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Homecoming marks century of H.H.S.

Put Homecoming weekend on your calendar as October 4, 5, and 6. The theme for this year's Homecoming started out as "The Silver Screen" suggested by Meg Overstreet. The theme has now been changed to "The Century of the Bulldogs" to go along with the one - hundredth anniversary of Harrisburg High School.

In 1890, the first high school was in the Logan building on East Church street. The first building built on West College street was built in 1903, with the second building built in 1916. Bonnell Gym was built in 1922 and building 'C' was built in 1938. Javenport Gym was built in 1951 and was dedicated November 17 of that year. Finally, on October 12, 1928. Taylor Field was dedicated to Harry Taylor.

The parade will be on Thursday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. followed by the snake dance and bonfire at Taylor Field at 6:15 p.m. The Homecoming game will be on Friday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. against West Frankfort Redbirds.

Mr. Burklow hopes that former HHS band members will join the band in playing the school song at the Homecoming game Friday, October 5.

The Homecoming dance in Davenport Gym will be on Saturday, October 6, at 8:00 p.m. with coronation at 9:00 p.m. The attendants for this year are the following: Freshman, Natalie Simpson; Sophomore, Ginger Abney; and Junior, Keri Rhein. This year's queen candidates are Lynda Bailey, Julie Slightom, Marti Stephens, and Jada Wilson.



Seniors Jodi Wilson, Tara Simpson, Jaci Prather, and Julie Slightom protest the strike in front of the Administration Building.

Seven day strike ends

The Harrisburg teachers settled with the school board after seven days of striking.

Mr. Harbison, Mr. Butler, Mr. Yahne, Mr. Holler, Mrs. Talley, and Mrs. Friend were all members of the teachers negotiating team that debated with the school board for several months. The teachers' negotiators started out asking for a \$4,200 yearly raise and to have the class size reduced to twenty children in every class. The school board was willing to

improve on the already existing step system of salary raises in accordance with seniority, and they wanted no change in the class sizes.

After seven days of striking the teachers agreed to accept \$1,750 for teachers that have been teaching up to nineteen years. Teachers with at least twenty years teaching experience were given a \$2,000 yearly raise. They offered to review the class sizes if they become too large. This year's strike has been the first strike in fourteen years and holds the record for the longest strike in Harrisburg's history.

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**WELCOME
BACK!**

Walker's Word: Student-eye view of teachers' strike

by Brent Walker

Every couple of years, right before school begins, palms turn sweaty, tempers rise, football coaches get worried, and teachers turn militant. It's downright ugly.

What causes these phenomena? Is it the heat? No! It's the (music please) STRIKE THREAT!!! After a period of time it seems that teachers, their representatives at least, decide that they're not being paid enough, which is probably true. In my opinion teachers should be paid far more than they are.

For those of you who think I'm getting a little brown on my nose, wait! There's more! The simple fact is that teaching has never been a high paying profession. Time magazine went so far as to call it "the Peace Corps of the '90s." Teachers often complain about how they went to college for four years and earned a degree, but make less money than coal miners who, if they're lucky, have a junior college education. Please, teachers, don't get mad when I ask this, but if you wanted to make more money, why didn't you become a coal miner? Why didn't you use your grand education to become a Wall Street millionaire type? I'll tell you why. It's because you love to teach. You also (admit it) love us students. Remember that the next time you decide to mess with our daily lives.

A strike is a very effective weapon when it comes to negotiating. Like all effective weapons it should be used only in the last resort. Why couldn't the teachers have agreed to hold classes while their negotiating team worked on a decent pay raise? If talks with the board grew much worse, then an intent to strike could be filed. As it was, the intent to strike was filed prematurely.

Of course, all of the blame can't be heaped upon the teachers. The

Unit 3 school board showed that it could also use some lessons on handling a strike situation. Calling in a professional negotiator was a monumental mistake. Jack Taylor, the negotiator, came all the way from his home in upstate Illinois just to represent the school board in our little war of wills. That's his job. He does it for a living. He obviously had no personal connection with the outcome of the dispute. After all, his kids weren't being deprived of an education were they? The only thing Mr. Taylor gained from the strike was a healthy paycheck. He was paid by the hour, you know. Could that be the reason it took so long to settle? I noticed that the teachers and board members reached a compromise almost immediately after dismissing Taylor.

