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Keys and money reported missing after burglaries

by Angie Stallings

HHS faculty/staff members and organizations have been victims of a series of recent thefts.

English teacher Lynda Clemmons reported that keys to her classroom were taken from a desk drawer over a month ago, but nothing has disappeared except the keys.

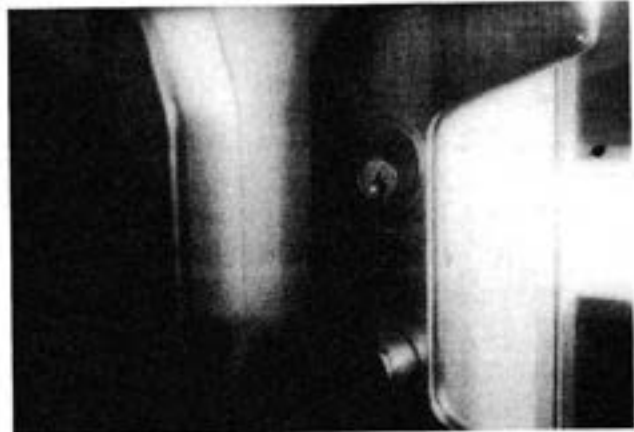
Sometime between Friday, Mar. 6 and Sunday, Mar. 8, a janitor's set of keys which provided access to any outside entrance or door inside the school was reported stolen. English teacher/baseball coach Jay Thompson said that during this time period, twelve dollars from the baseball team's funds were stolen from his classroom.

Barbara Allen, art teacher and Art Club sponsor, reported that on the Mar. 7-8 weekend, over \$500 of the Art Club's pizza sale fundraiser money was stolen from her desk in the art room. Between \$250 and \$300 in cash was taken, along with an equal amount in checks.

"We're getting the check money back because the people [those who paid for the pizza with checks] are kind enough to void the first check and write a new one," Mrs. Allen noted.

The Art Club still has enough money for their May 9-10 trip to St. Louis said Mrs. Allen.

"I'm disappointed about the money being stolen. Not only was it stolen, but I believe the thief has to be someone who knew exactly where the money was kept. I kept it in a file



Locks were replaced at all outside school entrances.

folder under a grade book, and put the [empty] money bag in a separate drawer, all in my desk. It was very conspicuous. Someone would have had to see where I put it in order to take the money," Mrs. Allen commented.

On Mar. 9, biology teacher Bill Trees reported that about \$35 in cash, mostly quarters, was stolen from his laboratory. Trees keeps a refrigerator to sell sodas to his classes to raise money for Academic Club. "My guess is that I was in the [adjoining] classroom with the door closed, and someone tiptoed in the other door, grabbed the money from the refrigerator, and tiptoed back out in just a few seconds because I go back and forth between the rooms all the time," said Trees.

"This money was stolen from the students, from their activities. Anyone with information should not be afraid to come forward," commented Principal Gary Gordon.

So far there are no clues as to suspects, and it is not known if any of the thefts are related. However, all entrances to the school have received new locks.

Editor's Note: Culprits Identified!

We sent the March issue of The Purple Clarion to our printer on Mar. 23. Two days later, on the 25th, we learned that two people, one an HHS student and the other a Malan Junior High student, were arrested for charges pertaining to the recent thefts. The two had stolen sets of HHS keys, which were recovered, and admitted to stealing the Art Club money, among other related crimes.

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Stalling for time

Six days not enough time for a real spring break

by Angie Stallings

Spring break is a chance for students to unwind from all the pressures of school. Traditionally, college students usually go to warm places such as Daytona Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Palm Springs and engage in wild festivities.

Many colleges have one-and-a-half to two weeks off. At HHS, we have an April 16-21 break, which is only six days, and two of these days make up a weekend. The break is way too short. By the time you get home and pack your suitcase, it's time to go back to school!

There's a rumor that since no snow days have been used this year, the faculty had the opportunity to extend our break by a few days, but voted down the proposal. If this is true, I'd like to thank each teacher who voted no.....NOT. I don't know why I'm complaining. My break, no matter how long, will begin and end

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...from left field by Toby Marcum



with me on the couch in a permanent vegetable-like state.

