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School population increases noticeably over last year

by Angie Stallings

685 students are on the roster here this year, up from 633 last year. Some have wondered what accounts for the increase.

According to Mr. Gordon, the freshman class of 203 is the largest since 1985. An average class here has begun at 170 and then been reduced to 135 or 140 by graduation. Obviously this year's freshmen will be one of the largest graduating classes in recent history.

In addition 45 students transferred from other schools, although some of those people attended H.H.S. earlier. Since most of these transfers came in right before school started, the overall result was confusion and frustration as students went to their first classes. During the first week of school, some classrooms were filled beyond capacity. English teachers could be seen running in and out of each other's rooms borrowing desks. One English IV class started with 35 enrolled.

U.S. History students in Mr. Wright's class, like Marc Popetz, found themselves sitting on the floor that first week. The Radio-Television class had twice as many as could be handled, forcing about ten students to find other classes for 5th and 6th hour. Senior Ginger Noah commented that it was disappointing not to get to stay in the class; students drew lots to see who would have to drop.

Teachers took on the task of trying to balance their classes by figuring out possible schedule changes. The easiest changes came about by switching study hall with the needed class.

Students noticed a difference in the hallways between classes. The second lunch period was so crowded that a number of lunch schedules were reversed, to the chagrin of those who had already formed lunch groups. Senior Toby Marcum complained, "I come to school with Daryl Wilkerson and did go to lunch with him. Now that he has 4B lunch I just sit in his car and don't go anywhere to eat."

In addition to the extra scheduling conflicts, the increased student population may affect our IHSA Spring Athletic Director Jim Collins noted, "This year we're in Class A, but if our enrollment is still up around 670 about September 30, we'll be moved to Class AA for next year."



Lee Simpson and Amy Simmons are among the students crowded into the U.S. History classes.

Rookie editors receive award

While most students were vacationing or working, the new yearbook co-editors were hard at work at journalism camp.

Marc Popetz and Leslie Hearn spent a week at Eastern Illinois University during July. During this week they prepared themselves for the task that lay ahead, the 1991-1992 Keystone.

Classes, lectures and labs made up the week's schedule, alternating with many trips to the Tropical Snow stand.

Besides developing a theme for this year's Keystone the two rookies met a lot of new friends whom they shared ideas with.

"The Camp was great fun and every now and then we would attempt some work. I guess one of those attempts impressed the teacher," commented Popetz. To their surprise, Hearn and Popetz received the award for 1st place layout design at the banquet on the final day of camp.

"I thought we might have a shot at the best theme, but when our sponsor called our names for best layouts I didn't know what to do or say," said Hearn when recalling the last day of camp.

HHS has a LOT of problems

Every driving student knows that at the beginning of the school year, parking your car is not a problem. With last year's seniors gone, there is plenty of room to spare in the parking lots. In early September, there were close to thirty unused parking spaces in the back lot.

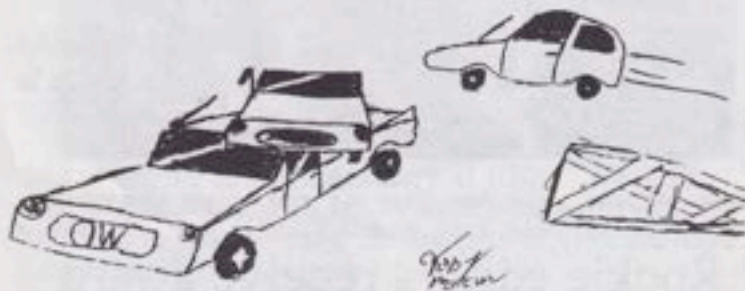
But as the year progresses, many underclassmen receive their driver's licenses, and parking becomes a big problem. If you do not arrive at school before 8:10, finding a space is like squeezing water out of a rock. Even if students manage to cram their cars into miniscule spaces, there are almost always resulting accidents such as opening a door and denting another car, or pulling out of the space and scraping against it. Also, with the overcrowded lots it is difficult to determine if and from which way other cars are leaving or entering, which leads to a few minor "fender benders" each year.