The next time a strike is considered, my only wish is that someone, be it teacher or board member, stop and realize that the only loser in a battle for money will be the students caught in the crossfire.

Student Survey:

Students just glad to be back

"I was for the students," Kathy Pickford said when asked her opinion of the recent teacher's strike.

In a survey of 130 people, 80 shared her opinion. Twenty-five supported the teachers, and 25 were for the board.

Erik Nelson, unhappy with both parties, said, "I liked neither head negotiator, but I sided with the teachers." Christi Cottom supported the teachers because, "Both of my parents are teachers."

Josh Banks, on the other hand, was for the school board, "I was kind of hoping the teachers would lose," he said.

Shannon Rider summed up the opinion of the majority by saying, "It didn't matter who won, as long as they got it settled."

Neo-Fascist program takes hold in classes

by Clint Popetz

With the start of classes at HHS came the students' introduction to Benito Mussolini incarnate, A.K.A. Channel One. With the help of modern technology Il Duce came to the students live, bringing with him each day as he interrupts classes, his new regime of anti-gang messages and Bo-Knows commercials.

It sounds outrageous; it is. Many of my fellow students have read 1984, and everyone has surely been lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a Max Headroom episode. It looks like we are finally "Twenty minutes into the future..."

With our constitutional rights revoked we sit silently in second hour, forced to listen to news programs on the first-grade level, anti-gang messages (for all those students who might be thinking of running out and joining one of the numerous gangs in Southern Illinois), and three or four commercials shoved down our throats for good measure.

No one in any of the classrooms is allowed to turn their TV's off, and when we as students and teachers are relieved of our freedom of choice, a state of fascism is achieved, if only for those fifteen wasted minutes.

I do believe that making an intelligent news program available to students is a good idea, considering how difficult it is to keep up with the rising news stories of today's world. But forcing it on students is going too far.

If the people at Channel One want to get the news across, there are better ways than interrupting our classes and supplementing each childish news story with commercials. Does Bo know Fascism?

Just Say Justin: I'm back, and I'm banned

by Justin Williams

WARNING: This is a very outspoken and controversial column. The content may contain matter which is upsetting to others. Do Not Read if you are subject to an emotional breakdown!

Hey all you out there in *Purple Clarion* land! Welcome to another fulfilled year of homework, tests, and all that stuff you know and love. Well, another year has begun and I'm here to stir things up again with my column, Just Say Justin, which I'm sure you are familiar with.

Even though I only got two articles published last year I made a lasting impression in everyone's mind with my classic, "The Beast Master." In case you freshmen are wondering, just ask any upperclassman or sophomore. It is for this reason that I put a warning first, not because I was asked to. I wanted to let all of you with a very sensitive personality know that this is an outspoken, "say what you want to," column.

I welcome all feedback and will be more than happy to publish any letters given to me, good or bad. But I must give you a fair warning--no letters can be published without a name. This isn't my rule; it's the policy of *The Purple Clarion*. So please respond and get your opinion published.

With the way people responded last year I felt like the Andy Rooney of Harrisburg High who was taken off TV, or in my case the paper, for offending others. This brings me to my topic of this month, freedom of speech.

Back in 1787, a group of men adopted a document which stated in the Bill of Rights that we have certain freedoms, including freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, and finally freedom of speech. Our country fought a long and bloody war and lost many lives to acquire these rights that our men so strongly believed in.

Now in the late 1900's people of our so-called "free country" are trying to take that freedom away from us, by regulating books, movies, magazines, music and even the media. Cases involving 2 LIVE CREW, SUICIDAL TENDENCY and ANDY ROONEY are not uncommon. But the most controversial issue of today is flag burning.

I would like to know one thing. Who has the authority to choose what is right and what is wrong? Who's there to say that great classics like *Huckleberry Finn* and countless others are to be banned? In one state the Webster's Dictionary was even banned because kids could look up such words as hell and damned and the names of sex organs. So my question is, how much is too far?

Here's an interesting fact. One of the greatest authors of America wrote a book with a very upsetting segment in it. In the beginning of the book the author talks about how God and Satan are friends and how God could care less about what happens to people because they were just an experiment. Throughout the story he refers to scriptures in the Bible involving the story of Noah's Ark. He said there was no way that the boat could be large enough for Noah, his family, all the animals, and enough food. The author? Mark Twain.