So what do HHS students do while they're on Spring Break? Watch MTV's live spring break coverage and dream of warm sunny beaches?

Well, there are always a courageous few who risk life and limb, braving sub-zero temperatures,skiing. Juniors Amit Mehta and Matt Wilson commented that they usually head for Colorado each spring. Of course, since they and other slope-heads go with their families, they are allowed to leave a few days early or come back a few days late while the rest of us slave away at school.

Some students are lucky enough to play the Easter family reunion game. They get to catch up with Uncle Clyde, Cousin Goober, Aunt Melvis, and all the other relatives and play brainteasing games like Candyland.

Chances are, though, if you ask almost anyone what they're doing for spring break, you'll get the same response: sleeping.



Senior Johnny Ping, and juniors Nancy Nicholes and Nyla McCabe wore new concert tee-shirts to school the day after.

Enter Johnny

Metallica rocks Roberts Stadium
by Johnny Ping

Thousands of keyed up fans gathered at Roberts Stadium to witness the eighth wonder of the world: Metallica. Tickets for the show went for about \$24 at the door, a small price to pay to listen to orchestrated brilliance.

The band kicked off the Evansville show on Sunday, Mar. 8 with *Enter Sandman*, and from the first opening notes to the last song, everything was total anarchy. Bodies were carried over hands and heads, and lead singer/guitarist James Hetfield occasionally showered the people on the floor with beer, and guys and girls in "the Snake Pit" moshed. As for the security, those guards who didn't go running off to hide couldn't stop the floor festivities. It was wild.

Metallica played for around three-and-a-half hours, playing songs from

I was probably the oldest person at the concert. People were looking at me like I was an undercover FBI agent or something! But I didn't really feel out of place. I've been to lots of Metallica concerts, and I always have fun!

---Reggie Blades,
HHS teacher

It was great man! The drummer's solo was so cool. I would most definitely go and see them again!!

---Donnie Denbow,
senior

their new album as well as the Metallica favorites from previous albums. Bassist Jason Newstead played a thunderous bass solo. The solo was so loud that each note ripped right through you, putting the car stereo systems around HHS to shame. Guitarist Kirk Hammett did his solo, ranging from slow and melodic to lightening fast. Drummer Lars Ulrich went head-to-head with Hetfield on the drums, with Lars blowing Hetfield away. The concert ended with *Last Caress*, and all in all, Metallica firmly proved that they are one of the most creative and innovative bands on Earth....not to mention that they are the best as well.

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Malan auditorium turned into Dogpatch

by Diana Grisham

The curtain swung open to reveal "A Typical Day" in Dogpatch, U.S.A.

Performers assumed the hillbilly nature of the characters in Li'l Abner, the backhills musical presented to appreciative audiences on Mar. 19 and 20.

The opening number set the tone for the evening. Moonshiners, played by freshmen Cory Fearheiley and Cort Reed, called attention to Dogpatch lifestyle, including the backwoods accent. Juniors Tonya Gooday, as Moonbeam McSwine, and Chris Moore, as Marryin' Sam, added humor to the production. The staples of Dogpatch society, the Yokums, introduced themselves: Little Abner was played by senior Josh Banks, Mammy Yokum by sophomore Stephanie Rister, and Pappy by freshman Preston Sweat. Daisy Mae, played by junior Tiffany Simpson, complained that she was "pinin' away to marry Li'l Abner."

The complicated plot centers on a plan to test nuclear bombs in Dogpatch, which would mean that everyone would pack up their homes. Seniors Shane Hall, as Senator Phogbound, and Josh Bradley, as



Unwed Dogpatch girls attempt to hunt down a man.



The prospective husbands are foiled in their attempt to escape by Evil Eye Fleage's whammy. General Bullmoose, try to take advantage of the locals' ignorance. Junior Mark Lucas, as Dogpatch mayor, calls a meeting to weigh their options. When the unwed females realize that the destruction of their town would put an end to Sadie Hawkins Day, they scurry around to uncover something to keep their town on the map.

