

The Black and Red

An Aggregation of Academic Aptitude

~Christopher Sheffer

There are a group of students at Hannibal High School which embody perception and ingenuity. It is the epitome of intelligence, intellect incarnate! However, it is not beyond the reach of any student. The sky is the limit, but the airplane has already been invented. Anyone can be a part of this illustrious Academic Team.

Co-sponsor Amy Sternke says, "We are a team of students from all four grade levels who meet on a weekly basis throughout the school year to practice for tournaments. It's called the sport of the mind." The purpose of Academic Team is to answer various questions from different areas of subject matter. A buzzer system is used when teams compete against each other, so one's physical reflexes are just as important as one's mental reflexes. Four people can compete at any given time for each team, respectively. Team members switch in and out accordingly, which is also the case for other team sports,



Mid-term graduation see page 4.

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like soccer or basketball. "Because the students have different areas that they specialize in, they are able to rely on other members of the team to answer questions they don't know," says Mrs. Sternke. Sophomore Kane Laks adds, "We improve our academic knowledge by answering academic questions."

Contrary to popular belief, the Academic Team is not synonymous with "The Geek Club." "We're not nerdy; we're actually really fun, so I think more people should come check us out. People should come visit us to promote "Academic Team awareness" at the high school," says Mrs. Sternke. Co-sponsor Michelle Conrad says, "I think that being a member of an Academic Team for at least a couple years, if not more, is an excellent way to help college and scholarship committees see you as someone set apart from all the other applicants that they receive. We have had two of our former members graduate from Harvard, one from Princeton, at least two from Washington University, and several others from Truman and Mizzou." Being involved in the Academic Team can benefit college-bound students.

The student members have their own opinions of the team. When asked his opinion of the Academic Team, senior Kyle Lehenbauer said, "It's okay." When asked whether or not he had any more to say, he said, "No." Finally, Kane Laks had this comment to make, "When we answer questions wrong, Mrs. Sternke locks herself in a closet and cries until it's all over." One might ask Mrs. Sternke whether this is true...

Now then, for your own personal edification, Mrs. Sternke extends a friendly challenge to all students. She has agreed to award a prize to the first three students who come to her room with the correct answers to the follow questions: "Determine the value of x for which this sequence



Queen Katie Miller with her escort Matt Powell and her attendants.

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Homecoming 2010

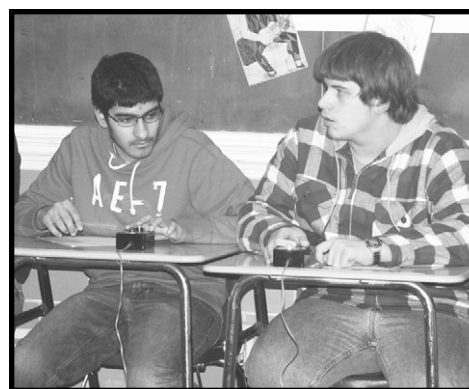
~Erika Barron

Homecoming night, February 2nd, 2010, was one full of big wins, great shots, and the crowning of a new HHS homecoming queen. Homecoming night started out with the JV team facing off against the Boonville Pirates. It was a very intense game for the audience to watch with many great passes being thrown. Although the Hannibal Pirates tried their best

to win the game, the Boonville Pirates won the game, 62-52.

After the JV game ended it came time for a new homecoming queen to be crowned. The freshman attendant was Tessa Bieniek who was accompanied by Grant Taylor. The sophomore attendant was Krystal Ferguson who was accompanied by Mark Nemes. The junior attendant was Lyndie Mays who was accompanied by Kaleb Wheelan. The three senior attendants were Miranda Crane accompanied by Matt Flannigan, Katie Miller accompanied by Matt Powell, and Brittini Shaw accompanied by Jason Rice. Last year's homecoming queen, Carissa Brown, came back to crown this year's new queen. The winner was Katie Miller.

After the crowning of the queen, the time came for the varsity game to begin. It was a great game to watch. In the first quarter the Hannibal Pirates scored fourteen points. The second quarter went very well too. After thirty-three seconds into the quarter our team wiped out Boonville's four point lead and tied the game up at eighteen. As the game went on, the Hannibal Pirates showed they were definitely there to win. They scored six three pointers in the game — three by Michael Shivers, two by Sam McBride, and one by Logan Hicks. The Hannibal Pirates went on to win the game with a huge victory over the Boonville Pirates with a final score of 83-45.



Bhavesh Katbanna and Kyle Lehenbauer practice for Academic Team.

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forms an arithmetic progression: 25, x , 17..." "The town of Hamelin, according to the story, was overrun by what life form?" "The three main bee castes include the queen, the workers, and _____." "In 1947 the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in a region that is part of what country?" "The first attempt at a written U.S. constitution resulted in a document called the _____." Good luck, students!