I agree that the work is very controversial and stirring to some; however you should check it out sometime, it's really interesting. Anyway, all the examples mentioned have one thing in common; they have all been banned in one way or the other. Did you know you could be arrested in Florida for selling a 2 LIVE CREW album?

Another very serious issue that I very much disagree with involves flag burning being banned. Our flag is a symbol representing all the freedom that I have been talking about. But on the other hand, it is also the symbol that represents any citizen's right to burn it. Just as one of our Illinois politicians commented, "even though it makes me sick to my stomach every time I see someone burn our flag, it's not mine or anyone else's place to tell them they can't"

Finally we need to lighten up on the people who are interested in burning the flag. Banning flag burning would not only upset the rebels in our country but it would add kindling to the fire making the people even more apt to burn our flag.

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Foreign Language club involves both French and Spanish students

This year, French Club and Spanish Club expanded their goals after first merging into one, the Foreign Language Club. With this change, sponsors Mrs. Linda Leitzen and Mrs. Esther Kaplan hope to help 101 members become culturally oriented with several different countries.

The two clubs made the decision to join when the number of French students seemed too low. "We didn't have enough students enrolled in French to have a separate club, but we still had several interested in being in that type of club," commented Mrs. Kaplan.

Both sponsors realized that the students who had a vivid interest in another country besides Spain or France were not receiving an opportunity to share their interest with others. "We hope to gain a group of students who are interested in all foreign countries," commented Mrs. Leitzen. "I hope that we can cater to those students taking foreign language classes on



Tina Ward helps Foreign Language raise funds.

the Ti-In network also."

The sponsors have high hopes for the club this year. They plan on having activities similar to previous years including several picnics and field trips. However, all future activities will be expanded to involve many different countries. Mrs. Leitzen says that the club is planning a picnic to be held towards the end of October for the "Día de los Muertos" or the "Mexican Day of the Dead."

"The Mexican people celebrate the holiday to honor and remember the deceased. We hope to explain some of the customs of that particular holiday and find countries that might have a comparable holiday," explained Mrs. Leitzen.

A tentative activity for the fall includes the club's taking a field trip to St. Louis. In previous years, both the French and Spanish clubs attended foreign dance programs at Evansville and St. Louis. This year the club is hoping to attend a Spanish adaptation of the German musical, "The Nutcracker," in November.

Presently, the Foreign Language Club is operating freshman football concession stands and making plans for the Homecoming parade.

The club had decided not to have a major fundraiser for the year but will possibly be selling candy in the spring.

Forensics club speaks out

When there is enthusiasm from a large group of students towards a certain activity, there is usually a new organization formed. Such is the case with the new Forensics Club. This year, twenty-four specially selected students are going to be challenged, but excited as the club ventures into competing at certain speech contests with the help of Speech educator, Mrs. Sue Ewert.

For several years now, Mrs. Ewert's Speech II class has been competing at one speech tournament, held at SIC, each year. Competing in the contest was and still is a specific requirement for those students enrolled in the class. "Last year, our Speech II class competed and did rather well," commented sponsor Mrs. Ewert. "After the required contest, most of the students were ready to compete again." It is for this reason that the club exists today.

Mrs. Ewert believes that there will have to be some competition within

the club because there is a limit to the number available on a team. "I am still going to require my Speech II students to compete at one contest, but other students will have to compete against one another for positions on the team," remarked Mrs. Ewert.

Ecology Club decides to make a big difference

Almost 60 students have decided to work against many of the problems plaguing our planet today. These students who form the new Ecology Club are serious about helping clean up several of our surrounding areas.

Sponsors, Mrs. Barbara Allen, Mrs. Jerri Harbison, and Mrs. Michele Way, are designing this service club to be active in benefiting all aspects of the environment. "We want our club to be busy during every meeting either planning activities or publicizing ways to preserve our resources," commented Mrs. Way. The group will be involved in

For your information:

Every year, Americans throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall 12 feet high, stretching from Los Angeles to New York City.

many projects throughout the year. Presently, there are dozens of ideas open for discussion and approval when the club holds meetings during "A" club week. However, the sponsors hope that many activities will relate to cleaning up trash from roadsides or other areas and possibly writing persuasive letters to politicians about environmental issues.

