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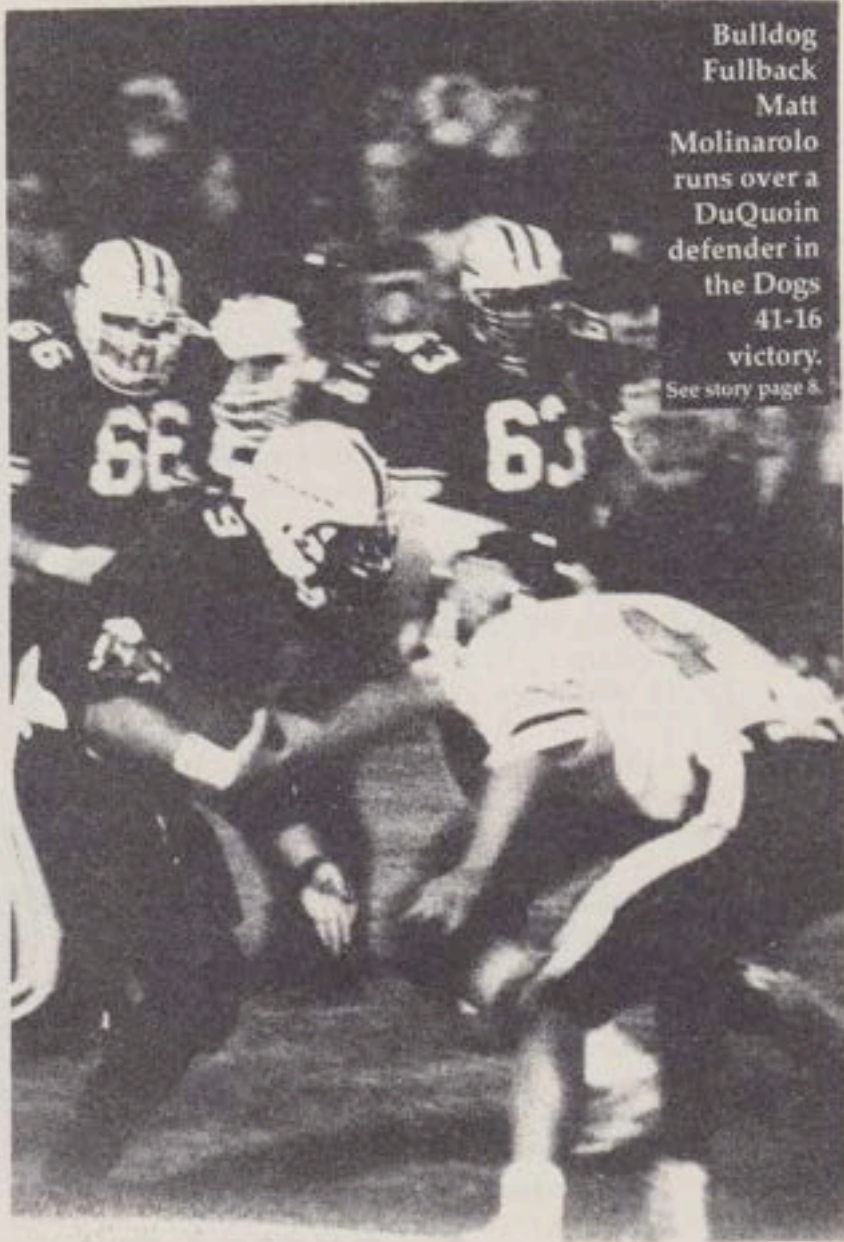
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## '94 Seniors: Where are they now?

C.R. Rath  
Staff Writer

It seems as if there is something missing in the hallowed halls of HHS. In where used to lurk last year's Seniors; are now replaced with this years "Greenies". The Seniors of old are now making some of the most important decisions of their lives. Here's what some of them are doing :

Kris Nelson is attending Knox College in Galesburg this fall. He is also suiting up for the Knox football team.

Brian Murphy :  
Brian decided to further his education at Ole Miss. He received a scholarship on the University's band as a drummer.

Angie Mitchell :  
She is attending the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

George Fornes :  
George will be attendig

the University of Illinois this fall. He received an academic scholarship.

Jason Nyberg :  
Jason will be furthering his education at S.I.C. He will also be on the Speech team.

Jay Gearing : Mr. Gearing will be at Wheaton College this fall. He will also be wrestling.

Jeremy Wilson :  
Jeremy will travel to Olney College for his schooling. He will pitch for the baseball team later in the Spring.

Kate McCloud & Rhia Underhill : United States Army

Cory Patton :  
Olney College (baseball)

Brad Ziegler :  
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## Carbondale Hosts Sideshow

Hugh DeNeal & Wes Yeary  
Staff Writers

Sideshow, a band featuring three HHS students Hugh De Neal, Ryan Brasier, and Wes Yeary, played at Fickers Restaurant/Pub in Carbondale on September 1st. Sideshow, comprised in whole of Hugh, Ryan, Wes, Brian De Neal and Jason Yeary, played from 9:30 PM until the police arrived at 12:15 due to underage drinking. Before shutting down an hour early they played twenty-two songs including fourteen originals.

