

# The Purple Clarion

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Mr. Lienesch  
Greets Students



Welcome students and faculty to the 1979-80 school year. My hope is that it will be interesting, stimulating, and profitable for each of us.

The high school years are the time for students to gain experience in many areas so as to enable you to be better able to decide on future plans, both occupational and educational. They are also a time for finding out "who you are."

The students who profit most from the "best years of your life" are those who take advantage of the many opportunities offered at H. H. S. They are also the students who actively pursue their studies and who prepare themselves for future educational programs.

Unfortunately, there are some students who limit their own personal development by failing to take part in these varied activities. All too often these are the students who see little future in studying hard and learning as much as they can.

In order for anyone to succeed at any activity, he must have a desire to do so. I can think of nothing more pleasing to me or to the faculty than to see each of you students develop a desire to learn more about whatever subjects you may be pursuing or for you to develop a desire to participate more actively in the extra-curricular activities available here at H.H.S.

William Lienesch

**Do Something Positive!**

## This Is Doerge

Welcome back to school! I know we have already been here a month, but this first issue of the newspaper is a real challenge to get out. Hopefully later issues will seem better organized.

Summer went by so fast I can hardly remember what I did with all that freedom. Even though we are now back to the old grindstone of studying, we all have something to look forward to. Seniors have the last, big year with their own prom and graduation. Juniors have class rings, magazine sales, and prom decoration. Sophomores have driver's ed., no P. E., and the satisfaction of no longer being a greenie. Freshmen, well let's see...At least you're not in junior high any more!

We've won the first two football games. Let's hope the rest of the season goes as well. It should be resolved by every student to get out and support the team with everything you've got. I think we can be South Seven champs again. Let's do it! Our volleyball and golf teams are having great seasons too. Doesn't it feel good to win?

As your editor, I would like to invite all students and faculty to offer suggestions and friendly criticism to help us make the 1979-80 Purple Clarion the best ever. I have been re-located and can now be found in Room 117 7th hour every day and before deadlines, I'm there early in the morning and late into the night. Comments are welcome.

John Doerge

Dear Anonymous

In the future issues of the Purple Clarion, we will feature your letters to Dear Anonymous. If you have a problem with anything or anyone, write to Dear Anonymous and leave your letter under the door to room 117. You do not have to sign your letter, and of course, Dear Anonymous will remain always anonymous.

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## 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.

# Editorially Speaking

## Skid Test a Warning

On Monday, Sept. 10, the Sophomore class was given a skid demonstration by the Country Companies. The goal of this test was to show how long it takes a car to stop. Once a person realizes these facts, he or she should become more careful. It would surprise a person how long it does take when "just going that fast."

One should keep in mind that these people were ready to stop, and so their reaction time was much faster. Also, at 55 mph a car is going 81 feet per second. If a driver reacts in half a second, he has already gone 40 feet. And even in perfect conditions, once the brakes are applied it would take anywhere from 138' to 198' to stop.

Wise up! When a driver is playing the radio or talking, it would take even more time to react. At 55 mph, every  $\frac{1}{2}$  second takes a car 20 feet closer to that collision up ahead. And if it's raining or snowing, one might react the same, but the stopping distance might triple.

Bill Dammers

## A Freshman Comment

Hello, this is your freshman reporter, Keith Sewell, to tell you all what I think about this institution. Well, coming straight from Malan, I really enjoy it! I mean, it's just so different! I really like the freedom we get at H. H. S., and it seems the faculty treats us as young adults, instead of kids as they do in junior high. For example, it is nice that we can use our lockers between classes.

I like all the clubs that you can get into, because it really adds interest to the school. The teachers here, for the most part, are pretty nice, and I really look forward to a Frosh year with all of them.

I think most of the students here show pride in their school, and I believe that we all agree that this is the best high school in Illinois! In conclusion, I'm looking forward to an enjoyable year here at H. H. S.

Keith Sewell

## Mystery of the Missing Jewelry

If you wear your diamond rings and solid gold watches to school, you run the risk of having them stolen. Thievery ran rampant last spring in the P.E. classes, especially the girls'. There are some measures you can take to protect your valuable jewelry as well as purses and money. First, locks are provided on hall lockers and the P.E. lockers. If you choose not to use them then it is your own fault if something gets taken. Secondly, you could leave valuable items at home. Or thirdly, Mrs. Boyer and Ms. Rose have offered to lock up your valuables if you give them to them before they take roll.

