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Vandals break in gym

One of the topics of discussion at the regular school board meeting October 18 was the break-in to the Davenport Gym area on September 18.

Damages and losses totalled just over \$4,000. The band room had been entered where sound equipment was stolen and a drum head was slashed. The vandal(s) also broke into and stole equipment from the coaches' office, auto shop, and the locker room. Three fire extinguishers were emptied.

The police are conducting an investigation. The area was dusted for fingerprints and other evidence has been found. There are suspects, but no arrests have been made.

It is suspected that the vandal(s) knew where the motion detectors are located. There are currently two on the bottom floor and one on the first floor. It is estimated that four detectors would be needed to cover the entire gym.

The insurance will cover the damages, but there is a \$1,000 deductible.

Unit schools start serving breakfast

Starting this year all unit three schools are serving a cafeteria breakfast. The idea for a cafeteria breakfast was decided upon by Dr. Carpenter before he left the district.

The new breakfast offers a variety of foods, such as cereal, toast, french toast, waffles, pancakes, orange juice and milk.

The cafeteria is open from 7:30 to 8:15. The cost is only \$.50 for a student and \$.75 for an adult.

This program is slated to continue next year, but the high school cooks comment that they need more participation from the students. According to Mrs. Alvey, if more students begin eating breakfast here, the cooks will begin serving a hot breakfast, including sausage and biscuits, for the cold weather.

Junior class sells mags

Not only are juniors selling magazines, but they are also selling records, tapes, and compact discs. Once again it's time to decide what to buy from your favorite junior.

Traditionally, every year the junior class must raise funds for a successful prom.

Juniors all over the country were given great incentive this year, with a grand prize of \$100,000 and a first prize of a choice of three 1990 Ford vehicles like a Mustang GT convertible. Many other cash awards and/or prizes are offered.

The sale will be going on for the next couple of weeks.

HHS steps toward fitness

There is a growing problem with the physical well being of today's youth. Harrisburg High School is now moving forward to help this problem. A class called Physical Management is now being offered for girls. There are three sections taught by Miss Dameron and Miss Horning.

In Physical Management one sets goals she wants to achieve and attempts to reach them. Instead of regular P.E., where some stand around not getting much exercise, in this class one lifts weights, walks, and is involved in aerobic activities such as handball and badminton.

Miss Dameron is pleased with the number of people wanting to join this program.



Attendant Julie Slightom congratulates Queen Tina Gibbs at the bonfire as Nyla McCabe, Keri Rhein, Riki Thomas, Suzie Milstead, and Lori Murphy look on.

Walker's Word

You, the reader, may notice a distinct change in the format of next month's issue of The Purple Clarion. For the next issue we are trying a computer program called Publish It 2 to lay out the paper, instead of the pre-cambrian cut and paste method.

The only problem with the new program is that no one knows how to use it! The staff owes a lot to Tammie Ramsdell for working long and hard to get a grasp on the new method.

On a different note, I've received many harsh complaints from freshmen about my column in the last issue. They say I was unfair to them. If the opinion of a freshman was worth anything, I might care. Alas, it is not, so I don't. But feel free to comment in a Letter to the Editor.

Give Batman a rest

-Brent Walker

1989 was a year filled with trends, the biggest being the Batman craze. Bat-hats, Bat-pins, Bat-shoes, and the ever-disgusting Bat-shirts forced their way into the pop culture of America even before the Bat-movie came out.

I kept my mouth shut about the whole Bat-thing until the first day of "Spirit Week" before Homecoming. The traditional concert tee-shirt day was amended. This year it was Batman/Concert Tee-Shirt day. That was the last straw. I've never seen so many posers in my life! For those who are sheltered, a poser is one who follows trends to blend in with the rest of the populace. "Bat Mania" is the most blatant display of "posery" I've ever seen.

Was the movie that good? Not in my opinion. Many other people said that although it was good, it didn't live up to the hype. Dead Poets Society was perhaps the best movie I've ever seen, but I don't see anyone wearing "Dead Poets" tee-shirts. Why? It is because the Bat-symbol itself is the epitome of simplicity. Simplicity describes the mind of the average American teenager, and incidentally, also describes the mind of a sheep being led to pasture.

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Hank packs arena

by Angie Stallings

"Folks, I like you all, and I like Hank, but I've NEVER played for a sit-down audience, and I'm surely not going to tonight!" Waylon Jennings exclaims. With that he walks off the stage after only three songs and exits the SIU Arena. The crowd of thousands voice their anger and disbelief by chanting many not-too-polite words.

Yes, Waylon Jennings

has had quite a few hit songs and records and is a famous country singer, but did he really believe that the audience was there to see him? Perhaps a handful were tried and true Waylon fans, but Hank Williams, Jr. was the one drawing the crowd to the arena Thursday, October 5.

After an hour of watching the stage being set for Hank and hearing promises that Hank would make up for lost time, the audience was rewarded when Hank made his entrance. He

played with energy for the next two hours, seeming to have fun playing a vast array of his favorite and most popular hits, such as "A Family Tradition," "Born to Boogie," and "All of My Rowdy Friends."

At 10:30, the concert was over, and the crowd began to disperse, apparently satisfied.

Said one spectator, "I'm never going to a concert with Waylon playing again, but Hank put on a great show!"

