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Senior Andy Kelley smashes a pie in Mr. Collins' face.

## "Good Dogs" have their dag

by Travis DeNeal

Harrisburg High School experienced a new twist in administrative policy when Positive Consequences, or "Good Dogs' Day," came to HHS. The event, brainchild of Vice-Principal Kelly Stewart, was held Feb 23 in Davemport Gymnasium.

The program was an incentive for students to behave properly. In order to participate, a student must have had no detentions left, no unexcused absences, and no suspensions. Only 149 out of 642 students were ineligible to take part in the program. Ineligible students sat in study hall during the event.

The program began with seven "physical challenges," such as the contest in which students stuffed marshmallows into their mouths and yelled "I'm a good dog" into a microphone, and the event in which Principal Jim Collins was shellacked with whipped cream pies. Winners in each challenge received a prize.

Prizes were also awarded in activities

such as limbo, a three-point shoot, bingo, a baseball throw, a cakewalk, and dud lotto in the chair-seats.

"I think that 'Good Dogs' Day' would be a great idea to continue throughout the years...The only problem I saw was the students chosen [for physical challenges] needed to know ahead of time because a lot of people had on nice clothes not appropriate for certain messy activities," said senior Dana Hawkins.

The event seemed to be a huge success. "I've had nothing but positive comments. I've had enough that I plan to have another 'Good Dog's Day' next semester," said Ms Stewart, adding that she would like to thank the sponsors: Harrisburg National Bank, First National Bank, Medicap Pharmacy, Track 21, IGA, Kroger, Mad Pricer, Harrisburg Cinema, Circus Video, Video Rentals, Video Plaza, Braodway Video, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Domino's Pizza, Mackie's Pizza, Tom's Pizza, Pizza Hut, BBQ Barn, Dairy Queen, KFC, Long John Silver's, McDonald's, Audie's BBQ, Ponderosa, Wendy's, John's Cafe, Garden Patch, Vern's Seafood Island, Smuggler's, Wal-Mart, Subway, Bank South, and several HHS clubs.



Senior Matt Wilson feeds junior Brian Murphy in the pudding eating contest. The team won the event.

# From the letters box

## Stalling For Time

### Let's get the facts straight

by Angie Stallings

I wish to emphasize The Purple Clarion's letters and suggestions policy, which will appear on Page Two of each issue. It seems there has been quite a bit of confusion as to how The Clarion has handled the letters received, so I feel that there is some explaining to do.

Since the suggestion box was placed outside the Publications room, ten letters have been received: four after the December issue, and six more after the January issue. The four letters following the December issue were referred to in Jeremy Hafford's commentary in the January edition. The letter from Jacob Evrard was typed word for word with the exception of the name of the student who suggested tandem bikes, whose name was omitted upon his request. As for the other three, none of these letters was signed. These letters should never have been mentioned in The Clarion. This was a faux pas on the part of the editors, Diana and me; no letters submitted without a name should have been used.

Two of the six letters received after the January issue appear in this issue, "word for word," may I add, because those two letters followed The Clarion's policy. I wish to call attention to the letter submitted by Cherie Wetzel.

"If editorials are for the students to write, then you should respect their bravery to actually put their opinion down on paper," she writes. However, three of the letters that Jeremy Hafford used in his commentary did not include the names of the students who wrote them. How brave were these students? Apparently, they were not brave enough to include their names. If you have an opinion, back it up with your name!

Furthermore, she comments on Jeremy's rude response to Jacob Evrard's suggestion that the quiz bowl team ride tandem bikes to away meets: "..... that letter gave you no right to insult the writer's intelligence or anyone else's for that matter." Jacob's letter was insulting and sarcastic, too. I'm not defending Jeremy or agreeing with his opinions and attitude, but Jacob was

setting himself up with his remarks.

In short, I would like to apologize for our mistake and call attention to the letters policy. Letters received will not be printed, partially or wholly, unless they adhere to the policy.

