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To avoid trouble, take notice of these new and revised rules:
No student may be in the halls of the school building before 8:00 a.m. without a proper pass, students may not use the telephone without

an official red phone pass during class time, and students are not to congregate in the parking lot at any time. To balance all the don'ts, last year's much debated ban on coats has been lifted. Students may now wear coats and jackets in the school building.

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Stewart brings change to HHS

by Angie Foster

She goes by many names: Goddess of Detention. Keeper of In-School Suspension. Guardian of Our Hallowed Hallways, but we also have one common name for our new assistant principal.....Ms. Stewart. This newcomer seems to have made a strong impression on both the teachers and students here.

Kelly Stewart was a 1977 graduate of Benton High School. From there she went on to Rend Lake Junior College where she spent two years studying and playing softball. After earning her associate degree, Ms. Stewart moved on to SIU-C where she received her bachelor's degree in 1983. She then earned her master's in curriculum and instruction. She has also completed a principalship endorsement. After graduating from SIU, Ms. Stewart spent one year as a high school substitute teacher, then spent the next eight years at Vienna Elementary, a K-8 school. There she taught junior high math and held the positions of Athletic Director, Dean of Students, and girls' basketball and softball coach. For the last two years, she was also assistant coach for the Vienna High School softball team. She is currently a doctoral student at SIU.

Ms. Stewart feels positive about her new position. "I was a little concerned about the transition from a K-8 school to a high school; however, after my short experience here, I feel very comfortable with this age group."

Ms. Stewart has shown us that there is room for some new ideas here, some which she has



Students first met Ms. Kelly Stewart at opening day assembly already put into action. Examples include the all-day Saturday detentions where students can work off up to 50 detentions, and the new phone passes, necessary for any student who needs to use the telephone during class time. But the changes won't stop there. Ms. Stewart has mentioned that she would like to get some student input on things that need to be changed.

Most students and faculty seem to be pleased with Ms. Stewart so far. Ms. Dameron, the girls PE teacher, said, "I think she's a great addition to our administrative staff."

Mrs Stewart has definitely earned some respect here at HHS.

Press goes beyond informing

by Jeremy Hafford and Diana Grisham

With the Presidential election coming up, we, Harrisburg High's student media, need to take a look at the tactics our national press use in the process of "choosing" a President. Some candidates seem to be manipulated to no end and one candidate, Governor Clinton, seems to have been picked to win by the media's undying devotion to the one-sided media coverage which shows support for his ideas and beliefs while carefully avoiding positive remarks about President Bush or Ross Perot. This unbalanced amount of air time, in turn, brainwashes the normal populace, causing them to vote for the candidate with whom the press has indeed obviously sided. The media's message is nonstop Clinton while Bush and Perot are ridiculed in newspapers, on television, and over the radio. The press has, in all actuality, tried to turn most of America against Bush and Perot.

Because of this abuse of power, we no longer support the media tactics used during elections. We find the national press too pushy and untameable in the ravenous search for past "sins" brought to you by the media's backsliding tendencies toward yellow journalism and tabloid-like reporting. All are used in the ongoing search for BETTER RATINGS. An example is President's Bush's words "read my lips" which were spoken for the betterment of our country. He did not realize that the press would make him eat the words.

We look at article after article denouncing one nominee and/or praising another because of some seemingly insignificant action. Still, the media does have its high points: like reporting Clinton's organizing of protests against the Vietnam War. That probably won some RATINGS, and ratings after all, is the name of the game. Governor Clinton says he's sorry. The press seems to be saying that it's perfectly natural to elect an unpatriotic person who may later call upon the young people to fight for a cause that he supports although he himself dodged the draft for a war that another president supported. The media has attempted to smooth this fact over.

Still, we mustn't overlook the choices for vice-president, since Dan Quayle has been criticized and verbally battered for most of his political lifetime while Al Gore has managed to sidestep the press's strangulation, even though he seems to be brainwashed and pre-programmed into Clinton's ways.

When we hear some of the plans the candidates have which are sometimes out-

weighed by their dreadful choices for vice-president, we reconsider our alternatives. Bill Clinton says that he supports abortion but then ruins it for everybody who supports him by having Al Gore for his running mate.

In this disgusting heap of moronic mirages of plans to make this nation greater, almost all of the ideas debated over are unrealistic like Clinton's idea of getting national health care without raising our taxes. YEAH RIGHT.

