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Hughes High School

HUGHES ON WATCHLIST

BY SHANNON MOORE

Hughes High School was notified prior to the 96-97 school year that they were on the academic watchlist. The academic watchlist includes schools where 40% of students score below the 25th percentile on basic batteries of the Stanford 8. Mrs. Linda Estes, assistant superintendent, along with Mr. Hoy and the ways of improving test grades. Some of these include:

- Understanding the importance of test.
- Ways to prepare for a test.
- Increase quality and quantity of reading.

Some people seem to think that the fault of low test scores rests upon the state department of education. Faculty member Lisa Pemberton feels that the state should not judge a student's ability on one test, because they don't know what the circumstances are for a particular student on a specific test day. Some blame also falls on the students and teachers. Teachers can teach all day, but if students choose not to listen, they will not learn. Teachers may need to take out time just to prepare certain students for standardized tests.

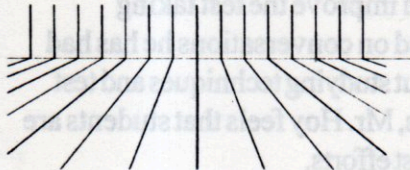
As a principal at Hughes High School, Mr. Hoy is deeply concerned about the low test scores "Its not good that Hughes is on the watchlist, but if teachers and students do not work harder Hughes could be under even tougher extremes, such as academic distress." Academic distress is where 50% of students scored below the 25th percentile on basic batteries of the Stanford 9. Falling into academic distress seems to be a chief concern for Mr. Hoy. He has made big plans for the 96-97 school year. For example, he has really emphasized the importance of students reading, and has called the parents in to help. It seems unfair for students and teachers to take all the responsibility, so Mr. Hoy has asked the parents responsible for their students after school hours. A major goal for Mr. Hoy is trying to get off of the watchlist and on to something such as being considered a National School of Excellence. Mr. Hoy is evaluating teacher's curriculum each day to try and improve the test taking procedures. Based on conversations he has had with students about studying techniques and test taking procedures, Mr. Hoy feels that students are not giving their best efforts.

NEW FACES AT H.H.S.

BY REBECCA BURNS, JAMIEE BROWN, AND MANDY BRADLEY

Coach Wes Swift is a graduate from University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Coach Swift teaches Physical Education, Science, and Sr. Football. He was informed about the job opening by Coach Eubanks, a returning teacher. Once Coach Swift looked at the school he decided to accept the job. We welcome Coach Swift to H.H.S, and we hope he has a great year.

Ms. Fountain is one of the new teachers at H.H.S. in the Math Department. She was raised in Mena, Arkansas and attended college at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. Ms. Fountain came to Hughes to teach because Mr. Hoy gave her an optimistic outlook for the school, and she felt that he would give her administrative the support she needed as a first year teacher. She enjoys Hughes small town atmosphere because it doesn't have the problems that larger schools do. The faculty and staff of Hughes welcome Ms. Fountain to our school.



Ms. Koleen Reynolds is a graduate of the University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff. Ms. Reynolds, a former graduate of Hughes High School is back this year to be the study hall teacher. She chose to teach here at Hughes so she could be closer to her family. Ms. Reynolds taught for a year at Parkin as an alternative education teacher and gained valuable experience to use here at H.H.S. We wish Ms. Reynolds the best of luck.

Mr. Joel Linn is a former graduate of H.H.S. and has returned this year to teach English and Journalism. Mr. Linn attended the University of Central Arkansas in Conway where he was active in the English and music departments. Being a first year teacher, Mr. Linn feels fortunate to be able to come back to his alma mater to learn the educational ropes. He chose to teach at H.H.S. because he already knew quite a bit about the school district and knew that principals like Mr. Hoy and Mr. Jones run a good school. We welcome Mr. Linn back to Hughes and wish him the best of luck in his first year.

H.H.S. HOSTS EXCHANGE STUDENT

BY MICHAEL ALTMAN

Pakpoom Sutthimion is a seventeen year old exchange student from Thailand. He arrived in Hughes at the end of August and will be staying until next June. Pakpoom came here to learn about American culture and is eager to learn to speak English well before he goes back to Thailand. He likes it here but says, "It's very different from Thailand. For example, we have forty-four letters in our alphabet, and the temperature stays around sixty or seventy degrees all year round." In Thailand people drive on the opposite side of the road than we do in America and their steering wheels are on the right sides of their cars. Pakpoom is not a stranger to the education process or following rules because in Thailand, his mother is a teacher and his father is a police officer. After he goes back to Thailand, Pakpoom hopes to return to the United States soon because he likes it here very much. The students, faculty, and staff of the Hughes School District welcome Pakpoom to America and hope he enjoys his stay.

KELLY RE-ELECTED TO BOARD

BY SCOTT GARDNER

On September 17, 1996, Mr. Paul Kelly was reelected as a member of the Hughes School Board. Mr. Kelly has lived in Hughes since July of 1936 where he attended Hughes High School and graduated in 1945. Mr. Kelly has served as a devoted member since March of 1979 and is currently serving his fourth term on the school board. In the past, Mr. Kelly has also served as vice-president and is now serving his second term as president of the board. Mr. Kelly, along with the other board members, approved a new student handbook for the 1996-1997 school year. He was one of the members who strongly approved of the changes in the student handbook, but he also agrees that it should undergo constant revision. "These changes will take place when the appropriate time comes," said Kelly. Mr. Kelly went on to say that he appreciates the parent's involvement and encourages even more



In each issue, the Student Printz will profile the teachers in and services offered by one of the academic departments at Hughes High School.

NEW TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

BY CALVIN BROWN, TAMMIE BENARD, AND TAMIKA MUNN

The newest addition to the H.H.S. Business Department is the Impac Lab which is supervised by Ms. Barbara Bernard. The Impac Lab is here to provide students with the latest technology to help them in several academic areas. In the new lab, students are able to explore topics dealing with reading skills, language arts, math, and science. Also, the Impac Lab can give students and faculty a chance to learn about the Internet. The new lab has encyclopedia programs that provide students with a complete information source on numerous topics. In Ms. Bernard's lab, students have access to twenty-four computers, six of which are equipped with CD Rom. The new lab should be a good educational tool and learning experience for all students.

Ms. Lorese Love is the newest addition to the Hughes High School business department. Ms. Love teaches the Computer Keyboarding I and Computer Technology Business Applications classes. She has been teaching for almost twenty years and really enjoys seeing

students learn about and work with new business technology. Ms. Love believes that if students will work hard, they can learn and retain information about computers and modern technology that will be of great use to them in the future. We at H.H.S. welcome Ms. Love to the business department and wish her the best of luck.

Ms. Frances Lane is a veteran teacher in the business department. She enjoys teaching business classes because they are fun and involve modern, hands-on techniques. Ms. Lane has been teaching for thirteen years, and she really enjoys working with the students in her classes. In her Desktop Publishing and Computer Technology Business Applications classes, Ms. Lane has the opportunity to teach students using the latest computer technology. Ms. Lane loves the new computers and would love to see more added like those used in offices. The new machines are easy to work with and have modern features such as CD Rom and color monitors. H.H.S. is proud of its new technology and business teachers.

NEW HAND- BOOK GOVERNS H.H.S.

BY JIMMY COLLINS

Students at Hughes High School this year are learning to deal with the new student handbook. Several people met together this summer to decide on issues dealing with the revised version of the student handbook. Those people were the personnel policy committee, a group of parents, student council officers, school board members, and elementary and high school administrators. Mrs. Mary Ann Davis, a teacher and parent in the Hughes School District, was one of the people involved in the revision process. "I would like to see all students abide by the rules and regulations. Parents and teachers care about what their children and students wear to school. The handbook says one thing, but the students do the opposite." The new handbook contains many changes that greatly affect the student body.

SCHOOL BUILD- INGS VANDALIZED

BY HENRY JEFFORDS

This fall, the Hughes School District has been victimized by vandalism. Within the last few months, the elementary school, the high school principal's office, and the new student center have been broken into and

and vandalized. The student center was the building hardest hit by the vandals. On August 25, vandals broke into the new student center where they broke into the vending machines and trashed the student area. Police Chief Ed Gardner believes that the vandalism at the school and the Hughes Youth Center may be related. Gardner went on to say that there were some suspects, but he could not release any names.

H.H.S. BAND ON BEAT THIS FALL

BY CHERYL HILL

The Hughes High School band, under the direction of Ms. Jernigan and drum major Brooke Bentley have had a successful marching season. Starting in August, the band began working hard on their marching and music in preparation for the football games and marching contests. This year, the band performed a tribute to John Travolta with music from the movies "Saturday Night Fever", "Grease", and "Pulp Fiction." Colorguard captains Shonta Moore and Ashley Allman have worked hard at making and teaching routines to the flag line and newly formed rifle line.

