

The Black and Red

October 2009

Have You Been Flocked?

~Miranda Crane

This year's seniors will be celebrating the end of their four year reign here at HHS. Senior parents will be hosting project graduation. The theme this year will be "Neon Nights." The committee has been working hard to raise funds for the event. Aside from concessions at football games and powderpuff football, there is another fundraiser you should hear about, it is the Flight of the Flamingos fundraiser! Basically, you can send a flock to your closest friends, relatives, teachers, coaches, neighbors, bosses, etc. The migration cost is \$20 to send a flock to someone's yard and then he or she will have the opportunity to send his or her flock to someone else's yard. Be aware that pictures of the flock in front of your house may appear in the *Hannibal Courier Post*! All proceeds from this event will benefit Project Graduation 2010! Because the flock has a limited "fly zone" you need to ask before sending money to flock someone's yard outside of Hannibal's city limits.

If you do not want to wake up and see pink flamingos covering your yard, you can get "flock insurance"

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The high school was first to be flocked, have you been?

Photo/Miranda Crane

at a reasonable rate! Also, if you are a senior, and you love to prank, this is a perfect opportunity for you to get involved. If you have any questions concerning this fundraiser you can contact Starla Dunn at 221-5502!

I recently interviewed the Project Graduation chairperson, Dawn Crane, a.k.a my mom, and she had many positive things to say about the process so far. She told me that student participation has increased from previous years. Over one hundred seniors voted for the theme for this year's project graduation. "I would like to see more parents at the meet-

ings, because parents need to be informed and help make decisions on rules concerning project graduation. Project Graduation needs to raise \$30,000 to \$40,000 to meet the needs of the party. We need ALL the senior parents to come to meetings and be involved to raise the money to put on the last celebration of their Hannibal High School career. We want it to be something they will always remember!" There you have it seniors! Spread the word to your parents, and if they have any questions they can contact Dawn Crane at 248-0830.

Homecoming Week

~Erika Barron and

Lairyn McGregor

Hannibal High School's Spirit Week began Monday October 5. The week began with Good Morning Pirates Day, where everyone came to school in their favorite pajamas and slippers. You could have also brought your favorite stuffed animal. Along with this, Student Council accepted donations of stuffed animals to donate to local day cares and hospitals.

On Tuesday it was Generation Day. Seniors got to dress up as senior citizens, juniors as adults, sophomores as toddlers, and freshman as babies. At lunch on Tuesday, Student Council collected donations for the Hannibal

Nutrition Center. Wednesday was Dress Like an Animal or Pirate Day.

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Pirates all around, watch out!

Photo/Lairyn McGregor

Tennis Ends Smoothly

~Miranda Crane

This year's tennis season has come to an end as the seniors finish off nicely for the last time. The team finished the season 8-8. The seniors this year include Lyndsie Heibel, Emily Richards, Miranda Crane, Monique Scott, Emily Haines, and Katie Walsh. Most of the girls played all four years (except for two) despite an injury or two, the team has made it through with good, intense tennis playing. At the senior banquet, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Catalpa handed out awards and letters to the players. Mr. Johnson had many positive things to say about each player as they accepted their awards. All six of the seniors received a stuffed bear from Griffens Flower shop and a balloon. All of the seniors that played this year will be missed as the next seasons come along, although, some of them may continue their tennis careers in college. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Catalpa were very pleased at how the season ended and were excited about the present they received at the end of the banquet. The team put their money together and got each of them their own coach chairs with their names on them! These should be great during those home tennis matches!



Seniors pose on Senior Award Night.

HHS Pirate Soccer

~Lairyn McGregor

The boys soccer team played their last home game on Thursday October 15. Not only was it senior night, but the team also played a winning game, with a score of 2-0 against the Mexico Bulldogs. Freshman, Cody Shaffer scored the first goal during the first half of the game, using a great pass from senior Bradley Osborne. During the second half of the game, the second and final goal was made by junior Elliot Meyer. The team's goalie Jacob McLerren managed to save one goal throughout the game maintaining the Pirate's lead. The win of this game now puts the boys Pirate soccer record at 9-11-1. Although it was a slightly rainy night, the Pirates played the best that they could and defeated the Bulldogs.

On October 6, the Pirate's played against the Kirksville Tigers. Unfortunately, the game was won by the Tigers. However, the Pirate soccer team never loses confidence and takes every game as it comes. Each player has a great attitude about each game, win or lose. Starting November 2, the boys soccer district games will take off but at this time there is not a set location for this event. The boys soccer team had a great season so far and is definitely going to end its season on a positive note.. Be sure to support your Pirate's boys soccer players and wish them luck throughout the rest of their season.



Jordan Strickland brings down the hammer.

Photo/Yearbook

Hitting the Ground Running

~Quinton Jones

The Pirate football season has been in motion since the kick off at the jamboree. We were running with a great 3-1 record by winning the previous three games, defeating Troy, Fulton, and Poplar Bluff. Despite the heavy loss to Harrisonville, we have continued our winning streak through several football games. The list of football games included in this month's issue will begin with the win against Moberly, 10-02-09. Pirate football ran away with game winning 25-0, and advancing our record 5-1. After the defeating the Spartans, the Pirates took on the Mexico Bulldogs also grabbing an amazing shutout victory of 45-0. After defeating the past two teams, the Pirates stood at a 6-1 record, one of the cleanest records in the past few seasons, hoping to continue the streak. Recently 6-1, we were placed undefeated in the NCMC with a perfect 4-0 streak by advancing the record with the win over Mexico Bulldogs. Current records for rival teams are: Harrisonville 7-1, Poplar Bluff 6 - 2, and Jefferson City Power House, Helias 8-0. All of these teams are in the top 20, Division 4 Rankings in Missouri. The Pirates are number 8.

