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Welcome Back!

One of the main advantages of the organization of our education system is that every fall we have the opportunity to begin again--students, teachers, and administrators.

At the beginning of each year it is likely that each teacher reflects upon the events of the past year and resolves to do some things differently to teach more material, and to attempt to provide a better learning situation for the student. Perhaps, also, some students will think about making a new effort to perform at a higher level both in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities.



During the past summer as I read and thought about the things that had happened during the 79-80 school year, my belief in the importance of regular, prompt school attendance by students was reinforced. Research has proved that there is a direct relationship between regular attendance and academic success. Teachers say, "If they are not here, I can't teach them." These facts and opinions have influenced me to concentrate my efforts to do things better, in trying to impress upon students the importance of being in class each day, and with attempting to reduce the number of instances in which students are tardy to class. If these attempts are successful, I feel the number of disruptions in class will be reduced and the learning situation improved, and I think more learning will take place within our classrooms.

The success of any program is dependent upon the commitment of the participants; consequently I am asking for your help and support in this new effort. I sincerely believe everyone will benefit from improved attendance and fewer tardies.



Hi! I am Karen Alexander, your 1980-81 Student Council President. I would like to welcome freshmen to their first year at Harrisburg High School, and I hope it will be the beginning of an enjoyable experience. To all the sophomores, juniors and seniors, I would like to say welcome back to another year, and I hope it's a great one. Finally to the seniors--this is our last year together. That means saying goodbye to a lot of old friends and saying hello to new ones. The Class of "81" will not be forgotten. It's been great to be a part of your class and your friend! If anyone has any problems, please contact Mr. Lienesch, a student council member, or myself. Good Luck!!!!

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By
This is Doerge / John Doerge

Hi. Welcome Back! We are beginning a new school year with a couple of new editors. Our first paper has been hectic, but we think you'll enjoy reading it. We are starting two years as editors, and we are open to any suggestions you readers might have.

We've already made several changes. For instance, we have added a table of contents on the front page, and we've put some humor back into the

paper with cartoons and Humor Line.

Other changes are being planned. We are reestablishing the Purple Heart Award--which you will see next month. We are also going to devote a section of the paper to classroom activities titled From the Classroom.

We hope you will enjoy the paper as much while we are the editors, as you did while John Doerge was in charge.

Senior Sagacity

Seniors are notorious for being "know it alls" to the undergraduates. There is, of course, some truth to this nickname of ours, but, believe it or not, we seniors are exposed to a lot of important situations, for which our experience could be advantageous to you undergraduates, if aware of them. One important task that we faced and may be facing again, is the taking of those dreaded proficiency tests that a majority of colleges require.

Last year's juniors learned the hard way not to wait till the last minute to complete the entry form, for it kept many of us from taking the first ACT test given last fall. The reason was we were ignorant of how lengthy and involved the registration form was. How well you are informed about such things as your family income, size of town, choice of colleges, and the like, determines the amount of time it will take to complete this form. An hour's time is usually the maximum. This may not seem like much, but you should do it at a time when a parent can help you with questions which you do not understand or know. (If you are a procrastinator, make a point of getting it done ahead of time.)

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A devastating experience for all of us, was the actual taking of the exam. We could tell you **be** sure to get plenty of rest the night before and eat a good breakfast the following morning; your uneasiness may have less effect on the results. What's more, it's a proven fact that you think better if you are sufficiently rested and nourished.

Receiving our test results left some of us very happy and others very, very disappointed. If the score was good, good being close to 25 and above, we were pretty much satisfied. If the score was not-so-good, we would question our own intelligence. This, of course, is the wrong attitude. **M**any times, scores are better the second time around simply because one is some what more familiar with the test and its procedures. So don't let a low score get you **down**. Just be sure to take the test again. You may be surprised at the difference.

Hopefully all of this information will be of help to the juniors who are getting ready for the first ACT test given this fall. A positive attitude **while** taking the test is necessary, so prepare yourself mentally and go in there ready to show what you know . . . Good Luck!!!

