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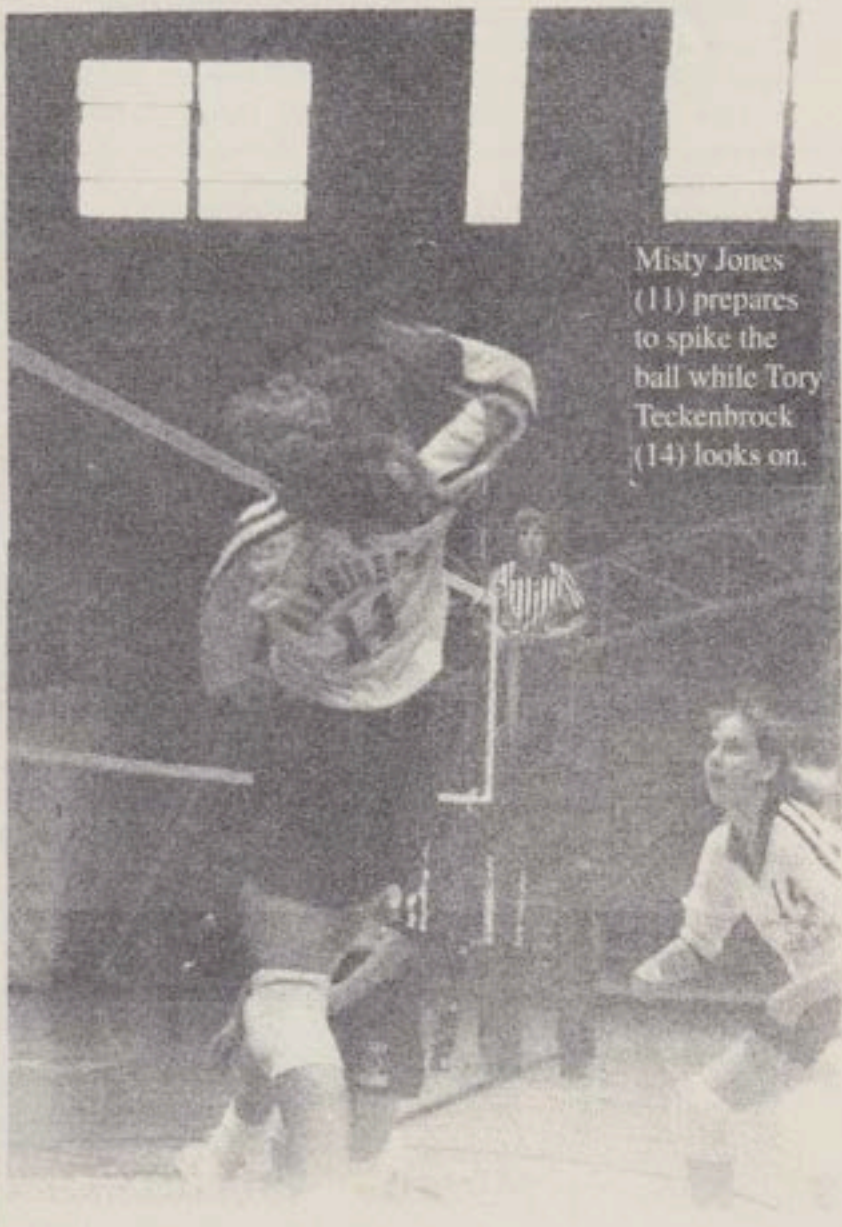
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Tossing*



Misty Jones (11) prepares to spike the ball while Tory Teckenbrock (14) looks on.

**Thespians Do Robin Hood****Sherwood Forest Will Never Be The Same****Casey Boone**  
*Staff Writer*

Robin Hood, the time honored English tale, is to be the first production of the '94-'95 Thespian Troupe. With practices underway, production dates scheduled during the first week-end in November, and with a hope in their hearts, the troupe hopes to accomplish an accurate, yet humorous, rendition of this story.

This particular production is filled with lots of humor. "It's hilarious," said Brian Trammel, a.k.a. Robin Hood, "One section of this play is devoted to Friar Tuck teaching another character how to fart." I would tell more except that I don't want to reveal too much so as not to spoil it for those who will go see it.

The cast is as follows:  
Director...Delana Boatright; Sheriff of Nottingham and Sam the Rag...Brad Ross;  
Constable Watt and

Eadom o'the Blue Boar...Brian Casteel; Gill Redcap and Mitch the Miller...Brenna Garnett; Diccon Cruikshank and Cootie the Drunk...Justin Shelby; Robin Hood and Blind Benny...Brian Trammel; Little John and Dumb Duggan...Sam Alderfer; Davey o'Doncaster and Arther o'Bland...Becca Wills; Will Stutely and Sir Stephen...Danny Hutchinson; Will Scarlet and Deaf Danny...Hugh DeNeal; Friar Tuck...Devin DeNeal; Prince John and Bell the Tinker...Preston Sweat; Yorick, Grok, and Flint the Begar...Rick Bradley; Dark Monk, Purvis the Peddler, Richard, and Ghost...Lance Curly; Ellan a'Dale...Michelle Nelson; Maid Marian...Jenny Hankins; Lady Quigley and Old Maid Of Tuxford...Rachel Willis; Bronwen, Maid of Tuxford, and Brekka...Traca Allison; Jenny Brown and Maid of

Tuxford...Jaclyn Mann; Crazy Betty, Old Gummy Granny, and Old Maid of Tuxford...Jenny Bowles

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## Beautifying Our Halls

**Traca Allison**  
*Staff Writer*

The permanent art collection at HHS grows each year. Students work hard on their art, and for some, the hard work pays off. Having a piece of art accepted into the permanent art collection is an honor.

