

Students-of-the-Month

by Nancy Nicholes

December Students-of-the-Month were senior Lee Simpson and freshman Jared Sperling. To be eligible for the Student-of-the-Month program, a teacher must nominate you. Your name then goes into a hat with all the other nominees. The more times you're nominated, the better chance you have. The winners may choose either a shirt bearing the HHS logo or a personal parking space for a month. Nominees for Student-of-the-Month have their choice of various gifts from Ms Stewart.

Lee Simpson commented, "It was a real honor to be Student-of-the-Month because I really needed the free t-shirt."



Ms. Stewart announces senior Lee Simpson and freshman Jared Sperling as the new students of the month.



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Good students to get positive reward day

by Angie Foster

Those who follow the rules will be rewarded. The first positive reward celebration at HHS will be held in Davenport Gym on Feb. 19. This celebration follows the first semester exams which will be given on Feb. 16, 17, and 18.

Vice principal Ms. Stewart, the creator and supervisor of this celebration, says she plans on having "some really crazy activities" at this event. Some of her ideas include bingo (yes, there will be prizes), maybe a limbo contest, a dud lotto for the students who just like to sit in the chair seats, and even free food. The day will run on a hot weather schedule with the carnival beginning at one.

Not all students will qualify for this event. There are strict qualifications to be met, as follows

TO QUALIFY FOR POSITIVE REWARD CELEBRATION

1. 2 or less detentions
2. No class dismissals
3. No unexcused absences

4. No permanent I's
5. No detentions owed from previous years
6. No suspensions
 - a. In-school
 - b. Out-of-school

Those students who do not qualify for the event will spend the afternoon in study halls. The location of the study hall will be posted. Students have until Feb. 12 to clear up any old detentions and make themselves eligible. Also, not qualifying for this celebration does not mean you cannot qualify for the next one. After this semester, all students will be given a clean slate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VARSITY	BASKETBALL	
Feb. 5	Benton	T
Feb. 6	Carbondale	H
Feb. 12	Centralia	T
Feb. 13	West Frankfort	T
Feb. 16	McLeansboro	H
Feb. 19	Herrin	T
LADY	BULLDOG	BASKETBALL
Feb. 2	Benton	H
Feb. 4	Carbondale	T
Feb. 9	Centralia	H
Feb. 11	West Frankfort	H



Suggestions anyone?

by Jeremy Hafford

I, as well as the *Purple Clarion* staff, would like to thank you, the student body, for the wonderful, imaginative suggestions that you brought forth to our attention. Several of you did indeed surprise me with your "wit" and ingenuity at attempting to cause a scene in the publications room. I do mean to thank the few of you for it's not everyday that I can get such a laugh out of letters in the morning.

One letter was written in response to the extracurricular activity of Quiz-bowl which appears below. The others, however, are not to be printed in entirety due to lack of sufficient evidence of sincerity in them (as well as the lack of a valid signature). Still, excerpts from those letters will be used since your opinions on my editorials and the "joke" (underground newspaper) are really a pleasure to look at. They also make me wonder, do you really know that much about the "joke" and my way of thinking?

Here is a poor example of a person, pseudonym Cliff Clavin, trying to get a point across through spelling and I quote, "I disagree with Jeremy Hafford and his lously cutdowns. He didn't do any better job than the people behind the..." Thank you for your time and effort. I will take your thoughts into consideration, NOT! Next.

Another letter was written by an Ever so Loud and says what follows: "Did you (Jeremy Hafford) ever really sit down and actually read and try to understand what the "writers" were trying to do and say. It is clearly obvious that the word being used here is "jealously". Jeremy, you have no idea what you are talking about... How immature can you (Jeremy) get?"

I believe that you can possibly be a good writer and I would appreciate it if you used your talents more positively. Instead of condemning our paper, write articles for it so you can make it more like the paper that you obviously want. And yes, to answer your question, I managed to obtain a copy which I read intently and found that it bore no likeness to journalism.

This next one is from an L.T. who has promised to continue sending his material. "No offense Jeremy Hafford but I think you need to shut your mouth next time and think before you try putting down someone. If you think I was hurt by your 2nd grade cut-downs your wrong. Another thing I would alot rather read the articles in the *Clarion* than those in the *Clarion*."

Aside from the apparent lack of checking your writing for errors the structure was decent, but I need to set you straight on several facts. First of all I don't open my mouth except when my opinion is backed up by hard evidence, most of the time--this being one of them. Secondly, if you can find a second grader who can write

better than me, send him to the publications room, we can put him to good use. Last of all, I couldn't help but notice that you seemed to say that you were not hurt by my editorial. Could that mean that you had part in the joke and its creation?