Musicians entertain teachers

The teachers at the four-county teachers' institute were entertained by an All Honors Choir for the first time ever on October 6. They were accompanied by the Honors Band in singing "The Star Spangled Banner," which began the day. Then the choir did its own performance, after which the band performed.

Both the choir and band received a standing ovation, which had been earned the day before by three and a half hours of hard practice. The entire concert choir of forty members participated. The choir performed "Stormy Weather," "Rhythm of Life," and "Hold Onto Your Dream."

The band played three numbers including "Days of Glory March" and a medley from The Wizard Of Oz. Band members from here were Emily Carter, Liz Collett, Tina Ward, Patrick Fornes, Jennifer Kerley, Marc Devar, Leann Gilliam, Jennifer Halstead, Tony Harper, and Christy Lucas.

SLAM OF THE MONTH:

New Kids on the Block, a group of bright, young artists, or five phonies out to empty the pocket-books of prepubescent America?

by Brent Walker & Chuck Seten

The lights dim as five young boys take over the stage. Well, they're not so young, actually. Only one of them is still in high school. This is just one example of the blatant public relations scam that is aimed primarily at Jr. High female population of the U.S. It's sickening what some misguided promoters will do for a quick buck.

We might actually give them some respect, if they were an honest to goodness musical act; the only problem is that they aren't. Their hollow, insignificant, cardboard lyrics supported by overused synthesizer chords and tired backbeats are bad enough;

they aren't even their own lyrics and backbeats. They were written by professional, ADULT musicians who evidently don't know much about the teen-age psyche.

The Mousketeers produced songs of more artistic quality than these trendy boogers. On the "Hangin' Tough" video, lead singer Harvey Firestein, sorry, I mean Jordan Knight, was filmed on stage doing air-guitar with a broom. Hey, if a Top 40 musician can't play the guitar, he should just admit he's a failure. If all it takes to send a song to the top of the charts is some fancy fretwork on a custodial utensil then cast my vote for Mr. Clean. He's a cartoon character, but he still has more dimensions than the "New Kids"; and let's face it, he has more talent with a broom.

If these are the New Kids on the Block, they can forget the welcome wagon treatment. Hanged in effigy, maybe, but no house warming. The saying "there goes the neighborhood" would be a gross understatement.

Students part of skid demonstration

Students here learned firsthand that you can't "stop on a dime" during a special auto skid demonstration put on by Country Companies, an insurance and investment group, on Oct. 3.

Larry Williams, District Coordinator of community education for Country Companies, conducted the program in cooperation with the local Country Companies Southeastern Agency.

The program is designed by Country Companies to demonstrate the relationship between traveling speed, reaction time, and braking distance.

Part of the program puts students and teachers behind the wheel of a specially-equipped vehicle, testing their reaction

time and comparing stopping distances at speeds of 20, 30, and 40 miles per hour. Junior Kristy Brantley first took the wheel, followed by Andy Abell. The teachers who participated were Mrs. Barbara Allen and Mr. Jack Wright. Braking distances can increase as much as four times between 20 and 40 mph.

Other students worked to match reaction and braking distances and to record the results. Onlooking students were given charts to help them compare the braking distances with average braking distances.

Prior to the outside demonstrations, Williams talked to students about the importance of defensive driving skills, safe driving tips, and problems and situations particular to young drivers.

"Young drivers like the freedom that being able to drive a car gives them. But with that freedom comes the responsibility to be a defensive driver," says Williams. According to the National Safety Council, improper driving is the cause of over 50 percent of all fatal accidents in the U.S.

Williams adds, "A mistake behind the wheel of a car is not like a mistake on a test that can be erased and corrected. One mistake can cost young drivers many freedoms, including their lives or the lives of others involved.

Country Companies has been giving driving safety programs since 1954. The program, which is free to high schools, is designed to reduce the number of accidents, injuries, and fatalities among young drivers.

Teachers forego strike

There won't be a teachers' strike in the near future. A negotiating team of teachers and board members reached a tentative agreement on September 27. On September 27, the teachers voted to accept the contract.

"I'm glad they reached an agreement" commented sophomore Regina Funaro. Others, who were hoping for a small vacation, are disappointed. Most high school students seem glad that a strike will not take place.

The teachers seem glad, too. "It was a fair compromise," commented Mr. Crutchfield. Most teachers seem relieved there was no strike.

Bugs should soon be scarcer

Exterminators from Tabor Pest Control in Benton were hired to take care of the roach problem in the Unit 3 Schools.

West Side School has a "severe" roach problem while East Side School, Malan Junior High, and HHS have only "moderate"

problems, according to Dr. Tinder.

Tabor Pest Control began working October 11. The company was one of the six considered from this area.



Steve "Stunt Man" Orr helps out during the skid demonstration.

Mr. Nighswander gains experience

by Heather Winters

One of the student teachers this semester is Mr. Joe Nighswander. He works in the science department with Mr. Trees.

Mr. Nighswander is currently a student at S.I.U. He will graduate with a bachelor's degree this December. He plans on teaching high school science soon after graduation and later on will further his education. His long-term plans are to go to acting school in Florida.

When asked why he decided to become a teacher, Mr. Nighswander replied, "I feel I have a lot to contribute and share with today's students, not only in the classroom, but on the soccer or baseball field."

When I asked Mr. Nighswander if he had always planned to become a teacher, he said, "No, when I was a high school student I wanted to become a pharmacist, but those plans kind of faded away."

