

Falcon Focus Episode #204- Springing Into Break/Breaking Into
Spring

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BRADY:
I'm Brady Schach.

SAVANNA:
And I'm Savanna Quam.

BOTH:
And *this* is Falcon Focus.

(INTRO)

SAVANNA:
Welcome to this episode of Falcon Focus. Due to technical difficulties, we've been off of the air for a while, so we'll jump right into Headlines.

BRADY:
Let's begin with a quick update of what we missed in January and February. First up is the Iowa Caucuses, which occurred right here in our very own humble abode, on January 2. In an unpredictable victory in the Democratic venue, Barack Obama overtook Hilary Clinton, while unknown candidate Mike Huckabee overwhelmed frontrunners Mitt Romney and John McCain. Since those initial moments, McCain has almost locked in the Republican nomination, while Obama has outstripped Clinton in recent contests.

SAVANNA:
And now for something you've all been waiting for! The official winners of February's "Cutest Couple Contest". (*Pulls out envelope.*) And the winners are... (*drum roll*) Mr. Moffit and Ms. Carter!

(CUT TO PICTURE OF MOFFIT AND CARTER)

SAVANNA: (CONT'D)
In other news, several clubs have achieved notable accomplishments.
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SAVANNA: (CONT'D)

For instance, jazz band has attended several competitions, in which they performed admirably. Brady Schach and Dalton Lee both received Outstanding Soloist awards, and Matt Landon was awarded Best Overall Soloist. Matt and Brady also made All-State Jazz Band.

BRADY:

Group Speech received several ones, and six groups went on to state, with one Reader's Theatre group nominated to attend All-State. In Individual Speech, Heather Schnellbacher, Allison Luckenbill, and Ryan Holley received ones, and continued to state competition.

SAVANNA:

Both of our Future Problem Solving groups went state as well. Finally, Quiz Bowl has attended a couple of meets where they have scored well, including the L.&M. Invitational, where the two teams received First and Third places respectively.

BRADY:

Congratulations, everyone. (*Pause. Pulls out cowboy hat. Hick voice.*) On February 29, the music department had a rootin'-tootin' good time, as they performed in Grand Ole' Falcon Follies. It was a wild, wild west of a show as the choir, show choir, jazz band, student talents, and faculty gave some rip-roarin' performances. But ya'll don't have to believe me. Check it on out for your own darn selves. Yeeeeee-Hawww!

(CUT TO FALCON FOLLIES CLIPS)

SAVANNA:

On March 8, both the SEIBA Large Group teams, and Individual Speech members gave outstanding performances.

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SAVANNA: (CONT'D)

Following that, on March 13, FCCLA honored some very important people: fathers. Short and tall, large and small, all were treated like kings. Here's how it went.

(CUT TO CLIP OF FATHER'S NIGHT, AND BRIEF INTERVIEWS WITH PARTICIPANTS)

BRADY:

(Wistfully. Pulls out tissue.) I love you dad... Ahem. Finally, we would like to remind you of a very important event coming up on March 28, the West Burlington High School Blood Drive. We would now like to welcome the West Burlington High School Student Council, the organizers of this awesome event, to help explain this excellent activity.

(CUT TO INTERVIEW WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL)

SAVANNA:

That just about does it for headlines. Sit back and relax, 'cause we'll be right back.

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SCENE 2- COMMERCIAL 1 (STUDENT SURVIVOR)

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SCENE 3- STUDENT INTEREST (HALL WALKING) WITH SAM PLATH

BRADY:

Welcome back, ladies and gentlemen. Every now and then, our production department enjoys testing its audience in order to see just exactly who it's broadcasting to. In order to satisfy some of these curiosities, we've recently sent our "man in the field", Amy Courtney, out to ask some telling questions.

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(CUT TO HALL WALKING LOGO)

AMY:

Hello. I'm your correspondent Amy Courtney, and we're about to see just how much our student population really knows. I'm going to ask some tough questions, and with any luck, we'll find some correct answers.

(CUT TO INTERVIEW CLIPS)

AMY: (CONT'D)

Well, well, well. Those were some interesting responses, to say the least. We would like to thank our participants for their good sport, and we wish them the best of luck in the future. Back to you, Savanna and Brady.

CUT BACK TO SAVANNA AT DESK.

SAVANNA:

Thanks, Amy. (*Pause.*) In this portion of the program, we would like to take a more in-depth look at some events that are going to be having a strong impact on many student's lives in both the near, and more distant, future.

