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School to spend loan money on new technology

 **Brandon Miller**
The Burrow

With some help from the state, Hamilton County Senior High is leaping a little further into the 21st century.

The school has qualified for a low interest loan for technological improvements worth approximately \$82,000. According to school principal, Mr. Jeff Fetcho, this money is only to be used for technology advancement in grades 9-12.

Mr. Fetcho said Technology Director, Troy Becker, constructed a list of possible purchases on which to use the money. Then, Mr. Fetcho, Mr. Becker and Superintendent Vince Mitchell prioritized each item on the list.

A mobile computer lab is among the top of their desires. This portable unit will consist of 16 laptops, each with Internet access. Smaller classes can use the new addition so the bigger, stationary computer labs can be free for larger classes.

However, one of these, too, will be included in the impending high-tech of HCSH. According to Mr. Fetcho, Mrs. Chrissy Cockrum's room will be filled with state-of-the-art computers.

The group also wants to buy some new digital projectors and a few extra laptops for students' overnight use.

Updates can be helpful, but the con-



Mrs. Cockrum's Lab still awaits new equipment.

stant progression and fluctuation of new age technology and its price has negatively impacted the school's improvement plan. Some modifications were necessary to reduce the intended purchases to a total within the allotted price range.

Another mobile computer lab would be ideal, Mr. Fetcho said, but each laptop is approximately \$1500; so the second isn't a high priority.

"[\$82,000] sounds like a lot of money, but for technology...it is nothing," librarian Mr. Kenneth Kirkpatrick said.

Unfortunately money doesn't cover a lot when technology is the issue and apparently staying up to date isn't cheap.

These 82,000 steps in the right direction, however, are certainly a start.

Mr. Kirkpatrick has taken on the responsibility of scheduling classes into the computer labs. Since WIN Curriculum has been added, organizing a plan for teachers has become more complicated.

"Right now it doesn't matter what size your class is, it occupies a lab," Mr. Kirkpatrick said. "The biggest change for me will be the portable lab...[it] is going to allow me some flexibility in scheduling...huge flexibility."

"I think the things we have prioritized will be very welcome additions," Mr. Fetcho said.

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Senior Fest 2007

 **Brittney Heil**
The Burrow

As the end of the school year approaches, seniors may be looking forward to many fun and exciting things. One could be the senior trip that every class takes in May.

This year the class of 2007 is deciding to take a different approach. The class officers are trying to put together something that everyone can enjoy. Instead of some people complaining or not agreeing about a location for a trip, they decided to plan a "Senior Fest".

The senior class will spend a day away from school in the old high school gym from 8:30 to 2:00. The class officers have many things in mind to do for Senior Fest. They are trying to get cover bands from Carbondale to play throughout the


day. Another idea is to have 17th Street Bar and Grill or Hooters to cater food for the day.

There will be activities to keep everyone entertained. There will be a pool table and arcade games on the side. Depending on how much money there will be, they will be giving away prizes such as laptops. Also they're going to try to get every senior a free "senior fest" t-shirt. "We're doing this for the class, because we want this to be a senior activity, not just a third of the seniors. Hopefully everyone will have a good time. If anyone has any suggestions we'd be more than happy to listen to them," senior class officer, Michaela Scattone said.

Senior class officer, Tara Biggerstaff said, "We're doing this instead of a class trip so that everyone can be there together for one last memorable day."

Spring Break '07!



 **Michaela Morlan**
The Burrow

After surviving the lengthy 3rd quarter students at Hamilton County Senior High are looking forward to their well desired Spring Break.

Spring Break this year is from April 6 through the 16. Activities for high school students over spring break normally consist of vacations, sport related activities, or working. Spring break is very much looked forward to by the students here at HCSH.

"I love Spring Break! I always look forward to getting away from school and being able to do whatever I want and sleeping in for a whole week," Senior, Holly Reyling stated.

Spring Break is not only an enjoyable time away from school for students, but also for teachers and faculty. "When I'm not helping coach baseball, I plan on just trying to relax and have fun!" Coach Keith Welch responded when asked about his Spring Break plans.

So whether you're taking a vacation, playing sports, or trying to relax, just try to have a little fun and enjoy your break.

