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The Word of Harpeth Hall

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As the year goes, so goes Mr. David Wood

by Susan Moulton

Mr. David Wood confirmed the rumor that he was leaving Harpeth Hall when he sent a letter in December to Harpeth Hall parents explaining that he would not be back after this school year.

"I love it here," Mr. Wood said, "and it is important for everyone to understand that." He said that it is going to be difficult for him and his wife to leave the Harpeth Hall community, but it is time for him to move on. Mr. Wood has been Harpeth Hall's headmaster for eleven years, and according to Wood, "nobody stays at a school that long." Independent-school heads ordinarily stay five to seven years at a single school. This turnover insures continued growth in a school. Wood has at least ten years until he retires, and he said, "I have got to leave sometime to get a job somewhere else if I can't stay twenty-one years here." Wood feels that he has done all that he can do as a headmaster and would like to find a school that represents new challenges. "I have a lot of sweat and hard work involved here, and things are good," he said.

Wood feels that although the school still has a few problems, it is in "good shape." Harpeth Hall has a very good development staff which did not exist before his administration, and a very fine faculty, 82 percent of whom hold advanced degrees. Wood tried to find good teachers as well as role models for the students, and he thinks he has succeeded. Possibly the greatest change Wood has seen in his eleven years is the completion of the

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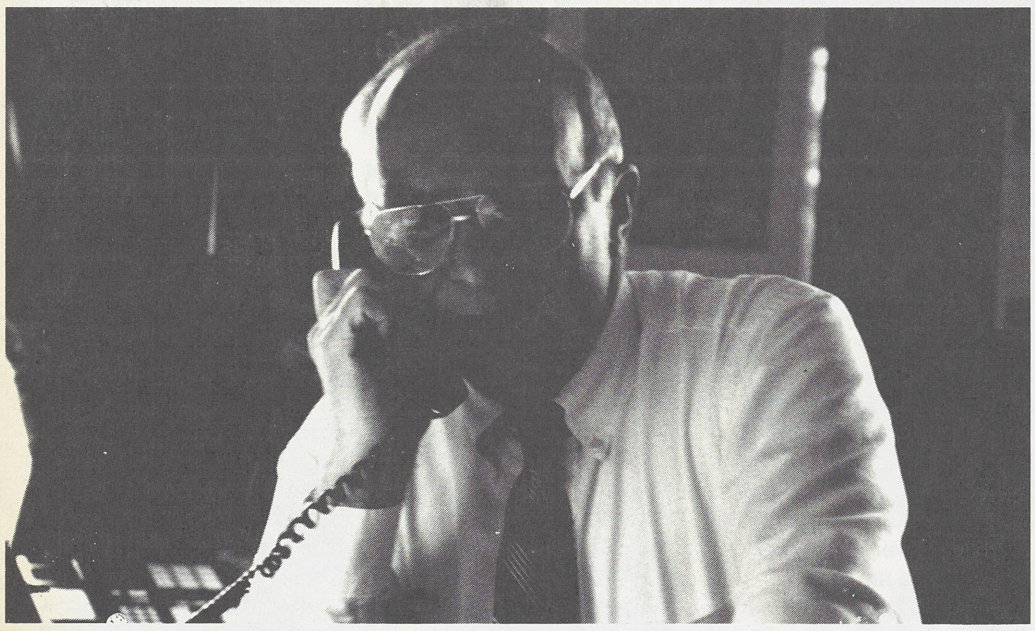


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Wood concludes final business in his office at Harpeth Hall.

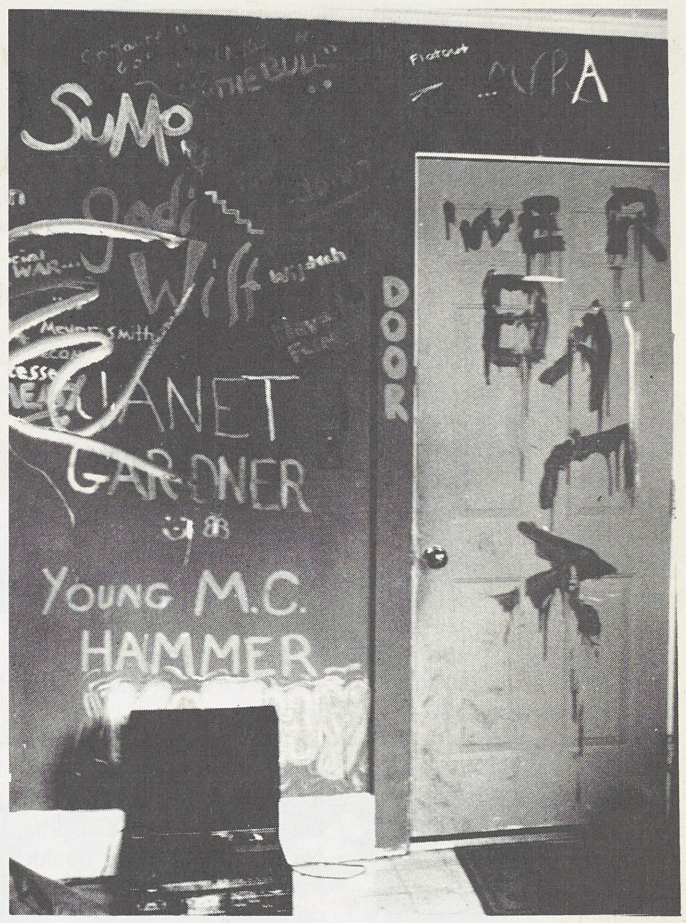


photo by Elizabeth Kraft

Seniors like grafitti, but only grafitti done by this year's seniors.