The band had a busy October with three marching contests in two weeks. On October 12, the band attended the Arkansas Open Marching Championship in Batesville

where they received an excellent rating and placed ninth in overall competition. The band traveled to West Memphis where they again received an excellent rating and placed first overall in their classification. Two nights later, they went to Beebe for the Governor's Cup Competition. With a strong performance, the band received another excellent rating. The H.H.S. colorguard received superior ratings at Batesville and Beebe and the rifle line was named outstanding line in their classification at the Governor's Cup. Drum Major Brooke Bentley also received superior ratings at West Memphis and Beebe. We congratulate Ms. Jernigan and the band on a successful marching season.

VANDALS ARE COWARDS

STUDENT EDITORIAL
BY SHANNON MOORE

In the current school year, acts of vandalism have occurred on both the High School and Elementary campuses. Vandalism is defined as when someone destroys or defaces an object purposely. Vandalism can also be defined as a cowardly act that does not prove anything—especially when students or community members commit this crime against their own school district. The school is supposed to help people, and it deserves to be respected and taken care of—not broken into and destroyed. If you or someone you know is committing these crimes, think about those who have pride in their school and community and help stop the vandalism.



BLUE DEVIL SPORTS

BY SAMMY WILSON, TOMEKA MURPHY, AND SESIA DOWDEN

DEVILS EXPERIENCE ROUGH START--LOSE TOUGH GAMES

The Hughes High School Blue Devils have had a rough time this fall with one win and several good efforts that fell short at the end. Hughes opened up the season against long-time rival Barton. First year head coach Mark Eubanks believed that Hughes was the better team, but it was all about who executed well. Even with a 31-0 loss to the Bears, Eubanks saw a lot of positives in his team. Senior quarterback Sammy Wilson completed 6 of 10 passes for more than 100 yards with 86 of those going to senior wide receiver Derrick Kirby. The second game saw Hughes traveling to Tennessee for a battle with the Memphis East Mustangs. This game was highlighted by a superb performance by junior fullback Tyrone Smith who hit the Mustangs for 205 yards rushing with two touchdowns and 18 tackles on defense. Hughes kept it close, but ended up a bit short at the end losing 24-21.

Hughes captured their first win on a trip to Marion to play the Patriots. The game was scoreless until the fourth quarter when Marion struck with a 75 yard touchdown pass. Hughes

came back with a 30 yard touchdown run from Ozell Craft and Andre Porter added the extra point. Week four saw the Devils traveling to Marianna. In terrible weather conditions, the Devils battled the Trojans losing a heartbreaker 8-0.


After a week of rest thanks to an open date, the Devils matched up with defending Class AAA champion and now conference rival, the Osceola Seminoles. Hughes played a remarkable first half scoring on runs from Ozell Craft and a 10 yard pass from Wilson to Kirby. In the second half, Osceola proved why they were the defending champions by rallying for a 33-19 win over Hughes. The Trumann Wildcats came to town on the 18th and stole a victory from the Devils. Hughes' performance was highlighted by a 70 yard touchdown run by Ozell Craft and two touchdown passes by Sammy Wilson who connected for scores with Derrick Kirby and Bo Bryant. Despite a strong performance, the Devils came up short 36-19. November 1, the Devils will play the Turrell Rockets in their homecoming game.

IMPS WORK BEHIND KEY PLAYERS

Freshman Willie Greer is one of the key players for the H.J.H.S. Imps. Greer plays many positions including quarterback, running back, and wide receiver. On the defensive side of the ball, Greer also excels at the safety position. Full of confidence, Greer knows what it takes for the Imps to win. Javits Jackson, Calvin Riley, and Leroy Fuqua are other key players for the Imps. Jackson anchors the defense at safety and defensive end, Riley is a starter on both sides of the line, and Fuqua is a defensive lineman leading the team in tackles and sacks. Along with the rest of the team and Coach Bates, the Imps bring exciting football to the fans of Hughes.

EUBANKS RETURNS TO LEAD DEVILS

This year the H.H.S. Devils are under the leadership of former assistant coach Mark Eubanks. Eubanks, who returned after a year off is excited about being back in Hughes. "It's good to be back because I miss my students, the town, and most of all coaching at H.H.S." We welcome Coach Eubanks back and wish him the best of luck.



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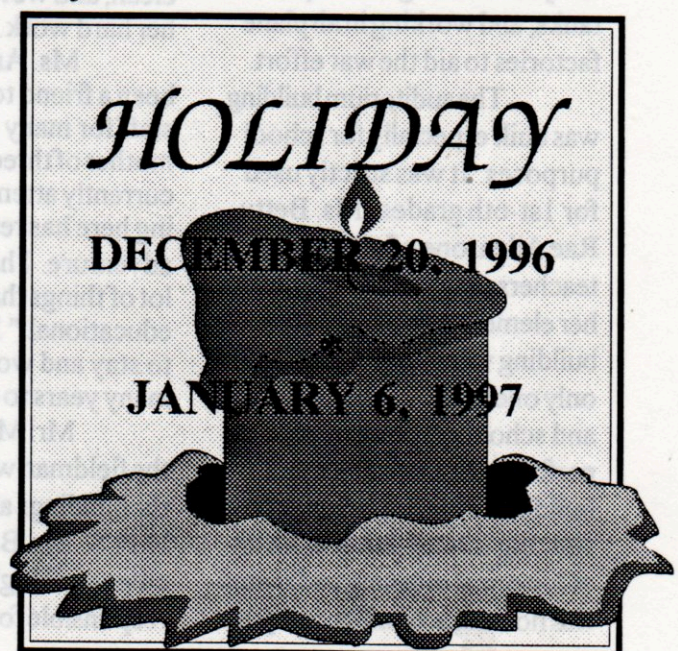
H.H.S. QUIZ BOWL TEAM ADVANCES TO SECOND ROUND OF COMPETITION

BY SCOTT GARDNER

On October 21, the Hughes High School Quiz Bowl team went up against West Memphis High School Quiz Bowl team in the first round of the Channel 3 Knowledge Bowl. Hughes defeated West Memphis 210-135 to advance to the second round. In January, the Blue Devil Quiz Bowl team will travel back to the Channel 3 studios in Memphis to do battle with Germantown High School, a former grand champion of the competition. Hughes was one of thirty-two teams who began play this fall in the Knowledge Bowl competition. The H.H.S. team is made up of senior Nick Meurrier as captain, seniors Brooke and Chamblee Bentley, and junior Bo Baker. The alternates for the Devils are Chris Cromeans and Derek Coats.

This is the first appearance for Hughes High School in the Knowledge Bowl, but the Quiz Bowl program dates back to 1986 when it was started by one

of the current coaches, Ms. Sandy Cook. H.H.S. has competed in Quiz Bowl competitions on the local and regional levels and once narrowly missed a chance to compete in the overall state finals. In the Knowledge Bowl, the students compete in academic competition that covers a wide range of subject areas.



H.H.S. BUILDING HAS SPECIAL HISTORY

BY SHANNON MOORE

Hughes hasn't always been known for its history, but it is popular for other things such as its small population and community closeness. Hughes school is not very large, but some of its older buildings are very important. The auditorium building, for example, was built by Franklin D. Roosevelt's program Works Progress Administration. The Works Progress Administration, or WPA, was set up to provide people who were unemployed a chance to work with public projects. The federal government did this to stimulate the economy during the great depression. The WPA ended when World War II began because people were starting to find jobs building warships, tanks, and working in airplane factories to aid the war effort.

The auditorium building was built especially for school purposes. It was strictly used for 1st-6th grades. Ms. Betty Rae Allen, one of our current teachers, attended school during her elementary years in this building when each room held only one grade. Piano recitals and school plays were also performed in the auditorium building. Hughes may not be a very big school, but it has a lot of historical meaning and memories floating around its campus.

HATS OFF TO HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL JANITORIAL STAFF

BY SAMMY WILSON

Janitors often go unnoticed in schools across the country, but do you ever ask yourself, "How do the halls and school grounds of H.H.S. stay so clean?" It is the result of the hard work and dedication of the H.H.S. janitorial staff. We often take the work of these people for granted and forget to give them credit for their hard work.

Ms. Olean Wright, a longtime citizen of Hughes, has been a great inspiration for many at Hughes High. She has been working at H.H.S. for many years and anticipates many more good years to come. Ms. Wright is a mother of three children and is a grandmother to seven grandchildren. She really enjoys her job and the people that work around her. Ms. Wright works hard to keep the Cafeteria Building and yard clean, and we really appreciate her hard work.

Ms. Anne Harper has been a friend to students and staff for many years. She is a mother of three girls who all currently attend H.H.S. "Working here has really been a true adventure. I have witnessed a lot of things that have been very educational." Ms. Harper plans to stay and work at H.H.S. for many years to come.

