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YAG delegation gets nod at capitol

On March 21-23, the 31st annual YMCA Youth Legislature was held in Springfield.

The program gives high school students from all over the state an opportunity to come together in the state capital to propose and pass mock legislation in the surroundings used by the General Assembly of the state of Illinois.

This year, Harrisburg sponsored two bills. One bill, co-sponsored by David Jolly and Ramona Stilly, proposed that isobutyl nitrite or "Rush" be banned from all use, manufacture, and sale in the state. The bill passed both houses and was signed by the Governor on Sat.

The other bill, championed by Jay Small and Dallas Clemmons, proposed

Club day schedule changes

A short while ago, a new policy was put into effect at Harrisburg High School. The office staff, headed by Mr. Lienesch, came to the decision that the unreasonably high number of absences from clubs and homerooms on Tuesday mornings was a problem in need of a solution. The complaints came from the

office, for it was the assistant principal's office who took on the extra work load of calling in students to explain their absences. The added problem of supervising detention for the growing quantity of unexplained absences was the straw that broke the camel's back! The new policy has clubs scheduled for Tues. afternoons at 2:30 p.m., with sixth and seventh hour being short-con't on page four

the construction of a tax-supported coal gasification plant. It passed the Senate on Saturday, and on Sunday it passed the House and was signed by the Gov.

With the passage of both bills behind them, the Harrisburg legislators assured themselves the most successful trip in recent years. Usually at least one HHS bill has not passed.

Among other legislation brought forth, legalized prostitution was defeated and state funding for abortion was cut off. A timely bill, considering the previous Tuesday's primary election, was passed. It was a bill to require a proportional delegation to be elected, rather than to have a blind primary and a "beauty contest." The 1980 legislature proved to be more conservative than in past years, reflecting a general trend in the state.

David Jolly



David Jolly ponders the issue.

This is Doerge / By John Doerge

I would like to use my column space this month to say thank you to several people. First, I want to thank the hard-working Purple Clarion staff for getting this issue out on time. Our deadlines are always very hard to meet but this month was really something because almost every one of the faithful newspaper workers was involved in the spring musical. 'Lil Abner was Mar. 13 and 14; articles were due in Mar. 14. See the problem? But we did it, gang, and I'm proud of you.

Next, I want to thank everyone who helped make 'Lil Abner a big success for our school. It was an experience I will never forget. Unless you have participated in a musical production, you cannot imagine the time and work involved. There are many details the audience never thinks about. This cast and crew were cooperative and hardworking. You made rehearsals fun by having such a good attitude. Having a leading role was something I dreamed about for four years. Now that the dream happened, I just want to say I'm really grateful for the opportunity and for everyone's help.

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15 make Ill. state scholar list

One of the highest honors a student can earn during high school is to be named an Illinois State Scholar. Each year the Ill. State Scholarship Commission publicly identifies those students who have shown superior academic potential as determined by academic record, ACT scores, and high school certification. State scholars are usually accorded recognition by the state's news media.

The Ill. State Scholar is awarded a Certificate of Merit. Although it has no monetary value, the scholars, because of their demonstrated scholastic ability, may be offered financial assistance for post-secondary study by many colleges in the state. However, 2000 of the most outstanding students are named recipients of \$1600, renewable for four years. This is the first year IL has awarded no-need scholarships. Most such awards will be given through an open competition phase.



Movie Reviews

Students who take the ACT test as juniors for consideration as State Scholars will automatically be considered for the scholarships. Not all can receive scholarships, but each is a potential winner.

Several students from HHS have been honored by being designated Illinois State Scholars for 1980. They are: Jim Alexander, Marina Antoline, Greg Buchanan, Sarah Curtis, Jerri Frese, David Jolly, Laura Logsdon, Lisa Ozment, Kim Puttuck, Tim Ross, Myra Schrock, Jay Small, Kevin Smith, Ramona Stillely, and Donna Wirth.

Keith Sewell

"Hero at Large"

Do superheroes really exist? That is the question in the movie of Hero at Large. John Ritter plays a would-be actor who gets a job portraying Captain Avenger for a movie promotion.

By coincidence, one night while he is still in costume, Ritter stops a robbery in a grocery store. Everyone thinks that this is the real work of Captain Avenger. Other incidents begin to happen, and the city really becomes involved in the whole idea.

This movie is very good, and it shows that maybe there is a need in all of us to believe in superheroes.

