

Student of the month begins

by Erin Kielhorn

October's Students of the Month were Richard Bradley and Brian Buchanan. Assistant Principal Ms. Stewart has implemented this new program.

Teachers may nominate a student from each of their classes for this honor based on grades, behavior, cocurricular achievements, attitudes, or improvement. Nominees receive a pen, bumper sticker, or keychain with the HHS logo. Winners get t-shirts or a designated parking spot.

Ms. Stewart draws names to determine winners. In Oct. a freshman/sophomore winner and a junior/senior winner were selected. The more nominations students receive, the greater chance he/she has to win.



Winners Brian Buchanan and Richard Bradley point out Ms. Stewart's designated parking.



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Matt Bramlet and Sesser-Valier winner Abbie Palmowski enjoy the DAR banquet

D.A.R. honors Matt Bramlet

by Marc Popetz

In this day and age many older people would say it's impossible to find a "good citizen" in the halls of our high school. Every year, teachers pick the top five students out of the senior class and let the students vote on their selections. Teachers nominated Matt Bramlet, Ashley Gott, Andi Glass, Leslie Hearn,

and Travis DeNeal because they demonstrated leadership, dependability, and patriotism. The students picked Matt Bramlet as their choice for the D.A.R. Good Citizen award over all of the rest.

Students may ask why Matt Bramlet would want to be picked as the D.A.R. Good Citizen. Besides saying that he has his life on the right track, the award also singles him out of his class of almost 200 for colleges to see him before all others. It better his chances to receive scholarships and the door to many colleges has been opened wide.

For his award, Matt was treated to dinner at an awards banquet at SIU. He and all of the other D.A.R. winners from our area were awarded there. He will also receive a medal at honors night.

The D.A.R. award has been around long enough to be established as an honorable and well thought out award. He will reap the ben-

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Wasted space: Vehicles park in opposing directions.

Stalling For Time Parking problems arise

by Angie Stallings

I'm late for school almost every morning, although I get here at 8:15, five minutes before the late bell.

Question Why am I late?

Answer. I drive through the parking lot about three times only to find a tiny space seemingly custom made for a Hot Wheels toy car.

HHS' parking problem is a familiar one to the faculty and upperclassmen as well as residents of the homes surrounding HHS. At the beginning of each school year, finding a space to park is seldom a problem. Usually only juniors and seniors are driving at this time. But as the year progresses, many sophomore students receive their driver's license, and our parking lots become crowded. Students begin to park anywhere their cars will fit, and often end up blocking in people who live around HHS. As if the residents' problems alone weren't bad enough, many students are forced to park farther and farther away from the school, three blocks up on McKinley Street, two blocks away on Land Street, etc.

Question It's the beginning of the school year, so what's the problem?

Answer Although there should be space available, none is. The problem now is that many students don't park their cars in the

same direction as the other cars, which takes up more space as a result.

Obviously HHS needs a solution to its parking problem before the year further progresses and more students receive their driver's license. I have a few solutions:

1 We could all drive Yugos. Think of the space we could save!

2 Only juniors and seniors should be allowed to drive to school.

3 Students could rent parking spaces for the year for a small fee.

4 Lines dividing spaces, comparable to those found in city parking lots, could be painted. Students whose cars are parked over the lines would be given a warning on the first violation, and would receive some sort of punishment, perhaps a detention or the loss of the privilege of driving to school for a day, after another violation.

5 Everyone could park in the same direction and use a minimal but reasonable amount of space.

Number 1 is not going to happen. Number 2 would be unfair to underclassmen, but it doesn't affect me because I'm a senior, so it's not a bad idea as far as I'm concerned. Number 3 was implemented before, but was unsuccessful. Number 4 could work if we had a person designated as parking monitor. He/she would have to be a faculty member. (A student would get "creamed" by everyone he "ratted" on.). Nonadherence to number 5 is the reason we have the problem now.

I'm for either 2 or 5. No matter what the solution, one is needed now before the situation worsens.

