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Harpeth Hall's Mock Trial Team Earns Close Second

by Christie Fontecchio

On Saturday, January 28, 1995, fifteen devoted Harpeth Hall students got up early, went downtown to the courthouse, and competed all day in the Mock Trial contest. The team was led by seniors Elizabeth Crocker, Jessica Dean, Christie Fontecchio, and Sarah Oliver; and rounded out by juniors Margaret Bass, Courtney Jones, and Katie Pritchett; sophomores Helen Gorodetsky, Holly Meadows, Margaret McRedmond, Carrie Smith,

Grace Verner, and Kat Ward; and freshman Terri Beurlein.

After defeating McGavock and Martin Luther King in the morning, the team went up against MBA. Having beaten MBA easily last year, Harpeth Hall had high hopes of repeating their victory. The round was tough, and both sides admitted the decision could go either way. The team competed against University School of Nashville in the fourth round and then prepared to hear the judges' decision. Harpeth Hall came in second, with MBA taking

the championship. When the scoresheets were obtained several days later, the Harpeth Hall team members noted with disappointment that they had lost by only two points of a possible 300.

From the satisfaction of hard work to the satisfaction of "spying" on the competition in the courthouse bathrooms, the 1995 contest was enjoyable. 1996 promises to be great, so anyone interested in being on the team should join the Law Club next fall.



Chemistry teacher Ms. Legare Vest accompanies Frank Harris Vest IV on his first Harpeth Hall visit.

photo by Becky Clark

Youth Leg in Works

by Cary Sawyer

From March 30 through April 2 of this year, approximately 30 Harpeth Hall students, along with Dr. Jim Cooper and Dr. Derah Myers, will head to the state capitol for the annual Youth Legislature conference. Along with 700 other high-school students from across Tennessee, they will spend a long weekend participating in the different aspects of our state governmental process. They will act as senators, representatives, press members, lobbyists, governor's cabinet members, Supreme Court justices, and elected officers.

At the conference, bills are presented and debated in the House and Senate chambers. Press members interview delegates and issue several newspapers. Lobbyists rally support among delegates for key

bills. The governor's cabinet works closely with the governor elected by last year's Youth Legislature, helping him to choose the best among the bills passed by the House and Senate. Lawyers argue cases before the Supreme Court.

All of these activities will be under the leadership of governor Paul Vraciu from Brentwood High, as well other officers, including Harpeth Hall junior Anne Elizabeth McIntosh, who will be the Chief Clerk of the House. These officers have been preparing for the conference for several months. In addition, house members and senators from Harpeth Hall and other participating schools are busy getting their bills ready for presentation. With all this preparation, Youth Leg 1995 should be a success.



Holly Meadows looks on as Ashley Horne powders her face for Ms. Janette Klocko's spring show, Dancing at Lughnasa.

photo by Becky Clark

Second Place HH Mock Trial Team Deserves Second Chance at State

by Courtney Jones

Harpeth Hall

students attended the annual regional Mock Trial competition on January 28, and again faced their fiercest rival, Montgomery Bell Academy. Though MBA won by a narrow margin, excluding the Harpeth Hall team from the state competition, Harpeth Hall performed exceptionally well. On the basis of that performance, the team asked for permission to compete at the state level even though it had placed second

The Tennessee State

Bar Association did not, however, grant permission for the Harpeth Hall team to compete in the state contest. Our claim for qualification was as legitimate as MBA's request last year to compete, though it was the second-place team at the time. MBA's request was granted, and it would seem logical that our team would qualify for this exception as well.

Our team's success is due largely to the effort of

To the Editors:

I am happy to respond to Elizabeth Crocker's article on diversity which appeared in the January *Logos II*. I did not mean to suggest in my letter to parents that my "disappointment in the progress we have been able to make in this area" (recruiting more girls from more different backgrounds) in any way diminishes the value I place on each of the girls we are privileged to have on campus now. Rather, I tend to agree with the parents who indicated that they would like to continue to celebrate the presence of even more differences among us.

