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Happy

**hoopsters!!
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keep the ball bounc-
ing high and to 3-pea-
in KPASS / 12**



A giggly gaggle of go-for-it girls /10

2 teachers go to admin - Selph, Miller add additional duties

By: Janet Orozco and
Roshaundra Ellington,
staff writers

KINNICK: In a new devel-
opment, two Kinnick teachers
have been promoted to admin-
istrative positions in the school
where they've been teaching.
Ms. Paula Miller and Ms. Beth
Selph who began the year as in-
structors, will finish it as school
executives.

Generally, DoDDEA does
not promote within the same
school, but both teachers wel-
come their new positions.

While both retain teaching
slots, their new roles involve
typical administrative duties.

"I don't think of myself as
receiving a promotion," Ms.
Miller said, "because I'll still be
the Cooperative Work Experi-
ence instructor. I've wanted to



Ms. Beth Selph, newest middle
school administrator



Ms. Paula Miller, CWE
teacher, administrator

counsel for some time now," she
added, "and now I'm receiving
my chance."

Before teaching CWE, Ms.
Miller was the home economics
teacher.

For Ms. Selph, in her second
year at Kinnick and her fifth year
of teaching, she sees her job as
"providing for the smooth run-

ning of the middle school."

Ms. Selph's specific respon-
sibilities include class schedul-
ing, public relations, working
with the budget and discipline."

Like Ms. Miller, Ms. Selph
retains some classroom duties.
She will still teach and sponsor
the yearbook which is in and of
itself a full-time job.

Gradations of excellence

Kinnick's faculty gave at the
office a bit early this year. The
end-of-October teacher gift
was "Grade-A" choice.

Administration figures show
that "A's" were the most
common first-quarter mark.
Stellar students received 2294
top grades. That's 29 percent
"A"-all-the-way, guys.

Slightly below the "A"pex,
were the busy "B's", some 2043
in all. Add it up -- an easy
task for so many scholars --
that's 4337 above average
marks, meaning that "As" and
"Bs" accounted for 55 percent
of total recorded grades.

Those figures come as little
surprise to one long-time
Kinnick faculty member who
noted, "When teachers first

come to Kinnick, they tend
to give out low marks. But
after a while the system
pushes them to raise the
grades a little higher than
they're used to giving."

It is unclear what the
high grades suggest about
overall standards at Kinnick
since the general consensus
among new students queried
is that Kinnick is "tougher"
than the schools that they
previously attended. An
unscientific poll of new
students 9-12 indicates that
70 percent of new students
think Kinnick is as hard or
harder than their previous
school.

One unusual aspect of the
Kinnick grade curve is the

relatively small number of
average marks. Mid-town
residents occupied 1421 "C"-
grade dwellings.

Meanwhile in the sparsely
inhabited low-rent districts
there were 810 "D's" (10
percent) and 526 "F's"
(6.6 percent).

The remaining grades were
divided among P (passing),
primarily for middle school
advisory, and E and N
grades.

GRADE FIGURES:

- A -- 2294
- B -- 2043
- C -- 1421
- D -- 810
- F -- 526
- E -- 22
- P -- 714
- N -- 92

Queen Nikki, undefeated 'Devils' highlight homecoming

By Nikki Jackson,
Special to Echoes

While the Constitution
forbids titles of nobility, three
Red Devils were anxiously
anticipating a homecoming
crown.

Nicole Denise Jackson,
soon to be Queen Nikki, takes
up the royal tale. . .

"During the half-time all
the princesses were escorted to
the field. I don't know about
the others, but I was nervous .
. . four other girls and about a
kazillion eyes staring from the
distant stands. Just staring.

I really hadn't thought too
much about who would win up
to the time the results were



Queen Nikki and knights of the night Sherwin Moore and Levant Kenny

announced. When my name
was called, I was at once
shocked and amazed, but those
feelings didn't last.

I was just caught up in the
moment, and then Mr. "Z"
came up and put this thing on
my head, the cameras ex-
ploded in my face, and I was

queen, at least for one night.
And surely the most uncom-
fortable one ever to wear a
crown." While Queen Nikki
felt like a nervous commoner,
the gridders were royally
routing the Yokota Panthers
40-7 to complete an undefeated
season.

Holiday NEWS

Holiday heists foiled by new media security system

By Elizabeth Tysor, staff writer

KINNICK MEDIA CENTER: Nov. 26, junior Theresa Fernandez discovered what it was to be the victim of a thief.

"It was during snack break in the library," she remembers, "when I discovered my open backpack and my wallet was gone." The wallet with irreplaceable pictures and various keepsakes was a big loss.

Luckily for Theresa, a security camera purchased with booster-club funds and activated that day recorded the theft. The tape showed the thief who was suspended. The wallet, a few dollars lighter, was returned

End of story?

Guess again.

The following day, Theresa returned

to the library for a rerun of "Rip-Me-Off". This time her entire backpack was stolen.

"We had to go through the videos again to see who the thief was this time. It was like *deja vu*," Theresa recalls.

Thanks again to the security camera, two for two in its days of our lives, Theresa's belongings were once again recovered.

Speaking of such transgressions, Assistant Principal Dr. Olson noted, "It's an automatic suspension for anyone caught stealing."

First offense gets one day, second offense gets two days and command notification."

For Theresa, the new camera is truly a gift. Those who are caught, however, may have another name for the device.



photo Jennie Fabian

It's in the bag! Senior Yance Freeman and the rest of Kinnick can now leave possessions on the library shelves with little fear of theft or loss. A new security camera purchased with Booster club funds video-tapes the area that had become a trouble spot for media center patrons and the school.



Red Devils' day of despair" Kinnick's contestants Amy Aliscad, Geoff Nuvall look at score board

Brain bowlers bowled over

YOKOTA: Kinnick competed in its first Brain Bowl on Nov. 7, and it showed. The young Devils took last place with a score of 200 points over seven rounds. St. Maur, St. Mary's, International School of the Sacred Heart, and Yokohama International School also competed, along with Yokota.

Kinnick went to Yokota having had only five full practices, while others had been practicing for months. Kinnick split into two teams, one captained by Ammon Matsuda, the one senior, and the other led by Amy Aliscad. "We could do better, but many seniors were too tired to go from going to Disneyland the previous day," said Matsuda.

Red Devils learn to lead



Kinnick leaders-to-be Lisa Long, Amy Aliscad, Haruka Sato, Ruby Pontemayor, sponsor Mrs. Lauri Kenney, Adelyn Ong, Theresa Fernandez, RoShaundra Ellington.

By Theresa Fernandez and RoShaundra Ellington

MISAWA: Just call them the 'Magnificent 7', or better yet, a Kinnick delegation devoted to leading the way.

On Nov. 18 seven Red Devils under the guidance of student council sponsor Ms. Lauri Kenny ventured north to spend a week in a youth hostel to learn about leadership. Leading Devils were Lisa Long, Haruka Sato, Adelyn Ong, Ruby Pontemayor, Amy Aliscad, RoShaundra Ellington, and Theresa Fernandez.

The Kinnick connection continued throughout the week when recently-promoted Cooperative Work Experience Coordinator Ms. Paula Miller facilitated activities for all the participants. Leadership, the delegates learned from Miller

and others, in large part consists of small details.

As a group, the participants had timed meals, chores, group exercises, group interaction, lectures and projects

One of the Kinnick participants summed up the week's activities: "Overall, it was a great experience filled with new people from all over. I'll carry the lessons with me for a long time." District Superintendent Dr. Nancy Bresell addressed the delegates and noted that modern leadership differs from "yesterday" in that over half of the delegates to this leadership conference were female.

In addition to Kinnick's kids there were students from E.J. King, M.C. Perry, Edgren, Yokota and Zama High School. The leadership conference is an annual event.



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Date..... Amount Enclosed.....

LEADING THE WAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT KINNICK HIGH SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE PTO BOOSTER CLUB

Holiday NEWS



Across three schools and communities students, parents and the military benefit from the twice-yearly bazaars. A percentage of the proceeds is returned to the commands and the schools. The spring '96 sell-a-thon netted \$100,000 for Sullivans, Byrd and Kinnick.

Boosters add bazaarness to our lives

By Dr. Wayne Olson, Special to the Echoes

One indication of the partnership that Yokosuka schools and the base community have established in working together for the benefit of "our" students is the schools bazaar held in the fall and in the spring. At the bazaar, Kinnick teachers and students join with parents and adults in this naval community to put on the best bazaars in Japan in a drive to raise money for the schools. At Kinnick, the money raised is used to en-

rich the educational environment in which our students develop to either enter college or the world of work directly.

Whichever way they go, they have benefited from the bazaar money and the wise disbursement of that

Everything from computers and software to scholarships

money through the Yokosuka PTO boosters group. Every thing from computers and software to scholarships is made possible through

the wise use of the bazaar money we all work to raise.

A good case in point is the recent purchase of video cameras in the media center. Kinnick kids can now shelve their belongings knowing that their possessions are protected by a third eye that never blinks.

In keeping with the spirit of the upcoming holiday season, the school bazaars represent both the spirit of giving and the New Year's spirit of planning ahead to achieve a brighter future for all concerned.

Ed. note: Dr. Olson attends all Booster Club meetings. Kinnick owes much to him for his efforts.

La musica alegre para la gente



Los Cardenales y la gente de Kinnick. A good time was had by todo del munda — especially the dancing faculty.

photo by Jessica Gabayan

By: Janet Orozco and Jessica Gabayan, staff writers

Nothing interesting ever happens at Kinnick! You've most likely heard this a dozen times around school; however, this isn't always so.

On Oct. 29, 30 *Los Cardenales de Juan Robles*, a mariachi band from Mexico, performed in the Benny Decker theater.

The size of the audience proved the concert a success. The theater, filled with anxious students from Sullivans and Kinnick, lit up with song and excitement as the band played its tunes.

Action started picking up during their second performance when Ms. Mezquita-Stallings, a Spanish and

French teacher of Kinnick, stood up from the audience and danced in front of the stage. This *baile* started a chain reaction among the students and from that moment the theater was pumped with dancing and singing. The *macarena* was the most popular number. Everyone in the audience who knew the dance — and many who didn't — bounced about the Benny Decker as adrenaline and extra energy filled the air.

"The macarena made me feel like dancing," said a satisfied second grader from Sullivans. This reaction was common: "I love Mariachi," said senior Michelle Gonzales.

There were ten members in the Mariachi band. They spent 40 days here in Japan performing at restaurants, casinos, and theaters including the Benny Decker. "Todas son muy pequenas, las calles y las casas," (everything is so small, the streets and houses) said Ramon Perez, a singer in the band.

The group enjoyed the customs and especially the Japanese delicacies. However, Ramon says the food here lacks a certain "zest" found in Mexican food. The next stop for *Los Cardenales* was back to Guadalajara where *la comida y la vida es muy picante*.

Gambare Gambare

Gambare comes around for the second time, and we hope the kindness and goodness that we pass on here is a metaphor for all of the generosity, often unsung, that fills your life.

All the best from the ECHOES.