Freshman Thomas Payne shoots the ball in the game against Moberly.

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Hoops All the Way

~Miranda Crane

The boys' basketball team has had quite a season so far. Attending the basketball games is a great way to get involved with HHS. Becoming a Korf Krazie is a fun and exciting way to cheer on the team! However this article is not about school spirit, but about who we are cheering for! The basketball team! I recently had the opportunity to talk to boys basketball coach, Matt Pugh, about the team. I asked him the stats of the season so far, and the goals for the team. He said, "Our record as of today is 8-11. We are hoping to improve on that and get back to .500. We are currently in 4th place in the conference which is an improvement from our last place finish a year ago. We have more than doubled our win total from last year

Basketball of HHS in Regards to Femininity

~Christopher Sheffer

The basketball season carries on indefinitely. Technically it will end at some point, but nobody wants to think about that. Anyway, the female basketball athletes of Hannibal High School are still persevering valiantly. With each game they play they gain more and more experience. This experience will ultimately make them play better as a team, and they will be proud of themselves for their hard work. Of course, only in time will all of the improvements be able to be recognized; these are coming inevitably. However, there are already improvements happening of late.

The JV team is getting along famously. The season seems to be an

and hope to get to at least ten wins this year."

"A couple of our goals for this year, other than getting to double digit wins, is to finish in the top half of the conference and to get out of the first round of districts." The season is coming to an end; therefore, you need to come and support the team. The three seniors on the team are Zach Roisum, Mat Sims, and Kyle Roberts. The varsity homecoming game against Boonville on February 2nd was a great success with a win of 83-45! So, put on your black and red and come out to Korf Gym and support the Pirates!

overall success thus far. Sophomore Cassidy Trenhaile says, "It's a lot better than the varsity team's because we're playing girls more our age that have less experience." It makes sense for the JV team to be winning games against teams which are good matches for them. As the season progresses, they will become even more skilled. "We're becoming closer as a team coming together. We have a pretty good amount of talent. When you have talent plus team, you have a formula for winning," remarks Trenhaile.

Trenhaile expresses that the season is proving to be more challenging for the Varsity team. "I think it's

mostly a learning season. It's pretty rough at times. It gets tiring losing a lot, but you just have to suck it up and keep trying," she says. However, in spite of the difficulties, the team is determined to get better every day. Trenhaile says, "I like how practice is going because in practice you improve, and you can become closer as a team." As the team becomes more experienced the girls will gain confidence and develop more strategic capabilities as a cohesive unit. In the meantime, the girls need the support of the student body and of their families. "I hope our school keeps supporting our team and doesn't tear us down."



Freshman Theresa Sheffer shoots a free throw.

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Hitting the Mat Hard

~Quinton Jones

The wrestling season started off great. It began with a tournament in Neosho, MO December 5, 2009. The tournament was the beginning of an exciting season for the Pirates team because nearly all varsity wrestlers came home with top three finishes.

The next meet was to be held at Kirksville the following week, on Tuesday, but it was postponed. Their next was later in the week on Friday, also at Kirksville for the second tournament of the season.

There were key tournaments during the season which tested the Pirates, such as the Toshiba Classic, or KCI tournament. This is considered by many wrestlers to be the hardest weekend of the wrestling season. Thirty-two high school teams from ten states came to Kansas City to wrestle at the KCI Expo center. Teams such as Texas, Alabama, Georgia,

Tennessee, Iowa, and others are all part of this huge tournament. Since the seasons start in early December, there have already been quite a few highlights in the Pirates' wrestling season.

The Pirates' first matches of the month began with a duel against Fulton and Fort Zumwalt East at Warrenton High School. The next challenge was a tournament against Francis Howell Central, and the next one is at Helias for a duel, before district kicks off against Timberland. Districts are where the matches really begin to count for the Pirate Wrestling team. The fight towards placing in state or capturing a state title begins with the start of that weekend.

We wish the Pirates all the luck in the world at the districts, and are looking forward to them bringing home big wins for Hannibal and, of course, themselves.



Jacob Borgmeyer holds the opposing wrestler down while he waits for the referee.

Photo/Mrs. Heimer

Girls' Swimming

~Erin Matson

The girls' swim team is doing well this season. They currently have won all of their dual and tri meets. They went to some invitationals and had top finishes at them. Also, seven of the fifteen team members have qualified for state and the team is seeded above the top six in four events. Coach Rachel Smith, a middle school P.E. teacher, is satisfied with the team's performance during practice and meets. Several of the girls have achieved their personal best times.



Seniors Emily Abel, Lindsay Heibel, and Emily Richards pose on Senior Night.

