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FALL WEATHER TRIGGERS VIOLENT OUTCOMES

For some it has been the most unusual September in history. For others, it has been the most destructive September that they can remember. But in any case, it will be one month that no one will forget.

Since fall began later last month, Mother Nature once again ushered in some of her cool air to parts of the Northern United States. With summer lingering in parts of the South, that contrast of weather - cool air and warm air - has been more than most could handle. With major flooding on the outbreak, this fall has been quite difficult. Many states, including neighboring Oklahoma, have picked up more rain in weeks than they do in a year.

The Arkansas River earlier this month reached its highest level since Lock and Dam 13 was built. Much of the flooding that contributed to the extreme height of our river was due to the heavy rains that stalled out over Oklahoma, which in turn affected many parts of Van Buren and Fort Smith.

The origin of the Arkansas River begins in Colorado, flows through Kansas, Oklahoma and then Arkansas. In order to affect our area, the heavy rain in Oklahoma would have to run off into the Arkansas River and then flow through the Fort Smith and Van Buren area, which in this case is what happened.

Weather forecasters in Fort Smith predicted the river to crest (meaning to reach its highest point) between 34 and 35 feet above flood stage. As the river crested at its peak of 35 feet above flood stage, several businesses and private homes were affected.

Many areas outside the Fort Smith and Van Buren area were also affected by the flooding. One such area was Moffett, Oklahoma. Schools in Moffett were closed due to flooding.

Farmland across our region was heavily damaged by the excess water, and as a result, estimates of the final flood damage range in the millions of dollars.

Although the waters are receding, its affects will linger for months.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

By Mr. Bill Bardrick
Principal

Last year, the Fort Smith School Board changed the promotion policy for junior high students. The new policy for the seventh and eighth grades is that a student must pass three out of the four subjects: English, math, science and social studies. Most of the Kimmons students will have no problems advancing from one grade level to the next.

In the past, seventh or eighth grade students who failed a class could attend a district-paid, non-tuition, summer school. Because of financial problems, the district will no longer have a summer program for students in grades one through eight. This means that if a student fails to pass three of the four basic courses, the student will have to repeat the entire grade the next year.

Let me urge our seventh and eighth graders to be here every day, do your homework, and do the very best job you can.

For a ninth grade student to go on to high school, the student must pass three courses. To graduate, you must have twenty units of work, including four units of English, three units of social studies (including U.S. history), and/or two units of social studies and one unit of practical arts, five units of math and science, one-half unit of physical education, and one-half unit of fine arts. The remaining units may be electives.

The three units required for passing to the tenth grade are a minimum requirement. You need to make every effort to have more than three units, because it will be difficult to earn the remaining seventeen units in only three years.

A bit of advice to close: a suitable grade point average is easier to maintain than to raise once it has fallen below an acceptable level. Work hard to keep your grades satisfactorily high throughout your entire school career, rather than be forced to try to "catch up" during your senior year.

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Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

- Mark Twain



## Is Rock Music Bad For You?

By Jennifer Threadgill

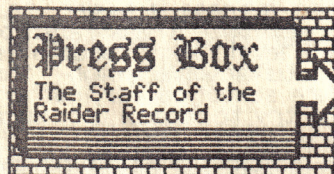
I'm sure you've all heard that rock music is bad for you, and that you shouldn't listen to it. However, it's the thing to do. Everyone who is anyone listens to groups such as: Bon Jovi, Ratt, Van Halen, and David Lee Roth - right? Well, lately groups such as Quiet Riot and others have been under attack and accused of sexually explicit and violent song lyrics. Quiet Riot responded with a new video titled "The Wild and the Young". The video shows rock groups being forced to cut their hair and shows their instruments being destroyed by an old woman.

Experts who study the effect music has on you, say music has some effect on you whether you realize it or not. For example, scientists have found that you can digest food better while listening to soft slow music rather than listening to loud, fast music.

In a test at a movie theater, pictures were flashed of popcorn on the screen so fast that the naked eye could not see it, but popcorn sales were almost doubled that night. Scientists say this is one example of the subconscious mind picking up things the conscious mind cannot. Not only the eyes can do this, but also the ears have the same ability. Some rock groups are believed to use "back masking" to send messages to the subconscious mind. This means to record something backwards on a record that cannot be heard when the record is played forward. For example, one song played backwards is thought to say, "It's fun to smoke marijuana." Although we cannot hear this when we play the record, some say that our subconscious mind hears it. You may say that the groups who do this don't really mean what is on the record, and it is only coincidence. Maybe so, but some believe that it affects the mind.