I am grateful to the members of the Beyond Hate Club which sponsored the visits of Eleanor Graves and Edith Costanza at the assembly on January 24. Under their direction we identified the differences among members of our community. Further, we did a little work to encourage sensitivity to these differences.

Our task at Harpeth Hall, I think, is to refrain from making assumptions about each other, to cherish differences among us as well as to honor them, and then to welcome more "bright, talented and motivated students" (taken from Elizabeth's article) each fall to this wonderful community.

Leah S. Rhys

four devoted coaches and to the hours of practice during which we prepared and learned everything it takes reach a level of competence. We certainly attained that

level, and it is extremely unfortunate that all of our hard work resulted in only one day of competition. If the Harpeth Hall team, which is undoubtedly qualified, had

been allowed to compete at the state level, we would have boosted the overall quality of the competition.

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Seniors Experience More of a Bumpy Ride Than of Smooth Sailing

by Elizabeth Crocker

Finally I've made it to the second semester of my senior year, the Promised Land. I've worked for seven very long and trying semesters, and now I'm in the home stretch. Unfortunately, that home stretch keeps stretching out farther and farther in front of me.

People ask me, "How's the 'senior slide' going?" with a knowing smile, and, alas, I cannot answer them. Here at Harpeth Hall any sort of senior slide is strictly forbidden. In fact, it seems that every teacher is in collusion to give us even more homework and projects and term papers than ever.

Maybe all this work will help us when we go to college next year, and maybe it will raise our scores a little on Advanced Placement exams, but people are more than grades and test scores. While all of our friends at other schools are sliding happily toward graduation, we are still attempting to scale our own mountain of work. One senior recently remarked, after looking in the mirror, that she was beginning to resemble a concentration camp survivor; sunken, sleep-deprived eyes lead to a horrible appearance, and too much caffeine leads to a horrible mood.

Seniors have no time to support Harpeth Hall

sports teams, to attend school plays, to get more involved in non-academic high school life for the last time ever. Those are the memories that make looking back on high school pleasant, not the "satisfaction" of finishing a paper at 4:30 a.m.

Harpeth Hall would lose none of its prestige if its graduating class were made up of happy, dedicated seniors, and the quality of our education would not be diminished by one not-quite-so-impossible quarter. This semester is our last time together as a class, and I want to spend it with people, not with a computer and textbooks.

Does Catalano's Beauty Excuse Beastliness?

by Margaret Wray

For the past few weeks something just hasn't been right. There has been a huge void that nothing can fill in some of our lives, and we have been wandering around aimlessly with little direction or hope. What's missing? Our Thursday nights just haven't been the same without "My So Called Life."

