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Overstreet Flies High in Regional Play

## Bulldogs Earn Right To State

### Lose To Eventual Champions

by Joe Horstmann

The Harrisburg Bulldogs have not been known for an outstanding basketball program in the past. This year the "Mighty Bulldogs" have redeemed themselves by advancing to the State tournament in Champaign.

The Dogs struggled early in the season as they lost to rival, Eldorado, in the season opener. They took on West Frankfort four times in the season winning the only game against them that counted. The Dogs beat the Redbirds in the sectional championship game which advanced them to the Super Sectional in Carbondale where they took on the number 3 team in the state, Breese Mater Dei.

After a very nonimpressive first half the Bulldogs put on a remarkable show in the last half. Senior Martin Nicholes kept the Dogs in the game the first half as he showed leadership allowing the Dogs to stay within reach. The second half was a much better show for Bulldog fans. Harrisburg was able to shut down Breese along with their first team all-stater. The crowd stormed the floor as a layup from Robert Neal sealed the win.

Harrisburg was on its way to the State tournament for the second time in around 50 years. The Bulldogs were on their way to Champaign to take on eventual State Champion, Normal.

The Dogs opened up the game with the first two points. After the first quarter they were up by six. The game went downhill from the second quarter on. The Bulldogs ended their fine season by being defeated by the soon-to-be State champion.

The Dogs ended their season with a 27-5 record. Congratulations to the Bulldogs on a great season.

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HHS Coach Randy Smithpeters attempts to rally the troops during a time out at the Assembly Hall in Champaign.

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'Our View'

Chris Bevis

## HHS Sports Program in the Limelight

So often we are confined to the horrors that dictate our news medium. Stories of killings and bombings and wars that are going on in a country so far away that we don't even care. But every once in a while, when the death toll has recently diminished, a lowly reporter, like myself, feels the need to commend something. That is

exactly what Steve Cunningham, a sports writer for the Southern Illinoian, did not so long ago.

For years, there has been a small town in the Southern tip of Illinois known as a football town. There have always been great teams and the people of the town were always there to support them. Sure there were other sports played but not to the knowledge of the townspeople.

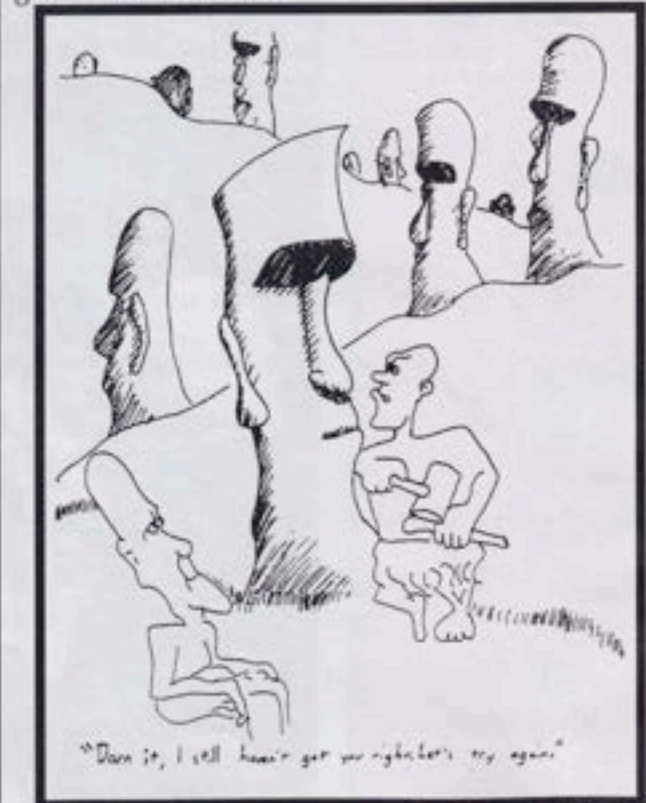
As we all know, Harrisburg has been known by neighboring towns for what it can do on the gridiron. But such is not the case in recent times. The entire area is starting to realize that the high school in "football town" has more sports such as wrestling, basketball, and volleyball. All of which are becoming part of a respectable program.

