

Student achievement honored at SIC, SIU

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HHS students were honored at SIC's annual "Across These Hills" literature and art contest. Seniors Angie Foster and Brandie Banks won first and second place in poetry.

Three HHS artists were recognized. Junior Jaime Dunston received a first place award in the general art show. Senior Keith Ewell won first place in the cover art category. Junior Josh Gribble also received special recognition for his work.

The honored poets will read their poems at SIC honors night on Tuesday, May 18, and artists will have their work presented in a show at 6 p.m.

Finally, six seniors were recently honored for academic excellence at SIU's SISHA banquet. Matt Bramlet, Travis DeNeal, Andi Glass, Ashley Gott, Marc Popetz, and Amit Mehta joined 30 other school at the event. Senior Ginger Abney, who could not be present, was named the Tip-Off Scholarship winner.

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Board of Education chooses

by Brian DeNeal



John M. Hill is Harrisburg's new superintendent. He was officially hired at a special board meeting held May 3.

Hill is a native of Cairo, who currently serves as superintendent at Blue Mound School District near Decatur. He was assistant superintendent at Virden Public Schools before Blue Mound.

Though he does not have any specific recommendations, he says his top priority will be the review of curricular and financial needs of our district. "I want to immediately begin work with building principals, teachers, Central Office staff, and the Board to establish both short and long range goals for the district."

Hill is impressed with Harrisburg schools, both the maintenance of the buildings and the quality of the teachers. He says it is too early to make a judgment concerning the challenges the district faces. His main focus now is becoming familiar with the district programs, personnel, and finances.

Hill is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau and holds an undergraduate degree in biology and a graduate degree in school administration. He

has completed coursework necessary for a Ph.D. from SIU.

Hill has taught biology and been coach in Cairo and was principal of Jonesboro Grade School. He was principal of Dongola High School before going to Virden. Hill's career in education began in 1972.

Hill as new superintendent

by Brian DeNeal

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Talent show offers variety

by Travis DeNeal

Come one, come all, to the greatest show on Earth! The HHS Student Council is sponsoring a talent show open to the public at the Malan Jr. High auditorium Fri., May 26. Any act for the show will have the opportunity to display a notable talent after paying the \$5.00 entry fee. Entries must be turned in by Mon., May 17.

The contest, open to all types of entries, is a possible testing ground for future local entertainers.

The winner could not only win the trophy prize, but could also be compelled to pursue further interests in his or her form of show.

A sizable turnout is expected. As always, there will be traditional entertainment combined with exciting off-the-wall entertainment.

Was Justice Delivered?

by Jeremy Hafford

People often call it an even trade-off, others refer to it as equal justice; then there are others who will refer to it as outright injustice. I am talking about the decision in the Rodney King Civil Rights trial where two officers were convicted of violating King's rights, and two others who were acquitted.

The Los Angeles Police Department held its breath as the jury found Sergeant Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell guilty of violating King's civil rights. The other two, Theodore Briseno and rookie Timothy Wind, were acquitted. Although last year's rioting wasn't repeated, Los Angeles and the rest of the world were left wondering, "Is this an equal trade-off?"

Extreme scrutiny of the amateur video tape of Rodney King getting beaten by the four officers seems to me enough proof to convict all four of them. Still, we must abide by what the court offers as acceptable proof of civil rights violations. Stacey Koon, senior officer and sergeant, was convicted by the court, not because of striking King, but because he didn't stop the others. Laurence Powell was convicted, however, for repeatedly striking King with his baton. But what about the other two?

Both officers who were acquitted seemed less involved, to the court, than the others. Police officer Theodore Briseno was seen stomping on King's head in the videotape for a short time, but, in court, he claimed that he tried to stop the beating. I find this rather hard to believe, for if

Seniors suggest restricted parking spaces

by Steff Padget

It's spring, and that means more students are getting their licenses, which in turn means less parking spaces for older students.

