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Meriwether Returns

By: Rhett Davis- Co-editor in chief

This Tuesday, Professor Jim Meriwether for the second year came to speak to the AP English classes at the invitation of Dr. Ragan, a former student of Dr. Meriwether. He mentioned all the good things he had heard about the class (to which Dr. Ragan, of course, said, "All lies").

Dr. Meriwether is a professor of Literature at the University of South Carolina and one of this country's premier Faulkner scholars. He also had the opportunity of helping to edit Faulkner's works from 1956 to 1962 while working on his doctorate at Princeton. He, therefore, spoke about "Faulkner: the Man," saying that since most biographies are written for money ("Cherchez le Dollar Sign," as he said), no completely accurate story of the man has yet been written. He discussed various aspects of the author's personal life, particularly how he kept it from view, and the possibility of finding a spokesman in Faulkner's work so that we can understand the man. Thomas Sutpen from Absalom, Absalom! was Meriwether's choice, particularly because he shared Faulkner's determination and ruthlessness, and also because we never do understand him. In the end, Dr. Meriwether pointed out that so much of what a writer does goes on in his mind, that the only accurate account of the man lies in his own writings.

For enticing such an eminent scholar to come, we thank Dr. Ragan, and for marvelous insights into understanding Faulkner: the Man, we thank Dr. Meriwether.

Record Turnout at Science Fair

By: Kelly McClanahan- staffwriter

The turnout at this year's Hammond Science Fair was remarkable. Inventive minds from all over the campus converged in the gym in order to present their brainstormed projects to the judges.

Here are the winners, by category, but be forewarned-- this article contains extreme wordiness, for it has been discovered that as students become older, the names of their science projects become longer.

The Middle School was divided into three categories-- General Science, Life Science, and Earth Science. In the General Science category, an Honorable Mention went to Kara Burgess for "Cola Wars"; 3rd Place went to Thomas Salmons for "Solar Electric Power"; Megan Mell and the team of Stephanie Taylor

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Environmental Awareness

By: Thomas Kennedy, Co-editor in chief

In these times of recycle-mania, the preservation of our precious environment has become a major political issue. In response to this country's sudden realization that we are rapidly depleting the world's natural resources, many environmental awareness clubs have sprung up in an attempt to educate the public on the subject of our environment. One such club has evolved here at Hammond out of John Boyd's recycling effort, and the newly-formed club has had many students participate in recent meetings.

John's recycling program has raised over sixty dollars for the school, which has already used a portion of the funds to purchase a tree. Unfortunately for John, some of his efforts have been made in vain. Apparently someone made off with an estimated one-hundred dollars worth of cans that John had collected in recent weeks. While John said he was disappointed that Hammond would miss the lost revenue, he was still content to know that the cans would be recycled anyway.

Our environment cannot be restored overnight, and the preservation of the wilderness depends on the people who live on this earth. We owe it to ourselves and the environment to be educated on the subject of pollution and the benefits of recycling.

Luck of the Landroid

By: Margaret Ellen Pender- Staffwriter

St. Patrick's Day 1990 will always be remembered as the day that the leprechaun found his pot of gold. The Festival of the Rising Sun was held that night, and it proved to be very memorable for one certain person. Earlier that night, Dr. Landry had jokingly asked, "Wouldn't it be great to win that money?" I, who had been chosen to babysit the 'Droids', replied that he might be able to find something to do with the money. Dr. and Mrs. Landry left the house with best wishes from all of us. After winning a Hammond T-shirt and a gift certificate to Bones restaurant, the Landrys believed that their luck had run out. Dr. Landry, possessing a ticket with a lucky number (that of his favorite college class), was shocked when Mr. Wolpert announced him the winner and laughed because he thought it was a joke. He was soon convinced that it was not a joke and gladly received the money. Dr. Landry used the money to purchase a video camera which will receive much use in the years to come.