Whatever the future holds for this club, it is confident of creating a positive difference in the environment. "We have several who are already Greenpeace members and others who are ready to give the club every effort possible," explained Mrs. Way.

Students travel far and wide over summer break Dugan is relieved of duties as Chief of Staff

By Julie Webb

Students spent last summer doing many different things and going many different places. I interviewed several of them to find out what they did over their summer vacation.

Jennifer Allen enjoyed her time on a cruise to the Bahamas, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel, Mexico. She admitted that the best part of it was on the beaches, and the worst part was the people in Jamaica, who were rude and dirty.

Melinda Ewert and Amanda Carter had the chance to go to a Journalism camp in New York City. Many people came from everywhere. Melinda enjoyed the Empire State Building and Amanda enjoyed the museum of Cultural History. But both agree the worst part was the line at the Statue of Liberty.

Liz Stafford visited Oklahoma. She favored the people, mostly teenagers, but she hated the long drives back and forth from her hotel.

Zihna Gordon spent part of her time at camp. She really enjoyed being away from home, but despised her roommate.

Last, but not least, I spent part of my summer in Southeast Missouri; I learned a lot about my family history there. I also went to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to visit my brother. The people there weren't very nice, but I really enjoyed my trip up to Pike's Peak. It was very interesting and beautiful.



For the first time in forty-one years one of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States Armed Forces has been fired. General Michael Dugan, USAF, was relieved of his duty by Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, apparently because of remarks made to the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Washington Post* concerning the actions the Air Force would take should war break out in the Persian Gulf.

The action was taken by Cheney on the morning of September 15, after the interview with General Dugan appeared in the Sunday papers. The President spoke with the Secretary Sunday afternoon and "concurred" with the decision.

Dugan had told reporters that if war erupts, a massive bombing mission against Baghdad targeting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would be the only effective option to force Iraq out of Kuwait. The position of Chief of Staff vacated by Dugan will be filled by General John Michael Loh.

The most memorable Chief of Staff to meet an untimely military career retirement was General Douglas MacArthur, who on April 11, 1951, was relieved of his duty by President Harry S. Truman because of the General's stinging comments on the way the Korean War was being fought.

Saddam crosses line as... Invasion of Kuwait infuriates U.S.

As peace spread all over the world, an act of aggression by one of the world's leading oil producers devastated its Arab neighbor. In early August, Iraqi forces led by Saddam Hussein invaded the tiny oil-rich country of Kuwait.

The U.S. showed immediate outrage against Iraq's show of aggression. Americans trapped in Kuwait and Iraq tried to flee, while as many as three thousand were forced to stay behind. Through heavy U.S. pressure, the United Nations effected measures banning all members from selling or buying any products from Iraq or Kuwait except those for humanitarian purposes. Despite heavy surpluses in foods due to a bumper crop this year, the U.N. sanctions are now beginning to hit hard.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has poured thousands of troops into Saudi Arabia bordering Iraq. Desert Shield, The nickname for the U.S. operation, is costing the U.S. billions of dollars. The U.S. has been drumming up economic support for the operations to help defray costs.

Presently, tensions are still on edge as the unstable stand-off continues. However, President Bush along with the rest of the world adamantly called for Saddam Hussein to unconditionally remove his forces from Kuwait. Even if Iraqi forces leave Kuwait the U.S. is looking at a long term stay in the gulf region for as many as five years.

Lady Dogs gain wins in first 3 matches

by Linda Davenport

The lady Bulldog volleyball team is on a mission. The team, currently 3-0, is ranked 13th in the state. The lady Dogs team is comprised of many seniors who provide a tremendous amount of leadership. "The young players know their roles well and add depth.

The team, has easily defeated Mt. Vernon, Carbondale, and previously unbeaten Benton. The Lady Dogs are led by Jodi Wilson, Jaci Prather, and Leslie Absher. All three are excellent athletes and have chances for scholarships in various sports.

Other members of the team include: Shannon Patton, Keely Gaskins, Tara Simpson, Amy Borders, Stephanie Hale, Amy Davidson, Patty Steapleton, and Amy Cavender.



Shannon Patton goes to the air to return the ball.

The team had problems working together early on but should gel for the post season tournament.

Hard work, determination, and dedication are major assets to the team. All of the players are close friends and this helps in the communication department. The outlook is very bright for this year's squad.