If a student's work is chosen for the permanent art collection, the next step is to get a sponsor. Word of mouth is the most productive way. Some of the sponsors of current art work are Mr. & Mrs. Al Way, Knights of Columbus, Cecil & Dorris Tate, Dr. Brian Hester, and many more. One unique piece by Jeremy Cook was sponsored by Jason Morse, another student.

The three most recent students chosen for the permanent art collection are Jared Sperling, T.R. Price, and Tabitha Neely. Neely's art was selected to hang in the Board Office for a year. Her art will return to HHS this year. A depiction of a staff beetle by Brandon Morse is the next piece to be framed. When asked how he felt about being chosen, Morse replied, "It makes

me feel pretty good." There have been four pieces chosen this year and more to follow.

These pieces of art are student produced, which makes it even more special when one is chosen. When asked which one was the best one, Mrs. Allen remarked, "All are so good. This is a hard question. I refuse to pick the best one. It's like saying which one of your children you like better. They're all so good." In agreeing with Mrs. Allen, congratulations to all who have been chosen, and good luck to everyone else. Thank you, as well, for making our halls more beautiful.

## FHA Begins a New Year

**Rachael Willis**  
*Staff Writer*

FHA has taken off this year with a great start. Members have already been very busy with the events. In fact, sales are already completed and two conferences are planned.

The Section 7C Fall Leadership Meeting is scheduled to take place Tuesday, Septem-

ber 27th in McLeansboro. The meeting is for local officers in surrounding area schools. The section officers will divide the local officers into their respective groups and give them the training necessary to fulfill their jobs. The officers will be leaving for the conference that day during 2nd hour and returning shortly after school.

Candy sales ended September 8th, after raising \$2000, which was less than the goal. Mrs. Wathen, the club sponsor, opened the sales up to her classes, as well as the club. Funds will go to the home economics classes and to FHA. There was a tie between Krista Carter and Mary Ann Foster for top salesman, who each sold 64 items.

The region rally is coming up in November. It is open to all students in FHA. Members will spend a day at SIU attending conventions such as suicide and gangs.

Other upcoming happenings include the decorated vehicle in the homecoming parade and candy bar sales in January. Membership will be closed at the end of September. Anyone currently enrolled or that once was enrolled in one of Mrs. Wathen's classes is qualified to be a member in FHA.

## A Purple Clarion Exclusive: Moss stands trial: Eric speaks on "Uncle Raymond"

Nick King  
Staff Writer

The trial of the well-known Harrisburg native, "Jailhouse critic", Raymond Moss began on Thursday, September 15, at the the Saline County Courthouse. The most recent case in relation to previous other drug related indictments.

Moss, who is 30, has been charged with selling an ounce of marijuana to a police informant on the 3rd of March while residing at 927 W. Barnett street.

The Informant is said to have paid \$175 to Moss in a Drug Task Force Sting operation.

Moss is already in

prison serving a 3 and a half year sentence for aggravated battery. David Hauptmann is Moss's court appointed attorney and he will face prosecutor Paul Myers. Judge Ronald Ekins is the presiding judge in the trial.

The charge carries a maximum of 3 years in prison and it is a class 4 felony. Moss's trial is the most recent stemming from 57 other criminal violations which most of are unrelated to the crime he for which he currently stands trial.

Raymond has two nephews here at HHS, freshman Chad Sanders and sophomore Erik Moss.

I recently had the opportunity to talk to Erik about the plight of his Uncle Raymond.

Q.How do you feel



Erik Moss three and a half months.  
(Photo from home.)

about your uncle?

A.I feel my uncle was a prime time O.G.(original gangster) who was really down from the get go. I

## Moss Exclusive Continued

think that my uncle is not a bad person, but he doesn't take crap from anybody, Although my uncle has 57 other criminal violations, he can't seem faded by nobody, including Snoop Doggy Dogg and Warren G!

Q.How close were you to your uncle?

A.We were close but, due to the fact that he was a prime time O.G. I didn't wanna hang around him too much for fear I would get caught up in his lifestyle. But overall me and my uncle showed much love for each other.

Q.What was Raymond's main occupation?

A.He was a garbage man working for Moss

Disposal which is owned by W.T.Moss. He worked on the garbage truck with his older brother Winifred Moss (Erik's dad)

Q.I know that a lot of your family has been very athletically inclined, how was Raymond at sports?

A.Well, he was the cream of the crop at short sprints. He was very fast. Even now that he's out of shape any of y'all that wanna step up to him I promise he'll dust you!!

Q.What do you think the outcome of the trial will be?