These are the best opinionated letters received by the staff from the suggestion box built by Mr. Smith and his shop class. The box is outside of the publications room, open to anyone with an opinion that they feel is worth sharing. Please, write again, but remember, sign your own name next time or your suggestions will never receive a second thought.

Dear Editor,

Budget cuts are needed in our high school. One program that is draining our schools pocket book is Quiz Bowl. It doesn't bring in any money to help pay for its expenses like football does. The Quiz Bowl team of 6 members (*that's varsity, the JV team has 5 members*) takes a charter bus on away trips while their athletic counterparts ride in a bumpy banana bus. One solution is to give the quiz bowl team 3 (*need 4 more*) tandem bikes for away trips and I agree 100% with this solution.---Jacob Evrard

First of all, Quiz-bowl is not the only program that doesn't raise money. Secondly, the charter buses that we get are given to us without our recommendation and the only time we even use a bus is when both squads are going to an away meet. Finally, if you feel like this program needs to be cut, then I have a question for you: If your favorite school event (a sport or otherwise) won second in state competition the previous year, how would you feel if it was dropped this year altogether? Think about this and do your homework before writing on matters such as this again. ---Jeremy Hafford

Purple Clarion Letters Policy

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- 1) letters do not exceed 250 words in length (about 3/4 of a page to a page)
- 2) letters are in good taste
- 3) actual names of author(s) are included

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Nine Inch Nails: they're back and they're "Broken"?

by Angie Foster

Nine Inch Nails are back, but unlike the Nine Inch Nails you might have seen on tour last summer, this Nine Inch Nails is not a band, but a man. Trent Reznor. Reznor is responsible for writing, producing, and performing most of the cuts on this album. Most of the songs are composed on high tech computers that are able to produce sounds like the instruments you find in a real band. All of the music you hear on the album, with the exception of a few barks and roars and a couple of real drums, were put together with these computers.

Nine Inch Nails has a unique sound often resembling the cries of a manic depressive, but in an off beat, undepressing manner. The album consists of six lengthy songs, and though it may not be quite as good as their last album, "Pretty Hate Machine," (a hard one to top anyway) it's well worth the cash. I highly recommend Nine Inch Nails-"Broken."

Check these out too:

1. Lemonheads- Shame about Ray
2. Ned's Atomic Dustbin- God Fodder
3. Candyskins- The Space I'm In
4. Psychedelic Furs- World Outside
5. Screaming Trees- Sweet Oblivion

Matchmaker run by Clarion

by Sarah Drone

Approximately 125 students who bought results to a Matchmaker program offered to interested students now have a better idea who their potential dates may be.

Matchmaker is a program run by Fortress Software, a Canadian computer company. Students filled out a questionnaire to be sent off to the company. The results came back to the Clarion staff who offered them for \$1.50. About 169 participated in filling out the forms.

The results revealed the participant's ten most compatible dates, ten least compatible dates, and most compatible friend (based on other participating HHS students' answers to the questionnaire). The most compatible friends were: Jedd Harper and Sam Gulley, Jennifer Bowles and Nicole Nelson, Cherie Wetzel and Elizabeth Garnett, Darryl DeNeal and Donny Hall, and Bryce Jerrells and Ryan Hobbs.

The most compatible couples were: Diana Grisham and Jason Nyberg, Cherie Wetzel and Jason Tuttle, Matt Businaro and Brittnoy Billman, Jeremy Hafford and Diana Grisham, and Stacey Linder and Aaron Hall.



Sophomore Elizabeth Garnett and seniors Diana Grisham and Mark Lucas read through the play.

Small cast begins rehearsal for Barefoot in the Park

by Diana Grisham

Following tryouts a cast of six thespians began rehearsal for Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park in preparation for the performance dates set for Feb. 20, 21, and 22.

The cast consists of a newlywed couple, a man living in the attic above their apartment, the wife's overprotective mother, a telephone repairman, and a delivery man.

The husband Paul Bratter, played by senior Mark Lucas, is a rising young attorney bent on success. His happy-go-lucky wife Corie, portrayed by sophomore Elizabeth Garnett, becomes disheartened by her husband's lack of spunk.

Sophomore Preston Sweat attempts to capture the essence of the wily rogue Mr. Velasco who climbs in and out of the Bratter's bedroom window. Mrs. Banks, Corie's mother, played by senior Diana Grisham, finds that her daughter has set her up on a blind date with the adventurous scoundrel Velasco.

The telephone repairman and the delivery man accent the problems the Bratters have in their lives while adding humor to an already comical play.

Student director senior Travis DeNeal has high hopes for the production. "I felt we weren't too far from being ready to put on the play after the second rehearsal," he said.

From Brian's Bookshelf

The Thief of Always definitely not a book for children: adults only?

by Brian DeNeal

Clive Barker, known for his explicit horror stories, has a new book of a quite different nature. This novel The Thief of Always proclaims it is a book for readers of all ages. The frightening illustrations and subject matter of the book show that it is clearly not a children's book.