It's a fact that if you want to find a parking space in the parking lot, you must get to school before 8:00. If you don't get here by then, you're just out of luck and you end up parking a block or two from school on the street.

There are a couple of reasons for this absence of parking spots. One of the big ones is the overload of sophomore licenses being handed out.

Okay, maybe it's not fair to not allow sophomores to drive to school, but maybe it's not a bad idea to not allow them to park in the parking lot.

I will admit, the restriction would be hard for many sophomores to handle, but when they reach Senior Status, they'll want the same thing.

he had really tried to do so, either the officers would have left King alone, or he would have gotten into a shouting match, or even a fight, with one or all of the others.

The rookie Timothy Wind was acquitted because he seemed, to the court, to "follow" his fellow officers, not to "lead" them. This seems strange to me because the videotape clearly shows Wind striking Rodney King repeatedly with his baton. It would seem fair to have Wind follow suit of Powell, and be convicted as well. So what if he was a rookie? That should not be an excuse for severely beating a human who is already down on the ground, attempting to shield himself from the blows.

Now don't get me wrong, Police do have the power to use REASONABLE force, but what those officers did was almost destroy a man who was already on the ground. Why didn't they put shackles on him, or something else, since it was four against one? There was no way the King could escape four fully functional police officers trying to put him in the back of a cop car.

I shouldn't complain too much, because we can all be grateful that the verdict, as questionable as it was, didn't re-ignite the racial bomb that exploded in Los Angeles last year. The L.A. riots left 53 people dead and well over \$1 billion in damages to the city. This year, those riots will not be repeated. The question of equal justice will always be around, but at least the civil rights trial is over and the country can breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that the verdict will not be the cause of needless deaths, victims of racial tension in a racially unequal world.

Something else that can be done is for family members to drive to school together. Why take separate vehicles and take up parking spaces that others can have? (And for those that are ecologically smart, this cuts down on car emissions.)

Along those same lines is car pooling. Neighbors can switch up rides with others to save on car space. This isn't always possible, but you could at least try it.

The last big suggestion I can make about lack of car space concerns those people who live less than five blocks away and drive to school.

I actually saw someone drive from the parking lot at lunch to their house three blocks away! Then they drove back.

Come on! How lazy can you be? Okay, I can understand if it's coming a downpour or a blizzard, but if someone argues how cold it is, then I'm stumped. You would be in the warm school before your car warmed up.

I'm a senior, so most of these situations aren't going to matter to me for long, but these are a few things that underclassmen should consider.

Drama class presents Priscilla's Perils;delights grade school audience

by Leslie Hearn

Kindergarten, first, and second graders laughed, booed, and hissed with the best during the melodrama performed by Mrs. Ewert's last drama class.

"The Perils of Priscilla" is a short, two-act play in which Smedley Smidgin, played by Justin Shelby, kidnaps Miss Tyler (Ginger Abney) because she won't turn any of her salary over to him. When Miss Priscilla, played by Stephanie Padget, arrives, Smedley tries to do the same to her, but is stopped by Harlowe Starbuck (Todd Bishop). In the end, with the help of Jenny, Freckles, and Becky, played by Leslie Hearn, Glenda Johnson, and Wendy McClusky, respectively, Smedley is killed.

The grade-schoolers were asked to participate, which added greatly to the performance.

When Harlowe and Smedley entered, Laurie Ferrell held up signs that said, "boo," "hiss," or "yea."

Although the cast did a really good job during the performance, some members wished to postpone the play in order to practice more.

Mrs. Ewert commented that, "Postponed plays and weddings never happen."



Leslie Hearn, practicing her role as Jenny, holds the gun used against the evil Smedley.

Simpson in the spotlight

by Stephanie Rister

Sometimes dreams do come true, and for senior Tiffany Simpson Saturday night, April 17, 1993, her dream became a reality. Tiffany got a chance to open for Doug Stone and Mark Collie at the Eldorado Project Bounce benefit concert.

