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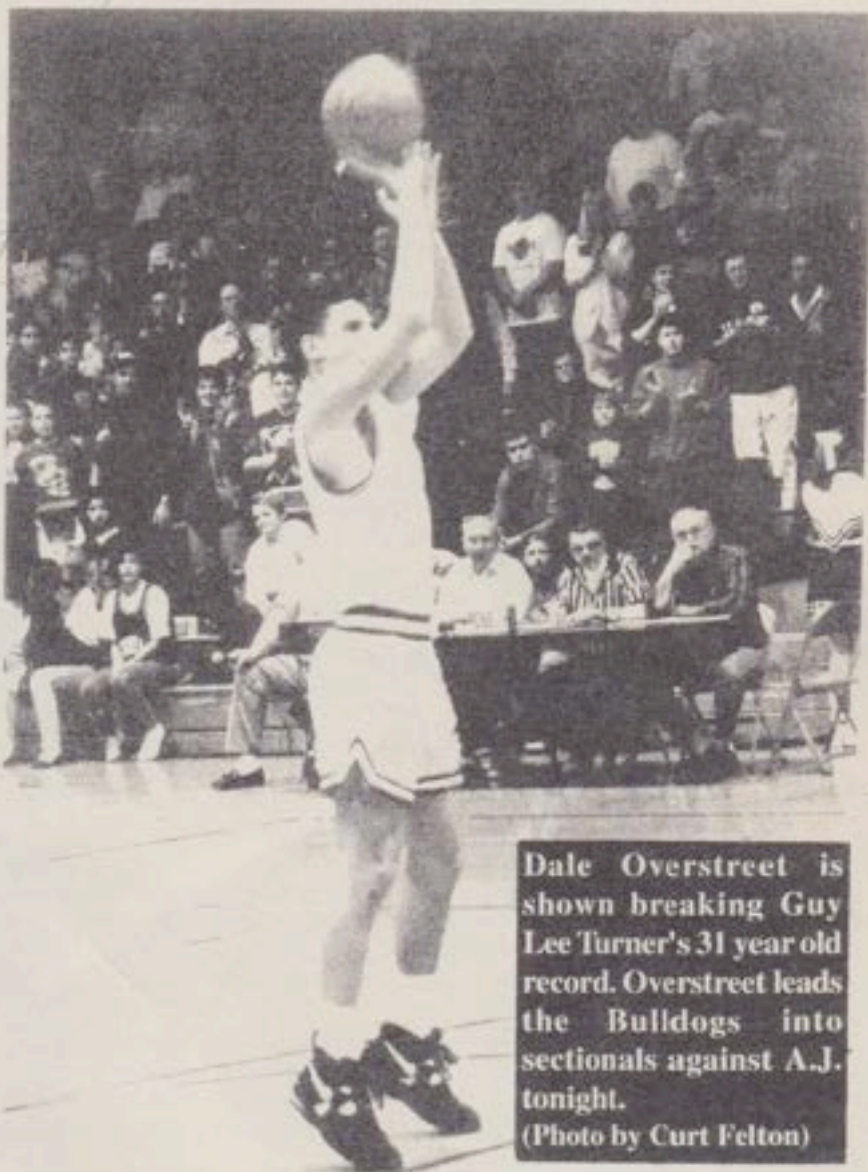
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Dale Overstreet is shown breaking Guy Lee Turner's 31 year old record. Overstreet leads the Bulldogs into sectionals against A.J. tonight.

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The Dawg Pound In The Dog House

There is five seconds left and the home team is up by two. The visiting team was fouled and is now shooting 1 and 1 freethrows. It is always nice to have the screaming and yelling to distract the shooter. That is where the good ol' homecourt advantage kicks in. Your court—your fans. But what if it comes to point where fans are hindering you more than helping you. This was the case at a recent SIU v. Creighton basketball game. But lucky enough for the Salukies, Creighton was down by more than 2; in fact it was closer to 22.

