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## Vandals slash bus tires

As students were getting ready for school on February 6, mechanics and other workers at Safeway Bus Company were working hard to repair the tires on 23 buses.

Sometime during the early morning hours vandals slashed one tire on each of the 23 full-sized school buses at Safeway Bus Company. The total damage to the tires was about \$4,000.

The school buses were not too late in delivering students to school because Safeway was able to get mounted tires from the Hardin County bus company and from Paben Tire. One of the school buses was only three minutes behind schedule, while the latest bus was twenty-five minutes late.

New flood lights and a night watchman have been added around the Safeway bus yard to try to prevent this kind of vandalism from happening again. According to company personnel, the investigation is continuing but there are no suspects at this time.

Safeway employee Margie Douglas stated, "The police said if they found anything they'd let us know."

## Preparations for prom in April are on the roll

Prom will be held April 26. As usual, the event will be at Davenport Gym.

There was some early controversy over where to hold prom. Some wanted to hold the dance in Evansville or Carbondale while others suggested Southeastern Illinois College. Juniors were told prom could not be out of town. A vote was taken between SIC and Davenport.

Prom colors will be black, midnight blue, and silver. The theme is "Hold on to the Night," with a city skyline for the background. Music is still to be decided.



JETS team: Front row-Melinda Ewert, Beth Jones, Susan Osterkamp, Melissa Butler, Curt McClusky, Travis DeNeal; second row-Dan Kunce, Elizabeth Stafford, Shannon Rider, Toby Lyon; third row-Josh Bradley, Clint Popetz, Mark Popetz, Tony Harper.

## JETS team advances to sectionals

A fourteen-member team placed second in division II of the annual JETS (junior engineering technological society) TEAMS (testing the engineering aptitude for mathematics and science) competition at Southeastern Illinois College.

Each competitor took written exams in two of the seven subject areas. The top two scores in each category comprise the comparative scores for competition reasons.

Of the four teams in division II, Harrisburg placed first in English, biology and computer fundamentals; second in math, physics (tie) and graphics; and fourth in chemistry.

The team will go on to sectionals at SIU in Carbondale on March 11.

Individually, Shannon Rider placed first (biology), Clint Popetz first (physics) and second (math), Susan Osterkamp third (biology), Curt McClusky first (computer fundamentals), Toby Lyon third (computer fundamentals), Mark Lucas second (graphics), Dan Kunce first (graphics), Melinda Ewert second (English), and Travis DeNeal third (English).

Other members of the team were Elizabeth Stafford, Melissa Butler, Josh Bradley, Tony Harper, and Beth Jones.

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## Walker's Word: New Wal-Mart changes Harrisburg too quickly

by Brent Walker

Valentine's Day. In a rush to get last minute thoughtful items on that most special of occasions, I went to the new Wal-Mart that had opened that morning.

The first thing that struck me about the store was the parking lot. Chaste, jet-black asphalt, no cracks, no oil stains; blinding yellow stripes divided right and left lanes just like a real highway. Of course, it endured more traffic than a normal highway: it was Wal-Mart. Better, it was the NEW Wal-Mart. Everybody who was anybody was there that day.

I walked in the door and was struck by what I saw. Let me set the scene before I describe the store. (It's not a store, it's WAL-MART.) The summer after my sophomore year I went to France with a group from this very school. We saw the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris. We were in awe of its multi-colored windows, columns, buttresses, and steeples. The new Harrisburg Wal-Mart made it look like a tent revival. To the left was the spacious snack-bar; to the right was a line of SIXTEEN checkout lines for your convenience. Everything was shiny and new. After years of rumors, hopes, and promises, it was here.

I walked forward. My eyes followed the back wall in an attempt to grasp some understanding of just how immense the place was. I couldn't get the smile off my face. The new Wal-Mart was here, in our lifetime. The joy I felt was immeasurable. I was in a complete daze. I found myself in the women's clothing department. I changed directions and walked through electronics, sporting goods, toys, the pharmacy, school and office supplies, gardening

supplies, and spatulas. Aisles and departments were arranged for ultimate convenience. Wal-Mart had everything.