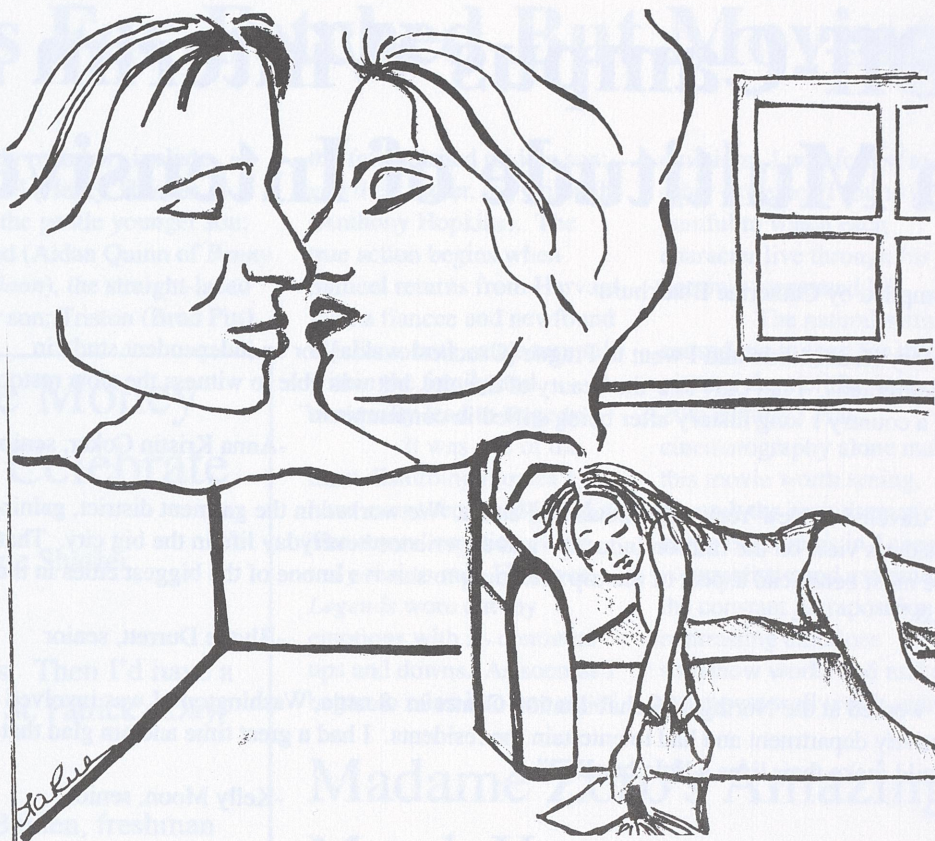
Throughout the school year a rather large following of the show has formed on campus, and no one will deny that at the heart of that following is Jordan Catalano. Everyone would agree that Jordan isn't loved for his intellect.

The question is, however, whether Jordan's good looks make up for the fact that every now and then (as much as we may hate to admit it) he leaves Angela in the dirt. Surely the obvious answer would be no, but curiously enough when many of us see the one and only Jordan Catalano, we like to believe that he can do no wrong.

We would all love

to think that with the lovely face and mysterious manner come astounding intelligence, but the unfortunate fact remains that Jordan is an idiot. Does the knowledge that he sometimes makes Angela happy compensate for the way he often treats her? Need we recall the episode where he wouldn't even acknowledge her presence outside of the boiler room? How about the time our beloved Jordan broke up with Angela because she wouldn't have sex with him and then proceeded to call her abnormal and to sleep with her best friend? Do his good looks excuse his behavior?

Senior Vadie Turner seemed to think so, but all she could say was, "He will be mine. Oh, yes, he will be mine." True, Jordan isn't all bad, but he has pushed the limits one too many times. On the other hand, Angela does seem to be happy whenever he's around. Despite what he has done, she goes right on loving him. Can you really blame her?



Could you turn your back on Jordan Catalano?

Senior Lacey Galbraith, a well-known Jordan worshiper, was able to analyze the situation in a somewhat rational manner: "The obsession one feels for Jordan can be an adolescent projection of perfect ideals onto an unattainable member of the opposite sex; or, two, a desire driven purely by hormones."

Galbraith also justified Jordan's behavior. "Jordan," she said, "fits into the typical classification of a young male stifled for years by a neglected learning

disability which has resulted in his inability to communicate with Angela. The emotional baggage he has carried around with him has been repressed; or, in laymen's terms, stuffed in the closet."

Galbraith explained the alternate point of view. "Jordan's history...cannot be used as a reason not to change. At times he is equivalent to bad news. I don't care, though. I will continue my shrine to him in the Senior House, regardless. Women must be forced to live by Jordan alone."

The question as to Jordan's real value as a person (Is beauty better than brains?) is still a puzzling one. We will all continue to ponder it until our Thursday nights are once again worth living for. Junior Leila Holscher (a devoted follower who even called ABC to try to save the show from cancellation) said it best: "God created Jordan; then He created man."