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Quiz bowl program under attack

by Jeremy Hafford and Diana Grisham

A new banner was added to the rafters of the gymnasium, due to the cataclysmic achievement of the varsity quiz bowl team. Although the seven member team captured the second place position in the state-wide class A competition, the program has had the marrow sucked from its bones.

This whole ordeal of lack of funds is undeserved, especially after last year for our amazing feat. We were the STATE RUNNER-UP IN THE 1992 CLASS A TOURNAMENT.

The team this year, consisting of captain Travis DeNeal, veteran members Mark Lucas, Jeremy Hafford and Diana Grisham, and new recruits senior Rick Nease and junior Jesse Nelson, is forced to not only battle opposing teams, but to overcome the handicap the district has placed upon the team in the way of funding cutbacks.

Not only has our schedule of meets been cut in half; our instructor, Coach Bill Trees, has been refused time and time again to be allowed to have a substitute for several class hours while we have meets.

Athletes receive letters for achievement in sports. Quiz bowlers received a momentary ovation at honors night, and were then left to wander in the deep, nightmarish chasm of in-

Family First drama draws big crowds

by Matt Businaro

"Family First" was the most successful of the musical/drama presentations ever held at First Baptist Church, according to the director. Family First was held on Nov. 8, 10, and 13. The program is very timely because of all the recent attention given to family values in the presidential campaigns.

The program centers around the Anderson family, mainly George and Miriam Anderson, who were played by Barry and Myra Bascom. In the program the family has some problems including the separation of George and Miriam's son, Bryan, and his wife, Beth. With God's help they got back together again.

Freshman Rachel Davis, junior Jay Gearing and Rachel Miller, and freshman Matt Businaro, were involved in the production.

significance. Why doesn't the Foremost academic team of class A southern Illinois receive recognition, financially and individually?

Let's dwell on the quiz-bowlers' future. If our lack of appropriate funding continues, then our future and the underclassmen's, as well as the grade-schoolers' futures, will be a future without quiz-bowl. A future minus the chance to understand the world and the facts that enshroud it so that it is visible in the great white beyond.

Now, we are dealing with a huge cut in our budget that seems ridiculous since, after all, we did get second in state. Doesn't that deserve some credit? A raise in our budget would have been nice but an enormous slab being removed from it? We understand. NOT!

With this continually diminishing budget of ours, we can barely afford to have any away meets at all. We have also been reduced to having a majority of our meets after school. We do have some athletes and actors on the team. After school meets conflict with practices of both sports and dramatic productions.

Faculty, other students and the school board are oblivious to the myriad sacrifices the team makes as it strives toward perfection in the attempt to stand victorious while defending the academic honor of HHS.

We, the members of the proud but forgotten varsity quiz bowl team, challenge Harrisburg to support our goal of repeating last year's record season and stand behind us. Academics, Scholarship, Team spirit - isn't that what high school is supposed to focus on?

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FROM BRIAN'S
BOOKSHELF

Revert to savagery via
rock/horror stories

by Brian DeNeal

Few things do I enjoy more than reading a good horror story while listening to rock music. Fast paced horror accompanied by a driving beat and screamed lyrics is a perfect combination. Both are shunned by parents and therefore symbolize rebellion. You can imagine my amazement and pleasure when I was looking in the horror section of a bookstore and noticed a blue paperback adorned with demonic looking guitars and the words "Shock Rock" in evil letters and under this "Scream to the beat..." Needless to say I purchased the book.

Shock Rock, edited by Jeff Golb, is an anthology of horror stories about rock music with short stories by Stephen King, David J. Schow, Rex Miller and many others and a foreword by Alice Cooper, the book covers early rock and roll with stories about Elvis, Chuck Berry, and Jerry Lee Lewis. Others go

up to the protest and psychedelia of the sixties and seventies with Bob Dylan, Janis Joplin and Jimmy Hendrix, and still others involve punk and modern rock.

While many talk about Satan's influence on rock, the story "Flaming Telepaths" by John Shirley explains that rock is God's kind of music. He says "The devil hates rock 'n' roll because the devil hates freedom, and freedom of expression is anything that unifies men." God, however, loves music and, in particular, rock 'n' roll.

