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Senior Marc Brown's drawing of our favorite Assistant Principal, Ms. Stewart.

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Josh Grimes

During the time of shopping, singing, laughter, and family, we need to take a look at everybody we love and be thankful they are able to spend Christmas with us.

In this fast paced life we tend to forget to stay in touch with our loved ones. Weeks go by, then months and we wonder where the time has gone. We go long periods of time without seeing our siblings, cousins, grandparents, uncles and then they may die or get seriously ill. Time goes by



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way

Be Thankful!

so fast that we must live to our fullest each day or we'll be 80 years old wondering what happened. "Seize the day" is an interesting concept because life is such a toss up that the worst crime that ever could be committed would be to not live to our fullest potential and value. Grasp life!

Think about this, out of nowhere, call a loved one and say "Hi, I just wanted to say I love you," then hang

up! Wouldn't that be a wonderful surprise! Whatever each one of you wants to achieve, start today. Maybe this line of rhetoric is too far fetched for many of you, but one day you may realize how precious life is.

During this holiday season, enjoy yourself and take a look around and appreciate the opportunity to be here. Isn't it wonderful to get presents, to eat good food, to have a warm bed, enjoy it! Life is too short to worry about the little things. Half of what we worry about never happens anyway so don't think about it. Be positive! Merry Christmas everybody and Happy New Year!

"Love can achieve unexpected majesty in the rocky soil of misfortune."

-Tony Snow

News from HHS's FHA

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Tracie Partain

If you stop by Mrs. Wathen's classroom, the first thing you might notice is the gaint Christmas tree in her room. The tree was decorated and the decorations were put up by members of FHA. A thanks to all who participated in helping decorate for

Christmas.

There are a few up and coming events happening in FHA. In December, FHA members will be having their annual Christmas party. Members are asked to please bring a covered dish or chips. The members will enjoy a variety of games and enjoy the food.

If you didn't join FHA this year, think about it next year, it's loads of fun!

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George Fornes

Roadkill's Horrorshow SLOVOS

All Hail Master Pooh

With Christmas coming up, along with a little break from school, you're sure to have a little free time somewhere. Oh, sure - you have to give your visiting prune of a grandmother a sponge bath here and there, but between It's a Wonderful Life marathons and group yodeling, you're bound to have some time to yourself. What to do, what to do? You have two options - stare at a television (that wonderful shortcut to thinking) or read something. If you're one of these people who like to philosophize in a child-

ish way, like those witty little sayings by Jack Handey, try a book by Benjamin Hoff - The Tao of Pooh.

What Hoff does in this book is pretty clever. He explains the principles of an ancient Chinese philosophy, Taoism, using the adventures of everyone's favorite childlike bear as examples. "While Eeyore frets, and Piglet hesitates, and Rabbit calculates, and Owl pontificates, Pooh just is," reads the back cover. Hoff explains the Taoist method of logical thinking through examples right out of A.A. Milne's children's classic - "If anyone knows anything about anything, it's Owl who knows something about something, or my name's not Winnie-

the-Pooh. Which it is. So there you are." Simplicity, and mastery of the obvious. That is the secret to discovering the Way.

Taoism involves the childlike enjoyment of the simple and plain - it's all about how to stay calm and happy under any circumstances. Like the Un-carved Block principle - that everything has its own unique nature and it's best unchanged. Or the Cottleston Pie idea - all about how everyone needs to realize their own limitations (unlike the over-ambitious Tigger). Of course, the best way to learn about any philosophy is through examples of its use. Taoism is so passive, though, that to see its use would be practically impossible. Hoff does a great job with it, and gets the idea across.

If you ever tire of cheesy holiday specials about happy little elves slaving for the Big Fat Red Guy, take some time to understand the simple life of a yellow bear. You'll be glad you did.



"What do you like best in the world, Pooh?"

"Well," said Pooh, "What I like best - " and then he had to stop and think. Because although Eating Honey was a very good thing to do, there was a moment just before you began to eat it which was better than when you were, but he didn't know what it was called.