In recent years many of the sports teams at HHS have made drastic improvements. For instance this year, the '94-'95 Volleyball team won regionals. The Lady Dogs Basketball team turned around a nightmare season and ended up winning the Sectional Championship. The Bulldog wrestlers sent 9 individuals to sectionals and 2 on to the State Championships. They also wrestled their way into the team Sectional Title Match.

Last, but certainly not least is the boys' basketball team. After having a terrific season under second-year head coach Randy Smithpeters, the Dogs advanced on to the State Finals in Champaign.

With all of these sports doing so well, along with high hopes of doing well this year in track and baseball, it is hard not to ask whether this is one of the best programs in the state. Very rarely does a school have this many teams advance past the regional competition in one year.

Keep up the good work Bulldogs and a special thanks to the Southern Illinoian for noticing what is undoubtedly the best sports' program in Southern Illinois.



by Preston Sweat

### To The Editor

To Chris Bevis:

I am responding to your most recent editorial regarding fan behavior at sporting events - specifically an SIU vs Creighton basketball game. In this article you conclude, "it comes down to one simple thing: a generation gap". I'll quote you further "People of different ages are going act differently and this is something we must accept."

Oh, please! Your argument is the argument of a child - the rationale of a 2-year old who wants to tear the pages out of a book or color on the television screen and then pouts when he is told "No".

If you want to defend someone's right to yell obscenities at a ballgame you need to realize that every right or freedom has limitations; namely when you begin to interfere with the rights and freedoms of others.

People of different ages do act differently. But when when a person's behavior is inappropriate, destructive, hostile or vulgar that person (regardless of their age) should not expect others to "deal with it".

In the regional final, Harrisburg vs McLeansboro, a fan was ejected from the gym because of obscenities directed at the official. If the problem had been more widespread - a large group of fans as described at the SIU game - the referee would have had to either eject the entire group or, deeming that impossible, penalize their team. The alternative would have been to let the crowd get more unruly and perhaps dangerous.

Oh, and by the way, the fan who was ejected was closer to my age than yours. So much for your "generation gap" theory.

-Jerri Harbison

# Sex Education Needs Improvement

A problem throughout the nation is teen pregnancy. Even in Harrisburg, young mothers are having problems staying in school. Are they simply unknowledgable of the consequences of sex, or is there another reason for this rising problem?

Condom distribution in school is a possible solution to teen pregnancy. One hundred parents were asked if they would support the idea. While over half were against the idea, the parents were concerned with the pregnancy rate. They felt that the classes did not thoroughly educate students on sex. Fifth and sixth graders spend a small portion of one day on "puberty education". In high school, there is only a three week course offered in sex education, and perhaps a few more weeks if the students take parenting. Clearly students are not educated enough in the area. One opinionated parent commented, "Schools need more sex ed., ignorance breeds."

Some parents thought that sex needed to be left up to the parents, and would be okay in those families that are other cases absence of sex education in dents of the knowledge. There are sev-  
 comfortable talking to their children about sex. These people would end up getting everything they know from their friends(most do anyway).

Parents need to make up what their children are missing in sex education, because the school system is not telling students what they need to know. Another reason for teen pregnancy is that they get false information from people with no knowledge in the area. One parent claims that she met a seventeen year old boy who didn't know what a condom was. Perhaps he knew it by a different name, but it is really bad when a teenage boy doesn't know the correct name for a condom. This is a big indication that teens need better sex education.

One who doesn't have sufficient sex education has a greater chance of getting a sexually transmitted disease or facing problems later on, such as unwanted children. Students need to be aware of the birth control that is available, and its correct use. Harrisburg schools definitely need to improve in that aspect of education, and the parents in Harrisburg would agree. Condom distribution is obviously frowned upon in Harrisburg, so something needs to be done to keep unwanted children from being conceived. For those who have children, there needs to be a program to help them stay in school. Until then, though, sex education could use improvement.

by Rachael Willis

## Pinching St. Patrick

St. Patrick's Day is finally over. Oh boy. A day that has passed through history only to administer physical punishment to those of us who choose, by force of circumstance or choice, to not wear green clothing.

What a glorious day it was! All of us who have discovered that the color green sickens us were tormented for a day. Oh joy! Maybe the people who pinch others just have their own insecurities and just like to touch people.