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Locked door policy: The lesser of evils



Nick Holloman
The Burrow

Our School Administration has implemented a new policy about locking the all of the doors other than the main entrance during class.

Some students have expressed negative feelings about the new policy. "This policy isn't helpful. All it is the school trying to save face if something bad does happen", said an anonymous senior. There are many more who have similar feelings.

However this is a step in the right direction. English teacher Mr. Mike Johnson agrees, "If you don't take steps your asking for bad things to happen." While the new door policy doesn't solve every scenario of school violence it does prevent a few common ones.

It isn't possible to make this facility completely immune to school violence. This ounce of prevention is a simple precaution that will make our school a slightly safer place. Author, Max Brooks once said "Remember there are no safe places, only safer places."

As for the minor inconvenience it has been causing to some people our school, that inconvenience is a small price to pay of what could come if we didn't have this policy in effect.

Just be thankful that our school hasn't received tighter, even more inconvenient security measures. In several neighboring schools students are scanned with metal detectors.

So remember if this door policy is an inconvenience its not like the School is trying to make students' lives miserable they are thinking about their safety.



Lock down



Orry Taylor
The Burrow

Recently Hamilton County High School put into place its new locked door policy. The policy, in layman's terms simply states that no one can enter the building at any time except between each hour. A person must enter through the main entrance during any time that is not allowed.

Personally I think there isn't much of a need for the policy. I think that it causes more problems than it solves. I understand the fact that it could prevent some random person from coming into the school and

shooting up the facility. But what happens when students are outside during school, and something bad happens to make them need to come in.

Shootings and other problems can occur outside just as easily as they can inside. People can get hurt or have other medical problems and need help immediately; but they won't be able to get in without walking half-way around the school in some places.

Besides the fact that people can get hurt and need inside, there are the every day tasks that are put on hold. "I can't run from the shop to the school in peace anymore" Sophomore, Jacob Denham stated. Students may have to go outside for some reason, or office workers go to the vocational building, or vice-versa. These tasks are put on hold by not being able to enter the building. A chore that would take only minutes can turn into many more by having to go around the school to get in.

During winter it is very cold outside. Taking a three minute walk from the parking lot to the other side of the school could be a very harsh trip. Especially since most people get sick during this time of year anyway. "I've nearly froze out there during this winter cause I couldn't get in" Sophomore, Shelby Williams added. Throwing in a nice cold walk outside wouldn't help the matter.

"It drives me nuts and I just want it to be rid of" Junior, Jamie McGovern said. All this policy is to me is one big hassle. It's just another thing for us to deal with in our every day struggle in this fast pace world. I understand it was put in place to keep us safe, but I think the harm it does outweighs the good.

Let the dead lie



Anna Nicole Smith and her baby Dannielynn.



Stephanie Hart
The Burrow

Anna Nicole Smith is still dead but her memory is very much alive on every news and entertainment network or website.

Smith is an inspiration. She used the only resource she had to make it, which was her body. Her body got her far away from the life of an uneducated single mother working at the "Jim's Krispy Fried Chicken," to Hollywood where everyone knew her name.

Smith achieved her lifelong dream to be the next Marilyn Monroe by posing for playboy in a reminiscent style of Monroe. Supermodel Claudia Schiffer was replaced by her in a major Guess advertising campaign. Showing Hollywood there was a new vixen in town.

J. Howard Marshall's marriage to Smith continues to be highly criticized 13 later. Marshall pursued her; he picked her out of some sleazy strip club and provided her and her son Daniel, with luxurious new life. Of

course it was probably for the money, I'm sure both parties were aware of this.

She made what little time he left happy, showering him with attention whenever nobody else would. If Smith hadn't taken him up on his offer then he probably would've found some other single mother at a strip club trying to put food on the table to comfort him in his last days.

Unfortunately, Smith achieved a mirrored death of Monroe also. Conspiracy theories have arisen from the aftermath of her death, just like her idol. "I think her and her son got murdered, they both died of the same things and there is a lot of money and a baby at stake, and now they're arguing over who gets the body. So there's definitely incentive there" said Senior, Corissa Cox.

Compassion needs to be with her young daughter Dannielynn who will likely become some greedy man's meal ticket. Hopefully her father is Howard K. Stern, Smith's longtime lover and lawyer. Senior, Josh Spangler "Stern looks like a good guy, I remember him always keeping her out of trouble on her show."