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Tracie Partain **What does Christmas mean to you?**



Mark Odell-Senior-

"A time for getting together with your family and exchanging gifts and having fun as well as eating a lot."

Elizabeth Hodson-Junior-

"A time to see all my family and to give thanks for all we have."

Damon Lampley-Junior-

"Getting together of relatives and remembrance of Christ's birth. A time of celebration, parties, and get-togethers."

Sam Alderfer-Sophomore-

"A time when all of the corporate (people) get together and commercialize everything and fill our minds with propoganda bull!"

Happy Holidays

Traca Allison

This is the biggest issue that one has ever seen.
 Some of the articles may even be mean.
 But all in all there is a message to tell
 With the letters to the editor and some junk mail.
 So pay close attention to what you read,
 But do not be stingy and full of greed.
 Do not forget the specials that run every time,
 The editorials, news stories, and some about crime.
 The comments, the quotes, and wish lists too.
 It is amazing to see what a few words can do.
 Some students have sent a few little notes
 To friends, and family, and even old folks.
 Pictures of artwork and stories abound.
 Holiday cheer may even be found.
 So with this in mind and Christmas in sight,
 Read this issue all through the night.
 From cover to cover and page to page,
 See why we are not even paid minimum wage.
 This issue may even brighten our spirits.
 If it does not, who cares, just grin and bear it.
 From the author of this story to all of you:
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year too!



Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

Hello boys and girls! I know that all high school students want to be treated as young adults. But how could you be treated as an adult if you're immature enough to spray paint someone's car? I have been in this school for three years and have never witnessed something so immature and childlike. So all of you who were a part of this childish trick grow up or go back to kindergarten.

Thanks for your time,
A Concerned Student

To the Editor

I have written this brief article to address an important issue. The Creative Minds Club is no longer in existence, for reasons that have never been said. The fact is, there was no concrete evidence to support the action taken when the Creative Minds Club was removed from the club list. I don't believe the club was treated properly, and their right to organize was violated. There are just too many questions left unanswered about this issue. What happened to the club's money from last year? Why doesn't the office return the money to the club? I believe the club's hard earned money from last year should be returned to them. It's the least thing to do for a club that was wiped out with reasons that were withheld. We deserve what is rightfully ours-the club's money!

-On behalf of the Creative Minds Club



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Will Santa Bring a Balanced Budget?



Cory Romonosky

Did you know that the federal government hasn't had a balanced budget since the days of Andrew Jackson? Day after day, year after year, decade after decade, the budget deficit has been growing steadily. Right now folks were looking at about 3.7 TRILLION dollars. To put things in perspective that's a stack of 1 dollar bills 5000 miles high. That isn't good for our economy to say the very least. Even if President Clinton's budget deficit reduction works as well as he hoped we can add another 1.2 trillion dollars by the year 2000. His plan calls for the reduction of 500 billion

dollars over the next five years. That's nice but it doesn't do the job. As always, critics have their own ideas as to how to reduce the deficit.

For example:

One plan is to reissue debt retirement bonds and exchange the new ones for old ones. Once converted, then a tax would be created to pay off the debt and nothing else. The most likely tax to do the job would be in the form of a high sales tax. Once passed, Congress would be unable to use the money for other purposes. Unfortunately Congress is not likely to pass this bill. They would rather vote itself more pay raises.

Another plan is to pay off the deficit by passing a 50 cent gas tax. This one would go over real big, not only with Congress but people as well. Besides this one wouldn't pass either because they barely managed to pass a 4.3 cent increase of two months ago. This would be

combined with benefit cuts for the wealthy. (As if they need them anyway.)

Then we have one that not only reduces the deficit to zero but also gives a 10 percent tax break in the process. This plan calls for extreme cuts in government spending as well as major reduction in the size of the government. Famous last words, Ronald Reagan said the same thing 12 years ago. The rest is history. Then again it's not like any of this will ever get passed. Because our wonderful Congress would much rather worry about other things.



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College News

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Ms. Aljabori

First of all let me start by informing you that I am not a professional writer. I hope that the content will overcome any shortcomings in writing style.