Paint-crazy Vandals desecrate House

by Becky Burke

During the Christmas holidays, someone broke into the Senior House, covered the walls with written obscenities, and painted the refrigerator, television, Coke machine, carpet, and door with the words "We're back," prompting some seniors to wonder if the vandals had been former members of the Harpeth Hall community.

Apparently the people responsible for the vandalism entered the Senior House through an unlocked window. Obviously there was not an alarm, but Mr. David Wood said that students can "rest assured there is an alarm now."

Cigarette butts and a beer can were found at the scene of the crime. The paint used was inside the House on shelves and was left over from the ritual painting by the Harpeth Hall seniors last summer. One of the maintenance men, Mr. Joe Straub, discovered the Senior House in its desecrated form. Mr. Straub

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At concert, rockers toast H.O.S.T.T.

by Sara Johnson

H.O.S.T.T., the Hunger Organization by Teens of Tennessee, strives to alleviate hunger on a world-wide basis.

Zack Liff, a senior at University School of Nashville, and Harpeth Hall Senior Melissa Bledsoe began H.O.S.T.T. this summer at the Governor's School for International Studies after watching a video on hunger. Bledsoe said, "It was pretty heart-wrenching," and she wanted to do more than "eat my brussels sprouts because people in Africa are starving."

Bledsoe and Liff were further inspired after learning of a school in New York that raised money to send grain to Africa.

The H.O.S.T.T. project began to materialize when Mr. James Russell, a lawyer, came to talk to the students at Governor's School. He donated the money needed to get a corporate charter which established H.O.S.T.T. as a non-profit organization. In addition, he helped them organize and set up the by-laws.

Upon returning to Nashville, Bledsoe and Liff set up the group's tax

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Opinions

Baughman shocked by the immaturity of the House vandals

by Ann Baughman

Shocked, incensed, offended, violated -- these are just a few of the words that the senior class used to describe their feelings after the senseless vandalism of the Senior House. After Winterim, seniors came back to school only to find that some people had broken into the Senior House during the holidays. I was on campus two days after Christmas when a maintenance man discovered the damage. Not only was I personally offended, but I felt a sense of loss for my entire class. The vandals had scrawled grafitti on the walls with paint, ruining the spaces where some peoples' names had been written. In order to repair the damage, whole sections of the walls had to be totally recovered with fresh paint.

This is not the Senior House that our whole class united to create those three days last August. *This* Senior House is no longer homey because the carpet was ruined due to excessive amounts of spilled paint; as a result, the damaged carpet had to be replaced by beige and mauve-flowered linoleum. *This* Senior House's walls are no longer covered with the colorful names of my classmates, but are now a blank and boring teal color.

What makes this atrocity so horrible is the possibility that recent Harpeth Hall alumnae may be the culprits. No one defaced their Senior House -- what gives them the right to do it to ours? Regardless of who caused the damage, it was not only an act of total immaturity and insensitivity, but it shows an utter lack of respect for school property.

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An anonymous student questions the honor system

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to address some concerns that I have about the Honor Council and the unfairness it renders.

As a freshman, I was caught for cheating on an extremely minor quiz. I had looked on someone else's paper as well as changed something after I was no longer allowed to do so. I admitted to these "crimes" after being confronted and was sent before the Honor Council.

In the meeting I admitted that I had signed the pledge, and I adnitted that this was not the first time I had glanced at other people's papers. As punishment I received probation for my remaining time at Harpeth Hall, a zero on the quiz, and two days of in-house suspension. Each day of in-house results in one point off of one's semester average in *every* class. This is one of the stiffest punishments that the Honor Council gives for cheating.

As for the other side of the story, I have a friend who has often been turned in for cheating. She swears to her confronter that she did not cheat and has never gone before the Honor Council. She has obviously cheated, just as I did, but she's too smart to admit it and always goes unpunished.

Recently someone was brought before the Honor Council after being caught red-handed for cheating on a test. Because of mitigating circumstances she was only given probation for the rest of the year and in-house suspension for one day. Her "crimes" commited on a major test and were planned in advance. How is this fair that her punishment was so light while I was harshly punished merely for glancing at another student's paper during a quiz?

I'm not saying that what I did wasn't wrong; it was. I am just saying that honesty, even at a late date, is *not* rewarded by Harpeth Hall's Honor Council. I do not cheat anymore; I really have learned a lesson. However, as unfortunate as it is, if I had it to do all over again, I would not admit to my crimes. And that means that something is wrong with today's Honor Council.

In response...