### Purple Clarion letters policy

Letters will be printed under following circumstances only:

- 1) letters limited to 250 words
- 2) letters are in good taste and contain no offensive language
- 3) actual names of author(s) are included

Mr. Hafford,

*If you are going to proceed to put editorials in the newspaper, I suggest you put the whole letter in: word for word. Editorials are letters of suggestions & opinions. They are not just for your own personal use to get all of your anxieties out. Maybe quiz bowl is the love of your life, (not that I know or care) but that letter gave you no reason to insult the writer's intelligence or anyone else's for that matter. If editorials are for the students to write, then you should respect their bravery to actually put their opinion down on paper. If you want people to respect your type of writing, then you should do the same for other people & not thank them for the laughs you get in the morning. If you can't handle that, you shouldn't be writing yourself.*

Cherie Wetzel

*P.S. If you plan to print this, please type it word for word.*

Cherie,

Thank you for writing to me with your opinions concerning Jacob Evrard's letter that I allegedly didn't write word for word. Actually, I did type everything verbatim, with the exception of deleting a name of the person who suggested the using of tandem bikes due to the fact that he didn't want to be acknowledged as the speaker. Also, that letter directed to quiz bowl members would have been responded to just as fervently as if it had been written to any other program that even has an ounce of pride. ---Jeremy Hafford

# From the letters box

Dear Editor:

I have just read my January issue of the Purple Clarion and understand you to write that you would like to upgrade the quality of the letters you receive. That's what I've been waiting to hear and one aspect of "Nine Inch Nails" just won't do.

Angie Foster may have thought she was being cute when she wrote, "Nine Inch Nails has a unique sound often resembling the cries of a manic depressive." Do you know what a manic depressive is, Angie? Do you know that they cry just like anyone else? Do you also make fun of cripples, fat people, and those who are unattractive by most people's standards?

Do you know how many manic depressives are in this school? Do you know how many of them cried when they read your article? Do you know how many people with mental illness suffer because of the insensitivity of people like you? Do you even care? It's people like you who make ill informed, if not ignorant, comments about problems of which you know nothing, who continue to cause unnecessary pain and suffering to those who are already hurting. Shame on you! Think what you are doing before you speak or write and who you may hurt by trying to be clever.

Please print all of this letter or none of it at all.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Clark--Health  
Occupational aka Cheryl  
Clark--Psychiatric Nurse  
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Dear Mrs. Clark,

I'm sorry that you found my article to be a direct insult to manic depressives, but that was never my intent. My article was a music review, not a medical report, and I used the term "manic depressive" as a comparison, not a mockery. I sincerely apologize to you and anyone else I might have hurt.

I am a little curious as to why you felt that my using a term like that in a music review makes me the kind of

person who would make fun of those with disabilities. I found it odd that you would stereotype me after reading only one article, and I was offended by your quick judgment.

Your letter did remind me that we live in a society where being politically correct is becoming a necessity in many fields. In the future I will strive to maintain this standard, as not to offend anyone of any race, religion, or medical background. Again I apologize for the misunderstanding.--Angie Foster

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## Society: the real problem with homosexuality

by Angie Stallings

The Bill of Rights, the Civil Rights Amendment, and other laws of this country are designed to preserve the rights of United States citizens, to ensure that all citizens receive equal rights. Homosexual United States citizens are United States citizens, regardless of their sexual preference. Homosexuality is not a federal crime. Why, then, are homosexuals denied privileges/rights exercised by other citizens, such as the right to legally marry, and, what has recently become a hot political issue, join the military?

I'm not Colin Powell; therefore I don't know the full extent of the alleged problems gays in the military cause. Do *all* gays cause problems? What sorts of problems are caused by gays?

Personally, I don't feel that gays, at least as a group, cause any problems. It is unfair to characterize all gays by the "unacceptable" behavior of a few individuals. As I see it, the real problems are being caused by ignorant, close-minded people who feel that they must force their beliefs and lifestyles upon everyone else. Some of these unaccepting people do use force, too. They are called "gay bashers," and there are some in the military. Isn't the

## Gay rights movement a curse for the military

by Travis DeNeal

A current controversy, spurred on by Bill Clinton's election, is one of the most hotly debated topics in our nation. The issue? Gays in the military.

Mainly liberal people claim that gays deserve all rights enjoyed by all other citizens. The gay rights movement has tried to insure gays these rights, and it is now considered rude and boorish to condemn homosexuals. This left wing, bleeding-heart attitude is a dagger in the back of American moral fiber.