Let's talk about Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. I picked Eastern to start off with as it's my alma mater.

Eastern's Freshman/Sophomore tuition

In-state \$2,533/year

Housing \$2,856 (average)/year including meals

**Admission to the University does *not* automatically include housing

Time to apply: Senior year

ACT score 18 for upper 20% 22 for anything less

Freshman requirements as of 1993:

4 years English

3 years Math

3 years Science

3 years Social Studies

2 years Foreign Language, Music, Art or Voc. Ed.

A few of EIU's Undergraduate Programs of Study

Art

Biological Sciences

Botany/Plant Biology

Zoology

Environmental Biology

Business Management/Administration

Accounting

Administrative Office Management

Computer Management

Economics

Finance

International Business

Operations Management

Personnel Management/Relations



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Journalism

Public Relations

Radio TV Broadcasting

Speech Communications

Communications Disorders & Sciences

Speech Pathology & Audiology

Education

Engineering (You must go to another school to finish.

EIU has only a pre-engineering program)



Those are just a few of Eastern's many undergraduate programs. Consult the EIU catalogue available in Guidance or the library to see if your area of interest is available. Additionally EIU has about 1,500 students in its graduate programs. Undergraduates are fairly steady at about 9,000. Female students outnumber males.

Nearly all of EIU's faculty have a doctorate and even as a freshman student most of your instructors will be faculty members not graduate assistants. Eastern prides itself on a high teacher / student ratio and in having most of its' faculty time spent in the classroom in direct instruction. You will be more than just a number at Eastern as you progress through your course of study.

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Charleston, IL 61920

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Total Campus Enrollment 10,450



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Christmas Spirit

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Trica Allison

Seeing Red...And Green



We hear the caroling, we see the lights, we feel the cold, but is that all this season has to offer? Actually, no. The Christmas season is one where we get what we give. If we share a smile with someone, we usually get one back. If we give a cheery "hello," we probably will get one in return. The same is for if we tell someone to get lost. Most likely they will tell us something on a similar level.

It is not going to kill us to be nice to others. Christmas is not the only time we need to be a little less

on the grumpy side and a little more on the cheery side. Maybe if we practice being a happy person on a regular basis, we could feel better about ourselves - not to mention how others will feel. It would be nice to see people - in general - happier more often.

Along with everything else we want for Christmas, perhaps a good-hearted spirit is something we all should put on our wish list. Not to say that everyone is a Scrooge, but some people are in need of a Christmas miracle in order to see what fun life could be. It may be up to friends and family to show these people what life has to offer on the other side.

Christmas is a

time to start the ball rolling - so to speak. While we are out shopping why not tell a fellow shopper "hello," and see what their response is. No promises that there will be a good response every time we try this, but it is worth a try.

So with this bit of advice, here is wishing you the very Merriest Christmas of all.



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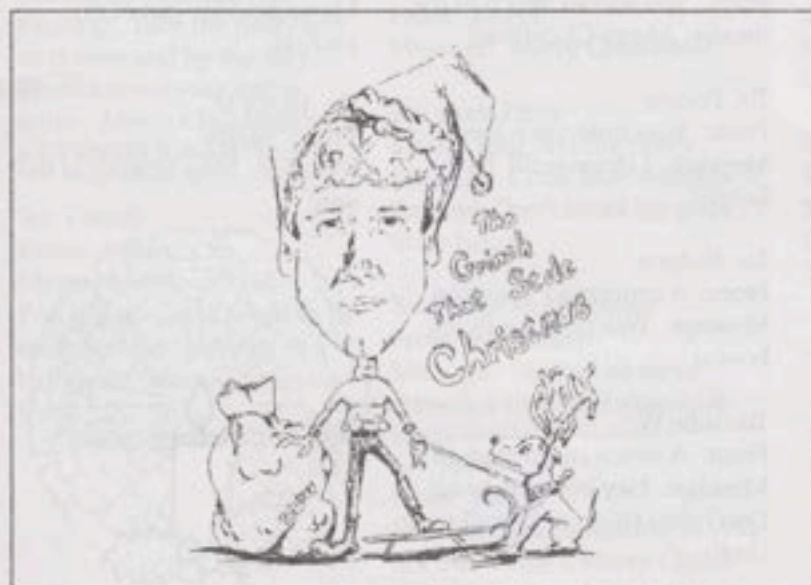
Top 10 C.R. Rath



Top 10 reasons why the Hudson Food Company should come to the 'Burg.

