

# Athens star heads south

By Jim Hughes  
staff writer

Troy Athens 6-foot-2 senior center Allana Cummings signed a national letter of intent yesterday to attend the University of Mississippi. Cummings, a two-year starter for the Red Hawks basketball team with a 3.97 scholastic grade-point average, was a first-team Eccentric All-Area selection last season. This year, Cummings is averaging 19.2 points 14.2 rebounds per game. Her decision to sign with Mississippi

## girls basketball

came after five visits to college campuses and countless correspondences from coaches across the country.

"After five official visits I thought each of the schools — the coaches and players — were all equal," Cummings said. "I just had a special feeling about Ole Miss. The coaches and players all

made me feel like part of the family.

"I FEEL I can develop there as a player and student, and I think I'll be happy there for four years."

Cummings would not comment on which other schools she visited and considered.

"I'm not going to say because I don't

think that would do any good. I'll tell you this, I couldn't make a bad decision. I just don't want to say I was recruited by this school or that school."

The scholarship is a full ride for one year and is renewable.

Mississippi finished last season with a 23-5 record and was ranked 10th in the NCAA Division I poll. This year, Mississippi is ranked fifth in the "Street & Smith" pre-season poll.

"Allana has a lot of potential," Athens coach Joe Clinton said. "She knows her role and she'll work to get better."

# New Salem coach takes reins

By Chris McCosky  
staff writer

As the boys basketball coach at Plymouth Salem for 12 seasons, Fred Thomann won 227 games and lost but 49. His teams brought 11 Salem nine league titles, seven district titles and a regional title. His teams never had a losing season.

Into those shoes stepped Bob Brodie. Brodie, an assistant to Thomann since 1976, was given the boys basketball job at Salem last spring when Thomann resigned.

"I was very happy to take the job," said Brodie. "But these are some big shoes to fill. I will never be able to fill them. All I can do is do the best job I can."

That is typical Bob Brodie talk. He is a soft-spoken man, with a somewhat self-effacing manner. His youthful, athletic physical appearance and his shy modesty often belittle the intense seriousness that burns within.

IT HAS LONG been his desire to coach basketball at the varsity level. He was smart enough upon his graduation from Central Michigan University in 1975 to know that he would have to pay his dues. He knew he had plenty to learn.

He was an all-state player at Flat Rock High School, and he played some at Central. (He played baseball for the most part at CMU.) But playing the game doesn't automatically qualify you to coach it.

Brodie took his first teaching job at River Rouge. There he learned a few coaching lessons from a master — Lofton Green. The next year he coached at Groutville.

Then in 1977 he was hired into the Plymouth-Canton school district and

look over the freshman program at Salem the following year. He moved up to junior varsity in 1981.

"I've been able to learn from some pretty good coaches," Brodie said.

Brodie is also an assistant to football coach Tom Moshler and, at one point last year, he was being touted to replace Brian Gilles as the varsity baseball coach at Salem.

"Basketball was my first love," he said. "I just like the game too much and I wasn't ready to give it up. If I took the baseball job, I wouldn't have been able to stay with basketball."

It proved to be a wise decision for him.

BOB BRODIE has proven to be a very successful coach within Thomann's structure. Thus, when Thomann resigned, the man that he recommended as his replacement was Brodie.

You don't have to search very far to find evidence of Brodie's coaching ability. Last season he inherited a junior varsity team with virtually no organized basketball experience. It was the first wave of players affected by the lack of middle school or ninth grade programs within the Plymouth-Canton district.

Early in the season, Brodie's group took its lumps. It got thoroughly trounced by Southfield in the opener. The team was a shaky 4-4 after eight games.

Then they started coming on. The team finished with 14-6 record and was as solid and as poised a JV unit as you'd want to see.

Brodie is no longer a coach within someone else's system. His system now reigns at Salem. What will that system be like?

"Very similar to Fred's," he said. "When I was coaching with Lofton

Green and at Groutville, I believed in a man-to-man defense and the motion offense. I brought those with me to Salem and they were the same things that Fred used."

BUT THERE will be differences, some rather major. For one, the word zone is in Brodie's basketball vocabulary.

"Oh, you may see us play zone from time to time. We will live by our man-to-man, but sometimes, if the situation calls for it, we'll go to zone."

Brodie also likes to play an up-tempo game. But, he adds quickly, everything is predicated on what type of players he has in a given season.

"This is a public school. We can't recruit players. We have to go with what we have. This season we don't have a lot of size, so maybe we'll run more. In other years, maybe we won't be able to," he said.