Gambare to Alice Rigby for being such a nice person. Eric Long

Gambare to Komei Oka for listening to everyone's problems and being there when someone is in need. Brenda Herip

Gambare to everyone who does good things. May their good deeds be recognized and praised. Marinelle Nabong

Gambare to Joey Sadile and Chris Oshiro and the rest of the ROTC for their stupendous performance during the ROTC inspection. Also Gambare to Joey Sadile for helping his friends "run" and trying to keep everyone happy when they're forced into ignorant, awkward situation. Jessica Gabayan

Gambare to Teresa Tully for being such a sweet person who always has time to stop and hug and smile at me. Anonymous

Gambare to the wrestling team for defending the Far East Championship. Mark Hopkins

Gambare to the cheerleaders for having open tryouts so new but experienced students can compete for a spot on the team. Jerri Hyson

Gambare to coach Ferinden for coaching a two-time Far East champion basketball team. Anonymous

Gambare to the junior varsity basketball player who was given 9,000 Yen extra from a vending machine and donated the money to the Peace Park in Hiroshima. Anonymous

Gambare to Michelle Sampson for killing a cockroach at the Thew Gym. Anonymous

Gambare to Ms. Hentz for being such an inspiration to all of us. Joan Gramata

Gambare to Lt. Cmdr Nichols and Petty Officer Hasan for all their hard work for the JROTC program. From the Cadet Officers and the Honor Guard.

Gambare to Ms. Hentz for working so hard for and caring so much for the drama team. Anonymous

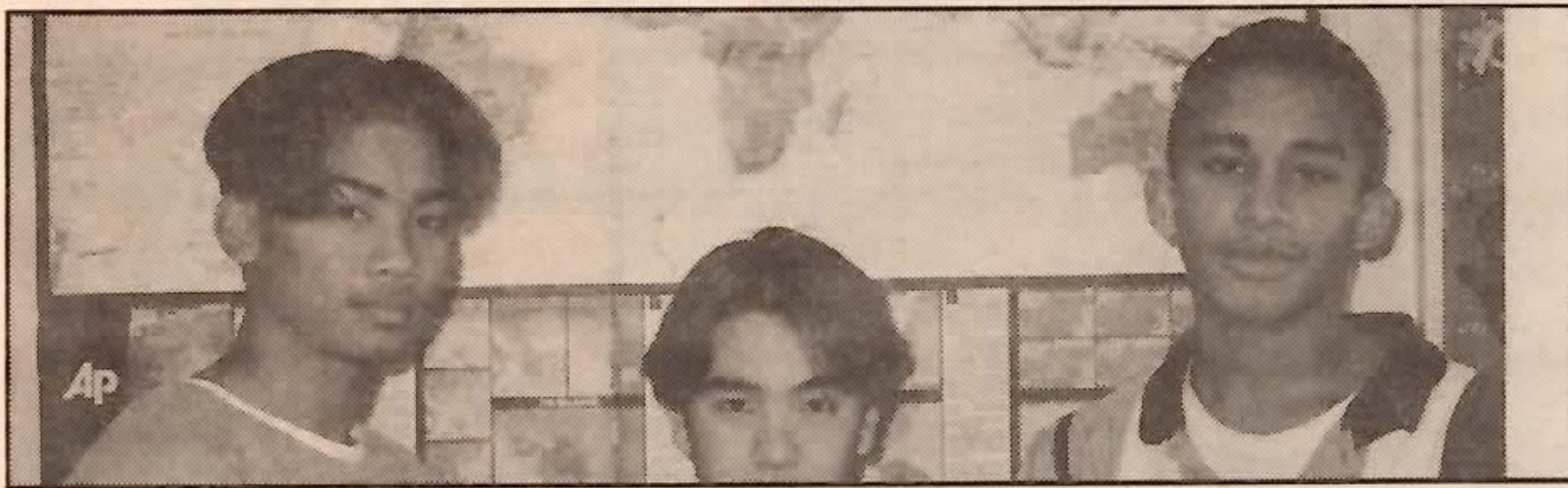
A special *gambare* for the support given by Mr. Davis, Ms. Miller and Mr. Mueller to me in a time of need. Anonymous

Gambare to Ms. Yamamoto for giving a teacher a teacher's book Ms. Yamamoto needs herself, so the new teacher won't have to travel so much and carry the books around. Anonymous.

Gambare to the school and the teachers for being great. John Burns

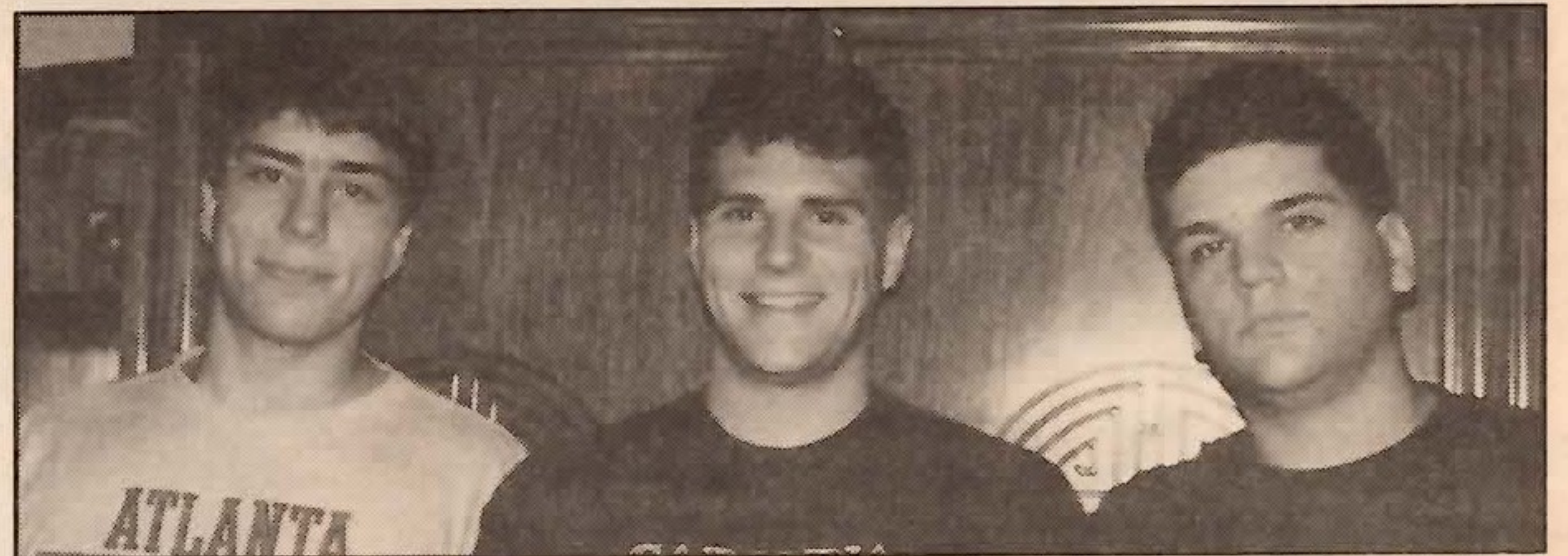
Holiday NEWS

Reading world



Some of Kinnick's readers: Jovyn Sacolles, Albert Stimmel, Ramon Garcia

To all of Ms. Fredrick's reading students: Have a terrific holiday and make sure your New Year's resolution include reading books



The sons of Ms. Robin Hentz, English teacher, drama coach, Kinnick High School: Matthew Burnore, Class of '96, Nate Burnore Class of '94 and Nick Grossheusch, Class of '99

Wishing my boys the very best of everything. Matthew, wherever you are, we love you always.

Have a 'Devil' of a good time by saying 'You're fine!'

Merry Christmas to the whole entire school for having a great faculty. The teachers have been really great. I think this school deserves an award for being the best. **Anonymous**

Happy Holidays to the KHS student council, you deserve it! **Echoes**

Merry X-Mas to Romelo, Joanne, Ed, Sharon, Jason, Jennifer, Rich, Marie, James and Myreen. #23 **Anonymous**



Happy Holidays to all and a wish for a Happy New Year!

Naomi Maxey

Merry Christmas to all my "Real"

friends; keep the memories alive. To: Ray-Ray: Keep your head up. Crazy-Lady...I love you.

From: Noogs

To: R-Dog, shucks, you're just so cool, I mean it. You best keep it up, and keep it alive. Thanks for everything, and you know I'm here.

T-Dog

To: Barbara, Merry Christmas, and have a Happy New Year. Oh yeah, please stop abusing me, and one more thing, you got a big ol' bottie. To: My boys, Have a Merry Christmas. Don't get into any trouble. **Levant**

To everyone at KHS: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ken Carrington

Merry Christmas to all my friends: Bee, Flower, Ladybug, Friends for life.

Romello where's my puzzle?

Jennette Valledor

Merry Christmas to the Wrestling Team- Don't eat too much during the Holidays! **The Managers(JMJ)**

Merry Christmas Kristy and Happy New Year. Love you lots from **Bertus**. Looks like you can have me in a red bow after all.

XOXOXOXO

Merry Christmas to all that are close



to my heart. You know who you are. May your holiday be filled with joy and full of love. Have a happy New Year

too! See you all in 1997!

Marinelle

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry



Christmas, and to my love, Nelson Willis, no matter where you go or how far it is, I'm always loving you!

Jennifer Williams

To my Frenz: Eve Nyte, Babe! Don't forget 'cuz we all goin' down! Love ya'll!

Barbara Fukumitsu

To Emiko and Seiji, who know that after 20+ years, four continents and countles memories, there are bottles to open and dates to keep, and miles to go before we sleep...Dinosaur Dad

Yen for college -- also pesos, dollars and sense

By: *Marinelle Nabong, Special to the Echoes*

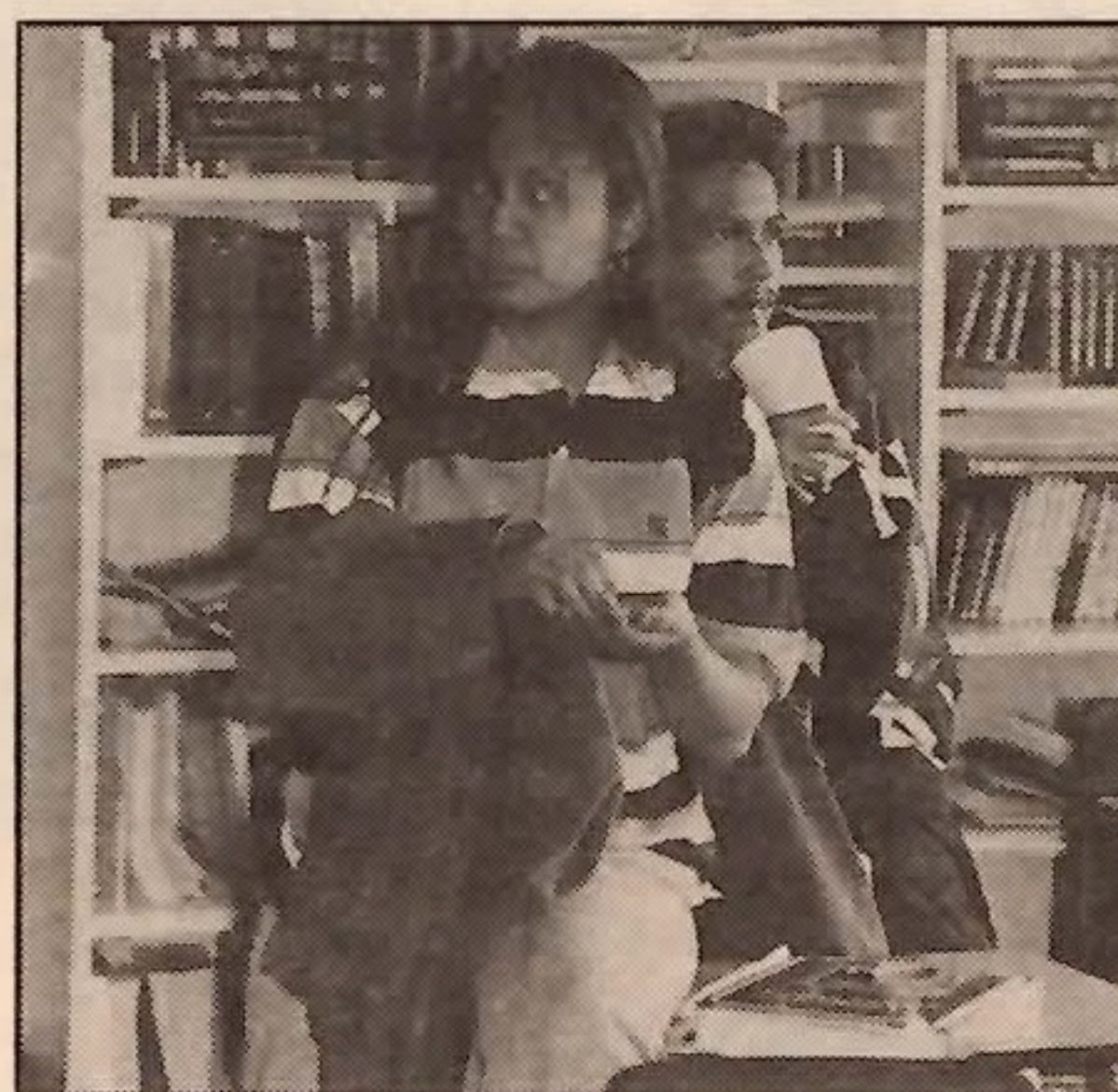
Do you want to attend a U.S. college or university, but you're a non-U.S. citizen and worried there's no financial aid for you?