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Coach Smith noted that Rebekah Land went a 57.99 in the 100 Back, which is a fast time for being in season. Jaylynn Gieske has been doing marvelously in her 100 Fly. Coach Smith expects her to be in the top eight. Allie Land has shaved off a significant amount of time in all of her events. Kay Gieske is working very hard and could break the school record in the 100 Free. Samantha Cockrell stands out at practice, works hard, and pushes her teammates to do the same.

Coach Smith had this to say about the team, "The team is a very interesting group of girls with several different personalities. They know how to work together and push each other at practice. They help each other to become faster."



Senior, Zach Nichols, is signed on to Southern Community College in Burlington, Iowa which is a division one junior college for baseball.



Senior, Camille Hackamack, is signed on for a Division One for the University of Missouri Columbia for track.



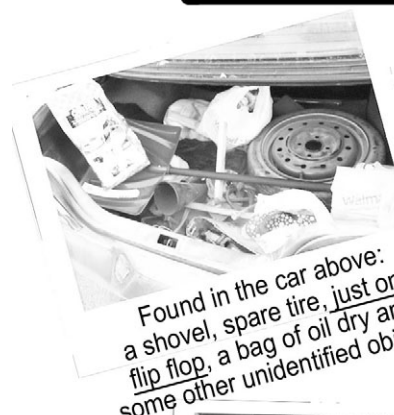
Senior, Matt Sims, signs on for a Division One football scholarship at Northern Illinois University. He will be play for a coach who was once a head coach at Webb City.



WHATS-IN



YOUR-CAR



Found in the car above: a shovel, spare tire, just one flip flop, a bag of oil dry and some other unidentified objects.



When zoomed in on the car above I found: a sled, a shovel, a blanket, a small dinosaur, sand bags, and vaseline. Underneath all of this, school binders.



In this car you can see school books just scattered among piles of clothing.



What's In Your Car?

~Lairyn McGregor

On a more serious note many students drive themselves to school every day. With the weather being as crazy as it has been it is important to make sure you have the proper items in your car in case of an emergency.

First, in colder weather it is very important to have an ice scraper on hand to remove the ice and snow from your car. You should also be sure to always have a blanket in your car. You never know if or when your car will break down, and it is important to have a blanket for warmth if you are stuck for a long period of time. This should also be kept on hand even in nice weather.

On another note you and your clumsy friend are on a road trip. When looking at the map your friend gets one nasty paper cut. Make sure you keep a small first aid kit somewhere in your car, it will easily fit in a glove box. Your friend will appreciate using your antibacterial ointment and bandaids.

Jumper cables are a necessity. It is not uncommon for people to come

to their cars only to find a dead battery, usually caused by forgetting to turn your lights off. However, be sure you know how to use the jumper cables properly to avoid injury to yourself and the vehicle. Always keep a charged cell phone on in your car along with a car charger for your cell phone. But take care to not be too distracted by your phone! For those of us under the age of twenty-one, it is now illegal to text and drive in the state of Missouri.

Flat tires are aggravating but in scenarios like these, it is best to keep a spare tire or at least a tire repair kit to keep you going for a short period of time until you can fix it fully. But wait, it is dark outside! How will you see what you're doing? A flashlight! A flashlight can be helpful in all sorts of situations.

So, next time you go out for a drive, be prepared for any sort of emergency. Most car accidents are caused by a lack of attention on the road, so keep your eyes on the road and pay full attention! All of that being said, buckle up and arrive alive!

Prepare Yourselves...or the Jungle Will Take You

~Christopher Sheffer

Addressing all students of Hannibal High School, there will come a time in the very near future, and, when this time comes, only those who know how to study shall be spared from lives full of misery and greasy food that will forever ruin the complexion of all who consume it. The time is coming that some of you may choose to go to college. Colleges are nothing more than vast jungles disguised as buildings, and in jungles only the strongest, cleverest, and most diligent survive. It is not an easy feat because there are many ancient and wise creatures in said jungles that will test you rigorously on a daily basis. Some may know these creatures as college professors. These college professors have one purpose, as far as you should know, and that is to turn those amateur explorers that come to their jungles into hardened veterans. Welcome to the real world, students of Hannibal High School.

Now, it may be true that some of you may not want or need to go to college. In this case, all power to you. However, for those of you who plan on going to college, read on if it pleases you. Studying will make all the difference in college. College is essentially just like high school, except that it is set at a much faster pace with more difficult subject matter. Some of you may be naturally gifted, and so you do not need to study; or perhaps you are not fond of studying, and so you do not study anyway. This being said, college will be easy for some and challenging for others, but everyone has to study at least a little bit. Knowing how to study effectively can be a useful skill to have.

Everyone learns at different paces and can learn most successfully in different ways. For example, some people learn best by hearing information; others may benefit most

from seeing information. Making little songs, acronyms, or word associations can help people memorize things. Yes, the key is memorization. Mind you, this advice is coming from a fellow student. Taking this into consideration, if anything you read here seems at all fishy, then you should marinate it with soy sauce, grill it, and see how it tastes. If it still tastes fishy, then disregard it. If it tastes like soy sauce, then it is legitimate. "Soy sauce...it's that important."