Angie Friend

Alt. Ed:

Con and

An unfortunate child commits a crime and punishment is meted out! Hours upon hours of excruciatingly painful work in a dank, dark, oppressively claustrophobic tomb. A teacher constantly hovering, like a vulture over carrion, guarding against an attempted escape. In this furnace of a room no water or food is allowed. No--the basics, including toilet privileges, are forbidden! Piles of tedious labor designed to bind the spirit and shackle the mind are literally heaped upon the unfortunate victim.

Surprisingly enough, this condition exists not in Russia, not in Uganda, not even in Iran! It is here! It is here! at HHS that these hellish conditions exist! And why? Why should an innocent child, unaware of the wicked ways of the world, be subjected to a fate worse than death? Assignments to this juvenile person could be made for any of the following reasons:

- a) class dismissal
- b) failure to serve assigned detention
- c) as an alternative to out-of-school suspension for serious rule violation
- d) as an alternative to dropping out of school under the absenteeism policy
- e) as a holding for all students dropped for I's or for refusal to attend a class.

Is this fair? Is this right? Is this just? Why weren't we, the students, consulted in this matter?

I, for one, am astonished at the audacity of the "powers that be." Why should we allow them to treat us like children? Run, don't walk to a mailbox and tell Mr. William Lienesch exactly how you feel about this ridiculous system of punishment.

Keith Sewell,
Possible Candidate for AEC

Pro

The Alternative Education Classroom is a new addition to Harrisburg High School. Many students will come in contact with it in the next school year, and I'm sure that a few will even become permanent fixtures.

Personally, I think that this room is exactly what our school needs for a certain type of student. Those who try to get away with as much as possible, without getting reprimanded, are obviously not concentrating on schoolwork. Not concentrating on schoolwork leads, usually, to disruption of class, and therefore should require some sort of action to be taken against that particular person.

I'm sure some students will want to know how many school rules they can bend before being sent there. The rules are listed in Keith Sewell's article I, personally disagree with his opinion because I think that A.E.C. is needed at H.H.S.

Tina Flannell

Do a Project and Win an Award

The Youthgrant Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities is offering 100 cash awards across the nation for out-of-the-classroom projects in the humanities.

The projects, either group or individuals, must have a concrete end product: slide show, collection with accompanying text booklets etc. . . and must involve research in the humanities (history, folklore, ethnic studies, linguistics and the history of art). Projects in science, creative arts, and social reform are not eligible.

Interested individuals should talk to a guidance counselor or social studies teacher and then write before October 15, 1980, to:

Youthgrant Guidelines
Mailstop 103--H
National Endowment for
the Humanities
Washington, D.C. 20506

Tim Gregg

Thank you

Our thanks to John Doerge who was kind enough to come back and help us with our first issue.

10th Annual Labor Day Festival Is Held

This year was the 10th Labor Day festival sponsored by the Harrisburg Township Park District. As in previous years, there were several people from H.H.S. who were involved in the activities.

Starting the weekend's activities was the mini-marathon. From a field of about twenty-five runners, sophomore Mark Bittle took second place. Molly Ghoison, an H.H.S. junior took first place in the women's 10 + under division. Mr. Trees also took first in his division.

Other events over the weekend included egg toss, watermelon eating, tug-of-war, horse shoe and washer pitching, a frisbee throw, and a canoe race.

Mark Simmons



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.

KLUB STUFF

Clubs are "special interest" organizations that meet once a month on Tuesday afternoons. The clubs are arranged in four weeks--A, B, C, & D. One can be in as many clubs as he wants, but must check with sponsors if he desires to be in 2 clubs that meet in the same week.

On Tuesday afternoons, school will be let out at 2:45 and students should then proceed either to home or to their club that meets that week. Everyone should think about what they like to do and find clubs that "fit" his or her personality.

Some clubs are not open to freshmen, but several are open to all. These latter clubs include:

FHA-- Is open to all girls who are interested in homemaking. FHA is sponsored by Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. Wathen with dues of \$2.00 a year.

Hi-Tri-- Is a community service club for all high school girls sponsored by Mrs. Wickham with dues of \$1.00 a year.

Key Club-- Is an international community service club for all high school boys with sponsors' approval. It is sponsored by Mr. Butler and Mr. Seagraves with dues of \$3.50 a year.