The couple was planning a wedding at the time of Smith's sudden death. They were committed to each other in a Bahamian ceremony, but it is not legally recognized. Stern could potentially lose Dannielynn if he is not the biological father, which is terrible.

Anna Nicole's death is very much her like her life; she continues to be in the middle of media frenzy. America loves her, whether they admit it or not, otherwise 8 of 15 headlines on CNN wouldn't be about her death whenever we're kind of in the middle of a war.



"Cha Hee, Cha Ha, Cha BLAH BLAH BLAH!!"



Jennifer Smith
The Burrow

February/March 2006: The Hamilton County Senior High Foxes Basketball team is being cheered on by the entire student body at the many pep rallies that were held on their way to earning the Regional title.

February/March 2007: At the pep rally before the second game of the regional games the Hamilton County Senior High School Foxes were bored to death when the student body remained seated during the fight song.

Where did the school spirit go? Did the "Black Fox" bring it out in us? Maybe when the band was on the court during the games we were a little more excited. Should pep rallies be held later in the day as opposed to the beginning? Possibly we are all just too cool to cheer on our team or maybe we do learn things from the "Breakfast Club" and that when you grow up your soul dies? If your soul dies does that mean school spirit dies as well?

Last year we had so much fun cheering on our boys and girls on the courts. There would be caravans of vehicles going to and from the away games and after the win even more people would make laps around town with the bus and the great McLeansboro Fire Department. This year I haven't heard of anyone going to the away games except for the cheerleaders much less hear the sounds of the blaring sirens and the honking of the car horns.

Do we only have school spirit if we have a winning team? Personally, I think school spirit should be unconditional. I love it when I see alumni from yester-year cheering on the Foxes like they were still in High School. Then I look over at the student cheering section and my heart drops when they boo at the fox and reluctantly stand up for a rousing rendition of the "Fight Song" by none other than the Hamilton County Senior High School band.

Maybe we are just too scared to show that we actually have pride in our school. If your friends are "too cool" to show their respect to their school when deep down inside you are just filled with delight when the "Hey Song" is played, then stand up and shout! If you're just plain scared, get over it. If this article can even change one person's attitude toward school spirit for the better then my time spent writing this is well worth it because a revolution starts one person at a time. And that's how the hog eats the cabbage!!



Is this how the hog eats the cabbage?

The good from tanning bed

Brittney Heil
The Burrow

This has been a rainy, dreary winter. For some people this may result in "winter depression". Now there may be a form of help.

Throughout the years we've heard the consequences of tanning. This time there may be some good that come from the ultra-violet radiation.

Throughout high school many may hear the excuses that they're tanning for upcoming dances, vacations, or just because they don't want to be pale. "I will admit that I do tan a lot because I don't ever want to be really white." Senior, Reegan Schuster said.

According to the Middlesex-London Health Unit a number of people said they had been advised by their doctor to use tanning beds as treatment for seasonal affective disorder. Many may know the illness as winter depression.

This problem generally comes from the lack of sunlight. It's been scientifically proven that sunlight favors increase in serotonin levels and favors vitamin D accumulation, and vitamin D is said to be a mood-



A tanning bed at Sunstar.

modulator. With that being true, UV rays favor vitamin D. That is why people who go to the tanning beds have noticed mood im-

me." Senior, Megan Karcher said.

According to suntanning.com, a lack of sun actually causes 10 times more sickness and death than too much sun could ever cause. That is why some people like to tan in the winter, not just because the want to be darker. Junior, Jayla Stephens said "I used to tan everyday or every other day, and not on weekends. I don't necessarily think it's a bad thing to tan because it relaxes me and makes me feel better." It is also said that tanning could help with some people's acne.

Even though it's said to be good for you in some cases, it's also said to not let tanning become an everyday habit. It still causes three different kinds of cancer. It causes basal cell sarcoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma, which is the worst of all. Also, the skin automatically ages with time, the use of tanning beds and sun exposure will speed up that process. "I just look at people who have been tanning for 30 or 40 years and they're fine, other than the fact they're all wrinkly." Schuster said.

It is advised by many just to be sure and use your time in tanning beds wisely. They may be relaxing but can still be harmful to anyone's skin.

