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Valentine's Day, a day observed on February 14. On this day, people send greeting cards called valentines to their sweethearts, friends, and members of their family. Many valentines have romantic verses, and others have humorous pictures and sayings. Most say, "Be My Valentine."

Valentine's Day is not only celebrated in the United States alone, many countries celebrate the glorious occasion in their own way. But the question is, where did it come from; where did it originate?

Experts believe Valentine's Day began in various ways. Some trace it to an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia. Others trace it to two saints, both named Valentine.

According to one story, the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the A.D. 200's forbade young men to marry. The emperor thought single men made better soldiers. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the emperor's order and secretly married young couples.

Another story says Valentine was an early Christian who made friends with many children. The Romans imprisoned him because he refused to worship their gods. The children missed Valentine and tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell window. This tale may explain why people exchange messages on Valentine's Day. According to still another story, Valentine restored the sight of his jailor's blind daughter.

Many stories say Valentine was executed on February 14 about A.D. 269. In A.D. 496, Pope Gelasius named February 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

-By Robert Heyman

SPACE SHUTTLE TRAGEDY CAUSES CONCERN FOR SPACE SAFETY

The catastrophic disaster witnessed by millions of people on January 28, is an effect whose cause is unknown.

NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will closely investigate the tragic incident like no other - but is it possible? Little debris was found, and the videotapes replayed extensively by news agencies can't tell us what destroyed seven brave Americans, one of which was an ordinary high school teacher, and almost two billion dollars of high technology.

NASA officials said that almost six delays plagued the "Challenger" before it lifted off, but deny that the incident was caused by any haste on their part.

America was visibly shattered by this terrible event, as, indeed, was the world. England, the Soviet Union, China, India, and several other countries have conveyed their sorrow to the families of the seven astronauts.

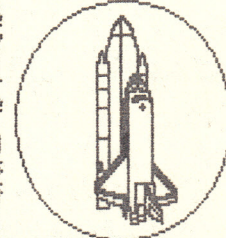
All shuttle operations will cease until the culprit of the catastrophe can be found; but never fear. America is still the proud bearer of people who would go up in the space shuttle tomorrow if asked to.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Coast Guard and NASA divers searched for pieces of the "Challenger," which they hoped would help them piece together the puzzle of the disaster.

On Thursday, substantial parts of the shuttle itself and human tissue were found, but nothing as of yet will help NASA solve the mystery.

The seven crew members killed in the devastating explosion were: Christa McAuliffe, a schoolteacher from New Hampshire, Judy Resnik, Dick Scobee, Ronald McNair, Michael Smith, Ellison Onizuka, and Gregory Jarvis.

President Ronald Reagan has called for a week of national mourning as we await further information from NASA. Until then, all shuttle operations will be suspended.





"I Have A Dream"

By Kera Phillips

Does this sound familiar? Those are the words spoken by Dr. Martin Luther King. King is best known for his peaceful, nonviolent movement for peace.

In memory of Dr. King, Kimmons set aside a special day for him. A program was put together by Mr. E.M. Smith, a seventh grade social studies teacher at Kimmons. The program told of King's life. Guest speaker was Mr. Donald Carter.

The speech "I Have a Dream", was recited by Miss Chalita McKinney.

I sincerely hope that his birthday, now a national holiday, is recognized by everyone for years to come.



What? You say you've "missed out" on every chance to see this once in a lifetime event? Well, don't get discouraged, because from the end of February until late March, Halley's comet will be at its brightest, sporting an excellent long tail on its trip thru space.

If you're planning to view this celestial object early this month, don't count on it, the comet will not be seen anywhere in the sky. The reason for this is its location, meaning that it is currently traveling behind the sun. It will remain in this position from Feb. 1 - 24.

When Halley's comet reappears on Feb. 24, it will be seen at morning twilight in the east, with a bright star-like head and possibly a long tail.

From this point until late March and early April, you should have no trouble viewing Halley's comet even with the naked eye.

