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After 6 Years Principal Moves On -- To Heidelberg

by Sophomore Reporter

In May 2008, the BAS principal is moving to Heidelberg, Germany and taking up the job of Assistant Superintendent of the Heidelberg School District. She has been working at Brussels American School for the past 6 years as principal. During all of her years in administration, she says she has never been to a school she enjoyed more than BAS.

"In all my experiences in administration for 22 years, Brussels has been my best," said the principal.

Before becoming the principal at BAS, she worked in places such as Japan, Kadena, and Augsburg, all of which were very different from Brussels, Belgium.

"The student population has been incredibly good, in that overall the students work really hard," said the principal.

The staff here is also very dedicated, according to the principal. In most of the schools she has been to, the teachers did not work as hard as the ones here. They show that they want their students to graduate and succeed in life, she continued. The students here also show a great interest in doing well in school and show a high

amount of athleticism, said the principal. The community here has been like no other that she has been around. So many parents and students show an interest in school and share the success of one another.

"One of my greatest experiences has been at the back to school barbeque, where the turnout of people was around 500," said the principal.

The teachers and faculty at our school are also very glad to have worked with her.

"She has been very supportive of teachers in the classroom. By not burdening us with make-work tasks, she has enabled us to give our best efforts to students. She has also consistently supported the school and its faculty in quiet ways that many people never realize.

The teachers here have sincerely appreciated that, and we wish her the best at her new job in Heidelberg," said our school's faculty representative.

The Student Council Vice President agreed with the faculty rep about the principal's quiet support, saying, "She is always willing to help us, and made sure we received the best possible education. She will be greatly missed."



The departing Principal

photo by Editorials editor



Freshmen Pull off Successful Sadie Hawkins

by Features Editor

Another freshmen class pulled off a successful Sadie Hawkins dance on March 1, complete with streamers, music, and a few cowboys.

The school held the dance in the MPR again this year, using partitions to section it off and, as usual, embellished with mild decorations spread out around the room.

"I had a good time, but this year did not have much in either décor or spirit towards the theme of Sadie Hawkins day," said a sophomore.

The Holiday began from a comic strip called "Lil' Abner" about a young woman who was tired of waiting for men to come knocking on her door. Her name: Sadie Hawkins. In the comic strip, her father becomes worried that his daughter will live out her days at home. So, as an important resident of their town, he called for a footrace of all the unmarried men and women. This event caught on at local schools and colleges around the United States and became an annual celebration held every November.

Hence, a Sadie Hawkins dance is traditionally girls-ask-boys, after the footrace of women catching their grooms.

"It was a little vague as to what part of the dance represented Sadie Hawkins," said a Junior. "Hardly any girls

even brought dates."

"The dance was a little slow getting started, but it was really fun after that," said a sophomore.

Though the event was a little mis-themed and the date was a few months off, it was, nonetheless, a success in the minds of many students.

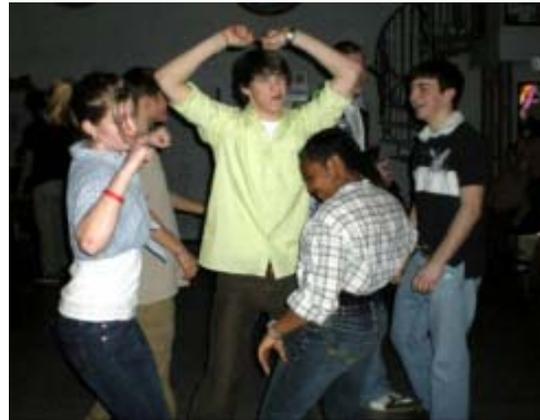
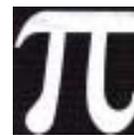


Photo by Editor in Chief

Students enjoying the Sadie Hawkins dance

Mu Alpha Theta Celebrates



Day

by Senior Reporter

Pi Day, which was held on March 17 was a huge success. The members of Mu Alpha Theta celebrated the number Pi with math themed food, such as peanut butter sandwiches, pies, and fish. They also added on to the growing paper chain representing the infinite number Pi that hangs on the math teacher's ceiling.