Think about it.

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## The Map I See It

BY JOSEPH PULLEN

Would you like to know why most of Kimmon's students have more hand copying to do, or why the lights aren't on at night any more? It's because the millage didn't pass. "What's the millage?" you might ask. The millage is a tax on the land a person owns. "How does this affect me?" is another question you might ask. Well, what would school be like if there was no Raider football or basketball team, or no cheerleaders, and no band playing?

You probably think that this won't happen, but most people thought we wouldn't ever lose soccer, tennis, golf, liability insurance, summer school, and the list goes on and on.

How would you feel if someone took \$700,000 out of your pocket? It has happened to our school district!

The problem has been developing over a long period of time, but the millage has been turned down the last two times it was put up for vote.

The millage will once again go up for public vote in March of 1987. When Principal Bill Bardrick was asked what he thought the people of Fort Smith would decide, he answered: "I have great confidence in the people of Fort Smith. After being educated, the people can make an intelligent decision."

"Knowledge is power."

Sir Frances Bacon

## Boo !

Halloween is here again! It's time to get a costume, and dress up to go beg your neighbors for candy. Although we have so much fun on this night, it used to be a very frightening night for the people who first started the tradition - the Celts. The Celts celebrated the first of the year on November 1. On October 31 (the last day of the year) they believed all the evil spirits roamed free around the earth. They were so afraid on this night, the men built large bonfires and carried pitchforks all night to scare the evil spirits away.

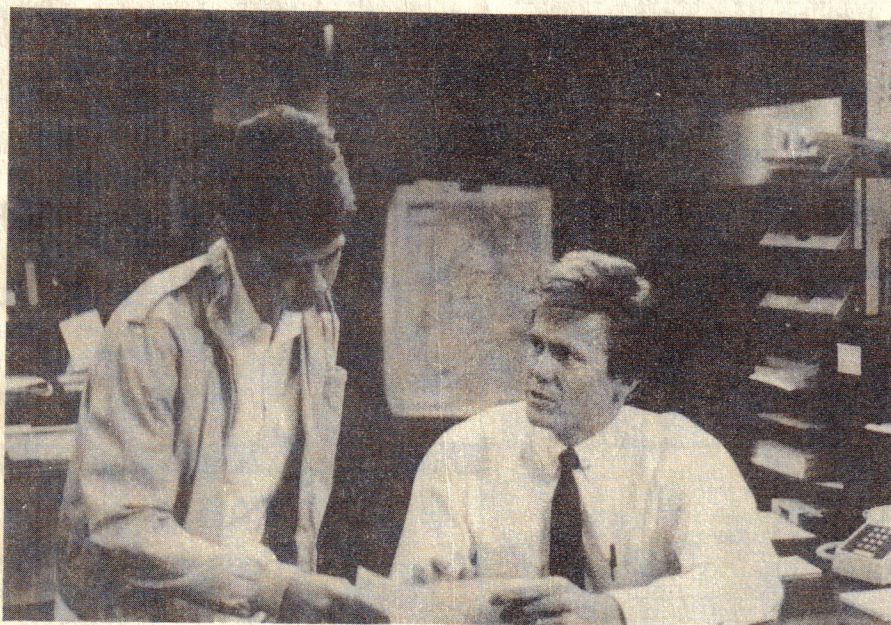


# The Raider Record

## EXCLUSIVE!

### SUMMER AT

# 40



No, the title isn't what you think, I'm not that old yet! What the "40" does stand for is one of our area's leading news teams, KHES T.V., otherwise known as Channel 40. O.k., now that you've gotten an idea about my title, what does it all have to do with me? Simple, through the experience I gained interning at "40", this summer has been the best summer so far.

The first question you might ask is "what is interning?" Well, interning is getting experience through observation and work, which is what I've done at Channel 40 for these past three months.

I began my internship in mid June, and with a slow start I gradually caught on to the news routine.

The first few jobs I had were pretty simple. I answered telephone calls, listened for any news information through a scanner, and tore A.P. feed, which is Associated Press news stories which come down through a printer.