Locks have been removed from all junior high lockers, and there have been many complaints from the students. High school people should use their locks to show they are appreciated.

For the guilty parties who will be convicted of this low, devious locker theft, strict and cruel measures will be taken against them.

Myra Schrock



# Student Council

## Homecoming Plans Jell

The 1979-1980 Student Council has completed the Homecoming plans for this school year. The festive week will be held Sept. 27 through 29. The elections for the Queen and her court began as early as the 11. The queen selection system was different from other years.

On Sept. 11 the Senior class nominated four separate names for queen, by written ballot. The Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior classes each wrote down one name. Approximately the top 8 Senior girls and the top 4 of the other classes then appeared on the Sept. 18 ballot, when the attendants and the four queen nominees were chosen. Then on Sept. 27 the entire student body will vote for queen.

At 2:00 on Thursday will be the parade, (in case of rain, Friday). This year's theme is "A Tribute to John Wayne." On Thursday night the HHS Homecoming Queen will be announced at Taylor Field during a Pep Rally with a bonfire held afterward.

Friday is the night of the Bulldog victory over the Mt. Vernon Rams. And finally there is the coronation of the Queen at the Homecoming dance. The band the student council has selected to play this year is Maiden Cane, with Miss Kathy Butler as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening.

The activities this year look very promising for all to have a good time, so have fun and enjoy!

Liz Saunders

# Movie Review

## Review of Alien

Alien is a fairly good movie. It has a few gory places, but what can you expect from a horror film? It goes very fast after the Alien makes its first appearance. The alien itself has three forms, a small hand-like creature, next a small worm-like creature, and finally the perfect predator. It is designed for killing and makes short work of it. It likes to hide in air shafts and other out-of-reach places. This secretiveness adds to the suspense of the film, because you never know where it's going to strike. If you are in the mood for a good scare and a bizarre movie, see it.

Bill Dammers

Dracula--superb in acting and special effects

Horror films are seldom recognized as Oscar-winners, but the film Dracula, featuring superb performances by Frank Langella as the Count himself and Sir Laurence Olivier as the doctor who stalks him, should be nominated for an Academy Award or two.

Langella, who also played Dracula in the Broadway version, uses meticulously rehearsed mannerisms in his portrayal of the prince of evil. Unlike the earlier "B" grade Dracula films, this version gives Dracula a romantic quality, and Langella is well able to bring this quality to the surface.

The film uses first rate special effects, make up, and set designs. All are a welcome improvement from the days of Bela Lugosi and two-bit monster films.

Sir Laurence Olivier, in his own seasoned fashion, also shines as Dracula's nemesis, who attempts to defeat the Count's remarkable powers and kill him.

Dracula is, unlike its predecessors, a technical masterpiece. This film is worth seeing at any price.

Jay Small

### Backstage Players Formed

Have you ever dreamed of being an actor or actress? This dream can come true even if you are from a small town like Harrisburg. You may not become as famous as Paul Newman or Elizabeth Taylor, but you can build a name for yourself by sharing your theatrical talents with others. A Harrisburg native, David Wollesen, has done just that. Not being interested in theater in high school, David did not read a line of script until he was 28 years old. Six years later, he is now one of the most gifted and praised actors in the area.

The once shy and backward Wollesen gathered enough courage to try out for his first play after doing much research into drama. For example, he studied numerous scripts and the voices of many actors. He also recorded his own voice, paying close attention to every detail, correcting his mistakes, until his delivery was just right. After David's first audition for The Owl and the Pussycat, the director realized his potential and cast him as the lead immediately.

After performing in The Owl and the Pussycat, David worked in many other plays, all in the Fort Lauderdale area. He left Florida in 1976 and headed for the Big Apple. There he studied drama under the direction of an elderly lady, and also attended a T.V.-related acting school in New York. David's next



stop was Los Angeles. In L.A., he auditioned for television commercials and soap operas, but failed to get any roles. Los Angeles's loss, however, was Harrisburg's gain.

Since his return to Harrisburg, David has set up his own business, Maxwell's Hair Styling, and has entertained many people with his theatrical talents. He has directed, produced, and acted in two plays, The Owl and the Pussycat, performed at Two G's, and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, performed at the Holiday Inn. All performances were a great success and truly enjoyed by the many people who saw them.