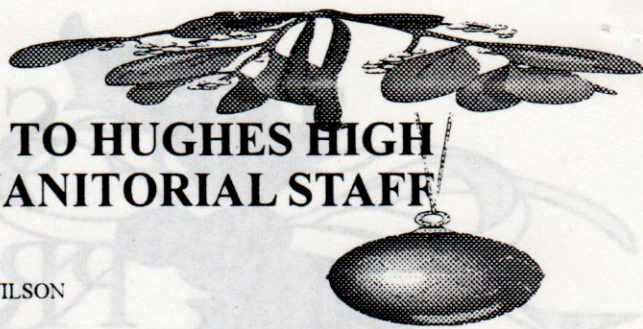
Mr. Melvin Barrett is the fieldman who is in charge of the buildings and grounds at H.H.S. Mr. Barrett is a lifetime citizen of Hughes and is the man responsible for the upkeep of

the school grounds. Many students believe that he is one of the most dedicated staff members ever at Hughes High. Not only is Mr. Barrett in charge of the grounds, but he is also responsible for the supervision of the student members of the janitorial staff.

Mr. Troy Broussard is the man in charge of cleaning both the old gym and the new gym. This in itself is a job with a big responsibility, then add cleaning up after all of the home ball games to it, and you can imagine how valuable he is to our school. Mr. Broussard also brings another distinction to our campus. He is a well known blues guitarist who has played back-up to Johnny Weston and many other well known blues artists through the years. If you're over in the gym and see Mr. Broussard, ask him to take time to tell you about "Jo Anne." Thanks, Mr. Broussard, for keeping the gym clean for us.

A member of the janitorial staff that truly goes unnoticed is Mr. Lewis Williams. Mr. Williams is the repairman for our school, and many times he has something fixed before many people realize that it was in need of repair.

Hughes High is truly lucky to have such a dedicated janitorial staff. If you see one of these hard working people around campus, take a moment to thank them for all they do for Hughes High School.



FALL SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTED BY HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

BY CHERYL HILL
AND
TOMEKA MURPHY

The highlight of the fall semester at Hughes High School was Homecoming Week for the Blue Devils and their fans. Wednesday, October 30 was the first official day of spirit week. It was highlighted by the kick-off pep rally in front of the student center. The cheerleaders and percussion led the crowd in cheers to get everyone into the spirit of homecoming. Wednesday was also bum day which saw students wearing their most "casual" clothes. Thursday's activities included costume day. In conjunction with the Halloween holiday, students dressed up in funny costumes and painted their faces to continue the homecoming festivities.

Friday, November 1, was the last and largest day of spirit week. Students and teachers wore their blue and white to show school spirit. The highlight of Friday was the homecoming pep rally. The pep rally was kicked off with the wacky homecoming which saw some of our H.H.S. males in their finest evening gowns being escorted by their female counterparts sporting the best in men's formal wear. The H.H.S. clubs showed their spirit in the banner competition, and the

cheerleaders and band led the crowd in building up spirit for the devils. The highlight of the afternoon was the introduction of the 1996 Homecoming court and the crowning of Homecoming Queen Christy Cook.

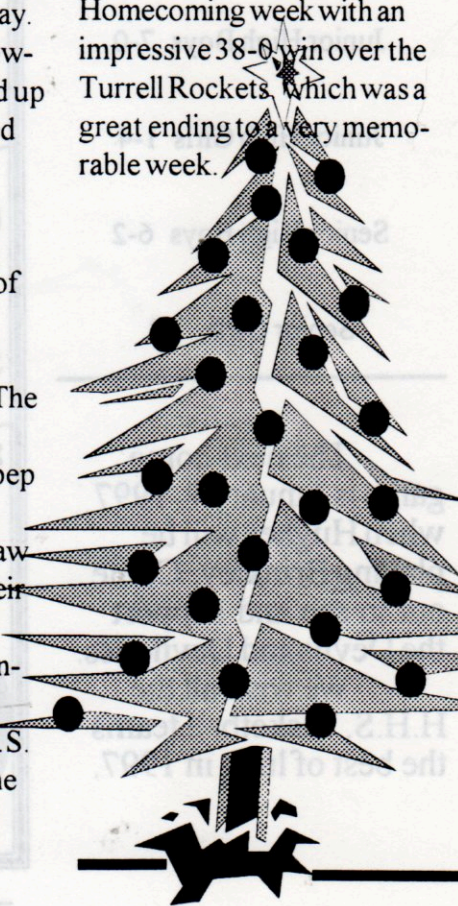
The Homecoming Parade was held after school, and despite the cold weather, several Blue Devil fans braved the elements to show their spirit and support.

Friday night, the Blue Devil football team capped off Homecoming week with an impressive 38-0 win over the Turrell Rockets, which was a great ending to a very memorable week.

H.H.S. HOLDS HOMECOMING DANCE

BY REBECCA BURNS

On November 1, 1996, Hughes High School held its first Homecoming Dance since 1994. The dance was held in the Student Center and lasted about two hours. The music was provided by disc jockey Joshua Miller, a senior at Hughes High School. The dance was sponsored by the student council and chaperoned by Ms. Pemberton, Ms. Cupples, Ms. Bennett, and Mr. Hoy. The students that attended the dance left with mixed feelings. Some students felt the dance could have been better. Tameka Hardaway said the dance was unorganized and could have been planned better. Some students, however, felt differently at the end of the night. Gary Riley said, "I had the place rockin'." Sammy Wilson and Lorenzo Harrison said they liked the dance a lot and it was much appreciated, but it was not what they had expected. All in all, the dance turned out to be a success, and with this being Hughes High School's first dance this year, we can look forward to better ones in the future.



BLUE DEVIL SPORTS

BY LORETTA WOODS

For the H.H.S. Devilettes, basketball season began on November 12, 1996 with a game against Turrell. The team's goal this year is to make it to the state finals. In order to achieve their goal they have to play hard and be very aggressive. The Devils are in a strong conference where they will have to play many tough teams.

One of the key players for the Sr. High Girls team is Tina Jones. Tina is a 5'2" Senior guard that loves to play basketball. When asked of the team's prospects for the year Jones replied, "The team is ready physically, but we need to get into the games mentally as well." Another key player is Tomiko Basemore. She is a 5'6" Senior who enjoys being on the team for the last year.

Tomeka Thomas is a 5'10" postman for the Hughes Junior High Girls. She is a key player because Coach Long depends on her, Alisha Smith, and Neatrice Crenshaw to bring the team up. Alisha Smith said the team needs to practice more and start playing as a team.

Coach Darryle Long thinks that both teams have the capability to be very good. "We need to work together to achieve our goals. The main

objective now is to prepare for our conference season." Coach Long thinks they have an excellent chance to win the conference. We wish the Devilettes the best of luck in the 96-97 season.

SPORTS UPDATE

At the time of press, these were the current records of the Hughes basketball teams.

Junior High Boys 7-0

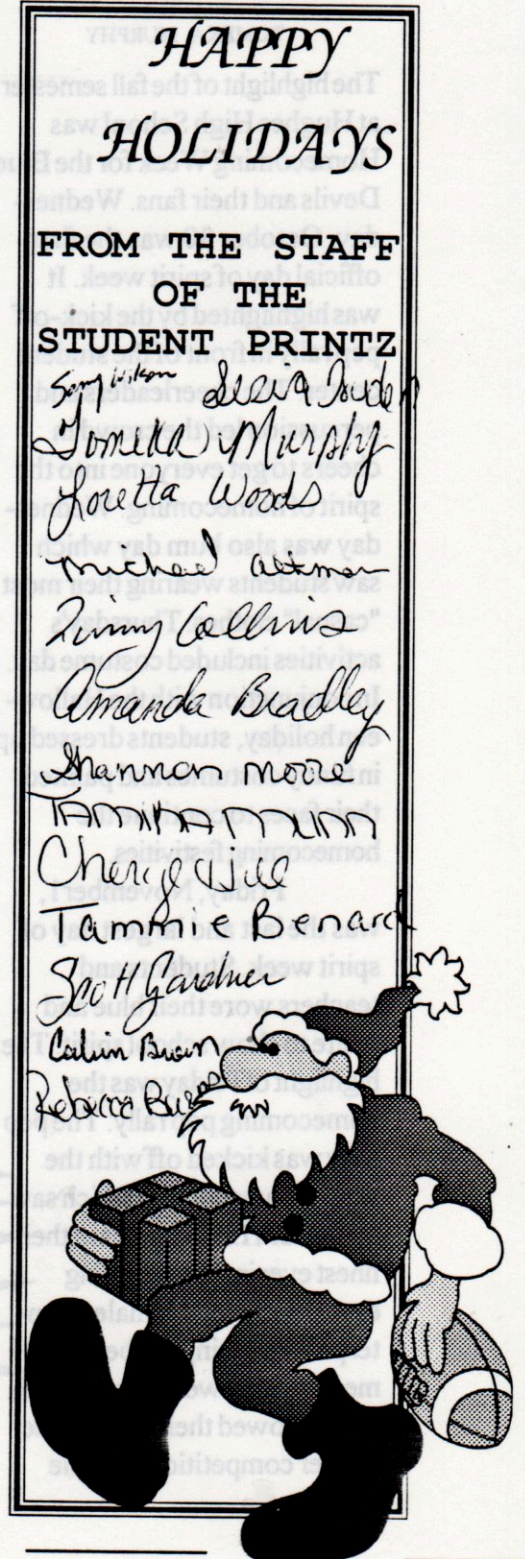
Junior High Girls 1-4

Senior High Boys 6-2

Senior Girls 7-3

The next home game is January 7, 1997 when Hughes will be playing Brinkley. Come out to see and support the Devils and Devilettes.