4 SCENE 4- SPECIAL FOCUS PIECES

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(Piece One-National Honor Society)

BRADY:

Our first story is coming up just on the other side of spring break. Some industrious students are being honored next Tuesday for their hard work and contributions to the community. At 7:00 p.m., the National Honor Society will be holding its annual Induction Ceremony in the High School Auditorium.

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BRADY: (CONT'D)

For more on this prestigious award, we interviewed Mrs. Stensland, the Advisor for our school's chapter of the organization.

(CUT TO INTERVIEW WITH MRS. STENSLAND AND HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER)

SAVANNA:

We certainly appreciate Mrs. Stensland's agreement to speak with us, and we would like to encourage any students who will be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior next year to consider applying, or speaking to Mrs. Stensland about any questions and concerns. Good luck!

(Piece Two-Interview with Spring Sports Coaches)

BRADY:

On your marks, get set, go! Spring is here, and with it sprints in a whole new season of sports.

SAVANNA:

As the weather warms up, so do many of our spring athletes and their coaches. Here's what some of *them* had to say about the coming season.

(CUT TO SHORT INTERVIEWS WITH SPRING SPORTS COACHES)

SAVANNA: (CONT'D)

It's definitely looking to be a great season on all fronts.

BOTH:

Go Falcons!

BRADY:

And while we're on the subject, lets jog on over to Brady at the sports desk.

(CUT TO BRADY AT SPORTS DESK)

5 SCENE 5- SPORTS

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BRADY:

Thanks Brady. Due to our extended absence from the air we have a lot to cover. Lets get started.

(Brady continues with statistics from previous seasons and any recent games.)

BRADY: (CONT'D)

Excellent job everybody, and keep on fighting. Back to you, Brady.

6 SCENE 6- SPECIAL FOCUS PIECES (CONT'D)

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(Piece Three-Schedule Changes)

BRADY:

Thank you. As some of you may know, class schedules are often a long and confusing process. Next year, however, there may be some changes to this routine in the form of block scheduling vs. period (skinny) scheduling.

SAVANNA:

Currently our school operates on a split schedule, with periods in the morning and blocks in the afternoon. Next year, this may be changed completely to periods.

BRADY:

It's a difficult choice, as some classes seem to be better suited to blocks and others to periods. The matter is further complicated by the limited number of school hours and the amount of faculty available to teach some courses.

SAVANNA:

You can voice your opinion by clicking on the Falcon Focus link on our school's homepage, and then clicking on the link under the question "Should block scheduling be eliminated?" We're looking forward to your response, which will be shown on the next episode.

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(Piece Four- College Expose)

SAVANNA: (CONT'D)

Now for an especially important piece for many students. With graduation just around the corner, many seniors at least are preparing to shift into college life. For everyone else, the need may not be as urgent, but it is still a significant issue to consider.

BRADY:

The good news is that our school offers a variety of options to help you prepare for, and excel in, a collegiate environment. Advanced Placement, PACE, and college preparatory courses are available, and can provide many benefits to the college-bound student. For more on this subject, we go to our academic correspondent Ryan Holley, who has interviewed several of our academic advisors, as well as having participated in several of these programs himself.

RYAN:

Thank you, Savanna and Brady. As you know academics are an important component of many students' futures, and one which requires a considerable amount of preparation. "But what can I do to truly help me prepare for college?", you ask. Well, there are a number of options. To help explain these I consulted our Principle, Mr. Teater, and Counselor, Ms. Ryan.

(CUT TO INTERVIEWS WITH MR. TEATER AND MS. RYAN)

RYAN: (CONT'D)

That was certainly informing. But many of you may still be wondering just what college life is like. To satisfy this question, our crew took a trip to Southeastern Community College's West Burlington campus to develop an idea.

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(CUT TO VIDEO OF SCC CAMPUS AND CLASS)

RYAN: (CONT'D)

We certainly hope that this has answered some viewers' questions, as well as giving them some new options for preparing and starting their collegiate career. Reporting, this is Ryan Holley at SCC. Back to you Savanna and Brady.

BRADY:

Thank you, Ryan. Remember, viewers, that Mrs. Ryan is open to any questions you may have about the college process, so feel free to stop in and ask.

SAVANNA:

Now to a short commercial break. But don't change that dial, more programs coming up!