10. We have "Touchdown/Takedown" Teddy.
9. Our bearded Junior English teacher is a Whopper.
8. They could take lessons from the sanitation of Johns' Cafe.
7. Summer fun at Sam Jones' Lake.
6. They could always have a night of good, clean, family fun at the luxurious Muddy Entertainment Complex.
5. Hey, a short 2 and a half hour drive and you're in St. Louis.
4. They would never run out of things to do. (cruise, hunt, Saline County Fair,...wow)
3. Newly acquired vacancy for non-law abiding citizens.
2. Neighboring city has 5200 nice people and only one ol' sorehead.

And the number one reason why the Hudson Food Company should come to Harrisburg...



1. We have Thesbians.



Preston Sweat's depiction of Mr. Pavelonis



Cary Romonosky

Rush Limbaugh is one of America's most visible critics. For those of you who don't know who Rush Limbaugh is, he is an economist. He also has a late night talk show. He is also one of America's most controversial figures. Rush is what you could say an extremist in the extreme. He is an ultra conservative who is vehemently opposed to Bill Clinton.

His show is aired every night at 12:00 o'clock on CBS. He

RUSH

talks about things like the economy and our government. His main point is THIS ECONOMY IS NOT IN THE TOILET! In spite of what Clinton says, yes our economy is growing. Not only that but unemployment is down too, so why does Bill say things are so bad? According to Limbaugh it's because when things really get better Clinton would like to claim responsibility. That's a bit far fetched but, he is right when he says the economy is improving. The Japanese are in the middle of a recessions while Americans are buying more U.S. products.



Many people seem to be put off by his extremely high self image. When he gives himself compliment after compliment some people don't like it. If you don't like it turn it off. Its' just like "Beavis and Butthead", why make such a big deal over nothing. Only instead of setting your house on fire why don't we do something about our economy?



What about Christmas?



Tracie Partain

Imagine, if you will, the following scene:

A small family of three live in a small yet overpopulated town. The father and mother of the family have set Christmas goals and have kept track of all the gifts they plan to buy for their young daughter (who still believes in Santa Claus). They have worked hard and have saved all they

could to reach their goals. Yet, somehow, within a few months before Christmas, they both are forced into unemployment. The money stashed back to spend on Sally for Christmas is now used to pay the bills and to pay off the new car the can no longer afford. So, what about Sally's Christmas?

This story is not made up to depress anyone. It is a true story for many across the U.S. today. Proof of this story can be seen around Southern Illinois as coalminers are forced out of work and stores and shops close. Millions of people suffer this time of year even though this is called the

"happiest of all seasons."

Christmas is the time of big sales for stores, big spending for consumers, and big surprises for the gift-getters. This year, store owners expect to have the highest number of sales in fifteen years. Sounds like the economy is looking up.

Still, for some who are unfortunate, Christmas celebrations will be short and simple, inexpensive, and very few due to large unemployment. With hopes of a brighter year next year, they make out their New Year's Resolutions and at the top of the list is "Get and stay employed."



Another One for the Lady Dogs



Laura Conn

Yet another win for the Lady Dogs brings them to a 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the Division.

Last Thursday night the Lady Dogs led themselves to a great win over the Herrin Lady Tigers. Kelly Cartwright led

the ladies with 12 points. Not far behind were Alisha Logan with 11 and Anna Banks with 10. Coach Chuck Ingram said, "If we can get by Christmas without

getting beat in the conference we will be in the drivers seat." Well, girls we are ready for you to drive our school all the way. Way to go girls!



