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The HHS baseball team will be ending up the season with a tri-state meet in Edwardsville on May 13.

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Laura Conn

## Take Me Out to the *Ballgame*

It's one, two, three strikes they're out at our old ball game. It is that time, basketball is over, now it is softball, baseball, and track season. Expectations are high, fields are ready, but are the players? According to pitcher Chrissy Way, "We're ready, it should be a great season. We've got great potential."

The girls are psyched. They have new coaches, new freshmen, and new talent. They only have one senior, but the talent is still alive in those underclassmen. Chrissy Way and her shotgun arm should lead the girls to try for a victorious season. A great infield and outfield should hold their own in a game. We are waiting for a great season. Victory for the girls.



"We've got great potential"  
-Pitcher Chrissy Way

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## ANTHRAX

Jeremy Cook

Recently the New York band Anthrax released a greatest hits album titled The Island Years. The Island Years contains two to three songs from the band's six U. S. releases produced under the Island Megaforce Worldwide record label. The Megaforce Caroline and Elektra albums, Fistful of Metal, Armed and Dangerous, and Sound

of White Noise were not included in this greatest hits album. The singing is done by former front man Joey Belladonna who was fired from the band in '92 when Anthrax signed with Elektra records.

So if you like older Anthrax songs, or if you don't, get your butts in your car, drive down to On Cue, and spend some hard-earned cash on stuff you can use on other things.

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# Conformity

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*Shannon Horstmann*

Most of us who have lived in this town all or most of our lives, know that to be a member of this community, you must learn how to belong. So what must you do to belong? Is it the clothes you wear, the car you drive, the house you live in? No, somehow none of these matter. It is more of a verbal thing. People who are a bit different from the rest of us who may dress different, talk different, or maybe even walk different, but what makes this community better than the different people? First, you must be accepted to belong. One way to belong is not by

## Do You Belong?

doing what you do not want to do, but doing what you must do to be accepted. Making fun of people who do not want to be like everyone else is really immature. Let us just take an example from Prom. Prom is suppose to be fun. Students are allowed to wear what they want, and bring a date of their choice. This should not be a problem, but there were some students who had a problem with this. One girl was dancing with her girlfriends, having a great time, when a fellow student told her to get a life. What is this all about? She had a dress on, and she brought a date. What did she do to anyone to de-

serve this treatment? She had just as much right to be on the dance floor than anyone else. This is not just about one girl, but about many people in this school, as well as the community who are good enough to make fun of everyone, but themselves. There are groups in this school and community that are harassed and made fun of everyday. Yes, this in this society it is going on everywhere, but when are people going to grow and stand up for themselves. If all of this means you are accepted and you will belong, I would rather stand out in the cold, because I am not too good for anybody.

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Jed Nelson

## Rush Day Comes To Southern Illinois

Perhaps the most intelligent political commentator on earth, Rush Limbaugh, has made millions of fans all around this great country of ours fighting the evils of liberalism, and in particular the all-knowing forty-second president of the United States. Rush has one of the largest followings of any one man in America since Ronald Reagan's landslide presidential wins in 1980 and 1984.

Last May 23, in Fort Collins, Colorado, Rush held "Dan's Bake Sale", a bake sale designed to raise \$29.95 for Independence. Missouri native Dan Kay, so he could subscribe to "...the hottest publication in America" (See Page 101, Chapter 9 of [See, I Told You So](#)) *The Limbaugh Letter*, the official newsletter of Conservatives. "The spectacle was enough to drive a stake through the heart of liberalism" was the quote from CBS News when the "right wing love-in" was over. The sale raised anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, an accurate count was never possible, as up to 65,000 people from Guam to Angola showed up to buy, and to help the truth about our wonder-

ful government continue to be heard.

This April 9, at John A. Logan College, in Carterville, a "Rush Limbaugh Day; Bake Sale to Help End the Raw Deal" was held, just one of the thousands of these events held all around the nation since Rush appeared in person that cool spring day in Colorado. This one in our area was important because it reminded people that although Illinois did go to Clinton in 1992, and we have two Democratic senators, not everyone in Southern Illinois is a liberal. KZIM-Radio 960 AM was there along with WJPF 1340-AM covering the event, and offering give-aways such as drawings for a subscription to *The Limbaugh Letter* and "I'm A Ditto Head" memorabilia.