"It was quite nice," said the Mu Alpha Theta sponsor. "We were able to reach 500 digits of pi, and we had about 18 people, which is quite a few more than past years. It was just a shame it wasn't on the right day."

Pi Day was celebrated on March 17 this year because there was no school on March 14, which is the traditional day to celebrate the number pi, because the abbreviated date, 3.14, is the rounded number of pi.

Students brought in various dishes, one of the most

popular being the sponsor's poisson distribution, which was salmon baked in a pastry shell on a bed of spinach and mushrooms. Other students brought in food such as quesadillas, meat balls, brownies, cupcakes, cookies, pie, and frozen root beer cubes, all with clever math names. The root beer cubes were called Cubed Roots, and a green pie shaped like a square was called Pi Squared. There were also several cookies shaped like math symbols, and a pie with the pi symbol carved into it.

After eating, some of the students helped the sponsor with the growing paper chain. Before the lunch, the chain had 454 digits, and by the end of lunch the members had added another 46 digits, bringing the chain to an even 500 digits of pi.



"Dreamcoat" Impresses Audiences

by Photography Editor

With a cast of adults and children totaling 120 people, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was staged in the Auderghem Cultural Center situated in downtown Brussels from February 28 to March 2. Six people from Brussels American School (BAS) participated in the theatrical production including two faculty members.

One of the French teachers at BAS had the lead role of narrator. Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat is set in a frame in which a narrator is telling a story to children, encouraging them to dream. It is the second of several musical theatre shows written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice. The basic synopsis of the show is based on the story of Joseph and the "Coat of many colors" from the Bible.

"It's a challenging role because I'm on the stage for most of the show and my role links all of the songs together so I really have to know the whole show inside and out," said the narrator.

The BAS music teacher was part of David Miller's

pit orchestra. He played the trombone with several other musicians that played instruments varying from the trumpet to the drums.

A Senior had a role in the ensemble and a Junior played the role of Gad, one of the several witty brothers. The music in the production varied in styles including parodies of French ballads and Elvis-inspired rock and roll tunes.

"It's a load of fun and it covers such a wide variety of music types," said the senior. "It's also a great group of people and they are all very encouraging and happy people to work with."

Two BAS elementary school students also participated. Each had one of the numerous roles in the children's choir and ensemble.

"There is a large amount of talent in the cast and it's all volunteer," said the junior.

Flamboyant costumes, detailed choreography and magnificent stage sets made this show a success.

After Fifteen Years, BAS Goes to Academic Games

by Senior Reporter

Brussels came in third in their pool at the Academic Games this year, narrowly missing a chance to continue on in the championship tournament.

This year's games were the first time in 15 years that Brussels has competed in the event.

"It is much better than it was before," said the teacher sponsor. "We used to just drive down to SHAPE for the day, and only schools in the immediate area participated."

Now the competition is held in Germany, and many schools participate, even from as far away as Bahrain.

A Senior, a junior, two sophomores, and a freshman all went to the event, along with their sponsor.

The senior, who was a member of her academics team at her old school in Virginia, has attended similar competitions before, and was the captain of the team this year.

The games were organized in pools, and two schools with teams of four students competed to answer

questions quickly, racing each other to hit the buzzer first. The questions, which seemed to have no distinct order, ranged from questions on math, history and current events.

The team played five rounds on March 6, 2008, winning three and losing two. They tied for first place in their pool with two other schools based on wins, but when it came down to the accumulation of points, Brussels came in third and did not make it on to the second leg of the competition.

The senior led the team by winning 250 points, followed by the junior who earned 140 points. One sophomore earned 100 points, and the freshman earned 70 points. Though the team did know the answers to more questions, they were beat to the buzzer by other schools, and did not collect those points. The team is excited to improve its place next year.

"It was our first year there, so we were kind of just setting the bar for future years," said the junior.



International Dinner Highlights

BAS's Mixed Cultures

by Layout Editor

A vibrant display of flags of the many nations that are involved in the BAS community helped start off this year's international dinner, where different people and cultures from around the world share with each other and enjoy delicious meals made from parents and students.