President defends Council

by Kathy Falk

As President of the Honor Council, I would like to confront some common frustrations that the student body has voiced toward the honor system. Often, students view the Honor Council as an opposing force when, in actuality, the Honor Council exists to protect the students. The Honor Council is not "out to get" anybody; our purpose is not to punish. Our goal is to make the Harpeth Hall community a more comfortable and secure one in which to live. How secure would this community be if there were no Honor Council and rampant cheating and stealing became a common pastime? A successful school atmosphere is founded on trust, and it is by building this trust that the Honor Council attempts to create an atmosphere that will benefit everyone, students and teachers alike.

In response to the student's editorial printed on this page, I feel that there are several points argued on the basis of misunderstandings of the system.

First and foremost, cheating in any situation and on any test or quiz is wrong. The significance or importance of that quiz or test and whether it is "minor" or "major" is irrelevant. The principle of it all is what matters. Cheating is cheating, no matter what the situation, and no punishment is determined on the basis of "the size of the crime."

Secondly, the reason for the different punishments for the student's and her friend's honor code infractions is simple: *the cases were different.* If the Council gave the same punishment for each cheating case, then the Council might as well not exist--the problem would be eliminated by putting a blanket punishment in the handbook to apply to each and every cheating case, no matter what the circumstances. In the last four years of being a member of the Honor Council, I have not yet seen a cheating case that was exactly like another. Therefore, would it really be fair to give the same punishment to each girl?

Finally, I hope that each student brought before the Council would feel that she was the "smart " one for telling the truth. The Honor Council *does* promote honesty, but we cannot fail to take action against a dishonest act. If the Council did not give appropriate punishments for Honor Code infractions, then we would be sending out a message that cheating is O.K.. Personally, I would not be able to feel good about myself knowing that I had lied about a dishonest act to begin with. Just because one girl did not have to suffer the consequences of an infraction by lying her way out of it, she is in no way more admirable or trustworthy than the honest girl. I have more respect for those who are honest with themselves. The girl who lies cannot trust herself and therefore, cannot expect others to trust her. Also, it is not too "smart" to lie about an infraction because if the Honor Council had found out that the girl had lied, then the consequences would have been even more severe. To the student who wrote the editorial: I respect the courage and integrity that it took for you to admit to the honor violation, and I hope that if you had to do it all over again, you would remember what is *really* important and be honest with everyone, including yourself.



photo by Elizabeth Kraft
Emily Haynes looks for *cephalogonimoides pseudobranchus* under the microscope.

Do you have a parasite as a lab partner? Haynes did!

by Allyson Bourke

Senior Emily Haynes was named a semifinalist in the 50th Annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search for her project in the field of parasitology; she discovered a new species of parasite in the intestinal tract of salamanders.

Haynes explained that science teacher, Mr. George Sellers, sparked her interest in the project by mentioning the contest to his chemistry class when Haynes was a sophomore. She said that she "did not realize how much work it would be."

Haynes spent her sophomore and junior years working and researching in preparation for beginning the project. She read material on salamanders, collected salamanders, and practiced cutting open salamanders in the chemistry lab. Haynes said this was the hardest thing about the project: "I had to kill the salamanders to dissect them. I had such a problem doing that."

This past summer, after extensive research and preparation, Haynes began work on salamanders called Dwarf Siren *Pseudobranchus striatus* that Mr. Sellers collected in Florida. She looked at particular parasites and identified them but noticed that one parasite was different from those she had studied while preparing for the project. She explained that "it was significantly smaller than most parasites. Its oral and ventral suckers were different and so was the length of its intestinal cecum.... Its suckers were aspinal, and its pharynx was not visible." After talking to Sellers, Haynes suspected that this could be a new parasite. She said,"Being a parasitologist himself, he knows so much about it. He just had a hunch, so we kept on reading." The parasite that Haynes discovered is called *cephalogonimoides pseudobranchus*. She only laughs when asked, "Why didn't you name it 'Em's parasite?'"

After a summer of dissection, Haynes spent the fall taking pictures or photomicrographs of the parasites and mounting them on slides. She also had to measure all body parts such as the ovaries of the microscopic parasites. "That part was *so* tedious," she said.

She explained her results for Westinghouse in a seven-page paper in November. Haynes says that being named a semifinalist has greatly affected her mail intake. "I get letters from all these colleges who want me to attend their science schools!"

Haynes's work will also be published in a journal of parasitology. Because Westinghouse is the most prestigious science competition for high school students, the semifinalist status will result in the potential for scholarships in college for Haynes.

Mr. Wood.....

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campus. The Math and Science Wing, the track, and the new Middle School building were all built during Wood's administration.

Wood has not found a new school yet, but he is "working with several consultants," including the same people who are assisting Harpeth Hall in its search for a new headmaster. As a native Southerner Wood hopes to find a school in this region. He would prefer one that is co-ed, for he previously taught at a boys' school in Alabama and thinks it will be hard to find a girls' school that can compare with Harpeth Hall. Although Wood is sad about leaving Harpeth Hall, he is very excited about the new challenges ahead of him.

When Wood came here in 1980, he aspired to help make it "a really good school that is also an enjoyable place to be." He added, "I think we have done that." Students seem to agree. Senior Ann Baughman said, "We will all be sad to see such a caring and giving headmaster leave a school to which he gave so much of himself."