David would like to offer more of these performances to the public. He has brought to our com-

munity something that has been lacking for many years. Each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., the newly formed community theater, The Backstage Players led by Dave Wollesen, meets to learn about all aspects of theater. Anyone who would like to learn more about drama and improve their acting, or anyone who has never had any theater experience at all, is welcome. It is the perfect opportunity to become a part of something that nearly everyone, at one time or another, has dreamed of being involved in. David plans to give a play every three months, casting the roles from people who attend the community theater meetings. The cost is \$10 every three months.

There are plans to have guest speakers come talk to the group. The experience gained at the workshop should definitely improve your acting ability, which could improve your chances of getting a role in one of the school plays. All you have to do is come to Two G's Thurs. evenings at 7:00 p.m. With the talents possessed by people of our area, the community theater is sure to be a big success and will hopefully be continued for a long time.

So you see, even people from Harrisburg have the opportunity to build a name for themselves in a career such as acting. Dave Wollesen is living proof. He has performed in many areas, but fortunately has returned to Harrisburg to share with us his knowledge and talent.

Ramona Stilley and  
Sarah Curtis

# Sports

It is often said that a winning team will draw a tremendous crowd. If this is the case, then our own Harrisburg Bulldog varsity football team should gather mobs for the rest of the season.

The varsity Bulldogs have looked very impressive in most respects from the outset. In the season opener against an unscouted Metropolis team, the Dogs took complete control for a 41-0 victory.

Harrisburg demonstrated a great deal of depth, utilizing a wide array of players against the rebuilding Trojans. Metropolis was unable to move the ball well, once Harrisburg had adjusted to the Trojan offense. This enabled the Bulldogs to use second and third-string players and give the starters a rest, while tiring the Trojan players.

The Bulldog offense, on the other hand, was awesome. Harrisburg rushed for 331 yards in the game, compared to 88 for the Trojans. Leading the rushing game for the Dogs was Joe Milligan with 103 yards, followed by Bruce Cullers with 89, Jeff Butler with 87, and Parry Duncan with 34. Starting quarterback John Wright had a good night passing, with a total of 49 yards gained and a .500 completion average.

The Bulldogs got their first real workout in the conference opener against Marion. Playing before a near-capacity crowd at Taylor Field, Harrisburg was able to overcome early mistakes to defeat the Wildcats 20-0. The 'Dogs were paced by runner Jeff Butler, with a personal all-time high of 162 yards on the ground. Parry Duncan also provided rushing stability with a 116-yard clip.

As the season moves on, the Harrisburg Bulldogs will have to continue their aggressive play to keep on top of the South Seven for another year.

Jay Small

## COMPOSITE STATISTICS FIRST TWO GAMES (Courtesy--Daily Register)

	WE	THEY
Rushing	635	145
Passing	84	61
Yds.-Tot.	719	206
Int's lost	0	4
Fumbles	4	5
Punts	4-103	5-175
Penalties	21-188	11-85
Points-Tot.	61	0



Bruce Cullers has been a staple both offensively and defensively for the Bulldogs.

## Outlook for Frosh Football

Despite the fact that the freshmen lost their season opener on Sat., Sept. 8, to McLeansboro, it looks like they could still come up with a good record.

The team got a good taste of what the season is going to be like. There wasn't much to be said for H.H.S.'s offense or defense. But as soon as they get things in order, the Frosh could have a good team.

Offensive Coach Beasley said, "The main thing we are trying to teach these kids is fundamentals. It looks like we have a lot of potential here, but we can't really tell that much about the team until mid-season." Mr. Maxson, who is the defensive coach said also that we have the potential but need a lot of hard work on defense.

The freshman Bulldogs evened up their record and got their first taste of victory September 13th as they won 20-6 over Metropolis.

Quarterback Joe Thompson, who ran for over 60 yards on his own, scored two TDs for 12 points and halfback Mike Hodge crossed the line for a TD also. Kyle Schwartz, who had an exceptional night on defense, also scored on the extra point try for two points.

The team played quite a bit better against Metropolis than at McLeansboro, but they still have a few things to work on.