A.It all really depends on whether he pleads guilty or not. If he pleads guilty I feel they will be a little easier on him but, I feel he will still see some jail time. If he pleads not

guilty I feel he will get the maximum sentence. Hopefully it won't happen because, you just can't fade the O.G.



Raymond Moss,  
1981, Junior Year

"jailhouse critic."\*\*

\*\* Raymond Moss was found not guilty.

\* Special thanks to *The Daily Register* for some of the facts on the trial.

## You Are On The Air In...

**Chris Watson**  
*Staff Writer*

I'm sure some of you have seen the little building with the satellite on top of it behind our school. If you are wondering what it is, it's a studio. It houses Kim Leberman's Radio\TV classes, along with a lot of neat editing and sound equipment. Radio\TV is just one of our very fine vocational classes offered at our school, but it is only offered to seniors.

The class itself is more geared to the television aspect. Students learn to write, perform, and produce. In writing students learn the difference between broadcast journalism and newspaper journalism. They also learn to write and rewrite news stories. In performance students actually get in front of the camera to get rid of so called camera shyness. Mrs. Leberman wants her students to be natural and sincere in front of the camera. She has the students do a number of

vocabulary drills in hopes they will be able to say the words phonetically correct. She said, "This is very important because, if you were a reporter and mispronounced a word you would lose your creditably." In this section she hopes to elude the regional dialect people pick up, because of where they live. She knows all of her students will not be performers, but she stated, "Students who perform better in front of the camera will be better behind it." In production she teaches the equipment: the camera, recorders, editing machines, audio boards, and the different microphones that are used in television. Students tape and produce their own material which will be graded. It can range from public service announcements to their own news stories.

In the past there has been threats to cut the class, it has been cut from a two hour class to two one hour classes this year. This

threat does not bother Mrs. Leberman she said, and I quote "If cutting my job would save enough money to keep another course the students really need, then go ahead and cut me." The program has had a few students able to take their broadcasting dreams a little farther, so it has had success. Mrs. Leberman has had her moments too. She has a bachelors degree in Radio\TV and has worked for the Wabash Ohio Valley Special Education District for 14 years. She has two commercials running on WSIL and WEBQ, which she did all the work on herself and every summer she does internship at WSIL and WPSD, to polish up her technical skills. She hopes in the future she will be able to become stronger teacher. She encourages, "Anyone who is interested in broadcasting or curious about it to take the class."

On a personal note, "If you take the class keep your head high and your pants up."

## Haiti Crisis Barely Avoided: U.S. Marines Deploy, While Carter Seeks Last Minute Treaty.

Jed Nelson  
News Editor

As soon as General Raoul Cedras and the Haitian Army overthrew President Jean Bertrand Aristide in 1991, the United States became involved. First, President Bush put economic sanctions on the tiny Caribbean country, and a blockade around their shores. Haitians began taking to small boats and trying to escape to America. Bush ordered the Coast Guard to pick up the Haitians and return them home.

During the '92 Presidential campaign, Bill Clinton called Bush's policy "inhumane" and vowed to change it. After Clinton was elected, Haitians began tearing down their homes, building boats out of them, and began an exodus which totaled over 14,000. Clinton ordered the Coast Guard to keep returning the refugees, then they were sent to the Naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba.

The U.S. and 7 Caribbean nations were preparing for an invasion of Haiti. Antigua, Barbados, Bahamas, Trinidad, Jamaica, Grenada, and Barbuda sent a total of 266 troops to Puerto Rico in August to train with U.S. Marines for an invasion. A U.S. Navy task force built around the command ship *Mount Whitney* and the landing ship-dock-Helicopter assault ship *Wasp*, is still in the area. Aboard *Wasp* and the other landing ships, is a Marine brigade, a wing of AV-8 Harrier strike fighters plus AH-1 SeaCobra attack helicopters preparing for an assault. A support convoy of the aircraft carriers *Dwight D. Eisenhower*, *America*, two cruisers, including the nuclear powered *Virginia*,

three destroyers, four frigates, and eleven Military Sealift Command ships left Norfolk, Virginia with the Army's 10th Mountain Division from Ft. Drum, New York aboard. They reached the Haiti area on Saturday, September 17. In addition to the regularly deployed aircraft aboard, there were sixty Army Black Hawk, Jolly Green Giant, Super Jolly Green Giant, and Apache helicopters strapped to *Eisenhower's* flight deck, leaving the *Ir* unable to launch or recover her air wing until the intervention began.

President Clinton stated in an address to the nation last Thursday that the United States does not want a confrontation with Haiti's dictators, but since Haiti defied the UN, and gruesome human rights violations continue, he feels we had no choice. "Your time is up," He said, warning Cedras and his cronies that the United States was serious.

Finally, Sunday night, at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, 61 USAF C-141 and C-5 transports took to the air, preparing to drop in the 82nd Airborne Division from nearby Fort Bragg. The *Eisenhower/America* group went to fleet alert, and aircraft were spotted on *America's* flight deck for takeoff. On the Marine carriers, including *Wasp*, which Defense Secretary William Perry was aboard on the 17th, Marines boarded CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopters LCAC hovercraft, and AAVP-7 landing ships.