After I had come down from my natural high of witnessing the megalithic retail paradise, I began to notice a few things that weren't so wonderful. Customers were greeted to the new store with maps. Maps! In OUR Wal-Mart, most people could find what they needed with their eyes closed. In the Wal-Marts in other towns, other states even, one can find what he wants by sheer natural instinct. In this Wal-Mart you need a map.

I overheard old men complaining that they couldn't find the fishing tackle. "It USED to be right here," they grumbled. I heard a lady ask an employee where the hairspray was. "It's kinda up near the cash registers," explained the employee. The lady shook her head and said, "Awful weird place for hair spray." Of course it is. Everybody knows that the hairspray is on the RIGHT side of the store, just before you get to the pharmacy section.

One episode brought a tear to my eye. A child riding in the cart with his mother whined and wanted to know where the toys were. "I don't know, honey," said the flabbergasted young mother. "I don't know where anything is." The child cried on.

I realize that in time people will know the new Wal-Mart like the back of their hand. The problem is that the whole new shopping center is changing the very landscape of Harrisburg. It's added new roads here, and new traffic lights there. Businesses are continuing to move to the Wal-Mart side of town. Things are changing rapidly. They are changing just as I prepare to leave this place. My only fear is that I won't return to my home town. Instead, I'll come back to a boring, antiseptic city where everything is arranged for my convenience. Where will home be then?

## Students oppose return of draft for Gulf War

Should the draft be reinstated to keep up U.S. troop strength in the Persian Gulf? If so, should women be eligible for the draft as well as men?

Students in a recent survey responded to these questions. Jada Wilson said, "If the draft should take effect, women should be drafted too. Hopefully, this will all be over soon and we won't have to worry about it anymore."

Nicole Cody said, "If women want to fight in the war it should be their option. I don't feel they should be forced to go, but to be honest, I don't feel that men should be drafted either. I am frightened when I think of the possibility that people dear to me could be killed; especially if they don't believe in being in Saudi Arabia to begin with."

Adam Forth was against the return of the draft, but he said, "If the draft should be reinstated, I think that they should draft women too. They fought for their rights and should be made equal."

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## Check out Clint's shoes

by Julie Webb

A new hit is showing up often on the billboard country charts this season. Clint Black's "Put Yourself In My Shoes" is successfully growing week by week. His credits are similar to his debut album, "Killin' Time", which is still in the Top 10 on the billboards, and has sold over 1,000,000 copies.

According to Radio and Records Magazine, Clint is the first artist in any field, including pop, to have five number one singles off a debut album." In 1969, he won the Country Music Association horizon award, and in 1990, he ran away with 10 awards, such as ACM Album of the Year.

Clint, besides his music, is most notable for his "Roy Rogers" smile. As he told country music magazine, "I grew up with horses and farms and pastures and bayous, but I don't pretend to be a cowboy. I just like singing to cowgirls."

On his second album, Black co-wrote 11 ten songs with his guitarist, Hayden Nicholas. This seems to add to the album's success. The songs on "Put Yourself In My Shoes" show his artistic skill that is hidden beneath his good looks. He definitely has talent.



Poison's latest single is "Ride the Wind."

## The day is yours, Henry

by Clint Popetz

That he which hath no stomach to this fight,  
Let him depart; his passport shall be made,  
And crowns for convoy put into his purse.  
We would not die in that man's company  
That fears his fellowship to die with us.

-Henry V: Act IV, Scene III  
by William Shakespeare

Seldom has a remake held such power and momentum. On the other hand, seldom does one of Shakespeare's great plays make it to the silver screen. In the new version of Henry V, Kenneth Branagh directs and stars in a masterpiece of theatrical pith and moment, which is now available for your VCR enjoyment.

Sir Laurence Olivier's 1944 original screen version has been given a run for its money, as Branagh gives a brash and gripping vision of the young king from his painful order of Bardolph's execution to the moments of near defeat on the Field of Agincourt. The combination of an obviously brilliant story and an equally vibrant actor gives energy to the screen and has the audience sitting on the edge of their seats as Henry drives his way through the field of battle.