Anyway, back to the matter at hand, memorization is an important thing. If you memorize something, then you will know it for a long time. The next step is retention, and it is even more important than memorization. Basically, retention means remembering something for a very long time, perhaps forever. If you have to carve it into your brain, do it. In college it is your responsibility to learn. If you fail, the professors still get paid. Remember this: "You will study, and you will remember, or you will fail."

Half Way There and a Little Smaller

~Grace Bixler

On January 15, 2010 fifty-one students began lives in the real world. They graduated from high school in search of something higher. The evening of graduation started off with a packed auditorium full of crying babies. Our principal Mr. Sharkey gave his farewell speech to the first graduates of 2010. In his speech Mr. Sharkey read Dr. Seuss's book *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* For some it was a tearful goodbye, and for others it was a moment of relief.

Walking across the stage was not mandatory. Forty-three of the graduates decided to make the walk across the stage their last presence at high school as students.

Service in Action

~Miranda Crane

Service in Action is a wonderful asset at Hannibal High School. However, the program is only offered to seniors and sometimes juniors. But underclassmen, do keep in mind that it is only just around the corner for you. The program helps seniors earn their A+ hours by assisting teachers in a elementary or middle school classroom. In order to receive A+ college funding you are required to have 50 hours of tutoring time logged by the end of the year or semester. I recently had a chance to interview Mrs. Riney, the A+ coordinator, for her views of the program. According to her, HHS has participated in the service in action program for fourteen years. "Beneficial," is how Mrs. Riney describes service in action in one word. I also asked her what benefits A+ offers students and the school district receive. According to Mrs. Riney, "Younger students will have the benefit of a high school student helping in the classroom, middle school and

elementary teachers have the benefit of a high school student in their classroom for assistance, and not only are high school students earning their A+ hours they are helping someone else." Being a service in action student myself, I completely agree with all of the benefits she described. Last but not least, I had the opportunity to ask her if she knows of any examples of service in action being a good asset to our school. "I always have kids coming back and saying they never thought they would want to be a teacher until they participated in the service in action program. I always have teachers and students coming to me with good and positive comments." So, even if you are not planning on becoming a teacher or working in a child care field, service in action will provide you with many benefits. Trust me, working with kids and helping them is well worth it. So, if you are an underclassmen and you are trying to figure out your senior year, don't forget service in action!



Row One: Scott David Allen Bizaillion, Shawn Douglas Boyd, Brittney Lynn Nicole Bradley, Kanisha Lynette Byas, Charles Allen Calvert, Christopher Michael Calvert, Elizabeth Marie Christal, Cheyenne Marie Collins, Weston Gene David, Gary Matthew Davis, Michelle Kay Deavers Row Two: Santana Marie Donelson, Ali Rai Faulkner, Brandon Matthew Francis, Mark Elliott Giessinger II, Jessika Danielle Goodpasture, Amber Nichole Green, Brinley Jane Hall, Ryan Louis Hudson, Bretta Ann Johnson, Angela Dawn Keith, Letha Michelle Kuntz Row Three: Blair Marie Kyle, Maigan Nicole McKinney, Bret Mitchell Martenson, Schalan Jacob Mattox, Lauren Kristin Nair, Gilbert Adam Joseph Quiroz, Amber LeeAnn Riley, Kayla Marie Rodgers, Matthew Ray Schenck, Shelby J. Scott, Dezirae Nicole Shaw Row Four: Cassady Daltyn-Zerbonia Shuck, Bridget Jean Nichole Sims, Amber Ada Snyder, Holly Ann Spencer, Skylar Wayne Standbridge, Codey Alan Tate, Ryan Patrick Tatman, Kevin Gene Vickers, Shelbi Nicole Wade, Brandon Edward White Not Pictured: Nicole Renee Benjamin, Jonathan Ray Fishbeck, Aleczandra Jazman Noelle Helms, Corey Allen Peretti, Latasha Kuteal Rhone, Jacob Alan Romig, Mitchell E. Singleton, Brittney Ann Townsley

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“Stop Acting Squirrely”

~Grace Bixler

We all know her, even those of us who were not blessed with having her for freshman world studies; but have you ever wondered why she chose to teach it? “I like the sociology of it. I like the people aspect of it.” So it is not the history she likes, is this a surprise? It should not be. As a child she always wanted to be “a social worker, I wanted to help people.” In her senior year in high school Mrs. Perry had the experience of job shadowing a teacher and decided she would like to become a teacher. Like most teachers Mrs. Perry enjoys being around the high school students. She had this reason, “I like the interaction, the outlook on life, and they make me feel hopeful.”