Here's a good chance for foreign students to stop by the counseling center and take a look at the list of the colleges and universities that offer financial aid. If you are interested, just write to any of the 112 colleges or universities with financial aid for undergraduate foreign students. Ask for an application for financial aid and admission as well.

But beware! These schools look at your records and SAT scores to see how well you do in school. For some schools, you are required to take a TOEFL test. This test determines how well you know and understand English. Colleges and universities not only look at your scores, but also at your financial need as well.

Overall, it's a good opportunity, so don't let it pass.

Someof the popular colleges and



Many Red Devils find getting college money for non-citizens can be a problem. Bernabeth Baltero is a U.S. citizen, Lionell Cacal is not.

universities offering financial aid for foreign students include:

- Brown University
- California Inst. of Technology
- Georgetown University
- Harvard & Radcliffe Colleges
- Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Stanford University
- University of Miami
- Washington University

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Holiday Features

Gifts can give you a lift – and drop you down lower than a lump of coal in your stocking stuffer

KINNICKLAND: 'Tis better to give than receive – sorta. Kinnick Red Devils, however, supplied new meaning to this truism as they reviewed their gifts both good and ungood. Anticipation and disappoint-

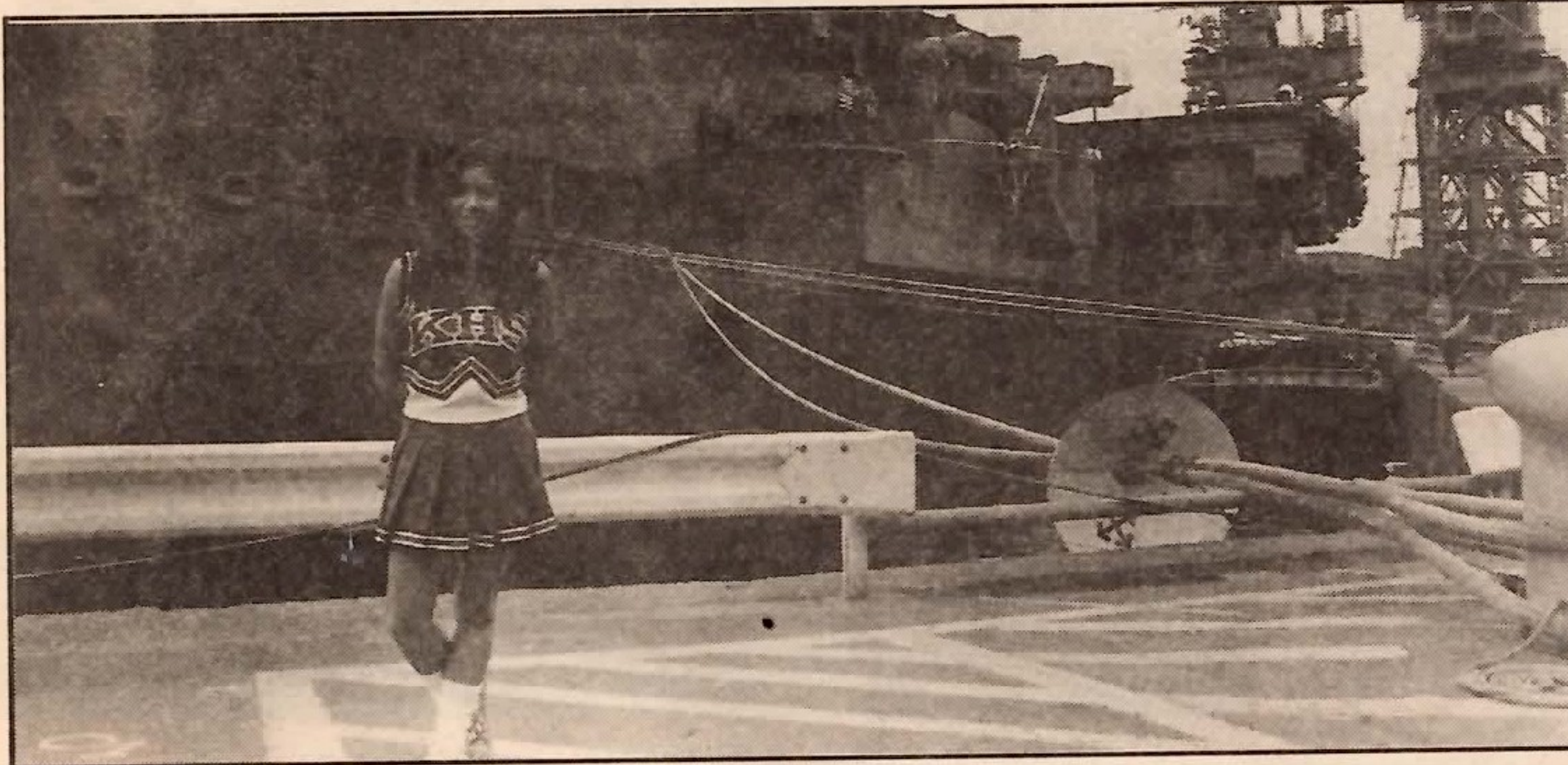
ment were mirror-twin common threads running through Devils' heads as they recalled their bounty. For instance, senior Angela Collis recalls, "I got this real heavy gift from my Grandma, and I thought 'neat'.

Then I opened it and it was this book, *Heidi*. I wanted to throw it away." Another senior, Rachael Pangilinan, might have swapped Angie even up for the gift she pulled in when she was 12. "My

aunt had told me I would get this purse I really wanted, and when I went to her house there was this big box all wrapped up. But when I opened it, I got this old ugly picture frame." However, the Devil's most dauntingly dev-

astating award of disappointment and despair goes to Lionell Cacal. As a junior last year Lionell recalls, "I got this bad gift – it was a G.I. Joe action figure, still I guess it's the thought that counts."

When the game of the name is gamy



The Divine Carriers of Yokosuka, one is larger than the other – the other one is better looking Photo Jennie Fabian

A rose by any other name . . .

by Kriss Schultz, staff writer

Ever stop to think about how your name affects you? Your name influences the way people think of you and often the way you think of yourself.

Unfortunately, we don't get a say in what our names will be because they are given to us before we are old enough to talk. So we live with our names. We spend the rest of our lives writing them on tests and signing them on yearbooks. We spell them over and over maybe a kazillion times or so.

Names are based upon racial background, your family's taste, culture, or even favorite celebs.

Parents take special care in naming their children. They don't want the name to be too plain, but then again they don't want to give their child a very

bizarre name.

Among the Red Devils' most common boys' names are Michael, John, and David. However, with more than two dozen entries, "Chris" caps the Kinnick lists. For the girls, Jennifer, Ashley, and Brittany are among the most popular names.

On the unusual side, Kinnick's favorite designator name is Divine Carrier, whose name suggests that the USS Independence is "godly". Another military favorite is sixth-grader Chase Cannon, whose might be viewed as a "blast" for the future.

So what's in a name? Can't be sure except for one thing. As DoDDS' largest high school, we have more of them than does anybody.

Name that news flash!!

The Echoes has learned that Dec. 11 student council delegates were called in for an emergency meeting by Principal Bruce Davis to discuss the uniform issue. Present at the meeting was Dr. Scarlett Rehrig, Assistant Superintendent of DoDDS Japan. The student-officers were told that the majority of responses from parent surveys and the SAC committee and teachers of Kinnick supported mandatory uniforms. "Our school leads both in co-curricular, and extracurricular, why not all around?" reasoned Mr. Davis who further believes Kinnick has a bad reputation concerning dress and appearance.

Santa Cross- A fable

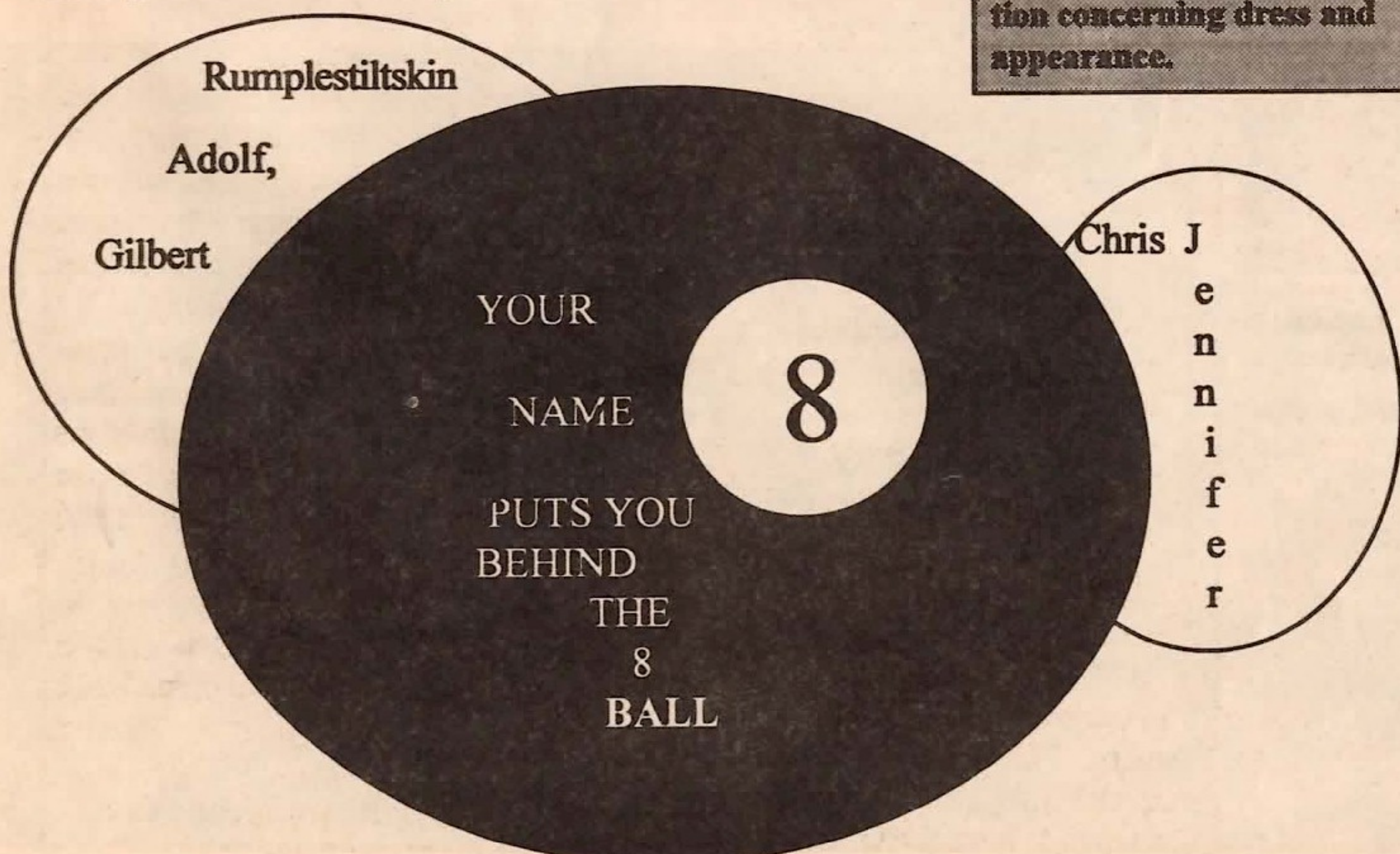
By: Mark (Grinchus) Slonsky, Staff writer

