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Amanda Carter Wins at Annual EIHSPA Contest

Amanda Carter won first place in the layout contest at the Eastern Illinois High School Press Association (EIHSPA) competition. She completed a double-page yearbook spread. Another student, Melinda Ewert, placed third in outline writing at the same contest.



Junior Amanda Carter beats out all of her opponents in layout.

A total of seven students participated in the third annual EIHSPA On-Site Contest held at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston on Friday, April 20th. The students competed in a variety of categories covering both yearbook and newspaper divisions.

Participants were given an hour and a half to complete an assigned task varying from editing a news article to interviewing a person and reporting on the experience or taking photographs throughout the sessions.

This was our school's first year to participate in this contest, which included 13 other schools and a total of 138 students.

Other students participating were Leslie Ewell, Tina McIlrath, Meg Overstreet, Elizabeth Stafford, and Brent Walker.

Keystone, Clarion reap awards at SISPA

The 1989 Keystone was named among the Golden Dozen at the Southern Illinois Student Press Association's spring conference April 23. This makes the fifth time the HHS yearbook has won top honors at SISPA in the last six years.

Conference director Herman Albers, referring to the Keystone as "a consistent winner," also presented the following certificates to the 1989 book: first place in layouts; second place in theme development, copy, endsheets, and mini-magazine; third place in graphics and photography.

In addition, Leslie Ewell was recognized for excellence in photography that will appear in the 1990 book. She won a second place and three honorable mentions.

Rhonda Cantrell received an honorable mention for a story she wrote at SISPA based on an interview of Congressman Glenn Poshard. 27 journalists competed in the senior interview contest, which is sponsored by SIU's journalism fraternity.

Although The Purple Clarion was not named a Blue Banner winner as it was in 1989, four individuals did win certificates.

Chris Marcum won first place for best humorous column; there were 42 entries. Joe Perry was the first place cartoonist among 35 entries.

Melissa Butler received honorable mention for best sports story for the article on the girls' basketball sectional loss. Brent Walker got honorable mention for best editorial column for his article on the missing murals.

Walker's Word:

Have lyrics gone too far?

by Brent Walker

Many of today's parents, teenagers, ministers, and other authority figures think that the music we teenagers listen to is immoral and evil. Some even say it is Satanic.

I'll agree that many of today's lyrics are overtly sexual, but haven't they always been that way? According to an article written by Harper Barnes in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on April 1st and 2nd, songs from as far back as the 1920's have included obvious sexual references. Songs with titles like, "Ain't Gonna Give Nobody None of My Jelly Roll," "Take Me for a Buggy Ride," "Need a Little Sugar in My Bowl," "Cherry Red," and "You Got to Snatch and Grab It," were all recorded by artists in the '20's. Ah how we miss those wholesome old days. The simple fact is that popular music has always pushed the limits of good taste and always will. Every generation pushes the limit a little farther.

Now some right wing groups that profess to be against censorship want to put stickers on recordings that include "offensive" material. On the average, people know what is on the tape or CD before they buy it. Why would someone buy a recording if it will offend him or her? The average junior high or high school student would buy a recording *because* of the dirty words.

Since we know that a majority of popular music has suggestive lyrics, I don't see any reason to put a sticker on a recording that says, "Hey! This is has suggestive lyrics!" Not letting kids buy the stickered material would only make them want it more. I mean how many of us, boys anyway, are under 18 and yet have read *Playboy* magazines in grade school? Whoa! Look at all those hands!

Now on to the other musical dilemma. The outspoken Cardinal John O'Connor of New York City maintains that heavy metal is "doing the work of Satan." There may be three or four of those bands out there somewhere, but they are hardly making us a generation of brain-dead psychopaths sacrificing virgin parakeets in the name of the beastmaster. Guys! It's entertainment! Lighten up! Iron Maiden made a good point when they were accused of Satanism after recording their "Number of the Beast" album. They stated that if someone can make a movie like *The Exorcist* and have it called a horror classic, then why can't they write a song about the same subject without being branded Satanic?

Another alleged "occult" aspect, according to T.V. preachers, is the name a group chooses for itself. While I've heard on T.V. that AC/DC's name stands for Anti Christ Devil's Child, the group itself said that they couldn't think of a name for themselves until they saw "AC/DC" written on the back of one of the member's sister's sewing machine. "It just means power," said a group member in response to the satanic charges.