While concerned military members may fear assault by homosexual soldiers, I believe gays do not belong in our military for two other reasons. The first is common sense. The homosexual community has a higher percentage of its population infected with HIV than the heterosexual community. While it is possible for a heterosexual to contract HIV after admission into the military, it is far more likely for a homosexual to

behavior of gay bashers unacceptable? Most gay bashers are heterosexuals. So, should we ban all heterosexuals from the military based on the unacceptable behavior of a few?

The fear of contracting AIDS from a homosexual through sexual assault or blood splatters is not entirely unfounded; a larger percentage of the homosexual community is infected with HIV than the heterosexual community. However, HIV infection is now increasing at a much faster pace among heterosexuals. There is a significant risk of contracting HIV from a heterosexual. AIDS is not a homosexual disease.

I do agree that perhaps housing and showering situations need to be altered to separate lesbians and heterosexual women and gays and heterosexual men, just as heterosexual men and women are separated, to provide a sense of security and comfort for all.

We have had and do have gays in the military who want to serve their country but are forced to keep their lifestyle "in the closet" if they want to continue to serve. Homosexuals are citizens, too, and deserve all rights exercised by other U.S. citizens. I had hoped that Clinton's attempt to lift the ban on gays in the military was a sign that the people of our country were moving toward an accepting, loving view of all mankind. However, I was sorely disappointed when Congress said "that's a no-no" and postponed any action on Clinton's decision.

contract the virus, because of his or her lifestyle and the higher rate of risk among gays. It would then be more likely that blood splatters during a battle could infect other soldiers.

The other reason for refusing gays for military service is my own belief that homosexuals do not deserve special legislation. I believe their behavior is immoral and any difficulties they incur along their so-called "alternate lifestyle" are well-deserved.

Aside from morals, common sense should make people consider the consequences of allowing gays into the military. Although the government denies it, HIV is easily transmitted. As I mentioned before, blood splatters could easily infect many soldiers. Hopefully, moral America can pull the political correctness dagger out of its back and put homosexuals back in the closet.





TEAMS members Melissa Butler, Andi Glass, Jenny Hankins, Diana Grisham, Delana Boatright, coach Trees, Amit Mehta, Travis DeNeal, David Jackson, Marc Popetz, Natalie Stevens, Brandon Simmons, Mark Lucas, Matt Eisenhauer, Matt Bramlet, Brad Maddox, and Jason Balabas competed at SIC and SIU.

## TEAMS success ends at sectional competition

by Jeremy Hafford

The JETS TEAMS competition was begun Tues. Feb. 9, at SIC. This annual competition is a day-long event between students of different schools who compete in two of seven categories to qualify for regionals and later on, state competition.

This year, Harrisburg placed second in the overall team competition for Division II schools for the second consecutive year. They lost only to Carmi/White County.

For Harrisburg, there were people who placed in every event, with the exception of chemistry. In English, there was a clean sweep: third place Diana Grisham; second, Jeremy Hafford; first, Travis DeNeal. There was only a two point spread between these places.

In biology, Travis DeNeal landed third place and Jeremy Hafford won second. In computers, Andi Glass and Marc Popetz tied for second place while George Fornes received first. In graphics, Brad Maddox won third and Mark Lucas tied for first. In physics, Lucas won another first place, and in math, Andi Glass tied for second.

The entire team qualified for the sectionals at SIU on Feb. 20. If one of the team members would have won first or second in one of their divisions or if the team placed first or second, they would have qualified for further individual competition or team state competition. However, the team finished fourth and was eliminated. Travis DeNeal placed third in biology, one place short of advancing to further individual state competition.

## Varsity QB team wins Johnston City tournament

by Mark Lucas

What happens in quiz bowl when you throw Murphysboro, West Frankfort, Johnston City, and Harrisburg in one tournament? Three wins for Harrisburg, that's what. And that's just what happened in Johnston City as Harrisburg won the tournament for the second straight time.

In the three games Harrisburg played, the closest score was 135-75 against Murphysboro. Harrisburg went on to beat Johnston City 210-15 in the second game, and then pummeled West Frankfort 185-30 in the final game.

Senior Travis DeNeal led all scorers with 27 questions in the three games. He is well on his way to beating Josh Bradley's school record for all-time scorer. With the three wins, Harrisburg improved to 13-2.

