

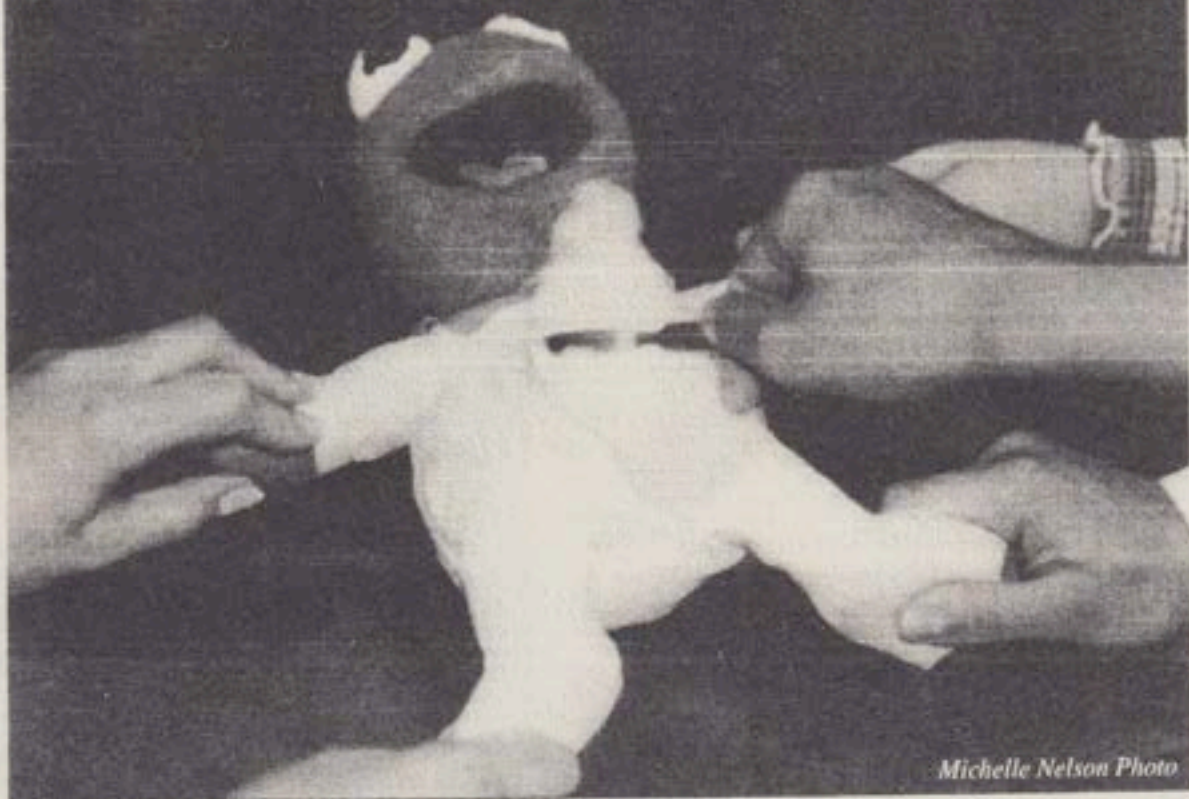
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# Java Coffee House Rocks the Night Away

By Becca Willis

Looking for something to do on Friday and Saturday nights? If you like music, coffee, and cappuccino, then you will love the Java Coffee House.

The Java Coffee House is on "The Strip" in Carbondale. You can expect to see a live band there almost every weekend night. If there is a band, there will be a two dollar cover charge. The prices are lower than most coffee shops and the java is just as good.

The Java Coffee House is in an old bar. It is dark and usually smokey. There are pool tables, video games, T.V., and a lot of interesting people.

If you like live bands, a lot of adolescents

moshing by the stage, a coffee rush, and smoke-filled environments, set aside Saturday night to hang at The Java Coffee House.

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## Avoid Class Dissection Alternative Projection Outrun Class Dissection

*by Becca Willis*

There are several students in advanced science classes that may be against class dissection. Is there a way to pass without participating in dissection? Yes, there is a way to pass, and even ace the class without ever touching a real animal.