Mark Bittle

## Frosh-Soph team starts strong

If the opening game is any indication of the varsity team of the future, HHS has nothing to worry about as the freshman-sophomore team skunked Metropolis 32-0. With powerful running by Roger Teal and Jim Jones, the Bullpups jumped to a lead early in the first quarter. The extra point failed, but that was the only failure for the Pups all night long. After Metropolis couldn't move the ball and had to punt, the Bullpups marched downfield for yet another TD. Jim Chapman scored from one yard out on a keeper and found Roger Teal in the end zone for the two point conversion. Late in the second period Jeff Hathaway recovered a fumble that set up the third Bullpup touchdown of the night, as Chapman fired the ball for a 17 yard completion and a TD.

Early in the second half, Harrisburg made its final score as Mike Hathaway recovered a fumble on the Trojan 29-yard line and in a matter of a minute Greg Dembo powered his way through from the 2 yard line for the final TD of the game with the score 32-0.

One sad point of the game--David Lyon, fullback and defensive safety, was hurt early in the game with a broken collarbone and will be out for the rest of the season. After the game the Bullpups signed the game ball and gave it to Lyon. We here at the Purple Clarion wish for David to have a speedy recovery. Bill Allen



Senior Parry Duncan scoots past Trojan defenders for a Bulldog TD.