Computer operations and physics teacher Wendell

INTRODUCING TOBY MARCUM, NEW CLARION ARTIST,

WHO WILL CONTRIBUTE CARTOONS EACH MONTH.....

...from left field



Conditions in the school parking lot call for creative new parking methods.

McClusky offers a solution: "I feel there should be a restriction placed upon students, allowing only seniors to drive to school."

Clarion staff members came up with two ideas. The first is modeled after Mr. McClusky's suggestion. Rather than just seniors, only upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) would be allowed to park on school grounds. Any underclassmen would have to park on side streets, such as McKinley or Ledford.

Another possibility was selling parking permits to students for the school year. Any student would be allowed to purchase a permit, with up to 225 permits being sold (there are 238 student parking spaces). The permits would be relatively inexpensive, probably \$3.00, and all proceeds could go to a school activity or a group such as Prom or Student Council.

Parking permits were required eight to ten years ago with the proceeds intended to resurface the parking lots. However, the plan was abandoned because students absolutely refused to pay for permits.

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Ride to school becomes bus route from Di's Desk

by Diana Grisham

Back before school started, even before Wal-Mart announced its back-to-school sale, I realized that my student career would be drastically different this school year. It was time for me to assume the responsibility of being an upperclassman, finally.

The first day of school, I drove my car, filled with younger friends who had not yet received the coveted drivers license. When I first received my license, I formed a theory, and this theory has held true thus far. The theory: On rides to and from school, the

car will never be without at least one extra passenger. It doesn't matter if I came to school with only one person, two more will bum rides home.

Another responsibility is to guide the freshmen infants and sophomore toddlers on their journey to higher enlightenment. The separate classes are easily recognizable. Freshmen cower in the hallways, rushing from class to class because they have not yet realized that the five minutes between classes leave plenty of time to stop and chat. Sophomores alternate from

picking on freshmen to escaping upperclassmen.

The biggest responsibility, having a newspaper in print every month, is going to take some hard work and dedication. Taking thirteen assorted high school students and forcing a monthly newspaper and a yearbook out of them is comparable to squeezing the last usable amount out of a near-empty toothpaste tube.

I have faith in miracles, however, and since the first issue is in your hands, a miracle has happened.

Just Say Justin

We're tired of bugging
around

by Justin Williams

Hey, everybody out there in Purple Clarion Land! You called, you demanded, you even went as far as physical threats for your favorite editorial column. I couldn't disappoint all my loyal fans, so here I am for the third straight year, writing the "Just Say Justin" column.

We've been back in school now for over a month, and I'm sure you have all noticed the ever growing population of the bug community here. Sometimes the population is so huge that I think I'm living out one of these low budget horror movies made back in the 70's, like "Attack of the Killer Bees."

I know it may sound like I'm exaggerating, but many of you who have been here a while know what I mean. Every year we have the same old trouble with lonesome bees coming in the windows of the classrooms just to get to know you a little better.

Imagine this: I was sitting in my English IV class the other day when one of these "social bees" decided to pay me a visit. I could normally have handled a nice, short visit, but he seemed to want a little more than that. One minute I was shooing it away; the next minute he was down my shirt. And I thought that only took place in the movie theatre.

Needless to say, Mrs. Tokar got a real kick out of this "public display of affection." For a minute there I thought she was going to have to leave the room. I finally persuaded the bee to leave me and sent him to the guy sitting next to me. He didn't let the bee have its way with him though.

This incident is just one of many that we all must face every day. For example, a movie called "Attack of the Killer Gnats" could easily be filmed in Mr. Pavelonis' room or Mrs. Clemmons' room. Every year those pesky little beasts come through the windows to torment everybody.

There is everyone's favorite time of the year in Mrs. Way's room that we could call "Swarm of the Mating Termites." That peaceful time around spring break is when the friendly termite pals come out to play. As she says, however, "I don't think any of them has ever bitten anyone yet, but every year a swarm of them come and squirm around on the girls making them scream."