Many of the authors have musical backgrounds and they speak of the darker elements of the music. For instance, the story "Groupies" by Richard Christian Matheson shows what shocking lengths groupies will go to satisfy. There is also discussion on bootleggers and the punishment they receive.

Another common theme of the book is dead rock stars coming back to perform ghostly concerts as shown in Stephen King's "You Know They Got a Hell of a Band" and Brian Hodge's "Requiem".

This extremely loud book comes highly recommended. Reader be warned however; many of the scenes are awfully raw. As Dr. David Noebel says, "The music is a designated reversion to savagery."

Showtime with Sarah

"Consenting Adults"
full of suspense



by Sarah Drone

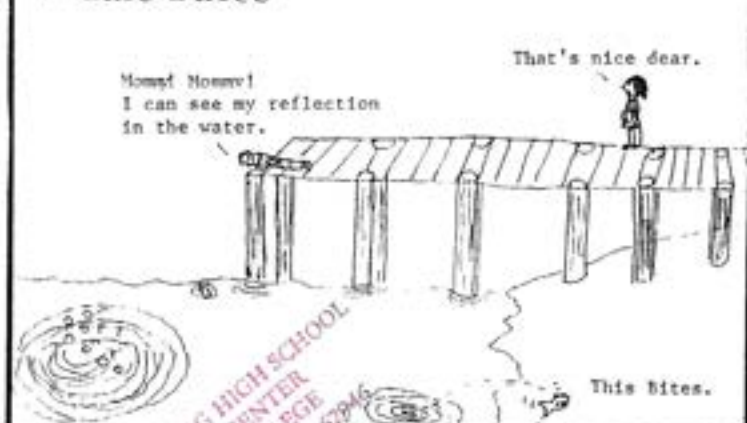
Kevin Kline stars as Richard Parker in "Consenting Adults", a movie that will make you pay a bit closer attention to your neighbors.

A man and his wife move in next door to a couple in their thirties. They have each other over for wine, chat a bit and eventually become good friends, especially after Eddy Otis, played by Kevin Spacey, causes an insurance scam so that his new friends can get some extra money.

Then Eddy's wife starts paying more attention to Richard and Eddy seems drawn to Richard's wife Priscilla. He goes so far as to suggest that they "trade partners" for a night just to see if the women will notice.

Then it happens. They go through with the plan. Eddy's wife is murdered, Richard is the suspect, and we are caught in a complicated plot.

Whale Tales



by Andy Kelley & Mark Lucas

School choice mocks educational goals

by Travis DeNeal

A little-emphasized issue of this presidential campaign was the issue of school choice. School choice allows students in some districts or states to choose any school in the district or state that they would like to attend. President Bush supports this idea and would like to expand it to all fifty states. Bill Clinton does not support this process concerning all schools and calls it unfair.

Ideally, students should not be limited to attending the school nearest their residency. However, many school districts are required by law to pay for student transportation. Students living even fifty miles from a school will cost much more money than students living fifteen miles from the school. One or two such students wouldn't hurt a school. Fifty or sixty could.

Furthermore, a student could not simply walk into a school, hand over his or her voucher, and begin classes. An entrance exam would most likely be administered, with a minimum score set as an acceptance score.

Hunting is man's own responsibility

by Brian DeNeal

"Deer must be killed to control their population!" Everyone has heard this argument supporting deer hunting, but still many cling to the image of Bambi. Why would the heartless hunters kill the cute deer? Because deer no longer have natural predators without man.

When frontiersmen first settled this country they built farms. There was a problem with the farms though. Everything was being killed. The farmers thought of a solution, kill all the wolves and mountain lions, that'll keep the herds alive! And it did. There are no longer wild wolves in the 48 states and mountain lions are a rarity. Unfortunately, without these predators, the deer run rampant, that is without intervention of the human since man's responsibility is to take the place of these predators.

In Pope County, self-proclaimed deer capitol of Illinois, the Deer Festival is celebrated. Here in a huge tent, vendors sell goods, mostly food and in particular, barbeque. This is all great fun, but there is another side to deer season. The otherwise natural sounds

Many education experts have hickered over this issue. Education purists maintain that a selective test similar to the format of a nationally known standardized test such as the ACT or SAT would challenge prospective students and reveal the talented students who "deserve" to attend that particular school.