In the days of Pee-Wee Herman and Bart Simpson, it is an exciting experience to have a real hero to cheer for, a king to fight for, and a cause to die for. Henry V gives an enthralled audience all of this, in a bloody good must-see.

## Terrific trio performs concert in Evansville

By Jennifer Allen

The crowd waited patiently. The eager crowd on the floor were told to sit on their bottoms, which they did until the signal was given. Then the crowd started screaming and the people on the floor all made a bee line for the front row. Then the lights went out.

With that, four lively rockers by the name of Trixter hit the stage. Trixter was just one of three heavy metal bands that entertained a crowded Roberts Stadium on the night of February 12.

Trixter rocked the stage for approximately thirty minutes ending their act with their smash hit "Give It To Me Good."

Trixter left the stage with the crowd begging for more, and more they got when Slaughter took the stage.

These four heavy metal rockers got the crowd pumping as they sang many of their hit songs such as "Fly to the Angels," "Rock All Night," and "Spend My Life." As Slaughter left the stage the crowd was hyped. They squirmed while waiting for the road crew to get the stage set.

As the lights went out the crowd screamed. A big blast of fireworks came out of the stage as the headlining band Poison came out singing the title song of their first album "Look What The Cat Dragged In."

Then they followed that up with past smash hits like "Every Rose," "Talk Dirty To Me," and a current smash hit "Ride the Wind."

Poison rocked the audience for a good hour and a half leaving fans of all ages amazed.

## Teachers vote 'no' on senior semester exams

Seniors will not take final exams for the second semester this year.

Because universities, the military, scholarship committees and suppliers of graduation announcements and diplomas needed to know the graduation date, Mr. Gordon decided on May 31.

In order for seniors to graduate on that date, they would have had to take final exams earlier than the rest of the school. Early exams would create scheduling problems for both teachers and students.

Teachers were asked to vote on the issue. The vote was whether to cancel exams, require them, or make exams optional to seniors. By a narrow margin, teachers voted to cancel senior exams.

Many seniors believe that exams should have been optional. Semester exam grades account for 20% of the total semester average; nine weeks grades are worth 40% each. Without exams, nine weeks averages for seniors will be worth 40% and 60% of the semester average.

Mr. Paugh believes that tests for seniors should be optional. He said, "Any senior who wants to take the exams shouldn't be denied."



King Lucas shows astonishment dancing with coronation escort Erin Wheatley.

## Program makes Health classes D.A.R.E.ing

D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a new program for health classes.

On January 8 D.A.R.E. booklets were handed out and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education began. Over the next two weeks students worked their way through the D.A.R.E. booklets and participated in situation skits involving drug and alcohol abuse.

Sophomore Jamie Orr said, "D.A.R.E. is a fun and interesting way to teach kids about drugs."

During the last week of November health teacher Ms. Horning and officer Pete Childers of the Harrisburg Police Dept. went to Columbus, Ohio, at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy to learn the curriculum for the new senior high D.A.R.E. program.



Amy Simmons, Stephanie Agin, and Rose Clifford perform DARE skits. The original grade school D.A.R.E. program started in 1983 in Los Angeles, California. Then in 1988, the senior high D.A.R.E. program was introduced. Although the D.A.R.E. program has been taught in Saline County grade schools for four years, this is the first year it has been at HHS.

## Morp dance proves backward experience

Student Council decided to round out basketball season by sponsoring a Morp dance immediately following the last home game on February 16. Morp is prom spelled backwards.

In an attempt to be as opposite to prom as possible, toilet paper replaced streamers, and jeans took the place of formal wear. The dance was held in Bonnell Gym.

Instead of a queen, the coronation of a king took place on a white porcelain commode, with a crown made of cardboard toilet paper rolls.

Senior Chris Lucas was officially declared king of the Morp, with a court composed of Brian Banks, Clay Crawford, and Brandon Shelton. The junior attendant was Chad Lakatos, while Chris Moore, sophomore, and Chad Brown, freshman, held the underclassmen title.

"I was really surprised when I won. Actually, I think I was more embarrassed than surprised. However, I am thankful for the honor bestowed upon me," said king Chris Lucas.

