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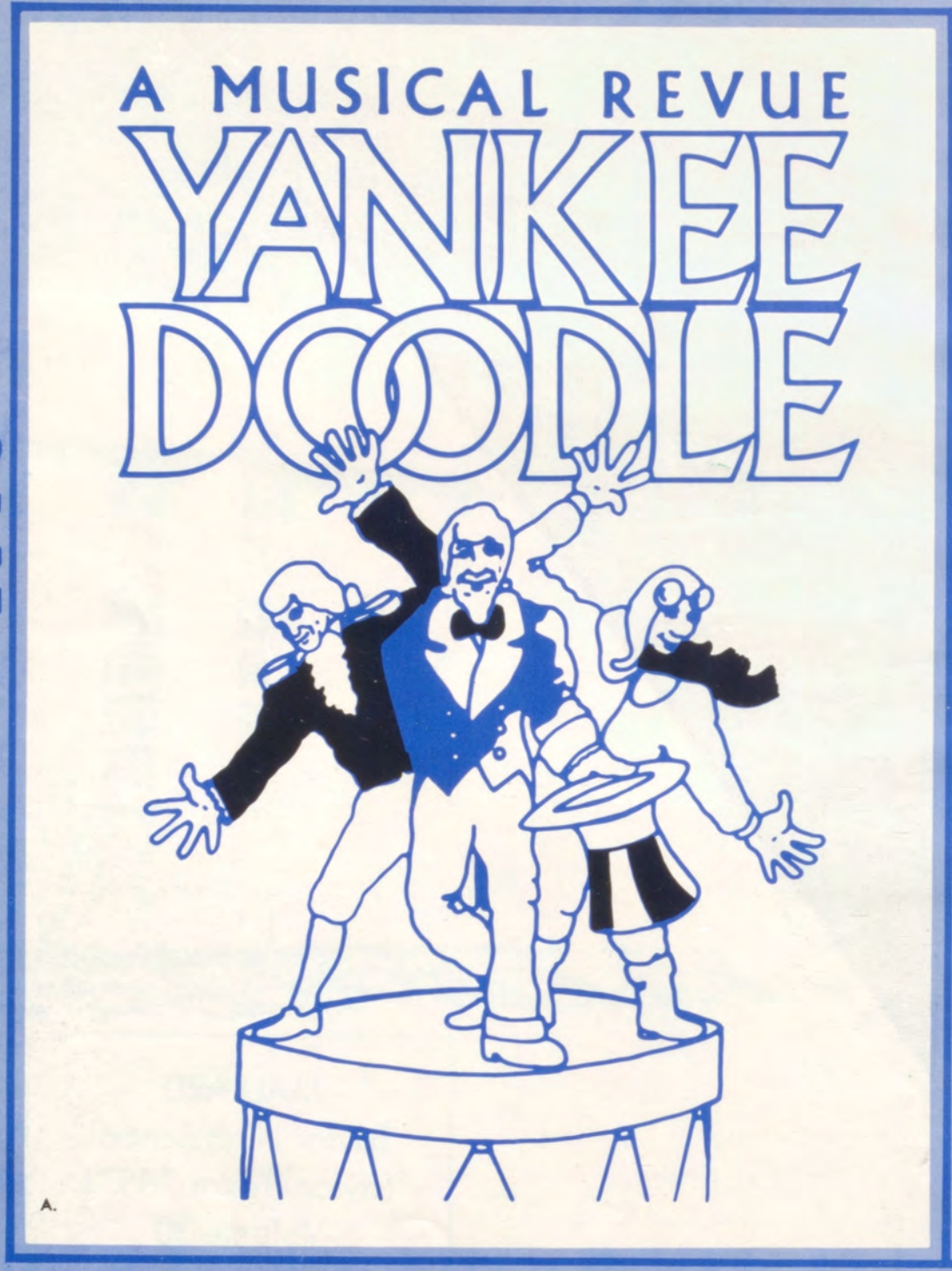
Red, White and Blue Birthday

No doubt about it, it was the Bicentennial. The country recognized this with Bicentennial minutes, red, white and blue streamers, an abundance of festivities and a general attitude of indifference. Yet Taylor, Texas had the distinction of being a Bicentennial city. Since Texas did not join the Union until 1845, we had no claim on Revolutionary battle-sites or halls where plans for the nation were made. But patriotism was not limited to the original 13 colonies, and even though our fathers could not claim passage on the Mayflower, we celebrated '76 in our own way by having star-spangled productions, displaying Bicentennial projects and painting Twelfth Street School red, white and blue.



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A. Assemblies provide a chance for patriotic shows such as the musical production of "Yankee Doodle" presented by the University of Texas drama department. This show briefly displays the highlights of America's history.

B. This emblem can be seen in many places around town, announcing that Taylor is a Bicentennial city.

C. Each school in Taylor had at least one exhibit at "Taylor Schools Salute the Red, White and Blue" program. At this display two visitors and Norman Manning look over the the projects from elementary schools.

D. As the director of the Taylor Bicentennial Commission, Patsy Bartosh encourages interest in America's past and arranges activities for neighboring schools and communities.

E. U. S. mints were busy producing coins commemorating the Bicentennial. When these quarters first appeared in circulation people stashed them away. However, the novelty soon wore off and finding one in your change from the snack bar was no surprise.





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Taylor Comes of Age

Besides being a Bicentennial city, Taylor happened to have a birthday of its own—we made our first 100 years as the nation made its second. From an inauspicious beginning in early June, 1876, we came a long way. We started when the railroad came through and took our name from one of the owners, Moses Taylor. Five hundred and one acres sold for 5 to 50 cents an acre, and by the end of 1876 we claimed a lumber yard, two hotels, three stores, two churches, a volunteer fire department and a corral for watering stock which later became Murphy Park. Since then we expanded to become a growing town with 13,373 inhabitants, over 250 businesses and 24 churches. Not a small achievement for 100 years.



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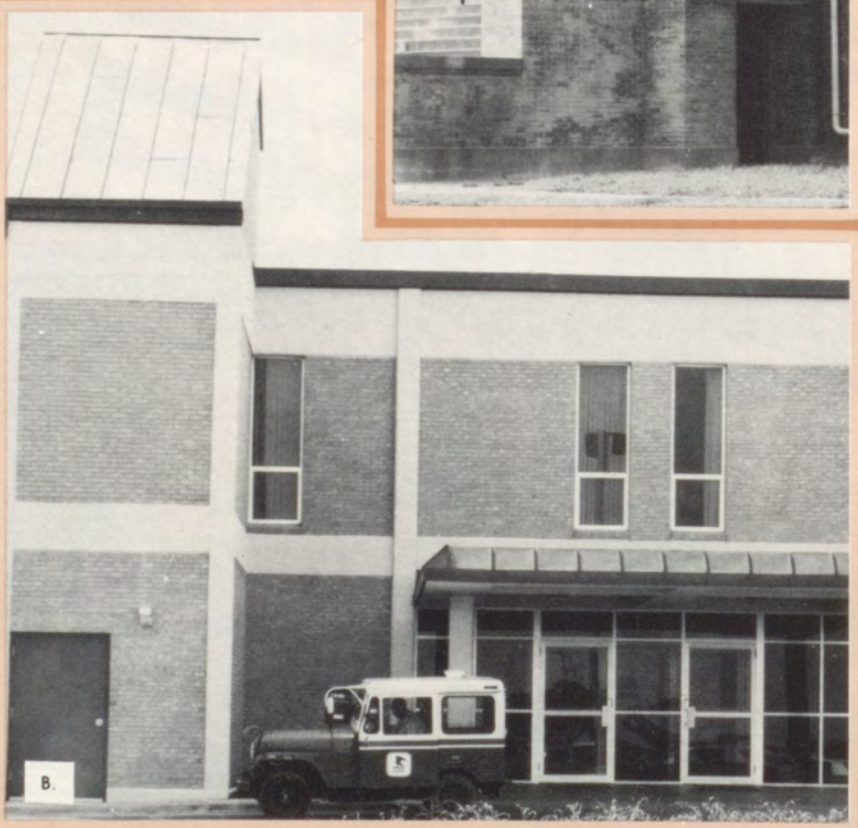

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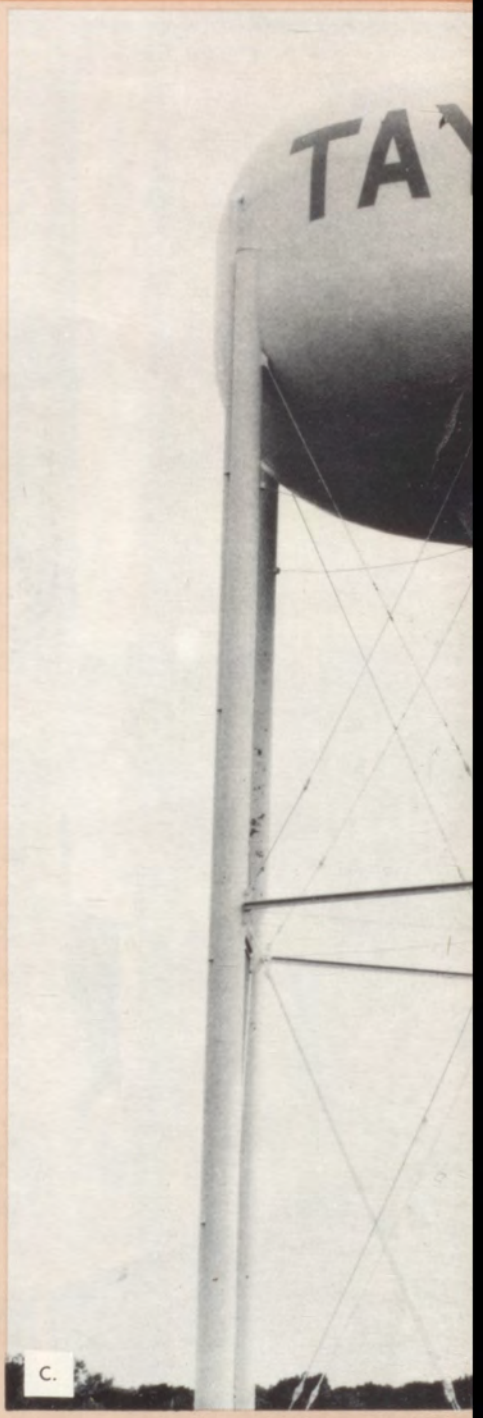

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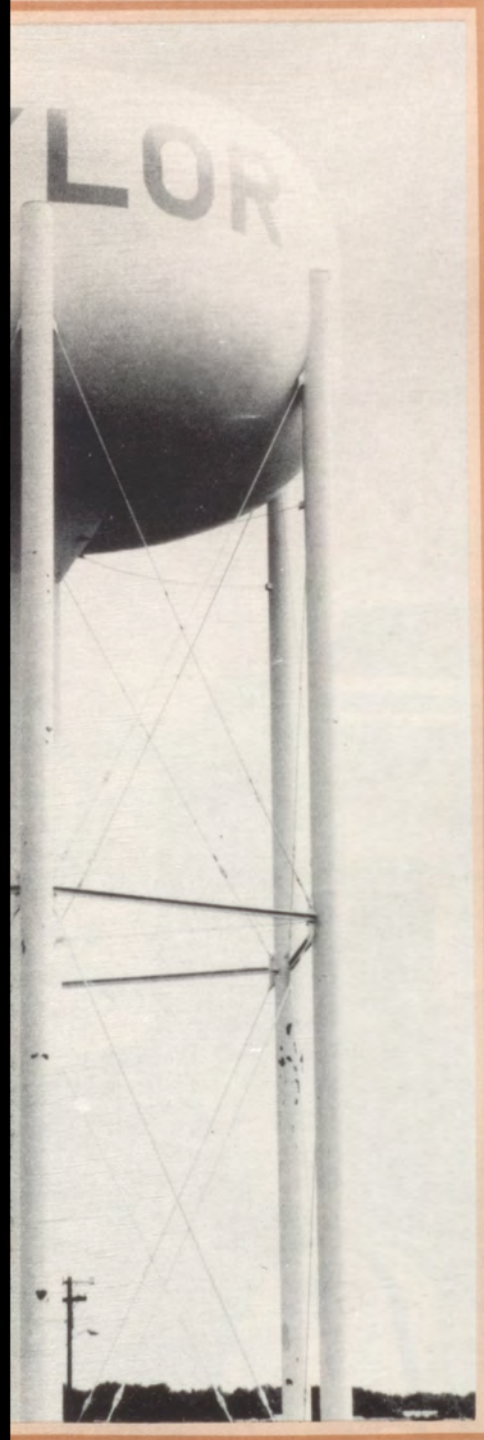
A. The Presbyterian Church, which was one of the churches built in Taylor when the first settlers moved to central Texas, represents 100 years of growth.

B. A new hospital is greatly welcomed by Taylorites to meet the needs of an expanding community after 64 years in the original building.

C. Every day those of us who travel to school by way of Mallard Lane see this water tower. The tower was built in 1971 to supply additional water to the ever-growing city.

D. Portraying one of the many places in Taylor with historical markers is this house, the birthplace of Dan Moody, which dates back to 1896.

E. The decision of the "Mr. Gatti's" food chain to build the newest addition to the Lake Drive Shopping Center reflects the steady growth of Taylor. The structure was still under construction when school ended in May.





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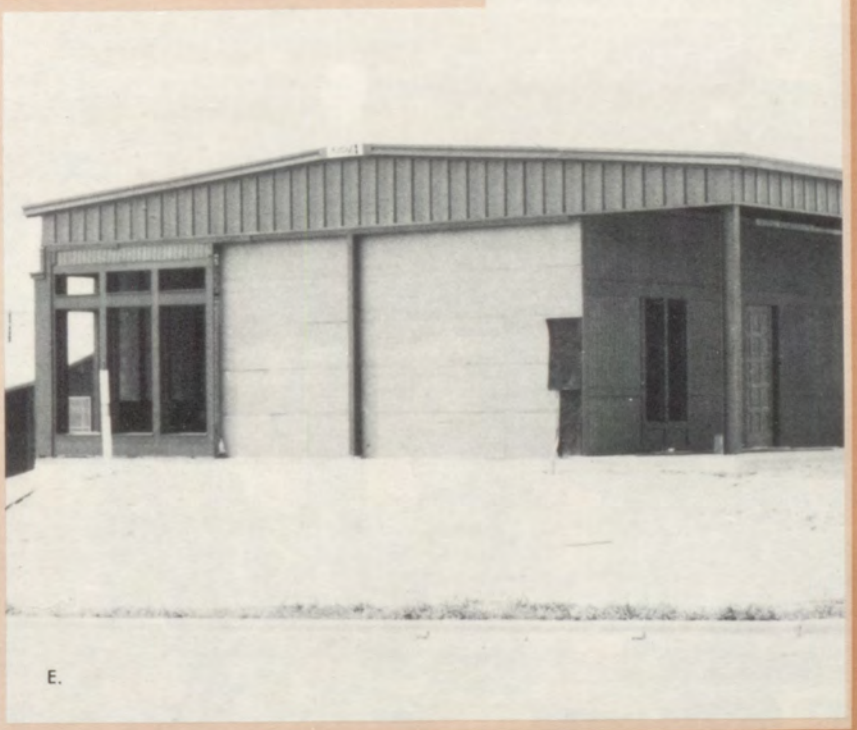

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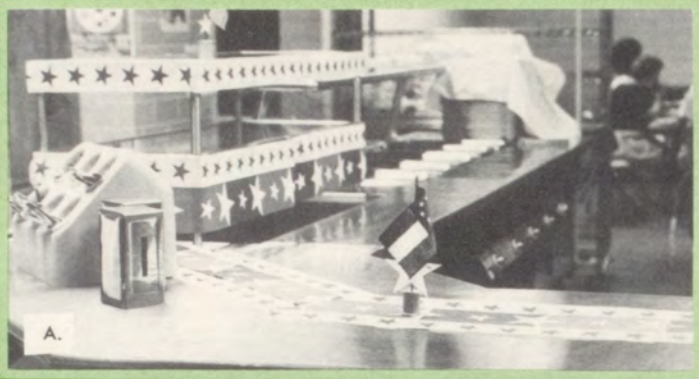
Adding Our Own Touches

Inside THS we spent little time dwelling on the past, except in history class. Our concern was with the present, what was happening now. After all, the Bicentennial and Centennial marked a beginning, too, the beginning of a new era for our country, our town and our school. The traditional elements remained a part of school—homework, tests, assemblies, pep rallies—but we added our own touches that distinguished '75-'76 from any other year. Our being there made those happenings unique, made them a beginning. Hopefully this book captures some of our mood this year—the special events and situations which made this year so special. 1976—a year of anniversaries and beginnings.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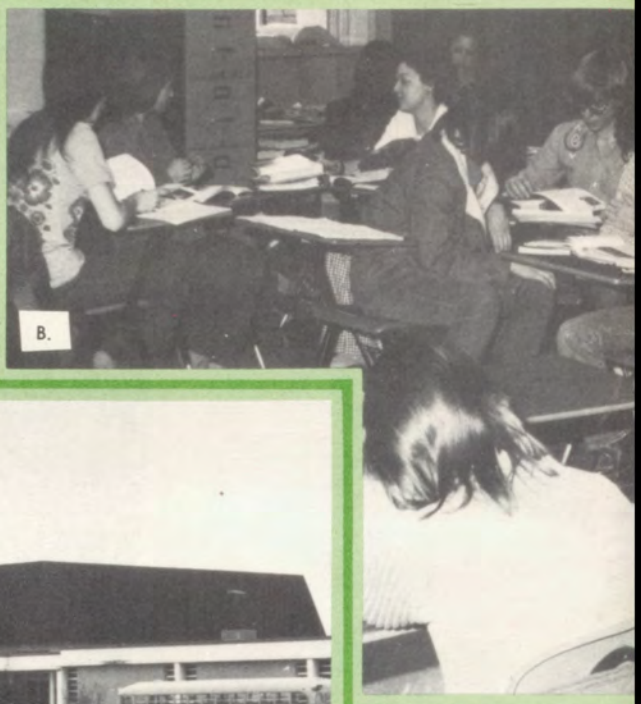
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A. The Bicentennial—it prevails throughout the school as well as the country. Even the cafeteria takes on a red, white and blue appearance.

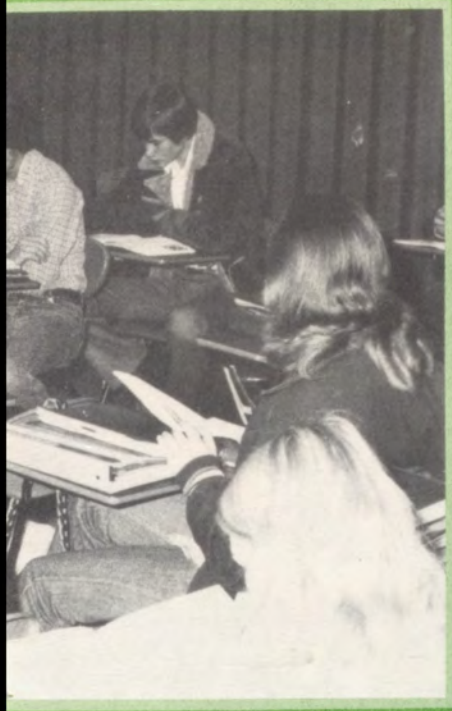
B. Studying is a constant throughout all schools and classrooms—the only variables are the faces of the students. Practical English students find that studying with a friend makes the task more pleasant.

C. This is a picture of Taylor High School, but this is not our school. Our school is people, teachers, classes and all the problems and pleasures that dominate our lives from August to May.

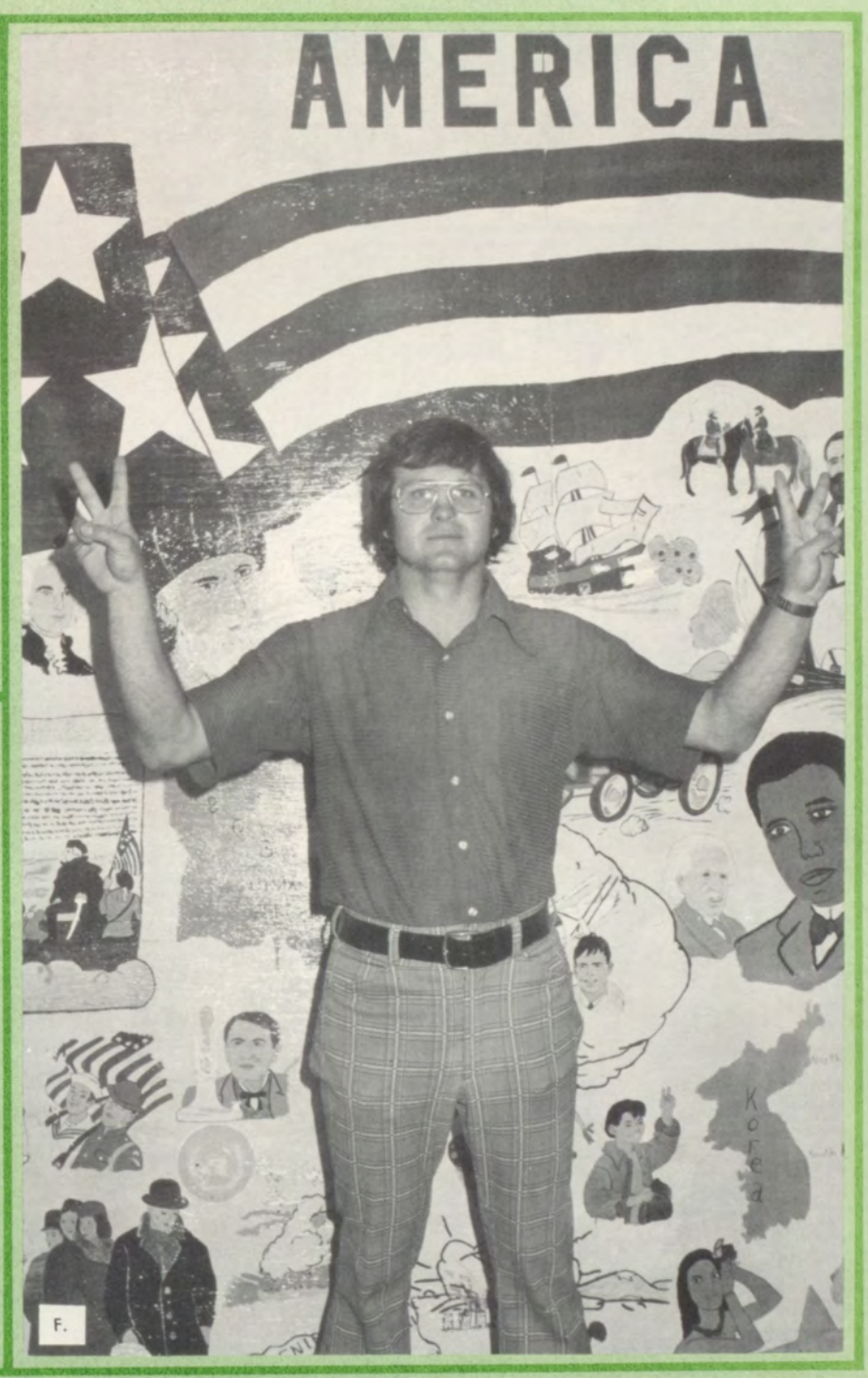
D. Aside from the traditional classrooms, there are more relaxed atmospheres in school such as the journalism rooms. In these classes cooperation is part of the curriculum as Dana Farr and Susan Ponton find while striving to meet a MALLARD deadline.

E. Our relationships with one another grow and change every day in THS as we come to know each other better. Ellen Schmidt and Mike Moss take time out in the student center to discuss the day's events.

F. Patriotism is "bustin' out all over" and American history teacher Steve Wilson finds himself caught up in the spirit of '76.





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1976 LIVING

Living: the breaks in the week that made academics less boring. Living in '76 was the unique events that made this year special, the assemblies, the country and western prom, the changing of school personnel, plus the traditions we have observed for years, Friday night football, cheerleaders and the holidays. All these went together to change the pace of Taylor High and boost drooping spirits when the routine became too monotonous.

A. For many of us without transportation or who wish to eat with friends, cramming our way into the cafeteria is just a part of our daily schedule. Lorene Brunken checks to be sure she has Kim Wrinkle's ticket.

B. Building spirit is a difficult task at THS; Nancy Rohlack puts everything she has into her jump at JV Cheerleader tryouts to prove she is the one for the job.

C. Assemblies are a very welcomed break from routine. Just as we are wondering what could possibly be next during the Homecoming assembly, Gilbert "Tarzan" Mokry swings out onto the stage in search of "Jane" as laughter fills the auditorium.

D. Ten out of the 36 weeks of school are spent in preparation for each Friday night which leads the majority of people at school as well as many from the community to watch the football team compete against their rivals.

E. Money-making projects are year-round affairs for all organizations and classes, and it often takes quite a bit of brainstorming to come up with new ones. Melissa Haverland and Pat Rogers work in the Vocational Office Education concession stand which the class found to be one of their most profitbale projects.

F. Sports enable students to get involved in school activities and give everyone a welcomed break from day to day monotony. JV Basketballers Gregary Tillis and Eric Archer keep their eyes on the ball and their hopes on an additional two points.

Freedom, Festivals and Fun

With the beginning of June, Taylor students rejected their end-of-year study habits and began to take advantage of a three month layoff from math books, English papers and science labs. For some, summer brought longer working hours at full-time jobs, while others filled the newly finished tennis courts and attended one of the many dances in the area. Summer's dawning triggered a switch from responsibility to recreation.

As vacation rolled along, so did many activities that accompanied it. The highlight of July was the Taylor Independence Festival. Among the activities offered to us was the T.I.F. Parade which included performances by the Taylor Band and Hi-Steppers. Following the parade was a carnival, a dance and the largest tennis tournament in the three year history of the T.I.F. Days.

With August came the reminder that school was just around the corner, and we began to prepare for our return to the classroom.

















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Doug Cotner moves into position to give a smashing return. (Center Left) Keeping in shape over the summer, Wade Williams returns home after a long workout. (Center Right) Heading to the San Gabriel is a favorite activity for many Taylorites. (Lower) Hi-Steppers work up a routine for the upcoming football season. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) As they coast downhill, Tammi Sefcik and Beth Sexworth experience a cool way to beat the heat as well as t... energy crisis. (Above Right) Abby Frazier competes in the Williamson County Beauty Pageant during the T.I.F. celebration. (Above Center) Although Six Flags over Texas is not a local attraction, a trip to Arlington is on the agenda for many students. (Left) Dana Basco finds the coolness of Lake Travis refreshing in the heat of August.





New Year Brings Changes and Some Old Hassles



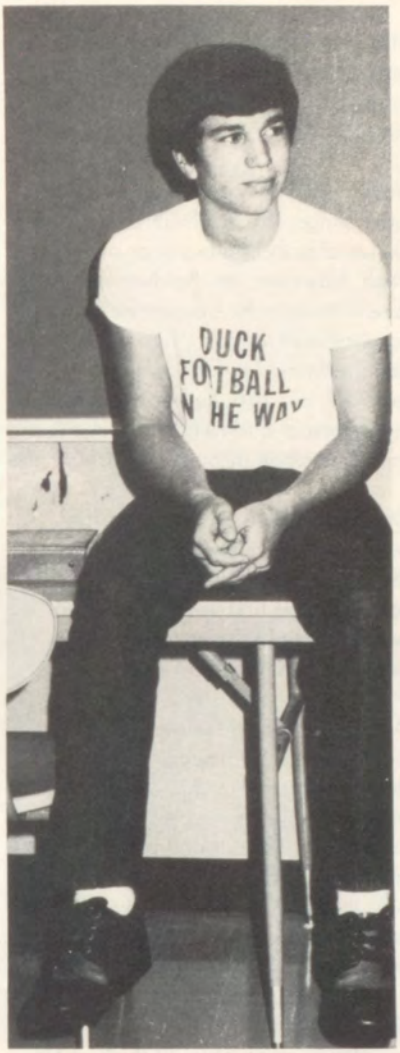


When the first bell rang on Monday, August 25, seven new teachers and a large group of new students made their debut at Taylor High School.

But these fresh faces were not the only additions to the school: a new principal and assistant principal commenced the business of running Taylor High; the first six weeks of the quarter system got under way; even the cars and trucks which inhabited the parking lots looked different as they were decorated with shiny green and white parking permits on their rear windows.

There was the usual opening day confusion, despite one freshman's description of the first day as "just school." One student admitted that he kept going to the ag building in search of his American History class. Also the new Xerox copying machine broke down almost before it got started.

In spite of these types of problems that plagued some of us, the beginning of the year ran very smoothly according to Principal Ross Baldwin, who has seen many years begin at Taylor High as both a teacher and an administrator. The year began on a note of excitement because of the changes, but the many transitions did not cause more than the normal opening day difficulties.







LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) To miss the between class rush in the halls, Terry Lindemann goes to his locker before school. (Upper Right) Between classes, Sue Ruzicka and Lisa Corbett evaluate their first week of school. (Lower Left) After an evening car rally, Teresa Snider and Judy Kropp get into the spirit of things at an on-the-field pep rally by doing the "bump." (Lower Right) Throughout football season, a familiar face at Friday pep rallies is Megan Tennill, daughter of Cheerleader sponsor Marilyn Tennill. RIGHT PAGE: (Above) Kelly Zetak reacts negatively to a discussion at a Junior class meeting. (Center Left) Before school and during lunch, Timothy Crabb uses this spot to study his schoolwork in private. (Left) As they discuss the happenings of the day in the student center, Melissa Brookshire, Connie Schneider and Nancy Urbanek wait for the bell to ring.

The pair began the year with enthusiasm and handled their positions with the confidence of a more experienced team.

In the midst of changes and new beginnings, Mr. Baldwin took on the duties of principal this year at Taylor High. However, Mr. Baldwin was not a new face, as he began coaching football and teaching business courses in the Taylor school system in 1950. In 1966, he became assistant principal and fulfilled his duties in that position through 1974.

Due to schedule adjustments, the new quarter system, and an attendance problem, the new administrator began his first year as principal with an uptight feeling—comparable to his first teaching assignment.

Along with being the general manager of the school building, Mr. Baldwin's activities this year included developing and revising the curriculum, and supervising the teachers. Although he dealt mainly with the teachers, Mr. Baldwin felt that contact with students was an essential part of his job.

Mr. Baldwin found Mr. Krueger's assistance invaluable. "I think of Mr. Krueger as my brother. I had no qualms about him being able to do the job and being as good as I hoped him to be," Mr. Baldwin said.

After a year of preparation at Middle School, Mr. Krueger returned to Taylor High in his new position of assistant principal. His experience with Taylor High and high school students extended back nine years. He has been the head baseball coach since 1967, coached in other sports, and taught history in the classroom.

Along with the never-ending miscellaneous work load he carried, Mr. Krueger did have several defined risks. Among these was dealing with disciplinary problems and absenteeism. Also everyone heard the voice of Mr. Krueger as he assumed the responsibility of making announcements.

Because Mr. Krueger was out of the classroom, there was a possibility that he could have become isolated from the students. But David Krueger was determined that this would not happen to him. "I'm not going to change because I'm assistant principal. I still want to be able to talk to the kids."

As Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Krueger filled the positions of principal and assistant principal, the new administrators proved to be one of the most important changes at Taylor High.



