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Perrin Clarke Named Miss Hammond '89

By: Leslie Robinson

Japanese decor was the elegant setting for the 1989 Miss Hammond Pageant. As always, the pageant was a success. The thirty-nine ladies from grades nine through twelve competed in casual wear, evening wear, and a question and answer session.

Everyone was greatly surprised when Miss Perrin Clarke set a precedent by being the first freshman to be crowned Miss Hammond. She said that she was terribly shocked when she won. She added that the outcome of this pageant proves that everyone has an equal opportunity and that winning the pageant is not limited to only juniors and seniors. Miss Clarke said that this was a great honor, but that she is no different than before. Proof of this was given when she was seen the next day cheering for a J.V. football game in the mud and rain. She says that this was a great experience for her, and one in which everyone should participate.

Other contestants who placed were Miss Freshman Runner-Up, Eliza Weston; Miss Freshman, Margaret Ashley; Miss Sophomore Runner-Up, Ginny Holland; Miss Sophomore, Meredith Moore; Miss Junior Runner-Up, Amy Hollis; Miss Junior, Julie Jones; Miss Senior Runner-Up, Elizabeth Hearon; Miss Senior, Caroline Hilliard; and Miss Congeniality, Elizabeth Hearon.



Skyhawks Capture P.A.C. Title, Undefeated Season

By: John Kleckley

Undefeated, uh, undefeated! For the second year in a row the varsity Skyhawk football team has won the P.A.C. State Championship. Not only did the Hawks win the title, they went undefeated, something that has not been done at Hammond since 1977. The victim of this year's sacrifice was Thomas Sumter. Coach Eddie Taylor (formerly of Hammond) brought his troops to Columbia last Friday to avenge an earlier 0-40 loss, and early on it looked like it might go his way. On the game's second play from scrimmage John Jenkins' pass to "The Rocket" Robert Ellis was tipped and intercepted by General linebacker Todd Layton who returned it for a touchdown.

The Generals' hopes were quickly dashed however, as the Skyhawks took the kickoff and marched it the length of the field to set up Walker Williams' 28 yard scamper to make it 7-6 Hammond. They later made it 14-6 on Williams' second touchdown of the night, a 10 yard score. With only minutes left in the half, Jenkins and Ellis showed why they are the most feared pass and catch duo in the state. Ellis got behind the conference's best defensive backfield and Jenks hit him with a 64 yard scoring strike. Ben Fuller put the final nail in the coffin when he intercepted a Ray McElveen pass and returned it 40 yards for a 28-6 halftime lead.

The only scores of the second half came on Jason Rapp's field goal and John "White Lightning" Kleckley's electrifying 23 yard romp around left end. Final score: Hammond 37, Thomas Sumter 6.

The key to success for this year's team was its senior leadership. Sixteen seniors graced the roster of Coach Phil Sandifer's fourth Hammond team and seven of them: John Jenkins, Robert Ellis, Thorne Barrett, Jason Rapp, Ken Philbeck, George McCutchen, and Ben Fuller were named All Conference. Junior linebacker Michael Martin also made the team, and Coach Sandifer was named P.A.C. Coach-of-the-Year.

Despite the huge loss to graduation the Hawks should challenge for a third state crown. Returning juniors Ed Parler, Mike Quinn, Mike Martin, Park Ashley, Jay Nunn, Hector McLean, Carter Weston, John Boyd, and Lawrence Tucker will form a strong nucleus for next year's team.

Hammond Welcomes New Teacher

By: Catherine Clark

Mrs. Esmé Jenkins is joining the Upper School faculty as a literature teacher. She is replacing Mr. Rosen, who recently resigned. Mrs. Jenkins spent sixteen years in Catholic schools as a child (just ask her!) and went to what is now Carlow College. She taught high school for one year and then worked for a New York advertising agency. She went to William and Mary to get her masters in English and concentrated in Medieval Literature. She stayed in Williamsburg after that to teach in a private school for three years, and she held various summer jobs. (She married one of her bosses.) Her next job was at the Colonial Williamsburg where she did market research, was a director of long-range planning, and handled arrangements for the 1983 Economic Summit. Her husband was transferred to Spartanburg in 1985 and they moved to Columbia two years ago. She taught at Midlands Tech for a year before coming to Hammond.