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Becky Bellyaches About Lack of Respect

This year I have finally made it to the rank of a senior. I paid my dues by groveling at the sight of upperclassmen for years, and now it is time for me and my classmates to get our own chance. There seems to be something wrong when no one is groveling and I haven't frightened a freshman in weeks. It's a little frustrating knowing the fear of seniors that has been passed down for generations

seems to have halted, but I can deal. The thing that really enrages my cohorts and me is the lack of respect for the privileges that we, as seniors, have earned by surviving the last four years.

Recently there have been several incidents of freshmen entering the senior house uninvited and using our facilities. Now I'm pretty sure that the building is clearly marked in bold, green letters "Senior House,"

but I understand how a young naive freshman might have missed it.

So, let's set down a few rules. If you are not a senior, do not go into the house marked explicitly for seniors. It's not difficult and I hope I have cleared up any misconceptions that a freshman (or sophomore, or junior for that matter) might have about their privileges or right to eat chips and watch television after school in our

domain. We know who you are, all of you. More than one incident has occurred; so, therefore, the next time this offense happens, the penalty will be more than any freshman can handle.

I hope we understand each other, and have a lovely rest of the year.

Becky Clark
Senior Class
Parliamentarian

Off-Campus Winterim Students Focus on a Multitude of Intensive Studies

compiled by Catherine Blackburn

"Mary Hunt Martin and I went to Prague [Czechoslovakia] for an independent study in photography. I not only saw the beauty of the city, but was able to witness the slow restoration of a country's long history after being stifled in communism."

-Anna Kristin Coker, senior

"I traveled to New York with Elizabeth Palmer. We worked in the garment district, gaining the insider's view on the fashion industry, and experienced everyday life in the big city. That was the most beneficial aspect of the trip: learning to survive in one of the biggest cities in the U.S."

-Blythe Durrett, senior

"I worked at the Northgate Rehabilitation Center in Seattle, Washington. I was involved in the activity department and had to entertain the residents. I had a great time and am glad that I could make their lives a little brighter."

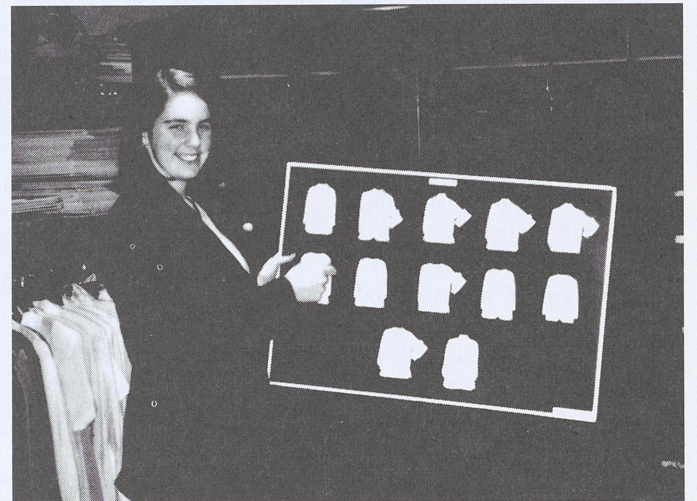
-Kelly Moon, senior

"I worked in Washington, D.C. as an intern for Senator Fred Thompson. It was fascinating to see how the political system works behind the scenes. I learned a lot about politics and living independently."

-Comer Ireland, junior

"I worked at WAY-FM, a Christian music station. My favorite part was handing out the prizes from the contests, and getting some for myself! Everyone was really nice and helpful while I was there."

-Maggie Shaffer, senior



Elizabeth Palmer demonstrates the new styles in the Garment District of New York.

photo courtesy of Elizabeth Palmer



Seniors from the Greece and Egypt trip gather at the Philae temple.

photo courtesy of Jenny Mudter

"I did an independent study in photography with Catherine Parsons and Becky Clark. We went throughout the South taking pictures of architecture, landscape, and people from Charleston to New Orleans. We had an incredible time and took a lot of great pictures. And yes, we did see Ethan Hawke in the flesh on Bourbon Street."