Students in academic exhaust from busy quarter

Brandon Miller
The Burrow

October and November are lazy months. An extra day of school or early dismissal precedes or follows most weeks. After that, December comes and school life fades out for the holidays.

Then the students are pushed into the third quarter like baby birds being forced out of the nest come time to begin flying. The first half of the second semester is the only 10-week quarter of the year. Including the snow day in February, the quarter only offers two breaks from school, less than any other. But according to some students, third quarter has the most work.

For Seniors it means more scholarship deadlines. Juniors must deal with research papers, the ACT and the Prairie State Achievement Exam. Sophomores and Freshmen have ISAT testing.

Senior Cullen Bond said, "there's a lot of...stuff all going on at once."

"All the papers—very stressful," Junior,



Jr. Luke Sidel in English III CP.

Rachel Campbell said, "...and there's no time off to take a breather."

Bond said the scholarship application deadlines are a little overwhelming. But, still the approaching end to the 10-week period and impending graduation is "bittersweet."

The lengthiest quarter, literally, of the school year may almost be gone. But next students must wait for the figuratively long fourth quarter to pass while they wait for spring break, summer vacation, and for Seniors, graduation.



The Journalism Class traveled to SIU-Carbondale on March 6th to compete in the SISPA Journalism Contest. Junior, Brandon Miller won 2nd place and Senior, Brittney Heil won 3rd place in the editing category.



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Prom '07



Adrea Evans
The Burrow

As "Fairly Tale Romance" is the theme of Prom '07, "Wonderful Tonight" is the theme song.

"It's late in the evening. She's wondering what clothes to wear. She puts on her make up and brushes her long blonde hair and then she asks me do I look alright and I say yes, you look wonderful tonight."

-Eric Clapton

This will be the song of the evening, in which one will enter the gym and see the two main colors, purple and black, decorations flooding everywhere. As some may choose to eat there, the cost of the ticket, \$15, includes the night and the provisions of a hometown chef, who will serve the main dish of chicken and manicotti.

"O'Charley's is where I'm going," Senior, Heather Mitchell said.

Don't forget about post prom, where a numerous amount of prizes will be given away! Senior, Tara Biggerstaff said, "Last year's post prom was fun, they had a lot of good prizes, hopefully this year will be just as good."



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Fox in college



Brain Harland
The Burrow

The future is widely regarded as one of the scariest and most stressful things that this world has ever seen, but one man has taken that fear and made it into something filled with hope and direction. Frederick Holmes is a Hamilton County High School Graduate of the class of 2006 and is currently working as a full time student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in order to achieve the goals and dreams that he desires.

In the year 2002 Holmes entered the doors of this school expecting the worst and left four years later with best. Frederick Holmes was awarded with the Valedictorian achievement as a senior and has since been keeping up the good work.

During those four years at HCHS, Holmes was enrolled in the most advanced classes that the school could offer. Part of his daily schedule would consist of Advanced Chemistry, Advanced Biology, English IV AP, and Calculus. Regardless the amount of advanced classes that Holmes took, the knowledge obtained throughout those classes would become an aid and lifeline for his educational career. "...having taken all of the classes that I did have made certain aspects of college life easier," Holmes stated.

With the mediocrity of high school life behind him, Holmes took on a new life.



HCHS Alum Frederick Holmes.

College life. Holmes' classes revolve around his current field of study, Mechanical Engineering, although the specific branch of the major is still undecided. Some of those classes include Calculus II and his personal favorite, Philosophy. He also takes part in the school's formula SAE team that builds racecars and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

To some Holmes' life seems to be a bit complex, but he has it almost down to an art. "Well thanks to my relaxed schedule this semester on average I get out of bed and take a shower at around 10am, go to my first

classes from 11-12, eat lunch, go to my next two classes from 1-4pm, eating supper, then either working in the shop for formula SAE or just hanging around with some of my friends until finally going to bed at around 12-2am."

College may be in the future for many students at HCHS but the road to get there is not an easy one. Choices surrounded Holmes at it became time for his journey to college. On the subject of finding the right school for him he stated, "I did not know that this college was right for me but it was the most practical, especially for my field of study." Preparation makes things in college go a lot smoother. "I was prepared for college as best I could be and was able to obtain a 3.6 GPA (4.0 scale) for the first se-

mester," Holmes stated.