Top Level Changes After 18 Years



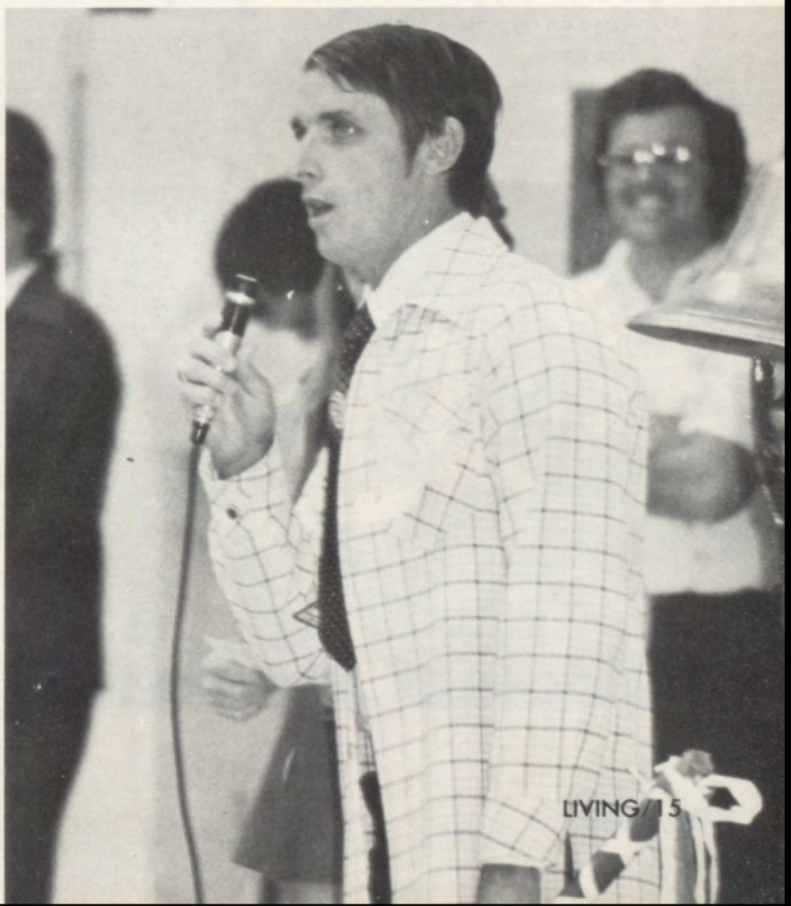


LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Although filled with indecision, David Krueger, David Bates and Ross Baldwin experience one of the more enjoyable aspects of their positions as they judge Homecoming signs. (Lower) Principal Ross Baldwin glances up from his continual flow of paperwork, one of the more tedious aspects of his position. RIGHT PAGE: (Center) Although supervising teachers takes up much of his time, Ross Baldwin spends part of the day in the student's world—the hall. (Lower Left) A familiar face at all Taylor sporting events, David Krueger takes a break to reflect on the first half action of a freshman football game. (Lower Right) David Krueger announces the winner of the spirit stick at the pep rally preceding the Lampasas game.

One of the major changes of the 1975-1976 school year was present in the Taylor High office, as Ross Baldwin and David Krueger stepped into the top administrative positions as principal and assistant principal.







Fourth Year in a Row

Ducks Advance to Zone

Equipped with new helmets and new enthusiasm, the Taylor Ducks started another season. The size of the Varsity Football Team lent some doubt as to how far the team would go. Doubts vanished, however, as the Ducks scored victory after victory against their rivals.

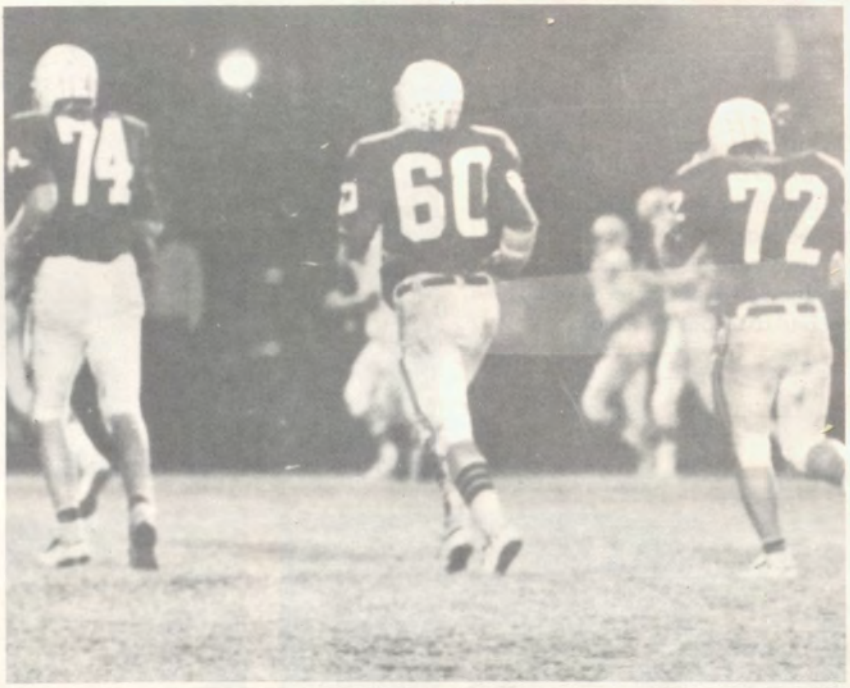
Outsized by every team they came across, the Ducks made up for weight and lack of varsity experience with an extraordinary amount of spirit and team unity. The Ducks themselves felt that nobody could stop them because of the determination they held as a team.

The Ducks finished the season with an overall record of 7-2-1, falling only to Cameron and Rockdale and tying Lockhart. Finishing South Zone play with a 3-1-1 record, Taylor lost to Rockdale in a highly controversial South Zone Championship game.

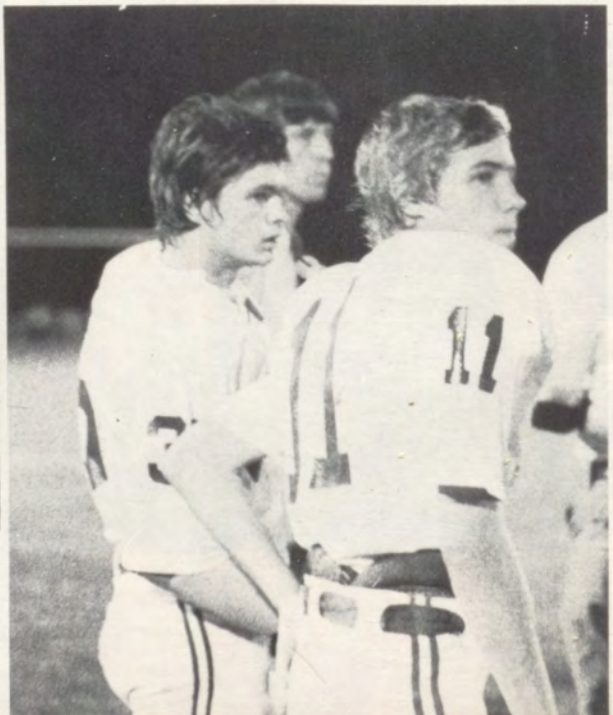
A tough Duck defense gave up only an average of 160 yards per game. 222 points were scored for the season and an aggresive offense netted 2,986 yards.

Shirl Frazier, head coach, said, "Their attitude and desire to win was the biggest determining factor in our winning seven games. They worked as hard as any group that I've been associated with and their attitude made coaching a real pleasure."

















LEFT PAGE: (Above) Quarterback Bruce Turner (12) cuts upfield to avoid a Rockdale defender. (Center) Duck linemen Kent Hanacik (74), Tim Bartosh (60) and Tim Pevehouse (72) trot onto the field to begin another defensive series. (Lower Left) As he charges into the secondary, sophomore fullback Leonard Burnett (32) looks for running room in the September 19 game against Georgetown. (Lower Right) While watching the offense, Wade Williams (35) and Doug Alexander (11) wait anxiously to return to action. RIGHT PAGE: (Above) Tackle Tim Pevehouse (72) prepares to put the finishing touches on an A&M Consolidated player after a short gain. (Center) Ricky Bubenik (85) runs for additional yardage after receiving a pass against Georgetown. (Left) Great pressure put on the Tiger placekicker by Phillip Wagner (50), Lester Zachary (22) and Bruce Turner (12) is an example of the all-out effort which resulted in the Taylor victory over Belton.

FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW

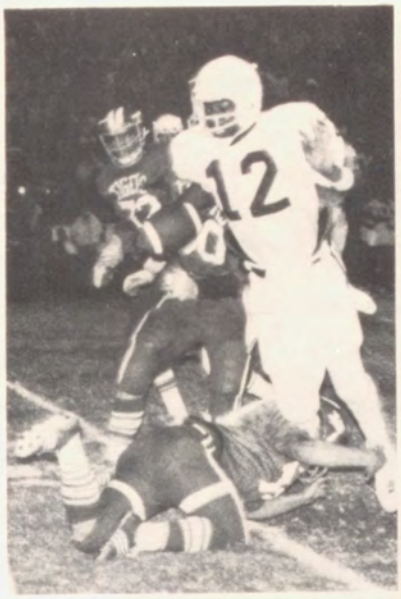
















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20	Taylor	Lampasas	13
27	Taylor	Gatesville	6
7	Taylor	Belton	0
13	Taylor	Lockhart	13
33	Taylor	Del Valle	14
20	Taylor	Round Rock	0
6	Taylor	Rockdale	13
Junior Varsity			6-4
Freshmen			2-8

LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Marion Morgan (30) signals a touchdown for the Ducks, starting a frenzy of jubilation against long time rival Rockdale in the Centex Game of the Week. (Upper Right) Coach Eddie Spiller awards Bruce Turner a game star for his efforts in the game the previous week. (Left) Gene Barnett (21) scrambles for extra yardage as he shows his All-District form.(Center) Varsity Football: FRONT ROW: Doug Kaspar, Tim Pevehouse, Phillip Wagner, Ricky Bubenik, Tim Bartosh, Wade Williams, Bruce Turner, Gene Barnett, Louis Tamez, Johnny Moreno and Ricky Widner. MIDDLE ROW: Doug Alexander, Scott Ging, Terry Lindemann, Trey Buzan, David Rozacky, Gary Lankford, Kent Hanacik, Marion Morgan, David Meiske and Mickey Walker. BACK ROW: Coach Leon Nickerson, Head Coach Shirl Frazier, Coach Steve Wilson, Dale Bunge, Leonard Burnett, Doug Kuhl, Tim Kinsley, Richard Smith, Lester Zachary, Coach Eddie Spiller and Coach Danny Potts. (Lower Right) A long ball threat all season, Gary Lankford (10) snares another pass against Round Rock. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Quarterback Bruce Turner (12) keeps the ball on an option play to pick up enough yardage for a first down against Belton. (Above) Clearing the way is Phillip Wagner (50), as Richard Smith (33) charges for yardage against Belton, the Ducks went on to win the game 7-0.

Slow Start Hinders JV and Fish Teams

A squad that functioned together as a team, the Junior Varsity players finished their season with a 6-4 record.

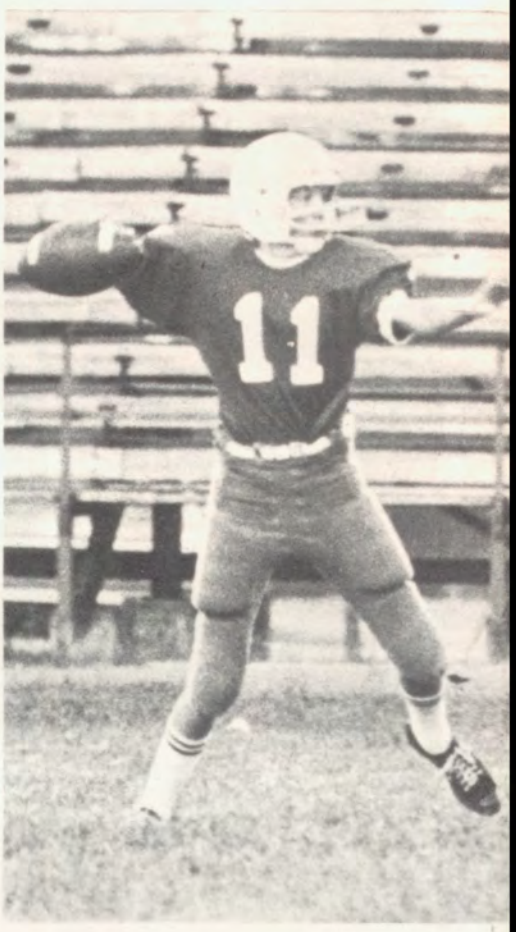
Showing up their opponents with an offense that continually gained yardage with a series of passes, catches and runs, the JV's defense further held their rivals in check by repeatedly denying scoring of the opposition.

There was no doubt of the skill of the JV players as many of them were moved up to the Varsity squad. Action was in plentiful supply as the Junior Varsity team repeatedly came back from losing situations to win many games during the season. One particular highlight of the football year was the defeat of the Round Rock Dragons after the Dragons had led the Ducks for three quarters.

Steve Wilson, coach of the JVs, commented, "Overall, we felt like we had a very successful season for the JVs. The coaching staff feels like we found some football players that will step into the Varsity's shoes next year. Highpoints of the year were the goal-lines defenses against Belton and Gatesville."

Getting used to working with new techniques and a new school caused the Freshmen football squad to fall short of their predicted number of wins. Though their inexperience showed from the numerous bruises and aches they received during the season, the Fish have high hopes for a better team in the future.

Seven defeats marked their record of ten games played. Talent and a good deal of potential were evident in the Fish's explosive offense and rock hard defense. Although the Fish failed to win as many games as expected the future looks bright for the Ducks as the Freshmen displayed all season long never ceasing determination and pride.















LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Quarterback Brad Frazier (11) sets up to deliver another scoring strike during the Cameron-Taylor football game. (Lower Left) Scott Ging (63) watches his determined teammates hold the opposition while awaiting to return to the action. (Lower Right) JV Football: FRONT ROW: John Dykowski, James Collins, Robert Fuller, Frank Chapa, Donald Stolte and Clarence Wooldridge. SECOND ROW: Dennis Mundkowsky, Scott Ging, Terry Lindemann, Kenneth Thomas, James Casey, Todd Harris, Domingo Alderete and Coach Steve Wilson. BACK ROW: David Burow, Arthur Tamez, David Alford, Robert Gomez, Keith Rieger, Randell Doughy and Donald Frederick. RIGHT PAGE: (Above) Fierce tackling by Robert Stone (43) stops the opposing offense from scoring. (Top Left) Hauling in a pass, Brian Zrubek (86) eludes a would-be tackler. (Center Left) Freshman Football: FRONT ROW: Glen Cepak (mgr.), Carlton Brown, Edmond Raesz, Daniel Ruiz, Jeffrey Hattley, Billy Seigmund, Brad Frazier, and George Stinson. SECOND ROW: Coach Richard Sancillo, Stephen Duffy, Bobby Griffin, Ralph Granzin, Kurt Sobotik, Casey Cravens, Ricky Tanksley, Vollie Robinson and Daniel Sandoval. BACK ROW: Coach David Land, Scott Seaquist, Tim Kelly, Robert Stone, Brian Zrubek, Casey Tate, Brian Brinkmeyer, Leon Robinson and Richard Lopez. (Bottom Left) Elusive Donald Frederick (43) loses opposing linemen in a speedy race to the goal-line.

Fifties Craze—Whirl of Nostalgia







Homecoming week began with a spark of excitement, as students and faculty looked forward to the activities of Homecoming '75.

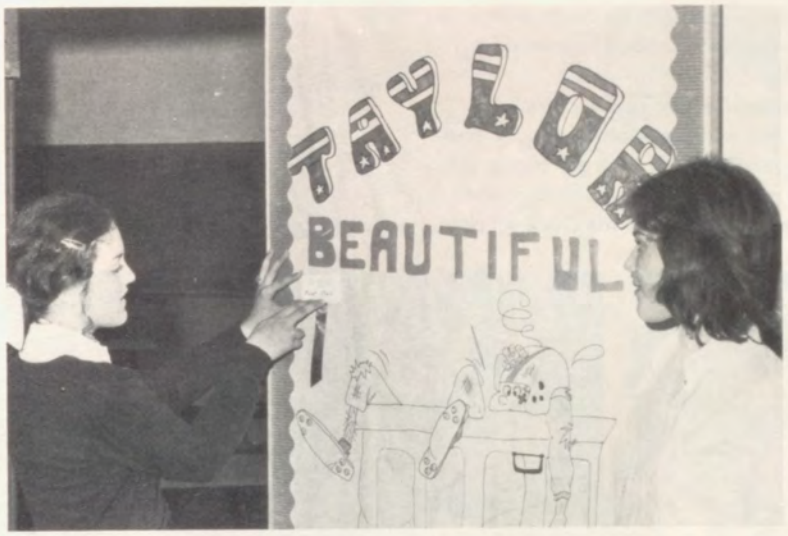
Spirit mounted each day as students worked on class signs and door decorations. Other important parts of the traditional Homecoming scene included practicing for the assembly, ordering mums and voting for Queen.

Returning for the assembly, exes remembered their high school years with the help of bits of nostalgia such as bobby socks, greasy hair and "Rock Around the Clock," all a part of the Fifties Day celebration.

Besides a full hour of entertainment, the Homecoming assembly was also the setting for the presentation of several awards. Ricky Bubenik accepted the honor of Hi-Stepper Beau, the Sophomore class won first place with their sign and each Homecoming Queen nominee received a red rose.

Spirit started to increase during the pre-game ceremonies when Ophal Reese began her reign as Homecoming Queen and continued to rise as the Del Valle Cardinals proved to be no match for the Ducks. Taylor led at the half as the Band and Hi-Steppers performed in pouring rain.

Finally, with the Ducks defeating Del Valle 33-14, Homecoming '75 came to a triumphant end.









LEFT PAGE: (Left) In the pre-game ceremonies, Ophal Reese, escorted by Brad Ross, is presented with roses after winning the title of Homecoming Queen. (Upper Right) Butch Lee presents Velma Loeve with a dozen yellow roses in appreication of her many years of service to Taylor High.
(Lower Right) The first place winning Sophomore sign adds a touch of spirit as well as color to the Homecoming festivities. RIGHT PAGE: (Above Left) Debbie McGee and Stancie Schwenker examine the decorated plane geometry door which shared the first place award with girls' P.E. (Above) Typical Sweethearts of the '50's, Jo Ann Mott and Scott Ging participate in the sweep of nostalgia during Homecoming '75. (Left) Members of the Third Annual Taylor High Marching Kazoo Band, Butch Lee and Rodney Bohls tune their kazoos before their appearance at the Homecoming assembly.

S-P-I-R-I-T

Spirit, Let's Hear It!

Every football team knows that school spirit plays an important role in the winning of a game, and at Taylor High, the generator of this school spirit is the pep rally. Each week, classes, organizations and individuals alike painted signs, practiced routines, perfected music and organized yells with the one goal of spreading school spirit throughout the entire student body and faculty.

This year's pep rallies started off rather slowly and student apathy became a major concern. However, our Cheerleaders were not to blame as they tried a number of different programs including outdoor rallies and the playing of records. By the fourth game, school spirit moved into full swing and correspondingly, that week's pep rally resulted in a tremendous success. Many faculty members and administrators proclaimed it to be "the greatest pep rally we have ever seen."

Each Friday, the Spirit Stick was awarded to the group or individual most symbolic of Taylor school spirit. When awarded to an organization, a victorious celebration followed.

By November 4, Taylor completed another winning football season and the people involved in the organization of pep rallies liked to think their contribution helped the Duck success.

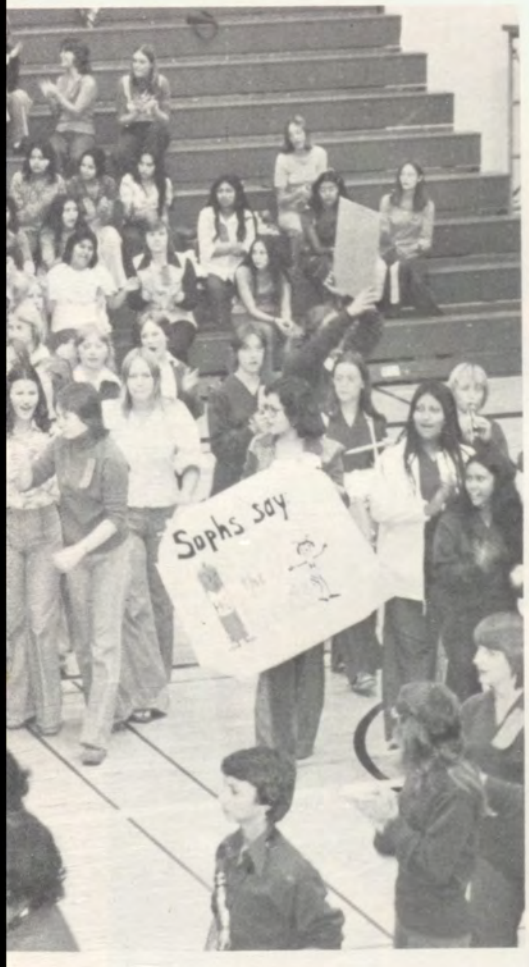














LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Boosting school spirit, Wade Williams gives his winning prediction for the game at the A&M pep rally. (Lower Left) Entertaining students at the important Belton pep rally, Hi-Steppers Laurie Pasemann, Stancie Schwenker, Sherie Dykowski, and Pam Kaspar perform to the music of "The Pink Panther". (Lower Right) As the Bands leads the way, students pile out of the bleachers to join in the festivities during the Gatesville pep rally. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) With mixed emotions, senior twirlers Lisa Jacobson and Donna Ryan conclude their final performance to the music of "El Cumbanchero" at the Rockdale pep rally. Afterwards, each was presented with a rose from the junior twirlers. (Upper Right) The personification of tension, Head Coach Shirl Frazier contemplates his strategy for the Gatesville game. (Center Right) With empty expressions, Varsity football players look ahead toward their important encounter with district foe, Round Rock.

". . . But Things Got Better"

Hard work could describe cheerleading this year, as Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders set about the task of raising student body enthusiasm throughout football, basketball and baseball seasons.

In preparation for an entire year of boosting spirit, three veteran Varsity Cheerleaders and three new junior cheerleaders attended summer camp at Southern Methodist University. Summer days were spent working on stunts and practicing yells.

Although the first few attempts of boosting school spirit at pep rallies proved unsuccessful, ideas such as class and club competition brought fruitful results. Not only did pep rallies come alive with spirit, but locker signs also abounded.

The Victory Bell made its first appearance as did a cheerleader mascot Megan Tennill who added laughter to pep rallies; and Bell Boys Mickey McGee, Gilbert Mokry, Brad Ross, and Kelly Zetak who performed stunts with the Varsity Cheerleaders. At the end of the football season, cheerleaders sold Big Green Machine buttons and used the new mini-trampoline, donated by local merchants.

Summing up the year, Vanessa Cox put it like this: "It was really hard to build enthusiasm at first, but things got better—we came out with a lot of spirit."



















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Brad Ross displays the official Bell Boy uniform by doing a toe jump. (Upper Right) With only four seconds left, Dana Basco, Tammi Sefcik, Melissa Brookshire, Nancy Rohlack, Kathleen Jackson and Shelia Mahlow anticipate another J.V. win. (Lower Left) Megan Tennill spots something different about the Rockdale pep rally as the Middle School Band plays "Soul Rock". (Lower Right) During pre-game ceremonies, Bell Boy Kelly Zetak and Vanessa Cox show one of their many new stunts which they learned at summer camp. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Trying desperately to rouse spirit at the first outdoor pep ralley, Ophal Reese finds little support from the student body for the Georgetown game. (Upper Right) Sherry Pasemann escorts Betty Bubenik—Kelly Zetak—to a Bell Boy beauty pageant. (Center Right) During introduction night, an annual presentation of football players and spirit organizations, Donna Tiemann and Jennifer Henderson watch the Hi-Steppers perform. (Lower Left) Abby Frazier takes a break from yelling to watch the Ducks gain yardage on a first down play.

As soon as Thanksgiving turkeys were forgotten, a new atmosphere crept over the school. Each day it spread more and more, and spirits began to rise as the Christmas holidays approached.

Deck the Halls

was exactly what went on in school. Christmas trees, mistletoe, door decorations and just overall good cheer seemed to break the routine. Concentrating on what the teacher was saying was not easy as thoughts of what Santa was going to bring (a stereo, new clothes, a car?) filled students' minds.

Not only did everyone anticipate the holidays because of the "Christmas spirit", but also because it was the first long holiday of the year. With first quarter exams over and done with, everybody made their plans to use the long-awaited holidays to the fullest.



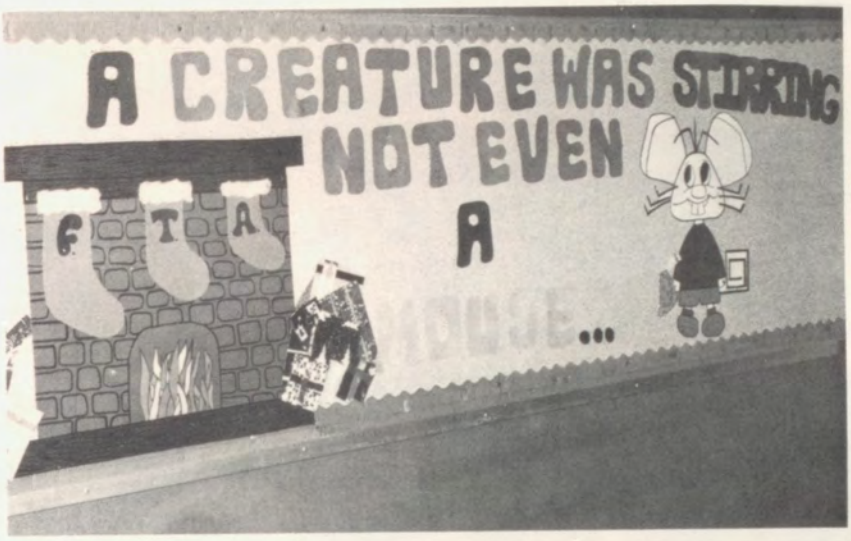












LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) This Christmas tree, decorated with donations from various students, is a typical sight in many rooms throughout the school as the holiday season approaches. (Center) Bringing the true meaning of Christmas into focus, a nativity scene such as this can be seen in many student's homes. (Lower Left) During the Christmas holiday tournament, Donald Allen and Derrick Hubbard go through warm-up procedures just before the championship game with Smithville. (Lower Right) Carla Nickerson and Bonnie Berry add the finishing touches to their Christmas door before the judging begins. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) As the long-awaited holidays draw near, excitement begins to fill the school, and some English students use their artistic abilities to get across the message of Christmas spirit. (Center) Even clubs join in the holiday festivities as Future Teachers demonstrate with their bulletin board decorations. (Lower Left) Out of the 20 doors entered in the contest, John Berry proudly places the first place ribbon on this door decorated by Journalism I students. (Below) "I told you so!," shouts "Crunch", Colden Bosley, while other characters Dorothy Rafferty, Connie Schneider, Delia Contreras and Ron Schaefer listen in fright. Drama Club enacted the play "Old King Cole" before the student body, just prior to the Christmas holiday.





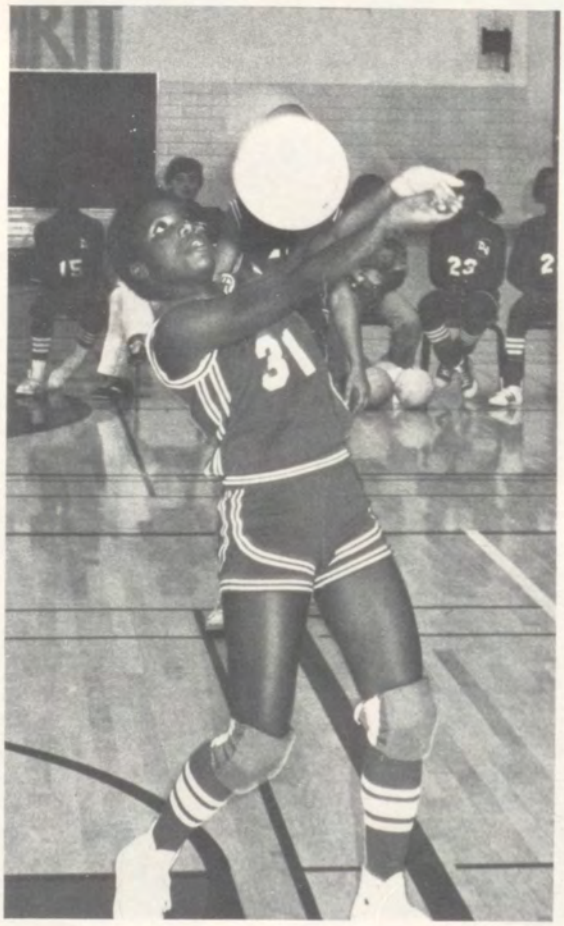
Champs With a Record Worth Waiting For



With the understatement typical of a coach, Ophelia Jewell described the school volleyball teams as having a "very fine" year. While the "A" team compiled a 17-2 record (the best in Taylor history), the "B" team had a 13-1 season, and volleyball became one of the most successfull team sports in Taylor High School.

During their record-breaking season, varsity volleyballers won the District 12AAA title by defeating Belton for the championship. Four seniors, including Roberta Young, who was named to the all-district team, led the Ducks into the regional playoffs. At the regionals the girls defeated Longview Pine Tree in the first round, but lost in the State AAA quarterfinals to Beaumont South Park.

With another all-district choice, sophomore Kathleen Jackson, an honorable mention selection, junior Denise Hubbard; and members of a junior varsity team which had a thirteen-win season, future success for volleyball at THS seemed likely.









LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Ophelia Jewell discusses possible game strategy with Joyce Washington, Tracy McVay, Betty Adams, Carolyn Johnson (seated), Sheila McCormick and Sarah Rangel (on the floor). (Lower Left) Sarah Rangel watches Tracy McVay return an opponent's volley. (Lower Center) Wanda Tillis concentrates on keeping the ball in play during a game against Del Valle. (Lower Right) Deborah Tillis battles with an opposing player at the net. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Claudia Lee and Myra Martin aid the referee by keeping the clock and the statistics correct. (Below) Varsity and JV Volleyball: FRONT ROW: Janis Cubit*, Sheila McCormick*, Wanda Tillis*. SECOND ROW: Janet Jackson*, Patricia McDonald*, Madeline Lewis, Beverly Barnett*, Kathleen Jackson and Ophelia Jewell. BACK ROW: Emily Smith*, Joyce Washington*, Willie Deary*, Denise Hubbard and Pam Henry. NOT PICTURED: Chestina Martin, Roberta Young and Denise Blakely*. (* Denotes JV Members)





Inexperience, Disease Mar Season

Plagued by inexperience, illness and other problems, the varsity basketball team, with new coach David Land, finished with a disappointing overall record of eleven wins and sixteen losses.

After an encouraging win over Lockhart in their opening zone game, the Ducks suffered a period of cold shooting while some of the players were forced out of action by a flu outbreak which took its toll on attendance in the entire school. Also, guard Brad Ross, who had led the varsity in scoring average per game, left the team near the midway point in zone play.

Although never contenders for the zone championship, varsity players were encouraged by community support which insured that basketball would continue as one of the most popular team sports in Taylor.















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Marvin Mapp takes to the air for two points against the Del Valle Cardinals. (Lower Left) Larry Kelley, a junior Duck standout, rounds into form against pre-season foe Hutto. (Lower Right) Varsity roundballers, Derrick Hubbard, Brian Zrubek, and Jay Harkins casually warm-up before the Round Rock contest. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Derrick Hubbard cannily drives for the bucket against powerhouse Rockdale in the district race. (Above) Surrounded by controversy all season, Brad Ross displays the form which made him an all-district performer last year. (Center) Varsity Basketball: FRONT ROW: Derrick Hubbard, Jay Harkins, Larry Kelley, and David Meiske. BACK ROW: Gary Keith, Donald Allen, Brian Zrubek, Marvin Mapp and Coach David Land. (Left) Brian Zrubek opens up the game against the Lockhart Lions which proved to be the Ducks only District win.

