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XL concert kicks off second semester by Angie Stallings

"I'd like to welcome all the students to the second semester of the year. And to help kick it off is a group called XL" Student Council Executive Board President Beth Jones announced.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, the first day of the new semester, five rock musicians calling themselves XL gave a 45 minute promotional concert for the student body and faculty. Lead singer Steve Treder, drummer Troy Stone, keyboardist Cory Lavine, bass guitarist Mike Fevola, and lead guitarist Brad Avery, along with the help of sound technician Neil Cassidy, performed hits by rock/metal bands such as EMF, Firehouse, Metallica, Nelson, and Van Halen.

In mid-concert, the band stopped and, with the aid of the student body, selected the school's "rough tough athlete," the "class clown," and a favorite teacher who were, respectively, Marshall Lane, Terry Glenn, and Mrs. Tokar. Stephanie Rister was handpicked by a band member as a "lovely lady." The four were chosen to star in a comedy skit entitled "Robin Hood and His Bogus Journey." In the farcical mix of characters from popular movies, Lane was the Terminator, Glenn and Tokar were Bill and Ted, Rister was Maid Marion, and lead singer Steve Treder was Robin Hood. The skit evoked lots of laughs from the audience.

The concert ended with a special message from the band about striving to reach one's goals and

never giving up.

On Thursday the 23rd at 7:30, XL gave a public concert in Davenport Gym with a \$6 admission. For an hour-and-a-half the band performed hit songs by their favorite groups as well as some of their own music. XL released their first album, "Double or Nothing," in August. A second LP, still in the making, is expected to be released near the end of February.

Currently the group, which was formed two years ago, tours across the country over ten months a year, doing three to four shows a day according to drummer Troy Stone.

The group says that they will remember HHS for "two main reasons: We had fans, mostly girls, waiting around to talk to us after the show. We're not used to that. We felt like fish on a fishpole with all those people watching us load up our equipment. Also, we loved the green bulldog!" said Treder.

Prom relocates to SIC by Diana Grisham

Due to a unanimous vote at the first prom planning meeting, the prom's location was changed from Davenport Gymnasium to the multi-purpose room at SIC.

The meeting included the junior class officers and a total of 15 or 20 people.

The relocation to SIC's multi-purpose room (cafeteria) will require all decorations to be completed in one day, breaking the traditional school week in which juniors decorate instead of going to class. Students will be able to drive to SIC on prom night. A bus will not be provided.

There has been concern of the new location's size being too small; however, SIC's dances are held in the multi-purpose room also.

H and H sound and light will provide music, and pictures will be taken in the adjoining room housing the snack machines.

There have been questions asked concerning After Prom. The traditional post-prom party is not sponsored by the school, but by a group of junior and senior parents.

Mrs. Ewert cited the main reason for moving prom as a disappointing amount of money made from junior magazine sales. She considered it a decision between "having a tacky prom in the gym or having a good prom at SIC."

From Di's Desk

Winter depression pressures

by Diana Grisham

"All aboard! Please have your boarding passes ready for inspection." Yep. Th-th-that's right, folks. It's the time of the year when the roller coaster ride begins, and nausea returns as the ups-and-downs of depression affect students and faculty like a modern day plague.

Winter depression has taken hold. The annual long haul between post-exam anxiety and spring break has begun. With a total of only three school holidays between February 1 and April 16, attempts to slow down and relax are annihilated as teachers take advantage of the 50 and 1/2 school days to shove the remaining four months' worth of material at students with the ferocity of a savage Eldrak.

Stock up on pencils and notebooks, circle those three key days of respite in ceremonious red ink, and pray for snow.

Watch out for symptoms. Is the too usual task of doing homework becoming impossible to cope with?? Are you a victim of I'll-do-it-tomorrow-itis?? Do you avoid wild parties and late nights on weekends in order to sleep for a solid 48-hour time span??

Be wary of TOS, or Test Overdose Syndrome, which can take the average person's I.Q., expose it to millions of little green Scantron circles, and reduce it to the I.Q. of your average everyday coat hanger.

Attention!! Please keep all hands and feet inside the craft at all times and do not exit until the craft has come to a complete stop. (And it will stop, so stock up on Stresstabs and enjoy the ride.)

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Clarion members refute closed campus

by Stephanie Welch

When Clarion Club members were asked their opinion on whether our present option of open campus should be changed to closed campus, the response was definitely no. In closed campus, students are not allowed to leave the school building during lunch.

