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Something wicked this way comes



Brandon Miller
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Whether it is seeping through a TV speaker in screams, hanging with toilet paper in the trees or lurking behind a broomstick mounted witch...Halloween spirit is creeping back into Hamilton County.

From September to November one can find houses freshly embellished with a draping of toilet paper covering all objects within reach of a well-aimed throw. Maybe it's the thrill of a narrow escape or the satisfying knowledge that someone will awaken to a day of cleanup, but for some reason T.P.ing is a Halloween social must-do.

"[T.P.ing] is fun because you get to sneak around," said Senior, Michaela Scattone, "you could get caught at any moment." "What's really fun," she said, "is, when you are done, shredding...toilet paper and scattering it in their yard."

Yet often one's presence is beyond discovery...a condition that can lead to vandalistic creativity. Scattone has first-hand experience with this. "Someone stuck political campaign signs and barricade signs around my car. They put a pair of underwear on my windshield and smeared stink bait all over them," she recalled.

For some, hanging toilet paper might be an appropriate and adequate seasonal adornment, but others take Halloween home makeovers a little further. "My

mom goes crazy and decorates the house," Junior, Rachel Wall said. "We have to go get pumpkins to display in the yard," Wall added.

People use anything and everything from skeletons and Halloween trees, to just some faux cobwebs and a spook-themed welcome mat...whatever sets a pleasantly frightening atmosphere and serves to invite the trick-or-treaters in to partake of the sugary hoards.

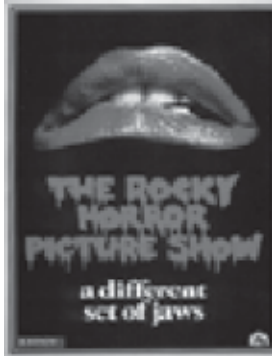
Trick-or-treating is especially popular among young children, but it is also a common activity among teenagers who long for a sweet fix. Junior, Ashley Miller said, "[I] like trick-or-treating..." Though participants of this activity generally try to retrieve as much candy as possible from various adult sources,



Miller said, "I'm probably going to steal candy from little kids."

Though HCSH students seem to enjoy going out on Halloween, one can also find thrills indoors. According to Scattone, with friends, food, a basement
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Give yourself over to the ultimate pleasure



The Rocky Horror Picture Show will thrill you, chill you, and fulfill you.



Jennifer Smith
The Burrow

Come up to the lab and see what's on the slab as you shiver with anticipation...ation as the Rocky Horror Picture Show time warps its way into your heart. "I've only seen it once," said Senior, Kasey Glenn, "but the first 30 or so minutes were ok and I liked the "Time Warp" song."

In 1974 the brain child of Richard

O'Brien was born on a small stage in London and 18 months later it came to the big screen as a B movie flop. It was often played as the 2nd movie of a double feature late at night. Eventually it became the biggest cult movie in history. Viewers of the show would often come dressed up as one of their favorite characters, bring props, and talk back to the screen. More than 25 years later, this tradition continues.

The movie starts out with 2 clean cut kids traveling to their college science teacher's house to tell them that they are engaged. After tire trouble they go to a "weirdo's hunting lodge" that has a light on. Then they "time-warp" and Frank-N-Furter enters the scene to unveil his latest creation, Rocky. Once the festivities are over Frankie kills his old experiment "Eddie" and de-medusas everyone, he is taken back to his home planet of Transsexual, Transylvania by his handyman and a domestic, Riff-Raff and Magenta.

Mark Auten, owner of the Hamilton County Youth Center, said that he might have a showing of the movie where people are able to dress-up as their favorite character and watch a great movie. "I'm indifferent about the whole thing," Senior, Brady Allen said. "I would go if

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Thank you for smoking



Brittney Heil
The Burrow

All around the U.S. people are starting to smoke at a young age. Some as young as 14 years old and there's probably nothing anyone can do about it. If current trends continue, tobacco will kill 450 million people around the world by the year 2050.

According to www.scenesmoking.org, this year 2,050 adolescents will start smoking in the U.S. More than half of them will start because of exposure in movies. These famous leading actors and actresses will light up in 60% of movies. When tobacco is shown in a movie, leading actors will be smoking in 82% of them.

There are now young people, parents, community leaders and health professionals who want to make a difference. They are trying to keep smoking out of future youth-rated movies (G, PG, & PG-13) using their own voluntary system according to thepetitionsite.com.

"Isn't it going to look a little dumb when an actor puts something up to their mouth and then it goes to the next scene. T.V. isn't the only influence of teens, what else are they going to take away, their parents?" senior, Jessica Hastings, said. Of movies that are rated PG-13, 80% of them are directed towards young people and contain tobacco.

The U.S. film industry also has been known to take money to display tobacco products. They also take money from coca-cola, or any snack brands. None of those companies are banned from the movies and child obesity is a greater problem. "I don't believe it really
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Myspace or everyone's space?



Adrea Evans
The Burrow

The minority of technology has advanced, and young people are now spending most of their free time on the internet, specifically myspace. Some may say they are too busy or even to lazy to vote and it is just an inconvenience. Fortunately, myspace has created a website so that you may register online while surfing on the web.

For those not familiar with myspace, it is very similar to e-mail. Myspace allows those who have an account to post your very own website, pictures, blogs, and send messages. This site is very popular with teens, but less admired by parents. "It didn't take more than two minutes to find really inappropriate stuff I don't want my 14-year-old daughter reading and seeing," the Bremerton dad said, who is president of the Northwest Council for Computer Education.

Seeing as young people are drawn more to the internet these days and less involved in politics has made Politicians think of new ways to campaign. Myspace
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Guess who?