Mrs. Jenkins has two children, 11 and 6, and is interested in many things in addition to Medieval Literature. Among these are cross stitch, reading, watching old movies and "L.A. Law", travelling (she has backpacked all over Europe), and aerobics (when she's stressed). She is happy to be here and says she loves teaching high school students. The response to literature is better here than at Tech, she reports. Mrs. Jenkins would, however, like to warn her students that she is just as hard as you think.

Recycling Efforts Under Way

By: Thomas Kennedy

According to a recent news report, "Recycling is the word of the 90's." Here at Hammond, John Boyd is serving as our local recycler. He has taken on the task of collecting cans around Hammond in an attempt to keep the school's environment clean and to raise money for the Student Life Committee. During a recent interview, Hammond's recycle king was quoted as saying, "Sarge has been a tremendous help to me in the effort to recycle." John has started a program where students are asked to put all their drink cans in specially marked trash cans. After the cans are bagged, Scrap Metal of Columbia comes and picks up the cans and takes them to be recycled. A total of thirty dollars and twenty-five cents has been collected by the recycling project and much more is expected to be raised in the near future. When I asked John where he thought the money should go, he told me that he hoped it would be used to buy a live oak tree. John would appreciate anyone's help and ideas in the recycling effort, and he asks that students bring in cans from home to be recycled. Look for updates on John's recycling program in future issues of the Hawk Talk.

A Great Day for Whom?

By: Rhett Davis

The seemingly endless emergence of protest in Soviet dominated Europe has culminated in a totally unexpected event: the opening of the East German borders. It is definitely a great day in history, but for whom?

NATO is not better off. A major Warsaw pact country is resisting Soviet control, but a major NATO member may also soon pull out as a neutral, unified Germany, despite Kohl's claims that West Germany is firmly rooted in the defense of capitalism.

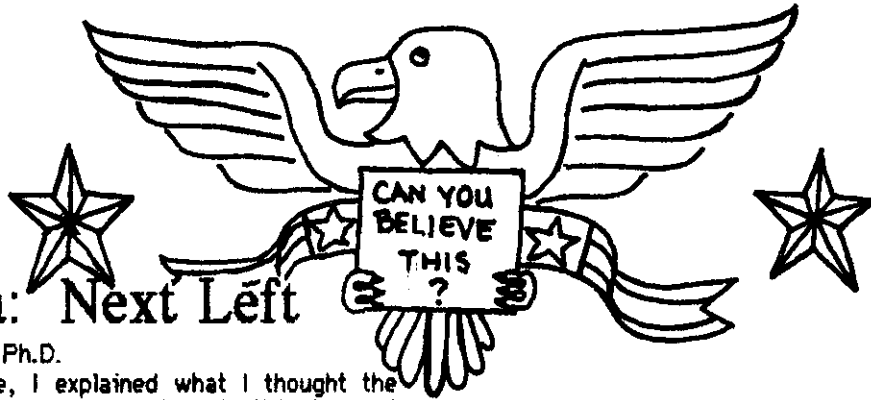
Then, is it a great day for capitalism? It doesn't seem so. There has been no indication that East Germans want a total restructuring of their economy, and already successful Poland has restructured its government to allow an economy more like what communism was intended to be, but by no means capitalist.

Some, here in Columbia, have spoken of this as being a great day for "us," America. Americans may feel that the communist threat is weakening, and, therefore, our influence is made stronger. This mentality is dangerous, however. Coach Hult continually reminds his classes that the Soviet Union is liable to become "like a wounded animal backed into a corner with no way out but to strike." If the people of the United States become contemptuous of the Soviets, the most dangerous wound of all may surface, wounded pride. Many wars have had their starts as a result of battered egos, namely the Seven Years' War where Maria Theresa wanted revenge on Prussia and the only slightly more well known World War II, where the entire German nation needed to strike back.

Put simply, it is a great day for the East Germans, Poles, and other freedom fighters. They will reap the benefits of their efforts. If these events are to pass without a major conflagration, it is important to realize who is deserving of praise, not NATO, not the USA, but the thousands who are fighting for freedom.



Utopia: Next Left



By: Trevor J. Dunrad, Ph.D.