Mr. Nighswander seems to have his long-term plans in perspective. When asked if he were famous what he would want to be known for, he said, "I would like to be a famous actor, but if that doesn't come through, I'll settle for genius inventor or U.S. President."

Maybe some day we'll see him on the big screen and then we can all say, "Hey, I know him."

Mr. Nighswander comments that he "likes the students at H.H.S. I'm sure that there will always be some students who cause trouble, but compared to my old high school, H.H.S. students are enjoyable."



Mr. Nighswander, Mr. Tree's student teacher, is helping Emily Carter with a problem in Biology.

Juniors emulating Hester Prynne again

It's the time of year again to see homemade letters popping up on Juniors' chests.

While reading The Scarlet Letter, Juniors in Track I English are required to display a letter of their own design. The letter representing one of their worst faults must be prominently displayed on shirtfronts.

The styles of letters range from simple notebook paper cutouts to elaborately decorated letters with lace and beads.

Even though letter-wearing is just an assignment, perhaps it can help some people see themselves as others see them.

Junior Brent Walker says, "It's a cool experiment but I don't see the point in it if the letter's meaning is not be revealed."

Snake loose in walls

A most unusual student might be crawling through the walls of HHS. A four-foot ball python, named Adam Monty Python, secretly escaped from his home in Mr. Holler's science room over the weekend of Sept. 23rd.

Mr. Holler believes the snake crawled out of its glass aquarium and escaped down an old pipe leading into the floor. The pipes extend throughout the floor and walls of the school.

Adam doesn't bite, because he has no fangs. He eats by suffocating his prey, then swallowing it whole. Adam can survive anywhere from three months to three years, if he finds an ample supply of water.

All of Mr. Holler's students were upset by Adam's disappearance. Mr. Holler commented, "We hope Adam will show up sometime, because he is really an interesting animal."

Cafeteria has new look

by Rhonda Cantrell and
Tammie Ramsdell

Many students may have noticed that the cafeteria has been redecorated, compliments of Mrs. Ewert's last year's Speech II and Drama classes.

The money for the renovation was acquired by a "wish bowl" that was set up in the cafeteria, and donations given by students and teachers formed the fund. The Dramatics class performed a play they had written called "Bugs II" for study halls. Students were charged \$0.25 admission, and this money also went to the cafeteria funds.

The color of the walls was changed from an institutional green to bright blue and yellow. The old curtains have been replaced with white venetian blinds, and plants have added a splash of green. Another change, the painting over of murals on the walls has become a subject of controversy for students and faculty.

Once upon a time the cafeteria was covered with artistic murals painted by students who previously attended Harrisburg High School. Now, the only mural that remains is on the wall near the cooks' kitchen. Mrs. Ewert says the cooks "refused" to let them paint over it.

Mrs. Allen said that the rest of the paintings, "were too badly damaged by the students" to save.

So is the cafeteria going to stay pictureless? Not according to Mrs. Ewert. "We have enough funds left to purchase a few

posters that are washable so they can be cleaned, unlike the murals."

Mrs. Allen commented, "If the speech II class does not put posters on the wall, the art class will be more than happy to add murals."

In contrast to both Mrs. Ewert and Mrs. Allen, Mr. Gordon commented, "Currently there are no plans for the cafeteria." So what is going on? This is only the first mystery.

If the speech class was in charge of the cafeteria, why was the hallway leading to the gymnasium painted over? Mrs. Ewert said she didn't know. Are those murals also going to be replaced?

Christy Lampkin didn't think that any of the murals should have been painted over, along with several other students. "The artwork was something that students would want to have left on the wall for everyone to see."

Stephanie Childers felt the same way. "It is unfair to cover up the students' art work. They put too much time on them to have the art work washed away."

It is now two months into the school year and still the cafeteria has yet to see any pictures, or new murals alike. So when is this going to take place—or will it ever? What do you think?



Melody Warren recently became engaged to Todd Poole.

English dept. has student teacher

The new face in the English department is Mrs. Bramlet's student teacher, Miss Melody Warren.

She is presently attending SIU-C, where she is majoring in English. She began her higher education by attending John A. Logan College for two years, majoring in radio/television. She will graduate from SIU in December.

Miss Warren attended high school in West Frankfort, where she still lives. While in high school, she was very active serving as editor of the yearbook, president of the student council, and cheerleader for four years.

When asked what she hopes for in the future, she says, "I hope to teach in West Frankfort after I graduate."

CONGRATULATIONS Miss Warren
for your engagement on your
birthday.
-Rhonda and Tammie

Pups improving

The freshman football team gained its first win against the West Frankfort Redbirds. The hard fought effort enabled the Pups to earn a 34-20 final score.

The Pups scored the first two touchdowns of the game, the first coming on a one yard run by Jamie Satterfield. Quarterback Ashley Gott threw a touchdown pass to Chris Moore to make the score 14-0. The junior Redbirds scored before the half to make the score 14-6.

The junior Redbirds were pumped after halftime and scored another touchdown. The pups, however, came right back with a score. Mike Kent danced 18 yards into the end zone. The freshman "D" could not hold as the Redbirds scored on it's next possession. Mike Kent and Jamie Satterfield scored the last two touchdowns respectively.

The freshmen have improved with every outing. The defeated Herrin 16-6 to improve their record 2-3.