Art Club-- Sponsored by Mrs. Allen with dues of \$2.00 a year. Meets at Night.

Chess Club-- Sponsored by Mr. Kerley with dues of \$2.00 a year.

FBLA-- Is a club for students with business classes and is sponsored by Mrs. Rann with dues of \$1.50 a year.

FFA-- Is open to all students enrolled in agriculture classes. FFA is sponsored by Mr. Delaney with dues of \$3.00 a year.

Motorcycle Safety Club-- Is open to all high school students and is sponsored by Mr. Blades.

Pep Club-- Is open to all students and is sponsored by Mrs. Rann with dues of 50¢ a year.

Photography Club-- Is open to all students and is sponsored by Mrs. Bramlet. There are no dues.

Thespian-- Is a club for all students and is sponsored by Mrs. Ewert with \$3.00 lifetime dues.

We hope you freshmen will get involved with many clubs. It will really enliven your high school years and foster your interests in life.

Freshman Pull-Out

New School

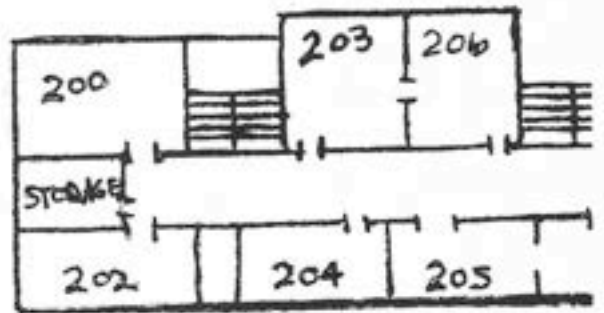
You may have driven by such schools as Byliss or McKinley, and wondered where the children have gone. Well, you need not search much farther than East & West Side elementaries. Instead of having many schools all at different locations, Unit District #3 now has two schools that house all of the grade school levels. The teachers from the old schools have moved to the elementaries with a few new teachers being added. The new schools are far more advanced than the old ones. No longer do the kids have to suffer through extreme heat, boxed lunches, and crowded classrooms. Instead, they enjoy cool air conditioning, hot food in their own cafeteria, new classrooms, and a more educational library.

When interviewed about their new schools, students expressed biased opinions. While many spoke out against the fact of having to go longer hours than junior high and high school during hot weather, others are grateful for the cool surroundings. The majority enjoy riding to and from school by bus. All of the kids appreciate the new libraries and are excited very much about being able to spend time in these centers. Most students spoke out against the idea of a closed campus, but a few adjustments had to be made to protect neighbors from undue discomfort.