After the parade of nations, the PTSO President gave a warm, welcoming speech to all the attendants.

As table numbers were announced to go and eat, the S.H.A.P.E. International Band played music to entertain the tables still waiting to be called upon.

Following dinner, the BAS Principal announced that she will unfortunately be leaving BAS at the end of the year to be transferred to Heidelberg and thanked the community for its wonderful support.

In the school's cafeteria, Asian food from Japan, China, and other oriental countries was served. European food was served in the lobby of the school, as well as food from various other countries such as Haiti and Chile. This was the biggest food room and had many coming back for more. American food was inside the gifted room and across from this room was the dessert room which was revisited multiple times by many people both young and old.

A Native American dance called "Fancy Shawl" started off the performances of the International Show. Following this amazing performance, a senior played and sang "Guantanamera" with his guitar and with the help of a junior on the piano and a percussionist.

Three students sang "Cantar" in Spanish, which was supported by accompanist Barto DiPasquale and

percussionist Cortillian Andrew.

Hawaiian dances—"Hawaiian Dance," "Noho Paipai," "Pua Lililehua," "Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai"—were performed by one family. To finish the International Show, all the attendees were invited to participate in a sing along of the song "What A Wonderful World," supported by accompanist Barto DiPasquale and trumpet soloist Yuri Stanton.



The three students singing "Cantar"

Photo by Editor-in-Chief

Throughout the night, Tombola Basket Winners were picked and announced. The most sought after baskets were: the "Family Fun Night Basket" which included an Xbox 360 and was donated by the Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades; the "iBasket" which had an iPod 30 GB and a docking system that was donated by the 3rd and 4th grades; the "Say Cheese" basket with a 7.5-mega pixel digital camera that was donated by the 7th and 8th grades; the "Movies to Go" basket included a 7" portable DVD player donated by the

9th and 10th grades; the "Ciao Italy" basket with a beautiful handmade Tuscan pitcher donated by the 11th grade; and the "Up Up and Away" basket a scenic hot air balloon ride over Brussels donated by the BAS faculty.

To close the evening, the winners of the Silent Auction were announced. The top items up for bid included a Pashmina Shawl, a BAS Throw donated by FOTA, two embroidered pillows with Hummel boy and girl, an original Elizabeth Buckley creation, a hand painted Russian Santa, two MWR trips for two, and a beautiful "Old World" Belgian Tapestry.

The money earned from this fundraiser will help the PTSO fund events such as the Back to School Barbeque, Parents Coffees, Brigand's Bash, Meet the Author, BINGO Night and senior scholarships.



Students Earn Trips to Berlin and D.C.

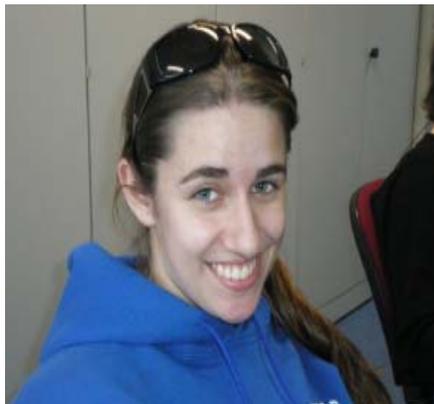
by News Editor

For the first time a BAS student, attended Washington Week, a prestigious program held in Washington DC for student delegates with outstanding leadership abilities, strong commitment to volunteer work, and high academic rank. Another student went to Berlin, to attend a seminar for American and German students who got to interact, discuss schooling, politics and other issues.

Washington Week is a national initiative to provide a yearly opportunity for talented young people who have demonstrated interest in public service to deepen their interest and understanding of America's political processes while encouraging their commitment to political leadership.

The attendees were chosen using a written test on the US Constitution, the Supreme Court, the Presidential Cabinet, and a spoken interview with questions about current events. Two high school students from each state, two from Puerto Rico and two from DODEA's schools worldwide attend Washington Week each year. This year the total of 104 student delegates were immersed in Washington activities throughout the week of March 3-7.