At the same time, in Port-au-Prince, former President Jimmy Carter former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Colin Powell, and Georgia Senator Sam Nunn were meeting with the de facto Haitian government. General Cedras was very resistant to the American peace delegation, according to Carter who told reporters at a Monday afternoon press conference that Cedras was the most stand-offish of the three Haitian dictators, until he was in-

formed by an official at Fort Bragg that the 82nd was inbound.

When that happened General Cedras decided to speak with acting president though not recognized as president by the United States- Ernie Jonassaint. With his entire cabinet and military leadership in addition to the three Americans, around him, President Jonassaint went against all his advisors wishes and signed the agreement saying "We will take peace over war." The Haitians in the room were stunned according to Carter, the defense minister resigned on the spot. As the 82nd's planes turned back to Pope, President Clinton addressed the nation, outlining the peace agreement.

The agreement is a seven point plan: 1. It will foster peace, avoid bloodshed, and restore democracy to Haiti. 2. Haitian Police and military will cooperate with U.S. troops until October 15 to bring back democracy and to train to help the people and not the government. 3. Haitian army officers who participated in the coup will retire. All Haitian army members will get amnesty and will expedite coup leaders. 4. U.S. and Haitian high commands will cooperate in democracy restoration operations in Haiti. 5. The United States will lift the economic embargo to help the starving Haitian people. 6. Free elections will be held to restore the democratic government. 7. The treaty must be approved by U.S. and Haitian civilian leaders.

General Cedras will not be forced to leave Haiti, but he will be thrown out of the Haitian Army. The coup leaders agreed to leave power by October 15, 1994, or when an amnesty law is passed by the Haitian parliament, whichever comes first.

Haiti has not been stable since the early 1800s, when slaves led by Toussaint L'Ouverture overthrew the French that colonized the tiny nation. Hopefully the fact that American troops are ashore in Haiti will somehow improve the deplorable situation.

# Bump, Set, Spike Lady Dogs Struggle

Jenny Hankins  
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldog varsity spikers beat Mt. Vernon Thursday, September 8, only to fall to Anna-Jonesboro and Pinkneyville the following Tuesday and Thursday. They came back the following Monday to defeat the Carbondale Lady Terriers.

The Lady Dogs got off to a slow start in Davenport Gymnasium Tuesday against the Mt. Vernon Lady Rams. The visitors led the game 10-8 before the Bulldogs took charge to score 7 unanswered points and win the game 15-10.

The second match started off with a pair of jump serves by Ricki DeArmon and kept going from there. Six consecutive points by Traci Richerson added to Brandy Beal's four points put Harrisburg ahead 13-3. From there the Bulldogs gave the Rams just three more points before

putting them away 15-6.

It was a different story in Anna-Jonesboro Tuesday the 13. The squad put up a good fight, but fell to the Lady Wildcats in two games 15-13 and 16-14.

The Lady Dogs came out to an early lead in both games, which is unusual. In the first game, the spikers led five times powered by strong hitting from Anna Banks and Amy Molinarolo, but were deflated when Anna-Jonesboro made a run. HHS never got their air back and lost due to a lack of aggressiveness.

The second game was almost a carbon copy of the first, with the Lady Dogs taking the early lead, but folding in the end.

The Lady Wildcats won this heartbreaker 16-4.

The Lady Dogs started out strong the following Thursday against Pinkneyville, but again fizzled out in the home

stretch to lose the last two games.

In a tough first game the score was tied three times before the home squad won 17-15. Coach Dana Brewer felt the girls were lucky to win that first game, due to the fact that the girls did not communicate well.

The Lady Panthers shamed Harrisburg with a 15-1 defeat in the second game. The only good point for HHS was a block by Tory Teckenbrock and Traci Richerson.

The third game started out much like the second, but Amy Molinarolo gave Harrisburg the momentum with two spikes and five straight service points putting them ahead 8-7. The momentum didn't last much longer to give the Lady Panthers the 15-12 win.

The Lady Dogs came back from a deficit in the second game to beat the visiting



Lady Terriers on Monday 15-10 and 15-9. A new offense gave the Lady Dogs new life. The new offense contains only one setter and five hitters. Anna Banks said, "This new offense was the key to our win." Banks combined with Amy Molinarolo for 10 kills. This win takes the varsity dogs to 3-3.

## J.V. Report

The J.V. team breezed past Mt. Vernon in 20 minutes by the score of 15-0 and 15-6. It seemed like all the Lady Dogs needed to do was serve to score points. The team combined for 16 aces in route to this easy victory. Jessica Stafford led the excellent serving with a perfect 19-19 with 11 aces.

The junior squad faced a tougher match against Anna-Jonesboro, but still came up with the victory. They won the first and third games 15-7 and 15-5, but dropped the second to the host team 15-11. All around good play led to this victory. Jessica

Stafford was again key from the service line with 6 aces. Tory Teckenbrock and Erin Watson were also important with 3 and 2 blocks respec-

ing and 8-9 hitting. Kelli Lands was perfect in all 6 of her receptions. Everyone's consistent play and strong character gave them the



Amy Molinarolo spikes one down for a kill while her team mates cover her. (Photo by Jenny Hankins)

tively.