All About Pets



Cassandra Wood

Almost everyone at one time or another in their lives has had something that they claimed as a pet. Maybe this was a dog, cat, fish, or some sort of animal. As for me, dogs and cats have always captured my fancy. Ever since I was a little girl, there has

always been a dog or cat in my life that I claimed as my own.

Pets are very special beings in peoples' lives. To adults, pets are there to welcome them home after their hard day at work. They are there to listen ever so intently to their owner's problems and never disagree. As for the children, pets are

God-sent gifts. Pets get blamed for eating homework or for breaking mom's favorite dish. They are subjected to frequent dress ups to be paraded around the house for mom and dad to admire.

Pets also help kids learn about life. They watch their pets grow, as they grow. They learn responsibility by taking care of their pets. A pet can teach

people something about themselves that they don't know. Deep down, in all pet owners hearts, there is a soft spot that the pet can touch. The amazing part is, that for all that they give, all they ask for is a little TLC.



College Football

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Jed Nelson

College Bowl Season Upcoming



As Christmas draws near, one of the many things to look forward to are the great college football matchups in Pasadena, Miami, New Orleans and elsewhere. The college football post-season has begun, and this may prove to be one of the most interesting bowl seasons yet. The Car Quest and Alamo bowls are the new additions this year, adding to the confusing jumble of seventeen other bowl games between December 17 and New Years Day. Here is a rundown of the four best bowl games coming up, and some predictions about all the others.



ROSE BOWL-PASADENA

The 8-3 UCLA Bruins play 9-1-1 Wisconsin in the eightieth Rose Bowl, and one Pasadena will be eager to forget. This one just sounds like a clash of the Titans, what happened to Ohio State? Wisconsin 24 UCLA 14

ORANGE BOWL-MIAMI

Mountaineers be outraged, it should be West Virginia. Instead Bobby Bowden gets yet another chance at the championship with Florida State as they play the undefeated #1 Nebraska Cornhuskers. This is definitely one to watch. Nebraska 21 Florida State 17

SUGAR BOWL-NEW ORLEANS

West Virginia got stuck here to earn more money than the Cotton Bowl. They will play SEC Champion Florida in the Superdome.
West Virginia 23 Florida 16

FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL-ORLANDO

Their first Big Ten season paid off well as Joe Paterno's Penn State Nittany Lions (9-2) made the Florida Citrus Bowl. They play (9-1-1) Tennessee. Tennessee's record may or may not be an omen, but this should be one of the best of all 19 bowl games. Tennessee 28 Penn State 21

MOBIL COTTON BOWL CLASSIC-DALLAS

Nothing quite like a little controversy at Christmas. Notre Dame, 10-1, is here because West Virginia didn't want to come, and the 80 mile field goal at Boston College. Texas A&M won their conference with an easy win over Texas. Looks good for the Aggies. A&M 21 Notre Dame 20

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Jed's Predictions

| Bowl Game | Predicted victor | | Predicted loser |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|-----------------|
| LAS VEGAS BOWL- | Ball State | + 9 | Utah State |
| JOHN HANCOCK BOWL- | Oklahoma | + 7 | Texas Tech |
| ALOHA BOWL- | Colorado | +17 | Fresno State |
| LIBERTY BOWL- | Louisville | +10 | Michigan State |
| COPPER BOWL- | Wyoming | + 9 | Kansas State |
| HOLIDAY BOWL- | Ohio State | +10 | Brigham Young |
| FREEDOM BOWL- | Southern Cal | + 6 | Utah |
| INDEPENDENCE BOWL- | Indiana | +21 | Virginia Tech |
| PEACH BOWL- | Kentucky | + 7 | Clemson |
| GATOR BOWL- | Alabama | +27 | North Carolina |
| ALAMO BOWL- | California | +10 | Iowa |
| HALL OF FAME BOWL- | N.C. State | + 3 | Michigan |
| CITRUS BOWL- | Tennessee | + 7 | Penn State |
| COTTON BOWL- | Texas A&M | + 1 | Notre Dame |
| CAR QUEST BOWL- | Boston College | +14 | Virginia |
| FIESTA BOWL- | Arizona | + 3 | Miami |
| ROSE BOWL- | Wisconsin | +10 | UCLA |
| ORANGE BOWL- | Nebraska | + 4 | Florida State |
| SUGAR BOWL- | West Virginia | + 7 | Florida |