I am not sure what can be done, but something needs to be done. I think this would be a good problem for Speech II to tackle this year. For one thing, I don't feel like I'm getting paid enough to live out these grade "B"

Cheerleaders initiate six toads

Six freshman girls hopped about Davenport Gymnasium dressed as big green toads in front of the entire student body. Not voluntarily though. The annual freshman cheerleader initiation was held on Friday, August 24, the first day of school.

"I don't have much room to make fun of them, because it was only last year that I was out there myself getting humiliated to death," said sophomore JV cheerleader Mena Blair.

The six freshman cheerleaders joining sophomores Mena Blair, Kerri Dover, Angie Mitchell, and Stephanie Rister are Melissa Cook, Amanda Harris, Angie Joggerst, Mandy Patton, Sarah Smith, and Keisha Williams.

These girls comprise the JV squad. There is no freshman squad this year.

Stalling for time The new alien nation

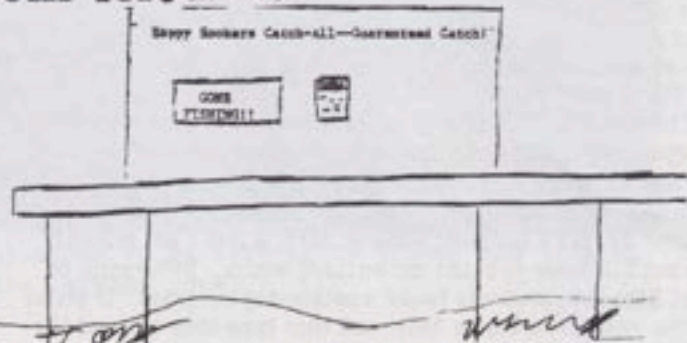
by Angie Stallings

Early morning, Friday, August 23. I did not see the craft land, but upon entering the school I was certain that HHS had been invaded by aliens.

Throughout the day, over 200 small GREEN life-forms scampered about the hallways, curiously probing the foreign territory and observing its inhabitants, and often stumbling around and getting in their way. Many of these native upperclassmen, especially seniors, found it necessary to assert themselves and intimidate the strange beings so that some order could be maintained. Nat Ozment, aware of his almighty senior status, quipped, "I don't like 94 percent of these freshmen and I can tell them. I am a senior."

As weeks have passed, though, the Alien Nation concept has come into effect. The flood of unfamiliar faces has finally joined and become productive members of HHS society. (For example, half of this newspaper staff.) Although they don't have spotted heads, these newcomers are still easy to identify, slinking around as to avoid confrontations with upperclassmen. The only solace that I can offer these objects of discrimination is that it's only one long year until they become established members of HHS. But, nevertheless, welcome to your new world, and WELCOME BACK EVERYONE TO ANOTHER FUN-FILLED YEAR.

...from left field



Getting back into the swing of things earns awards

by Angie Stallings

When the summer's over, so is the carefree lifestyle developed during three months of "doing nothingness." Back to school almost always means hassles. Students are prone to both major and minor mistakes, which can sometimes be embarrassing, as demonstrated by some Clarion Club members.

The completely lost award goes to Carla Pyle, a freshman. She was nominated by Stacy Comer, who related Carla's experience to us—"Carla walked into a class full of juniors and seniors. It was a physics class and she was going to Computer Operations. She was so embarrassed!"

The haste makes waste award is presented to freshman Elizabeth Angelly, who was at her locker between classes and in a hurry. She repeatedly worked through the combination on her lock, but to no avail. It just wouldn't open. "After a few minutes I started panicking, praying that I wouldn't be late to class. Suddenly I realized that I wasn't even at the right

locker. I hurried to MY locker and barely made it to class before the late bell."