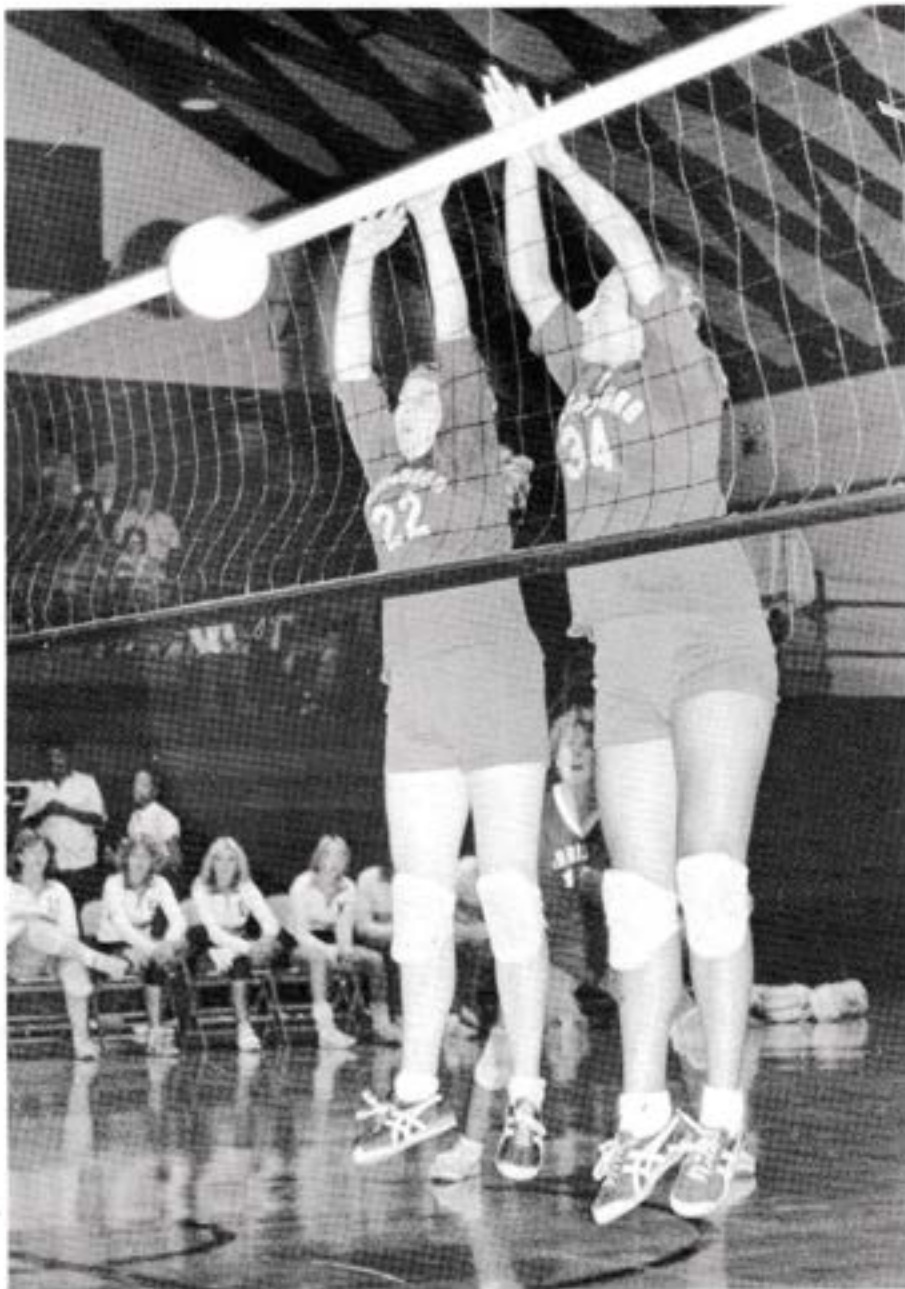


This year the U.S.S. golf team looks a little different; the boys and girls' teams have joined into one team, something new to all of us. There are 10 boys and 4 girls on the team. The new freshman golfers are starting off really well this year, with the returning lettermen also playing good games.

So far the golf team is off to a great start. They have broken the old school record of 153 once, and their own record twice. The first time was with a 152 against Marion with low scorers as follows: Brent Herrin, with a one-under-par 35; Bobby Pavelonis with a 37; Mike Tison and Brett Denny both with 40's. The second time, they broke their own record with a 151 against Metropolis with low scorers as follows: Brent Herrin and Brett Denny, both with 37's, Mike Tison with a 38, and Bobby Pavelonis with a 39. The third time they broke their own record again with a 150 over McLeansboro, with low scorers Brent Herrin, par 36; Brett Denny, Bobby Pavelonis, and John Woodworth all with 33's. The fourth match with Benton was also a record-breaker, led by Bobby Pavelonis with a 35.

It is expected that this year's team will go all the way to first place in the district. Coach Pavelonis has commented that this is the first year since he has been here that UHS has had a team with so much potential. He says the only teams he may have to worry about are Carmi, West Frankfort, and Benton, but he feels UHS can beat them.

Kelly Falter



### Volleyball

Here we are again, in volleyball season after just 2 weeks of school. The season opened Thurs. Sept. 6 with the Varsity team defeating Metropolis. The JV was not as fortunate.

Although there are many new faces on the team we are fortunate to have three returning senior starters. They are Beth

Davis, Mary Iwasko, and Jenny Hann. Jenny is this year's main setter and is also a spiker, so she is a busy player.

Mrs. Boyer said that the team needs to hustle more and then it will be a well-rounded team.

Everyone come on down to Davenport Gym and cheer the Lady Bulldogs on as they try to have as good a season this year as last.

Mary Butler



## RunRunRun

### Cross Country Runners Strong

Sheet PI The 1979 Cross Country season is under way, and to date the Bulldog harriers own a record of 3 wins and 4 losses. In the first three meets, which have been triangular meets, the 'Dogs have finished second, defeating the likes of Metropolis, Herrin, and Morris City, while falling to such perennial powers as Carbondale, Mt. Vernon and vastly improved Carmi. The Dogs also have placed third in both frosh-soph and varsity levels at the prestigious Herrin Invitational.

The top runner for this year (and for the past two, for that) has been Dean Furlong. Furlong, who copped the Harrisburg Park Labor Day Marathon and finished second at the Carrier Mills Catskin Mara-

thon, has had tough competition in the early going. Facing the likes of Metropolis' Gary Bremer, Mt. Vernon's Nicky Whiteside and Carbondale's Steve Landis, Dano has been gutsy and has hung tough. Backing Furlong on the squad are sophomores David Walker, Tony Rector, and Eric Hefner; junior David Stricklin; seniors Meral Hancock, Kevin Smith and Shiela Gibbs and the girls (other than Gibbs): Sandy Alvey, Emily Taylor, and Molly Gholson.

Missing this year is senior ironman Todd Lambert, who turned Goldbricker, as did senior Anthony Johnston. This year looks promising, because the squad won only two meets last year, so come on out and boost the Bulldogs! Home meets are held at Shawnee Country Club, so come on down!

