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## Art Contest

Che Kinnard, a ninth grader here at Kimmons, has done it again. Kinnard went on once again to win the ninth student art contest. Kinnard competed against all ninth grade student art in Ft. Smith, both public and private schools.

Kinnard's work has been sent to Little Rock to compete at the state level. His prize-winning picture is on its way to the Barret Contest. Kinnard's work was the only one to go on to the County Art Contest.

According to Mrs. Stephanie Gean, the eighth graders entered a P.T.A. sponsored poster contest which is to be judged nationally in honor of the Statue of Liberty. The eighth graders' art will be on display in New York City when the statue is dedicated this summer.

Also beginning March 2, the ninth graders' work will be shown at the Ft. Smith Art Center and the Crawford County Art Center.

## Mr. Bardrick Honored at Conference

Our own principal, Mr. Bill Bardrick was honored as one of the three individuals who have been active in utilizing resources from the Resource Center of the Arkansas Endowment for the Humanities (AEH). The resources were used by Mr. Bardrick to develop a series of courses to teach humanities at the college level.

Governor Bill Clinton honored Mr. Bardrick at the AEH conference held in Little Rock on Feb. 21.

## RAIDERS END WINNING

## SEASON

The Kimmons Raiders! Yeah! The champs! 44-1 ... THE CHAMPS!

This year's teams had "good chemistry," according to Coach Johnny Mason. He added, "they played extremely well and didn't mind sacrificing individual honors for team accomplishments."

"It's maybe a once in a lifetime experience," said Mason, describing the teams' record for the year.

The boys' basketball team finished 10-0 for the conference and 22-1 for the season. Their list of accomplishments are:

Border Conference Champs (10-0)  
Coke Is It Classic Champs  
AAAA runner ups

Leading scorers per game for the Raiders boys' team were:

Eric Burnett	13.5 points
Warren Clements	12 points
Jay Richardson	8 points

Leading rebounders per game were:  
Eric Burnett and Warren Clements.

Team members are: Jay Richardson, Ricky Pruitt, Warren Clements, Eric Burnett, Eugene Williams, Waldo Sanders, Viril Brewer, Shawn Lowery, Che Kinnard, Mike Turner, Melvin Fields, Howard Massey and manager Chad Thomas.

The girls' basketball team finished with a perfect score of 22-0. The girls boast the following honors:

City Conference Champs  
Coke Is It Classic Champs  
AAAA Regional Champs

Top scorers for the Raiderettes were:

Tonjia Eubanks  
Andrea O'Neal

Leading rebounders were:

Tonja Eubanks  
Melinda Hampton





## Should Athletes' Grades Affect Their Right to Play?

by John Remington

Athletes, in my opinion, should not be allowed to participate with low or failing grades. Athletics is an extra-curricular activity- which means that it is outside of the required performance.

If a person can't do what is required by law, why should he be allowed to do something that is extra? Some athletes try to get their teachers to ease up on homework assignments because there is a game that night. If athletes want to play sports, they should be willing to give up other extras: TV, dates, etc., to make room for school, not set aside school to make room for "extras".

## Dear Dora



Dear Dora,  
I have a problem.  
My voice is changing. In class when I answer a question, I'm so embarrassed...I start out as a soprano, I end up as a bass... ALL IN THE SAME SENTENCE. When I get nervous it only gets worse. Sometimes I sound like a frog and other times like a bird.

WHAT CAN I DO...Is there any answer?

Signed,  
Croak

Dear Croak,  
First of all, let's look at the things you've got going for you. It sounds like you have a great sense of humor. You can laugh at yourself... and that's important.

As for the croak, in time you'll grow out of that. It's one of those little "tricks" our bodies play on us when we're growing up. I promise you embarrassment isn't fatal.

And remember, even Prince Charming used to be a frog before the princess kissed him...

Dora

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## DID YOU KNOW.....

Regional Choir Festival is March 14.  
Good Behavior Assembly is March 21.  
The Book Fair is March 18-21.  
Cheerleader Assembly is March 27.  
SPRING BREAK is March 28 to April 7.  
Teacher Appreciation Day is March 27.

## UNLUCKY SEVEN

By Glenn Ingram

No one foretold the future at hand.  
Children's faces of happiness fade...  
The seven went up, never to land,  
Noise was not all the explosion had made.

Their sorrow is felt, the excitement is gone,  
And now a pause to say,  
There are seven lives to mourn  
Because of permission to take off that day.

I sit and look at the engulfing blaze,  
Whose nature, like theirs, is still climbing,  
Long as it lives with shining rays  
I half despise myself for rhyming.

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## What is A Friend?

A friend is someone who is always there  
Someone who really cares.  
It's a person who doesn't let you down, no matter who's around.  
A friendship is strong and will remain no matter what goes on.  
It's a person who shares their tears  
And shows they really care.  
It's a feeling between two that

A friend is someone who is true  
And proves that they love you.  
It's a person who will "do you right"  
and fill your life with bright lights.