Delegates heard addresses by Senators, cabinet members, officials of the Departments of State and Defense and directors of different agencies, and also participated in a meeting with a Justice of the US Supreme Court.



The Washington Week Participant

"When the principal told me that I was going, I could not help smiling for the whole day," said the attendee. "I want to go into politics, so I looked forward to meeting some senators, and just getting to be with influential political leaders at such an exiting time of the year."

"It was incredible, and certainly one of the best times of my life," she added.

The foundation paid all expenses for Washington Week, including transportation, Mayflower Hotel accommodations and meals.

Attendees of the Berlin Seminar were chosen using a special application form, an essay explaining why they

want to attend, and a recommendation from the school's Principal, Counselor, and Social Sciences Teacher.

The participant was accepted as BAS' candidate this year. The activity was reserved for only senior students and was held from February 11-15, 2008 at Teikyo University in Berlin. American and German students worked together to achieve cultural understanding using Berlin as a case study.

The students attended numerous meetings about German History, Government, and the Berlin Wall. There they also discussed American and German schooling as well as politics and relationships between the two countries. To get a better idea of the German educational system, the attendees visited a local German School.

"It was really cool, informative, fun and interesting. I recommend it very much to all future seniors," said the Berlin attendee.

All expenses for Berlin Seminar were paid for by the foundation, except the application fee for this activity of \$80.



The Berlin Seminar Participant

Photo by Editorials Editor

Photo by Editorials Editor



8 Brigands Participate in BAS's 31st Annual Model Nato

by Assistant Editor

BAS hosted the 31st annual Model NATO conference at NATO headquarters on March 14, 2008.

Eight BAS students, six of which participated in this year's THIMUN Conference, took part in Model NATO – a simulation of a North Atlantic Council meeting.

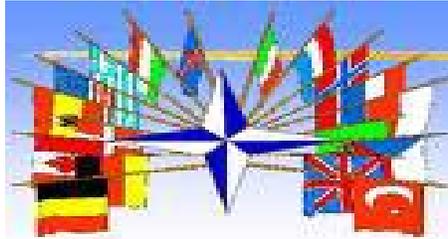
Five other schools participated in the conference: SHAPE American High School, St. John's High School, Le Verseau International, ISB and SHAPE German High School.

"The BAS and ISB students in particular were impressive in their preparation and with their lively, high-level of debate," said the sponsor.

The BAS MUN teacher, organizes the event with the help and coordination of the U.S. Mission to NATO.

The preliminary preparation briefing was held on February 26 and students spent half a day learning from NATO staff members about how NATO meetings functions.

BAS students represented three NATO nations: Belgium, Italy, and Poland. Two students represented each nation. One student presided as a Co-Chair for the event,



and a freshman participated as a part of the admin staff.

"The BAS chair did a terrific job as chair, especially since she has had no prior formal experience. She really seemed to get very comfortable toward the end," the sponsor said.

The chair has taken part in two THIMUN conferences and this was her third Model NATO conference, but first as a chair. She learned how to be a chair her sophomore year at THIMUN's chair workshop.

"I had the best time as chair. Even though you can't get directly involved in the debate, it's surprising how much power you

have as chair and how you can steer the debate," she said.

BAS also presented two communiqués on current and pressing issues being debated in NATO. One of these communiqués, presented by the delegation of Poland made up of two BAS students, was one of only two that passed. The delegates representing Italy also presented a communiqué that was debated, but was not unanimously agreed upon, and therefore failed.

BAS By #'s

18/20 Have eaten a bowl of Lucky Charms

19/20 Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

11/20 Favorite color is green

5/20 Birthdays are in March

9/20 Went to Ireland

6/20 Like Notre Dame college a.k.a. "The Fighting Irish"

4/20 Have found a 4-leaf clover

4/20 Are Irish

11/20 Are going somewhere for Spring Break

17/20 Celebrate Easter

3/20 Still believe in the Easter Bunny

1/20 Have seen a leprechaun

3/20 Birthdays are in April

7/20 Still participate in Easter Egg Hunts



Guess The Teacher

The teachers at our school have more interesting facts for you to guess. Can you guess which teachers did these things?