Tiffany is the daughter of Charles "Bimp" Simpson and Paulette Simpson. She began singing when she was nine years old for family and friends. While in the 6th grade, she made her singing debut in a school musical singing "Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me." Tiffany has definitely come a long way since then.

Decked out in all black, she hit the stage at 6:30pm. She sang a mixture of old and new country. The songs she chose for the concert were very appropriate. Tiffany's songs related to the various members of the audience. From the song "Men" that talks about men from a woman's point of view to some of Patsy Cline's greatest hits to Reba McEntyre's song "The Greatest Man I Never Knew" that she dedicated to her father, Tiffany received much applause after each one.



Wendy McClusky and Justin Shelby search for scripts for the dramatics production.



The cast of "The Best of Broadway" performed
**Tony award winning songs
 selected for production of
 "The Best of Broadway"**

by Diana Grisham

Many musically inclined students prepared for two months for this year's musical production.

Songs from famous Broadway musicals such as Phantom of the Opera, A Chorus Line, The Wiz, South Pacific, Fiddler on the Roof, The King and I, Annie, and Miss Saigon created a production unlike any Harrisburg has seen in the past.

Through singing and narration, the cast and crew took the audience through the last four decades of Broadway musical history. Brief summaries of the six decades themselves accompanied by narration of the highlights of each time period related the importance of each musical epoch.

All students showing up for tryouts were included in the production, with the only exclusion based on failing grades. Students with singing ability were given the opportunity to try out for the several solos and duets, and every student who tried out received an ensemble membership or a solo. Narration and crew work were available to students not musically inclined but still willing to participate.

Sophomore performer Jenny Hankins thought the idea was "a concept that could become a celebrated tradition and a refreshing change from the usual production."

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***Amos and Andrew* a flop**

by Matt Businaro

Amos and Andrew appeared to be a good movie after advertisements for it were shown on television. But this movie was not nearly as good as it was expected to be. *Amos and Andrew* could easily be described as a humorless comedy.

The movie begins with Andrew Sterling, a Pulitzer Prize winner, arriving at his newly purchased summer home, in an all-white area.

His new neighbors, not knowing the house had just been purchased, decide to visit whom they assume to be the former residents of the house. When they discover Sterling in the house, because of his race, they assume he's a criminal and call the police. The police then hold Sterling in his house, and when they find out that he's not a criminal at all, they call in a criminal they have in jail.

Amos, the criminal, was then sent in to take Sterling prisoner and then let him go, and Amos would be given his freedom. Amos has different ideas. He holds Andrew hostage, goes to another nearby house, and then, with Andrew's help, escapes.

This "comedy" lacked humor almost totally, except for some of the actions of the chief. He sent Amos into the house in the first place only to make his campaign for successful, because his mistake of holding Sterling under siege would ruin his campaign. On a scale of one to ten, *Amos and Andrew* is about a three.

FROM BRIAN'S BOOKSHELF

Streiber's *Unholy Fire* is down to earth reading

by Brian DeNeal

Whitley Streiber, author of *Wolfen*, is an unusual author in that he is supposedly regularly visited by aliens. His books *Communion*, *Transformations*, and *Majestic* are about aliens. *Communion* and *Transformations* deal with his personal encounters with them and *Majestic* concerns the 1947 incident in Roswell, New Mexico in which a UFO may have crashed and alien bodies were confiscated by the Air Force. *Communion* spawned the movie of the same name in which Streiber was played by Christopher Walken. Many people say he is insane and the aliens are just delusions or that the whole alien business is just a publicity stunt. In any case, Streiber remains an excellent author as his new book *Unholy Fire* demonstrates.

Plastic gloves requested for classroom injuries

by Travis DeNeal

The times they are a-changin'. Today teachers here at HHS have been given latex gloves as a necessary precaution in the event that a student bleeds and needs treatment. Some people probably take this as very offensive. They may complain that this promotes fear of A.I.D.S.