The totally confused award is well deserved by freshman Angie Moore. Source Dana Choat told us that Angie, an office worker, heard Mr. Gordon say "There's the bell!" for 4A lunch to begin. Although she had 4B lunch, she thought it was time to go. Unable to find her friends, and upset, she went to one of her friends grandmother's, only to find that they weren't there. Mad, she returned to school and upon arriving, she heard the 4B lunch bell ring. Still unaware of the misunderstanding, she found her friends getting ready to leave for lunch. When she confronted them, they explained what had happened. Dana said, "We laughed so hard we cried!"

The graceful as a swan is received by sophomore Amy Combs. On her way upstairs between classes, she missed the first step and fell down backwards with a thud. Amy noted, "Folders flew everywhere, and my size 10 shoes pointed straight up in the air."

Defaced Bulldog brings mixed reaction

by Justin Williams

Harrisburg has recently been the target of several acts of vandalism, most of these were in the form of graffiti on public buildings. We have also experienced the age of vandalism on the concrete Bulldog on the front lawn of our school.

On Friday, September 6, and Monday, September 8, the Bulldog was attacked by the hand of graffiti artists.

"I thought that the attack was stupid. I really don't know what they were trying to prove by painting the thing anyway," was the response of sophomore Diche Okasili.

The local police department is presently trying to find the perpetrator(s) who also hit the front steps of the school as well that Friday.

Another victim of vandalism was the post office. It is thought that this attack is related to the attacks on the school, as the green and red spray paints found on many of the postal trucks are the same colors used on the bulldog.

Some people are dubbing the person or persons responsible as "The Christmas Bandit."

"I thought that whoever did it doesn't know how to paint. If they were going to paint it, they should have painted all of it. Then it would have been worth all the trouble," said new student Jason Ralph.

After Friday's incident some of Mrs. Allen's art students went out 6th hour to paint the bulldog white. Returning to school Monday, students found another big surprise. It seems that the vandals had been back, and this time they painted the dog black and white, with various pastel colored graffiti on



the white side.

"Painting the bulldog doesn't solve anything. It symbolizes our school and us. The painting of the dog only tells others that we have no pride in our school or ourselves. I feel sorry for the vandal. I feel the person who did it needs help. It was immature and stupid," is how senior Hien Thai feels about the whole ordeal.

Although the police don't have any clues to who committed the crime, many students have formed their own opinions. Some feel that someone from our own school may have done it for a joke. Others believe that it was someone from rival Eldorado. No matter who the person may be, should our students be upset? Should they take it as a joke or as an act of anger against our school?

J.M. Reed answers these questions. In his opinion, "As an optimistic person I think that the painting of the dog is an age old tradition trying to come back to life. It is exciting for me."

Superintendent eagerly faces challenge

by Diana Grisham

Superintendent Dan Albracht faces the challenge of maintaining the level of education and administration that the Unit 3 School District has been accustomed to.

Last year's teachers' strike has thrust the job of superintendent into the spotlight and attention is focused on Albracht as he makes his first decisions.

Albracht comes to Harrisburg with thirteen years of experience under his belt, after having attended Blackburn College, SIU-E, and Illinois State University in Normal.

The biggest transition, according to Albracht, is the personal one. The act of picking up his family and moving away from Farmer City and then adjusting to the new environment here, was eased by a public reception held at Memories before school started. Over 300 people attended to welcome the Albrachts.

Albracht's transition is shared by his wife, a first grade teacher in Tuscola, and his son David, who is a junior here. Albracht's older daughter is 24 and a graduate of the University of Illinois, and his other daughter is a senior at SIU-C.

Albracht cites his interest in children as his primary reason for studying education. He taught the sixth grade for 10 years, before moving up to superintendent, a position he has held for 13 years. Albracht describes himself as "a conservative traditionalist. I believe my main goal is to serve kids." He has noticed that the people in Harrisburg (principals, teachers, and the public) are extremely easy to work with. He describes the comments of the public as "very positive."

When looking back at the strike situation of last year, most people want to avoid a recurrence and hope Albracht can help change things.

"I hope so too," commented Albracht, while mentioning that any agreement has to come from both sides.