Over the course of almost two years, the band has changed line-

ups numerous times with Brian and Hugh De Neal being the only original members. The current lineup has been together for six months and felt they were finally ready to turn this hobby into a career.

The packed crowd included many who were impressed with such a young band playing their original songs as well as requested covers. The owner plans to book them again and he will reward them with another generous sum of money.

To sum up the general feeling of the

night, Ryan Brasier, drummer, was asked the question, "How does it feel to be playing in a Carbondale bar at midnight on a Thursday and getting paid for it, while your peers are trying to sleep and worrying about school the next day?"

His brilliant reply was, "It was cool because we were left unattended, in a bar, underage, with the police there."

“ It was cool, because we were left unattended in a bar

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# Job Corps Comes to Life

Rachael Willis, Traca Allison, and  
Heather Gibbs  
Staff Writers

The Golconda Job Corps has served both educational and vocational needs for young adults. This program is for those who come from low income families or those who could benefit from the vocational training. Not only do they get an education, but they receive pay, health care, a clothing allowance, and housing. If they complete their training they are guaranteed job placement.

The program offers several types of vocational training such as welding, HBI electrical, and business occupational skills. Students are given the opportunity to explore all skills in order to choose their own trade. As part of their works program they constructed many Job Corps buildings, as well as doing the electrical work. Each student leaves Job Corps provided with hands on experience and an education. When asked about the program, Rucime Price replied, "You can get a trade

quikly with better chances of a job."

Upon entering Job Corps, students receive a Tabc test to determine their academic status. The educational program offers courses in basic skills as well as independant living. The Golconda Job Corps is the only job Corps in the United States that offers a library. After completing the educational course, students are able to take their GED. The scholar bowl is currently competing for the championship in Ohio. "It would be wonderful if high schools provided these kind of programs," said Linda Jackson, a teacher.

The program provides a healthy living environment in which strict rules are applied. They are instructed to keep their quarters and bathrooms neat and clean. They are also responsible for their own laundry and keeping their own personal appearance presentable. Scores are taken on how well the standards are followed.

The program encourages students to work together as a team. Within the friendly environment students learn to interact with other people. Fighting is not tolerated and will result in being sent back home. Robert Cammitz, a student, commented "Fightin'....fightin', you don't have to worry about fightin' because everyone knows what they come for." The program helps them learn to make better decisions and behavioral skills in society.

The Golconda Job Corps is a very successful program. People are getting opportunities that they otherwise may not have had. The students involved are more likely to succeed in life and better their future. The students are obviously content with the program, as one student, Jake Wankel, commented "It's a real good second chance." If you are interested in learning more about Job Corps call (618)285-6601.

## Lady Dogs Split First Two Games

Jenny Hankins  
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldog varsity volleyball team split their first two games, beating Eldorado and falling to Marion. The Lady Dogs posted a 15-8 and 15-11 win over the Lady Eagles Tuesday, August 31 and lost 10-15, 15-12, and 12-15 the following Tuesday.

Size up front and a strong service game gave way to the win over Eldorado. Anna Banks, Amy Molinarolo, and Kelly Cartwright all were 4-6 hitting with a combined 9 kills. Traci Richerson and Cartwright were both 11-11 serving. Both Molinarolo and Richerson felt the team played well, but would need to improve their communication skills in order to go all the way.

It was a different story against Marion, Tuesday, September 6. The entire match was tight, with numerous lead

changes throughout. At one point it looked as though the Lady Dogs would pull off a win. Bodies were flying everywhere with both teams diving for every ball. Perhaps the highlight of the game was when trash talk broke out between the teams before the third, deciding game. HHS broke their pre-game huddle with, "We want it!"

Marion came back with, "We want it more!"

Harrisburg would not be out done. The players on the court huddled and yelled, "We want it the most!"

Harrisburg may have wanted it the most, but drive only goes so far. The Lady Dogs led at 11-8 but couldn't hold on. They lost the deciding game 15-12.

### J.V. Report

The J.V. team has struggled to get their 2-1

record, beating Marion and Eldorado, but falling to Carrier Mills.

The Junior squad struggled to pull off a win over Eldorado, Tuesday, August 30, finally winning the first and third games 15-2 and 15-10, while dropping the second 13-15.

Chrissy Way was vicious from the service line with 19-21 with 5 aces. Misty Jones and Tory Teckenbrock were key on the net with 3 kills each.

Sloppy play and service errors led to a defeat the following Thursday by Carrier Mills. The J.V. took on the varsity team from Carrier Mills in order to get varsity experience. Strong serving and scrappy play gave the Lady Wildcats the victory 15-10 and 15-0.

The Junior Varsity finally got on track with a two game win over Marion.

## Sweatin' It Out

Casey Boone  
Staff Writer

Today, even as we speak, an idea is being pondered in our state senate about whether or not to make school a year round commitment. The plan would call for two weeks of school followed by a nine day weekend. This would continue for the entire year.