Linda Owen

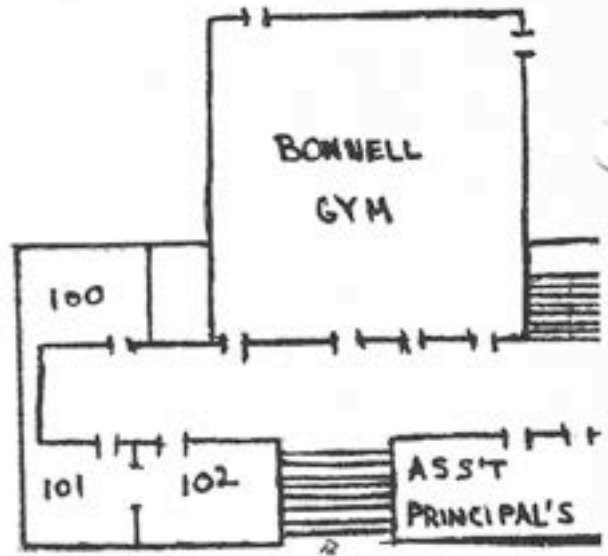
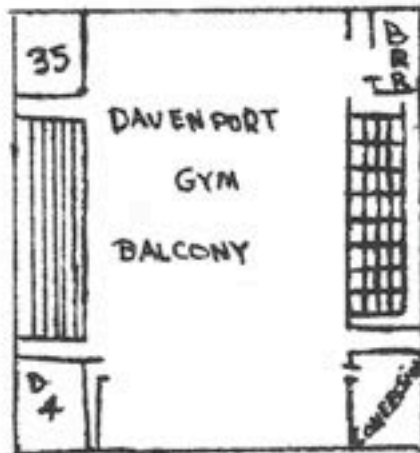
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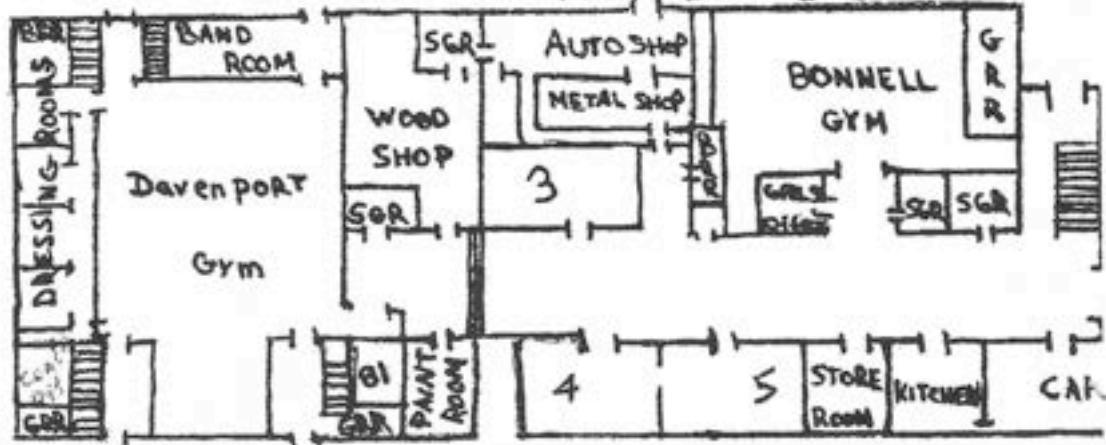


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Movie Review

BLUES BROTHERS



The Blues Brothers, a creation of Dan Ackroyd and John Belushi, has been made into a major motion picture. The Blues Brothers were originally a warm-up band for Saturday Night Live. The concept of black suits, shoes, and tie, with a porkpie hat fit well with the pre-show audience. Soon the Brothers, Jake and Elwood, branched out onto the concert stage. From one of these concerts came Briefcase Full of Blues, their first album. It turned gold in a relatively short time. The popularity increased, so the idea of a movie on the Blues Brothers came into the minds of Belushi and Ackroyd.

The movie itself is a blast. The humor is subtle yet outrageous, the cinematography is excellent, and the soundtrack rocks. The music has a blues background, but when you hear it, you want to dance. Their renditions of She Caught The Katy, Theme From Rawhide, and Give Some Lovin are done in their wonderfully crafted style. The only song in the movie that's not on the soundtrack is Stand By Your Man, the funniest song in the movie. The best show song is Minnie The Moocher, done by the immortal Cab Calloways. Other songs are Jailhouse Rock, Sweet Home Chicago, Everybody Needs Somebody To Love, Twist It, done by Ray Charles, and The Peter Gunn Theme, done by the Blues Brothers Band. The Band has so much talent, both musical and dramatic, you know they are enjoying themselves. The members have flamboyant names. There's Blue Lou Marini, Nat (Guitar) Murphy, Mr. Fabulous, Donald (Duck) Dodger, and others. This movie is undoubtedly the funniest movie of the year, and Belushi's and Ackroyd's comedy genius shines brightly.

Bill Allen

Brubaker

The film Brubaker, with Robert Redford, Jane Alexander, and Yaphet Kotto, is excellent. At the same time, it is a film that would not interest everyone.

It is based on a true story about a man who is appointed warden of a prison by a newly-elected governor who, in the campaign platform, promised prison reform. The man, Redford, enters the prison posing as a convict, and lives like a prisoner for about a week. He then exposes himself as the new warden. The conditions of the prison are terrible; the rest of the film deals with his struggle to upgrade it.