Debbie Beal

"Kramer vs. Kramer"

Kramer vs. Kramer is a story about a wife who leaves her husband and son in order to go "find herself." While she is gone, her husband and son begin to learn more about each other and learn how to function as a family. They learn that you don't really have to have both father and a mother; all you need is love.

After 18 months, the wife comes back and tries to gain custody of her son. There is a big court case, and the wife wins custody of the boy.

Although the boy loves his mother very much, he loves his father more, because his father showed his love toward him when he thought no one loved him. The wife won custody but then she realized the commitment and love between her husband and son, and gave her husband custody of the boy. The husband was played by Dustin Hoffman, the wife, Meryl Streep, and the son, Justin Henry.

Brenda Harris

Policy of the Press

The purpose of The Purple Clarion is to inform the students of current issues and to improve communications between students and teachers. The paper will try to publicize upcoming school events and past school activities and projects. It should meet the needs for publicity within the school community.

The Purple Clarion is a high school paper written by high school students. Editorials are signed and express the writer's opinion. It is hoped that they reflect the spirit of the school. Opinions of students, teachers, administrators, and parents can be expressed in letters to the editor. These must be signed; however, the name will be withheld upon request.

The opinions expressed in this paper are not necessarily the views of the administration of the school or Unit District.

If you find an error, please understand it is here for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for something to criticize.

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Club day schedule changes

ened periods. The clubs are now free to continue meeting after 3:00, and use all of the available time for unfinished business.

The new policy has eliminated the stress of the old problems; however, a few new problems have arisen. The HHS student body dispersing at 2:30 and disturbing other schools, still in session, is a possible threat. All students on work programs, who leave at 2:00, will now be unable to continue their interest in clubs. Still, the policy is proving successful.

Faculty and student body commend the office's decision. John Doerge, editor of the Purple Clarion, commented, "The change in times has improved the clubs and rooted out the members who didn't contribute." Mr. Butler, advisor of the Key Club, said, "I think the change in times has eliminated weaker club members, and now only the stronger club members attend and participate, making Key Club a stronger club." Mrs. Ewert, advisor of Thespians, also agreed that the new time

for clubs has helped Thespians to accomplish more. All of the students wholeheartedly agree that the

switch to the time slot for clubs has added freshness to clubs which were becoming inactive due to members who neither co-operated nor contributed. Clubs are no longer an excuse to get out of homeroom, for those who don't want to be in a club can leave the building at 2:30. Hopefully the present success will continue and HHS clubs will keep growing stronger.

Geri Brickly



Home
of the
Bulldogs

Bybee hosts "One man art show"

On Saturday and Sunday March 23-24, Harrisburg High School's sophomore standout artist John Bybee held a one-man art exhibition in the basement of the Bank of Harrisburg.

John Bybee is one of the many promising artists enrolled in Mrs. Allen's art classes. Bybee is a new breed of artist. He is young, ambitious, dedicated, and has a very promising future. Bybee has worked very hard and is a multi-talented young man. He currently has work exhibited at the Mitchell Museum in Mt. Vernon. In fact Bybee has more work there than any other artist in the Museum's history.

An artist is a very universal and unique person. He possesses qualities with which ordinary people are not blessed.

He has a special sight that not many people have. He's able to see things that other people can't.

Bybee has a countless number of works of art that have been displayed. To my knowledge there has never been an artist at our school that has had a one man show. The Purple Clarion wants to congratulate him on a magnificent effort.

Sam Fuller

Jim Sommers gives magic act

On Monday, March 10th Jim Sommers, a magician from Milwaukee, Wis., visited HHS and performed a very entertaining magic show of tricks and illusions.

Mr. Sommers, a magician for 28 years, has lived in Hollywood for four years. He is also known for starting "The Magic Land of Alakazam," a T.V. program that aired in the late 60's. Mr. Sommers is also a mechanic; he makes and rents props and various machines for fog making, cob web making etc. for plays and movies. Mr. Sommers stated that most of his business comes from doing trade shows for advertising.

Mr. Sommers, who now resides in Round Lake, IL is married and has one son. Mr. Sommers enjoys his work; it has taken him to many places, including Europe six times, and he is planning to go again, this summer. Mr. Sommers also gets to work with many interesting people such as Edgar Bergen and Steve Allen. Mr. Sommers added that the hours are good, the pay is good, and he likes the audience.