The musical numbers are light-hearted and fun to listen to. The Dogpatch wives' chicken dance in Act I is a humorous highlight. Sophomore Shannon Horstmann commented, "I felt funny scratching like a chicken on stage," but the laughter proved the audience loved this routine. Other dancers were Beth Jones, Aimee Irvin, Diana Grisham, Jaclyn Mann, and Elizabeth Garnett.

Backstage, a crew of nine students literally had their hands full with dozens of prop and lighting changes throughout the play. Freshman Traca Allison commented, "I had a hard time keeping all the different props straight."

Junior Christi Hull and freshman students Delana Boatright and Elizabeth Hodson worked with Mrs. Ewert, Mr. Reeves, and Mr. Burklow as assistant directors. Eight student musicians comprised a pit band accompanied by Mrs. Fran Herring on piano.

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TLC encourages young leaders to help others

by Heather Bean

Approximately 50 H.H.S. students attended the 2nd annual Teen Leadership Conference. The conference was held at SIC on Mar. 4. The purpose of this conference was to recognize the importance of encouraging the potential for leadership and to assist young students in making decisions.

A \$5 fee for the conference covered costs for t-shirts, lunches, and seminars for the students who participated.

Students were invited to choose 4 out of 15 available classes to attend. At 9:00, students attended an open session about self-esteem. At 9:30, they went to the first two sessions.

After the morning sessions, pizza and sodas were served for lunch. A live D. J. provided entertainment, and students danced. After lunch, students attended the last two sessions.

At the end of the conference, students were asked to evaluate the sessions they attended. Freshman Amanda Harris commented, "I liked the 'Quest' class a lot. It dealt with all kinds of problems you face daily both at home and school. It was really fun and interesting."



Pat Shoulders presents the conservative side of the issue

Yearbook editor brings home two awards

by Jeremy Hafford

Keystone co-editor Leslie Hearn won two awards at the Tri-state High School Press Workshop sponsored by the Evansville Courier. Four other student journalists competed in contests and attended learning sessions at the event held at Ivy Tech on Mar. 12.

Garret Mathews, columnist for the Evansville Courier, gave the opening address.

Students had the choice of entering contests in newswriting or feature writing, both based on Mathews' talk, or yearbook or newspaper layout design. Hearn was the only local winner, with first place in yearbook design and third place in photography.

Workshops in ten different areas of interest were offered. Freshman Jeremy Stiles commented that the photography session was especially informative.

The day wound up with a Free Expression panel, led by the president of Indiana High School Press Association Rebecca Becker and debated by Pat Shoulders and Walter Hopkins, Evansville attorneys. Their interchange demonstrated for the student journalists the controversy around the Hazlewood decision of 1989 that allows school officials to censor school publications.



B.V.T. action was great

by Chris Moore and Angie Stallings

Senior Brent King's back-yard basketball court was the site of the recent 3rd Annual Buena Vista Tournament (B.V.T.) King, along with senior Joe Smith and junior Ashley Gott, coordinated the two-day basketball tournament which was held on the weekend of Feb. 29-Mar. 1.

Over 50 entrants paid the \$3 entry fee, creating a \$150 jackpot for the winning team. With three players per team (teams were selected by drawing names), each member of the winning team received \$50. The team of freshman Shane Crank, freshman Brandon Reynolds, and senior Joe Smith took top honors at the 18 team event, although this team was not "the pick." After the teams were chosen a few days before the first day of action, people were looking for team #6, which consisted of Chad Lakatos, Josh Banks, and Erik Roper, to totally destroy all in their path. That expectation was proved wrong in the early going. In game #8 Lakatos's team was defeated by team #17, with Ashley Gott, Jason Roper, and Eric Glass. They beat Lakatos's team 30-27.

This victory left Gott's team on cloud nine until team #8, which had Jay Herring, Ron Boston, and Chris Moore, brought them down a few notches after winning a furious battle 26-18. Later on Chad's team was beaten again and that put a number of teams in the possible championship seat.