-Rachel Kraft, senior

"I was lucky enough to work with Dr. Wallace Neblett, a local pediatric surgeon. Although I spent most of my time watching pediatric surgery (including an operation done on Tyler Thornberry, the little boy attacked by the dogs last fall), I also went worked in radiology, the ER, and the PICU. I realized when called at 2:00 a.m. for an emergency appendectomy that there are no normal hours for doctors, and that they are dedicated as well as busy and tired."

-Anne Elizabeth McIntosh, junior

"I traveled to Greece and Egypt. We saw numerous historical, artistic sites and learned a great deal about the cultures of the two countries. One of my favorite parts was a costume party aboard a Greek cruise ship. We all dressed in Greek costumes and danced with Greek men. It was really fun. I learned so much about different kinds of people."

-Jenny Mudter, senior

"Kimberly Baird and I worked in Labor and Delivery at Centennial Medical Center, and also spent some time in antepartum and NICU. I saw births every day. I felt so lucky to be a part of such a special experience in these people's lives. I went through the whole process, and it was really exciting to see the delivery after hours of labor. Plus, everything the women went through seemed worth it when they had a new little baby."

-Catherine Blackburn, senior



Dancers train at home in Nashville to prepare for New York intensive.

photo courtesy of Ms. Leslie Matthews

Legends of the Fall Is Far-Fetched But Moving

by Katie Sloan

Legends of the Fall is an intense experience. Though this movie verges at times on the ridiculous and unbelievable, it ends up on the whole being a great

movie, saved by its beautiful scenery and impressive acting.

Set in Montana, the story follows the Ludlow family through six decades.

Family members include Samuel (Henry Thomas of *ET*), the gentle younger son; Alfred (Aidan Quinn of *Benny and Joon*), the straight-laced older son; Triston (Brad Pitt),

the free-spirited middle son; and their father, the Colonel (Anthony Hopkins). The true action begins when Samuel returns from Harvard with a fiancée and newfound idealism; both cause turmoil within the family and eventually lead to tragedy.

It was one of the most disturbing movies I have ever seen, yet I loved it. The actors' emotions were truly real to me. However, *Legends* wore out my emotions with its continual ups and downs. As soon as I began to relax into one set of

emotions, I was forced to the other extreme. I found it painful to watch each character live through his or her own tormented life.

The natural setting caused me to long for the pioneer days of the early 20th century. The cinematography alone makes this movie worth seeing. Though the melodramatic range of feelings in *Legends* is unrealistic and extreme, the constant juxtaposition of contrasting emotions somehow works and makes the movie well worth seeing.

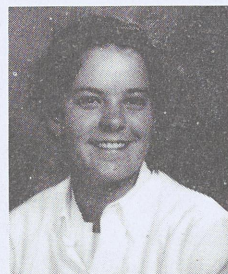
We Asked: "If You Had All the Money in the World, How Would You Celebrate St. Patrick's Day?"

compiled by Maggie Shaffer



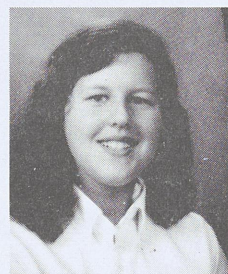
"I'd go buy tons of clothes. Then I'd have a celebration at Harpeth Hall for St. Patrick's Day. I'd buy a car, too."

Mandy Belden, freshman



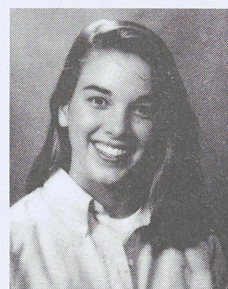
"I'd probably buy J. Crew and a car. And I guess I'd decorate Nashville all green."

Molly Martin, sophomore



"Sure, now I've got all this imaginary money, and I can't even think of anything to do with it!"