Other educators have stated entrance exams could be used unfairly against particular groups of people to legally deny their entrance to the school. Such entrance exams smack of literacy tests used at polling places in bygone years.

Since Bill Clinton will preside over our country next, it is doubtful that a major reworking of our national education system such as school choice in all schools will occur. George Bush has vowed to make the transition in the White House as smooth as possible, so nationwide school choice will most likely be forgotten.

Hopefully, people will learn to accept the school which they live by and agree to attend it. Although as a nation, we must strive for better education, school choice is an idea that only complicates and confuses people, effectively preventing them from learning. People should realize its impractical results and oppose school choice.

are interrupted by gunshots, frightened deer run onto highways for safety, and there are the sad cases of hunters wounding or killing as a result of friendly fire. There was a case a while back when a woman, taking clothes off of the clothesline, was shot and killed by a hunter. His excuse was that the white gloves that she was wearing looked like the white tail of a deer.

There is a much less conspicuous form of deer hunting, however, one in which the hunter can remain invisible to all passersby and whose weapon makes virtually no sound. One, skilled, can sneak through wilderness without crackling leaves or snapping branches. I present the bowhunter. Albeit the bowhunter as a rule takes fewer deer than a shotgunner, he takes part in a much older tradition.

Camouflage replaces blaze-orange thanks to the few who take part in bowhunting. Wearing today's new camo patterns, a hunter is able to become one with the surrounding earth.

Bowhunting is a tradition that may soon come to an end thanks to anti-hunters. I emphatically encourage more people to get involved in the honorable sport of bowhunting or at least to allow others to keep the tradition alive.

School gets report card

By Mark Lucas

There is another kind of grade card issued by Harrisburg High School other than the usual nine-week term grade cards so many students try to hide from parents. This grade card does not report A's and B's in particular classes, but it reports on the performance of the entire school for last year.

The 1992 School Report Card was issued to every student in homerooms. It reports everything from attendance to average ACT scores for the preceding year. It is required by the Better Schools Accountability Law to be issued to everyone in the district who wants a copy of it.

Just what is in this booklet that now lives in the bottom of many students' lockers, stuffed in their bookbags, and lying in the trash can? Stats, tables, and percentages, that's what. Sometimes, in all of its technicality, it is very difficult to read. Take, for instance, the attendance, mobility, and chronic truancy. Basically, they are saying that on a given day, 92.6% of the students' body was in attendance, the other 7.4% either being sick, excused, or sitting at home watching game shows. The "mobility" section is simply the percentage of students entering or leaving the

school, such as moving away or moving here. The chronic truancy is those who have unexcused absences over 16% of the school year.

How is the student body of HHS enrolled? You can find out very easily in the enrollment of high school code subjects on page 3. 79.7% of all high school students in Harrisburg are enrolled in a math class, just under the state average of 82.2%. 92.3% are enrolled in an English class, way below the state average of 103.7% (some students take more than one English class a year). The school fared best in science at 85.7%, while the state average was only 69.8%.

There were no significant differences from what we have done in the past. . . although we were a little bit lower in other areas

...Mr. Collins

Some of the sections are difficult to understand. Anyone who is curious about a table, but can not read it, needs to see an administrator. Mr. Collins explained the Illinois Goal Assessment Program (or IGAP). The IGAP tests were given to all of last years juniors. While no individual scores were reported, the average of all tests can be found inside the report card. Scores from the previous years appear alongside the test scores from last year. To report similarities or dissimilarities, a raw score is given with a band of numbers next to it. If the score falls within its band, then there is no significant differences, from either the previous year or the state averages, Mr. Collins explained.

Since the report card is issued every year, one can detect changes over ten years in different categories.

High School Graduation Rate; a reported statistic

	1990-91	1991-92
School	74.0%	86.1%
District	74.0%	86.1%
State	78.0%	80.8%

Hugh DeNeal named Voice of Democracy winner

by Heather Bean

In our school Voice of Democracy competition, Hugh DeNeal won 1st place and was awarded \$100. Hugh will enter the district competition and be a guest at a V.F.W. banquet held for students. \$70 went to Monica Kiescoms, second place winner. \$50 went to

third place winner, Cherie Wetzel.