If one chooses not to dissect, he or she should tell the teacher as far in advance as possible. This will give the student and the teacher time to find the most appropriate alternative project. It also allows the student to take legal action in cases of a stubborn school district.

The student should suggest several projects to help out the teacher. These projects can be anything from advanced coloring books to computer projects. A model of the animal to be studied is a good alternative and can be used for the years following, thus is cheaper than buying a new murdered animal every year.

The student should ask for a straight answer promptly. This gives the student time to find the project and

complete it. If the teacher refuses to accept another project, one should then take the request to the principal or the head of the science department.

If the student knows of other like-minded students, he or she should organize a group and start a petition. This will make it possible to pass a student choice program in their school.

After talking to the teacher and other school authorities, legal action may be necessary. In the court room, the student has the advantage over those refusing to offer an alternative project. If an alternative is accepted, there should not be a grade reduction. If this results, the student has another reason for further legal action.

Students have the right to stand up for what they believe in. Animal dissection is not needed to learn anatomy. There are currently four states that offer a student choice program, and any student against dissection should try to add their school to the list.

For further information, call the Navs hotline at 1-800-922-FROG.

## Warm Places To Go

### What Can We Do In The Spring?

*By Amy Bowers*

As we all know, spring is here and warm weather is with it. Some who like the outdoors may be looking for a place to go for a nice hike.

Harrisburg is located in the heart of the Shawnee National Forest. Right within 1 hour away, there is a place suitable for hiking, camping, or repelling.

Cave-In-Rock, located in Hardin County, is about 45 minutes away. This is a good place to go if you want to go on a picnic or a short hike.

Dixon Springs, is west of Golconda. Dixon Springs is a good place to take a swim or just enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Ferne Clyffe is located south of Marion, and is a good place to repel. It is also a good place to take a hike.

Bell Smith Springs is a located just northwest of Eddyville. It has ten miles of scenic inter-connected trails that take you through cliffs, boulders, and a winding canyon with several caves actually used by Indians. This is defiantly a good place for hiking.

Rim Rock begins at Pounds Hollow Lake which covers some of Illinois best geological wonders. The trail also encircles the Pounds, an unusual 50 acre trail which is enclosed by sandstone cliffs and an ancient Indian wall. Rim Rock is a good place to hike.

Iron Furnace, located just north of Rosiclare on the Hog Thief Creek, offers a good weekend afternoon hike. The half mile trail takes you past the first charcoal fired iron furnace in Illinois.

These are just a few places you can go in the spring or summer. Many of these places also have campgrounds.



# The Wonderful World of Dreams

By Jennifer Wetzel

**Y**ou are strolling down the school's hallowed hallways, greeting your friends and smiling at the day. But as you walk, you realize that everyone is giving you strange looks. You glance down at your outfit, prepared to find something amiss. But what you discover is shocking. You have left your clothes at home. You look up, horrified at your discovery. Until you realize that everyone is naked. And then, Mr. Harbison strolls by, sporting his BVD's. Suddenly, you awake with a start, covered in sweat and fear. Welcome to the wonderful world of dreams, where strange events find themselves in our sleeping brains. Why do we have dreams? What do they mean?

A dream has been considered a story whose plot unfolds while one sleeps. Active dreams, in which the dreamer is an active participant, differ from passive dreams, in which the dreamer simply watches the event occur. Dreams, also considered by some to be random visual images, have many definitions. Meaningless mind debris, extensions of the waking state, a

product of brain activity, and imaginary events are other definitions.

Despite the struggle to find the exact definition of dreams, it is known that dreaming takes place once each night, even though the dreamer does not recall it. Dreaming takes approximately two hours of everyone's sleep periods, or around 25% of sleep. Though everyone dreams, different issues appear along the gender and age lines. Women's dreams tend to contain anxiety and distress with loved ones while men's dreams are more action-oriented with strangers. Ages also show a difference in issues. For instance:

\*21-34—Anxiety about crucial life decisions.

\*35-49—Less hostility because earlier issues have been resolved.

\*65+—Issues about loss of resources and the aging process appear.