Just imagine what kind of harm this incessant pinching can do to an individual that has no self-esteem or who have a spot reserved in the local institution. Mental harm, not physical. We'll get to that later. These kids who are pinched, which does not seem very bad to people who are half normal, are, as the result of physical torture on this "holiday", reminded of their supposed inferiority and their mental insufficiencies are reinforced. What that can do to a child's future! My, what has this world come to?

Now, to the physical harm. When someone is pinched, it does not feel good. When some kid pinches someone else, and with malicious intent, that can be a very bad thing. Just think for a second. Someone pinches you. The tingling that runs through your nerves at initial contact soon dissolves, only to leave an intense burning pain. Hours later, the wound may turn to a combination of the colors red and

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purple, still causing pain. And just think of the bacterial infections that could be caused. Imagine if the guy that pinches you decided to go play with his little brother in the dirt, or go to the park and play in the sand, or has to clean the toilets in his house, and THEN decides to get hold of your flesh in between his black, dirty, crusty fingernails. Then what happens when it draws blood? And maybe, but only if you are one of the lucky few, you could possibly get that infection that eats away the skin. Oh boy! Maybe you could take pictures to show your friends at the dinner table and then you could be the popular one!

As if that's not bad enough, some children take the act of pinching seriously, perhaps too seriously when the someone that pinches them is much, much bigger or much, much smaller than you. Then there is the problem of fights. Most fights tend to break out between two males trying to prove to each other or to the innocent bystanders that they are real men. However, in this instance, I can almost understand this. The person doing the pinching deserves to get pounded. However, the kids with low self-esteem and reservations are either not going to care or they do not have the pride to stand up for themselves.

Since the holiday is one based on pain, no matter how you look at it, it's amazing there was not a bunch of peer mediating going on. A lot of us either refused or just forgot to wear green (of which I refused) and were subject to the childish antics of just a few people. But that's okay. This traumatic experience is over for one more year. And we still have our arms.

by Wes Yeary



# '95 Seniors...Where Are They Going?

The time is coming when another group of students will go out to the real world. Deciding what to do with the rest of your life is not easy. Seniors have gotten to the point where life is no longer a game. For the past few months our lives have been filled with college applications, job applications, and scholarship applications. We have taken tests, auditioned, and have been interviewed. Going to college is a big change from high school. College is the time where most students have to grow up. For eighteen years we have been babied by our parents. Some students will make it in college and others will not.

by Jaelyn Mann

## HHS Clubs Become Active Near The End of the Year

### "The Clubs"

Member Gibbs

-FFA- The week of February 18th through the 25th was National FFA week, which is always held the week of Washington's birthday. Harrisburg High School took part in celebrating this week. Everyday on the announcements, there was an announcement for FFA. Each day had a special activity: Monday, official dress, Tuesday, farmer day, ag. hat, Wednesday, greenhand day, chapter degree, Thursday, western wear day, and Friday was tractor day.

Other activities FFA have participated in was an Ag. Quiz bowl, that will be broadcast on a radio station. Kit Brantley won a fruit and vegetable award. On March 2nd, Ricky Butler and Justin Gaskin will be participating in a creed speaking contest. The FFA creed is an oath that members of FFA are supposed to learn. The contest is judged on many factors, one being on how well the contestant speaks the creed. They will also be asked questions such as "what does the creed mean to you?" This contest can go as far district and state conventions.

-Thespians- The Diary of Anne Frank was performed March 8th-11th. There were five inschool performances at Malan and three nightly performances. Area schools were notified they could schedule a performance during school hours at a discount price. There will be an induction ceremony for the members who qualify to become part of the International Thespian Society. There are ten points a member has to obtain to qualify. Each point is worth ten hours, which adds up to be 100 hours. Considering that the club is majorly active, the point system will be raised next year, making it more of a challenge to become a member. Some of the club members will be going to various plays before the end of the year, followed by the big end of the year trip to Opryland.

-Plato Club- They have been having their meetings at McDonalds where they talk about all sorts of topics, such as international affairs. They also sometimes bring and read poetry that they find. They worked at a concession stand to help raise

## So, what are you planning to do after graduation?

Sarah Moore, Brad Ross, Erin Steinsultz, and Jenny Bowles will be attending SIC on speech scholarships.

Corey Fearheiley plans to go away to college and major in medicine.

Heather Bean plans to study Pre-Occupational Therapy at SIC.

Lori Mattingly will be majoring in Accounting.

