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Was Jesus A Woman? Club Updates

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It is quite an achievement when someone can offend me. The utter hatred and cruelty to which Jeffrey Dahmer tortured, mutilated, and ate his victims was one thing to which I was completely appalled. Call me a simpleton, but my mind could not and still can not comprehend the cruelty possessed by this one man. Not to compare the two, but Judith Gibbons seems to have been able to offend me, too.

In the Bible, how many times is Jesus referred to as a woman? What's that? None? Yes, correct! ZERO!!! Never is it mentioned that Christ was a woman or had thoughts of becoming one. And if He is not a woman, that leads me to believe He is a man. And if your mind is not capable of making that complex deduction, the Bible clearly states He is a man. If He isn't a man, I wouldn't be calling Him He, would I?

Not according to Judith Gibbons, head of the woman's department at St. Louis University. It seems the woman's department believes Christ is a woman. In fact they've also given "her" another name. "Christa". They've also got a poster of "her" hanging up. "Christa" is a big breasted female Jesus on the cross. Judith Gibbons said "the Christian image of Jesus on the cross is always male". That could have something to do with the fact that He is a male.

I was in the library when I discovered this little bit of information. In case you don't believe me or would like to see it for yourself, the segment devoted to this offensive information is in the December 5, 1994 issue of *U. S. News and World Report*. It's in a segment of how P.C. is almost dead and is still funny. I have a particularly cute word for this form of P.C. How about BLASPHEMY?

Since I thought you may want to know exactly what blasphemy is, I decided to give you the dictionary definition according to the big dictionary in the library. BLASPHEME- To speak of or address with impious or irreverence. Being that I'm not as smart as some people I know, I decided to look up impious. IMPIOUS- Lacking in reverence or respect. I don't think I have to add anything to that for you to get the picture.

What exactly does all this mean? Let's cut to the chase. Judith Gibbons must be an intelligent woman. Obviously she is or she wouldn't be the head of the woman's department. But if she's so smart, why can't she figure it out for herself that Christ is a man?

This is just one more example of the moral decline on college campuses. I never thought Christ could be mistaken for a woman. And this is the head of a school department saying this? What exactly are we teaching here?

Heather Gibbs
Activities Editor

-Art Club- On November 30th, Reta Mitchell was in the art room from the beginning of school until the end of 2nd hour. She was there doing demonstrations on a potters wheel. First hour, Brandon Morse, during the Art Club, Cathy Kunce, and in second hour, Jared Sperring all got to try their luck on the wheel. The steps to making a pot begin with throwing the ball of clay on the potters wheel and then centering it. Then opening it by placing your thumb in the center of the clay and pulling it, then you shape it. It is cut off with a wire and set to the side to dry.

-Pet Owners Club- The club has 25 people in it this year. They try to help Gene Small find homes for homeless animals. There is a cage in Mrs. Dameron's office for any stray animals that students are welcome to bring in. "We've turned into a sort of rescue agency for animals," said Mrs. Dameron, club sponsor. They have sponsored a dog obedience class that meets in Bonnel gym at

Joe Horstmann
Staff Writer

H.H.S. grapplers competed Saturday, November 26 in a quadrangular at home with Anna-Jonesboro, Benton, and Mt. Carmel. Harrisburg Won all three matches beating Benton 48-18, AJ 73-0, and Mt. Carmel 42-23.

Benton was Harrisburg's first victim as was 103 pounder Chris Fetter's opponent who was pinned in 3:39. (112) Cam Thai pinned Burton in :31. (119) Tim Rister beat Whitmer by a mark of 9-2. (125) James Cirigliano pinned Johnson in :34. (130) Keenan Hess lost 9-5 to Levesque. (135) Doug Dorris pinned Lockwood in :53. (140) Matt Sheldon pinned Latta in 1:48. (145) Paul Roberson pinned Moss in 1:51. (152) Cort Reed was pinned in 5:34 by Davis. (160) Kyle Lands pinned Erwin in 5:02. (171) Joe Horstmann lost to Mineir 11-8. (189) Mark Maddox was pinned by Combs in 3:54. (HWT) Matt Molinarolo ended the match by pinning Kendrick.