I also often hear witch hunting T.V. clergymen play records backwards. You never know, Satan may be trying to contact us by speaking through records. If he were, I wish he wouldn't talk backwards. I can't understand him when he talks backwards. I saw a preacher playing a 1969 Jefferson Airplane record backwards. To me, it sounded like, "Whizzhagghh oosahh ooaahh mmawajh..." Forgive me, but it sounded like a record being played backwards. I couldn't hear Lucifer. However, I am no authority on the subject. The preacher shouted, "See? They're saying, 'Son of Satan! Son of Satan!'" He must be a linguistic genius.

The bottom line is, music is music. It entertains us. If a song told me to kill myself, I would probably push the "stop" button before I'd hurl myself out a window.

Prom night is special...

by Niccole Cody

Prom night is one of the most cherished and remembered nights of one's high school year. Prom reminds people of their teenage sweetheart and the memories they shared. That night also is very costly, but many feel it's worth it while others dread the fact that it's approaching.

On the guys' side, they have many things to be responsible for. They must rent a tux, hoping to order and receive the one of their choice. No one wants to have to show up in something left over or tacky. They must decide whether to be cheap and take their date to McDonald's, ordering a full course meal of a chef salad or Big Mac, large french fries, and a large drink, or to make reservations at an elegant restaurant and paying a small fortune, only to realize that their date will not order much for fear of spilling something. Most of the time the male pays for prom pictures, too, and tickets. An after-prom outfit is also something the guy needs to buy.

The girls seem to have the costlier bill though. The dress, which could be quite expensive, as we all know, is the main concern. Many get perms beforehand, then turn around and get their hair done at a salon on prom day. The extras also add up, like shoes, jewelry, and those special panty hose with pearls on them. Also some girls tan to improve their appearance. Again, just like the guys, girls have to worry about an after-prom outfit.

To sum it up, this night may be remembered by some for the cost more than for the memories.

Slavery in the 90's

by Tammie Ramsdell

Have you ever stopped to look at people for who they are, and not what color their hair is or the clothes they wear? The latter is referred to as "superficial judgement." Most students are annoyed by being judged on their appearance. In South Africa many people are outraged because they are being judged not only by the way they fix their hair or the clothes they wear, but by the color of their skin. A system called Apartheid is defined in the Republic of South Africa as the official policy of political, social, and economic discrimination and segregation enforced against non-whites.

Mrs. Bramlet recently introduced a unit on Apartheid to inform her senior English students of the problems non-whites in Africa face. During this unit students read Alan Paton's novel *Cry, the Beloved Country* and watched the movie *Cry Freedom*. To further the understanding of racism in South Africa Mrs. Bramlet brought in a South African guest speaker, who is attending classes at SIU.

In my opinion most of my classmates looked forward to this visit. I was interested in the African student's point of view as to the non-white African situation. To my surprise, I was appalled by the white African woman who said conditions in South Africa "weren't that bad" and were overrated by television. To explain her idea of television overrating the African situation, she used the example of American commercialism in Africa, where American teenagers are depicted as being "drug users," and typifying the American population as being notorious for kidnapping. After her presentation I realized from talking to my classmates that most of them felt the same way about her attitude. Many students thought that the speaker was defensive and made remarks that did not disfavor discrimination and segregation. Rhonda Cantrell stated, "I was anxious to hear her presentation because it was a different view from the ones we've been exposed to, but after hearing it I have even less faith that South Africa will reach a peaceful solution to this dilemma."

I don't doubt that the media centers only on violence. After all, the rolling hills and green countrysides are definitely not my idea of news, but the media is showing us the real side of South Africa- a place where whites and non-whites do not integrate as equals.

My question is this: How can a white African woman, who has grown up in a white society, with servants and all the privileges of white supremacy, give us the meaning of apartheid? She has never experienced it. This inexperience makes her views unrealistic; how can she say that Apartheid is anything but bad?

Stella is heartwarming

by Natalie Compton and Cheryl Brown

Spring has arrived and along with it there are some really great movies. One of these great new movies is *Stella*, a remake of an old classic.

Stella is a hot new movie starring Bette Midler that focuses around an unwed mother, Stella Claire, and her daughter, Jenny. The movie takes the viewer through the trials of raising Jenny without any help from the father, a doctor named Steven. Instead, Stella relies on the help of her old time friend to cope with the hardships of raising her daughter on her own. It isn't that Steven doesn't want to help out, he tries to but Stella refuses him and his money.