"Closed campus would be treating fifteen to eighteen year olds like five to eight year olds. It is not necessary," replies sophomore Candi Heil.

"Open gives more sense of freedom for all kids and a break away from school work. The closed campus is "threatening" to our freedom and the school could not offer enough room for all of the kids," says sophomore Monica Kieseccoms.

Amy Combs says that closed campus would be intolerable because the lunch room would be extremely over crowded, and not all the food from the cafeteria is "bon appetite."

Carol Chew replies that open campus gives her and her friends a chance to "hang free" and it is a big thing for a freshman.

Students predict changes

by Rich Frailey

Predictions can be humorous, serious, realistic, ridiculous, or personal. Here are what some Clarion members have on their minds.

The hopes of freedom and peace dominate thoughts about the world. Freshman Angie Trammel has an interesting comment. "The United States will be taken over by Japan." Others wish for new electronic devices. Nikki Pyle adds, "In 1992 someone will invent a VCR that will have high speed dubbing."

"There will be a new type of record that records off another record", says freshman Amy Atkinson.

On a national scale, the Clarion club members enjoy expressing their thoughts on politics. Many students feel strongly about presidential candidate David Duke. Amy Combs believes he will not become president, while Elizabeth Angelly took this thought a bit further. "Duke will get his own talk show after losing the campaign."

"Quayle will become president, Duke will be vice president," says sophomore Candi Heil. Brandon Williams, another member of the sophomore class, thinks that Bush will remain president.

Predictions about 1992 at this school were a little more sarcastic. Most wished for a better climate. "We will get air conditioning. NOT!!!," says junior Kim Nave.



Did you hear about... my car?

This column is 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 and prized possessions.

This month's story is related by Cherie Wetzel.

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 Clarion staff member.

Gravel grinds car to a sudden stop

by Cherie Wetzel

December 16 is a day my friend Jaye Walker and I will never forget. At about 4p.m., Jaye and I were going to my house to bake cupcakes for the Spanish Club party. As Jaye drove her new car, we decided to take a shortcut.

I had never been out this way before and as we got closer to a hill, we could see the houses in the distance. Neither of us could see what was on the other side of the hill. Since the road was paved all the way to the top of the hill, we assumed it would be paved on the other side, too.

When we went over the top, we were going about 45 miles an hour. As soon as we hit the gravel, the car started swerving. Jaye put on her brakes to try to get control. When the car started going straight again, she let off the brakes. The car then swerved again, but this time it swerved off to the left side of the road, went into a ditch and through a fence. Then the car flipped.

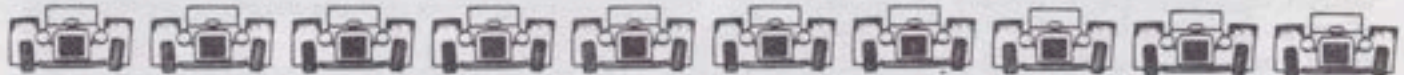
When the car finally came to a stop, it was lying on the passenger side. When we realized what had happened, we started to cry. The car was still running, so I told Jaye to turn off the car and get out. I got out through the sunroof, then I helped Jaye out.

After we looked at the car, Jaye went hysterical. She was screaming and crying. I just kind of stood there looking at it. All the windows on the driver's side and the back window were broken. We had glass in our hair.

Two guys heard the crash and came to help. One of them knew Jaye's mom so he took us back to his house where Jaye called her mother. When her mom got to the house, she took us to the hospital, where we stayed for a couple of hours.

Jaye had to lie on a stretcher with a neck brace on. I had to wear one of those hospital gowns that don't really have a purpose since they're open in the back. After we both had X-rays taken and were told by a doctor that neither of us had broken any bones, we were allowed to go home.

Luckily, Jaye had replacement insurance on her car so she will get a new '92 Sunbird LE.



She has eyes of sparkling blue, hair as blonde as sunshine, and teeth like old linoleum.

...think smoking makes you look cool, think again. ...the stain won't go permanently. And there's nothing you can do about that.

...from left field by Toby Marcum

In a final attempt, the fleas try a classic approach.



Mrs. Cline and sophomore Mena Blair broadcast Channel One.

Mrs. Cline leaves with vivid memories by Angie Stallings

Mrs. Nancy Cline, after putting in more than 22 years of valuable service to the Harrisburg school district, officially retired January 24, her last day of work. Eight and one-half of her years were spent working at Central Office, while she has worked as a librarian here for the last 13 and 1/2 years.

