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Prom located at SIC again

by April Mayhall

The juniors selected "Wonderful Tonight," based on Eric Clapton's song, as the theme for the 1993 prom. The prom will be held at SIC, once again, on April 16 from 8:00-12:00.

"Choosing the theme and coordinating the decorations was very hard this year. We were restricted by a light budget and a small place, but what we ended up buying, I think will turn out great," said officer Stephanie Rister.



Vice Principal Ms. Stewart poses with recently selected students of the month Prudence Parks, Marcus Questelle, Anna Banks, and Kim Turner.



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Sahara closes

by Ashley Gott

After 88 years in business, Sahara Coal has made a decision to permanently shut down all coal mining operations. Shortly after June 1, the company will close the doors on its two remaining area mines.

The closure will affect 373 employees at surface mine No. 6 and underground mine No. 21. Offers to try to buy out the company were unsuccessful.

Lack of profits and the inability to reduce costs were the main factors in the mine shutdown. The company's primary user was Electric Energy Inc. in Joppa. The company blamed Sahara's "lack of investment to produce coal" as another factor in the closure.

Sahara's coal was of medium-sulfur quality and did not require the use of a scrubber. The passage of the Clean-Air bill did not affect Sahara as much as it did high-sulfur companies in Illinois.

Sahara's closure will definitely have an immense impact on Southern Illinois' economy.

Suckers/Keystones on sale

by Leslie Hearn

The deadline to get names on yearbooks has come and gone, but students can still purchase a 1993 Keystone for \$25.

Only 50 extra books without names were ordered. Students who would like one of these extras should bring \$25 to room 117 before school as soon as possible. Many students have already reserved an extra book, so quantities are limited.

In addition to the continuation of yearbook sales, the Keystone is also selling gourmet suckers for 50 cents apiece. The different flavors include: cherry, grape, watermelon, mountain berry, strawberry-banana, green apple, and strawberries-n-cream.

This sucker sale is to assure that there will be no more cuts in the 1993 Keystone. The more suckers that are sold, the better the 1993 book will be. These suckers are selling out quickly. However, if enough interest is shown, it is possible that another shipment of suckers will be ordered, so if you, as a student or faculty member feel that you would but more suckers, please let Mrs. Clemmons or a member of the publications staff know.

Stalling for Time

Sexual harassment: It is unacceptable and you do not have to put up with it

by Angie Stallings

Sexual harassment is a broad term with many interpretations. It can range from someone calling you "honey" or "babe" to a suggestive comment to a touch to assault and rape. Most of the time, females are the victims of sexual harassment. Teenage girls are especially susceptible to harassment. In fact, a recent survey conducted by Seventeen magazine revealed that 89% of teenage girls have been the subject of sexual comments, gestures, and looks, and 83% have been touched, pinched, and/or grabbed. About 40% of the girls who answered yes to the two previous questions said these incidents occurred daily.

For years, ultra-feminist groups such as NOW (the National Organization for Women) have bludgeoned the issue of sexual harassment to death, but this is because women are still not considered equals by men and are often treated as mere sex objects. I personally feel that these groups have been a little hard on men. After all, it's human nature to flirt. Flirting is fine. However, when someone makes comments to you that you do not enjoy or make you feel uncomfortable in any way, be it through comments or a touch, it is not flirting. This type of unwanted attention is sexual harassment in my book. I believe that nobody should have to put up with this type of behavior.

A piece of advice to the girls reading this column (because females are usually victims of sexual harassment, while males are victims in rare cases): Perhaps you like to receive and give compliments (I myself melt like butter when approached with flattering comments). Perhaps you enjoy suggestive comments and find them flattering. Perhaps you even like to engage in more physical flirting. That's fine. Just remember that, if at any time, someone's flirtatious behavior is unwanted, all you have to do is say "STOP." If you don't speak up, he may get more serious in his "flirting," and this is when assault and rape may occur. To the boys, my advice and request is that when a girl tells you to back off, please do so.

from the letters box

Attention Travis DeNeal and students of HHS.

I am writing to call your attention to Travis DeNeal's article in the March edition of the Clarion. To begin with, I want to thank Travis for printing his opinions about allowing homosexuals in the military. However, I am outraged at some of the statements made in the article. For example, "homosexuals do not deserve special legislation." In part you are right but homosexuals have feelings, opinions, and rights too and should not be "put back in the closet."

