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Savanna High School (The Dispatch)

Drill Team Makes It to the Olympics

By Katrina Green

The XXXII Olympic games will have a special meaning to the people of California as well as to the members of Savanna's Drill Team. The selected individuals from the teamwill perform in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Summer Olympics.

Thirty-six Drill teams were nominated from which outstanding members were chosen to participate in the ceremonies. The teams were selected on the basis of their excellent competitive and performance records by an Advisery Committee which included nationally known Drill Team Advisers.

The Olympic Dance Unit will be comprised of approximately 3,000

members of Drill Teams, Gymnastic Clubs, Cheerleading groups and the Jazzercise Program, located in Southern California. The groups will unite together under the direction of a well-known choreographer in several production dance routines during a portion of the Ceremonies.

All of the sports events will be held at twenty-three different venues located throughout the Los Angeles area. The Opening Ceremony will take place on the 28 of August.

Two of Savanna's Drill Team members, Sheila Sherwood and Nancy Garcia, will have to attend rehearsals at the Coliseum to learn routines and practice with the other members from the team.

Another member from the team, Jeri Lee, gave this statement about being in the ceremonies. "I am very pleased to be in the dances. I can't wait for us to get started.'

Mrs. Ring is very pleased with the girls and is sure this will be an experience they will never forget, along with other things the girls are involved with. She also enjoys working with the girls very much.

Savanna's teachers and students should be pleased at the dedication and the skill the Drill Team has shown this year. The girls have put a lot of time and effort into their routines and all of the time spent was worthwhile. Participating in the Olympics will be something the girls will always remember.



The '83-'84 drill team will perform in the opening and closing cermonies at the summer Olympics.



Revvin' Rebs are ready for the car rally to begin.

PTA does a great service for Savanna

By Sam Zeller

In the year 1897, Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst co-founded the Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA). The PTA is a volunteer program comprised of many ambitious and hardworking adults who try to better the welfare of the children and youth in the home, church, community, and school.

Mrs. Bobbi Wolford, president of nuing the hard work and dedication the first PTA members did some 20 years ago. As fourth-time president, Mrs. Wolford said she got involved in PTA when her children were in grammar school. "I was curious about my children's education, so I got involved with the PTA," commented President Wolford. She has been nominated for president for an amazing fifth time, and, so far, is

running unopposed.

One of President Wolford's goals this year is to get Savanna involved in the Reflections Program - a national fine arts organization. Established in 1957, the Reflections Program awards students in the areas of music, art, and literature. Other goals the PTA would like to accomplish is either improving the gym's sound system or obtaining a new scoreboard.

The PTA sponsored a Student Awards/Night, here at Savanna, on February the 27th, in the auditorium. Thirty-six students were nominated for these "special" awards. "The reason why they are special is that this is not an awards program for honor students. There are many outstanding students on our campus that are not honor students," commented President Wolford. The teachers recommend the students that won the awards.

Along with the student winners, an adult was awarded with an Honorary Service Award. The recipient of this distinguished

award was Mr. Don Nielson.

Presidnet Wolford had a personal goal for this year. She would like to see more parent involvement in the PTA because she feels the parents lose touch with the school and their children unless they are actively involved. "Parents don't get the full idea of Savanna's campus. With involvement in Savanna's PTA, parents will know what is going on and their time can benefit the education of their children as well as the other students on campus."

Car Rally Was a Big Success By Jennifer Yocky

Go Savanna on "sir" plus "foot digits." Unless one had been involved with the car rally a few weeks ago, he would have no idea what this statement meant. However, to 18 participants entered on this three and a half hour event; it made perfect sense; they were to turn right on Cerritos.

For those who had never been on a car rally, it was an experience. Each car was allowed a driver, a navigator, and passengers. the end point and the driver's license were put into a sealed envelope while drivers were instructed to obey every traffic law. If the seal was broken or tampered with, the car was disqualified. Then each navigator was given a clue sheet and a set of bonus questions (which asked such things as: How many fire hydrants are there between checkpoints one and two?) Once the car reached a certain checkpoint, participants were required to do such zany things as sing "Rock-a-Bye-Baby," and state who the president and vice-president of the senior class was. For many students this was a difficult task. Senior class president Nancy Atkins commented, "I was surprised that people didn't know who Rueben (Gomez) and I were."