Hope for the Future in a Winning Year

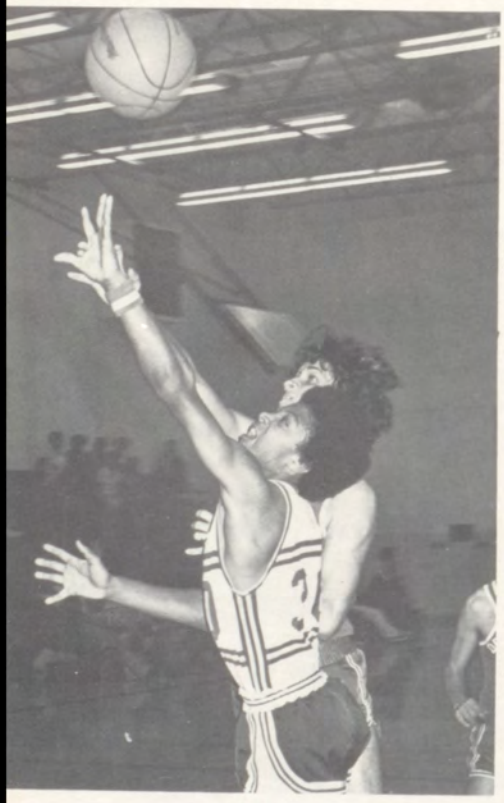


The Junior Varsity basketball team; coached by Danny Potts for the first year, finished their season with a record of eleven wins and eight losses while grooming players for the Varsity in the near future.

During zone competition, especially late in the seaon, several JV players participated on the Varsity and filled gaps that illness had created in some positions on the team. JV players topped off their season by bringing the first place trophy of the Dime Box Junior Varsity Tournament back to Taylor.

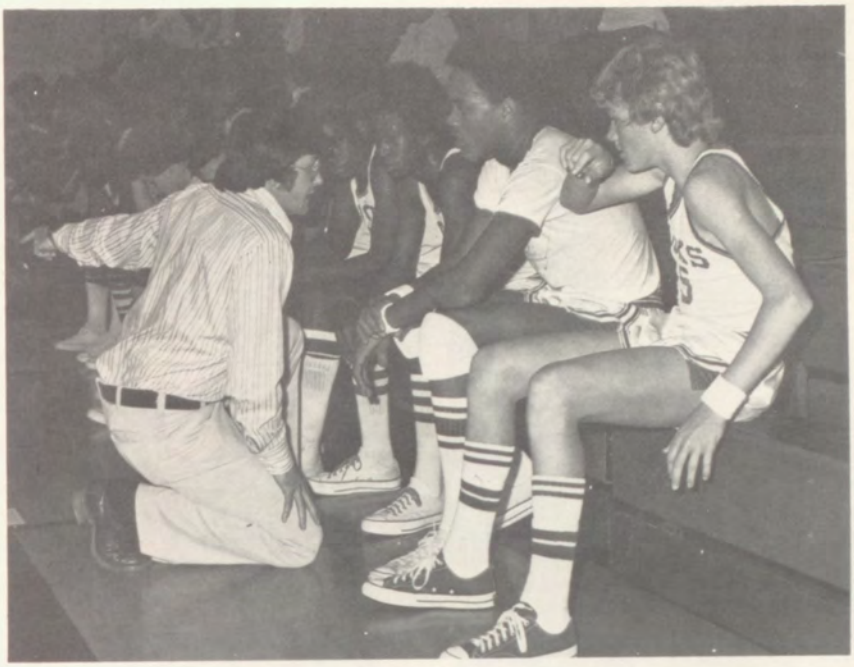
In ending a good year on a high note, the Junior Varsity team provided an optimistic outlook for the future of Duck Basketball.







(Above Left) Clarence Wooldrige sets to shoot against Hutto. (Above) Freshmen Basketball: FRONT ROW: Rudy Johnson, Donald Ray Fredericks, Darrel Johnson and Michael Goins. BACK ROW: Gregory Tillis, Winford Hull, Danny Potts, James Collins, Kenneth Thomas, Ronnie Kelly and Clarence Wooldrige. (Lower Left) Kenneth Houston struggles for a crucial rebound against Del Valle. (Left) James Collins prepares to pump in another two points for the Duck J.V.



Lucky 13 for Freshmen

Although they were the youngest team in the school, the freshmen had the best record. They compiled a thirteen-win season with only four defeats. The coach of the freshmen team was Steve Wilson, in his first year as a coach and teacher in Taylor.

The winning combination of newcomers in playing and coaching clicked from the beginning and lasted throughout the year. With consistent performances from game to game, the freshmen finished their season with an outstanding .765 winning percentage.

Charles Hall, who led the freshmen in scoring average and rebounding, described the season for himself and his teammates by saying that it was fun. For those who watched the freshmen in anticipation of what they could accomplish with more experience in coming years, the season was also an enjoyable one.







(Upper) Coach Steve Wilson discusses last minute strategy with his bench during a time-out. (Above) Freshmen Basketball: FRONT ROW: Edmund Raesz, Glenn Cepek, Louis Ross, Jeffrey Hatley and Justin Nickerson. BACK ROW: Steve Wilson, Harold Harvey, Ralph Granzin, Charles Hall, Leon Robinson and Brad Frazier. (Lower Left) Charles Hall grimaces as he fights for a rebound against Del Valle. (Left) Louis Ross sets the stage for action as he brings the ball down court.

Jumpers Place High at State Meet



Forced to hurdle the obstacles created by excessive injuries, the track team made great leaps toward the future by recruiting underclassmen to compete against experienced cindermen throughout the district. However, returning lettermen accomplished their job by making strong showings at state with Brad Ross taking fourth in the broad jump and Gary Lankford winning second in the pole vault.

The tracksters began quickly, finishing in the top five in several meets consisting primarily of 4A schools. But as the season progressed, the victories became few and a sixth place finish at district concluded a disappointing season.

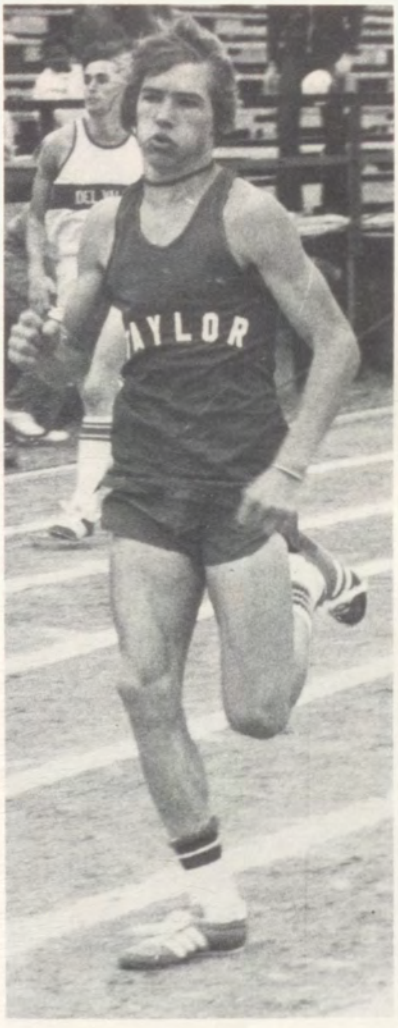
Coach Leon Nickerson stated that with the return of Lankford and several promising runners, the Ducks should have the nucleus of a strong team for next season.











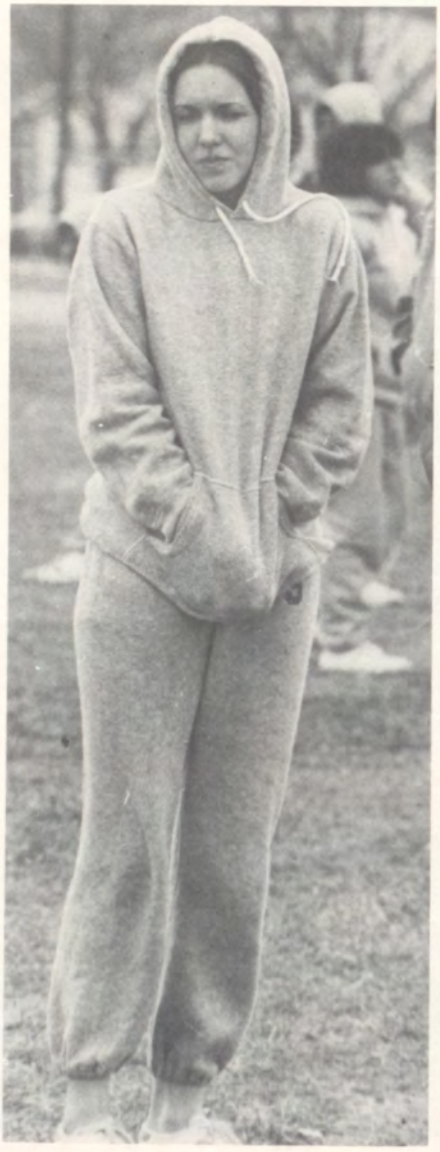


LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Brad Ross, Class 3A State Broad Jump finalist, strains for every inch he can muster. (Lower Left) Duck tracksters take a break from the action and rest up for the finals. (Lower Right) Billy Seigmund successfully hands the baton to anchorman Ralph Granzin in the 440 yard relay at the Cotton Boll Relays. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Class 3A State Pole Vault runner-up Gary Lankford prepares to make another attempt at 15'0" at the state meet. (Upper Right) Duck middle-distance runners Glenn Ross and Wade Williams try vainly to break away from the pack in the 880 yard dash. (Lower Left) Quarter miler Doug Alexander strides to the finish line during the preliminaries at the Cotton Boll Relays held in Taylor. (Lower Right) Delvin Brown prepares to get the Duck cindermen started in the varsity 440 yard relay.

Quality Over Quantity

A small turnout for girl's track prevented them from taking any team titles but fine individual performances by Chestina Martin and Kathleen Jackson made the thinclads contenders in each meet. Both girls qualified for state competition where Martin took fifth in the high jump with a leap of 5'3" and Jackson placed seventh in the triple jump. Although many girls came close to advancing to regional, a few seconds or a fraction of an inch prevented them from continuing in the competition. Coach Ophelia Jewell felt that with the limited amount of girls participating, the team did a very commendable job.













LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Exhausted and drained Sylvia Trevino musters a burst of energy to hold off her opponent. (Far Left) The second day of the Cotton Boll Relays seems a little too cold for Nancy Urbanek's comfort. (Lower Right) The crowd at the Cotton Boll Relays found the weather a bit under par for the two day extravaganza. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Assistant meet director Danny Potts keeps the action going by calling the contestants together for the next race. (Above) Kim Wrinkle prepares to take off in her specialty the 880 yard dash. (Left) Coach Ophelia Jewel congratulates senior Chestina Martin upon receiving her letter jacket. Chestina placed fifth at the state meet in the high jump.







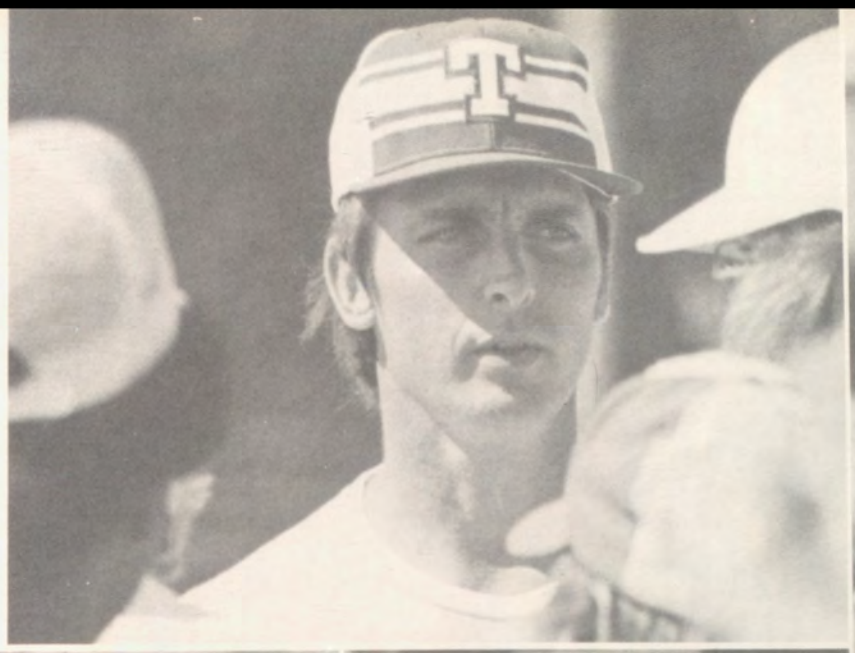


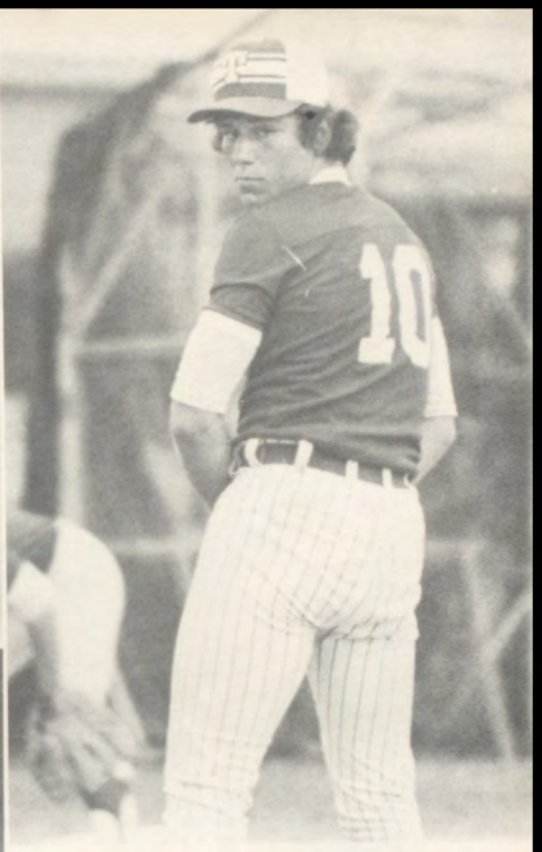
Just Like Old Times

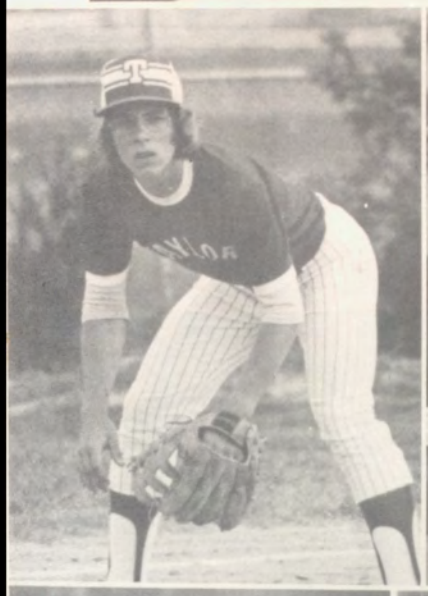
A rebuilding year. With four new starters and three previous starters relocated in new positions, it would have to be a rebuilding year, so everyone thought. Everyone except 16 ball players and their coaches. For, as Duck baseball coach David Krueger said after one his his team's wins, the season was "like the old days."

En route to a 20-8 record and Taylor's sixth consecutive district title, the Ducks made up for their inexperience (the pitching staff, for example, consisted of two sophomores and a freshman) with enthusiasm and several exceptional individual performances. Seniors Brad Ross, one of those three starters in a new position at shortstop, set three records: highest season batting average (.468) most hits (37) and most stolen bases (27) in a season. In the first game of the district championship series against Copperas Cove, sophomore Leonard Burnett had eight runs batted in, setting another record for most RBI's in one game. And one special milestone occurred: David Krueger passed the 200-win mark in his tenth year as head coach of the Ducks.

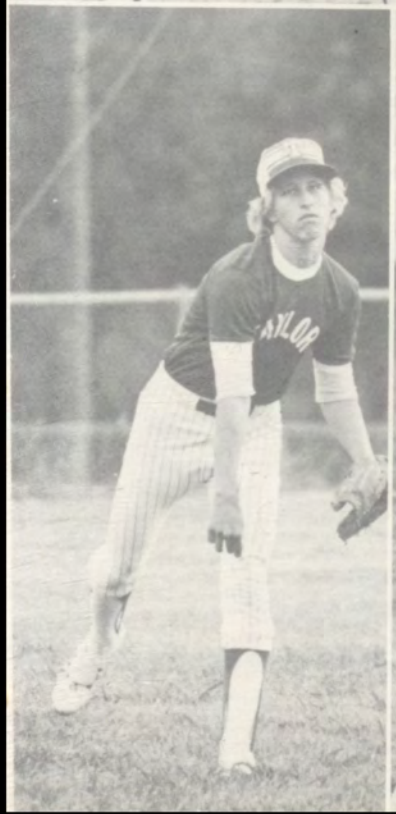
After winning district, Taylor faced defending state champion Brenham in Bi-District competition. In a hard fought, emotional three-game series, the Ducks were defeated in the final game, 5-2. But Taylor's winning tradition in baseball continued, this time with a team that was not even supposed to win their zone.











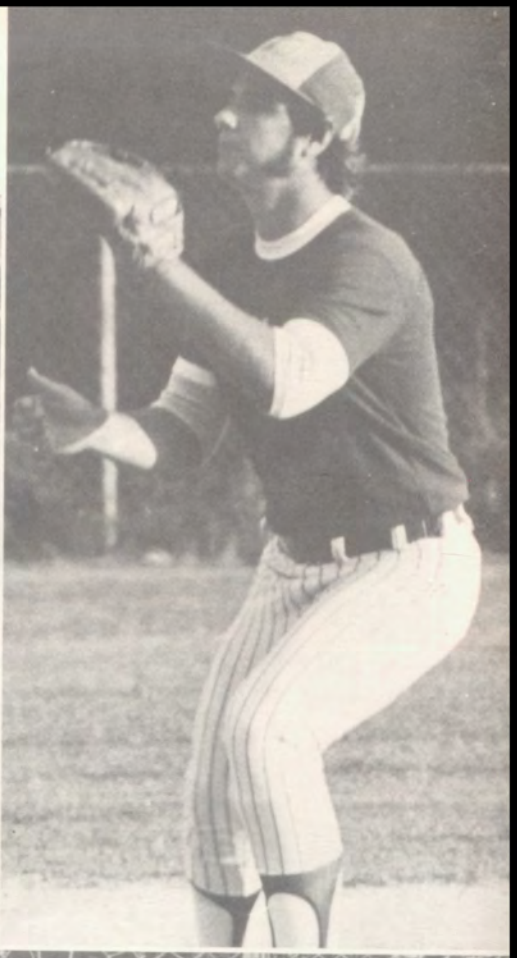


LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Varsity Baseball: FRONT ROW: Patrick Jones, statistician, Paul Knox, Steve Kovar, Louis Ross, Keith Rieger and David Roznovak. SECOND ROW: Brad Ross, Tim Bartosh, Trey Buzan, Terry Lindemann, Mike Hollowell, Daniel Sandoval and Authur Tamez, manager. BACK ROW: David Krueger, coach, Leonard Burnett, Doug Kuhl, Brian Sakewitz, Dale Bunge, Rick Bubenik, Danny Potts, coach and Kenny Cmerek, coach. (Center Left) Rick Bubenik crouches to catch a low line drive in an April 13 game against Rockdale. (Center) Tim Bartosh runs to cut off a ground ball down the right field line. (Center Right) During a crucial district game with Round Rock, Lou Ann Mokey cheers a Taylor base hit.

RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Before they begin batting practice, David Krueger gives his players a short scouting report on Copperas Cove, the Ducks' opponent for the district championship. (Above) Making sure that an opposing baserunner does not get too big a lead, Leonard Burnett shows one of the reasons why he is the pitcher with the most wins on the Taylor team. (Center Left) In anticipation of a Del Valle bunt, third baseman Paul Knox gets ready to charge toward the plate. (Center Right) During warm-up pitches between innings, Brian Sakewitz urges his pitcher to keep the ball down. (Lower Left) Terry Lindemann makes his final pre-game throw into third base from his left field position before the Hearne game. (Left) Steve Kovar squares around to sacrifice bunt, moving a Taylor baserunner to second base.

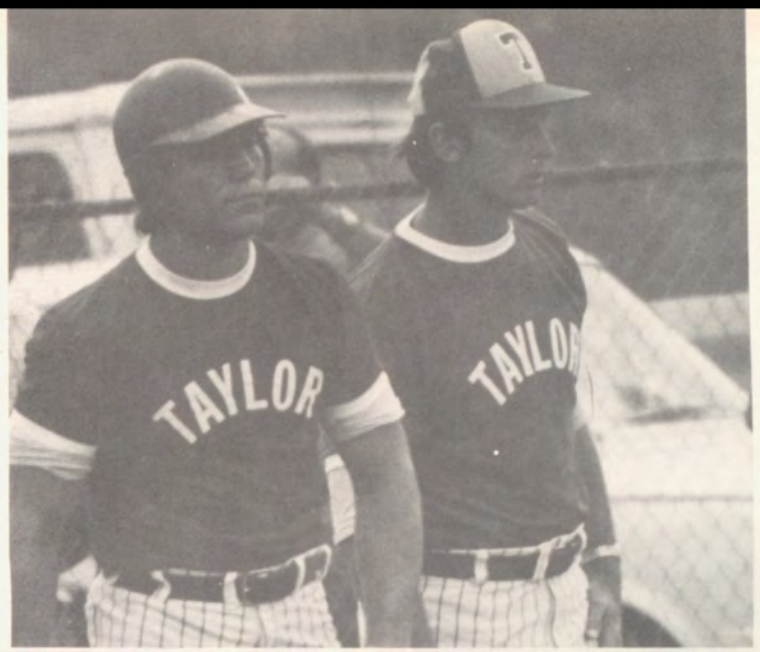
A Dynasty Continues

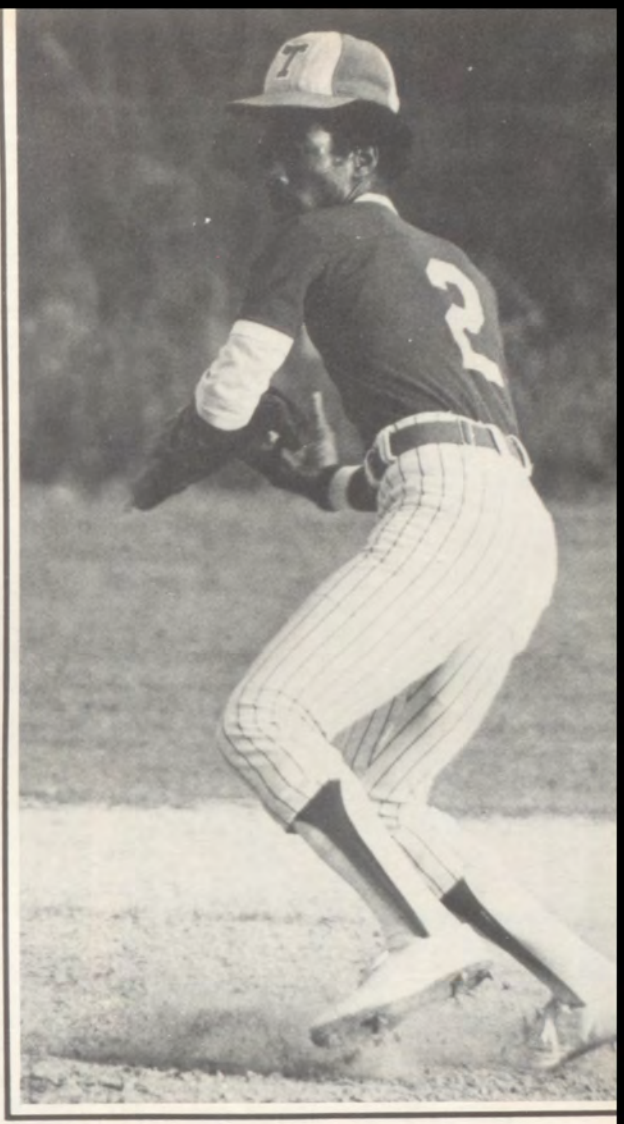


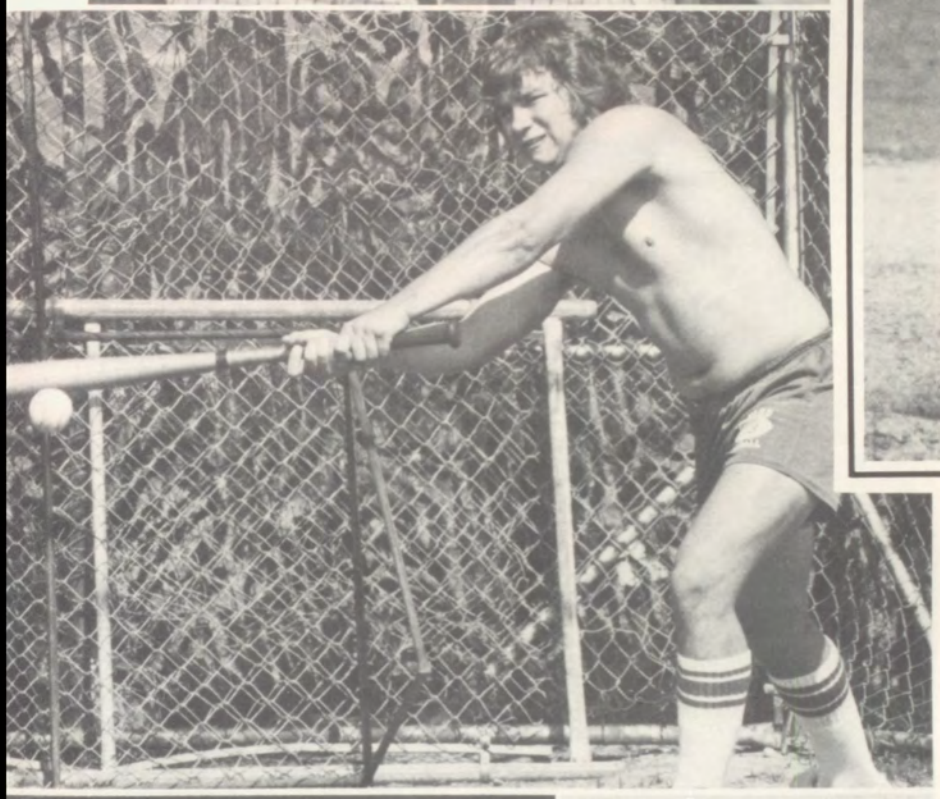
















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Brad Ross is congratulated by happy teammates after smashing one of his four season home runs. (Upper Right) As he prepares to complete a double play in pre-game warmup, Rick Bubenik keeps his eye on the ball. (Lower Left) Duck centerfielder Trey Buzan steps into a letter-high pitch in batting practice. (Lower Right) Doug Kuhl practices his bunting technique on a hot May afternoon. LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Leonard Burnett and David Krueger study a new Round Rock pitcher who has just entered the game. (Above) All-district shortstop Brad Ross prepares to fire a strong throw to put out a swift Round Rock hitter. (Center Left) During a round of batting practice, Tim Bartosh reaches for an outside pitch. (Far Left) In the second Bi-District game against Brenham, won by the Ducks 5-4, Doug Kuhl delivers one of the many pitches he threw in the extra inning contest. (Left) First base coach Kenny Cmerek watches a line drive curve into foul territory down the right field line.

A Chance to Break Away







Magicians, musicians, actors and even politicians—they all appeared on stage in an effort to entertain and inform the student body.

Reacting openly with laughter, applause, serious expressions and standing ovations, the audience filled the auditorium with acceptance at every performance. Often, the crowd swayed and clapped to the music of a visiting band, or gasped when magicians performed an "impossible" feat. Exciting, unbelievable, loud—whatever they were, assemblies were no longer boring, but became an enjoyable part of school—a chance for students to break away from the class to class monotony.





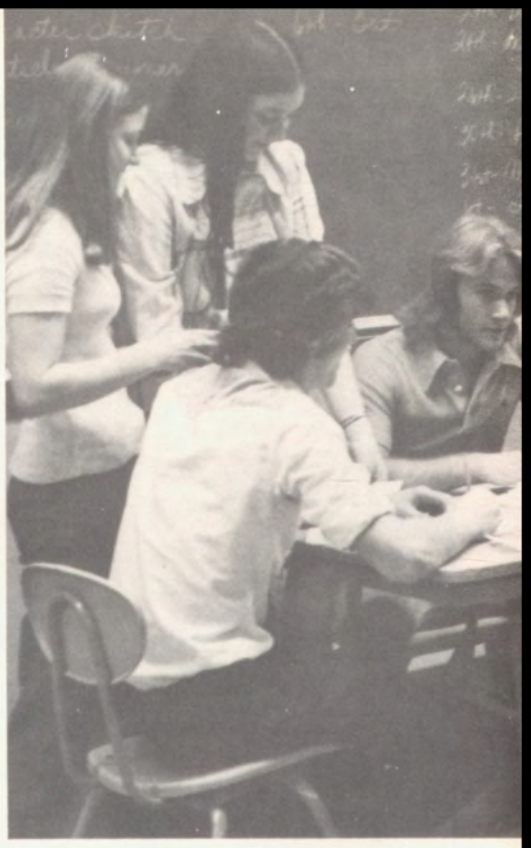






LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Vickie Simcik and Kelly Zetak find themselves in the company of another couple while parking in the 50's. The Homecoming celebration included one of the first assemblies of the year. (Upper Right) A Bicentennial production "Yankee Doodle" brings a touch of American culture to THS. Although it was a "paid" assembly, the cast performed before a packed auditorium. (Center Right) Before the Homecoming game, the fighting Taylor Ducks—portrayed by Student Senate members—meet in the locker room to discuss their wild weekends. (Lower Right) While Butch Lee looks on, Jack Rambo goes ape before the Homecoming Assembly.
RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Although failing to win against tough competition, David Krueger participates in the Easter bonnet parade by modeling this fruity creation. (Upper Right) Receiving his letter jacket in a called morning assembly, Louis Tamez is congratulated by head coach Shirl Frazier. (Center Left) Providing a surprisingly enjoyable hour of entertainment, the Dobie Junior High School Stage Band performs one of their popular numbers. The Student body was commended for their excellent behavior during the assembly. (Lower Left) The infamous Taylor High Marching Kazoo Band, led by David Krueger, once again thrills the crowd with one of their many numbers, the "Magnificent Seven."





Time to Vote . . . Again

Nearly every time we turned around, some sort of ballot awaited our vote for one of the many elections held throughout the school year. Whether it was for class officers, club queens and beaus or future cheerleaders, we were called on to cast a vote for the candidate of our choice.

Two ballots were usually needed, one for the selection of nominees and one for the voting of the eventual winner. However, due to the experience we have obtained in voting, most of the contests ran smoothly and efficiently. When the votes were tabulated and the results in, one could be sure that each election had produced victors who were truly the cream of the crop.

Besides the basic school popularity elections, clubs, group projects and individuals were entered in outside events in academics, athletics, journalism and music. By winning many awards in these areas, Taylor established itself as a power in competition with other schools throughout the state.





LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Senior Donna Ryan awards Lauri Pasemann with a ribbon signifying her acceptance into the '76-'77 Mallard Staff. (Lower) Receiving congratulations from outgoing senior cheerleaders Jennifer Henderson and Ophal Reese, sophomores Tammi Sefcik and Sheila Mahlow jubilate after being named Varsity cheerleaders for next year. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Student Senate members tabulate Mr. and Miss THS votes. (Lower Left) While Eloise Thomas receives a ballot from Kelly Zetak, Chestina Martin, Gary Keith and Sue Ruzicka cast their votes in the Student Senate officers election. (Center) Anxiously awaiting the results, Cotton Boll Relay nominees and their escorts parade before the small crowd. Senior nominee Sherry Pasemann is escorted by Kent Hanicek while Scott Ging accompanies the junior class candidate, Pam Wyche. Sheila Mahlow, Sophomore Queen nominee, is escorted by Tim Mikeska and the eventual winner, freshman Diane Cotner is accompanied by her escort, Kurt Sobotik. (Lower Right) Displaying her leaping ability, sophomore Kathleen Jackson prepares to lead a yell at the Varsity cheerleading tryout assembly.







Game, Set and Match

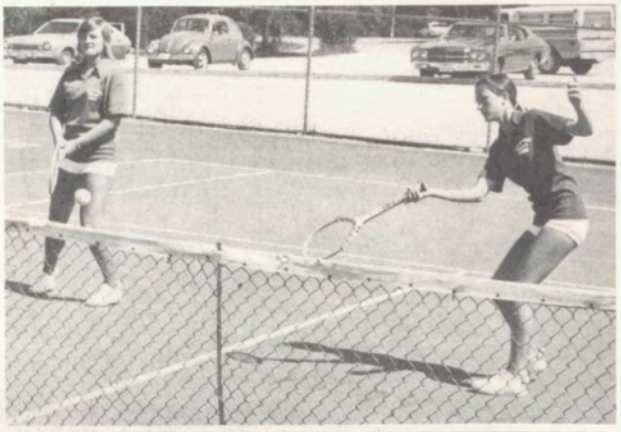
Netters Serve Ace to Opponents

Dominating every tournament they entered, the Taylor tennis team ended their most successful year in history at the top: the state meet. The Ducks sent a total of four players to Austin, and the girls' doubles team of Vickie Simcik and Janis West came away with the state title for class AAA.

Although organized practice as a team began in January, many players on their own began to sharpen their skills long before then. In any kind of weather, from cold rain to scorching heat, the Lake Drive courts could be seen filled with team members working on various aspects of their game.

That kind of hard work and dedication resulted in the Ducks qualifying all of their doubles teams, two girls' singles players and one boy's singles player for the regional meet in Corpus Christi. Jay Harkins finished first in boy's singles and Laurie Pasemann took second in girl's singles at regional. Both of these sophomores advanced to the state competition during the month of May with Janis and Vickie.



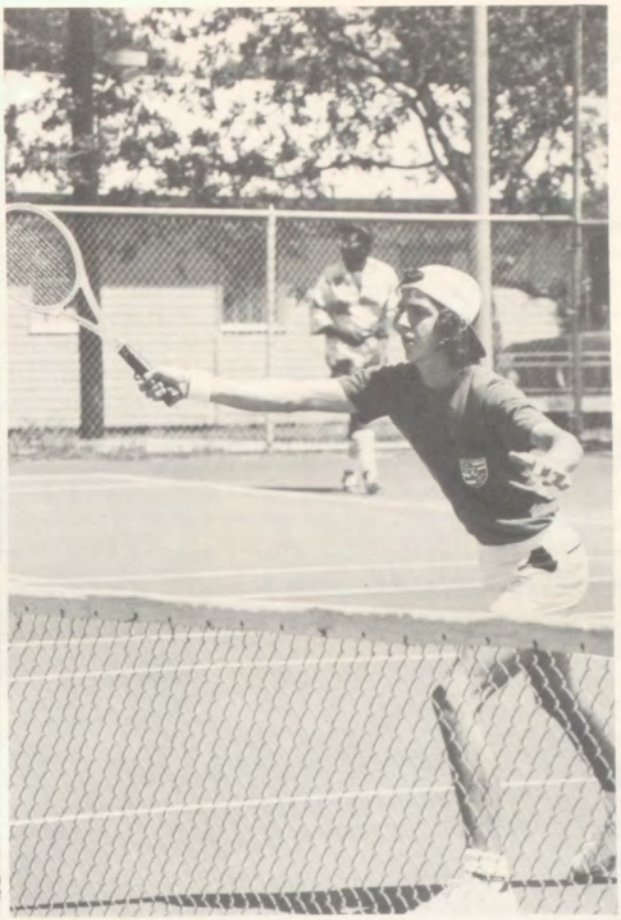


















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Total concentration on the ball enables Kelly Zetak to make his return shot. (Upper Right) State Doubles champions Vickie Simcik and Janis West practice their net play together at the Taylor courts. (Lower Left) Eric Cupp's overhead smash is improved by drills using a ball machine which simulates a variety of shots. (Lower Right) Quick reaction to a return of his service enables Frankie Krenek to win a crucial point. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) A strong backhand enables Lisa Corbett to make a return during a practice match in preparation for the Anderson match. (Upper Center) During a normal two-hour practice in April, Sue Ruzicka practices her overhand from the baseline. (Above) At the net, Doug Cotner exhibits his vollying style as he puts away another point. (Center) Tennis Team: FIRST ROW: Mike Brueckner, Janis West, Vickie Simcik, Patti Ruzicka, Kathie Krenek, Nancy Pohlack and Diana Cotner. BACK ROW: Larry Safarik, Tim Kinsley, Jay Harkins, Sue Ruzicka, Doug Cotner, Susan Harris, Eric Cupp, Lisa Corbett, Kelly Zetak, Laurie Pasemann, Thomas Conn and Frankie Krenek. (Far Left) Jay Harkins displays the service form which carried him to the state meet. (Left) State participant Laurie Pasemann retreats to the baseline to make her return shot.

Out of the Rough and on to the Green

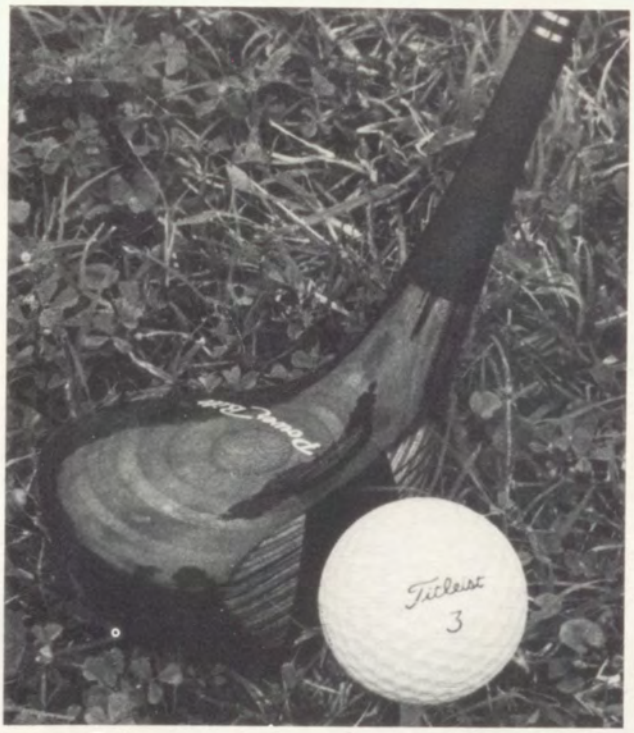
A four-year draught for THS golf ended this season as the Duck linksters made par showings at each tournament and culminated the year with a third at district.

Excellent individual and team efforts enabled the golf team to finish in the top three in Round Rock and Rockdale in addition to becoming champions at the Lago Vista-Leander tournament. During the two day district meet, only four strokes kept the golfers from qualifying for regional in Corpus Christi. However, senior Dan Wuthrich was able to make the trip due to his second place finish at district.

Much of the credit for the outstanding performances during the year was attributed to the enthusiastic coaching of Wayne Schroeder. In his first year with the golf team, Coach Schroeder stated, "I only hope that our improved record this year will create a growing interest in a fine sport."













LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Senior Mickey Kirschvink concentrates on smashing his drive down the fairway. (Far Left) Intent on reaching the green, sophomore Tim Mikeska strikes his approach shot in a practice round before the Round Rock tournament. (Center Right) Even as each shot must be lined up, the attitudes of each golfer were realigned to enable them to improve eighty strokes and five positions at district. (Lower Center) To insure good contact, Ricky Alford checks his alignment before making the shot. (Lower Right) Tim Mikeska displays his unique putting style while attempting to salvage his par. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Some shots do not always turn out the way you plan them as Dan Wuthrich finds out while looking in disbelief at the impossible lie he has acquired. (Below) First year coach Wayne Schroeder carefully examines scorecards in determining who will qualify for the Lampasas tournament. (Lower Left) The ever-present but always evasive birdie is the predominant prey for Mickey Kirschvink as he strokes his putt toward the cup. (Lower Center) With high hopes of putting the shot close to the hole, David Alford begins his downswing with a thrust of energy. (Lower Right) Preparing for the regional tournament, Dan Wuthrich corrects a flaw in his driving.











A Good Way to Let Off Steam

With a flurry of activity beginning with volleyball in autumn, the noon time sports action did not cease until the last out had been made in softball at the end of the school year. More students began participating in the inter-school programs. Team captains found the addition of teachers to their teams very beneficial and an aid in their bid for the team championships.

The intramural program has been under the guidance and supervision of Leon Nickerson for the past four years. Asked if he noticed any changes over the years in the program he replied, "We have been getting more student participation each year and the competition is getting more fierce. Also, the program helped the teachers, in that, students had an outlet to relieve frustrations and any extra energy."













LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) First Place Volleyball: FIRST ROW: Paul Knox, Thomas Conn and Kelly Zetak. BACK ROW: Charles Schroeder, Jack Rambo and Sid Krhovjak. (Center Left) Second Place Volleyball: FIRST ROW: Fernando Jonse, Johnny Estrada and Frank Valdez. BACK ROW: James Collins, Nathaniel Hill and David McFarlin. (Lower Left) Third Place Volleyball: FIRST ROW: Kevin Roznovak, Dennis Mundkosky and Steven Sutton. BACK ROW: David Welch, David Burrow and Ricky Mann. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Right) First Place Basketball: FIRST ROW: Fernando Jonse and Johnny Estrada. BACK ROW: Marion Morgan, Nathaniel Hill and David McFarlin. (Lower Right) Second Place Basketball: FIRST ROW: Tim Kinsley and Doug Alexander. BACK ROW: Kelly Zetak, Eric Cupp and Paul Knox. (Lower Left) Third Place Basketball: FIRST ROW: Jimmy Gonzales and Guy Nelson. BACK ROW: Charles Schroeder, Anthony Holubec and David Krueger.

Some Old and Some New

If anyone happened to look at the school calendar in the office, he would notice that the word banquet appeared there quite often. A little bit of the old and a little bit of the new characterized the banquet scene at THS during the year.

From the casualness of the On Stage picnic to the formality of the spring sports banquet, there was something for everyone. Traditional activities such as the Latin Club initiation took place, but the newness also occurred. Future Teachers showed a Marx brother's motion picture and for something really new, the Hi-Steppers held their premiere banquet in March, adding still one more "banquet" to that office calendar.







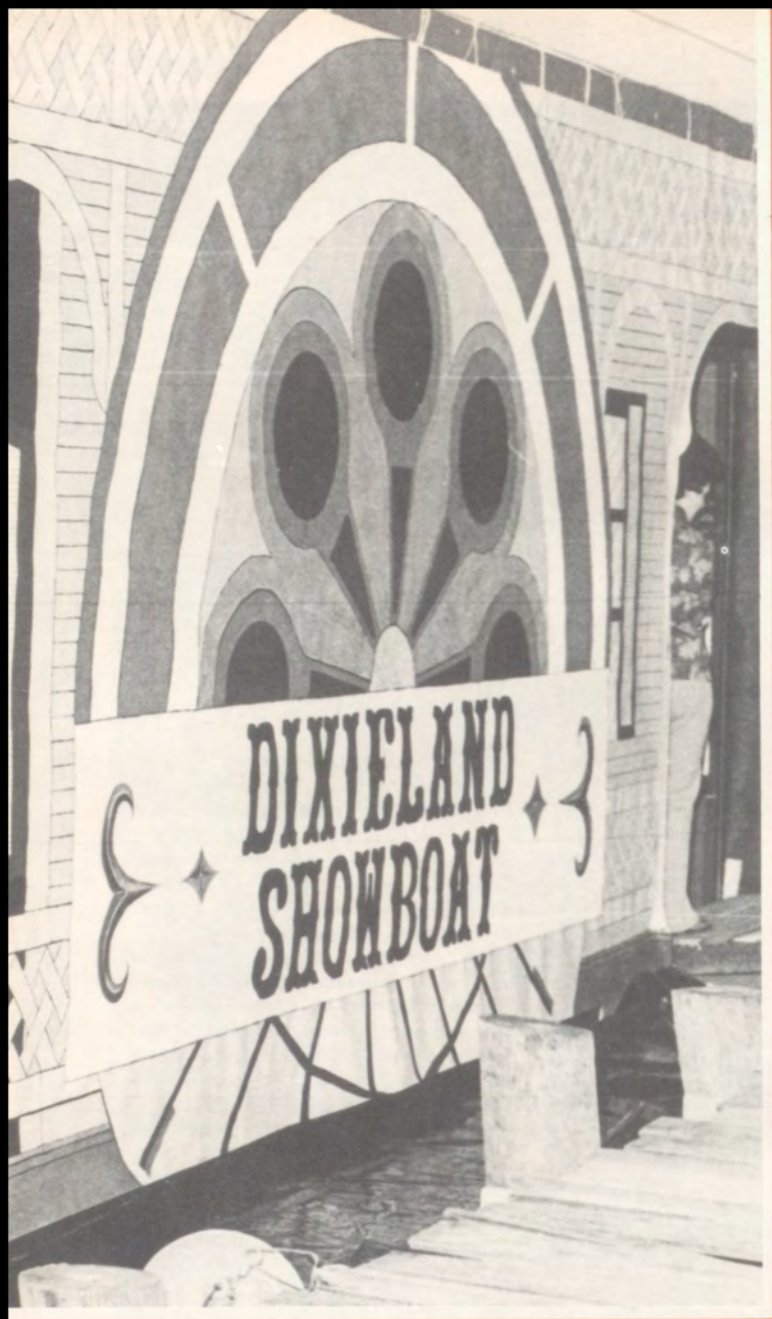






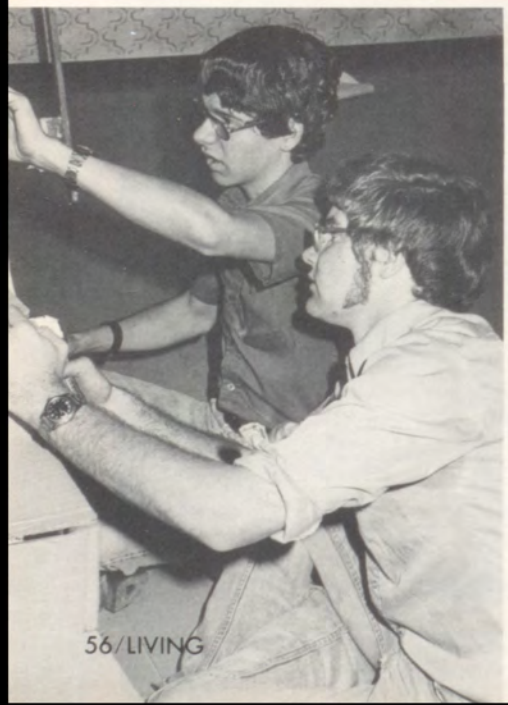
LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) After finishing their meal at Rudy Mikeska's, FHA officers Jennifer Henderson, Gayle Brister, Patty Batto, Delia Contrares and Carla Nickerson begin to announce special awards. (Upper Right) Lisa Corbett, FTA president, gives the welcome and opening comments to the special guests at the banquet. (Lower) Dorothy Rafferty, Elvino Carrizales, Larry Blomquist and Madeline Trevino enjoy a barbeque meal at Rudy Mikeska's. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) The Latin Club banquet included initiation of new members. As part of initiation Casey Cravens carries Edmond Raesz around the older member's tables. (Upper Right) Lynn Lankford, assisted by Lisa Corbett, installs the new FTA officers, Sue Ruzicka, Gary Lankford, Susan Sobotik, Ginny Urbanek, Susan Harris and Anita Allen. (Left) Bruce Turner receives his certificate for lettering in track from Coach Leon Nickerson at the spring sports banquet. (Lower) Slaves Rory Rieger and Jason Rieger await instructions from Gilbert Mokry at the Latin Club banquet.











LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) The wheel cover of the Dixieland Showboat announces the evening's theme as well as adding a splash of color to the entryway. (Upper Right) Standing for hours on a step ladder Randall Bachmeyer remakes the student center ceiling into one of gold streamers, silver chandeliers and blue lights. (Center Right) Tim Bartosh and Sherry Pasemann enjoy the casino-like atmosphere created by the juniors for the prom. (Left) Jimmy Scrivner and Laine Hollman work on the staircases which stood on either side of the bandstand. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) When asked what he would do if the prom ceiling fell down, the bushed class president said, "I'd dance right over it." Mike Moss and Susan Harris had nothing to worry about, however, as the gold streamers and silver chandeliers stayed up beautifully. (Upper Right) Seniors Rodney Bohls and Susan Ponton enjoy the music of the "Moods", the first country and western prom band Taylor has ever had. (Center Right) There never seemed to be enough tape while decorating for the prom, and Scott Ging and Lin Stabeno make the most out of a roll as they get the "water" paper ready for the wall. (Lower Right) Robert Fuller and Robert Kovar serve refreshments from behind the bar at the prom.





A Night on the Dixieland Showboat

At 8:00 p.m. on April 24, juniors and seniors boarded the "Dixieland Showboat" by way of an authentic dock and, having passed through the swinging doors, began an evening of dancing and listening to the "Moods".

Juniors spent week nights a month before the prom in hallways, the auditorium and the Old Bob's Cafe discussing plans and drawing, painting, and building decorations. Excitement started to build Friday as 25 juniors began the 21 hour job of changing a room with wooden benches and vending machines into a showboat complete with chandeliers, can-can girls and gilt walls. Although work continued until after midnight, juniors dragged themselves to school early Saturday morning to set up tables, the bandstand and take care of last minute touch-ups.

Although by the time evening rolled around part of the Junior Class was tired, and their treasury depleted $1500, the seniors were impressed and the event turned out to be worth all the work.









Everything happened in May. Suddenly, THS students found that there was too much to do in just 28 days. Whether training for or supporting them, spring sports took up much of students' time. Athletes in track, baseball and tennis had to handle team responsibilities as well as the steady flow of homework.



Following tradition, almost every organization had a banquet in May. Guys found themselves shorter on cash than usual because of florist bills and everyone soon became tired of barbecue. Planning, decorating and attending the annual events made students forget about class work for awhile, but the last week of school put almost everyone's nose back in the books, as finals took over the number one spot on the average student's worry list. Anxiety came to a head on May 25 and 26—a day earlier for seniors—as students spent two hours in each class working on tests.

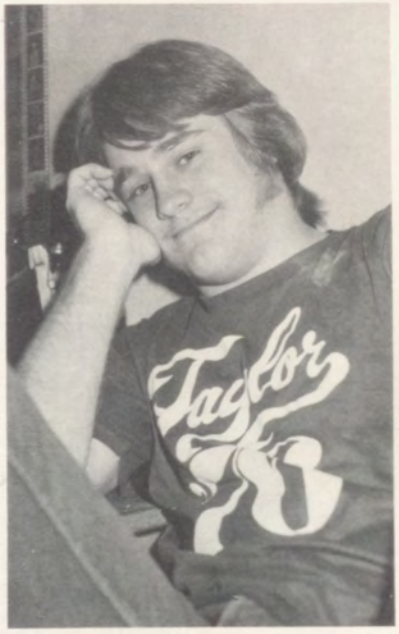
The rush of relief could practically be felt in the halls on May 27, as students completed their finals. When the 3:30 bell rang, the school doors did not expel a mass of students, but rather a trickle—as exempt students had finished the day long before. Although the school day ended at different times for students, all shared a restless need to begin the summer fun.



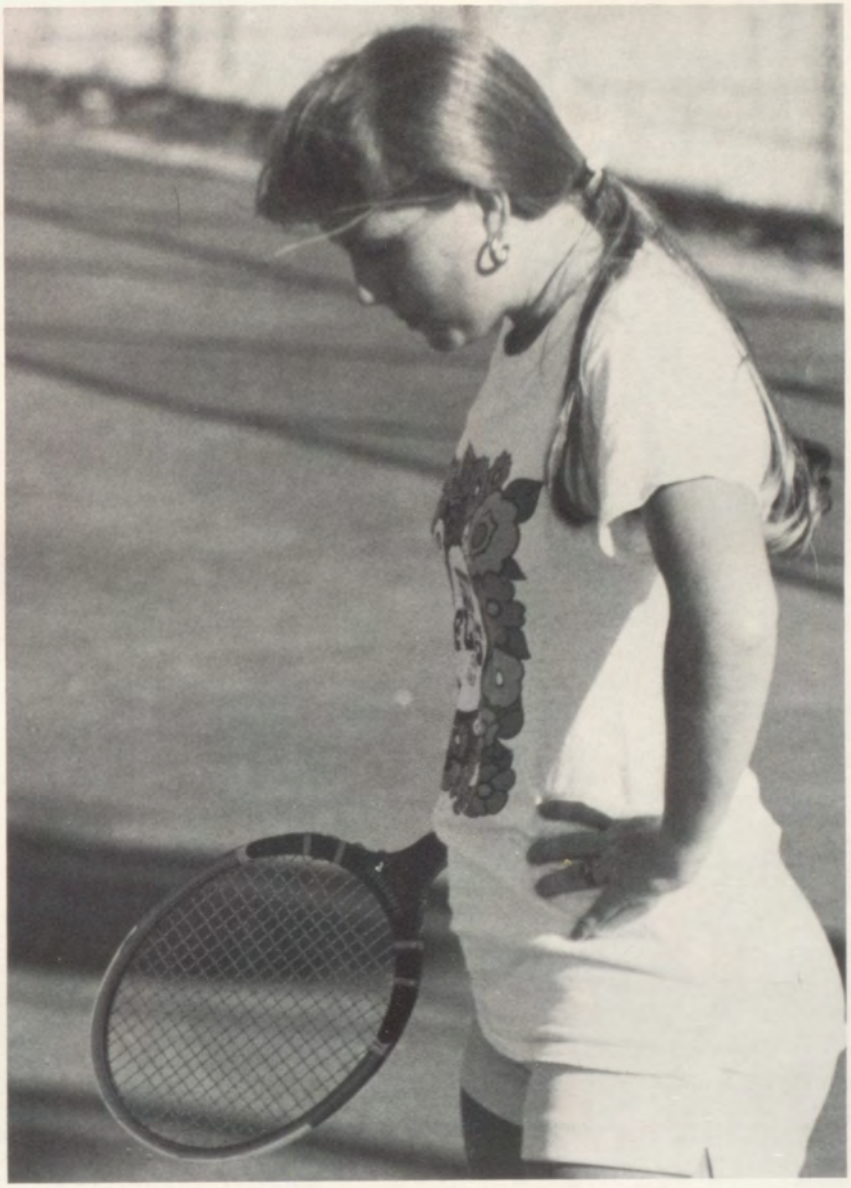


Lets Go Home!









LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Traditionally, students slack off at the end of the year. However, Carol Kaspar still works on business reports in her spare time. (Upper Right) Enjoying the recognition received by his outstanding hitting against the Brenham Cubs is Steve Kovar, Taylor's designated hitter. As if finals were not enough, Steve had baseball on his mind especially during the end of May. (Center Right) The last week of school proved to be a rush of finishing late assignments and studying for finals. Latin II student Dorie Switzer works on her last translation. (Lower Left) Although May seemed to be filled with constant activity, senior Jennifer Henderson finds time to relax, as she watches one of the many tennis matches played during the month. (Lower Right) Being exempt from finals proved to be a relief for most THS students this year, as Willard Guidry, Dan Wuthrich, David Switzer and Mike Bruce spend their free time supporting the snack bar.
RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) At the end of the year, chemistry gets to everyone. Doug Alexander and fellow 4th period classmates are no exception as they let Jack Rambo know how they feel about gas laws. (Lower Left) After twelve years of work, senior Rodney Bohls is able to relax while fellow students become wrapped up in the frenzy of finals. (Above) Spring sports seemed to be an important issue at THS as baseball, track and tennis involved students until the last days of school —and then some. Lisa Corbett concentrates on tennis—a sport that held one of the most successful records of the year.

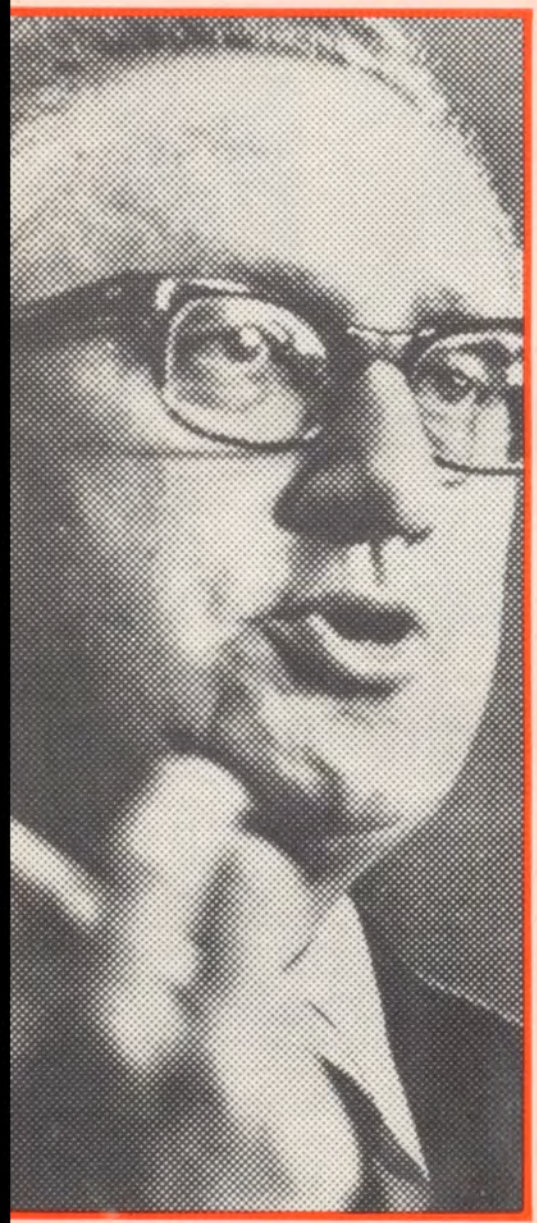
A Very Important, Rarely Noticed World

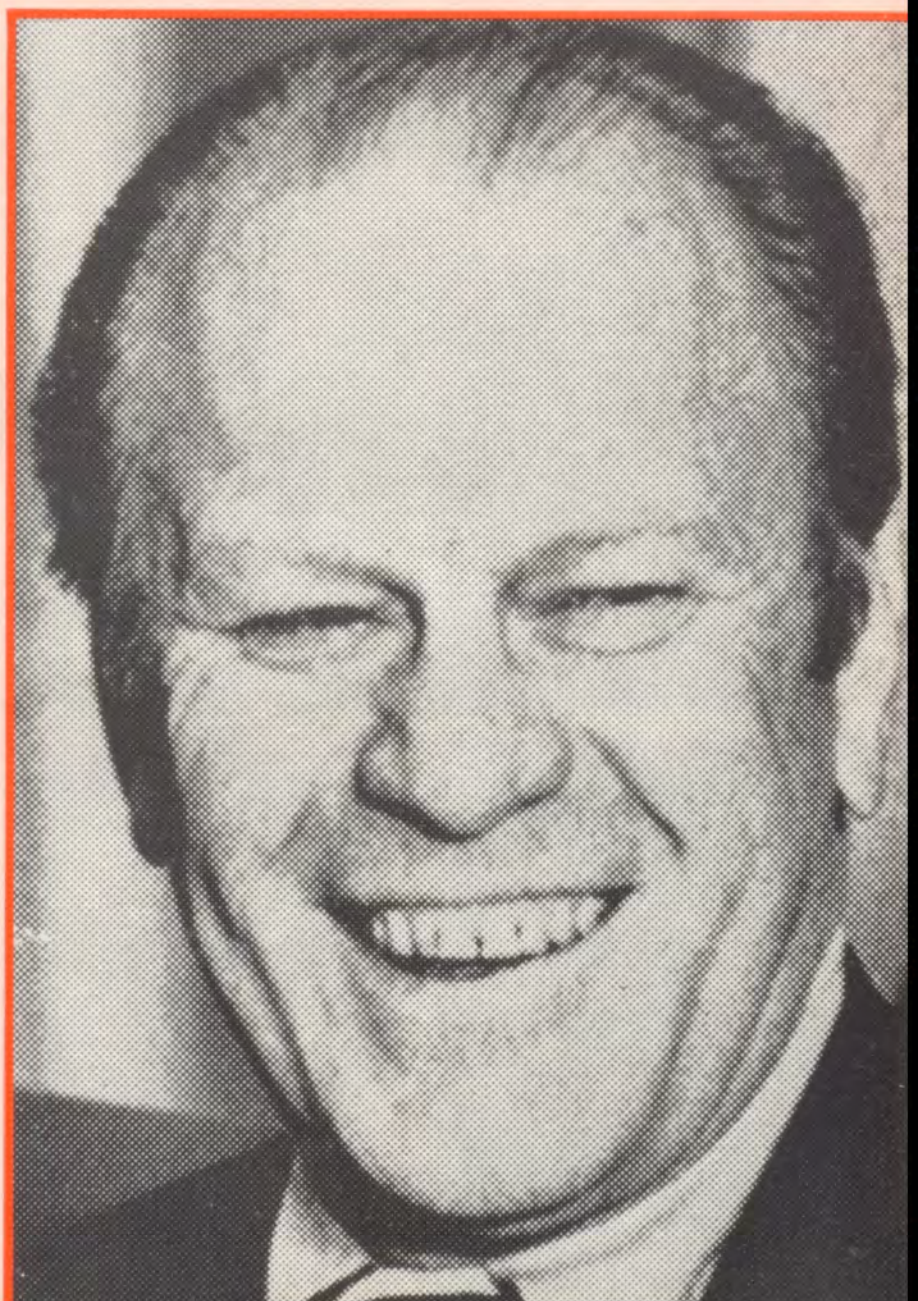
In the relative tranquility of Taylor High School, sometimes it seemed that the most important possible happenings concerned the questions of who got that prominent office in your club, did we win the game or are you going to the dance Saturday night? But even if it was hard for us to believe, more important events than these did occur during the school year, in our country and around the world.