Bill Clinton's entire platform sounds ironically similar to the obviously totalitarian attitudes of those who believe in controlling every single aspect of the incapable.

However, the media makes it almost unbearably worse by wholeheartedly gallivanting around and totally worshipping a candidate because of some past debt concerning a special-interest group's recommendation for President. A title for a good documentary could be "Clinton, Environmentalists, and the Clean Air Act"

Yet, on the absolutely opposite end of the media spectrum, the press ends up "slamming" the other candidates into the ground simply because their views are slightly different from the editors of the magazines reputable for making or breaking candidates. An example: Bush not backing the Clean Air Act and saving thousands of American jobs involved in the coal and lumber industries as well as others has cost him many environmentalist votes.

In short, the media should back their noses out of the political flame of opposing views and relax so they can watch the people, yes, all the little creatures who really make the difference in the end, decide for themselves. The future leader of this great country of ours for the next four years should be decided upon by We, the people, and not They, the media.

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Inside Matt's Hat

HHS from a freshman's view

by Matt Businaro

This summer I, like many other "Greenies", spent my summer, in between vacations, thinking about high school, my final step in education while in Harrisburg. I thought about many things. What would it be like in a bigger building? would I succeed academically? would the teachers be nice? and most of all, how would I fit in? Well, now that I'm in high school I can answer all these questions from a freshman's point of view.

First of all, being in a bigger building was a challenge. As I tried to find all my classes, especially because some are all the way across the building from each other. After a few days I got used to the building and learned to appreciate my surroundings. I can honestly say that the transition from Malan to HHS was an easy one, for me and for many other students.

Next, would I succeed academically? That I will not completely know until the first quarter is over. Are the teachers nice? First impressions last a long time. I'm not going to name any names, but from a first glance, I have not met a teacher that I dislike. They all seem to be friendly and willing to help with any problems.

My last thought was how would I fit in? Well, I'm a "Greenie" so I guess I'm not supposed to be the most well-known guy in the school, but I can say I've met a lot of nice people here. Most of the students here are friendly and I can say that I look forward to making a lot more friends here. I feel that I fit in pretty well here.

That is Harrisburg High from a freshman's point of view.

L7- "Bricks are Heavy"

by Angie Foster

When one thinks of the alternative music scene today, groups like Pearl Jam, Temple of the Dog, Ned's Atomic Dustbin, and Morrissey come to mind. Those bands are all great, but they are totally male dominated. Well, L7 has decided to turn the alternative music scene into a playground for the girls too. This fresh, innovative, all-girl band has been called the female Nirvana, not a coincidence since the two bands share producer Butch Vig of Slash Records.

L7 released their first album, "Smell the Magic," through Sub Pop in 1990. This album wasn't quite the success that their latest one, titled "Bricks are Heavy" (Slash Records) has been. The music is peppy, loud, hard, and definitely rock.

The band consists of guitarist-vocalist Suzi Gardner, drummer Dee Plakas, guitarist-vocalist Donita Sparks, and bass player Jennifer Finch. After listening to their latest album over and over, this reviewer decided it would be impossible to choose one single off the album that stands out. They're all great.

I highly recommend L7- "Bricks are Heavy."

L7 Bricks are Heavy— *****

The Mighty Ducks—****

ratings based on a five * scale

Showtime with Sarah

Mighty Ducks presents hockey fans with a theme of team cooperation

by Sarah Drone

Emilio Estevez stars as Gordon Bombay in The Mighty Ducks, a movie about a loser hockey team that just needs the right coach to win.