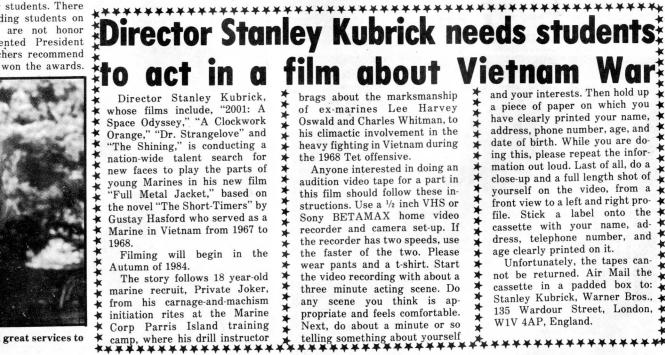
Atkins was the brains behind this crazy evening of fun; she planned the entire course, thought up all the clues and bonus questions. During all this planning, Nancy was caught

saying, "I can't wait to see everybody get lost." Many people did get lost on this 54 mile course, but most made it to the end point (Boisserainc Park) to find out who the winners were. Taking first place was Melissa Mog and her crew of Dana Palmer and Leticia Robledo. Second place went to David Lamb and his crew, while third place went to Julie Hunt and her gang.

Overall, the evening was a great success. All participants had a good time trying to decipher the clues and avoid getting lost. Atkins was very pleased that everyone enjoyed himself and wanted to thank everyone who helped her to make it a success.



Senior class president Nancy Atkins smiles devilishly as she hands out the first set of clues.





Four-time PTA President, Bobbi Wolford, has contributed great services to Savanna.

Soap Craze Sweeps the Nation

By Katrina Green

Soap Operas have been women's source of entertainment for over 30 years. They started in radio when a soap company sponsored the program. The words "Soap opera' stuck and now is one of the most popular forms of entertainment. Soap operas are a source of escape for the bored and tired housewives and it gives them something to gossip and talk about with friends and neighbors. It not only appeals to women, but also men as well.

Teenage girls have got into the soap opera syndrome also. But are the soap operas a good influence on people? Do the stories express real life situations or the fantasies the viewers can only dream about?

Many tuned into the once very popular "General Hospital" two summers ago when lovebirds Luke and Laura were up against the scheming Cassadine family who wanted to control the world with a weather machine. Does that sort of thing happen in every day life? It's impossible; there is no way the weather can be controlled by a -00

weather machine! The soap, however, was highly rated. Since both characters have been written out, the ratings have dropped tremendously.

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The soap operas are now getting more involved with real life situations in which everyday people can relate. Examples of this would be teenagers with drug problems, young adults in early parenthood, parent's influence in their children's lives and infidelities in marriages. These storylines seem to have a good influence on young adults because they can relate tothe characters and learn from their mistakes.

There are however, repercussions to these storylines. Some people like to fantasize and wish their lives were as interesting as the characters on the soaps. Some probably walk around dissatisfied because their married life isn't as stable as Holly and Robert Scorpio's

on "General Hospital" or Jenny and Greg Nelson on "All My Children."

The prime-time soap operas are now getting almost as sizzling as the day-time soap operas. The scenes on "Dynasty" and "Knots Landing" are just as comparable as those on the day-time soaps. Many women envy and loathe the sultry Erica Kane on "All My Children" as much as they do the devious Alexis Carrington Colby on "Dynasty."

Soaps have been on the air for many years and will continue to be around for years to come. Producers and writers of these stories are aware of what the audience wants to see and are happy to oblige them. No matter what the personal preferences of the viewers are, the soaps and their different storylines are here to stay.



Daytime's hottest couple, General Hospital's Luke and Laura, pose for their wedding picture. Their wedding made GH the number 1 soap opera of the year in 1982-1983 (Photo Courtesy: THE BEST OF DAYTIME TV)

USFL vs NFL: Has the war begun?

By Brian Geisel

A different kind of conflict has arisen in the United States and it has nothing to do with politics. What can it be many ask? It's a bidding war between the National Football League (NFL) and the newly expanded United States Football League (USFL). Many NFL owners are scared a bit now that someone is trying to infringe on their already prosperous operation. But, before one jumps to conclusions, one must look at the advantages and disadvantages that lurk in the wings.

First, the positive side for the cities of the new expansion league is that the situation calls for thousands of jobs and this helps cities with high unemployment rates. Also, for the players who never make the roster for any NFL team, there is light at the end of the tunnel. So, as one can tell, there aren't many advantages leaning towards the new kid on the block

Now, the disadvantages are as follows: Since the caliber of football is much lower than that of the NFL, the USFL will find it hard to encourage an audience to watch its teams play. Chet Simmons, President of the USFL, says that it will take four years before the league to catch on with the fans, but the same thing was said by the commissioner of the old All-American Football League (AAFL) and that league ended up emerging with the NFL and

created their own conference (American Conference). Now there may be an emergence of the two leagues, but at the present time there can be no such possibility. One

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of the chief reasons that the USFL is in a battle with the mother league is that top quality players are being lured away by the expansion league, thus creating an indifference in the fan's attitude towards his home team being that the team had the

chance to draft a player already selected.