With the recent heat and with winter snows on the agenda, Albracht feels that when cancelling school he is "reasonable." Albracht said that he won't call school off on a prediction, but he will keep safety on his mind in making what he considers "day to day" decisions.



Mr. Don Albracht became superintendent in June.

Sixteen year olds anxious for licenses

by Heather Bean

Everyone looks forward to turning sixteen, mainly to get a driver's license. But sometimes turning sixteen isn't so exciting when you have to wait in line to drive. When it comes to getting their licenses, students get very impatient.

According to Mr. Hays, the driver's ed classes this year are somewhat overcrowded. Since there was no summer driving instruction some juniors have to finish up the course this semester. The problem is there are a lot of incoming freshman and sophomores.

Mr. Hays limits the classroom course to 30 people. This semester there are more than 30 students that needed the course. Mr. Hays figured that the juniors should get privilege over the underclassmen. All the juniors stayed in the course and if there were seats left over, he put sophomores and older freshmen in. After this, the rest signed up for second semester courses.

Mr. Hays feels driving time isn't a big problem. Since we have three driving teachers, they need 30 behind the wheel students as of the beginning of the fall to fill their schedules. If there are more than 30 needing to drive at the end of the spring semester, the overflow will be scheduled to drive in the summer. In 1991, there were fewer than 30.

Mr. Hays further commented that students with seven classes have a different problem and must schedule driving time before and after school.



Everyone's goal seems to be driving to school and joining the crowd at the parking lots.



Junior David Albracht already feels at home.

HHS gets a celebrity staff member

by Justin Williams

The halls have been filled with rumors about the new celebrity teaching English and Spanish this year at our school. Mrs. Tina Tokar, "Sinead O'Conner with hair," according to freshman Jeremy Stiles, is one of the newest additions to the HHS faculty.

"All she needs to do is shave her hair, get the glasses, and slap on a pair of boots, and she'd be a dead ringer for O'Conner," said junior Diana Grisham when asked about Mrs. Tokar.

Tina Tokar, "the lady in Mrs. Kaplan's old room," is one of the three new faculty members. Residing in Carbondale, she is originally from Akron, Ohio. It was at the University of Akron that she got her undergraduate degree. She then earned her teaching certificate at SIU-C.

Last year Mrs. Tokar taught at Steepleville High School. She is qualified to teach Language Arts, Social Studies, and Spanish on the junior high level, and she can teach English and Spanish at high school.

Although she has taught at only one other public high school, she has experience teaching at a private school. Her other teaching experience was at Holy Family Parish in Stow, Ohio, where she taught second grade religion.

Tina has been married for three years. Her husband is an undergraduate at SIU in Counseling Psychology. Although they have no children as of yet, she would like to emphasize the point that she said YET.

Mrs. Tokar wanted to teach here because she thought it was a good career move. She says that Harrisburg has "one of the best and most respected English departments in the area," and she is proud to be a part of it. "The people are really friendly and helpful."

For those of you who haven't yet met her, go up and say 'hi.' She's basically an easy person to meet and get along with. Besides, you may find an interesting conversation.

New student has connections

by Marc Popetz

One of the new students this year has connections of the highest order. Junior David Albracht, son of the new superintendent, moved here from Farmer City, Illinois, in August.

Farmer City is a town of 2300, which makes Harrisburg a major attraction center for Albracht. His former high school had 300 students and was in a consolidated district. Most students lived in Farmer City. The Albracht family came to Harrisburg without a relative in the town. David had never heard of Harrisburg until his father took the job here.

David claims that he has no big privileges because of his father's position. He said, "I try to ignore the fact, but every once in a while someone will ask me if we're getting out early because of the weather. I tell them I have absolutely no idea. You know as much as I do. Seriously."

David really appreciates being in a larger school and the abundance of "overly nice people" here. He is on the golf team and has joined Clarion Club and FBLA.

His only complaint was "There isn't a thing I don't like about Harrisburg except going to school in this intense heat."

The love of his life is his '87 Pontiac Grand Am, contested only by MTV, which comes in as a close second.