Instead of forbidding them to serve, why not take a more rationalized and mature approach? For instance, make blood tests mandatory, have separate sleeping quarters for the gay servicemen, etc. There are more answers to the problem than just forgetting them.

To get to the point, at least the homosexuals have the will and the guts to fight for a country of people who do not respect them. At least they have common sense not to criticize heterosexuals like us. They also respect us. The least we could do is allow them to fight for our country and those too weak to fight themselves. Weak meaning cowardly.

I hope you will consider what I have said.

Sincerely,

Tracie Partain

a future U.S. Army recruit

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Night reflects suffering and loss during the Holocaust

by Steff Dudgeon

When Mrs. Bramlet assigned *Night* by Elie Wiesel to her senior English classes, almost everyone moaned under the pressure of reading a book while working on a research paper at the same time. Hearts felt a little lighter when we found out it was only 109 pages long and still a little lighter when we found out it was an autobiographical account of the WWII Holocaust.

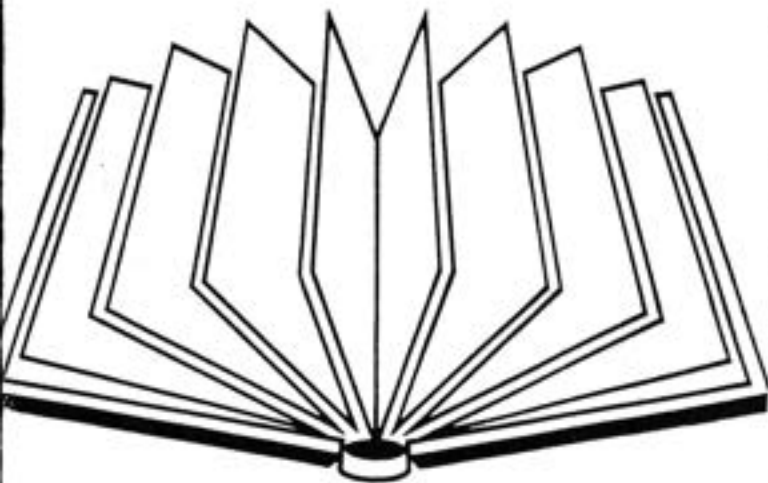
The story is set around a young twelve-year-old boy living in Transylvania during World War II. The Germans separate the Jews into ghettos, away from the rest of their little town. Eliezer, the Jewish boy, and his family are deported on cattle cars to Birkenau, a reception center for Auschwitz, a concentration camp.

In the year and a half that Eliezer stays in the camps, he watches his mother and little sister die in the crematories, his father get dehumanized, and himself lose faith in his God. Once after the prisoners are forced to watch a hanging someone yells, "Where is God now?"

Eliezer answers from within himself, "Where is He? Here He is- He is hanging here on these gallows. . ."

After living like corpses for some time, Eliezer and the other prisoners are finally liberated. His hell on earth is finally over.

As I read the book, I was unable to put it down. Its imagery was transfixing and horrifying. I found it hard to believe it was a true story. I told my grandmother its story, and she asked why we should have to read such terrifying literature. I told her that we must remember what happened in Germany so in the future we may avoid another bloody holocaust.