The Final Four came down to team #8, team #1 (Jamie Satterfield, Lee Simpson, and Kris Nelson), team #14 (Joe Smith, Brandon Reynolds, and Shane Crank), and team #4 (Tony Harper, Chris Kovach, and Ben Trees). Team #8 defeated #1 and the final two teams were Smith and Harper's teams. Smith's team won the championship game after four grueling head-to-head battles.



At the B.V.T., senior Joe Smith goes for an inside shot while sophomore Ryan Hobbs attempts to block him.

Smith was named M.V.P. and received a three and one-half foot M.V.P. trophy. The All-Tourney team included Joe Smith, Chad Lakatos, Ron Boston, Joey Lane, Lee Simpson, and Ben Trees.

King noted that the first B.V.T. was not particularly large, but that the tournament has drawn a lot of people the past two years.

The motivation for holding the 3rd B.V.T. seemed to be more for fun than for profit, since most of the would-be profits from its entry fees were put in the pot as prize money. However, King added that, "with the help of a few young ladies we were able to have a concession stand this year."

The coordinators were pleased with the success of the third B.V.T. "Everything seemed to run smoothly, and I would rate this tournament second only to the NCAA College Tournament," said King.

A fourth and final B.V.T. is a possibility this summer, King said, noting that he is currently receiving interest from people from five other towns.

From the mat Repeat season

by Marc Popetz

The Bulldog wrestlers were dead set upon repeating and bettering 1990's successful season. They gave it their all, but still only qualified for the Elite 8, the same as the '90 squad.

The grapplers seemed to repeat their season two years in a row. The Dogs did well during the regular season with a record of 20-5, compared to the previous year's 15-7.

Individual regionals were won overall by Harrisburg with Lawrenceville placing second, the same as last year. Harrisburg once again hosted Lawrenceville for the team regionals since the Dogs placed over them in individual regionals.

The Dogs handled Lawrenceville with ease, coming out with a 44-22 victory, which was about the same as last year's 45-17 win. With this victory, Harrisburg advanced to team sectionals at Hillsboro for the second time.

At Hillsboro, the Bulldogs wrestled Monticello. They took the lead early on and kept it until the end, win-



Senior Brandon Frantz holds his opponent in the referee's position in the Redbird Arena in Bloomington, IL.



At the state meet, senior Marshall Lane forces a chicken wing in an attempt to turn his opponent on his back, finishing 38-15.

The Dogs then qualified in the Redbird Arena at Bloomington for the team state championship.

For their first match the Bulldogs wrestled the Hillsboro Hilltoppers in the first round of the tournament.

Here is where Harrisburg wanted to make a change from the previous season. The Hilltoppers dealt the Bulldogs a 29 point loss at the last state trip, but the Bulldogs barely lost this year with a margin of six points.

Not only did the Dogs succeed as a team but they also excelled individually. The Bulldogs sent 9 out of 13 wrestlers to individual sectionals and 4 out of the 9 to individual state.

The four state qualifiers were John Holloway (130), Willie Redwine (135), Brandon Frantz (145), and Jamie Satterfield (171). These wrestlers ranked in the top 12 in the state, but did not place at the state tournament at Champaign-Urbana.

According to varsity coach Greg Langley's seasonal stats, the wrestler with the most takedowns was Frantz with 65 takedowns in 36 matches. The most pins award goes to Roland Rheude with 20 pins in 40 matches.

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Varsity baseball preview

by Ron Boston

Ah! Another spring ariving. Flowers and trees blooming, warm sunny days, and the varsity baseball season. Is there a sweeter combination?