This is a game predicted to be evenly set, and will be the first real test of Pirate football. Besides Harrisonville wildcats, (the only team to defeat the Pirates, who are also leading a 7-1 record,) competition will finally begin to heat up as we get deeper into the season.

The highlighted player of the this month is the defensive side of the team. He is senior OL, Jordan Strickland. Strickland has been a good asset to the Pirate defense for the past several years. Strickland, who has numerous tackles has set quite a record for himself. Making big plays are no new thing to him, including a recent sack-fumble against Kirksville on Oct. 16, which resulted in a 45 yard touchdown. Strickland has proven again and again what affect he's had on the Pirate defense. Leading the team with the most sacks this season, five total, Strickland continues to do the job of a very good defensive lineman. He also is 2nd with 41 tackles this season including 6 in a single game against the Spartans.

Strickland continues to add force behind the Pirates excelling them into the districts, and hopefully through the playoffs, and potentially a state title.

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That's a Wrap

~Grace Bixler

It's not just a game with blood, sweat, and tears. It's filled with a heart and a passion for the sport. Although it is a team sport, every player must have self determination and a great team attitude. The skills of the players must be utilized and the faults blended with the strengths of others. With the short season and the many games packed in a little time, it's no wonder teamwork may be the deciding factor of how the team does. Many of the players play softball outside of school and have for many years. The more the girls do this, the better they play.

While this season was the last for



Stephanie Wathen is ready on the defense to make an out.

Photo/Yearbook

some and only the beginning for others, this season proved to be a lesson well learned. While a few losses were the price to pay, the returning players can use this season as a go to for tips.

While the 2009 season may not have sustained many wins, it does not mean they didn't put their best effort forth. The softball season came to an end on October 2 with the loss of the district opener against Timberland. The season will be recorded in the books as 2-23. For the 2009 North Central Missouri All-Conference Jasmine Otten was the one representative from Hannibal. With this season at a close, the Lady Pirates will lose six senior starters due to graduation. They are Kadie Hays, Bridget Muehring, Kelsi Nichols, Jasmine Otten, Stephanie Wathen, and Erin Winn. For the 2010 season, this year's juniors will have to step up to the plate and put their best game forward.

HHS Varsity Volleyball

~Christopher Sheffer

The volleyball season of 2009 continues, and Hannibal High School's varsity team is playing well. Recently, on Thursday, October 15th, the HHS varsity team lost an extremely close match against Fulton, 25-18, 25-21. You win some, you lose some. Senior Camille Hackmack, who plays the positions of middle hitter and defensive specialist, is the team's captain. She describes the team as being relatively new, but she is confident in its abilities. "I think we are pretty successful, and we have a good chance of winning at conference," says Hackmack. She says that the team is especially good at mixing up plays. It is always good to have variety and balance in a team. When asked what she feels that she does well, she said, "I hit the ball very hard." Anyone who has



Captain Camille Hackmack stands ready and waits for a serve.

Photo/Chris Sheffer

seen her in action can confirm the accuracy of her statement. In terms of shortcomings, she feels that the team needs to work on communication and being aggressive. Hackmack's favorite thing about volleyball is the competition. When asked what she does not like about volleyball, she responded, "I don't like to lose." Who can blame her? She seems like a positive influence on the team with ample enthusiasm and considerable skill. However, like every good team should, the HHS varsity volleyball team plays best as a cohesive unit. As the team leader Hackmack is charged to be a suitable role model for her teammates. Each player has her own strengths and weaknesses. In this sense they balance each other. If they continue to work as hard as they are at present, then improvement seems inevitable. This writer has something to say that will probably never be famous, but he feels compelled to state it anyway, "Everyone has the desire to improve themselves, but only the best will give enough of themselves to satisfy it."

Running Right Along

~Erin Matson

Cross country has been doing rather well so far this season. The girl's team has placed second three times and first at the Hannibal Invitational. The boys are doing okay, but need to get it in gear a little bit. Coach Newland is pleased with his team's performance; although he stated that there is always room for improvement. That aside, he thinks that the girls have a chance of winning conferences and the boys may place in the top three at conferences as well. Coach Newland had high hopes for the girls at the season's start, and they have not disappointed him. He noted that Taren Dungan (junior), Martina Woodard, and Daquasia Dawson (both freshman) have put forth a tremendous effort. Coach Newland is also pleased by the efforts of freshman Abby Jefferies.

Here are Coach Newland's thoughts on these matters: "The kids have worked hard to race well at our important meets. Conference, district, and the state meets are the ones we are hoping to do our best at. It should be an exciting conclusion to the end of our season."

Be sure to support the teams at the upcoming meets! Districts is on October 31st and state is on November 7th.