Can you remember waiting in line for a picture with Santa? Can you also remember the time when you found out that Santa's trip on Christmas Eve is not real and that all shopping mall Santa's were just some guys in a Santa suit? Oh? Sorry I just ruined it for all the middle-schoolers. I don't care how many of you believe he's real... there is no way a man can get his beard that white! I believe he did exist long ago but, he doesn't still live and give out presents today. Santa is an old man. Does Santa have insurance? He is old and some elderly people are fragile and if he were to fall going down the chimney...boy would that be a surprise on Christmas morning? If you still don't believe me about the beard...yank it

really hard! This will scare him senseless. If the beard comes off then he's a fake. If it doesn't come off then you're dealing with a professional. If he's is not really mad at you, punch him in the stomach. This will shock him. If your hand feels as if it's hitting a pillow, you've found him out. If he gasps and coughs up his dentures then chances are he is genuine or probably really close to the Jolly ol' fat guy, so say you're sorry! Knowing if your Santa is genuine or not takes skill and precision. Asking the cute teenage elves that help Santa at the mall also take skill and precision. A word of advice is, don't ask them out on a date while on Santa's lap. I learned this the hard way. When Christmas comes around don't waste your breath asking Santa for stuff. Tell what you want to your parents and friends; they'll know what you really want.

What Not To Give Me For Christmas
 No more fruitcakes forget the pies,
 one more Barbie and I know I'll die.
 Giving me underwear will dig your grave,
 and make it inevitable to misbehave.
 Cheap make-up and plastic toys,
 wind-up dolls that make noise,
 gifts like these are just so vile,
 nevertheless I'll wear a smile.
 I'm not ungrateful, honest, it's true,
 wait to see what I shoplifted for you!

By Jess, by gosh



HOLIDAY EDITION PICTOGRAPHIC

Holidays find us looking forward to gifts and loot, and so, too, all too often in the military, turning a glance over our shoulders to gaze for friends who are no longer with us. To each of them we dedicate these holiday pages.

Over the half century that Kinnick's kids and their not-too-distant cousins, the Yo-Hi Red Devils, have called this school "home", there have been constants that've spanned five decades.

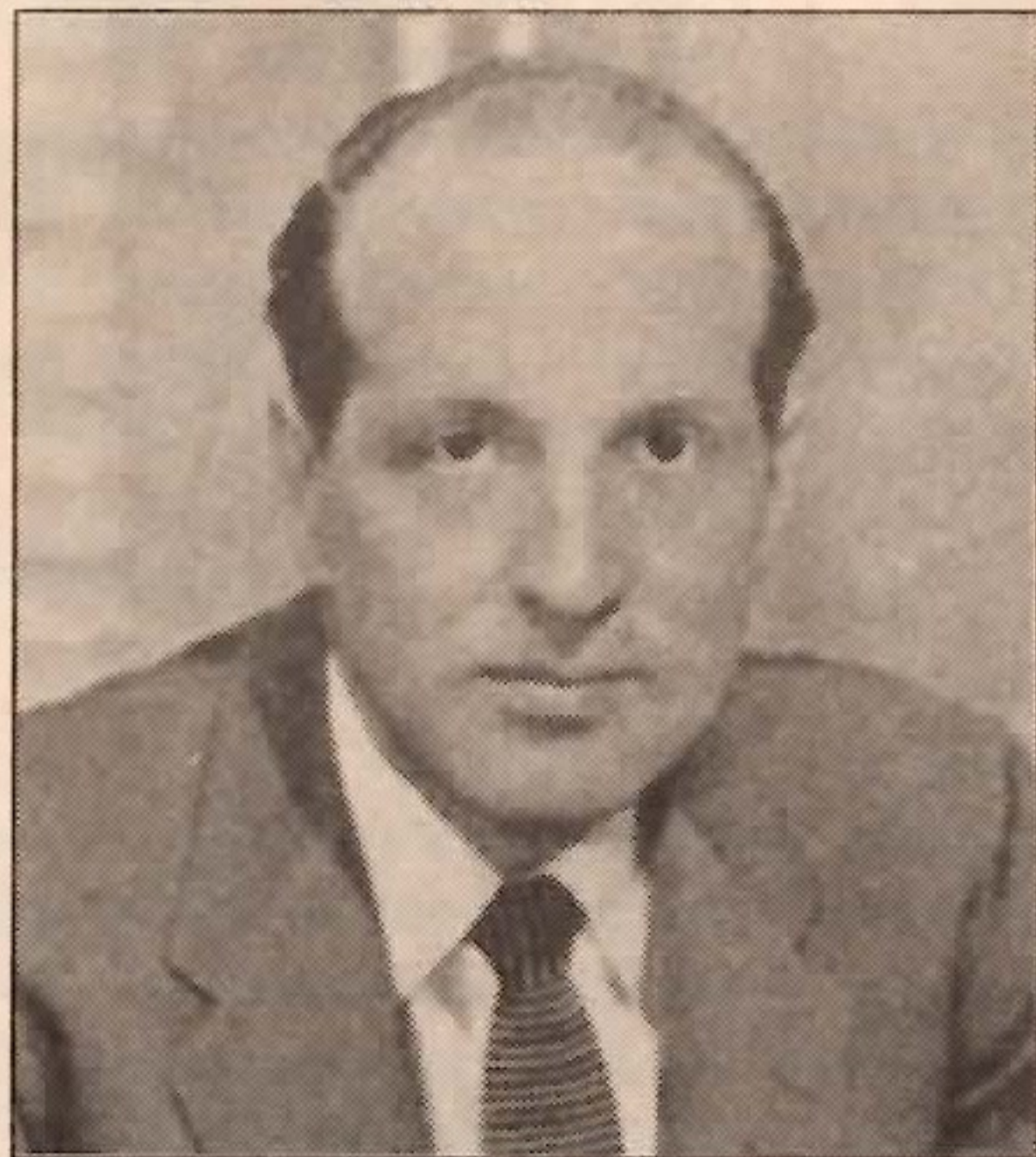
Among those consistent happenings have been young people who want to better themselves while having a good time doing so -- and along the way a few old guys and gals that want to help them reach these goals. Some of Kinnick's grads have gone on to much fame and presumable fortune -- Luke

Skywalker -- AKA Mark Hamill comes to mind.

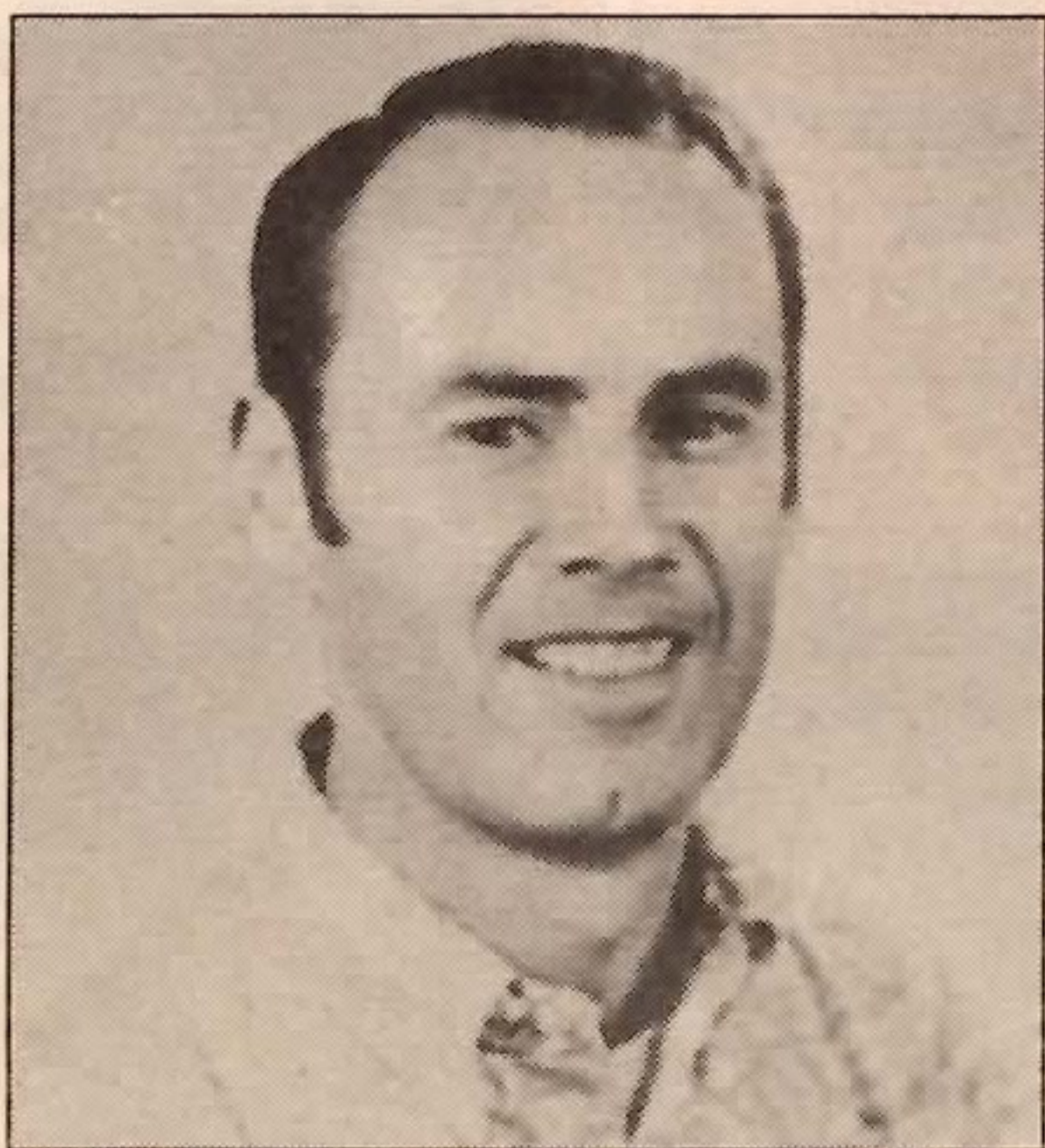
So do the homecoming Princesses in vintage cars (R), and the first senior class of '47 that graduated 31 students (C). Those Red Devils would now be nearing 70. (Below) A remaining reminder of good old days is the five-minute typing test. Check out the hard drives.