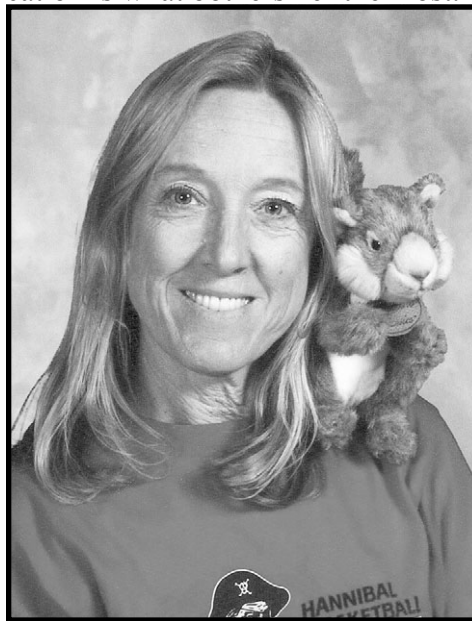
She likes people. So is that why she wanted to be a cop too? I am sure many have heard the rumors or the stories we would swear were true. “It’s like the telephone game. Part of it is true and a lot of it is not. I was injured. My first degree was in administration of justice. After my injury I went back to MU to earn my degree in education.” Next time you hear a rumor about Mrs. Perry’s past just consider is this true? Maybe part of it is, and other parts may not be.

As some of you know, Mrs. Perry does not live in Hannibal. So, have you ever wondered why on earth she drives so far to teach at little ol’ Hannibal? “I wanted to teach at a larger school. Mrs. Perry is a teacher who is

completely enjoyable, and fortunately, she isn’t retiring any time soon.

Now, what you are all probably wanting to know is what started Mrs. Perry’s squirrel obsession. I am sure some of you have heard rumors, but those can now come to an end. This is the official story, and we will stick to it. “It all started with a beany baby named Mr. Nutkins and football players.” Mrs. Perry’s famous phrase is, “Quit squirreling around!” (Did I say that right? Or was there more?) After those few words were said, students began the squirrel tradition that is still alive today. From kidnapping to ransom notes, Mrs. Perry’s love for squirrels has grown.

For all of the students who love Mrs. Perry, stay in school. High school students not valuing their education is what bothers her the most.



Mrs. Perry’s recent school picture.



Getting to Know your Foreign Exchange Student

~Miranda Crane

It is a privilege for Hannibal High School that there is a foreign exchange student in our midst. This year Rafeal Melo has come to us all the way from the country of Brazil. I recently had the chance to ask Rafeal a few questions about life in Brazil as compared to life here in the United States. I asked him what he thought about the snow and if he had seen snow before he moved here. “This was my first time I had seen snow. I live pretty close to the ocean, so the temperature is never that cold, but I like the snow, I like to ski.” I asked him if there was anything that he saw for the first time in the United States that he had never seen in Brazil. “I saw football and baseball. The animals I saw were squirrels and deer.”

I was very interested in learning what school is like in Brazil, so I asked him to describe a typical school day. “The school in Brazil has six blocks in a day, and the classes last one hour per block. You don’t choose your classes, and your lunch shift is divided by your grade, like all the seniors are together; all the juniors; all the sophomores; and the freshman. The classes are divided into grade level too. You can also play the same

sport all year long because they are not divided into seasons.”

Of course, we are all wondering what his first day was like here at HHS. He said, “I didn’t know many people and couldn’t understand the people. I was very hungry, and I ate chicken that day.” He informed me that he does not find many contrasts between the two cultures, except when he notices something differently than what is familiar to him. He often asks himself, “Why do they do this?” This would be true for us if we put ourselves in his shoes. We would be asking the same questions.

Now that you know his views about differences between Brazil and the United States, I will give you a little information about him! I asked him what he likes about attending HHS and a little about himself! He said, “I like anatomy class and liked going to the Jack of Hearts dance! I am also very excited about prom! I like to hang out with friends and listen to music. I start baseball in the spring and I have never played before because Brazil does not have baseball but I like it. My favorite subject is anatomy; I really like Ms. Graves. My favorite food is pizza; my favorite color, blue; and my favorite sport, soccer.”



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~Lair McGregor and Erika Barron

WARNING: None of the following is to be taken seriously. It is all completely ridiculous and sarcastic.

Aries (March 21 - April 19):

Your obsession with *you know who* is getting flat out ridiculous! Let us grab a hold of reality for a second and take it for a stroll, shall we? Once you do that, you will find that you have been merely living in a dream, and that there is no hope for you and that person.

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Taurus (April 20 - May 20):

Beware of all bearded people this month. You will find that your assumptions were correct. It is all a plot. RUN! Run away and never return. Please.

★★★

Gemini (May 21 - June 20):

You are not really a Gemini. You are just a low life creeper who enjoys reading other people's horoscopes, you nosy little plankton.