The story begins with a bored ten-year-old named Harvey Swick. "The great gray beast February had eaten Harvey Swick alive." Suddenly, Harvey's window is blown open and a stranger has entered. The stranger tells Harvey of a magical house where he can bury his boredom. Harvey agrees to go there and we are introduced to Mr. Hood's Holiday House.

It is a great mansion where everyone eats royally and every holiday is celebrated each day. What kid could say no to a place with a daily Christmas? Harvey meets two children his own age, Wendell and Lulu. Harvey and Wendell decide that the mysterious Mr. Hood's house is not such a great place when they are not allowed to ask questions and Lulu becomes a fish. They soon find that leaving is not as easy as entering, though.

The Thief of Always is sort of a modern retelling of the Hansel and Gretel fairy tale. Like a fly attracted to the wonderful dead meat smell of a Venus fly trap, the children are attracted to Mr. Hood's Holiday House.

Barker does not scare with his usual bloody horror. Rather he plays on childhood fears such as fear of the dark. The book is short, easy to read, filled with illustrations, and dark and lyrical. It is an uncharacteristic yet wonderful achievement of Clive Barker's.

Aladdin animated smash

by Travis DeNeal and Jeremy Hafford

Possibly the greatest comedy released during the winter season, Walt Disney's Aladdin brought a new dimension to animated features. The most popular feature was Robin Williams as the Genie. New computer technology was also used to make complicated action scenes, such as the carpet rides.

The story opens with a young scoundrel named Aladdin running from the sultan's police. He is arrested after helping the princess escape from the guards. The sultan's head vasier Javaar (the villain) disguises himself as an old man to lure Aladdin to the Cave of Wonders where Javaar seeks to gain the lamp inside and sends Aladdin after it because only

one can enter the cave and Aladdin is the one.

After treachery and deceit Aladdin finds himself alone with only his monkey, Abbu, who managed to steal the lamp from Javaar before the cave disappeared. As it would happen, the genie is awoken and, after a song and dance, is tricked by Aladdin to get them out of there without using one of his three wishes. Soon enough, Aladdin makes the genie make him a prince so he can court the princess whom he has fallen in love with.

The movie involves several great songs and a lot of fast-paced action and excellent graphics. Everyone needs to see this, if not for the plot, then for Robin Williams' brilliant performance.

A Few Good Men shocks

by Sarah Drone

"A Few Good Men," directed by Rob Reiner, is not the classic murder mystery. Who murdered the guy is not the question. Who gave the orders to murder the guy is.

When a man is murdered on a naval base in Cuba, naval lawyer Daniel Kaffee (Tom Cruise) is assigned to defend the murderers. Since they were ordered to kill the guy, Kaffee must find out who gave the order. Backed by his assistant and commander JoAnne Galloway (Demi Moore), he goes on a wild goose chase that leads to someone committing suicide. He hears more half-truths from Colonel Nathan Jessep (Jack Nicholson) in Cuba than he can count. The movie builds suspense piece by piece, and in one moment of truth, shocks everyone. This is a must-see.

Home Alone 2: fun as 1

by Carly Will

Kevin (Macaulay Culkin) didn't get left at home this year. He got lost in New York.

This sequel began the same as it did in the original (The family gets up late and rushes to the airport to catch their flight.)

However, the trouble begins at the airport when Kevin gets lost in the mad dash to the flight gate and boards a plane for New York while his family gets on the flight to Florida. When the family arrives in Florida, they realize Kevin isn't there. They discover that Kevin has their credit cards and money so they report the cards stolen and eventually locate Kevin when he uses the cards, but not before he gets into hilarious situations with pesky clerks at The Plaza Hotel and crooks from the original "Home Alone," played again by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern.

The movie, in my opinion, is one that everyone can see and enjoy.

Harry and Cid supplement

by Travis DeNeal

Last month the brave knight Harold was investigating the death of his priest, While traveling to a dangerous part of town, he was attacked by a clumsy thief named Cid. As Harold was poised to destroy Cid, the thief claimed to know who killed the priest. Our story continues. . .

Harold lowered his sword, with a look of shock and surprise plastered across his face.

"How in blazing purgatory do you know?" asked Harold.

"If you would kindly not kill me, I will tell you," Cid stated.

Harold put his sword back into its sheath.

"How did you know that I was looking for my priest's murderer?" Harold asked.

"Your voice carries, you mindless twit."

"You can tell me who killed Father Big Al?" queried Harold, ignoring Cid's childish taunt.

"For a small fee," added Cid.

"No. For your life," snarled Harold.