Many scientists and psychologists have attempted to answer why we dream. Freud believed that dreams were subconscious fulfillments of our wishes and hopes. When the go was sleepy, it let down its guard, allowing suppresses hopes and

pessimistic ideas to pass through. Freud believed that dreams were the key to discovering our individual make-up. Jung, another psychologist, believed that dreams were an optimistic mingling of science and spirit. Only you could interpret your dreams to decipher their meaning.

Though some believed that dreams are based on experience and inner feelings, modern neuroscience has come to a theory on the biology of dreams. During every sleep period, the brain enters a state of Rapid Eye Movement (REM). In REM, the eyes move rapidly, the heartbeat increases, and muscles are temporarily immobilized. At this time, neurons from the brain stem bombard the cerebral cortex. The cerebral cortex proceeds to return the neurons to the brain stem. As they return, the neurons pass the eyes and record the information of the eye movement. The brain stem receives this information from the neurons and attempts to interpret, giving rise to visual pictures, or dreams. Though biology tries to make dreams meaningless, it is up to the dreamer to determine their meaning, if any.

The following is a list of common dream symbols and what they represent:

- \*Animals—natural vitality
- \*Clown—disguise sadness or represent fun-loving part of self

\*Kissing—desire to be nurtured and cared for

\*Falling—feel out of control of life or feeling rejected

\*Spiders and snakes—feel threatened by life issue or changes

\*Taking a test—avoiding a challenge

\*Anxiety—anxious about something

\*Losing something—personal values are changing

\*Death—important event is about to end

\*Baby—new life cycles or feel helpless about a situation

\*Flying—reflects beliefs, happy feelings, or problems overcome

\*Nudity—vulnerability or hiding true self

Dreams are an important cycle of our lives, for they restore peace and rest to our weary bodies and minds. So, close your eyes and delve into dreamland. Don't be scared. It's okay to see Mr. Harbison in his BVD's.



## Mock Election Students in the Polling Place

*By Sarah Turner*

On March 19, only a small percentage of the student body at HHS was able to participate in the primary. Those students who were old enough to care about the election but too young to cast a ballot in March will have an opportunity to go to the polls this November. The National Student and Parent Mock Election lets students choose their president, senators, house representatives, and governor. Serious issues such as the state of the environment, balancing the budget, health care, and the funding of education will also be on the ballot.

The outcome of November's election is unknown, however the mock election of 1992 was an overwhelming success. Five million students voted, and over forty-five percent of the students decided Clinton was the man for the job five days before the eighteen and over crowd elected him. The results were broadcast on C-SPAN and featured AL Gore, Ross Perot, Marilyn Quayle, and Michael Dukakis.

Why wait years to vote? You can do it this November. By calling 1-800-315-VOTE, students can find a polling place in their area. Cast a ballot and tell them who you want to see in the White House.

# CHICAGO CUBS READY

*By Boone Cohlmeier*

After their last World Series' pennant was won (I think in the Mesozoic Era) Jim Riggleman's Cubs have undergone drought of such unrealistic proportions that no other sport's team has met. They have been in the rebuilding process for the duration of this century. Yet, still, every year the die-hard fans carouse in the newly signed free agent or the up-and-coming rookie closer. Hey, consider me in that number. Since I am of the faithful, now it is time.

Gone are Shawon Dunston, the Punk, who left for the Giants; and Randy Myers, the most overrated closer in the world, now an Oriole. I still hate Greg Maddux for leaving.

However, even though these departed, misled souls are now performing for the enemy, the Cubs are still loaded for bear. They have the horses. They return Mark Grace, who hit over .500 for the spring and is among the league leaders in batting average and RBI's. Mark is one of the premier hitters in the game today. Rightfielder Sammy Sosa was re-signed, going against a great Chicago pasttime; letting the good

players go.

Ryne Sandberg put his personal problems behind him and became the second Chicago player wearing 23 to "unretire" in 2 years. He started off the year in great fashion. He flied out to left in his first at-bat. But his first hit of the year was a two run homerun to right. Ryno is back.