We wish all the H.H.S. basketball teams the best of luck in 1997.



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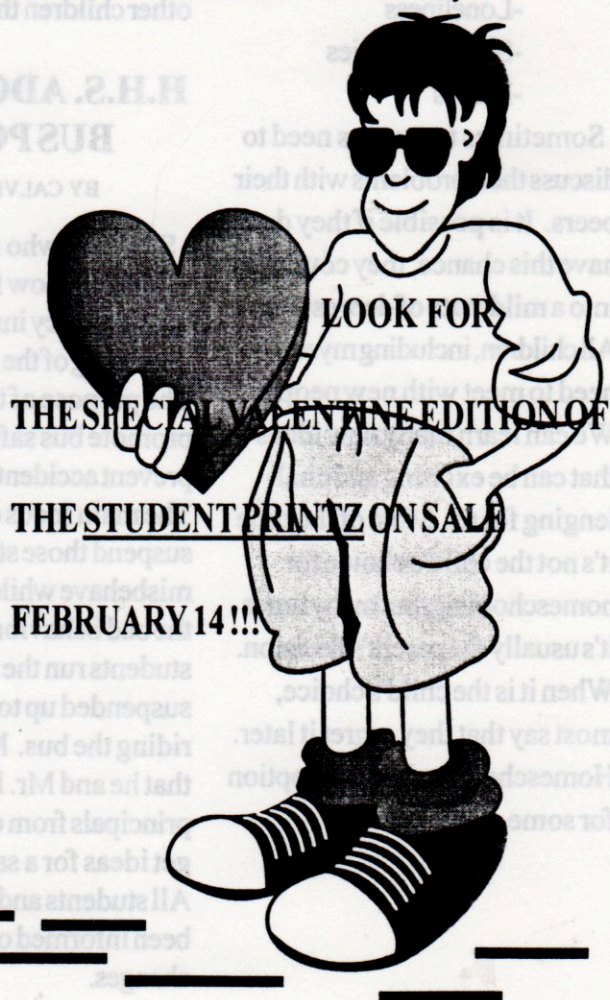
WATCH WHAT YOU TOUCH!

BY REBECCA BURNS

There were five reported cases of Hepatitis A in Hughes Public Schools, and many are concerned about what is being done to prevent the spread of the virus. Ann Harper, a custodian at Hughes High School, said the janitors are using more disinfectants and are keeping the restrooms full of soap and paper towels.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused by the Hepatitis A virus, and is contacted by poor sanitary conditions and lack of personal hygiene. A person is infectious about one week before symptoms appear and the first week of illness. The infected person usually develops fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal pain, dark urine, and yellowing of the skin and eyeballs. Hepatitis A has no long term damage and usually is not fatal. No specific treatment exists for the Hepatitis A virus, but it can be prevented by a blood by product called Immune Globulin. Immune Globulin is a protective antibody from someone who is already infected. Immune Globulin can be used to prevent Hepatitis A both before and within two weeks of exposure, to Hepatitis A. Side effects are common, but rare.

Hepatitis A may not be fatal, but we still need to be informed of when an illness that can be spread is present at school when it first happens, not two or three weeks after exposure has been made. The best way to protect yourself is to wash your hands and not to eat or drink after anyone.



THE SOCIAL HANDICAPS OF HOMESCHOOLING

STUDENT EDITORIAL
BY SHANNON MOORE

Many parents are pulling their children out of public schools to try out a very popular program known as homeschooling.

Homeschool takes a lot away from a child's social development. This could cause children to be incapable of dealing with very simple situations such as

- Peer pressure
- Mild depression
- Loneliness
- Social activities
- Bullies

Sometimes teenagers need to discuss their problems with their peers. It is possible if they don't have this chance, they could go into a mild state of depression. All children, including myself, need to meet with new people. We can learn many new ideas that can be exciting and challenging for us. Most of the time it's not the child's choice for homeschooling, but many times it's usually the parent's decision. When it is the child's choice, most say that they regret it later. Homeschooling is a good option for some, but it

can socially handicap others. Homeschool would be easier on a teenager, but younger children would probably be better off at school with other children their age. If you don't want your child to attend a public school, try a private school before you resort to homeschool. The children need the experience to communicate and deal with other children their age group.

H.H.S. ADOPTS NEW BUS POLICY

BY CALVIN BROWN

Students who ride a bus at H.H.S. are now following a new district policy instituted at the beginning of the spring semester. The purpose of this policy is to promote bus safety and help prevent accidents from occurring. The main focus of the policy is to suspend those students who misbehave while riding the bus. If the bad behavior continues, students run the risk of being suspended up to sixty days from riding the bus. Mr. Jones said that he and Mr. Hoy talked with principals from other districts to get ideas for a safer bus policy. All students and parents have been informed of the policy changes.

H.H.S. HONORS TEACHER OF THE MONTH

BY SAMMY WILSON

The Teacher of the Month for January is Mr. Denny Cain. Mr. Cain was born in Arbyrd, Missouri in 1946. He was raised by his grandparents as a farmboy, and as a teenager he attended Senath High and graduated in 1964. Mr. Cain joined the Air Force in 1964, served four years and became a Staff Sergeant. He married a beautiful woman by the name of Kathy, and in 1972 in the city of St. Louis, they had a young beautiful daughter named Kristy. At this time Mr. Cain was working for Penzoil. Mr. Cain has been with Hughes High since 1981. "I enjoy the kids", says Mr. Cain. "My favorite memory here is when the yearbook was dedicated to me, and my daughter was also honored. My saddest memories were when two students passed away, Jeffery and Edward McDonald." Mr. Cain feels that it's a true honor to be chosen as Teacher of the Month. On behalf of the student body, we would like to thank Mr. Cain for his dedication and commitment to our school. He has been a true friend and a great part of our school life, and we hope to have him for many years to come. Congratulations!!!!!!

HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SECOND NINE WEEKS AND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

BY SCOTT GARDNER

Below is a list of students who were listed on the honor roll for the second nine weeks and first semester at Hughes High School. The staff of the Student Printz would like to congratulate these students for their hard work and achievement.

Second Nine Weeks

Grade 7-Shakena Davis, Jonathon Grady, Shana Latham, Jeffrey Norris Jr., Ross Rose, Candice Scofield, Sarah Sibley, Alice Smith, Emily Taylor, Alicia Thomas, Darrick Williams, Tiffany Williams.

Grade 8-Melissa Beggs, Scott Clayton, Renee Cromeans, LeAnn Cupples, Lula Fuqua, Priscilla Howard, Leroy Harper, Laura Lofton, Etra Rowell, Tiffany Sanders, Alexandra Walker.

Grade 9-Yvette Davis, Jack Lofton, Jenny McGruder, Jamie Wooldridge, James Wydock.

Grade 10-Beau Barnett, Haly Davis, lane Dunaway, Kimberly Jordan, Derrick Nesbitt, Joseph Steele, Latonya Walker, Crystal A. White.

Grade 11-Robert Baker, Charles Barrett, Cana Bickerstaff,

Melissa Cox, Chris Cromeans, Anna Marotti, Crystal Presley.

Grade 12-Evelyn Allen, Chip Arnold, Tomiko Basemore, Stacey Beggs, Brooke Bentley, Chamblee Bentley, Natalie Bradley, Blair Brown, Derek Coats, Christie Cook, Scott Gardner, Ben Grafton, Bettina Jones, Paul Kimbrough, Abby May, Nick Meurrier, Crystal Mooney, Shannon Moore, Herman Smith, Quinton Thomas, Angela Ware.

1st Semester

Grade 7-Kimberly Collier, Shakena Davis, Robert L. Davis Jr., Jonathon Grady, Shana Latham, Jeffrey Norris Jr., Ross Rose, Marquita Scales, Candice Scofield, Sarah Sibley, Alice Smith, Cody Steele, Emily Taylor, Alicia Thomas, Danielle Warren, Darick Williams, Tiffany Williams.