Before working for the Harrisburg school district, Mrs. Cline was involved with the Civil Service for four years and later did book keeping and piloted at the Harrisburg-Raleigh Airport for three years.

Mrs. Cline has seen many "changes for the better" in the HHS Library over the past 13 and 1/2 years. She noted that when she first came here, all of the records were kept by hand. Now, with four computers, materials are checked in and out and late lists are compiled and printed in a fraction of the time it took before.

The Illinet computer research program, connected to college libraries, benefits students. The TVs in each classroom, provided for the Channel One news program, allow the librarians to make use of the library's video equipment and televise the morning announcements.

"I have had some interesting experiences working with the video cameras. I've filmed in a cemetery and from the back seat of a car for Mrs. Ewert's speech classes, and I have squatted on top of a file cabinet to film in Mr. Tree's lab." Cline reminisced.

Mrs. Cline gave two reasons for her decision to retire: "I tell everyone that 'It's just time to go' but the real reason is Mrs. Ewert. She and I have had contests in which we keep a running tally of who finds the most money in the hallways. She's beaten me for the last two semesters, so I'm giving up!" she joked.

Although she is retiring, Mrs. Cline said she will occasionally do some substitute work in the library or in the offices. However, her major plans after retirement are "doing nothing and taking it easy. The first week, I'll probably shave sweaters or something else unconstructive. Then, my husband and I will do a lot of traveling. We have a son in Spain we'll visit, and a motorhome to drive across America," she said with an ear-to-ear grin.

Quiz bowlers boast nearly unblemished record

by Travis DeNeal

The quiz bowl leviathan still clutches to their undefeated record (not counting a Hi-Q loss). The team's most recent conquest was a grueling, controversial battle against a fierce Carrier Mills team.

The controversy stemmed from the manner in which the opponents answered questions. The entire meet consisted of studied questions, the number one no-no in fair competition, according to mentor Bill Trees. But the HHS five prevailed in their integrity.

The last question was answered by Carrier Mills, who began yelling in such a manner as to suggest they had already won. However, the score was only tied, 200-200. The bonus questions Carrier Mills received were all on mythology, and they could not answer them. HHS could only come up with one answer on the eboud of the bonus question, but it was enough to pull off a win, 205-200. *Veni, Vidi, Vici.

Planned trips require fundraisers

by Heather Bean

Spanish Club officers plan to go skiing at Paoli Peaks on Feb. 12. The clubs held fundraisers in order to raise money to pay for a trip. Members took a vote during Spanish class on whether to go ice-skating at Swonder's in Evansville or to go skiing, so Mrs. Leitzen is now checking on details for this trip.

The Art Club is also preparing a fundraiser. They are going to sell pizzas in order to take a trip to the Chicago Art Institute. Each member is expected to sell \$50 worth of pizzas to be eligible.

Other clubs are planning trips to be taken when the weather warms up, like Academic Club and Baseball Card Club.

Revamped building trades program strives for success after changes

by Corey Hess

After escalating problems throughout the last few years, Mr. Ingram and the school board decided that it was time for a change in the building trades program.

Few realize how privileged our school is to have such a program. Yet the class almost met its demise because of such problems as students urinating and spitting in the heat ducts of nearby completed homes and the "missing tools" and other building materials so often lost or hidden by students during construction. So after the loss of money and time, as well as damage to the temperament and nerves of Mr. Ingram, he and the Board of Education decided some changes had to be made or the program would have to be discontinued.

Over the summer several changes were made and new rules were created, which were designed to resolve these problems. The most significant change was that the program would take two school years to complete a home instead of the

previous one year. This rule relieved the pressure of having to rush the project and thus gives Mr. Ingram more time to properly train the students. Mr. Ingram was also given the power to expel from class any student who causes problems or has poor work habits.

Another new rule is that at least two days out of the week the students are to stay in the classroom for training to better understand the mechanics of the project. All students are now required to know how to figure out the plans, building materials, and material layouts as well as receive the on-the-job training. Another addition to the classroom training is a set of "hands-on" videotapes which show step-by-step the layout and construction techniques used in the program.

When asked how he felt about the changes Mr. Ingram replied, "The changes have proved to make my job less painful, and the students are working harder and understanding more than ever before."



Sophomore Roy Isom, along with sophomore Stacy Hathaway, work with the new drafting program computer during class time.

Drafting students take advantage of new technology available

by Josh Greer

The drafting program has expanded by installing a computer and a drafting plotter. Both are needed improvements.