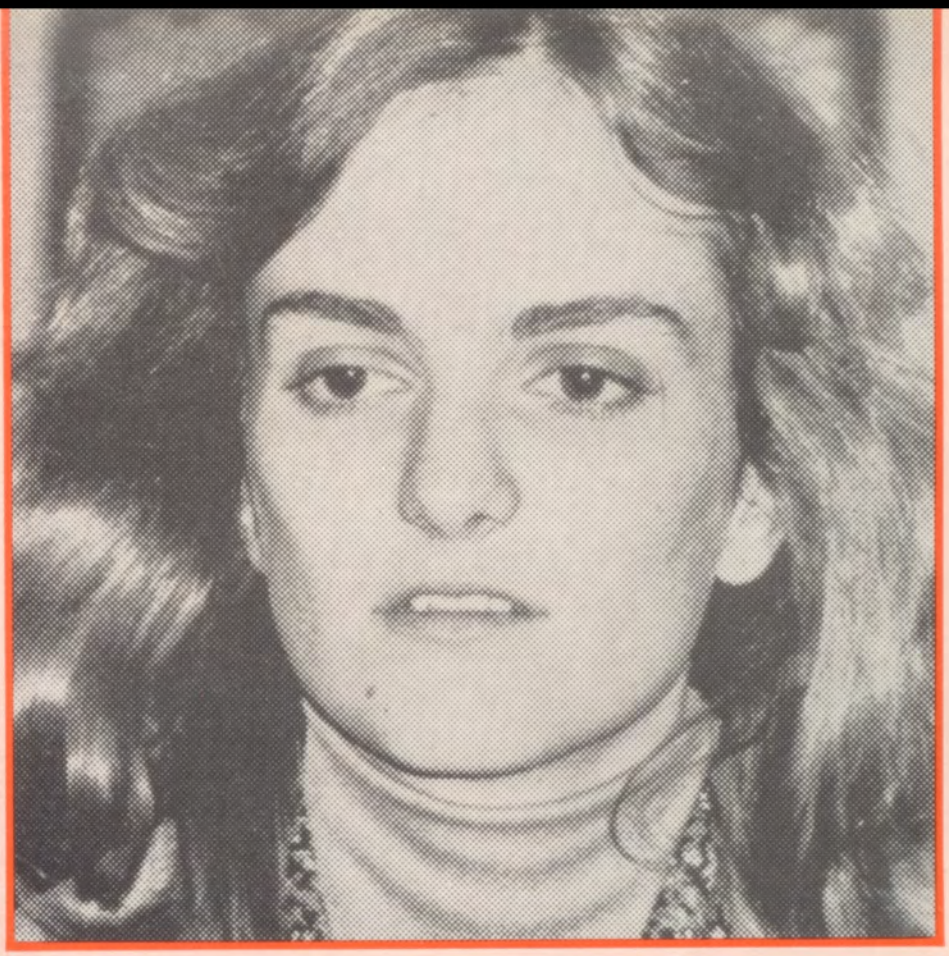
In the United States, just as we were becoming used to the routine of school, President Gerald Ford barely escaped assassination twice during a two-week period in September. But soon after those alarming occurrences, the election year campaigning began to dominate the news. In late April, the campaign came closer to home as a result of the first-ever Texas presidential primary, and students found that their favorite radio stations gave more time to political advertising than to music. In probably the most sensational trial in recent history, a San Francisco jury convicted Patricia Hearst of bank robbery.

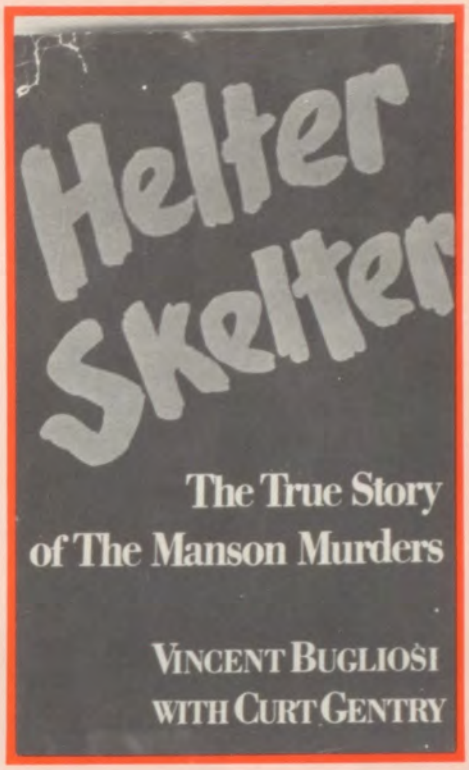
As usual, international news kept Americans worried, as the rest of the world experienced crisis and tension. Civil war raged among religious groups in Lebanon and political foes in Angola. India lost its status as the world's largest democracy as Prime Minister Indira Gandhi assumed dictatorial power. Three figures who shaped twentieth century history died during the year: Chou En-lai in China, Haile Selassie in Ethiopia and Francisco Franco in Spain.

While school events usually seemed very important, what happened on a larger scale had to have an affect upon our lives. For those events influenced us as not just high school students, but as citizens of the United States and of the world.









LEFT PAGE: (Lower Left) Criticism of his policies at home and abroad did not deter Secretary of State Henry Kissinger from keeping a hectic schedule during the year, including trips to China and Africa. (Lower Right) Despite his happy expression, President Gerald Ford had a tough year both personally and politically. After two attempts on his life in September, he faced a difficult race against former California governor Ronald Reagan for the Republican Party's presidential nomination. RIGHT PAGE: (Above) Still facing legal problems in May after conviction on federal bank robbery charges, former college coed, kidnap victim and revolutionary Patricia Hearst was the subject of many arguments between students about the question of her guilt or innocence. (Upper Right) A widely read book around the country and the school, Vincent Bugliosi's HELTER SKELTER gained even more exposure in March when it was made into a movie and televised in two parts. (Right) On a visit to the school in January, United States Congressman Bob Poage holds a question-and-answer session with students covering issues ranging from the civil war in Angola to the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. (Far Right) Eligible to vote in the May 1 Texas Primary, senior Donna Ryan enters the Middle School to cast her ballot.



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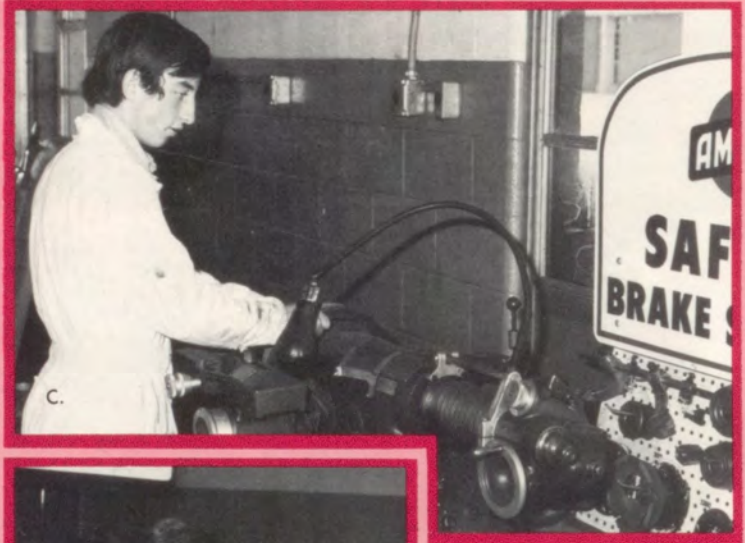

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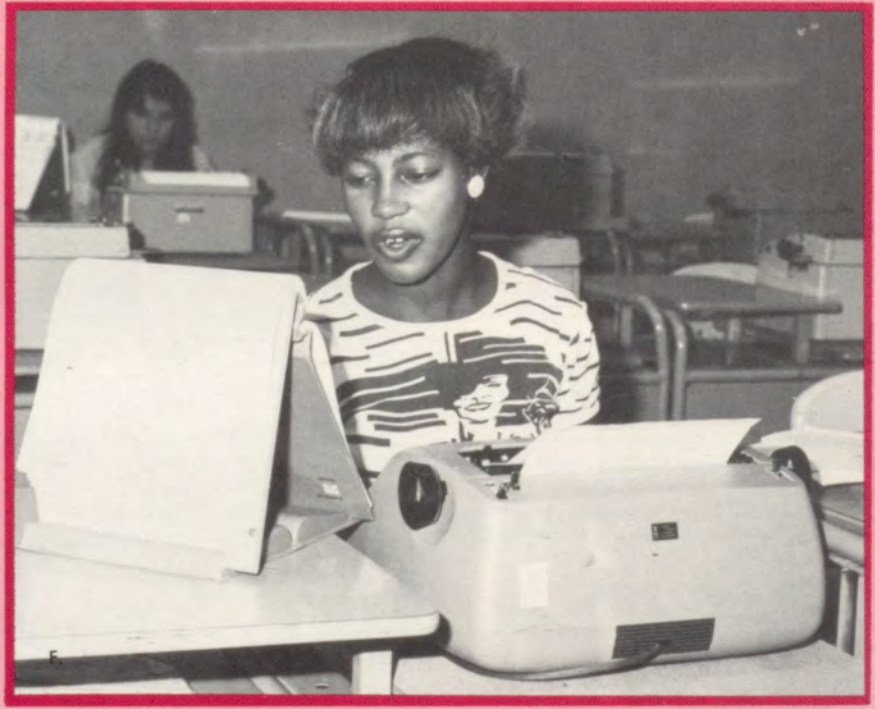
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LEARNING 1976

Learning: that IS what school is all about. Yet we learned a lot more in school than the basics that were taught in classrooms. There were necessary lessons in English, math, science and the academic subjects, but outside of class we learned other important facts, like how to achieve a common goal, how to accept success and defeat or how to work with people in a club. We learned in the traditional ways in '76, but we also found that learning is an unlimited field that is not confined to 'reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic.

A. Learning is not all cramming for tests, as Myra Martin and Ophal Reese get ready to practice their parts in a play presented by their Speech I class.

B. The ability to work together, whether as part of a discussion group in English or a large organization, is part of the learning process. Band members Debbie Carpenter, Nancy Urbanek, Jo Ann Mott and Hi-Steppers Pam Kaspar and Susan Harris react to the applause of the Belton crowd.

C. A large and expanding vocational program has become a major part of the curriculum for those who seek training in skilled professions. Robert Fuller refinishes a brake drum in his morning auto mechanics class, one of Taylor High's 14 different vocational education courses.

D. Even to those just starting, concentration and hard work become a daily practice if they wish to keep up. Freshman Charles Hall uses part of his lunch period to study in the library.

E. Leadership, an important part of learning, can be observed every day in classes and meetings of organizations and groups. Latin Club president Stephanie Schneider waits for more members to arrive before calling a morning meeting to order.

F. At times, frustrations and difficulties have to be overcome. Typing II student Willie Deary hurries to finish a job before the end of third period.

New Club Highlights Social Studies Scene

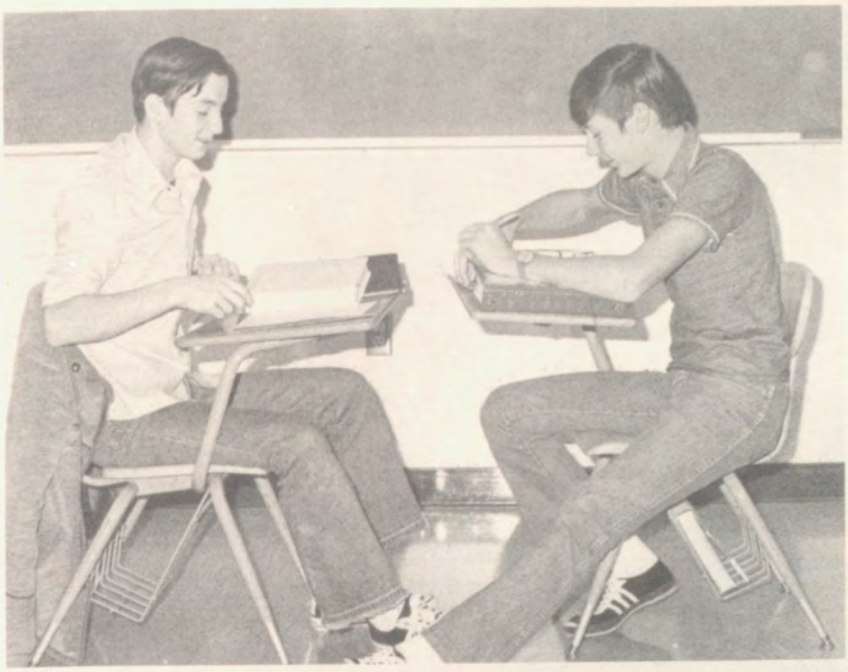


Social studies took on many varied dimensions in the bicentennial year. The only new organization in the school was related to history and social studies classes reviewed a variety of topics and heard from both their state and national representatives.

The Junior Historians became the newest organization in the school. Sponsored by Lupe Ramirez, Betty Porter and Maureen Frost, the activities of the club primarily involved studying local history. The Junior Historians became chapter 409 in the state after receiving their charter from the Texas Historical Commission.

For students in the social studies classes, the year had the usual activities of scrambling for your neighbor's map colors, moaning about worksheets and cramming for the major test next period. Two diversions from the normal workload were the visits of state representative Dan Kubiak and United States Congressman Bob Poage to the school.

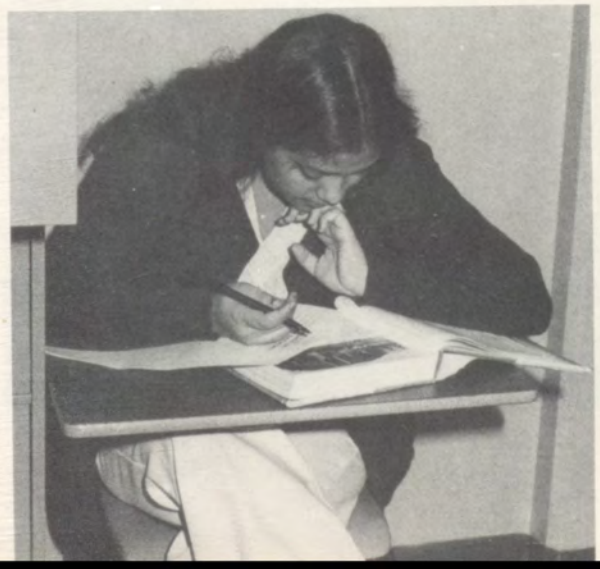




LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Part of "Taylor Schools Salute the Red, White and Blue," this mural depicting two hundred years of American history is displayed in the student center. (Lower Right) Civics students Raymond Pokorney, Johnny Moreno, Shelly Anderson and Gene Barnett examine a part of the Taylor water works on a field trip November 24. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Freshmen Wesley Cervenka and Bobby Shernik use part of their American history class to study for a unit test. (Center Left) One of many bicentennial projects, a cardboard float stands in the student center on March 4. (Center Right) During a unit on the French Revolution, World history teacher Charles Pool examines some of his students' worksheets. (Lower Left) Emily Chapa searches her book for answers to questions on a chapter in American history. (Lower Right) Junior Historian Officers: FRONT ROW: Delia Contrearas, secretary; Penny Sitman, vice president; Lydia Blomquist, president and Charlie Pokorney, treasurer. BACK ROW: Lupe Ramirez, sponsor; David Sikes, historian and Betty Porter, sponsor.









Tough Year for Senate

For once, the long hours of preparation that Student Senate members had put in paid off. On the day of the Homecoming assembly, the large audience jammed into the auditorium, rocked with laughter and applauded in approval on many occasions during the two-hour performance which the Senate and its sponsors presented.

However, the Homecoming assembly was the only real highlight for the Student Senate in an otherwise disappointing year. Confusion surrounded the choice of the Cotton Boll Relays Queen because the method of the queen's selection was changed just before the voting took place. First considered by the Senate, then proposed to the entire student body in a referendum, the major project of obtaining a marquee sign for the school was finally dropped completely in favor of using Senate funds for projects next year.

The unavailing year resulted from a number of difficulties. The structure of the Senate caused part of the problem as all members (except appointed representatives of the four classes) were presidents of other organizations. Consequently, the Senate became their "second" club. Also, a lack of communication between the students and their senate representatives limited input to the senators. A final cause of trouble for the Senate was that they tried to accomplish other objectives besides just putting on the Homecoming assembly, which had traditionally been their only project. All of these factors contributed to a feeling of disappointment that the faculty, administration, students and senators themselves shared alike.













LEFT PAGE: (Upper) At a morning meeting, Student senators listen intently to a proposal which would change the policy on exemption from finals for freshman, sophomores and juniors. (Lower) Student Senate Officers: FRONT ROW: Susan Harris, parliamentarian; Wade Williams, president and Sue Ruzicka, treasurer. SECOND ROW: Randall Bachmeyer, vice-president; Carla Nickerson, secretary and Frances Kiesling, reporter. BACK ROW: Sponsors Marilyn Tennill, Charles Schroeder and Peggy Mott. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Senate success was dependent upon many committee meetings such as this one with Vickie Simcik, Melissa Haverland, and Lisa Corbett concerning future fund raising projects. (Below) Student Senate: FRONT ROW: Jennifer Henderson, Barbara Huser, Kathryn Kotrla, Stephanie Schneider, Gary Lankford and Rodney Bohls. SECOND ROW: Henry Gonzales, George Campos, Susan Harris, Janis West, Frances Keisling and Tim Bulgerin. THIRD ROW: Casey Smith, Lisa Corbett, Debbie McGee, Stancie Schwenker, Sue Ruzicka, Louis Ross, Jimmy Scrivner and Marcel Ruzicka. BACK ROW: John Debus, Carla Nickerson, Melissa Haverland, Randall Bachmeyer, Mike Moss, Mickey McGee, Wade Williams, Robert Naivar and Kelly Zetak. (Lower left) President Wade Williams hears questions from members concerning the process by which the Cotton Boll Relays Queen will be elected. (Lower Right) As the '50's rolled around in the Student Senate sponsored Homecoming assembly, Gary "Elvis" Lankford entertains the pounding hearts of swooning girls with a strain from "You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog".

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Formulas Yield Explosive Reaction

With the return of physics to the curriculum, four science classes again became available to the students of Taylor High School. The number of names in the grade books of the science instructors showed that many pupils had taken advantage of the increased opportunities in this field.

The difficulty of the physics course was described by teacher Jack Rambo in this way: "It's not going to help your grade average." Most students agreed, but they also realized the college-prep value of the class.

For the first time, sophomores were able to take chemistry along with upperclassmen. However, this was the only major change in the chemistry classes. Everyone felt the threat of the next lab reports and the next major tests.

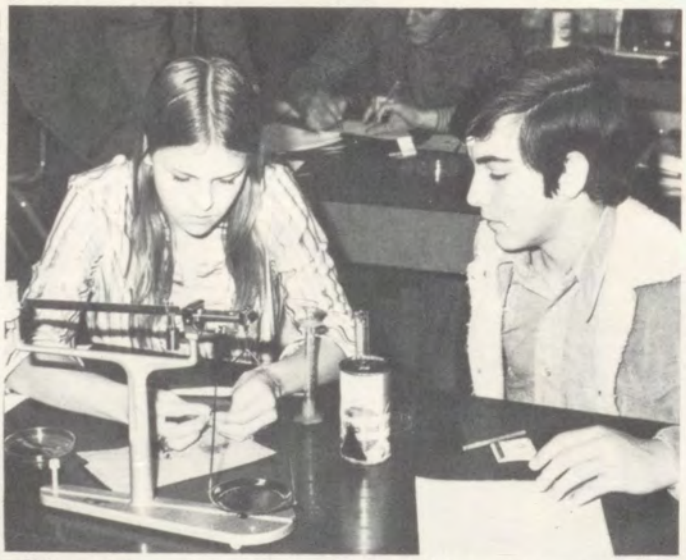
The biology courses continued to be taught as they had been in previous years, with the exception of Coach Eddie Spiller's class. His students occupied themselves with individual projects throughout the year, such as incubating duck eggs and breeding fish.

One of several courses which was changed because of the quarter system was physical science. Two quarters were devoted to the basics of chemistry and the third to the fundamentals of physics in the lab-oriented class.

With four classes offered, science became one of the more popular electives in the school. Pleased with the explosion of interest resulting in increased enrollment, science teachers hoped that this expansion would continue in the future.







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LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) After reacting calcium carbonate and hydrochloric acid, Gina Gilligan and Filo Perez use baby food jars and a water trough to collect the carbon dioxide gas released from the reaction. (Lower Left) In a physics lab, Dan Wuthrich uses ping-pong balls to demonstrate a law of falling objects. (Lower Right) Using a makeshift calorimeter, Judy Baran and David Welch burn a peanut weighing two-tenths of a gram to discover that such a small piece of matter can produce 225 calories of heat energy. (Background) From hydrogen to lawrencium, the periodic table of the elements is a source of both information and problems for all science students. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) At the beginning of class, physical science students listen to the instructions for their experiments before starting their work. (Above) Barbara Huser calculates the answer to a difficult problem in her chemistry class. (Center Left) In their fourth period chemistry class, lab partners Kelly Zetak and David Wolbrueck prepare for an experiment involving chemical compounds. (Lower Left) As biology student Casey Smith cuts an elodea plant, Stephen Janke, Harold Nelson and Kirk Zachary observe her lab procedure.

Revival:

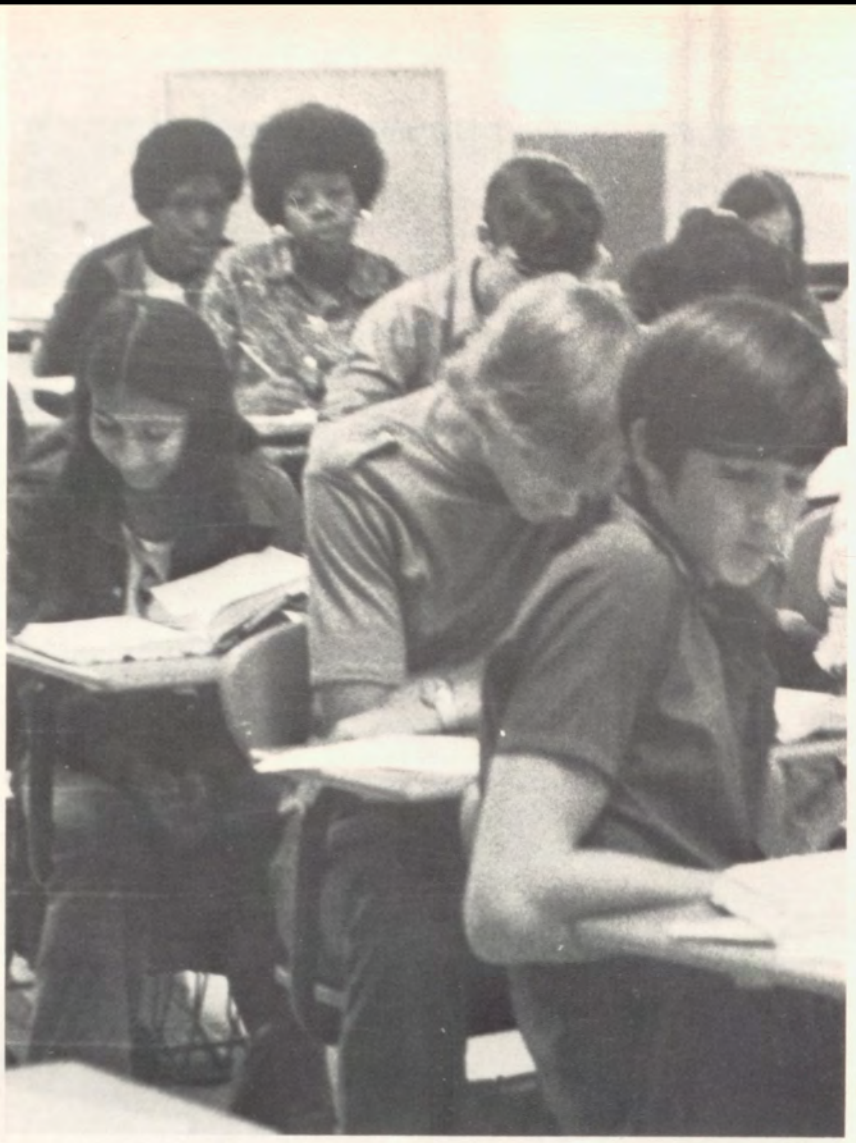
A Little Class

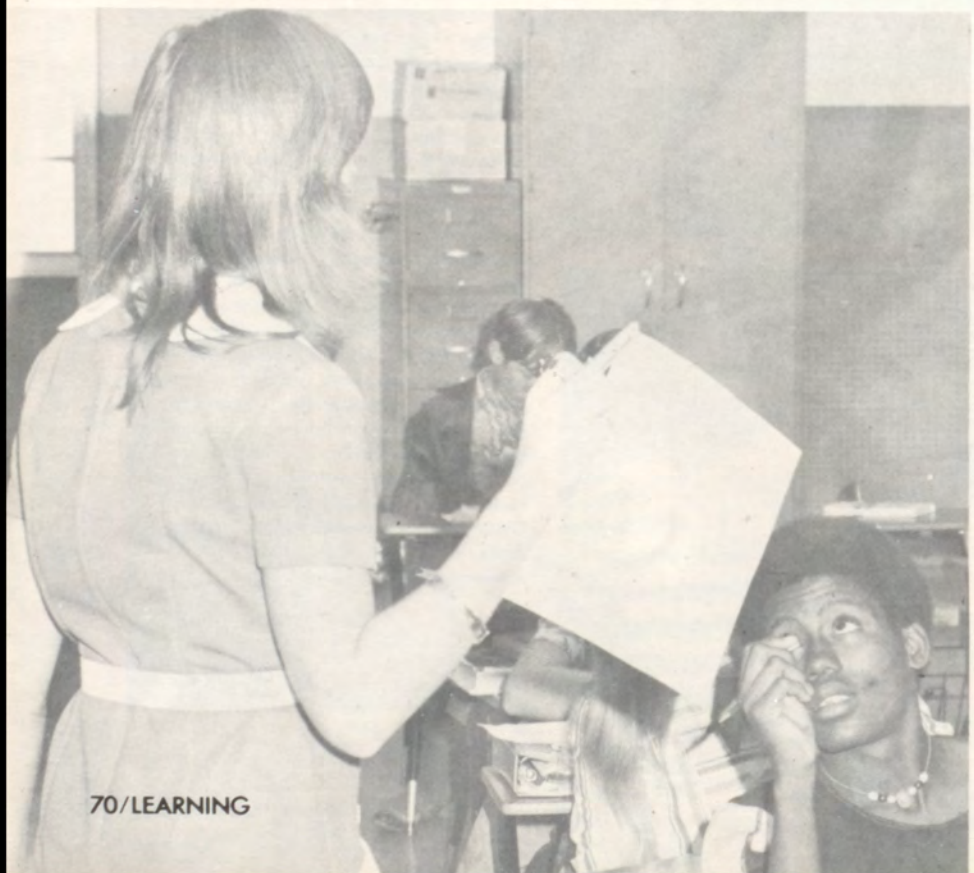
Providing one of the widest ranges of courses offered, the mathematics department had nearly 420 students enrolled in various classes.

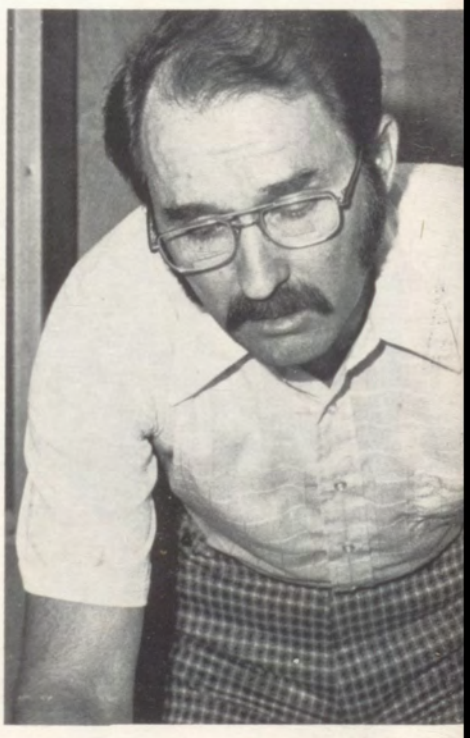
From related math to trigonometry, concentration and confusion filled every math class as students worked to complete the two required years.

After a year's absence, an elementary analysis course was revived. Being the most difficult math course offered, the class consisted of only five seniors and one junior. Three new teachers also appeared on the math scene. Beverly Michalek, Kathie Beane and Rebecca Gullette taught basic math classes, Ms. Gullette taking over Ms. Beane's classes before Christmas.

The math department proved to be a mixture of old and new as these changes combined with traditional aspects such as pop tests and work at the board.

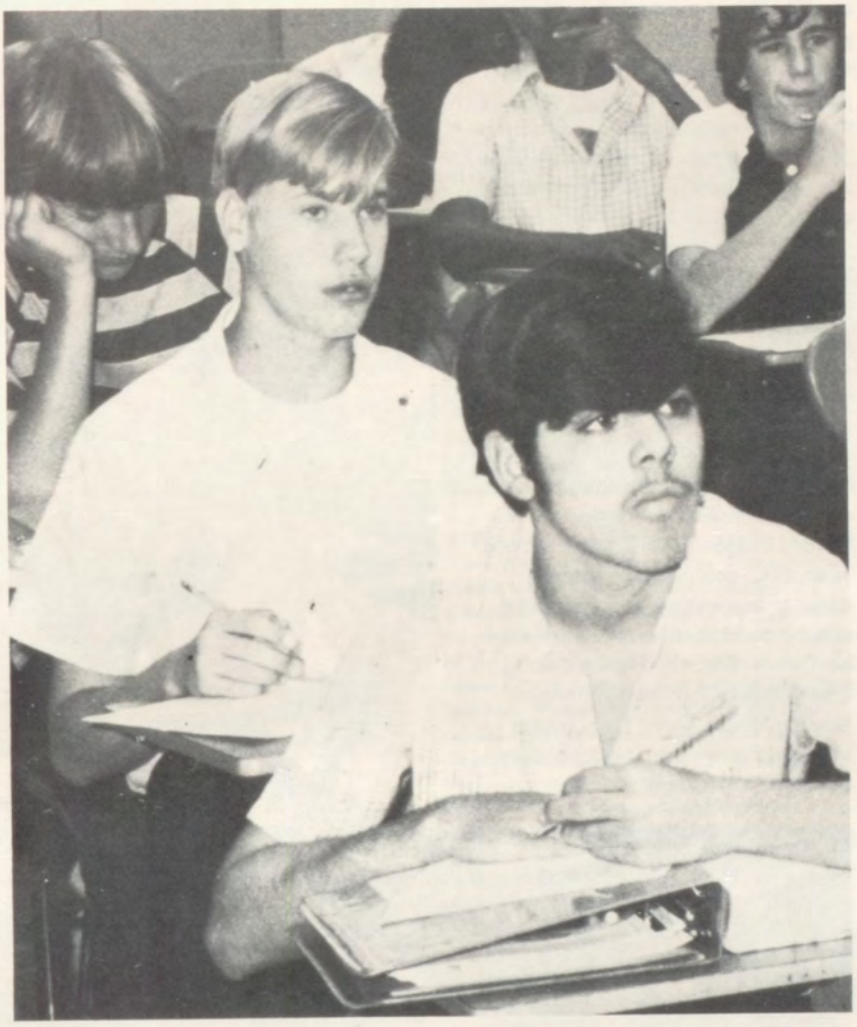














LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Getting their first taste of high school math, freshmen find that studying is an essential part understanding. (Lower Left) While Beverly Michalek instructs the class, Leon Robinson checks a detail on an Introductory Algebra I test. (Lower Right) During first period, Patti Batto finds personal assistance from Dan Sherry necessary when dealing with polynomials in Algebra II. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper) Algebra II students react with pleasure and relief to the postponement of a major test. (Center Left) Before Beginning on an FOM I assignment, freshman Caroline Shaw watches Kathie Beane demonstrate a problem involving the metric system. (Center Right) Mr. Sherry's Algebra I class soon discovers the difficulty of the course when trying to solve quadratic equations.

Write On!