"Well, I guess so," Cid dejectedly mumbled. "I was there when his Holiness Father Big Al was outside of his church. I saw a noted pillar of our community suspiciously stalking up to him. It was. . ."

At that moment, armed guards leaped from roofs, brandishing swords.

"Run!" squealed Cid. "It's the High Guard!"

Harold turned to square off with them, but Cid, using what little strength he had, pulled Harold away right before a shining blade would have decapitated him. As they ran away, Cid asked, "By the way, what's your name?"

"Harold!" yelled the paladin.

"Okay Harry, let's make tracks!" screamed Cid.

"Don't call me Harry!" thundered the knight.

"Sure thing, Harry!" added Cid as they fled into the darkness of the alleys.



Elated Varsity cheerleaders Natalie Simpson, Kerri Dover, Nyla McCabe, Hilary Thomas, Stephanie Rister, Angie Phillips, Heather Harner, Angie Mitchell, and Mena Blair show off their 1st place trophy and plaque.

Cheerleaders take first in holiday competition

by Heather Bean

The Varsity cheerleading squad won the title of Overall Best out of 16 schools and they also won the Sportsmanship and Spirit award at the cheerleading tournament awards presentation at the holiday tournaments.

The varsity squad was in competition with 16 other squads, some being from Illinois and some others from Kentucky. The cheerleaders were judged at half-time on their dance routine as well as their appearance, cheers, sideline cheers, and their sportsmanship.

Mrs. Harris explained that she hopes that

cheerleading will be recognized not as an extra-curricular activity, but as an athletic activity. She commented, "The girls are true athletes in every sense of the word."

Taking home both awards this year, they are now waiting on information about competing in the S.I.U. arena this spring. In proud recognition of her fellow Varsity cheerleaders, Angie Joggerst announced that "The Varsity cheerleaders worked hard and were really prepared for the tournaments. I think they were the best squad there and deserved the awards."

Mrs. Harris ended by saying that, "This is a great representation for our student body and for our teams, and all of the credit goes to the girls for the hard work that they do."

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I'm Starving!

Survey reveals restaurants of choice as named by students

by Todd Bishop and Matt Businaro

A survey was given to find out where the student population of HHS prefers to eat. Four English classes took the survey, including a freshman class taught by Mrs. Ewert, a sophomore class taught by Mr. Pavelonis, a junior class taught by Mr. Kerley, and a senior class taught by Mrs. Bramlet. In all, there were 200 students who voiced their opinions on this survey.

The survey revealed that students eat at a variety of restaurants for a variety of reasons.

Sophomore Damon Lampley said, "Where I go depends on who I'm with."

Price is usually the reason why I go to a certain restaurant," noted junior Jason Morse.

Senior Andi Glass is a regular patron of Subway and McDonald's because the two restaurants are, according to her, "quick and cheap."

"My friends and I go somewhere different everyday. One day, McDonald's; KFC the next. Long John Silver's...." said junior Jaime Dunston.

"It depends on what we're craving—Some days Taco Bell may sound completely repulsive, and a couple of days later it sounds great," said senior Ginger Abney.

According to the survey, however, 70% eat at a restaurant because of the high quality of the food.

Red Lobster received the most votes for all-around favorite restaurant as well as the best restaurant to go to on a date. In other categories, McDonald's won a majority of the votes for your favorite hamburger place, KFC out-clucked its competition to sweep the favorite chicken place category, Mackie's was named the number one pizza place, and Oink's was named the barbeque place of choice.

Why Do You Eat There? Votes Percentage

Why Do You Eat There?	Votes	Percentage
Food Quality	110	70%
Atmosphere	25	16%
Price	15	10%
Waitresses	2	1%
Friends Who Work There	2	1%
Others	2	1%

Where Do You Go On a Date?

Red Lobster	25	19%
Bonanza	22	16%
Smuggler's	8	6%
Pizza Hut	7	5%
Mackie's	7	5%
McDonald's	7	5%
Olive Garden	7	5%
Ruby Tuesday	7	5%
Other	44	34%



Let's Go Eat!

Favorite Restaurant

Red Lobster	33	20%
Taco Bell	16	11%
Olive Garden	10	6%
Hardee's	10	6%
Cracker Barrel	8	5%
Bonanza	6	5%
McDonald's	3	5%
Others, including: Mackie's, Pizza Hut, Peking Palace, Long John Silver's, Steak-n-Shake	75	47%



Favorite Hamburger Place

Favorite Hamburger Place	Votes	Percentage
McDonald's	103	51%
Hardee's	22	13%
Wendy's	14	8%
Burger King	12	7%
Steak-n-Shake	11	7%
Others (including John's Cafe, Zipps, G D Ritz's, Buck's)	7	4%

