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SPEECH STUDENTS WIN SWEEPSTAKES



Left to right, row 1: William Wycough, Robert Heyman, Stacey Irish, Billy Miller; row 2: Lienthong Gunpraseuth, Earl Green, Juanita Brasher, Carrie Wooden, Supha Xayprasith, Shannon Henson, Brian Cheeks; row 3: Patrick Harrell, Jennifer Taylor, Cindy Cole, Christy Overly, LaRhonda Lewis, Carri Finney; row 4: Anthony Branham, Brian Hall

Kimmons won again as our speech department grabbed the Division Two Championship at the Southside Speech Festival.

On November 15, the students in Mr. Jerry Davis's ninth grade speech classes went prepared with their plays memorized and their poems in hand.

Kimmons' students Robert Heyman and Earl Green received a first place award for acting; Stacy Iris received a second place in poetry interpretation, and teamed-up with Kelli Jennings to win yet another acting award, this time second place; a group of students (Steve Hulsey, Carrie Finney, Jennifer Taylor, William Wycough, Christie Overly, John Becker) won a second place ribbon in a Readers' Theatre event. Robert Heyman also placed first in Television Broadcasting.

In addition, a few students went to Mansfield High School on December sixth and several placed high in the ranks.

Mr. Jerry Davis hopes to have several more competitions later in the year and hopes they will do just as well.

HEALTH WEEK EDUCATES

Mr. George Green, health teacher, sponsored a Health Week the week of Nov. 17-21. Mr. Green attended a National Health Organization meeting, where he first received the idea for the theme.

Students from Mr. Green's classes drew posters to hang in the halls over the students' lockers. Mr. Green's classes wanted to promote the idea of living a happier and healthier life by practicing certain health habits. Mr. Green also distributed pamphlets for the National "Smoke Out." Some students signed pledges to participate in one smokeless day.

Kimmons Sings

Recently some of the members of the Kimmons choir participated in the All-Regional Choir tryouts. The choir is an honor choir made up of the best choir members from Northwest Arkansas. Out of the ten from Kimmons "tried out" the following were chosen: Stephanie Howard, Alex Vickery, Brad Riggins, Eugene Kersh, and Dzung Nguyen. At the tryouts the students sang in front of a panel of three judges and were chosen for their singing ability.

Kimmons is very proud of the choir program and hopes it will continue to do as well in the years to come.

ASSIGNED SEATS

BY JACQUE HUDSON

How do you feel about assigned seats in assemblies? Most of the comments heard from students about pep rallies are: "if you can't sit with your friends then you are too embarrassed to yell and cheer." The cheerleaders said that it would help them a lot if the Pep Club could sit together at assemblies.

According to Principal Bill Bardrick, the purpose of the assigned seats is to put the teachers with students they know. This way the teachers can keep track of the students, and know names if they need to be called on. It also keeps problem groups apart. The assemblies take up school time. Therefore, if a student does not show up, he is counted as skipping a class.

Because of the budget cuts, all good behavior assemblies have been dropped. Mr. Bardrick said that if teacher-sponsored student groups would like to have an assembly program, they could request permission.

Some may not agree with this seating arrangement and may think it's unfair, but just try to forget about not being with friends and make new friends with the people around you. Everyone should yell and cheer and help make our assemblies more fun.

**Dear
Dora**

Here are few of the questions that Kimmons' student ask.

I have a serious problem with my schoolwork. It seems I'm always caught with more than I can handle; three (major) tests can be commonly expected frequently in the week, along with those tests, lots of homework included, it seems I never have any free time. Although I try to do my best, that best is NEVER ENOUGH!! I end up missing a homework assignment because of it, and it's driving me crazy. How do I organize myself properly to save my sanity!

Overloaded

Dear Overloaded,

PRIORITIES! Do you waste time? Check your time to see if there are any "time gobblers", such as television or anything else that would waste your time.