Blake Jarman runs the final stretch at the Hannibal Cross Country meet.

Photo/Yearbook

Don't forget to get your tickets for

Footloose

Thursday November 12, 2009 - 7:00 pm
Friday November 13, 2009 - 7:00 pm
Saturday November 14, 2009 - 7:00 pm
All seats \$8.00

Seating preference on first come basis.
Doors open at 6:15 pm

Spotlight on Mrs. Baumann

~Erin Matson

The purpose of the guidance office is to assist students through their education. That being said, even the counselors need help sometimes. It is Mrs. Baumann's job to assist them. She has worked in the guidance office for thirteen years, but before coming here she worked at Watlow Industries. Mrs. Baumann migrated to HHS after hearing about the open secretary position. Her oldest daughter was a freshman the year she began working as the guidance secretary.

Mrs. Bauman does any number of different tasks on a daily basis. She does paperwork, supports the counselors, and posts scholarship information along with daily activities of the guidance office. She enjoys being at HHS because she is presented with the opportunity to get involved with students. She noted that it feels nice to know that she might make difference in a student's day.

Just for kicks, I asked her about the funniest incident she had ever witnessed in the guidance office. Mrs. Baumann recalled an event in which Mr. Eggleston was given a pair of old boxer shorts. As a closing statement Mrs. Baumann offered this piece of advice: "Remember who you are... and do your homework!"



Mrs. Bauman smiles for the camera.

Photo/Erin Matson

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Ecology Field Trip

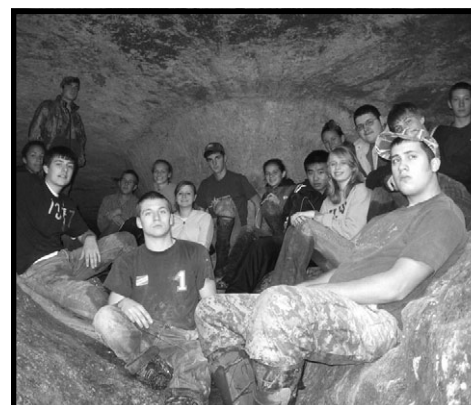
~Erin Matson

On October 20 Mr. Bueler's ecology class went on a field trip to the Ted Shanks Wetland Reserve and Sandy Creek Natural Tunnel. It would be a wise idea for hunting enthusiasts to become familiar with Ted Shanks. It is an approximately 7,000 acre area of managed wetlands that is home to ducks and deer among other animals. Biologists who work on the reserve manage everything from using pumps to bring in or pump out water in certain areas to planting the kinds of native plants that the ducks and such eat. For this portion of the trip, we stayed in the bus for the most part and merely observed the landscape.

Afterwards, the bus drove through confusing country roads to a place out in the middle of nowhere. We had planned to picnic outside somewhere but were forced to remain on the bus due to rain. The rain was not very heavy; therefore, it did not hinder our hike through the woods. In order to get to the natural tunnel, we had to navigate a rough staircase of wet, slippery rocks. Then, to go inside one had to sit down and slide over a muddy ledge and be caught by those waiting below. The cave itself was rather small, but it went completely through the bedrock to the other side. We marched through the woods, being whipped by branches in a search for interesting organisms. We observed the other end of the tunnel by walking up and over it, inching our way down a hill to the creek. Sandy Creek is a shallow, clear body of water which we had to cross. Finally, we trekked across a spent cornfield and up another hill winding our way back to where the bus was parked.

It was a very physical field trip but not undoable for people who

do not get out much, like myself. If you plan to take ecology or Missouri Science, be warned about this trip. You will get wet, you will get dirty, and you will have fun.



A-1 ecology class hanging out in the upper end of Sandy Creek Natural Tunnel.

Photo/Mr. Bueler

HCTC Electives

~Lairyn McGregor

The Hannibal Career and Technical Center offers a lot of great and interesting classes. Some of these classes are over trade and industrial topics, business, computer technology, nursing, and respiratory care. Students who enroll in HCTC will get a sense of new knowledge and experience.

In the trade and industrial department this building offers classes such as agriculture, auto mechanics, building trades, child care, graphic

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arts, health services, industrial mechanics, and welding. Students enjoy these classes because they allow them to try new things such as, building houses, planting gardens, welding metal down, taking care of kids, and designing new things.

There are also several business classes offered here. Accounting, business technology, legal office, medical office, and marketing are all available. With these classes students are given the opportunity to learn about things all great business people need to know. Along with these classes there are clubs you can join. If you're in a business or marketing class you are eligible to join FBLA and/or DECA. As for computer classes HCTC has advanced computer applications, computer networking, and web page design. HCTC also provides nursing and respiratory care classes.

Mr. Roger McGregor, director of HCTC, says, "Technology is the future. You can either sit around and let it happen, or you could help create it at HCTC." The Career and Technical Center does indeed have a lot of technology-based classes that many students are involved in, not only students from Hannibal but students from area counties travel here to take these classes.



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Horrorscopes

~ Quinton Jones

WARNING: The following material is completely sarcastic and is not meant to be taken seriously. It is meant to be embraced into your bosom like the teddy bear you have hiding under the pile of Easter clothes your mom wanted you to wear to church. Seven years ago. This doesn't require you to think much...I hope. So, if you can't read past the third grade or you've been punched in the eye lately, then the following is a load of bologna so you can make a sandwich. Just don't forget the mustard.