Next came the John A. Logan tournament where some of the toughest Class AA teams in southern Illinois competed. The bracket that Harrisburg was placed in proved to be extremely difficult. In the first match, Harrisburg lost to Centralia 115-150. Next, came Chester, which HHS beat 100-35. Salem entered next and left, losing to Harrisburg 95-75. Then, Mt. Vernon joined the competition and edged out a 120-130 victory. Thus ended Harrisburg's tenure at the tournament.

Following the tournament came Pope County. Harrisburg destroyed them 240-80. Marion, the arch enemy of Harrisburg quiz bowl, came next. Although J.V. won against Marion, a slow start and a quick finish that came too late for a varsity victory, found Marion on top, winning 265-220.

## Olympiad team wins third

by Carly Will

The HHS Olympiad team finished third out of 23 teams at the annual contest in Marion.

"It was a hands-on critical thinking contest," said member Travis DeNeal.

Team members Jason Balabas, George Fornes, DeNeal, and Amit Mehta competed in several challenging events. In one event, the team had to build, in one minute, a six-foot long object that could move eggs from one table to a carton on another table. In the second event, the team had to build a bridge with two-and-a-half potatoes and a box of tooth picks. In the third event, the team devised a poster board cantilever supported by a bleach bottle.

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## Retirement plan assures many changes next gear

by Diana Grisham

Due to a retirement incentive program passed by the Illinois Legislature, veteran teachers have the option of early retirement with full benefits. Several teachers in the Unit 3 district have snapped up the opportunity and will round out their teaching careers at the close of this school year.

The retirement plan adds up to five years to a teacher's age, and up to five years to a teacher's experience in terms of pension, allowing teachers to retire with maximum benefits at an earlier age.

This plan is aimed toward school districts saving money, since so many districts are having financial difficulties.

The retirement plan goes into effect this year statewide. Money can be saved by hiring new teachers and paying less salary to the rookie teachers.

State law requires districts to pay 100% of a teacher's salary for one year over a five-year period, with teachers putting in 20%.

Each district must let at least 30% of eligible teachers retire this year.

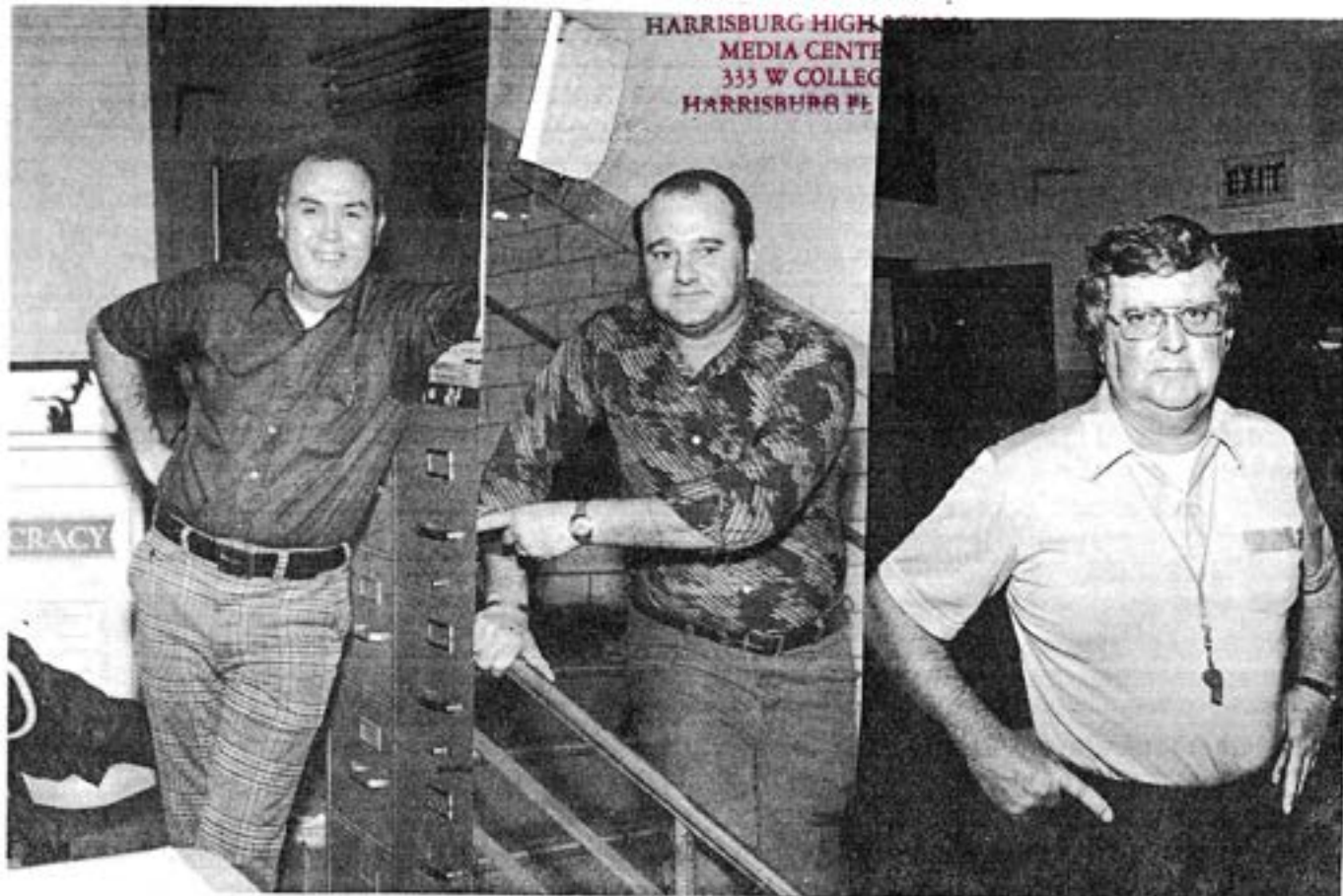
Harrisburg has gone a step farther, deciding that all eligible teachers may retire this year, while paying the teacher's 20% as well as the remaining portion. This higher incentive would only go into effect if at least 11 teachers retired.