After you have checked your time, check your schedule. Some classes require more time to study. If you know that a big test is coming up, break up your study time to allow a few minutes each night to prepare. Also, you should keep a list of your assignments in one special place and CHECK IT every night. If you are absent, get your assignments, or you'll get behind in your work. It's much easier to "keep up" than to "catch up".

Dora



CHRISTMAS

By Jennifer Threadgill

It's that time of the year again, and I'm sure all of you are thinking about what you're going to get for Christmas. It's a great time all right; getting everything you want and some things you don't, but is this all Christmas is all about-receiving gifts. No, actually it's no about presents at all. Christmas really has a beautiful meaning to it. It's really a time of giving. That doesn't mean just presents either, it really means giving your love, which is something nobody can buy. This year why don't you give someone the only gift you can't buy-your LOVE, because as time goes on they'll appreciate it more, and it will be less expensive for you!

The Map I See It

By Joseph Pullen

Every Christmas you work to earn money to buy and give presents to others, but have you ever thought of what you are doing to yourself when you smoke? The present you give yourself when you smoke is a gift certificate to a short and unhealthy life. Think about it! After all, you pick out the gifts you give to others. Why don't you be a little more careful about what you give yourself? So this Christmas give yourself the greatest gift you can, the gift of life.



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THE RAIDER RECORD FEATURES

KIMMONS CELEBRATES DURING SPIRIT WEEK

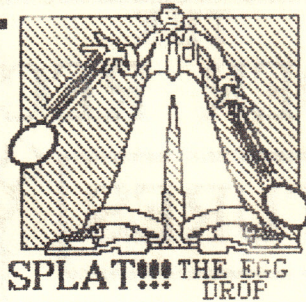


Winners of "Punk Day", front row, left to right: Supha Kayprasith, Brighetta Flynn, Sarah McKinney, Nicole Holloway, Kenny Martin, John Whittington; back row: Michelle O'Bana, Julio Abrajan, Bryan Harris, Doug Bratt

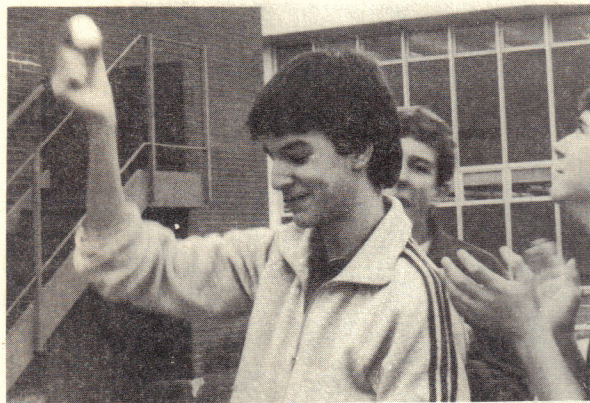


Winners of "Red and White Day", front row, left to right: Akya Carter, Koscha Phillips; row 2: Rusty Marshall, Charlton Gabbard, row 3: Suzy Hill, Erica Walton, Joseph Swad

"SPLAT!" That was one of the sounds heard at the "Egg Drop" on November 6. The "Egg Drop" was a project that Mrs. Sauer, the Gifted and Talented teacher here at Kimmons, organized for the G. A. T. E. students.



The directions were to make or get a container no bigger than six-by-six-by-six inches, and to put an egg into it. They could stuff, wrap, and pack it anyway they thought best for a long drop



OPINION POLL by Jennifer Shaw

As many of you know, "The Raider Record" asks students each month about their favorite movies and songs. This month the top ten songs and top five movies were:

-- SONGS --

1. "Next Time I Fall" (Peter Cetera & Amy Grant)
2. "You Give Love a Bad Name" (Bon Jovi)
3. "Walk Like an Egyptian" (The Bangles)
4. "Word Up" (Cameo)
5. "Love You Down" (Ready For The World)

NORTH CENTRAL

Did you know that Kimmons is being examined?

The North Central Survey team is conducting a survey on our school. A team of teachers and principals examines schools participating in the survey every five years.

The school is not graded like we are in class, but it is evaluated in terms of its abilities to meet the needs of students.