College is sometimes regarded as the beginning of the rest of your life. With that in mind, Frederick Holmes sends words of wisdom to follow that may help one survive. "The most important aspect of college is to just try to make as many friends as possible without interfering with your academic performance. College is a huge change from high school and for the most part you are pretty much alone and by yourself for a lot of it. Also, always attend class, most of the students that do not attend class, do not do very well in the end."

Hard work and dedication has made a Hamilton County fox a success in college and with the a little effort the students of today could be the leaders of tomorrow.

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My Irish eyes are shining



Jennifer Smith
The Burrow

Irish folk around the world are getting ready for their biggest event of the year. Since the World Cup has already been played, and we know how much the Irish love their soccer, Saint Patrick's Day is a day for celebrating. St. Patty's Day is a holiday that not only celebrates the patron Saint of Ireland, but it is also a day that people just love to celebrate.

Whether they wear green, kiss an Irish bonny lass, or even eating corned beef and cabbage, people are all about this ancient holiday. Freshman Kirsti Auten said, "I've never been pinched" while Lexi Karcher, freshman, said that she "has only been pinched once." Take it from these girls; wearing green on this day has its positive points.

"It's a big drinking day for Irish people," said sophomore Sarah Hodge. "I believe that everyone should wear leprechaun ears to make the holiday extra special."

In the 4th century, St. Patrick was born.

He is most famous for driving the snakes out of Ireland and is often depicted as so. He often described himself as a "most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous paean of thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshiped idols and unclean things had become the people of God."

St. Patrick's Day is about everything Irish. Luck, gold shamrocks, and anything green are almost always found on and around this day. Several Irish foods are consumed on this day, including green beer. Many of the Irish descendants go to church that day because it is the feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.

This year since Saint Patrick's Day is on a Saturday you and your friends could have a Saint Patrick's Day party and eat only green foods or watch movies with Irish actors in them. You could even make a pilgrimage to Saint Louis and join in on the festivities downtown, drink green beverages, and watch the parade.



May the luck of the Irish be with you today!

Club spotlight: Youth for Christ

Callan Howton
The Burrow

On March 9th at First General Baptist Church, Youth for Christ held a movie night showing Facing the Giants.

"We were glad there was a big crowd and it seemed that people had fun," Club President, Leta White said.

"Facing the Giants is a great movie and I'm glad everyone got a chance to see it," Junior, Sara Veatch said.

Besides this event, Youth for Christ tries to do enough for everyone to have a chance to come to a meeting sometime. Every Tuesday from 3-4 p.m. council members and any other club members who choose to attend watch movies and talk about what they can do in the school. "We watch 15 minute NOOMA movies. Rob Bell takes every day Christian problems and puts them into these movies. It's not like a bible study, it is way



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more interesting. We normally have between 20-25 kids every Tuesday," White said. "We would love for anyone who has time to come to the meetings!" Senior, Brittany Lefton said.



February Students of the Month. Front Row L to Right: Adrea Evans, Jonya Stephan, Rachel Wall and Cory Skelton. Back Row L to R: Nicholas Burke, Amanda Howe, Corissa Cox, Trudy Luffman, Christy Dugger.

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Adrea Evans
The Burrow

As high school students, we are all faced with some sort of stress that becomes one of the biggest contributors to hair loss.

Other possible causes of hair loss are by genetics, bad eating habits, thyroid problems, chlorine, and water pollution. Also, medications such as birth control, steroids, and acne medication play a big part too.

Finding clumps of hair in your shower, on your brush, or pillow are signs that should not be taken lightly. These signs could result to baldness in later years.

2 out of every 3 men can expect to be bald by the time they reach 50 years of age. As many as 36% of all women between the ages of 40& 49 agonize over some degree of hair thinning or loss.

Fortunately, there is hope called Nioxin. It is skincare for the scalp. Senior, Erin Morris said, "It keeps my hair really healthy." It is a 3-step skincare regimen. This involves a cleanser, scalp therapy, and a scalp treatment. These products are not just used as a hair product, but as a face and body cleanser.

The cleanser gently removes environmental residue from the hair and scalp to promote the best scalp environment and contains vitamins, proteins, and amino acids for healthier-looking hair.