It is almost like Jenny lives two different lives. With her mother she's poor and lives in a dump. With her father she's a rich New York City girl. Stella wants Jenny to be rich and happy and successful, not a waitress in a local bar like herself. Stella finally realizes she can't give her daughter everything that she needs, and she makes the decision to send Jenny off to live with Steven.

To get Jenny to leave Stella has to act like she is sick of her and doesn't want her. Jenny finally moves out of her mother's house and into her father's house, where she meets and falls in love with a wealthy college man named Pat. After the break Stella and Jenny have no communications because Jenny doesn't know where her mother lives now.

The movie ends with Stella watching Jenny marry Pat inside an exclusive club. Stella stands in the rain and watches her daughter's face to see that she is happy. Because Jenny is happy, Stella is happy.

Although this movie has a tragic ending, it is great and a must-see.

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Junior Sunny Mattingly will be leaving for W.Germany on a full-paid scholarship in July.

Mattingly will visit Germany next year

How does spending a year in a foreign country sound? To junior Sunny Mattingly the prospect sounds pretty exciting and promises to be an experience that she'll never forget.

Sunny read about the foreign exchange program in the October issue of *The Purple Clarion*, and applied to go to West Germany as a foreign exchange student in early November on a full paid scholarship. "When I applied it was just two days before the deadline. I had to answer seven essay questions, write two essays, fill out a personal information sheet and a medical form, and then get it all typed. I really didn't think I had any chance because other applicants across the state had four months to do what I did in eighteen hours." With help from Mrs. Clemmons, Phyllis Reynolds, and Armin Hennecke, Sunny completed the written application.

After mailing in the application, Sunny waited three months for the results: either she would be going to a personal and group interview or would be getting a letter saying, thanks, but sorry, you weren't accepted. In February Sunny received a letter saying,

"Congratulations! You have been accepted as a semi-finalist in the Congress-Bundestag exchange program."

"Being accepted as a semi-finalist was pretty exciting. Just to know that I was being considered meant a lot," Sunny commented. Sunny was interviewed in Springfield on February 24 by Congress-Bundestag personnel. "I was really surprised when I got there, because it wasn't anything like I had expected it to be. They really didn't ask me any hard questions. They basically just wanted to know all about me and my family, so it wasn't all that difficult."

After the interview, which thirty-six people from Illinois were chosen to attend, a two-week waiting period was ahead. Fifteen of the thirty-six people interviewed would be selected to spend a year with a host family and attend a German school. "It was really weird, the way I found out, that is. I'd been waiting all



Freshman Jessica Armstrong enjoys the new friends HHS has to offer.

week for a letter. My mom came up to my sixth hour class and said she needed to talk to me, so we went out in the hallway. She just handed me an envelope. I opened it, smiled really big (because I couldn't talk) and Mom screamed. Mr. Wright came out in the hallway to see what was going on, and Mom handed him the envelope."

Now that Sunny knows she is going to West Germany all that is left is technicalities. She will be with a group called Youth for Understanding, and will find out where she'll be staying in Germany a few weeks before her departure, around July 1, 1990. She will stay for a full year.

Sunny's final comments were, "Not many people get the chance to experience something so exciting. I'm just happy that I was accepted and am anxiously awaiting my departure."

New freshman from New Orleans

by Melanie Nook

Jessica Armstrong is a 15-year-old who has recently moved here from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Jessica left one brother and two sisters who are all younger than her in New Orleans. "I wanted to live with my grandparents for a while," she said.

Jessica's impressions of Harrisburg are good. "I think it's small, but I like that, and most of the people are friendly."

When asked what her favorite things about HHS are she replied, "I love the open campus at lunch time and all my new friends."

Next year Jessica would like to either run cross-country or try out for cheerleading.

Water conservation is a must

by Rhonda Cantrell

Scientists predict that fresh, clean water will become a rarity within the next fifteen years. This is grim prediction for a society not used to limitations. We use gallons of water to keep our lawns green and our cars shiny. While these things are nice to have, I think water used for drinking is far more important.

According to statistics cited by Andrea Glass in a recent speech on water conservation, humans can survive with one gallon of water per day for drinking and bathing purposes. While this figure may not be realistic, Americans can definitely cut down on daily water usage.

A habit many people get in to is using the toilet for a trash receptacle. They flick a cigarette butt in the toilet and effectively get rid of it- along with about seven gallons of water. Thousands of gallons of water are wasted a day by Americans who let water run down the drain as they brush their teeth, lather in the shower, and use a full sink of water to wash just a few dishes. Don't let water go down the drain while you're talking on the phone. These wastes show up on consumers' water bills, but in the long run will turn out to be far more taxing on the community than on individual's pocketbook.