In the first issue, I explained what I thought the perfect political system was: anarchy. In this issue, I intend to elaborate on that topic and outline what exactly it is that is good in a government. First, however, I would like to apologize for a few of my words in the previous issue. "Kill these people," was written in a moment of passion, and I take it back completely. I would never calmly will the death of another. I would also like to thank Dr. Edgars for arguing a liberal viewpoint this month (he got mad because conservatives in high places censored his title, now he blames me). Now, on with the topic.

On a second look, perhaps anarchy is not the answer. It would allow for great freedom, but the weaker members of society would suffer (like my colleague Dr. Edgars). Instead, I think a pure democracy is in order. All people vote on all laws. With modern communication technologies, voting by a televideo response system should not be too difficult to develop. That way, one could vote on foreign policy or the like while watching Roseanne. I'm sure you can see the benefits of this kind of system. It is important that there be no supreme executive, however, as this position generally fosters a pansy, self-serving conservative class.

Laws created by this system should be limited. Any activity should be legal unless it negatively affects another. For instance, driving at 120 m/h would be perfectly legal as long as the only person one killed was himself. If another is killed with him, then he is guilty of a crime and can be prosecuted accordingly.

If ever anything comes to a question about foreign policy, wars, capital punishment, or any ethical problem, the solution is simple. Stay the heck out of it. What do we care about other countries? We should worry about our own problems. Any ethical question would be reduced to "what have I got to do with it?" and if the answer is nothing, don't bother with it. Everything should come out fine.

Of course, my beloved friend Dr. Edgars would never go for this kind of system. He and his kind are the ultimate, greed-ridden, power-hungry, autocratic conservatives who would trash any government in favor of a totalitarian regime with themselves in charge. I shun their disdain for an obvious answer to the troubles that plague our country.

The country can be easily brought to Utopia by bringing power to all. The conservatives will always fight this, and as long as we allow ourselves to be captured by their flowery words, florists will be leading us to line their pockets and fulfill their whims. In closing, I would like say that Eden is not a myth, and I would remind Dr. Edgars that when you leave, going "East of Eden and Five Degrees South," you are making a right turn.

The Right Way

By: Dr. Ronald N. Edgars

Section III: Censorship

Yes, this column used to be called THE RISE OF PINKO COMMUNISM, but we have been asked to change the name by the womanly liberal staff of this paper who were too afraid to allow us to continue to gain power. I guess they figured that changing the name would stop us, but I'm here to assure you that we are still here, stronger and more powerful than ever before.

Now I would like to talk about censorship which is the main issue here, isn't it? Back when we decent red-blooded Americans wanted to get rid of the filthy pornographic trash, the liberal cry-babies wanted to save it citing the First Amendment which guarantees freedom of the press. Well, now the shoe's on the other foot, and those Pinkos are trying to censor me for no reason other than that I offend them. All I say is THE TRUTH HURTS, DOESN'T IT?

So Dunrad, you think because you have clout with the editors you can impede our First Amendment rights. Well, we will not stand for it, you two-bit Communist hack. You accused me of Nazi thoughts; well, look in the mirror and see just who is supporting censorship.

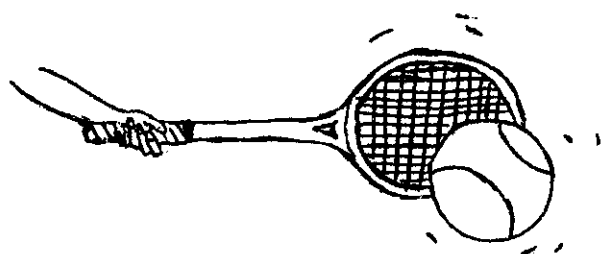
One more thing, some of your limp-wristed liberal friends have likened me to former Senator Joseph McCarthy. All I can say is, thank you. I really respect the man for his stand against the growing Red Wrath of Communism. He was one of the most misunderstood men of the 20th century. Some day he will be seen as the true hero he is. Until that day, I will be proud to be compared to this great American. I can think of many worse people to be compared with, like that miserable loser Mondale who was actually stupid enough to choose a woman as a running mate.