When the Blue Jays shooter went to line with 36 seconds, the Dawg Pound went to work. After the first freethrow was swished, the all too familiar chant of "You Suck" was heard echoing the arena. Since the referee had already warned the fans about using "vulgarity or abusive language", a technical foul was called against SIU.

So when does a hyper, exuberant fan turn into an immature, adolescent low-life? Does a fan have the right to say what he wants, when he wants, and however loud he wants? Should a team be responsible for a fan's actions in any way?

First of all I do not feel that a fan has the right to curse at the players or the referee. But other than that, deal with it. It is called playing at the next level because you have got to have more ability, more motivation, and more concentration to play there. If you can not handle a person in the stands yelling at you then maybe you should not be there.

As a fan, having paid for my seat, I should be able to yell for which ever team I want to. If I want to embarrass myself by screaming and yelling at people while they play a game, then that should be my choice. My actions should affect me and me only. If this is not the case, then the game will no longer be decided solely by the players. The outcome of the game cannot and should not be based on what washed up, wanna be's, has been's, and people who never were scream to show their intellectual and mental prowess.

In the example of SIU, one belligerent, uneducated, seventy-five year old Ferni-nazi was overheard saying, "The only way to deal with this problem is to kick out all of the people that were yelling and screaming like idiots," while she pointed to the Dawg Pound. Maybe it is just me, but this sounds more idiotic than anything a fan could yell at a player.

In my opinion, it comes down to one simple thing; a generation gap. There are people that argue that there are NCAA rules say blah blah blah. Well who makes these rules? George Rabling, Chairman of the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee, is far from being mistaken as an average '90's teenager.

The differences between young and old have always been seen and this case is no different. People of different ages are going act differently and this is something we must accept. As fans, young and old people alike, we should have the right to say what we want without directly changing the outcome of the game.

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Conforming To High School

High school is supposed to be the best time of someone's life. No bills to pay, no rent, no children to worry about, or anything else that adults concern themselves with. This, however, only applies to those willing to sacrifice their dignity and self-conscious in order to befriend those considered more popular than they. Fitting in to the high school way of life can be difficult to a teenager. There are certain factors that can either assist or hinder the desire to be "just like everyone else". Playing sports, being highly intelligent, being a nice person, being funny, and full of sense can all help and, likewise, being the opposite can hinder.

Many will attest to the joys of being popular. However, a certain price

comes with that. Speaking from experience, being semi-popular influences school grades negatively. More time is spent trying to be someone that, deep down, nobody really is. The establishment of "cliques" and "posses" in school is, according to psychology, just a reassurance that people will never be alone in school or other places. These type of people are more worried about the outer appearance of any person than what is on the inside. There will be those who disagree, but those people are the people being referred to.

In an earlier paragraph the statement that those wanting to be popular must somehow sacrifice their

dignity and self-conscious to achieve their superficial goal was made. Dignity is the act of being worthy or honorable. This is the truth if it is viewed from one perspective. Consider that when trying to be "a better person", the friendship of another thought of as less popular is sacrificed. The golden rule is not a bad thing to follow concerning the human race in general. Treating others like you would want to be treated follows local religion very closely.

In general, being yourself would be the easiest way to become popular, as the song says, "I gotta be me/ what else can I be/ but me". Nobody should feel bad about being his or her self. If they do, then they are only pretending to be something they are not. Just think how nice everything would be if everybody was nice to each other and felt good about themselves.

Teaching: A Challenge in Today's Society

The teachers of today's society have a lot on their shoulders. Among all the challenges that the teachers face, getting the students to learn is the most difficult. Contrary to popular belief, being in a teaching position takes time, patience, and a lot of work. Not only those factors, but teachers have to be able to catch the attention of the students and keep it. This takes strategy, observance and experience. For this reason, a person must student teach as part of obtaining their teaching certificate.

Student teachers usually start by observing classrooms and teachers. After some time they are able to actually teach the class themselves. In the education classes they attend, they learn to make lesson plans and the different methods of teaching. A few of those methods include role playing, creation of projects, and cooperative learning. Today, the college educational courses tend to encourage more group work of students working together. Also, they suggest not having the teacher in charge, but there to help the students along with their activities.