You may have been given a survey form or a friend got one, but this is not the actual survey. Our school is conducting a survey of its own to get ready for the North Central team.

Mr. Vick is the chairman of the school's survey committee. The North Central team will oversee the self-survey, and do its



off the school building onto concrete without breaking the egg.

The purpose of the "Egg Drop" was to practice problem solving. The activity demonstrated the problems faced by N.A.S.A. (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) engineers when designing a space module that could make a lunar landing without endangering the lives of the astronauts. Mrs. Sauer said this could be related to the development of safety features in cars and airplanes.

There were many parents, teachers, and other spectators. Steve LaNore, meteorologist at Channel 24, was there to take the honors of dropping the egged containers off "C" wing.

After it was over, 15 out of 24 of the eggs survived. Mrs. Sauer commented that she was surprised at the success rate of the containers.

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| 6. The Rain | (Orange Juice Jones) |
| 7. Shake You Down | (Gregory Abbott) |
| 8. Nobody's Fool | (Cinderella) |
| 9. Will You Still Love Me | (Chicago 18) |
| 10. Wasted Years | (Iron Maiden) |

-- MOVIES --

1. "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
2. "American Anthem"
3. "Top Gun"
4. "An American Tail"
5. "Back to School"

SURVEYS KIMMONS

own survey next year. You should feel fortunate that our school is a member of the North Central Survey, because Mr. Vick commented that "when many colleges admit students, they look for this."

When completed all of the survey reports will be compiled into a thick manual. This is a permanent record of all committee reports.

The teachers have many meetings after school. They are taking part of their time for us. If you happen to see Mr. Vick, Mr. Bardrick, Mr. Hatchett, or any other teacher, tell them they are doing a good job.

1986 7th GRADE

CITY CHAMPIONS

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Won: 10 Lost: 4 Tied: 1



Left to right, Top Row: Coach McCaskill, D. Goff, E. Lee, K. Cravens, J. Spears, T. Amos, J. Tuck, R. Ray, T. Rankins, C. Pennington, J. Shahan
Second Row: R. Marshall, A. May, E. Stringer, C. Poole, D. Morris, K. Chase, J. Whittington, B. Owen, E. Jones.

W. Nelson, Mgr. K. McClendon, Mgr. V. Mays Front row: S. Reese, W. May, E. Williams, R. Godsey, J. Phillips, J. Passmore, T. Gibbs, U. Martin, M. Norwood, R. Rupar, R. Orsbun, G. Colston

On Thursday, November 6, the seventh grade football team boosted Raider morale by capturing an incredible 16-14 victory over the Ramsey Rams, giving Kimmons its first seventh grade city championship in football in 22 years. We owe this victory in part to Andrew May, who scored a 45 yard touchdown run and Darrick Morris who scored the essential extra points. Then Eric Stringer and Craig Poole scored seven more points. Once again Morris came through scoring two more, giving us a 16-0 halftime lead.

Although this happened, never underestimate the Rams. They came back determined, and scored 14 points.

If it weren't for the tough defense of Eric Lee, Willie Nelson, Ken

Craven, and Terry Rankins, the Raiders wouldn't have conquered the Rams and won the championship. Looking now at the ninth grade, we saw a victorious team. The Raiders fought Chaffin for their "lives". Chaffin was the favored winner, but the Raiders told the crowd differently by defeating Chaffin 7-0. Buck Wells, the only scorer, retrieved a fumble and ran 65 yards for a touchdown.

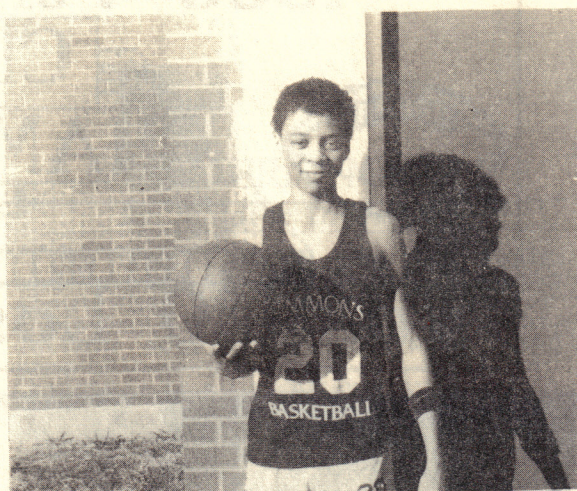
But this isn't the only winning factor! If it weren't for the defense of Brett Waldon, Jeff Beiker, and Robert Collins, the victory would have been much harder. We can't forget those rocketing punts of Chris Carter.

