reynolds hit a jumper in the lane to put the Bulldogs up by 11 going into the final frame.

Martin Nicholes made sure the Rangers would not come back connecting on two put-back baskets. Great Bulldog defense held Benton to only 11 points in the final frame. Brandon Reynolds fouled out in the fourth quarter and received one of the biggest standing ovations ever seen at Davenport Gymnasium. This might only be a debut of the great things to come from Mr. Reynolds and the Harrisburg Bulldogs. The 'Dawgs came out on top 61-45.

Final Score

.....61-45.....



Traca Allison

Olympic Bound

In spite of Tonya Harding, the 1994 Winter Olympics will go on. The Olympic Games attract more spectators than any other sports event in the world. A brief history on the Olympics is as follows. The modern Olympics were to encourage world peace and friendship. The five inter-locking rings of the Olympic symbol represent the continents of Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North, and South America. The colors of the rings are black, blue, green, red, and yellow, one of which is a color in

the flag of each nation competing in the games. The Olympics originated from the Greek athletes from about 1400 B.C.

On Feb. 22 is the beginning of the 1994 Winter Olympics. The games this year will held in Lillehammer, Norway. These games are said to last approximately twelve days. In order for a sport to be considered for the Winter Games, it

has to be popular in twenty-five countries on two continents. Some events in the games are: bobsledding, luge, skiing, ice skating, ice hockey, speed skating, and the biathlon. Many athletes compete for the gold for themselves, as well as their countries. Athletes go through many national competitions in order to be picked for the team that will represent their country. It all

appears to fun, but there seems to be a lot of work along with it.

The Olympics will be aired internationally throughout the entire competition. Many will be watching from the front row view, but many others will be sitting in front of their television sets, cheering for their team. Hopefully, we Americans will be cheering on our home team. Go Team!!!!





C.R. Rath

Cheerleaders Receive Awards

Between the Bulldog Basketball team having a 17-4 record and winning the Carmi Invitational and the Wrestlers winning Conference and Regionals, perhaps the most prosperous HHS team has been overlooked... the Cheerleaders.

While the players are shooting threes, throwing ally-oops, and behind-the-back passes on the court, the Cheerleaders are doing back hand springs, basket tosses, and "climbing" on the sidelines. Some of the most athletic moves seen at Davenport Gymnasium are not always seen on the basketball floor. A high flying Angie Mitchell or Amanda Harris are far more fun to watch by some sports fans. Much of the crowd participation is ral-

lied by the Cheerleaders. And believe me, the players appreciate it.

The Cheerleaders garnered two prestigious awards at the Eldorado Holiday Tournament.

The Spirit Stick (an award given to the Cheerleading squad with the most spirit) was given to the Bulldog Cheerleaders,

along with the honorary first place award (an award given to the best cheerleading team). At Carmi, the Cheerleaders got the ever-so-popular 2nd place finish. This is just as good as a first place finish, considering Carmi has won the past 142 years in a row.

Much of this success should be credited to the hard work of sponsors Debbie Cartwright and Kim Davis. It also took tons of hard work by the girls on the squad. So next time you see a Cheerleader walking down the hallway, give them a pat on the back and tell them what a great job their doing. Congratulations Cheerleaders!!!



Scoreboard

Congratulations to the JV Boys Wrestling team for having an undefeated season.

Congratulations to the Varsity Wrestlers for their win in the regional tournament and to Aaron Bailey for advancing to the state tournament.

Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Basketball for being ranked 6th in the Southern Illinoisan for the first time in years.

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball for their first comeback win over Hardin Co.

Top 10 Reasons Why Muddy, IL Is The Greatest Village In The World...

Submitted by Joe Horstmann

- 10- Moody Hill is party central.
- 9- It has the best darn car dealership in the state(Jim Hayes Ford).
- 8- They have a night watchman named Bob.
- 7- They have the big M#1. He even has a police car and a real gun.
- 6- There is plenty of family fun on weekends at the big B.A. and the skate palace. Skate rental is only \$3.50.
- 5- .It has the 2nd smallest post office in the country.
- 4- If you stand on top of the levy you can see beautiful Harrisburg, IL.
- 3- It has a historical land mark.
- 2- 8 out of the 12 village board members are related.

And the number 1 reason Muddy is the greatest village in the world ...

They have their own sewage and cable systems.