This measure is wise, in my opinion. A.I.D.S. can be transmitted by blood spatters. If this disease is not as dangerous as our government claims, yet teachers are asked to wear latex gloves as protection from blood, this should tell us that our government is flat-out lying about a deadly disease that can be spread much more easily than original scientific reports.

In the past, the Center for Disease Control made similar claims about the Herpes Simplex II virus. A few years after we were told that Simplex II could be spread only by sexual contact or blood transfusions, people contracted the virus from unsanitary toilet seats. The government's response? Sorry, we were wrong. This possibility of being wrong is very likely for A.I.D.S., caused by an ever-mutating virus. The big problem here is that A.I.D.S. kills.

I think the school-issued latex gloves may be more of an anti-lawsuit gimmick than

Unholy Fire revolves around a Catholic church where a series of murders are taking place. The victims are always soaked in gasoline and burned. The police suspect the priests because they have keys to the church. Coincidentally, it is discovered that one priest had had a quite unholy affair with the first victim and she had left him a lot of money in her will. Strangely, and unbeknownst to the police, another priest had been having a long-term affair with the same woman and is tortured by guilt from it.

The novel is a horror mystery full of ambiguous clues as to who the murderer may be. It is set up with several chapters concerning the priests, then a chapter called "Nightride" which is about the killer, a person obsessed with the Spanish Inquisition and who likes to do the strut, and then a section called "Procedure" which details how the police are doing the investigation.

Unholy Fire is a riveting novel. It is very Gothic rather than gory in its descriptions, such as in the part in which a victim is chased into the church crypt by the silent killer. Anyone who liked "The Exorcist" would love this book.

anything else. To protect itself from legal action, the school probably sees paying for a few dollars' worth of plastic as a good investment, so a money-hungry lawyer could not blame the administration for failing to protect someone.

Still, plastic gloves for teachers are indeed a safe measure. Yet, it is a sad sign of the times when teachers and students must fear each other for the miniscule possibility of contracting H.I.V. Ten years ago, if a student was bleeding badly enough to die, a teacher would not hesitate at the thought of helping the student. It is a sobering thought that someone somewhere could die because he or she could not get help; their "rescuers" were busy putting on plastic suits.

Students glimpse inner city life through pen pals

by Brian DeNeal

Students in Mrs. Clemmons' classes are corresponding with pen pals in a Los Angeles high school.

L.A. teacher Jerry Ross, a former student of Mrs. Clemmons felt "students would have the opportunity to increase their understandings of the divergent ethnicities we teach."

Mr. Ross hoped his students would gain a better understanding of rural Midwestern town life, and give Harrisburg students a better understanding of inner city life. He sent 23 letters and 23 H.H.S. students have responded.



Sophomore Josh Allen and junior Aaron Bailey don Hispanic dress for a skit in one of Mrs. Leitzen's first-year Spanish classes.

Latino Week will raise awareness of Latin culture

by Matt Businaro

Spanish Club is planning a "Latino Week" to celebrate the Spanish language and Hispanic culture during the week of May 17.

Several activities are planned, including labeling of classrooms in Spanish according to the subject, displaying of student-made posters in the classrooms, and a Spanish character dress-up day, planned for Wed. May 19. Also, some videos are expected to be run on the classroom cable.

The purpose of the event is "to make people aware of other cultures and their importance to our culture," said Ms. Herron-Titus, co-coordinator of the event, along with Mrs. Leitzen.



Junior Rachel Miller is waiter to freshman students Kim Ewell and Brittney Chrisman in a restaurant scene of a Spanish I skit.

New permanent art collection decorates main hall with pieces of student art

by Heather Bean

The artwork of several students is adding some color to the main hallway on the first floor.

The 11 framed drawings that have been mounted in the hall mark the beginning of the HHS Permanent Art Collection.

The program is another of the positive changes that Assistant Principal Kelly Stewart is making at HHS.