Past Red Devil clubs: swimming, library, badmitten and ping pong



Lord Jim (Gormley) 1960



They call him Mr. R -- teacher, coach, photographer and nicest of nice guys 1970



HOLIDAY EDITION PICTOGRAPHIC



Once again the Echoes

turns its eye to see what we've missed. This time Jennie Fabian turns her deft touch to the photo phile and highlights our brethren and sistern from days gone by.

Red Devils, ask Moms and Pops to show you *their* high-school pics. Then again, just look at these pages -- they might have been there.



THE WAY WE WERE
AND WEREN'T



Helen Jean E. Molster
Washington, D. C.

Nick Name... "H" (I really haven't found one)
Pet... Sloppy... mope.

Thomas Burrett Oakes
Silver Springs, Md.

Nick Name... "Tom"
Pet Peeve... Tests

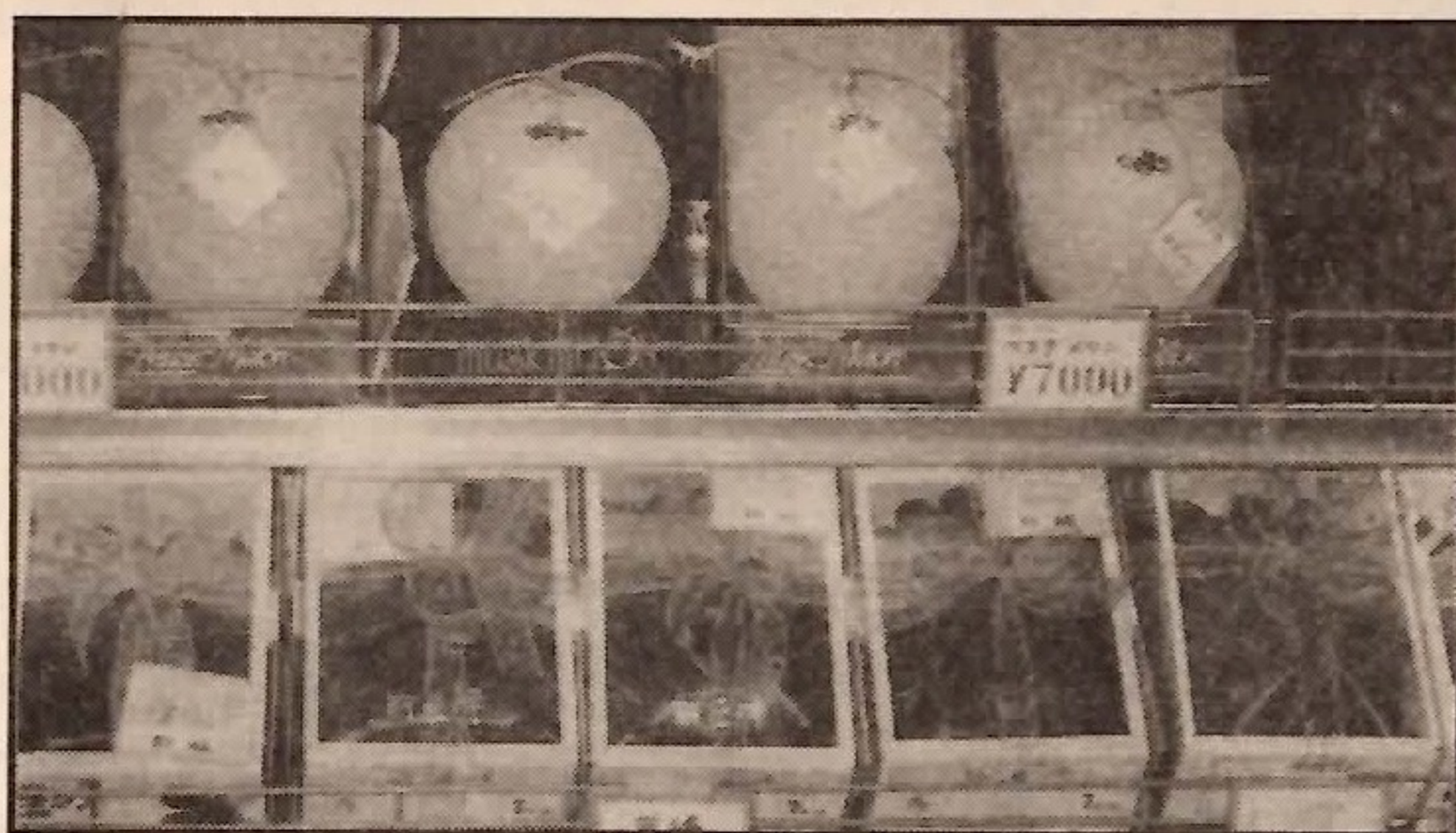
No matter the dramatic changes-- Kinnick has endured-- from Yokohama -- Yo-Hi -- to Yokosuka -- it has climbed the ladder to be the largest high school in DoDDS. *Top picture* shows the old school in 1983, it was painted yellow and had once been the location for a Japanese girls' school.

Homecoming central Runs for the roses and the lovelies who prove that flowers are lovesome things.

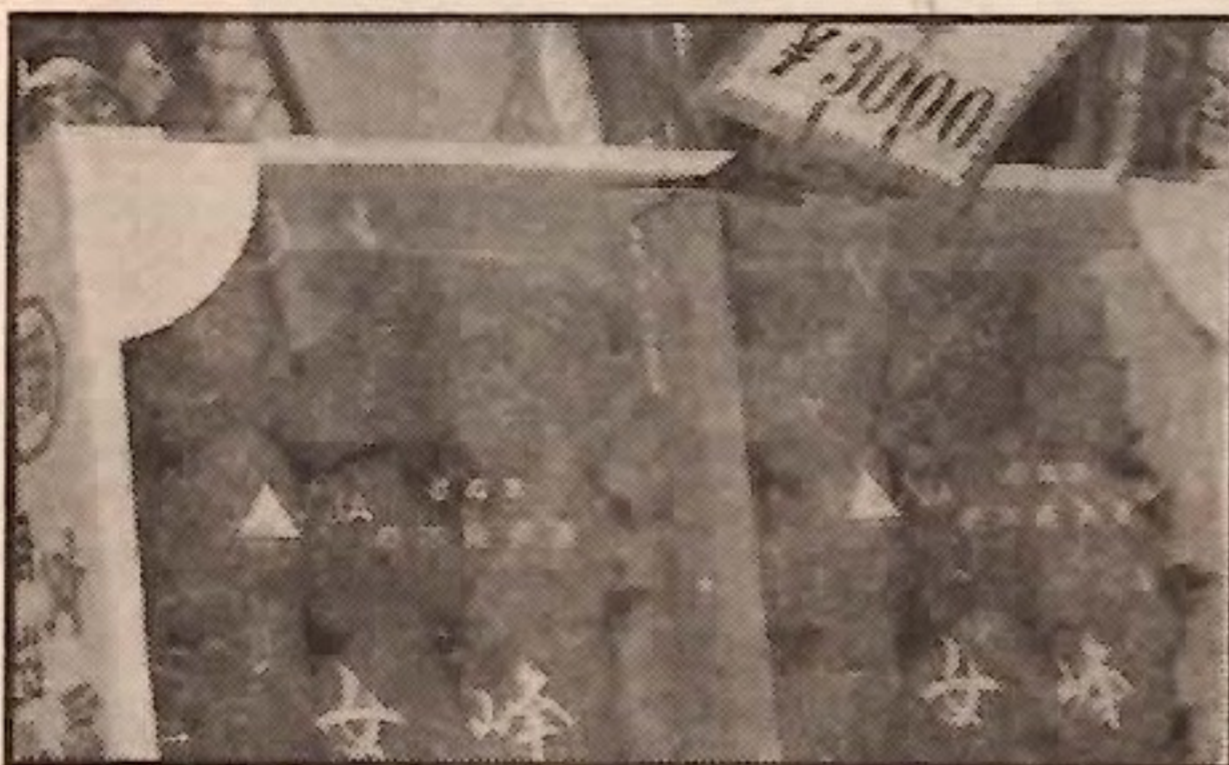
To your immediate left -- The typical graduates of Yo-Hi's ten-year class. The year was 1957. The Soviets had launched Sputnik, the space race and the backyard-bomb-shelter mentality that kept the Cold War hot and the troops -- and their dependants -- and their teachers in Japan.

We are still here today,
As needed as much
As we ever were

Go-chi-so-sama



Fruit of the looney?? At 100 Yen to the dollar, the cost of the five melons and five bunches of holiday grapes comes to \$515. Note the price includes wrapping and ribbon.



Grapes are a bargain compared to strawberries. At \$30 for a box of 12. That's \$2.50 a pop. Takai mono, ne?

Is Mr. "R" considering some "fisky" investments for his impending retirement?? Salmon, always a popular New Year's dish, can easily cost upwards of \$75 for a fish the size of which he has just lifted. For really prize cuts of our finned friends, like chutoro, the price approaches \$100 a pound. Here's the bad news. That price is only available at the Tsukiji market in Tokyo, a wholesale area where you have to combat frantic crowds and purchase by 4:00 a.m. to get those bargains



Gold-plate special

Prices are hot even when the food is not for Japanese New Year's dining



All-time favorite, sushi, costs takusan yen at the best of times. When it comes to buying Japanese food, this time of year, Shogatsu, is not the best time

The average cost to feed a family of five a good dinner during the holiday season is about 10,000 yen.

The way of cooking Japanese traditional food varies from prefecture to prefecture because of the different weather and local customs.

In the olden days, because of the cold, Japanese housewives preserved their food because they could not get fresh food in the winter.

These traditions remain and come around at the beginning of the year.

Traditional New Year's food

includes *ozoni*, soup with *mochi* cooked with salmon and potatoes in the north and pork in the south;

These are accompanied by: *umani* (cooked vegetables) and fish.

Other traditional fare include *Okashira tsuki*, a whole roasted fish, *azuki* beans for health, fish roe for wealth and plenty, *toshi-koshi* soba, buckwheat noodles for a successful transition to the new year, sea weed and many other significant dishes which will ensure a prosperous and successful new year --needed to pay for last year's food.

Pilippino pood

By: Grace Aliscad,
Special to the Echoes

During the Christmas season, there are special foods. Popular foods in the Philippines include Puto Bongbong and Bibingka.

Puto Bongbong is a sweet rice soaked in water overnight with pirurutong rice. This is special rice with a purple color that gives Puto Bongbong its color. After it is soaked overnight, the rice is drained and then ground.

"I look forward to ube (the purple rice). That's my favorite," said Lernito Gomez who is about to become a U.S. citizen.

Bibingka is soaked overnight in



Filippino food ala Barrio - a Kinnick favorite

water. It is then ground in the water until it looks like a pancake mix. Sugar and eggs are added. The mixture is put in a round clay pan with fresh banana leaves at the bottom. When it is cooked, it may be garnished with salted eggs and keso puti.

Sulman sa lihiya is a sweet rice soaked in lye water. The lye water is the reason for the sulman's taste and its very light green color. This is eaten with sugar and fresh grated coconut.

Kutsinta rice is soaked overnight in lye water. It is then fine ground and mixed with brown sugar and anato. The rice is dried. The bits and pieces are put in a bamboo pipe and steamed on a steamer designed for it. Once it is cooked, it is topped with margarine or butter along with sugar and fresh grated coconut.



The original Konishiki

CALORIE CITY: Chomp! Slurp and burp! "Pass the pie, sure, I'll finish the turkey!" Holidays bring many things, including added waistline inches.

Sound familiar?

Consider what you would be like holiday eating occurred year-around. Better yet, check out James (Diamond Jim)

Brady.

Brady, a turn-of-the-Century millionaire began a typical day by "whaling" down dozens of eggs, cornbread, griddle cakes, fried potatoes, steak and a gallon of his favorite beverage, orange juice.