Perfect!! sophs are

The sophomore football team has accomplished something that seems almost impossible. The team stands at 6-0 this season and went 9-0 last season.

The sophomore team seems to improve with every effort. They have breezed through their first six games without a real test. Everyone on the team gets a chance to play in practically every game. The team has destroyed every opponent to date but are preparing hard for their last two games. The sophomores' biggest test may come against Mt. Vernon.

Last year as freshmen, the team had no real trouble with any team. With hard work and dedication, the sophomore football team has fulfilled their goals so far. They sport a perfect 15-0 record over their first two years at HHS.

The sophomore football team is still on track. The Pups played well on both sides of the ball in their victory over Marion on October 17. According to sophomore Joe Smith, the team

still undefeated

felt as if the game would be a tough one. They were mistaken as they easily won the game 42-8.

Two touchdowns were scored by the Pups in the first quarter. The first came on a one-yard run by Jay Herring. The second touchdown came on a 49-yard dash by Jon Davis. Likewise, two T.D.s were scored by the Pups in the second quarter. Joe Beard bulled his way into the endzone from one yard out. The final score of the half came on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Chad Lakatos to Joe Smith. The Pups led 28-0 at half.

The second half was much like the first. Brent King scored on a 26-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. the final score for the Pups came on a 2-yard run by Joe Beard. The sophomore football team was able to substitute freely in the second half as everyone saw action.

The Pups' last two victories have come very easily. They destroyed West Frankfort and Herrin with scores of 43-7 and 44-8 respectively.



Harrisburg cross country runners keep ahead of the pack. They are (from left to right) Roni King, Andi Glass, Amy Phillips, and Kim Nave.

Dogs make playoffs

The Bulldogs' first loss of the season was a tough one. Although the high-powered offense of the Carbondale Terriers was for the most part contained, the Dog's made too many costly errors at untimely stages of the game. There were also several questionable calls by the officials that went against Harrisburg. The Terriers squeaked out the win 15-11 and have a clear sailing to the conference crown.

Herrin

Although they had to work some overtime to do it, the Bulldogs came from behind to edge the Herrin Tigers 43-37 in what was the most thrilling Homecoming game in recent history.

Brian Ziegler connected with Wade Gibbons for a twenty-three yard TD. Scott Risinger ran in the two-point conversion to put Harrisburg in the lead 8-7.

The Tigers needed only run two more plays to strike again. Herrin QB Bryan Wolff threw touchdowns-a-plenty to give the Tigers an early 21 point lead. Kevin Wallace addressed the Herrin scoring barrage saying, "We (the defense) just didn't come out ready to play, and we never really played up to our potential."

With just 0:33 left in the half, Bradd Flemmings barreled twenty-four yards down the right sideline, carrying several Tiger defenders with him. This cut Herrin's lead to fourteen.

The Bulldogs scored on their first two possessions of the third quarter to tie the game 29-29. Scott Risinger scored the first touchdown and Kenny Shires the second.

With 4:01 left in the game, Kenny Shires broke through the line and into the endzone unmolested. Ziegler completed a pass to Marc Abbey for the two-point try, tying the game once more at 37.

Harrisburg won the coin toss and elected to play defense for the start of the overtime period.

After an interception by Brandon Shelton, Kenny Shires tore around the left side of the line for the winning score.

Though the passing game clicked when it needed to, the running game was the key to victory. Kenny Shires stated, "Our defense has to improve, and our offense needs to continue to play as well as it has." All three Bulldog backs had over 100 yards. Bradd Flemmings led all rushers with 139 yards.

Marion

The Bullog gridders proved their salt and all but clinched a

play-off berth when they traveled to Marion. They whipped the host Wildcats 27-18 behind the running of halfback Kenny Shires, who rushed for 200 yards on 22 carries. The passing attack was also potent, as Brian Ziegler went 6-6 for 134 yards and a touchdown.

After a short drive by the Wildcats, Harrisburg regained possession on Marion's loss of downs, and scored nine plays later when Bradd Flemmings took a pitch-out left and tore into the endzone. Ziegler's kick was no good, but Harrisburg was in the lead 13-6.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs were in a tight spot with a fourth and one. Kenny Shires rumbled fourteen yards for the first down. He carried the ball three more times for a total of seventeen yards before Ziegler hit Brad Barnhill for a twenty yard gain. Two plays later, Scott Risinger dove over the goal line to put Harrisburg in front for good. Ziegler's all-important PAT sailed through the uprights to make the final score 27-18.

Two players had comments on the game. Brian Ziegler said, "We played decently all around, but the offensive line really carried us," while Scott Risinger said, "It was a good team effort. If we continue to play this well, I think we can go a long way."



Bradd Flemmings breaks through the Herrin line. He was the leading rusher with 139 yards. Looking on are Scott Risinger, Kenny Shires, and Brian Ziegler.



Ken Shires runs to make the winning score.

Golfers fare well in tourneys

The Bulldog Golfers played well in both the Pinckneyville Panther Invitational and the Marion Wildcat Invitational. Both were 18-hole tournaments with stiff competition.

The 'Dogs finished eighth out of 15 teams at Pinckneyville. Chuck Seten led Harrisburg with a round of eighty, which was good for 13th place overall. Robbie Nicholes came in with an eighty-four. The round could have been better, but Nicholes took a nine on a par four when someone else hit his ball off the tee. Since he could not prove it was his ball that was taken, he had to play a lost ball. Rounding out the top four were Chad Warren and Brad Balabas. Warren came in with a ninety-four while Balabas fired a ninety-seven.