Aries - March 21-April 19

Today is a day of great reward for you! For years you will look back and see what great feats that you accomplished. **THIS IS A DAY OF DAYS** for your senior year in Hannibal High. Today is the day that you will finally pass **CONSUMER MATH!!!!** Congratulations for finally over coming 4th grade math!!!! It is great to finally accomplish this goal, and this goes to show that it is never too late to be stupid. Nice job.

Taurus - April 20- May 20

Take care of your financial priorities, or your debt will grow out of control.

Making good investments is key to your future financial stability. Investing in the pastry industry is a good idea, but I don't think stealing Twinkies from associates is a good thing, especially if they all are over 250 pounds. This could be a potential health hazard.

Gemini - May 21- June 20

Don't be upset when the doctor diagnosed you with lung cancer and says your condition is terminal. Don't make it hard for death; he has feelings too you know. A good thing will come out of this, but I don't know what it is.

Cancer - June 21 - July 22

I'm sorry but you were diagnosed with D.U.M.B cancer. This particular disease attacks the brain and causes the patient to do hysterically ignorant things. An example would be pressing a really big red button that clearly says **DON'T PUSH!** This disease is not curable.

Leo - July 23 - August 22

Make sure the next time you do the king of the jungle thing don't try it crossing an intersection. I don't think cars stop for roaring pedestrians.

Virgo - August 23 - September 22

Traveling is a great way to broaden your view on life. Seeing the world is something that you would love

to do, city to city...state to state... country to country. Learning different cultures and ethics on the way would teach you a lot. Too bad you won't travel outside of the tri-states. Your life will ultimately be boring. There is nothing that you can do about it.

Libra - September 23 - October 22

This year's Halloween party will be awesome. Your idea of dressing up as Sasquatch is great, but your mom will forget to order your costume. Instead of going as the hairy creature you'll just have to be Sasquatch next year. At least when you do go to the party no one will be able to tell the difference. Hilarious isn't it?!!

Scorpio - October 23 - November 21

There is some bad news, and there is some good news. The bad news is, you will be in a tragic car accident, and you will lose a limb. The good news is, I just saved bunch money on my car insurance. Great isn't it!!

Sagittarius - November 22 - December 21
Congratulations!! Your results in the American Intellectual survey have come back. Here is your score of **19!**

- 110-100: *American Genius*
- 100-90: *Top Ten Percent*
- 80-70: *Smart Intellectual*
- 60-50: *Average Intellectual*
- 40-30: *Not smart at all*
- 20-10: *Stop trying*
- 10-0: *duh.....*

I guess that isn't too good, huh? Well... I would suggest **How to Get Smart for Dummies**...it's very inspirational.

Capricorn - December 22- January 19

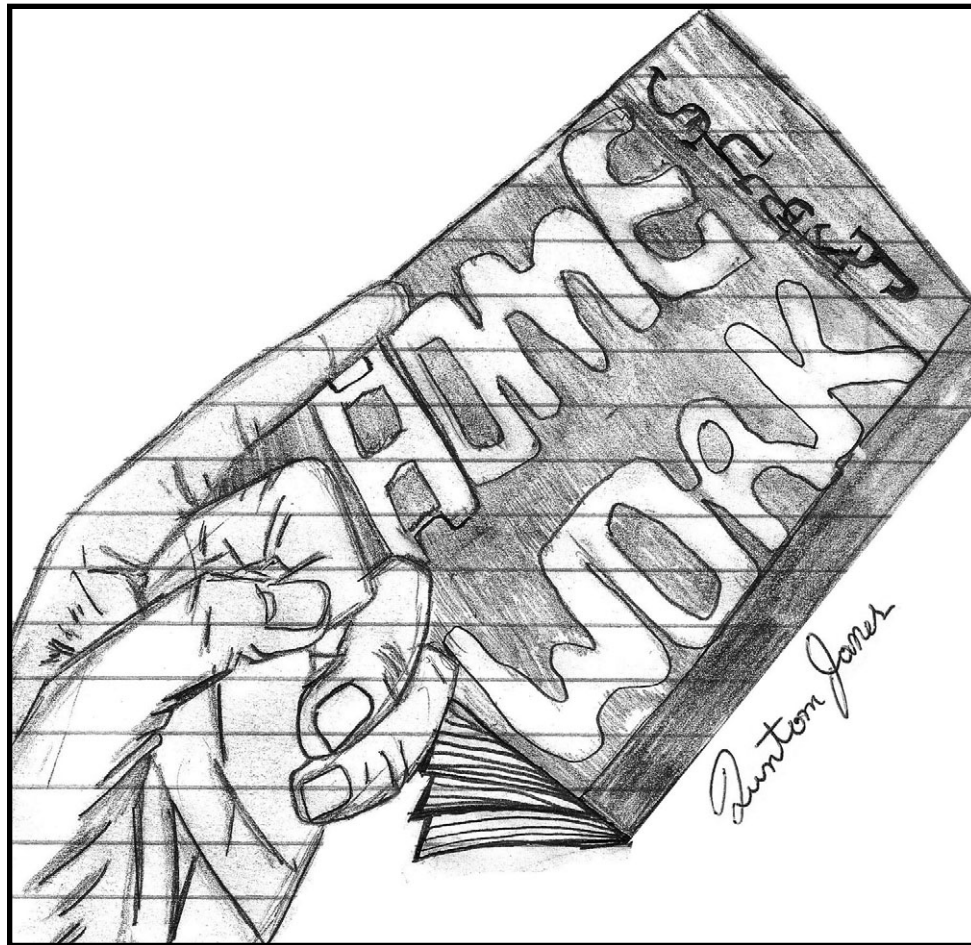
Sorry, but your luck ran out, I would suggest praying.

