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VIKINGS CAPTURE
USAREUR BASKETBALL TITLE
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HOPE FROM KAISERSLAUTERN

Wednesday morning, February '23, thirteen basketball players, Coach Manzoline, five cheerleaders, and Miss Sledge began their long journey to Kaiserslautern, Germany and the USDESEA Basketball Tournament. In Paris waiting for the train, the kids were given about an hour of free time. The coach had given everyone strict orders to stay within calling distance and on a second thought, before dismissing everyone, he set the mood by saying "Be careful, and, oh yes, someone take care of Reeder." On they went that day, through northeastern France to defend their title. They arrived late that night at their BOQ's for it seems that someone had forgotten that Dreux was coming and the poor VIKINGS were kept waiting almost two hours at the Bahnhof. What finally came to take our representatives to their rooms was an elongated blue bird, or as Charlie Bowden described it, "they stretched out the blue bird and cut the Army buses in half." There were a lot of kids in K-

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At the basketball tournament the Vikings DID certain things, SAW certain things, and HEARD lots of other things about them. This viewpoint may seem biased, but this is what the cheerleaders saw and I'm sure the boys noticed it too, though I haven't asked.

The first thing that caught our eye was the friendliness of everyone. Of course we did meet a few "rotten apples that spoil the barrel", but we managed to overlook them. There was a great deal of friendliness among the cheerleaders and it was easy to talk to everyone. The K-town cheerleaders had a great deal to do with the atmosphere. They were perfect hostesses, always smiling and willing to help with anything, from supplying vital information on how to get to the P. X. to lending a safety pin whenever one was needed. The K-town cheerleaders sponsored a luncheon Saturday afternoon so that all the cheerleaders might get to know each other better away from the rivalry that surrounded the games. The speaker talked about

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Town and the lights burned long that night. Boys were restless about their first game and girls were making friends to cheer with them during their particular game.

Thursday, the 24th, the Dreux VIKINGS were scheduled to play their first game against Karlsruhe. The team played well, and it was victory for the VIKINGS, 67-47. The tension was on now! The next game was against Augsburg, the VIKINGS' arch enemy. It seems that last year the championship game was between Augsburg and Dreux. The boys were doing their best, but that didn't seem to be enough because they were losing by at least 20 points at the half. The boys were going to the showers when they noticed the Augsburg coach polishing the trophy. That was all they needed to put them into real action. The VIKINGS won the game and became USDESEA champs, class B.

This year the Augsburg team was out to beat the pants off the VIKINGS. From the very beginning of the game, it was clear that the playing would be rough. The score wavered back and forth. Then Augsburg pulled ahead. But the fans had chosen the VIKINGS as their favorites that night and their support was strong, just enough to give the VIKINGS that extra push. During the entire first half the Augsburg team had the upper hand. They had great foul shooters and our boys were giving them a work out. The VIKINGS were just about to foul the game away. At the third quarter there seemed to be a change. The floor seemed more equal and you could see that the VIKINGS were determined to win. During almost the entire fourth quarter the spectators were on their feet pushing the VIKINGS on. It seemed that suddenly the VIKINGS were neck and neck with Augsburg. Jim Edmonds was having his night. The atmosphere told you that the object was to give the ball to Edmonds because he couldn't be stopped. The seconds ticked away and when the horn sounded only one basket, two points, decided the game in favor of Dreux. People watched as the happiest VIKINGS known danced around the floor tossing cheer- (con't. on page 3)

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numorous incidents that can occur when you're a cheerleader. She also showed us how to make little yarn dolls resembling the ones the cheerleaders were given upon their arrival at the tournament.

Another interesting aspect was the conduct displayed at the tournament. Dreux was complimented on their fine conduct at all times during every game at the tourny. The VIKINGS were most noted for their courtesy, not only towards other people, but also to their fellow Dreux-ites. It was evident that some of the kids from the same schools didn't want to associate with their other class mates. But, the VIKING champs included their cheerleaders in almost every activity. The boys from Dreux showed a respect towards their girls that was not evident among the other teams.