This is a national program conducted each year allowing students an opportunity to win valuable scholarships and awards by expressing their opinion on America.

This year's theme was "My voice in America's future." Students were required to write a short script, then transfer it onto audio tape to be judged. This year's program was sponsored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

New conference gains name

by Steff Padget

Southern Illinois River to River Conference will be the name of the new athletic conference Harrisburg will be part of next year.

West Frankfort student Jennifer Eters will receive \$50 for her winning entry in a contest that had more than 50 entries.

Massac County Student Pat Windhorst will receive \$25 for naming the two divisions of the conference, the Ohio and the Mississippi division.

The conference is made up of the four smaller South Seven schools (Harrisburg, Benton, Herrin, and West Frankfort), the seven Southwestern Egyptian schools, and independent Massac County.

Quiz-bowlers work against the odds

by Jeremy Hafford and Mark Lucas

This year's Harrisburg High School Quiz-bowl team starts out late after a lengthy teacher's strike as well as troubles concerning funding for the program.

This year's Varsity Q-bowl team has the hard task of attempting to repeat last season's second place in the state class A tournament. However, the way to repeated glory will be difficult.

Although three members of last year's Varsity team are gone, four veterans remain. Travis DeNeal (team captain), Jeremy Hafford, Diana Grisham, and Mark Lucas are back with the new additions George Fornes and Jesse Nelson.

With a severe lack of experience, the JV squad has rounded up seven students: Natalie Stevens, Matt Businaro, Elizabeth Garnett, Jennifer Hankins, Lance Kerley, Jeremy Weberling, and Michelle Nelson. In their first meet against Pope County they lost by over 50 points. Their leader was Lance Kerley with three correct answers followed by Jennifer Hankins, Natalie Stevens, and Matt Businaro with one apiece.

The Varsity match was a totally different story. Travis DeNeal answered nine questions correct, Jeremy Hafford had two, and the others fielded assorted answers. When the smoke cleared, Harrisburg came out ahead 288-146.

The Varsity team attended the biannual tournament held at Johnson City on Nov. 9. They faced and defeated opponents N.C.O.E., Dongola, and the home team Johnson City. Travis DeNeal answered 27 questions in the three meets that Harrisburg played, answering 12 questions alone

Members of the five largest schools- Harrisburg, Benton, West Frankfort of the South Seven, Murphysboro of the Southwestern Egyptian and Massac County- will form the Ohio division.

The smaller schools -Chester, Sparta, Pinckneyville, Nashville, DuQuoin, and Anna-Jonesboro- will form the Mississippi division.

"By playing schools more our size, our kids have a better advantage," Coach Al Way says. He feels that it will be good for football to keep Harrisburg in 3A.

Jennifer Eters writes, "I feel this name is appropriate because of the vast area the new league would cover. While all new member schools are spread over Southern Illinois, they are all located between the Mississippi on the West and the Ohio on the South and East."

in the meet against Johnson City. Other scorers were Mark Lucas, Jeremy Hafford, and Diana Grisham.

Next they travelled to Carterville, the team that they beat out to go to the state tournament last year. Unfortunately, both the JV and the Varsity fell, with Travis DeNeal and Jeremy Hafford tying with only three questions a piece.

"Still, I believe that we have a very good chance of winning sectionals and placing in the state tournament," said Varsity member Diana Grisham.

The home season opened up against Eldorado with both JV and Varsity winning big.

Natalie Stephens led the JV with eight correctly answered questions, with the other team members getting scattered hits.

The varsity match was definitely one-sided, as the home team won by over 200 points.

Team captain Travis DeNeal commented after Thursday's blowout, "It was a clear-cut victory for us. We needed a solid win to lift our downtrodden spirits after the loss to Carterville."

Gott signs with SIU

Senior Ashley Gott has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the SIU Salukis.