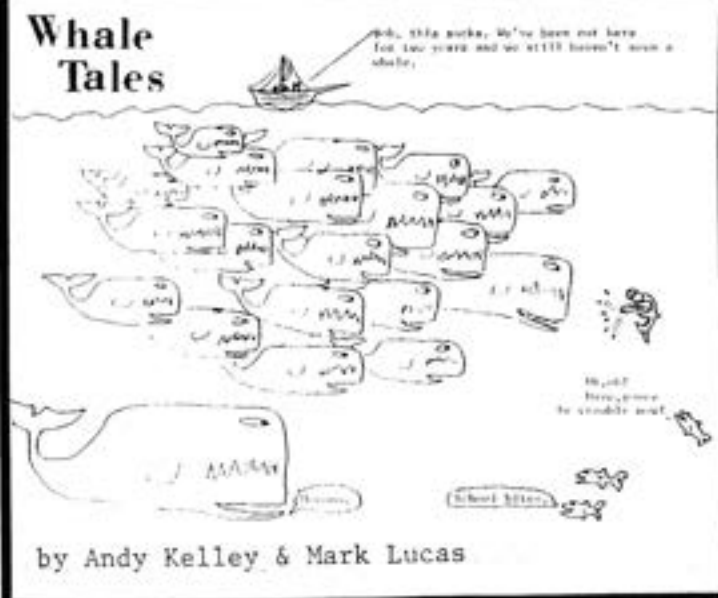
To understand this movie review, a bit of background information is needed. As a young boy, Bombay played for a team whose coach kept saying, "There's no use winning if you can't win big." When Bombay misses a key shot that causes the team to lose the championship, he gives up on being a professional hockey player and becomes a lawyer instead.

After having too much to drink one night, Bombay is arrested and charged with DUI. He gets off, but must complete fifty hours of community service - coaching a hockey team of little kids, and he hates kids.

He has his work cut out for him, as it turns out. The kids are terrible at the game, and the first game is against his former team and coach.

This is a hilariously funny movie, especially for hockey lovers.

Whale Tales



by Andy Kelley & Mark Lucas



Mr. Collins first addressed students as principal at opening assembly.

Mr. Collins takes a step up

by Sara Henshaw

"I have a very challenging job ahead of me to grow into. The fact that we have a good faculty, secretarial, and custodial staff helping me ease into the position is a big help," said new principal Jim Collins.

Former principal Gary Gordon's resignation came as a surprise in July, when he accepted a job in Waterloo. Mr. Collins, who had served as both Athletic Director and Assistant Principal for the past 3 years, decided to apply for the principal's position.

Mr. Collins has been at HHS for nine years. His background experience is quite varied. He has been a teacher, baseball coach, IHSA referee, athletic director, and assistant principal.

Collins is going to miss his position as Athletic Director. "It was a big part of my life," he commented. He will be helping the new Athletic Director, Kerry Maxam, learn the specifics of the job.

As the new principal, Mr. Collins noted that there have already been changes made throughout school, and "there are more to come." Both he and new Assistant Principal Kelly Stewart will be more visible in the halls, trying to get kids to class on time.

Clinton favored among students

by Mike King

Students across the nation, including H.H.S., received the chance to cast their vote for president. On Tuesday, October 20, the student body cast their votes for President George Bush, Governor Bill Clinton, and Mr. H. Ross Perot.

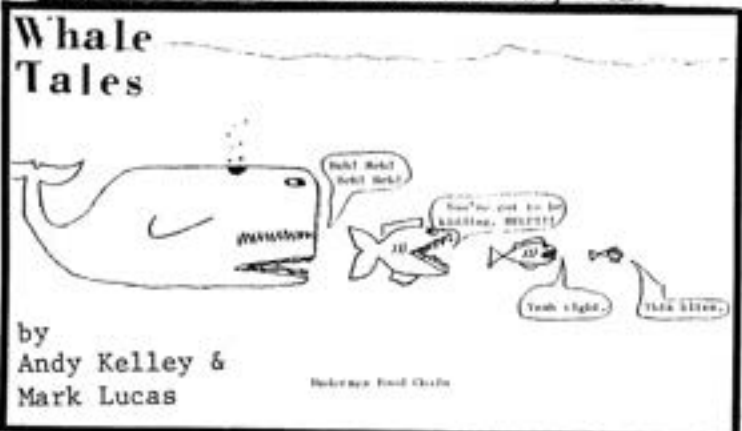
President Bush represents the Republican party. The blame for the economy is lying on his shoulders. His experience with foreign affairs and his military record are pluses for the President. He is currently second in the polls with 25-30% of the votes.

Clinton, governor of Arkansas, is the Democratic candidate. His record of twelve years of balancing his state's budget and of job growth in Arkansas are helping his campaign. His draft dodging and protests overseas of the Vietnam War are issues used by his opponents to discredit him. He is currently first in the polls with 40-45% of the vote.

Perot, a billionaire businessman, is the independent candidate. He is insistent on balancing the budget and uses his past business record to his advantage. His opponents question his experience in running a government. Perot is a strong advocate of POW's-MIA's. Perot's currently running third with 15-20% of the voters backing him.