FROM BRIAN'S BOOKSHELF

This one's Mostly Harmless

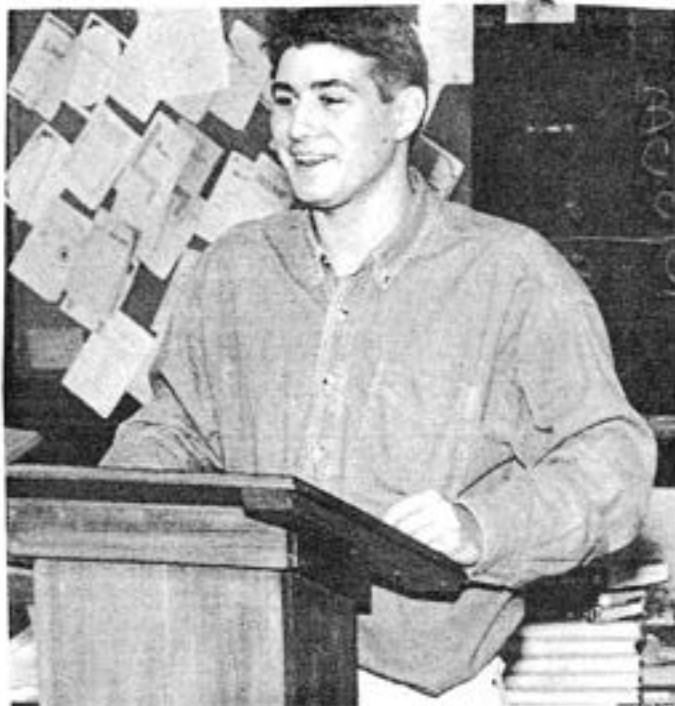
by Brian DeNeal

Douglas Adams's fifth book in what his publisher calls "the increasingly inaccurately named" *Hitchhikers Trilogy*, *Mostly Harmless*, has recently been released. This book continues the adventures of Earthlings Arthur Dent and Tricia McMillan (Trillian), and Betelgeusian Ford Prefect.

Like most Douglas Adams books, *Mostly Harmless* is both utterly hilarious and idiotic. A good example is when a spaceship equipped with robot flight attendants crashes. The cyberminds that controlled the robots were set loose and infected all the squirrels in the area. The result of the accident is that anyone who walks through the woods is assaulted by squirrels bestowing themselves with bits of magazines and hot towels. For me, the Hitchhiker books are only enjoyable on a short-term level. When someone asks me, "Remember the scene in *Life, the Universe, and Everything* when Arthur is wearing a loincloth and a bone in his beard while he chases a floating sofa?" unfortunately, I can only say, "No." When I think of the Hitchhiker books, I just think of a jumbled mess of people doing insane things in space, travelling through time and going to different dimensions. If you like Monty Python, chances are you'd like Douglas Adams' books.

The title *Mostly Harmless* refers to the description of Earth in the *Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*, the indispensable computer book that this series of books revolves around. In *Mostly Harmless* the Guide office has been taken over by the dreaded Vogons, a race of crude and disgusting aliens whose poetry is the worst in the universe. The new Guide is shaped like a bird and has infinite power. The Vogons plan to use this guide to destroy the Earth. The Earth was destroyed in the first book, the *Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*, but the fourth book, *So Long and Thanks for All the Fish*, dealt with some business about all that being a mass hallucination or something. I never really understood that bit.

I recommend *Mostly Harmless* and the rest of the "trilogy" to anyone interested in gut-busting science fiction. The books are short, smart, and wonderfully ridiculous.



Josh Grimes prepares his speech for the tournament.

Speech team finishes second at SIC, 13 awards

by Angie Stallings

Members of the HHS speech team won 13 individual awards to lead the team to a second-place finish in team sweeps at SIC's annual speech tournament.

Over 100 students from seven area schools participated in eight categories at the Mar. 15 tournament. Harrisburg finished behind Carrier Mills only. Other participating schools were: Carmi; Eldorado; Hardin County; NCOE; and Pope County.

HHS speakers placed in six of the eight contests. In extemporaneous speaking, Travis DeNeal placed second, Matt Bramlet third, Matt Eisenhower fifth, and Cherie Wetzel sixth. The duo of Jenny Hankins and Mark Lucas finished third in duet acting. In the prose division, Stephanie Rister placed second, Jenny Hankins fourth, and Mark Lucas sixth. Tonya Gooday placed second in poetry. Heather Harner won the persuasive category, while Jenny Reeder finished fourth. In the impromptu division, Matt Bramlet won and Travis DeNeal placed fifth. HHS did not place in the informative or speech-to-entertain division.

Other members of this year's team are: Shannon Horstmann; Brad Bolin; Monica Kiesecoms; Deedria Newsome; Delana Boatright; Hugh DeNeal; Josh Grimes; Boone Chalmeyer; Glenda Johnson; Jennifer Belton; Ryan Franks; Ida Chambers; Preston Sweat; and Sam Alderfer.

HHS has finished second in team sweeps in five of the last six years at SIC.