Academically this would allow time during the school year for improvement in many classes. It would simply give students a week to research and write papers for those classes that require papers written. The shortened summer break would help prevent

students from forgetting what they learned the previous school year, hence teachers wouldn't have to reteach students what they learned last year. That should allow more time for learning new things and should raise the school grade point average.

Sportwise this probably won't have any effect. The only possible drastic change is that more practices could be held on a twice a day basis. In the case of football practice, however, the summer vacation days used for practice would be

fewer than in years past.

Students, on the other hand, will be affected drastically. When told to imagine sitting in a nonairconditioned classroom in late July, Joey Devous replied "It would suck". If this plan passes that is exactly what would happen. We would go to school during the hottest months of summer. On the good side, every student would have a week off to look forward to while sitting in their classes. With about seventeen breaks a year should give students plenty of time to do things that they want to do.

## Campuses Closed

Jaelyn Mann  
Staff Writer

Closing campus at lunch time has become a fad around Southern Illinois. There are several schools in the area that are having problems with open campus. Their solution... close campuses. Gallatin County Schools, Eldorado High School, and Herrin High School are just a few who currently have closed campuses. So far Harrisburg is not on the list, but who is to say that we will not be in the future.

Gallatin County Schools have had closed campus for three years now. They had several reasons for closing their campus. Safety was a huge consideration because the school is so close to the highway. I suppose having open campus Gallatin County

would be pointless because the closest restaurant is about a half mile from the school which is too far to walk in such a short lunch period.

Eldorado High is another school with closed campus. Eldorado is a little different from the other schools. They have had closed campus for several years. Most students do not mind because they have never had open campus. Herrin High School has just introduced closed campus this year along with a few others. Hopefully they will solve their problems by doing this.

Is closed campus at Harrisburg a possibility? If it is nothing has been said to the stu-

dents. Closing campus would mean stuffing half of the high school into the cafeteria for 4a lunch and the other half for 4b. How will everyone feel if they are forced to eat at school everyday? Some students have never eaten in the cafeteria except for freshmen orientation. suppose if we have to close campus eventually we will adjust.

Many schools are deciding to close campuses during lunch time. They are hoping to reduce the amount of skipping, vandalism, and accidents that occur around lunch time. There are still a few schools in the area that have not closed campuses but if other schools are successful others might join in.

## Running Into a New Year

Laura Conn  
Staff Writer

A new school year has begun and Cross Country season is here once again. As many people of Harrisburg High worry about Football, a group of select people worry about running. Instead of crashing on and crushing other people, they just put them to shame by out running their best athletes.

This year's cross country has a lot of returning runners, a few newcoming upperclassmen, and a few brave freshmen. Heather Hazel, a returning junior, states "Our season should be strong. We have a lot of good newcomers." Many people may doubt the success of the guys team this year without Shane Crank, but

not Coach Chuck Ingram." It's a new year, with a new group of people, and they are all working hard for self-improvement. Corey Fearheiley may even go to state if he works hard and stays determined." A new coming Senior is Ben Wenzel. Ben had a few comments about Cross Country. According to him, "It's a lot of fun. I wish I'd run my whole high school career so I could be better. I'm meeting new people. It's hard work, but it's fun."

On Aug. 31st the team ran their first meet at Murphysboro. The whole team agreed the course was tough, but overall they all did well. Freshman Jackson Van Dyke says "It's been different for my Freshman year so far." Ingram had

one last comment. "If everyone keeps up the hard work, we might have more people go to state this year. The Hazel sisters and Rachel Clayton have potential for the girls, and Fearheiley along with Doug Williams and Chris Bevis for the guys team. They all just have to work hard."

On Sept. 6th the Cross Country team ran at the Herrin Invitational. The girl's team placed 3rd overall, and the guys' team placed 5th overall. For the girls, Jennifer Hazel was the top runner. For the guys, Corey Fearheiley was the top runner. Both of the teams were beat out by Salem, who are noted best in the region.



## O. J. Runs Out of Juice

Chris Watson  
Staff Writer

The summer of 1994 was full of surprises with the World Cup Soccer Tournament, the marriage of Michael Jackson and LisaMarie Presely, and the baseball strike. However, they were all over shadowed with the accusation that OJ Simpson had murdered his ex wife Nicole and her friend Robert Goldman.

On the day of Sunday, June 12, OJ and Nicole attended their younger daughter's dance recital, where they did not sit together. From there they went their separate ways possibly to meet only one more time. Nicole had forgotten a pair of sunglasses at a restaurant and Robert said he would return them. At

9:30 he began his long walk to her house, when he arrived at Nicole's house they were both murdered. The time of the murders is still yet unknown. Later that same evening OJ had gotten on a plane for a trip to Chicago.

On Monday, June 13, 1994, the bodies were discovered. The LA Police telephoned OJ at the O'Hare Plaza Hotel, to tell him the news. He returned at his own will to answer a few questions. He attended both funerals, at this time he was the only suspect. He contacted his new attorney Robert Shapiro, they agreed at a certain time OJ would turn himself in. Before the deadline OJ, his friend Al Cowlings, Robert Shapiro, and two other doctors

gathered at OJ's house. While his attorney and the two doctors were in a conference, OJ and Al disappeared. OJ was now declared a fugitive of the law. Then television and roadside audiences gathered to watch the low speed chase. Some cheered and others watched in amazement. After a 60 mile chase the suicidal OJ surrendered at his home. He went in to calm down, make a few calls, and ironically drink a glass of orange juice. He now sits in a Los Angeles county prison awaiting for his trial which is scheduled to begin September 26.