The results of the national student Presidential election held by channel one are as follows: Clinton received 43% of the popular vote with a tally of 1,490,146. President Bush received 914,769 votes for 27% of the popular vote. Ross Perot finished third in popularity with 825,971 votes and 24% overall. Clinton won the electoral vote with 504 with Perot second with 26 and Bush last with only 8 electoral votes.

Harrisburg High's results are as follows: Clinton with 277 votes, Perot with 182, and Bush with 86. There were also 13 votes cast for others. If the student body is any kind of an indicator of voting behavior in the adult world, then Clinton will most certainly win.



Seeing red becomes commonplace

by Brian DeNeal

Bright crimson flows through the halls as students strike a blow to the ugly face of drug addiction. Red Ribbon Week is here.

From Oct. 24 until Nov. 1, students could say "The choice for me, drug free" by wearing the red ribbons passed out by teachers on Mon., Oct. 26. The ribbons were to be worn all week.

High school students could compete in an essay contest. The \$50 grand prize went to junior Angie Nugent, with honorable mentions going to senior Matt Bramlet, juniors Mena Blair, Rachel Miller, and freshmen Christie Hathaway and Erin Watson.

Tuesday was Honor Law Enforcement Day. The City Police and Sheriff's Department were invited to come into the schools for lunch.

Wednesday was Wear Red Day as students and faculty alike wore red clothing to support their anti-drug stand.

Thursday was Substance Abuse Education Day. At 9:00 Steve Davis spoke here.

Friday was Celebrate Community Day. At 10:00 "drug-free" flags were raised at all four schools and at City Hall.

High school students will pass out red ribbon at Wal-Mart and K-Mart parking lot on Saturday. The high school band will be playing in the Wal-Mart parking lot at 10:00 and at K-Mart at 10:30.

Sunday is Religions Day and the anti-drug message and the ribbon will be spread around the local churches.

On Nov 2 parents will take down decorations as Red Ribbon Week closes.

Purpose of Red Ribbon Week

To raise awareness of alcohol and other drug use and promote a drug-free environment for Illinois through a unified commitment of all segments of the community

Last minute Homecoming a success

by Nancy Nicholes

Due to the prolonged teacher's strike, the annual Homecoming dance was held three weeks later than planned. The original date for the dance was Sept. 26 but it was held on Oct. 17.

The theme chosen for this year was "Save the Best for Last," portrayed with the colors hot pink, black, and white. Student Council was extremely rushed trying to get everything together. Senior Amit Mehta felt the decorations "really set the mood for the coronation. With only two weeks to order decorations, Student Council did an excellent job."

The dance began at 8:00 p.m., with the coronation at 9:00. The star of the coronation was this year's Homecoming queen Nyla McCabe. She was escorted by Mr. Bulldog, Jamie Satterfield.

Nyla's court consisted of three other queen candidates and three underclassman attendants. The candidates were Ginger Abney escorted by Chris Moore, Hilary Thomas escorted by Matt Wilson, and Heather Winters escorted by Amit Mehta. Junior attendant Stephanie Rister was escorted by Ashley Gott, Sophomore Mandy Patton by Jason Mick, and freshman Jade Sperling by Matt Eisenhauer.

The couples danced all night long to music by American DJ. "The music wasn't all that good. Most of it was old," commented senior Ashley Gott. The dance seemed to clear out about 11:15 p.m., but did not end until 12:00 a.m.

IMEA offers opportunity for HHS musicians to broaden horizons

by Erin Kielhorn

Despite the teachers' strike threatening to prevent H.H.S. participation, five students did go to IMEA auditions. Choir director David Reeves and band director William Hezlep managed to get registration forms accepted.

Trying out for choir were Chris Moore, Stephanie Rister, and Paula Ratley. Trying out for band were Melissa Cook and Rhia Underhill. After their forms were accepted, the students from H.H.S., along with many other schools in Illinois, auditioned in Mt. Vernon.

For band, students played some scales, two selections of music, and were required to do some sight reading. Choir auditions consisted of singing triads, the hopeful participant singing his or her part on two pieces of music that will be performed at the festival. They also had to do some sight reading.