The best way to conserve water is to be aware. Another way is to take an interest in recycling. Landfills of recyclable materials pollute volumes of water all the time, and recycling also helps the environment. At the rate we're going, future generations need all the help that we can give them.

Two Hemingway short stories discovered in Massachusetts

Donald Jerkins, an English professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Susan Beegal, an independent scholar from Nantucket, Massachusetts, have discovered two unpublished works by Ernest Hemingway, author of such books as *The Old Man and the Sea* and *The Sun Also Rises*.

The unpublished works were found at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. The short stories, which were among some handwritten manuscripts, are expected to be published in the spring issue of the scholarly journal *The Hemingway Review*, published by Ohio Northern University in Ada.

Donald Jerkins was believed to have found the first piece entitled "Philip Hanes was a Writer," in the spring of 1968. The second incomplete short story, "A Lack of Passion," was discovered by Susan Beegal last year while doing a project.



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Dynamic speaker Rick Caldwell kept audience attentive and interested

Rick Caldwell speaks at assembly

More than six hundred students from Harrisburg High School gathered in an assembly to hear Rick Caldwell speak. On March 27th, the speaker tackled such topics as runaways, teenage pregnancy, abortion, drinking, drugs, teenage suicide, and even sexual relationships.

"Many students have commented that material they study in their classes is not relevant to their particular issues and concerns," commented Assistant Principal Jim Collins. "However, Rick Caldwell mentioned those relevant concerns at a level that all of our teenagers could comprehend and relate to. Therefore, students listened attentively."

As junior Brandon Shelton commented, "It was very beneficial because it made my classmates and me aware that drugs and alcohol can kill. I especially enjoyed the examples he gave to illustrate his point."

"I thought it was the best thing that has ever happened to the students here because they actually took time out to listen," remarked Sunny Mattingly.

Rick Caldwell brought certain amazing figures into the students' understanding. For example, every hour 114 teenagers run away from their homes and feel that they are better off in the streets. Every hour, 28 teenagers give birth to a child outside of marriage while 44 pregnancies are aborted. Two thousand teenagers consume alcohol or drugs every hour and 58 attempt

suicide.

Rick Caldwell prefers to be referred to as a youth communicator who "communicates a message of hope to hundreds of thousands of American teenagers in churches, high schools, or wherever teenagers might be."

In addition to speaking in high schools, Rick works as a fulltime youth minister. As he commented, "In church, I try to explain to teenagers how a relationship with Jesus Christ can give them the power to face the pressures of life."

Rick, his wife JoNell and their three children, Christopher, Catie, and Clayton, live on a ranch near Little Rock, Arkansas. He is a veteran of 14 years of youth ministry, the author of three workbooks for youth, and has contributed chapters to two textbooks for training youth workers. He is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

In the high schools, Rick Caldwell continually challenges teenagers to wake up, wise up, grow up, and quit playing games with things that play back.

Cheerleaders chosen for next year

New cheerleaders have been named for the 1990-91 season. There were seven freshmen, seven jayvee, and nine varsity cheerleaders chosen.

Try-outs were held March 24th. There were a total of ten judges: five SIU cheerleaders, former HHS cheerleaders, and the sponsors.

The prospective cheerleaders were judged on sharpness, spirit, voice projection, eye contact, and creativity. Each person had to perform a group cheer, dance, and sideline, and make up a floor cheer of their own.

Seventeen people tried out for varsity cheerleader. The nine chosen were Lynda Bailey, Leslee Barnett, Amy Bittle, Christi Cottom, Amanda Franks, Heather Howton, Beth Jones, Julie Slightom, and Jada Wilson.

Eleven tried out for jayvee cheerleader. The seven chosen were Heather Harner, Nyla McCabe, Melanie Nook, Angie Phillips, Jenny Reeder, Hilary Thomas, and Heather Winters.

Twelve tried out for freshman cheerleader. The seven chosen were Mena Blair, Keri Dover, Lisa Ewell, Angie Mitchell, Beth Pankey, Stephanie Rister, and Jamie Smith.

The HHS cheerleaders will be attending summer camp from June 24th at the University of Tennessee Martin. There will be fundraisers held to raise money for camp fees.