Nominations for the Morp court were made in homerooms the day grade cards came out.

Although the official theme was "A Night to Forget," most found the evening memorable.



Attendant Chris Moore dances in a daze with Jaye Walker.

## Forensics attends meet and prepares for another

Four Forensics club members spent one of their Saturdays attending the HSA (Illinois High School Speech Association) Regional contest held at Carbondale East High School in preparation for a meet to be held in March.

On February 2, Travis DeNeal, Jeff Dunn, Tina McIlrath, and Justin Williams spent the day competing and watching other events.

The winning team for the contest was Carbondale while many individuals from other schools qualified for separate events. Even though, none of the Harrisburg speakers placed, every individual felt that the day was well spent. "I was glad to donate a Saturday to the pursuit of better public speaking," commented Travis DeNeal.

Travis DeNeal (extemporaneous speaking), Jeff Dunn (oratory), and Justin Williams (verse) were allowed to practice in a preliminary round and then competed in the final round against seven other individuals from separate schools.

Tina McIlrath who competed in prose, had to perform in two rounds to qualify for the final round. Prose was the only event where contestants had to "break" into finals to place because of the larger number of entries.

With one speech contest under their belt the four individuals are more confident about the meet to be held March 4th at SIC.

"I think we all learned some valuable skills and strategies that will help our team be more competitive at the SIC tournament," said Tina McIlrath.

A larger team of Forensics club members will be attending the SIC meet in all events including informative, prose, extemporaneous, speech to entertain, impromptu, persuasion, poetry and duet acting.

## Ecology club offers recycling of paper

The call is out for used computer cards, computer paper, and typing and writing paper to be recycled. A large cardboard box in almost every classroom offers an alternative to trashing used paper and an opportunity to save a tree.

Ecology club members recently decided to offer paper recycling at school in an attempt to make students more aware of how they can help protect their environment.

"Most of the classrooms are covered," remarked co-sponsor Mrs. Way when asked about the new program.

The success of the program depends primarily on student participation.

"It takes concentration to remember not to throw away used paper," junior Jennifer Kerley admitted, but she does intend to help out in every way.



Tiffany Simpson, Chris Moore, and Matt Miller enjoy play rehearsals for *Grease*--a laid-back, fun-filled show.

## Thespians ready to rock and roll at Rydell High

Performances for *Grease* will be held on March 21 and 22 at Malan Jr. High Auditorium. Admission will be \$3.00. Most English Department teachers will give their students extra credit for attending.

Tryouts are over, so the cast and crew of *Grease* are going full speed ahead to make the musical's production a success.

Act IV hopes that the crowd will be larger than in past years because of the popularity of the movie among students. "This particular musical promises to be one our school crowd will enjoy," commented assistant director, Tina McIlrath.

She said that many of the songs in the musical are similar to the

familiar songs in the movie. There are also some additions of plot and music.

"I think the musical will be just as good or better than the one held five years ago."

--Chris Moore

One of the leading characters in the musical, sophomore Chris Moore seems to be enjoying the preparations for *Grease*. "Rehearsals are a blast! All the songs and dances are pretty cool."

"*Grease* is a very physical, but fun show to watch and perform in," explained Director Sue Ewert who along with Director David Reeves promised plenty of individual singing and group dancing in the show.

## Le Francais now meets avec M. Kerley who hopes to spur interests

After Mrs. Kaplan's resignation at the end of the first semester, her French classes were taken over by Mr. Kerley. He had previously taught French here for four years, from 1978-1982.



Commenting on the dwindling interest in French, Mr. Kerley

said, "The few students I have are enthusiastic, but I'd like many more. I want to turn the French department around and rekindle interest in French. I'm hoping to have two French I classes and both French II and III classes again next year."

Mr. Kerley himself has great enthusiasm for the language and hopes to communicate that to the students.

This semester, Mr. Kerley has a first hour French I class of eight students and a fourth hour French II class of thirteen. Last school year, there were French I, II, II, and IV classes.

## Reed likes advantages offered to HHS students

Mrs. Jayne Reed is presently working as Mrs. Gillespie's student teacher at HHS.