According to Ms. Stewart, when she began her tenure at HHS this year, she noticed that the hallways were bare.

She consulted with art instructor Barbara Allen and the two made plans to establish the collection.

Currently, 11 students have their work on display; they are: Jennifer Belton; Travis Clark; Corey Evrard; Sheri Field; Jay Gearing; Josh Gribble; Tara Jones; Amy Molinarolo; Kari Perkins; and Chrissy Way.

Sponsors of the permanent art are: Dr. Jim Waggoner (SIU-C), Mr. and Mrs. Roger Angelly, Principal Jim Collins, Dr. and Mrs. Mike Gearing, Lindell and Ann Walker, Knights of Columbus, Donald and Eugenia Biggs, Cecil and Doris Tate, Nancy Cottom, and Dr. Larry and Janet Jones.

Several staff members and students involved in First Baptist's Old Rugged Cross

by Matt Businaro

The Old Rugged Cross, or ORC, occupied many HHS students and staff members' time for several months. ORC started with practices in January and ended with performances the week before Easter and on Easter.

Involved in the Old Rugged Cross were Principal Jim Collins, secretary Myra Bascom, seniors Brad Maddox and Hilary Thomas, juniors Rachel Miller, Stephanie Rister, Jeremy Cook and Jason Morse, and freshmen Rachel Davis, Mark Maddox and Brandon Morse as performers. Also secretary Kay Beard and senior Cherie Wetzel helped in filming the performances.

The Old Rugged Cross, with a cast of approximately 100 overall, was First Baptist Church's Easter pageant. It told the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Tickets were free, but had to be obtained in advance.

Journalism students recognized at annual conferences

by Diana Grisham

Clarion and Keystone staff members were honored with many awards at the Southern Illinois School Press Association's spring conference held at SIU on April 26.

Keystone staff members brought home a "Golden Dozen" award for creating one of the twelve best yearbooks judged.

Individually, Keystone staffers brought home half of all awards given to 22 schools for work that will appear in the 1993 yearbook. Seniors Amit Mehta and Leslie Hearn received recognition for their photography. Amit was awarded an honorable mention in Photos I (developed and printed by students), and also received third place in the Sports Copy competition. Leslie received second and third place awards for Photos I and an honorable mention and first place for Photos II (not developed or printed by students). Marc Popetz won an honorable mention in Sports Copy. Nancy Nicholes took second in Feature Copy.

The 1992 book also received two third places, in Best Original Endsheets and Coverage

of the Year. Leslie Hearn won a plaque for Best Photography on the '92 yearbook.

Purple Clarion writing was also recognized. Angie Stallings brought home first place in Best Editorial, Diana Grisham received third place in Best News Story, the editorial board earned a third place for Best Editorial, and three honorable mentions were allotted to Nancy Nicholes for Best Featurette, Matt Businaro for Cub Division, and Ashley Gott for Best Sports Feature.

On-site contest awards were also earned by Publications members. Diana Grisham was awarded second place in Editing, Marc Popetz captured third in Yearbook Double Page Spread Layouts, and two honorable mentions went to Kim Nave for Advertising Design and Brian DeNeal for News Writing.

Publications members not entered in on-site competitions attended workshops on journalism-related topics.

Angie Stallings and Diana Grisham also received two first place awards from EIHSPA, the Eastern Illinois High School Press Association, at Eastern Illinois University, in Best Column and Best News Writing.

Accolades given to outstanding achievers

by Travis DeNeal

The *Purple Clarion* would like to honor a plethora of HHS students for their literary, artistic, and academic accomplishments.

Several HHS students were honored at the 1993 Ohio River Festival of the Arts Poetry Contest. Students whose poems were selected were invited to read their poems at the Festival in Evansville on Sat. and Sun., May 8 and 9.