David has two sisters, ages 25 and 21. One is attending SIU as a senior, and the other works in Chicago after graduating from the University of Illinois.



Mrs. Tokar offers help to freshmen Teresa Atkinson and Roshia Johnson.

English department essays express frustration

TORS' NOTE: We're sure that everyone remembers writing the annual writing prompt essays during the first week of school---You know, the paper English teachers make such a fuss about even though it isn't graded. Well, despite thirty minute periods, shortened because of hot weather, these dedicated students put forth their best effort and came up with some creative suggestions for:

"Making the Back-To-School Transition Smoother"

**** from Melissa Butler's "Making a Smoother Transition": Many students are tardy or sometimes counted absent because of the changing time schedules as school begins. This is not a big problem for classes, but determining exactly when your lunch hour is can be. One way this could be corrected is to have the same schedule every day. For example, keep on the hot weather schedule until the heat allows otherwise. Club sign-ups could be postponed until a regular Wednesday club period. This would avoid confusion for many students.

**** from Travis DeNeal's "Solutions for Home-to-School Transition":

Many problems face students who return to school at the end of summer. These problems include the chaos and confusion when receiving a schedule change, the staggering amounts of homework to be done in a relatively short time, and most important, the hot, steamy, jungle-like weather that coats this region like a damp, mildewed rug.

Most students cringe at the thought of being strung up and tortured on the "Rack of Knowledge." While some assignments may seem as mild as a thumbscrew, most lean towards a room that grows smaller each minute, as described in Poe's "The Pit and the Pendulum." Homework should simply require studying, which would place heavier emphasis on tests, which are the only academic achievements colleges care about. This way, students would not be likely to be young from stress, and could live life at a slower, easier pace.

**** Marc DeVar's "Top Seven Points to Non-School Blues":

Countdown! Only three more days until that familiar 6:45 AM call, "Get up for school!" Panic! What do you do? I don't want to go back! I can't go back, but face it, reality time: You have to go back!

This small dialogue illustrates some of the back to school blues that we face the last week of the summer vacation. Avoiding the start of school is impossible, yet what can a person do to make it not so blue?

1) Set the alarm. Start getting up early three to four days prior to school starting just to make sure your feet can still touch the ground at 6:45 AM.

2) Go to the nearest library. It gets the ol' adrenaline pumping just looking at all those books.

3) Grab last year's Keystone so you can make mental notes to yourself and have laughs about the change in some of your classmates appearances over the summer.

4) Force yourself to sit in your car with the A/C off and windows rolled up (no stereo either), so you can get used to the horrible hot classrooms.

5) Practice driving down Granger Street and swerving into the HHS parking lot---Open your car door and run, don't walk, to where your first hour class will meet.

6) Memorize you schedule, because it certainly would make you look pretty dumb being a senior and walking into your sixth hour classroom when it is only third hour.

7) Make sure that ALL of your watches, clocks, and car clocks are up to date and on time. It's always a good excuse if you're late, but it never works.

Now that you have some helpful tips on getting off to a non-blue school year, remember: Plan a program for every day and try to stay with it, because it will eliminate indecision and hurry.

Write-On



Junior Amy Phillips leads the pack at S.I.C. track

Harriers feel harried due to lack of support

by Stephanie Welch

Cross-Country runners like their sport, but feel the school fails to give them the credit they deserve.

"Cross-Country is a great sport. It takes a lot of practice and dedication. The school should give us the recognition we deserve," according to junior Deedra Newsome.

Junior Tonya Gooday says that Cross-Country is her "personal favorite" sport. "It takes a lot of hard work, if you want to be among the top seven runners." She finds it fun to "give it your all." Gooday also complains that Cross-Country athletes "get the short hand in everything." But she says that "this team is like a family, and we'll keep it going. I am really happy with the team this year."

"Cross-Country as a sport is a lot harder than people think. They think that Cross-Country runners just go out and run a mile or two and then they are done. Really we do a lot more," said sophomore Vicci Roberson.