Compositions, book reports, Shakespeare, literature and research projects occupied English students throughout the school year. However, with the initiation of the quarter system at high school, a new touch was added to the department's curriculum. English teachers worked together to coordinate classes so that they would not repeat subject matter from year to year and therefore would develop a continuing curriculum over the four year period. Hoping to include electives in the near future, the addition of motion picture genre allowed for the showing of one full length movie each quarter.



The traditional junior research reports occupied much time and effort on the part of these students. As time went on, the library proved to be a valuable help in seeking information needed for assignments.

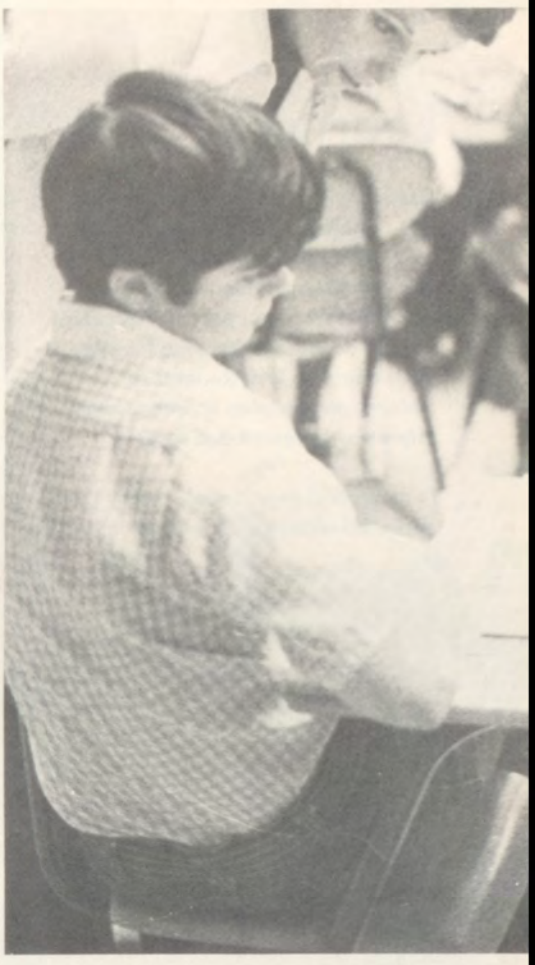


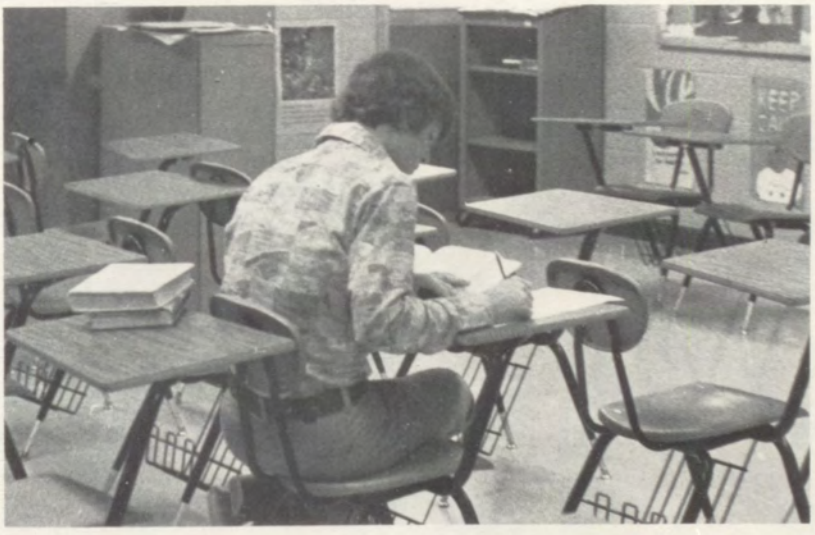


The English department promoted outside activities by supporting the literary magazine ETC. In its second year, ETC. continued to display some of the writing and artisitc talents of the student body. Staff members were: Barbara Huser, editor; Cheryl Raesz, business manager; Monica Vittek, Dana Farr, Susan Walton, Patrick Jones and Rodney Bohls.









LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Tied up at the moment, David Wolbrueck awaits his fate while Indians Debbie McGee, Eva Smith and Stancie Schwenker perform a war dance during a skit for the pantomime unit in their English II class. (Center Left) Freshman Reuben Dominguez ponders over a difficult essay question on Julie Zike's English I final. (Center Right) Edmond Raesz finds needed assistance on his English book report at the library where he can choose from 6664 books on a variety of subjects. (Lower Left) Prepared for the bell, members of Judy Rhode's English I class talk among themselves during the last few minutes of the period. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Editor Barbara Huser explains to first year member Monica Vittek the selection procedures of choosing ETC. material. (Upper Right) Taking advantage of the individual attention available to English students, Freshman Rory Rieger has the rough draft of his theme analyzed by Ms. Rhode. (Lower Left) Many students find that giving up a portion of their lunch hour is all a part of making up work. Scott Ging testifies to this as he hurries to finish his English assignment before the afternoon classes begin.

Learning From the Past

Contrary to popular belief, libraries are not intended for storing books —and Taylor's library club proved this by making citizens more aware of our educational process. By opening the doors to everyone, Library Club enabled THS students to become informed as to our community's past, present and future.

In its second year, Local History Day captured widespread interest in both the school and community as a major Bicentennial event. This project placed importance on human resources and ethnic histories in five separate seminars conducted by citizens from all over Williamson County.

By creating more projects for students' interests, the Library Club continued to make itself an important part of high school life.











LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Discussing plans for the annual Local History Day, David Sikes, Shelia Kruse, Betty Livingood and Melissa Haverland decide appropriate lengths of each seminar. (Upper Right) Having been a library aide for two years, David Wolbrueck finds his work more enjoyable in the newly decorated room. The dull decor was replaced this year with bright wallpaper on the north and east walls. (Lower) Penny Sitman, Monica Vittek, Melissa Haverland and Betty Livingood beam after hearing that the Library Club has been accepted into the Texas Teenage Library Association. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Librarian Betty Livingood prepares the bulletin board with historical information. (Above) Library Club: FRONT ROW: Brenda Zrubek, Casey Smith, David Heap, Melissa Haverland, David Wolbrueck and Charlie Pokorny. BACK ROW: Lee Keel, Monica Vittek, Aurora Reyes, David Sikes, Penny Sitman, Hilaria Medina and Lydia Blomquist.

New Teacher, New System, New Activity

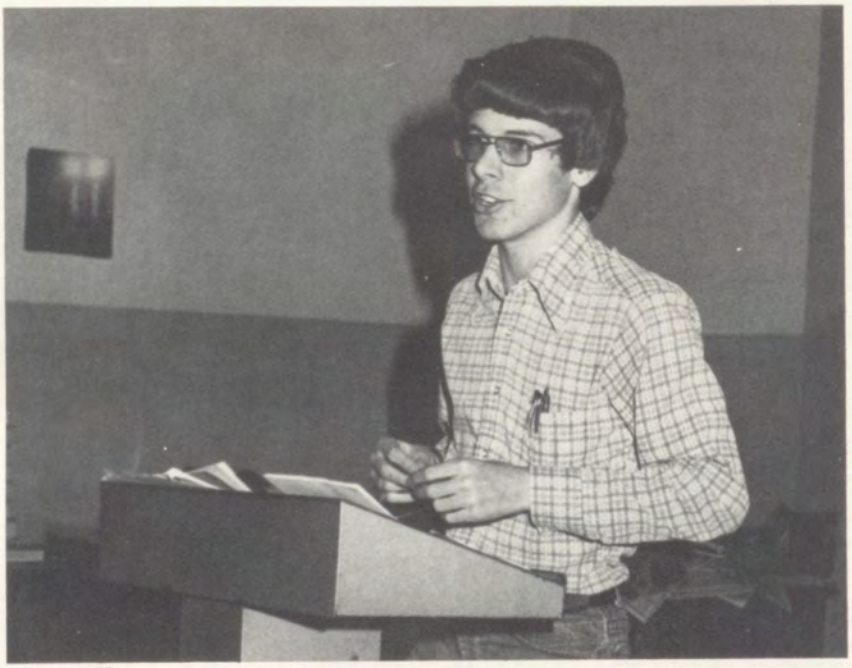
"Very well-rounded personality", "understanding", "real nice dude" "fantastic". These glowing descriptions came from students talking about the new speech teacher, David Kyser. In his first year as a teacher in Taylor High School, Mr. Kyser taught four speech classes which were filled with liveliness and activity.

The small class of second-year speech students concentrated mainly on the field of acting. To supplement their classroom studies, the six members of the Speech II class worked as assistant directors of On Stage's fall production of "Old King Cole."

Mr. Kyser divided the studies of the Speech I classes into three parts because of the quarter system. The different types of speeches were studied in the first quarter; in the second, students focused on acting; and debate, with its back-breaking research, was the topic of the third quarter.

By year's end, most students agreed that the typical description of speech as "just an easy A" was untrue. "Yeah, it's an easy course," said one speech student, "if you're willing to work at it."















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Though the rest of the class reacts with mixed emotions to a skit presented in class, Doug Barron remains oblivious to the surrounding activity. (Upper Right) In preparation for the UIL event of informative speaking, Jimmy Scrivner speaks on the topic of prison reform. (Lower Left) Yvonne Zachary gives an impromtu speech class. (Lower Right) In her position of assistant director in charge of rehearsals and house crew, Anna Schwenke examines her script during a dress rehearsal of the play "Old King Cole". RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Larry Washington and Myra Martin prove that speech can be more than just giving speeches, during a skit in their second period class. (Right) Reflecting the relief that many students feel after their speech is finished, Donna Tiemann relaxes while waiting for the next speaker. The Optimist's Voice of Democracy winners: Dan Wuthrich, first place; Ophal Reese, second place, and Jimmy Scrivner, second place.





Excitement in the Air and ON STAGE

Backstage after their opening night performance of "Old King Cole", On Stage '76 members talked excitedly to one another. Coledon Bosley, later chosen best actor in this fall production, still wore the black robe in which he had portrayed the character Crunch. Best actress Cynthia Jozwaik dropped her imperial manner as Queen Cole and laughed when told that she had cried very well during a scene in which she had played the distraught female ruler. The cast, stage crew and sponsor David Kyser all felt a tremendous sense of relief after the first night's performance had ended. The entire school was given the opportunity to see the final presentation of "Old King Cole" in an assembly the day before the Christmas holidays began.

Although On Stage's entry, "Everyman", in the one-act play contest did not place, Jim Scrivner was named to the All-Star Cast. This was the second year that a Taylor student returned from district so honored.









LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Ladies-in-waiting Dorothy Rafferty and Connie Schneider anxiously watch the events of "Old King Cole" s second act unfold. (Upper Right) As best supporting actress Sharon Brown watches, a regal Larry Blomquist contemplates a royal decision in his title role of King Cole. (Lower Left) Queen Cole, Cynthia Jozwiak comforts her daughter, Princess Penelope, Sharon Brown, during a moment of crisis. (Lower Right) In her position backstage before the first act, Renee Scott studies the music for "Make Way for the King", the overture of "Old King Cole". RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) During the awards assembly at district competition, On Stage treasurer heidi Aguilar listens intently for the ratings for the plays presented. (Center Left) On Stage: FRONT ROW: Delia Contrares, Madeline Trevino, Cheryl Wuthrich, Donna Eiben, Dewanna Slocum, Anna Schwenke, Diana Alderete, Stella De La Rosa and Jo Ann Gamez. SECOND ROW: Dorothy Rafferty, Patsy Manley, Terry Slocum, Sylvia Trevino, Hilaria Medina, Renee Scott, Delores Lopez, Sharon Brown, Diana Sherek and Monica Vittek. THIRD ROW: Eva Smith, Debbie Carpenter, Denis Richter, Debbie Cantrell, Mary Hollan, Kim Bearden, Stacy Becker, Dana Basco, Ruth Kincl, Heidi Aguilar, Connie Schneider and Cynthia Jozwiak. BACK ROW: Debbie Touchstone, Peggy Kilgore, Beth Merka. Patti Ruzicka, Abby Frazier, Larry Blomquist, David Heap, Coledon Bosley, Ron Schaefer, and Jim Scrivner. (Below) Sergeant at arms Kim Bearden, reporter Delia Contrares, president Jim Scrivner, secretary Cynthia Jozwiak, vice president Ron Schaefer and parliamentarian Anna Schwenke meet to discuss details of the third annual Spook House, which made over one hundred dollars for On Stage.







Creating, Polishing → Publishing

"One of the greatest things about Journalism is seeing your story published," said Denise Faykus, Journalism I student. And that was the result of hard work as aspiring writers discovered the world of searching for ideas, digging for stories, and rushing to meet deadlines. Becoming a staff reporter was another big step for Journalism I students, as 25 lines of their work appeared in the COTTON BOLL. Susan Komandosky, a new teacher at THS, headed the 51 juniors and seniors in Journalism I and II. Mary Kay Gotcher advised the MALLARD staff for her third year.

Having 15 members each, the COTTON BOLL and MALLARD staffs began the year struggling with new members and new styles. Traveling to Denton and Austin during the year, the two staffs attended workshops in order to improve writing techniques and page designs.

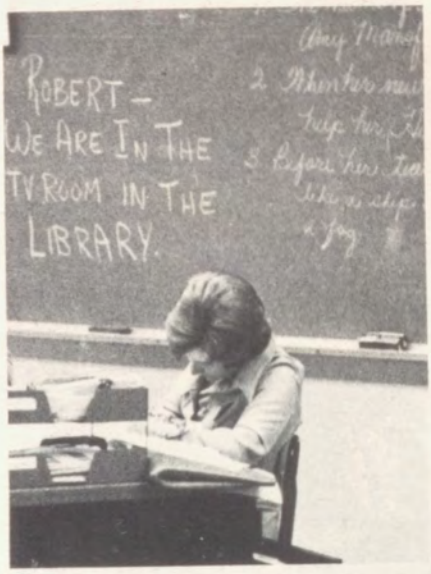
Throughout the year, students found journalism to be rewarding as they saw much hard work, time and frustration materialize into published pages.



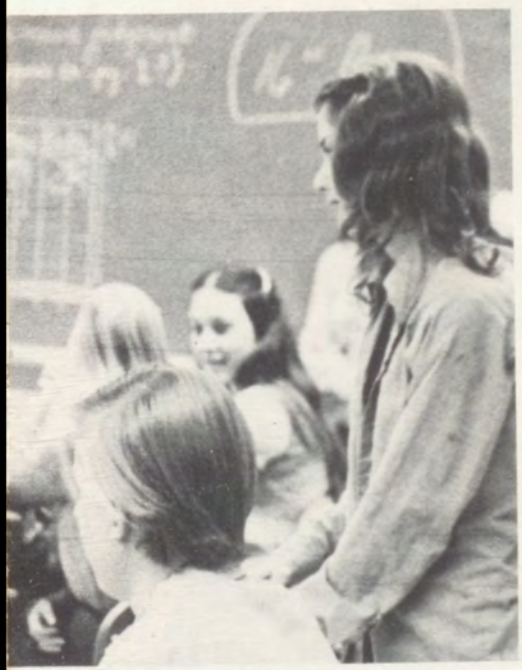








LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Tim Crabb and Laine Holman find journalism to be an outlet for more than one type of talent, as they create a chimney for the winning Christmas door. (Upper Right) Organizing interview notes, Monica Vittek and Vickie Randig find journalism involves legwork as well as writing. (Lower Left) While Susan Walton decides on an interesting angle for a news story, Scholley Buzan organizes her notes for a COTTON BOLL feature. (Lower Right) Karen Page, Marie Grieger, Raymond Pokorny, and Brenda Farr prepare to leave class for interviews—one of the more enjoyable journalism assignments. RIGHT PAGE (Upper Left) During second period, Journalism I student Teri Roose works toward the goal of staff reporter by typing up a feature story for the COTTON BOLL. (Upper Right) Before inspiration escapes, Michael Bruce quickly jots down ideas for a Journalism I story. (Center Left) Susan Komandosky's before-lunch conference period is often spent editing copy for the COTTON BOLL. (Lower Right) Preparing to handle COTTON BOLL staff positions in the future, Journalism I students grasp the fundamentals of writing features and short news stories.





Contract System Prompts Determination

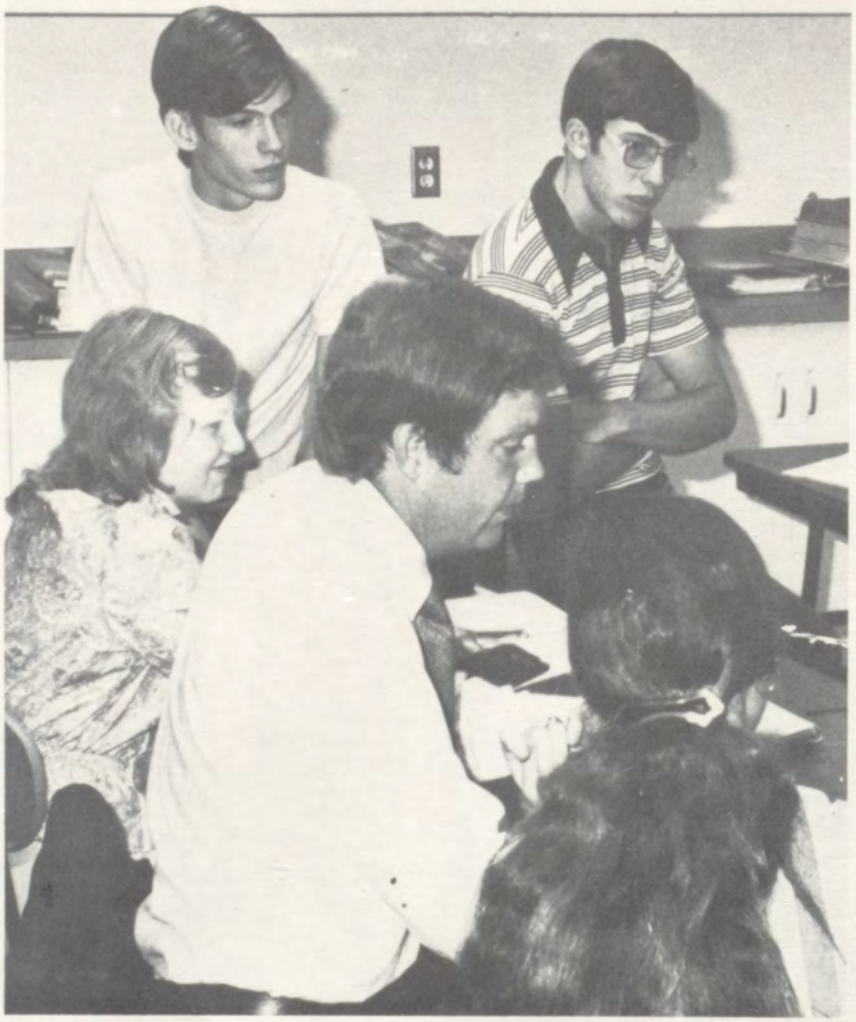




In hopes of producing a creative and memorable account of the school year, the MALLARD staff began working in August to prepare for their upcoming job. Along with attending a summer workshop at the University of Texas, staffers put on their painting clothes and set out to brighten up the room.

The age old problem of meeting deadlines set by the publisher faced the staff, however, this year marked the initiation of a new contract system in which each individual had a certain number of layouts, pictures, lines of body copy and cutlines due each six weeks in order to receive the grade contracted for. Though this method did not completely resolve the problem, it encouraged everyone to work more diligently toward their goal.

Although many extra tedious hours of work were put into the production of the yearbook, moments of satisfaction and relief such as finally meeting those dreaded deadlines, missing school for conventions in Denton and Austin and knowing that at long last they would see all their work before them in the new MALLARD made it all worthwhile.













LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) In spite of all the headaches they received correcting pages, Mickey McGee, Kathryn Kotrla and Susan Ponton still manage a few laughs. (Upper Right) While class pictures are taken, Kim Robb and Ginny Urbanek keep a record of students names for future reference and wonder if the line will ever end. (Lower) Staff members Kathryn Kotrla, Cynthia Jozwiak, Patrick Jones and Gilbert Mokry examine various possibilities for the cover of the MALLARD with Newsfoto representative Don Overall. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) While Dan Wuthrich ponders over a headline, Mickey McGee reads his grade contract for the next six weeks. (Upper Right) As a member of the page design staff, Ginny Urbanek has difficulty in choosing pictures for her pages. (Center) To meet their weekly deadlines, Susan Ponton and Dana Farr write cutlines, Cynthia Jozwiak searches the picture file and Kim Robb begins cropping pictures to fit her page design. (Above) MALLARD Staff: FRONT ROW: Mickey McGee, page design editor and Wade Williams. SECOND ROW: Gilbert Mokry, Dana Farr, Susan Ponton, copy editor, Mary Kay Gotcher, adviser, Cynthia Jozwiak, Donna Ryan, business manager and Tim Pevehouse. THIRD ROW: Patrick Jones, Ginny Urbanek, Kim Robb, Kathryn Kotrla, editor and Dan Wuthrich. BACK ROW: Thomas Conn and Rodney Bohls, photography editor. (Left) As he takes his newly developed picture out of wash, Thomas Conn checks the clarity of the picture, reflecting one of the concerns of all photographers.

CB'ers Produce Big Ten-Four

Under the student leadership of editor John Debus and the guidance of new sponsor Susan Komandosky, the COTTON BOLL once again proved to be one of the top high school newspapers in Texas.

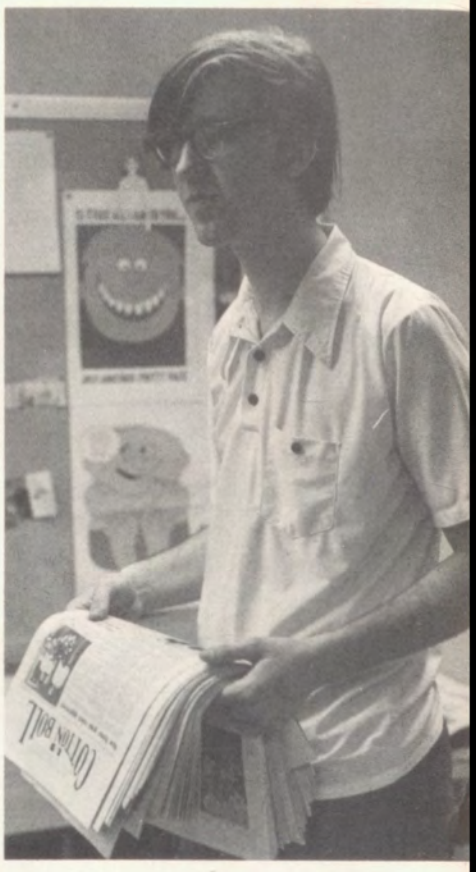
The 1976 COTTON BOLL staff received six individual achievement awards and the Award of Distinguished Merit from the Interscholastic League Press Conference.

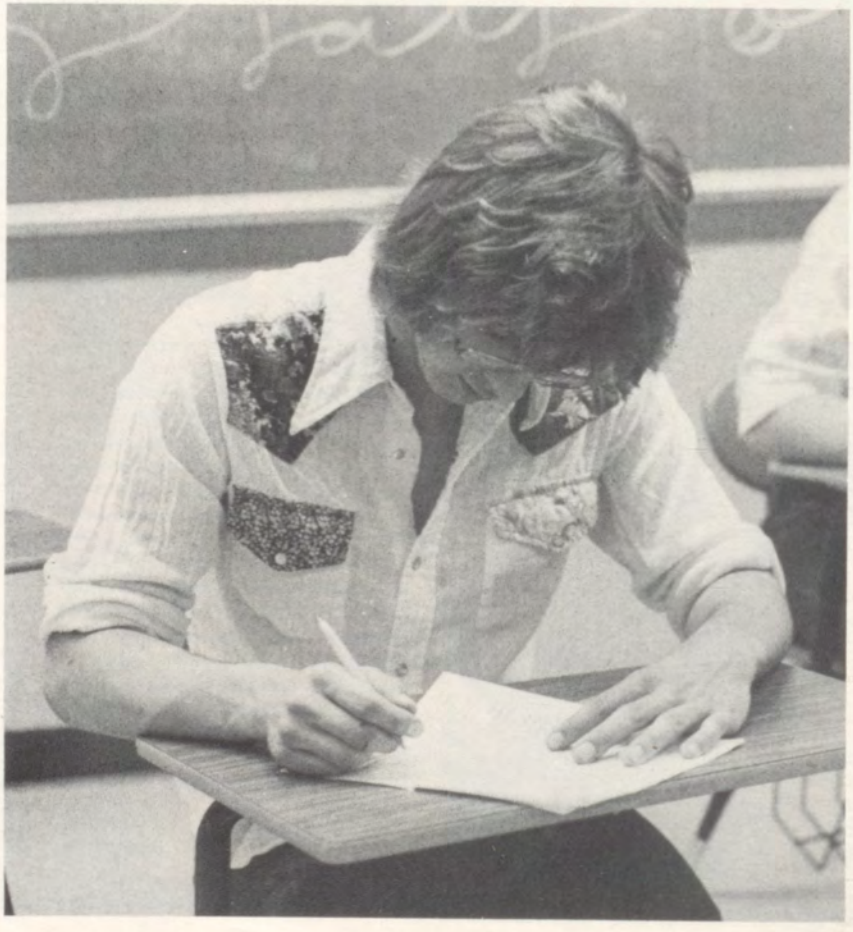
Journalism II students, who were seniors, produced the bi-weekly paper. The actual printing took place at the Taylor Daily Press but layout work was done at school. Any student in Journalism I could rise to the position of reporter by writing 25 inches of copy accepted for publication.

COTTON BOLL staffers found that the rising production cost required extra efforts to make ends meet. The staff got off to a good financial start in August by offering subscriptions —a new sales tactic. In order to supplement ad sales, the staff worked with the Downtown Cafeteria to sponsor a Mexican food supper in the spring.

Devoting the last edition of the prize winning newspaper to the seniors, COTTON BOLL followed tradition by publishing the seniors' will, future plans and prophecy.







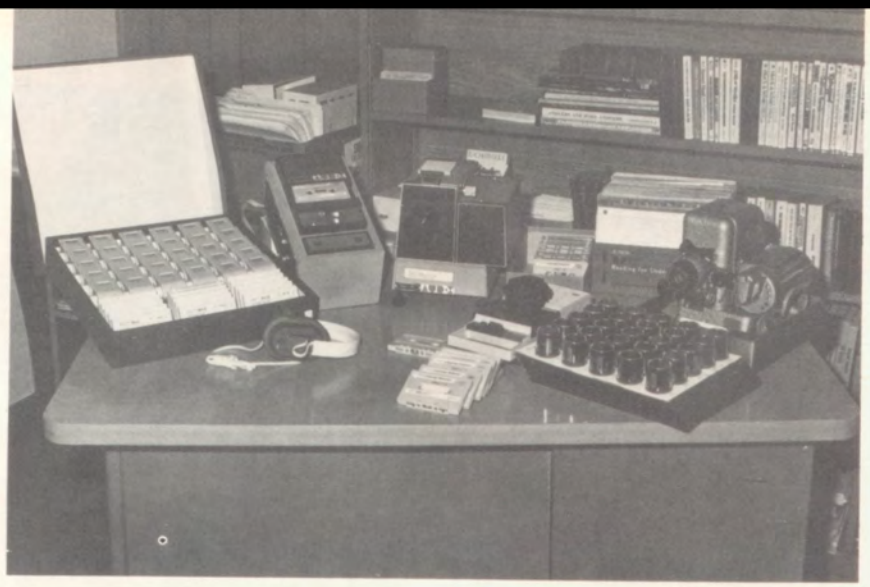






LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) COTTON BOLL adviser Susan Komandosky pins the ribbon on Susan Walton which identifies her as the business manager for next year's newspaper. (Upper Right) Performing a familiar chore on a Friday during fifth period, James Psencik prepares to distribute COTTON BOLL issues to waiting students and faculty members. (Bottom) Humor editor John Berry touches up the copy for his column, "Cosmic Debris," for a February issue. RIGHT PAGE: (Above) Stella Taliaferro uses a modern convenience, the calculator, while balancing COTTON BOLL's budget in her position of business manager. (Center) COTTON BOLL Staff: FRONT ROW: James Psencik, editorial editor; Susan Komandosky, adviser; John Debus, editor; Doug Kaspar, circulation manager; Kent Hanacik, sports editor and Delia Contreras, feature editor. BACK ROW: Carla Nickerson, feature editor; Frances Kiesling, news editor; Stella Taliaferro, business manager, John Berry, humor editor, Rodney Bohls, photography editor; Kevin Page, sports editor; Lisa Jacobson, news editor; Teresa Leschber, lay-out copy editor; Mikey Kirschvink, news writer and Pam Kaspar, lay-out copy editor. Not pictured is staff artist Doug Cotner. (Left) Proofreading copy is one of the secrets involved in a prize-winning newspaper, as News Writer Mikey Kirschvink reads over a possible article.

The Emergency School Assistance Act program dealt with students having comprehension disabilities. The system operated on a schedule, with students working at intervals with math and reading specialists to reinforce their basic skills. Throughout the year, the federally funded program involved Odessa Mackey and Tom Murray supervising math and reading labs. As a result of the ESSA program, students were able to progress in the language and math fields.