Student Council holds annual elections without an assembly

With the end of school approaching, student council members were elected to serve for the following year. On the Friday before spring break, students and faculty gathered in their homerooms to listen to a few speeches from the candidates. They then completed their ballots to choose their class representatives. The elections were held differently this year causing some indecision among students and teachers.

Instead of having the candidates speak at an assembly of the entire school in Bonnell Gym, the candidates delivered their speeches over the intercom system. According to student council sponsor Mrs. Clark, the elections were held in this manner because there were no opponents for offices on the executive board or for the sophomore class presidency.

Having the few speeches delivered over the intercom seemed like the logical thing for student council to do, especially since the school assemblies were sometimes long and often unsuccessful events.

"I think that each class is well enough acquainted with their classmates to vote for the most responsible person for the offices," remarked Mrs. Clark. "Therefore, it seems useless to gather 630 students in one gym to hear their classmates speak."

Another factor in having the speeches on the intercom was the problem of noise at many of the school assemblies. As one teacher commented, "Many students in the past have listened to the representatives for their particular class and then caused distractions when other class representatives spoke." Having speeches over the intercom seemed to help avoid those problems according to several teachers.

However, even though there was not as much noise with the students separated, there was still a lot of noise within each homeroom. "I think that a lot of people made wise cracks and stupid comments during the candidate's speeches that they wouldn't have made if they were listening to the speeches in person," commented Tina McIlrath.

Many students felt that the candidates should have given their speeches in front of the student body regardless of the problems presented by an assembly. As Susan Osterkamp commented, "I think that the speeches should have been held in Bonnell, because each candidate would have an equal chance to speak under the same circumstances. I especially think it was important to hear the executive board officers speak to the school."

Despite the opposition towards having speeches over the intercom, officers were elected in the usual manner. The executive board for 1991 will be President: Christi Cottom, Vice-president: Lynda Bailey, Secretary: Julie Slightom, Treasurer: Kim Collins. The 1991 class officers will be President: Marti Stephens, Vice-president: Clay Crawford, Secretary: J.C. Herron, Treasurer: Erin Wheatley, Boy representative: Brandon Shelton, Representative at large: Jaci Prather. The 1992 class officers will be President: Josh Bradley, Vice-president: Beth Jones, Secretary: Heather Howton, Treasurer: Ginger Noah, Boy representative: Terry Glenn, Two-year representative: Keri Rhein. The 1993 class officers will be President: Amit Mehta, Vice-president: Chris Moore, Secretary: Ginger Abney, Treasurer: Nyla McCabe, Boy representative: David Jackson, Two-year representative: Angela Holland.

Reading Assessment: What's that?

Many juniors are now going test crazy. Not only were juniors required to take the California Achievement Test (CAT), but the State Board of Education also introduced a new test. This test, the Reading Assessment Test, was designed to see how each school compared to all the other schools in Illinois in the reading department.

The first two weeks in April (April 2-13) were designated by the State Board for administering the IGAP (Illinois Goal Assessment Program) to all high school juniors. The scores on the test will be averaged together, school by school, and then compared to other schools throughout Illinois.

Each junior was given a passage to read out of about six different ones. The first section was a list of things you might find in a news article, medical article, or short story. The student was to answer yes: very likely to be found, maybe: possible it could be found, or no: not likely to be found.

Then each student was given a passage to read, and was instructed to answer the questions following it. The only difficult thing was that there could be one, two, or three correct answers to each question.

The last part of the test consisted of things that would help you understand what you read and some personal questions about your reading habits.

Melinda Ewert commented, "I thought the test was stupid, because two of the stories that some people read had been studied in our sophomore literature book."

The test didn't seem to go over very well with the juniors, but maybe the scores will place Harrisburg's reputation equivalent with all the "big schools."

Free computers?

Computers and printers, something every high school needs. Thanks to Kroger stores HHS could receive as many computers as it needs. Of course there is a catch, but only a small one when compared with free computers and printers.

The program, initiated on Monday, April 16, 1990, and continuing until the end of June, 1991, consists of the community's help and Kroger's

generosity. For each \$250,000 in cash receipts from Kroger stores, Kroger will donate a free IBM PS2 Mode 25 computer and an IBM proprinter.

Since this model is the one the high school business department already installed, Dr. Tinder hopes to send the majority of the computers to the high school. Dr. Tinder said, "This is a tremendous opportunity to add to the beginning IBM base at the high school and it does not cost a penny for Unit District #3. I am hoping for at least a dozen computers to be

donated with the community's support."