Junior Andi Glass supports Cross-Country as "one of the best sports in this school." She agrees that "people do not seem to recognize the work and dedication that we runners put forth." Glass complained that her sport shared a page in the year book with golf, saying that both golf and cross-country need more recognition and should get their own page in the yearbook.

"Girls are not the only ones feeling neglected. I personally do not think Cross-Country runners get enough credit," commented junior Willie Redwine.

Sophomore George Fornes agrees that Cross-Country is a great sport. "We run between three and four miles every day in either the hot sun or the freezing cold up hills, around trees, through weeds, then we are lucky to be mentioned in the announcements. Also, no one ever comes to home meets to cheer us on while we are out there running our guts out!"

The team's strongest supporter, Coach Ingram said, "I feel we will get much better as we get farther into the year, but we are doing fine now."

Young golfers earning experience

by Jeremy Stiles

The golf team stands at 4 and 12 as of September 30. According to Coach Pavelonis, the reason for not winning more matches is that 14 of 17 players are underclassmen.

Two of the Dogs' matches have been extremely close. West Frankfort outscored the Bulldogs by two points and Benton by only six.

The Rams, favored to win the conference, swamped the Dog golfers by 34 points, beating them 157-191. "We are inexperienced and inconsistent in both practice and matches," Coach Pavelonis commented.

Ryan Franks and Chris Kovach are the top players averaging around 40. Pavelonis emphasized their importance to the team. "They will have to emerge as leaders, not just in playing but in true leadership qualities."

Inexperience a factor for lady dogs

by Amy Combs

The Lady Bulldog volleyball season got underway with a win at the Carbonadale invitational. The team defeated Mount Vernon in the first two games, but then lost to the next two teams of Belleville - Althoff and Freeburg.

"Our inexperience showed early in the season, but with each new outing we've showed steady improvement. If we continue to play well we should be vying for the conference title," commented Coach Brewer.

Proving Coach Brewer's assertion, the Lady Dogs bounced back with four consecutive wins against Eldorado, Mt. Vernon, Benton, and Carbondale. The Mt. Vernon and Carbondale matches started the 1991 conference, giving H.H.S. two victories.

Centralia later handed the Ladies their first conference loss.

Senior Amy Borders said, "This year we've set two big goals: to win Conference and to beat Carbondale. As long as we work together as a team, I think we will achieve both of these goals."

The junior varsity is also facing inexperience. The freshmen are to be readily counted on, according to Coach Bond.

"I feel very good about this year's team. We have some good freshman talent to go with our returning sophomores. We are inexperienced on the floor, but with each match they show a lot of improvement. This team has the potential to develop into a conference contender," said Bond.

The J.V. has had two wins against Eldorado and Benton, and four losses against Carrier Mills, Mt. Vernon, Carbondale, and Centralia.

Sophomore Kristin Banks analyzed the problems. "Our J.V. team is inexperienced, but we do have quite a bit of talent."

Dogs start with an ace, win two more, get decked

by Rich Frailey

The varsity Bulldog football team started the season successfully. Even though their execution was poor, the Dogs still managed a 21-14 win over the Mount Carmel Aces.

Coach Way commented, "We've got some improvements to make in certain areas, but overall the kids we've got on the field are pretty solid."

Despite their problems during the first contest, the Dogs came out to tackle the Mount Vernon Rams, and won by a convincing score of 27-6 in the home opener.

Leading the ground attack was senior Jay Herring who managed two touchdowns and 97 yards, while senior Jon Davis scored two TD's with 69 yards. The club ran for a total of 227 yards on the night.

Senior quarterback Chad Lakatos led the aerial attack, with the total yards passing accumulating 110. Senior Joe Smith received 4 passes for 70 yards and senior Micheal Cartwright caught the ball twice for 32 yards.

Perhaps the most interesting play of the game came in the second quarter on a 3rd and 13 situation on the Rams' 30 yard line. The Dogs used the option half back pass. Lakatos pitched to Davis, who found Cartwright for a 22 yard reception.

The next opponents for the Dogs were the Benton rangers.