★★★★★

Cancer (June 21 - July 22):

The fairy people have much in store for you, fellow, as do the mon-geese.

★★★★★

Leo (July 23 - August 22):

Your lurking through the woods at night will soon be over. You have found the answer to life. There is no need for those tribal dances that you jolly down the hallways with any longer! Nor is there a need for your existence on Earth.

★★★★★

Virgo (August 23 - September 22):

Remember that trip that you wanted to take to the zoo? The stars tell us that you may want to reconsider. As you pass the elaborate birds you will start something you do not

want to finish.

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Libra (September 23 - October 22):

In the near future you will realize that the time has come to go into hiding. Your friends, as well as everyone else, have noticed that the stinky gas you like to pass is worsening global warming more than all the U.S citizens combined.

No stars for you.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):

You somehow have accomplished making everyone around you burst into laughter with your presence. Unfortunately, today is the day you see that they are all laughing AT you, not with you.

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Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):

Although you strive to succeed in school and other tasks, you fail miserably. This is not new; in fact many around you have noticed it. But don't worry; most people have the courtesy to not say anything about it, at least not to your face.

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Capricorn (December 22 - January 19):

So, you don't believe in unicorns, eh? Well, the day is young, my friend. The day is young.

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Aquarius (January 20 - February 18):

You may think you are hip talking with your text lingo, saying things like "JK" and "LOL." However, this will change when U.S Immigration authorities mistake it some foreign language and ship you out of the country.

★★

Pisces (February 19 - March 20):

Prepare yourself for extensive, rambling, and boring voicemail messages coming to your phone all day.

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Opinion

Humorous Websites

~Erika Barron and Lair McGregor

Almost everyone searches the Internet, and many of these people are searching for humorous things and other forms of entertainment. Luckily for you, we have found several humorous websites that we are willing to share with you.

First, the website for People of Wal-Mart (www.peopleofwalmart.com), this website is absolutely hilarious. Despite the fact that it is probably illegal to do so, it gives you the opportunity to submit pictures of the strangest things and people you see on the Wal-Mart premises. Some are rather disturbing but are funny all the same. Another fun site is for all of those average people in the world. You can post your average life stories at My Life Is Average (www.mylifeisaverage.com) and read others that are posted.

Facebook is currently one of the largest social networking sites around. We all have seen things that we would rather go through our whole lives not seeing on Facebook. Now people have the chance to post funny, disturbing, and just flat out weird things people decide to post on their Facebook on Lamebook (www.lamebook.com). Another great site similar to these is called Failbook (<http://fail-book.tumblr.com/>). In addition to these Facebook related sites is My Parents Joined Facebook (www.myparentsjoinedfacebook.com). Now you can post and share with friends the embarrassing things your parents put on their Facebook accounts!

Fail Blog (www.failblog.org) is a site where you post pictures and videos of things that simply fail. It is quite humorous what you will find on this website.

Our personal favorite would have to be Mystery Google (www.mysterygoogle.com). Mystery Google is a search engine that gives you the search results of the previous person who searched for something before

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you. Apart from receiving strange results there is also another fun feature. All you have to do is simply type "give me a mission" in the search bar. If you're lucky, you will receive a mission in the search bar on the results page. An example of this, based on personal experiences, would be "Your Mission: Speak in an accent completely opposite of your own tomorrow, regardless of where you go." If you don't receive a mission on your first try, keep trying because you are bound to receive one at some point. If you are not looking for a mission to complete, it is still fun to see what the people before you have searched for on Google.

Next time you are free, hopefully you will decide to check some of these websites out as we are sure you will get a laugh.



How Can You Annoy Thee? Let Us Count The Ways...

~Erika Barron and Lairyn McGregor

It never fails to amaze us in the cafeteria when the immature males at HHS find it humorous to imitate the sound of the bell ringing. First, the bell will ring when it is the correct time to do so. Is it necessary for you to make obnoxious noises several minutes before the bell is even scheduled to ring? No, it is not. We can tell time and we are not as stupid as you may think us to be.

While on the topic of annoyances in the cafeteria, why is it people feel the need to wave their hand under the Germ-X dispenser and not even use the Germ-X? Instead they allow it to accumulate into a big puddle on the floor. One question, why? We are not sure, but it is ridiculous all the same. The Germ-X is there to sanitize your hands, not the floor!

Recently, we have witnessed some students at this school wearing

SHORTS. Yes, shorts are practical in the summer however it is winter and the time has come to wear pants. Lately, temperatures have been in the low twenties with negative degree wind chills! "Hm... shorts or pants today? What is the weather like? Only -14 degrees, you say? Shorts it is!" NO! This is not smart, and just shows that one lacks common sense.