In Memoriam

Isabel Singleton Fowler

mother of Mary Rutledge and Will Fowler
died March 27, 1990

'Runners Right on Track

By: Chad Brasington

The 1990 boys' and girls' track teams have already posted some impressive accomplishments early in the season under the experienced coaching staff of Coach Fedricci (Head Boy's coach), Wade Cooke (Shotput and Discus coach), and Lee Anne McAlister (Head Girl's coach and distance coach extraordinaire). The team has participated in two meets so far, at Gilbert and Heathwood. The girls defeated Heathwood, Thomas Sumter, and Orangeburg Prep last week, and placed third (of four teams) at Gilbert. The girls are hoping to recapture the PAC title this year to claim their third championship in four years. The boy's team has not been as successful in beating the opponents, but, nonetheless, it defeated Thomas Sumter, tied Gilbert, and nearly beat rival Heathwood, losing by the closest margin ever-- 5 points.

Individual performances have been the highlights of the season so far. Lee Hopkins and Elizabeth Foster have each won a 3200M (two-mile) race. Mary Kent Hearon won the high jump at Gilbert and placed second at Heathwood. Adrienne Ray won the 300M hurdles at Gilbert. Laurie Howell won the 400M at Heathwood, was a member of the winning 1600M (mile) relay team, and placed third in the 3200M, which the evil girls'/distance coach forced her to run. The 800M relay team of Katie Ford, Kathy Boozer, Vanessa McAlister, and Emily Stover won at Heathwood. The 1600M relay team of Laurie Howell, Kimberly Clough, Adrienne Ray, and Kathy Boozer won and set a new school record of 4:47.5. Kathy was a triple winner that day, as she also won the long jump.

Barron Grier and Jay Johnson placed first and second in the pole vault, respectively, at Gilbert. Jack Strifling won the 3200M and placed a strong second in the 1600M. The distance team, due to superior efforts by Jack, Chad, Cliff Harmstad, and Henry Moore, nearly swept their events. Chad Brasington won the 1600M and the 800M at Gilbert. Pete Kelley won the 200M at Heathwood, and Robert Ellis won the 400M. The distance events were again dominated by the presence of Chad Brasington and Kevin Watt, as Chad cruised to victory in the 3200M, 1600M, and 800M, and Kevin placed third in the 3200M and second in the 1600M.

Coach Fedricci sees potential in this year's teams which he says is due to the harsh practices. He describes Lee Anne's imaginative distance practices as simply "brutal"! The boy's and girl's teams should be strong contenders to unseat Porter Gaud as PAC champions in 1990.

Varsity Softball Anticipates Success

By: Mary Moore- Assistant features editor

The Varsity Softball team has started a great season. The team, which consists of seven returners and eight rookies, is led by captains Jennifer and Caroline Hilliard, the other team members include Amanda Heaton, Vanessa McAlister, Cindy Rodesiler, Rebecca Folline, Paula LaMotte, Laurin Smith, Kim Edens, Mason Waites, Cecilia Barksdale, Margaret Ellen Pender, Mary Moore, Lisa Ellis, and Tiffany Ray. The season opener was played in Charleston against Ashley Hall. The Hawks walked away with a 22-9 victory. Their second game was played in Orangeburg against Orangeburg Prep. The Lady Hawks suffered their first,

Skyhawks Do It With Defense

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By: John Kleckley- Sports editor

After stumbling out of the blocks with an 0-1-1 start, the varsity soccer team is now 4-1-2 with the help of a very stingy defense. The heart of this defense is Mr. Scrooge himself Cantzon Foster the team's junior goalkeeper. The rest of the defense is made up of seniors Robert Sutherland (sweeper), John Kleckley (stopper), and Chris Walkup and Kendrick Richmond (outside backs). John Boyd, Jonathan Suber, Law Murdock, and Cliff Harmstad play the midfield while David Rembert, Jason "Bo" Rapp, Tommy Cantey, and Jack Strifling play up front. Robert Durant, Myke Fedricci, Jay Nunn, and Carson Strohecker make up the rest of the squad.