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Senior House.....

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said he walked in to get a Coke and saw paint on the Coke machine. Then he said to himself, "These girls sure are getting crazy with the paint." However, after glancing around the room, he saw words like "whore" and "beer baby;" it was then that he realized the seniors had not painted these things. Mrs. Susan Baughman said, "It was a despicable act, and I am sorry it happened."

While it is not evident why the culprits vandalized the Senior House, the vandalism cost the school time and money. The walls had to be re-painted, and the carpet had to be replaced, a cost which the school absorbed. However, the seniors were not consulted about the repair. The tile floor which is now in the house is not to the liking of the seniors. Senior Maria Morrissey said, "I hate it. It's cold and dirty. We worked very hard on our House this summer, and it is discouraging that someone would do this to us."

Godspell cast haunts the Hall during Thespian Convention

by Kara Emerson

Thespians from throughout the state descended upon the Harpeth Hall campus the weekend of March 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the Tennessee State Thespian Convention.

The International Thespian Society is an honor society that high school students may join if they have accumulated approximately one hundred hours of "meritorious work in theater." Membership is organized into state chapters and local troupes - one of which is presently active at Harpeth Hall.

Each year a national convention is held in the summer; the individual states meet sometime during the year as well.

This year the Tennessee convention was held at Harpeth Hall, hosted by both Harpeth Hall Playmakers and Father Ryan's Purple Masque Players. This was the first time that the convention has ever been held outside Memphis, and it was the first time that Harpeth Hall has ever participated.

The weekend commenced Friday evening with opening ceremonies and the featured performance of *Godspell* . On Saturday, the Thespians attended various workshops throughout the day such as Theater Dance and Commercial Acting. Running concurrently with the workshops was a "play marathon." Several of the schools performed scenes and one-act plays in the auditorium. The "Mere Mortals" played at a dance held Saturday night in Morrison Gym.

The conference concluded Sunday morning with an awards ceremony and the Thespians returned to their respective homes throughout the state. All enjoyed their weekend; one Thespian, Junior Holley Phillips, said, "It was better than *Cats*. I'd do it again and again."

News & Features

Briefly Noted...

by Sara Johnson

Senior Alison Brooks won the All American Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence. She is one of two winners from Tennessee and is now eligible to be one of six regional winners. If Brooks becomes a regional recipient, she then will be considered for the national award which is awarded to only two students in the country.

Mrs. Susan Russ asked Brooks if she was interested in applying for the award earlier in the school year. Afterwards, Brooks said, "I didn't really think anything about it, so I was really surprised to find out I'd won!"

In addition to $250 awarded to Harpeth Hall, Brooks received $750.

Honeybears give litigation a whirl at Mock Trial program

by Holly Tackett

On March 2, several Honeybears found themselves arguing, acting, and trying to persuade observers that they were telling the truth. However, these were not delinquents charged with a felony, but the fourteen Harpeth Hall participants in the Mock Trial program competing against other area high schools.

The girls began organizing their cases at the end of January during meetings held twice a week. The coaches, Mr. John Branham, Mrs. Anne Russell, and Mr. John Bailey, assisted the girls by teaching them courtroom language and showing them how to strengthen their cases.

Ann Baughman and Lissa Smith were defense attorneys, while Frances Bailey and Leigh Wayburn argued for the prosecution. Senior participants were Mary Davie, Jane Campbell, Susan Moulton, and Cynthia Price. The team's juniors included Ashley Camp, Carrie Crossman, and Heather Kirksey. Sophomore Emily Compton and Freshmen Rebecca Russell and Holly Whetsell also participated in the program.

This year's case dealt with the sexual harassment of a female police officer. The team's members representing the prosecution and defense were scored by how well they presented their cases; these scores were added to produce a composite score. The outcome of the case has no bearing on who receives the most points.

Alison Brooks, a former participant, said, "You are treated in the courtroom like a real judge would treat you. Mock Trial is a great way to learn about the judicial system because lawyers have to know the courtroom language. However, the witnesses have the most fun because they get to act. But basically, it is fun to do."

Johnson and Kraft provide moral guidelines for Spring Break vacationers...a *Logos II* exclusive

Spring Break Do's...

~~**USE PROTECTION** (or baby oil for that lobster look)

~~**PACK FOR THE CLIMATE** (i.e., pack your parka if you are going arctic)

~~**PACK A GOOD BOOK TO SCORE BROWNIE POINTS WITH THE TEACHERS** (we suggest the Jackie Collins *Lucky Chances* series)

~~**USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM** (two is better than one!)

~~**WATCH FOR UNDERTOW** (we hear people get carried away at the beach)

~~**WEAR FLUORESCENT** (if you want to look really rad

~~**BUY COKES BY THE CASE** (it is more economical)

~~**WALK ON THE BEACH** (it keeps those thighs in excellent shape and removes corns from your feet)

~~**PACK INTERNATIONAL COFFEES AND CELEBRATE THE MOMENTS OF YOUR LIFE**



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Don't forget the Spring Break essentials: suntan lotion, magazine, and stylish straw hat.

Spring Break Don'ts...