Lindsay Smith, junior



"I'd hire people to paint all of Harpeth Hall and the Cumberland River green, and I'd search for a four-leaf clover, because I've never found one in my whole life. Then, I'd finish paying off Dr. Jones to get an A."

Ruffin Priest, senior



"First, I'd forgive Ruffin's debt. Then I'd give one half of the money to the 'Free the Leprechaun Society' and the other to provide free orthoscopic surgery to everyone in physics."

Dr. Heath Jones, faculty member

Madame Zoro's Amazing March Horoscope

Happy Birthday, **Pisces!** The sun is behind you, so let it shine through! Celebrate your birthday in an unusual way; try to learn something new.

Aries: Be wary of those who covet your graphing calculator. Also, don't eat turkey this month (Not that that's particular to you, but I have a vendetta against the Turkey Manufacturers of America.)

Taurus: Wait for the night when the moon-faced monkey will squeak to answer you. Don't eat monkey brains lest the monkey will not visit you.

Gemini: Boo! Ah, Scary, huh? Don't eat any turkey this month. Turkey is bad--how could you eat any animal that has *that* thing hanging off its throat?

Cancer: Have you ever watched a crab? They walk sideways, moving in on something until they seize it, but they never step forward and take it. Once they have it, they never let go. Be daring and let go of your past.

Leo: Have you ever watched a documentary about lions? I suggest

National Geographic's "King of Africa"—you could learn about yourself!

Virgo: So, did you enjoy the \$20 change you got from the "careless cashier" at Jim Dandy's? Just kidding.

Libra: Have you honestly been open and unbiased lately? If not, that's O.K. Just work on it! (P.S. Don't eat turkey products; they cloud your mind.)

Scorpio: You are intense by nature. Follow your nature, but don't get lost in a world of extremes. Try not to fool yourself into excessive passions with your intensity.

Sagittarius: "Barrette" is such a nice word: two R's, two T's, and two E's. A barrette can brighten up your hair; do you have a decent barrette collection? (Remember, turkey is *bad*.)

Capricorn: Watch out for men in white unitards. They could be a sign of the demise of Esperanto.

Aquarius: Turkey is the bane of existence. Meat without fat? It's a paradox! A flightless bird? Please! And the color—whitish pale pink? Meat should be red, bloody! Disgusting, huh?

Riflery Team Gets Lead Out

by Allison Bishop,
Katie Stevens, and Barbara
Caldwell

Riflery, though it is one of the least advertised sports at Harpeth Hall, is a thriving sport with dedicated team members. Just like any other Harpeth Hall athletes, shooters put everything they have into their sport.

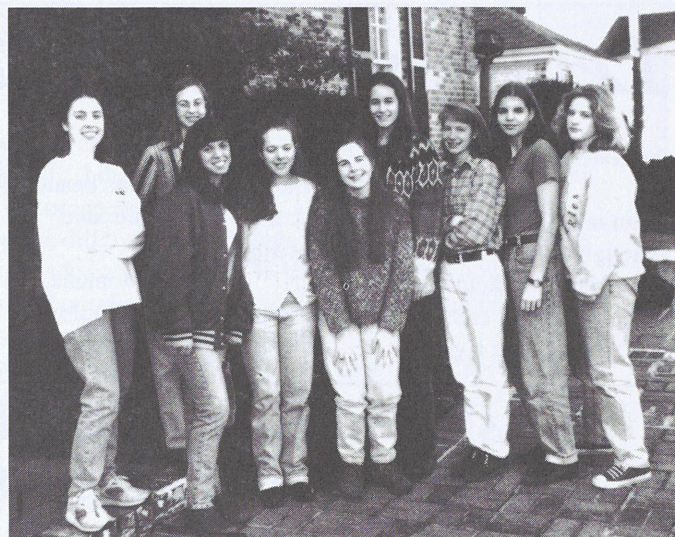
They sacrifice their time, practicing two hours each Wednesday night at Vanderbilt University and missing 90210 for the sport they love. Shooters also endanger their own health, though this sacrifice is less painful for some team members than the loss of

their favorite show. At each practice, they are threatened by lead fumes from the bullets they use.

