



Farmington seniors Jon Fitzpatrick (left) and Bryan Bagdol cheer on their team during a friendly game of three-on-three football, part of the fun when the Pro-Challenge athletes came to their school.



At left: Detroit Lion Lomas Brown delivers an anti-drug message to students at Farmington High School Tuesday. Below: Students Erin Phelps (left) and Eunice Lee listen to Brown's speech.



# Athletes offer special challenge

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

PRO-ATHLETES took the nationally known "say no to drugs" slogan one step further this week, telling students in Farmington their actions speak louder than words.

"I don't think that slogan is fitting enough," said Detroit Lions defensive back Berry Blades, who told students at Power Middle School he grew up in an alcoholic family.

"A lot of kids are saying it and still doing it. It always comes down to making the right choices. A group of seven athletes—five of them pro football players—made the rounds of the Farmington Public Schools Tuesday, visiting Power and Warner middle schools and Harrison and Farmington high schools at all-school assemblies amid much hos-

ing and cheering. Called the Pro-Challenge, the group competed with teams of student athletes in several physical events including volleyball, stage relay races, three-point shot, three-on-three football and basketball, and challenged entire student bodies to make the right choices in life.

"It's a hard road. There's a lot of obstacles and pitfalls waiting for you out there. Last I know Bryan and Power students are a lot better as people. The only way to make a good decision is to have a good heart. Stay with it. Hard work, all things will turn out all right for you."

MEMBERS OF Power's Student Assistance Team were pleased with the Pro-Challenge program, which has visited other Farmington schools in past years. "I think this is prob-

ably one of the best things we've done," said eighth grader Kelly Curran, an assistance team member who assisted by introducing the team members at Tuesday's assembly.

SATower Limited and Power coach of Middle School has not been in the assembly and student bodies seem to be very excited. Farmington school officials said they are proud that the Pro-Challenge is a positive step toward the right choices.

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keeps it up and on after year.

EVEN THOUGH they've got their trophies, went to the program, all the athletes came from a strong background and are involved in a Bible study group through the program.

Power officials said they're very proud of the program. "It's a positive step toward the right choices. We can keep the kid if it stays. We can take a good thing here. Pro-Challenge participating in Farmington programs. Tuesday included Lions Kevin Glover and William White, Green Bay Packer Carl Bland, Lions team chaplain Dave Wilton and Paul Hansen, youth minister at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia who organized the Pro-Challenge program in 1988 and

"We have seen too many kids saying 'no' but doing it. Hansen added 'So our message to you is to not say 'no,' but to do 'no.' It's damaging to play with alcohol and drugs."



Brian Link, Farmington senior, participates in a football relay.

# Area man carrying out duty for U.S. Navy in Persian Gulf

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Eugene Brockhaus of Farmington Hills says his son's role in the Persian Gulf war "is not a job story."

"He is not a hero. He is doing what he was told to do," said the senior Brockhaus of his son, Robert, 23, stationed aboard the USS Bunker Hill. Originally stationed in Yokosuka, Japan, Brockhaus was sent to the Persian Gulf Oct. 25. "The last time we saw him was a year ago January," Eugene Brockhaus said.

Brockhaus' parents, Eugene and Ann, spoke to Robert about two weeks ago. It was surprising to him that he knew what was going on. Eugene said, adding they know more than Robert did about the war in the Persian Gulf.

Robert Brockhaus is an operations specialist aboard the Bunker Hill.

## THE GULF WAR Hitting Home

which is an Aegis guided missile cruiser. The ship is serving as one of the primary anti-aircraft shields for allied aircraft and ships operating in the northern Middle East waters.

"THE MAIN mission of my unit is to provide anti-air warfare," said Brockhaus, who has approximately two more years of service with the Navy. "My job as an operations specialist is to track and identify air and surface contacts."

Brockhaus, a 1984 Catholic Central graduate, joined the Navy to fin-

ish college and to train to become an air traffic controller. He's packed up a few courses so far. The senior Brockhaus said.

And then war broke out. That's the way life goes. He joined the Navy. That was the job he was assigned to do," Eugene Brockhaus said, adding he prays his son will be safe.

Brockhaus describes his ship's work day as eight to 12 hour shifts with six hours off, seven days a week. Hebert Brockhaus describes his ship's mission as "protecting the carrier battle group from Iraq planes and missiles. Iraq is known to have French-built Mirage and Soviet-made MiG 29 fighters capable of launching against the fleet."

"Because of our experience in tracking and the Aegis combat system, we are one of the most capable ships in the fleet for the job," he said.

BUNKER HILLS main advantage in the Persian Gulf is its sophisticated Aegis weapons system. The heart of the system is a radar system that automatically detects and tracks hundreds of air and surface targets according to John Bradley, director of Navy Public Affairs.

Bunker Hill was commissioned in 1969 and the first to receive what's called a vertical launch system. The system enables Bunker Hill to fire 48 of its fire numerous surface-to-air or surface-to-surface missiles, such as the Tomahawk cruise missiles which could be used against Iraqi ground targets, Bradley said.

Until he comes home again, Brockhaus said he's asking his family not to worry. "I'd like for my family and friends to know that I miss them and I hope to come home as soon as possible."



Robert Brockhaus, 25, son of Eugene and Ann Brockhaus of Farmington Hills, is serving aboard the Aegis guided missile cruiser USS Bunker Hills in the Persian Gulf as an operations specialist.

# Saturday dance to aid heart charity

Volunteers from the Detroit area will participate in Dance for Heart, a charity event benefiting American Heart Association programs, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Genesis Women's Fitness Club in the Orchard 12 Plaza, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills.

Dance studios, schools, recreation facilities, spas, health and exercise clubs participate in Dance for Heart as part of a nationwide effort to fight heart disease and stroke.

Dancers collect donations from friends, relatives and co-workers for participating. Dancers can win prizes based on the amount of money collected.

Dance for Heart demonstrates

dance exercise as a benefit to cardiovascular health, as well as helping the AHA, said local coordinator Lisa Golomb of the Genesis club.

Participation, she said, is not limited by age, sex or shape, so anyone can try it. Anyone interested in Dance for Heart should call Golomb at 489-1811.

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