~~**WEAR A THONG BIKINI** (not only are these tacky, but you will burn where the sun don't normally shine)

~~**TALK TO STRANGERS** (remember that not everyone on the beach has had access to such a helpful Do and Don't list)

~~**FORGET YOUR FAVORITE TAPES** (we recommend *Air Supply Greatest Hits* and *the Beach Boys*)

~~**GIVE IN TO PEER PRESSURE** (create your own pressure)

~~**FORGET A WIND-RESISTANT LIGHTER** (in case you get stuck on the beach after dark)

~~**GET DEHYDRATED** (drink lots of fluids)

~~**PLAY THAT WILD ROCK-N-ROLL TOO LOUD** (it is bad for your ears and may disturb your fellow vacationers)

~~**FORGET YOUR CAMERA** (so you can look back and see how you really looked in that bikini you thought was so cute)

~~**EAT STRANGE FOODS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES** (unless you enjoy praying to the porcelain goddess)

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Prominent school director writes for advice on unruly daughter



Dear Ann, Dear Cynth,

Excuse me, I have a problem. I have noticed that I cannot ever sit still . I am in constant motion-- it is like being a moving disco ball in a roller skating rink. I have to be tapping my foot or playing with something in my hands all the time--such as a pen or a shredded napkin. Am I nervous about something or do I have a co-dependency problem?

--Fidgety Fingers

Dear Fidgety Fingers,

Your seemingly annoying problem is your subconscious's means of alerting you of some deep and dark mental distortion. This disco ball sensation could mean a number of things. Were you ever abandoned as a child in a roller-skating rink? Has John Travolta ever been a permanent resident in your home? Did your parents ever punish you by covering you with mirrors and hanging you from the ceiling? Although the easiest solution would be amputation, that measure might be a little extreme. Actually, you have already taken the first and most important step to recovery: recognizing your obsession. The next thing to do is to be conscious of your behavior and try to control it. If our advice does not help you, we suggest you consult an advice-giver of higher intelligence--perhaps Geraldo?

Be Still,
Ann and Cynth

Dear Ann and Cynth,

Excuse me, I have a problem. My school newspaper has an advice-column written by two very scary people whom I would rather die than get advice from. What should I do?

Me

Dear Me,

We cannot imagine being in such a truely horrible predicament, and we truly feel for you. There is hope for you and others like you, so do not give up. Our school has an incredibly helpful advice-column written by two very insightful and respected people who are confident they can help you with any problems you might have. What you should do is address any further problems you might have to them--we are sure you will be completely satisfied.

---Ann and Cynth

Dear Ann, Dear Cynth,

Excuse me ,I have a problem. Recently someone came up to me and asked me where I got the opaque-white hose that I was wearing. Normally, I would have simply answered and been happy that someone had noticed my opaque-white hose, but today was different because I was not wearing any hose--it was just my bare legs. How can my legs be so white as to be mistaken for opaque-white hose? I asked my mom if there were any albinos in our family history, but she said "No," so I am getting rather suicidal because I am so confused about my situation. What would you do? You always seem to have bronzed complexions with no hint of albino in you. I have heard of tanning lotions and tanning beds, but I know that one of them is not good for me--which one?

--That White Girl

Dear That White Girl,

How embarrassing! Why not invest in some suntan hose? These would create the illusion of a tanned complexion even if you do not have a real one. However, this is only a temporary solution. As far as the lotions and beds go, these tend to offer a purely superficial, temporary, and sometimes dangerous solution to your pale problem. The only answer is to have your whole body covered with one continuous bronze-colored tattoo. You will be pleased with the lasting results without the messy lotions or unsanitary tanning beds. It may be outlandishly expensive and excruciatingly painful, but at least no one will ever mistake your legs for opaque-white hose again!

Always tan,
Ann and Cynth

Dear Ann, Dear Cynth,

Excuse me, I have a problem. My problem is an unusual one. I am the Director of a fine high school for girls in the South. My responsibilities center on the daily operation of the school, including the discipline of the students. My problem is that my daughter is a student at this school. Even though she is an excellent student, she definitely has a mind of her own, and we do not share the same attitude toward rules. Ann and Cynth, you can easily see the conflict and tension this togetherness causes. What am I to do?

--Nowhere Else to Turn

Dear Nowhere Else to Turn,

Hmm... We have tried to put ourselves in your unusual position as well as the obviously terrifying situation that your poor daughter must face every day of her wretched existence. Being the completely impartial, totally unbiased, professional advice columnists that we are, we have to come up with a solution. Because your situation is so different from that of most mother-daughter relationships, why not adapt your style of living? Perhaps if your presence were not forced into your daughter's life so much, the time you spend together would be more precious. We suggest a two-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath, fully- furnished condominium for your daughter's living pleasure. This would get her out of the way as well as challenge her to face the world on her own. And since you are the director, you could ease the tension that you have at school each day exempting your daughter from all the school's rules? This would be a good way to show her that you love her.

--Ann and Cynth

Features

Howe fills in for Benn this semester

by Sarah Walton

Mrs. Beth Howe, the new French teacher, is taking Mrs. Jo Benn's position for the next semester while Mrs. Benn takes her maternity leave until next fall.