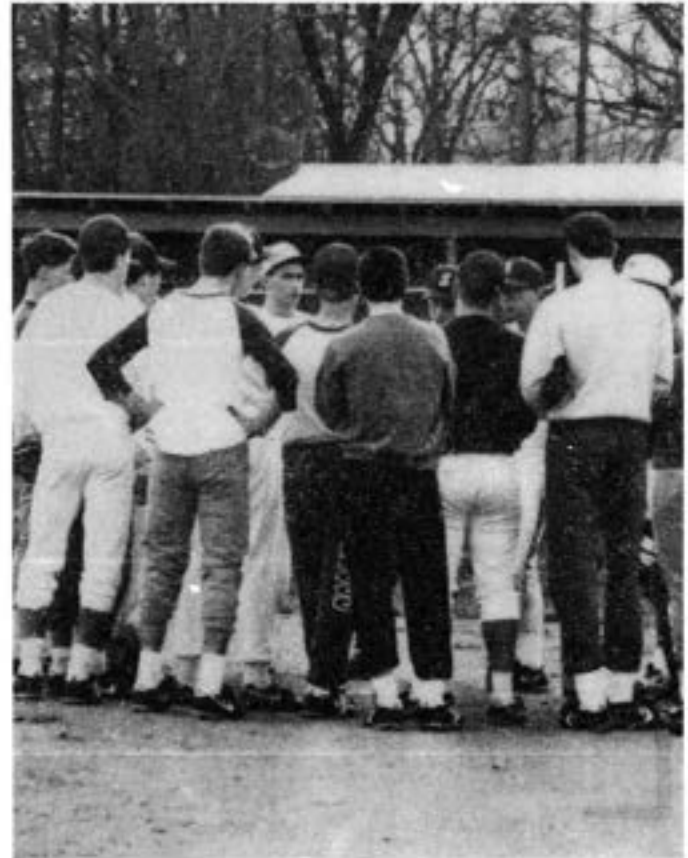
The '92 edition of HHS varsity baseball will be a good one. Senior leadership is always important. Returning senior starters are Josh Banks, Jon Davis, Brandon Frantz, and Brent King. Other returning seniors are Ron Boston, Jay Herring, Jeremy Guest, Joe Beard, Matt Clark, and Michael "Big O" Cartwright. Other veterans are junior Ashley Gott and sophomore Chad Brown.

The Varsity Dogs have a lot of speed this year. The squad will have a big edge in baserunning.

HITTING. Josh Banks will be a big hitter and will lead in many categories. He has a quick bat and has pop. Jon Davis is very quick and has a good stroke. He will have some good bunt hits. Brandon Frantz sprays the ball throughout the field and has pop. Joe Beard hits the ball hard. Brent King makes contact and hits well up the middle.

OUTFIELD. The outfield will be well manned this year and it will be hard for opponents to fit balls in the gaps. Josh Banks will control left field. Jon Davis will defend center field. Brandon Frantz will occupy right field. Ron Boston, Jeremy Guest, and Chad Brown will also see some playing time in the outfield.

INFIELD. The infield is very much in question right now. Several players are looking for spots. Frantz, Herring, sophomore Jason Roper, and possibly Gott will see action at first base. King will man second base. Junior Terry Tripp and freshman Brandon Reynolds can play the shortstop position, and Tripp will see some action at second base as well. Third basemen are



Coach Thompson talks with players during a practice.

Roper and sophomore Cory Patton. Beard and sophomore Matt Winkleman control the plate.

PITCHING. The one major deficiency this year is the number of pitchers. Only two experienced starters are returning to the mound duties this spring: Frantz and Boston. Gott pitched very little as a sophomore last year, but has experience. Herring will pitch some and will be needed for the rotation. Banks and Brown will receive some mound time also.

The Dogs are looking forward to a good season. Coach Thompson says of this year's squad, "We have a good nucleus of returning players, but we are inexperienced in several key spots. We need a couple of our younger players to step forward and play consistently."

JETS members receive awards at sectionals; Grisham goes to state

by Angie Stallings

After placing second in regional competition at SIC, the HHS JETS team advanced to the sectional tournament where seven students won individual awards. Sectional competition was held Feb. 29 at SIU.



Juniors Andi Glass and Diana Grisham received medals at the sectional JETS/TEAMS competition held at SIU.

Students win math awards

by Jeremy Stiles

Thirteen students won awards at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics competition held Mar. 7 at SIC. The 25-member team finished in fifth place, keeping them from advancing to the state competition.