Rick Nelson, Kroger employee, informed Unit #3 about the new program, since it is being offered throughout different parts of the country.

Librarian Mrs. Hafford remarked, "I think it's a great idea! We as a community should take advantage of it and encourage everyone to turn in their receipts."

Attend and win!

Several tactics have been introduced to encourage high school students to remain in school. An example is the "Music for Medium," a program in which a Carmello bar and pamphlet citing drop-out statistics were distributed to students.

Educators are beginning to realize that the problem of drop-outs begins much earlier than high

school. A new program, referred to as "Attend and Win," is designed to improve school attendance of third, fourth, and fifth grade students, while at the same time improve their academic endeavors. The program serves not only Saline but Gallatin, Hardin and Pope Counties as well.

HHS tutors who volunteer their time are: Pat Jones, Mesha Fulbright, Tammie Ramsdell, Valerie Stacey, Heather Holland, Angie Ferrell, Heather Tripp, and Alyssa Wheatley.

The program also provides individual and family counseling for students and parents, provides workshops for teachers, and offers "big brother/sister" opportunities for selected students.

For students and parents interested in becoming involved as a volunteer in the "Attend and Win" program, contact Paula Vickory through either East or West Side schools.

Dramatics goes to East Side

Mrs. Ewert's dramatics class traveled to East side March 22 to perform a play by Jack Frakes. *Final Dress Rehearsal* is a satire of an amateur theatrical group putting on a production of *Cinderella*, featuring all the things which go wrong at the final dress rehearsal.

The distraught director tries to keep everything going smoothly, but Cinderella (Brittney Grubbs) arrives late. The prompter (Jennifer Simpson) wants to play all the parts; the sassy stage crew (Angie Stevens and Donna Haney) are noisy and the author (Keri Faro) feels that her "brainchild" is being ruined.

Once the rehearsal gets started, to the Director's (Jerri Miller) delight, the stepsisters (Laura Benson and Brooke Ratliff) are late on cue. The utility girl (Leann Johnson) messes up the make-up and plays the sound effects at the wrong speed. The messenger girl (Loretta Hogg) crashes her bicycle, and the fairy godmother (Cindy Williams) can't find her magic wand. The whole rehearsal ends in chaos, but they practice a curtain call anyway.

The East Side kindergarten and first graders were a very receptive audience. They sent fan letters to the drama class.

Talent Show replaces musical

If you've always wanted to be up on a stage in front of an audience, you're in luck; Act IV is having a talent show!

Since there will be no spring musical production this year, Act IV members decided to put on a talent contest open to all Harrisburg High School students. The show will be held on Thursday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Malan Junior High auditorium. Admission will be \$1.

So far entries for lip sync, vocal solos, and a rock band have been received. "It's something the kids like if there are enough participants. I'm hoping to get some entries for skits and dances," commented Act IV sponsor Sue Ewert.

Ewert also stressed that an appearance by the Fantastic Faculty Philharmonic will be made. If you wish to enter the contest, you may pick up an application in Mrs. Ewert's room. Cash awards of \$25, \$20, and \$15 will be given. Grab your chance to get some cash, show off, and have fun. Apply today.

National scholar/athlete award given at honors night

As we get closer and closer to graduation another date is also rushing to meet us: honors night. The evening of honors night this year is May 17, and many students anticipate it because they will be recognized for academic excellence. Recognition for National Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, honor roll, writing and art achievements, and executive board student council is given to deserving students every year. One very prestigious award is the National Scholar/Athlete Award.

This award, given by the US Army Reserve, recognizes superior performance in both scholastic and athletic achievement in just one award. A junior or senior boy and girl are chosen by the school principal, guidance counselors, and athletic director. To be eligible, a student must balance a varsity sport with an academic average of at least a B.

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Dismissals met with bitter controversy

Numerous questions have been raised about the Unit #3 School Board actions concerning the dismissals of head varsity basketball coach Tony Holler and band director Bob Cahill.

The questions have stemmed primarily from Holler's dismissal. Holler argues that the team had endured a 25-year winning drought until he came on the scene in 1981. He points out that the Bulldogs have had a .500 or better season for the past three years, and that he has founded an impressive basketball camp in the lower grades.

Friends and relatives of Coach Holler have written several letters to the Daily Register protesting his removal. Most of these letters expressed fear that the board's decision was influenced by a vocal minority of parents. Unfortunately, exact details were not allowed to be disclosed, as the decision was made in executive session. In accordance with

the Open Meeting Act, the board is not allowed to discuss what took place in executive session.