# In Your Face!!!

## Bulldogs romp the number one team in 3A state!

C.R. Rath  
Staff Writer

The verdict was up in the air on this year's Bulldog Varsity football team. "They lost 20 starters." "They're inexperienced." "They can't be very good." "It's a rebuilding year."

Wrong!

Just ask the number one team in the state how good they are.

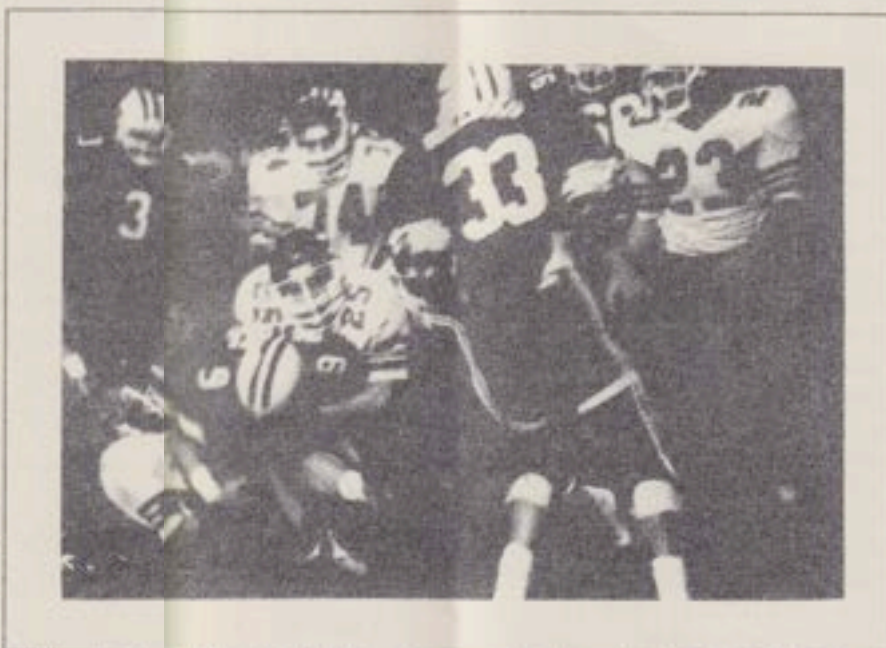
In the same rugged fashion as a back-alley, bareknuckle brawl, the 'Dogs used a one-two combination of high-powered offense and stingy defense to dispose of top-rated Du Quoin, 41-16 last Friday night.

At a jam packed Taylor Field, the Bulldogs came out of the gates faster than a Derby Colt, jumping on top 28-0 at the end of the first half.

On the opening drive, Du Quoin's Jason James fumbled on the Bulldog twenty. Jeremy Johns fell on the pigskin and gave the 'Dawgs possession. The Bulldog offense then traveled eighty yards and capitalized on a 14 yard run by Senior Halfback Brandon Reynolds.

Some say that the game is won or lost in the trenches. The Bulldog offensive line dominated from start to finish, propelling the Harrisburg running backs into the endzone 3 times. Senior guard Jake Allen commented, "Basically, I think the overall play of our offensive line was outstanding. There is always room to improve, but even when we made mistakes we never gave up."

On the next series



Being Tackled: Matthew Molinarolo gets taken down by DuQuoin defenders.

the Bulldog "Purple People Eater" defense prevailed once again. Indian QB Trent Waller avoiding an array of Harrisburg defenders tried to dump the ball off to Jarrod Karnes behind the line of scrimmage. Defensive end Matt Molinarolo dove on the lateral and secured possession

on the Du Quoin 32.

The Dogs then marched into Indian terri-

Earth-shaking hit by tackle Colby Keener.

Harrisburg then marched 95 yards and scored on a 33-yard pass from QB Eric Glass to Mac Lands. The drive was highlighted by a 65-yard run by Junior Robert Neal. The Dogs went up 21-0.

Neal scored once again, intercepting an Indian pass and racing 68 yards for the score with 1:26 left in the half.

In the beginning of the 3rd quarter, Indian superstar Jarrod Karnes raced 76 yards for the Indians first touchdown. The 2 point conversion was successful and the lead was cut to 28-8.

The 'Dogs then responded by putting together a nine-play touchdown drive. Molinarolo hit paydirt once again making the score... Dogs 35, Indians 8.

Du Quoin scored with 6:34 left in the fourth on a 13-yard touchdown run by Karnes.

Reynolds ran in the last touchdown for the Bulldogs with 53 seconds left in the game securing the victory, 41-16.

Senior Co-Captain Martin "M-Trane" Nicholes pretty much summed up the Bulldogs performance. "I think the team just played great. I think we got every break in the game. That really helped."