The day was basically a fund raiser for the Williamson County Republican Party as County Commissioner candidates Mel Fisher and Frank Wilkie, County Sheriff Candidate Dennis E. Presley, State Representative Candidate Mike Bost, Barney Boren who is running for Williamson County Clerk, and the Republican nominee for County Treasurer Bruce Troutman all were represented. A sign-up sheet for the Williamson County Young Republicans Club was there, and it was filled up hours before the end of the event. Brent Winters, Republican Candidate for the 19th District U.S. House seat was there campaigning, and George

Ryan, the Secretary of State of Illinois, who is running for re-election in 1994, had a table there.

One of the busiest tables, even though all of them were busy, was a vendor selling bumper stickers such as; "HOPE ain't in Arkansas... IT'S IN '1996'" and "Impeach Clinton... And Her Husband", campaign buttons from past elections such as "Dole for President"-1988, "Dutch Reagan for President" or "ABC- Anyone But Carter" both from 1980 could be found here also. This particular anti-liberal table, of no less two dozen tables there, was swamped during the entire event. "No Raw Deal" shirts, hats, pins and a million other things like that were featured at the event.

Though Rush himself could not make it to the event, it was still a success. There was supposed to be a political impression contest later in the afternoon, but no one volunteered to get on stage, proving that "the Clintons (are) better actors than... conservatives."

It is not known exactly how many people were at the event, such large numbers are often difficult to count or to remember, but as an overwhelming majority of Conservatives, Right Side Moderates, and just overall good people, packed the gym at John A. Logan it became clear that there are in fact conservatives in Southern Illinois, and the Southern Illinois Republicans will continue to be heard from.



C.R. Rath

## Heed Biasucci Strawberry Shortcake

### Stop The Madness

A h h . . . spring is here. The weather is changing, the birds are chirping, girls are wearing shorts, and every day I find more and more things that amaze me because of their stupidity. Why am I writing this? Well, with the addition of two new sports writers I no longer have school sports to cover. I guess it's your loss.

Anyway, back to the things that tick me off. You know, that guy on the Britannica com-

mmercial, Richard Simmons, cross-dressers, and a lot of others.

I'm flicking through the channels on a boring Wednesday night around 2:00 AM. On comes the "Def Comedy Jam". The Def Comedy Jam only lets African-American comedians perform. I really love comedy and I would rather watch that than the 57,695th rerun of the commercial for spray on hair. So I'm watching this young comedian. He's funny. I really enjoy his work. But in his closing statement he says something to the point of

"well, we as a black culture shouldn't have to respect anyone because we haven't had rights for the last 300

years." Don't get me wrong, I am not racist. I just don't understand how something that happened in the past could get in the way one would look at society of today. Drop it. If you really want to have equal rights there wouldn't be comedy shows just for blacks. You don't see the "White, Def Comedy Jam". Wouldn't that be considered a racial program?

Another problem we have is right here at our own prestigious Institute of Higher Learning. And I'm sure you've heard about it...drinking.

Many Bulldog athletes have been

suspended in the last year for alcohol related convictions. How dumb can you be? If you're going to

drink, lock yourself in your room, and drink until you pass out. I'm not saying drinking is right, I'm just saying with all of the beautiful, hardworking, honest, and respectable policeman in Harrisburg there is a good chance you'll get busted. Let's enjoy our High School years and not let anything get in our way. Come on now... we're better than that. Be responsible.

I'm glad I got those things off my chest. I guess life goes on, but every day something hits me as really dumb. Stop the stupidity!!!



C.R. Rath

## Bulldog Football Players Get Recruited

### *NFL, Here We Come!!!*

Three Bulldog football players are deciding their future college plans this Spring. With the help of glossy letters, fancy campus tours, and fast-talking coaches Kris Nelson, Ben Trees, and T.R. "Touchdown Teddy" Price will make up their minds on where they will hit the gridiron.

Kris Nelson, an All South selection, and First Team All-Conference on offense, Second Team All-Conference on defense, and All State selection on offense has narrowed it down to four. Nelson is known for his tenacity on defense and his excellent blocking skills. It appears Kris is leaning toward Knox at this point in time.