Eugene Potts

Artists create murals

The last five or six weeks I have been walking into art and finding three large pieces of plywood. Mrs. Allen's Art 3 and 4 have designed and painted these large pieces of plywood with the theme Science Fiction. There were three groups with five to seven people in them. They are all finished and Mrs. Allen is going to have these murals placed in the school where everyone can

enjoy these pieces of art. At first I tried to pick a favorite but it is hard when they are all so good. Curtis Drue said the name of their mural was "Microverse." The other two, Mrs. Allen has given me temporary names that you can identify them by "Creation" and "Hourglass." The following people worked on the murals: Creation: Chuck Feuquay, Terri Price,

Teri Friend, Sam Fuller, Yolonda Simerly, Julie Morgan; Microverse: Rebecca Poirot, Delmar Hagan, Tammy May, Deann White, Curt is Drue, and Debbie Mitchell; and the Hourglass: Becky Wollensen, Mary Daly, Mary Iwasko, Anita Haney, Ron Patt and Jim Morgan.

All did an outstanding job.

Lisa Lawrence

FHA holds Daddy Date Nite

FHA's daddy-date night was once again a great success, and a whole lot of fun.

There was a guest register that you signed when you walked in.

All the "daddies" had to sign their age (they were all 29) and what time they arrived. Since it was held on St. Patrick's Day, everything from green cupcakes to green bananas were there. Assorted prizes were given out to the youngest father (a rattle), the one who arrived the latest (a play watch), and plenty of other fun things.

The "daddies" matched their skills by playing a competitive game of basketball. Races were run and prizes awarded too.

New FHA officers and representatives were elected. They are as follows: President-Karen Alexander; Vice-President - Beth Fowler; Secretary and Treasurer-Steffanie Harris; Historian and Publicity-Geri Gibbons; Chairman of Recreation-Lori Beal. Representatives: Senior-Beth Reed and Pam Jackson, Junior-Susan Perkins and Linda Owens; Sophomore-Angie Rheude and Kathy Butler.

Tina Flannel

Musicians fare well in contest

The Choral and Band Contest this year was held at Eldorado. It consisted of vocal and instrumentalists from different high schools in the surrounding area.

Many students at HHS participated in the contest. Chorus and band members put many long rehearsal hours into preparing their contest piece. "It was alot of work but it was worth it in the end" stated one choir member. In the final analysis, Harrisburg came out very well as a whole.

Both chorus and band participants in the contest deserve a hearty congratulations for their excellent job.

Shelly Buche

Student Council attends LEDSC

The members of the HHS Student Council attended the Little Egypt district convention in Marion on Sat., March 8th. The bus left the high school at 8:00 a.m. Toni Williams of HHS ran for the office of district president.

The day began with a welcome session. Then everyone went out and campaigned for Toni and met other people. Next there was an assembly with a guest speaker talking on obtaining goals in life. After a break, there was another assembly in which the mini-olympics were held.

After lunch, the candidates gave their speeches. Then came the vote. After another break, the winners were announced. Toni won. After being

sworn in as president, she adjourned the meeting. It was a fun day full of meeting people from other towns.

Bubba Elkins

Hunters hold Wild Game event

On February 28th the hunting club held a wild game banquet. Each member was supposed to bring a wild game dish he or she liked or a side dish or dessert. There were two differently prepared kinds of goose, with orange sauce to accompany it, two differently prepared kinds of venison, along with roast quail. Served with the main dishes were potatoes, corn and potato salad. For dessert there was German chocolate cake, cherry pie, and fudge. The banquet was a big success and I would like to thank everyone who participated.

Paul Dammers

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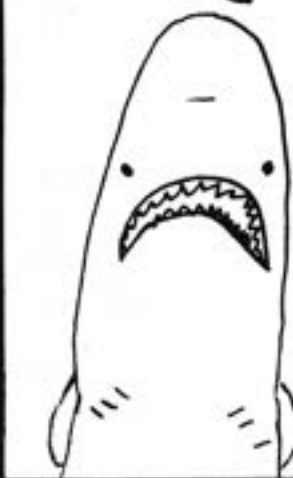
"THE PURPLE CLARION" would like to thank the Athletic House for the Valentine's trophy.



Toni Williams was elected President of LEDSC.

Zonk

Gee.... I hope I catch something



De-dum
De dum
Da dum



Dear

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

I hate to study! I try and make it seem less boring. Help me.

Signed,
Unsigned

Dear Unsigned,

First and foremost you must want to study. If you want to make good grades, you will study. If you maybe study your notes for a test a little each night then you won't have to study so much the night before.

Dear Anonymous,

Why is it that everything I do seems to go wrong? I feel as if I am a social outcast! Help me!