The golfers finished with a team total of 355, just one stroke behind the West Frankfort Redbirds.

The Bulldogs once again finished in the middle of the pack in the

Marion Invitational. Harrisburg's team total at the eighteen-hole tourney was a reputable 356. Robbie Nicholes was the only golfer to break into the medalist ranks. He finished fifth with a score of 80.

The other Bulldog scores were Chuck Seten 85, Chad Warren 88, Jeremy Austin 103, Brad Balabas 105, and Chad Caracker came in with a 108.

One reason the golfers were not up to par this season was the lack of home matches. In the middle of the season, the greens were plugged at Shawnee Hills, forcing the team to play nine consecutive away matches. This especially hurt this team because of the number of first year starters. Senior golfer Rob Nicholes said, "Man, I was getting tired of sitting in that van."

Since this was a senior-dominated team, Coach Pavelonis welcomes all new players for next year.

Lady dogs win conference

The varsity volleyball team is coming to the end of a great season with a record at press time of 20-3-2.

The match at Carbondale was one of the closest. It was played in three games, with the Lady Bulldogs coming back from being down 12-3 to win 16-4.

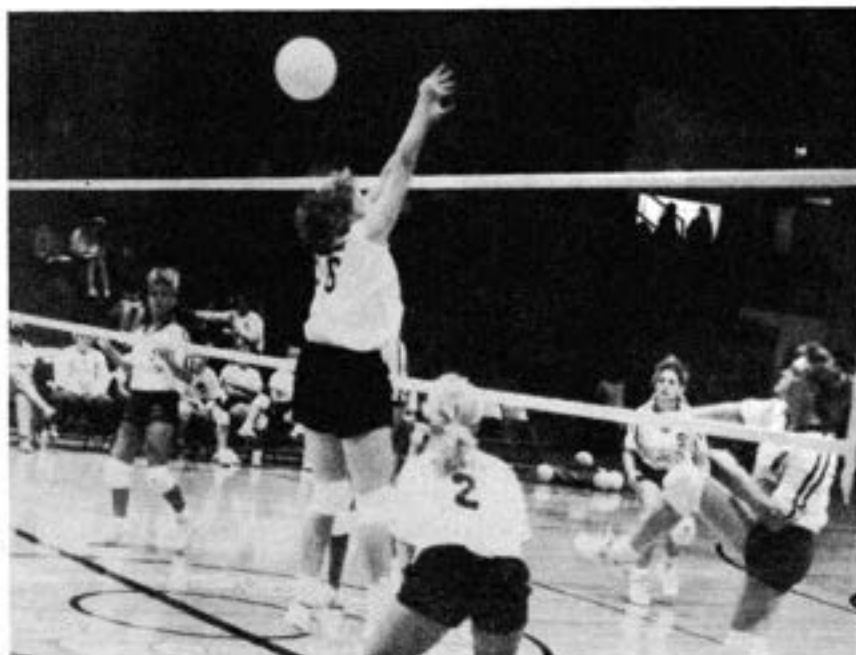
The match played at McLeansboro was yet another close one. This match also went into three games. The first game Harrisburg lost; the second Harrisburg won and in the third game Harrisburg came from behind to win 16-4.

Parent's Night was held at the last home game, October 19. Seniors' parents were recognized.

The Lady Dogs captured the South-7 conference championship with a win over Mt. Vernon. They made it to Regional finals with a win over Murphysboro. They played Carbondale for the championship on October 26.



Chuck Seten tees off in the Carmi-Mt. Carmel triangular.



Marsha York spans one over the net, while Jodi Wilson Shannon Patton await the return.

Spanish club all booked

"The Spanish club is much larger this year, so we plan on having a variety of activities geared toward the members' interests," said Mrs. Leitzen as she began lining up fall activities for the Spanish club.

The Spanish club supported Homecoming by entering Mrs. Leitzen's car in the parade. Chuck "Mad Dog" Seten, vice president, and Mesha Fullbright, secretary, rode in the car dressed in Mexican outfits. Chuck was dressed as a Mexican bandito, while Mesha was dressed as a senorita. The car was decorated with crepe paper flowers and signs supporting the football team.

"Dia de los Muertos," the Day of the Dead party was held on October 31. This Mexican holiday is somewhat similar to our Memorial Day. The party was held at the park and included initiation of all new club members. There were music, pinatas, and a hot dog roast.

The last activity planned will be a trip to Evansville to watch a Spanish dancing troupe. "Two years ago we saw this troupe perform in St. Louis, and we thoroughly enjoyed their performance. We are looking forward to seeing them again," commented Mrs. Leitzen. The show will consist of Mexican folk dances and music and Spanish music and song, including a gypsy wedding.



Chuck Seten and Mesha Fulbright pose as a Mexican bandit and a senorita in the Homecoming parade.

Movie review:

Heathers is "very"

by Angle Stallings

Heathers is a hip dark satire that didn't get the credit or the publicity that it deserved.

Wynona Rider stars as Veronica, one of the elite foursome at her high school, consisting of herself and three self-righteous, stuck-up girls named Heather. Veronica secretly hates them with a passion, though they are supposed to be her best friends.