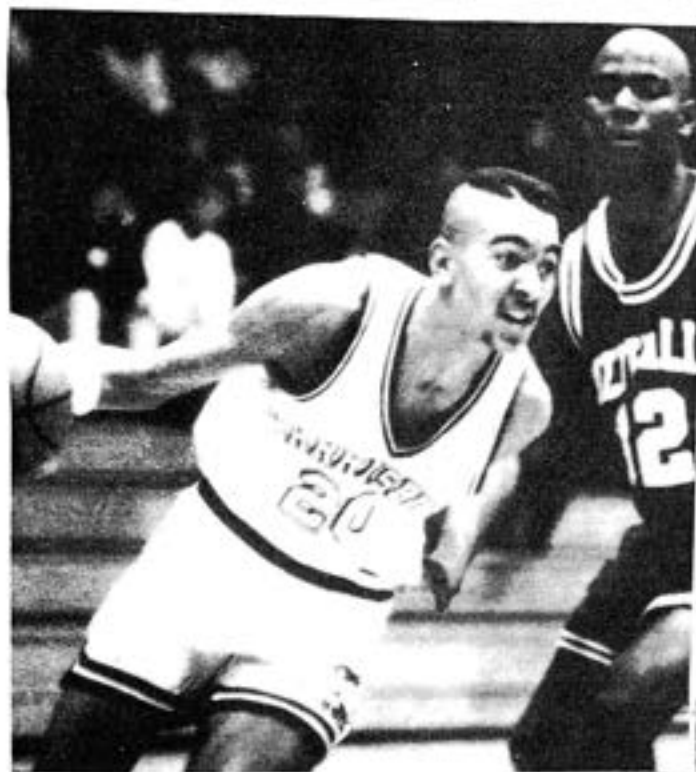
Favorite Chicken Place

KFC	128	82%
Hardee's	18	13%
Long John Silver's	3	2%
Popeye's	2	1%
Others: Chinese American, Chick-fil-a, Grandy's, Sizzler	1	2%

Favorite Pizza Place

Favorite Pizza Place	Votes	Percentage
Mackie's	77	44%
Pizza Hut	56	32%
Tom's	14	8%
Domino's	10	5%
Godfather's	9	5%
Others (including Walt's, Mr. Gatti's)	11	6%





Senior cager Lee Simpson brushes by his Centralia opponent as he dribbles the ball down court.

Dogs take second at holiday tournament

by Ashley Gott

The Harrisburg Bulldogs showed Southern Illinois they were for real at the Eldorado Holiday Tournament. Coming into the tournament ranked sixth, the Dogs shredded the competition as they made their way to the finals.

In the first game, the Dogs overcame a sluggish start to pull away from Vienna 64-49. The Bulldogs only led by three at the half and were unable to put away Vienna until the fourth quarter. Junior Corey Patton led the Dogs with 18 points and helped put the game away late. Sophomore Dale Overstreet and Junior Brad Zeigler helped with 16 and 10 points respectively.

In the second game the Bulldogs faced second seeded Carmi. The dogs used a quick start to hold off a late rally to edge Carmi 52-47. The Bulldogs used a strong inside game from Ashley Gott and Dale Overstreet and a good outside game from Lee Simpson and Corey Patton. The inside game opened up the outside game and vice-versa. Gott led the Bulldogs with 19 points while Patton and Simpson scored 12 and 11.

In the game for the right to go for the championship, the Bulldogs faced an extremely tough Heath, Ky. team. The Dogs again used a quick start offensively and a stingy

defense to hold off Heath 81-76. Again Harrisburg had a strong inside game from Dale Overstreet and Ashley Gott. The Bulldogs also received some key outside shooting by Lee Simpson to put away the pesky pirates. Overstreet led with 23 while Gott and Simpson scored 22 and 18.

In the championship game the Dogs met an undefeated McLeansboro team. The foxes used a nine-man rotation to wear down the five man rotation of the Dogs. The Bulldogs gave a valiant effort but did not have enough stamina to stay within the striking range. Lee Simpson led the Dogs with 12 while Dale Overstreet and Brad Zeigler scored 11 and 9.

The second place finish was the best since the Bulldogs won the title in 1988. The Bulldogs also placed two players on the All-tournament team, Dale Overstreet and Lee Simpson.

Coach Willis commented to the Dogs, "You now know what it feels like to lose a championship, and maybe next time you're in one, you'll win it."

After the Holiday Tournament hopes were high as the Bulldogs entered the middle of the season, but poor shooting and sickness put a damper on the Bulldogs' plans.

The Bulldogs entered the Carmi Tournament as the team to beat. They were seeded #1 and had defeated the #2 seeded Carmi team earlier in the year. In the 1st game the Bulldogs used hustling defense and some excellent team play to beat Fairfield 80-60. Harrisburg's big men, Dale Overstreet and Ryan Hobbs, led Harrisburg with 18 and 16 points respectively. Lee Simpson and Cory Patton chipped in 14 points a piece.