After interviewing several teachers in different areas, it was found that many had the basic ideas similar as well as a variety

of different ideas. However, most agreed that you had to combine the many methods together to balance teaching. "Half and half, you have to lecture to tell what needs to be done. Then you have to practice," stated Mrs. Lietzen, Spanish teacher.

There are many factors on how to make the teaching methods work. The main factor is the student. "You have to know the class, each class has a personality, some work with you, some work against you," said Mr. Craig, Government/Drivers Ed. teacher. Teachers have agreed that it is their job to adapt to the class. It is practically next to impossible to make a class adapt to you. A teacher must be able to interest the students for them to pay attention and learn. For example, Mr. Craig uses a jeopardy style review before tests to give a break from the regular schedule. Mrs. Lietzen uses props to motivate and keep them interested. Mrs. Sullivan believes in making the teaching as entertaining by using comedy factors to make it fun. However, there are some students who enter the class, hating it from day one.

All the teachers agreed that

group work is definitely a positive method, if it is structured correctly. It is important to be careful which students are placed together. Some students will rely on one person to do the work and expect to get credit for it. For this reason, many teachers do not give a group grade. The students must also be properly placed. There is a hope among some teachers that the weaker students can learn better from the stronger students. Sometimes students cope better with help from someone their own age. Another skill that teachers hope for their students to learn from group projects is being able to work with people. When you get out into the world and find a job, you will have to work with what they give you. Chances are that you will not be working with your friends, but people you have not met before.

Teaching is obviously a challenging job. To be able to take students and help mold their lives is very rewarding. Teachers have a lot of thought and work put into their lesson plans that most people take for granted. Maybe it is time to start praising the teachers for what they do for the students instead of ridiculing them.

FBLA: Offering Educational Opportunities

Harrisburg High School's FBLA chapter 2226 has been in the school for twenty five years. FBLA stands for Future Business Leaders of America. There are 250,000 members across the nation and 2,922 paid members in the state of Illinois. One goal of FBLA is to develop competent, aggressive business leadership.

Harrisburg's chapter takes part in the state conference every year. Four members are going March 24-25 in Springfield. The purpose of the annual conferences is to find the members with the best skills in business competitive events. The events include accounting, business math, business law, public speaking, entrepreneurship, and many more. If the participants do well enough, there is a good chance they will be able to compete at the national conference. Although Harrisburg rarely attends national conferences, they have gone before. At the conferences, State officers are elected and members attend different workshops.

The Harrisburg chapter also has elected officers. This year the FBLA officers are Monica Askew, Shelly Cook, Joni Heddercheidt, and Elizabeth Hodson. Mrs. Rann, the club sponsor, runs a student book store year round, selling pencils and paper for FBLA. For twenty five years, the club has sold valograms. They also get funds through concession stands.

Anyone interested in pursuing a career in the business field should join FBLA. The club currently only has ten members, but Mrs. Rann will welcome any new members next year. The only prerequisite is to have a business class.

Letter To The Editor Policy

The Clarion welcomes and encourages letters to the editor from students, faculty, and the community. These letters must be of good quality and taste and have the complete signature of the author. *The Clarion* reserves all rights to accept, reject and/or edit letters as long as the general idea is not modified.

Columnist Writes Good Article

Writing articles is fun. I like to write for the school newspaper. When you do that you can express yourself. I like to express myself. Some people do not like it. But I do. I like to use big words and phrases that most people do not understand. Most people hate me. That makes me sad. I want to connect with people far and wide. Then they can understand what I am saying. But they don't.

I like to write a real lot. I like to write in a box. I even like to write with a fox. Some people think I try to get people mad. But I don't. I try to make everyone get along more better. But they don't. It is good to be sensitive to people. Some call this politically correct. But

that is a big word. I'm sorry.

I want you to read this article. I think it is my masterpiece. I think you can read this one. I hope you got this far. It is at the level where we can all connect. Maybe you will like me now.