Dogs demonstrate impressive debut

by Chris Lucas

The Bulldog varsity football team had to wait an extra week and a half to begin its season. The teachers' strike forced the Dogs to forfeit their opening game to Mt. Carmel. The Dogs had never lost to Mt. Carmel, so the forfeit was a hard pill to swallow.

The team stayed mentally prepared throughout the strike; official practice was illegal so the team held some practices on their own. The team's positive attitude was a plus as they waited for the strike to end.

After seven days, the strike did end and the team was able to play Mt. Vernon. The hard work during the strike paid off as the Dogs pounded the Rams 58-7.

The entire team sacrificed everything in the rain. The offense was stellar as the Rams could not stop the Bulldog attack.

The defense ran over the Ram offensive line in bulldozer fashion. The young Rams were defenseless against the all-out Bulldog barrage.

Senior fullback Brian Banks was the major bright spot for the Dogs. He scored five touchdowns while only playing two and a half quarters. Banks was named the offensive player of the game.

Jarrod Henshaw was named the defensive player. Every Bulldog player saw a large amount of playing time in the massacre.

The Bulldogs played with determination throughout the game. They felt that they were out to prove something, and that they did, my friends. Not even a teachers' strike can stop the Dogs!



The football team was prominent among the group of concerned teachers and students awaiting news of the negotiations going on inside Central Office.

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Golf team begins season

The golf team is long on participants but short on experience. This year's squad consists of six juniors, four sophomores, and nine freshmen.

Of the ten sophomores and juniors only Jeremy Austin has had any previous high school competition experience. The squad consists of juniors Jeremy Austin, Marc DeVar, Tricia Richerson, Ginger Noah, Daryl Wilkerson, and Jeremy Guest; sophomore Jeremy Hafford, Toby Lyon, Andy Kelley and Tiffany Simpson; and freshmen Ryan Franks, Nathan Gaskins, Cris Kovach, Bryce Jerrell, Jason Balabas, Jason Morse, Jeremy Cook, George Fornes, and Brandon Simmons.

This year's team is led by freshman Ryan Franks who is averaging about 42 for nine holes. Next in line is Jeremy Austin, whose average is about 43. The rest of the traveling team has been taken from Cris Kovach, Bryce Jerrell, Nathan Gaskins, Jason Balabas, Toby Lyon, and Marc DeVar, since these six

have been rotating in and out of the other four starting positions.

This year's team has victories over Waterloo, Red Bud, Pinckneyville and Herrin, while losing to Massac County, Anna-Jonesboro, Marion, Mt. Carmel, Nashville, and West Frankfort.

With nine freshmen, it is easier for Coach Pavelonis to appraise the upcoming years with optimism.

"The 1990 team may have a difficult time when it comes to winning, but there are bright spots, to be seen in the fact that there are a lot of underclassmen who have time to improve their skills in the upcoming years," comments coach **Bob Pavelonis.**

Freshman Chris Kovach knows to keep his head down.



Is Cross Country worth the suffering?

by Zihna Gordon

Cross Country could be the toughest, most painful, most punishing sport you can choose. So why do people go out for it? We don't have an answer for that one, but we know how the harriers are doing. And what keeps them going.

"Cross Country takes a lot of work, and you've got to really have your mind in it to even finish the course," Tonya Gooday comments.

"Cross Country is really hard, because we run miles every day, but it is also very fun. The team gets along really well together, and we push each other to do well. We work hard all season so we can make it to sectionals. Then we have fun acting stupid in the hotel, running around with bandannas on our heads, stuff like that. I guess you would have to be there," says senior Roni King, who has run on the team all four years.

"Cross Country is a difficult sport. It is one in which the desire to quit is constant. But a feeling of wanting to spite everyone that tells you your team sucks makes it all worth it," senior John Cannon remarks.

"Cross Country takes a lot of guts and dedication, but the fun you have at the sectionals makes it all worthwhile," says senior Dawn Smith, another four-year veteran.

Both the girls' and boys' teams work really hard at Cross Country. The girls have so far beaten such teams as Marion, Murphysboro, Fairfield, and Mcleansboro.

The guys, while not doing quite as well as the girls, have been running hard also. As Coach Ingram has said, "With a little luck and a lot of hard work, we might just run right by all the other teams to win sectionals."



Junior Terry Glenn seems to breeze by his opponent.