Mrs. Reed is from Elizabethtown, Illinois where she attended Hardin County High School. She is currently enrolled at Southern Illinois University. She seemed highly impressed with the students and teachers at Harrisburg High School.

After graduation, Mrs. Reed will be certified to teach math in grades 6-12. She would prefer to teach classes such as geometry, trigonometry, and calculus at the high school level.

Mrs. Reed has really enjoyed time here. She believes that HHS has much to offer in its array of classes and activities.

Coming from a smaller high school, Mrs. Reed said she "would have loved to have had all the options

that the Harrisburg students have." She believes that many students have taken advantage of these opportunities. She said, "Most of the students that I have worked with, seem to have a real interest in their classes."

Mrs. Reed has been married to Tom Reed of Hardin County for about a year and a half. Tom works at a rock quarry in Hardin County.

Reflecting the feelings of many students, Mrs. Gillespie said, "We have enjoyed her tremendously."

## Hull, Saline County native, added to English Department

The new teacher in the English department is certainly not a "new" teacher. Mr. Raymond Hull joins the staff with 36 years of teaching experience.

Mr. Hull was hired at the end of the first semester to replace Mrs. Kaplan, who resigned due to her husband's job transfer.

Having served as English department head at an inner city high school in Pontiac, Michigan. Mr. Hull comments that here at Harrisburg, "everyone is more respectful and cooperative, and much more helpful."

Although Mr. Hull moved here from Pontiac, he is originally from Saline County. He remarked, "This area was home to me years and years ago. I guess home is where you go- that's where I've gone."

In addition to teaching four different English classes of Mrs. Kaplan's, he took over two different classes of Mr. Kerley's. He is presently teaching English IV, English III-2, English III-3, English II-3, English I-2, and English I-3.



Despite the hectic schedule, Mr. Hull said that he would be interested in coming back to teach next year.

# Incarcerated juvenile offenders lead restricted, lonely lives

by Tina McIlrath

Complaining about being grounded and having to stay home on the weekend? Have you ever considered how such a felon or juvenile delinquent is restricted throughout his/her term?

A visit to the Illinois Youth Center in Harrisburg showed the way of life for incarcerated teens. A visitor's badge was given to me so I wouldn't be mistaken for an escapee. Escorted by superintendent Monte Fields, photographer Meg Overstreet, newspaper advisor Mrs. Clemmons, and I went through the Sally Ports doors, special security measures.

The impression that prisoners just sit around in their cell thinking, reading, or watching television is ill-conceived in this case. In fact, teenagers convicted to IYC have very little free time because their days are filled with schooling and special programs.

School lasts from 8:00-4:00 every weekday with an hour break for lunch. IYC has continually expanded its education program along with the help of SIC.

The Illinois Youth Center includes ten small classrooms, a gym with weightlifting equipment, and a library for education purposes as well as special craft and industry buildings.

Most of the schooling seems to be well accepted by the incarcerated teenagers. "One thing they always take advantage of while doing their time is getting an education and building their muscles," commented superintendent Field.

Field said that the majority of the teenagers receive high school training before they are released and 20 to 25 percent finish their GED. Students also take classes that SIC officials teach at IYC.



*Classrooms like this one help provide IYC prisoners with an education that will aid them in future jobs.*

Felons or delinquents can also gain important training to work in a fast food restaurant. SIC offers a class in fast foods that students receive credit for.

When asked about the program, Field explained, "We hope that gaining this experience will give these incarcerated teens an opportunity to get this type of job when their time is over."

The fast food class serves as a reward for the juveniles convicted. They are limited weekly, but may buy some fast food items by using their own trust fund.

The fund is composed of their own money plus any sent by their parents. They also use their money to order individual supplies every other week from a department store.

Field explained that even though the state provides all of the incarcerated teenagers with toiletries, most would rather use products from Wal-Mart or K-Mart.

The teenagers are also restricted in the amount of personal property they can possess at one time. The state provides certain items like coats or shoes for the convicts to wear. They can keep very little of their own clothing and have to pay to send personal property home when they pass their limit.