Ashley was also recruited by Illinois College, McKendree, Illinois Wesleyan, and MacMurray, but chose to go to SIU. He chose SIU because Carbondale is close to home and as a Division I intercollegiate athletic program, it holds great opportunity for him.

Ashley will receive a scholarship that includes books and tuition. It is renewable for the entire four years as long as he keeps playing. While attending SIU, Ashley plans on majoring in Business Administration.



Senior linebacker Jamie Satterfield strips the ball from the Eagle running back.

Harrisburg still has a great season to remember

by Amit Mehta

Despite forfeiture of six games due to the prolonged HEA strike, the Harrisburg Bulldogs were able to have an undefeated playing season (3 of 3 games played) ending with a 30-8 win over the Eldorado Eagles. Though the score doesn't show it, the game stayed extremely intense for the first three quarters.

The Dogs scored first with a 35-yard pass from Brad Ziegler to David Beasley. A successful two-point conversion made the score 8-0. From then on the Eagle defense buckled down and didn't let Harrisburg score for the remainder of the first half. At halftime, the score stood at 8-0.

In the third quarter the Dogs coughed up the ball and Eldorado regained possession on Harrisburg's 11 yard line. Two plays later, Eldorado scored on a 7-yard run. Eldorado tied the score with a two-point conversion.

Bulldog Jason Nyberg returned the kickoff with a 75-yard run and apparent touchdown. However, the touchdown was not scored due to a clipping penalty. Moments later, though, Matt Wilson scored on a 46-yard run. Harrisburg followed up with another two-point conversion, which gave the Bulldogs a 16-8 lead.

Harrisburg ran away with the game in the fourth quarter. Wilson scored again on a six-yard run and Brad Maddox kicked for the extra point. The Bulldogs capped off the game with a two-yard TD run by Jason Roper and Maddox added another point with another successful kick.

Senior Jamie Satterfield commented. "At least we made the best of the season we had left."

Girls' cross-country team shows talent at sectionals

by Brandie Banks

The end of the season for the girls' cross-country team came on a positive note. Strong leadership and the desire to do well spurred the Lady Bulldogs on to the sectional meet held in Springfield during the Halloween weekend.

Coming back from missing half a season due to the teachers' strike, the team worked hard and managed to finish third in conference. The girls entered the regional meet with confidence. Teams included Highland, Carbondale, Mt. Vernon, and Harrisburg. Only the top five teams could qualify for the sectional meet and Harrisburg pulled it off by finishing in fifth place.

The Lady Bulldog runners were happy to make it to the sectional meet, but weren't too confident of going any further. Junior Vicci Roberson said, "We all had good times and we did really well, but we just didn't have enough experience that we needed to make it to state." Amy Phillips, Tonya Gooday, Andi Glass, Vicci Roberson, Brooke Behnke, Stephanie Gibbs, and Jennifer Hazel competed for HHS.

Senior Tonya Gooday had mixed feelings about the end of her cross-country career. "Even though our season was short, we showed the other teams in the conference and ourselves that we still had what it took to do well. It's going to be hard to leave the great people I've run with for so long."



At the fall sports banquet, Amy Phillips was awarded Cross Country MVP, and Brooke Behnke, Tonya Gooday were Most Improved.



Greg Goodley is Kayo Willis's assistant
**Basketball team under new
 management of Kayo Willis**

by Ashley Gott

For the third time in four years, the varsity basketball team has a different coach. The new coach is Kayo Willis who takes over a team that has won just seven games in the last two years. Coach Willis comes to Harrisburg with 15 years coaching experience and a reputation as a man who has turned many desolate programs around.

Coach Willis began his coaching career in 1954 at Equality. While there, he racked-up numerous wins. In 1956 he went to Carrier Mills and compiled a 115-20 record in six years. He led two teams at Carrier Mills that went 27-2 and 26-2. In 1962 he took over the coaching job at Pinckneyville. All he did was lead the Panthers into the State Championship where they were defeated by Cobden. In 1964 he took over Lincoln Way High, in a suburb of Chicago. That team had only won three games in the past two years. Coach Willis' team won 20 games in his 1st season and the program was on the rise.