Kelly Gorman will be going away to study Marine Biology.

Jenny Hankins and Delana Boatright will travel to Illinois State University. Jenny will major in Math in Education. Delana will major in Theater and minor in Philosophy.

Elizabeth Garnett will be attending the University of Evansville and will major in Physical Therapy.

Becky Steapleton plans to study nursing at SIC.

Kyle Lands plans to study Civil Engineering.

Tabitha Neely plans to attend SIC and study art.

Carla Pyle wants to major in music.

Mandy Patton wants to go to Samford in Alabama to be a pharmacist.

Good luck to all graduating seniors. May you be successful in accomplishing all your goals.

money to buy books, which the members will choose.

-College and Career Club- They will be taking a bus to College and Career day at SIC in a few weeks. They are looking for other colleges that are relatively close to visit and hold interest for the students. University of Evansville is a possibility because a lot of people are interested in that school. Trips are exclusively limited to club members. Anyone interested in attending college trips should speak to Mrs. Aljabori.

-FHA- There have been students chosen to go to the state leadership conference for two nights. The people chosen were Elizabeth Garnett, Brenna Garnett, Joni Hetterscheidt, Jamie Hetterscheidt, and Rosemary Isom. To go, the students had to write a letter of reference. The letter should include all activities that a student has taken part in and the reasons why they believe they should get to go. They were chosen based on their activities.

Some other clubs are taking end of the year trips. The Pet Owners club is going to the St. Louis Zoo. They are sharing a bus with the Pep Club to help divide out expenses. The pep club will be going to Six Flags and Mu Alpha Theta will be going to Six Flags in April.

# Greg Louganis Acquires AIDS

The "greatest diver ever", as he is referred to by Mark Lenzi, a former teammate and good friend, announced on February 22nd that he had HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. In a televised interview with Barbara Walters on 20/20, Greg Louganis made public the secret he knew since before 1988. He discovered that a former companion had the disease, which prompted Louganis to get tested. One may recall that during his preliminary dives in the 1988 Olympics, he struck his head on the diving board, cutting a 2 inch gash on the top of his head. He then bled into the pool and feared he would infect other divers.

Later, Louganis proceeded to win gold medals in the 10m platform and the 3m springboard, but he still wondered if he transmitted the HIV to other divers. No cases have been reported that any of the divers acquired AIDS through the water that day. Today, it is known that the chances of acquiring AIDS by water are practically zero. The chlorine in the pool keeps the virus from spreading and AIDS barely travels through water. Back then, not much was known about the tendencies of HIV nor the extremely difficult ways of attaining it through non-sexual activity.

Greg accepted his homosexuality in 1976, but kept it a secret until last summer at the Gay Games. He has dealt with a lot of other things in his life. Other than being homosexual and facing the prejudices that come along with that particular lifestyle, he has dyslexia, an impairment of the ability to read. He had to deal with racism because of his Samoan heritage. He had an abusive stepfather to deal with early in his life. He suffered from teenage depression and has attempted suicide 3 times in his life. These facts are all stated in his biography, which was released the 27th of last month.

Greg admitted that the HIV virus has already developed into the AIDS virus, according to precise medical standards. Greg has dealt with a lot of problems in his life. He is a prime example of what hard work and dedication can do for one person's life. It is a shame that the world's greatest diver will more than likely never dive professionally again.

## Final Four Preview Best Teams Left Over

Tomorrow showcases the top four teams in college basketball going head-to-head on national T.V. Seattle is the place to be if you are a college basketball fan but if you were unable to score tickets, then KFVS 12 tomorrow is the next best thing. UCLA, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Oklahoma State are the four teams remaining. UCLA plays Oklahoma State and North Carolina plays Arkansas, the defending national champions.

The UCLA-Oklahoma St. game will feature 2 of the best players in the country, Ed O'Bannon and Bryant Reeves. "Big Country" Reeves has dominated the tourney so far, and had an outstanding game (26 points) against UMass in the regional championship. He will be the main factor in determining how far the Oklahoma St. team will advance. On the other side, the O'Bannon brothers receive all the attention, but UCLA has a prime cast of characters, from Tyus Edny to Toby Bailey. UCLA will want to run them into the ground, while Oklahoma will try to slow the tempo.