After tryouts the directors received the notice that the students were waiting for. If they made it past the tryouts, they would perform at the district concert. There they would spend all day practicing, and then give an evening concert.

Sophomore Melissa Cook is going to IMEA for her third year. She will be playing her clarinet in the IMEA band.

There will be three students representing the H.H.S. choir, and one student for the band.

Half of eligible student voters will vote on November 3

by Steff Padget

Of 27 eighteen year-olds here at HHS, only 14 took the time to register to vote. The other 13 either forgot, didn't have the time, or just didn't feel they counted. It only takes a few minutes to register and a citizen can do it almost any time. As for making a difference, every vote counts toward giving your candidate the electoral votes for your state.

Every four years the controversy of whether eighteen year-olds should be able to vote becomes an issue. The voting age was lowered to 18 by the federal government in 1971. To many eighteen year-olds this is a political right that they are proud to have, but others don't even take the time to register.

I think that by the time you have reached the age of 18, you have experienced many hardships in life so you are mature enough to vote.

.....senior Glenda Johnson

There are split views in the issue of eighteen year-olds having the right to vote. Glenda Johnson's a senior who is registered to vote. "I think that by the time you have reached the age of 18, you have experienced many hardships in life so you are mature enough to vote."

Mark Lucas, also a senior but not old enough to vote, strongly disagrees with Glenda. "Most of the eighteen year-olds I have seen are easily swayed by sweet phrases and proposals that are either nonsense or plans that just simply won't work."

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... senior Mark Lucas

Even our very own government teacher, Mr. Ozment, believes that eighteen year-olds don't actually have the knowledge of government to make a responsible choice. He goes on to add that "the age of twenty would be a more qualifying age."

Out of the fourteen that registered, six will vote for Clinton, one vote each for Bush and Perot, and another six were still undecided at press time.



Senior halfback Matt Wilson looks for running room

Dogs quashed West Frankfort

by Amit Mehta

Coach Way and the Bulldogs won yet another Homecoming, beating the West Frankfort Redbirds 41 to 6.

The Bulldog fans really got a show watching the Dogs come out for their first game and completely trounce the Redbirds.

The Birds started the scoring with a 16-yard pass to Randy Williams.

From then on the Bulldogs owned the game.

The Dogs had six touchdowns, five by Jason Roper, and 281 yards rushing and 63 yards passing.

Jason Roper started the rally on a 3-yard run. However, Brad Maddox's kick failed to go through the uprights.

Also in the second quarter, Roper added 6 more points on a 1-yard run.

After the halftime, Roper still couldn't be stopped on a 9-yard run. Maddox's kick sailed perfectly.

After Jason Mick recovered a fumble, Matt Wilson scored on a 15-yard run. The extra point failed.

Finally the Dogs ended the slaughter with a 1-yard run by Roper. The kick was blocked.

Senior Jamie Satterfield commented, "It really felt good to start the season, especially with a blowout." Jamie received the Domino's defensive player of the game while Jason Roper received the offensive award.

Saturday detention program implemented by Ms. Stewart

by Angie Stallings

Approximately 20 students attended the first Saturday detention session as part of Assistant Principal Kelly Stewart's program to help students with accumulated detentions from previous school years "serve the time." On Saturday, Oct. 17, students arrived at Taylor Field at 8 a.m. to pick up trash from the Homecoming football game held the night before.

Ms. Stewart noted that this first session was successful. "I thought that the clean-up was a good idea, and I'm looking for more constructive suggestions for activities for future sessions."

I picked up five bags of cups. It was disgusting, but I used a poker

...senior Kam Beal

The detention lasted until 3 p.m., but only five students stayed the whole day. Those who served all day received credit for 50 detentions. Others, who stayed one or two hours, got credit for 8 detentions per hour served.

Senior Kam Beal said, "I picked up five bags of cups. It was disgusting, but I used a poker."

The next Saturday detention will probably be held in mid-November, Stewart says, and will end at noon.

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...Ms. Stewart

Heralded Horror

Catch the demon

by Brian DeNeal

Over an extended summer vacation I was able to read a wonderful novel by a new author. The book is Practical Demonkeeping by Christopher Moore and in it humor and horror are mixed to create a fast paced, enjoyable read.