Thus warmed up, he got serious with a mid-morning snack of three dozen clams and

oysters. Lunch included boiled lobsters, a joint of beef, deviled crabs and a few pies.

Afternoon nibbles of more seafood preceded dinner. At a favorite restaurant, Brady would inhale more oysters, a half-dozen crabs, bowl upon bowl of turtle soup, six or so lobsters, ducks, a sirloin steak, vegetables, cakes, pies and then dessert - a two-pound

box of chocolates.

Many of the restaurants offered Brady free grub. Why? The restaurateurs would advertise that Brady would be eating that night, and the real customers would line up to watch the show - and pay handsomely for the privilege. Much the way we pay for imitating Brady during the holidays.

At Kinnick these days . . .

To play or not to play --that is the answer

By Marie Spearman,
co-editor

First quarter has closed, and the administration has enforced an academic eligibility policy. Students participating in extracurricular activities must now conform to a policy, based on grade points averages, that will "encourage students to place the necessary emphasis on academic achievement and graduation."

GPA's are monitored by the athletic director (AD), currently Ms. Terri Ekmark. The coach or sponsor of the activity submits a list of participants which will be given to the AD and the principal.

The AD supplies the coach or sponsor with each participant's GPA from the previous quarter. The AD monitors each participant's eligibility and keeps coaches and sponsors informed of suspensions and in-

eligible participants.

The academic eligibility policy applies to all participants of the following school organizations:

Yearbook, Drama, Track, Cheerleaders, Rifle Team, Softball, Foreign Language clubs, Basketball, Soccer, Newspaper, Debate, Tsukuba, Wrestling, Football, Drill Team, Model United Nations, Speech, Math Counts, Brain Bowl, Volleyball, Baseball, Tennis, Color Guard, Science Club, Student Council, Choral Music, Cross Country, National Honor Society, Class Office, and Instrumental Music.

Specifying the eligibility policy are the following rules.

Students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher from the previous quarter to be eligible. No more than two F's are allowed. Students with two F's or a GPA less than 1.0 from the previous quarter will be ineligible to compete but may still practice or attend organization meetings. Until the midterm evaluation of the current quarter, the student may not participate in competition. If

the student has a GPA of 2.0 or higher and less than two F's by the midterm evaluation, the student will become eligible to compete. However, if the requirement is not met by the midterm evaluation, the student will be removed from all extracurricular activities until the next grading period.

Those students who have a GPA between 1.9 and 1.0 from the previous quarter are eligible but will be put on probation monitored by the AD. This means that students may practice and compete, but will be evaluated by a progress report every two weeks. If after two consecutive probation progress reports the student's GPA is not raised to 2.0 or higher and with less than two F's, the student is removed from extra curricular activities until the next grading period.

The student will be informed of the policy and their progress by the sponsor or coach of the activity. Sponsors are held responsible for enforcing the eligibility policy and will notify

students and parents of the student's eligibility status.

Students suspended from school twice or who are chronically absent or tardy will also be placed on probation. Atten-

dance and behavior will be monitored. However, use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco will result in immediate removal from all extracurricular activities.



For Kinnick athletes the eligibility policy, long nonexistent presents a new challenge. Alex Galayo and Goeff Nuvall, like other ball players, will have to spend more time in the books.

Spot light on . . .

The Yoneda story

By Elizabeth Tysor,
staff writer

When you see him walking down the hall, most people say, "Wow, how does he do that to his hair?" But junior James Yoneda insists that his hair has a mind of its own. And like his hair, James is wacky as can be.

He may be wacky, but he's also involved in such elite activities as drama, debate, and jazz. James also plays first chair trombone. "I chose the trombone

because it was the weirdest instrument available."

James, who admires his parents for having put up with him, jokingly claims to aspiring to be a garbage man. On a more serious note, however, he admits to wanting to be like Mr. Starrine, only smarter.

A possible career for James lies somewhere in between working with computers and busting criminals. "Someday I hope to be middle class, not rich; known among my friends, not

famous; be married with three children; and drive a VW Bug," says James.

On a smaller horizon, James plans to graduate from Kinnick and attend college in the States.

His motto is, "Eat, drink, and be merry- for tomorrow we may die", and he considers his best quality to be the ability to laugh things off easily. So next time you see James walking down the hall, ask not "how does he do that to his hair?" but, "Why does his hair do that to him?"

All hands on deck



Lt. Cmdr. Nichols, cadets Pangilinan, Sadille, Oshiro and Cmdr. Knight. It was fair winds and following seas for the JNRTC after the inspection

Part of the requirement to participate in the NROTC program is to meet quality standards. For Kinnick cadets, that means passing muster in the "Annual Military Inspection".

Candidates and the program under the command of Lt. Cmdr. (ret) Dan Nichols are reviewed and evaluated by active-duty Naval officers who must certify the program meets standards.

Seaman recruit Eric Long said, "We passed, and all of us in the program are proud of the efforts that went into passing the inspection."

Feliz Navidad y prospero anos

By: Janet Orozco

As Kinnick celebrates its 50th birthday, *Diablos Rojos* has become an important part of the school's history.

The Spanish club has had a two-decade long fiesta (party) providing 20 years of fun and public service.

The club, sponsored by Ms. Martha Haseley, holds its meetings every Thursday during the lunch break.

Kinnick's favorite Senora says, "To join, all you have to do is come to the meetings!" Join up for those gatherings and you'll find yourself listening to Latin rhythms, celebrating Spanish holidays, and raising money for worthy causes.

For instance, in October the club sold Halloween grams.

Part of the money collected will be donated to 16-year-old Guadalupe Monges who lives in San Martin de Porres, El Salvador.

Lupe's life is very difficult due to extreme poverty. Still, she loves social studies, English and making crafts.

As a result, the

money that the local Spanish club sends to Central America takes on a special meaning.

The clubs will make Valentine's grams as well, the money raised again being sent to Lupe.

In addition to money, the club members write letters and send other things a young girl might enjoy.

Ms. Hasley notes, "I have more projects up my sleeve."

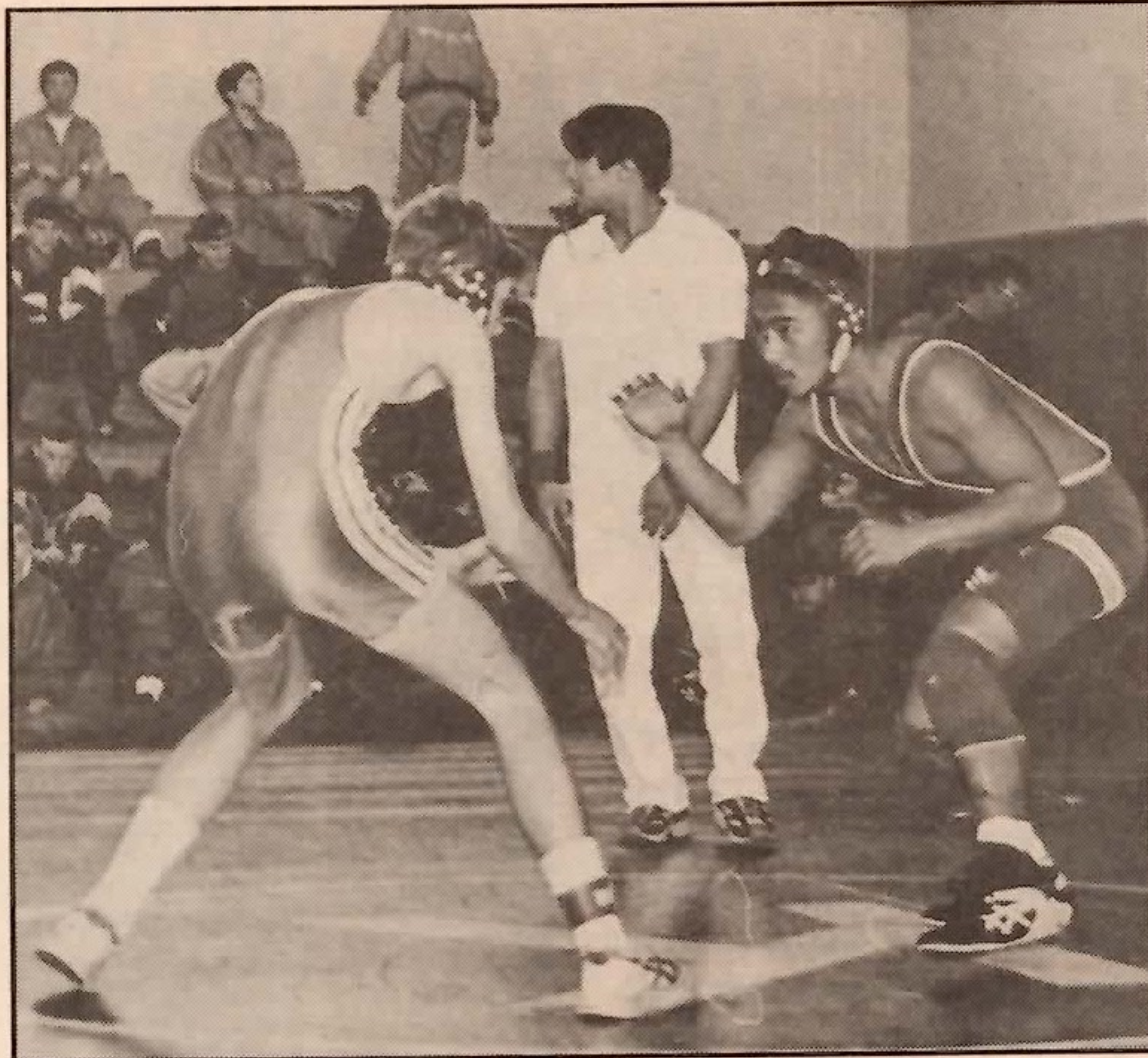
Club president Stephanie Rapisura says, "I think it is a good idea to be supporting Lupe because she would do something in the future that will help out the world, and part of it would be because the Spanish club was supporting her."

In addition to president

Stephanie Rapisura, the other *jefes* are Ria Quini, Secretary, and Judith Buenaventura who is the treasurer.

Grappling gets going

1996 - 1997 Wrestling Team



Don Zamora prepares to put the move on a Misawa wrestler.

behind St. Mary's 79 point win. Returning varsity junior Mark Hopkins commented on Kinnick's success at the tournament, "We did pretty well in the tournament, but we can get better. By the time Far East comes, we'll be strong enough to win it, and we should."

The wrestling team is in the rebuilding process, as there are only five returning varsity wrestlers from last year's team. Freshmen and new wrestlers stepped up in the tournament

and are continuing to improve. Returning varsity wrestlers are Scott Moore, Reggie Laranang, Mark Hopkins, Sherwin Moore, and Daniël Allain. Newcomers to the 1996-97 varsity wrestling team are Alvin Diosa, Carl Laranang, Kenny Smith, Don Zamora, Mark Alcova, and Kenji Butler. JV wrestlers are Clay Davies, D.J. Purnell, Lionell Cacal, Jarrod Fritz, Marvin Burgos, Phil Fitzpatrick, John Burns, Joel Profeta, and Jon Aleman.

By Marie Spearman
Sports Editor

The Nile C. Kinnick grapplers got going good Dec. 7 when they came in second at their opening season tournament held at Kinnick Gym. Competing against CAJ, ASIJ, Yokota, Zama, and Misawa, Kinnick's wrestlers came in second with 65 points right

Now cheer this



(Top to Bottom) Emi Doughty, Michelle Bradley, Jessi Orzechowski, Jesibel Baumgarten, and Divine Carrier working hard at practice. (Photo by Ken Carrington)

By Marie Spearman
Sports Editor

The 1996-97 basketball cheerleaders are practicing hard and strutting their stuff. In a two week clinic/tryout with 34 participants, six cheerleaders each were chosen for the Varsity and JV squads.