The attendance per game this year for NFL teams was well over 50,000 per game as opposed to a mere

15,000 per game for the new league. Also a deciding factor that could ultimately wind up being the apparent cause of folding up the new league is the public's love for baseball. Since the league's schedule falls through the spring months, the public is more into the swing of baseball as opposed to a more or less unpopular spring football campaign.

So, Chet Simmons and clan, don't be surprised if this dream that has been created turns into an all-out nightmare. If anything, take heed to what happened to the AAFL.

District proposals are benefitting students

Education, today, is a very complicated subject. While we sit in our classes figuring our difficult mathematical problems or writing three-page essays in English, there are proposals being written and discussed for the benefit of us students. Currently, there are three proposals on which the Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) is working.

We have been acquainted with the "C" average proposal to participate in extra-curricular activities. The no "U" in citizenship or effort part of the proposal has recently been removed. The rest, as stated in the last issue of THE DISPATCH, still remains the same.

Another proposal that is in the talking stage is for the additional grade points for honor students. It is believed that some students participate in more academically rigorous courses than others. Because of the extra work involved, the weighted grade system may be used. If a student is in an advanced placement class, an honors class, or an additional course class (that is if the University of California requires two years of a foreign language and student can receive 5 points for an A on a 4.0 scale; B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, and an F would still be 0 points.

Proposal number three is the promotion/retention for grades 7-12. Realizing one's own personal potential in school is very important. This is the intent for the proposal. The procedure is designed to recognize the achievement of basic skills and to allow studnets to move continuously through grades 7-12 with the help and responsibility of the teachers, other administrators, parents, and students.

Of course these proposals go into a much greater depth. This is just the tip of the iceberg. Copies of the drafts can be shown to anyone by any teacher or administrator.

Everyone likes the idea of knowing that something is being done to upgrade the schools' standards and encouraging high academic achievement. These proposals are currently getting much attention, and before they are considered policies, the AUHSD will make sure that they

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Chris Collinsworth left the Cincinnati Bengals to be in the newly formed USFL. Many other football players have done the same.

Music Videos: Are they good or bad?

By Sam Zeller

In 1982, the record business was experiencing financial difficulties. It seemed that it would never get back on its feet, but in 1983, Michael Jackson's "Thriller" album changed all the downward trends the record industry was facing. Another aspect that livened record buyers has been around since the Beatles, but it grew into cable television and night clubs entertaining all ages with great visual imagery. This is the video concept. Today, we all see music-videos on television shows such as MTV, Goodnight L.A., and Friday Night Videos. The question is this: Are the images we see in the videos (mainly sex and violence) a bad influence? Are they proper for us and a younger audience to watch? The video concept is supposed to entertain its viewers, but does it? Savanna students have the answer!



Chris Vopat - Sophomore:



Vicki Karlan - Senior: "I don't think that videos make people go out and do something bad or wrong. Most videos aren't entertaining. Sex

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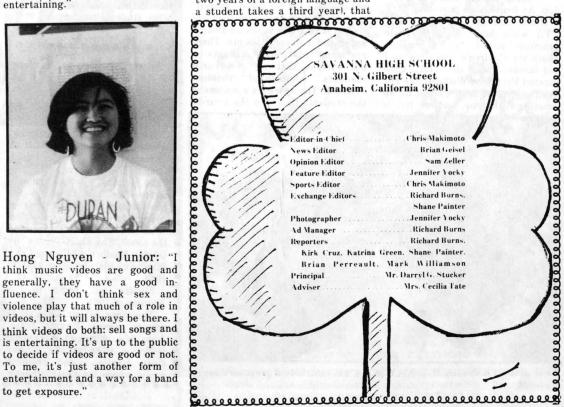
"Music videos vary in all subject matters. There are people dancing and there are people killing in videos. Videos are a form of fantasy; they are strictly for advertising the song. Videos today are more creative they were 20 years ago; they are filled with more adventure and excitement.

and violence is added so the people will watch them, but I don't they're entertaining."

Hong Nguyen -

to get exposure."

will be beneficial to the education of its students.







St. Patrick's Day is one of the more interesting holidays; although it is not publicized quite as much as other holidays such as Valentine's Day or Easter. The origin of this day is often exaggerated.

