

Farewell, Ninth Graders!

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New cheerleaders (back row from left) Nikki McDaniel, Liz Reed, Leslie James, Lorri Daniels, (front row from left) Sharon Ferguson, Patrice Gray, Julie Baker, Sylvia McDade, not pictured: Kim Laurence, Melanie Kirkpatrick.

New Cheerleaders Speak

The new 1986-87 cheerleaders are: Julie Baker, Lori Daniels, Sharon Ferguson, Patrice Gray, Leslie James, Kim Laurence, Sylvia Mc Dade, Nikki Mc Daniel, Melanie Kirkpatrick, and Liz Reed.

Ms. LaRhonda Humphrey, cheerleader sponsor, would like to thank everyone who participated in the tryouts. Although all could not make the team, Ms. Humphrey said she feels "all the girls that tried out are still winners!"

Humphrey commented that she feels "the girls had fun during tryouts, but they also had some hard competition." She said, "They put a lot of hard work into it."

Humphrey also commented she feels "the girls have lots of potential if they keep up the good work."

When asked how they felt about the competition and results, the new cheerleaders commented that they feel "the hardest part of trying out was in front of the student body." The cheerleaders also commented, "We're going to come out next year and try to be the best cheerleaders we can be." The cheerleaders said that they would like to thank all the Raiders for their fine support and help.



KINNARD DOES IT AGAIN!

Che' Kinnard isn't just another pretty face...he's a talented artist. In the Barrett Hamilton State Art Competition, Kinnard received an honorable mention (second place) in the state finals of the contest for one of his paintings. Kinnard is no stranger to the contest; he won school and city honors last year.

Kinnard credits Mrs. Gean, Kimmons' art teacher with helping him. "Mrs. Gean made me work to my potential. She has been a great influence on me," Kinnard said.

Kinnard also cited his father as having influenced his interest in art. "I used to watch my dad draw...I guess I just picked it up from him," Kinnard commented.

Che' plans to major in art in college. When asked to give advice to other students interested in art, Kinnard commented, "Always try your hardest and never give up."

Kinnard's painting will be on display at Children's Mercy Hospital in Little Rock.

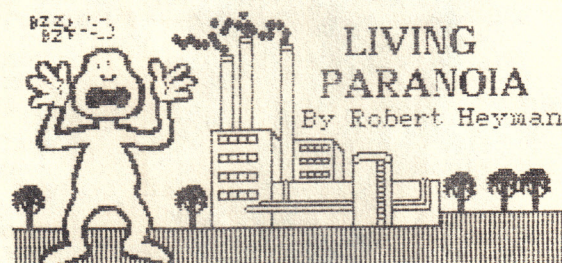
A thought: Half of conversation is listening...

DISASTER STRIKES THE SOVIET UNION

Last week, a Soviet nuclear reactor near Kiev suffered a meltdown that expelled a cloud of radioactivity which spread to western and eastern Russia, Scandinavian countries, near Sweden, and other places.

Soviet authorities are blamed for hiding the total truth and they have now warned locals of the area around the reactor not to eat fresh foods or drink fresh water.

The point is, the Soviets need help, not criticism. It is too late to worry about the truth...people are in need of help!!!



"Have you seen the news, have ya' heard what's in milk?" Sound familiar? Well, it should, or how about, "Did ya' hear the diseases that nasty mosquito critters spread?" What is going on here!!!? It seems our world is becoming one big pot of accumulating diseases!

Being a teenager, it's hard to grow up healthy and happy in life just knowing there is some lingering disease patch waiting to attack me. I'm not the only person that is afraid; many my age worry about what new disease lurks around the corner. Heptachlore turns up in the milk, so we can forget about drinking milk for strong teeth and bones.

This paranoia doesn't end yet, unfortunately. We're still getting skin cancer from our sun, and other diseases seem to pop up everywhere!!

What do we do? Our generation is falling apart! Maybe I should go live in a bubble...

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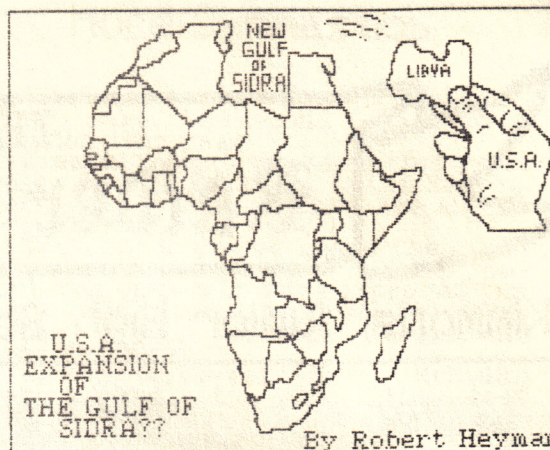
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WAR OVER LIBYA

Journalism
Speaks Out

Patti Wright - It scares me, and it scares some of the other teenagers. Even my parents are scared; I'm afraid to even watch the news anymore. I hope this is over soon, because I feel that the rate of teenage suicide might rise because many teenagers may think they'll die in a war so they'll get it over with quickly.