The incentive was well qualified, with 19 Harrisburg teachers accepting the offer, six of which will leave HHS after this year.

The guidance department will lose Mr. Blackburn, and someone new will have to teach eager students the Rules of the Road after Mr. Hays bids HHS farewell.

With Mr. Ozment and Mr. Wright both retiring, the history department will have some new faces next year.

The English, Speech, Drama, and Publications departments also stand to lose out with the retirement of Mrs. Ewert and Mrs. Clemmons.



Keystone archives produced some old pictures of Mr. Bob Ozment, Mr. Jack Wright, and Mr. Mike Hays. They have been friends since high school.

## President outlines changes

by Mike King

President Bill Clinton spoke with joint members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and his own cabinet on Wed. Feb. 17. His annual address, referred to as the state of the Union Address, was designed to inform Congress and the citizens of the United States of the President prepared economic changes and his motives for them.

President Clinton has many major plans for our country. He has proposed changing welfare into work-fare, a new system that could be implemented at a major cost to tax payers. He also proposes a major overhaul of the health care system. The first lady, Hillary Clinton, is heading a committee investigating how to change the health care system. Both programs will save money, but how big will the shock to the American people be?

Clinton has proposed a \$1 billion workplan, which will provide 500,000 new jobs restoring the nation's parks, roads, and bridges. This plan will also provide 700,000 summer jobs to the teenagers of this nation. This plan has a taste of the work programs instituted by Roosevelt during the Great Depression.

Clinton hinted that there would be no new taxes for the the middle class. So far he has complied.

The upper 1.2% of the income bracket will receive a 5% increase from 31% to 36%. The corporate tax for the richer companies will also be increased to 36%.

Loop holes rewarding companies for going overseas will be closed. An energy tax will be implemented, unlike the plan proposed by Ross Perot during the campaign.

Clinton's plan does not pinpoint one type of energy to carry the increase, but all types will share. The fund for research and development of nuclear energy has been cut completely.

Clinton has cut the staff of the White House by 20%. The President has cut spending by his cabinet and called for a freeze of government salaries for a year.

Clinton would cut the defense budget while keeping the U.S. the most powerful army in the world.

Clinton has promised to sign the Brady Bill, a gun control law vetoed by President Bush.

Already the president has made it a reality for people to take time off work for family medical emergencies by getting the twelve-week family leave bill passed.

An issue plaguing the neophyte president since his inauguration was the ban on gays in the military.