Other things that I wrote made people sad. Some called me the devil. The devil is bad. I don't like him. He made me write evil things. But I have found the light now. I hope you can see what it has done for my writing. I sometimes write in my house. I even write with a mouse. The mouse is my only friend. But I hope things will change now.

I hope everyone reads this article. I hope no one will be offended. That is the last thing I

ever want to do. Some may not know the point to this article. That is okay. I won't think any less of you. The main point is: In the attempt to justify any classification of the wrongdoings by any overly pretentious misanthrope mindlessly wandering through the dunes of ruined shelters covering a mission to convert the natives toward a western Orthodox based mindset, the only intelligent solution is to plummet to the depths of the wastoid ocean to retrieve the last sunken boat of right brain cerebral activity, and reanimate any sparsely populated creative nerves in order to pull a freak show of savages out of a parade of unconscious, robotic, fluffheads.

Don't worry I still

Do You Have Pep?

There are many clubs in the school that do not get a lot of recognition. One of these clubs is the Pep club. The object of the club is to support the Bulldogs. Over the past few years the club has been active doing fund raisers, decorating, and cheering. Pep Club is sponsored by Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs.

Hodson.

The officers of Pep club are: president; Elizabeth Hodson, vice president; Melissa Fox, and secretary; Christy Dunn. Members are very involved in pre-game preparation. This includes hanging posters before pep rallies, cheering at pep rallies, and decorating the football field before games. Another accomplishment of the club is every year they decorate Taylor Field before the Special Olympics. They arrive at the field before everyone arrives for the event. They hang balloons and streamers and have a good time. Members have tried to have a float for the Homecoming, but have been unable to get enough people to participate in the past couple of years.

Numbers have been a big problem for the club. There has been a lack of participation. Club members no longer have to meet specific criteria. Only two years ago members were to know the school song and attend a certain number of games to be allowed in the club. Because of the lack of participation this has become a problem to enforce. The only rule now is that to go on the end of the year trip you cannot have any detentions or have been suspended.

There is even a small amount of people who attend the end of the year trip. Last year they went to Six Flags and plan to go again this year. Even if more members do not go on the trip, those that do will have a good time like they do each year.

So those of you underclassmen who want to boost school spirit, join the Pep club next year.



VIOLENCE PLAGUES HHS

Once upon a time, I said that Harrisburg High School did not have a problem with violence. I said peer mediation was a joke and conceived by people who had obviously never been in a fight. I was wrong about the first and still undecided about the later.

Our school has a problem with violence. It is not an extreme problem. We don't have students bringing guns to school and killing their peers or

teachers. I don't think the violence is so bad that they are considering making a TV movie about our school, but there is a problem. The problem is that people are beating each other senseless on a daily basis, and those same people are cheering it on like a pack of rabid mutts and believe me, the intensity of 20 or 30 people cheering and yelling and cussing two people toward a fight is enough to make somebody beat up their mom if they have to.

We're not supposed to fight. We're not supposed to hurt each other. If we all know this then why do we do it? Why do we thrive on violence? I'll tell you why. We just do. It's part of

us. It appeals to what Hitler called the "savage instincts." It's that part of us that wants to hurt. Our violent nature. It's buried deep in us, some people's is buried deeper than others, but it is there. Deep down we are all violent. Some express it differently, but it's there. Some fight, and some call names, some kill.

Maybe we have been desensitized. Maybe we have no heart anymore. Maybe we are just natural born killers. The violence that is buried deep within us can't be removed by any peer mediation process. The fact is that we will always fight, but it is important to make an effort to curb this violence. This is where peer mediation comes into the picture and whether it works or not is up to the students.



H.H.S. Places 1st At Regional (9 advance to sectionals)

H.H.S. wrestled in the Carmi Regional on Saturday, February 4. The Bulldogs placed first finishing nearly 50 points ahead of second place West Frankfort. The Bulldogs sent 9 individuals on to the Vandalia Sectional on February 10 and 11. They were: Chris Fetter (103), Cam Thai (112), Tim Rister (119), Jimmy Cirigliano (125), Matt Sheldon (140), Paul Roberson (145), Kyle Lands (160), Mark Maddox (189), and Matthew Molinarolo. Of those 9, Chris Fetter, and Matt Sheldon advanced to the State championships.