The Cubs have one of the best defenses in the Majors. They are the only team in baseball today starting two Gold Glove winners on the right side of the infield, Grace and Sandberg. The outfield is hermetic with the expeditious Brian McRae in center, Luis Gonzalez in left, and Sosa in right. Infield defense looks to be the big strength of the Cubs.

Pitching is another strong suit of the Cubs. They return the entire starting staff that, for the first time since 1974, have four starters to win over 12 games. Jaime Navarro, Frank Castillo, Kevin Foster, and Jim Bullinger helped a depleted pitching staff to the third best team ERA in the National League. The Cubs normally



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clobber their way to the forefront, but this year they will have to fling their way.

For their first World Championship in 88 years, the Cubs must descry a new power hitter. They may have done just that in Scott Servais, an unlikely propensity up until last year's All-Star break, who, after he was bartered, hit 12 homeruns for the Cubs in the second half. He has the adroit stroke for Wrigley Field and since his Chicago debut has averaged a homerun once every 12 at-bats, an exalted figure for catchers.

Another exigency for a contender is a good closer. Last year's closer, Randy Myers, signed with Baltimore as a free agent. This leaves the job up for grabs. Any number of pitchers on staff could take the reins: new signee Doug Jones, Rule 5 draftee/ walk-on Rodney Myers (no relation), Myers' understudy Terry Adams, or second chance minor leaguer Duane Ward, who threw well in spring training minus two bad outings. Jones and Ward have the sagacity, for the both of them have saved over forty games in the past, but Jones lost his changeup's conjuration, and Ward had arm trouble and is currently in the minor leagues. I look for Terry Adams to take the role before the end of May, mainly because Myers seems more of a middle reliever. Adams throws a vivacious fastball and spots it well, and also has a good change and slider. If he can ascertain how to

catapult his slider for strikes and spot his fastball well (low and away), he could save twenty games this year.

Riggleman and Harry Caray enunciated on WGN before the home opener and Riggleman said the magic number this year for the Cubs was 90 games. "With 90 wins, we (the Cubs) could really do some things." Riggleman said. What dazzles me with this year's team is that they are actually a team, not just an assemblage of guys contrived to play 162 games. This is implicitly the same contingent as last year, minus three players. The nucleus of the team is still undivided, unlike other teams apportioning currency on the ostentatious free agents nobody gets along with or are way past their prime. Instead of promulgating the no-name closer they procured, the Cubs stood their ground and remained a team.

Watch the Cubs contend in a tight central division along with the new look Cardinals and the Reds, Cincinnati type. St. Louis appears to finally want to compete with the acquisitions of Andy Benes, Ron Gant, and new skipper Tony LaRussa. The Reds lost Ron Gant, Jose Rijo (injury) and David Wells, but still have strong pitching and simply appear dexterous. Pittsburgh undertook a great beginning, but do they seriously have enough players to win a playoff birth? No. The Central will be piquant down to the last couple of weeks, and I cannot wait.



# Dole Wraps Up GOP Nomination

*By Jedd Nelson*

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas secured the Republican Party nomination to run for President of the United States in November with big wins in Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois. Dole received the 996 delegates needed to win the nomination after winning all four states in the "Big Ten" primaries. Dole has not lost since the Arizona primary in February. He won seven states on "junior Tuesday", then won eight more on "super Tuesday". Dole has not yet declared victory in the race for the nomination though.

Determining exactly how many delegates a candidate has can be a confusing process. Steve Forbes won 79 delegates during his campaign. Those delegates are now up for grabs since Forbes dropped out of the campaign after Super Tuesday. Lamar Alexander had another 12 delegates, and 67 more were listed as "Uncommitted". Interviews with individual delegates formerly committed to Forbes, Phil Gramm, and Alexander by CNN led that network to call Dole the winner after the Illinois results were in.

Dole is waiting until after California to declare victory. The Golden State has

more than enough delegates to put him over the top no matter how the delegates are counted. Dole has been the frontrunner throughout the campaign, even after a scare from commentator Patrick J. Buchanan after New Hampshire. Dole led at one point by as much as thirty points in the polls. While that lead has diminished somewhat, he has won twenty-one straight primaries and twenty-six total.