She decides that she'll have to bear with them and be a happy camper. Then she meets Jason Dean, the new guy at school, played by Christian Slater. He shares Veronica's thoughts about the Heathers, and they plot to make the world a better place by ridding it of Heather #1.

The story, with many surprises and twists, is a refreshing break from the "typical teenager" movies.

The PSAT, or Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, measures verbal and mathematical abilities students have developed over their school years. The PSAT is sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT scores can be used to enter scholarship programs all over the country.

Students took the test on Tuesday, October 24.

PSAT offered by satellite

A new program has been established to help students prepare for the PSAT test. The program was offered by satellite, through the TI-IN network. The course consisted of workshops set up to provide helpful information on various sections of the test.

English III-1 students were given the opportunity of taking the course free of charge. There were seven workshops held on Thursday and Friday mornings, causing students to miss first hour class.

Niccole Cody and Leslie Ewell agree that "it will help us when we go to take our PSAT test, especially on the English section."

Need: Real Plan for Real Problem

by Gail Young

Recently President Bush proposed an anti-drug strategy about which most students are skeptical. In a speech to the nation's schools, Bush said: "Drugs are still a problem because too many of us are still looking the other way... I'm asking you not to look the other way. You know—all of you in a classroom know—who's got a problem. Today I'm not just asking you to get help. I'm asking you to find someone who needs you. And offer to help." This speech also carried threats that anyone caught doing drugs would be punished. Bush declared that "the day of the dealer is drawing to a close."

When asked for her opinion on the president's plan, Marcia Tomichek replied, "I don't feel that the war on drugs that President Bush has proposed will do much good." She went on to say, "He seems to think that every drug dealer in the country can be caught. There are new drug dealers every day, and I don't feel that there is any way they will all be caught."

Chris Lucas, when speaking about the President's address to school children, stated, "I feel that this approach will not solve anything. Most kids don't even want to associate with drug users, let alone help them."

My own personal opinion is that this is the very heart of the problem. From the time we were knee-high to a grasshopper, my generation has been taught that drugs are stupid. Therefore, it is a natural line of reasoning to think that drug users are stupid. What those of us who lead happy, drug-free lives don't think about, however, is the line of reasoning of someone who starts using drugs.

These people are probably unhappy and feel that life is meaningless or at any rate miserable. Even those that come across as happy, carefree, and party-animals are probably harboring unhappiness inside where no one else can see it. Also many of us keep the attitude that "it won't happen to me." Those under pressure to try drugs probably don't think they will become addicted even though they've been told what will happen. Once a person is hooked, he or she is totally controlled by drugs. The person may actually want help, but if someone offers to help, chances are he will be punched in the nose.

In my opinion, the only approach that could help is to give people more reasons to value life. Rather than pounding helpless children with all of the problems they must face, remind them of the beautiful thing in life. Of course they must be prepared to face problems, but I know from experience that many times school gives a constant reminder of problems without offering hope of their being solved.

If everyone were taught to look on the bright side of things, that would help a lot. Also, children who don't fit in feel that they are worthless and no one cares about them. If parents and educators would realize that these depressed outcasts, who will probably end up on drugs, might not end up that way if other children were taught to

react to them in a friendly, caring way, then instead of kids who have it better turning into snobs that no one wants around, they will gain more friends. If this behavior were practiced, more people would have better reasons not to do drugs.

Initiation proves embarrassing

Two Juniors, three sophomores, and seven freshmen were initiated in the annual French Club ceremony held at the Patton Pavilion on September 25th at 6:30 P.M.

The initiation was started off with an egg throwing contest. Each initiate had a partner, and each person had an egg. The partners were to throw their eggs at the same time. If the egg was dropped, that person was out of the contest.

The next and probably one of the more humiliating things the initiates had to do was roll a powdered doughnut from one end of a trash bag to the other, about ten feet. The embarrassing part of the ordeal was that the initiates had to do this with their noses, and only their noses.

The final activity in the initiation was a worm finding contest. This was not a real worm, but a Gummy Worm buried underneath a plate of Cool Whip. The initiates again could not use their hands.

After the initiation, the group ate pizza, drank Coke, and sat around talking about what will happen to the initiates next year.

Nose for news

by Cheryl Brown

Have you wondered what goes on in other high schools or how typical HHS is? Well, if you are curious, then this column is for you. The Clarion staff exchanges newspapers with area high schools and this column will feature information from those papers.

There have been many changes at Benton Consolidated High School. For example, if a student is caught driving recklessly or speeding, he or she will be expelled or suspended from school.

Also this year class dues were introduced, but they are not mandatory, so this creates a problem. The students who have helped out at the fundraisers will be the students who pay their class dues, since the other students really do not care.

Now here is something the students of HHS probably would not like. Benton has detention on Saturdays. Yes, on Saturdays. If students receive four tardies (a tardy is being under five minutes late to class), they receive one-half of a Saturday detention. For being truant (which is being over five

minutes late), the student receives one-half of a Saturday detention also. Truancy for two hours receives a full Saturday detention, and if a student receives three truants, he will have two Saturday detentions.

Eldorado High School has a new addition to their facilities, a day care center. It is a day care center for mothers attending EHS with children from ages of six months to four years. The day care center, which is funded by the state, allows the children to attend free of charge. A requirement is that the mothers must donate two hours of their time each day to the center, but they are paid for their time.