If you enjoy films that require much concentration; have no humor; are violent; contain very strong language, yet at the same time have a realistic purpose, then Brubaker is for you. If, however, you are looking for an entertaining film that will make you laugh, cry, or jump in fright, Brubaker is not recommended.

Dallas Clemmons

PURPLE LAMPPOON



Humor Line

Do you like to draw cartoons or crack jokes? Now is your chance to show others your talent!

Hi-C Soft Drinks have a humor program available to high schools across the country. The program is a monthly column for school newspapers, made free of charge by the makers of Hi-C Soft Drinks.

The Humor Line Column and humor cartoons give all students a chance to send their humor to the judging committee in Atlanta, Georgia. About 10 entries from across the country will be published each month. One outstanding column of each month receives \$10; the cartoon winner will win \$50. Each month the Hi-C Humor Program will announce the topic for the upcoming month.

This program gives students a chance to draw cartoons or tell jokes to other students across the country. Maybe this year we will open our paper and see one of our students' work that other high school students will be reading too!

Annette Simmons



"I gotta hand it to you . . . Wearing these pantyhose nobody will be able to give a good description of us!"

A snail walked into a Volkswagen dealership, walked up to a salesman, and said he wanted the sportiest Sirocco money could buy. The dealer showed him the best car on the lot.

"I'll take it," the snail said, pulling out the money for it. "Only one thing. Could you change that 'v' emblem on the front and put an 's' there instead?"

"Certainly, sir," the salesman said, "it's your car. But just to satisfy my curiosity, why do you want us to change the 'v' to an 's'?"