Mrs. Howe is married to Mr. Curtis Howe from Knoxville, and although the two were married in August of 1989, Howe only moved here to live with her husband this past July. Howe taught one semester of French at Tennessee State University. Her husband is presently a third-year medical student at Vanderbilt University.

Howe moved here from California where she graduated from Stanford with a major in French, but she has also taught Spanish.

Howe said of Harpeth Hall, "I like it so far. The individual class size is the best...small classes are a nice change from TSU's classes of around 40 people. Also, the students at Harpeth Hall are so nice and polite. There are no disciplinary problems."

Third year French student Sarah Scarborough said, "She is fun, and she makes class fun." She usually devotes part of class to do something fun instead of just lecturing to us." Classmate Ashley Richter agrees: "I like the way she teaches because at the end of each class we play games that make learning French fun. It is also nice to have a new face in class. It makes the year more interesting."

Some of Howe's hobbies include collecting teddy bears, playing tennis, water skiing, and cooking.

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Last November Liff and Bledsoe decided that H.O.S.T.T. should sponsor a benefit concert in order to arouse interest at schools in the Nashville area. The concert was held at the Cannery on January 26. The bands Wishcraft, F.U.C.T., San Simian Par Funk, Pieces of Eight, Josh and the Souldiers of Love, and Rood Society played for free. Admission costs were five dollars per person. Because so many people attended, people had to be turned away to avoid breaking fire codes. Senior Vicki Preston attended the benefit and said, "The crowd was very diverse. There was everyone from total preps to total punks." After covering the production costs of about $650, H.O.S.T.T. made a $1600 profit.

Some of the concert's profits went to the Second Harvest Food Bank. The rest will be pooled at the end of the year and donated to Project Africa. This organization researches long-term hunger projects to prevent a further spread of the devastating famine.

In the future, H.O.S.T.T. will begin meeting at HH and will plan service projects. The next fund-raiser will be a T-shirt sale. Bledsoe said, "The T-shirts are going to be really cool. They are being designed by a guy from Hillsboro."

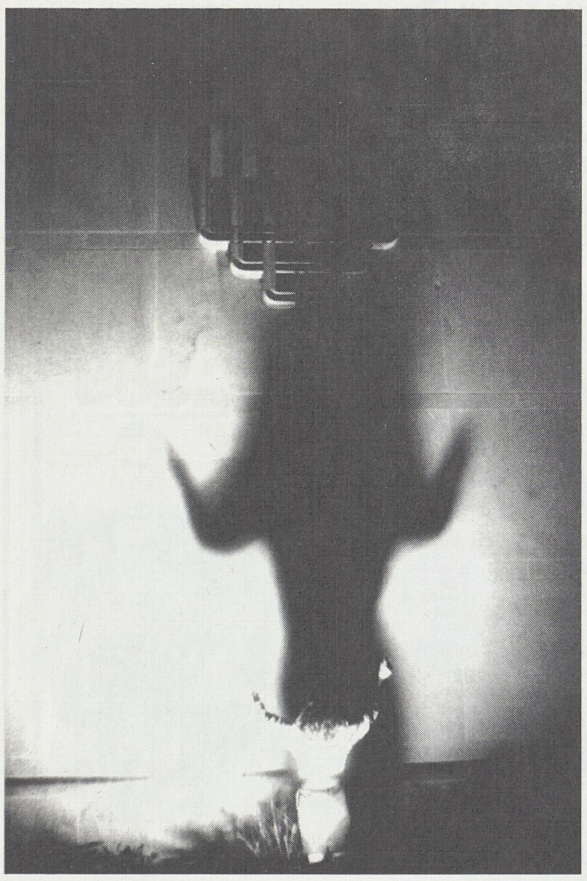


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George's celebration adopts patriotic theme

by Allyson Bourke

This February, the George Washington Celebration, a tradition since the 1920s at Ward Belmont College and Harpeth Hall, was mixed with a new spirit of patriotism as HH's seventh graders honored the men and women serving in the Persian Gulf.

"I changed it!" exclaimed Mrs. Nancy Duvier, director of the celebration. "We had to do something different because of the war."

She said, "When we first started working on it, I was talking to the girls about the dedication. They wanted to dedicate it to Mr. Wood. I said that was fine, but I decided to run the idea by them of dedicating it to the men and women in the Gulf." Mr. Wood's son, David, is presently in the Armed Forces. Mrs. Duvier's classes agreed that a dedication to the troops would be special to Wood. Duvier said, "I told Mr. Wood, 'We're doing this for your David.'"

The night before the Celebration, Duvier was busy and anxious, and said, "I wish I were Catholic, and I would say a Novena. Does that tell you how I'm doing?" But the morning was a success. President and Lady Washington were portrayed by eighth graders Katherine Wray and Lacey Galbraith. The audience got a dose of comic relief when Captain of the Soldiers, Kristine West, shouted at some delinquent soldiers in the flanks.

"We don't do much in this school in a patriotic measure," said Duvier. "This school does not need to be afraid to proclaim its patriotism. A renewal of patriotism... that is my goal."