The team opened up with a 2-2 tie with Dreher and a 2-1 loss to RNE, but allowed just 1 goal in the next five games in wins over Porter-Gaud, Thomas Sumter, Christ Church, and Cardinal Newman and a tie with Chapin.

The team has many tough games remaining (Spring Valley, Chapin, Camden, HH Prep, and Ben Lippen) but with tough defense the Skyhaks should always be in the game.

Varsity Baseball Shoots for the Top

By: Kathy Boozer-Sports writer

The Skyhawk varsity baseball team is off to a 5-3, 1-1 start. The team, under Coach Phil Sandifer, has been said to be "the team to beat in the conference" according to a high school sports newspaper.

The Hawks defeated Ben Lippen, which is one of the top teams in the conference, 21-2. Their only conference loss was to Thomas Sumter Academy, 6-3. But when the boys from Dalzell come to Columbia, they better watch out because the Hawks will be seeking revenge.

A big victory for the team was over previously undefeated Cardinal Newman, 5-4. The Hawks were led by Michael Martin who had three hits and the game winning RBI, Ed Parler, the winning pitcher, and Chris Daves who made a spectacular catch to win the game.

The team consists of only two seniors, the co-captains, "Slick" Nick Papadea and Havilah "Navilah" Weston. The juniors are Michael "Tank" Martin, Cryin' Ryan Eaddy, Chris "Sheepdog" Daves, Michael "Quinby" Quinn, Ed "Ice Cream" Parler, "Sweet" Pete Kelley, Alec "Elvis" Chaplin, and George "Spike" Meetze. Jason "Spuds" Bradley is the only sophomore and Claud "The Sapper" Sapp is the only Freshman. The team's two dedicated managers are Kathy Boozer and Amy Hollis.

Be looking for high numbers in the win column and possibly another state championship for Hammond!

and definitely last, defeat of the season. They quickly bounced back and defeated Thomas Sumter in the first home (Woodland Park) game. The game was called after five innings since the score was 10-0. The Lady Hawks are looking forward to a very exciting and triumphant season. Even though Barron Grier says, "Girls' sports here are so boring because they always cream everybody they play," come on over to Woodland Park and support the Hawks anyways.

Political Commentary

The Rise of Pinko Communism

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The Roots of Leftivism

By: Trevor J. Dunrad, Ph.D

Good day, my friends. As you can see, the "Ph.D" on my by-line has returned. Right before publication last month, my back-stabbing conservative rivals at Berkeley had it revoked on a technicality, but since then I have earned two more. On to this month's topic.

Many have often wondered where the Liberal viewpoint developed. Unfortunately, most of those many said they didn't want to make the same mistake twice (how insulting!). In the face of such ridicule, I shall recount the source of liberality and shed some light on the sources of Conservatism as well.

The first recorded liberal was a caveman named "Og" who felt that his community should enjoy their food instead of giving it all to their 9-foot 300 lb. tribal leader, "Grud" who ate it all and gave the bone marrow to his people. Grud was also the first recorded Conservative.

The second very prominent Liberal was a Roman, Pinkus Communus, who believed in trashing the existing order and creating a socialist state with an oligarchical head (term of office: no more than two years). He was brought before another famous conservative, Calligula, who - before executing him - had his way with him in his usual, disgusting manner.

From then on, the Liberal story is inside the individual. Only through a long process of unperturbed maturation does one begin to see the importance of things outside himself. A gradual love of life and of fellow man develops, free of hatred and greed. After a while, when confronted with a new viewpoint, the first thought won't be, "Does it work for ME?" How, then, does the Conservative viewpoint develop?

It usually begins in the deranged mind of a child whose concern is only having his candy and getting the other guy's. This view is furthered by his parents who are grossly overconcerned with their own wealth and well-being. They teach the child that buying a Nintendo is better than supporting a child in Africa. The wretched Nintendo becomes a double evil as the child develops avarice by not letting his friends play.

The next step is the developing insensitivity of the child. Copious Rambo movies where bad-guys get blown away give young people a relish for seeing enemies killed. They giggle with delight at seeing someone they dislike brutally maimed. Pretty soon, they begin searching for enemies because they enjoy hating so much.