▲ This dynamic duo spent their childhood hanging out and playing gun fighters. Do you know who this pair of siblings is?



▲ Two sisters; one is a cheerleader, the other is a golfer. Can you guess who this one of a kind duet is?

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Topinka Vs. Blagojevich



Kent Kiefer
The Burrow

In the November election, incumbent Democratic Governor, Rod Blagojevich, will face Republican State Treasurer, Judy Baar Topinka, for the office of governor. It has been stated this is the dirtiest gubernatorial race in Illinois' modern political history.

Four years ago Mr. Blagojevich was installed as the governor of Illinois and in his first term his administration raided the state pension fund. Even though he did not raise taxes as he promised, he has however raise fees across the board according to the New York Times.

This election seems to revolve around health care, funding for education and, according to Ms. Topinka, restructuring the state's dismal budget.

Neither candidate seems to be capturing the hearts of voters this fall, but one must remember Mr. Blagojevich has had his four years, along with both state houses controlled by partisan Democrats. His plans for the next four years include: leasing the state lotto to finance a six billion dollar increase in education spending, while continuing his commitment on freezing taxes. Governor Blagojevich has created the first health care plan for kids, all kids, yet failed to place a cap upon the acceptable families income limit.

Ms. Topinka is serving as the State Treasurer. As treasurer she has been recognized for maximizing returns on Illinois' investments. In having the stigma of being a hold over from the Ryan Administration it is important to note in Illinois Constitution, executive officers are elected independent of the Governor and are not included in the Governor's cabinet.

Ms. Topinka has stated, as governor, she will place a \$100,000 income cap upon acceptable applicants into the All Kids pro-



Judy Baar Topinka

gram, thus explaining she has no intentions of scraping his health care program. Her education plan also deals with gambling, only by sponsoring a land based casino in Chicago to fund expand educational spending. Then in order to deal with Illinois' dismal budget she plans on vetoing pork barrel spending.

So, on November 6 I urge all voters to remember the last four years of Blagojevich's Administration, then remember what he actually campaigned for in 2002, and then remember what promises he kept, and those he's reneged, with his party in the majority of both the General Assembly and the State Senate. Then remember Ms. Topinka, no matter how much you disdain her remember she has served as Treasurer for three terms becoming the highest yielding investor in Illinois History. Last have you heard any reports of either federal or state investigations into her office or personal life?

Rod for Illinois!



Nick Holloman
The Burrow

November 7th, is Election Day, and this year is an important one, because its gubernatorial election year. The top two candidates are Judy Baar Topinka, and Rod Blagojevich.

The election is similar to the Presidential election of '04, neither candidate is a popular choice for Governor. Both candidates have skeletons in their closets, and the issues are being lost in all the scandal mongering.

Their political ads focus on the negative aspects of their opponent, and not focusing on what actually matters to the voters. Why they should be voted Governor, and what they are going to do for Illinois for the next 4 years.

Alas, we are forced to choose between two unsavory candidates. Yes, I know that there are other people running such as Rich Whitney, a Green Party candidate from Carbondale, but Rod or Judy will probably win. Given the choice I choose Rod Blagojevich.

Blagojevich has done a satisfactory job at bringing us from horrors of the Ryan administration. He's raised the minimum wage after eight years, and increased funding for our schools. He is supporter of providing



Rod Blagojevich

early education for the children. Also he is a proponent for an assault rifle ban.

I admit both candidates are scandal mongers, who want to draw the negative attention from themselves, and shine it on their opponent. However Rod, has been good for Illinois, and has yet to make a fool of us, the citizens of the fine state of Illinois. So if you are exercising your right to vote this November, Rod Blagojevich is the best choice for Governor.

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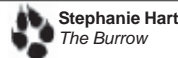
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Senior year through the looking glass



Stephanie Hart
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As I look around the school, I see the familiar faces that I've found comfort in knowing the past 5 years, some the past 12. This is the last first quarter of our high school careers, this time next year, the last Thursday and Friday of October will no longer be that "Halloween break" that we look forward to as an unofficial celebration of the ending of the beginning of the year.

Some of us will go on to be doctors, farmers, beauticians or even starving artists. No matter where the road of life takes us, we all share a common bond. The bond of truly knowing one another. This is a gift that you can truly only find in a small town. Hamilton County is tiny spec on the map, where people are outnumbered by livestock and tractors, a place where deer with antlers bigger than your head frolic in the asphalt fields in the beam that is your headlights.

My entire life I've taken all of this for granted. "I can't wait to get out of this town" is a phrase muttered quite frequently from the lips of the adolescent and I to am guilty of such thoughts. Now that I am 17 and have this wisdom that only a Senior could have, I've started to appreciate the finer things in life. The luxuries of not sitting in traffic for an hour on my way to school, or have gangs stealing my tires. How uneventful would life be if you never had that special moment beside that bonfire out in the boonies? If you started a large fire in New York City for

entertainment purposes, chances are, you'd get arrested. Besides a Wal-Mart, the bigger cities really don't have as much to offer as Hamilton County does, besides an outrageously high crime rate and living expenses. We have what they don't have, things like small town charm and safety.

Imagining life without that 30 minute lunch I've enjoyed with my friends for the past 12 years makes me realize that maybe everyone was right about high school being the best years of your life. Having a slim fast in your office alone is no comparison to having Mimmo's pizza with a side of drama. Old people don't begin a slow clap just because or yell obscenities at their boss just for giggles.

I turn 18 in 3 months, the scariest age, to me. I could never imagine Kasey Glenn ever being able to buy cigarettes if she chose to. To me, Kasey is always going to be that 12 year old girl who plays Digimon with Ashley Terry every day at recess. I remember Ashley saying, in the 6th grade, "you only live once; I'm in no hurry to grow up."