"I remember after the *Challenger* exploded, I drove to Harpeth Hall, and do you know I couldn't find a flag on this campus? I went to the Upper School and I said, "Mr. Wood, do we not have a flag? Shouldn't we put a flag at half mast?' Polly Nichols heard me talking, and she came up with the resources for that flag that you see waving outside the cafeteria."

At the program's conclusion, Christina Wieck mentioned her uncle in the Gulf and asked the audience to remember the soldiers fighting there. Duvier said, "Her parents taped the performance this morning, and they plan to have it mailed to him. Harpeth Hall can be proud of that."

Senior suggests a college-checklist T-shirt for her stressed-out classmates

by Alison Brooks

It is the spring semester now, the senior slide has begun, and we seniors can look back on the past months with a healthy humor. "Senioritis" has set in; all seniors have realized that, yes, there is a life after the first semester of the senior year. Does the fun of being a senior outweigh the stress? Let's take a look at some senior privileges and pains:

The Senior House

...a place where you can leave your stuff and not worry whether its value will be respected...a place where any size, shape, and kind of trash can be found. Seriously, the Senior House is great, and we still like it despite the new Country Crock Kitchen Hearth tile. It makes the house kind of... homey.

Early Dismissal from School- 8th Period

...What idiot would complain about that?

Senior Lunch Privilege

...unfair...Some get an 89 cent beef patty and greasy fries while others get a house salad, buttered rolls, fresh meat, pasta, and chocolate fudge pie. Well, at least we know who saves more money.

Senior Parking Lot

... worse than the junior and sophomore lots. There is nothing worse than being stuck behind a clueless parent who has stopped in front of the senior parking lot entrance at exactly 7:59 a.m..

The College ApplicationProcess

..definitely a two thumbs down. Ask any senior where she applied to school, and you are likely to lose an eyeball. Dare to ask the college of first choice, and you will lose the other eyeball.

I suggest a senior T-shirt especially designed for each senior. The front will list the colleges to which each senior applied. The back will list first choice and second choice, with a message that reads, "beyond these, I have no clue; so save your breath!"

The College Acceptance /Rejection Week

...Last but not least, but certainly the most stressful! For all those who daily interact with seniors- - If you ask any senior if she has been accepted at a particular college, be prepared to duck and run! Just a suggestion.

Certainly by early March, the whole college ordeal seems but a dream. The pain of application is past. The anxiety and worry of April is still a month away. College seems a time, a place that one never reaches, but parents, assure each senior (and yourselves) that, yes, at the end of summer, she will be gone.

Not to get mushy or anything, but hey, seniors and underclassmen, too, each day at Harpeth Hall can be a special memory. Seniors unfortunately just have fewer days of Harpeth Hall left on their calendars.

Bears share Winterim experiences

by Sherrelyn Anderson

During Winterim 1991, Ms. Derah Myers and Mrs. Joyce Ward led a trip to Greece and Italy; Ms. Margaret Renkl and Mr. Peter Goodwin took 19 girls on the Magnolias, Myth, and Madness trip to the American South, and many girls did independent studies.

Kelly Ann Inman went on the American South trip, open only to creative writing and photography students. One of the purposes of the trip was to see what characteristics of the region are unique to the South today. She quickly noticed that a lot of the formerly distinct characteristics have died, but added that "racism is still sadly prevalent." Inman seemed to like that a "sense of family is important" to Southerners, even in their poverty. She said that the poor people "did not look around and say, 'Oh, you know, this isn't so bad.' No. They looked around and said, 'This is scrappy'." Despite some sad realizations, Inman thought that the trip was a huge success, especially since "the concept of creative writing and photography for a trip was so great."

Marnie Reasor and her group in Greece and Italy had a more lighthearted time. When asked which portion of the trip made the biggest impact on her, she laughed and told about an incident at a discotheque with Elizabeth Branham. It seems that a young Italian man was following Branham around all night, and he finally approached her and asked her to dance. She refused, so he slapped her across the face twice. Reasor recalled the incident with a titter of laughter. Ava MacKenzie " knocked this poor guy off the dance floor with a punch." She smiles. "It was the best thing ever." Later, though, she admitted that of the many sights they saw, the ruins of the ancient city of Pompeii entranced her the most.

Marychar Creson also went on the trip, yet she was affected not only by the sights, but by the people. Though Italy's prestigious Sistine Chapel by Leonardo da Vinci impressed her most, she tended to like the Grecian people better as a whole because they were "open." She said that she "just did not like Rome. The people seemed to stereotype us more." Nevertheless, Creson had a great time on the trip.

Meanwhile, back in the States, Angie Emery was hard at work on her independent-study project in architecture. During the first week she read a lot about historical architecture. The second week was very interesting for her; she found herself "in totally obscure places where I'd never been before" taking pictures of various buildings throughout Nashville. Emery's work was displayed in the gallery in February.



Students sit under Spanish moss on American South trip.

Features



photo by Karissa Schecter

Students on Greece and Italy trip saw fascinating ruins.



Miss Charlotte Avant,
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Sports

Swimmers break records this season

by Lainie Petrie

The Harpeth Hall swim team has again established itself as one of the premier teams in the state.