Student Council attends LEDSC district conference

by Nancy Nicholes

Eighteen Student Council members and advisor Ron Crutchfield attended the annual meeting of the Little Egypt District Student Councils. The conference took place on Mar. 17 at John A. Logan College. With over 20 schools present, HHS was well represented.

Members attended different seminars on how to help your school. The juniors attended the class on prom. Juniors Mena Blair and Kerri Dover commented, "Our spokeswomen were from Mt. Vernon. They spend all year raising money for prom. They raised something like \$8000 for prom. Their prom is held at the Ramada Inn where they eat dinner. Prom is a much more involved and important for Mt. Vernon."

After the seminars and lunch, a dance contest was held. Following the contest, everyone voted for the new LEDSC officers. The new officers were sworn in and took their places on the council. Harrisburg presented the LEDSC with a \$25 donation that will go towards Camp Little Grassy.

Career day not as active

by Andy Kelley

Southeastern Illinois College's annual career day did not attract as many people this year especially from Harrisburg. SIC had told area schools not to send as many students as last year.

Last year nearly the entire junior class went to SIC; this year only a selected number were allowed to go. Students in Mrs. Clark's Health Occupations classes and Mrs. Rann's business classes were those chosen to participate in the festivities.

The students left the high school around 8:30 a. m. and proceeded to SIC. Once there, students spent the morning learning about all different types of careers and brought back information concerning the fields of study they were interested in.

Some of the students who made the trip this year were a little skeptical about how crowded SIC would be. A few days before the trip, rumors were going around about the '92 career day festival and how uncomfortable it was, due to the large number of people around the district who attended. But this year's career day had one of the smallest attendances ever. Excluding Harrisburg, only four other schools attended.

Several of the students that were allowed to attend said that the day went by very fast, and it was easy to see what you wanted to

Gott, Stallings honored at IPA dinner

by Angie Stallings

Seniors Ashley Gott and Angie Stallings were honored by Principal Jim Collins at the first Student Recognition Dinner of Region VI of the Illinois Principals Association (IPA).

Seventy-two 5th, 6th, 8th, and 12th graders from 42 Region VI schools attended the Mar. 25 dinner held in the banquet room of John A. Logan College. Each student was recognized with a framed certificate signed by the principal, Region VI Director Meda Thompson, and Illinois Principals Association Executive Director Dr. David Turner. Students were also photographed with their principals by Delmar Studios.

Principals from all Region VI schools, including elementary, junior high, and high schools, could invite one or two students from the highest grade level at the school and their parents.

Thompson presented Steve and Bonnie Wheeler of WSIL TV with the first "Friend of Education" award. Jerry Clemens, principal of Horace Mann Elementary of Mt. Vernon, was honored with the Herman Graves Service Award. Dr. Turner was the featured speaker at the dinner.

Thompson noted that "turnout for the dinner was excellent" and that the REgion VI chapter of the IPA would like to make the dinner an annual event.

FBLA attends convention in Springfield

by Amit Mehta

The FBLA Club enjoyed a visit to the state convention on Mar. 26 and 27 in Springfield. The convention included contests and activities that the young businesspeople were able to enjoy.

On a serious note, the students took an hour-long business-affiliated test, which showed how much skill they have picked up in their business classes. Senior Ashley Gott commented, "The test was one of the hardest I ever guessed at."

Seniors Heather Harner, Amy Morse, and Angie Phillips all made good on their talents. They brought home awards in Machine Transcription, Business Procedures, and Informative Processing respectively.

Some of the more recreational activities included a talent show, swimming, a dance party, and banquets. Unfortunately, the local chapter had no entries in the talent show, but HHS students were seen dancing the night away on Friday night and dunk contests were seen in the Holidome swimming pool.

The business leaders also attended three banquets where appropriate business attire was called for. At the main banquet on Friday evening, outfits ranging from business to formal evening gowns were worn. Awards and interesting speeches highlighted each banquet.

Thirteen HHS members attended the convention along with two sponsors. Because of a late night of partying, a few members almost didn't make the trip home.

Senior Alayna Martin, the FBLA President, said, "It was nice to see the participation of all the members and especially the size of our chapter." The Harrisburg group won an award for one of the greatest percentage of membership increases.