In the second game a sickly Harrisburg couldn't overcome a healthy Red Hill squad as they lost 73-44. Harrisburg only shot 27% as they hit just 15 of 54 shots. The Bulldogs had at least eight players that were sick during the game. Ashley Gott led the Bulldogs with nine points. "Everybody gave it their best shot," Coach Willis added. "You can't blame anyone."

In the third place game the Bulldogs again went cold and were unable to overcome the poor shooting as they lost to Mt. Carmel 77-65. Cory Patton led the Bulldogs with 20 points while Ashley Gott had 18 points.

Senior Ashley Gott commented on the tournament. "It was a great disappointment. We were seeded first in the tournament and came out as the fourth best team. We just didn't play up to the level that earned us the top seed."

The Bulldogs are now 9-5 on the year and hope to continue to play hard to get a chance to win a championship.



Senior Andi Glass extends her arms for a rebound.

Lady Bulldogs focusing toward post-season now

by Steff Padget

The Lady Bulldogs played into double overtime in a game against Carbondale, their first game back from Christmas break. They won 57-55. The two teams played close through four quarters.

Teammate Melissa Butler commented, "We really never should've ended up in overtime but I think we played better in overtime than the second half and we didn't let it get us rattled."

After Carbondale, the team travelled to Centralia where they played a hard first half, but ended up on the bottom. Harrisburg cut Centralia's lead to five points in the second quarter, but lost it in the third and fourth. Centralia won 57-32.

The Lady Bulldogs later fell to West Frankfort 54-44 despite Melissa Butler's 13 points and Andi Glass's 10.

The squad came back to upset Herrin 36-29. In that game, Marnie Miller and Andi Glass combined for 17 defensive rebounds and 22 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs to victory.

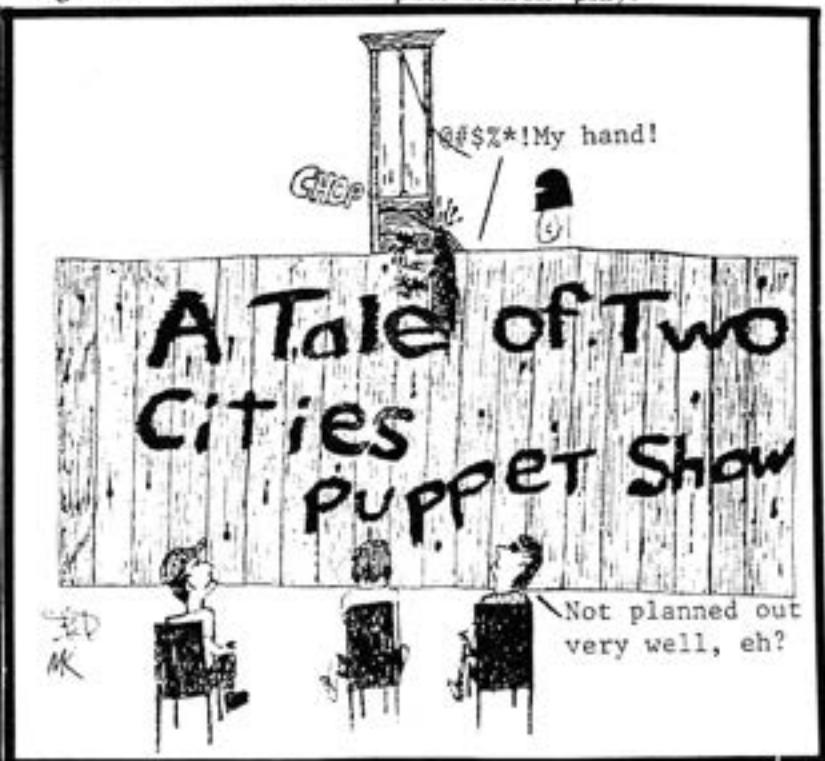
With a strong defense, the team got by Herrin 42-38 in the opening round of the Carbondale Invitational. The team earned a fourth place finish in the tournament despite losses to Centralia and Massac County.

With a handful of games left before regionals, the team has hopes of "getting it all together" to do well in post-season play.



It's a far better place I go to than I have ever known.

off the rocker



My hand!

Not planned out very well, eh?



Roland Rheude attempts to block the fireman's carry.

Grapplers face challenge of competing Class AA

by Mark Popetz

The Bulldog grapplers have a dynamite team once again, but may have problems in post-season competition.

The Bulldogs have an incredible team but have been bumped up to class AA.

"It's really a shame. With our strong team, even without two weight classes, we could've gone back to state for the third time in a row. Now that we are AA, we will have a hard time of it," commented Jamie Satterfield.