I was always in a hurry to grow up, I don't even remember the last time I trick or treated, I don't remember the last day I didn't wear make up to school, I can't remember these things because it was too long ago. Realizing your not a kid anymore is tough. Its even more tough when you want to play at Kid's Kingdom after work, but its against the rules because its dark at 7 and you get off work at 10.

I hope none of us ever forget how to play. Or look down on those who spray paint bridges in the country just to pass the time. Graduation is one of those things that you hear happening to other people, but you never feel like it will happen to you.

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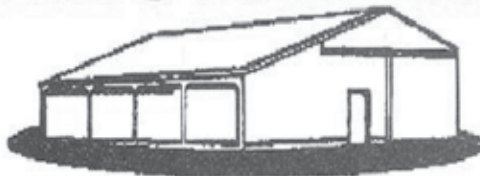


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Breast cancer awareness



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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. This has been going on for over twenty years. The point is to teach and remind women about early breast cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment.

Every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. "People need to become more aware of breast cancer. Most teens don't realize how big an impact it has on the

nation and our community. It affects more people in the community than we realize," Mrs. Christy Cockrum stated.

One out of every eight women who lives to be 85 will develop breast cancer. In this year alone over 211,000 women will be diagnosed and 1,600 men are expected to be diagnosed. Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women forty to fifty-five years old.

If breast cancer is detected early, the survival rate exceeds 95%. Mammograms are among the best early detection methods, yet

13 million U.S. women 40 years of age or older have never had a mammogram.

The National Cancer Institute recommends that women in their forties and older should have a mammogram every two years. An early detection plan also includes regular breast examinations by a medical professional. Monthly breast self-exams are suggested in addition.

There are many things people can do to help promote the awareness of breast cancer. Cockrum also said, "I walked in the cancer walk on the square and volunteered in St. Louis. If anyone has the chance to walk in the Susan G. Komen or other walks they should."



Favorite time of year



Orry Taylor
The Burrow

It's that time of year again. People all over the country are about to experience the flu bug as they do every year. The people who don't want to go through it again, might just have the right solution.

October is considered by many, the perfect time to get a flu shot. The shot usually takes 10 days to 2 weeks to reach full immunization. Plenty time to escape the flu epidemic that usually starts about December, and doesn't end until mid-February.

The ideal people for this shot are people over 65, people that have chronic illness, people with lowered immunity, pregnant woman, children 18 months to 6 months, and



health care workers.

Even if someone doesn't fit this criteria, it is still not a bad idea to get your shot. It's not very complicated to do, and it can save people days on their backs in bed and the hospital. So if the chance is there, it might not be a bad one to take.

For more information about getting a flu shot, call the Hamilton County Health Department at 643-5047.

Madonna adopting



Brooke Biggerstaff
The Burrow

On Monday, October 16, 2006 a small private jet carrying the one-year-old Malawian boy pop star Madonna hopes to adopt took off from the southern African country, a spectator said.

The child, David Banda, was accompanied by one of Madonna's body guards on the flight. Malawian law prohibits adoptions by non-residents, but officials are granting an exemption or waiver to Madonna, who has confirmed her intention to adopt the child who lives in a dilapidated orphanage near the Zambian border. Sophomore Brandon Biggerstaff said, "I don't think she should get special treatment just because she is famous. If I would want to of done that they would've said heck no. I just don't think it is fair."

The events on Monday came less than a week after Malawi's High Court granted the entertainer and her filmmaker husband Guy Ritchie an interim order allowing them to take custody of the child. The couple, who arrived in Malawi on October 4 on what was described as a humanitarian trip, left last Friday, October 14, without the boy who did not have a passport.

Madonna spent most of her time in Malawi visiting orphanages and meeting charity workers, in a country with over 300 million people where AIDS have destroyed many families. She has pledged to donate about \$3 million to the campaign to help these children, many of whom are infected with HIV.

A final court decision on the adoption was expected within two years, after officials have a chance to monitor how the child relates to his new environment in the United States and Great Britain where Madonna and Ritchie have homes, according to a senior government official.

Madonna is the mother of two children. Sophomore Ben Scattone added, "Banda would be a good addition to the family."

Youtube and Google join forces



Caleb Kirsch
The Burrow

To the surprise of many internet users, Chad Hurley and Steve Chen sell their award winning website to Google CEO, Eric Schmidt. Google and Youtube now join to form a bigger, faster version of Youtube.

Over the past few years, Youtube has established itself as one of the most popular websites on the internet. The attraction of this site is that one can watch video clips ranging at nearly a limitless


variety of subjects. From music videos, television show clips, home movies and many other videos have made Youtube such a popular site. Now that it has joined Google, visitors can expect greater customer satisfaction.

Junior, Kyle Ragan says, "I don't like the idea of Youtube being sold to Google. Youtube is good enough as it is and shouldn't be changed." On the other hand, Junior, Jason Waier disagrees saying, "Youtube is great as it is, but with Google it should be even better."


Users can expect such upgrades such as faster upload and download times, being able to download multiple videos



at a time, and less spam advertisements on the site. With all the hype surrounding this new and improved site, Google and Youtube are optimistic it will be an instant hit.



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Senior, Megan Karcher was crowned "Homecoming Queen" at the Homecoming dance on September 30th, 2006. Pictured is: (Front Row L to R) Emma Rush and Austin Gray. (Back Row L to R) Senior, Justin Cantrell, Freshman, Lynn Anselmet, Senior, Colton Flannigan, Junior Rachel Wall, Senior, Ryan Dare, Senior, Katlyn Teffertiller, Senior, Johnathan Leuellen, Retiring Queen Jessica Whitlow, Senior Megan Karcher, Senior, Nick Knight, Senior Koltyn Irvin, Senior Michaela Scattone, Senior Zach Lemons, Senior Alex Bullock, Senior, Shane Ewald, and Sophomore Kendel Shreve

Lead the way



Seniors Heather Mitchell, Katlyn Teffertiller, Stephanie Hart, and Rachel Crow represented the speech class in the Rotary "Lead the way" speech contest.