Patrick was born into a family of Roman citizens who had an estate on the west coast of England. At the age of sixteen he was captured by some Gaels (Irish) who were raiding the coast for slaves. Patrick was taken to Ireland where he was a slave for six years tending sheep. He finally escaped aboard a boat with a cargo of Irish hounds. This boat landed in France and Patrick slowly made it back to his family.

There was something about Ireland that made Patrick decide to study to be a missionary in order to convert the Gaels to Christianity.

He traveled through Italy, Gaul (France), and some islands in the Tyrrhenian Sea, then settled down in France to study for the priesthood under Saint Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre. Patrick tried once to become a Bishop, but was refused because he had stolen apples from a neighbor's tree when he was a youngster.

In the summer of A.D. 432, after he had become a Bishop, Patrick reached Ireland to begin the work of conversion and Church organization which never ceased during his lifetime. When he died, he was Archbishop and Primate of the Sea of Armagh.

St. Patrick's Day has always had an agricultural significance in Ireland. On this day the stock is driven out into the pastures for the summer, and the farmers also plant

It is said that Saint Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland, and that the sun wouldn't set for twelve days after his death. These myths obviously aren't true, but are told out of love of this Saint.

March 14, which is actually Patrick's death date rather than birthdate, has been set aside to honor this Saint who will not be forgotten for the great things he did for the Irish



tudents Savanna oward a By Jennifer Yocky Naval

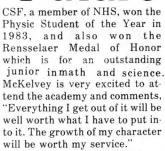
The Academy is one of the most prestigious and toughest schools to get accepted. Before now, only two students in Savanna's history have been accepted to this school. In September however, Savanna will be sending two more, Dennis McKelvey and John Crockett.

To become accepted, McKelvey and Crocket had to complete a 13 page application,

John Crockett and Dennis McKelvey will strive to reach their goals at the

pass a series of medical and physical examinations and receive an official nomination.

McKelvey carries a 3.67 grade point average and eventually would like to be aboard an Ohio Class Sub. He received his official nomination from Congressman Bill Dannymeyer. Dennis has always been involved in extra-curricular activities: he played AYSO soccer for 11 years, is currently president of



Crockett also has been busy with many extra-curricular activities. He is the ASB treasurer this year, a member of NHS, involved with his church youth group, and works an average of 15 hours a week while maintaining a 3.3 grade point average. He received two nominations, one from Con-gressman Dannymeyer, and another from Senator Wilson. Eventually, John would like to become a pilot. Crockett is very proud of his accomplishments and states. "The Naval Academy isn't for everybody, but I think it's for me.

Feature Get Dylanized with "Infidels" By Brian Geisel

The arrival of a new album by Bob Dylan after all these years causes a wide variety fo emotion. There are folk-purists who still have not forgiven Dylan for leaving the acoustic-folk alliance (of which he was the most inventive and famous) and diving into rock. Indeed, Dylan rocks first chameleon, which caused the term "folk-rock" to be invented. He did this with lyrically intense and musically-biting albums such as "Highway 61 Revisited," "Blonde on Blonde," and his first "Folk-rock album" "Bringing it all Back Home."

Though this was totally newsounding music at the time, Dylan's audience grew to proportions that he never would have reached with folk-rock.

Rock fans would soon get their chance to hate Dylan's need for constant change and re-invention. In the following years, Dylan emerged with a synthesis of the three styles he had created and reached another peak. 1974's "Blood on the Tracks" is regarded by some as the most complex singer/songwriter's album. The lyrics dealt mostly with his personal relationships and his feelings toward critics.

Following a two year hiatus, Dylan has released his finest album since 1974. "Infidels" is an album that finds Dylan in rare form both musically and lyrically. He recorded this album with some first class musicians and this is the reason that he sounds so lively and enthused. The lyrics seem, as with the better Dylan albums, to be a clever summation of his thoughts on his life and career to this point. It also deals with the world situation today. (Neighborhood Bully and Union Sundown); his feelings of his romantic and personal relationships (Don't Fall Apart on Me Tonite and Sweetheart Like You). He even touches on religion with careful reserve and finnese in "I and I" and "Man of Peace." The album's jewel is the elusive and pulsating strains of "Jokerman." This is many songs in one. The opening lines may refer to himself or to somebody else, but the images abound to form a word collage effect that is intriguing. One might have a little trouble dancing to this album, but if one thinks that such artists as Springsteen, Costello, the Clash, or Big Country



Annapolis Naval Academy

Juran Duran brought down the Forum

Dylan.

are interesting songwriters, the line forms on the left - directly behind

By Mark Williamson

It's Monday night at the Forum. The opening band just cleared the stage but the lobby is still crowded with people buying anything from programs to t-shirts to posters of Duran Duran. With only minutes with a working video screen directly above. A problem with the video screen was that when a favorite member of the band appeared, the fans showed their excitement by whistling and screaming. This made the music sound muffled.