The junior Lady Dogs went to 3 matches again against Pinkneyville, dropping the first and winning the second and third. Pinkneyville's first game win of 15-10 gave HHS the fire it needed to come back and dispose of the Lady Panthers 15-11 and 15-12. Brooke Ziegler had a strong night with 9-11 serv-

edge.

The J.V. team also beat the Carbondale Terriers in an easy two game victory. Tory Teckenbrock said, "We communicated and played well together as a team." Serving was again a key factor with Misty Jones leading the effort going 11-11 with 5 aces. This win moves the J.V. record to 6-1.

# 'Big Jim'

**Joe Horstmann**  
*Staff Writer*

James Allen Mahin, otherwise known as 'Big Jim', died on Saturday, September the 10th, 1994. He was pronounced dead at 5:45A.M., though he was believed to have died shortly after the fire started

around 4:30A.M. The cause of his death was carbon monoxide poisoning due to the inhalation of smoke. Jim's house was gutted by the fire.

There are many rumors on how or why the fire started, but no explanations have cleared the confusion. A party was held at the house the

night before the fire and alcohol was involved. Neighbors apparently heard arguing, supposedly between Jim and an unknown person or persons that night. Murder may be a question in some or many of the people keeping up in the case. It would be an even bigger tragedy to know that

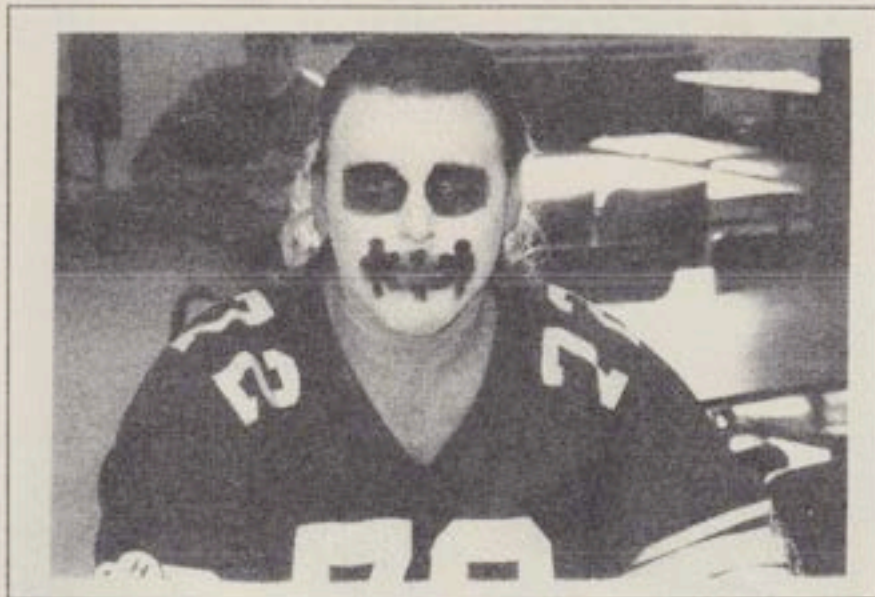
a young man lost his life due to an argument over alcohol. The Harrisburg Police Department charged people attending the party with illegal consumption of alcohol by minors and distribution to minors.

'Big Jim' was a 1994 graduate here at H.H.S. He was a 3 year letterman win-



Jim Mahin's house after the fire.

(Photo by Danny Hutchinson)



Jim Mahin before a game last year.

(Photo by Casandra Wood)

know those stories. One fond memory, really fond memory some wrestlers may have of Jim is the way he executed the 'Red Dog'. He will be remembered by many. We'll miss you 'Big Jim'!!!

ner in football earning All-South and All Conference awards his senior year. He was also a mighty grappler for 4 years. Jim recently received a football scholarship to Blackburn College.

Ironically Jim's father died almost 2 years to the day of his death. James Clayton Mahin suffered a stroke and died on September 9, 1992 in the same firestruck house that took 'Big Jim's' life. Friends say the party at the house was to cheer Jim up because he was mildly depressed that night about his father's

death. Flowers and wreath's were decorating the front lawn of Jim's house in remembrance of him.

Jim's funeral services were held at J.M. Weirauch Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, September 13, 1994, at 11:00A.M. Memories of Jim were around the funeral home.

I can remember on the way to a wrestling match last year we were all at the back of the bus listening to Jim tell stories about, well only we wrestlers need to

*In Memory  
of*

**JAMES  
ALLEN  
MAHIN**

**'BIG JIM'**

**1974-1994**

## Four Bulldog Golfers Struggle But Slowly Improve

Jenny Hankins  
Sports Editor

The Bulldog golf team competed in four meets last week to bring their record to 4-19.

Monday's match against West Frankfort showed signs of improvement. The golfers turned in their lowest score of the season, a 168. Damon Lampley shot his season best and led the team with a 38. Coach Bob Pavelonis is pleased with the inexperienced team's steady improvement. The *Harrisburg Daily Register* quoted Pavelonis as saying, "We're not going to do a whole lot better than we did today."

Tuesday the golfers proved their coach wrong and lowered their score again to a team total of 164, but still fell to a strong Mt. Vernon team who posted a 151. Brent

Cummins led the team with a 38.