The Raiders worked hard for the victories. Congratulations!

Girls' Basketball

Coach John Mason says, "This year's basketball team has more inexperience." The basketball team has 12 players. They are: ninth grade-Jennifer Beckman, Tonjia Eubanks, Katrina Gilyard, Patricia May, Andrea O'Neal, Alana Willis. The eighth graders are: Christy Clifton, Nerrissa Garret, Tammy Gordon, Alicia Lee, Talicia Lee, and Titania Wells. There are two returning players, they are: Tonjia Eubanks and Andrea O'Neal. The team has been practicing since the last week of school. Coach Mason also says, "Andrea O'Neal leads the scoring with a picture perfect jump shot. Tonjia Eubanks also is a leading scorer."

The challenging teams this year are: Fayetteville, Woodland, Ramsey, and Russellville. Good Luck!!



SPOTLIGHT ON WILLIAMS

Gregg Williams, number 20, is the Raider's starting forward. He is averaging 15 points per game with a game high of 19.

Williams started playing basketball in the fourth grade for the Lincoln Youth Center school team.

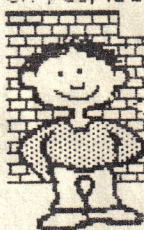
He plans on going on to college and playing basketball for the Redmen of St. John's. Then he wants to play professional basketball. Williams goal for this year is to make the all-star team.

Coach Mason commented "Gregg is doing a good job offensively, and is one of the best shooters we have".

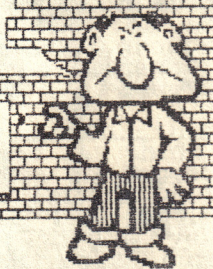
Morton

by Michael Beck

Morton, I heard you were dropping water balloons on people's heads!

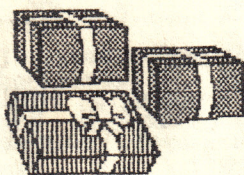


I was just testing the law of gravity, sir.



Holiday Opinion Poll

BY KOSCHA PHILLIPS



HERE IS WHAT SOME OF THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE GOING TO DO FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS VACATION:

Jennifer Shaw, 9th- "I am going to party-hardy."

Dedra Jackson, 8th- "I am going to Chicago to visit my cousin."

Mrs. Nancy Baker- "I am going to eat and visit my family in Tulsa."

Talicia Lee, 8th- "I am going to sit around, and go to some parties."

Ron Johnson, 8th- "I'm going to come back FAT!!!"

Mrs. Jan McMullin- "I am going to Aspen, Colorado to ski."

Clarissa Thompson- "I am going to Darnell to visit my grandparents."

Mr. George Green- "I am going bird hunting because I have the best dog in the country."

Tula Webster- "I am going to eat until I can't eat anymore."

Santa Claus- "I'll do a lot of traveling!"

How Pets Affect Our Lives

Kittens and puppies are very cute and lovable; maybe that's why almost every family has or has had at least one. We all know how fun it is to play with one and to take care of it, but I bet you didn't know what pets can do for you besides just being there... pets can actually make you live a longer, healthier life. It has been proven that a pet can make older people happier which will lead to a longer life. They are being put in rest homes for the elderly to play with. Most older people feel lonely because their children have left home so they "adopt" a pet as their new "child." Some pets are more cared for than humans, and most important they make the person who cares for them happier. So, the next time you're petting your cat or dog, just remember they're giving you something in return.



Just because fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.