One could smell the aroma of pizza and cake from Mrs. Lueke's room this past week, as the speech class celebrated Rachel Crow's winning in the Rotary Competition.

All the students were required to write a speech with the theme, "Lead the Way". At club level, the winners were seniors, Katlyn Teffertiller at first, Rachel Crow at second and Heather Mitchell and Stephanie Hart tied at third. Teffertiller ended up going home with 50 dollars and Crow with 25 dollars.

"My topic dealt with leadership and illustrated examples of how you can be a leader no matter who you are or how well you're known," Teffertiller said. Although she won first, she had many other activities to tend to and couldn't attend regionals and handed her spot down to Rachel Crow. "I actually hate giving speeches, the topic was good, but it wasn't something I was particularly interested in," Teffertiller said.

Rachel Crow gave her speech about 4-

H. She took the speech to regionals against two other competitors and won first place. Now she will be attending District at John A. Logan College on October 14th and competing against 3 others. The 3 runners up will win \$500 and the first place winner will win \$1500.

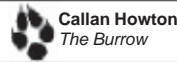
"I don't know if I have a good chance in winning, but I hope so, because at District we can't use our notes, but it's good that I know my speech well," Crow stated.

She has many of her classmates supporting her for her upcoming competition. "I think she will do awesome and win first place," senior, Erin Prince said.

Rachel was also very prepared for this because she's had experience in speeches with having positions in 4-H and FBLA. "It will help me in the future, because I'm going to major in communications focusing on public relations in college," Crow stated.

With the support and help from classmates, Rachel Crow is still practicing and working hard on her speech hoping she will do well at District. "Rachel's been working hard to perfect her speech and I know she will do her best," Teffertiller said.

Thailand to America



Supanika Wangchoocherdkul is our new foreign exchange student from Bangkok, Thailand.

She lives with her mother and father and is an only child. She is excited about being in U.S. and is living with Kimberly Moles and daughter, Kennedy.

So far, she does not have one favorite part of being here but just loves it all. Supanika said, "I really like shopping and the boys here are taller and definitely better looking." She also said, "Junk food here is everywhere and that's not good because it makes you fat. My friend came to America and gained a lot of weight so I walk most places that I go now."

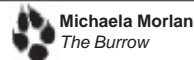
One big difference between her home town and McLeansboro is her town has 10 million people. "In my all girls school there are over 3,000 students," Supanika said.



Sophomore, Supanika Wangchoocherdkul and junior, Samantha York

Other differences between our schools include: no lockers, one hour lunches, uniforms, and they have a swimming pool. "We also learn about religion in school. Our year begins in May and ends in March," Supanika said. Here favorite class here is art. Although she misses her family she enjoys staying with Kimberly and definitely wants to come back and visit.

Far from home



When coming to a new place for the first time, it can at times be frightening. From your luggage being searched to the first thing you see is someone riding in a horse and buggy.

Charlotte Naujoks was startled when she first came into McLeansboro and saw the Amish in their horse and buggy. She was frightened, thinking that was how everyone got around in this small town. When asked if she liked this town, Charlotte stated, "Yeah, it's awesome! Everyone was friendly when I first arrived."




Naujoks favorite part so far about McLeansboro was the extremely friendly people. Also, Naujoks said she "likes how you show patriotism." A major difference between the U.S. and Germany is the food is greasier but still delicious. Some of her favorite American foods are doughnuts, pop-tarts, and barbeque sandwiches apposed to her favorite German foods, bratwursts, potatoes, and sauerkraut.



Sophomore, Charlotte Naujoks

Charlotte is staying in Hoodville, with Loretta and Terry Wheeler. She is slightly homesick but really enjoys staying with the Wheeler's. She enjoys shopping, talking to people, riding horses, new experiences and making new friends.

"She's spectacular! She is super nice and sweet and very outgoing," Junior, Jayla Stephens stated. Senior Megan Karcher agrees saying, "She's very outgoing and a lot of fun."

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New teacher



Keith Welch



Brooke Biggerstaff
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Being a new teacher might be difficult to some but to Mr. Keith Welch it hasn't been. He feels he has adjusted well from

his previous job at Marshall County Kentucky's High School, where he taught and coached football, as he does here.

Shawnee Community College gave him a scholarship for baseball and he went there for two years. Then he moved on to Blackburn College with the same scholarship where he finished his college education in four years. "I want to be a fair teacher and will be as long as the students respect and listen to me", he quotes.

Some students were confused when they heard they were going to have to take tests in P.E., but Welch states, "They don't need to worry about anything as long as they participate." He doesn't only teach Senior High he also has a couple classes in the Junior High wing.

He starts out the day in the junior high and remains there until third period, when he goes to teach girls P.E. and he stays in the high school until the end of the day. He teaches fourth hour Drivers Ed. After that he returns to teach P.E. from fifth period until seventh. He wraps up his day with eighth hour football.

STUDENT PROFILES

On September 15, 1991 the hospital buzzed as Joshua Lee Hall was born into this world. Fifteen years later Josh, or Jocko as he is known to some, is taking his place



Freshman, Josh Hall and Senior, Matt Hall

among the crowd at Hamilton County Senior High. Although Hall is a freshman, he looks for the brighter parts of school such as being able to play football. Football is not only a school thing for him. He enjoys playing football and riding horses in his free time. He also plays baseball. Hall's older brother, Matthew, is his parent's favorite child, according to Josh. Although Josh sees his brother at school everyday, he cannot think of anything special that sticks out about having him there with him.