The children then go to Harvard, have money all their lives, strive to keep it at all costs, become unloved, unloving, selfish, conceited, and blind, then he buy casinos and divorce their wives.

Is this what you want to become? My friends, if Liberalism is the product of trendiness, then Conservatism is the opposite: it is the product of distorted values carefully impressed on youth by exploiting innocent greed and carelessness. It is the parents and society who are to blame for the disenchanting of our youth from fine values. Liberals! Spread the word! Liberalism must lose its stained coat! Until next month.

By: Dr. Ronald N. Edgars

First off this time, I would like to take the time to mention my esteemed colleague Trevor Dunrad's recent loss of his doctorate. It seems that even his alma mater Cal-Berkeley has deemed him too radical for their loser liberal tastes. Did you notice in the last issue that he was not Trevor Dunrad, Phd? Now, he's probably got the PhD after his name again this time, but what does a doctorate from DeVry Institute really mean, other than a five hundred dollar contribution?

Now, with this settled, I can move on to another liberal spectre that is looming ominously over our dear school. I am referring, of course, to the rash of "Trendy Liberals" that has begun to hang around the neck of this school like the albatross that was hung around the neck of the ancient mariner. All of the sudden, it seems to have become "cool" to be a liberal, putting Greenpeace stickers on cars, forming environmental groups, recycling, etc. There is a place for these things, but only if people actually feel genuine concern for the issues. Most of these people really have no liberal concerns, but they adhere to the ways of pinko liberalism simply because R.E.M. and other college bands tell them that it is cool to do so. Let's be frank. How can these hypocrites really expect us to believe that they are concerned with the environment and the liberalization of our great country, when they are only able to be at the school as a result of the great capitalist system for which so many men have died. I mean, how many of these people would give up their cool cars that Daddy has bought them to reduce the amount of air pollution? And how many of them would really frown on a new fur?

Don't get me wrong, there is a need for liberals. After all, everyone can't be right; there would be no one to put down for their stupidity. All that I am saying is that these people need to stop running around spewing forth their liberal garbage while their hearts and purse strings really lie in the conservative corner.

On another note, I want to express my displeasure with the despotic honor code that has been implanted in this school. Welcome, friends, to 1984. Why didn't we "elect" a Gestapo to go along with the honor council that we did not elect? Now Big Brother is threatening the freedom that all Americans enjoy. Don't get me wrong, an honor system would be great if we lived in the fairy-tale idealistic world of the wussy liberals. But, I'm sad to say, we don't. Why do you think that we still need prisons? It's because we live in an imperfect world, despite what the pot-smoking liberals want to believe. Since the liberals only seem to understand the world through drug-related terms, let me put it this way: the new honor code, and the threat that it poses to freedom, is nothing but a bad trip.

So there you have it. In one fell swoop, I've attacked the two things that are threatening the conservative integrity of this institution. As you can see, the hypocrisy of liberals, and the startling changes that are made by them when they get into power are problems that must be dealt with immediately. So rise up, conservatives. Let's get this school back to a conservative mind-set and root out the "Trendy Liberals" that have etched their way into positions of authority. If we unite, we can accomplish this ever-important task. So this is Dr. Ronald N. Edgars reminding all of you that true Americans pledge, but they do it to "Old Glory" and not some Fascist system created by a bunch of hypocritical losers.

Fourth Quarter

Seniorwatch '90

By: Rhett Davis- Co-editor in chief

Monday morning, seniors everywhere looked in the mirror and realized that they had attained that most holy of stations: 4th quarter Senior. The attitude that now pervades is, "We're (almost) outta here." Is this view merited?

It is true that both AP Calculus and AP Chemistry have only one week of material left before review begins, and the AP English course has the long awaited poetry section to do. The other classes are not expecting a lapse in difficulty, but many students also have the wisdom not to care. Overall, those who persist in excelling to the end are having an easier quarter, and those who do not are simply reflecting an attitude coincident with the nearing of the senior cruise. There is one exception, however; Coach Hult continues to baffle his AP History students with a barrage of new material.