Principal Gary Gordon had plenty to say about Mr. Holler. "I'm sorry to see it happen. I didn't recommend that Holler be dismissed. I hope Mr. Holler continues to work here as a teacher and a coach in other sports."

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Jim Collins was disgruntled over the developments saying, "I didn't recommend he be fired, and I didn't know they were going to do it that night."

To further complicate the situation, JV basketball coach Bruce Bard and junior high coach Jerry Beal resigned their positions in support of Holler.

Though it is difficult to ascertain how the public feels about this touchy issue, several HHS students were willing to share their opinions.

Eric McClusky and Joe Lowry commented, "Ever since he's been here, he's said that he'll turn the team around. 14-12 is not turning a program around, especially with the talent he had this year."

Joseph Emmons commented, "I really can't make a prudent comment at this time since the school board is not able to give their reasons to the public. If I knew why they did it, their decision might make more sense."

Totally baffled as to why the decision was made, Shane Stricklin stated, "I personally believe that Mr. Holler observed Gary Gordon performing Satanic rituals with the rest of the school board and was therefore dismissed to insure his silence."

Feedback to the Bob Cahill issue was rather limited as the controversy was not as strong. Mr. Gordon did say, "It was unfortunate we had to let Mr. Cahill go. It was just a matter of numbers."

Keep off the grass

Parking has become an increasingly disruptive problem for HHS students. Though not too bad in the fall, the lots tend to clog up in the latter half of the year as more and more underclassmen become licensed drivers.

In fact, several teachers have complained to Mr. Gordon about students taking their spots in the faculty parking lot. It is not against the law for students to park in the designated faculty area, but it is against school regulation, and students who refuse to obey this rule (p.9 Student Handbook) will be forced to pay the consequences. Delinquent parkers will be given a warning and asked to move their vehicle the first time they are in violation. If the same student is caught again, it will be considered defiance and a period of suspension will ensue. As Mr. Gordon points out, "There is absolutely no reason to park in the staff lot."

In the past, the school has attempted to remedy the problem by purchasing a block of land on the west side of the school, and by having the "no parking" segment of the street converted to "parking." Although these measures did alleviate the problem somewhat, crowded conditions still exist.

Due to these crowded conditions, many students have taken to parking on the grass by Davenport Gym and alongside the band room. Mr. Gordon is not happy about students parking on the lawn, but is powerless to stop them. The police, however, frequently ticket cars parked in this fashion.

When asked why he prefers sod to paved or gravel surfaces, frequent grass-parker Josh Mitchell replied, "I park in the grass because everybody else takes the parking spots, so what the heck, I park in the grass."

Courageous teen dies of AIDS-related infection

by J.J. Owen

On Sunday, April 8, 1990, many people mourned as they learned of the death of a greatly admired person. This person was not a king, a president, or even a famous actor. He was a normal 18-year-old boy, with the exception that he was afflicted with a terminal illness known as AIDS. His name was Ryan White.

Ryan died on April 8, from an AIDS-related lung infection. He was born with hemophilia and contracted the AIDS virus through a blood-clotting agent used to treat his disease. Ryan did not discover that he had the illness until December 4th, 1984. At that time doctors had given him two years to live. He shattered those odds and lived for over five years.

Throughout his struggle with

Mr. Gordon fears that if the problem continues to worsen, the school will be forced to revive the parking sticker method the school has several years ago.

Another possible solution would be not to allow underclassmen to drive to school. While this solution would definitely not appeal to the freshmen and sophomores, it would easily meet parking demands. To extend this farther, seniors and juniors could purchase or rent a parking spot for a small fee upon registering in the fall. Underclassmen could purchase the remaining spots in the order of their birthdays.

Seniors Ryan McGowen and Nikki Randolph feel that these ideas should not have to be implemented. Ryan stated, "There is enough room, but some people park like they own the place," while Nikki commented, "There's enough room, it's just that nobody parks right."

AIDS, Ryan was discriminated against by the people in his old hometown of KoKomo, Indiana. Because of AIDS, Ryan was not permitted to attend school in KoKomo. He and his family eventually sued the school system and won the battle. Even though Ryan gained the right to attend school there, the family left KoKomo to escape the community's cruelty. Ryan began attending Hamilton Heights High School in Arcadia, Indiana, where he was easily accepted and made many friends.

Ryan's funeral was held on Wednesday, April 11th, at the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Over 1,500 people attended to say goodbye to the courageous teenager.