In 1968, Willis went back to his alma mater Murray State to receive his master's degree. While there, Willis took the freshman squad to an undefeated season (21-0). The team rated fifth in the nation. In 1973 he took a job at the U of Alabama at Huntsville a place that never had a basketball program. Coach Willis developed the program from the bottom up his team averaged 20 wins over ten years. He went to the national playoffs five times and had five All-Americans, one being his son. He resigned in 1985 and accepted the position as head coach of Ostar, a province of Saudi Arabia. Coach Willis returned to the United States in 1986 where he has been running

basketball camps and operating a business for his son until this year.

Coach Willis said that Harrisburg had a good program before and he thinks it can be good again. He has many friends in this area. He has great respect for Mr Collins and thought that it would be a joy to work for him. Willis has always looked for a challenge; he believes that he can overcome this one and make the basketball team respectable again.

Coach Willis commented on the situation he was brought into with Coach Holler's reinstatement by an arbitrator. He understands the matter and was glad when the board reached an agreement. Willis said, "It is the young athletes who received the worst of the situation." Coach Tony Holler added, "I wish Coach Willis the best of luck. I even offered to be his freshman coach last summer. I hold no grudge against him."

Overall Willis' outlook is positive. Willis noted, "It's great to be back home. I'm looking forward, with the help of the young men, to put Harrisburg on the map for basketball. Harrisburg always had a great following when I coached against them and I hope to give them a team to be proud of."

The Bulldog's season starts Nov. 27. Perhaps Coach Willis can be the savior for the Harrisburg basketball program.

Female grapplers hit the mat

"I was a little skeptical at first but it's their God-given right. Besides, they have proven that they can take the practices, and that's more than I can say for a lot of guys," Varsity wrestler Marc Popetz said.

Two freshman girls are fighting for positions on the wrestling squad. Erin Kielhorn and Monica Stephens state that they tried out for the team because they've "always loved wrestling."

It's a lot of hard work, but it's worth it

...Freshman Erin Kielhorn

Some challenges the girls will possibly face include negative attitudes from opposing teams, possible lack of competition, sexual harassment, as well as negative attitudes from their fellow team members.

Stephens is vying for the JV 103 class spot, while Kielhorn fights for the JV 112 position.

"It's a lot of hard work," says Kielhorn, "but it's worth it."

Teen Love : Is it right

Teen love: How serious is too serious?

"Many girls seem to be getting promise rings" was a point brought up at cent Clarion Club meeting. With this point in mind, a study of love relationships at HHS was conducted.

Serious relationships among teens is common, but how serious do these relationships get? Several teen couples become engaged while still in high school, and some go as far as getting married. HHS senior Kathy (Turner) Forth married 1992 graduate Adam Forth last summer.

"I was ready to get married," Kathy said.

Kathy cited that she and Adam had no big problems. He works now and she will find a job after graduation.

Some HHS students are engaged and intend to get married, although most of them will wait until after graduation. Senior Melisa Boston and her fiancée plan to be married next summer. Senior Jason Ferrell and sophomore Sara Evans are also engaged. Other couples choose to remain anonymous.

A survey administered to all HHS students revealed that 25% of the students "are or have been in a love relationship so serious that marriage is/was considered." Of the females surveyed, 29% claimed to have been or be in this type of relationship, as did 21% of the males. The numbers of students in these relationships increased with age; roughly 5% of freshmen, 22% of sophomores, 33% of juniors, and 45% of seniors.

Students had mixed feelings about relationships of this type at a young age. Some felt that these relationships are a mistake.

"For the most part, I feel teenagers are too immature to belong in a relationship that is serious enough to consider marriage. Most people think that this

person is 'the one' and in a few months they end up 'breaking up.' However, there are exceptions," commented senior Ginger Abney.

Junior Candi Heil said, "People in high school have not matured enough—no matter what they think—to make a decision that should last for the rest of their life. If married, they may have to throw away the rest of their education due to money problems."

"Your teen years are supposed to be exploratory. If you rush into the first relationship that comes along, it could be a long and serious mistake," said senior Mike King.

Other students felt that these relationships can be looked upon positively.