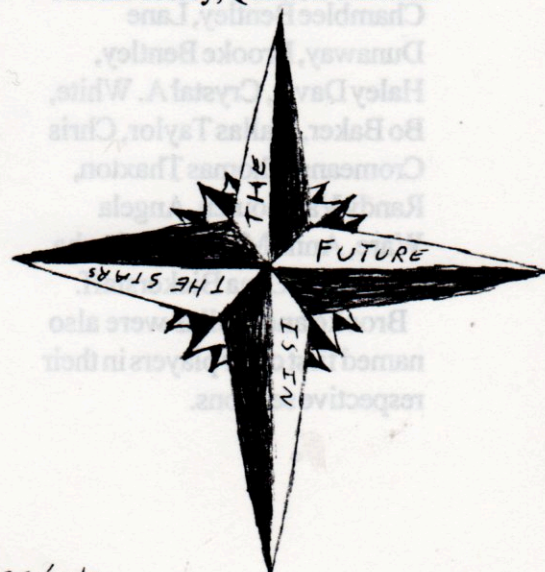
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Grade 10-Beau Barnett, Haly Davis, Lane Dunaway, Kimberly Jordan, Derrick Nesbitt, Joseph Steele, Latonya Walker, Crystal A. White.

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Grade 12-Evelyn Allen, Chip Arnold, Tomiko Basemore, Stacey Beggs, Brooke Bentley, Chamblee Bentley, Natalie Bradley, Blair Brown, Derek Coats, Christie Cook, Scott Gardner, Ben Grafton, Bettina Jones, Tamika Hardaway, Paul Kimbrough, Derick Kirby, Eric Lewis, Abby May, Nick Meurrier, Crystal Mooney, Anita Mosley, Quinton Thomas.



By: Deshay

H.H.S. BAND STUDENTS PLACE IN REGION BANDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SPECIAL TO THE STUDENT PRINTZ

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BY MR. HOY

Thirty-one Hughes Senior and Junior High band students recently qualified for the Region IX All-Region Band this spring.

Region IX is made up of schools from Eastern Arkansas, and the H.H.S. students were in competition with students from schools such as West Memphis, Forrest City, Marion, and Wynne. Those who made the bands had the opportunity to participate in the All-Region clinic held in Helena.

The following students made the All-Region Junior High Band: Renee Cromeans, Melissa Beggs, Emily Taylor, Shana Latham, Angela Ellis, Colby Mooney, Alicia Thomas, Taffany Matthews, Jonathan James, Derrick Bailey, Leann Cupples, James Wydock, Sandra Davis, and Sarah Sibley.

These students made the Region IX Senior High All-Region Band: Blair Brown, Stacey Beggs, Amanda Butler, Chamblee Bentley, Lane Dunaway, Brooke Bentley, Haley Davis, Crystal A. White, Bo Baker, Dallas Taylor, Chris Cromeans, Thomas Thaxton, Randy VanHouten, Angela Ware, Anna Marotti, Nakesha Byars, and Cana Bickerstaff.

Brooke and Dallas were also named first chair players in their respective sections.

Lane Dunaway, Brooke Bentley, Haley Davis, Crystal A. White, Bo Baker, Dallas Taylor, Chris Cromeans, Thomas Thaxton, Randy VanHouten, Angela Ware, and Anna Marotti placed high enough in the region band that they now qualify to try out for the Arkansas All-State Band. Here, students from all over the state compete for spots in one of three elite performing groups.

H.H.S. also placed four students in the Region IX All-Region Jazz Band. Bo Baker, Dallas Taylor, Chris Cromeans, and Thomas Thaxton participated in the Jazz program, and Dallas and Thomas placed high enough to audition for the Arkansas All-State Jazz Band.

Tryouts for the All-State bands will be held February 8th on the campus of Henderson State University in Arkadelphia.

Congratulations to all students who participated, and the staff of the Student Printz wishes those who are auditioning for All-State the best of luck.

I was recently interviewed by two aggressive young journalists who were seeking nomination for "Student of the Term" here at Hughes High School. As I pondered the limitations for just being able to nominate a few students, I kept thinking that the Honor Roll would be a good place to begin my search for candidates.

The Honor Roll at Hughes High School contains the list of all students that earn grades of "B" and above, inclusive of conduct grades. I always study this list for trends and patterns. Some of you that have had the opportunity to visit with me in my office, may have noticed that I keep it posted near the light switch. I've been satisfied with the fact that the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade classes generally have the largest number of students on the Honor Roll. -- Not this time.

This time a class that we have always depended on for leadership, stepped forward and delivered once again. I hereby declare that this class, will share the title of "Students of the Term". Congratulations to the Senior class of 1997.

DEVILETTES PLAY IN TOURNAMENT

BY LORETTA WOODS

Over the Christmas break, the H.H.S. Devilettes played in the Northeastern Arkansas Tournament at Jonesboro. In the first round, the Devilettes played the Harrisburg Hornets, and left with a narrow 48-47 victory. In the second round, the Devilettes played the Rivercrest Colts and were eliminated from the tournament. Tykeshia Davis remarked, "I enjoyed playing in the N.E.A. because it helped me prepare for harder games that we will soon have to face." The N.E.A. tournament taught the team to start rebounding more and begin to get more physically and mentally prepared. Toshia Scofield enjoyed playing in the tournament. "I think that if the team would have played together like we usually do, we could have went all the way. We wish the Devilettes the best of luck in the remainder of their season.

BLUE IMPS ARE RIDING HIGH

SPECIAL TO THE STUDENT PRINTZ
BY CHRIS BAKER

The Junior High boys basketball team clinched the number one seed in the conference tournament by defeating the Rivercrest Colts in a very close game on January 27. The Blue Imps are undefeated with a record of 13-0 as they enter into an upcoming game with West Memphis East Junior High. The Blue Imps have depended on a balanced attack to lead the conference. The Imps depend on the leadership of Corey Scofield, the great outside shooting of Jarvis Jackson and Willie Greer, and a strong inside game from Adam Davis and Leroy Fuqua. Good luck to the Blue Imps on the rest of their season.

At press time, these were the current records of all the Hughes Basketball teams.

Junior Girls 3-4

Junior Boys 13-0

Senior Girls 12-6

Senior Boys 10-2

DEVILS CORNER

SPECIAL STUDENT SUBMISSIONS TO
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"Who am I?"

Hello, who are you?
Nice name, that's true.
But could you tell me
Who am I?
Don't look at me as
a color.
Don't look at me as
a race.
Just look at me as
a nameless face.
No name I have
I have no place.
But one thing is certain-
I am a person.
A person I'll always be
A nameless, colorless nobody
But a person--that's me.

Darrin Coopwood



Richard Blanco

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TEST SCORES ARE IN! HOW DID WE DO?

BY SHANNON MOORE

Hughes public schools have been on academic watch all year, and teachers, students, and administrators have been waiting patiently for the new Sat 9 test scores. The test results are in, and they are a little higher than last year's scores. Teachers are now trying to come up with new ways to prepare students for standardized tests.

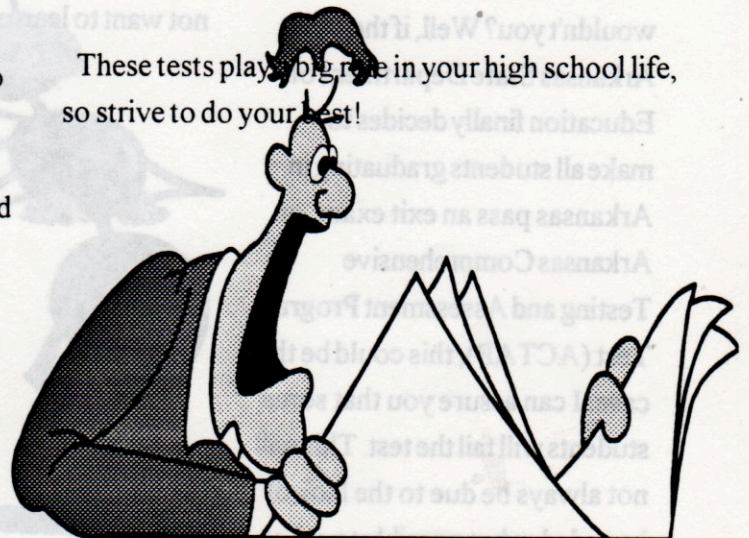
On February 18, 1997 H.H.S. received a visit from the Arkansas State Department of Education. Teachers have been preparing themselves all year for this visit. The state department has suggested a new form of grading called alternative assessment. Alternative assessment consists of different ways of measuring what a student knows. Mr. John Hoy, principal of Hughes High School, says he doesn't have any new plans, but his original plans are evolving. Mr. Hoy plans to have former students who graduated from Hughes High to come and speak about experiences at Hughes and the successes that Hughes High has brought them. He also wants to enlighten students on the importance of tests by challenging students once a month with sample problems from different types of standardized tests. The results of the test are better, but they are not so exceptional that they could get Hughes off the academic watchlist. Mr. Hoy thinks that some students did improve their study skills. He believes they accomplished this by reading more books and by taking books home for the sole purpose of studying and actually doing homework.

