

TRANSCRIPT OF
"THE BEAR FACTS"
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SARAH: GOOD MORNING! I'M SARAH REEL!

AARON: AND I'M AARON TWAIT! WELCOME TO ANOTHER EDITION OF THE "BEAR FACTS", WHERE WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON EVERYTHING THAT'S NEWS AT BISHOP GARRIGAN HIGH SCHOOL.

SARAH: TONIGHT FORTY-TWO GARRIGAN STUDENTS ARE HOSTING THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON, GALA 1995. MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED FIFTY GUESTS WILL BE ON HAND FOR A FUN-FILLED NIGHT OF FOOD AND FUNDRAISING. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS GALA INTERNATIONAL, AND THE EIGHT-COURSE MENU FEATURES TASTY SELECTIONS FROM ALL OVER EUROPE. THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE OLLA PODRIDA (OY-YAH POD-REE-DA) SOUP FROM SPAIN, SWISS SPINACH SALAD, BELGIAN LEMON SORBET, DUTCH PUMPERNICKEL ROLLS, LONDON HOUSE BEEF MEDALLIONS WITH LEMON BUTTER POTATOS, FROM ENGLAND, AND FRENCH NAPOLEONS FOR DESSERT.

AARON: 1995 MARKS THE SIXTH YEAR FOR GALA. FROM THE START THE ANNUAL GALA HAS BEEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER IN SCHOOL HISTORY. LAST YEAR THE DINNER, AUCTIONS, AND GAMES OF CHANCE RAISED MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SUPPORT GARRIGAN AND SETON. DEVELOPMENT MONEY NOW CONTRIBUTES ABOUT ONE-TENTH OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET, WHICH TONIGHT'S FUN BEGINS AT SIX O'CLOCK, AND WE HOPE TO AGAIN SET A RECORD IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHOOL.

SARAH: THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL GALA FEATURES GARRIGAN'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. EXCHANGE STUDENTS CRISTINA CASTRO, CARLOTA ALVARADO, CHRISTY HENKEL, AND MIEKE TREKNER WILL BE GREETING TONIGHT'S GUESTS, AND MAREK MIADOWICZ WILL BE ENTERTAINING THE GALA-GOERS WITH CLASSICAL GUITAR MUSIC. THIRTY-EIGHT OTHER STUDENTS WILL BE WAITING TABLES, WHICH ARE ADORNED WITH FLAGS OF NATIONS RANGING FROM SWEDEN TO PAKISTAN AND FROM AUSTRALIA TO NIGERIA. THE CENTERPIECE OF THE DECOR IS AN ENORMOUS REVOLVING GLOBE, WHILE MAPS ALONG THE WALLS SHOW THE LOCATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN FROM EUROPE TO AFRICA TO ANTARCTICA.

AARON: TODAY IS A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAY IN THE CITY OF ALGONA, AND SEVERAL GARRIGAN STUDENTS ARE PITCHING IN TO LEND A HELPING HAND. RELIGION TEACHER SISTER JANET STELKEN HAS ORGANIZED A GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO ARE RAKING LEAVES AND DOING ODD JOBS FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE AREA TODAY. MOST OF THE STUDENTS ARE JUNIORS WHO ARE COMPLETING THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR CONFIRMATION. THEY'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION ALL THROUGH THE YEAR, LEADING UP TO THE BIG SACRAMENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 29TH AND 30TH.

SARAH: LAST WEEKEND GARRIGAN BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS WERE IN FOREST CITY FOR THE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST. MUSIC RATINGS ARE EVEN STRICTER THAN THOSE IN SPEECH, BUT EVEN SO, SEVERAL GARRIGAN ENTRIES WALKED AWAY WITH HONORS. FOURTEEN GARRIGAN ENTRIES RECEIVED II RATINGS, AND THERE WERE ALSO THREE III'S AND TWO IV'S. THE BIG HONORS, THOUGH WERE THE DIVISION I RATINGS. STEPHANIE SCHUMACHER AND MATT ERPELDING EACH RECEIVED I'S FOR THEIR VOCAL SOLOS, WHILE INSTRUMENTAL I'S WENT TO JESSICA RISING AND SARAH WAECHTER'S FLUTE DUET, MATT ERPELDING'S BRASS SOLO, AND ALSO TO THE BRASS CHOIR.

AARON: LAST WEEKEND WAS ALSO SUCCESSFUL FOR GARRIGAN'S HEALTH STUDENTS, WHO WERE AMONG THE TOP FINISHERS AT THE STATE CONFERENCE OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENT ASSOCIATION. SENIOR DAREN DIERS TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE EMT COMPETITION, WHILE KATI LIND WAS TOPS IN EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING. AMY SCHILTZ WAS SECOND IN GERONTOLOGY, AND SARA ULSES, KELLY MCGUIRE, AND MONICA ELBERT ALSO TOOK TOP HONORS. THE CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING TEAM TOOK SECOND. IT INCLUDED GARRIGAN STUDENTS AMY SCHILTZ AND HEIDI HENKELVIG, AS WELL AS ANGIE SCHMIDT FROM ALGONA HIGH. THERE WAS ALSO A SECOND PLACE FINISH FOR THE HOSA BOWL TEAM OF DAREN DIERS AND KELLY MCGUIRE FROM GARRIGAN, AND ALGONA STUDENTS DOUG HARMS AND MANDY METZGER. JEANNE WUNDER WILL ACCOMPANY THE TOP HOSA STUDENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE THIS JUNE IN LOUISVILLE.