All honorees are seniors in Mrs. Bramlet's A.P. English class. They are Angie Stallings, Hilary Thomas, Heather Winters, Rick Nease, Matt Bramlet, and Brandie Banks, who was also honored at the event last year.

In addition, Angie Stallings and Diana Grisham were notified that they would have work published in the upcoming IATE collection of high school literature.

Junior Jason Balabas will be recognized in the June issue of *The White River Quarterly*, an Indianapolis magazine. Jason's essay, "A Modern Walden Experience", is featured.

Junior Jay Gearing recently captured "Best of Show" in Glenn Poshard's 19th district Congressional Art Show. The honor was worth \$200, and the drawing will be framed and sent to Washington, D.C.

Junior Jason Roper also finished in the top ten entries at the Congressional Art Show. His drawing will be displayed along with Gearing's at the Southern Illinois Arts and Crafts Marketplace.



Junior Jay Gearing is one of several HHS art students whose art work is on permanent display.

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Maggie Williams and her date stand nervously while waiting to enter promenade.



Kristin Banks cuts in on David Albracht and Amy Molinarolo's dance.



Shawn French and his date walk in as Matt Partain and Terri Horton admire the decorations.

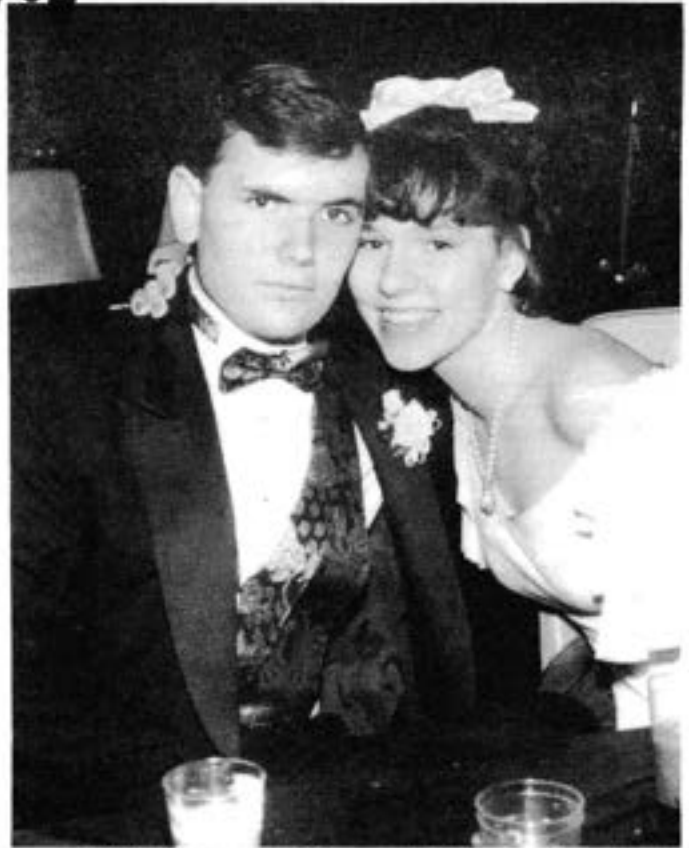
The theme "Wonderful Tonight" was true for the inside of SIC, but definitely not the outside. April 16 dawned cold and rainy, with hail making an unwelcome visit.

Prom 1993's colors were teal, black, and white. The promenade was well-organized, with crowds packing the bleachers to attend.

Music was provided by DJ's from Thompsonville. Junior Rachel Miller commented, "I thought Prom was better than after Prom because there was a lot more room to dance and it wasn't so crowded."



Seniors Merissa Butler, Melissa Butler, Sharon Hicks, Steff Padget, Lori Wilson, and Mary Palmer pose for a friendly and memorable photo.



Mark Lucas and Jenny Hankins share a moment for the camera at prom.



Entering Prom, junior Sarah Henshaw, her escort, and senior Chris Moore make their way through the dense crowd.