Whale Tales

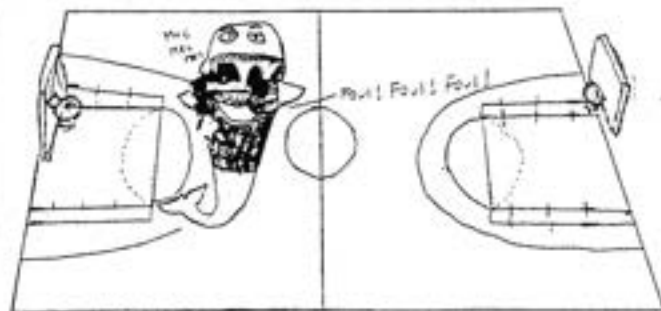
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IN MR. ROBINSON'S NEIGHBORHOOD

GAME OVER!!!!

by
Andy Kelley
&
Mark Lucas



The Whale stuffs Robinson.

Mason honored by Kerley

by Angie Foster

Sophomore Lance Kerley delivered his award winning essay entitled "Fighting Fire With Water" to the student body on Mar. 17. The presentation was part of Black History week.

Lance's essay described a man familiar to most students, custodian Charlie Mason. Lance described him a "... everybody's friend and everybody's counselor. He always has a smile and a friendly comment for everyone - black or white." The essay went on to talk about what it was like for Mr. Mason growing up. It described the racist environment he endured. "He (Mr. Mason) says he was well treated by most of the kids and all but one of the teachers, when he went to the integrated high school. This particular teacher liked to call the black kids "Sunshine." He apparently got a lot of mileage out of this remark until he was reprimanded for using it by the principal, Mr. Harry Taylor."

The tribute from Kerley couldn't have been given at a better time. Mr. Mason will be retiring this year after 18 years of serving our high school.

Mr. Mason very much liked Lance's essay. "I thought it was wonderful. Actually Lance should have gotten more credit than I did."

The essay won first place in a contest sponsored by Illinois Black History Association.



Mason will retire after many years of service as a custodian and friend to HHS students and faculty.



Alvey, far right, has worked as head cook 14 years.

Wynona Alvey retires after 14 years as cafeteria head

by Heather Bean

Cafeteria head cook Wynona Alvey is retiring from HHS after fourteen years.

Mrs. Alvey says that the reason for her retirement is because at 65 years old she is "ready to move on." Although she loves her work, she wishes to retire and visit her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Alvey commented, "This is the best job in the country for me because I love to cook and enjoy working with the students."

After her retirement, Mrs. Alvey wants to find some volunteer work, part-time, at the soup kitchen in Eldorado. Mrs. Alvey plans to spend much of her free time sewing, and she hopes to visit her nine children and fourteen grandchildren, some of whom live in Florida and California.

Mrs. Alvey summed up her fourteen years. "These cooks are a good bunch of girls to work with. It's a great school, and I have really enjoyed it."

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Recovering from the pitch, freshman Chrissy Way watches the ball enter the strike zone.

From indoor to outdoor track season progresses

by Marc Popetz

The boys' track team started out on a competitive note as they traveled to the Saluki Indoor Invitational to compete against the larger teams of Southern Illinois. The indoor meet gave the guys a goal to strive for as they against state quality athletes.

From the Carbondale indoor the team went to the Benton Indoor, because it was still too cool to run outside. The Benton meet was a light-hearted competition that took place in the halls of Benton High School. Not only did the different setting make it fun, but there were several unusual events.

The shot relay, held for all shot putters or people weighing over 200 pounds, was one such event. The Harrisburg team won hands down in a short leg race that differed quite a bit from the norm.

The long distance races were a change for the runners. "Two miles through the halls of a high school made it seem much shorter," commented sophomore Shane Crank.

"I think we are off to a good start, even though the season is still young. I really wish we were single A but we have to put that behind us and get on with the season. I also think the shot-relay team is state bound, as soon as the race becomes regular," summarized senior Jamie Satterfield.

Their first outdoor meet, which marks the beginning of the regular season is going to be held against Eldorado and Fairfield. The guys are expected to fare extremely well there and set the trend for the rest of the season.

Lady Bulldog softball team loses two key starters, has three seniors returning

by Steff Padget.