SARAH: TRACK SEASON IS FINALLY HERE, AND BOTH THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' TRACK TEAMS ARE HOPING FOR A BIG SEASON. AT THE CORE OF THE GIRLS' TEAM IS STATE CHAMPION NETTA SEILER, WHO HOPES TO BREAK HER OWN SHOT PUT AND DISCUS RECORDS THIS YEAR. AMONG THE TOP RUNNERS ARE LAURIE FICKBOHM, HILLARY STRUCK, KATIE SEILER, ANDI MAYER, AND--YOU GUESSED IT--SARAH REEL. ON THE BOYS SIDE LAST YEAR'S GRADUATES LEFT SOME BIG SHOES TO FILL. SOME OF THIS YEAR'S TOP PROSPECTS ARE TONY KISCH, BILL FROEHLICH, RYAN LUDWIG, AND TONY ELBERT. PHIL ROSS AND GREG AHLERS COACH THE BOYS' TRACK TEAM, WHILE JULIE COLLISON AND AMY MATUSKA HEAD THINGS UP ON THE GIRLS' SIDE.

AARON: MONDAY SEVEN GARRIGAN STUDENTS WILL BE OFF TO CEDAR FALLS FOR THE ANNUAL ALL-STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL. SIX OF THEM WILL JUST BE THERE TO WATCH, BUT FOR JUNIOR MATT ERPELDING IT'S A REALLY SPECIAL DAY. AT LAST MONTH'S STATE SPEECH CONTEST MATT WAS NAMED AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMER, WHICH MEANS HE WAS AMONG THE BEST ACTORS THE JUDGES SAW THAT DAY. WHILE MORE THAN FOURTEEN THOUSAND IOWA STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN SPEECH THIS YEAR, MATT'S ACTING SELECTION, "THE DEFENSE OF WIELAND", IS ONE OF ONLY FOUR HUNDRED EVENTS THAT WILL BE HONORED AT THE ALL-STATE FESTIVAL. MATT PRESENTED HIS PIECE AT LAST WEEK'S ACADEMIC BANQUET, AND WE HOPE HE WILL DO AN EQUALLY MOVING PRESENTATION AT ALL-STATE.

SARAH: THIS WEEK'S FEATURED SENIORS ARE KATI LIND AND CARLOTA ALVARADO. KATI LIND HAS BEEN AMONG THE TOP HEALTH STUDENTS IN THE NATION FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND SHE'S BEEN ACTIVE IN GROUP SPEECH FOR ALL FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL. HER OTHER INTERESTS INCLUDE DRAMA AND ART, AND AWAY FROM SCHOOL YOU MAY SEE HER WORKING AT HY-VEE. CARLOTA ALVARADO COMES TO GARRIGAN FROM THE CITY OF GUAYAQUIL, IN ECUADOR. SHE SERVED HORS D'OEUVRES AT LAST NIGHT'S GALA PREVIEW PARTY, AND TONIGHT SHE'LL BE HELPING TO GREET THE GALA GUESTS. AMONG HER FAVORITE ACTIVITIES AT GARRIGAN IS HELPING WITH PUBLICATIONS. BEST WISHES TO BOTH KATI AND CARLOTA!

AARON: ON OUR CALENDAR WE'VE GOT A SHORT, BUT BUSY WEEK. TODAY SEVERAL JUNIORS ARE VOLUNTEERING TO RAKE LEAVES. THERE'S ALSO ACT TESTING THIS MORNING AT ALGONA HIGH.

SARAH: AT FOUR O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY MASS AT GARRIGAN TO KICK OFF GALA '95. THE MAIN GALA FESTIVITIES BEGIN TONIGHT AT 6PM.

AARON: TOMORROW THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' TRACK SQUADS WILL BE RUNNING IN THE CYO TOURNAMENT AT CHEROKEE. THEN ON MONDAY THERE'S THE ALL-STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL IN CEDAR FALLS.

SARAH: MONDAY EVENING THE GIRLS' GOLFERS HOST EAGLE GROVE, WHILE THE BOYS' GOLF TEAM TRAVELS TO EAGLE GROVE. THERE'S ALSO A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT.

AARON: TUESDAY AFTERNOON WE'LL HAVE A PENANCE SERVICE AT 1:30 IN THE GARRIGAN GYM. THAT NIGHT THE GIRLS' TRACK TEAM TAKES ON ALGONA HIGH. THEN ON WEDNESDAY THE CROSSTOWN RIVALRY SWITCHES TO GOLF, WITH THE BEARS VS. THE BULLDOGS ON TWO DIFFERENT AREA COURSES.

SARAH: ON HOLY THURSDAY WE'LL DISMISS AAT 2:15 FOR THE WEEK-LONG EASTER VACATION. THERE ARE NO ACTIVITIES ON EASTER WEEKEND, BUT ON MONDAY THE 17TH THE BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS LEAVE FOR THEIR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

AARON: THAT'S THE "BEAR FACTS" FOR ANOTHER WEEK. THANKS FOR LISTENING, AND BE SURE TO CATCH US AGAIN NEXT SATURDAY FOR A SPECIAL EASTER EDITION FROM BISHOP GARRIGAN HIGH SCHOOL!