Instead of wrestling teams like Lawrenceville in the regionals, they will go against Carbondale, Mt. Vernon, Herrin and other larger schools.

"We will be the smallest school in regionals and that will work against us. We still have a chance to place high in conference," Satterfield added.

At the South Seven conference January 23, the wrestlers managed to capture some impressive titles: Second place awards went to Chris Fetter, Marc Popetz, Willie Redwine, Brandon Simmons, and Jamie Satterfield, while a third place award went to Aaron Bailey. The team finished third behind Carbondale and Mt. Vernon.

Whale Tales

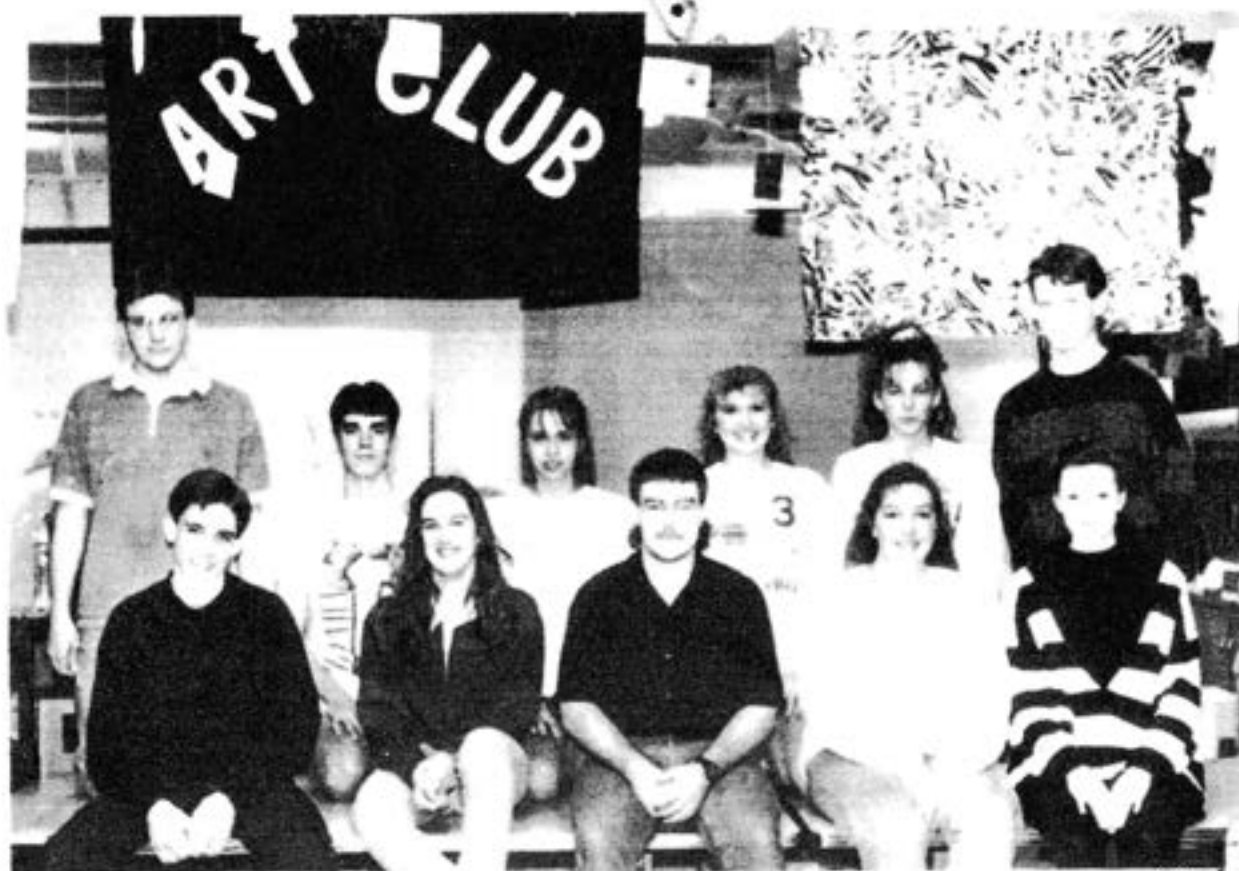
Flying fish
Cool.



by Andy Kelley
&
Mark Lucas

Dam.





(photo credit--Curtis Winston) Among the students receiving honors at the Scholastic Art Awards were (front row, left to right) Travis Clark, Tara Jones, Chad Bandy, Jennifer Belton, Mary Benson (second row) Josh Brimm, Corey Evrard, Amy Molinarolo, Alisha Logan, Leslie Hearn, and John Odum (not pictured: Jay Gearing and Maggie Williams). Gearing, Jones, Odum, and Williams advanced to nationals.