Brenda Disney, the day care center's director, says there are four children enrolled at the day care presently. The maximum capacity allowed by the state is ten children.

Representative David Phelps commented that the primary reason for the day care center is to keep young mothers in school until they graduate. EHS is one of two schools in the state to offer this program.

Ms. Disney and Rochelle Griffin have many expectations for the Day Care Center. They are making plans to order more decorations and equipment.

Just Say Justin

by Justin Williams

Well, it's Halloween again, and at this usually ghoulish time comes the annual Halloween pranks. The bright side of soaping is it saves on washing your car.

Halloween has to be one of the greatest holidays around. When else can little kids go begging house to house and older ones go around pestering the heck out of people?

A favorite local activity is the Jaycees' Haunted House. Another classic (which is getting old) is the Halloween movie, now up to #5.

Don't enjoy yourself too much though, because right after Halloween come the dreaded grade cards. At this time you decide finally to clean your room, and why not, seeing that you'll be spending your time in there for the next few weeks.

Before I end, I'd like to thank Rhonda Cantrell for coming up with the new name for my column. Coming in second was "Just Justin," suggested by Heather Howton's mother. I'd like to thank all the people who commented on my first column (the bad as well as the good) and I want to encourage you to keep the responses coming.

299 to be selected for German exchange program

This year 299 American high school students will be selected to live and study in Germany for one full year, with all expenses paid by the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange.

Through this program students will have the opportunity to travel to Germany for one year, from July 1990 to July 1991. The scholarship winners will live with a German host family and

attend a German high school. The program includes visits to Washington D.C. and Bonn, as well as a language camp in Germany before the start of school. During their stay in Germany, special events like a visit to Berlin await them.

To apply for this program students must have at least a 4.0 G.P.A., be a member of the sophomore or junior class at the

time of application, and demonstrate certain qualities that are known to be necessary in adjusting to a different culture. These qualities include flexibility, open mindedness, curiosity, and a sense of humor.

Application materials have been mailed to the guidance department. Application deadline is November 4, 1989.

The savage returns

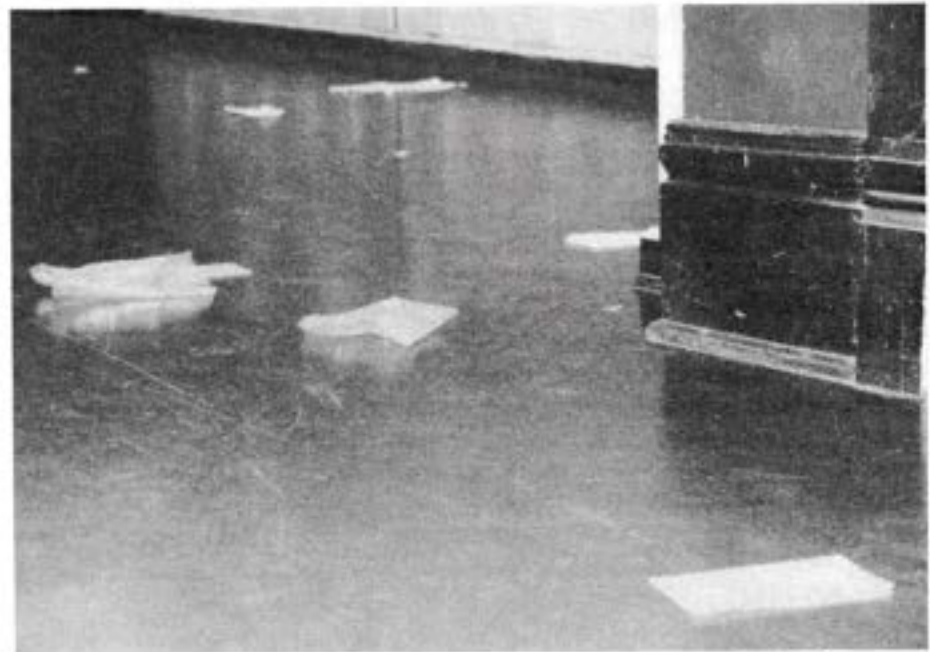
The Savage Dilemma, a sequel to The Curious Savage, will be this year's fall play. The performances to be held November 9 and 10, should "delight the audiences as two equally talented casts perform this serious comedy by John Patrick," according to sponsor Mrs. Ewert.

For those who did not see it in 1986, The Curious Savage is a comedy about an elderly, eccentric, widowed, and last but not least wealthy woman named Ethel Savage. In an attempt to swindle her money, her greedy children have her committed to Cloisters, a home for those who are mentally incapable of coping with the outside world.

The patients bring about the humor in the play. One of the characters is Jeff, a young man with an imaginary scar on his face but a real scar that goes much deeper. He later turns out to be the husband of Miss Willie. There are also Hannibal, who thinks he is an expert musician; Fairy May, who thinks that the clothes she makes are beautiful; Florence, who thinks she has a child; and Mrs. Paddy, an artist who never speaks except to list things she hates.

In The Savage Dilemma, Mrs. Savage returns to Cloisters for a visit only to find the establishment in desperate need of money, which her step-children have finally managed to take away from her; therefore, she faces a dilemma of how one can break the law if one is ethically right, since she can obtain her own money only illegally.

There is a lot more to be discovered in this play, but you will have to see it for yourself. The performance will start at 7:30 p.m. at Malan Auditorium and the price for admission will be \$2.50.