Buchanan is not yet out of the race. "We're going to fight until hell freezes over, then we're going to fight on the ice," Buchanan told supporters at a Super Tuesday rally after Dole swept all eight states. Though still ignored by the big media, Alan Keyes, a family values conservative is still in the running and has collected sixteen delegates. The candidates who have dropped out, Forbes, Alexander, Gramm, Senator Dick Lugar, and Businessman Morry Taylor have all endorsed Dole for the nomination. The August GOP convention in San Diego will officially nominate Dole to take on Bill Clinton in November.



## The Fish of Dreams

*By Kyle Herring*

**I**t was the beginning of spring and I am standing on a stump in my Uncle's lake. I was talking to one of my good friends, Chris Winkleman. We were talking about what kind of lure I should use. We decided on the ever popular spinner.

I cast out my line and heard the elegant ker-plunking sound of the lure making its way into the water. I started to reel in the line when I felt a slight tug. I began to get excited thinking about my first fish of the year. I kept on reeling but nothing happened. So I cast out again. This time, as I was reeling, I felt a huge pull on my line. My pole almost snapped in half. This fish was giving me the fight of my life. I was playing with the fish trying to get it tired. That did not work. "This must be SUPERFISH," I thought to myself. Wink was just standing on the bank in awe. So I just said, "The heck with it, I am going to get this fish in if it is the last thing I do." After a couple intense hours of battle, I finally got the monster in. This was the biggest bass I have ever seen in my life. It was about three feet long and in the neighborhood of twenty-five pounds.

Then I woke up in a cold sweat. Then I thought to myself, "I cannot wait until I have some time where I can get out and fish."

The warm weather is here and the water is just right for fishing. So all you fishermen and fisherwomen get your gear together and go fishing.

# A.P. Bio. Challenges Minds

*By Mike Eisenhauer*

Students talk freely in class. Homework only a few times a year. Students hatch out chicken eggs. Sounds like an easy class, right? Wrong. This class being described is Advanced Placement Biology taught by Mr. Trees. It has a whopping four students in it.

The students in A.P. Biology learn everything from phospholipid bilayers to the theory that "ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny". Although this class may sound hard and boring it is just the opposite. With only four people in the class (Natalie Stevens, Jayson Hafford, Matt Businaro, and Mike Eisenhauer) there is room for everyone to state their opinions and experience many things hands on. For example, students learn about embryology by dissecting chicken eggs

every other day until they are hatch. This allows for a hands on approach that many classes can not offer because of too many students. The small class also allows for students to learn more because Mr. Trees does not have to spend his energy on a student that acts up or a student that does not learn as fast as the other students. A great amount of material is learned in a short amount of time.

There is a friendly rivalry between the students in the class. Each test the students strive not to get the lowest grade. The person who receives the lowest grade on the test receives the dreaded rubber band. That student is cursed with holding the rubber band until the next test is given in which they do not receive the lowest grade. Jayson Hafford said, "I am the eternal guardian of the sacred rubber band."

Advanced Placement Biology is a fun and exciting class although it is hard. Students learn more in this class than about any other class. Advanced Placement Biology is a class worth experiencing. As the year winds down one question remains in the minds of the student. Jayson Hafford expressed it the best when he said, "Mr. Trees what's this about Melatonin and AIDS?"



## Where Can You Go This Summer?

By Amy Rhine

Sitting around the house is what most people think of when kids are out of school for summer vacation. With a little imagination you can have fun at things you do not think are.

Playing sports at the park is a good way to get out of the house. The park has plenty of places to play basketball, baseball, softball, and tennis. If you do not like to play sports, it is a nice place to have a picnic at. Or you could just sit there and read a good book.

Swimming and tanning by the park pool is another way of being outside for the day. The park pool has four to five sessions each day. You can also get passes that will last all summer long.

Fishing is another way of getting out and do something in nature. You could spend hours there waiting for the big one to bite your bait. Having fun with your family.

For all those people who like to spend money clothes the malls in Marion and Carbandale are the perfect place for you to go. The malls in Evansville and St. Louis are also

good places to shop at.