Earl Green - I think that too many teenagers are glamorizing war because of movies like "Rambo" and that they do not even speculate about the fact that war means pain and destruction. War is not good, not matter who fights it or for what reason.

Kera Phillips - I feel that war is not necessary. The lives of innocent people are being taken and if this war continues, it could cause an all-out war. I would rather Reagan and Khadaffy settle their disputes some other way, instead of taking the lives of their people.

Alan Maxey - I agree with the President's actions. Khadaffy shot a communications ship and missed. He claimed responsibility for some terrorist actions and is suspected in others. The man is crazy.

Billy Cooksey - I agree with President Reagan's decision to attack Libya because Khadaffy has been slaughtering our people overseas for a long time. He may also be directly responsible for bombing a disco that killed two or more off-duty soldiers, as well as the TWA airline bomb which killed four innocent people. I think the President is doing the right thing, even if it means attacking again.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WONDERING HOW TO SPELL THE LIBYAN LEADER'S NAME, HERE IT IS:

I-D-I-O-T



Goodbye...Hello

By Patti Wright

Say goodbye to your good friends.
Your ninth grade year is about to
end.
Roll out the carpet on the floor.
N.H.S open your doors!!

Here we come, the ninth graders
stand,
Tall and proud of the times we've
had.
We thank you Kimmons for all you've
done
We hope you eighth graders have a
lot of fun.

We say good-bye and have a great
time
Off we go to Northside Senior High.

THANKS...

TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED
IN SPORTS, ART, MUSIC, ACADEMICS
AND OTHER AREAS TO MAKE KIMMONS
WHAT IT IS... THE BEST!!!



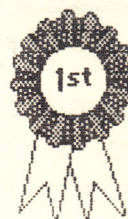
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The Kimmoms 9th
 Graders are
 Hereby Awarded
 First Place!



Slanga...Now and Then

BY KERA PHILLIPS

Do words like "screwball," "homeboy," and "dork" sound familiar to you? They are just a few of the slang expressions used by kids of the '80s. Some other words, like "cool," "unbelievable," and "outrageous" were used as early as the 1950s and are still being used today.

I asked some of our teachers what some of their most commonly used slang words were when they were seniors and the year in which they graduated...

Mrs. Haines: graduated 1971, often said (or heard) "neat," "cool," "you're hip," "wow," "groovy," and "meathead."

Mr. Green: graduated 1965, said "neato," "sharp," and "cool."

Mrs. Stone: graduated in 1965, said "cool," and "neato."

Mr. Mustin: graduated in 1955, said "cool" and "gay" (as in happy).

Mrs. McMullin: graduated 1967, said "gross," "cool," "hip," "neato," "yuck," "cherry lemon lime pickled coke" (name of her favorite drink?).

Mr. Key: graduated 1978, said "cool," "neat," "unbelievable," "outrageous."

Mrs. Grant: graduated 1951, said "I'm looking over a four-leaf clover."

Mr. J. Davis: said "daddy-o," "came in with rock n' roll," "cool," "groovy," "I dig it," "hip cat," and "chic."

Mrs. Rowland: said "cool," "beatnik," "chickee run," "that's Mickey Mouse," "go ape," and "go bananas."

Dear Dora

Dear Dora,

I have a problem that has been on my mind ever since I started 7th grade.

It seems I just don't fit in with a certain group of kids known to most as 'Preps'.

I have many friends that are part of the group, but they expect me to act and dress a certain way to keep their friendship. All I want to do is be myself and still keep a clear friendship.

Is there something I should do or know?!!

Signed,
Newcomer

Dear Newcomer,

You've answered your own question. You stated, "All I want to do is be myself and still keep a clear friendship." Go with your instincts on this one. Each of us is unique, that is, we are special with our own set of talents and abilities. There is no one just like you! **BE YOURSELF!!**

I can't promise you that everyone will like you if you decide to "be yourself"; but the people who like you for what you are, not what you wear, will be better friends in the long run.

Dora



Speech!
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Kimmons' Speech Department went to a competition on April 5. Speech teacher Mr. Jerry Davis said, "They did very well and

I'm proud of them, but we need more people like them in our class." The winners in the competition were: Chad Thomas and Ricky Pruitt first place in duet acting; John Remington, second place in poetry interpretation and second place in prose interpretation; Brian Moore second place in poetry interpretation; and Eric Henry second place in impromptu speaking.

Mr. Davis also said, "I am hoping in future years to have two separate classes in drama and speech. I also hope to attend more speech competitions next year."