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18

Stay true to yourself and never turn your back on your true friends. They will come through for you on many occasions and will earn your trust. When your car breaks down a hundred miles from home your dearest friend will come for you. Sadly, becoming friends with a comedian will lead to many embarrassing moments as well funny ones.

Pisces - February 19- March 20

Pisces and I are good friends, (Leo), and going fishing is a great opportunity to create a stronger friendship. Going fishing on the rivers of Alabama is a great idea.....for **STUPID PEOPLE!!!!** Fishing is the good part...falling in isn't, especially since alligator gar is present in the water. **ALLIGATOR...GAR....do I need to say any more? P.S....I ain't paying for the doctor bill!**



Black and Red staff Editor Grace Bixler, reporters Miranda Crane, Quinton Jones, Erin Matson, Lairyn McGregor, Erika Barron, Chris Sheffer, and Jake Albright take a break from working tediously on the paper to smile for the camera. Any suggestions for future writings, see them!

RS in a Nutshell

~Christopher Sheffer
RuneScape, the most popular, free MMORPG (Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game), is certainly worth a try. However, it is advised that those who value their social lives and/or have serious health issues that could worsen with the addition of extreme sleep deprivation, random muscle spasms, carpal tunnel syndrome, and constant restlessness should not, under any circumstances, play this game. Other symptoms may include nausea, heartburn, indigestion, upset stomach, and diarrhea...YAY Pepto-Bismol™ (not really)!

RuneScape's primary function is to provide people with a distraction from the madness of daily life. Since it is a fantasy/adventure game, it gives one the chance to do many things that are otherwise impossible. These include, but are not limited to, teleporting, shooting lightning bolts, summoning spiritual creatures, getting free stuff by dancing, and dying an infinite number of times. However, most of these activities are only available to RuneScape members. Membership is \$5.95/month and entitles the subscriber to make use of all aspects of the game plus extra features. There are twenty-four skills with a maximum level capacity of ninety-nine and over one-hundred fifty quests as well as a dozen different mini-games. In other words RuneScape has the potential to consume several years of your life... and you will never get them back.

In terms of the game's overall quality, the graphics are decent (although inferior to those of World of Warcraft), customer service is reliable, the quests can be entertaining, and successful game play can evoke feelings of self-worth and accomplishment. On the other hand the game's economy is almost as awful as the present economy in this country, fellow players are not always

cooperative, glitches are common, and the constant updates to the game can be extremely frustrating. Taking this into consideration, one should only play the game if (1) one has friends that also play, (2) one has too much time on his or her hands, (3) one likes to work towards goals, (4) one needs help dealing with stress, or (5) one finds that he or she simply enjoys the game. Junior James Zeiger was asked several questions regarding his gaming experiences.

Do you play RuneScape?

- "Yeah, I play occasionally."

Why do you play RuneScape?

- "I play 'cause my friends play."

What do you like to do in the game?

- "I don't know...burn stuff?"

What is the coolest thing you have ever done?

- "I PKed the KBD with a DDS on a PVP after drinking an SS!"

Is that so?

- "No...I have no idea what that means."

RuneScape truly is a gaming sensation sweeping the nation that requires much concentration to bring relation for the duration of the human race's occupation of the planetary creation which can only be described as Earth. If that is not enough to inspire people to play RuneScape, then it is a hopeless cause. In this writer's humble opinion RuneScape is worth a shot...if not two.

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***It's the Great Pumpkin,  
Charlie Brown***

~Miranda Crane

This year's Halloween is not complete without this classic!! Filmed in 1966 and shown to the world for the first time on October 27, 1966, *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* was born. I know it may seem cheesy and a little immature for us high school kids, but it's just such a good movie! *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* is my all-time favorite Halloween

movie. It has been rated five stars on TV Guide and many other programs. The famous characters that play in this movie are Linus, voiced by Christopher Shea, Lucy, voiced by Sally Dryer, Sally, voiced by Kathy Steinberg, and we can't forget Charlie Brown, voiced by Peter Robbins. Now for all of you who have not experienced this one of a kind short film let me tell you all about it!

Halloween has arrived and Charlie Brown is excited to be invited to his first Halloween party. Snoopy will also be attending the party wearing World War One goggles while pretending to be a flying ace. Adventurer Linus is convinced that instead of going trick or treating with the gang he is going to wait for the Great Pumpkin in the pumpkin patch. He believes the Great Pumpkin will deliver presents to all the good little boys and girls; although, no one else believes that this could be true. Linus waits all night long in the pumpkin patch for the Great Pumpkin. While the whole peanut gang goes trick or treating poor Charlie Brown only gets a bag full of rocks! Did the Great Pumpkin ever show up at the pumpkin patch? You will never know until you watch this timeless classic!