Bulldogs Scalp the Indians and Punish the Patriots

C.R. Rath

The boys varsity basketball team tallied up two key victories this weekend, downing Du Quoin 67-57 and Massac County 69-48. The two wins boost the Bulldog record to 4-1 and gives them a great chance for a high-ranking seed in the upcoming Eldorado Holiday Tournament.

The Bulldogs showed fans a great display of basketball at Anders Gym in Du Quoin (Dec. 10). An interesting array of ho-hum fouls gave vocal fans a reason to yell and the Du Quoin Indians a chance to stay in the game.

After Harrisburg opened up a 34-29 lead at the half, Du Quoin stormed back to cut the gap to 43-42 with 3:20 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Dogs then went on a 8-0 run topped off by a fade-away three-pointer by potential All-American "Downtown" Dale Overstreet. Overstreet, the Bulldogs top scorer, connected on only two buckets in the first half, but came back to tally 13 in the second half to lead the team with 17 points.

The Bulldogs then used a steady motion offense and great defense to put a lid on the Indians, 67-57.

There were many sad Patriots fans leaving Davenport Gymnasium with their tale beetween their legs. The unbeaten, second ranked Patriots were beaten by your Harrisburg Bulldogs in River to River competition. Southern Illinois' leading scorer, John Pruett, averaging 32 points a game, was held to just 15

points by an amoeba-like Bulldog defense.

Dale Overstreet, Cory Patton, and Ryan Hobbs scored 15 points apiece and Harrisburg used a 16-4 third quarter blitz to upset Massac County in a Ohio division River to River game.

The Bulldogs (4-1, 1-0) led 33-29 at the half before their pressing defense and rotating man-to-man led to the third quarter assault. Massac County, who averaged 81 points per game, was held to just 48 by a stingy Bulldog defense. Much of this should be given to Jeremy Wilson, who basically shut down the Patriots' Pruett.

"On defense we played like a team" Head coach Randy Smithpeters said, "we worked better than we have all year."

The Bulldogs improved to 4-1 and 1-0 in conference play. Way to go Dogs!



The Great Grapplers

Brandon Simmons



The Bulldog Grapplers have an excellent team again this year. They have started the season with a 14-3-1 record as of last Saturday with the troublesome teams being Mt. Vernon, Murphysboro, and Pinckneyville.

The returning talents of Chris Fetter 103, Cam Thai and Tim Rister 112, Brandon Simmons 119, Jay Gearing 125, Matt Sheldon 135, Jason Quinn 140, Aaron Bailey 152, Kyle Lands 160, Brandon Prey 171, Marc Brown 189, T.R. Price and Kris Nelson at Heavyweight have the matmen excited about the new season. Some new faces such as Eduardo Valente,

Paul Roberson, Josh Gribble, and Matt Ozment have also put points on the board this year.

The grapplers do their greatest despite the publicity and popularity of basketball. They don't let that or anything else get in their way of winning. The coverage of wrestling in some local newspapers has been nil, but the wrestlers will do their best none the less.

Wrestling is a sport of endurance, strength, and speed, one false move could be the end. Although it is an individual sport of man vs. man it is also a sport where each teammate must cheer each other teammate on.



The Harrisburg High School Wrestling Team.





Jed Nelson

NFL Expansion



As most of us know, back in early October, the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, received the twenty-ninth National Football League franchise. Because none of the other four cities got the necessary three-fourths majority of votes, twenty-one, the decision on the thirtieth team was delayed six weeks until November 30, when the NFL owners met to announce the winner.

The competition was between Memphis, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Florida, and St. Louis. St. Louis was the favorite, because of the large TV market in the area, and the new domed stadium which the city is in the early stages of building. The fact that St. Louis was home to an NFL franchise until 1989 also played a major part early on.