The time it takes to draw freehand and draw on the computer are nearly the same. However, the computer has an advantage in that it stores all the drawings on a disk, making it easier to change and plot a drawing. "The computer makes all the changes on the disk, but on paper if you have a major error, you have to start the entire drawing over," stated Martin Smith, drafting teacher, in

explaining the abilities of the program.

In addition to the computer, the classes have also acquired a drafting plotter. This machine is what produces the drawing from the computer onto the paper. "It is interesting to watch for its quickness," says Mr. Smith. Detail is near perfect even with the speed it has.

Students seem to have quite a good time working with the computer. They also seem to think that it is easier. "It's a lot faster and easier," commented Corey Romanoski.

"I feel that it is a lot better than freehanding," said Stacy Hathaway.

The drafting classes have plans to design a house and to map the neighborhoods of the students during the spring semester.



Varsity 180-weight wrestler Marshall Lane pins his opponent.

From the Mat Outlook optimistic for post-season competition

by Marc Popetz

Toward the end of the Varsity Wrestling season, the Bulldogs have pulled together. Several of the wrestlers who had been out with injuries have returned to help strengthen the team late in the season.

One of the major hindrances for the team is the loss of varsity heavyweight Erik Nelson. Erik is serving a political internship in Springfield and will only return to wrestle on Saturdays and for major team competitions at the end of the year.

A full season is drawing to a close with the approach of the Feb. 7 and 8 regionals. The team is hoping to go all the way to state finals as they did last year.

Roland Rheude is optimistic. "I think we have a good chance to make it all the way again. We're missing some of our wrestlers from last year, but several of our juniors were standing by to fill in the empty weight classes," he said.

"There are very few wrestling meets left and everybody that planned to drop weight has, and everybody is off of injured reserve, so I think our wrestling team is in its prime to take us to state finals," commented Willie Redwine.

The JV team has also been successful considering the large number of freshmen on the team. "Our record for the year was pretty good. Once all of the freshmen become sophomores, the JV team next year should be superb," said sophomore Jay Gearing.

Lady Dogs have successful second half by Rich Frailey

The Lady Bulldog basketball squad started the second half of their season with a come-from-behind victory over the visiting West Frankfort Redbirds.

The home squad went into the locker room at half time, down 25-15.

Coach Ingram commented at the half, "I told them we needed an attitude adjustment."

Melissa Butler started the second half with two quick hoops. Amy Davidson followed with two points and Steff Padget added a 12 foot jumper making the score 27-23.

The Redbirds led at the third quarter break 31-25.

Padget and Butler managed to start a drive and knot the score at 35. The Lady Dogs took the lead as Marnie Miller and Andi Glass each hit one from the free throw line, making the score 43-37.

Padget put HHS up by four and Miller added a hoop to make it 43-37. The teams played the rest of the way with the Lady Dogs claiming the win by a final score of 47-42.

The win gave the Dogs a record of 7-4 and 3-3 in the conference.



Amy Davidson(22) keeps her eye on the ball while grabbing a rebound. Team-mate Steff Padget(14) looks on.

Conference changes appear imminent by Jeremy Stiles

All Bulldog athletes may soon bid farewell to the South Seven and open their arms to a new conference and a new group of competitors, if the decision makers have their way.

For several years, there has been a lot of discussion with mixed feelings surrounding the idea of the Big Dogs leaving the South Seven to join a new conference made up of other southern Illinois schools that are roughly the same size.

"I think it is a good idea and I recommend it for the following reasons," said Athletic Director Jim Collins. "The enrollment span is fairer. It would be 615-735. Now it's 615-1400. Second, the competition level is fairer and third, geographically, it's much fairer."

While the educators and decision makers confer over whether or not to join this new conference, the athletes have made up their minds. They want to stay in the South Seven.

"Why bother (leaving the South Seven?) We'll be champs in two years," said senior Erik Nelson, offensive tackle for the 11-2 varsity football Dogs.

Underclassman Ben Trees also feels that HHS is unbeatable. "The sophomore and freshman groups are so good. It won't matter who we play. We will be champs in all sports in a year or two."

The formation of this unnamed twelve-team athletic conference is well under way. School

Team of the year; Now players of the year

by Jeremy Stiles

The Varsity Bulldog gridders were named team of the year by WCIL fm radio. The announcement was made at the basketball game against Carbondale. Now, individual players are being swept up by award ceremonies.