The elder half of the Hall brother duo was given the name Matthew Ryan Hall on December 28, 1988. Although his parents gave him his legal name, others have taken it upon themselves to give him the name "Hollywood." Now, Hall is a 17 year old senior and a small case of Senioritis is setting in as he enjoys doing nothing all day long. When Hall is not playing basketball and baseball for the Hamilton County Foxes, he enjoys shooting clay pigeons and cruising the country. Before the days of high school set in Matt and his only brother Josh were hanging out playing gun fighters.

Fight clubs: painful or gateway to law-breaking



Nick Holloman
The Burrow

"The first rule of fight club is you do not talk about fight club," but whispers and rumors have been circulating about clandestine gatherings where people fight each other.

Little is known about these underground boxing clubs, or fight clubs. From what can be gathered these fights are not random brawls, but planned social gatherings. It is unknown how often these groups meet, or how many members the clubs have. It is estimated they are monthly events, with six or more people attending.

These clubs are very secretive, and thanks to the first two rules of the club gathering information is difficult. Who are these people? Typical members of the groups in this area are males between the ages of 14 and 20.

Fight clubs date back to ancient Greece, when men took part in pygme pyx, or fist fights. Then in the 1700s Jack Broughton laid down rules on how to conduct these fights, in a fair and less barbaric fashion. It continued to grow throughout the 1800s reaching its peak in the 1900s. These fights were a display of manliness much like the boxing we have today.

In 1999 a pop-culture phenomenon, the movie "Fight Club" gave bare-handed fist fighting a new take. The reason people fought in those fight clubs, was for the therapy that came from the fights. In a world where materialism is normal, fight club gave men the opportunity to go back to their primal roots.

The movie "Fight Club" is probably the reason there has been a rise in underground fighting. However these clubs have been associated with illegal activities and partying, not as a way to heal the numbing effects of life.

"Drugs and Alcohol are bad," said Freshman, Brian Terry "and they need to wear protection such as mouth guards so they don't hurt themselves." These are some of the concerns about these un-chaperoned gatherings.

Illegal activities aside, bare-handed fighting is painful to both participants. So why do people join in these fights? "People want to see how far they can push themselves," said Senior, Brady Allen "both mentally and physically". "It's the freedom of being able to let go of life even if it just one fight", said Senior, John Ritcheson.

In this age where self-destructive acts such as drugs, alcohol, and self-inflicted wounds are common is it all that strange that people enjoy pummeling each other.

Kirsti Renae Auten was born on August 10, 1992. The Freshman, or Rauten Auten as she has come to be known, is experiencing the new aspects of high school life. Her favorite part of being in high school is the better classes. She also enjoys playing golf. When not overloaded with the weight of homework, Auten spends her free time reading and practicing her golf swing. Auten believes that her only sibling Aribi is her parents' favorite child. She does have some positive things to say about that sister. "We are kinda close in age so we always have fun," says Auten. Also, she says that it is always good to have someone there to help her when she needs it.

Born July 31, 1990, Aribi Denae Auten is a 16 year old Junior at Hamilton County High School. While being a high school student, Auten enjoys seeing her friends everyday. Even though she sees them all the time, Auten enjoys hanging out with her friends and talking to them on the phone. Cheerleading takes up most of her time, but



Freshman, Kirsti Auten and Junior, Aribi Auten she still has time to be her parents' favorite child. The older Auten girl enjoys having her sister at school because she gets to pick on her.



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Look!! Up in the air!! It's a...Frisbee??



Jennifer Smith
The Burrow

When people think of sports they think of the usual suspects. Baseball, basketball, football, and hockey are the usual answers, but what about Frisbee? What about Ultimate Frisbee? "Sweet," was the only thing that Senior, Justin Cantrell had to say about the sport that has been described as football with a Frisbee.

The game that is sweeping the nation has ten simple rules courtesy of the Ultimate Players Association:

1. The Field — A rectangular shape with end zones at each end. A regulation field is 70 yards by 40 yards, with end zones 25 yards deep.

2. Initiate Play — Each point begins with both teams lining up on the front of their respective end zone line. The defense throws ("pulls") the disc to the offense. A regulation game has seven players per team.

3. Scoring — Each time the offense completes a pass in the defense's end zone, the offense scores a point. Play is initiated after each score.

4. Movement of the Disc — The disc may be advanced in any direction by completing a pass to a teammate. Players may not run with the disc. The person with the disc



("thrower") has ten seconds to throw the disc. The defender guarding the thrower ("marker") counts out the stall count.

5. Change of possession — When a pass is not completed (e.g. out of bounds, drop, block, interception), the defense immediately takes possession of the disc and becomes the offense.

6. Substitutions — Players not in the game may replace players in the game after

a score and during an injury timeout.

7. Non-contact — No physical contact is allowed between players. Picks and screens are also prohibited. A foul occurs when contact is made.

8. Fouls — When a player initiates contact on another player a foul occurs. When a foul disrupts possession, the play resumes as if the possession was retained. If the player committing the foul disagrees with

the foul call, the play is redone.

9. Self-Refereeing — Players are responsible for their own foul and line calls. Players resolve their own disputes.

10. Spirit of the Game — Ultimate Frisbee stresses sportsmanship and fair play. Competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of respect between players, adherence to the rules, and the basic joy of play.

When asked about bringing ultimate Frisbee to smaller towns such as McLeansboro, Junior, Rachel Campbell had this to say: "I think that Ultimate Frisbee should be brought here. It sounds like a fun and unusual sport that would be neat here."