If any Dreuxites ever attended any of the J*V games, they were destined to hear Cassie Connor's war yell. The J*V cheerleaders didn't go on the trip but Cassie's "yaa-hoooc" did and it is now a part of Dreux's reputation throughout Europe.

A great discovery was made by the VIKINGS during their last night in K-town. The Other Four, a terrific (Feb) English group was found in the ruins of an old bomb shelter that is now used as a teen-age night club. It's rumored by our Germany-travelled team that this group plays better than the Beatles or Stones.

Congratulations, champs!! We're really proud of our USAREUR basketball team and our Com-Z wrestlers, too,

R. H.

SUFFER, UNDERCLASSMEN

- 85 days 'til graduation (YAY Class of '66)
- 52½ school days 'til graduation (+ 4 for underclassmen)
- 21 weekend days 'til graduation (+ 1 for underclassmen)
- 10½ days of Easter vacation (+ 0 for underclassmen)
- 1 day of Memorial Day vacation

cheerleaders or each other. That was the game that put them in the finals. Later that evening they celebrated at the NCO club by pushing the tables together and enjoying a good dinner and lots of water.

Saturday was their big day. Dreux played Bitsburg. The gym was tense with excitement and the boys seemed nervous. The first two minutes of play found Paul Hodnick out with a badly injured ankle. Even though one of their best starters was out before the game had time to begin the VIKINGS stayed ahead and before it seemed possible the game was over. The VIKINGS had won, 54-41. They were the USAREUR class B basketball champions for the second year in a row.

During the award ceremony that night after the last game the VIKINGS received their Class B award. But not only did we walk away with the championship, but more honors were bequeathed the VIKINGS. Tom Dixon and Jimmy Edmonds placed in the All-Tourney team. "Super" Jim was named the Most Valuable Player. A deserving victory for a very deserving guy. Also, a deserving victory for a very deserving school.

R. H.

LAS VEGAS DANCE

The Teen Club Saturday night was rife with picture of "wealthy" young people enjoying themselves in the local casino. The voices of the dealers and callers could be heard above the music and laughter of the crowd, as we elbowed our way past the poker, crap, blackjack, and roulette tables to "Doug and Judi's Bar" at the far end of the snack bar where we could name our poison from a list of assorted brands.

The orange and yellow lounge decorations were a shock at first but the effect was gay and exciting. The band, Zankie and the Elbows, was at its best and the evening was made complete with the celebration of Butch Moler, Ken Reedy, and Jim Edmond's birthdays.

D. L.

Twenty students were interviewed to fabricate the "perfect senior girl and boy" from the real senior girls and boys in the graduating class of 1966. These are the results of their opinions.

The "perfect girl" would have:

Susie Wear's hair
Cathi Miller's eyes
Doris Tarasko's smile
Debbie Liken's figure
Cathi Miller's legs
Pat Massengale's hands
Robin Smail's walk
Doris Tarasko's vivaciousness
Janeen Christensen's complexion
Judy Moreland's nose
Reggi Hope's voice
and Debbe Kennedy's dance

The "perfect boy" would have:

Wayne Campbell's hair
Kirk Elam's eyes
Dennis Carpenter's smile
Tom Ryan's physique
Eggie's walk
Tim William's sense of humor
Dave Henderson's ability to snow you
under
Michel Picheloup's nose
Norv Rasmussen's chivalry
and Tom Dixon's ability at dancing
D. W.

A HARBINGER

Docile Seniors!! Tuesday we shall make an abortive attempt to show that we know the argot of our English class. There seems to be an antithesis of opinion: you will pass--I will fail. It seems dubious that the better will prevail. If you feel that you are at your nadir, read on in jubilation.

You may not feel an ebullience for the coming exam, but the ingenious person will find a way to succeed, be it clandestine or be it through assiduous study.

Remember, the amount of studying you do has a germane effect on your grade.
Benevolent wishes
(a redundant statement)
A pallid senior
R. H.