John Roark



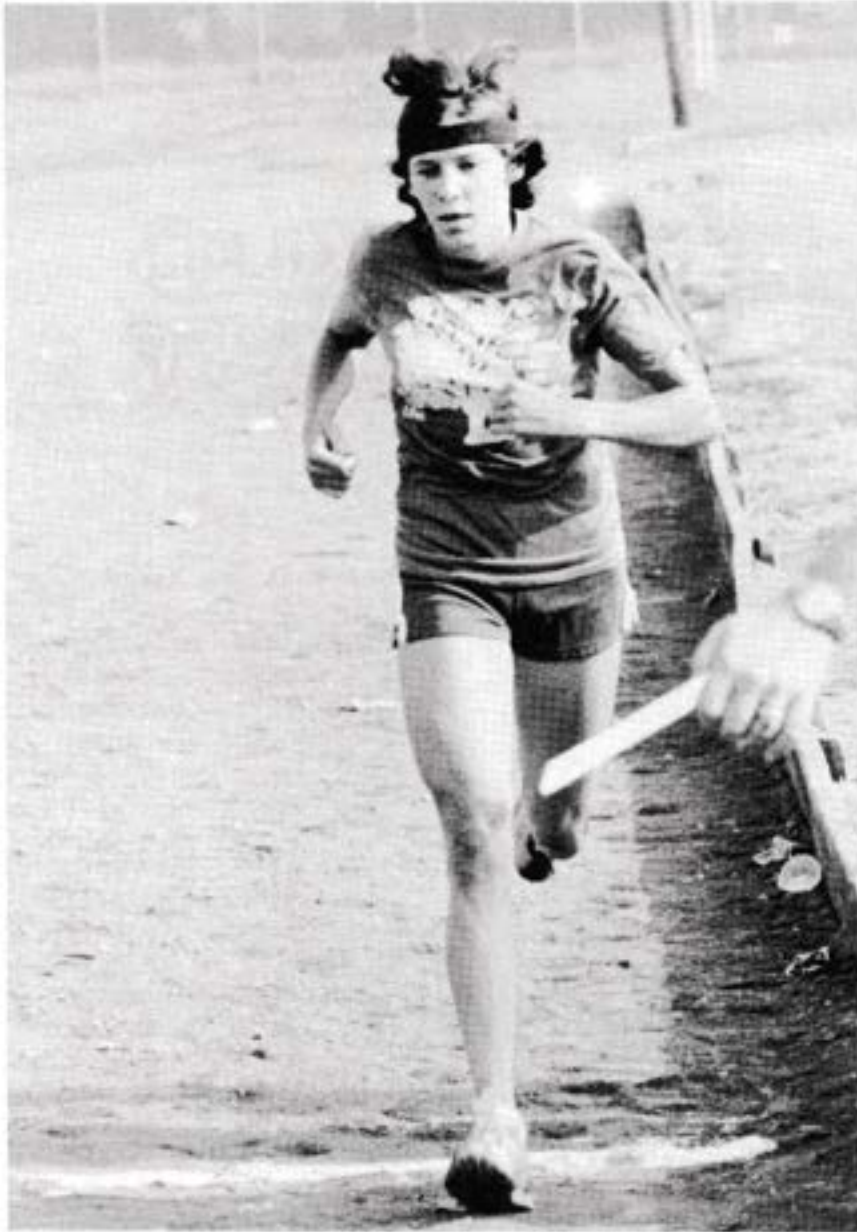
### Thespians Are Ready

Thespians held their first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1979. Ms. Ewert introduced the new Executive Board: Pres., John Doerge; Vice-Pres., Lena Smith; Sec., Brenda Reed; Treas., Lisa Lawrence; Scribe, Ethel Hudnell; Parliamentarian, Karen Reed. Members elected class representatives, who will also serve on the Executive Board: Senior, Jerri Frese; Junior, Jean McDermott; Sophomore, Cammy Cox; Freshman, Frank Vonlienen.

The Thespians would like to see some other clubs sponsor stunts in the annual homecoming parade. Since the Thespians have placed first the last three years, there is no doubt as to who will win. However, the club would appreciate some competition to keep them on their toes.

Lisa Lawrence

# It's That Time Again



### Labor Day: A Success

The Labor Day activities at the Hbg. Township Park this year were some of the biggest ever.

Starting Sat. morning, there was a mini-marathon, captured by senior, Dean Furlong. Sheila Gibbs placed 5th and was the first girl to cross the finish line.

Other events over the weekend included an egg toss, frog jumping race, frisbee throw, horse shoe and washer tosses, canoe race and many other activities.