For all the people who want to spend the day outside, but also want to have lots of fun Six Flags And Holiday World is the perfect place for you. Of course most of you know where Six Flags is and what kind of rides there is. For those people who do not know where Holiday World is, it is in Santa Clause, Indiana. It has the largest wooden roller coaster in both Indiana and Kentucky. IT goes up to 65 MPH. It also has a water park inside with a wave pool and two water slides that go up to 40 MPH.

Hopefully with all of the choices you have heard about, you will be able to decide what to do this summer.

*Fishing is another way of getting out and do something in nature.*

# Macbeth Trial Creatively Teaches Play

by Matthew Businaro

The week of March 18, Senior English classes were busy deciding the guilt or innocence of Macbeth. The play *Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare, is not an easy one to understand, nor are many of his other plays. This activity, now in its tenth year, was designed with the intent of making the understanding process easier.

It seemed to work quite well. The seniors were given the assignment of learning about the various characters whose parts they were assigned. Lawyers

were then assigned the task of proving the guilt or innocence of Macbeth. Of course in the play Macbeth did in fact kill King Duncan of Scotland.

The task of proving Macbeth's innocence was made even more difficult when one had to stay completely factual with what was written in the play. In all cases the defense attorneys tried to prove their case by proving that Macbeth was guilty by reason of insanity and that he could not control his own actions. The defense attorneys did a great job, being that Macbeth was found not guilty in all three cases. In first hour, the impetus behind the jury's decision were defense attorneys Eric Glass and Brandon Pickford, second hour's A.P. defense champs were Chris Bevis and Matt Businaro, and third hours "mighty victors" were Brian Casteel and Mike "Objection" Beal.

The trials of Macbeth were very helpful in the learning of Macbeth, and everyone, including the jury, most of whom had never read the play, came away with a good understanding of the events that Shakespeare immortalized many years ago.



# Atlanta Hosts Olympics

*by Mike Exenbauer*

This summer for the first time in twelve years the United States will be host of the Olympics. Nations from all around the world will compete in the Summer Olympics held in Atlanta, Georgia. The Olympics will bring excitement and revenue to United States particularly Atlanta. There will be many interesting things to look for this summer at the Olympics.

The United States should once again dominated in Track and Field. Sprinter Michael Johnson will go for a first ever gold medal in the 400 and 200 meters if the Olympic Committee permits. Johnson needs the committee to change the days of the 400 and 200 so they will not be on the same day. If they are not changed he will not be able to run both because he will be too tired. The Olympic Committee is expected to cooperate with his plea. Although, the rest of the team may be overshadowed by Michael Johnson it should be very strong as usual. The women's track and field team should also be strong led by a few perennial stars and a host of newcomers. Both men and women's teams are expected to outclass the field and win numerous gold medals. Anything short of domination will be a let-down.

The United States basketball teams are expected to win gold medals. The men's

team is made up of NBA All-Stars and are deemed Dream Team III. The men's team once again should romp to victory. If any team comes within 30 points of them it will be a surprise. The women's team is also hoping to strike gold in Atlanta. The women's team has been practicing against college teams to get ready for the Olympics. The women's team has battered every team they have played so far and hoping their successful run continues through the Olympics.

The U.S. swimming teams are made up of many new faces. For the first time in many years the swimming teams will be underdogs, for they are not expected to fare well against some of the international powers. The women's team is very young with many girls in their teens mixed in with a couple seasoned veterans. But, with the home fans cheering them on both men's and women's team could surprise people and bring home some heavy metal.

The Olympics will bring excitement to this country no matter what happens. But, with many of the top athletes in the world competing for the United States do not be surprised if gold comes too. In only a few short months the Olympics will kick off and the United States will be engulfed in patriotism.

## WHO AM I?

*By Chrissy Hale*

I am the tear in a child's shirt,  
I am the tear streaming down a child's  
face.

I am the sun shine for the child to play,  
I am the warmth on a sunny day.

I am the love in a child's eye,  
Even when the child cries.

I am the mother of this child even  
when he drives me wild,  
I am the voice of reason in troubled times.

I am the love and the care,  
I go with the times