

EDITORIALS

WARRIOR PRIDE

by Robbie Smith

When the final horn sounded on November 15, the Jenkins Warrior's dreams for a region title were shattered. The game was over and the score stood 35-8, with S.H.S. on top.

Showing the character which was typical of the team throughout the entire season, the players met their defeat like the men they were, with only Jesse Ennis' display of temper marring the game. They had lost the big one, and nothing could be said or done to change the score.

The heartbroken players filed into the locker room for a last talk from the coaches, while the victorious opponents celebrated at the other end of the field. Most of the senior players, who had provided the leadership and team pride that enabled the Warriors to win nine games sat dejectedly on the benches with tears of frustration streaming down their faces. It was a miserable way to end a football season.

15,000 people had looked in amazement as disaster settled upon the mighty Warriors in the form of mistake after mistake.

The Go-Go- offense, which had capitalized on opponent's mistakes to rack up touchdowns in every game previously, suddenly found themselves making those mistakes. Time and again, Robbie Davis was dropped for losses as his usually airtight blocking crumbled into ruin.

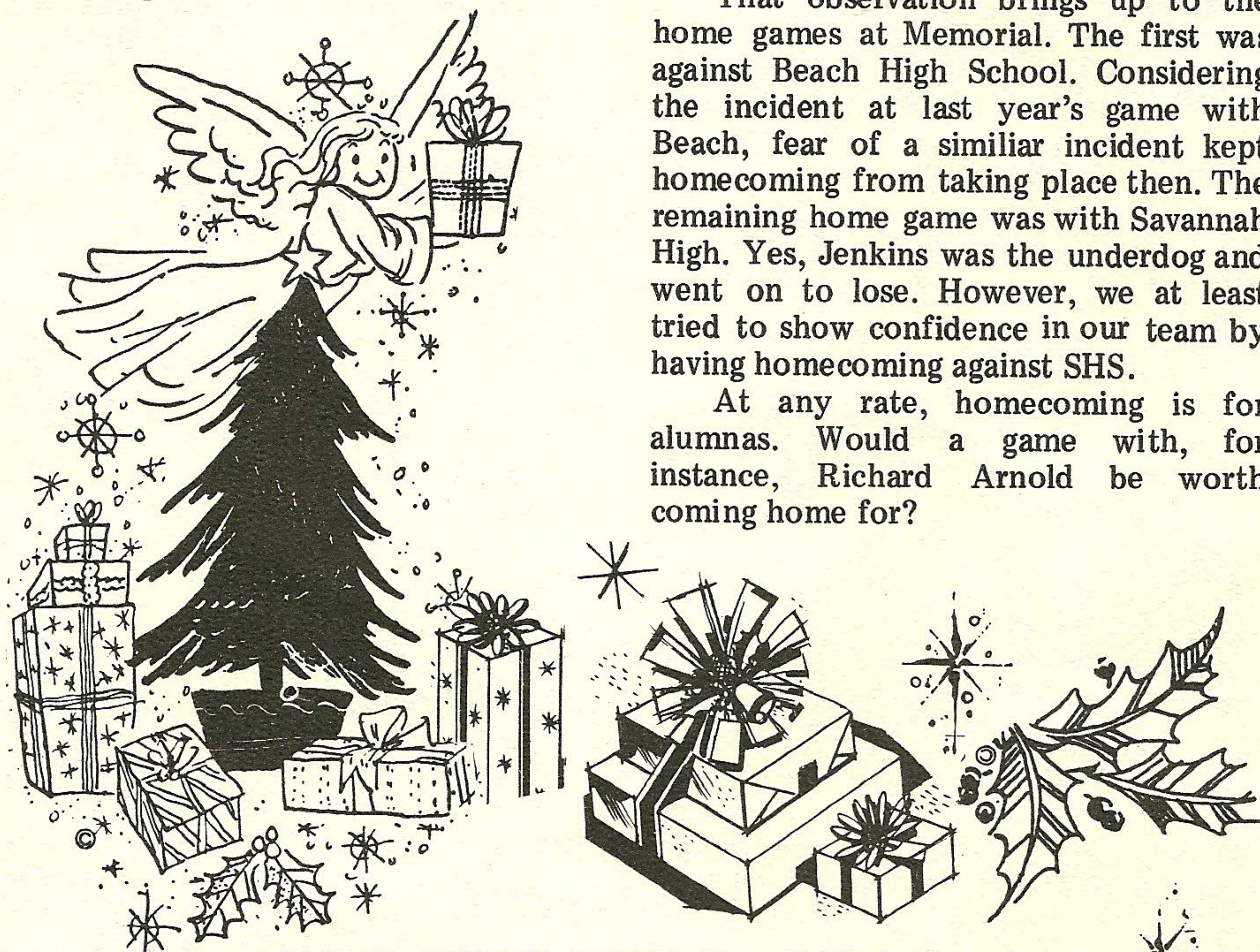
The K-K defense faired no better as they were never able to produce the big third down play. The usually rock-ribbed unit suffered from mental letdowns and poor executions as they yielded almost three times as many points in this one game as in any of the nine games before.

Although the pre-season predictions stated that the Jenkins team would probably do no better than 5-5, many people were disappointed with 9-1. All previous accomplishments were forgotten in the light of the glaring loss in the game that meant it all.

Warrior pride was the main factor which carried the team through its season and produced the winning record. Pride in themselves and pride in the team enabled the players to perform a Cinderella act which kept hopes for a region title and an undefeated season alive until the final game.

But the magic finally wore off and the warriors became simply "almost-champions."

Yet, the Warrior pride remains, and everyone connected with Jenkins--friends, family, students or casual observers--should take notice of the example set by the team. After being good winners all year long, the Warriors took the difficult role of the loser and rose to the occasion. This was truly a team to be proud of.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Robbie Smith

Homecoming is supposed to be held when the team is "home" team. Jenkins had four home games this year. Two were at Memorial Stadium, one at Westside, and one at Grayson.

Because of the time it would take to get from Westside to the dance, the JHS - Glynn game was impractical for homecoming. The game at Grayson could have been homecoming but who wants to dress in their nicest clothes for a game at Grayson? The field is so far away that one can't even see the game.

That observation brings up to the home games at Memorial. The first was against Beach High School. Considering the incident at last year's game with Beach, fear of a similar incident kept homecoming from taking place then. The remaining home game was with Savannah High. Yes, Jenkins was the underdog and went on to lose. However, we at least tried to show confidence in our team by having homecoming against SHS.

At any rate, homecoming is for alumnas. Would a game with, for instance, Richard Arnold be worth coming home for?