

Homecoming '95

Homecoming is a time of pride, honor, and tradition. It signifies a very important time of the year for a school and its football team. It helps each student of every school feel like a winner. This year's homecoming was definitely a winner.

As homecoming approached, the football team became very anxious. Though we didn't have a homecoming parade, the week was still filled with many things to do such as the broadcasting and the voting for the homecoming king and queen.

Homecoming was initiated by spirit week, which brought out some unusual looks. On Monday the teachers exchanged their usual dress clothes for tee-shirts, jeans, and sneakers, while the students dressed up as teachers. Tuesday became even stranger as we turned back the clock to the 1950's and '60's styles. By Wednesday our spirits were lifted and our pride soared as students dressed in red, white, and blue to support the football team and the school colors. Although spirit week was shortened by teacher workdays on Thursday and Friday, we still managed a pep rally on Wednesday.

The pep rally was endowed with pride. As the members of the team were announced, many students rose to stand and cheer for their favorite players. The students then got their laughs from the pranks which were played on some of the coaching staff and teachers. Some had to suck Coke from baby bottles, blindfolded, while others were plastered with whip cream pies to the face, which the football players were delighted to do.

On the night of homecoming, everyone knew something special was in the air. Everyone knew this was the win the football team so desperately needed. The night was kicked off with the traditional playing of the "Star Spangled Banner," performed by our own prestigious band.

At the beginning of the game the team played with a lot of pride and spirit until the first half was over. At half time the traditional crowning of the homecoming king and queen took place.

The contestants for the homecoming queen were Teresa Stokes, Quintella Hodges, Anita Blewer, and Yasmin Thompson. The contestants for homecoming king were Gerald Jenkins and Anthony Aiken. Although the competition was fierce, Teresa Stokes captured the homecoming queen title while Gerald Jenkins won the honor of being homecoming king. After the band performed "Magical Movies in Motion," the newly crowned homecoming king and queen were escorted around the field in a black 1995 Lincoln Town Car.

As the second half began, the game fell into place. The team was unstoppable, romping the Falcons of Ben Lippen by a massive score of 48-7. The homecoming victory was fantastic, especially for the senior players who would not be returning, but as the old saying goes, "you win some and you lose some" and as for Ben Lippen: Hey! That's the way life goes.

— Keith Bunch and Gerald Jenkins