The scalp therapy is a daily hair and scalp

conditioner that moisturizes and energizes while promoting the best possible scalp environment with soothing essential oils and enzymatic complexes. It also helps with acne. Senior, Josh Spangler said, "It is the most awesome substance I have ever used on my hair and face. It has cleared up my acne and made my hair healthier and vibrant."

Lastly, the scalp treatment is a daily treatment that delivers essential botanicals and nutrients to the scalp to help safeguard against environmental residue build-up on the scalp.

The interesting thing about Nioxin is that it was made to treat every type of hair. There are 8 different systems and each system has a specific purpose. For example, if you have fine, chemically enhanced, normal to thin looking hair, your stylist might offer you system 3. If you have medium/course, natural, noticeably thinning hair your stylist might offer you system 8. The list can go on.

Hairstylist, Debbie Evans said, "I've been in the hair industry for 27 years and in the past there was no hope for people losing their hair and now there is. It truly is a breakthrough"

The important thing to remember is that hair loss is a very common problem and the one way to prevent this is to treat it at an early age. Nioxin can be found in professional salons. If you are interested in this product, ask any local beautician.

STUDENTS

Callan Howton
The Burrow



Danielle Rhea Rapp, best known as Danie, is a 17 year old senior here at Hamilton County Senior High. Her favorite part of being in high school is realizing that she's going to be out of here in about three months. Danie's least favorite part about 3rd quarter is the fact that it's so long, and it seems like it never ends. Her plans for Spring Break will consist of softball games and practice and just trying to have fun.



Rachel Kathleen Campbell, known to many as Rach, is a 17 year old junior at HCSH. Her favorite part of being in high school is talking to her friends. Rach's least favorite part about 3rd quarter is all the reports she has to do. Over Spring Break she plans to work and hang out with all her friends.



Zachary Darrell Bayler, also known as Baylz, is a 16 year old sophomore at HCSH. His favorite part of being in high school is the fact that he's that much closer to graduation. Zack's least favorite part of high school is Algebra II. Over Spring Break, he plans to go on vacation.



Dakota Ray Duncan, known as Duncan, is a 15 year old freshman at HCSH. His favorite part of being in high school is the 3:02 bell. Dakota's least favorite part of school is all the homework. Duncan doesn't really have any plans for spring break. He just plans on taking a break and relaxing.

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Michaela Morlan
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Tammy Marie Hall, known to her friends as 'Lorax', teaches Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry and Physics here at Hamilton Country Senior High. Ms. Hall's favorite part of teaching is interacting with students because they help keep her young. Her birthday is on March 20, 1973. She enjoys traveling, riding her motorcycle, and horseback riding. Over Spring Break she is traveling to Tuscany, Italy with her boyfriend. If she were given one million dollars she would travel more, adopt more dogs and buy a BMW.



Charles Ralph Sloan III, commonly known as C.R., teaches Agricultural classes at HCSH. His birthday is in March and he is currently 48 years old. Sloan's favorite part of teaching is when students understand and can demonstrate a difficult task. Recently his students have been taking petunia cuttings. Sloan finds it very rewarding to see what he teaches go into practice. He lives in town with his wife and daughter and has two Labradors. In his spare time he runs the sound system at church and fishes every chance he gets. Over Spring Break he plans on fishing a lot. If he received one million dollars he would travel to Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama to fish. He would take Cory Skelton with him so someone would be there to put the boat on the trailer.

Foxes basketball trying to repeat what they did last year

 **Johnny Barrow**
The Burrow

The varsity boys basketball team finished the regular season with a 14-12 record and finished 2nd in the conference. Led by senior guard Jake Welch, the foxes advanced to the regionals. Welch leads the team in scoring and averages around 15 points per game and also leads the team in rebounds. "I think that the varsity did good this season" Junior basketball player Holden Jackson said. The varsity boys ended their season in the semi-finals at regionals against the Fairfield Mules.


The foxes won one game and loss two

and did not place in the Eldorado Holiday Tournament, which the Fairfield Mules won back in December. In January the foxes went to Benton and played in the Benton Invitational Tournament and won three out of five games and tied for third place while the Pinckneyville Panthers went undefeated and won the tournament. "I think that the team could have done better than what they did this season, but they did alright" Junior Zeb Gidcumb said.