Bulldogs succeed in area tournaments, but struggle in conference competition

by Ashley Gott

The rain has wreaked havoc on the Bulldog baseball team. The wet weather has caused the Dogs to miss seven games thus far. The rain has made it difficult for the Bulldogs to come together as a team. One day inside and four days outside has not allowed the Dogs to reach their potential. When they get a chance to get outside they have a chance of being a competitive team.

The Bulldogs have shined in tournament play, winning their own Harrisburg Invitational, and winning the first game of the Cape Tournament.

The Harrisburg Inv. was moved to Massac County because the field was too wet to play on at Harrisburg. The change of scenery didn't bother the Dogs as they beat Vienna 11-3 and Massac County 5-4 to win their own tournament.



Getting in to the throw, junior catcher Matt Winkleman hurls one to first base for the out which helped the Bulldogs come out on top.

In the first game the Bulldogs avenged an earlier season loss to Vienna by thumping them 11-3. Junior Jason Tuttle picked up the victory as he threw 5 innings giving up 7 hits while striking out 2 batters. Junior catcher Matt Winkleman had three hits and delivered 6 RBIs. Chad Brown had two hits for the Bulldogs.

In game two the Bulldogs beat previously undefeated Massac County 5-4 in eight

innings to win the title. Junior Jonah Butler earned his first victory of the season. Junior center fielder Chad Brown had the game-winning RBI while Matt Winkleman had 2 RBIs.

The Bulldogs traveled to Cape Girardeau, Mo. for the first annual "Big Eight" tourney. The Bulldogs defeated Eureka, Mo. 9-0. Junior Jason Roper had an excellent performance as he gave up only three hits while he struck out 12. Chad Brown had 3 hits and 3 RBIs. He also swiped three bases. Sophomore third baseman Shawn Brasher had 2 hits and an RBI. Junior right fielder Brad Ziegler scored three runs and hit an inside-the-park home run.

In conference play, the Bulldogs have struggled as they have lost 6 games while winning only one. Losses to the conference's top two teams, Carbondale and Mt. Vernon, have caused the Bulldogs problems. With the exception of two games, the Dogs were within one play of winning. Their record could easily be 5-2.

The Bulldogs lone conference victory came against Herrin 6-1. Jason Roper threw a no-hitter to help the Bulldogs to their first conference win. Chad Brown had 2 hits and an RBI as did senior first baseman Ashley Gott.

Coach Fred Barnes commented, "I think if we can come out and play the style of ball that we played at Massac County and Cape, we'll be a good team."

The Bulldogs record now stands at 5-7 overall and 1-6 in the conference.

Cheerleaders take first

by April Mayhall

The HHS varsity cheerleaders traveled to St. Louis to compete in the annual NCA Six Flags tournament. The squad brought home the first place trophy.

The competition consisted of 16 varsity teams that were required to limit dance/cheer performances to two minutes and thirty seconds.

Because of rain, the competition was postponed and suspense ran high. After the tournament began, it continued for five hours.

Being forced to wait for the final results made the cheerleaders nervous. Senior Nyla McCabe said, "I was a little nervous, but I knew we would do good because we worked and practiced so hard at it."

Although the team had attended the competition for the last two years, this was their first year to compete.

A video of the cheerleaders' first place routine was shown over the T.V. monitors during announcements.

Holler has high hopes for conference competition

by Ashley Gott and Amit Mehta

Track season has been a pleasant surprise for boys' track coach Tony Holler. The boys have won seven out of nine meets.

Coach Holler said, "This has been an outstanding year considering the fact that the team is dominated by underclassmen."

The team has been led by the emergence of Damon Lampley in the high jump. Lampley has already set three meet records and has topped 1991 senior Brandon Shelton's jump of 6'10" by clearing 6'10 1/2".

Lampley's jump has probably put him in with the top five jumpers in the state," Holler commented.