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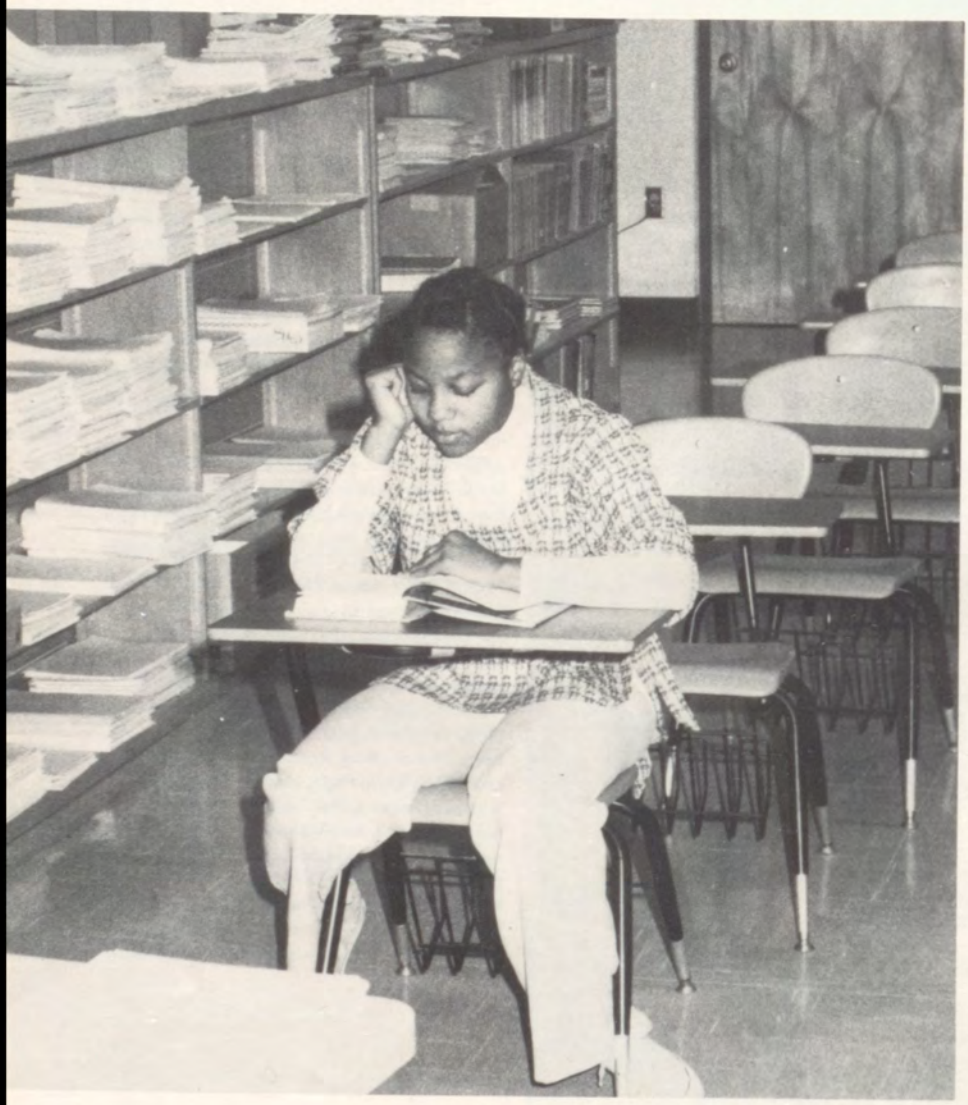
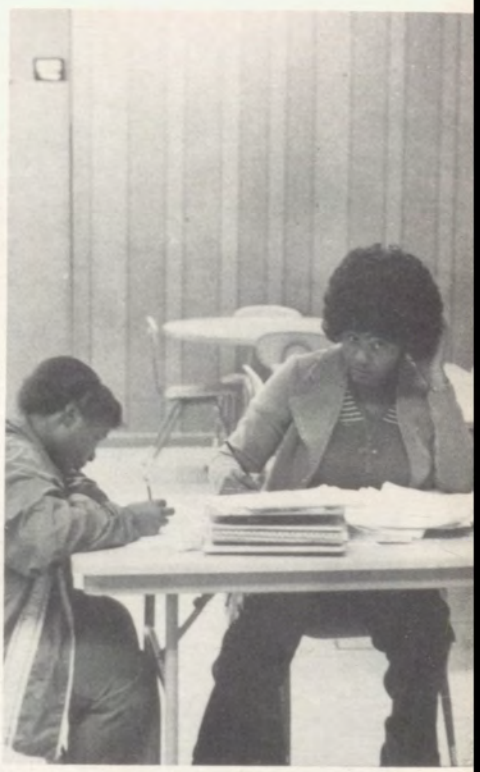




(Upper Right) Cassette players and film projectors are vital facilities in the resource labs, as they aid students in developing math and language skills. (Lower Left) The desire to improve motivates ESSA students such as Marcia Tillis, who works twice a week on her reading skills. (Lower Right) Work in the ESSA program revolves around a series of worksheets followed by a test. Supervised by Helen Rivers, Carolyn Johnson strives for a high score on one such test.



Amidst typical classroom situations, Taylor High School offered a separate curriculum for students with learning disabilities. The resource program branched out into the academic and vocational departments while attempting to remove the stigma from "handicapped." An industrial education course became available for those with special shop abilities. Located at Southside, Vocational Education for the Handicapped helped to maintain interest and offer a change from the classroom atmosphere.

Small classes and a relaxed study arrangement made the resource labs a success in developing ability.





(Upper) Harvey Randall makes use of the Resource Room's System 80 machine which provides students with a means for learning consonant blend sounds. This device combines filmstrip and phonograph for programs ranging in subjects from phonics to mathematics. (Center Right) Linda Strimiska and Diane Oranday make use of one of the mechanical devices made available by the Resource Rooms which aids the student in word pronunciation. (Lower Left) Taking advantage of the individual attention in the Resource Room, Diane Oranday constructs geometric figures under the supervision of Betty Porter.

Discipline Guides Growth



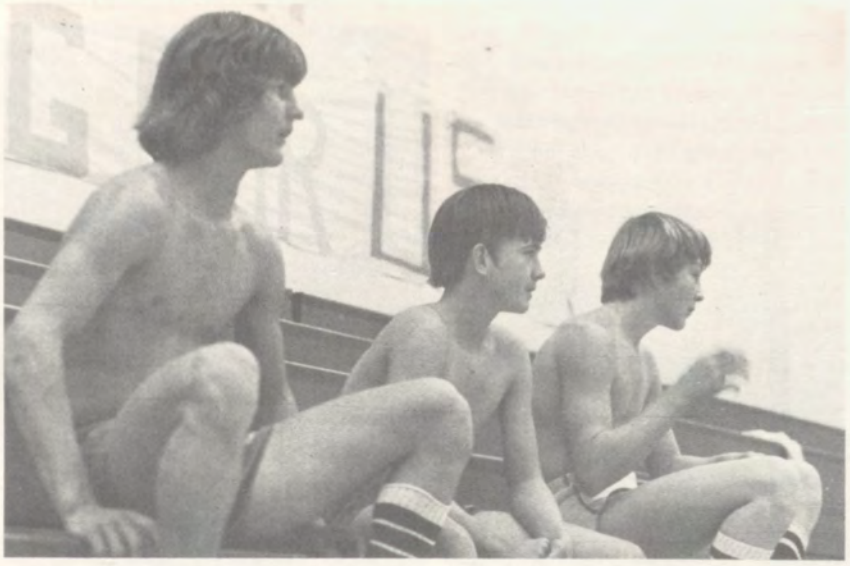
Dividing physical education into two separate classes was a major change for students in P.E. Two quarters of the year was spent in health classes which went into more depth than the previous year with the addition of new textbooks. The other two quarters was devoted to exercises and a variety of sports.

Outdoor sports ranged from flag football to softball with archery being added to the slate of events. Girls took a wide interest in softball and track during the warmer weather.

When cold weather caused the move indoors the boys participated in basketball, volleyball, and table tennis. A new set of weights aided the boys in building up their strength and stamina. The girls had a choice of volleyball and basketball. On some occasions the boys and girls would compete in volleyball with mixed teams.

Through the course of the year the students learned that physical fitness and mental alertness combine to prolong good health.















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Dewanna Slocum prepares to serve and score another point in a hotly contested volleyball game. (Center Left) Girls' P.E. classes frequently participate in modern dancing, as Debra Kaiser and Jana Rohlack demonstrate by keeping in step with the music. (Center Right) Waiting to return to action, Sidney Ging, Benny Janecka and Ronald Huber encourage their teammates as they watch a basketball game. (Lower Left) During a break in one of her physical education classes, Ophelia Jewell examines health papers. (Lower Right) As the final minutes of a basketball game near, second period P.E. students wait for the result of a free throw. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Coach Leon Nickerson takes time to grade some health papers which test students' knowledge of first aid during his off period. (Upper Right) Rory Rieger, Tim Rafferty and David Polasek read an assigned health chapter on dangerous drugs in their second period class. (Left) While in their second period physical education class, several students perfect their dancing technique as they "do the 'hustle' "

Think **BIG**

Although the Pep Squad was involved with several traditional activities, many changes took place within the organization this year.

As usual, Pep Squad enthusiasm took on the form of spirit signs in the student center, yelling at pep rallies and presenting a pep rally skit. Boosting spirit at football and basketball games, and selling ribbons and programs during football season were also Pep Squad activities.

Due to the fact that many potential Pep Squad members opted for Band, the organization was smaller than usual this year, boasting a lively 16 member roster.

The group sported new green and white uniforms, as well as purchasing Pep Squad T-shirts, worn on Fridays during Football Season.

One of the most exciting events of the year for this group of spirited students was participating in the patriotic halftime show on October 19, as the Pep Squad and Hi-Steppers worked together to spell "U.S.A."

These changes and activities within the organization this year seved to make the small membership one of the most spirited clubs at Taylor High.

















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) "Moving along" Pep Squad members show their enthusiasm by making the Big Green Machine spiral. (Left) Pep Squad president Casey Smith enjoys the cheerleaders pep rally skit before the Belton game. (Center Right) Pep Squad officers: Casey Smith, president; Kim Bearden, vice-president; Anna Marie Schwenke, treasurer; Dottie Rambo, sponsor; Dewanna Slocum, secretary. (Lower Right) Boosting spirit is not a part time activity for Pep Squad members as their energetic work continues through the basketball season. RIGHT PAGE (Upper Right) Highlighting class competition week, Pep Squad members add spirit to the Belton pep rally by mocking past cheerleaders. (Lower Left) Dewanna Slocum finishes a colonial cheer during the pep rally before the Belton game. (Lower Right) Pep Squad: FRONT ROW: Dewanna Slocum, Kim Bearden and Terry Slocum. SECOND ROW: Casey Smith, Denise Jefferson and Nora Perez. THIRD ROW: Anna Marie Schwenke, Kim Wrinkle and Shelly Werchan. BACK ROW: Linda Gault, Roxanne Poppelz and Peggy Kilgore.

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As the band plays "Shaft", 28 Hi-Steppers bounce, kick and snap in perfect time. Make-up in place and smiles lighting their faces, the girls in the green satin perform with such skill that the Friday night audience never thinks about how much work is put into those three minutes . . .

With their hair pulled back and sweat running down their necks, the girls in grubby shorts—and a few Ace bandages—stretched and practiced over and over again, hardly noticing the smell of Ben-Gay in the air. "Hop, kick, hold . . ." could be heard above the taped music, as captain Janis West prompted their steps. This scene took place two and a half hours a day, four days a week during football season and the glamour of being a Hi-Stepper vanished. The hard work paid off every Friday night, however, as the 'Steppers compacted five hours of practice into a dynamic 3-minute performance.

Contrary to popular belief, football season did not end the year for the 'Steppers. December and January were filled with long, often monotonous contest work-outs. The hours of practice were trying for the 'Steppers, as snaps and smiles could no longer be forgotten. Every detail of each performance had to be exact —no mistakes allowed. For this reason each girl had to have a tremendous amount of self-discipline, and a big supply of emotional and physical strength.

Camped out at the rating board in Commerce on January 31, Hi-Steppers learned that they had pulled off the highest possible drill-team honors, Sweepstakes—one more time.



















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Tired after their performance in jazz competition, Stancie Schwenker and Lou Ann Mokry pause for a rest at contest in New Braunfels. (Center Right) Hi-Steppers prepare to board the chartered bus taken to Commerce as interested students look on. (Lower Left) Remembering past experiences, Senior Carla Dial watches the officers put together tryout routines. (Lower Right) Mixed emotions are shown by Janis West, Ginny Urbanek, Pat Strmiska and Pam Kaspar as they watch an individual performance. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Boarding the bus just before leaving for an out-of-town football game, is Dottie Rambo, sponsor of the drill team. (Above) As an officer, Susan Sobotik demonstrates one of the steps as the drill team learns a new routine. (Center) In the midst of confusion, Hi-Steppers take time out to stretch before performing at Commerce. (Left) Scholley Buzan shows relief after completing her individual performance at New Braunfels.

Nothing Less Than Perfect







LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) FRONT: Janis West. (Left) Lisa Corbett. (Right) Irene Chapa. CENTER: Susan Sobotik, Beverly Bearden and Susan Harris. INNER CIRCLE: Teri Roose, Colleen Baird, Barbara Conn, Sue Ruzicka, Rhonda Srnensky, Ginny Urbanek and Judy Kropp. OUTER CIRCLE: Delores Lopez, Sherri Dykowski, Deborah Werchan, Teresa Leschber, Lou Ann Mokry, Debbie McGee, Laurie Pasemann, Stancie Schwenker, Karen Mazac, Ramona Urbanek, Pam Kaspar, Pat Strmiska, Scholley Buzan, and Pam Wyche. (Lower Left) Conscious of the judges and the audience, Hi-Steppers perform their high kick routine at New Braunfels. (Right) Captain Janis West gives last minute instruction concerning the performance at Introduction Night. RIGHT PAGE: (Top Left) Hi-Stepper Officers: FRONT: Janis West, captain and Beverly Bearden, co-captain. CENTER: Lisa Corbett and Irene Chapa, 1st lts. BACK: Susan Harris and Susan Sobotik, 2nd lts. (Upper Right) Making sure their kicks are over their heads, Pam Kaspar and Sherri Dykowski perform to "Shaft" at the Lockhart halftime. (Upper Left) Poised and smiling, Hi-Steppers Delores Lopez, Karen Mazac, Teri Roose, Colleen Baird and Ramona Urbanek begin their performance at Round Rock. (Center Left) In hopes that the wind will die down, Beverly Bearden, Susan Sobotik and Lisa Corbett wait for the football players to come onto the field. (Center Right) Hi-Steppers show their enthusiasm by radiant smiles as they perform their high kick routine for parents and interested public. (Lower Left) After being presented with "Stepper of the Year" award, Janis West embraces Laurie Pasemann, as June West, her mother, looks on. (Lower Right) Teresa Leschber receives her certificates for three Division I's at Commerce from Dottie Rambo as Barbara Conn looks on. Hi-Steppers held their first annual banquet on March 11th at Rudy Mikeska's. In addition to "Stepper of the Year" award Janis West received "Performer of the Year" award. Other awards presented were: Karen Mazac, "Rookie of the Year"; Ramona Urbanek, most pulled muscles and Sue Ruzicka, most exaggerated smile. Also given was an award to Pam Wyche for being late the day of the New Braunfels contest, and the walk-off award to Debbie McGee for leaving the floor two times while performing her individual routine. The committee which compiled the awards was made up of Rhonda Srnensky, Lisa Corbett, Scholley Buzan and Laurie Pasemann. Though this marked the end of the year's activity, little time went by before the next project—tryouts.

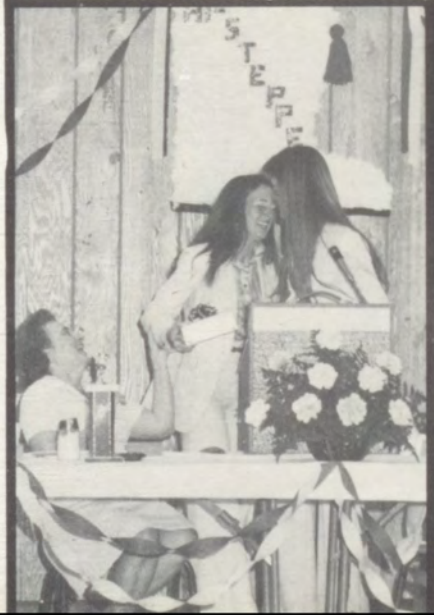














Quantity

Ranks for "Marching 125"

With the addition of over fifty freshmen and new members came many new situations for the Band. Being the largest ever at Taylor High, new uniforms were essential as there were not enough to suit the entire Band. For the first time since 1954, there were enough bandsmen to form a color guard which brightened performances at football games and contest with their green and white silk flags. As enrollment soared, the Band soon became known as Rhemann's "Marching 125".

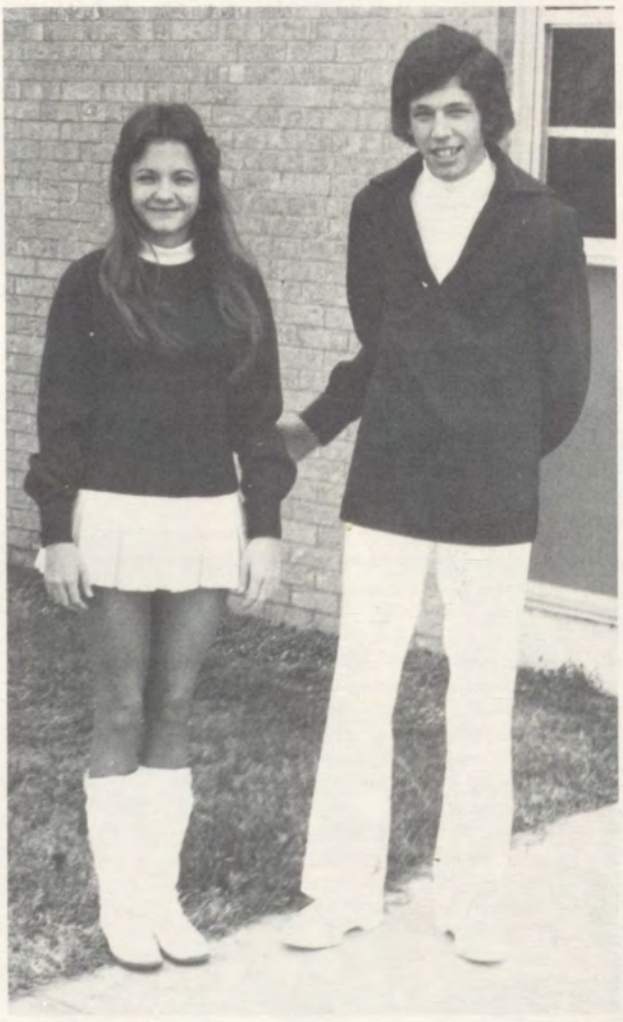
Because of this increased number, it was also necessary to divide the Band into two for concert season. Chosen on the basis of their musical ability the Wind Ensemble consisted of the top fifty musicians while the remaining number made up the Concert Band. The Bands were faced with the disadvantage of having only one director for them both and were disappointed with their good and fair ratings received at Concert Contest.

In hopes of a spring trip, the Band had numerous money-making projects including selling candles, candy, magazines and sponsoring a spaghetti supper. Although the trip did not materialize, the musicians ended the year on a good note and used the funds for their banquet which was held at the Country Dinner Playhouse where James Drury, star of "The Virginian," had the lead roll in the play "The Rainmakers".















LEFT PAGE: (Top) Senior twirler Donna Ryan performs her routine with great ease before the second half of the basketball game begins. (Center) Although there is not much room, Band members entertain the crowd with a few songs at one of the district basketball games. (Right) As leaders of the Band, drum major Susan Ponton and assistant drum major Dan Wuthrich give smiles of encouragement. (Bottom Left) Happy to be "older" members of the Band at last are juniors, Kim Robb, Marie Grieger, Denise Faykus, Molly Stone and Lois Anderson. RIGHT PAGE: (Top) At the University Interscholastic League marching contest in Round Rock, Band members march into their star formation to conclude their patriotic drill. The Band scored an average rating at this contest. (Center Left) Twirlers: FRONT ROW: Donna Ryan, Becky Preusse and Pam Brueckner. BACK ROW: Becky Kubala, Lisa Jacobson and Dorie Switzer. (Above) Varsity Band: FRONT ROW: Eugene Rhemann, Dan Wuthrich, Susan Ponton, Becky Marburger, Nancy Touchstone, Charles Hurta, Gina Gilligan, Beth Sexworth, Mary Holman, Leslie Basco, Lee Keel, Tim Rafferty, Patti Ruzicka, Nancy Rohlack, Bubba Holman, Jackie Rowe, Becky Swanson, Brenda Hollowell and Jimmy Gonzales. SECOND ROW: Shelly Grieger, Rhonda Brinkmeyer, Kathy Gola, Janeane Fuessel, Kathy Debus, Karen Page, Anita Allen, Cheryl Raesz, Sherry Krenek, Patsy Manley, Denise Faykus, Lois Anderson, Melissa Brookshire, Michael Brueckner, David Roznovak, Brenda Johnson, Bernice Gonzales, Gaylon Steffek, Guy Nelson and Becky Preuss. THIRD ROW: Melodie Slagle, Terry Farr, Robin Sutton, Cheryl Wuthrich, Carol Holton, Charles Haase, Kathy Borgne, Sylvia Trevino, Lisa Campos, Gayle Brister, Cindy Bittner, Helen Flores, Joe Gomez, Tracy McVay, Dana Basco, Connie Schneider, Pam Brueckner, Emmi Kirschvink, Lacy Holman, Jackie Naivar, Becky Kubala and Bryan Kruse. FOURTH ROW: Mike Kohutek, Kim Klotz, Louis Ross, Cynthia Jozwiak, Teresa Snider, Rodney Marx, Pam Mahlow, Renee Scott, Marie Grieger, Kim Robb, Brenda Zrubek, Allen Swanson, Glenn Steffek, Susan Hengst, Juanita Villanueva, Jan Werner, Nancy Urbanek, Jo Ann Mott, David Slivensky, Rueben Dominguez and Paula Zetak. FIFTH ROW: Ron Schaefer, Alvin Roznovak, Hilaria Medina, Mary Zavala, Sherri Townsend, Pam Kruse, Sandra Young, Terri Briggs, Arthur Gamez, Steven Sutton, Debbie Carpenter, Stacy Becker, Tammy Preusse, Ellen Schmidt, Molly Stone, Brenda Farr, Geneva Fielder, Della Woods, Claudy Gamez, George Campos and David Sikes. BACK ROW: Joe Walton, Denise Richter, Pam Finn, Reva Killingworth, Janice Cubit, Lupe Dominguez, Margaret Guajardo, Christi McLaughlin, Lisa Jacobson, Donna Ryan, Dorie Switzer, Trisa Vasquez, Diane Cotner, Shelia Mahlow, Tammi Sefcik, Madeline Trevino, April Schoener, Dorothy Rafferty and Donna Lutz.

More Than Ever









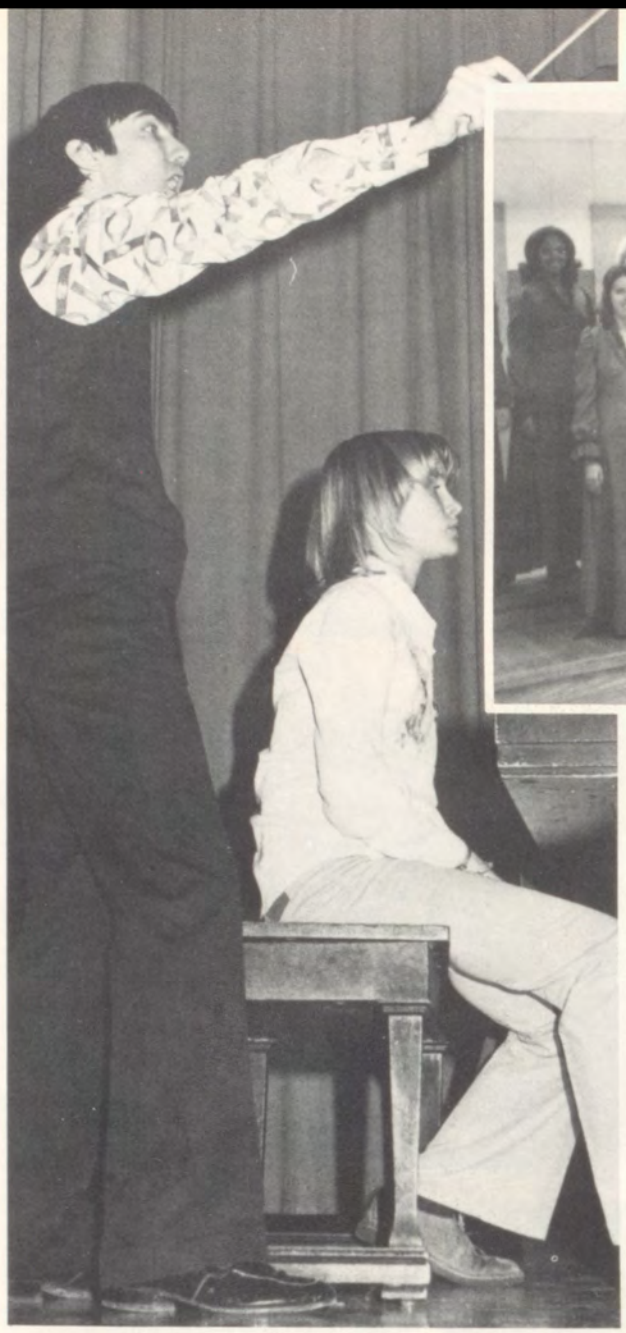








LEFT PAGE: (Top) Pam Brueckner, Becky Preusse, Dorie Switzer, Becky Kubala and Lisa Jacobson keep moving to stay warm. (Center) Preparations for halftime shows do not come easy as Ellen Schmidt, Tammy Preusse, Alvin Rosnovak, Jan Werner and Teresa Vasquez discover as they prepare for the upcoming Del Valle show. (Right) Drum major Susan Ponton tells the Band to line up so that rehearsal can begin. (Bottom) Bandsmen complete their circle drill before being joined by the Middle School Band in a patriotic show. RIGHT PAGE: (Top Left) At introduction night, sophomore twirler Pam Brueckner tries to shake off first-performance jitters. (Top Right) Freshmen members Gina Gilligan, Jackie Rowe and Becky Marburger get their first taste of what contest is all about. (Above) After hours of practice, Bandsmen strive to make their circle routine just right at contest. The Band scored a GOOD rating at this University Interscholastic League Marching Contest. (Left) Amidst feelings of nervousness and fear, the Band marches in to line up for their contest performance in Round Rock.







every good choir does fine

Back stage on the risers, 28 people dressed uniformly laugh nervously, ask last-minute questions about entrances and whisper "good lucks" to one another. Suddenly, the lights dim, a hush falls over the crowd and the curtain sweeps open. At that moment, each of the singers loses his individuality and, as if by magic, there are no longer 28 people on the stage—but one choir—each voice dependent on the others. Larry Koonce walks calmly to his stand before the choir, the pianist places her hands on the keyboard and each soprano, alto, tenor and bass concentrates on that very first note . . .

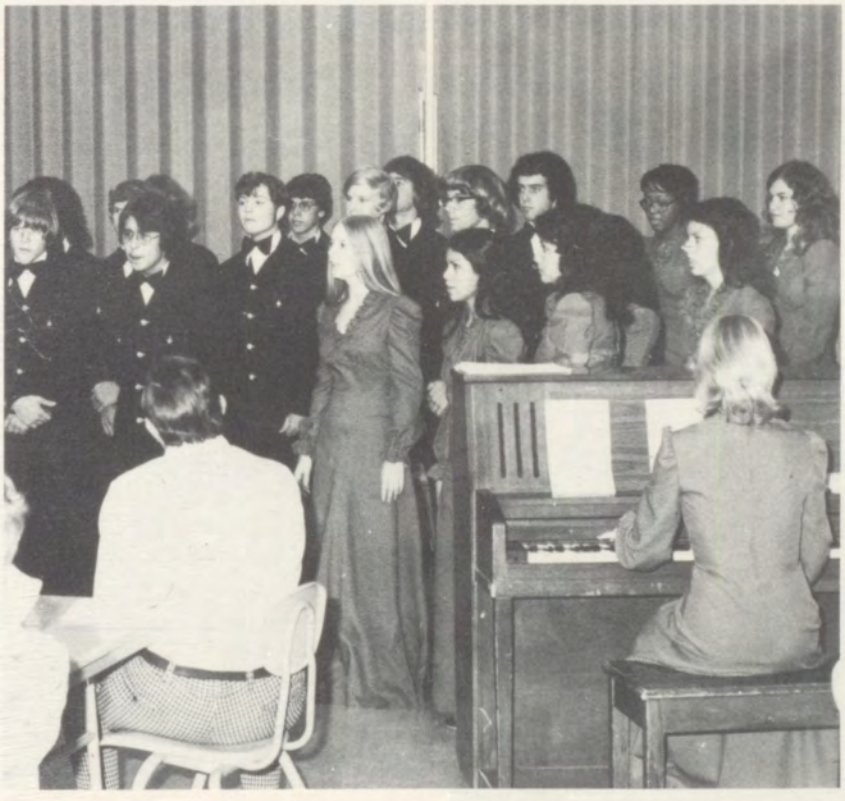
After many hours of practice, Concert Choir members transformed printed sheets of numbers, words, symbols and notes into real sounds of music. Repeating one part of a song for an entire class period was often necessary. This routine became frustrating and dull, but somehow the singers made each song come alive before an audience.

Their musical skills were proven in March, as the Concert Choir competed in Austin at Concert and Sightreading Contest. With excellent ratings in both categories, the singers were satisfied with the year's work, but saddened by the fact that their last performance as a formal choir had just been sung.









LEFT PAGE: (Left) As accompanist Becky Kubala takes a break, director Larry Koonce demonstrates an effective vocal technique for Concert Choir members. (Upper Right) Concert Choir: FRONT ROW: Linda Trevino, Sharon Brown, Elvino Carrizales, Tim Bulgerin, Henry Gonzales, Patty Daughtery and Frances Kiesling. SECOND ROW: Anna Walton, Anna Chavana, Rachel Valdez, David Sikes, Larry Blomquist, Todd Harris, Charlie Pokorny, Isabel Soza and Melissa Bowling. BACK ROW: Carol Holton, Ophal Reese, Becky Kubala, Eugine Moreno, Jim Scrivner, David Switzer, Coledon Bosley, Evelyn White, Janice Zachary and Carla Nickerson. (Center Right) In collaboration with the band, the choirs presented a Bicentennial halftime show for an appreciative Lockhart crowd. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Concert Choir members take a necessary breather from routine class period rehearsals. (Upper Right) Concert Choir Officers: FRONT ROW: Linda Trevino, secretary and Ophal Reese, vice-president. BACK ROW: Larry Blomquist, sergeant at arms and chaplain; Tim Bulgerin, president; Henry Gonzales, treasurer and Larry Koonce, director. (Center) Long rehearsals are an important part of choral perfection, especially when performing "Messiah" selections for Christmas concerts. (Lower Left) Butterflies, but not risers are always present for first performances, as the Concert Choir presents a program for PTA.

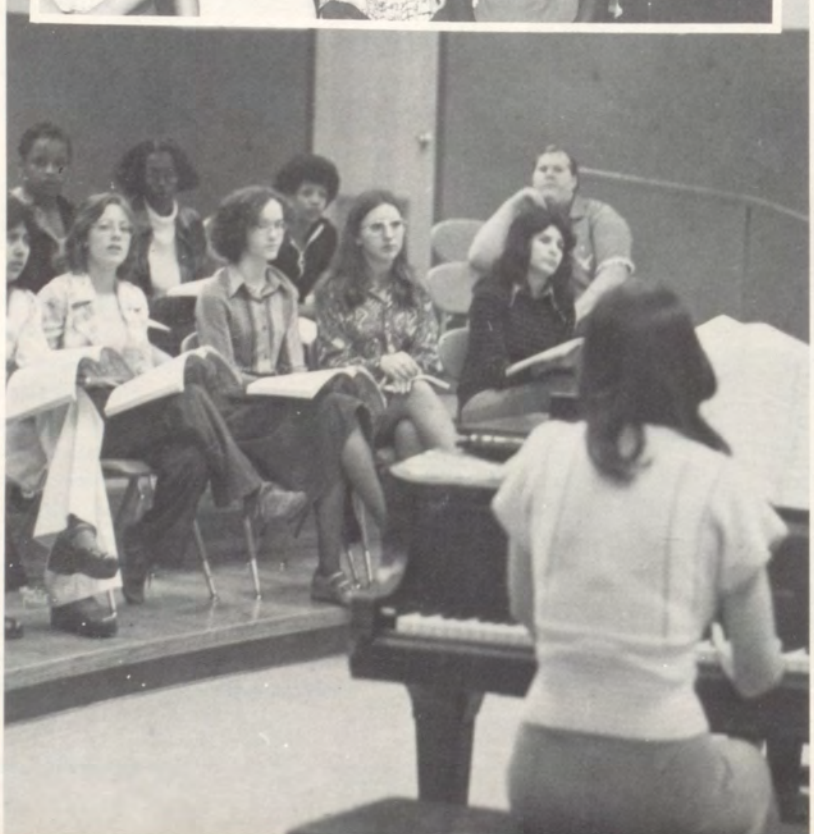


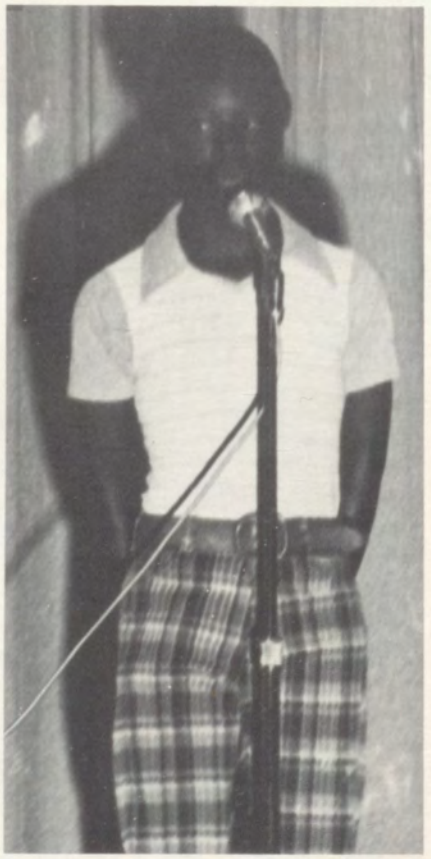
BRIGHT IDEA

The simple word "busy" could probably best describe the year for Choraliers, as the list of activities for the group never seemed to shorten. Besides the everyday grind of learning notes and performing them, the singers had to raise funds for their transportation fees, spring trip and picnic. Choraliers and Concert Choir combined to come up with a couple of very original ways to make money. Shunning the overdone ways of fund-raising, choir had the bright idea of selling light bulbs, a project that yielded the bulk of their treasury. Another money-making project was a miniature golf tournament. Although failing to go over well, the experiment expressed the choir's individuality.