The season was interrupted in January of this year because of the mandatory lead cleanup at the range. However, the season has now resumed, and the team hopes to finish out the year by defending its state championship title on March 3 and 4. Under the leadership of seniors Caroline Mullins, Christie Fontecchio, and Catherine Ryon, this year's team

should do well.

However, unlike other teams with state competitions, the riflery team is not trying to drum up support for their last match. "The disadvantage to riflery is that no one can come to the matches," said junior Jill Schoenblum. "At matches everyone must be quiet in order for the shooters to concentrate." Though no rowdy fans are allowed at matches, team members are looking for other means of support from the student body. A simple "Good luck!"



Successful shooters smile with confidence.

photo by Rachel Kraft

in the hall will suffice, but cookies on the message board are always appreciated. And

you had better do what these girls want, because they've got guns!

Bearacudas End the Season With a Splash of Success

by Shelley Petrie and
Jamie Taylor

Though the season began with much turmoil regarding the search for a pool in which to practice, the Bearacudas wrapped up the swimming season in a spectacular way. Improving on last year's eleventh-place finish, the Bearacudas captured eighth-place honors

at this year's state meet, held February 17-18.

Seven swimmers and one diver represented Harpeth Hall in the State competition to contribute to their most triumphant season finale ever. The following swimmers placed in the top sixteen at the state

meet in individual events (scoring points for the team): Senior Karen Williams, juniors Shelley Petrie and Jamie Taylor, and freshman Lucy Kuykendall. In addition, senior Dana Deaton, Harpeth Hall's only diver, placed in the top sixteen in state diving competition. Other state competitors included junior Sarah Thomson, freshman Lesley Anne Howell, and eighth-grader Michal Resha. All three of Harpeth Hall's relays placed in the top sixteen, with the medley relay earning seventh place.

The team bids farewell with sadness to its four senior swimmers—Becky Clark, Whitney Samuels, Mahsa Sharifi, and Captain Karen Williams, as well as to diver Dana Deaton. However, the younger Bearacudas and Coach Polly Linden, who is new to the team this year, have high expectations for what lies ahead.



Swim team awaits competition

photo by Tallu Schuyler

Basketball Team's Unity Pays Off

by Kristen Campbell

The Harpeth Hall van pulled up to the McMurray Center on a Sunday afternoon several weeks ago at the end of a five-hour trek from Atlanta. Fourteen laughing basketball players and two exhausted coaches emerged from the stuffy van.

"I think the Atlanta trip really helped us to gain a lot of team unity," senior captain Lacey Galbraith stated. "We really learned a lot about each other."

According to Coach Tony Springman, "The purpose of the trip was to get away from all the distractions in Nashville and focus entirely on each other. Had it not been for the loss, the trip would have been a complete success."

Success is something the team has experienced quite a bit of lately. The varsity team, composed of six core players as well as eight junior varsity players, had a record of 15-8 and 4-5 in the district. They placed third in the district tournament.

Junior Jennifer "Whips" Kain said, "The

close games we've played and the different types of teams we've played have helped to get us ready for the different situations we might encounter in the tournament."

The team owes its success to its senior leadership. The four senior captains are Mary Creagh, Lacey Galbraith, Katherine Wray, and Varina Buntin. Springman is enthusiastic about the caliber of senior players: "This is the first year we've had four seniors who are viable, real players," he said.

The underclassmen on the team have recognized the leadership of the seniors as well. "As the team heads into tournament play, we're looking to the seniors to lead the way," sophomore Katie Jackson said.

Another factor contributing to the team's success is its attitude and unity. Senior captain Mary Creagh commented that "the whole team has really come together this year. We're really enthusiastic and excited to be out there playing."