Photos this page courtesy of Daily Register.

Japan exchange student is new face in hallways

His classmates call him Bud. However, his real name is Aritake Nakagawa, and he is the newest foreign addition to the student body, visiting HHS from Tokyo, Japan.

Bud is residing with PeeWee and Judy Horning. Both of Aritake's parents work in Japan with his father being a college professor and his mother being a fashion designer.

Sports dominate his interests with tennis and soccer as his favorites. Currently, Aritake is a member of our football team with high hopes of being the team's kicker. His kicking talent comes mostly from his involvement in soccer.

Like many teenagers, Aritake enjoys listening to music especially Iron Maiden and MC Hammer.

He is now trying to adjust to the American school system. "In Japan, instead of students moving from class to class, the teachers rotate throughout the building," says



Aritake enjoys typing class.

Aritake. He claims that many of his teachers speak too quickly for him, making translation difficult. Athletics and typing are his most enjoyable classes "mainly because they're easy!"

Despite the obstacles before him, Aritake's friendly manner will surely help make his year here an exciting and satisfying experience.

Add One More Rule to the List of Don'ts

Harrisburg High School has a new rule this year. No one may take a soda out of the cafeteria.

The new rule came about because of all the cans Mr. Gordon found and all the accidents with the cans in the halls. Spills were a very common problem.

Although Mr. Gordon watches the cafeteria, trying to make sure the sodas stay in there, the students are still "finding a way past an authority and into the halls."

"Most students think the rule is unfair because they don't want to stay in the crowded cafeteria until they are finished drinking their sodas. Mrs. Ewert says, "I think it is a good rule, because the students don't keep the school clean enough."

So if you plan to be in the halls with a soda, watch out for Mr. Gordon. He will be watching you.

Mr. Smith comes to HHS

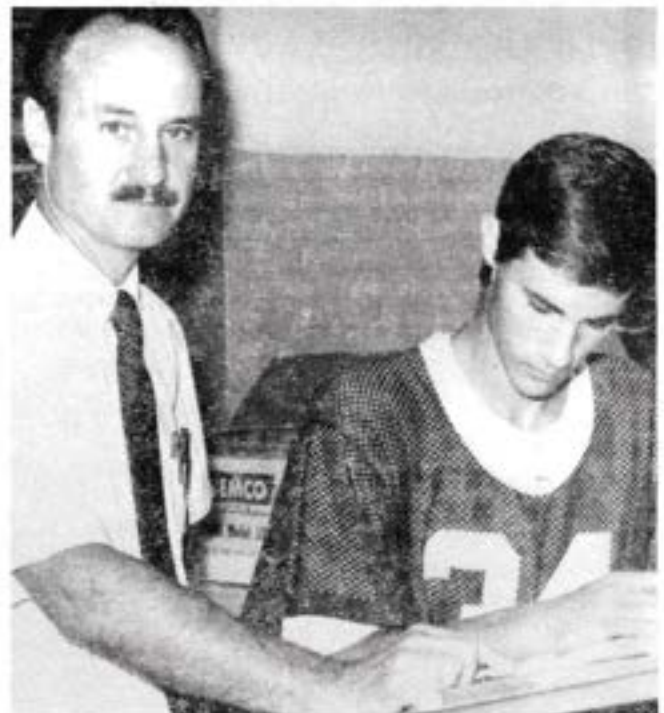
Moving to a new school during a strike can sometimes be tricky, but new Industrial Arts teacher Mr. Martin Smith encountered the same situation at Benton. The first year of his ten-year job there began with a strike, so he knew what to do.

"It was recommended that I not get involved," said Mr. Smith. While he did not walk the picket line, he did stop by one morning to keep in touch with the teachers.

Now that the strike is over, the Murray and SIU-C graduate, originally from Mt. Vernon, has plans to help update the shop program in order to generate more interest in the classes.

He would like to "purchase a computer for drafting. Nowadays they're learning robotics and a lot of technology stuff in the other classes like woodworking and metalworking. I want to try to get a feel for what the kids are interested in."

When not working on his new class schedule, Mr. Smith enjoys outdoor activities. Though he doesn't participate every weekend, he does enjoy playing golf, hunting, fishing, and playing tennis occasionally.



New Industrial Arts teacher, Mr. Smith, helps Brad Maddox with his project.