The Bush administration banned gays from the military. Clinton wants to lift that ban,

but he is under heavy pressure from military leaders not to lift it. This proposal has caused controversy throughout the U.S. Acts of violence against homosexuals in and out of the military have been reported. The Republicans hoped to make the ban a law by adding an amendment to the family leave bill, but they failed.

President Clinton hopes to implement dramatic changes in our economy, health care system, and welfare system. All of us, young and old, will be affected by what transpires this year and in the years to follow.

Clinton made some large campaign promises and he hopes to carry them out. He had help in a Democratic-dominated Congress.

If our new President succeeds, then we can hope we'll have a bright future. If he fails, the country may be driven deeper into debt and chaos.

## Blackburn recovering from surgery; guidance strained

by Steff Padgett

The guidance office was one man short while Mr. Blackburn recovered from prostate surgery.

Jack Blackburn, junior senior counselor, has been working in guidance for 35 years. He began as a history teacher in Lone Oak, Kentucky. He then became a principal for two years at Newman High School in Newman, Illinois. He came to Harrisburg in 1968 and has been counselor here ever since.

Mr. Blackburn went to Murray State in 1949. He left there to join the Air Force in 1951, where he flew a B-52 bomber in Korea. He went back to Murray State after four years in the military, and majored in Social Sciences. As he taught at Lone Oak, Mr. Blackburn commuted to Murray to receive his Master's degree.

During Mr. Blackburn's absence, the guidance office was a hectic place, especially with the start of the new semester.

Mr. Shelton, freshman-sophomore counselor, had to meet twice as many students as usual.

"Jack has been a tremendous bank of information pertaining to college due to his years of experience as a counselor," Mr. Shelton commented. He went on to say that Mr. Blackburn has been a great help on the phone.

Nanette Franks filled in for Mr. Blackburn. She is a substitute teacher who graduated from Harrisburg High School and S.I.U.

"Mrs. Franks has been an enormous help to Mr. Shelton in the past couple of weeks. I don't know how he would have coped without her," said senior Mark Lucas.

Mr. Blackburn returned in early March.

## FROM BRIAN'S BOOKSHELF

## Transcend the boundaries of fright through Metahorror collection

by Brian DeNeal

Evolution has occurred in the horror genre as a result of Dell Publishing's Abyss books. The Abyss line of books, the brain-child of Jeanne Kavellos, stands apart from most horror books in its involvement of the mind while reading. The books are both psychological and surreal. A few of the titles are The Cipher by Kathe Koja, Deathgrip by Brian Hodge, Whipping Boy by John Byrne, and, the subject of this review, Metahorror, edited by Dennis Etchison.

Metahorror is an anthology of 21 short stories by such authors as Peter Straub, David Morrell, Whitley Strieber, Ramsey

## "The Bodyguard" heralded a showtime success

by Sarah Drone

Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston star in "The Bodyguard," a movie about love and courage, with the message of never falling in love with your legal client. Houston also makes her film debut and sings her hit song, "I Will Always Love You."

Costner plays ex-Secret Service agent Frank Farmer, who is assigned to protect actress Rachel Marron (Houston), who has received a number of death threats. Farmer arrives to find that there is practically no security around Marron whatsoever, and he sets about setting up some emergency systems.

But love complicates the situation. Farmer and Marron eventually fall in love, but he breaks it off. When he starts realizing who the person is behind the death threats, he has ended making her paranoid over the whole issue. And at the Academy awards ceremony, the culprit is waiting.

On the whole, this is an interesting movie. There's really not much action, so some might get bored, but stay in your seats; it's coming sooner or later.

Campbell, Joyce Carol Oates, and many others. The stories are very dark psychological horror stories and require a good deal of thought to understand. The lengths range from 3 pages to 43.

"Mutilator" by Richard Christian Matheson is composed of very twisted sections of the diary of a masochist. Joyce Carol Oates's "Martyrdom" is a disturbing story about a beautiful woman, a cruel husband, and a rat. In Whitley Strieber's "The Properties of the Beast," Barbie, Ken, and Elvis dolls helplessly witness horror, unable to move their plastic bodies. A nurse/nun tries to preserve a boy's life and keep her own oath to God during war in Chelsea Quinn Yarbro's "Novena."