Senior Deedria Newsome commented, "I think if [the teen couple] are mature enough to handle the responsibility of a relationship and can learn to be open and honest, then I think it's 'chill!'"

"I think it's normal for teens to want to be loved, and if they can find someone they want to spend the rest of their life with, I think it's wonderful!" sophomore Jenny Hankins said.

It's not wrong to be with someone. Most people that do get married usually marry their high school love. I just think people should get out and see what the world has to offer before settling down in this cultural wasteland of ours.

...junior Brian Murphy

to be this serious?

What, in your opinion, is teenagers become engaged

the most common reason or get married?

Freshman	Girls	Boys
Low self esteem	9%	10%
True love	13%	35%
Pregnancy	52%	44%
Get out on their own	19.5%	4%
Other	6.5%	7.5%

Sophomore	Girls	Boys
Low self esteem	8%	7%
True love	31%	27%
Pregnancy	40%	47%
Get out on their own	13.5%	7%
Other	7.5%	12%

Junior	Girls	Boys
Low self esteem	19%	15.5%
True love	26%	34%
Pregnancy	41%	37%
Get out on their own	14%	8.5%
Other	0%	5%

Senior	Girls	Boys
Low self esteem	20%	9%
True love	23%	28%
Pregnancy	43.5%	50%
Get out on their own	3.5%	6.5%
Other	10%	6.5%





Dutch student finds the U.S. different

by Angie Foster

Among the many new faces at HHS this year is Miranda Orsel. Miranda is an exchange student from the Netherlands. Her home town is Groningen/Hoogeveen.

Miranda arrived in America Aug. 11. She was originally placed with a host family in Normal, but after seven weeks there, she had to move because her host mother became ill.

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... Dutch student Miranda Orsel**

Miranda said, "Things are very different here and it will take some getting used to." She said that at home in Holland she would be attending Middlebane (the Dutch name for High School). There, the homework is not as plentiful, but the class work is more strict. Their classes meet like college classes, for example, math meets once or twice a week at different times. Dutch students are encouraged to learn foreign languages. In addition to Dutch, Miranda speaks German, French, and English.

Another big difference is all of the fast food here. Miranda said, "In the Netherlands we usually eat fresh vegetables, potatoes, and a piece of meat, so we eat a lot healthier."

Miranda will be visiting the United States until Aug. 1, 1993, when her visa runs out.

Democratic party sweeps the election

by Mike King

Bill Clinton, former governor of Arkansas, and his vice-presidential running mate Al Gore will be the first Democrats to take control of the White House, and the country, for twelve years.

Clinton defeated incumbent George Bush and Independent candidate Ross Perot in the Nov. 3 election. Bush's defeat was considered a landslide with Clinton getting some three-hundred and eighty electoral votes.

Also on the federal level, Southern Illinois helped create a monumental landmark, the election of the first Afro-American woman to Congress. Carol Mosely Braun defeated Republican candidate Rich Williams in the senate race. Democrat Glenn Poshard will be heading back to Washington as U.S. Representative.

On the state level, Republican incumbent Ralph Dunn was elected to the senate for yet another term. David Phelps, Democratic incumbent from Eldorado, will return to the House of Representatives.

Locally, Democratic candidate Rod Wolf, was re-elected to the position of Saline County State's Attorney with a vote margin of only 87. Wendell Lambert was re-elected to the county coroner's position. Republican incumbent Ron Ledford took the circuit clerk's position again.

Although 1992 has been labeled the Year of the Woman, it seemed to be the year of the Democrat as well.

YFC has Halloween party/initiation

by Matt Businero

Yuck! Sick! Gross! Such are the words used to describe the YFC initiation held on Oct. 20, at the school cafeteria. Initiation took place in the form of bobbing for apples and getting an egg broken over one's head, while trying to catch it in a styrofoam cup.

Costume judging was a highlight for that night at the Halloween party. Costume winners were Brittney Chrisman for funniest, Bobbie Shewmaker for scariest, and Matt Businero for most original.

Sponsors Mrs. Bramlet and Mrs. Gillespie carved pizza while those just initiated had a time for recovery from the ceremonies.