The Bulldogs moved on to Anna-Jonesboro next. Chris Bevis (135) and (HWT) Brandon Morse showed unbelievable feats as each of them beat their AJ matmen. Bevis beat Mays 11-4 while Brandon Morse pinned Sadler in :38.

AJ's results are: (103) Fetter- dec. Lapinski 17-7. (112) Thai- pinned Deas 3:42. (119) Rister- pinned Von Nida 1:57. (125) Cirigliano- pinned Johnson :53. (130) Dorris-pinned Holden :49. (135) Bevis-dec. Mays 11-4. (140) Sheldon-pinned Schramka :45. (145) Quinn-pinned Sims 1:28. (152) Reed-pinned Lawrence :22. (160) Lands-forfeit. (171) Horstmann-forfeit. (189) Pray-pinned Gentry 1:11. Brandon Morse-pinned Sadler :38.

Mt. Carmel was H.H.S.'s last victim. Every dirty trick in the book was used in competition. A small conflict took place after the match between Mt. Carmel's 171 pounder and an old H.H.S. wrestling standout. With the help of the coach everything got broken up before anything major happened. Tim Rister (119), Joe Horstmann (171), and Matt Molinarolo had the most physical matches of the day with Rister and Molo winning and Horstmann losing by 1 and suffered a broking nose.

The Bulldogs then defeated both Marion and Murphysboro in matches before entering last Saturday's Benton Six. The 'Dogs breezed threw the competition beating Herrin, Pickneyville, West Frankfort, and Red Hill on their way to the championship.

The wrestlers had Tuesday off to prepare for their match against Benton Thursday. They then travel to the always tough A.J. duals on Saturday. The team and individuals will be looking for victories to help their seedings down the road.

The Bulldogs are 10-1 and were recently featured as SI's team of the week.

the high school. It is a semester class which ends December 13th and will begin again in February. It will end when the hot weather's influences the dogs ability to function well. The class is open to the public. They are planning a trip to the St. Louis Zoo where they have an inspiring class on how to manage endangered species.

-Mu Alpha Theta- They have completed their formal induction ceremony into the national club. During this ceremony, each officer tells a little of the history of mathematics. The new members take a pledge and receive a medallion which they must wear all of the next day. They have worked a concession stand to raise money for a trip they are planning.

-Health Occupations- They have sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner for needy families. They will be sponsoring the blood mobile which will be here December 16th. After the first of the new year they will have a second fundraiser to help pay for a spring trip. They will be visiting a hospital in a large city such as St. Louis or Evansville.

-Spanish Club- They were unable to go to their "shop till you drop" trip to St. Louis because their fundraiser was too late this year. The fundraiser will pay for Hispanic week coming up around the first of May. CINCOTE MAYO they may be taking a trip in the spring. Also, some members are accompanying Mrs. Leitzen on a trip to Mexico this summer.

Locked Hands

Lady Bulldog Open Season With Two Losses

Jenny Hankins
Sports Editor

Lady Bulldog basketball pre-season play got started with their own preview tournament. The Lady Dogs opened the tournament with an easy win over the Gallatin County Hawks, 85-47.

A strong first half put the Dogs out front to stay. Ricki DeArmon opened the game with a pair of jumpshots and led the rest of the game. The Bulldogs went to the locker room with a 43-25 advantage. The second half was much like the first, and Gallatin County had absolutely no chance of a comeback. De Armon was the high scorer of the night with 19 points, followed closely by Alisha Logan, Anna Banks, and Tory Teckenbrock. The win set up a match against the Carbondale Lady Terriers.

Carbondale had a much tougher first round win against Hardin County, but they advanced to the second round and gave the Lady Dogs a run for the money. A great first quarter put HHS in front 18-6, but Carbondale came back in the second quarter due to an offensive dry spell by the home squad. The Lady Dogs came out of the locker room strong and gained a 10 point lead only to have it taken away. They managed to struggle back and a three-pointer by Alisha Logan sealed the game. Traci Richerson played a great game on both ends of the floor, while Ricki DeArmon again led the offensive effort with 23 points.

Harrisburg then went on to play their long time arch enemy, the Carmi Bulldogs. Carmi's Mandy Cummins has been the downfall of HHS in many a game, and the same was true in the Championship game. Carmi dominated the play from the beginning, but the locals had pulled to within 5 by the half. The visiting Bulldogs extended their lead to 8 by the end of the third quarter. From there, they never looked back and the Carmi Lady Bulldogs won the Lady Bulldog Preview by the score of 49-33.