The Dogs played another near perfect game, beating the Rangers 35-14.

Davis led the way in rushing with 9 carries for a total of 94 yards. Senior Joe Beard added 50 yards on 9 carries, while Herring scored three of Hartsburg's five TD's.

Way added, "This was a carbon copy of last year's game. Overall it was a solid team effort."

The Dogs took their perfect 3-0 record into a brutal home game against the Carbondale Terriers. HHS went into the game with a state ranking of #10 while Carbondale was ranked #2 in 4A.

It was yet another barn burner in the Carbondale series with the Terriers prevailing by a 21-13 margin.

The Dogs were held scoreless in the first half, going in at half time down 7-0. The team rebounded to score on a 28-yard pass from Lakatos to Smith late in the third quarter.

Beard added another six in the fourth with a one-yard run, making the score 14-13. Lakatos then missed the extra point attempt.

The Terriers put the game away with one more TD late in the final quarter.

The Dogs take their 3-1 record on the road for back to back weeks against Centralia and West Frankfort. The next home game will be Homecoming against Herrin.



A familiar thrill for Bulldog fans comes from watching senior quarterback Chad Lakatos pass on target.



The Dogs also hit hard, as shown by Jay Herring and Steve Benson.

Weird Wisdom

From Us To You

Changes in Soviet Union may affect all of us as well

By: David Bach And Gene Smith

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way -- in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

We feel that these words, written sometime in the mid 1800's by Charles Dickens, to open his novel A Tale of Two Cities, best describes the present situation in the U.S.S.R.

Could this be the end of the Soviet Union as we know it? It seems as if each new day brings the news of another Republic which has declared itself independent from the U.S.S.R.

We know that many of you are saying, "How does this affect me as a student here at HHS?" Well, for most of you it may not, in the near future anyway; but for those of you entering the work force, it could have a drastic effect upon your life.

The possibility of world wide depression is a

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concern for many out there in the business world. What if the collapsing economy of the U.S.S.R. sends a ripple into the economies of the world? You could very well one day have to go through the same trying experience that your grand- parents had to go through in the 'thirties', but it would be worse because instead of its being a national, it would be a world wide thing.

Another big problem is the threat of civil war which may not only take place in the U.S.S.R., but possibly have a domino effect on other communistic countries who want to break away from their rule.

During the Coup the fear of Soviet invasion was so great, that surrounding countries sent troops to the borders to protect from possible Soviet invasion. If civil war were to break out, it's quite possible that it could spread beyond the borders of Europe, and even possibly be the start of the third World War.

It's sad to think that today's high school students are so unconcerned about what is going on around the world in which they live. This is the time when you all should be getting in touch with what's going on around you. You're not going to be high school students much longer and the things going on in the world will affect you tremendously.

There's been talk of another cold war between the U.S. and Soviet governments. What if all the treaties and agreements we've had with the Soviets go down the drain? Could we be looking at the possibility of a nuclear war? Stay in tune to what's going on.

Home "coming soon" : The Silver Screen

by Angie Stallings

"The Silver Screen" replaced "You've Got the Right One, Dogs" as this year's Homecoming theme, mainly due to students complaining that they disliked the first theme.

The homecoming festivities will kick off Thursday, October

17, the day of the parade. Entries in the parade, going along with the theme, will be based on a popular movie. That same evening, the traditional snake dance and bonfire will be held at Taylor Field. At this time, the Bulldog varsity players' nicknames will be announced, as well as the 1991 Homecoming Queen. Senior candidates for queen are Amy

Bittle, Amanda Franks, Stephanie Hale, and Keri Rhein. Junior, sophomore, and freshman class attendants are Nyla McCabe, Angie Mitchell, and Mandy Patton respectively.

Friday night at 7:30 is game-time. The Bulldogs go up against the Herrin Tigers at Taylor Field.

Davenport Gym will be decorated in purple and white for Saturday's dance held from 8:00 to 12:00. Music will be by d.j.'s, the Phelps brothers of Eldorado.