Ben Trees, an All South selection, and First Team All-Conference both

ways, was one of the leading tacklers for the heralded Bulldog "Purple People Eater" defense. Mr. Trees gave many teams heartaches with his reckless style of play and great hands. Ben, probably the most talented football player on the team last fall, as of now, will sign with

Monmouth.

T.R. Price, an All South selection, and First Team All-Conference as a fullback on the high-powered Bulldog offense is leaning toward Monmouth this Spring. T.R. is also being recruited heavily by Northeast Missouri (NEMO), but NO, Vanilla is not being recruited by Florida State! T.R. was known for his cunning ability to see the hole and follow his blockers.



(L to R): Ben Trees, T.R. "Touchdown Teddy" Price, and Kris Nelson (flexing) will probably hit the gridiron at Monmouth and Knox next Fall.



*Cory Romonosky*

## To Cane *or* Not to Cane

Unless you have been living in isolation for the last week chances are you have seen, read, or heard about Micheal Fay and his caining. A lot of people are still asking the question of whether or not he should be cained. Personally I think he deserved it. How could we punish a kid for something like this you ask? Well, for one thing, he deserved it. Anyone who does not have anymore respect for another person's property should be punished, and hard. And a hard punishment it will be. When administered by a martial arts expert, as it will be, it will cause excruciating pain as well as permanent scaring. This may seem a bit extreme but I seriously doubt he does it again...at least in Singapore.

As always there are those whining liberals who are complaining that this is just too much. These so-called educated people have for the last two weeks taken their attention off of political correctness to complain about this. These are the people who see to it our tax dollars go to pay for such prison amenities as TV and other sources of recreation. They are also the people who said it was unconstitutional for prisoners to wear the same clothing because it took away there individuality. Hello!, is that just a little ridiculous or what. If a person does the crime they should be quickly and thoroughly punished. That is why places like Singapore are safe and places like the U.S. are not.

How could  
we punish a  
kid for  
something  
like this  
you ask?

Well, for  
one thing,  
he de-  
served it.





Jay Gearing

## *Skipping Seniors*

The time has come for the annual day that all the seniors at HHS will be out roaming the town celebrating "Senior Skip Day." I really do not understand why the students would want to miss out on the great education this institution gives us to just play around all day and do absolutely nothing. As a matter of fact I would be really shocked if they skipped every Friday starting May 6.

My question is where are the students going during these days that they are gone? I really do not understand why the students

would waste their gas to go all the way to Garden of the Gods. What kind of fun would you have crawling, falling, and listening to rock-n-roll. It would be an outrage if the seniors had the grand finale at Mr. Tuttle's house were they had the junior skip day. Who would want to have Mr. Nyberg's wonderful hamburgers and Mr. Gearing's delightful drinks? It would be just a repeat of last year's skip day, and those people who went last year know how much fun that was. Well that is only two dates that have been set so where are the other days going to be spent at? Yeah just as I thought the great Senior Skip council has not

decided that yet.

So how are all you intelligent people going to skip with out getting detention? Yeah just as I thought , you have no idea. Well I heard it was possible that your parents could come in and sign you out for a personal day, but hey I would not know because I am not skipping.

Well what if there are questions about the skip days? I was told specifically not to ask Jason Nyberg, Jay Gearing, Jason Tuttle or Ben Trees because they have no idea of what a skip day is or why they are having one. If you do have questions I was told through the grape vines to ask Josh Grimes.



*Josh Grimes*

## A Few Days in *Springfield, IL*

I went to Springfield the week of April 18-22. O.K. so who cares right. Well it is not the fact that I went to Springfield that should interest you, it is that I was a direct witness of our state government at work.

I was a guest of Senator Jim Rea who, by the way, is our senator in Springfield. And while I was there, I had complete access to the Senate and the House of Representatives. One of the first things I noticed was the floor behavior of these two houses. The House of Representatives was like a playground of 5-year olds. It was complete madness! I do not see how they get much done. While on the other hand, the Senate was more cool and collected. Older men sitting in their big red leather chair solemnly. True, the House is twice the

size of the Senate, but I think the biggest difference was age. The House is full of younger men and women, while the Senate is older folks with political experience.