Harrisburg also competed in the most intense dual match of the year as they took on West Frankfort for the team regional title. This

match was probably the most intense match Harrisburg has ever had. West Frankfort ousted the Bulldogs by 1 point in a very emotional match. H.H.S. had the lead as it came down to the last match, which was (189) due to the draw.

Frankfort adjusted their line-up as half their team dropped a weight class in hopes to defeat the 1st place 'Dawgs'. With the line-up changed that meant H.H.S. had to make a few changes of their own. With Kyle Lands (160) and Mark Maddox (189) missing the match due to injuries, the Bulldogs would have a major setback. Joe Horstmann filled in for Lands at 160 while Matt Molinarolo went to 189 so Brandon Morse could

wrestle Heavyweight. The changed order was not a complete success as Morse lost his match by 4 points. Horstmann pinned his foe as it all came down to Molinarolo's match. Molo was tied going into the third period when he was turned to his back at the start of the period. He held on to the last 4 seconds when the ref slapped the mat and tears filled one side as happiness filled the other side of the mat. West Frankfort 32 Harrisburg 31. The Bulldogs finished the year with a 23-3 mark.

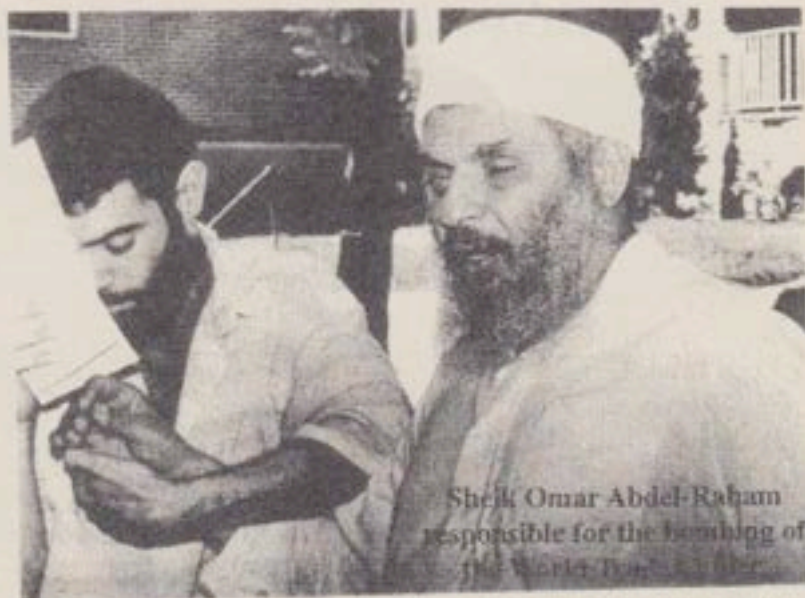
Congratulations to Chris Fetter and Matt Sheldon for advancing to the State tournament. Fetter was pinned in his first round match in which he was eliminated. Sheldon was decided in his first match which eliminated him from the tournament.

Jackson; Madonna Sought For Terrorism.

Angry Arabs Demand Arrests in Bizarre Terrorism Case.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan- The government of Pakistan announced on 13 February that controversial music stars Michael Jackson and everybody's favorite, Madonna, are wanted for terrorism. However, these two are not your average terrorists. While less advanced PLO, Hamas, Red Brigade, or IRA terrorists are out hijacking aircraft, bombing buses, taking hostages, and assassinating political leaders, these two are working on their victims' minds. At least that is the view of the Islamic People's Political Party, the ruling political party in Pakistan.

Michael Jackson, who can't seem to do anything right lately, and Madonna, who's name comes up ever time someone says "Letterman", are the kind of terrorists who don't use bombs and guns like France's *Action Directe* or Canada's *Parti Quebecois*, but instead,



Sheik Omar Abdel-Raham
Responsible for the bombing of
the World Trade Center

these two criminal terrorists use words and music. It seems that the Pakistani government claims that "A terrorist does not necessarily mean someone who uses explosives to hurt people, but it also includes those who hurt people's feelings." The angry Muslims claim that Madonna and Jackson are bad influences on their fans, and are destroying the youth of Pakistan.