The junior varsity team finished their season with a record 18-5 and they had a conference record of 9-1. The JV is led by their big man Brandon Biggerstaff who averages close to 17 points per game and he also leads the team in rebounding. "I think the JV team was one of the best that we have ever had, because we work so well as a team and we beat a lot of good teams" Junior basketball player Jeff Robinson said.



Spring baseball preview

 **Caleb Kirsch**
The Burrow



Baseball players start practice for the 2007 season.

"I think we'll be pretty good this year," Junior, Brody Mitchell said, referring to the Hamilton Co. Foxes baseball team.

With the season just getting under way, the Foxes are returning many of the same players from last season. They will have seven out of nine starters from last year's varsity team coming back. "I think we will be a lot better than last year since we have most of our starters back," Sophomore, Kane Smith said.

While the Foxes only had two seniors on the team last year, they still made a run in the post season. In an upset victory over

Eldorado in the second round of Regionals, the Foxes advanced to the Regional Championship, but were then defeated by Vienna. Even with the disappointing loss last season, Junior, Tanner Spicuzza is optimistic that the Foxes will do better this year. "I think since we have most of the team back this year, we should go farther this year," he said.

While, the Foxes will only have two seniors again this year, most of the starters will have one more year of experience from last year to try and improve.

Bus accident

 **Orry Taylor**
The Burrow

Atlanta, Georgia-Six people died in a tragic bus wreck a little before dawn on March 2nd 2007. The charter bus plunged off an overpass in Atlanta. The bus driver, his wife, and four players died in the accident.

The bus had a total of 35 people on it, most of whom were asleep. "I felt a shake and I woke up to see the road coming up after me" Freshman, A.J. Ramthun commented. 19 of the passengers were transported to a local hospital for treatment.


The bus was traveling home from its an-

nual start of the season trip to play winter ball in Florida where the weather is warmer. The bus driver failed to see a stop sign at the top of the exit ramp and plunged over the exit ramp.

"Kind of a sad thought to think that one person could be responsible for that many lives at one time" Junior, Tim Hodges said. There are still many people in the hospital. Of those people, three are still in the intensive care unit.

"I just hope no one else is harmed, and people learn a lesson from this" Sophomore, Kane Smith added. The only hope is that the survivors can make full recoveries along with the community and families that will have to mourn this great loss.

Denied!!

 **Johnny Barrow**
The Burrow

After one of his best coaching seasons of his career, Marty Schottenheimer was fired from the San Diego Chargers.

Schottenheimer was fired on February 13 just a few weeks after he led his Chargers to the playoffs and lost to the New England Patriots. The Chargers had offered Schottenheimer a one year contract extension, but he turned it down because of some problems with the owners of the franchise. "I think that it is a good thing that he was fired, because he would do well in the regular season but he would always do bad in the playoffs" Sophomore Chadley Flannigan said.

Another reason for the falling out between Schottenheimer and the Chargers was the vacant assistant head coaching position. "I don't think that it is fair that he was fired because he was a great coach, so what if he had some trouble in the playoffs, at least he got to the playoffs" Sophomore Jarret Warren said. The Chargers have not decided who they will hire as the next head coach, but there is speculation that it will be former Dallas Cowboys head coach Bill Parcells. "I think that Parcells will be a good fit in San Diego if he decides to go there because



Jonathan Daniel/Gott
Marty Schottenheimer

he is a great head coach" Sophomore Jacob Denham said. Bill Parcells did a good job molding Tony Romo into one of the top quarterbacks in the Nation Football League, so the Chargers think that he will help mold young Phillip Rivers into the great quarterback that they know he can be.

March Madness

 **Caleb Kirsch**
The Burrow

As, the 2006-2007 college basketball season is ending, the teams are starting to get sorted out as who will be contenders in the NCAA tournament.

One of the big surprises this season is the slight downfall of the Duke Blue Devils. After being ranked in the top 25 to start the season, the Blue Devils struggled midway through the season, losing 4 straight games. The losing streak tied for the most in Duke history since Coach Krzyzewski took over as head coach. The streak also caused Duke to drop out of the top 25 for the first time in 11 years. "Even though Duke is struggling I think they will do fine in the NCAA tournament this year. They have enough talent to go pretty far," Junior, Jason Waier said.