- I lived in Spain for 20 years.
- I have two 12 gauge shot-guns but I have never killed anything except skeets.
- I was under a German terrorist attack on the victim side.
- Bozo the Clown winked at me when I was little.



- I was asked to sing for Lady Bird Johnson in Washington D.C. when congress honored her for her life's work, and President Reagan was in the crowd.
- I crossed from East Berlin to West Berlin on the day that Checkpoint Charlie was taken down.



LAST ISSUES ANSWERS:

1. Video Teacher
2. Government Teacher
3. ESL Teacher
4. Spanish Teacher
5. Geometry Teacher
6. World Regions Teacher
7. World Regions Teacher
8. Word Teacher
9. Word Teacher
10. Math teacher
11. Math teacher
12. ESL Teacher
13. Video Teacher
14. Government Teacher
15. Word Teacher
16. World Regions Teacher
17. Geometry Teacher
18. Geometry Teacher
19. Middle School Avid Teacher



Word Box Unscrambled

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Features



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 DUBLIN
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"Coming Home" is a Beautiful But Lengthy WWII Novel

by News Editor

Coming Home is a beautifully written novel by Rosamunde Pilcher set during World War II, in Cornwall, United Kingdom.

The book focuses on Judith Dunbar before and shortly after WWII. She is only 14 when her mother and younger sister go back to Colombo to rejoin their father before his move to Singapore, leaving Judith at a boarding school for girls called St. Ursula's.

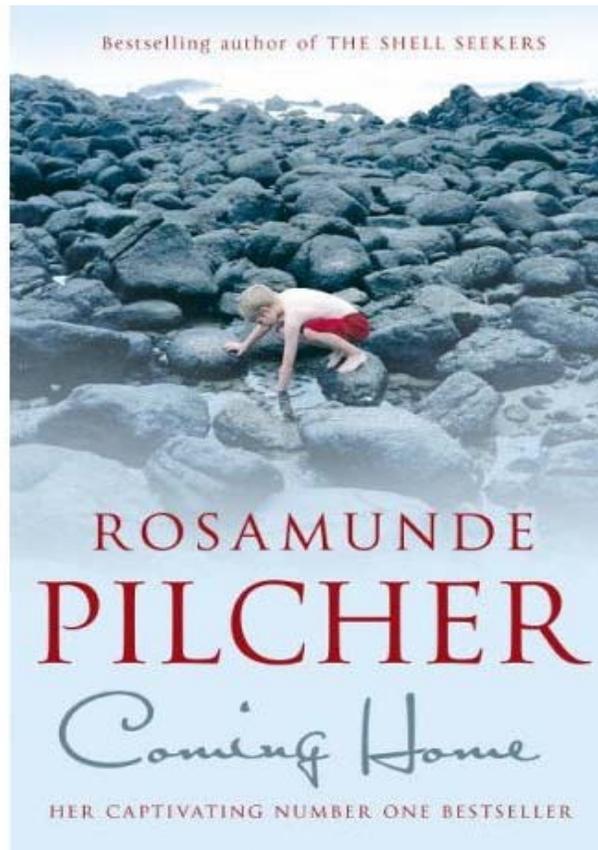
The life of Judith as a schoolgirl in Cornwall gently flows on while England is bound for war. There, she forms a life-long friendship with Loveday Carey-Lewis, a genteel, somewhat spoiled but fun young girl who loves horses and her home at Nancherrow. Immediately after her first visit to Nancherrow Judith becomes immersed in the Carey-Lewis family. Judith is given a special room at the house so she can stay and leave her belongings whenever she comes.

Growing up among the gentry in Nancherrow exposes her to experiences that, in several ways, conflict with what she remembers being taught during her short time with her family. How she reflects on them and their life as commoners living in Singapore keeps them and their values very near and dear to her. For the next ten years, Judith and her newfound family live through love, death, and the outbreak of a war that will tear Judith's loyalties in two.