The highlight of Monday's activities included two bands. Shadowbox, a local rock band, with senior Jay Small as lead singer, made their first public appearance in the afternoon followed by The American Tradition, a country band from Herrin which played on into the evening. The festivities were topped by the awarding of trophies for all of the contests over the weekend.

David Jolly



### Summer Sped By

Of the four seasons of the year summertime is the one that presents the widest variety of activities to H.H.S. students. With 3 months of vacation time on their hands, students found several ways of enjoying themselves.

The summer was an ideal time for an outdoors man. A back-to-nature weekend could have been spent camping, boating, hiking, or fishing. And for the fresh-water swimmers, there were several lakes with beaches, life guards, and concession stands. Shawnee National Forest provided a wonderful, well-kept, clean place for all of these outdoor activities.

Athletes as well as sportsmen had an active summer. A typical summer day for an athlete began with an early morning jog or a game of tennis. His afternoon was spent on a basketball court or a baseball diamond or the golf course. Finally, he could finish his day with a relaxing bicycle ride.

For those people who don't set foot outside of town, there was a public pool, which was incidentally, run by our own Mr. Trees. Right next door to the pool was a miniature golf course, which was the "in" place to be between swimming sessions.

Even though a summer job can't be listed as an enjoyable summer activity, workers easily forgot the long hours when pay day rolled around. An H.H.S. student was found serving fast food, bagging and carrying groceries, lifeguarding, and so on.

If it was the night life H.H.S. students craved, Teen Town was open not just 2, but 3 times a week. Too, since summer meant sleeping until late morning or, for some of us, early afternoon, every night was spent hitting the town.

Of course, hitting the town is a pretty loose phrase. It meant hitting the drive-in, the bowling alley, the skating rink, or sometimes each other as we zoomed around, wasting gas, looking to see who else was zooming around, wasting gas.

Yes, this past summer has certainly been exciting for HHS students. It can only be hoped that our school year will be equally enjoyable.

Debbie Reeves



## Teacher Feature

One of the new teachers this year is Mrs. Pamela McRoy, who is teaching freshman and Junior English while Mrs. Bramlet is on leave this semester. Last year she did some substitute teaching, but this is her first full-time teaching job. She really enjoys teaching at Harrisburg.

She grew up in Thompsonville and then went to S.I.U. She recently moved back to Thompsonville with her family to a small farm. She and her husband have two daughters, ages seven and five. She has her own ceramic studio and is still very interested in ceramics. Her other hobbies include sewing and painting.

Eric Nilsson



PAMELA McROY



JANICE COLLINS

### Teacher interview

A new teacher at Harrisburg High is Mrs. Janice Collins. She is a graduate of H.H.S. She has a B.S. and M.S. in special education from S.I.U. She taught four years at Eldorado Junior High. After that she became assistant director of special education for the southeastern nine counties of Illinois for four years. She has taken a year's leave of absence from her position as assistant director to teach special education here at H.H.S.

She has two children, Tracy, who is in the 8th grade, and Kristin, who is in the 6th grade. Mrs. Collins loves tennis and traveling. Her husband, Jim, is assistant director for Wabash and Ohio Valley Special Education Cooperative and enjoys tennis, baseball, basketball, and football officiating.

Tammy Caraker

### Band Gets Ready For Football

The marching band this year consists of about sixty people, plus twirlers, color guards, and letter girls. Jimi Williams is again drum majorette, and the twirlers, color guards and letter girls are as follows: Twirlers- Lisa Vineyard, Brenda Ridenour, and Brenda Lacey. Color guards- Ethel Hudnell, Sherri McNew, Jenny Goolsby, and Barbara Henk. Letter girls-Julie Fulker-son, Jamie Hay, Ramona Stilley, Laura Logsdon, Treva Webb, Cindy Elkins, Debbie Krahulec, Geri Brickley, Jean McDermott, and Romy Topper.

This year, as in the past, the H.H.S. marching band has been putting in many hard hours out on the hot football field. The band has been working on their pre-game and half-time shows for the home football games. The band is sounding and looking good, so at the next game, instead of running to the concession stand the first thing at half-time, listen and watch the band perform. After all, the band will be there to entertain and to build up the Bulldog spirit. Come on to the games, everyone, and help to make the Bulldogs the South Seven champs again!

Mark Simmons