### FOOTBALL SCORES

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41	16

## Too Close For Comfort! Dogs Win 20-7

C.R. Rath  
Staff Writer

After last week's huge win over Du Quoin, the Bulldogs were picked to beat Mt. Vernon handily. But after a first half of play as dismal as the Washington Senators, the Bulldogs trailed 7-0 going into the locker room. A strong offensive showing by the Bulldog offense and a few key stops by the defense allowed the Bulldogs to pull away in the second half with a 20-7 victory.

The Bulldogs forced the Rams to punt on their first possession after they blasted into Harrisburg territory. But on the first offensive play, half-back Brandon Reynolds fumbled and the Rams recovered deep in Bulldog country. Mount Vernon was held deep in its tracks and was forced to attempt a 25-yard field goal. The kick was blocked by Harrisburg tackle, Colby "Save the Day" Keener, and the Bulldogs took over on their own 32.

The Mt. Vernon defense held the Bulldog offense on three plays and the Dogs were forced to punt. The Rams took over on their own 35 and used an 8 play 65-yard drive to score the first touchdown of the game. The extra point was good, putting Mt. Vernon ahead seven to zip.

Quarterback Eric

Glass threw an interception on Harrisburg's next possession and the Rams took over for the third time deep in Bulldog territory. The Harrisburg defense stopped the Rams once again and the field goal attempt was no good giving the Bulldogs the ball in their own country with 2:49 left in the half.

It was too little, too late and the Dogs went in to the locker room behind 7-0.

Senior End/Kicker Josh Allen commented, "Coming off two very emotional games (Mt. Carmel & Du Quoin) we were somewhat lackadaisical in the first half. Going into the locker room down seven to nothing and the game on the line, we knew what we had to do.

And boy, did they.

After some good ol' fashioned butt-chewin' the Dogs came out of the gates hungry for blood. On the second half kickoff the Bulldogs took over on their own 39. They then marched 61 yards and scored on a 10 yard run by Matt "Rumblin... bumbli'... stumblin'" Molinarolo. The extra point was no good and the Dogs trailed 7-6.

"We came out in the second half with a lot of intensity," said Junior signal caller

Eric Glass, "We got a couple of first downs and things really started rolling after that."

Mt. Vernon took over on their own 23 yard line and began the second half much like they did the first, marching the ball down the field. But a freight train called M Trane had other ideas. The Bulldog linebacker (Martin Nicholes) tackled a Mt. Vernon runner for a 6-yard loss forcing the Rams to punt.

The Bulldogs took over on their own eighteen and used a 14 play drive to score their second touchdown of the game. By whom? You guessed it. Full-back Matt Molinarolo bulled in from one-yard out making the score 12-7 with 9:02 left in the game.

The Bulldog "Purple People Eater" defense forced the Rams to punt and Harrisburg took over on their own 44. The potent Bulldog offense marched 56 yards in 6 plays and Molinarolo hit pay-dirt from 7 yards out. The 2 point conversion was good and the Dogs sealed the victory, 20-7. Way to go 'Dawgs.

Harrisburg hosts ex-Bulldog Jeff Roper and his Benton Rangers (3-0) next week at Taylor Field. Come out and support your Bulldogs!!!

## U.S. Opens Talks on Cuban Refugee Flood

Nick King  
Staff Writer

U.S officials and a Cuban delegation have begun talks to discuss the possibility of legal migration, in hope that they could put a temporary stop to the thousands of Cubans trying to reach American shores.

Talks to the U.N. came after over 19,000 Cubans abandoned their homes in the past month. This is all the result of the August 5th riots in Havana when Cuban president Fidel Castro said he would not stop any of the Cubans trying to leave the country. The meeting was expected to have serious talks on immigration.

The main goal is to establish a firm system of legal, safe, and or-

derly immigration from Cuba, to replace what is currently happening' which is dangerous, chaotic and unsafe immigration. The Cubans that get picked up while trying to reach the U.S. are taken to the navy's base in Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. The Cuban delegation says the reason refugees are fleeing is because of economic problems, but the U.S. officials have blamed Cuba's communist policies for the countries economic hardships.

### Top ten reasons why Cubans are Fleeing to the U.S.

10. The American dream (baseball, hot

dogs, apple pie, and Gabe Angelly)

9. The "free O.J" t shirt industry

8. Jaycees Annual Yard Sale

7. Bill Clinton's health care plan

6. Oh...Excuse me, Hillary Clinton's health care plan

5. Top vacation spot in Southern Illinois ( home of 5200 nice people and one ol' sorehead)

4. Cuba outlaws parking in backwards & co ed naked t-shirts

3. Harrisburg Ponderosa is hiring

2. Soft shelled tacos for 59 cents

1. Where else does it take 97 cops to make breakfast ( 1 to get bacon, 1 to get toast, 1 to get cereal, and 94 TO GET THE OD

Joe Horstmann  
Staff Writer

## Bulldogs Fall Short

Monday night, August 29, Harrisburg sophomore Bullpups took to the field in the season opener, but fell victim to the junior Aces 46-0 at Mt. Carmel. Although the game wasn't a total success coach Greg Goodley saw some positive things, according to *The Daily Register*. With the loss of starting full-back, Erik Moss, the Bullpups offense was just a little weaker.