Wednesday the golfers backslid to get fifth out of 5 at the Marion Invitational. Harrisburg was 51 strokes off the

Cummins with an 86.

Thursday the golf team bounced back and scored a 161 against the combined team of Pinkneyville/DuQuoin, but still fell to the visitors mark of



Members of the Golf team include: Allen Langford, Brad Hill, Chris Fetter, Jason Hafford, Brittney Chrisman, Andrea Chrisman, Damon Lampley, Brent Cummins, Brent Davis, Doug Lampley, Garrett Gaskins, Chris Winkleman, Matt Smith, and coach Bob Pavelonis. (Photo by C.J. Harbison)

first place West Frankfort Redbirds. The Bulldogs posted a 365 in the 18-hole tournament. They were led again by Brent

154. The leader for Harrisburg was Brent Cummins who tied for first place in the match with a score of 37.

**BULLDOGS  
ON THE WAY TO  
IMPROVEMENT****Laura Conn  
Staff Writer**

They try to go faster, run harder, and push themselves to the limit. Yes, I'm talking about the Cross Country team. Since the last update the Cross Country team has had two interesting meets; one in Carbondale and another in Norris City.

The Carbondale meet was not productive for them as a team as a whole but helped the team on an individual basis. Corey Fearheiley, the top male runner, ran well even though he was not feeling in tip top condition. Many of the others on the male team may not have placed well but they put in good times. On the other end, the women's team did about the same. Jennifer Hazel is the best runner on the women's team. The other girls did as the guys did.

The Norris City Inv. was a little better. The girls placed 3rd over all. The guys did the same as the girls along with the frosh/soph team. Coach Chuck Ingram was semi-pleased with the results. He knows they ran good times, but they could have placed a little better. It's on to the next meet.

**Sophomore Pups Walk****Joe Horstmann  
Staff Writer****On Benton**

The sophomore Bullpups started off the season with a loss against Mt. Caramel, putting them at 0-1. Three weeks later the sophomores have a 2-2 record.

Despite the sophomores loss of fullback Erik Moss, the Bullpups managed to fill the position with #40 Chad McCabe who has shown a fine performance since he started. McCabe also starts at nose guard but #65 PATRICK 'Circle P-Trane' HORSTMANN steps up when the going gets tough. Patrick's ability to read a reverse, recover a fumble, and trip on the field in front of a crowd of thousands just amazes this reporter.

The Bullpups traveled to Benton and stomped on their homefield advantage walking away with a 50-16 victory. The game opened with a swell kickoff by James "Jamaal" Page. The Benton return team fumbled the kickoff and Harrisburg recovered the

ball and started their quest for a victory. Tight end Jared Abney was the recipient of a pass from 10 yards out from quarterback Kris McClusky and earned the first touchdown of the game, starting the rampage of the Bullpups. McClusky and Tommy Perkins connected for the two point conversion. Kyle Herring felt the endzone turf scoring twice for the Bullpups, while Dustin Kielhorn and Grant Twiss each scoring once.

Joe Horstmann's player of the game is the one and only Joe, (yes, he is Gabe's brother) the man not the myth, Angelly for his exceptionally gifted abilities in rooting the Bullpups from the sideline.

Matt Ozment stated his feeling, "Personally I think they should have let Keenan Hess play more because we all know that he is the man!"

The Bullpups host Murphysboro next week at Taylor Field in hopes to up their record to 3-2. The kickoff time is set for 6:30 P.M. our time.

## Pilot Dies on White House Lawn

Hugh DeNeal  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, September 6, a disgruntled truck driver crashed his plane onto the White House lawn. Due to renovation work on the White House, the President and his family were staying in the Blair House across Pennsylvania Avenue, and were in no danger of the small, single engine plane that careened two floors below the President's private quarters.

Frank E. Corder was the 38 year old truck driver from Aberdeen, Maryland, who piloted the plane and crashed to his death. Security guards, who had no time to react but to duck for their own lives, did not know if this was just an accident, an assassination attempt, or a diversion for some other attack. However, friends and family of Corder claim it was just the way for a very depressed man to end his life.

Corder's life began going down hill after the death of his father in April of 1993, and he split up with his wife of ten years three weeks before the fatal crash. The autopsy report showed that Corder had, "trace

amounts of cocaine in his system", according to the spokesman Dave Adams. His blood alcohol content was .045 percent with .04 percent being the legal limit to fly a plane. Corder had been arrested in October of 1993 for two drug charges and had a lengthy history of alcohol abuse.

A security lapse allowed Corder's plane to get so frighteningly close to the White House. The radar at National Airport picked up the plane shortly before it crashed, but it went unnoticed. The Secret Service agents at the White House were totally oblivious to the plane until seconds before it crashed, after being sighted by a very surprised security guard.

## We're Wasting Our Time

Chris Bevis  
Editor in Chief

The White House, home of the President, is supposed to be able to withstand a full-fledge military attack. Secret Service men everywhere and top of the line radars. Yet, a mentally ill alcoholic can fly a stolen Cessna 150 aircraft into the front lawn of the White House.