Students receiving awards were: Tony Harper, Casey Teckenbrock, Jennifer Kerley, Amit Mehta, Matt Bramlet, and Travis DeNeal—third place in Pre-Calculus team competition; Toby Lyon, Brian Wilson, Lance Kerley, Jennifer Kerley, and Candi Heil—third place in Calculating Team; George Fornes and Jason Balabas—second in the freshman-sophomore two-person team.

HHS math teachers Richard Harper, Marcia Gillespie, Michelle Way, and Jeri Harbison coordinated and coached the team.

Diana Grisham placed second in English, which qualified her for state. Andi Glass placed third in physics. Fourth place finishes went to Dan Kunce in graphics and Casey Teckenbrock in computers. Travis DeNeal, Josh Bradley, and Pat Fornes placed fifth, sixth, and seventh respectively in biology.

As in the regional contest, each team member took tests in two of the seven subjects offered, and the top two scores in each subject area determined the team's score.

Out of eight schools competing in the division, the local team placed second in biology, second in physics, third in graphics, third (tie) in English, fourth in computers, fifth in chemistry, and fifth in math, but by not finishing first or second overall, did not qualify for further competition.

Junior Diana Grisham took the state test at the University of Illinois on Mar. 10 and tied for fourth place.

Q-bowlers on record pace

by Jeremy Hafford

The varsity quiz bowl team is on a fantastic pace that could end in the most wins in a season ever for Harrisburg. This team seems to pack quite a punch. Last year's team did quite well, and several additions came from the strong JV team.

With a record of 22-6, the team is edging closer to the mark of 30 wins in a season with quite a few meets left. Despite a disappointment earlier in the year at John A. Logan, the varsity team came back to have fantastic finish at a recent tournament at SIU, getting third out of the 18 schools present.

*With a little good luck,
we can end up achieving
the 30-win goal*

--- junior Mark Lucas



Mr. Thompson, in his early years at HHS, sits among appreciative and enthusiastic English-III students.

Thompson leaves HHS to pursue degree at SIU

by Jeremy Stiles

Twelve year Harrisburg High School English teacher's, Jay Thompson, request for a leave of absence from both coaching and teaching duties was granted by the Unit #3 school board. Thompson plans to pursue his master's degree in teaching and coach the SIU men's baseball team as a graduate assistant.

Thompson said that his replacements had not yet been determined and that his absence "should not affect the baseball team at all. I have two great assistant coaches. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Goodley."

"I love working at Harrisburg High School," Thompson commented. "I have the highest regards for the students and staff. I am hoping that this whole experience will make a better teacher and coach."

Thompson intends to return to his normal duties at H.H.S. for at least the '93-'94 school year. "I have no immediate plans to pursue an administrative position or take up coaching in the collegiate ranks, but I might consider it in the future," Thompson said.

Career day gave glimpses of life after high school

by Rich Frailey

Juniors and seniors explored between 60 and 70 job opportunities during Career Day at SIC. The Mar. 18 event was open to Carrier Mills, Galatia, Gallatin County, Hardin County, and HHS.

Activities included an opening lecture on SIC admissions, tours of the college, and representatives from six universities. Students also browsed through booths set up by businesses and organizations relating to several career opportunities, such as the booths sponsored by the Marines and a nursing home.

About 150 HHS students attended the three hour event. SIC's limited capacity required that attendance be restricted to Track-I and Track-II junior and senior English classes.

Students take first stage test of NSM competition

by Travis DeNeal

A group of HHS students tackled a 140-question test covering every aspect of engineering. This first stage of the National Science and Math Competition was held Feb. 29.

The team was selected from TEAMS members with particular attributes in engineering-related fields. Rick Nease, who was formerly not a TEAMS member, was added to the team for his knowledge of electronics.

The competitors have learned that of the 140 questions, they got 57 correct. They do not know how this score compares with other high school teams. If the team places first or second in its division, the students will travel to the state competition, and from there, a first or second place finish would take them to the national level.

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