I have mixed feelings about Metahorror. It is an original book, a challenge, and I enjoyed many of the stories, but a few of them were just over my head. Metahorror is a very disturbing book, but if you're up to a challenge, then by all means read this book.



Senior Brooke Ratliff, an efficient Ponderosa waitress, quickly clears a table for the benefit of new customers.

## Bonanza improves with switch-over to Ponderosa

by Matt Businaro

The Harrisburg Bonanza recently became Ponderosa. With the change in name has also come some changes in operation, but the restaurant is still the same in many ways.

The menu is basically the same, being a steak restaurant. The food is still very good for a restaurant, however it just isn't quite what Mom makes. On a scale of one to ten, Ponderosa lies at about seven and a half.

The waiters and waitresses are very efficient, always asking if a refill is desired. They are very courteous and helpful. They get a nine.



## Simon's Barefoot in the Park is five flights of fun

by Brian DeNeal

Act IV's production of Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" ran very smoothly on February 20, 21, and 22. The actors all had their lines memorized well enough that they could turn their attention to the acting.

Sophomore Elizabeth Garnett gave a fine performance as Corie Bratter. For the sake of the audience's ears, a little less shrieking into the microphone might have been nice, though. Her husband, Paul, played by senior Mark Lucas, is a stick in the mud lawyer who can't get excited about much of anything unless he's drunk and sometimes even then, he just stares at his coat.

The set, designed by Mrs. Allen, was very realistic. The snow falling through the broken skylight onto Paul's face was a nice touch.

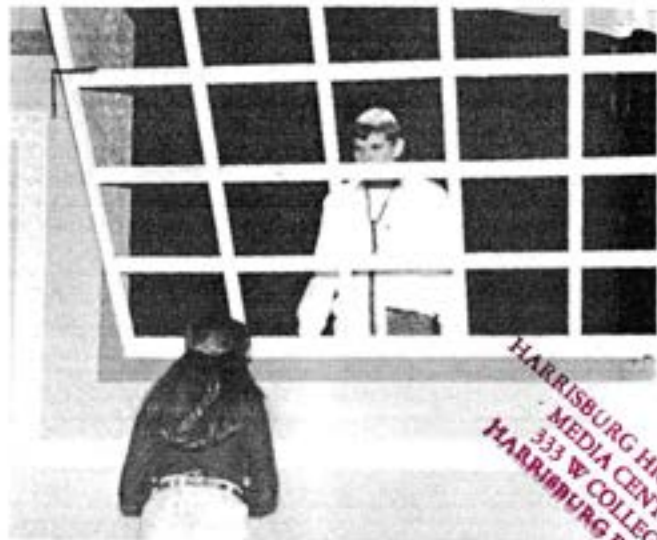
The play is about the tension of Paul and Corie's opposite personalities. Their conflict sets up a hilarious and suspenseful chain of events, including scenes with Mrs. Ethel Banks, Corie's conservative, old fashioned mother, played by senior Diana Grisham and a good hearted telephone repairman, played by senior Ty Wallace.

The play was made unpredictable by the improvisation of certain lines by the cast, especially the delivery man, portrayed by sophomore Hugh DeNeal.

"Barefoot in the Park" was a performance of a quality seldom present in a school production. May we see many more like it.



Mark Lucas and Elizabeth Garnett argue while Diana Grisham playing Corie's mother, Mrs. Banks, looks on.



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Mark Lucas, playing Paul Bratter, stumbles onto the ledge of his apartment building in a drunken stupor. Elizabeth Garnett (Corie) tries to coax him down.

## Inside Matt's Hat

### Freshmen tell what they wish they had known about BHS

by Matt Businaro

Now that the first semester is over, freshmen are settled in to the high school environment. They are getting to have a pretty good understanding of what is going on. Many freshmen know some things that they wish they had known before school started, and gladly give advice to one another to prevent further difficulties. Some valuable points have been expressed, and some incredibly hard lessons learned. Some examples are:

Charlie Holland: "The teachers are better here than in junior high."

Matthew Molinarolo: "I wish I hadn't taken Spanish."

Shawn Caldwell: "Where the bathrooms are."

Jennifer Wetzel: "I wish I'd known what classes my sister had so they couldn't embarrass me."