Look forward to our final Halley's "Comet Update" early in March. So, relax and enjoy the show.

OOPS...

The poem "Slow Me Down, Lord", in the January issue of "The Raider Record" should have read "submitted by David Tyson".

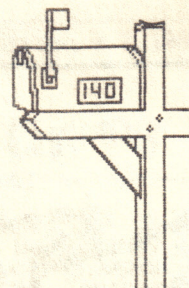
The "Record" encourages the submission of ORIGINAL material for publication.

Original, according to The New Merriam-Webster Dictionary is:

1. FIRST, INITIAL
2. NOT COPIED FROM SOMETHING ELSE; FRESH

To be considered original, all work must meet this definition.

Letters to "Dear Dora", letters to the editor, and other original works can be sent to room D103.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In this day and age when educational standards are a must, and we all are striving for those 21 credits, the governor has decided to solve the problem by testing the teachers and making the S.A.T. test harder and harder. The one thing he has overlooked is the fact that the only way to eliminate the "stay-behinds" and "flunkies" is to do away with the classes with no educational value, such as janitor helper, study hall, office worker, and library helper.

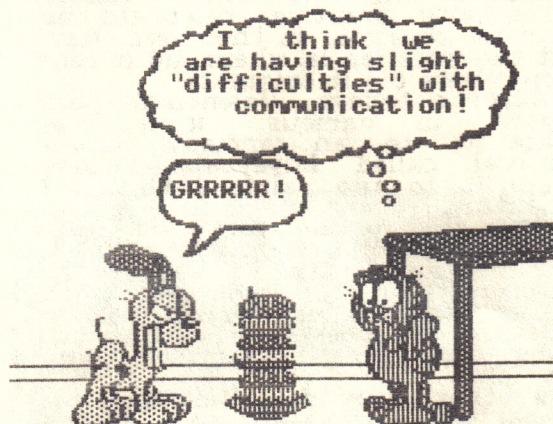
This is the only way to truly help the society and help the people who want to learn.

-Chad Thomas
9th grader

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"HOW DO I LOVE THEE"

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of everyday's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, was a famous poet in Victorian England.

In 1821, Elizabeth injured her spine in a fall. In addition to this, her brother drowned in 1839. These events caused her to become an invalid. She spent most of her time in a darkened room, where she wrote letters and poetry.

Robert Browning admired her poems so much that he wrote to her. More letters followed. They met in 1845 and became engaged later that year. The two were secretly married, against her father's wishes, in 1846.

IT WAS A MASSACRE....

By Glenn Ingram

As this is the month of hearts and candy, it may interest you to know that not all valentines of the past have been expressed with the love, thoughtfulness, and care most common today.

Take for instance the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre". This is the famous case in which a "Bloody Valentine" was no joke for six gangsters and an unlucky optometrist, (unlucky enough to be in the wrong place at the wrong time).

In a "routine inspection", five men, three in police uniform, trapped the seven in a garage and lined them against the wall. A plain clothed man whipped out a sub-machine gun and let the boys have it. This was a murder that may never be solved. For even in the account of witnesses, the "givers" were never identified. It was tough enough to identify the "receivers".

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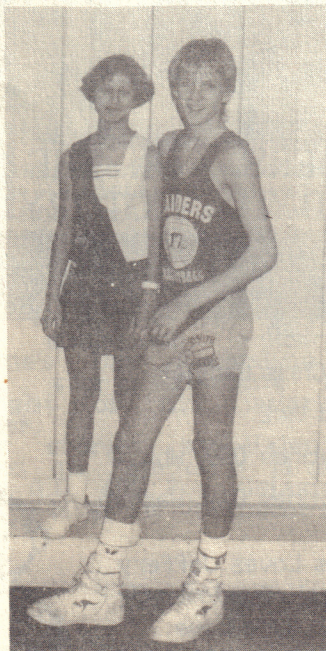
Couples on Campus

Valentine's Day is February 14. Staff photographer Patti Wright has "snapped" a few "famous" couples at Kimmons.