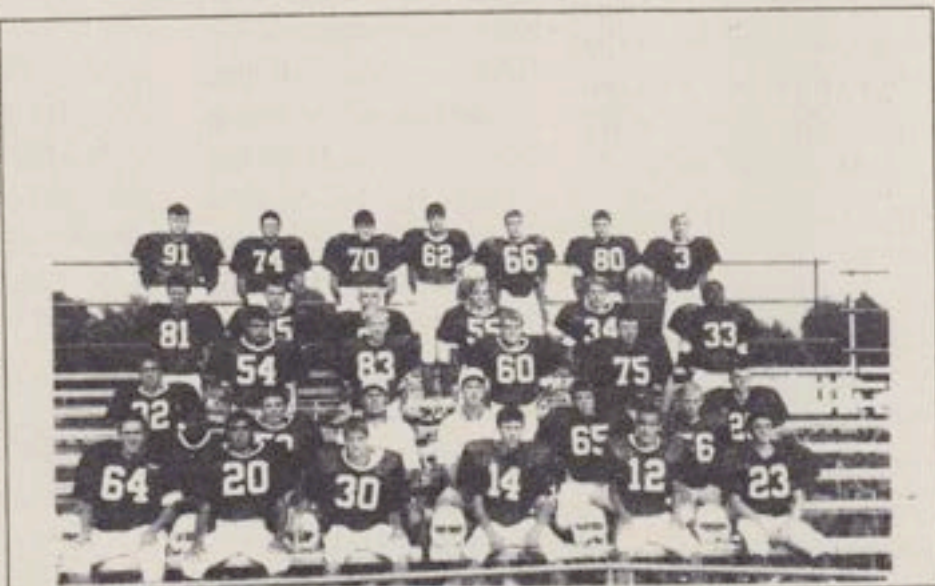
"We had some kids step up and perform well under the circumstances, but overall we simply could not get anything go-

ing offensively on a sustained basis," Goodley stated.

"We came out in the second half and put up a couple of good defensive

Perkins.

In the second half defensive safety, Nick King, had the big hit on the night smashing a Mt. Carmel running back near the sidelines.



**Sophomores: The Bullpups are 0-2.** (Photo by Danny Hutchinson)

stands but they eventually wore us down," Goodley also added.

Harrisburg quarterback Kris McClusky completed 6 of 12 passes, 3 to tight end Jared Abney and 3 to tight end Tommy

Nick King, Harrisburg's lean and mean safety, stated "I think that there was a lot of energy on the field that night, its just a shame most of it wasn't ours."

## Baseball Strike Continues

Jed Nelson  
News Editor

After some not-so interesting negotiations, the 32-day old baseball players strike appears no nearer to an end than it did when it began on August 12. In very few meetings over the last four weeks, the players and owners have yet to reach an agreement over the main issues, which include a salary cap, and free agency provisions.

Free agency allows a player to talk with other teams when his contract expires, instead of his current club making the first offer. The players are in favor of free agency, claiming that they want a choice in how much they make, and where they play. That situation has existed since Andy Messersmith left the Atlanta Braves in 1975 as Major League Baseball's first free agent.

The salary cap, which already exists in the National Football League, has become an issue because it would, in

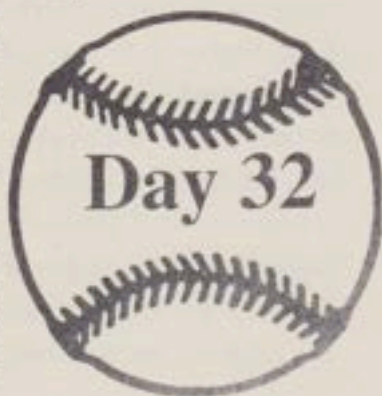
some cases drastically, cut player salaries, or force organizations to cut or trade players to keep the overall team salary under the as-yet not established salary cap.

So far, only four teams have lost money, but the effect on baseball in the long term could be catastrophic if the strike continues - as some experts believe it will - through the 1995 season. Overall the market most affected has been television. ESPN has substituted Triple-A league games, and Atlanta Braves station, WTBS, has filled the holes created in their programming schedule with Richmond Braves games. Chicago's WGN has kept to their normal schedule, which means we will be watching a lot more of "The Andy Griffith Show" and "The Brady Bunch" reruns.

Back in 1904, New York Giants manager John McGraw refused to play the Boston Red Sox in the World Series, claiming that the American League was not a

real "major" league. It seems that baseball is paying tribute to that incident ninety years ago, as it appears that there will be no world series in 1994.

The grand old game will go on, it just might be a while. Negotiators on both sides expect the strike to go on longer than most people had expected. Last week, acting commissioner, and Milwaukee Brewers owner, Bud Selig announced he thought that if the strike did not end by September 9, and as we know it did not, it would be in the best interests of baseball if the players waited until the season was over to end the strike. As for right now, there is no end in sight.