The novel concerns a Travis O'Hearn and his devoted demon for the next 70 years, Catch. Catch looks a lot like a Gremlin and is visible only to Travis except when in his "eating mode", when Catch grows from his usual three feet to about twenty feet. Howard Phillips, a cafe owner based on the New England horror writer H. P. Lovecraft, describes Catch best in his call to the Police to report the prowler outside his house: "He is an abomination of such abysmal hideousness that the mere recollection of this monstrosity perambulating in the dark outside my domicile fills me with the preternatural chill of the charnel house."

Travis and Catch come to the tourist town of Pine Cove, California, where Travis hopes to rid himself once and for all of the mischevious, ever-hungry demon. In this town they meet many silly people and Catch's arch enemy Gian Hen Gian, a short djinni who has the remarkable ability of shooting swirling blue vapor from his mouth when cursing.

Practical Demonkeeping has some violence and bad language, and a good deal of discussion of heaven and hell, but most people are capable of understanding it when reading. Moore's second novel, Coyote Blue should be available soon.

Practical Demonkeeping

***** stars

Unit 3 production gets under way

by Diana Grisham

The performance of A Christmas Carol, a play by Charles Dickens, opens up many new doors to inter-school involvement within the Unit 3 school district.

Tryouts were open to both junior high and high school students, with an elementary school tryout for Tiny Tim to be held later.

Mr. Harbison began his first year of directing high school dramatic performances after Mrs. Ewert announced she would no longer be directing high school dramatics. Mr. Harbison began his first club meeting by announcing that he had three performances in mind. A Christmas Carol will be the first

with another play later on, and an out of doors production in June.

Tryouts were held at the junior high school at 3:30 on Thursday, October 22, and a second try out was held at 5:00. Over 85 students showed up to tryout for the play.

The cast list was posted Friday afternoon, causing excitement and disappointment, depending on the prospective thespian's success on finding his or her name on the list.

Senior Travis DeNeal captured the lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge, with senior Mark Lucas casted as Jacob Marley.

Rehearsals began Monday night at the junior high school auditorium. The student thespians will continue to practice until the performances, set in mid-December.



Senior Marnie Miller goes up high for the block

Lady Bulldogs struggling

by Brandie Banks

The Lady Bulldog Volleyball teams, J.V. and Varsity, began their season 0-8 and 0-7 respectively. Due to the loss of half a season of playing time, the Lady Dogs had the hard task of playing teams that had been playing for several weeks.

Practicing on their own during the strike helped the teams stay focused and together. However, the season opener against Herrin found the Lady Bulldogs a bit inexperienced, losing both J.V. and Varsity matches.

The ball started rolling later in the first week of play when Harrisburg met Marion and won on the Varsity level, while losing to Marion's J.V. squad. From then on, the Lady Dogs had their share of ups and downs, but in the end showed tremendous effort. A conference win out of sight for both squads, the Lady Bulldogs hadn't given up yet. In a tournament held at Harrisburg, Melissa Butler took the honor of All-Tournament Team.

Among the returning seniors were Melissa Butler, Lori Wilson, Sharon Hicks, Stephanie Padget, Marnie Miller, and Brandie Banks. On October 19th, in a home game against McLeansboro, these seniors were recognized for their efforts on the team.

Starters for the Varsity Squad were Lori Wilson, Stephanie Padget, Melissa Butler, Sharon Hicks, Kristin Banks (a junior), and Amy Molinarolo (a sophomore). Starters for

continued...the junior varsity squad included Kelly Cartwright, Traci Richerson, Jenny Hankins, Alisha Logan, Brandy Beal, and Anna Banks. Head coach Dana Brewer had confidence in her team and believed that "winning regionals was definitely possible."

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Seniors Amy Phillips and Tonya Gooday lead the girls' team to sectionals.

Cross-country teams have happy ending to short season

by Ashley Gott

Both the girls' and boys' regular season cross-country teams have ended on high notes.

The girls' team had a very good fourth place finish at the Nashville Invitational. Senior Amy Phillips was the leading runner for Harrisburg running the 2.32 mile course in 15:48.

Senior Terry Tripp ran the 3.2 mile boys' course in 17:27 to help the Bulldogs to a 10th place finish out of 17 teams at the Benton Invitational.

Cross-country coach Chuck Ingram said that only regionals are left in the season, which was cut short because of the HEA strike. Ingram noted, "Each group is steadily improving and hopefully with a little luck we can place some individuals and maybe even a team in the sectionals."