The angry Paki-

stani government wants Jackson and Madonna to be sent to Pakistan to stand trial for corrupting the nation's youth. Pakistan's government asks-if the United States can extradite those terrorists who destroyed the World Trade Center, why can't they extradite those who destroy their culture? Most people in the United States who have heard this tale have responded with a chuckle, and the words "That is ridiculous."

Fun At Hardee's

Every once in a while, an event occurs in someone's life that changes them forever. Unfortunately, nothing like that has ever happened to me. Unless you consider my last article and the Valentine's dance.

For all of my years as a student, at any school, in any town, even though I've only gone to school here in good old Harrisburg, I have hated, disdained, and any other word that describes a particular form of hate, any and all school functions, including football games, basketball games, volleyball games, and especially dances. I have no real reason for my hatred of these things, other than the fact that I am deficient in school spirit, in which I pride myself.

I had no intention to go to the dance. I truly did not want to go. I would rather, or thought I would have rather, spent my time doing something to bring pleasure to myself that would probably be condemned if people were to find out what it was.

But then, someone decided to ask me to go to the

dance. I thought it would be a good chance to compromise my morals and attend a school function and so I decided to go. I didn't really know the girl very well, but I thought I MIGHT enjoy myself. But I really did want to do that grass skirt thing.

I refuse to go into details about the dance or the girl, but the dance was about as good as I thought it would be. Those of you who know me will know how good I thought it would be, and thus know how good I thought the dance was. But, amazingly, I had more fun at Hardee's after the dance, where I was filling myself with my daily quota of caffeine and french fries.

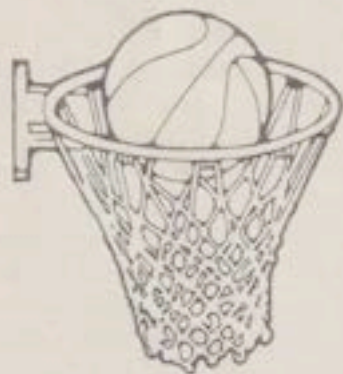
But that was not the best thing about being there. The best thing was that I actually got to talk to the person who went out on a limb and asked someone to go to the dance that she knew would probably not go with anyone. I discovered that all my previous notions about this person were wrong, and

that the vast majority of people, myself included, has rushed to judge this person, never actually taking the time to speak to her as if she was actually human.

It's not only the student body at HHS that seems to judge people too quickly. Everyone everywhere has done that, based everything on first impressions instead of going any farther. There is not one person on the earth that has not done this. Everyone, including the stoners, losers, of which I take pride in being, the preppy little boys and girls dressed in all their niceties, the rich, the poor, the beautiful, the ugly, the misanthropes, the sociopaths, the criminally insane, the powerful, the weak, the intelligent, the stupid, everyone has taken the first impression of someone and has, either out of ignorance or fear or both, has decided, yes, this is what this person is and has never looked any further. You see, I just got finished preaching against something like this and then I go and do it. And because I did that, I almost missed out on someone I have discovered is the supreme example of kindness on this earth and am sorry that most people will never take the time to realize this.

Lady Dogs Do The Impossible

No one would have ever thought the varsity Lady Bulldogs would be the '94-'95 Ohio Division Conference champs after leaving for Christmas break with a 2 and 7 record. But after a good week of practice, the Lady Dogs were able to regroup over the holiday break and make an incredible comeback. They finished their regular season with a winning record



of 13 and 11.

On February 9, the Lady Dogs celebrated their 53 to 42 win over the West Frankfort Lady Redbirds and left the gym as the Ohio Division Conference champs.

"You should be proud of yourselves," said Coach

Ingram in the locker room following the West Frankfort game. "You gals have basically done the impossible. You pulled off a miracle."

So why did the Lady Dogs struggle so much in the early season? How could a conference title team have a 2 and 7 record at Christmas?