For those of you who think that politicians have an easy job, you are definitely wrong. Senator Rea starts his day at 8:30 with committee meetings, then in the afternoon, he is on the Senate floor. After they adjourn, he goes to more hearings and committee meetings until about 10 at night. That is about a 14 hour day. I was required to be there at 8:30 in the morning and I didn't get to leave until 5:30 at night. I did everything from getting lunch for the senators to answering the phone for them. I even had

to run to the bank across town for one Senator. But I was tipped well for these errands so I cannot complain.

The biggest thrill of the trip was meeting Penny Severans and Dawn Clark Netsch. They are the Democratic candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Governor in this Falls election. They were both very nice and I told them they had my vote.

In conclusion, I would have to say it was a valuable lesson to actually see government at work. It should be seen by everyone. So if you are ever in Springfield, go to the capitol and sit in the gallery and see what your tax dollars are doing. You will not be disappointed.



Jason Nyberg  
Sports Columnist

## Baseball Team to Play Tough Competition

The Harrisburg High School Baseball Team will face some very strong competition in the upcoming weeks, as they play in four very competitive tournaments. The Bulldogs will host their own four team invitational on Saturday, April 23. The following weekend the Dogs will compete in the highly touted Cape Central High "Big 8" Baseball Tournament, and then come back the next Saturday to play in the well regarded Henderson Invitational. They then finish off their regular season tournament run the following weekend playing in the strong-fielded Edwardsville Tournament. All of these tournament will be very competitive, with the teams competing in the last three being among the best in their states.

The field for Harrisburg's own Invite consists of Vienna, McLeansboro, Massac County,

and the host Bulldogs. The games will be played at Dorris Heights field and at the Main Diamond at the park.

The "Big 8" tourney in Cape will pit teams from four different states against each other. Teams will be coming from Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, and Illinois. The Dogs will open up against Graves County, Kentucky, on April 29, at 5:00. When the Dogs competed in this tournament a year ago, they played one of their best games of the year defeating Eureka, MO., in the first round. The Dogs chances looked good in the nationally ranked tournament, but rain brought it to an end, as the tournament was called after one round due to weather. For this reason the Diamond Dogs are anxious to return to Cape and make their mark.

The Henderson County Invite will have four teams in it, two from Illinois, two from Kentucky. Harrisburg and Marion will both represent

Illinois, and Apollo and host Henderson will represent Kentucky. The Bulldogs defeated Apollo last year in the first round before dropping the finale to Henderson that night. Both Apollo and Henderson are ranked in Kentucky this year, as they were last year also. All games will be played on Saturday, May 7, at Henderson County High School, with HHS playing two games on the day.

The Dogs will then end their regular season tournament run with a week-end trip to Edwardsville. Teams from Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri will compete in the two day event that begins on May 13. HHS has played in this tourney the last few years and has always played excellent competition and some close games. The Bulldog Baseball Team is looking forward to all of these outstanding tournaments and hopes to bring home a piece of hardware from each.



Traca Allison

# GODSPELL

## Reaches HHS

Michelle Nelson, and Jenny Bowles. When asked if learning and putting together all the music was hard, Junior Hugh Deneal

replied, "It wasn't hard for me, but coordinating with the other players with different styles took some getting used to." The pit made the play even more interesting.

Godspell was by far one of the best plays in HHS history. Not only was it great, but it made you laugh until you cried. Sophomore Michelle Nelson said, "This is the funnest play we've ever done. It was more fun to work with than some of the others." The facial expressions of the actors were very humorous to watch.

It is as if the facial expressions gave the play an extra edge.

On behalf of

The Purple Clarion staff, a great big thank you to the cast and crew of Godspell for giving us a bit of humor as well as drama.

Out of all the plays in the recent HHS history, Godspell took home the blue ribbon. Not only was it one of the most humorous plays, but it also delivered a message to the young as well as the old. The cast and crew of Godspell worked extremely hard to give the audience their money's worth. Junior Preston Sweat, student director of the play, said, "The cast progressed really fast because they were excited about doing this play. This was definitely one of our best."

The basic plot of Godspell was the Gospel according to St. Matthew. The music and songs added to the effect of the play. Some may think that a group of high school kids would not be able to do as good a job as professionals. Well, maybe not, but they came right close to it. These kids have talent. Through all the hard

work and effort these students had put forth, this was guaran-

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-Director  
Preston Sweat

teed to be a hit play.

For a first in a long time, this play was accompanied by a pit band. The members were Hugh Deneal, Nick King, Brian Murphy,