A final thought: for those of you who don't think we conservatives are winning the global struggle for freedom, just look at East Germany where the scourge of Communism has been blighted by people who have seen the light. I bet you don't see any American flags being burned there! Stick that in your pipe and smoke it, Dunrad! Until next time, this is Dr. Ronald N. Edgars saying that every liberal is for another point of view until somebody has one, so oppose your local liberal today. She will back down, I promise.

State Tennis Champs

By: Trent Gillespie

The varsity girls tennis team ended the season with a State Championship. The team finished the regular season with three consecutive victories. They defeated Thomas Sumter, Hilton Head Prep and Heathwood. Their final record was 12-5, with an 8-0 record in the conference. When the State Tournament started, the Skyhawks had many fans cheering them on, but as the day wore on all the fans left to go to the football game. In spite of the empty stands, the Lady Skyhawk's late matches were played well. It was so dark, that Lindsay 'GNR' Gillespie was quoted as saying, "I can't see." The darkness contributed to the team's determination and fighting spirit because they could not sport their sunglasses. Dorothy 'There's no place like home' Robinson and Mary Rhett 'Boris' Ball, the number two doubles team, were mad because the two girls they were playing were (as Trent Gillespie would say) "treeing." May 'What' Graham, playing with an injured leg, won her bracket and was crowned All-Conference at #3 singles. The Skyhawks and the Highlanders tied for the number of points won; therefore the tie had to be broken by totalling the number of sets lost. The Skyhawks had lost fewer sets, and they were crowned champions. Overall, the Lady Skyhawks had a great season and they were satisfied with the way they played. The team motto after the tournament was "I am so sick of tennis. I'm glad it's over!"



Cross Country: PAC Runners-up

By: Chad Brasington

The Cross Country team recently completed its season as PAC Runners-up. In its three years of existence, the Cross Country team has now won two championships and finished runner-up once. This year's team has been coached by Lee Anne McAlister. Despite recent rumors, Miss McAlister is not an Olympic marathoner, but she coaches with the enthusiasm of one.

The team finished the season with 17 wins and 1 loss in dual meets. The only loss was to Porter Gaud at home early in the season, which was avenged later in Charleston. However, Porter Gaud was too tough for Hammond to defeat in the state meet. Regardless, Hammond had a season filled with highlights. Jack Striffling won the state meet in a time of 16:57. This was his eleventh victory this season, against no losses. Jack's best time of the season is a school record, 16:49 for 3.1 miles, which places him among the top twenty Cross Country runners in the state.

Jack Striffling and Kevin Watt earned All-Conference honors, placing first and fourth, respectively, in the state meet. Sophomore Rembert Reynolds, the youngest of our top seven, finished ninth in the state meet. Kevin and Rem ran their best races in the state meet with times of 17:40 and 18:34, respectively. Juniors Cliff Hammstad, Chris Daves, Tommy Cantey, and Charles Foster provided the essential strength of the team in the fourth through seventh positions. Weston Edmunds, despite a difficult season, said "Look for me in Barcelona in 1992." Weston's high ambitions both on and off the track served as inspiration for the other runners. Chal Brasington, Hardin Bethea, and Ed Eubanks were all "there" (in the Huntlian terminology). Laurie Howell, the only girl runner, and Chad Brasington both suffered season-ending stress fractures. Despite the small number of runners, the team was able to have a very successful season. The Cross Country team, which will lose only three seniors, should continue its tradition of excellence again next year with most of the top seven runners returning.

Volleyball '89

By: Margaret Ellen Pender

This year the varsity volleyball team finished the season with a 10-18 record. We finished fourth in the conference with a 9-8 conference record. However, this record is misleading; numerous matches were lost by a few points. As the season progressed, we continued to improve and function more as a team, and we had a great time along the way!

The season ended with the state tournament, which was held at Hammond instead of A.C. Flora because of complications caused by Hurricane Hugo. After two days of matches, the champion was declared. For the fifth year in a row, Ashley Hall finished first. Porter Gaud claimed second, Heathwood third, Hammond fourth, Hilton Head fifth, Ben Lippen sixth, Thomas Sumter seventh, and St. Jude eighth.