One of teams that certainly isn't a surprise is the Florida Gators. The defending champs from last year have proven that they haven't lost any chemistry from last year's team. While being ranked number one in



Duke Coach, Mike Krzyzewski

the nation for most of the season, they are expected nothing less than a trip to the final four this year. "Florida is too good to be stopped this year, I would bet that they win the NCAA tournament again this year," Freshman, Logan Karcher said.

"There are always a bunch of upsets in the NCAA tournament, so it's hard to predict who will win it all," Junior, Kyle Ragan said. While in years past, the NCAA tournament has proven to give many upsets, so no team is a sure bet to be champion.

Movie review: Marie Antoinette



Stephanie Hart
The Burrow

"Marie Antoinette" gives a light-hearted take on the life of the ill-fated French Queen. Junior, Kristin Birkner said, "I've been dying to see [Marie Antoinette] but I haven't had a chance to yet."

Kristen Dunst and Jason Schwartzman were alarmingly convincing in their roles as Queen and King of France. Marie Antoinette leaves her Austrian home to marry a prince she has never met and live a life in the spotlight. After Louis XV's untimely death, Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette are prematurely thrust into power of France.

Antoinette is completely oblivious to the politics that control her. She was at the mercy of the people until she had a child to be the heir to the throne and filled the void with parties, gambling, and high fashion until she finally conceived her children. After becoming a mother, she enjoyed the simpler things in life and often times stayed at a farm on the palace grounds.



Let them eat cake

The French people have no bread and are furious that they are going hungry while the royals are enjoying luxuries. According to legend, Antoinette was informed of her people's lack of bread and supposedly said "let them eat cake." This quote, true or untrue, started the French Revolution.

Milena Canonero won a well deserved Oscar for best costume design for the movie. Recreating 1700 high style French clothing would be a chore for anyone but Canonero's vision was like a glimpse into the past, making the movie very convincing.

Junior, Kasey French said "I haven't seen the movie, but the soundtrack is really good." The movie's soundtrack, also titled "Marie Antoinette," helped make this historical movie less serious with its 1980's music as a back drop. It was impossible to hate Marie Antoinette, like the French public did, with her rosy cheeks and big white hair.

Humanities sponsor '07 film festival



Nick Holloman
The Burrow

Humanities sponsored a film festival February 24th, 2007 at the Hamilton County Youth Center. The movies shown were local home-made films many of them made by students that still attend Hamilton County Jr./Sr. High.

The doors opened at six and within 10 minutes the teen center was crowded by a throng of anxious movie goers. People were seated comfortably in fold-up chairs or the cushions from the couches upstairs.

At 6:30 the festivities commenced starting with a preview for Senior, Brady Allen's "Vamp". Still elated from the trailer the crowd cheered for Jennifer Roger's "Lady on the Lane" documentary that rivals the Blair Witch Project.

Next up was "The Matrix" a short by John Ritcheson and Brady Allen which summarized the cult classic movie. This action packed short had a brief cameo from local Freshman, Chris Zarek.

Afterward was "Going to America" a film that depicts the pilgrims' journey to the new world and their interaction with a Native American. It was

made by Seniors Sarah Vallowe, and Amy Litherland, for an American History Project their junior year.

A Shih-Tzu produced movie was "The Execution of Popo the Gnome" a mock-umentary featuring former student Jeremy Naas as a host who takes the audience through the graphic execution of a gnome in a small southern town.

At last was "Macbeth" a movie which humorously depicts the final scenes of Shakespeare's famous tragedy. The movie featured many seniors of the class of '05, and several juniors. All voices were dubbed by Caleb Adkission.

Those who stayed afterward where treated to Sophomore Matt Bryson's "A Day in the Life of Bigfoot". It depicts Bigfoot as a normal guy who follows normal human routines such as shaving and combing his hair. "Bigfoot scaring people in Fred's was the funniest thing I saw all night" said Freshman, Brian Terry.

According to Sarah Vallowe vice president of Humanities, the festival was a success. "We had a great turnout and actually got some movies together." She goes on, "On behalf of the Humanities Club I thank everyone who showed up or entered a movie."

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