This incident again raises the question of "are we safe?" I say, no. With

powers such as North Korea and the Chinese having nuclear weapons large enough to destroy the entire world, we are endangering our soldiers lives in smaller countries.

The newest list: Iraq, Rwanda, Bosnia, and most recently, the perennial power of the Caribbean, Haiti.

There is a threat of nuclear warfare from North Korea and we are busy being the world's police force. I am not saying that we should just forget about democracy in the other countries, but there are problems at home that need to be taken care of.

For instance, take the money we are spending in Haiti and use it for homelessness or stopping gang problems. I would rather there be Americans eating and having a place to sleep than Aristide be in power.

We are wasting our time and money and endangering people by worrying about the rest of the world. We need to get our priorities straight and worry about the United States of America.

## Dwarf Tossing : Stop the Madness!!!

Nick King  
Staff Writer

The origination of the fabled "dwarf tossing" has long been that of a cruel drinking game that originated in the backroad pubs of the land down under. The game is often played with two partners, one playing the role of the tosser and the other the tossee. The basis of the game is to see how far the drunken bar-brawler can fling or toss the helpless dwarf. The game is often spawned by a friendly game of "up and down the river" (a well known Australian drinking game) between pub drunkards. When both of the participants become ruthlessly intoxicated they begin making bets as to who can toss or fling the local midget the farthest. This cruel and violent torture often to

painful to endure for the unlucky dwarf chosen to be the tossee. The dwarf is put into a leather harness with two metal handles on the back they are then picked up and thrown as far as the eye can see. Often times some suffer everything from broken legs to brain damage and even paralyzation. The ones who manage to survive are only to be picked and tossed again... and again... and... again. When will this unbridled insanity ever cease?

Is it not enough to be discriminated in the workplace. Often highly qualified midgets are overlooked in the jobmarket for less qualified "normal people". The mental hardships and the constant feeling of inferiority is almost too much for any stable indi-

vidual to endure. But yet the drawfs must still try to go on with their lives and try and deal with this empty feeling of discrimination. A saddening and depressing mental torture that often times leads to suicide.

In some places dwarf tossing is a carnival act that is avidly watched by hundreds for a buck a pop. Dwarf tossing is often laughed at and considered entertainment but, we must understand that this is not a laughing matter it is simply and plainly a cruel evil and sadistic form of discrimination. It seems as though it is just one more step forward in the evergoing deterioration of the "kind" world as we know it. How much longer can this go on before we realize what we are doing to ourselves?

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## Seasons In The Abyss

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Nazi atrocities, serial murder, and an obsession with the occult. No, this is not a new *Geraldo* special, but any one of Slayer's albums.

Since their debut on Metal Blade Records' *Metal Massacre 3*, which also included a debut by Metallica, Slayer has released six studio albums and one live album. *Show No Mercy*, an album released in 1983, was their powerful debut. It was followed by *Hell Awaits* and *Live Undead*, both recorded in 1985. 1986 revealed the true power and ruthless fury possessed by Slayer with the landmark release of *Reign In Blood*, now considered one of the

greatest metal albums ever recorded. After a two year hiatus, Slayer came back with the disappointing *South of Heaven*. *Seasons In The Abyss*, showed Slayer return to form, possibly releasing their best studio album to date. The live *Decade of Aggression* showed the band playing many older songs and almost all the songs off *Seasons*. Since their new album has not been released yet, I will review their last studio release, *Seasons In The Abyss*.

The opening song on *Seasons In The Abyss*, "War Ensemble", is typical Slayer, but is played with more energy than the entire *South of Heaven* album. "Spirit In Black" is a

standout written by guitarist Kerry King, whose lyrics are somewhat enchanting and sickening all at once. "Dead Skin Mask" is Slayer's version of a horror movie told in roughly five minutes, which focuses on killer Ed Gein. The little kid's voice in the last chorus is ingenious. "Skeletons of Society", another song written by King, is arguably the best track on the album. The album closes with possibly the most popular song written by Slayer, "Seasons In The Abyss".

Look for new albums by three of metal's best bands: *Divine Intervention*, from Slayer, *World Demise*, from Obituary, and the new one from Suicidal Tendencies, *Suicidal For Life*.



## Another Homecoming is Near

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It's that time of year again, football games have started and now it's time to think about Homecoming. The 1994 Homecoming Theme is "A Bulldog Tradition". Homecoming attendants are Freshman Ginger Reynolds, Sophomore Brooke Zeigler, and Junior Kim Ewell. Nominees for Homecoming Queen are: Traci Richerson, Amanda Harris, Angie Joggerst, and Amy Molinorolo. This year's parade will be held September 29 at 2:30 P.M. beginning at East Side School and ending at West Side. After the parade there will be a snake dance at 6:30 P.M. Following the snake dance the traditional bonfire will begin at 7:00 P.M. The Queen and Mr. Bulldog will be announced at the bonfire. Friday night is the homecoming game against Massac Co. Kickoff is set for 7:30 P.M. Saturday October 1st, is the homecoming dance. It will begin at 8:00 P.M., and coronation will start at 9:00 P.M.

## Getting To Know You...

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White Hats began in 1993 as a project for Mrs. Bramlet's A.P. English class. This organization stems from The Harry Singer Foundation, which works toward a better society.