This sport is taking the country by storm; at least Saint Louis University High School (SLUH) boys think so. In 2005 they reportedly got "Second in state, first in the hot tub."

"I think that it would be a great sport to bring to HCSH. Boys have football and the girls play volleyball, so maybe it could be a co-ed sport. I think that would be a good idea," says Senior, Barbara Service.

Maybe it's too much of a stretch for the small town of McLeansboro to bring the sport home, but as long as we get to hear the SLUH boys yell "Who's hot, who's hot??" while they are on the field, it will be just fine.

Golf team finishes out the year



Orry Taylor
The Burrow

This years Hamilton County golf team has had an outstanding season to say the least. With a record of fifty wins and ten losses, the Foxes have had success and are looking for more in the years to come. According to Freshmen, Duke Griesmer, "It's only up from here."

Along the way they broke the record for the lowest team score in school history with a 153 at Benton Country Club. They beat many good teams like AA schools Marion and Harrisburg.

To finish out the year, they had their regional at Franklin County Country Club. They had a tough regional that included perennial powerhouses Nashville, Benton, and West Frankfort. They missed the team cut by four with a 335, but four of them advanced to sectional play as individuals.

Johnny Barrow, Caleb Kirsch, Tanner Spicuzza, and Duke Griesmer all advanced to that round. Junior, Tanner Spicuzza "It



Some of this year's golfers.

was an awesome experience; I hope we can go back next year as a team".

With everyone returning next year, this group of kids could be better than ever. "The best we've ever had" Sophomore, Caleb Miller predicted. We'll just have to wait and see what this group has in store for us.



Thank you for smoking...
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matters, because I really don't see youth wanting to smoke just because someone like Tom Cruise smokes. A movie like Jackass might influence people to do stupid things, but not a person smoking a cigarette," senior, Samantha Rooney, said.

So far, the film industry trade association

has refused to take smoking out of movies. They are not happy about this decision and decided to make a world wide petition. It is an online petition where anyone on any age can go and sign their name to support the plan to take smoking out of all future youth rated movies. They now have over 2,000 signatures. "If smoking should be taken off of movies, where will it end? Should we take off alcohol or kissing also?" senior Katie Kimble, asked.



Something wicked...
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and some classic horror movies, a frightening, but fun time is easily attainable. Scary movies, a cultural classic in Halloween gatherings, epitomize what the season is frequently associated with...fear.

There is something indefinable and

contagious about the spirit of Halloween. Maybe it's just the candy, or possibly because Halloween marks a stretch of intermittent school breaks and the beginning of a two-month wait until gifts start appearing under a certain evergreen. But just like toilet paper in the rain, though it might stick around a short while after, for the most part it visually disappears.



MySpace or...
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has created a new account, www.myspace.com/revolveyourself. This site requires you to fill out all the necessary information to vote, just as you were in person. This may seem like an effortless pro-

cess, although, there is a catch. Once finished, voters still have to print and mail it.

Senior, Erin Morris believed "Most people that do spend a lot of their time on the internet are too lazy to do anything else" Senior, Cullen Bond disagreed, "It's easier so more people will register." The opinions may vary, but facts show technology has and will continue to advance.

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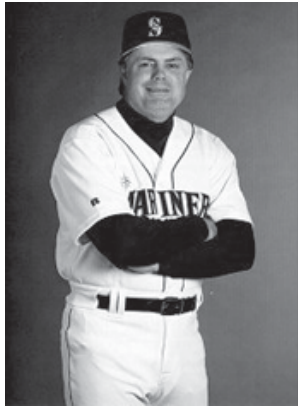
Johnny Barrow
The Burrow

Lou Piniella is back. "Sweet Lou" took the open position as the Chicago Cubs new manager.

Piniella did not manage a team last year, he was a broadcaster for ESPN. The last time he managed was the 2003 Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Dusty Baker, former Cubs manager, was released from the team earlier this year to open up the spot for Piniella.

After numerous losing seasons, the Chicago Cubs are hoping that their new manager will bring them the coveted World Series title that they have not won in over 90 years. "As a long time Cubs fan, I think that Lou will bring them even closer to the World Series" says substitute teacher Mike Rapp. Piniella has not had a winning season as a manager since he managed with the Seattle Mariners in early 90s.

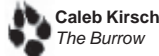
"I don't think that even a new manager will help the Cubs" says Junior, Zeb Gidcumb. Trade rumors are already spreading about the Cubs acquiring Alex Rodriguez



Lou Piniella is the Chicago Cubs new manager

from the New York Yankees because of his close relationship with Lou Piniella when he managed Seattle.

"Chase for the Cup"



Caleb Kirsch
The Burrow

"I never would have thought it would be as bad as 2004," Ryder Cup USA team Captain, Tom Lehman said. The last thing that the USA team thought they would see is another disastrous showing at the Ryder Cup this year, but that is just what they did.

The 2006 Ryder Cup matches took place the 22-24 of September at the K Club in Ireland. The Ryder Cup consists of the top ten USA golfers competing against the top ten European golfers, in a three day tournament for the Ryder Cup, and bragging rights for the next two years.

In 2004, the USA team was trampled by Europe and left the USA hungry for revenge in 2006. The USA team was lead by Tiger Woods, who hadn't lost a tournament



Tiger Woods poses after hitting a tee shot in the 2006 Ryder Cup

leading up to the Ryder Cup in over a month. With all the hype behind Tiger and the rest of the USA team, they were optimistic to bring the cup back to the USA. The Europeans had different plans for the weekend though.