Simon LeBon makes good use of the wide stage as he reveals his personality and makes the audience feel as if they are a part of the show. The entire band works well together to produce a sound that is unique from any other and if any members were

George's passport picture did not correspond with his Japanese geisha outfil that he was wearing with full make-up. The passport described George O'Dowd as definitely male and French authorities were puzzled as they stated, "When someone looks like a woman and presents a man's passport, we have to in-vestigate." After several hours, Paris authorities allowed George to continue on his journey to Italy. He and the rest of the Culture Club are currently embarked on a world tour and are scheduled to hit the United

French Officials Puzzled By

George's Feminine Appearance

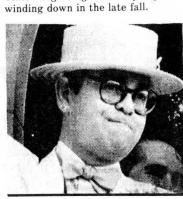
By Jennifer Yocky & Sam Zeller

Pop star Boy George, lead

vocalist of Culture Club, was recent-

ly detained in France because of his

womanly appearance. It seems that



States beginning in late Spring and



for Prince Playmate William

Princess Diana, 22, is expecting a second child in late September. This baby will be third in line to the British throne behind Prince

left before the group hits the people start scrambling to find their seats in the sold-out auditorium.

The lights dim and the crowd gets louder for the second time (the first time was just before the opening act when the crowd expected their "fab five"). Then the curtains, bearing a huge Coca-Cola insignia, part to reveal the semi-cloudy stage

In January, Duran Duran started the third leg of their world tour in Japan after filming the video for "New Moon on Monday" in France. On this tour, they had two background vocalists, B.J. Nelson, and Charmaine Burch traveling with them. Other added performers include Andy Hamilton playing sax and Raphael DeJesus on percussion.

Duran Duran have been pleasing audiences around the world on their recent tour.

to leave the band, it would be difficult to replace the unity that Duran Duran now possess.

This tour is expected to be one of the top grossing shows this year. Considering all the sold-out auditoriums and the characteristics of the band, it would be no surprise. Duran Duran simply electrifies the audience, and keeps them wanting more even after two encores. Fans were very proud to be able to take part in such an exciting evening.



Lead vocalist Simon LeBon shares his personality with the many screaming fans at the Forum.

Elton ties the knot

Valentine's Day was a very special day for lovers around the world, but for Elton John it was even more special. He was married in Sydney, Australia to 30 year old recording engineer Renata Blauel. The couple was married just four days after John's proposal.

Big bucks for Elvis model

Elvis Presley fans have a new item to look forward to. For a mere \$2,500 they will be able to purchase a 17-inch tall version of Presley which has a diamond in its belt buckle and a silk scarf made of scraps from his wardrobe. World Doll has manufactured only 750 of these "Hunk of Burning Love" models.

Charles and their first baby, Prince William

Osborne injured in video accident

Barbaric rocker Ozzy Osborne, who is known for biting heads off of bats during his concerts, was recently injured in London as he was filming a new music video. A mirror had exploded in Osborne's face and he got a piece of the glass lodged in his throat. He was brought to Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan Beach to be treated.



Sports

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Tony Ibarra pinched run for Wickel to pick him off he scored tieing the game at one all. The next inning bases were loaded and Miguel Salas singled in the winning run for the Rebs. With a final score of 2-1 in favor of the Rebs and the win going to Ovmaian.

but Tim Wickel started things off

with a walk and advanced to second

by a sacrifice from Jim LoManto,

center field.

"With the team's attitude, I feel our position is a sure lock in a spot to go to CIF," one team member strongly stated when inquired about league play and the possibilities of

strongest pitching staff in the Orange League this year. They are looking forward to league play where their toughest opponent will be Brea Olinda; the Rebs are gearing up to be extremely competitive

Cobb; 4. Babe Ruth; 5. Lou Gehrig; 6. Mickey Mantle; 7. ANSWERS: 1. Ted Williams; 2. Joe DiMaggio; 3. Ty

mmm "I think we can become Orange League Cham-Rob DeYoung pions...

Facing Torrance in the first round of tournament play the Rebs walked away with an easy victory of 8-1. Rob DeYoung had an excellent pitching day and went the whole game fanning 10 batters. Earlier in the week the team met up with Crestby on their own home territory. Much to their dismay the team could not pul through with a victory losing 1-2. Oymaian pitched most of the game and was relieved by teammate Salas to finish up.

"I think we can become Orange League Champions," commented starter Rob DeYoung when asked about his prediction for his team's up-coming season.



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