While the scenery depicted is such that you can reach out and pick the flowers in Aunt Lavinia's garden, or smell the smoke and wine on Judith's first visit to a pub, the time spent there still seems to last forever. This occurs repeatedly throughout the book even though almost every place you go with Judith is breathtaking.

In this nearly 1000-page book, the plot is secondary to the endearing characters that populate this book. From Judith to her bestfriend, Loveday, the inspiring Diana, the haunting Gus, the stable Jeremy and the host of minor characters who come to life, this book is a riveting read that takes you through the trauma of war and its effects on ordinary people living their lives as best they can. It is filled with many happy moments and perhaps even more heart-breaking ones, but always there is hope and strong survival skills working to make things right in the end.

The author definitely overstays her welcome. This beautiful but lengthy novel could have been written in half the pages. But if you are interested in real life stories like those from WWII, you will be haunted, as you vicariously travel to such beautiful places and meet such wonderful characters that live and look forward for a better future no matter what.





Track Season Sprints Ahead

by Photography Editor

Track and Field started off productively on Monday, March 3. This year, they had a turn out of over 40 high school students most of which are returning and some of which are seventh and eighth graders. The first track and field meet is Saturday, March 29 at Brussels American School.

Track offers multiple running events such as the 4x4, 4x1, the 100 and 400-meter dash, and hurdles.

“The team is smaller than last year, but I still think we’re going to do great,” said a 4x4 European qualifier from last year.

Several students also participate in field events which consist of the long jump, the high jump, shot put, and discus. Many students are also participating in the track events, which include such events as hurdles, relays, 100, 200, 400, 800, and 3000.

“I’m working on improving my distances and throws,” said a junior veteran shot-putter and captain. “I think we shot-putters have a chance of doing well at the

meets because we have a big group of throwers this year.”

The long jumpers range from freshmen to juniors, and many sophomores are participating in the high jump as well as people from other grades.

“I am hoping to do better than last year and improve my height and hopefully qualify,” said a veteran high jumper.



Track team practicing their jumps

Photo by SCA student rep

Lady Brigands Take The Field

by Senior Reporter

The Lady Brigands soccer season has started and they are ready to play their first two games this year in England on the weekend of March 28 against Alconbury and Menwith Hill.

The season got off to a good start with seventeen girls trying out for the team. Ten of them were returning players, seven of which were from last year’s Division IV champion team. There were also four freshmen who came out for the team.

“There’s a lot of new talent in the freshmen,” said a senior returning captain, who has played since her freshman year. “We’re working on developing that.”

Since one person decided to not play soccer after the first two weeks, no cuts had to be made to the team this year.

The season started for the team early Monday morning, March 3, with a run to help gradually increase the

girl’s stamina for the season. On March 13, the girls joined the boy’s team in a scrimmage soccer tournament after practice.



Lady Brigands receiving instruction during practice

Photo by SCA student rep



Experienced Team, New Coach Prepare for Region 1 Competition

by Editor-in-Chief

The Brigand soccer team this year had 20 boys try out for the team. Ten boys returned from last year's third place squad, and six freshmen tried out.

The team's head coach this year is the girls coach from last year, who will be assisted by three other coaches, two of whom worked with the Brigand's soccer program last year, though only one worked with the boys before. The coaches plan to emphasize passing this year to help the team succeed, and promised the boys that they will be in shape.

The Brigand's first games of the season will take them to England on March 28 and 29 to play Division IV opponents Menwith Hill and Alconbury. The Brigands will play seven games this season before their European tournament at the end of the season which should be wide open this year due to the absence of Milan, champi-

ons for the last three years. Milan is now in D-III.

For the first time this year, the Brigands soccer program will be competing in Region I instead of Division III North during the regular season due to the recent reshuffling of schools by The DODDS-Europe Athletic Director's Office. Region I consists of two Division I schools, Lakenheath and ISB who placed 1 and 2 respectively in D-I last year; one Division II school, SHAPE who won D-II North last year; one Division III school, AFNorth; and three D-IV schools, Brussels, Alconbury and Menwith Hill.