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***The Five People You Meet
in Heaven***

~Quinton Jones

Honestly, this was one of the first books that I looked forward to reading. After reading my personal favorite (*Tuesdays with Morrie*) I have not been so excited to read another book since the third grade. (Ironically the book was *Where the Wild Things Are*. This book incorporates many literary themes as well as being beautifully written. From the beginning of the book, your concentration is drawn in and your mind can't help but create mental pictures

as they appear throughout the story. The story is told backwards with the clock ticking to the final moment of a man's life. "One of the most compelling and anticipating page turners I've ever read, this book will capture your attention and expand your mind to have a greater appreciation for literature." -*The Quinton Jones Review* "A fascinating read that I highly recommend to everyone who likes reading."

The main character of this book is a man named Eddie. Eddie is a scarred World War Two veteran and a man who has lived an unfulfilled life in his mind. Prior to being a war veteran he was the head of maintenance at a very important amusement park in his life, Ruby Pier. Eddie spends the rest of his life fixing rides and dealing with pesky teenagers. While trying to rescue a little girl Eddie is tragically killed by technical problems on a new ride. He awakens in the afterlife after learning that heaven isn't a particular place, but it is a time. It is a time where your life is shown through the eyes of the five most important connections in your life. Some of them you may have known, and others may have been strangers. Eddie journeys through time to relive moments on earth that have defined the lives of other people. This book answers the ultimate question we all have asked ourselves...why are we here?

"The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in."

"Life has to end, love doesn't."

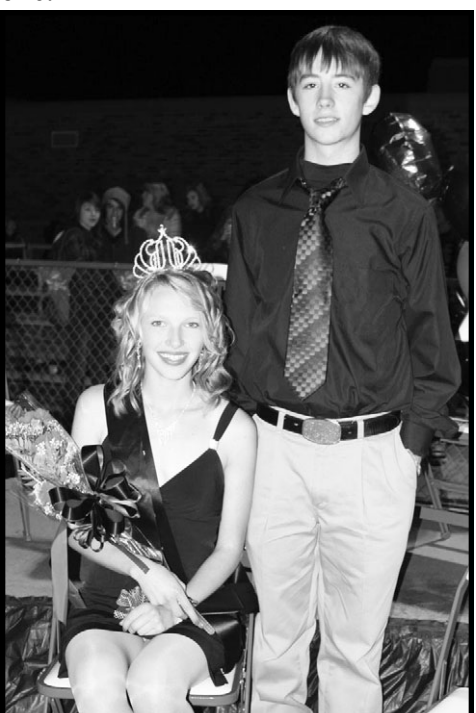
"Strangers are just family you have yet to come to know."

"Sometimes when you sacrifice something precious, you're not really losing it. You're just passing it on to someone else."

Quinton's Rating: 4 ½ Stars

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 Student Council accepted donations for cat or dog food for the Hannibal Humane Society. Finally, on Thursday it was Black and Red Day. Students showed their school spirit by wearing Pirate colors.

The homecoming parade is always a competition between classes to see who can make the best float. This year the seniors won the competition. Their float consisted of a large dog head in a muzzle with posters saying, "Hush the Puppies." On Friday night the homecoming football game began, and the Pirates won the game 45-0. Every homecoming game comes with the crowning of a homecoming queen. The homecoming court consisted of three attendants: freshman Ashley Cummins, sophomore Paige Dillman, and junior Kathryn Leicht. The three nominees for queen were Santana Donelson, Lindsey Morgan, and Erica Miller. But, at the end of the night, only one could be the winner, and Erica Miller took the crown. All in all, homecoming week was great fun for everyone.



Fall Homecoming Queen Erica Miller with her escort junior Chris DeCorte.
 Photo/Yearbook Editor Emily Haines

HHS---Who are the Culprits?

~Erika Barron and Lair McGregor
 Seriously? Now this is just starting to aggravate our fancy as well as many other students. First off, you know who you are you annoying little people who hoard the hallway. STOP! This ticks everybody off! No one cares about your little trash talk stories that you scream about through the hallway. Let alone, we don't want to wait as you block our way to our next class. MOVE! Another thing that makes us furious is the graffiti written on the bathroom stalls. Sure it's amusing to read, but what's the point? Think about the janitors who have to wash that stuff off the stalls. Maybe you don't care, but the people you're writing this about do. If you can't say it to their face, then don't waste your time writing it on the stalls. A third thing that annoys us is, shall we say, the costumes some students wear to school and no we aren't talking about spirit week. Is there really any reason to wear your pajamas or any other weird attire that is inappropriate for school? The answer is no. Every day we pass the strangest people wearing the weirdest attire. We aren't trying to make fun of people, we are simply trying to encourage those sad patrons to gain some common sense when it comes to what should be done, or worn, at school.

We also want to know what the deal is with the people with wheeled backpacks who like to block the hallway and sometimes even trip people. Why, just the other day a chum of ours tripped over one of these devil-tools, Kate we hope you're okay. Now to the person who tripped her, may the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpit. Alright, now as for you irritating chumps who like to pass in the lunch line, there's enough food for everybody! Just because your "best bud" is up in the front it doesn't mean you're reserved a spot up there with him/her. What is this, VIP day? Very Ignorant Passer!