Lampley has a good shot at qualifying for state as does the 1600 meter relay team, which has shown improvement throughout the year. The team consists of seniors Brad Maddox and Chris Moore, juniors Jason Nyberg, Corey Eyraud, and Mark O'Dell, and freshman Robert Neal.

The Bulldogs hope to improve on their third place finishes over the past two years. They hope to be very competitive in the upcoming conference meet. They had an impressive showing at the Saluki Invitational against teams from the conference. Damon Lampley won in the high jump, clearing 6'6". Robert Neal ran the best race of his young career in the 300 intermediate hurdles, placing fourth.

Lady Bulldogs softball season plagued by rain

by Steff Padget

The Lady Bulldogs softball team has been stuck inside for eight games because of the rain. The Dogs, 6-5 overall and 4-2 in the conference, have missed five conference games.

"We're all really sick of the rain. It gets really boring practicing inside every day and fewer games at the beginning of the season means more at the end," said sophomore left fielder Ricki DeArmon.

Harrisburg beat West Frankfort in a thriller when junior Sarah Henshaw drove in the winning run.

"I was having a kind of dry game, but when I went up to the plate I knew I had to get a hit," said Henshaw.

The Lady Dogs lost two conference games to Herrin and Centrailla. The Ladies are the only conference team to take the Herrin Tigers to seven innings.

"We looked really good, but we still have far to go," said junior Shannon Horstmann.



Robert Neal, left, demonstrates ideal form to beat competition in the 100m hurdle race.

The 800 and 1600 meter relay teams placed 4th and 6th respectively.

The frosh/soph team placed first at the frosh/soph conference meet in Centralia, according to Coach Holler. With the first place finish, they have become the first team in the school's history to achieve this feat.

The outlook for next year's team looks bright because of the return of many key underclassmen. The drop from Class AA to Class A should help also.

Holler added, "With the drop in classes we may have a chance to send at least 20 qualifiers to next year's state meet."



Catcher Sarah Henshaw prepares to make the catch as her opponent races to home.



Volunteers Marc Brown, Jennifer Moore, Amit Mehta, David Albracht, Nancy Nicholes, Ginger Abney, and Chris Moore take a break and relax on the midfield.

Special Olympics celebrates 10th anniversary

by Amit Mehta

Smiles of joy were seen everywhere at the 10th anniversary of the Area 22 Special Olympics. The games were held at Taylor Field for the second consecutive year on Apr. 30. The program was assisted by the HHS Allied Med classes, and by the Pep Club, which made decorations for the event.

A few hundred athletes participated in events including, to name a few, long jump, shotput, softball throw, running races, and wheelchair races. 85 student volunteers were happy to give their day to bring fulfillment to



HHS athlete Marie Milligan takes long strides to the finish line to place second. The athletes Whether being a "buddy" to an athlete, a congratulatory "hugger," or a timer for a race, the volunteers tried to make it the best day possible for the athletes.

Junior Aaron Bailey commented, "I didn't know what to expect, but when I got there I had a lot of fun helping the athletes."

Community groups also helped the games with volunteer participation. The Harrisburg Medical Center Psychiatric Unit sponsored Olympic Town, which consisted of carnival-like games. The Home Extension provided food.

Lady tracksters continue winning ways in conference

by Sarah Drone

The Lady Bulldogs track team has been enjoying a great season, winning every home meet thus far, except for the freshman/sophomore invitational, where they placed fourth. They have been placing third or better at the away meets.

Vicci Roberson and Amy Phillips were definite bright spots in the Massac County invitational. Both girls set meet records. Amy in the mile with a time of 5:56.57, and Vicci in the two-mile run with a time of 13:43.21. These were just two of the first place finishes, as the girls won at Massac with 123 points.

At the South Seven conference meet on May 10, the team finished third, defeated only by Carbondale and Mt. Vernon.

Two relay teams will compete in the upcoming sectionals at East St. Louis.



"Hugger" Ginger Abney and track stager Nancy Nicholes flank an athlete from CDC.