Chomp. Chomp. Chomp. Chomp. Does this get annoying? Chomp. Chomp. Chomp. Imagine listening to that behind your neck every class. Gum is nice; however, it is very annoying when you hear it being chomped right behind your ear throughout a whole class period. Enough said, chomp, chomp.

Why is it that sophomores now have the right to park in the junior/

senior parking lot in front of the auditorium? As we recall, the name is "Junior/Senior Parking Lot," there is no mention of sophomores anywhere in that title. When the current juniors and seniors of HHS were sophomores, they were made to park behind the first speed bump behind the middle school near the tennis courts. This is ridiculous. Yes, there is a new policy where GPA is a factor in determining who can park where, but it is not fair. The sophomores are enrolled in easier classes, therefore probably being able to maintain a higher GPA than seniors or juniors that were taking weighted classes.

That is it for this month, but remember, Totty the elf says, "Every time a Sonic Card is given a Coney gets its cheese!" Until next time, stay cool home brotha.

Nostalgia (DS)

~Erin Matson

Imagine an alternate nineteenth century, where monsters infest world landmarks, and adventurers fly in airships. This is the world of *Nostalgia*. The quest begins in late nineteenth century London, England where you are controlling Edward Brown, a young nobleman who aspires to become an adventurer to search for his missing father. Your first task is to exterminate rats in the sewers of London where you meet a thug named Pad, who will be the first of three other characters to join you on your quest. Soon, the adventure will have you flying across the world in the *Maverick*, Edward's father's airship, working to unravel the mystery behind Gilbert's (Edward's father) disappearance and the Ancient Father's Cabal. The Ancient Father's Cabal is a crime organization that steals old artifacts for unknown purposes. They will be a constant thorn in your side throughout the game.

There are two kinds of battles in *Nostalgia*: airship and party. Party battles take place in dungeons; airship battles take place while you travel on the world map. Both are turn-based battles. Dungeon battles often require little effort and can often be won without the use of magic or skills. Airship battles are another story. They tend to be difficult, and you may be shot down a number of times (I was anyway). The dungeons themselves are fairly straightforward and contain only a few simple puzzles. The world map is a little confusing at times, but you should be able to figure it out in the end. The music and graphics are effective in creating beautiful settings and setting the mood accurately.

Overall, this is a good game. Granted, it is not innovative, but it is worth a shot. This is a game for lovers of role playing games or people who have never played an RPG but would like to start. *Nostalgia* deserves a seven out of ten. Good luck, brave adventurers!

Ranger's Apprentice Review

~Christopher Sheffer

Ranger's Apprentice, a series that has slowly risen out of obscurity throughout the previous decade, is revolutionizing the fantasy/adventure genre. There are already six books in the series that have been released to date, and the series is not showing signs of stopping any time soon. This series is written by an Australian man named John Flanagan. He has a very versatile sense of humor and a unique writing style, both of which enhance the series significantly. The story is set in a fictional kingdom called Araluen and its neighboring countries, all of which are modeled after real countries. The main character is an orphaned boy named Will who lives as a ward in Castle Redmont, located in one of the fifty fiefs in Araluen. Will aspires to be a knight. Although he never knew his parents, he has always envisioned his father as a courageous warrior who gave his life in battle. He wants to honor his father's memory by following in his footsteps. Unfortunately, Will is too small to be enrolled in the Battleschool, to his disappointment.

Instead, Will is chosen to become an apprentice to an old Ranger named Halt. The Rangers are the eyes and ears of the king, but they are feared by the common folk for their mysterious ways. At first Will does not know what to think about his new apprenticeship. However, Will learns to appreciate the importance of being a Ranger as he goes through intense training to prepare for his full initiation into the Ranger Corps. He develops a strong bond with his new mentor, Halt.

The plot is essentially composed of the events that make up the lives of the various characters. Will and his master Halt are the most prominent characters in the story, but each book introduces new characters that dominate the plot of that particular installment of the series. The many hap-

penings throughout the kingdom and the activities of the Ranger Corps are usually the most relevant, significant events in the series (in the first book especially). All the books following the first one focus primarily on the neighboring nations of Araluen. The introduction of different cultures into the series helps it maintain its appeal as an exciting and interesting literary collection. Mr. Flanagan's descriptive writing style makes the settings of each story seem realistic enough to be plausible. He seems to have done a lot of research for his books.

I wholeheartedly recommend this series to anyone who likes a good fantasy/adventure novel once in a while. It is comparable to *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*, but it is much more believable. They are not terribly lengthy books, so they are not quite as daunting as *Harry Potter* books or the average dictionary. This is my favorite series, and I think that it is one worth reading. "If the homework is light one day (or the summer is boring), then go buy this series from Amazon.com; help save the rainforest!"