The North Carolina-Arkansas game will be one of the best matchups in recent history. Jerry Stackhouse, Rasheed Wallace, Donald Williams, and others will match against Corliss Williamson, Scotty Thurman, and Corey Beck. The tar heels want to get ahead early and stay there but if the game is close, and Thurman gets the ball for Arkansas, that could be the end of the tar heels. Both teams are almost equal in talent, with maybe a slight edge going to North Carolina, but it will all come down to who wants to win more.

For my picks, I like UCLA and North Carolina playing for the championship. UCLA has underclassmen talent, but the two seniors, Ed O'Bannon and Tyus Edney, will be too much for "Big Country". In the other game, Stackhouse will dominate like he has all year. Also, Wallace and Williamson will both get into foul trouble early, so the guards and team depth will decide the winner.

by Boone Cohlmeier

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# THE WORLD WILL CHANGE WHEN WE LEARN HOW TO SPEAK

by Hugh DeNeal

Before I begin my next declaration of insane word progressions, I would like to conclude my last article: HAVE IT. THE END

I have provided individual sentence summaries to make my articles clearer and easier to read for some students and the teachers.

As of late I find less enjoyment in insulting the intelligence of my fellow peers and teachers. (It ain't no more fun to tell ya'll how gol durn dumb y'ar!) This perhaps is a personal flaw on my own behalf in which case I feel the need to put my own personal traumas on paper and project them toward innocent hapless bystanders. (I hate the rest of the stinkin' world cus I was done dropped on my head back when I was a youngun'!) However, I would like to broaden my horizons by opening up new doors in the creative spectrum and welcome constructive criticism into my thus far selectively permeable state of mind. (If I don't start actin' proper like, I'm a gonna roast in the fiery pit of hell with Old Man Scratch!) Therefore, I would like to hear positive and/or negative feedback from the persons who read my contribution to *The Clarion*. (Use yer hand-held slates an' chalk-board and git yer momma's to help ya write wot ya think about me an stuff!) I look forward to reading each and every one of your comments. (Quit yer horsin' around in the manure pile and git on with it!)

Some people told me that I might as well be writing Greek. If only to appease as many people as possible, here goes. I will translate it in both my language and yours. Ηατε, Επιλ, Σαταν, σαχριφιχε, φερηνσ, Ναζισ, κιλλ, δεατη, μανγλε, δεστροψ Ηα Ηα Ηα! (It is healthy to have as much knowledge as possible to express your ideas in every way possible.) (If ya larn how to say "yahoo!" in ever' durn land on God's green earth, ya git respec'!) Ηατε, Επιλ, Σαταν, σαχριφιχε, φερηνσ, Ναζισ, κιλλ, δεατη, μανγλε, δεστροψ Ηα Ηα Ηα! (Many of the ideas used in writing The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution came from Greece.) (Them writin's ar grand-daddies writ with them big ole words come from the old fangled places!) Ηατε, Επιλ, Σαταν, σαχριφιχε, φερηνσ, Ναζισ, κιλλ, δεατη, μανγλε, δεστροψ Ηα Ηα Ηα! (I feel that there is no better way to compare anything you write than to compare it with the original documents of Colonial America to see if what you create is worthwhile.) (Ya ain't worth the slop ya feed yer pigs if ya cain't write like a smart guy!) Ηατε, Επιλ, Σαταν, σαχριφιχε, φερηνσ, Ναζισ, κιλλ, δεατη, μανγλε, δεστροψ Ηα Ηα Ηα! (Although over time the use of the English language changes, the essence of pure honesty in writing will always be of the utmost importance.) (When some words ain't no more used, ya gotta pay some fancy lad to write somethin' folks can understand!)

When writing speeches experts say the proper format is to tell the audience what you are going to say, say it, and then tell them what you said. I believe this article is similar to that style in that I had a paragraph of sentences, but the majority of the article is translations, restatements, and paraphrases. It seems these days it is difficult for two people to talk to one another in the simplest format. It is very discomfoting to talk to a stranger once all of the basic small talk has been said. I believe that on the day everyone can be comfortably silent, great changes will take place. When we can take a chance on the weather, look at the sun to tell the time, and supply our own lighters, we will have more time to increase our vocabularies.