Everybody wants to right the world; nobody wants to help his neighbor.

Henry James

What I Did On My Spring Breaks

by John Remington

No, that's not a "typo", I did have more than one spring break. The first of my spring breaks was not really much of a break at all. I was out of school, with permission, to attend the Spring Break Acting Academy, to which I was awarded a scholarship.

The academy consisted of five days, from 8:30 to 3:30, with two classes a day. We studied projection, pronunciation, and movement. We also looked into the musical facet of the theatre and learned how to audition for parts. Later we did audition for parts in two plays: "Once Upon A Shoe" and "The Final Dress Rehearsal." We started rehearsing Thursday and performed the plays on Friday night.

The next week I helped my sister and brother-in-law with their jobs. My sister taught me how to set type on a computerized phototypesetter, and I helped my brother-in-law, the technical director for Theater Tulsa, build the set for a play.

All in all I had two pretty busy "spring breaks".



ELECTION WINNER SPEAKS OUT!

By Alan Maxey

Lin Kelly won the school board elections over Katherine Bolden for a seat on the board.

When asked what made her decide to run, Mrs. Kelly commented, "I felt that now that I was off the air and I was no longer into broadcasting, that it was my time, my commitment to give something back to the community and to the school."

Mrs. Kelly also commented on the semi-closed campuses for senior highs, saying, "That would have been a difficult decision for me. I grew up in Tulsa and we did not have a problem with any open campuses. It's a different situation here. I thought the way the board compromised was probably the best way they could have done it."

When asked about some of the new state standards, Mrs. Kelly said, "I don't think Student Council should be a regular class in school. I think you ought to earn those things. You do well in school and that's the reward—being able to participate in things like that."

When asked about the millage that was defeated, she said, "I'm extremely disappointed. The community has clearly spoken that they don't feel that we have a real need for it, or they are trying to tell the school system that they lack faith in what is being done. Either way, our children are the ones who are going to suffer."

When she was asked what made her feel qualified to be a school board member, she said, "Simply the fact that, first of all, I am the mother of three small children. Secondly, as a public affairs director and a reporter for a television station for a long time, I have followed school issues. I have a degree in journalism and English. The other thing is a commitment or desire to want to use any experience or talents that I might have for the betterment of our children."

Please don't leave me!

By Angie Henley

My love, you left me here alone,
To suffer, with my heart a stone

You said to me "I have to go"
But why you say you do not know

If I could say three words to you
I would say that I love you!
If there was something I could do,
To make you stay and love me too,
I would try with all my might
to keep you always in my sight

For if you leave my heart will die
And in the underworld I lie.

More Gymnastics

Kimmons Junior High gymnastics team came in second place in C division this year!

Kimmon's best gymnasts this year were Andrea Beckman, Talina Barrow, and Tiffany Baker. They are all "all arounders."

You know you've heard the quote "practice makes perfect" haven't you? Well, the girls who have improved the most this year are Traci Franklin, Rocky Chavez, Veronica Vargas, and Jennifer Hickey.

When interviewed Mrs. McMullin was asked to pick the best girl on the team. After much consideration, she chose Andrea Beckman because, Ms. McMullin said, "She practices a lot, and practices without having to be watched by the coach."

Mrs. McMullin also said she would give her team a big "10" for their performance this year!

When asked if the budget cuts were going to affect the team, Mrs. McMullin replied, "Yes, because no money will be given to Kimmon's team. They will have to earn it all—money for entry fees, new equipment, trophies, and ribbons."

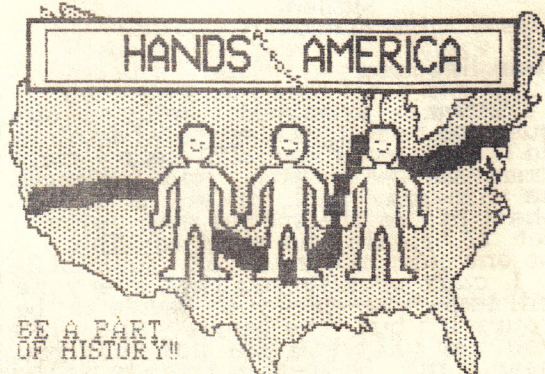
So, next year, be a good sport and help raise money for our gymnastics team.

All Star Swim Team

Clay Funderburg, a seventh grader here at Kimmons, has made the state-wide All-Star Swim Team. This is his second year to swim on the All-Star team.

Out of the 78 swimmers on the team, 12 of them are from the Fort Smith Tideriders. Only the top six from each age group make the team. Funderburg tied for fourth in the boy's age group of 13-14. Funderburg's highest placement was the backstroke.

The All-Star Swim Meet will be held in Fayetteville May 9, against the Oklahoma All-Star team. Mrs. Haines' son Seth also made the team in the 8 and 9-year-old division.



To Join in:
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