Fever, flu symptoms take their toll; student absences high

by Heather Bean

An overwhelming number of students have been absent from the grade schools, junior high, and here at HHS since Wed., Jan. 20.

The season for many of the absences is the flu, which has been rapidly spreading around the community. From Jan. 20 to Jan. 23, absences due to the flu have gone up from 63 to 96. The flu seems to have hit the high school first and is quickly spreading to the other schools. District nurse Mrs. Ewing said that there had been more parent call-ins than usual. She said that since the flu symptoms aren't easy to overcome, most ill students will be kept home for a week.

Attendance secretary Myra Bascom commented that this flu has accounted for the largest number of absences so far this year. But the peak seems to have been reached and fewer were absent by the end of January.

HHS has excellent showing at Scholastic Art Awards

by Diana Grisham

Many HHS artists received awards at the Mitchell Museum's Scholastic Art Awards.

Chad Bandy, Amy Molinarolo, Alisha Logan, Leslie Hearn, Josh Gribble, Corey Evrard, Travis Clark (two entries), Josh Brimm, Mary Benson, and Jennifer Belton all received recognition for their artistic efforts.

Four students' work qualified to be shipped by air to New York City to be judged at the national level this spring. John Odum, an art student from Carrier Mills, qualified with a watercolor of his brother. Junior Maggie Williams' self-portrait qualified for national competition. An ink drawing of an elephant advanced freshman Tara Jones into the national level as well. Junior Jay Gearing was honored with a prestigious Hallmark Award. Five entries were selected to receive Hallmark Awards out of the 994 entries submitted. Jay Gearing, who also qualified for competition on the national level, sent three pieces to the competition. Each piece received an award.

Mrs. Allen voiced her appreciation for her students' accomplishments at the Mitchell Museum. "I am so proud of my artists. They continue to amaze me with their fresh ideas and love for the arts."

HHS students attempt to bypass Consumer Ed.

by Matt Businaro

Twenty-five HHS students may not have to take Consumer Education because they took a test. The Illinois Consumer Education Proficiency Test was administered to these students on Jan. 26.

This test is for those people who feel that they know enough about the topic of consumer education to receive credit for a consumer education course, which is otherwise required for graduation. Courses offered at HHS that fit this requirement include Basic Business, Resource Management, and Consumer Education.

The test is made up of 140 multiple-choice questions that cover fourteen topics. They are: money management/budgeting; consumer credit; the consumer in the economy; the consumer in the marketplace; savings, investing, and financial services; insurance; taxes; transportation; housing; food; consumer services; clothing; health care; and recreation.

The test is open to any student in grades nine through twelve, not currently enrolled in a consumer education course.

Bulldog Band supported by Pepsi Co. and community

by Diana Grisham

After purchasing an entire new drum line, the Bulldog Band looked to local merchants and Pepsi to raise much needed funds to further the band's cause.

By purchasing Pepsi products from participating local merchants, citizens help the band, as Pepsi donates a percent of the sales to the band. The local grocery stores and gas stations rallied to show support for the struggling band. Pepsi-Cola lent a hand and HHS band director Bill Hezlep has received the first of three checks supporting the band program, with two more checks forthcoming for the months of Jan. and Feb.

Senior Kim Nave remarked, "I think it's great that the whole community is getting involved with the growth of our band."

Band director Bill Hezlep told the students that this program had been successful for the DuQuoin area, and expressed his high hopes for the success of the program for the Purple Pride Band.

Freshman Matt Businaro said "You never really think of a large corporation like Pepsi helping out a school organization, so I think it's great that they're trying to help"

Tutoring available to Harrisburg students

by Erin Kielhorn

"I think that anytime you're trying to help children or teens it's a good idea. A lot of people say that they care about youth, but when it comes to getting involved with them, they have other things to do, and don't make the time," says Mr. Byron Johnson, coordinator of a non-profit tutoring program.

This program, available to students from kindergarten through twelfth grade, was started in 1990. It is called the "Agape Group Incorporated." It is basically a program for the whole community. There are about 26 students being tutored. They meet at least once a week, usually for about an hour, or as the students or tutors feel necessary. Most of the tutoring is done at the public library, or the student's home.

At the beginning of the year flyers were handed out to the students by the assistant coordinator, Mary Steinsultz-Jones. Then the students who hand the slips back in are assigned to certain tutors. The program started in the Apostolic Church of God until the insurance became too high and they couldn't afford it. Consequently, they had to start meeting somewhere else, which caused the groups to lose contact with each other.

"In offering tutoring services, we are basically trying to meet the needs of the students," Mr. Johnson said.

Tutor Rachel Wallace, a freshman, says, "Tutoring is to help the kids. If you do a good job and the kids learn something, you feel great about what you are doing. If you see they aren't learning a thing, you just have to make it more interesting."

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