## Sexually Offensive T-Shirts Banned

Jenny Hankins  
Staff Writer

On the first day of school Principal Jim Collins announced that all sexually offensive T-shirts will no longer be allowed in Harrisburg High School.

In an August 31st interview, Collins further explained the new policy. Not only are sexually offensive T-shirts banned, but also any T-shirts promoting drugs or alcohol. The reason for the change is that he feels that by allowing students to wear such clothing, he is supporting a contradiction to the teaching in some classes here in Harrisburg High. "It is just not our mission to encourage or to promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, or sexual harassment. We either do things to discourage that or if we do nothing then we are indirectly encouraging it."

The section in the student handbook referring to dress and appearance clearly backs Collins' statements. It reads, "No student may dress in a manner which... interferes with the educational program of the school and the learning experiences of students." Collins feels that T-shirts advertising drugs and alcohol interfere with the program set up to stop drug and alcohol abuse in teens, D.A.R.E.

Principal Collins hopes that by removing sexually offensive t-shirts from the school he will eliminate any problems with sexual harassment. This year a new policy has been added to the student handbook regarding harassment of that nature. It states, "Sexual harassment, whether it be from teacher to student or student to student, will not be tolerated."

Collins emphasizes that there have been no problems with harassment in the past, but the two new policies should help to stop anything before it gets started.

Some students have reacted strongly to this new policy, while some have remained apathetic. Junior Michelle Nelson said, "I could care less what we are allowed to wear. People can express themselves without being crude." Most students don't have a strong opinion about what has been banned, but they feel that there has been another rule enforced that compromises their rights. Senior Kyle Lands had this to say, "This world keeps coming up with more and more stupid rules. I'm glad I'm a senior and don't have to put up with it much longer."

## Crime Bill Has Passed

Lynn Johnson  
Staff Writer

Most of you are aware that the crime bill has passed. The crime bill is mainly to prevent crime from happening, and to make tougher sentencing on those who do break the law. The crime bill is supposed to require life sentences for some third-time felons and expand the federal death penalty to more than sixty crimes such as fatal drive by shootings and major drug trafficking. The crime bill will also provide money to hire more police officers which will provide more jobs, and help

protect the citizens of America. The bill will authorize almost 13.5 billion dollars for law enforcement, 8.8 billion to help hire 100,000 new police officers. The bill will also provide 9.9 billion dollars to build prisons and 6.9 billion for crime prevention programs.

After all this money is being spent on the crime bill, things are needed to be cut, such as money being used in prisons to give the prisoners grants so they can get an education while serving time in prison. Since the

money is being used on the crime bill there is no money to educate the prisoners while they are serving time.

The crime bill is supposed to put a ban on more than 19 types of assault-style firearms. *The Daily Register*, reported "The NRA is by far the biggest force opposing the bill."





## Students Have Scheduling Problems

Melissa Cook  
Staff Writer

At the start of the 1994-95 school year, students at HHS had a lot of scheduling problems. According to guidance office worker Debbie Abney, there were around 290 conflicts this year, though she said that number is an improvement over years past. This year a lot of students started out the year with one or more "free" periods. Even after finding classes, students found many of them to be overcrowded.

It seems that each year there are problems with choosing classes and then making the classes fit together in the schedule. One area of students who continually problems is seniors who want to take AP English, physics, and pre-calculus or AP calculus. Each of these classes is only offered first or second hour, so taking all three is not possible. Also, a problem arose this year with students who wanted to take band and journalism. Band is only offered 4a, while journalism is

only 4b. Students are sometimes put in positions like these where they have to decide what is most important.

Over the last few years, the number of classes available has been reduced, forcing the remaining classes to take on more students. Debbie Abney, who works in the guidance office, said that budget cuts resulting in a reduction of teachers is what has brought on the overcrowding problem. As a result, sometimes not everyone who requests a class will be able to fit into it. In cases where a few too many people signed up for a class, Abney stated that the computer just randomly picks who will not get the class. Junior Monica Stephens commented, "I couldn't get all the classes I wanted. It makes me mad that they'll give some classes to lower classmen before they will to upperclassmen." Monica's problem was over an art class she was told was too full to fit her in it, though