Signed,
Flat-on-my-Face

Dear Flat-on-my-Face,

First you must have confidence in yourself! Find something that you can do and concentrate on that. After you have gained confidence in yourself things should become easier, and little mistakes won't seem as bad.

Dear Anonymous,

I, like you, am suffering from an identity crisis. I am anonymous, a nobody. What can I do? People think I am strange and I have many enemies. I tried to make a name for myself once. I applied for the draft but being three years old, I was only four foot. What can I do!

Bill Dammers

Dear Bill,

I think we have solved your identity problem.

Dear Anonymous,

How do you help someone who thinks they are the only one who has any problems?

"Want help"

Dear Need Help,

Someone who doesn't care about anyone else's problems is hard to like. If this person is a close friend, maybe you could tell him how you feel. He'll either realize you're right or get mad and never speak to you again. But either way, your problem is solved.

Sports / The Purple Clarion

Varsity track season begins

The 1980 Bulldog track season, as far as conditioning is concerned, is underway, and if Coach Ingram gets his wish, the early March laps around Davenport Gym during the bad weather may be a blessing to the 'Dogs.

Harrisburg High School has capped South Seven Conference titles in baseball, football, wrestling, and basketball (believe it or not) in years past, but never have the HHS thin-clads taken home team honors in the South Seven meet. This year, there are hopes for the top spot coming to HHS, who finished third last spring.

To clarify things simply: the South Seven Meet is HHS' goal this spring, and the talent is there.

Heading the list, if you don't know by now, is senior hurdler Parry Duncan. Duncan, as a jun-

ior, took a big fourth place at the state meet in the Class AA 120-yard high hurdles, clicking off a probable all-time Southern Illinois-best time of 14.02 seconds in the event. He also qualified for state in the 330-yard lows in 38.4. Duncan, in addition to his hurdle records, long-jumped an all-time HHS best 21 feet 11 inches last spring, and is a member of the Bulldog record-setting 440 yard relay team as a sophomore, in a four-year varsity career.

Duncan is not a loner on the team. Senior weightman Jay Warren, who lived in the shadow of SIU disc thrower Ken Henshaw last season, returns. Warren is hopeful of at least living up to the second place he claimed in the Conference disc (behind Henshaw) last spring. His shot-put ability has progressed as well.

Jim Alexander, who placed third in both the Conference and District 440 yard dashes, returns as well. "Hole" owned a leg on the 880 yard relay team that finished second in the South Seven.

The nucleus of the team seems to involve the distance runners. Dean Furlong, who will be the number one miler for the 'Dogs, has decided to drop the two-mile to concentrate on the 880 run and a spot on the two-mile relay. Other candidates in the middle distance are: seniors Klondike Milligan, Kevin Smith, and Anthony Johnston, junior Charles Meadows, and freshman Mark Bittle, who, as an eighth grader, went 2:06 in the half-mile.

The Gooch brothers, Ricky in the sprints and Shawn in the high jump, figure to add depth to the team. Shawn jumped 6 feet 3 inches last spring and two inches higher last summer.

HHS' outdoor season began March 27 at Marion after an indoor meet at Benton two days earlier, with the first home meet April 1 against Eldorado and Meridian. The team is capable and should be worth watching frequently.

John Roark

Girl tracksters travel to Charleston

On Friday, March 7th the Harrisburg girls left for an indoor track meet to be held Saturday at Charleston. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Boyer, and Miss Rose drove the girls, and they spent the night at Mr. Ingram's house in Charleston. That night the girls enjoyed a spaghetti supper compliments of Angie Friend, and all the girls chipped in to buy the food and drinks. They rose bright and early Saturday morning to go to the track meet that was held at Eastern Illinois University. The schools were divided into two classes: A, which contained 86 schools and AA, which contained 24 schools. Harrisburg was in Class AA along with schools like University of Chicago High Schools, South Shore High, Mattoon, and Dunbar.

Though no one placed, everyone felt she had given it a good try. Angie Friend came the closest to winning by finishing 4th in the semi-finals of the 60 yard hurdles. Sheila Gibbs also came close in the mile run as she placed 6th out of 20. La Rue Reynolds had the best personal time of the Harrisburg girls as she had a time of 29.2 in the 220 yard dash.

Others to participate were Tanya Lanton-880 yard relay, high jump, and long

jump; Liz Arbic and Sarah Rose- 880 yard relay; Patty Walker- mile relay, 60 yard dash (she was disqualified in this event because of a false start) and the 440 yard dash; Mary Butler- mile relay; Sandy Alvey- mile run; Sharry Henk and Acquanetta Gilkey- shot put; and Molly Gholson-880 yard run. Emily Taylor, Martha Harper, Carrie Neilson, and Patti Hann all kept stats.