Mr. Hoy seems to believe anyone can achieve success by simply knowing the definition of success, knowing what your vision of success is, and having the determination to become successful. All students need to realize just how important these standardized tests are. When you know you have an important standardized test coming up, PLEASE follow these steps to prepare yourself for the big day!

Steps to good test results:

- Eat a good dinner
- Get plenty of rest
- Eat a good breakfast
- Focus on the test only
- Be well prepared
(2 pencils, something to read, be focused)

These tests play a big role in your high school life, so strive to do your best!



STANDARDIZED EXIT EXAM RIDICULOUS

STUDENT EDITORIAL
BY SCOTT GARDNER

Imagine you are an eighteen year old senior who has just gotten over the flu. You still feel a little under the weather, but you decide to go on to school because today they are giving the exit exam. After three long hours, you finally complete the last section on the test. Your head hurts, and you are not really happy with the answers you gave on your test. A few weeks later, you have a meeting with the counselor, and she tells you that your results are below the required score set by state department of education, and you will not be receiving your high school diploma. Instead, you will be receiving a certificate of attendance for your thirteen years of school.

You would feel awful, wouldn't you? Well, if the Arkansas State Department of Education finally decides to make all students graduating in Arkansas pass an exit exam, or Arkansas Comprehensive Testing and Assessment Program Test (ACTAP), this could be the case. I can assure you that some students will fail the test. This will not always be due to the lack of knowledge but possibly to other factors such as the way the

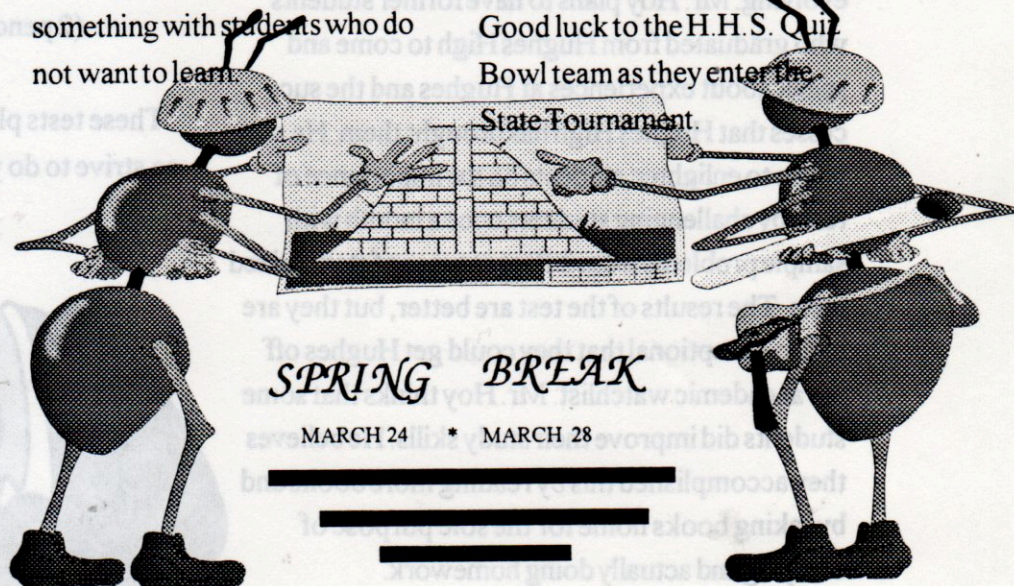
student felt on the day of the test.

The goals for the ACTAP are to improve classroom instruction and learning. With the many different factors that affect the way a student may answer on a state department test, they will not have an accurate account of what the seniors learned during their thirteen years of school. How can they expect to improve the classroom instruction and learning if all they do is take us out of the classroom for standardized tests? We already take a number of test during the school year, so why can't they get the information that they need from those? If the state wants to improve classroom instruction and learning, they need to make learning more interesting, and do something with students who do not want to learn.

QUIZ BOWL TEAM WINS REGION

BY TAMIKA MUNN

The H.H.S. Quiz Bowl team recently won 1st place at the AA regional competition in Bald Knob. Nick Meurrier, Brooke Bentley, Bo Baker, Chamblee Bentley, and Chris Cromeans are team members who represented H.H.S. in the tournament. By winning the tournament, they qualified for the AA State Tournament on April 8. The team members are very excited about going to state because Hughes hasn't been there in a long time. They feel they are prepared to play a good match because they are good at working as a team and learning new things. Team coaches Ms. Allen, Ms. Cook, and Mr. Linn are also very excited and pleased with the team's performance. Good luck to the H.H.S. Quiz Bowl team as they enter the State Tournament.



DRESS CODE NOT NEEDED

STUDENT EDITORIAL
BY TAMMIE BENARD

The Hughes High School dress code has some changes that need to be made. There are students who do wear clothes that are not appropriate, but the majority of the students dress fine, so the code shouldn't be so strict. There is nothing wrong with wearing shorts above the knees as long as no one wears them too short. We don't wear shorts that often, so when we do wear them, we should wear the kind that we like. Also, when males wear earrings, it's not affecting school work or people. It's also not a distraction when people wear earrings in the nose. I think we shouldn't have a dress code because it doesn't matter what you wear—it's about how bad you want an education.



BETA MEMBERS ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

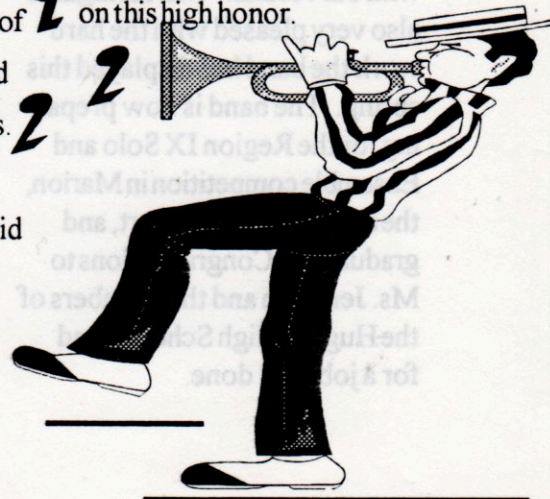
BY TOMIKA MURPHY

On January 24 and 25, twenty members of the Hughes High School Beta Club attended the State Beta Convention in Little Rock. Beta Club members from all over Arkansas met at the Robinson Center Auditorium to take care of the state Beta business. The delegates from Hughes attended different sessions where they participated in campaign activities for state Beta offices and scholastic competitions. In one of the general sessions, the H.H.S. Beta Club received an award for their fund raising for the Arthritis Foundation. Friday evening, the Beta members attended a social where they had the chance to meet and visit with Beta members from across the state. On Saturday morning, the election of state Beta officers was held and then the convention ended. Ms. Barbara Bernard, one of the H.H.S. Beta Club sponsors, said that all the students were very cooperative, and that her and Ms. Lane are proud of all the students that attended.

H.H.S. MUSICIAN EARNS STATE HONORS

BY SAMMY WILSON

There are many band members in our school system that shoot for the top, but few make it big. Dallas Taylor, son of Loretta and Miles Menne, has done what many music students shoot for every year. Dallas, an outstanding trumpet player, made All-State Band and Jazz Band for the second year in a row. Dallas has been in the band for six years and has participated in many musical events. He has played in the E. A. C. C. Jazz Band and has participated in a Festival Orchestra. Dallas has been first chair in Region IX for four consecutive years. "It's nice to play with people who are devoted to music," says Dallas. Dallas says that anyone who tries hard can make All-State Band. In the future, Dallas would like to compose and write music for himself as well as other groups. Congratulations, Dallas, on this high honor.



H.H.S. BAND EARNS TOP RATINGS

BY CHERYL HILL

The Hughes High School Band, under the direction of Ms. Traci Jernigan, highlighted their spring concert season with a wonderful performance at the Region IX Concert Contest. The contest was held Friday, March 14 in West Memphis. The H.H.S. Band received superior ratings from all three judges on their performance. The rating earned by H.H.S. is the highest possible honor a band can receive at the concert contest. For the contest, the band performed Host of Freedom, They Led My Lord Away, and the first movement of Satiric Dances. Hughes also received a superior rating in the sightreading competition where they are required to perform a piece of music they have never seen before. Making superior ratings in all categories is an honor that not many bands achieve. Trumpet player Renetta Patterson said, "We have been working very hard to get ready for this contest and are very pleased with our results." Ms. Jernigan is also very pleased with the hard work the band has displayed this spring. The band is now preparing for the Region IX Solo and Ensemble competition in Marion, the annual spring concert, and graduation. Congratulations to Ms. Jernigan and the members of the Hughes High School Band for a job well done.

HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL POET'S CORNER

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"My Last Plea"

In memory of me
Listen to my plea.
I don't want you to hang
my lying face
in a crooked frame
on a crooked wall
in a crooked hall.
I don't want you
to shame or pity me because
it's too late for that now.
I don't want you to bow at me
resting space.
All I want is for no one
to take my place.
That's where I'll always be,
not just resting
under the willow tree.
So mark this a memory of me.
Consider this, my last plea.

By Jessica Whitehead

"Love"

Love is a dream
Dreamed by the damned.
Sought for protection,
With a heart that's crammed.
Heartache, headache
Fear of the unknown,
Anxiety everyday,
But it's just not to be shown.
Thoughts joused around
All mixed with confusion,
It's not real to touch
But merely an illusion.
Not knowing how long
This feeling will stay,
But the sun still rises
with more hope everyday.
The nightmares leave
For now they are passed.
As long as the dream is alive,
This affection will last.
Dreading the day
That both ends say goodbye,
Can't make it last forever,
But it's still worth the try.

By Crystal Presley



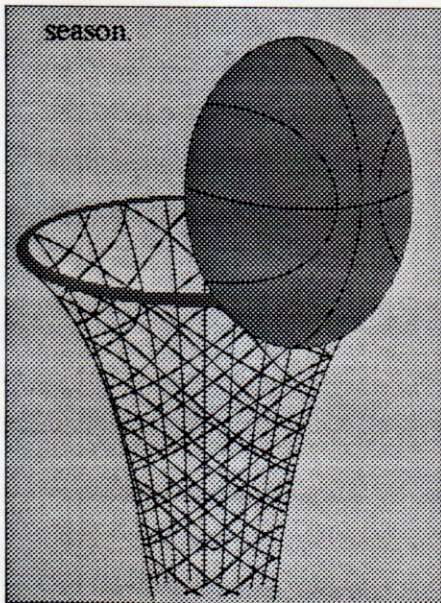
JR. BOYS MAKE HISTORY

BY SESIA DOWDEN

The Hughes Jr. Boys basketball team just completed an undefeated season (15-0), which gives them a place in HHS sports history. The team played with a lot of heart and it paid off. The members of the Jr. Devils feel very good about their accomplishment. All the players feel they had a very energetic team, played with a lot of hustle, and they really put their heart into all their practices and games.

Those are some of the things a team must do to accomplish such a goal. Players Corey Scofeild, Willie Greer, and Javitz Jackson say they feel pretty good about their accomplishments and hope they will be able to help the senior high team do it next year. Congratulations to the Jr. Boys and Coach Swift on an incredible

season.



H.H.S. TEAMS COMPETE IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

BY LORETTA WOODS

In the recent District Basketball tournaments held at Truman, all four H.H.S. teams were in action. The Sr. High Girls opened the tournament with a 67-55 win over the Rivercrest Colts. With this win, the Devilettes advanced to the district final. In the final, they faced Truman who had the home count advantage. After a hard game, the Devilettes came out with a loss. The Sr. High boys played in tournament action Thursday against Trumann. The Devils suffered a 65-63 loss in an exciting game. Junior forward Sesia Dowden said, "We should have won the game regardless of the bad calls we got." Andrew Richmond said he felt that they had played a tremendous first half, but in the second half the team lost their heads and everything turned around on them—even the officials. "Really we can't blame anybody but ourselves." Richmond felt that the team did not play the best it could have, but they still played well. Both H.H.S. teams placed high enough in the district to advance to the Regional Tournament at Valley View.

The Jr. Girls opened the tournament with a tough loss to the Marianna Trojans which put an end to their season. Alisha Smith said, "We could have done better, but we were a little nervous about the game."

The Jr. boys opened tournament play against the Marianna Trojans with a win that advanced them to the final. In the championship game, the Jr. boys defeated Harrisburg which capped off one incredible undefeated season.



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FOUR H.H.S. STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

BY JIMMY COLLINS

This year, four students from Hughes High School have been selected to attend the 1997 Arkansas Governor's School for the gifted and talented. Bo Baker, son of Carol Baker, was selected to attend in the area of drama. Chris Cromeans, son of Jearl and Debbie Cromeans, and Dallas Taylor, son of Loretta Menne, were both selected to participate in the music area. Melissa Cox, daughter of Katheryn and Raymond Cox, will attend in the area of mathematics. Crystal Presley was named an alternate in the area of mathematics.

Students attending the eighteenth annual Arkansas Governor's School (AGS) program will be studying and staying on the campus of Hendrix University in Conway, AR from June 15 to July 26. Over 800 Arkansas students applied for the 400 available positions in the gifted and talented program. While attending the program, students will receive intense and personalized instruction in their speciality area. The students will be able to work with other Arkansas students who share similar interests. In addition to their speciality area, students will receive instruction in several other areas of the cultural education field.

While Governor's School requires hard academic work and will provide strong intellectual challenges, it is also a lot of fun. H.H.S. students will get the chance to meet other students from all over the state, and they will also have access to the many recreational facilities located on the Hendrix campus.

Hughes High is pleased to have four of our students chosen for this prestigious program. All four students are happy and honored about being chosen, and they are all looking forward to broadening their horizons. "I am happy and honored, and I am excited about gaining more experience in the dramatic field" said Baker. We congratulate these students on this high achievement of academic and creative excellence.



QUIZ BOWL TEAM HAS GOOD YEAR

BY SAMMY WILSON

The 1996-97 school year has been a very good one for the Hughes High School Quiz Bowl team. This year's team of Nick Meurrier, Brooke Bentley, Chamblee Bentley, Bo Baker, and Chris Cromeans has been one of the strongest teams in H.H.S. history. Over the course of the year, the team compiled a record of fourteen victories and three losses. This impressive record has set a high standard of excellence for teams in the future.

This season the H.H.S. team won first place in the Great Rivers Educational Co-op Tournament, and placed first in one of the AA Regional Tournaments which qualified them for a trip to the AA State Tournament.

A highlight of this year was competing in the Channel 3 Knowledge Bowl Competition in Memphis. H.H.S. defeated West Memphis in the first round and then lost to past overall champion Germantown. "Playing on TV was a lot of pressure. It's a lot different than other competitions" said Meurrier. Congratulations to the members and coaches of the team on an incredible year.

CHANGING H.H.S

STUDENT EDITORIAL
BY REBECCA BURNS

You walk down the halls of Hughes High School and you see blacks, whites, Hispanics, Native Americans, and many other races. Now imagine yourself walking by a certain person and asking yourself, "Could I like this person as a friend?" We should all put aside our past, and begin to like people for who they are. We do not need to judge people by color or gender. Many of us can do this, but there are many that can't. We can overcome this fear, but we all have to try.

This usually starts at the home and then moves to the school. Parents cannot go around saying, "My son or daughter gets treated differently because he or she is of a different race." That is what sets a bad example for the student because they are greatly influenced by their parent's actions.

In school, all faculty and students should accept everyone for who they are. We are all equal, and we are all here to learn and grow. We need to stop being prejudice, and try this--walk down the halls of Hughes High School and talk to someone that is different from you. Say hello and see what happens--you never know who your best friend may be. Thank you, Anita, for showing me that color means nothing.

BREAK-IN REPORTED

BY SCOTT GARDNER

On Sunday, March 30, a confidential informer called and reported to the Hughes Police Department that someone was walking down the road carrying a computer. This information was dispatched to Officer Thomas Campbell and Chief Ed Gardner. The officers found the computer in a nearby yard, and upon further investigation, they discovered that the computer came from the Hughes Elementary School.

The officers entered the elementary school and found that there was damage to two projectors, a copier, a word processor, a satellite, and a few computers. There were also several items reported stolen including a cassette recorder, a calculator, and two computers. The computers were found wet and dirty in a ditch near the elementary campus.

Police are currently investigating the break-in. If you have any information concerning the robbery and vandalism at the elementary school, please contact the Hughes Police Department.



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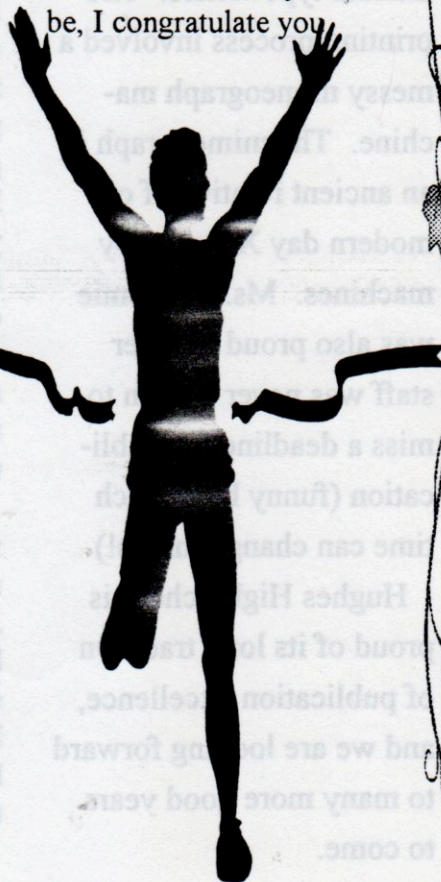
SPECIAL TO THE STUDENT PRINTZ
BY MR. HOY

As the 1996-97 school year began, the atmosphere was charged with concerns about the academic state of our school. In this, the final edition of this year's Student Printz, I feel compelled to review the year and the concerns.