Ok, the time has come to pull up your pants. Men, we are addressing you. You may think it's flattering to let your pants hang past your knees, but let us just us be very simple; it's not! Your student handbook, which you got at the beginning of the year, clearly states this: "Trousers, pants, and jeans must be pulled up to an appropriate level and zipped and fastened. Low slung pants and excessively oversized clothing will not be permitted." If you don't believe us, then you may want to take the time to check your student handbook on page eighteen, number twelve. Yeah, take that!

We may continue on this in our next issue, but, until then, remember this: don't crowd the halls, don't write on the stalls, wear appropriate attire to school, and keep that attire pulled up! Last but not least, NEVER, pass in the lunch line. HHS we are watching.

Poetry/Music at HHS

~Quinton Jones

I can say for a lot of people I know that poetry isn't something they would express to be a strong point and doesn't come naturally.

It might seem unnecessary to some, but what's unnecessary for some might be necessary to others. I myself am a poet and have been for many years now and plan to continue poetry into college. Poetry translates intense emotion and relays personality through words. It's something we all have in common.

How could I say that everyone loves poetry? Every one that I know loves music, very diverse music that ranges in by personal interest. Take poetry, and add high-hats, snares, tom-toms, pianos, organs, and guitars. Instruments create the type of music we like personally. Music has played an important role during the era's of American evolution and change.

Poetry is deeper than "roses are red, violets are blue," poetry is a fascinating form of artistic expression which extends into the character of the writer. Like poetry, music tries to create a sense of empathy for the listener, something that will allow the audience to understand what is being expressed. All musicians intend to do with songs what poets intend to do with poems. Both are forms of art that will continue to teach you more as you travel through life.

Music is a major part of American culture as I would assume, to be a part of every great society. Since the dawn of time I think that man has created some form of music. Perhaps it began with beating on rocks. Music creates a sense of freedom through the love of participating. I've come to notice how the evolution of music has incorporated itself into every form of advertisement, entertainment, and all of media. Music is cool, weird, dramatic, funny, happy, angry, and basically, should allow us to enjoy it.

My reason for writing the above is to allow you to understand more about the two different types of art, and to know the importance of them both.

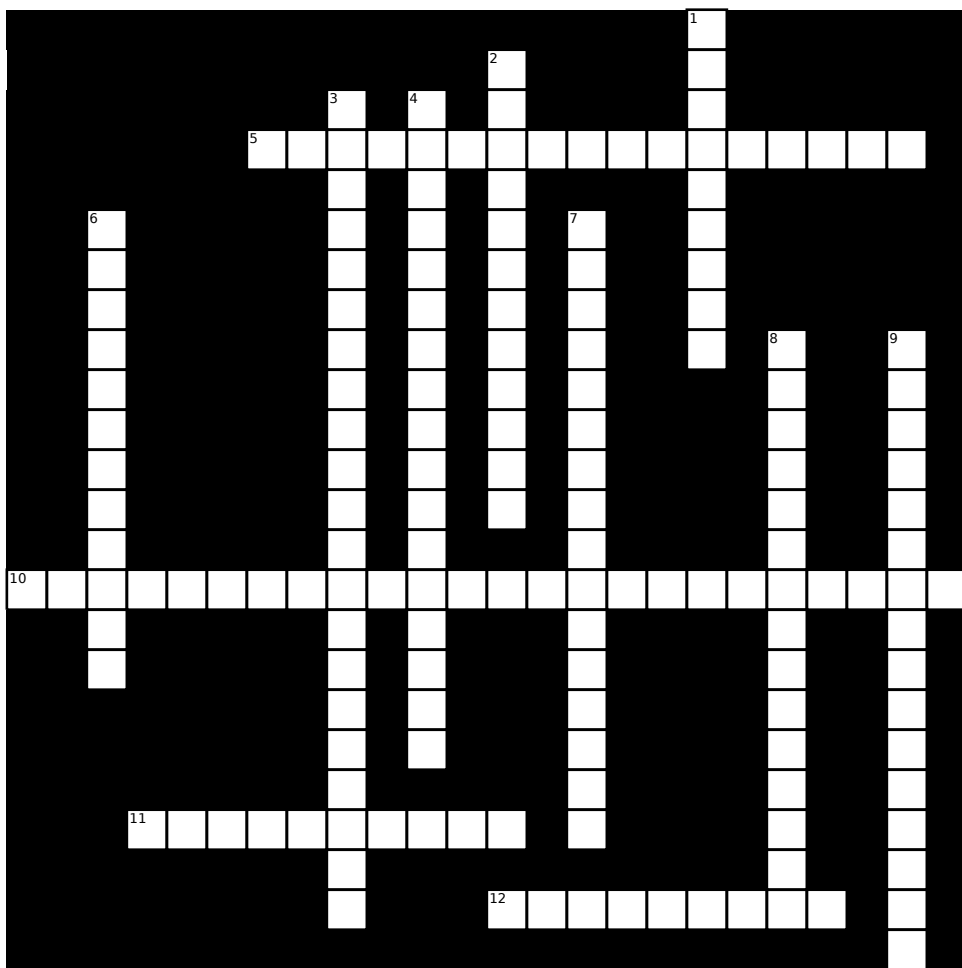
My point is, HHS should offer more classes that study the art of poetry, and the art of music.