Tia Osman

Impressive season in store for JV track

The J.V. trackmen have been undefeated in dual and triangular meets for the last two seasons in a row. This season looks as

if it could produce an impressive record also. There are several returning tracksters from last year, along with a strong field of freshmen. It looks like a good season is on its way. The track team deserves your support.

One added note: Bob Bryant became the first freshman to enter the 220 football club. He broke this barrier in the first week of March. There are also several other freshmen who have a chance of breaking this barrier by the end of school.

Mark Bittle

Wright hits 1000

John Wright is the first person since Guy Lee Turner to score over a thousand points in basketball. John has scored 1029 points in three years of varsity ball. This is a great accomplishment, and John Wright should be proud. Everyone at Harrisburg High is proud of him and will remember him for it.



John Wright

Dedee Wallace

Li'l Abner—a smash

The HHS Spring musical Li'l Abner was presented in Malan Auditorium March 13 and 14. The production was tremendously successful, well received by a full house both nights. Friday's crowd was more enthusiastic in its response, but highly favorable comments were heard Thursday also.



Talented is the best word to describe the entire cast. The chorus, backbone of any musical, performed admirably, lending needed support to the leads. The pit band, though weak in a few places, provided nice sounds for the most part. The music was difficult to play. Credit should be given to Marina Antoline, Sarah Curtis, and Melissa Slaton who juggled 3 or 4 instruments each during the performance.

Male lead John Doerge was outstanding. His voice shows maturity and ability. Not only did he sing and act well, he



physically fit the role, being tall and good-looking.

Female lead was shared by Lena Smith on Thurs. and Pam Jones on Fri. It was evident why a decision could not be made between them, because both were excellent as Daisy Mae.

The comic roles of Mamma and Pappy Yocum were ably handled by Angie Friend and Keith Sewell. Each of their appearances on stage brought delighted laughter.

Another humorous character, Marryin' Sam, was masterfully played by Jay Small. His "Jubilation T. Cornpone" was a highlight of the show.



Bill Allen, playing Gen. Bullmoose, showed a natural sense of rhythm, making his song "Progress is the Root of All Evil" one of the best musical numbers.

Mention must be made of Ken Steinsultz's adept portrayal of Earthquake McGoon and Tim Gregg's Sen. Jack S. Phogbound.

All seemed to handle the southern dialect well. To be commended in this regard is David Jolly whose Jimmy Carter voice was perfect.



The minor roles of the townspeople and outsiders were an important part of the musical, along with the dancers, coached by Pam Gaskins. The musical highlights of the show were the opening number, "Typical Day," with the townspeople, "Namely You" with Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae and "The Country's in the Very Best of Hands" with the townspeople.

The success of the show could not have been possible without the stage director, Mrs. Sue Ewert; band director, Mr. Curtis Burklow; and the choir director, Mr. David Reeves.



Apassionata von Climax floored L'il Abner.



Pappy reassures Abner that he can be cured.



The husbands turned into he-men.



Senator Phogbound tells Mayor Dogmeat about the bomb.



Marryin' Sam sang to Earthquake and Daisy.



Anderson speaks on the problems of our nation.

John Anderson makes stop at Marion

Presidential Candidate John B. Anderson of Illinois brought his campaign to Southern Illinois on March 17, stopping at the Williamson County Airport on a series of short stops before the state primary held the following day.

During his speech to a packed house inside the airport, Anderson defended his position on a fifty-cent gasoline tax, the Russian grain embargo, right of choice on abortion, and his opposition to a tax cut.

Anderson used the visit to attack former Governor Ronald Reagan for his positions on energy and the 30% tax cut he has proposed while advocating higher defense spending, which Anderson tagged as inflationary.

According to Anderson and others in his party the stop at Marion yielded the largest crowd of his trip. The crowd, mostly college students, was also very receptive, often interrupting Anderson with applause.

Anderson was accompanied by three charter plane loads of people, including staffers, Secret Service, and a host of national reporters. During this stop-over, local press was given the chance to address questions. During the questioning, Anderson said he would not consider a third-party run if he lost the Republican nomination.

After leaving Marion Anderson returned to Chicago to wait out the primary results.

Anderson was introduced by his only delegate Jack Norman. Norman later said that Anderson's party was very pleased with the unexpectedly good turnout.

David Jolly