During this school year, we fielded a quiz bowl team that was one of the best in the state. Our students have qualified for state level competitions in mathematics and geography. We outperformed many larger schools at the Marion Symposium. Four of our students were selected to attend the Arkansas Governor's School, and many of our students have qualified for summer AEGIS programs. Our results on the armed services test were so good that even the officer that came to discuss our results was impressed, and our SAT-9 scores did improve. Our student's accomplishments have taken them from rubbing elbows with our state legislators to touring our nation's capital.

Considered from a different perspective, the infamous "student only" assembly revealed that over ninety percent of our student body WERE serious about their education. It is also worthy to note that most of our students take books home regularly, and many of our students are reading during their spare time--even when it's not for a grade.

To all of the students in our school who decided that no one else would determine how successful they would be, I congratulate you



TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

STUDENT PRINTZ SPECIAL
BY SHANNON MOORE

Most teenagers can't wait until that special day when they reach the end of their high school career. Graduation is an important leap into the real world, but some never make it to that day. Many don't make it because they don't put forth the effort, but there are other reasons that graduation day might not be realized.

The Class of 1997 is a special class. Most of us are very close. No matter what obstacles we face, we always seem to overcome them--no matter what. However, there is one special and talented senior that will not be joining us on graduation day.

Edward McDonald was unexpectedly taken from us on May 24, 1995. Even though Ed will not be walking with us, he will be watching with that beautiful smile. Ed was the light of our class. He was always smiling, and he rarely had a mean thing to say about anyone. We will always cherish those fond memories that we have of Edward McDonald. He will always be missed and remembered by Hughes High School and the Senior Class of 1997.

H.H.S. PAPER CELEBRATES FIFTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY

BY SHANNON MOORE

Fifty years is half of a century, and that is a really long time!. Fifty years is also how long the official publication of Hughes High School's Student Printz has been recorded. There were other school and student publications prior to 1947, but according to the H.H.S. archives, 1997 marks the golden anniversary of the modern school newspaper.

Billy Mills, now a dentist in Forrest City, had been the editor of the school publications prior to the arrival of Ms. Julia McKemie in 1944. Ms. McKemie came to Hughes as the journalism teacher and newspaper advisor. When she first arrived at H.H.S., there was not a steady journalism course every year, so much of the work was done before and after school. Also during those days, the same people that did the school newspaper were also responsible for the publication of the school yearbook. The school paper was sold for ten cents a copy, and all of the profits went to the yearbook fund.

The news reported in the school newspaper was always very straight forward and serious. Ms. McKemie's staff worked hard to write meaningful stories, and things like "gossip" columns were never permitted.

The paper staff would type their stories on purple carbons and stencils using manual typewriters. The printing process involved a messy mimeograph machine. The mimeograph is an ancient relative of our modern day Xerox copy machines. Ms. McKemie was also proud that her staff was never known to miss a deadline for publication (funny how much time can change things!)

Hughes High School is proud of its long tradition of publication excellence, and we are looking forward to many more good years to come.

H.H.S. BAND COMPLETES GREAT YEAR

BY CHERYL HILL

The Hughes High School Band has enjoyed a wonderful music season. They represented our school extremely well as a group at marching contests last fall and concert season this spring. Several individuals also received musical honors such as All-Region and All-State band and jazz band.

Last month, several members of the Hughes bands attended the Region IX Solo and Ensemble competition in Marion. At this competition students ranging all the way from sixth graders to Seniors perform prepared solos and group pieces to be judged. Many Hughes students, both young and old, received superior and excellent ratings on their solos, and our percussion ensemble ranked among the top ensembles at the competition. Congratulations to all band members.

This year's Spring Concert will mark the final performance of the band under Ms. Jernigan. Ms. Jernigan is leaving in May, and all the students and faculty of H.H.S. wish her the best of luck and want her to know that she will be missed.

HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL LISTS 3rd NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

BY TAMMIE BENARD

The Honor Roll is a list of students who have shown excellence in the classroom in both academics and conduct. The administrators and teachers of Hughes High are very proud of the students that make the Honor Roll. Congratulations to these students for their hard work, and we hope they continue the good work in the future.

7th Grade

Kim Collier, Chris Crawford, Robert Davis, Jr., Heather Dumesnil, Jonathan James, Shana Latham, Ross Rose, Marquita Scales, Candice Scofield, Sarah Sibley, Alice Smith, Emily Taylor, Alicia Thomas, Chris West, Darick Williams, Tiffany Williams

8th Grade

Melissa Beggs, Renee Cromeans, Leann Cupples, Naomi Davis, Lula Fuqua, Patrick Gooch, Priscilla Hardy, Laura Lofton, Etra Rowell, Tiffany Sanders, Alexandra Walker

9th Grade

Darrin Coopwood, Alexander Dean, Jack Lofton, Jenny McGruder, Jaime Wooldridge

10th Grade

Beau Barnett, Timothy Burks, Amanda Butler, Melissa Curne, Haley Davis, Lane Dunaway, Kim-Jordan, Anissa McDonald, Paige Patrick, Joseph Steele, Latonya Walker, Crystal A. White

11th Grade

Twyla Bain, Bo Baker, Cana Bickerstaff, Brandy Cates, Melissa Cox, Chris Cromeans, Anna Marotti, Crystal Presley

12th Grade

Tomeka Basemore, Stacy Beggs, Brooke Bentley, Chamblee Bentley, Blair Brown, Derek Coats, Johnnie Davis, Betina Jones, Eric Lewis Arnold Macklin, Abby May, Scott Gardner, Ben Grafton, Quinton Thomas

TENNIS TEAM NETS GOOD SEASON

BY LORETTA WOODS

The H.H.S. tennis team just wrapped up another successful spring season. Under the watchful eye of Coach Patrick, the team practiced many long hours during and after school. March and April brought several matches with neighboring schools and district rivals. The Blue Devil tennis team recorded several impressive victories in these matches, but they all had one main goal on their minds. Seniors Nick Cox and Jimmy Collins had their eyes on a trip to the state tournament in doubles. "We were nervous at first, but now we are looking forward to having fun and making state.", remarked Collins after an early season match. A trip to state was also the goal of doubles partners Chamblee and Brooke Bentley.

At the district tournament, Collins and Cox made it to the semifinals before being eliminated. Bentley and Bentley fought their way to an impressive and tough third place finish. Neither team qualified for state, but both represented H.H.S. well.

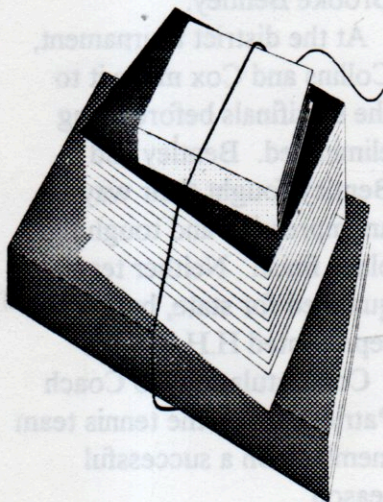
Congratulations to Coach Patrick and all the tennis team members on a successful season.

STUDENTS APPRECIATE NEW FACILITY

SPECIAL TO THE STUDENT PRINTZ
BY LAKITA MUNN

On behalf of the student body of Hughes High School, I would like to thank Mr. Hoy and the rest of the faculty and staff for providing us the use of the new student center. During the cold weather months, the student center was a warm place for students to gather. Many students appreciate the generosity showed us by giving us a place to meet and visit.

We all enjoy the student center, and we are glad that we have it. I, along with the other students at H.H.S., will work to keep the student center clean and in good shape for future Hughes students to use. Again, we appreciate what you have done for us. **THANK YOU!**



H.H.S. POET'S CORNER

STUDENT POETRY SUBMISSIONS
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THOUGHTS

When I'm with you,
I feel so safe.
I love your talks
Your touch
Your warm embrace
Your kiss so sweet
Your eyes so strong
With you must be where
I belong.
The more I'm with you,
The more I care.
It's not love yet,
But it's getting there.
Are these feelings good?
Are they bad?
Do they make you happy?
Do they make you sad?
I need to know where I stand.
As more, as less
Than a friend.
So read this poem
and think it through.
Do you feel for me
As I feel for you?

By Amanda Bradley

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