Can we afford to be so cavalier? Obviously so, since every previous class has, but should we strive to be the one class in history not to? Naaah! Sorry... momentary lapse of writer bias control.

One indicator to the continually degenerating situation is Mrs. Jenkins' advisees. Her group is one of the largest in the school (16) and yet only one manila envelope survives. The owner of that manila envelope relinquished it fearing that it was a sign of nerd-dom. Yes, concern for image is one thing that has not degenerated.

Next month: The College Choice!

Sex and Politics

By: Catherine Clark and Aioe Howell- staffwriters

Did you realize that the latest Lunch Committee trip to the Sakura was the first time a girl was ever invited to go? And that was only because the headmaster invited her. We have noticed increasing sexism in the school newspaper since last year when Amy Hearin was the editor. We theorize that because the male-staff was so mistreated last year that they have decided to flex their "muscles" and pretend that they are superior this year. What a little ego trip for them. This may account for all the bashing that females have received in the columns and articles written by the boys, for example, "Dear Pepe". We feel sorry for Pepe because he obviously cannot cope with his own feelings of inferiority. Oh, sure, they may complain that girls do not write enough articles, but we get stuck with the math meet while they go (are?) out to lunch. All we want is a decent article once in a while and a lot more respect. Dare we dream?

Editor's note: An excellent point! If any of you female readers would like to show up the sexist male-dominated Hawk Talk supreme executive committee, then join the staff and become a writer. We assure you, as soon as one of our illustrious female staff members VOLUNTEERS an article instead of begging for a topic, they will become much more influential.

Science Winners

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and Harriet Gettys tied for 2nd Place with "Soil Science" and "Crystals," respectively. Geoffrey Fowler won 1st Place for "The Influence of Noise on Thinking Skills."

In the Life Science category, Katie Winkel and the team of Will Cain and Bennett Griffin tied for an Honorable Mention with "Return of the Big Foot Teen" and "Do Plastic Wraps Hold in the Odors?"; respectively. Third Place went to Zack Atkinson, Duffy Powers, and Marcus Crosswell for "Effects of Drugs on White Mice"; and 2nd Place went to Traeger Mechling for "Mice on Alcohol" (7th graders must have something against mice). First Place went to Ben Butler for "Culture of Common Identification Penicillin Species and Testing of Their Ability to Inhibit Bacterial Growth."

In the Earth Science category, an Honorable Mention went to John Michael Otis for "Testing Soil"; 3rd Place went to Fran Gilbert and Anne Singleton for "Recycling Paper"; 2nd Place went to Richie Hemmings for "Does the Shape of Wings Affect the Flight of a Plane?"; and 1st place went to Ryan Brady for "Water Treatment."

The Upper School was also divided into three categories: Physical Science, Biology and Anatomy, and Physics and Chemistry. In the Physical Science category, an Honorable Mention went to Jim Blair for "Electromagnetism and Its Uses"; 3rd Place went to

Ernie Redd and Brian Guy for "Which Scents Attract Small Game?"; 2nd Place went to Hardin Bethea and Merritt Cullum for "Boiling Points of Substances and Their Mixtures"; and 1st Place went to Kelly McClanahan for "Can Your Eyes Deceive?"

In the Biology and Anatomy category, an Honorable Mention went to Catherine Clark and Aioe Howell for "A Pink and Blue Tree?"; 3rd Place went to May Graham and Mary Rhett Ball for "Chlorophyll"; 2nd Place went to Eleanor Green for "How Does Ethylene Gas Affect Chrysanthemum Morifolium?"; and 1st Place went to Paula Lamotte and Vanessa McAlistier for "Does Boat Paint Affect Sea Life?"

