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The HHS Baseball team, shown here expressing their support for teammate Brad Vinyard, recently secured a conference championship.

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# Band Members Excel at River to River

by Matt Businaro

Some of the best instrumentalists in Southern Illinois gathered at SIU-C to participate in the third annual River to River Conference Band. The very best students from the high school bands of Benton, Massac Co., Murphysboro, West Frankfort, Herrin, Pinckneyville, Du Quoin, Anna-Jonesboro, Sparta, Chester, Nashville, and Harrisburg took part in this cultural extravaganza.

Several students from Harrisburg took part in the event and did quite well. Natalie Stevens was third chair bass clarinet, Christy Dunn sat second chair at alto saxophone, Jennifer Wetzel was first chair bassoonist, and Matt Businaro was tied for first chair tuba. Other participants from Harrisburg were Jeremy Klope and Brian Price on trombone, Burke Wasson on French horn, Sarah Hezlep and Dawn Lipinski on clarinet, M'lee Fife on flute, and Mark Businaro on trumpet.

The guest conductor was Gary Smith, marching band director from the University of Illinois. Smith was an excellent conductor who made the day fun

for all students. None were upset, however, after the five hours of rehearsal and concert were over. Overall, the experience was rewarding and educational for all the musicians participating.

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# Summer School

## High School Students Enrolling at SIC

*by Sarah Turner*

For many Harrisburg High School students, school and all the grueling homework that comes with it will come to an end on June 3rd. However, for those students participating in the Summer Honors Program true summer vacation will not begin until August 1st.

The Summer Honors Program allows high school students from Harrisburg and the surrounding area to attend SIC free of charge. Area students may choose up to eight hours of classes offered in the regular summer semester.

Courses are available in Communications, Humanities, Social Science, Science, Math, Non-Western Cultures, Health and Well Being, and Computer Applications. Attending summer school not only saves money, it saves time. Participants in the Summer Honors Program have the opportunity to secure up to two years of college classes before graduating from high school.

To qualify one must: a) currently be enrolled in ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade, b) be in the top twenty percent of his or her class and maintain a 3.5 grade point average, c) pass an admission test; and d) students from the previous year must have earned a 3.0 overall grade point average in their collegiate coursework.

# Cardinals Undergo Changes

By Steve Davis

After finishing last in their division in the 1995 baseball season, they have rebuilt in an effort to make the playoffs for the first time since 1987. Most of the changes began when a group of businessmen from St. Louis bought the team from the Anheuser-Busch company. The new grass field at Busch Stadium will be supporting a new Cardinal team.

Much of the new attitude, as well as many of the new players, came from Oakland, California. New this year are former A's manager Tony LaRussa and pitching coach Dave Duncan. Also from Oakland came 3 pitchers: Andy Benes, Todd Stottlemyre, and Dennis Eckersley. Also accompanying the pitchers was infielder Mike Gallego.

General Manager Walt Jocketty also imported several other new faces to complete the '96 team. Former Brave and Red Ron Gant was brought in to serve in the outfield and add power to the lineup. He'll be with Brian Jordan and Ray Lankford, veteran Cardinals. One time Card Willie McGee has returned to back these three. Gary Gaetti came over from Kansas City to play third base. He hopes to pick up where he left off last year, a career year. Royce Clayton was brought in from San Francisco. He will battle Ozzie Smith for the short-stop position. Luis Alicea has returned and will probably be the second baseman, John Mabry will handle duties at first base.

Andy Benes, his brother Alan, and Todd Stottlemeyer have secured positions in the starting rotation. Dennis Eckersley will be the closer. The rest of the staff is bound to change frequently throughout the season. Whomever is pitching, they will be throwing to catcher Tom Pagnozzi.

For the first time in a number of seasons, the Cardinals appear to have a shot at post season play. Will they succeed this season? only time will tell.

## Students Worry About AIDS!

By Steve Davis

In the past few weeks many students here at HHS have become concerned about the possibilities of classmates having AIDS, or the HIV virus that causes it. Are there any students at HHS that have AIDS? Should they tell us if they do? Should we be concerned about contracting AIDS? All these questions have been raised by students.

Many students began raising questions after seeing a handout currently making its way through the halls of HHS. Mr. Collins recently told the student body that no one in HHS has tested positive for AIDS in the last nine months. This handout, however, suggests that a person may be infected for years and never even know they need to be tested. The handout also says that, once tested, it may take months for the virus to show up in blood tests.

We've all been taught that AIDS can be acquired through dirty needles, bad blood transfusions, and unprotected sex. While most cases of AIDS can be attributed to one of these, the handout suggests that there are several other ways a person might become infected. The handout suggests that HIV may be passed through mosquitos and possibly through being too close to the cough of an infected person. It also suggests that

whirlpools and pools, even properly treated, can transmit the disease if an infected person leaves enough bodily fluids in the water. The handout also states, "HIV infected blood contacting intact skin for less than two minutes has proved to transmit HIV." Perhaps the biggest "myth" this handout hopes to shatter is the idea that HIV won't be passed if a condom is used during sex. According to the doctors who wrote the handout, the HIV virus is one-tenth of a micron in size, while the pores in a condom are 5 microns in size. If this data are correct, obviously a condom won't help much.