Senior point guard Ricki DeArmon explained, "A lot of us were still dwelling on our volleyball sectional loss to DuQuoin and weren't quite ready to go straight into basketball. We just had problems adjusting to a new sport and basically weren't ready to play."

Junior "twin-towers" Anna Banks and Tory Teckenbrock stressed that attitude was the main factor for the struggling Lady Dogs in the early season.

"After Christmas we realized there wasn't much time left. We decided to prove we had the capability to win and were a better team than what we'd been playing," said power-posts Banks and Teckenbrock. "Coach Ingram stressed out attitudes were the reason for our losing

record. We had to motivate ourselves to play ball."

And the Lady Dogs have certainly done that. They lost only three games upon returning from Christmas break to pull off a 13 and 11 winning season. Needless to say, the Lady Dogs were very optimistic about the post-season tournament play.

"Oh ya-ya! We're gonna go to super-sectionals!" said a determined Anna Banks. "We have a good chance for the regional and sectional titles."

Anna Banks' strong prediction could definitely come true. The Lady Dogs have already captured the regional title after defeating the Pope County Lady Pirates and the Eldorado Lady Eagles last week. They advanced to sectional play where they ousted the Benton Lady Rangers, 61 to 44, this past Tuesday. The Lady Dogs will now play the sectional championship against the Carterville Lady Lions Thursday evening, February 23, at Eldorado. If they win, they will advance on to super-sectionals at Nashville.

GOOD LUCK LADY DOGS!!!

Khoury League Strikes Out

There's a new baseball league coming to Harrisburg this summer. The Pony League has been around Southern for many years. Some of the towns that already had a Pony League are Marion, Carbondale, and McCleansboro. In addition, the towns of Eldorado, Vienna, and Metropolis will be voting as to whether they will join the Pony League this summer.

This is how it all came about. Since last season, Ron Emery has added many of our local coaches to the board of Harrisburg Youth Athletics. They felt Pony League would keep more kids involved in summer baseball and softball. This was presented at a meeting and voted on. The change was approved over-whelmingly.



There will be many changes in summer ball this year. First of all, in the younger divisions, no one will be able to pick the team they get to play on. All players will be placed in a pool and players will be selected according to their ability. This means each team will have pitchers, catchers, infielders and outfielders. Second, the younger teams will use pitching machines rather than have to hit against a real pitcher. Third, and probably the greatest change, is the fact that the first six weeks of baseball will be played in Harrisburg. This only pertains to the players under the age of thirteen. After six weeks, an all-star team will be picked for

each age group. These teams will play other towns and participate in playoffs.

"Colt" age, being fifteen and sixteen year olds will play other towns throughout the season. They will also enter playoffs as a team at the end of the season. The older age groups should get better competition along with playing teams that they play during their Harrisburg High School season.

Coaches for Pony League will be selected by the board. Each person wishing to coach will have to fill out an application. The board will make the coaching selections due to the coaches past experiences.

Pony League should bring many changes to summer baseball and softball. The only part that makes some people regret seeing it come is the passing of another in order for Pony League to exist. Khoury League has provided a summer program for close to thirty-five years in Harrisburg. In that time, it helped developed many baseball players who gave their high school teams something to be proud of. With the coming of Pony, Khoury will be gone from Harrisburg for good.

Term Papers Taking Their Toll

As graduation approaches most seniors are getting anxious, but the ones who took English have one last task ahead of them. That task being the dreaded term paper. It's not uncommon to see the seniors hauling around notecards and maybe a few books. The idea of term papers has been going on for a long time or since most of our parents have been in school.