JV Volleyball

By: Mary Moore

The J.V. volleyball team has had an outstanding season. They started out the season with six returning players and eight new players. They had a number of memorable games, such as the match against Ben Lippen. The team lost the first game, 15-0 but then came back to beat them in the next 2 games to win the match. They also had a good day when they beat Thomas Sumter 15-0, and 15-2. In another match, they dominated archrival, Heathwood Hall, 15-11, 15-8, and 15-4.

The returning players include Sazy Ligon, Natalie Copeland, Caroline Nelson, Becca Howser, Sarah Robinson, and Mary Moore, captain. The new players include Katie Dod, Katie Moore, Elizabeth Foster, Edie Hines, Catherine Smith, Cooper Currin, Mary Rutledge Fowler, Cindy Fowler. The team's final record was 9-5.

Lunch II: The Revenge

Committee: Chad Brasington, Rhett Davis, Richard Davis

Guest Reviewers: Chris Walkup & Teddy Mitchell

RICH: We're back for the November edition of the Lunch Committee, where we pledge to review the restaurants we want to review and tell you what we found out.

CHAD: This month's excursion was to the Pizza Hut in Columbia East Shopping Center - home of the One Price \$6.00 store. Because the committee van was out of commission, we requisitioned the committee vehicle pro-tempore, a 1988 Mazda 323 SE. Entertainment was provided by the simple fact that getting five people into a Mazda is an accomplishment.

RHETT: On the trip, we were distracted by the subtle sounds of R.E.M.'s "I Am Superman" which Chad immediately adopted as his theme song.

RICH: Before we start, we should mention that it is widely known already that this is not the place to go for service. However, we found ourselves with a little extra time for lunch and decided to risk getting back in time.

RHETT: We got service in surprising time, actually 1 min. 50 sec. from the time we sat down. We ordered five meat-lovers personal pan pizzas (\$2.99 each) and water, except for Chris who splurged and got a Pepsi (whoa).

CHAD: During our wait for the pizza, I indulged in one of my favorite appetizers, parmesan cheese, which is best eaten out of one's palm.

RHETT: The pizza was very good. I might say that it jammed, and as every good pizza should, it made my nose run.

RICH: Teddy complained that it was "too greasy." Chris added: "It's not that the pizza was bad, it just made my hands greasy."

RHETT: The water was good, too.

RICH: As to the service, it was fairly predictable. Teddy summed it all up by saying, "It [stunk]." The first two pizzas came in 6 min. 12 sec., and the other three in 11 min. 57 sec. Needless to say, they were late. But this brings us to one of the great advantages of this particular Pizza Hut, the fact that you can get most of your pizzas free.

CHAD: Yes, Teddy, Chris, and I have ordered a total of 17 pizzas this year, and have only paid for 7.

RHETT: The service, apart from this, was less than cheerful, exemplified by the sinking expression on our waitress' visage as she approached the well-known faces at the table. Teddy complained: "She set the pizza too far away from me."

RICH: To sum up, nothing beats a Pizza Hut pizza for lunch, but only if you are ready to wait for it. The prices are pretty good, too, \$2.99 per pizza (even less considering that you pay for fewer than half of them).

CHAD: Although they guarantee their pan pizzas to be ready in five minutes, their obligation to expedient service disintegrates after that. It took them ten minutes to tally up the bill.

RICH: It was worth it, though. We all got free pizzas for our next visit, even Chad and Teddy, who got this one free.

CHAD: It is also advisable to periodically bring your sixth period teacher a peace offering, namely his or her own personal pan pizza.

RHETT: Well, that's all. Next month we might review Hardees', but then, it may not be worth a review. Until next time, stay away from those new eateries, because it's our job to review them, and we don't want our importance diminished. Enjoy!