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SCENE 7- COMMERCIAL 2 (THE ASSISTANT)

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(FRONT VIEW; DONALD SITTING AT HIS DESK READING DOCUMENTS AND SIGNING PAPERS; A KNOCK ON THE DOOR IS HEARD)

(CUT TO CAMERA VIEW BEHIND TRUMP; MARY THE SECRETARY WALKS IN)

DONALD:

Yes, Mary?

MARY:

Mr. Chump, your assistants are here.

DONALD:

Send them in, Mary.

(MARY LEAVES AND THE ASSISTANTS WALK IN {MATT BROWN, HANNAH NEWBERRY, COLEMAN REED, HEATHER SCHNELLBACHER, DAVID NEWLAND}; CAMERA IS STILL BEHIND CHUMP)

DONALD: (CONT'D)

(*With stern voice.*) I've been looking over the last Falcon Focus script.

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(ASSISTANTS SHIFT WEIGHT FROM ONE FOOT TO ANOTHER TO SHOW NERVOUSNESS)

DONALD: (CONT'D)
Frankly, this script has poor writing, poor staging, poor blocking, and horrible news quality. In short, it's not the quality I demand!!!

(CAMERA CLOSES IN ON EACH ASSISTANT'S FACE; THEY LOOK VISIBLY FRIGHTENED; CAMERA CUTS BACK TO FRONT VIEW OF CHUMP)

DONALD: (CONT'D)
(*Gruff voice.*) Matthew Brown!

(SHOT OF MATT BROWN STEPPING HALTINGLY FORWARD; CUT BACK TO CHUMP)

DONALD: (CONT'D)
I hold you personally accountable for this! YOU'RE FIRED!!!

(CAMERA PANS TO MATT; HE RAISES HIS HANDS TO HIS MOUTH IN WIDE-EYED SHOCK; CUT TO TITLE SHOT OF "THE ASSISTANT" IN BIG LETTERS WITH SMALLER WORDS "FRIDAYS AT 9 P.M. ET/8 P.M. CT"; {WORDING IS SUPERIMPOSED OVER CHUMP SITTING AT HIS DESK.})

ANNOUNCER:
"The Assistant" starring Donald Chump will begin its new season Friday, March 21, on FBN, the Falcon Broadcast Network. Be sure to watch as you'll hear Chump say...

(CUT TO CLOSE UP OF CHUMP ON LEFT SIDE)

DONALD:
YOU'RE FIRED!!!

(RAPID CUT TO CLOSE UP OF CHUMP AT RIGHT SIDE)

DONALD: (CONT'D)
YOU'RE FIRED!!!

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(RAPID CUT TO CLOSE UP OF CHUMP FROM FRONT)

DONALD: (CONT'D)
YOU'RE FIRED!!!

(CUT BACK TO TITLE SHOT)

ANNOUNCER:
The Assistant, Fridays 9 Eastern, 8
Central, only on FBN.

(QUICK FADE; CUT BACK TO NEWS)

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SCENE 8- SELF IMPROVEMENT (HUMOROUS? WORDS OF WISDOM)

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SAVANNA:
Welcome back. Up next is a very
special segment.

BRADY:
There are many things which
teachers often want to say to
students, but normally don't have
the opportunity...

SAVANNA:
(*Somewhat aside.*) Or lack of self-
discipline.

BRADY:
...to mention, that Falcon Focus is
now striving to bring them. So, we
introduce our newest segment:
"Words of Wisdom" from our
enlightened faculty.

(CUT TO WORDS OF WISDOM CLIP)

SAVANNA:
Give them a word of thanks for that
amazing advice.

BRADY:
We appreciate it. Well, we're just
about out of time for this episode
of Falcon Focus, but before we go
we would like to alert everyone to
some important dates coming up.

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SAVANNA:
Better get out a pen and paper.

(CUT TO UP-COMING EVENTS {WHAT'S HAPPENING} SCREEN)

SAVANNA: (CONT'D)
That does it, thanks for watching.
I'm Savanna Quam...

BRADY:
And I'm Brady Schach. Stay classy,
West Burlington.

(CUT TO CREDITS)

(CUT SOUND; FADE IN TO MEMORIAL SCREEN.)

SCREEN:
In caring memory of Ross Arthur
Taylor and Kara Marie Patejak.
(*Pictures with captions.*)

(FADE TO BLACK. END.)