Often society holds very little sympathy for the way these juveniles are treated because of the crimes they have committed. However, a day in the life of a juvenile delinquent can show that a normal teenager's life isn't so bad after all.

## A typical day for a teen serving term at IYC

(units = 21 rooms)

6:30 a.m.....time to wake up  
 7:00 a.m.....breakfast served to each individual unit  
 Teenagers return to cell to prepare for school.  
 8:00 a.m.....attend programs or school  
 12:00 p.m.....lunch served individually by units  
 Return to cells for break.  
 1:00 p.m.....attend programs or school  
 4:00 p.m.....programs and school is dismissed  
 Return to cell to prepare for evening meal.  
 5:00 p.m.....evening meal served separately  
 6:00 p.m.....evening program  
 (Might include conferences with individuals, drug awareness education, or recreation)  
 9:00 p.m.....may begin showering  
 10:00 p.m.....room check  
 10:30 p.m.....lights out in each unit

"One thing they (the prisoners) always take advantage of while doing their time is getting an education and building their muscles."

## Wrestlers prove that their sport is worthy of recognition

by Marc Popetz

Wrestling is a sport that receives very little attention in media or in everyday life. The main thought about wrestling, when it's thought about at all, is that a bunch of subhuman rejects have finally found something that they can do well.

This train of thought is far from the truth. Wrestling requires a great deal of intelligence and a quick mind. This season's wrestlers have done exceedingly well but received very little recognition for their feats.

The '90-91 wrestlers have achieved more than any wrestling team in Harrisburg's history by advancing to team sectionals. When wrestling at regionals, Harrisburg placed first by a fairly large margin and then defeated the second place team, Lawrenceville, in a dual meet the following week, which allowed them the honor of going to sectionals.

Another high point was that Harrisburg had twelve wrestlers advance to sectionals. To advance to sectionals, the individual must place first, second, or third out of a total of nine teams. Once at sectionals, the wrestler must place at least third out of most of Southern Illinois in order to advance to state.

In all of Harrisburg's wrestling history, only one wrestler had advanced to state. This year wrestler Brandon Frantz upped that number to two. He placed second at sectionals. When asked how he felt about being only the second wrestler in Harrisburg to advance to state, he stated, "I'm glad I'm going this year because it lets me get a look at all of the wrestlers so I can know what I'm going up against next year."

Tyler VanOrmer came extremely close to going to state along with Brandon but ended up with fourth, which is still very good. Tyler was deprived the chance to wrestle for first by a controversial call by the referee.

The varsity wrestling squad had an awesome season. Their records show exactly how good they really are: Roland Rudy (103) 28-9, Marc Popetz (112) 13-7, Jason Duncan (119) 16-16, Andy Trammel (125) 19-13-1, John Hollaway (130) 25-5, Tyler VanOrmer (135) 22-8-2, P.J. Boone (140) 19-14, Brandon Frantz (145) 28-7, Blane Shires (152) 10-12, Tony Bertino (160) 27-12, Marshall Lane (171) 23-8, Erik Nelson (189) 21-8, and Rhett Simpson (HWT) 31-6.

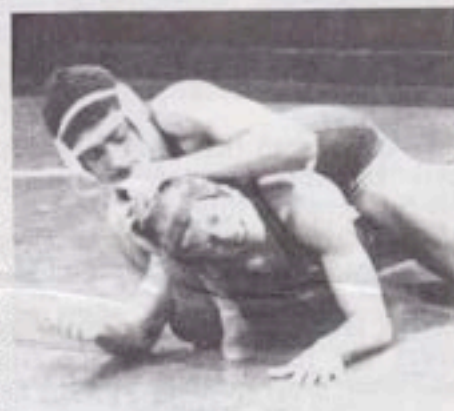
Wrestling requires a quick mind that can sort through the many moves available to a wrestler and pick the move that he believes would work the best in the situation he is in, all in a matter of seconds. The conditioning that is required is said to be ten times harder than football and track put together. Several wrestlers quipped that only a select few people could take the practices without quitting.

All of this conditioning is required to get the body ready to take six minutes of non-stop exertion and also to drill into the mind the basic concepts so that they become instinctive.