Quarterback Chad Lakatos was honored by Southern Illinois Prep Sports, a magazine which has a coverage area from Effingham to Cairo, as Athlete of the Year. To be nominated for the award, an athlete had to participate in at least three sports. Chad's outstanding achievements in football, basketball, and track made him a unanimous choice for the award.

In football, Lakatos led the Bulldogs all the way to the semi-final round of the class 4A playoffs. Lakatos is the top scorer of the Dogs' basketball team and took 2nd last year at the state track finals in the 400M.

Mychal Cartwright was named the number one lineman in southern Illinois when he received the Jim Lovin Lineman of the Year Award.

"I think it's a great honor for Mike," said Athletic Director Jim Collins, "and he's very deserving of it. The fact that he played on both offense and defense speaks very highly for Mychal."

officials recently met at West Frankfort to discuss member of their division. The football and track teams would compete against each division member once, leaving them free to schedule anyone else they wanted to. A champion would then be determined in both divisions. Those two champions would not meet to determine a conference champ.

However, a conference champion would be determined in cross country, boys' and girls' golf, and wrestling by holding a meet involving all conference teams.

The conference would be divided into an East Division and a West Division. Both divisions would be made up of six schools. Which one a school would play in would be determined by enrollment.

If Harrisburg agrees to this plan, we would be placed into the East Division, the larger of the two. There we would be the fourth largest school with 640 students. Murphysboro would be the largest with 736, followed by Herrin 716, Benton 643, Massac County 636, and West Frankfort 615.

The Western Division would be comprised of the six smaller schools. Spartra would be the largest with 553, Anna-Jonesboro second with 546, Pinckneyville 513, Du Quoin 512, Nashville 493 and Chester 360.

The scheduling plan would be for volleyball, baseball, softball, and basketball teams to have a ten-game schedule, two games against each



Number one lineman Mychal "Hoss" Cartwright hauls in a pass at the Carbondale game.

Myriad opinions expressed on survey by Justin Williams

To cheat is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "to trick or deceive, to use unfair methods, to practice fraud, or to swindle." Is this a fair definition of something in which over two-thirds of all American students participate?

Last year People magazine took a survey and found out that 67% of all students said they have cheated at least once since their freshman year. This percentage is low, though, compared to a recent survey taken at this high school.

A question survey on cheating was given to English students last month, and unlike People's 67%, 99% of this student body openly admits that they have cheated. It has now been established that all but 1% of the HHS population cheat, but the real question is, why?

"Cheating is like a risk-taking game that some students depend on to pass or to stay on top grade-wise, but others do it simply for the challenge of getting away with it," was the response given by junior Diana Grisham.

Most students feel that it is necessary to cheat to gain an edge over their peers in this fast-paced, competitive society. As one senior at a large engineering school in the Northeast wrote on his survey for People, "You must cheat to stay alive."

But what do students mean when they say "to stay alive?"

Sometimes "to stay alive" seems to mean to get by without having to do any work. To others, though, it means actual survival. What is a student who carries a full load and a part-time job supposed to do to keep up their grades?

Junior Anjanette Sternberg remarks that she "admires and praises a person who is able to carry a full load and part-time job, and get a "B" average in Track 1 English, who never cheats on anything."

Since 99% of the students here cheat, and since most of the teachers know that they do, should a person being caught have to face the punishment? Freshman Elizabeth Hodson thinks that "Punishment should be given if caught-so students know there is risk involved."

It seems that this was the general opinion of all the students who took the survey. Sure, they may cheat, but they know it is against school policy, and they have the maturity to know that if you are going to play, then you are going to have to pay.

Unfortunately, not everyone thinks cheating is wrong and should be a punishable crime. Junior Sarah Drone thinks that cheating is "... no big deal (because) everyone does it."

Did you know that...?

by Justin Williams

... 99% of the HHS student body have cheated on a test or homework at sometime.

... more seniors at HHS cheat regularly (96%), juniors come in second at (95%), freshman third at (94%), and sophomores last at (84%).

... more people cheat on tests (99%) than they do on homework (97%).

... if you want someone to do your homework for you, it's best to ask a girl. 57% of girls said they have done others' homework but only 37% of guys have.

... only 47% of the students have ever done or let someone do their homework.



... the percentage of females who cheat on homework is the same as males, 97%.

... when it comes to cheating on tests or quizzes, 77% of the males cheated where as only 71% of the females have (not everyone who took survey identified their sex.)