A typical floor on a typical morning at HHS reflects carelessness of students. (editorial next month)

Senior float unforgettable

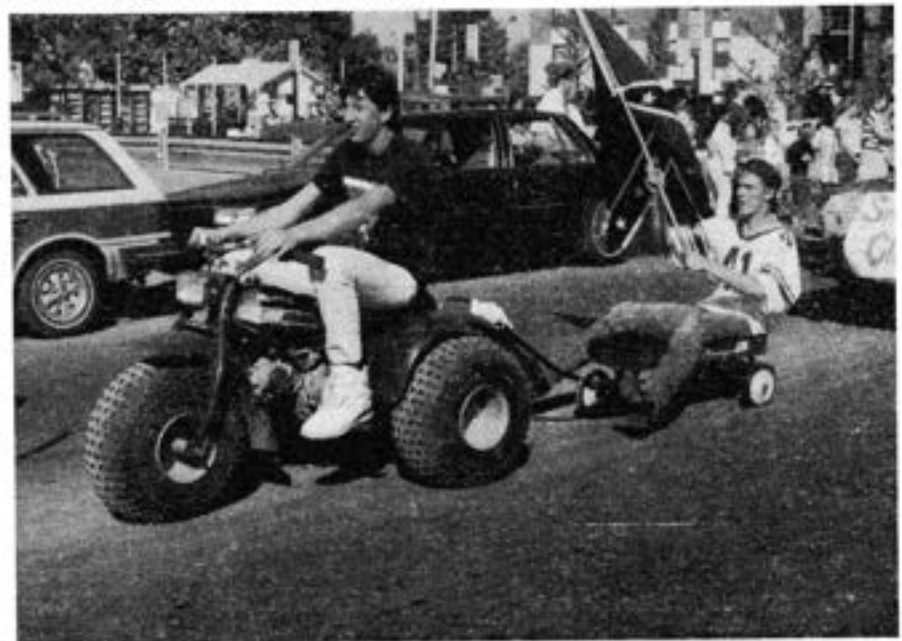
After three straight years of receiving fourth place in the Homecoming parade, the senior class decided not to enter a traditional float.

Ever since the class of 1990 entered a float as freshmen, it has lost out when the Judges ranked the floats.

Class officers met this homecoming season and decided

against spending their time and money on a float.

The Homecoming parade featured three class floats, the sophomore class taking first, the freshmen taking second, and the Juniors picking up third. Bringing up the rear, as usual, was the senior class, represented by a three-wheeler ridden by Mike Williams pulling a red wagon with Whipper Johnson on board.



Mike Williams drives Whipper Johnson in senior float.

Cigarettes can kill

The facts: 350,000 people die from cigarette smoke each year. This is twice as much as AIDS, homicide, suicide, and motor-related deaths combined.

2,400 non-smokers die each year from second hand smoke.

Cigarettes contain nicotine which reaches the brain twice as fast as intravenous heroin and three times as fast as alcohol. It attacks the central nervous system causing the metabolic rate to speed up 10%, the heart to beat 10-25 extra beats per minute, and the blood pressure rate to increase 10-20 mmHg. Nicotine corrodes the membranes in the lips and rots the air sacs in the lungs.

Nicotine releases fatty cells in the body and causes arteries to clot. This is known as arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), and will eventually

Winter skin woes

The trouble you're having with your skin could be the result of a summer of abuse aggravated by the onset of winter. The increase in skin problems that occur in late fall and early winter is often caused by what you didn't do last summer—protect your skin from the ravages of the summer sun. With the end of warm weather, the drop in humidity, and the increase in dry, artificial heating, your skin loses moisture, sending signals that indicate it is time to change your cleansing and moisturizing routine.

Doctors at the American Academy of Dermatology recommend the following to avoid winter skin woes: Wash your face with lukewarm water and a mild soap to prevent overdrying, making sure to rinse thoroughly. Avoid using abrasive washcloths and sponges because these might make your skin extra sensitive and aggravate dry skin.

lead to a heart attack. At one time nicotine was used as an insecticide.

Smoking causes about half of all coronary artery disease cases among women. Lung cancer (due to smoking) exceeds breast cancer as the leading cause of death among women.

After one year a full cup of tar builds up on the lungs. Any cell tar touches becomes deformed. When you exhale, 90% of that "true tobacco taste" remains in the form of billions of microscopic particles comprising 1200 chemicals. A few are: Formaldehyde, used to preserve dead bodies; Beta-Nyphthylamine, so powerful some countries have restricted its use; and Nitrogen Dioxide, an

extremely poisonous gas used as an oxidizer for liquid rocket propellants.

In the last 10 years female smokers aged 12-18 have more than doubled. Twenty-one percent of senior high school girls smoke regularly, exceeding their male counterparts. Ninety percent of all smokers start before age 19 and 60% of these start before age 13.

Tobacco smoke contains 40 chemicals that help cause cancer. Some are complete carcinogens; they can start malignant tumors alone. Pall Malls, a name brand cigarette company, also owns Franklin Life Insurance and they give discounts to non-smokers!

Smokeless tobacco is worse than cigarettes and yet from 1970 to 1986 the number of males using snuff increased 15 times.

If the article hasn't changed your mind, maybe this will.

Cigarettes are \$1.25 a pack. Ever wonder where all of your money has gone?