Team captain, Rhett Simpson, commented on the success of the season, "Overall I think we had a good year. We lost about four more dual matches that we should have, but most of them were close."

Simpson went on to comment, "I hope we beat the Illinois School for the Deaf, and go on to team state finals."

Most of the wrestlers agree with this train of thought and basically appreciate that they were able to make it as far as they have this season.



Brandon Frantz makes it to state.

### The final take down:

Just as *The Purple Clarion* was heading for the printer, the Varsity wrestling squad dominated over the Illinois School for the Deaf and earned themselves the right to advance to team state. They are the first wrestling team in Harrisburg history to advance that far!



Rhett Simpson grapples with his opponent trying to score a takedown.



## Basketball season is over: *What happened?* Miracles can happen

by Clay Crawford

Disappointment. Frustration. Hattered expectations. The 90-91 varsity Bulldog basketball season was a downer in more ways than one.

The Bulldogs ended the season with a 5-20 record. A winning streak in this long season consisted of back-to-back victories over Herrin and West Frankfort. These wins were the only spark of hope in a season of gloom.

In his first season as varsity coach, Ron Reed had a lot in store for the team. Naturally, it took a while for the players to adjust to the new head mentor and his techniques. After the initial transition, future teams should begin the season much smoother.

Junior Brent King commented on the new coach saying, "Coach Reed coaches with a lot of enthusiasm and energy. He enjoys active participation in the practices."

The Bulldogs experienced a severe slump following the victory over Vienna in the Eldorado Tournament. The Dogs sustained twelve straight losses. Frustration set in as the Dogs were in a desperate search for a win.

Senior Brandon Shelton said, "It was a long year for us. Although we had a three-month losing streak, we became a better team giving us some positive memories."

After having been relatively successful in their high school athletic careers, some seniors found this season a disappointment.

Senior Chris Lucas commented, "The season was even more disappointing due to the fact that I'm a senior. I expected to win several more games than we did."

We played hard throughout the season, but seemed to fall short every time."

The Bulldog season ended in the first round of regional action with an exciting game against NCOE. While the Dogs were beaten by 19 points, the team played with an intensity that once brought them within four points.

The Dogs will have a new look next year as they will lose four seniors. Hopefully, the squad will start with a smoother beginning.



Brandon Shelton puts in two of his 18 points vs. W. Frankfort Gallatin Co. ends Lady

In the last game of the regular season on January 31, the Lady Bulldog basketball team lost a close 54-57 overtime game to Centralia.

The following Tuesday, February 5, the team entered regional play, handily defeating Eldorado 61-46, despite starting point guard Amy Cavender's not playing due to illness. Leading the Lady Dogs in scoring was Jaci Prather with 20 points. She was followed by Jodi Wilson with 16, and Shannon Patton with 14.

The next night, with Cavender still unable to play, Gallatin County ended the team's hopes of continuing

Dreams do come true! The Bulldog basketball team won consecutive conference games over Herrin and West Frankfort. The hard work and determination finally paid off as the Dogs defeated West Frankfort and Herrin 54-51 and 57-49 respectively.

The Dogs took to the road to face the Redbirds. A slow start led the team to a 12-9 disadvantage after one quarter. The Dogs continued their slow play and trailed at the half 30-25.

The Dogs and the Birds played virtually even in the third quarter with West Frankfort holding a three-point advantage. The Dogs then came to life behind the dominant play of Brandon Shelton in the fourth quarter. The team rallied around Shelton to win its first conference win of the year by three points.

The team came back the next night and defeated a pesky Herrin club. The first half was deliberately played as the Dogs led just 21-20 at intermission.

The Dogs played well on defense in the second half to slowly pull away from the Tigers.

### Dog season at regionals

further in post-season play, winning by one point. The final score was 52-53. Once again, Prather, Wilson, and Patton were the top scorers for the Lady Bulldogs with 14, 12, and 12 points respectively. This wrapped up the 90-91 season for the team with an overall record of 14-12 and a conference record of 7-7.

Varsity coach Chuck Ingram summed up the season, saying "It was a good season. Last year we graduated three starters. We had to make a lot of replacements this year. The girls worked really hard, and I'm proud of them."