But are these statements based in fact? The handout says some things, such as contact with skin passing HIV, have been proven. For other things it never says if these are theories or based in fact. If they are based in fact, why haven't we been told? Is the government trying to cover up? One out of every three people in Central Africa has AIDS. Are we headed for a fate like this? Is the government hiding things from us? Or are these doctors trying to create a panic? Will we all die of AIDS before the sun explodes? I guess only time will tell.

NOTE: Many people have become upset with the handout because of the publisher. As you read this, research is being compiled to back what the handout says.

# Quiz Bowl Season Comes to an End!

by Jed Nelson

**A**t 30-7 it was one of the best seasons ever for Harrisburg's Scholar Bowl program, and it was all accomplished with but one senior on the team. Senior Natalie Stevens, the skipper, led the HHS Quiz Bowl team into the semifinals of the Fairfield Sectional on March 9th, where the home team defeated the Dogs 164-150. Harrisburg advanced to the semi-finals by defeating East Richland by a landslide, and Gallatin County by a sizeable margin.

The Dogs finish the season at 30-7, after defeating the so-called Centralia "Red Death" to win the John A. Logan Southern Illinois Scholar Bowl tournament for the first time in the school's history. HHS then went on to defeat the rival Benton Rangers at Herrin for the River to River conference championship, another first. Junior Jed Nelson led the team with over a hundred correctly answered toss-ups, with Stevens

close behind. Junior Casey Boone had a good season as well, despite difficulty in remembering the word "train".

Sophomore Karl "Lamar!" (Misidentified as "Klamar", *The Purple Clarion* regrets the error) Cossey and Junior Joey DeVous also started on the varsity team and helped in the journey to the Sectional. Harrisburg also unveiled a new round-robin tournament, of which Harrisburg hosted two. In the first one HHS won over Eldorado, despite the usual protests of unfair competition. Carterville won the second one after defeating HHS on the last question of the match 140-135.

Overall it was a good season for the Dogs, one which they will hope to build on in the future.

# Our Planet: What Can We Do?

by Amy Bowers

Imagine this: no animals, little water, no trees to provide shade, sun as hot as a desert, everyone sick or dying from sun poisoning or sun cancer. This could happen one day if people don't start doing something today.

There are at least 8 simple things people can do. These include: 1—conserve energy, 2—car-pool, 3—recycle, 4—use recycled products, 5—pick up trash, 6—spread the word, 7—use non-aerosol products, and 8—conserve paper.

To conserve energy is to turn off a light when it is not in use. For example, if you go into a room and get something and you are not planning on coming back, turn off the light when you leave.

Cars burn a lot of waste into our air. If people could just car pool or ride a bicycle, or walk, it would tremendously cut down pollution.

Recycle means to take one product and make it into another. Glass, paper, and cardboard can be recycled. There are some centers around here to recycle. They are in Eldorado, Marion, and Carbondale. Harrisburg, however, does not have a place to recycle.

Use recycled paper and other products. When you go to a store, there is usually some products that are made from recycled products. These are usually indicated on the label.

Leave a place cleaner than you found it. When you go somewhere like on a hike, pick up the litter you see. It will clean up the place and hopefully make you feel better.

**SPREAD THE WORD.** Tell people what they can do to help. Tell them what could happen. If everyone told at least one person, the planet may be a safer place to live.

Non aerosol products are better than aerosol products. They do not contain CFC's (chloro flouro carbons), which destroy the ozone.

When you go to a store and you are not planning to get too much, take a cloth bag instead of using paper. It will conserve paper and save a few trees.

If we could do these 8 simple things, the world may not be such a dirty place to live.

# Heading to the Links

By Kyle Herring

"Fore!" This has been heard all over the area the past couple months. This will be heard for many months to come.

Even I have made my way out to the golf course this spring. I was completely exhilarated by the challenge of hitting a little white sphere with a long club and trying to put the sphere into a tiny hole in the ground in as few strokes as possible.

I found it a great place for me to relieve much of the stress in my life. Not! I have never been so frustrated in my entire life. Many times that I swung at the ball I did not even hit it, and when I did hit it the ball did not go where I wanted it to. Then I pulled out my irons and started swinging

away. I hit chunks of grass further than I hit that stinking little ball. I also found out why they call a "sand trap" a "sand trap". I got in one of those and it took me five minutes to get out of there. Then I made it to the best part of the game, putting. I figured that since I was pretty good at goofy golf I would be good at putting. Boy was I wrong. I four-putted almost every hole and by the end of the day I was using the pool cue method instead of putting.

After the long day, I finally made it to my truck. Then I said to myself, "Golfing is fun, even if I do stink."

Even if you do not think golfing is for you, go out and try a round. It might be the most fun you have all year.

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