

## Up Close And Personal

**If you led a secret life,  
what would it be?**

"I *am* leading a secret life: In real life I'm a SS officer in the Confederate Gestapo."

Mr. Seals

"I'd be Cory Gavenda, so I could relive my life as a quarterback."

Mr. Wayer

**What's the worst thing  
about the job you do?**

"The stress I'm under most of the time."

Diane Boroughf

"Working in the summertime when students don't have to be here and we do."

Barbara Haruska

"Seeing so many students who have to be sent to the office for disciplinary actions."

Phyllis Shaw

"Correcting students' English."

Mr. Jim Seals

"Spending a great deal of time working in the area of discipline."

Mr. Carl Wayer

## What's Involved In Taking Charge

In a smoothly running organization, everyone has his or her function. There are, of course, always those behind-the-scenes people who manage the telephones, balance the budget, keep the ledgers, type the letters, and make both the big and small decisions. A school is no different than any other business, in that respect. We, too, have our "core team, the staff responsible for keeping Ashley Schools humming along from one day to the next, one year to the next.

Even though we take these people a little for granted sometimes, they, too, have their "up" days and their "down" days. Most agree that one of the worst aspects of their job is the close association they have with disciplinary actions. Mr. Wayer mused, "Some days I wonder if there *is* a best day in being a principal." Mr. Seals commented that there are no "easy" parts of being a high school superintendent. All, however, seem to feel that the good days make the bad days worth it.

WE ONLY KID THE ONES WE LOVE may be one reason this "Principal Pumpkin" showed up in Mary Gavenda's annual pumpkin contest. Creator Danielle Burk explained, "It was just one of my bright ideas."