One of the cheer squad coaches, Ms. Onefeather, commented on the tryouts, "The quality of the people who tried out was superb. It was very difficult to make the final selection."

Varsity football cheer return-

ees are Nikki Jackson, Roshaundra Ellington, Charmaine Trinidad, Emi Doughty, and Tina Atwater. JV returnee Jessi Orzechowski also made Varsity. Varsity Alternate and Varsity Manager are Hilary Lee and Erin Haskins, respectively.

JV football cheer returnees are Mariel Cisterino, Jesibel Baumgarten, and Michelle Bradley. Newcomers on the JV cheer squad are Michelle Sampson, Lylah Lapid, and Divine Carrier. JV Alternate is Charisse Gamboa and Manager is Stacey Borges.

Goal: soccer it to me

World's Most Popular Sport Comes to Kanto, Kinnick's Kickers begin season with double victories

By: Theresa Fernandez,
Christine Custodio

Though it was freezing cold running through the tough wind, the Red Devils' boys' soccer team defeated the Mustangs of American School of Japan (ASIJ) with a score of 5-3. Kinnick played ASIJ on Nov. 23 at the Briggs Bay soccer field.

The returnees of the boys soccer team are Jay Lawson, Ammon Matsuda, Komei Oka, Matt Hayden, John O'Conner, Jason Rust, Jimmy Caldwell, Ian Kemp, and Tyler Smith.

The first-year players are seniors Philip Kheen, juniors Parker Lafon and Shin Reed; freshmen are Ray Pontemayor, Brad Schuler, Jeremy Griego, and Daniel Marshall.

Jay Lawson made the first goal of the first game to start off

the season. Komei Oka added a second point with an indirect kick. The fifth point was made by Ammon Matsuda to end Kinnick's victory.

Coach Mackie was satisfied with this game saying, "It's nice to get a win on the first game. This was a very good game."

Senior Komei Oka commented, "Our offense this year is extra fantabulous and our defense is fair but hard-working."

For all the students of Kinnick High School, "Come out and be crazy fans!" says Oka.

Guys don't have all the fun freezing off crucial parts of their anatomy.

Meanwhile, the Red Devilettes hard practice and conditioning payed off well.

Starting the season with a 5-1 victory against Seisen, the Varsity girls' soccer team kicked the season off, defeating the Pheonix at St. Mary's field on Dec.7.

"We all had great team effort and everyone worked well together," says Christina Lask who scored three times. "This is good in starting the season." The girls practice hard everyday afterschool and this victory is well deserved.

The team is coached by Mr. Fred Jenson who directed the girls to a second-place win in last year's conference, and third place in two other invitational tournaments. "I expect us to do at least as well," Jenson predicts.

The JV team with many new faces also captured a 3-1 victory against Seisen. Scorers were Charlene Yalung, Myra

Demarsico, and Christine Murphy. The girls also played at ASIJ on Dec. 10, varsity los-

ing 4-0, JV losing 4-1. Worse still, star Barbara Fukumitsu was injured with a twisted ankle.



Senior Komei Oka, Kinnick's answer to Pele. Come on out and watch us do what we do best - kick them in the grass. Guys and girls have the same season

HOLIDAY SPORTS

Them fabulous fall guys

Warner leads Red Devils to undefeated season

By Marie Spearman
Sports Editor

Making history and breaking records, the Kinnick Red Devils' Varsity football team of 1996 has made a lasting impression. They are the first KPASS football team to play in an overtime game, when they defeated their opponent. They are also the first in Kinnick football history to accomplish a perfect season record, taking the KPASS championship again.

The success of this year's team is due to the self-discipline, team spirit, and desire to achieve displayed by each team member. Members and coaches spent over 200 hours working together, a dedication that paid off well.

Individual players excelled during the season and helped lead the team to victories. George Thompson, Kanto Plain MVP, made a new interception record with 12. Kinnick MVP, Jared Warner, made a new rushing record and all purpose yards. Warner was also named Player of the Year.

George Thompson, Jared Doong, and Levant Kenney were named Best Offensive, Defensive, and Special Team Players, respectively. All three were also named Kanto Plain All-Stars as well as Kinnick All-Stars. Romello Delos Santos and Ray Gannon received Devil Pride



Jared Warner, Kinnick's 1996 MVP, All-Star, and Player of the Year, dashes towards the end zone at Iwakuni.

awards as well as being selected as Kinnick and Kanto All-Stars.

Head Coach Stovall stated to the team at the Football Awards Banquet, "Played on the premise that if you are proud of the work you have done, and you gave it 100% effort, then the results would be in our favor."

Lady netters claim 5th place in Far East meet

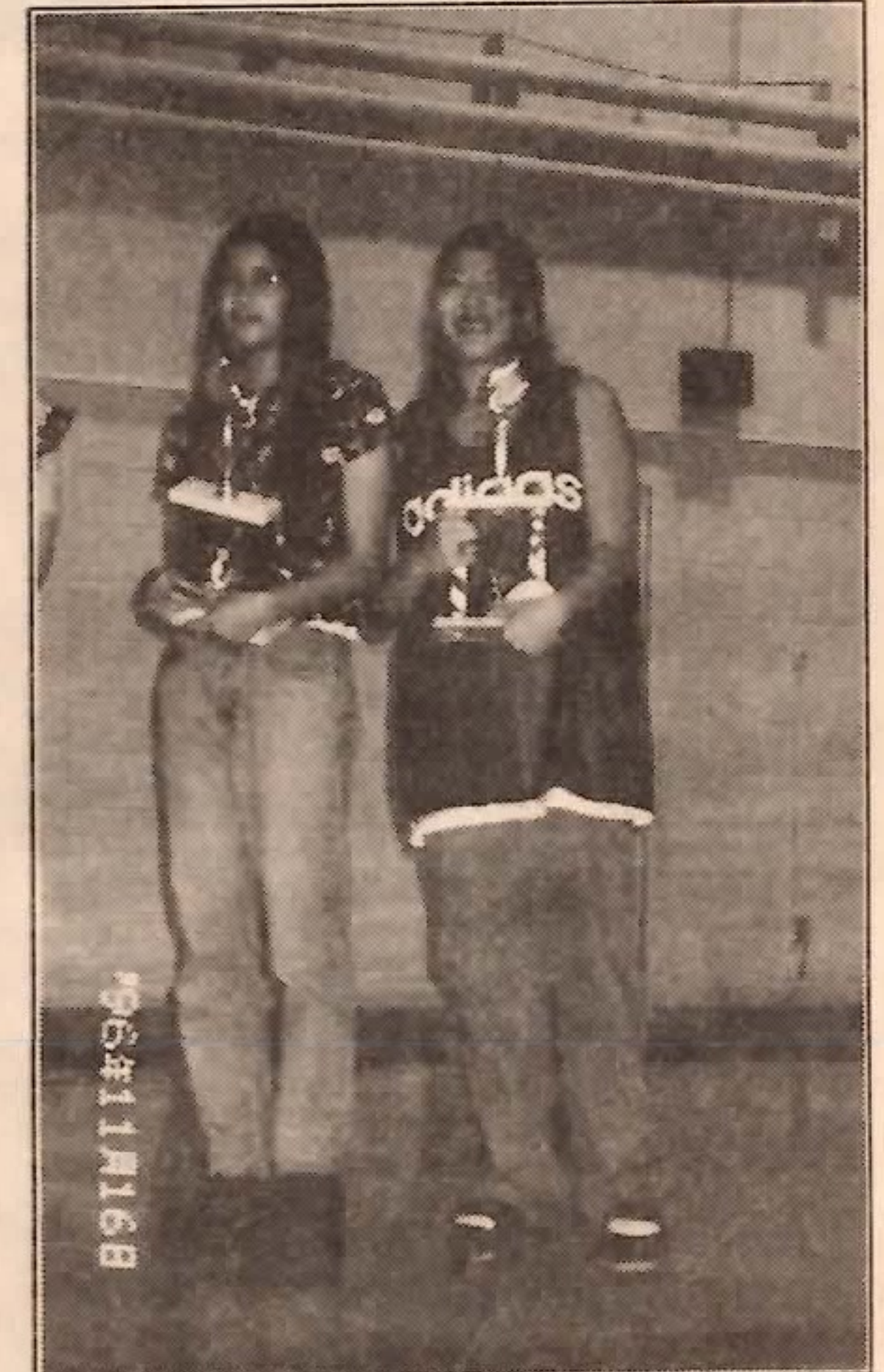
By Marie Spearman
Sports Editor

The Kinnick Red Devils Girls Varsity Volleyball team has much to be proud of. After taking second place in KPASS with a 13-3 record, the Lady Devils secured a fifth place finish in the Far East Volleyball Tournament held Nov. 9-16 at Okinawa.

Those who were selected to attend the tournament were seniors Angela Collis, Barbara Fukumitsu, Emily Parker, and Natalie Villanueva. Juniors Emmanette Kahawaii and Sanae Warner, and sophomores Myreen Casteneda, Kim Ferinden, Sharon Navarro, Natalie Parker, and Jennifer Pontious also participated in the Far East Tourney.

Barbara Fukumitsu had outstanding stats in the Far East Tournament, and earned a well deserved spot on the All Far East Team. She was also named Kinnick's volleyball MVP. Fukumitsu commented, "We did really well at the tournament. We really clicked at the tournament and we tried our best at every game. We enjoyed each others' company on and off the court. I think that's why we did so good by coming in 5th."

Head Volleyball Coach Jim Ferinden also commented on the Lady Devils' performance at the Far East Tournament,



Barbara Fukumitsu, Kinnick's MVP, KPASS All-Star, and All-Far East Team member, receives her award at the 1996 Girls Volleyball Far East Tournament at Okinawa.

"They did an excellent job. They placed higher than any team in Okinawa, Phillipines, and Kanto. They placed fifth in the tournament and for a young team, that is excellent."

Soph More gallops across Korean Far East course

By Marie Spearman
Sports Editor

Eight runners of the 1996 Kinnick Girls and Boys Varsity Cross Country team competed at the Far East Cross Country Tournament. The two day tournament was held Nov. 15 and 16 at Osan Air Base in Korea.

Runners representing Red Devils were Myra Demarsico, Mark Hopkins, Abby Mansfield, Naomi Maxey, Scott Moore,

Logan Wayerski, Jennifer Williams, and Rodney Young.

Kinnick captured fifth and fourth place overall in the 5K and 24K relay events, respectively. Myra Demarsico placed ninth in the girls 5k competition with a time of 21:49. Scott Moore took second with a time of 17:24 in the boys 5k competition. Both Demarsico and Moore were named to the Far East All-Stars Team.



The Kinnick Cross Country team gathers for a group photo at the Cross Country Finals at Tama.