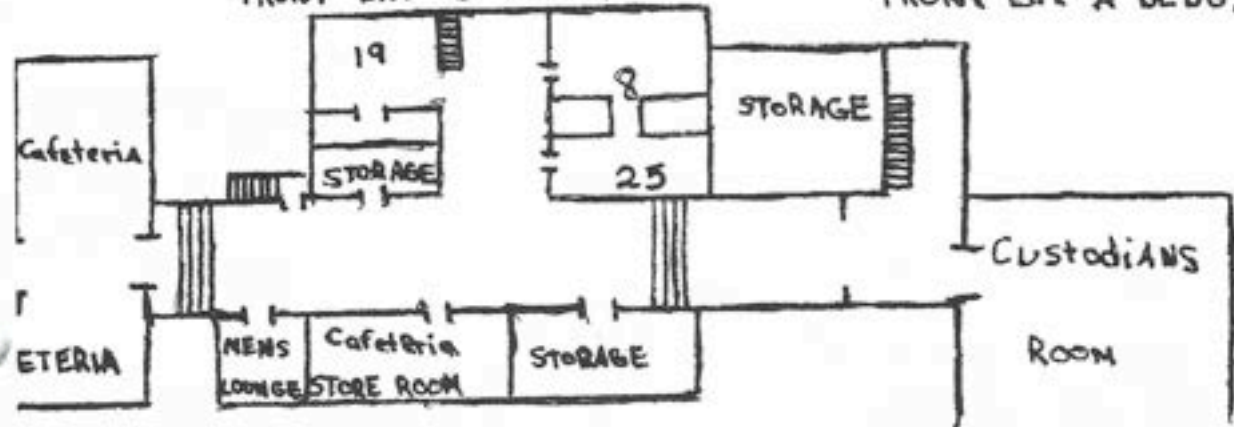
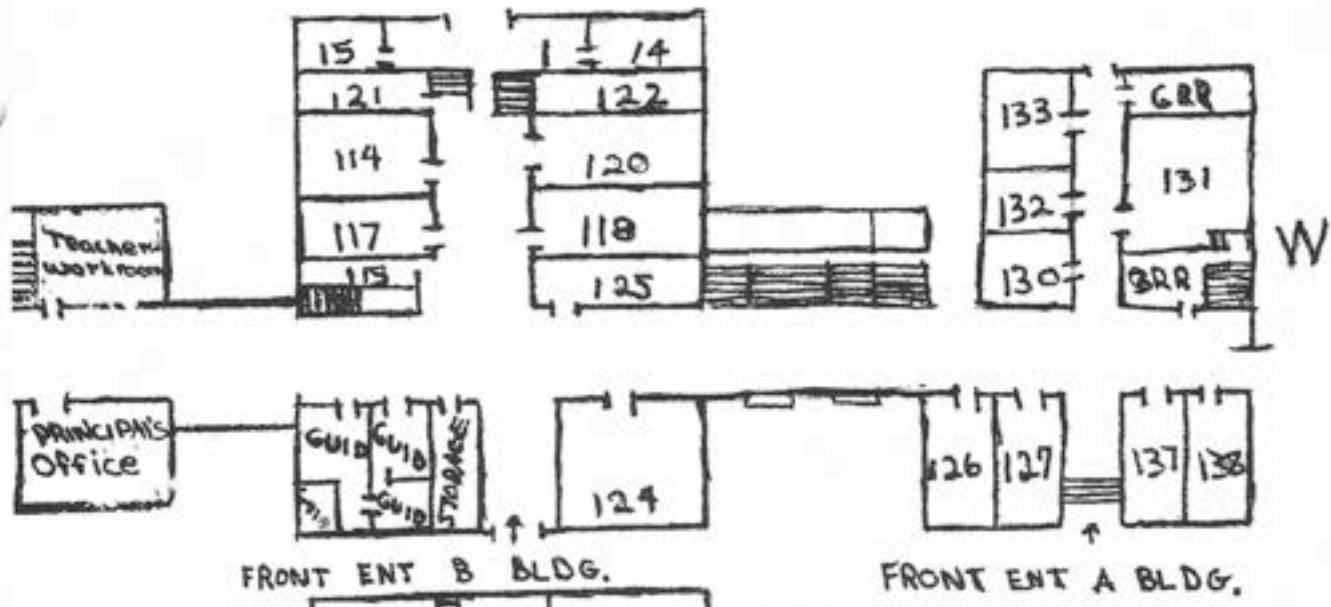
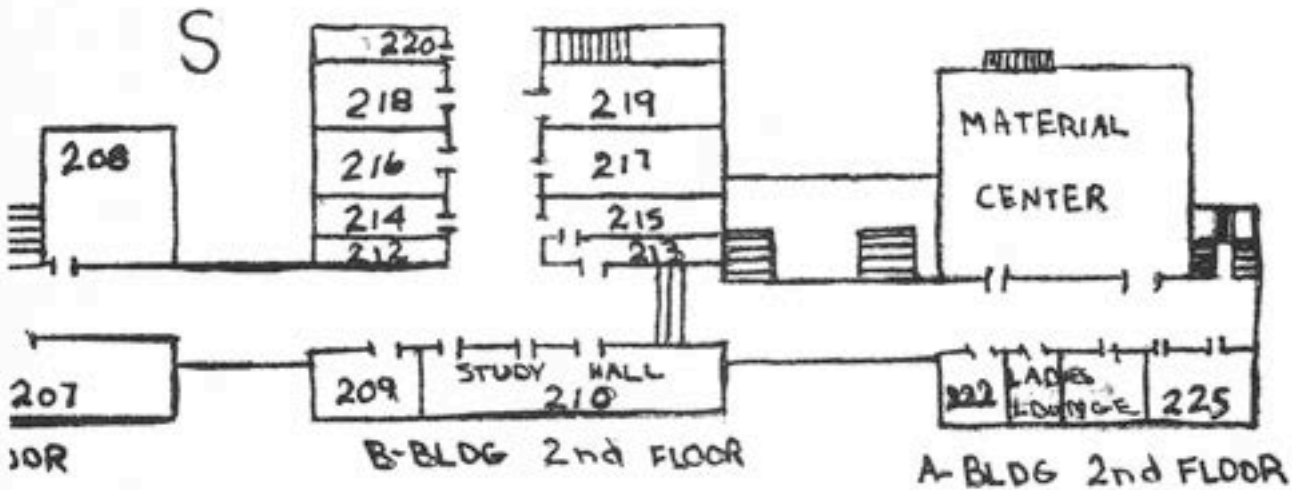
"That's easy to explain," the snail replied. "When I zip down the street in it, I want people to say, 'Look at that 's' car go.'"



"See what I mean by the older generation? They can't even sit through a love song."