The Harrisburg Lady Bulldogs began their season April 1st, against Gallatin County at home.

The Bulldogs lost two starting players last year to graduation. Pitcher and catcher duo Krysti Jones and Patti Steapleton will not be there to help the Ladies on their long road to the regionals.

"Even though we lost two seniors last year, we can still come through if we play as a team," said junior Sara Henshaw.

Three seniors return for the Lady Bulldogs. First baseman Lori Wilson, third baseman Sharon Hicks, and shortstop Steff Padget will all be back to lead their young team.

"If we can stop from nit picking everything everyone does, we plan on having a hell of a season and try to make the best yet," said senior Lori Wilson. With only three returning senior, and three returning juniors, the team is young.

"I hope since this is our last year we can really make something of it," said senior Sharon Hicks.

Coaches April Horning and Randy Jones will be leading the Dogs' on their '93 season.



Junior Damon Lampley vaults over the high jump bar.



Kayo Willis coached on the high school, collegiate, and professional levels before beginning his tenure at Harrisburg High School in the 1992-1993 season.

Harrisburg High School remembers Coach Willis

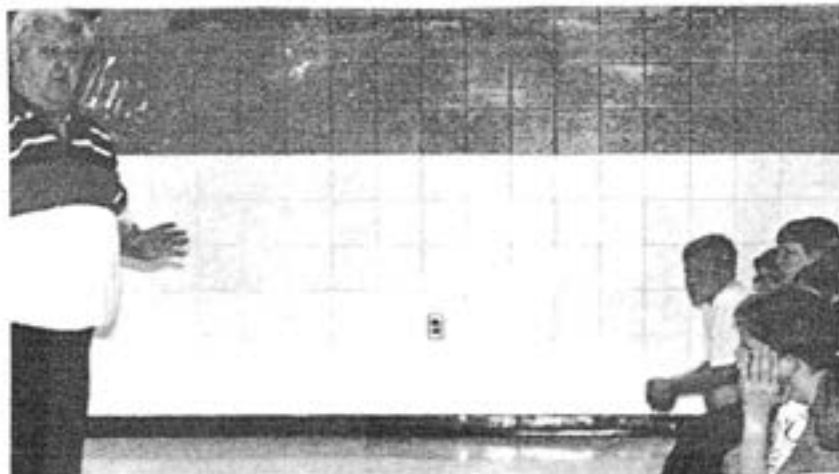
by Ashley Gott

It was a time of sorrow as students and faculty gathered in Davenport Gym for a memorial service to bid farewell to Coach Kayo Willis.

The service was attended by all Board of Education members. Superintendent Don Albracht, West Frankfort Coach Ken Joggerst, former West Frankfort Coach Dave Lee, a long-time colleague/adversary of Willis, Cairo Coach Bill Chamblor, who served as an assistant to Willis at Murray State University, and members of Coach Willis' family.

Rev. Alan Rhein of the Methodist Church gave the memorial service. Rev. Rhein had close ties to Willis. Coach Willis attended the Methodist Church regularly. Also, Rhein's son Zach played basketball under Willis during his time here.

The entire student body was dismissed to go to Gibbons-Weirauch Funeral Home to attend visitation. Right before the students were dismissed Principal Jim Collins addressed the students. Collins said, "I'm so proud of this group of young people sitting in front of me. This has been a unique year. You've had roadblock after roadblock thrown



To develop a good basketball program, Willis started early. Coach Willis instructed grade school boys in the fundamentals of basketball at special clinics.

in front of you this year and as a student body and a faculty we've been able to overcome. And, we'll get through this."

While Coach Willis' tenure at Harrisburg was short, he made many accomplishments while he was here. Coach Willis guided the Bulldogs to a winning record, 14-13, after a 4-21 season a year ago. Willis also achieved a goal that most coaches dream about, 600 wins in a career. For that accomplishment Coach Willis was inducted into the IHSA Hall of Fame. Coach Willis was also named District 20 Class AA Coach of the Year, which includes the entire Southern Illinois area.

Coach Willis touched the lives of everyone in the school and many in the community. He will be sorely missed, not only as a coach but as a person.



Members of the basketball team gathered on the gym floor at the memorial service held at the school.