The European team got off to a hot start winning two out of the first three matches, and never looked back after that. The European team won the Ryder Cup again by the same score that was put up in 2004. The USA team couldn't seem to get any momentum built, as it seemed the Europeans were in control the whole weekend.

"The European team had a definite advantage since the Ryder Cup took place in Ireland," said Junior, Brody Mitchell, about the USA team being beaten so badly. Junior, Tanner Spicuzza also added, "Tiger was the leader of the USA team and he didn't step up like he should have."

The Europeans will hold the cup and the bragging rights until 2008 when the Ryder Cup is played again. In the meantime, team USA will look for another way to get past the Europeans in two years.

College basketball preview



Johnny Barrow
The Burrow

College Basketball season is less than one month away and all the teams are ready to start playing. The Florida Gators are the defending national champions and they can't wait for another trip to the finals in March.

The Gators are the favorites to repeat as champions, because they have their number one player, Joakim Noah, back for his sophomore season. Last season was the first time the Gators have won the championship in

school history. "I think that the gators will repeat as champions this year" said sophomore Ben Scattone.

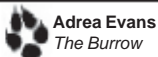
LSU Tigers were runner up last year and have lost one of their best players, Tyrus Thomas, to the NBA last June, but are still one of the favorites to make it to the "Final Four" this season under the leadership of Glen "Baby Shaq" Davis. "LSU is one of the best teams in the country right now" says junior Jesse Kelly. Ohio State has not yet been picked to win the championship, but they are major contenders this year because of the help of their new seven foot freshman



The University of Florida is the reigning champion

Greg Oden. Oden was the top high school recruit in the nation last year for Lawrence High in Indiana.

Playing it safe?



Adrea Evans
The Burrow

Teammates, fans, and loved ones received tragic news about the death of Cory Lidle, a famous Yankees pitcher, on Wednesday, October 11, 2006.

Lidle received his pilot's license during last year's off season and fans became concerned about him. In 1979, Thurman Munson, a very well-known Yankees catcher, was killed while practicing landings at Akron Canton Regional Airport in Ohio.

Lidle assured everyone not to be concerned about him and insisted on the plane being safe during a New York Times interview last month. "He told a reporter, Up here, you don't think about baseball. It's

something that takes you away from everyday life." Unfortunately, things didn't go as planned. Flames and smoke were coming from an apartment building in Manhattan Wednesday evening. Newscasters then reported the death of Cory Lidle.

"This is a terrible and shocking tragedy that has stunned the entire Yankees organization," Steinbrenner stated.

Many would agree that he marked an important part in baseball history. He played for Tampa Bay, Oakland, Toronto, Cincinnati, and of course the New York Yankees. Eighty-two wins and seventy-two losses was his nine-year record. Manager, Joe Torre stated, "This is a terrible shock. I was with the coaches when I heard the news and we were just stunned."

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Showdown in the E.R.



Veronica A. Shelton
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Many people watch Grey's Anatomy for the excitement, drama, and romance. "I watched it once, and I was hooked," Senior, Katie Kimble said.

However, this time, the drama was for real on the set of ABC's medical drama. The argument was between Patrick Dempsey and Isaiah Washington. The two are better known as Dr. McDreamy and Dr. Burke on the popular show.

The fight started out verbally as the two

argued about cast members delaying a scene while filming. The argument went back and forth, until Washington (Dr. Burke) reportedly grabbed Dempsey (Dr. McDreamy) by the throat and continued to shove him. The fight calmed down, and the two supposedly made up.

After the argument, they finished the scene and the episode will still be aired. In fact, arguments on set are quite common, according to T.V. historian Tim Brooks. Of them, shows such as Desperate Housewives and Charmed, have all been known to have on-set fights.

Yet, it is uncommon for things to turn physical on set. A show's set is supposed to be a professional environment. "It's immature," Junior, David Tennyson stated on his thoughts about their fight. But there is always the saying "boys will be boys."

Grey's Anatomy continues to be ranked as one of the most watched series on television. "I watch it all the time. Its like one of my favorite shows ever," Junior, Ann Marie Wiggins said. "I would probably cry [if it was taken off the air.]" The cast of Grey's Anatomy is still close, even if there are arguments once in awhile. Luckily for fans, the show will go on.

What you know



Veronica Shelton
The Burrow

T.I.'s latest CD "King" has continued to produce hits since its release in early March of this year. With hits like "What You Know" reaching #1 on the U.S. Rap and R&B charts, its no surprise that Clifford "T.I." Harris has become one of the most noted rappers in the industry.

Junior, Jeff Robinson, answered "It's flippin' sweet, all the songs rock," when asked about his opinion of the new album.

March 28, 2006 was the official release date of "King." Since then, three music videos have been released, and their songs are climbing the billboard charts. "Why You Wanna" has reached #5 on the U.S. R&B charts, and is currently #29 on the U.S. Hot 100. The newest video to have been released is "Live in the Sky," a classy number with the featured vocals of Jamie Foxx.

Besides his own CD release, T.I. has been making vocal appearances for other famous musicians. He is featured in Justin Timberlake's "My Love," which is currently active on the charts. T.I. also collaborated with Young Dro for the song "Shoulder Lean," which is currently #1 on the U.S. Rap and R&B charts, and #10 on the U.S. Hot 100.



"King of the south"

Meanwhile, many are still focused on "King." Some critics didn't like "King" compared to his previous CDs "Urban Legend" and "Trap Muzik." Others think this CD is a nice change. For some, it doesn't matter, as long as he keeps making hits. Junior, Ashley Miller stated, "I think T.I.'s music and music videos are awesome because that is the kind of music I like to listen to."