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# Lady Dog Track Preview

by Amy Molinarolo

Track has always been a strong girls sport at Harrisburg High School. We are lucky to have some of the best sprinters, distance runners, and field event athletes in Southern Illinois. To our advantage, many State qualifiers are returning to the team this year. Of course there are many high expectations for the '95 season. Based on last year's record, strong relay teams are expected to dominate the conference this season.

The 800 medley, 400 meter, 1600 meter, 3200 meter, and 800 meter relays, all went to state last year. For the first time in HHS girls track history, a relay team placed in the state finals. The 400 meter relay ran its way to a 5th place finish. This relay team was comprised of Keisha Williams, Amy Molinarolo, Brandy Beal, and Jamie Hathaway. This same team also went to state in the 800 medley and 800 meter relays. Even though the dynamic team has lost graduate Jamie Hathaway, they can more than make up for it. Kelly Cartwright will be returning this year after sitting out a season due to a knee operation last winter. Hopefully, she will be as quick as she was her sophomore year. Upon Kelly's return, the original sprint relay team will be united again. B.A.K.K., (Brandy, Amy, Keisha, and Kelly), will definitely be "BAKK" again this year and plan to finish higher than 5th at the state meet. This group of sprinters have been running their relays in the state meets since they were freshmen. Now as seniors, they should be stronger than ever.

Other strong seniors returning this year are Roshia Johnson and Traci Richerson, who both paved the 1600 meter relay's way to state. Senior Brooke Behnke will be the leading distance runner for the Lady Dogs this season. She led the 3200 meter relay to state and also ran the 1600 with Richerson and Johnson. Brandy Beal filled in the other leg of the 1600 meter relay.

Other underclassmen will help in individual as well as relay events where they are needed. Coach Ingram hasn't been able to assess the incoming freshmen, but hopefully they will be able to help the team out in weaker areas. As of now, field events are hurting a little bit. The Lady Dogs are in need of long jumpers and high jumpers. But the team is pretty well stacked in shot and discus. Arna Banks will provide the team with field event points in the two events. Erin Watson will also contribute in the discus.

Despite the weaker field event areas, the Lady tracksters should be as strong or stronger than they were last year. They started off their season on March 28 at Carbondale.

## Congratulations Lady Dogs

by Amy Molinarolo

Congratulations Lady Dogs on a great 94-95 season!!! The Harrisburg Lady Dogs have met many accomplishments this season that were very unexpected. The Dogs won the conference title, the regional title, and the sectional title. Having been the only team to go to super-sectionals in the past five years, they unfortunately met their match Monday night at Nashville against the Carlyle Lady Indians, who shattered their dreams of going to state.

However after watching Carlyle game tapes in preparation for the game, it appeared the Lady Indians were not a team the Lady Dogs were incapable of beating. Even though they do play a much tougher competition than the competition Harrisburg faces, Coach Ingram and the team felt they could give Carlyle a run for their money and possibly come off with a win. But unfortunately on Monday night, the Lady Indians took control early in the game and never let up, beating the Lady Dogs by 23 points.

It was obvious the Harrisburg girls played scared and were extremely intimidated; not exactly by the Carlyle team, but possibly more so by the Carlyle crowd. Harrisburg fans were unnoticeable in the packed gymnasium. There were more fans from Carlyle to support their girls than fans at any Harrisburg boys game. Basically, playing in front of such a large and loud crowd was something the Lady Dogs have never experienced. It seemed almost unimaginable that so many people actually came in support of a girls basketball team. The Lady Dogs hardly ever pull in a crowd of more than 100. Lack of Lady Dog support is definitely evident when the whole town of Harrisburg is at home watching the boys Eldorado/McLeansboro game to see who the Harrisburg boys would play Friday night for regional championship. Meanwhile in Eldorado, the Lady Bulldogs win

the sectional title and our school and town would rather watch a boys game that Harrisburg boys are not even playing in. Thanks for the support, really.

Basically it is understandable that Harrisburg girls athletics are a lower priority compared to the boys. Even being one game away from going to state is not enough to impress or influence more people to support the Lady Dogs. Josh Allen pretty well summed it up when he said, "Harrisburg is not a basketball town, and definitely not a girls basketball town." Since this is the case, the Lady Dogs should be thankful for having even 20 people in the stands.

Regardless of our lack of support and recognition, that Monday night's game was an experience that our team will never forget. It is not every year that a team is in the Sweet-Sixteen. Congratulations Lady Dogs!!! You did great!