For Frosh





Senior Comment

Looking "down" at the freshmen this year, I have been asked to look back in time and remember what it was like to be a greenie.

I remember best of all the first day of school. Mr. Foreman addressed us, and said that the next four years would be the best of our lives. I didn't believe him then, but now I wish I could be a freshman again. High school seemed to be such a big step, but it was much the same as junior high school; there was simply a "change of scenery." As it turned out, all the "big, bad, high school kids" turned out, to be great people, too.

Today I laugh when I see freshmen lost in the halls, just as the seniors did when we were freshmen. So just remember greenies, seniors may be mean to you now, but you'll be doing the same thing in a very short time.

Tim Gregg

Freshman Comment

I finally made it to high school. So far things are pretty good, considering that I'm just getting used to the changes from Jr. High School life, things like: locker combinations, P.E. locker combinations, shorter lunches, longer classes (which I will never get used to!) marching practices, and the list goes on.

Being a "greenie" can be rough. Although the clubs have started, the initiations haven't. I can just see it now; all of us freshmen running around the halls like a bunch of clowns, just so we can be accepted into these clubs. All the upperclassmen will be laughing at us, but it's all worth it, because next

year we'll be the ones laughing!

We get so many privileges and responsibilities as students at HHS. We get a chance to be in any club or sport that we wish to be in. We can go to our lockers between classes, and in some classes we are allowed to chew gum. As for responsibility, Mr. Harper "allows" us to do our algebra! (ha ha) Here at HHS we are more on our own. We know that later on, all the hard work will pay off to help achieve our goals in what we do.

Tracy Ellis

It's That Time Again

H.H.S meets Anita Knulst

H. H. S. has a new foreign exchange student this year. Her name is Anita Knulst, and she comes to America from Holland. She decided to enter the exchange program when she completed school in Holland.

Anita finished school last year, and the next level in school would be only for kids eighteen years old. Since she didn't wish to get a job right away and wanted to further her education now, she signed up with the Youth for Understanding group. She said that there were posters advertising this group around her school. It also appealed to her because she loves to travel and to meet new people.

While living here in Harrisburg, she is staying with the David Adams family. At home she has four sisters and one brother. She says that the climate here is different because the summers are mild, mainly, in Holland, so it has seemed very hot to her here.

She commented that there was more space with fewer people here in Harrisburg. Where she lives, there is less land but more people.

Her hobbies include horseback riding, canoeing, walking, biking, photography, and playing the guitar. She is presently riding horses at Staffords

Stable.

She says the people have been very friendly and helpful to her here in America.

Melinda Clemmons



Anita Knulst



Mr. Jay Thompson

Faculty Feature

Mr. Jay Thompson is the newest member of the HHS faculty. He is 22 years old and attended HHS four years ago. Mr. Thompson furthered his education at Southeastern Illinois College for two years; then he completed his bachelor's degree at Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau. He is teaching freshman and junior English.

When asked why he wanted to teach, Mr. Thompson answered, "I enjoyed going to school and wanted back into the educational system." He also wanted to be involved in coaching. He helps with the freshman football team and enjoys it very much. In the spring he will coach baseball.

For those of you who don't know, Jay Thompson has a younger brother, Joe, who is a sophomore here at H.H.S. Mr. Thompson doesn't mind working at the school his brother attends; but he said, "It is hard to be on the same level as the teachers who once taught me."

Mr. Thompson was married in August to Kristy Foreman, daughter of the late H.H.S. principal.

Barrie Biggs

Annette Simmons

Time Out! Mark Bittle

They say appearances deceive, but all of the Bulldog teams, and fans for that matter, certainly hope not. With the usually enthusiastic fan support, 1980 should be the year of the Bulldog. The Grape Crush Gridders aren't picked to place as well as last year. As you should remember in '78 they were picked last in their conference, but with a lot of hard work and determination they achieved a conference championship and a trip upstate for the state playoffs. They did a repeat in '79, and '80 is off to a good start with impressive wins over Metropolis and Herrin. Lets all show the Dogs our appreciation and make it out to the games.

When I said "Year of the Bulldog", that was not, by far, meaning to exclude the golf or cross-country teams, which look better this year than perhaps ever before.