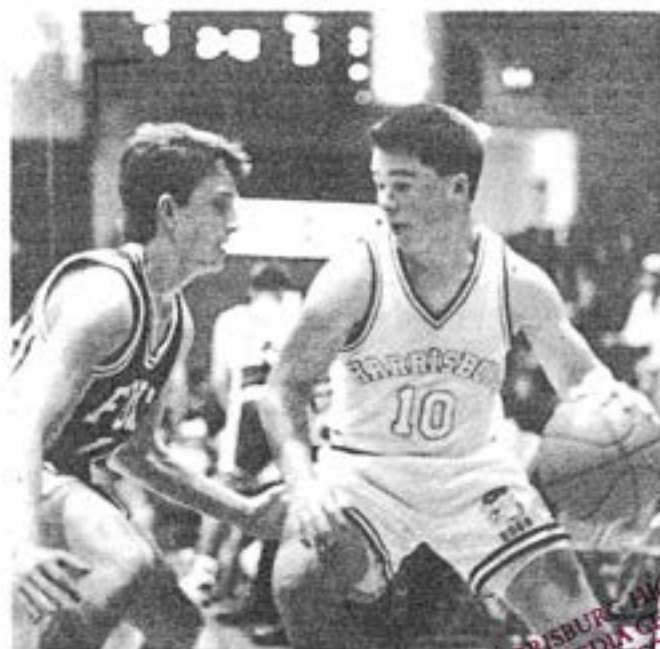
Brandon Morse: "I wish I had known how hard computer operations is."

Rachel Davis: "I didn't know how easy school would be."

Monica Stephens: "I wish I had known how many papers I would have to write in English."

Michael Ward: "I'm glad I'm taking Civilizations this year, so I can get it over with."

Chris Bevis: "I wish I hadn't taken French"



Sophomore guard Brandon Reynolds works around his opponent.

## Dogs win big on Senior Night; End regular season with loss to McLeansboro

by Ashley Gott

The Harrisburg Bulldog basketball team was out to please its crowd and its own self as the last South Seven game of the year was played against Herrin. There was also an added attraction as the seniors were honored for their efforts on the floor.

Harrisburg started off slow, falling behind 11-7 early but came alive to outscore Herrin 21-11 in the quarter. The Bulldogs never looked back as they outscored Herrin in every quarter and went on to defeat Herrin 77-46.

The Bulldogs forced many turnovers and capitalized on fast breaks to keep Herrin out of sync all night. Dale Overstreet led the Bulldogs with 20 points. Ashley Gott, Lee Simpson, and Cory Patton scored 17, 14, and 10 points respectively.

Poor shooting caused the Bulldogs to lose against the state's second-ranked Class A team, the McCleansboro Foxes. The Bulldogs hit just 9 out of 45 shots on the night and were unable to contain the McCleansboro offense en route to a 73-30 loss.

Harrisburg had many easy shots on the night but just could not make any of them. Dale Overstreet led the Bulldogs with six points, making four of his points from the line.

## Wrestling individuals shine

by Marc Popetz

Wrestling is a sport in which the focus of the whole year is regionals, sectionals, and state. The entire season is spent making a record good enough to get you ranked in the end-of-the-season tournament. Once the end of the season is reached, your hopes either come true or your season is over.

Five Harrisburg wrestlers had their individual season extended past regionals. Jay Gearing and Marc Popetz took first at regionals, Jamie Satterfield and Marc Brown placed second, and Willie Redwine placed third. Their finishes at regionals allowed them to advance to Class AA sectionals.

Once at sectionals, Jay Gearing won his first match, lost his second and third, Marc Popetz lost his first, won his second, and lost his third. Marc Brown lost his first. Jamie Satterfield and Willie Redwine were the only two who did well enough to place at sectionals. Willie won a fourth place medal, one place short of going to state, while Jamie placed third, allowing him to advance to the state finals.

Jamie is only the second HHS wrestler to go to Class AA State, the first being Aaron Gulley in 1990. Satterfield competed against the state's 24 best wrestlers in his weight class, 171. Jamie won his first two matches with relative ease, but lost his third. Jamie went into wrestle-backs and lost again. However, he left the competition knowing he had succeeded farther in state than Gulley, making Jamie the most successful wrestler in HHS history.



Jamie Satterfield is declared winner in his first match at state