Welcome New Civitans & Civinettes

Chal Brasington
Willis Cantey
John Christian
Robert Clapper
Chris Lashley
Law Murdock
Allen Palmer
Allen Porter
Rem Reynolds
Hank Seiling
Thomas Watson
Brian Watt
Kevin Wrenn

Cecilia Barksdale
Ginny Davis
Ginny Holland
Emily Hopkins
Becca Howser
Charity Love
Meredith Moore
Amaka Osemene
Chapman Quantz
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Ben Fuller

Elizabeth Houck

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Julian Adams

Eliza Pender

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Jack Strifling

Leslie Stidham

Treasurers

Kevin Watt

Laurie Howell

Chaplin

Ken Philbeck

Sergeant-at-arms

Thorne Barrett

Seniorwatch '90

By: Rhett Davis

The completion of the first quarter has disproven many of the conceptions about Senioritis. The fact that 85% of Hammond seniors had a GPR of 3.0 or higher definitely shows that the majority of students were not lost in a flippant attitude as previously conjectured. This might be because students are trying to impress colleges with first semester grades. Senior John Kleckley responded, "Of course, what else would it be?!"

This turn of events, even though it is really more of a steady progression, could provide insights to the search for a cure, officials said.

"The second quarter grades prove to be almost as high as the first quarter," Kleckley said.

The flippant attitude will undoubtedly return within the next four months, experts said.

"With the cruise six months away, these events couldn't be more welcomed," Landry said.

The quality of today's news reporting is going downhill, officials say.

Dr. Ronald N. Edgars, resident reactionary for the Hammond community, linked the event to the economic problems in the Soviet Union. "It seems to me that this is definite evidence of the failure of communism. When students are working for themselves, they are more apt to do well. While toiling under the iron claw of pinko-absolutist parents, students can't help but put out less effort." Whatever the case, SECS continues to torment anyone and everyone who bothers to think about it. For Seniorwatch '90, this is Rhett Davis.

Dear Pepe

Dear Pepe,

I am sure a man of your great intellect has been watching your capitalist television and is aware of what has been going on in the Eastern Bloc. The western world has applauded my actions, but I have been severely criticized within my own party. I have received many threats. If I do not stop my reforms harm will come to me. What should I do?

Signed,

A Worried General Secretary In Moscow

Dear Gorby,

Look, bud, personally I give you only a couple of months to live, but you obviously have some guts since you made all those tough calls. If it gets too rough over there, you can come over here and teach our guy to take a stand, any stand! We're tired of all the ball dodging that's going on.

Dear Pepe,

What's your favorite TV show?

Signed,

Home Office

Upper School

Dear Homes,

The Morton Downey, Jr. Show

Dear Pepe,

My son plays for the Thomas Sumter Football team, and my family and I were in attendance at Friday's game. I think your announcer was biased toward Hammond. Could you ask him to be more impartial?

Signed,

Disgruntled in Dalzell

Dear Grunt,

Bob Wolpert is the best, most exciting announcer in the country, and we'll take him just as he is! Maybe you're just jealous that your announcer can't come up with names like "The Rocket" or "Dr. J Squared." See you in basketball season, babe.

The Georgian Exchange

By: Eleanor Green

Eka Nizharadze is the seventeen year old exchange student from the U.S.S.R. Her home is Tbilisi, Georgia, midway between the Caspian and Black Seas. Eka and Anne Cely exchanged schools and homes for this year. Anne will return in December. Besides taking courses at Hammond, Eka takes dancing classes at Calvert-Brodie School of Dance. Jazz and tap, which she did not take in Tbilisi, are her favorite dance classes. Her favorite class at Hammond is computer class. She has had little experience with computers since only one school in Tbilisi has any computers.

In Tbilisi Eka goes to a ballet school. She takes a wide variety classes that do not meet every day. Some of them are world history, Georgian literature, Russian, French, Georgian history, ballet history, music history, drama history, chemistry, physics, math, and geometry. However, she had taken no English class and has had to learn all her English after arriving here. After she finishes ballet school, Eka will go to a drama school. She plans to become an actress. Eka likes to ride horses, play tennis, ski, and travel in her free time.

Though she misses her friends and family, Eka is enjoying her stay. Her biggest surprise was discovering that the driving age is only fifteen here. In Georgia, teenagers have to be eighteen before getting a driver's license. Eka likes hot dogs and hamburgers which are not eaten in Georgia. There are no McDonalds there, but they are coming. Eka enjoys listening to "Earth, Wind, and Fire" and "Sting." Gregory Peck and Vivien Leigh are her favorite old movie stars. She also likes Paul Newman, Jack Nicholson, Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange, and Barbara Streisand. Eka will have many stories to tell when she returns to her home.

Happy Thanksgiving!