Finally, in the Physics and Chemistry category, an Honorable Mention went to Chal Brasington, T.R. Ravenel, and Robert Clapper for "Does Force Affect an Object's Rate of Descent?"; 3rd Place went to Rhett Davis, Adam Brantley, and Cameron Howell for "Probability Density Photographs of a Chaotic Pendulum"; 2nd Place went to Michael Davis for "Oxidation"; and 1st Place went to Shawn Zeller for "Ozone: the Earth's Protection Against Ultraviolet Radiation."

The winners who wish to do so will go to the Regional Science Fair to be held at Carolina Coliseum on March 30 and 31.

Congratulations to all the winners, and good luck at the Regional.

Dear Pepe

Dear Readers,

Last issue one of the hypocritical liberal editors of this paper had the nerve to tell me that MY column is lame. This comment came from the same guy who rarely even writes articles for the paper much less good ones. I am going to print some fan mail I have received since the last issue.

Dear Pepe,

You are the greatest! I don't care what those
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Signed,
Mother Theresa

Dear Pepe,

If I had a son I'd want him to be just like you!

Signed,
Kerry Overlin

Dear Pepe,

I want to have your sons.

Signed,
Christie Brinkley



P.S. Remember who's still in control, melon head.
- the Editors-in-chief

Pete Cottontail was just your ordinary giver of gifts, until they took him and trained him, and turned him into the ultimate machine: able to give candy to every child in the world in a matter of hours. They would use him for their purposes now, hoping to control him, but they forget what he is, what they've made him. Now Pete knows what he must do, and no man, no law, no war can stop his chocolate bunny distribution...

Spending Time With Law Murdock

By: Thomas Kennedy, Co-editor in chief

Recently, I had the privilege of talking with Law Murdock for a few moments. Really, he asked me to interview him, so I gave him the chance to speak.

Thomas: "So Law, now that I've got some time with you, what would you like to say? What's on your mind?"

Law: "Thomas, do the Hawk Talk, don't talk to me. I don't know what to say."

Thomas: "You are just being modest Law. Speak your mind. You asked for an interview, so I'm giving it to you."

Law: "The bell has rung, let's go to lunch."

Thomas: "Thanks for those words of wisdom, Law. I know that I will keep them in mind for the rest of the day."

Joke of the Month, courtesy of Jennifer Hilliard (Law Murdock failed to come up with a good one)

Did you hear that the California raisins were being murdered?

No.

They say it's a cereal killer.

Ha, Ha, Ha!



COTTONBO

Coming soon to a theater near you.
Get in line now!
Happy Easter!

Lunch VI: Sushi Under Seige

Committee Members: Guest Reviewers:

Chad Brasington Krishjen Auld

Rhett Davis Herb Barks

Richard Davis Catherine Clark

Chris Walkup Teddy Mitchell

RHETT: Welcome! In order to embrace our school's newfound globality, the Lunch Committee this month visited one of the very few Japanese restaurants in this city. Drum roll, please....

CHAD: <Crinkle>

RHETT: Oh, well, I guess the wadding of last issue will have to do...

RICH: SAKURA (the Japanese restaurant).

CHRIS: We invited Dr. Barks to join us on this historic occasion. When word on this got out, we were swamped with guest reviewers eager to get out of class.

RICH: Lazy burns.

CHAD: All eight piled into the Committee Van (1985 Zimmer Conversion) and headed out for lunch intending to miss also 6th period. Richard and Teddy got into a fist-fight on the way over (a heated debate about whether one could stand in the Committee Van or not), thus providing the entertainment.

RHETT: Upon arrival (at about 1:00) Richard, the whiner, began to complain that the "A" on the sign had fallen off and that we were about to enter "SAKUR." Well, cry about it.

RICH: Really! It was a definite minus to the atmosphere. There were few tables inside. We hinged several together. I must also mention that the radio station pumped throughout the room was WCEZ, another definite minus. Krishjen insists, however, that at night they play traditional Japanese tunes.

CHRIS: They were sort of short on freebies. The water was complimentary, but that was all. Dr. Barks treated us to some tuna sushi which everyone thought was good but Rhett...

RHETT: Yulghthsh!