The Bearracudas won the Midstate Invitational Meet in January and came in a close second behind the favored Brentwood Bruins at the District Championship in February. HH girls broke several records at the February 2 District Meet. The 400 freestyle relay team, consisting of Anjali Upadhyaya, Shay Upadhyaya, Sara Brown, and Lainie Petrie, easily beat the former record time by 14 seconds. Swimmers Anjali Upadhyaya and Lainie Petrie both broke records in individual events. The Bearracudas also had a victorious dual-meet season with only two defeats that occurred during Winterim.

The Bearracudas concluded their season with a third place at the State Meet in Knoxville on February 16, behind Brentwood and Baylor. The state qualifiers included Jennifer Moroney, Beth Johnson, Sara Brown, Meghan Murphy, Kathryn Walker, Anjali Upadhyaya, Shay Upadhyaya, Jennifer Farringer, Lainie Petrie, Karissa Schecter, Marychar Creson, and Brooke Brown.

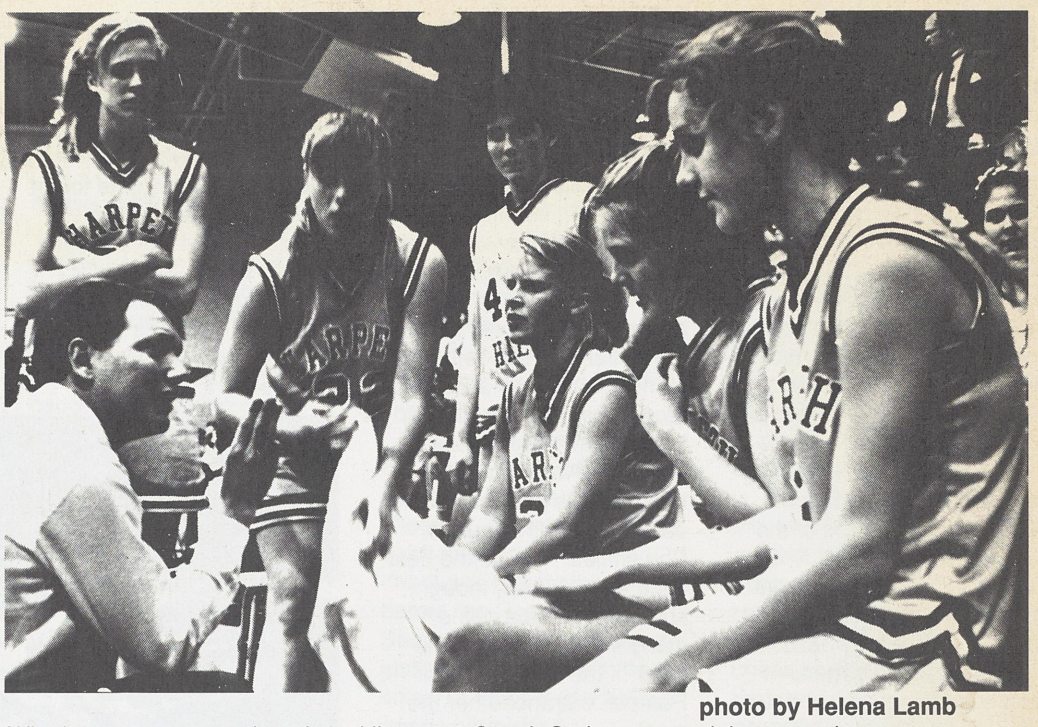


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Winning team rests on bench and listens to Coach Springman explain game plan.

Bears bootie to victory

by Price Russell and Alison Brooks

Once upon a dream in the land of the Honeybears, a knight (basketball coach Tony Springman) and his trusty assistant (Susan Trzuskowski) chose ten fair maidens to embark upon a quest to obtain the illustrious district crown in basketball. With their royal baubles (basketballs) and new green armor, these maidens began to topple the oppressive knights of darkness who hindered their quest. Among the first to fall were the mighty Irish (Father Ryan), the first victory over these warriors in the history of the Kingdom of Harpeth Hall. Soon afterwards, these fair and gentle maidens came upon some bands of wild Cougars, Wildcats, and Bobcats (Goodpasture, Tullahoma, and BGA), all of which fell to the swift and mighty sword of the Honeybears. But who are these elegant ladies on the basketball court? Let us begin with the eldest girls who are in their fourth year of this quest: Anna Gray "Scud" Anderson, Alison "Hollywood" Brooks, and Price"Joe" Russell. The third year maidens include Betty "Boo" Caplinger, Shelley "Pellet" Carmichael, Missy "Jiffy" McKeand, and Ginna "Foamball" Maxwell. The token second year maiden is Kate "Pinky Sprout' Sherrard. Finally, the first year maidens are Mary "Tip Drill" Southwood and Kathryn "The Rabbit" Ozier. As their quest progressed, these fine maidens found themselves victorious in every joust and bout in which they took part. The maidens went on to beat Goodpasture and David Lipscomb in the last minute of the game to win the Regular District title. These ladies then advanced to the District Tournament where they were challenged by Tullahoma and David Lipscomb. For the first time in the history of the kingdom of Harpeth Hall, the Bears were victorious in their quest for the District title. Russell was voted Most Valuable Player in the tournament while Brooks made the All-Tournament Team.

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