## Stranger in a strange land: Americans abroad face stress

by Sunny Mattingly, foreign correspondent

Being alone in Germany with my country at war is extremely stressful, frustrating, and at times scary. I knew as soon as Hussein invaded Kuwait the U.S. would inevitably go to war. The waiting was what was so hard.

Not too much was said about the Golfcrisis or the possibilities of war until the U.N. set up the January 15th deadline for Hussein to pull out or force could be used. On January 14th we talked about this at school during one hour. I was extremely overwhelmed and sad over what the students had said. Most did not understand that the effort against Hussein is a U.N. effort. That means it is not only the U.S., Americans, or Bush but the United Nations which includes such countries as the U.S., Great Britain, France, Japan, Russia, and Germany among other nations who belong to the U.N.

I guess that was what disturbed and upset me the most.

After hearing the students

keep referring to only the U.S., Americans, or Bush, I strongly stated that it was a U.N. effort. I was so

shocked that there was nothing else for me to say. Opinions have begun to change now, although I'm really not sure how the

students in my class feel. We haven't talked about the war since it has started.

Most news agencies have reported the news as the U.S. has said or done this, that the U.S. and her Allies have said or done this, placing the stress on the U.S. I believe this is why so many people (including the students at school) keep referring to the war as the U.S. against Iraq.

Many protests against the war or against the U.S. have been held since January 15. The protests were quite large and occurred all over Germany. On January 17 there were over 100,000 people protesting against the war and the U.S. in downtown Hamburg. There was a small protest outside the main shopping center in Rahlstedt where I live. I stopped on my way home from school, read all their signs, and quietly passed by.

The protest really upset me in a way that is hard to explain. In the last weeks, demonstrations started in Germany thanking the U.S. for defending Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Kuwait. That, as far as I can see, is because of the development that Germany had sold the SCUDS being fired on Israel to Saddam. They started out in small numbers, but now have grown into the thousands.

It's a little scary knowing my country is at war and I'm in a foreign country. I know I'd feel much safer at home

with my family and friends but after thinking it over again I decided to stay until my year was up or until I felt it was no longer safe for me to be here.

I came to this decision after I received a letter from YFU. I received this letter on January 18 and it was the first letter I'd received in English since August. The first thing the letter said was that we did not have to return to the U.S. but if we wanted to, YFU would do everything to get us home. Then YFU went on to warn us of dangers that might exist. For example, we are strongly advised to stay away from U.S. government buildings (embassies), places where Americans are known to hang out (specific clubs), and especially to stay away from all U.S. military sites and bases. Also we are to stay away from all U.S. businesses or businesses that have dealings with the U.S. (McDonald's and Woolworth).

We were also given a special warning to take extra caution for our upcoming trip to Berlin. The letter further informed us that we have all been registered with our local embassies, and YFU has sent a complete list of all U.S. exchange students in Germany to the U.S. Embassy in Bonn.

In addition to the letter from YFU, I also received an official statement from the U.S. Embassy in Bonn. It stated similar warnings and said that we should be extremely cautious at all times. The biggest surprise came when my area representative (from YFU) called me and asked if I was going back to the U.S. She said there were a lot of students who had already left. She seemed relieved when I told her I was staying.

Since this conflict has started, I've become surprisingly patriotic. I tend to take the outbursts against the U.S. personally and more seriously than I think I would in America. Every time I hear someone say something against the U.S., I feel like I've been stabbed in the back. I think that is because here not only do I have to answer for and defend myself, but I also have to be able to answer for and defend everything my country does. That can be frustrating.

Sometimes when the war is mentioned, I don't know how I will react. When I hear or watch the news, I always feel a cold chill run down my back. Also, I get a strong feeling of hate inside when I hear Saddam Hussein's name.

It's really hard being in Germany at times because I would like to show my support of the men and women involved in Operation Desert Storm. But unfortunately, I can't go broadcasting I'm an American by carrying a flag around or wearing anything that would identify me. All I can offer are my prayers for everyone there and for the families who have loved ones there. Sometimes that just doesn't seem like enough.

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