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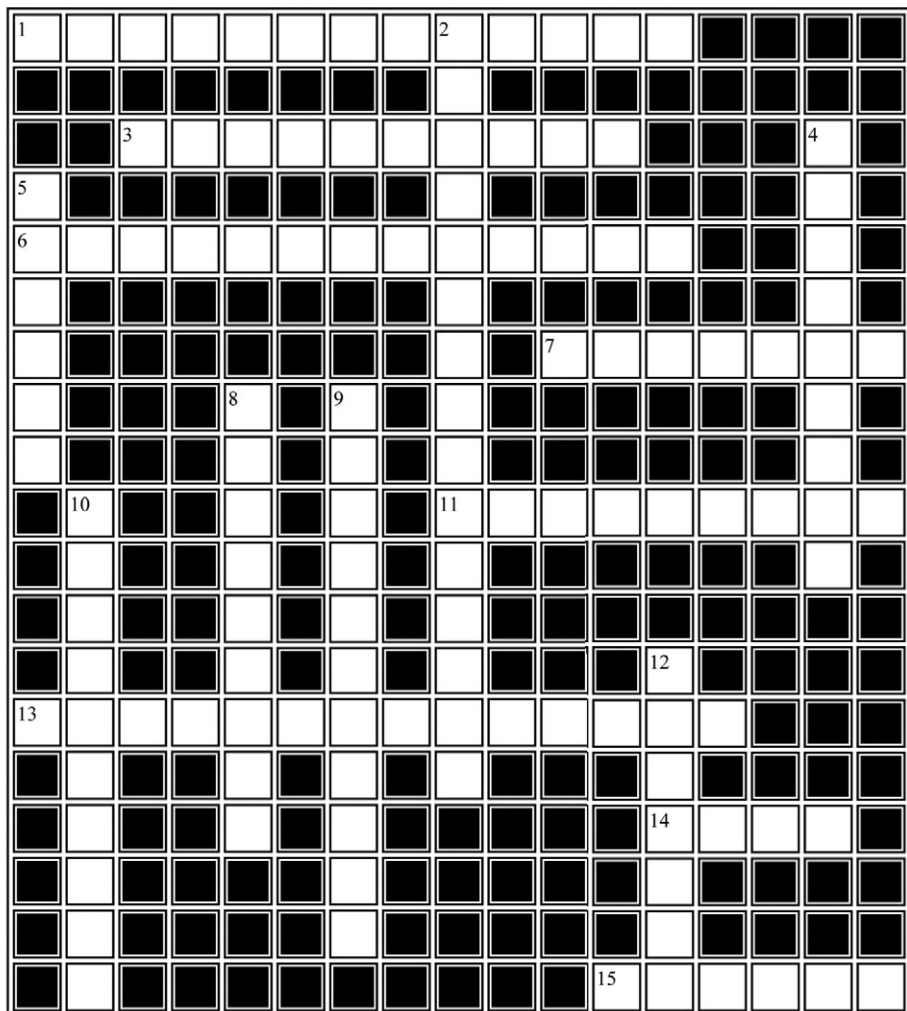
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Cross Word

~Erika Barron

Popular Songs On The Radio

This month's crossword puzzle features popular songs on the radio. They are either country songs or pop songs. The clue given is a small lyric from the song. Figure out what the song is and fill it in the boxes.



Across

1. Windows and rooms that I'm passin' through./ This is just a stop, on the way to where I'm going. (2 words)
3. And I wonder if I ever cross your mind./ For me it happens all the time. (3 words)
6. Tonight's the night, let's live it up./ I got my money, let's spend it up. (3 words)
7. It's your freshman year and you're gonna be here for the next four years in this town.
11. Cause when the roof caved in and the truth came out I just didn't know what to do. (2 words)
13. If I'm not the one thing you

- can't stand to lose./ If I'm not that arrow to the heart of you. (3 words)
14. Adios en vaya con dios./ Yah I'm leaving today.
 15. Shawty's like a melody in my head that I can't keep out.

Down

2. I'm in my room, it's a typical Tuesday night./ I'm listening to the kind of music she doesn't like. (4 words)
4. You better be careful what you do./ I wouldn't wanna be in your shoes. (2 words)
5. Don't stop. Make it pop./ DJ blow my speakers up. (2 words)
8. I'd like to make myself believe

Black & Red

Each box, row, column, and diagonal must contain each number 1-9 with no repeats.

Sudoku

~Grace Bixler

1	5		6	3			8	7
	8		9			5		
					4		1	2
	2	5			9	7		1
6			7	2				
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	6	1			8	4		
9			4	5			7	
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Senior Bulletin

~Grace Bixler

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- that planet Earth turns slowly.
9. Off in the night, while you live it up, I'm off to sleep./ Waging wars to shape the poet and the beat. (2 words)
 10. I want your horror./ I want your design./ Cuz you're a criminal as long as your mine. (2 words)
 12. When I met you girl my heart went knock knock./ Now them butterflies in my stomach won't stop stop. (2 words)