Students in Mrs. Sullivan's and Mrs. Bramlet's English classes have been working on them for the past few weeks, digging up information so they will have somewhere to start. The students this year have an advantage others in the past did not. This being the new Dynex system in the library. The new computer system enables students to receive

books that our library does not have, from the Shawnee library. This system is being used in

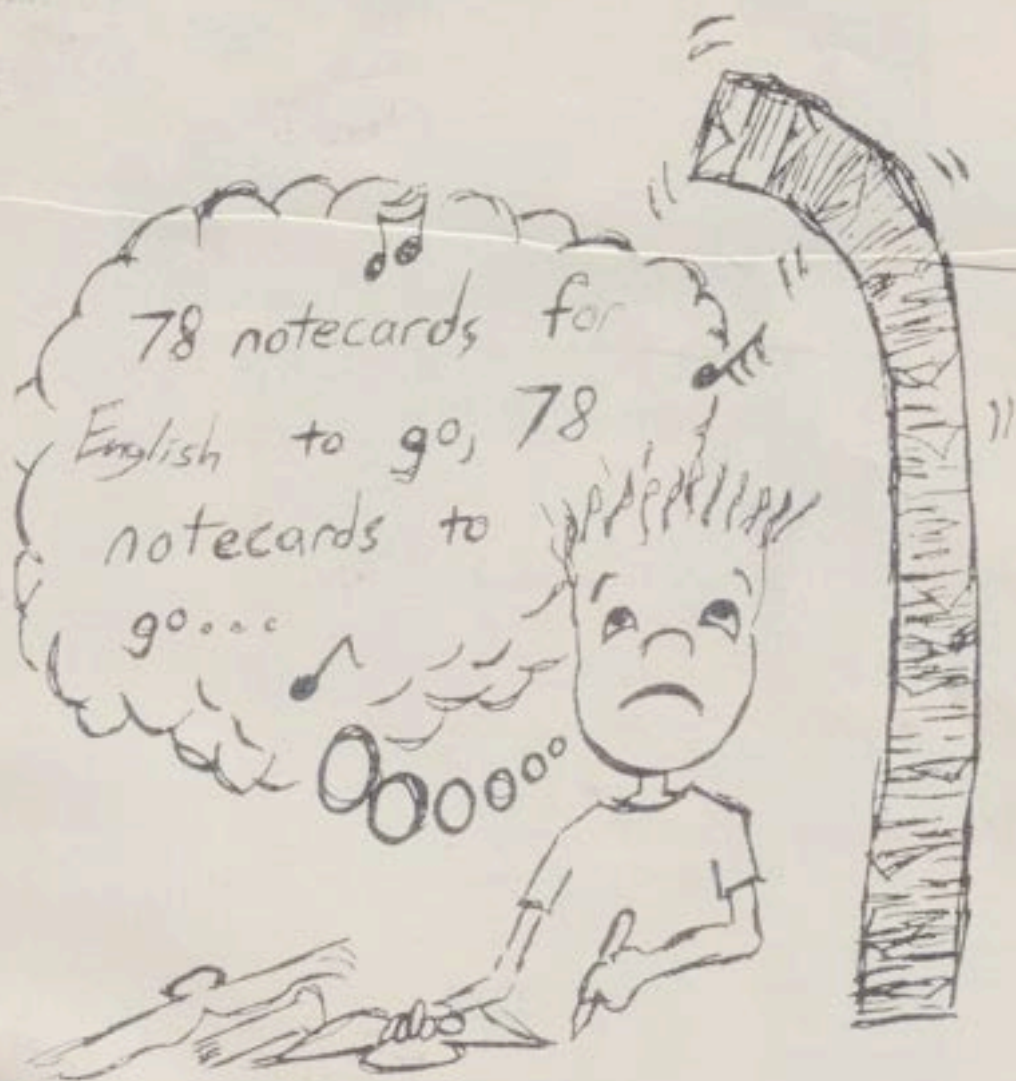


many different counties in our area.

The term papers can cover any subject the writer wishes, the only set back is finding one with enough information to cover any-

where from five to twenty pages of typed material. The other catch is they can not have a paper of just facts, they have to have a problem-solution or persuasive paper, this really hurts some students. The whole process sometimes is thought of as ridiculous, but since most college papers are going to this format students have to be ready for the challenge.

This seems to be the last big step for the graduating students, except for the one's in Government. "Keep that in mind." Good luck to everyone who is working on their paper and for the ones who did not take an English course: congratulations.



11:30 pm

By: Preston Sweat



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