Such celebrities as singer Michael Jackson, talk-show host Phil Donahue, Los Angeles Raiders football player Howie Long, First Lady Barbara Bush, and singer Elton John also attended the funeral. Members of the Hamilton Heights High School Swing Choir

sang, "That's what Friends are For," then broke into tears as they ended the song. Elton John, one of Ryan's celebrity admirers, sang his own song entitled, "Skyline Pigeon."

Ryan was so young when he died, only a junior in high school. There are so many things that he will never do. He will never be able to go to his high school graduation nor to his high school prom. Even though Ryan will not be able to do a lot of things for this world, he has already done one very important thing. Until his death, Ryan spent much of his time informing the public about AIDS. He taught them that it was alright to be scared of AIDS, but not to be ignorant about it.

Ryan, knowing that he would one day die, seemed to be prepared. In an interview in 1985, Ryan pointed to the sky and said, "It's probably better up there than it is down here anyway."

Baseball Dogs open season with home loss

The Harrisburg Bulldogs have posted a 2-1 record after their first three games. The team suffered some first game jitters and faced very cold weather in their opening loss to Maine South of Chicago. The Dogs came back, however, to defeat conference foes Carbondale and Benton. The Dogs disposed of Carbondale 6-2 and Benton 5-1.

The first game against Maine South was played under miserable conditions. The wind was gusting hard, and it was extremely cold. The Dogs jumped out early and scored three runs in the first inning, yet could not muster a run for the rest of the game. Too many walks and mental errors caused Dogs to lose the game.

The Dogs then opened the conference season against Benton with flying colors. Pitcher Ryan McGowen turned in a sparkling performance. He gave up only two runs on six hits; he struck out six and walked no one. The Bulldog bats came alive in the game as well.



Senior hurdler Ryan McGowen delivers solid pitching for the Varsity Bulldogs.

Dogs lose toughie

The Harrisburg baseball team put together a string of eight consecutive victories before falling to a tough Mt. Vernon squad. The team had trouble hitting lefty Demetry Jennings. According to Coach Thompson, the Dogs had trouble hitting Jennings to right field and hit too many slow grounders off the end of the bat.

The Dogs plated a run in the bottom of the first. Chris Healy drew a one out walk, but was picked off for the second out. However, Robbie Nicholes followed with a single to right, Brad Barnhill singled to left, and Ryan McGowan collected the third hit in a row. Chris Lucas walked to plate Nicholes for the Dogs' first run. Senior hurler Ryan McGowen gave up hits at the wrong time. The majority of the Rams' hits came with runners in scoring position.

The Dogs could muster only one more run for the rest of the game.

Faculty is undefeated in Key Club basketball game

Once again, the faculty came out victorious to keep their undefeated record in the annual Key Club basketball game.

On April 3rd at the end of the first quarter the faculty was leading 29 to 27. By the second quarter the Key Club caught up, and at half time the score was tied at 50.

During half time the slam dunk contest was held. The goal was lowered to nine feet for the contestants. There were 13 participants and Robbie Nicholes won the contest.

The faculty took a break and came back ready for action in the third quarter. Going into the fourth quarter the faculty was leading 79 to 71. The faculty won the game with a score of 109 to 89.

The faculty team consisted of coaches, Thompson, Way, Roper, Holler, Langley, Bard, and Mr. Gordon.

The Key Club team consisted of Brandon Shelton, Jason Garnett, Eric Vargo, Kerry Herring, Brian Ziegler, Marc Satterfield, Shawn Owens, Roger Graham, Scott Risinger, Casey Teckenbrock, Eddie Burnam, and Wade Gibbons. The coach for the Key Club team was Whipper Johnston.

Robbie Nicholes and Bill Kent refereed the game. Announcers were Whipper Johnson, Joe Lowry, and Brian Banks.

Mr. Gordon commented, "It was a great game and fortunately none of the old timers were injured."



Mr. Roper and the faculty team thrash Jason Garnett and the Key Club hoopsters



Sophomore Terry Glenn hands the baton to varsity teammate Mike Victoria for the first leg of the 400 meter relay which the Bulldogs went on to win in a quadrangular against Marion, Mt. Vernon, and Herrin.



Lady trackster Kristie Fearleiley takes it in easily to win the 800-meter relay against Centralia. The Lady Bulldogs are enjoying a great season to date.



Sophomore Patty Steapleton prepares to slide into second base against Centralia.