A friendship is a FRIEND  
It's like a poem that has a meaning  
and it will never end.

By- Monica R. Thompson

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## HALLEY SPACE MISSION

By Robert Heyman

Through the months of late 1985 and early 1986 most ideas and interest have been pinpointed on the comet-Halley. And I know most of us have become bored hearing about it so much, or just don't understand the big deal about it. One thing you may or maynot realize is that this month will be the most important, not only for eye-viewing the comet, but also for studying it in space.

Spacecrafts will be sent up this month to analyze the comet. They are: Giotto, Vega 1 and 2, Planet A, and MST5.

The largest of the five, Giotto, is being sent by 11 European countries. Giotto will pass into its head, and provide information about the solid nucleus, gases and dust that make up the comet.

Vega 1 and 2 are being sent by the Soviet Union. They, too, will provide information and take pictures of the nucleus and analyze the comet's materials.

Japan's space probes are named Planet A and MST5. They will pass farther away from the nucleus than the other probes and will photograph and analyze the gases in Halley's outer regions.

With information, we should gain a better understanding of what it is.

## SPELLING BEE

A county spelling bee was held after school on Thursday, February 13.

Out of the five 7th, 8th, and 9th grade English classes, a total of 22 students participated in the bee.

During the bee, English teacher Ms. Joan Farrar gave the students words from a spelling bee book titled "Scripts Howard Spelling Words".

When the battle was over for the students, two won, they were Chris Vaughn, 7th grader, and runner-up Scott Phillips, 8th grader.

## "Spell Xerophthalmia"



## Cheerleaders look back...

by Kera Phillips

Cheerleader Camp... decorating the bus with toilet paper and McDonalds' bibs, straws, and napkins ... these are some of the fond memories of the 1985-86 cheerleaders.

The girls would like to thank everyone who supported the team, and tell all the Raiders to "keep up the Raider spirit!"

When speaking of Ms. LaRonda Humphrey, the cheerleader sponsor, the girls said they "love her, will miss her, and that she is the greatest 'Mom' in the world!"

According to Ms. Humphrey, she "wasn't sure about the team getting along at first, but the girls pulled through and have improved in all areas of their cheerleading since the first of the year." Humphrey said she feels the 1985-86 cheerleaders are "one of the best teams in a long time." She added "I would like the cheerleaders to know that I love them, will miss them, and will never forget them."

Ms. Humphrey is also looking ahead to the future. Cheerleader try outs are March 24-27. Ms. Humphrey encourages any girl who is interested in trying out to "stretch every day, work on jumps, splits, tumbling, and most of all to overcome their nervousness."



## St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 in honor of a man known as Saint Patrick. St. Patrick is known for having brought the Christian religion to Ireland as a representative of the Roman Catholic church.

There are a lot of myths about St. Patrick. The most common one claims that Saint Patrick charmed all of the snakes in Ireland and drove them into the sea.

The way most people celebrate St. Patrick's Day is to wear green.





## GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

By Kera Phillips

The girls' team is "doing quite well", says Mrs. Jan McMullin.

According to McMullin the girls started practicing in February.

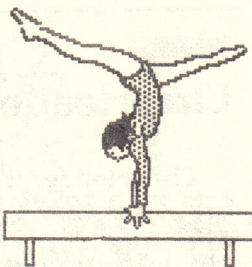
Mrs. McMullin commented that "Tracy Franklin is doing well on the floor routines and Traci Bray well on the vault." McMullin's seventh graders Andrea Beckman and Tiffany Baker both are doing well in all events.

McMullin stated that "they already have eight floor and beam routines, nine vault, and six uneven bar routines made up, but only six can be used for each event."

McMullin ended by saying that they have "a lot of depth", meaning that the team is good at everything they do!

### Girls' Gymnastics Schedule

Mar. 7	Flame Gymnasium
Mar. 11	Southside
Mar. 18	Russelville
Apr. 8	Southside
Apr. 15	Southside
Apr. 21	Springdale District Meet



## SPOTLIGHT ON WILLIAMS

Eugene Williams is one of the starters for the Kimmons Raiders. Williams has played basketball since fifth grade.

Coach Mason commented that Williams has "improved more than anyone on the team." He added, "He does very well on his defensive job. He has a real good chance on the high school basketball team ... maybe even a starter in his junior year."

Player Jay Richardson commented "Eugene is a very good player and contributed a lot to the team this year."

According to another Raider, Melvin Fields, "Williams is very helpful player. He is a hard worker when he is on the court."

## Raiders

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Tammy Burrow was the team leader in assists and defensive steals.

Team members are: Tammy Burrow, Melinda Hampton, Emily Satterfield, Lori Cravens, Jeannette Ogles, Tonja Eubanks, Adrea O'Neal, Jennifer Beckman, Katrina Gilyard, Alona Willis and Patrece May.

This is the first time any Fort Smith public junior high school has had two undefeated teams in the same sport.

--- Patti Wright