"It is good that we have to play in Region I this year because it will give us more practice against bigger, better schools," said a returning junior.

"I am looking forward to getting more wins this year, and having a good European tournament," said a returning senior.

Boys Go Down Fighting

by Features Editor

This season, the Brussels American School boys' basketball team played well at Basketball Europeans in Manheim, Germany on February 23.

The Brigands last game against Hanau resulted in a loss with a score of 44-19. The shooting guard had six rebounds, two assists, and four points. The senior center had three steals and three rebounds. The point guard had two assists and had four points. The freshman center had three rebounds and eight points.

In the boys' second game, they played Ankara and won 41-25. The shooting guard had thirteen points, the point guard ten, and the senior center eight.

Their first game against Alconbury ended with a close score of 31-28; sadly BAS did not win. The freshman center had ten points and four steals. The forward had eight points, three assists, and four steals. The senior center had six points and three rebounds. The point guard had four points, four rebounds, and three assists. Despite their final loss, the boys did not lose their spirit; they cheered on the sidelines for the girls' team.



Photo courtesy of a parent

The point guard shoots a freethrow against

"All in all it was a great season, but unfortunately luck was not on our side at Europeans," said the junior shooting guard.

At the end-of-season sports banquet, the shooting guard won this year's Coaches Award, it was announced that the freshman center had been voted All-Region I First Team, and the senior center was named the team's Most Valuable Player for 2008.



Girls 3-Peat at Europeans

by Sports Editor

On February 22, 2008, the Lady Brigands 3-peated as champions of D-IV against Rota. The Lady Brigands won 34 to 28. The leading scorer for the Brigands was the point guard with 15 points. Following the point guard was the shooting guard with 12 points, the center with 7 and the post with 2. The point guard was awarded MVP and the shooting guard and the point guard made the All-tournament and the shooting guard made the All-Region team.

“I’m very proud of how our team played in the tournament, especially the Championship game,” said the head coach.

In the semifinals, the Lady Brigands played Hanau. They won 45-21. The point guard led the Brigands in scoring with 17 points and 2 assists. The shooting guard finished with 8 points, 5 rebounds, 9 assists, and 3 steals.

The Lady Brigands played Lajes in pool play on February 21. The Brigands lost 24-18. The leading scorers for the Brigands were the shooting guard with 6 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 assists; the center with 6 points and 9 rebounds; and the point guard with 2 points, 7 rebounds and 2 assists.



Photo courtesy of a parent

The Lady Brigands receiving their championship plaque and ball

On February 20, 2008 the Brigands played Incirlik and Alconbury in pool play. The Brigands won both games beating Alconbury 36-20 and Incirlik 50-25. The leading scorers against Incirlik were the center with 8 points and 9 rebounds, and the point guard with 8 points, 6 assists, and 3 steals and 2 rebounds. The shooting guard finished with 4 points, 9 rebounds, 9 assists and 3 steals. The leading scorers against Alconbury were the center with 7 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 steal and the point guard with 5 points 7 rebounds, and 6 steals.

Wrestlers Finish Fourth in D-IV

by Editor-in-Chief

After sending five wrestlers to Europeans, the Brigands finished fourth in Division IV this year.

A Sophomore from BAS placed fourth in the 145-weight class. He went 4-3 in the tournament, and was the only wrestler to put the first place finisher from the 145-weight class on his back.

A Junior from BAS went 3-2 in the 152-weight class, but was kept out of the semi-finals due to a three-way-tie. The tiebreaker went to the wrestler with the most pins overall.

A junior 130 wrestler, a sophomore 135 wrestler, and a senior 160 wrestler all went 1-4 at Europeans. The 160 wrestler’s win was over Division I opponent Lakenheath in pool play.

“The wrestling gods just weren’t with us this year,” said Clayburn.

Despite placing fourth at Europeans, Mr. Fiedler believes that the Brigands would have won in Pride this season.



Photo courtesy of a parent

The BAS 4th place finisher riding his opponent