The HHS golfers are mustering all they can for a conference championship, which is certainly within reach. They opened up with a slim win over a powerful Marion team. Five out of six golfers are returning from last year, and three of those will be back for two more years. These low strikers include Brent Herrin, Mike Tison, Bobby Pavelonis, Ken Jenkins, and John Woodworth, who are joined this year by Brad Burklow.

Girls in the Fast Lane

For the second year in a row there has been a girls cross country team. Members of the team are: Molly Gholson, Sandy Alvey, Emily Taylor, Laura Skaggs and Mary Anderson. The girls train with the guys. If the opposing team has girls on it, then our girls generally run a two-mile course. The team started practicing two weeks before school started, and their times have been improving a little with every practice. The girls, for the most part, run with only seconds between them. They are really looking forward to a successful season.

Emily Taylor

Cross Country also looks stronger than it has been in years. Paced this year by Senior David Stricklin, Juniors Eric Hefner, and David Walker, Sophomores Mark Bittle, talented walk-in Maurice Gilkey, and two more road-runners yet to be chosen. They should be a strong factor in the south this year. Two top-striders, Walker and Hefner, have been hampered by knee problems but should be in top form throughout the season.

The Dogs have opened with a 26-30 win over a tough Carbondale squad. That was the first victory against Carbondale for Coach Ingram. They fell short at the Norris City meet where past teams have also faltered. But the Dogs could go undefeated in duals.

Sophomore and freshmen football will be included in depth in the next issue. Let's all make it out to the Bulldog games, matches, and meets, and cheer them on to a winning tradition. Good luck Dogs!!!



Volleyball begins

Volleyball season has started again. The girls have been practicing since before school started, despite the hot weather.

For the J.V. team, coached by Mr. Butler, the starters are: Tammy Shoemaker, Lisa Barton, Acquanetta Gilkey, Liz Arbic, and two freshmen, Linda Walker and Desiree Richerson. Other key players that should be seeing a lot of action are Larue Reynolds and Deann McGowan.

For the Varsity, coached by Mrs. Boyer, the starters are Barb Henk, Martha Harper, Sarah Rose, Beth Braddock, and Tanya Lanton. Some of their key players are Melinda Pickering, Candy Jones, Lori Ledbetter, and Patti Hann.

Both coaches are optimistic about the year. "With the returning players that we have and with a lot more hard work, we hope again to have a successful season and hopefully with the more difficult schedule, we will be stronger by tournament time," said Coaches Butler and Boyer.

Emily Taylor

Sports



Sarah Rose kicks off volleyball season.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
		1 Queen Election Everyone Votes VARS Golf - T C'dale	2 Cross Country McLeans - T Fr. Football - H El Dorado VARS Golf - T METROPOLIS <small>Homecoming Parade 10:30</small>	3 VARS. Football Benton - H Homecoming	4 VARS. Golf South T Conf Homecoming DANCE
6 4-4 6:30-9:30 B'GYM	7 Fr.-SD. Football Benton-T VARS. Golf - H CARTM VARS. Volleyball Benton-H	8 C.C. H'burg-INN	9 Lief Erickson DAY VARS Golf District VARS. Volleyball C'dale - T	10 C.C.-T Mt. Vernon VARS. Football C'dale - T	11 C.C. Herrin-INN.
13  Columbus Day Nat'l School Lunch Week MARIION	14 C.C.-H Metropolis Fr.-SD. Football C'dale - H Volleyball - H	15	16 Vars. Volleyball Mt. Vernon - T	17 VARS. Football Central - H VARS. GOLF State	18 VARS. GOLF State
20 Vars. Volleyball McLeans - T	21 C.C. Benton Inn. Fr.-SD. Football Cent. - T P.S.A.T.'s	22	23 C.C. - H McLeans. Fr. Football - T Benton Vars. Volleyball - T El Dorado	24 Vars. Football W. Frank. - H	25 C.C District
27 VARS. Volleyball Hbg. INN.	28 Fr.-SD. Football - T	29	30 Fr. Football - T Carterville	31 VARS. Football - T	

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