T.I. is planning on releasing a new CD in the spring of 2007 called "T.I. vs. T.I.P." Many of his fans are waiting for what this new album will bring. Junior, Ashley Bowers said "They're very different and diverse," when asked about her opinion of T.I.'s music and music videos. A new CD means new hits, new music, and new music videos for excited T.I. fans everywhere.

Dress up is dead



Brandon Miller
The Burrow

All but gone is the school-wide dress-up craze that was so abundant in previous years. A few people dress in creative Halloween costumes, but most HCSH students are clad in their usual autumn apparel.

In the years of elementary school, Halloween costume days had all students eager to participate. Kids would appear in their trick-or-treating selection and walk the halls proudly. Now, many students don't have faith in the idea of flaunting their disguises even if they think it would be fun.

"I think it would be a good idea [for everyone to dress up]..." Senior, Rachel Crow said. Senior, Josh Spangler said that HCSH should have a specific day for costumes.

Senior, Brittany Lefton said, "Wearing a costume is a good chance for us to show who we are and have fun doing it."

But Lefton's philosophy had a downside. She said that people would get carried away and show too much of who they are with a skimpy outfit. Spangler, too, had this concern. He said that students could possibly take it too far and something "might be of-



Senior, Brady Allen

fensive to another student."

Crow said, "...not everyone would participate..." "Half the school wouldn't wear a costume because...they just don't care," Spangler stated.

The popularity of T.P.ing, trick-or-treating, and horror movies in October is a strong indication of the presence of Halloween spirit. However, maybe in daytime students prefer to experience it openly rather than from behind a mask.

Waiting for the world to change



Stephanie Hart
The Burrow

John Mayer's new CD, "Continuum" is causing a stir again in the music world. The new sound is giving shivers to high school girls all over again.

"John Mayer is amazing and so is his new CD. I don't go a day without listening to it occasionally, I fantasize about marrying him. If you find Michaela Scattone in town, who is also a fellow John Mayer lover, she will be listening to #8 and I will be listening to #4, because we LOVE him," is how Senior, Erin Prince feels about the new CD.

"Room for squares" is the CD that launched Mayer into mainstream music, in 2002, re-releasing "No Such Thing" and making "Your Body is a Wonderland" an in town anthem. Mayer was given a Grammy for song of the year for "Daughters, in 2005, and was awarded the Grammy for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance over Elvis Costello and Prince.

After playing with music legends like B.B. King, Eric Clapton, John Scofield, and Herbie Hancock, Mayer has a fresh new sound that's been cultivated by the greats in music. The ultra sensitive artist has also, ironically, worked with hip hop artists Kanye West, Jay-Z, and Nelly. Mayer's music is pretty far from the sweet listening of "Gold digger" and "Ride wit me," he feels that hip hop is where rock used to be.

Senior, Michaela Scattone proclaimed her love of John Mayer, "I am basically obsessed with John Mayer and his new CD, Continuum, is probably the greatest thing ever. I got it for



Continuum makes us fall in love all over again...

my birthday from my boyfriend and listened to it that whole day. I came back to school and told Erin Prince how amazing it was, so she asked me to pick it up for her. We have never been the same since. We talk about our favorite tracks all the time and not a day goes by where I don't listen to it. He is gorgeous and his voice is so hot. Sometimes, I imagine he is my boyfriend and he is singing to me. His lips are so beautiful and he can play guitar like no one's business. I love him and he loves me...he just doesn't know it yet. I swear I'm not crazy."

"Continuum" is a truly amazing CD. Its one of those CD's you have to put on repeat and listen to at work for 6 hours. It never gets old and there is something for everyone; whether it's the soothing tunes of "Dreaming with a Broken Heart" and "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room" or the jazzy beats of "Gravity" and "Vultures."

New man of the year



Michaela Morlan
The Burrow

After years of ridiculing the political system, could it actually be possible for a comedian to run for president, and win?

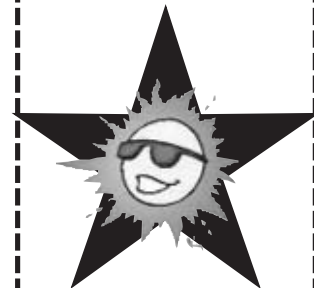
In this year's, Man of the Year, Robin Williams plays a comedian Tom Dobbs, who has made a career out of skewering politicians. One evening on Dobbs' talk show, an audience member gives him a brilliant idea, if you dislike the way things are run, "Why don't you run for president and change the way things are done?" So Dobbs' does just that. After debating with other politicians, Dobbs wins. Later realizing he won because of a faulty computer program lets him win. Now Dobbs has a decision to make: should he go back behind his desk of comedy or back behind his desk at the Oval Office?

"It was an awesome movie! You went from laughing, to being scared, to actually wondering why someone in a neutral party

wouldn't run for president. This movie really made me think and I would definitely recommend it to anyone." Senior, Erin Prince stated.

"Robin Williams' Tom Dobbs is a talk-show host who answers the calls to run for president, something Oprah Winfrey has resisted in real life," a movie review from Foxnews said,

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there wasn't anything else to do, but I think that it is a good idea."

Senior, Katie Karcher said, "This is the best movie ever!! I absolutely love it! I really hope that Mark goes through with the movie at the Teen Center. It makes me shiver with anticipation."

The Rocky Horror Picture Show isn't just about weird people singing songs and running around half naked. It has good morals and teaches man lessons. "Don't dream it, be it" is one of the best things to learn from the adventure. It also teaches us not to leave home without a spare tire, go to scary houses in the middle of the night to use a phone, and especially not to make your handy man and domestic mad.

The Rocky Horror Picture show is one of the best movies and has one of the best sound tracks in history. So become a creature of the night and dig it if you can because you'll have seen blue skies, through the tears in your eyes and you'll realize you're going home.