Ricki DeArmon looks past her pesky defender.

(Danny Hutchinson Photo)

# Speech Team Brings Home the Gold

Monday, March 13th, six Harrisburg students competed in the Southeastern Illinois College Speech Tournament. The two smallest teams attending, Harrisburg and Carrier Mills, tied for first place in Team Sweepstakes. Other schools that competed were

round 1-6 and the two scores are added. The people with the six lowest cumulative scores in each event break to finals, where they give speeches for three judges in the same room. These judges' ranks are added and the final scores are totaled to determine the winners.

Harrisburg students competing were Delana Boatright, Melissa Cook, Erin Steinsultz, Natalie Stevens, Jenny Hankins, and Chris Bevis. The students combined for twelve total events. Of these twelve, eight events broke to finals for a remarkable 67% break ratio.

In first round finals, Natalie Stevens and Chris Bevis made it to Extemporaneous finals with a final ranking of 6th and 2nd respectively. Jenny Hankins broke in Informative and Prose, achieving a 1st in both events. In the second round, two duet acting pieces from Harrisburg made it to finals. The combination of Melissa Cook and Delana Boatright ranked third, while Jenny Hankins and Natalie Stevens placed fourth. Jenny Hankins also broke in poetry and placed first again. Chris Bevis also placed 2nd in Impromptu.

To determine the final team score, each rank in finals receives points. Sixth place receives 1 point, fifth place-2 points, fourth place-3, third place-4, second place-5, and first place receives 6 points. These points are added to determine the final team score and to determine individual winners.

Normally the top three teams and the top three individuals are recognized, but this year was different. In Individual Sweepstakes, there was a tie for first place so only the first two places were recognized. Adam Spivey from Hardin County placed second with 17 points. Jamie Bracewell from Carrier Mills and Jenny Hankins tied for first place honors each with 21 points.

The two winners in Individual Sweepstakes led their teams to victories in Team Sweepstakes while Carmi placed second. The truly remarkable thing about this is that Harrisburg had the smallest team in attendance. This is also the first time since 1985 that Harrisburg has won the tournament. Speech team member Delana Boatright commented, "Jenny and I have worked since we were freshmen to achieve this. I am so proud that we finally brought home a championship our senior year."

by Jenny Hankins



'95 Speech Team members include: Delana Boatright, Jenny Hankins, Natalie Stevens, Erin Steinsultz, Chris Bevis, and (not pictured) Melissa Cook. Danny Hutchinson Photo

Carmi, Hardin County, Eldorado, and N.C.O.E.

Speech Team members could compete in up to two events in each of two divisions for a total of four possible events. First round events included Informative, Prose, Extemporaneous, and Speech to Entertain. Second round events were Impromptu, Persuasion, Poetry, and Duet Acting.

In each event a speaker gives two speeches in preliminary rounds for two different judges. The judge ranks each person in the

## Key Club Keeps Busy

by Jaclyn Mann

Key club has been very active this year. Mr. Craig and Mr. Thompson sponsor the active group. Officers include: Elizabeth Garnett, president; Eric Glass, vice president; Amanda Harris, secretary; and Christy Wilson, treasurer. Members have been busy the past few months. A big part of Key Club is the community service. This year members have fulfilled their duties in that area.

Christmas time is a time when many organizations choose to help the less fortunate. Key Club members were filled with the Christmas spirit. A canned food and coat drive started off the season. To add some competition to the drive, teams were formed. Each team competed to see who could gather the most items. Along with the drive, wrapping presents at Fashion Bug for customers, kept many members busy.

Plans are being made for next year's group. For the first time freshmen will be allowed in the club. Recruiting members for next year would be a big step. To do this a few of the current members attended Malan Junior High to speak to students about Key Club.

Not only have members done physical work to help others but they have helped financially. Donations were made by the club to Good Dogs Day. Members volunteered at a Kiwanis radio auction. The Key Club is affiliated with Kiwanis Club.

Elizabeth Garnett commented that, "The club has improved since last year. We have become more active in the community. I hope it improves each year." One way of initiating community service was through a town cleanup. Members of the club spent a day in town picking up trash.

Good luck to the Key Club in achieving your goal of community involvement. Your work has been greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work for years to come.