CHRIS: ...and Catherine who says she can't eat "seafood that swims." sushi consists of raw fish on top of rice, as opposed to Sashimi which is just plain raw fish. It was served with ginger and horseradish (which became known as "green stuff") and with a cutesy sushi-bowl.

CHAD: Now to the service. We were not served all that quickly. In fact, our entrees (and I hesitate to use a French word on such occasions) were not served until 1:55. The waitress is approximately four feet tall; we were on eye level with her while sitting down. She was polite, though, and tried to explain to us what we were eating, but the language barrier was just a bit too much. We, therefore, can only give you a general idea.

RHETT: Since Sakura knows that most of its clientele will not be able to order in the language on the menu, each dish has its own full color photo right next to the price. We were all relieved that we would at least be able to see what we were ordering, even though no dish was accompanied by a description. I ordered Beef Negimayaki, which in real life is just teriyaki beef wrapped around scallions. Catherine and Teddy wimped out and ordered teriyaki chicken, probably the most dull, boring thing on the menu.

RICH: Three of us were served our lunch in a small ornate box which we at first thought contained gifts for the Lunch Committee. Mine was Katsudon, consisting of deep fried pork resting on sweetened fried eggs and rice, all with a ginger sauce. It sounds disgusting (and some said looked even worse) but it actually tasted delicious.

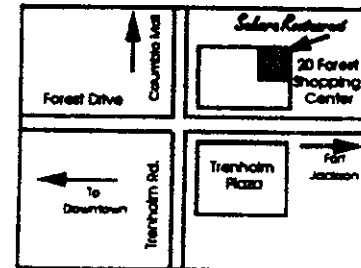
CHRIS: I had the Unaju (in a box) which seemed to be something like a flounder teriyaki on rice. It's kind of hard to describe, it's just weird, not like anything I've had before, but I liked it.

CHAD: Tempura is a lightly fried vegetable or meat, usually with sauce. I ordered Shrimp Tempura with edible packing material (a kind of noodle that looked and tasted like styrofoam). I enjoyed the tempura, but we all decided to boycott the packing noodles, as cooking them harms the atmosphere.

RHETT: Krishjen got a combination of Tempura, salmon teriyaki, and Hosomaki which consists of chewy, cold rice, seaweed, and some meat or vegetable. He had two kinds, one with avocado, crab, and green stuff, and the other with cucumber and green stuff. Dr. Barks had the dubious honor of having the only dish that none of us could identify. The waitress tried to explain it to him, but eventually gave up. All he could say was that he enjoyed it.

CHRIS: One of the best-known aspects of a Japanese restaurant is the use of chopsticks with which to eat all portions of the meal (except soup and finger-foods).

RHETT: No way! you couldn't eat the soup with the chopsticks?



CHRIS: Furthering committee globality and awareness, we all ate our entire meals with the oriental utensils, except for Richard who wussed out and ate his rice with a fork.

RICH: Oh, come on! I only took five bites with it at the end, and that was only because it was more like rice floating in soy sauce.

CHAD: Rhett and I reinstated last's month's broken tradition and got the Lunch Committee special, iced water. Rhett also says that he was the master of the chopsticks, as he drank all of his water with them.

RHETT: Some of us were disappointed at the lack of desserts offered at the restaurant, and Richard was heartbroken that they served us no fortune cookies, until we reminded him that this was a Japanese, not a Chinese, restaurant.

RICH: All of us left very satisfied. The spirit of Japan so moved us, in fact, that we spent the trip home reenacting badly-dubbed ninja movies and karate-chopping one another in the back of the spacious committee van (1985 Zimmer Conversion).

CHRIS: We must warn all that it is not the place to go for a fast lunch, especially if you are risking being late for that evil physics teacher's class (no offense). As a final note, during the committee writing session we adopted "Lothar of the Hill People" (inspired by Jim Howser) as our official committee theme song (much to the chagrin of the others in the computer room).

RHETT: That's all for this month, and until next time, lunch fans...

ALL: LOOOOOTHAAAR, OF THE HIIILL PEOPLLLLLLE....