Taking over a job from someone as successful as Thomann is tough. But Brodie's job was made doubly tough by the circumstances surrounding Thomann's resignation and by the fact that Thomann, as a teacher and girls basketball coach, is still very much a part of the Salem athletic scene.

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## sport shorts

### SPORT FOR UNDERSTANDING

Sport For Understanding is seeking athletes to participate in an international sports exchange for the summer of 1985.

Interested applicants must be between the ages of 14-19 and play the following sports: basketball, cross country, diving, women's field hockey, golf, ice hockey, judo, skiing and soccer. Other sports involved in the exchange are: swimming, tennis, track, women's volleyball and men's water polo.

Sport For Understanding is seeking athletes of average or better ability. The team programs will last four weeks and be accompanied by a coach. For more information on the program, write Sport For Understanding, Dept. 101, 3501 Newark Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20016.

### ALL-STATE TENNIS TEAMS

The Bloomfield Hills Lahser girls tennis team capped an undefeated regular season by placing four of its members on the Class A All-State team.

Following are the Class A Observer & Eccentric-area players as selected by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association: Jennifer Reason (Birmingham), Kristin Ashare (Lahser), Nicole Ashare (Lahser), Niki Rival (Lahser), Susie Osterlund

(Lahser) and Kelly Davidson (Farmington Hills).

Other members of the Class A team include: Michelle Hurst (Livonia) and Wendy Stross of Ann Arbor Huron; Madeleine Willard (Gross Pointe South), Nancy Redman (Midland) and Candy Kopetaki (Sterling Heights). Tiger Teusink from Holland was voted Class A Coach of the Year.

Elizabeth Nau of Bloomfield Hills Kingswood was voted to the Class B All-State team by the coaches. In Class C-D, Lisa Learner (Detroit Country Day) was the only O&E area player to receive All-State recognition.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

It's that time of year again. A total of 691 girls basketball teams begin the quest for the state title as district competition begins the week of Nov. 26 to Dec. 1.

Following district play, regional action begins at 31 centers throughout the state the week of Dec. 4-8.

Survivors of the state quarterfinals and semi-finals will go for the title on Saturday, Dec. 15, at Reed Fieldhouse on the campus of Western Michigan University.

The Class D final starts at 12 p.m. followed by the Class A game at 2 p.m. In the evening, the Class C game is slated for 6 p.m. while the Class B final will tip off at 7:30 p.m.

## Youngest champ

The world's youngest tennis champion, Wimbledon was Charlotte Dod, who was 15 years and 9 months old when she won back in 1887.



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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS - SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 13, 1984**

Mayor Williams opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on November 13, 1984, at 7:30 P.M. Members present: Alkateeb, Dolan, Dudley, Sever, Soronen, Williams and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau.

Minutes of October 15, 1984 were approved as amended and minutes of October 22 were approved as presented.

Council awarded Class C Liquor License to Bruce Etkin of Etkin Equities, Inc. to be located in Brookfield Office Park, northeast of Middlebelt Road and Northwestern Highway.

Council awarded a twelve month Resort license with dance permit for Capraro's Inc., 38205 Grand River Avenue.

Resolution was adopted to appoint National Bank of Detroit as Paying Agent for issue of \$10,000 City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, Road Improvement Special Assessment Bonds, Series 1984-1.

Resolution was adopted to appoint National Bank of Detroit as Paying Agent for issue of \$335,000 City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, Various Improvements Special Assessment Bonds, Series 1984-2.

Council confirmed the appointment of Sandra Dolan to Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire February 1, 1987.

Extension of Open Space Improvement for Meadowbrook Park Subdivision was granted for a period of one year to June 1, 1985.

Council approved revised and extended program of manning the work schedule at all four fire stations.

Council confirmed the appointment of Richard Marinucci to the position of Fire Chief effective November 13, 1984.

Council established Community Development Division and reorganization of Public Services Department with appropriate title changes and authority to make necessary budget adjustments.

Council adopted Resolution of Intent to establish a Tax Increment Finance Authority and District with a public hearing set for December 17, 1984.

Extension of completion dates for the Open Space Improvements for Hunters Pointe Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4; Willowbrook Commons Subdivision; Farmington Green North Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 and Farmington Brook Subdivision were adjourned for one week.

Council approved extension of completion dates for Open Space Improvements for Green Hill Commons, Phase 4, to June 1, 1985.

Charles H. Williams, Mayor  
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