I don't mean band, I mean a class where you would be able cover different genres of music, and study them, and learn more about them. Listening to music in the classroom and having discussions about what we feel the message of the song is. Does it have a message, and what does that's genre or particular song mean to you. These are two art forms that I hope the school will incorporate into the students learning experience; it is something that I look forward to being seen as electives for the future generation of students.

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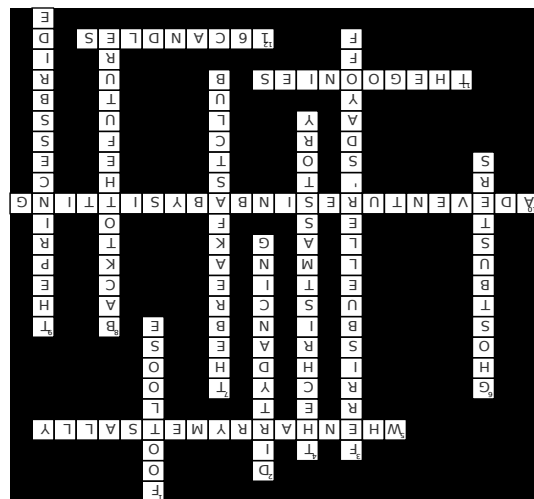
~Erika Barron

Famous 80s Movie



- Across**
- 5 "Baby talk? That's not a saying...Oh, but "baby fish mouth" is sweeping the nation? I hear them talking." (4 words)
 - 10 "I don't think your parents will ever ask me to babysit again...If they do, I'd ask for a buck more an hour." (3 words)
 - 11 "I just saw the most amazing thing in my entire life...First you gotta do the truffle shuffle." (2 words)
 - 12 "That's why they call them crushes. If they were easy, they'd call them something else." (2 words)

- Down**
- 1 "Hey, I like that hat! They sell men's clothes where you got that?"
 - 2 "Nobody puts Baby in a corner." (2 words)
 - 3 "Cameron, my dear friend, you thought we wouldn't have any fun. Shame on you!" (4 words)
 - 4 "I want an official Red Ryder Two-Hundred Shot Range Model Air Rifle...You'll shoot your eye out kid." (3 words)
 - 6 "Maybe now you'll never slime a guy with with a positron collider."
 - 7 "How come Andrew gets to get up? If he gets up...we'll all get up...it'll be anarchy!" (3 words)
 - 8 "1.21 Gigawatts? 1.21 Gigawatts? Great Scott!...What the heck is a gigawatt?" (4 words)
 - 9 "Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die...Stop saying that!" (3 words)



Club's Choice order forms and money due Tuesday and Wednesday Oct. 27 and 28 Delivery is Nov. 19 from 2:30-3:30pm Don't forget, the top seller will receive \$50 CASH, must sell 15 items, two \$25 CASH awards as well.

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NHS Annual Induction

~Contributed

The annual induction ceremony of the Hannibal High School National Honor Society will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 22, in the high school auditorium. The following officers will be in charge of the program: Daniel Ouellette, president; Camille Hackamack, vice-president; Marilee Murphy, Secretary; Eli Jackson, Treasurer.

There will be 9 seniors and 26 juniors inducted as members. They include the following: Seniors: Josh Beers, Katherine Billing, Sally Clayton, Julia Collins, Emily Haines, Elizabeth Hyde, Jason Rice, Heidi Turner, and Kyle Wessel.

Juniors: Angela Bode, Emma Burditt, Jamie Closser, David Colborn, Alyson Conn, Taryn Dungan, Jalyynn Gieseke, Erica

Graham, Sarah Hammock, Jared Held, Kayleigh Johnson, Bhavesh Katbamna, Lindsay Linderman, Lyndie Mays, Katie Merrell, James Moffitt, Kristen Philbert, Christopher Sheffer, Clara Stewart, Mackenzie Stratton, Heaven Tallman, Paul Trenhaile, Meredith Voss, Kailey Wessel, Emily Yarbrough, and James Zeiger.

The inductees are chosen based on the following criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale at the end of their sophomore year. Student's who think they qualify but are not listed above can make an appeal to Mr. Sharkey by Friday, October 30, 2009.

Senior Bulletin

~Grace Bixler

SCHOLARSHIP DUE DATES
Elks Lodge Most Valuable 10/26
Horatio Alger 10/30

Starting Oct. 19 seniors who wish to win the early dismissal need to purchase a "Link to Stop Violence" for 25¢, the class with the most wins!

- COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES**
- Southeast MO State
 - Culver Stockton
 - University of Central MO
 - Westminster University
 - John Wood Community
 - Western Illinois
 - Webster University
 - Columbia
 - MO State
 - Northwest MO State

- 10/26/09 @ 1:05pm
- 10/27/09 @ 9:30am
- 10/28/09 @ 7:45am
- 10/29/09 @ 1:05pm
- 11/9/09 @ 10:30am
- 11/4/09 @ 2:00pm
- 11/11/09 @ 1:30pm
- 11/12/09 @ 9:00am
- 11/17/09 @ 10:30am
- 12/2/09 @ 1:30pm