Later in the month and through much of July, I learned how to edit video for news stories, which to me, was the exciting part. I took original stories that I had typed-up

and put video with it. None of these were ever aired on television because I was just developing the experience.

In August, my internship reached its most important stage. I was doing much more than I'd ever imagined. For example, through the months I'd learned how to operate a camera, and in some instances I was able to shoot video for reporters.

As school drew near my internship slowed down, but in spare time after school, I'll sometimes "run on over" and help out in any way I can.

So now that I've shown you what this type of summer job has done for me, what can it do for you? If you have certain dreams but wonder if you're too young to follow through with them, don't worry. Work towards what you want and get the help and assistance needed to follow it through. Who knows, it could be the best time you've ever had.

-By Robert Heyman



## SEVENTH GRADE COMMENTS

By Talina Barrow  
and  
Koscha Phillips

### WHAT DO YOU THINK OF KIMMONS SO FAR?



- Nicole Holloway: I really like Kimmons a lot. It's much bigger and there are a lot more people, but the halls are hectic during passing periods. I also like having more than one teacher.
- Tiffany Miller: I really enjoy Kimmons. It is not as boring as grade school.
- Michael Norway Jr.: I think Kimmons is a lot more fun than elementary.
- Brandy Trozzi: I really like it. The halls during passing period are like a traffic jam. Also I think it's great having so many different teachers.
- Aaron Britt: It's a lot bigger and better!! I enjoy the activities but I am never able to go to the games.

## HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!

### CHOIR

Choir teacher Mr. Jay Neiderbrach says that this year's choir is even better than last year's choir. Mr. Neiderbrach also says that both of his choirs, Advanced Girls and Advanced Boys are great, but he thinks that more boys would make the boys' choir even better. Mr. Neiderbrach expects to do one Christmas and one Spring concert. He also plans to have the choir sing popular music.

The choir's fund raiser is over and Mr. Neiderbrach's students raised \$1500.

### The Fort Smith Symphony

On September 27 some members of the Kimmons Junior High teaching staff participated in the Fort Smith Symphony and Fort Smith Chorale's Fall concert. Mrs. Susan Haines, English and journalism teacher and Mr. Jay Neiderbrach, choir teacher, participated as members of the Fort Smith Chorale. Mr. Bill Ratcliff, played the trumpet in the symphony, while Mr. John Thelma, orchestra teacher here at Kimmons, directed the Fort Smith Symphony. We don't want to forget the former choir director of Kimmons, Mr. Bill Cromer, who is the director of the Fort Smith Chorale.

## What's Cooking in Civics?

BY JACQUE HUDSON

What does the term "melting pot" mean? It means the different kinds of nationalities coming together as one.

An example of the influence of the melting pot can be seen in the foods we have from other nations. Mrs. Margaret Thompson's third period civics class gave a good example of the influences of the melting pot with a variety of foods.

Stacey Irish, Nikki McDaniel, Montie Thompson and Danielle Wood displayed this theory with foods such as tacos from Mexico; chocolate eclairs from France; pancakes from Sweden (we were surprised too, believe us); ravioli from Italy; German chocolate cake from Germany (where else?); English muffins from England; stir-fried vegetables from China; and of course, the American hamburger.

Because this is an honors class, students have more freedom and more "hands on" experience.

This experience was not only fun and memorable, but tasty!

Always do right...this will gratify some people, and astonish the rest.

-- Mark Twain

## DEAR DORA

Dear Dora,

I have a problem in passing through the halls. The bigger kids pick on me all the time. I'm always being shoved and pushed around. The halls are as noisy as a freight train compared to my elementary school. I actually get scared when the bell rings. Lunch is the worst time of all. I practically get run over. Sometimes I don't even want to come to school.

Scared Seventh Grader

Dear Scared,

I'm glad that someone finally spoke up on the situation in the halls. Although most of the Raiders have good hall manners, there are still a few who could use some lessons in "Hall Etiquette".

### Hall Etiquette

1. Keep your head and your feet facing in the same direction when you are walking down the hall. Your eyes were put in the front of your head for a reason-- to avoid collisions.
2. Walk to the right side of the hall during passing periods.
3. Is it really "cool" to yell in the halls?
4. Basically, manners are just treating someone else the way that you would like to be treated. How about it Raiders?

Dora