HHS students worked with the "at risk" children at

started.

Students are assigned to an "at risk" child to be that child's big brother or sister for as long as they are in high school. They help the children by tutoring, giving advice, and reassuring them to stay in school. Students can go visit the children during study halls or after school. The program builds a closeness between the student and child. Their sole purpose is to keep the children in school. "Students who are freshmen are assigned to a child for four years, which builds the relationship." Replied



The White Hats enjoying last years picnic Photo by Kate McCoudy

the Attend and Win program at both elementary schools in Harrisburg. In 1993, Harrisburg had the only White Hats mentoring program in the United States. They are now used as a national model to other progressing White Hats organizations. There is a nine-minute video tape showing how they got

Mr. Barnes, sponsor.

There are currently 120 students who have signed up for White Hats. They are in process of assigning children now. An annual picnic or outing is coming up soon. There will be a number of activities to allow the students and children to spend time together.

## Natural Born Killers Sparks Controversy

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Oliver Stone has a history of thought provoking movies, including his Vietnam trilogy and the controversial *JFK*. His latest movie is also surrounded in controversy and criticism. *Natural Born Killers* is a story about violence and media frenzy. The plot of *Killers* was created by Quentin Tarantino, who wrote and directed the movie *Reservoir Dogs*. The starring roles in *Natural Born Killers* belong to Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis, playing the murder-happy couple of Micky and Malorie. Tommy Lee Jones is the warden at the prison that eventually houses the couple. Robert Downey Jr. plays the host of *American Maniacs*, a TV show that feeds to America an interview with Micky.

Before the plot of *Killers* gets very far, any viewer knows exactly what they are in for. In the very first scene a man is flirting with Malorie in a road-side restaurant, so she beats him to death. Then she and Micky brutally kill every one else in the restaurant, except

for the one person they allow to survive so that someone can tell the story.

And so the violence continues for the rest of the movie. Micky and Malorie journey across country on a killing spree that leaves them with little guilt. The only murder they regret is when Micky kills an old, friendly Indian played by Russell Means. All of the other murders are sheer pleasure to Micky and Malorie, and for their efforts they become media heroes. They collect followers and fans, people who fall in love with their audacity and the passion they put into their violence.

The killing spree finally lands Micky and Malorie in prison, and for a year they don't see each other. The media is still after them, however, and the host of *American Maniacs* arranges an interview with Micky. During the televised live interview, a riot breaks out in the prison and Micky and Malorie run for their lives, taking the host and a video camera along to get the whole thing on tape. The movie builds through Micky and Malorie's escape attempt and then ends with,

what did you expect, another violent scene.

The controversy surrounding this movie stems from the differences in opinion about the whole purpose of the movie. Oliver Stone claims that *Killers* is a satire about how the media goes into a frenzy over violence. Some critics believe that the movie is merely another example of media exploitation of violence. The different camera shots and film colors that are continually changed in quick succession, leave some people with a sense of discontinuity. Also, some believe the plot to be shallow and tiresome. Plus, the movie barely escaped the NC-17 rating by cutting numerous scenes. On the other hand, the movie offers an honest look into how the media feeds on blood, and delves into the minds and pasts of the two killers.

I saw *Natural Born Killers* at Illinois Centre 8 several weeks ago. When it finally gets to Harrisburg, I recommend it as a movie to see so that you can form your own opinion as to its purpose. Of course, if you have a weak stomach, it is definitely not the movie for you.

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## Thespians Go To NY

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At 12:00 AM on June sixth drama students from Harnsburg High began their journey to New York. Seventeen students and three adults went on the exciting trip.

Day 1: We flew out of St. Louis on a 6:30 flight and landed in Newark, New Jersey. Our tourguide, Chris Parks, met us at the airport. From there it was a short trip to New York City. That day we ate lunch at Hard Rock Cafe, which was an interesting experience. We toured Central Park, then later we went to a seminar. The seminar was with Madeline Doherty, a cast member from *Les Miserables*. The final event of the evening was a trip to St. James Theatre where we saw *Tommy*.

Day 2: We went on a tour of Radio City Music Hall. We were able to meet and talk to a Rockette. Other events of the day were: visiting a costume shop and shopping

at South Street. *Phantom of the Opera* was later that night.

Day 3: The first event of the day was a tour of NBC studios. We saw where "Saturday Night Live" is filmed. We then split in two groups. One group went to see *Miss Saigon* while the others went to the Plaza Hotel, shopping at Macy's and FAO Schwartz, and went to the Empire State Building.

*Les Miserables*.

Day 5: Our last day in New York was spent in Greenwich Village, Soho, and Central Park. After that we stopped at FAO Schwartz, a three story toy store. The trip to the airport was an interesting one. Our bus driver was a bit odd. We were not sure if we would make it to the airport alive. When we did arrive they



Thespians enjoy an evening on Times Square.

*Cats* was our night performance.

Day 4: New York Stock Exchange was our first stop of the day. The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island were the big event of the day. The last musical of the week was

almost sent our luggage to L. A.

We made it home alive. It was an interesting week. Sam Alderfer put it best when he said, "Other than the constant smell of urine, I had a good time."