Larry + Emily



Rocky ♡ Ricky



Tracie ♡ Dan



Shelley ♡ Sam



Love



Ads

To Amy and Jacque, your friend Steve.
 To Lori Cravens from Tuan Hoang
 I want my man back! from Karen Whitmore
 I love you Lori, from you know who!
 I love you Eugene Williams, from Stephanie Releford
 Ty, I'll love you forever. Love always Patti.
 Brighetta and Tony cancel.
 To my best friend Tonjia, from Tammy.
 To my best buddy Tammy, from Patti.
 Joyce S. loves Wally B.
 Shana loves Dougie as long as possible! (Smile)
 I love you Dougie! Shana
 Fred Releford -loves- Terry West forever
 Rocky, with love always Ricky
 Warren Clements is funky live!
 I love you Kisher McNeely - L.W.
 Monica loves Lonz, but wished it was "JASON".
 Lana loves Sean always.
 Ron loves Sabrina forever.
 Paul loves BESSIE forever.
 Lori loves Mark Obana.
 Rane Hartman loves Gerald Graham.
 Kim Brown loves GUYS!
 I love you Brett!
 To Tuan with LOTS of Love, Lori.
 Tim says "Michelle Irwin loves Billy Huff forever."
 I Love You Brett!
 Lana Stanford loves John Weaver.
 Happy Valentine's Day to: Jacque, Amy, Kim B., Jennifer, Karen W., Brishetta, Audra, Becky, Juanita, Joanie K., Julie B., Coach Mason, Coach Releford.
 Joanie Loves Guys.
 Happy Valentine's Day, Hot Shot.
 La Sondra and Michelle, Friends Forever.
 Rick, I'll love you always, Rocky.
 Tim M. loves Judy Selby.
 I love you Johnny, Love Darla.
 I love you Darla, Love Johnny.

COKE-CLASSIC CHAMPS

By Alan-Maxey

Have a coke and a...Raider? That's right, the Kimmons Raiders walked away with both the boys' and the girls' championship titles to the Coke-Classic Tournament, which was held at Southside High School. The girls defeated Van Buren, Russellville, and I.C. in the finals. Coach John Mason listed the outstanding players as: Tammy Burrow, Emily Satterfield, Melinda Hampton, Jeanette Ogles, Andrea O'Neal, and Tonjia Eubanks.

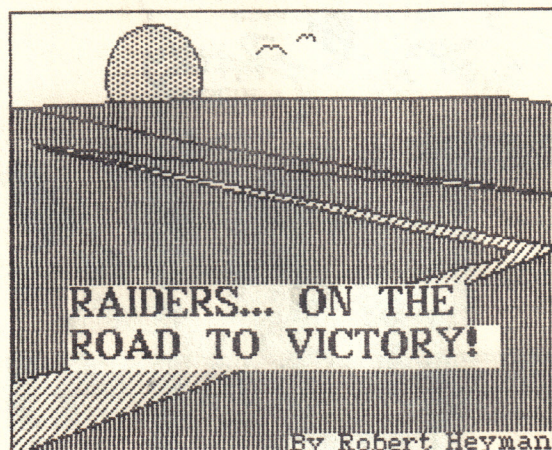
The boys defeated Fayetteville Ramay, Russellville, and Darby in the finals. Coach Mason said that Eric Burnett and Warren Clements led the team in scoring, while Eugene Williams led the Raiders in free throws.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

February 10	Darby
February 13	Chaffin
February 17	Fayetteville Woodland
February 20-22	AAAA Regionals

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Dana loves Josh.

Lori Loves Chris Bartlet.

Hi, Fred and Viri.

Happy Valentine's Day, Whit.

Happy Valentine's Day, Warren.
 From Shea.

Dana Reeves Loves Jeffery Watson.

S. Tee and L. Lire Love
 "Guess?"

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