Baltimore's only NFL team, the Colts, moved to Indianapolis in the mid-1980s. After that, Baltimore was among four cities, including Jacksonville and Memphis, who tried to get the St. Louis Cardinals before they moved to Phoenix. Geography was the largest problem for Baltimore. The area

between New York and Washington, barely two hundred miles, has five teams; Washington, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Buffalo, and the two New York teams. The owners agreed that it would not be a good idea to try and put another team in, barely fifty miles from Philly and sixty from Washington.

And with that, the Baltimore delegation was history.

Memphis never was in the running for the team realistically. They have the smallest TV market of the five cities, and the smallest planned stadium, the Liberty Bowl. Memphis trailed in voting, and no one was really optimistic about their chances anyway. Funding was also a major problem, as hopes began to fall. The Memphis campaign ran out of money one week before the voting.

That leaves Jacksonville, Florida, who has been trying to get a team forever. Jacksonville has the largest stadium of the five cities, the Gator Bowl, but they too were near the bottom of the voting.

Until now.

On November 30th, Jacksonville got two more than the 21 votes necessary to get a team. When commissioner Paul Tagliabue announced Jacksonville's victory their delegation went wild. The Gator Bowl will undergo \$120 million of renovation for the Jacksonville Jaguars, and be finished by fall 1995.

St. Louis did receive the second highest total, three, but a large chunk of the city's money had been wasted. The dome has already cost the city over four hundred thousand dollars, and the city was very optimistic. Many St. Louis delegates told the crowd

of reporters that they felt they had the team and somehow they lost it.

The story does not end here however. The owner of the New England Patriots also owns the dome in St. Louis. He said that he was willing to move the Patriots to St. Louis if another use for the dome is not found. At this point, the NFL doesn't agree. The city government said they would gladly accept the Patriots in town.

Maybe St. Louis really did lose it.

The black and blue Carolina Panthers merchandise has sold like hot cakes since Charlotte was announced as a winner. Jacksonville has not announced their colors, but already stores in the southeast have been swamped with orders for the new club's merchandise.

The Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars will have the first picks in the '94 draft, and will begin play in 1995. In '95, Carolina will play their home games at Clemson University in South Carolina and will be there until the stadium in Charlotte is finished, while Jacksonville will play in the old Gator Bowl.

It has not been announced which conference or division the two expansion teams will be in. In fact it could lead to a massive restructuring of the divisions like baseball, but all indications seem to say that Jacksonville will play in the AFC East, and Charlotte will be an NFC Central team.



Aspirations

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New Year Resolutions



Angel Gibson

Sara Trammel: To quit smoking and finish my Junior year.

Christy Hill: To make it through my last two miserable years of high school, to forget about Clay, and to make all guys' lives miserable.

Julie Booten: To find a job without a drive-thru.

Carrie Lambert: To keep my relationship with Daniel, fight less with him, to keep a steady job, and graduate with my class.

Kate Mcleod: To not quit my job.

Julie Winters: To graduate with my class, get my car paid off, and to last another year with Andy.

Linnea Pankey: To not make Mike miserable.

Maggie Williams: To make sure I find a date that matches my prom dress.

Christy French: To try not to commit manslaughter on my fiancee January 4th during delivery.

Cassandra Wood: To not give Mr. Harbison a hard time in Publications.

What Do Yo Want for Christmas?



Shannon Horstmann

Mrs. Curtis, librarian: good health for family and friends

Ms. Dameron, p.e./ath: a winning lottery ticket

Jason Nyberg, senior: a gold

Gucci watch (with "Dirt" all over it)

Marc Brown, senior: the Swedish Bikini Team

Kyle Lands, junior: a Harley

Brad Bolin, junior: a stereo

Carla LaCrosse, soph: a car

Brittney Chrisman, soph: money

Shauna Stevers, fresh: a computer

Brandi Cross, fresh: a boyfriend





The Purple Clarion Staff
Wishes You a
Happy Christmas!