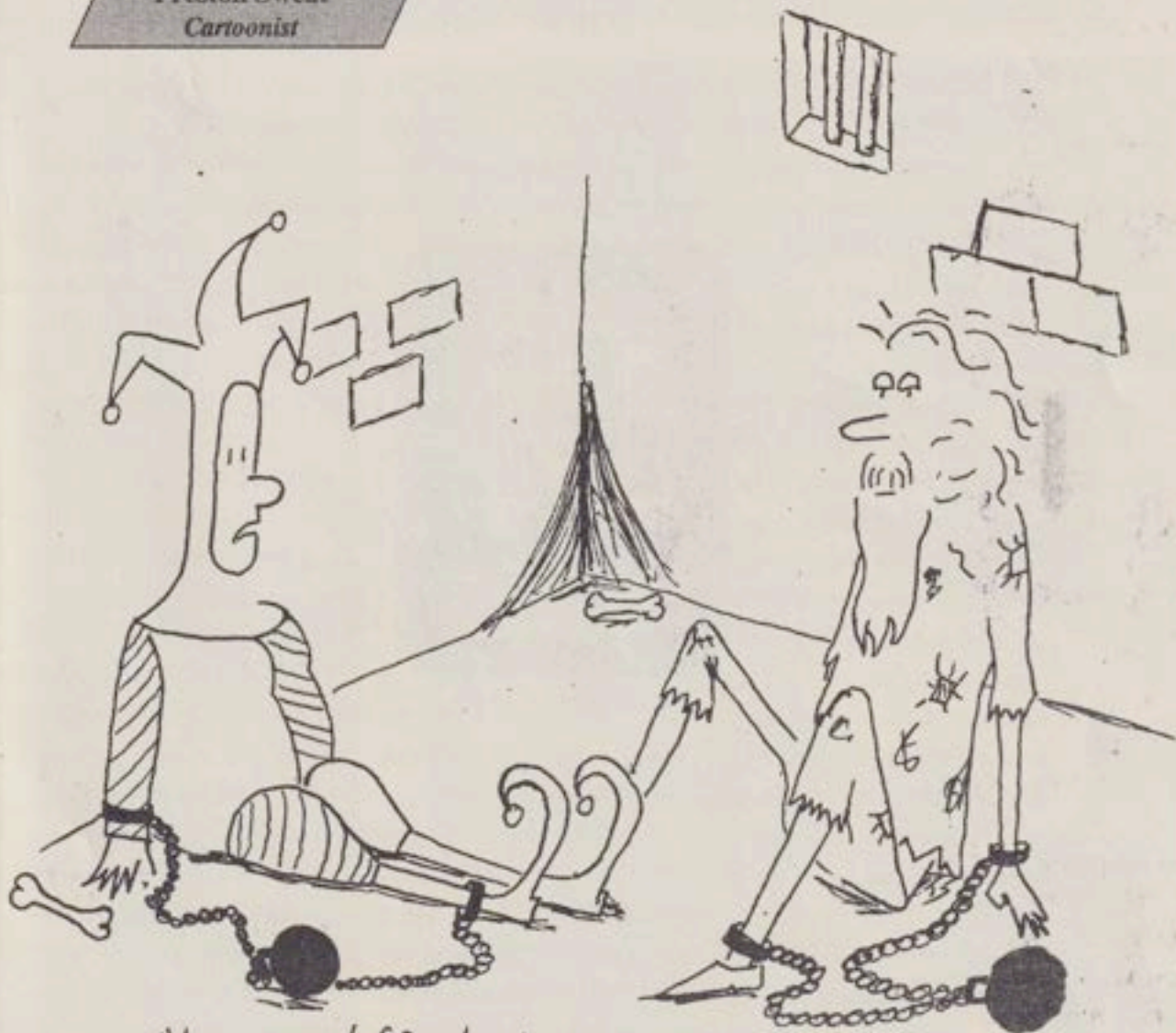
the class was given to many freshmen.

Despite the problems that a lot of students had this year, according to Debbie Abney this year is an improvement over the past. Both Abney and principal Mr. Collins started working on schedules much earlier in the summer. They enrolled new students earlier as well as bringing in seniors a week earlier than in the past, so that many scheduling problems were fixed before school even started.

Jennifer Winkeler, a freshman, had something positive to say about her scheduling problems at the beginning of her first year of high school. "I had a free period and had to go in and switch a lot of my classes around, but after a half hour or so, everything worked out and I got all of the classes that I wanted."

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"It's very difficult to stay consistently funny and consistently careful!"

# Injustice For All

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It's hard for me to believe, but in today's society, a rat's life is valued more than a man's. Or at least that has been the case recently.

We all remember the man who was beaten to death while being initiated for a fraternity at S.E.M.O. University. Well recently, the two men who were found guilty of involuntary manslaughter were sentenced. Their sentence—30 days in jail and 500 hours, or the equivalent of 21 days, of community service. That sure is a mighty stiff sentence for beating someone until they die of head injuries.

Now let's compare that to a recent case in Hillsboro, New Jersey, where a man was arrested for kill-

ing a rat. It started when the man noticed that something had been eating his tomatoes from his garden so he set a



trap. And lo and behold, he caught a rat. He didn't know what to do with the rodent so he called the Humane Society. In a time when anyone else would have killed the rat and tossed the remains, the man now dubbed as "The Rat Slayer" had kindness in his heart. But when the Humane Society didn't come and the rat began to

escape. He was forced to kill the rodent.

The Humane Society pressed charges and the "Rat Slayer" was facing up to 6 months in jail. The man was acquitted but another man in California is facing up to a year in jail in a similar case.

Although the case was thrown out, just the possibility of a man facing six times the sentence for killing a rat as killing a man is a little disturbing to me.

I think maybe it is time for some of our lawmakers to take a little trip to Singapore and invest in some bamboo canes. We need to take some notes from the judge in the rat slaying. When dismissing the case, he said that we are forced to use common sense in our everyday lives and the same should be true in our courts.