After placing second in their own tournament, Harrisburg went on to open their regular season against the Murphysboro Lady Red Devils. The Lady Bulldogs just could not shut down Monique Beirei from the inside. The visiting team's center scored 19 points on the way to a 57-45 victory over the Lady Dogs. The Lady Bulldogs downfall was due to poor shooting and lack of defense inside.

Harrisburg fell to the McLeansboro Lady Foxes, one of the best teams in the State. The Lady Dogs did not even get the chance to put up a strong effort due to an early injury to point guard Ricki DeArmon and the absence of Kelly Cartwright. Defense was tough throughout the entire game and the Foxes won a 37-25 victory over the Bulldogs.

Drug Tatoos Plague Southern Illinois Though None Reported In Area



Nick King
Columnist

Just Imagine six hundred children betwixt the ages of thirteen and eighteen all on acid, a whole high school that somehow had been dosed with LSD. The results that would ensue if this were to ever happen is something like the Los Angeles riots meeting Woodstock. The chaos and havoc that would occur is something I would rather not even think about.

Although this is something difficult to even fathom, apparently parents across the county are being alerted to innocent-looking stickers which may be laced with drugs, though police report none in the area. Students in Eldorado have been sent home with notes to explain the "Blue Star" tatoos - small stickers which when handled or applied to the skin, can cause a student to react to the drugs the stickers are soaked in.

Basically these stickers are soaked in LSD, a hallucinogen, and when applied may result in a psychedelic experience. It is ultimately the equivalent of "dropping" a hit of acid, which some people pay up to ten dollars to do.

It seems to me that these little magic stickers that the students are being warned about are hits of acid being passed off as tatoos. This technique has been around since the early 80's when miniature tatoos from Craker Jax boxes were being soaked in LSD and then sold or given to unsuspecting little children. A sheet of 100 stickers are about the size of a credit card and have various pictures on them. The pictures on the stickers are everything from Cookie Monster to Mikail Gorbachev some are even adorned with the magic "Blue Star."

Even though these stickers are not circulating in the area police are taking measures to warn parents that they do exist and that they are dangerous.

What I don't understand is the need for alarming the public of a problem that is non-existent. These drug tatoos made the front page of our local newspaper alarming everyone of these "magic" tatoos though none were even reported in the county. This causing of paranoia and widespread panic is ridiculous and uncalled for. There certainly aren't any strange men in

black trenchcoats loitering around our schools and playgrounds selling stickers to innocent children or forcing the students of HHS to buy some Bart Simpson Cracker Jack tatoos. Our whole town has a history for blowing things out of proportion. Remember the big Devil-Worshipping scare that was around during the late eighties, the one that had every little kid fearing for his life everytime he went anywhere near Ledford or the Hungarian Cemetary. All the evil rumors that circulated of dead house pets and upside down crosses. Little children at school trying desperately to convince their teacher that they had witnessed a strange man in a black cloak with 666 tatoos on his forehead repeatedly driving around the school. Strange tales of blood thirsty Satan-worshippers who would climb in through your open windows with foot-long bowie knives and then sit on your chest while you were fast asleep waiting till you awoke to plunge their knife deep into the bowels of your chest. These are just examples of how fear and paranoia can be spread with the greatest of ease in small-towns like Harrisburg. Even the rumors of gang-activity in our beloved little town were taken to an extreme causing anyone who did or wore anything even remotely associated with gangs to be persecuted and then suspended. It simply scares the life out of me to see the extremes to which things are taken without even proof to support it. Kind of like the witch trials in Salem.

I am very aware of the D.A.R.E. program, and what it stands for (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and that it supports drug prevention which I am a strong supporter of but, I don't understand the need to for a "drug scare" that is completely unnessecary.

In closing I would like to tell the students of HHS not to worry or live every waking moment in fear for their lives. I think the students at HHS are smart enough not to get into cars with strangers or take candy from them, never tell them if you are home alone, and not to purchase any strange looking tatoos from suspicious looking men or women. No cases of these "magic" tatoos have been reported anywhere even remotely near Southern Illinois so for now there is no need to panic.

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