VARSITY FOOTBALL AWARDS

AWARDS

Jared Warner	MVP
George Thompson	Offense
Jared Doong	Defense
Levant Kenney	Special Teams
Romello Delos Santos	Devil Pride
Sherwin Moore	Devil Pride
Damien Moore	Devil Pride
Ray Gannon	Devil Pride

KINNICK ALL-STARS

Jared Warner
Jared Doong
George Thompson
Levant Kenney
Ray Gannon
Romello Delos Santos
Duane Lowe
Charles Young
Jennings Smith

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NEX New Car Sales Player of the Year

Jared Warner

KANTO PLAIN MVP

George Thompson

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL AWARDS

AWARDS

Barbara Fukumitsu	MVP
	KPASS All-Star
	All Far East member
Emily Parker	Most Improved
Myreen Casteneda	Most Improved
Jennifer Pontious	Best Defensive Player
	KPASS All-Star
Sanae Warner	Best Server
	Boosters Award
Sharon Navarro	Best Blocker
Angela Collis	Most Inspirational
Natalie Villanueva	Most Spirited

CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS

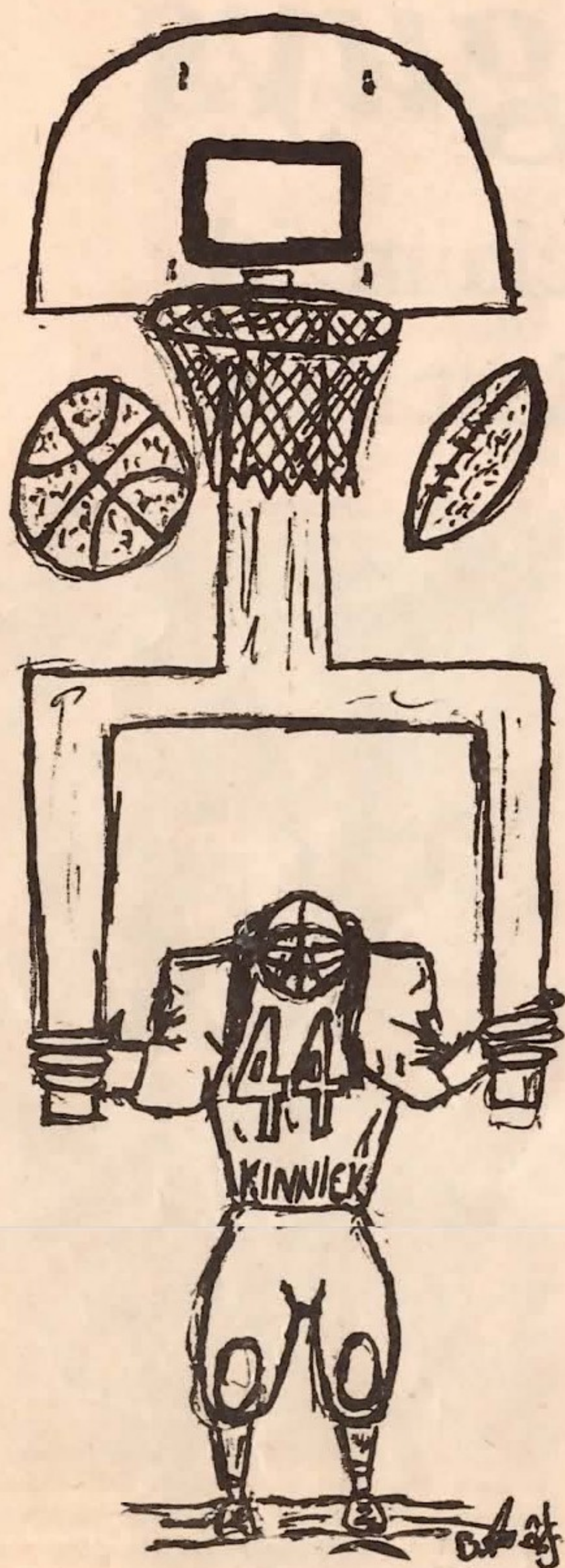
GIRLS AWARDS

Myra Demarsico	MVP
	Boosters Award
	Captain
	KPASS All-Star
	All Far East member
Abby Mansfield	Most Inspirational
Theresa Fernandez	Most Improved

BOYS AWARDS

Mark Hopkins	Boosters Award
	Captain
	KPASS All-Star
Scott Moore	MVP
	KPASS All-Star
	All Far East member
Rodney Young	Most Improved
Logan Wayerski	Most Improved
Jack Holliday	Most Inspirational

Red Devils move to 3-peat in KPASS hoop wars



IWAKUNI: Kinnick received a wake-up alarm call when E.J. King took the Red Devils to overtime Nov. 22 in the season opener.

While the Devils eventually triumphed 65-61, the game showed Kinnick will be hard pressed, especially when pressed hard, to three-peat as KPASS champions.

Kinnick's sluggish offense, led by all-star guard George Thompson who returns after a year's absence in the States, trailed Sasebo by as many as 7 points in the second half.

"I didn't think the kids wanted the game badly enough," coach Paul Ettl noted. "We played most of the game without intensity."

The Cobras seemingly had put the game away when they led by 2 points with two seconds left. However, as the Devils inbounded the ball for a desperation

heave, Thompson was fouled. With no time remaining, the 5'9 senior dropped both free throws to knot the game at 54.

In the overtime Levant Kenny tossed in 5 points as the Devils held off the combative Cobras.

King was led by Julius Pangilinan, a senior designed by the same firm that manufactured Stonehenge, who dominated the boards until he fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Thompson led the Devils with 19 points.

In the second and third games of the tourney, Kinnick cruised, beating Fukuoka 75-25 and Iwakuni 61-31.

Senior Jared Warner led the Devils against Fukuoka with 30 points, while soph Rich Alvarez had 24 against Iwakuni.

In an interesting development, 5'4



Hard work and the return of all star George Thompson mean that the Red Devils will be the favorite to win a third consecutive league crown. Coach Paul Ettl is undefeated at home.

point guard Gerald Soriano was promoted to varsity after completing three turnover-free games and scoring 31 against Sasebo. The junior varsity improved its record to 6-1 with wins over Fukuoka and Iwakuni, and then won the jv jamboree Dec. 3.

Homecoming, All Stars highlight Red Devils' football finale

by Marie Spearman,
Editor

Once again making history as well as a memorable homecoming, the Devils battled the Yokota Panthers on Nov. 1, winning 40-7. For the first time in Kinnick Varsity Football history, this year's football team finished with a perfect season record of 9-0. The Varsity Devils also took the Kanto Plains Association of Secondary Schools (KPASS) for a second consecutive year.

For the first time in Kinnick football history, the Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils accomplished a perfect season record with 9-0!

With a savage defense and swift offense, the Devils shamed the Panthers, who labeled the Devils lucky winners after losing to Kinnick on Sept. 14.

Touchdown passes from George Thompson to Levant Kenney and Greg Lawton put Kinnick on the board. Thompson also had a 52-yard kick-return for another touchdown.

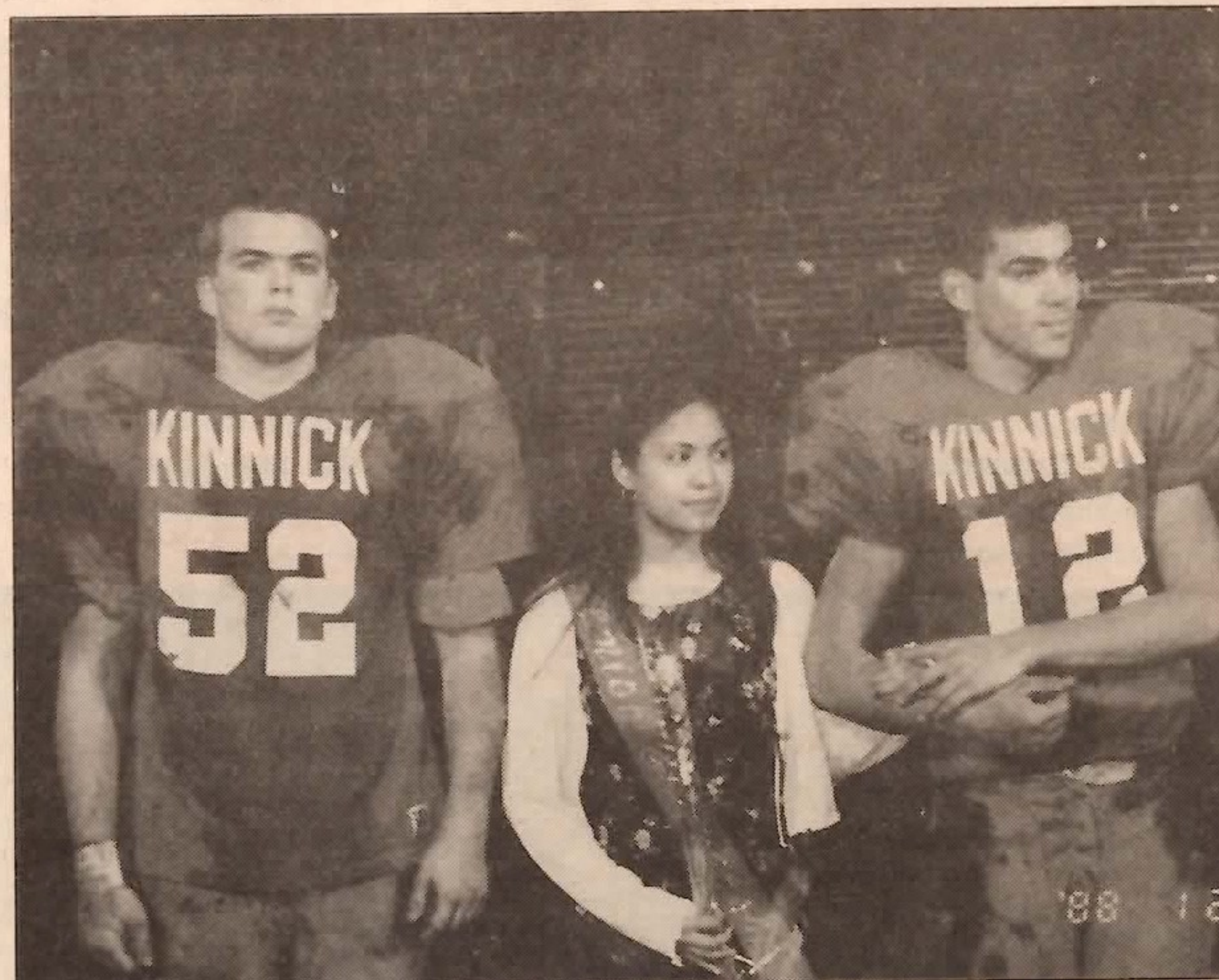
Kinnick's ground game was led by Jared Warner who gained 95 yards on 13 carries, scoring on nine and six yard runs. Lashawn Williams also added 6 more off a one-yard scoring touchdown.

The Devils' defense held the Panthers nearly scoreless. Duane Lowe led with seven tackles, three assists and two fumble recoveries. Jennings Smith

posted five tackles, three assists, an interception, and a sack. Jeb Leinard also had a sack as well as four tackles and three assists. Jared Doong had four tackles and three assists. At the end of the regular season, 12 All-Stars from Kinnick were chosen to represent the Devils at the Japan-American All-Stars game held Nov. 9 at Camp Zama. All-Stars were chosen for their talent, ability, and will. All-Stars from Kinnick included seniors Romello DelSantos, Jared Doong, Levant Kenney, Duane Lowe, Jennings Smith, George

Thompson, Jared Warner, and Lashawn Williams. Selected juniors making All-Star were Ray Gannon and Charles Young. Kinnick's chosen ones, teaming with several other All-Stars from KPASS schools helped defeat the Japanese Kanagawa Prefecture High Scholl All-Stars, 46-6.

Kinnick's very own George Thompson and Jared Warner shared the offensive MVP award for the All-Star game. Many supporters and fans noted, "Kinnick's All-Stars definitely dominated at the All-Star game."



Which of these kids is doing their own thing? Can you tell which one it is? Bernabeth Balatero, one of the Homecoming senior princesses, clings onto her escort and significant other, Jared Warner, as Jeb Leinard looks on longingly.