By the end of April, the two choirs had enough money to take a trip to Corpus Christi. A month later, the group ended the year traditionally with a picnic in Leander.















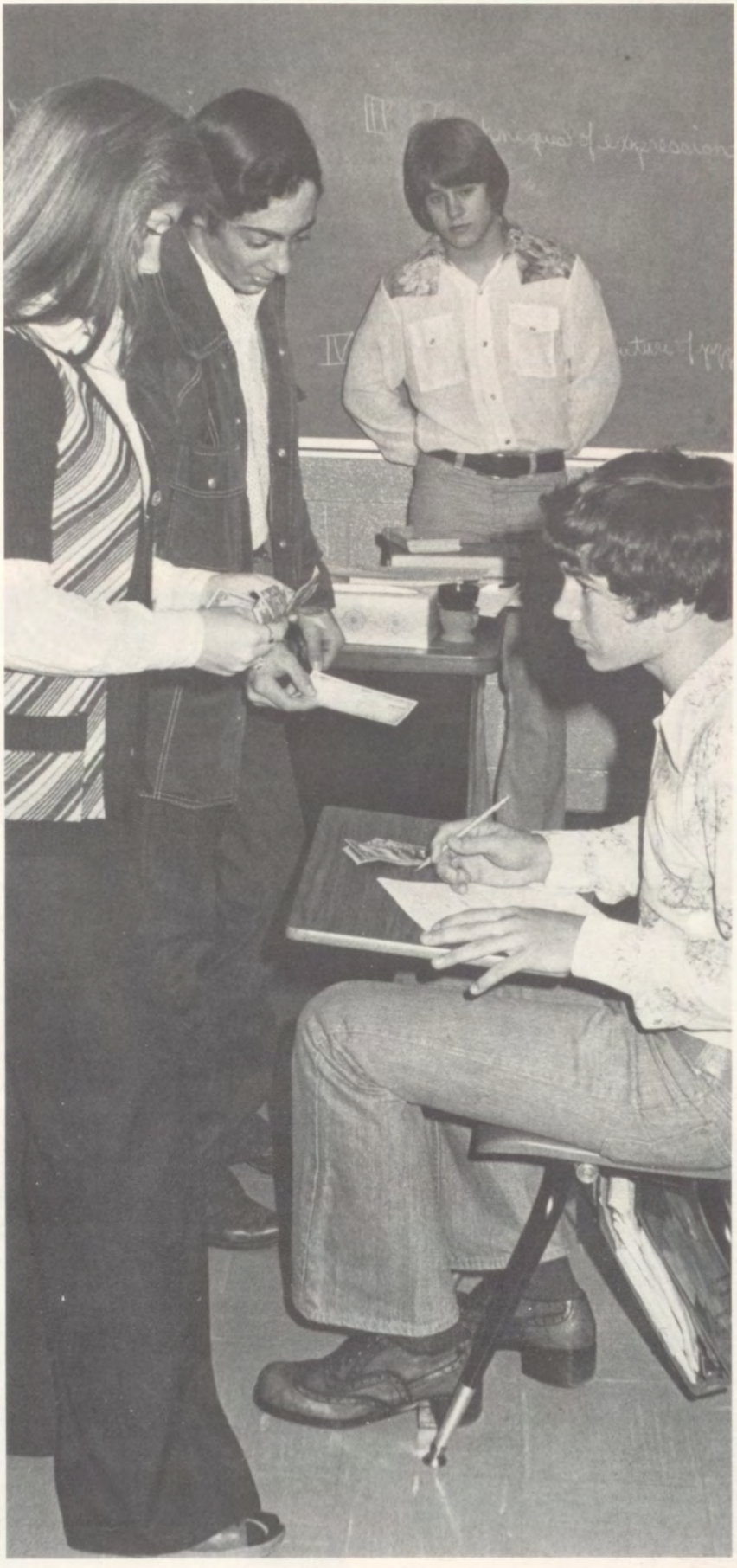


LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Choraliers spend fifteen minutes on stage performing their seasonal numbers for the student body during the Christmas assembly. (Center) Choraliers Officers: Kelly Zetak, president; Shelia Reese, chaplain; Marion Morgan, vice president; Reva Killingsworth, secretary-treasurer and Larry Koonce, director. (Lower Left) While learning new selections, Choraliers maintain a relaxed classroom atmosphere. (Lower Right) Highlighting the Choralier's Christmas presentation, Harvey Randle sings "A Christmas Song" for an appreciative student body audience. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) A Choralier soprano, Aurora Reyes brings home a superior rating from Solo and Ensemble contest for her solo, "Lass From the Low Countree." (Upper Right) During second period, director Larry Koonce leads the Choraliers in preparation for their Christmas Concert. (Center Left) Choraliers: FRONT ROW: Anita Allen, Aurora Reyes, Penny Sitman, Lydia Blomquist, Linda Laughlin, Hope Moerbe, Susan Walton and Roxanne Poppelz. SECOND ROW: Shelia Reese, Beverly Barnett, Chestina Martin, Sarah Stoll, Sharon Campbell, Reva Killingsworth and Patricia McDonald. BACK ROW: Gary Keith, Marion Morgan, Kelly Zetak, Marvin Mapp, Larry Kelly, Michael Pitman, Kirk Zachary, Duane Johnson and Harvey Randle. (Lower Left) Working with Concert Choir members, Choraliers perform at the Bicentennial half-time show during football season.

New System Adds 24

For just a small fee, and sometimes a required course, any student could get into any club he or she wanted. That is, ALMOST any club— National Honor Society proved to be the only exception. For the second year, NHS changed its membership selection method. A student applying for the organization had to be a sophomore, junior or senior with a grade average of 85 or above with no failing grades. In order to be considered for membership, a student had to complete an application along with a five-paragraph statement outlining his desire to enter the club. In March, 24 students passed the test and became members of one of the most prestigious organizations at THS.











LEFT PAGE: (Right) As Rodney Bohls looks on, Lisa Corbett and Jason Rieger turn in money from Bicentennial Calendar sales to NHS treasurer Kelly Zetak. (Left) Outgoing president Barbara Huser receives a one-hundred dollar NHS scholarship from her successor Kelly Zetak. RIGHT PAGE: (Top Left) At the May 20 banquet, Kelly Zetak, sponsors Patty Clark and Judy Rohde, Barbara Huser and Sherry Krenek read the characteristics of NHS members. (Above) NHS members Kathryn Kotrla and Diana Sherek sell one of the few remaining baked goods at the NHS bake sale to Marie Kotrla. (Center Left) National Honor Society: FRONT ROW: Cindy Bittner, Diane Sherek, Kathryn Kotrla, Barbara Huser, Susan Ponton, Donna Ryan, Dana Farr, Cheryl Raesz and Francis Kiesling. SECOND ROW: Renee Scott, Sherry Krenek, Melodie Slagle, Susan Anderson, Sue Ruzicka, Lisa Corbett, Lisa Jacobson, Susan Harris and Janis West. BACK ROW: Rodney Bohls, Dan Wuthrich, Mike Moss, Kelly Zetak, Jason Rieger and Wade Williams. (Lower Left) NHS Officers FRONT ROW: Sherry Krenek, secretary; Judy Rohde and Patty Clark, sponsors. BACK ROW: Barbara Huser, president; Kelly Zetak, treasurer and Rodney Bohls, vice president.



Revolt Threatens Citizenship

As always, the highlight for the Latin Club was the banquet and initiation. Members of Latin II worked for weeks to prepare for the event.

With "The Underworld" as the theme, Latin II students entertained the citizens and slaves in their performance of "The Abduction of Persephone." Sixteen slaves were initiated, having to go through several rather embarrassing activities. A few slaves decided the initiation was just too much and revolted against the citizens. However, they were soon quieted as their citizenship was threatened.

Citizenship was granted to the slaves at the end of the banquet; they were relieved that they were free at last.



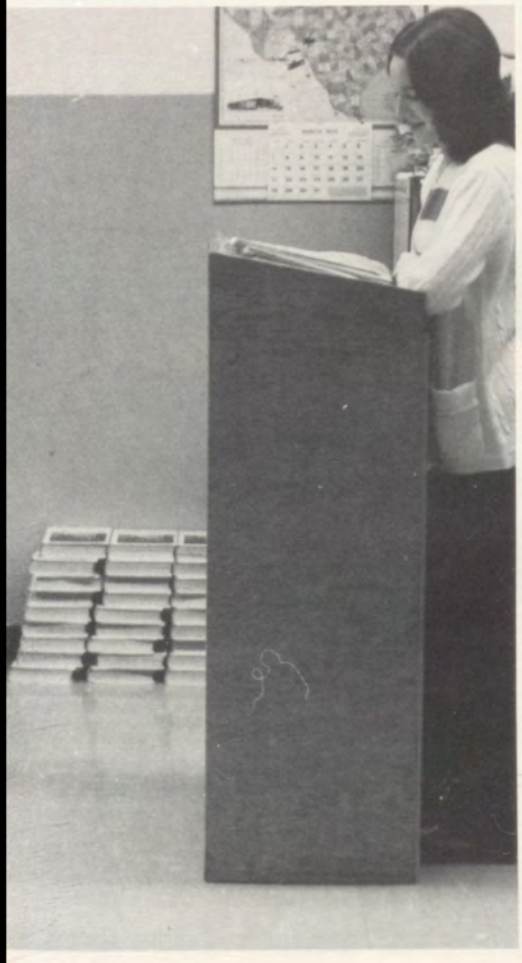










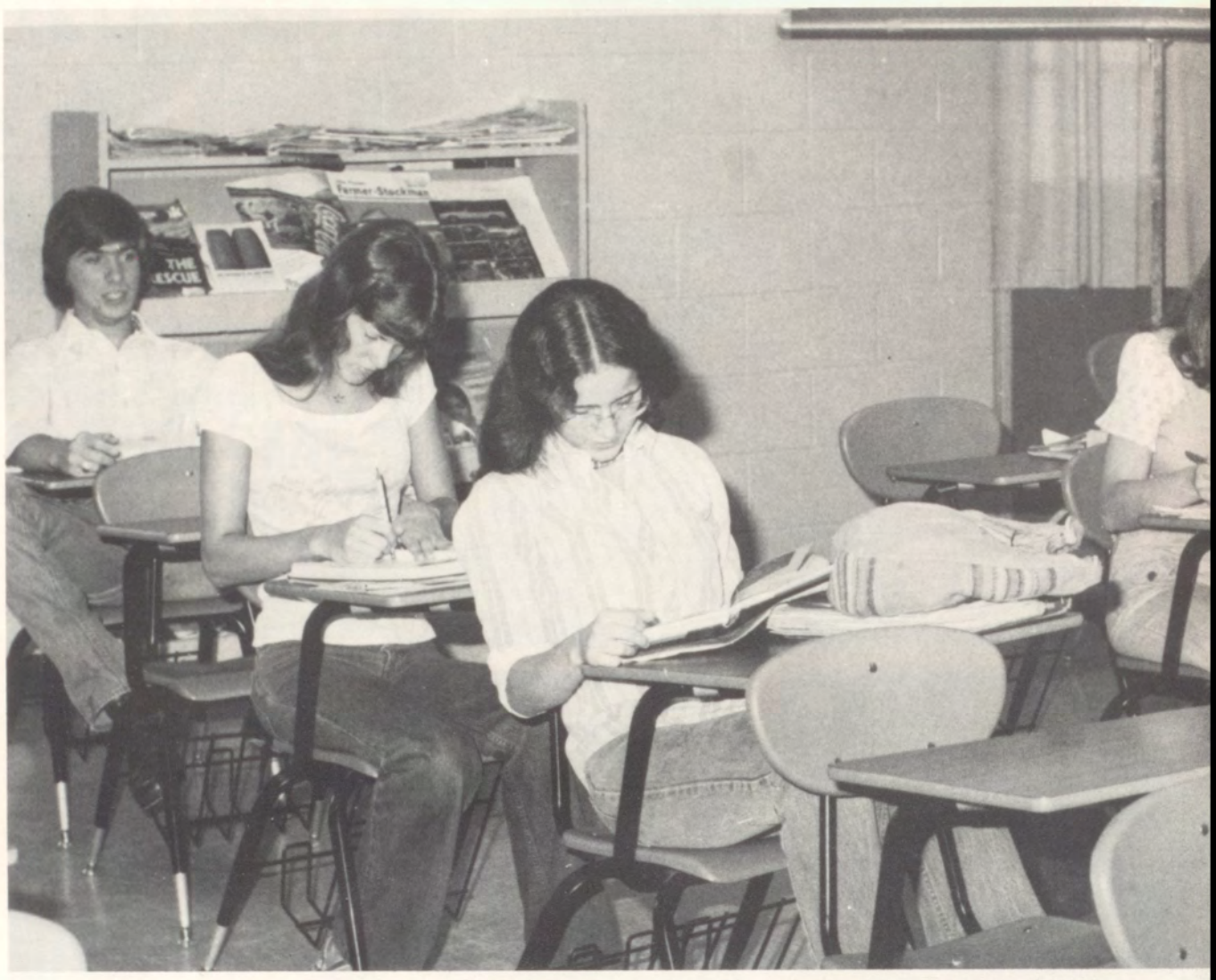




LEFT PAGE: (Above) As always, the Christmas season never passes by without the singing of Christmas carols at the December meeting. (Lower Left) For her "bad slave" punishment, Ellen Schmidt is "made-up" by Stephanie Schneider and Dorie Switzer. (Lower Right) Stephanie Schneider and Paula Zetak listen carefully as Deborah Werchan reads the minutes from the February meeting.

RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Slaves Paula Zetak and Ron Black find that some initiation activities are more fun than others. (Upper Right) Latin Club Officers: FRONT ROW: Deborah Werchan, secretary-treasurer; Dorie Switzer, reporter; Stephanie Schneider, president and Karen Mazac, parliamentarian. SECOND ROW: John Crow, sponsor; Mike Moss, sergeant-at-arms; David Switzer, song leader and Gilbert Mokry, vice president. (Center) Latin Club: FRONT ROW: Edmond Raesz, David Marek, Patricia Case, Margaret Guajardo, Karen Mazac, Gayle Brister, Stephanie Schneider, Sherri Townsend, Barbara Huser, Sherry Krenek, Susan Ponton, Cheryl Raesz, Donna Ryan, Lois Anderson, Paula Zetak, Denise Richter and Debbie Carpenter. SECOND ROW: Rodney Bohls, Rory Reiger, Gilbert Mokry, Ron Black, Willard Guidry, Jason Reiger, Lisa Corbett, Sue Ruzicka, Ellen Schmidt, Diana Sherek, Deborah Werchan, Melodie Slagle, Rhonda Srnensky, Shelly Werchan and Monica Vittek. BACK ROW: Casey Cravens, Becky Kubala, Dorie Switzer, David Switzer, Tommy Zett, Kent Hanacik, Randall Bachmayer, Kelly Zetak, Thomas Conn, Mike Moss, Bob Smith, Mikey Kirschvink, Laine Holman and Larry Kieschnick. (Above) While Kent Hanacik tries to decide how to punish the "bad slave" Edmond Raesz, King Rodney Bohls, Queen Susan Ponton and other citizens Lisa Corbett, Sue Ruzicka, Diana Sherek and Sherri Townsend watch in fear of what is to come.

Taylor Romans Conquer Translations



Translations—that's what it was all about. Two years of converting the AENEID, LIVY, Hercules, the Argonauts and JULIUS CAESAR'S GALLIC WARS from the ancient Latin form to everyday English—this was the task of Latin students.

Though Latin I students studied grammar, saw filmstrips and listened to tapes for the most part, towards the end of the year they were also introduced to translations. Latin II students spent the first half of the year reviewing vocabulary and completing worksheets while the second half they entirely devoted to changing Latin into English.











LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Members of Latin II David Switzer, Karen Mazac, Sherri Townsend, Dorie Switzer and Deborah Werchan take a final look at their notes before a major test on Pliny. (Lower) Puzzled about the meaning of a word, Sherri Townsend seeks the aid of Latin teacher John Crow. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper) Deborah Werchan adds the finishing touches to her map on Gallia. (Left) John Crow manages a smile when he hears a Latin I student's pronunciation of a new vocabulary word. (Above) As he prepares to turn in his translation on the Argonauts, Mike Moss checks over the last part one more time.

En la Escuela Secundaria de Taylor

A Little Bit of Spanish

For the first time in many years, five Spanish classes were taught at THS. "This is the first time I've been able to teach Spanish every period," said instructor Lupe Ramirez, obviously pleased with the increased number of students and classes which she taught.

The third period Spanish III class studied the customs and history of Spain and used the knowledge gained from two previous years of Spanish to write on these subjects and others. Spanish I and II pupils focused on grammar and speaking, with second year students writing more in the second and third quarters.

The growth of the Spanish course caused excitement for Ms. Ramirez and her students, who attempted to solve the puzzles and complexities of a foreign language.













LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Spanish II students Stancie Schwenker and Debbie McGee seem to enjoy a skit about teaching history to their class. (Lower) While waiting for the bell to ring, Spanish I students use some free time to relax after completing a difficult grammar exercise. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) As Raymond Pokorny copies notes from the board, Lupe Ramirez explains the proper use of a certain verb to her Spanish III class. (Upper Right) First year Spanish students participate in a card game which stresses improvement in their grammar and vocabulary. (Above) During Spanish III class, John Debus, Johnny Moreno, Tom Oranday, Manuel Salazar and Michael Bruce listen as Lupe Ramirez describes a "feliz navidad" in Spain. (Left) John Debus and Johnny Moreno wait for their turns as Michael Bruce checks to see how many pesos a railroad will cost during a game of "Spanish Monopoly."

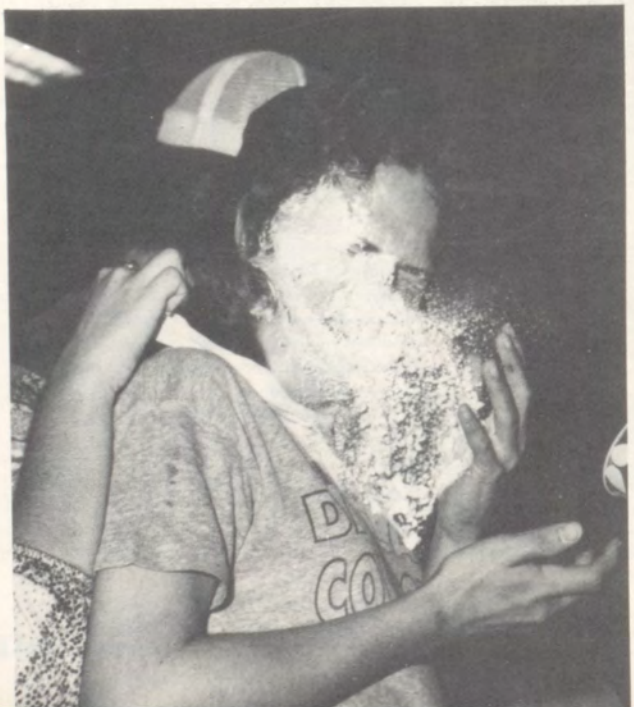
While attending the Pan American Student Forum convention in San Antonio, Spanish Club delegates found themselves in a difficult position. They had prepared to actively campaign for fellow member Stancie Schwenker, who was running as a candidate for the state office of student director of PASF. But rules which disallowed the use of posters or other campaign materials frustrated the delegates. "We made so many neat things but they wouldn't let us use them," said Los Vecinos sponsor Lupe Ramirez, shaking her head sadly. For Spanish Club delegates, their first attempt at running a Taylor student for a state office did not succeed, as Stancie was defeated in a race against eight other candidates for the position.

However, if the results of the election disappointed Los Vecinos members, the size of the delegation that they sent to San Antonio did not. Sponsors and members alike felt that the growth of the club (to 75 members, which under PASF rules allowed 19 Taylor delegates to attend the state convention) showed a growing interest in the organization, and they shared the feeling that things could be even better in the future.



The First (Non) Campaign

















LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Lupe Ramirez hurries to the bus that will carry her to the convention. (Center) Spanish Club Officers: FRONT ROW: Theresa Vega, vice president; Stancie Schwenker, secretary; Isabel Soza, treasurer. BACK ROW: Lupe Ramirez, and Pearl Wheeler sponsors and Debbie McGee president. Not pictured are Anita Allen, reporter and Susan Sobotik, parliamentarian. (Lower Left) At the Spanish club initiation Nancy Rohlack is surprised by initiators armed with flour. (Lower Right) At the Mexican Buffet Nancy Rohlack receives her meal as Stella De La Rosa and Vickie Downs serve others waiting in line. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Most Spanish students are in Los Vecinos, as Spanish Club members Shelly Grieger and Pat Nira prepare "ethnic foods" for a class assignment. (Above) Initiate Doug Alexander shows steady concentration in leading his team to victory in the egg rolling relay race. (Center) Nancy Rohlack, Melissa Brookshire and Diane Cotner display the results of their initiation while second year member Stancie Schwenker looks on. (Insert) Spanish Club: FRONT ROW: Stella De La Rosa, Lulu Torres, Christi McLaughlin, Tim Rafferty, Dorothy Rafferty, Tammy Sefcik, Linda Martinez, Arthur Tamez, Alice Camacho, Rosemary Matuke, Teofilio Perez and Delia Contreras. SECOND ROW: Pat Nira, Donna Vega, Kim Wrinkle, Ramona Urbanek, Cathy Krenek, Melissa Brookshire, Hilaria Medina, Nellie Carmona, Gloria Flores, Carmen Gamez, Patty Batto and Theresa Vega. THIRD ROW: Sheila Mahlow, Pam Brueckner, Leslie Basco, Lacy Holman, Debbie McGee, Dana Basco, Lou Ann Mokry, Nora Perez, Denise Morales, Isabel Soza, Charlie Pokorny, Alice Flores, Brad Fraizer and Curt Sobotik. BACK ROW: Beth Sexworth, Cynthia Loeve, Diane Cotner, Nancy Rohlack, Patti Ruzicka, Laurie Pasemann, Stancie Schwenker, Jay Harkins, Larry Blomquist, Manuel Salazar, Raymond Pokorny, Bobby Magana, Doug Alexander, Scott Ging, Dale Bunge, Tim Mikeska and Henry Gonzales. (Lower Left) Delegates to the PAST convention gather in front of the school and await their departure for San Antonio.

Raking in the Awards

Aside from their regular activities, such as typing report cards and grading papers, Future Teachers of America began in August preparing their yearbook, scrapbook, campaign material and speeches for district and state conventions.

With 55 members attending district convention, Taylor brought home five of the six trophies presented. Stancie Schwenker was elected district vice president; they also received first place in scrapbook and yearbook. Dan Wuthrich and Heidi Aguilar took first place in Mr. and Miss FTA, while Gary Lankford took second and Ginny Urbanek first in Junior Mr. and Miss FTA.

Success at district sparked much excitement as they anticipated state convention. Profits from money-making projects helped defray the cost of staying at Houston's elite Hyatt Regency. The awards assembly made all their work worthwhile for not only was Sue Ruzicka elected as state financial secretary, but the chapter also received second place in non-commercial yearbooks.

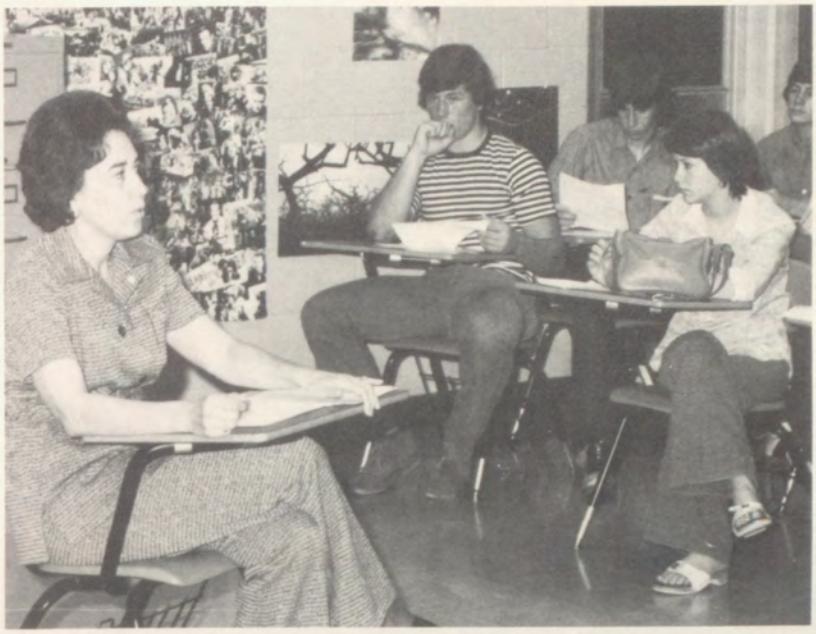
The traditional banquet climaxed the year with presentation of awards, installation of officers and speeches by Joe Seale state adviser to Texas Future Teachers of America and Joyce Quebe past local sponsor.















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Babysitting at PTA meetings is an enjoyable way to earn points, Stancie Schwenker discovers as she watches over Kelly Mott. (Lower Left) After a long, tiring trip to Houston, Barbara Conn and Sheila Kruse wait for directions to the Hyatt Regency. (Lower Right) To help members finance their way to State Convention, Scholley Buzan delivers a cake to chairman Susan Socotik at the February Bakesale. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) In preparation for District Convention, President Lisa Corbett gives instructions to Mr. and Miss FTA candidates after hearing their speeches at the November meeting. (Upper Right) At a monthly meeting, Lenard Burnett, Donna Repa, Jay Harkins and Ricky Mann listen as speaker Patsy Bartosh tells about Bicentennial plans for Taylor. (Above) As their major fund-raising project of the year, Donna Ryan, Ellen Schmidt, Susan Ponton and Lisa Jacobson arrange flowers for the many orders they have to fill.

LEFT PAGE: (Upper) For her enthusiastic work as a sponsor, Gary Lankford presents Jack Rambo with a gift. (Lower) At state convention, Sue Ruzicka and Susan Sobotik prepare for their skit. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Right) In spite of the beginning of the year rush, a crowd of members attended the first meeting of the year. (Center) FTA: FRONT ROW: Mary Holman, Cheryl Wuthrich, Susan Ponton, Donna Repa, Donna Ryan, Lois Anderson, Delia Contreras, Christi McLaughlin, Tammi Sefcik, Denise Richter, Paula Zetak, Madeline Trevino, Carla Dial and Rhonda Srnensky. SECOND ROW: Brenda Hollowell, Cindy Townsend, Ruth Kincl, Lydia Bloomquist, Penny Sitman, Dorothy Rafferty, Pam Wyche, Scholley Buzan, Ginger Kaiser, Teresa Snider, Terri Roose, Colleen Baird, Heidi Aguilar, Ginny Urbanek, Ricky Widmer, Henry Gonzales, Gilbert Mokry, Michael Brueckner, Louis Ross and Carl Holiday. THIRD ROW: Shelly Grieger, Barbara Conn, Nancy Urbanek, Connie Schneider, Stacy Becker, Betty Weisner, Merry Marek, Terri Briggs, Gina Gilligan, Dana Basco, Nancy Rohlack, Lacy Holman, Karen Mazac, Pam Kruse, Melissa Brookshire, Anita Allen, Lupe Dominguez, Dana Farr, Cheryl Raesz, Molly Stone, Cynthia Loeve and Larry Bloomquist. FRONT ROW: Denise Faykus, Shelly Werchan, Lou Ann Mokry, Susan Sobotik, Jo Ann Mott, Ellen Schmidt, Denise Morales, Cindy Bittner, Lisa Corbett, Carla Nickerson, Shelia Kruse, Abby Frazier, Laurie Pasemann, Sue Ruzicka, Stancie Schwenker, Kim Robb, Ophal Reese, Myra Martin, Susan Harris, Lee Keel, Charlie Pokorny and Gary Lankford. BACK ROW: Brad Ross, Dale Bunge, Laine Holman, Steven Sutton, Ricky Mann, Kelly Zetak, Casey Tate, Jay Harkins, Kent Hanacik, Randall Bachmeyer, Bob Smith, Mickey McGee, Wade Williams, Tim Pevehouse, Thomas Conn, Scott Ging, David Rozacky, Dan Wuthrich and Tim Mikeska. (Lower Left) FTA Officers: FRONT ROW: Susan Harris, reporter; Sue Ruzicka, vice president and Lisa Corbett, president. SECOND ROW: Ginger Kaiser, secretary; Susan Ponton, treasurer and Cindy Bittner, parliamentarian. THIRD ROW: Peggy Mott, Dotty Rambo and Jack Rambo, sponsors. (Lower Right) Accompanying the meal at the banquet, members viewed Marx Brothers filmstrips.



Achievements Overflow







NO SMOKING





Learning to Live a Better Tomorrow







". . . the purpose of our organization is to learn to live better today in order that our lives and those of our families may be better tomorrow." explains the motto of the Future Homemakers of America—"Toward New Horizons." The members of that organization fulfilled that purpose this year, as they became involved in community services and learned to help others as well as themselves.

The THS homemaking department sponsored one of the most important community projects of the year, as homemakers worked with the Child Development Center, not only aiding the children, but brightening the atmosphere with decorations as well. Another year-long project focused on area rest homes. Christmas and Valentines brought FHA members to the senior citizens of the community, bearing seasonal greetings.

Aquiring leadership and salesmanship abilities was stressed also, as the club had a bake sale, barbecue supper and a Stanley Products sale, which yielded the bulk of their treasury. Ending the year with the FHA banquet, 101 girls recited: "As members we are learning to live a more useful and satisfying life through our Future Homemakers activities."









LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Receiving a certificate of appreciation from Gayle Brister at the FHA banquet is Tommy Wyche. (Top Insert) FHA: FRONT ROW: Lupe Dominguez, Adelita Robles, Carolyn Shaw, Debra Kaiser and Linda Martinez. SECOND ROW: Linda Ornelas, Patty Batto, Janice Hernandez and Edna Gonzales. THIRD ROW: Yvonne Zachary, Bonnie Sledge, Nora Perez and Darlene Cervenka. BACK ROW: Robbin Vanderwalker, Melissa Haverland, Janet Jackson, Joyce Washington and Katy Borgne. (Lower Insert) FHA: FRONT ROW: Denise Jefferson, Rhonda Brinkmeyer, Delia Contreras, Tammi Sefcik and Jennifer Henderson. SECOND ROW: Donna Barron, Teresa Vega, Becky Kubala and Beth Sexworth. THIRD ROW: Linda Gault, Denise Morales, Vicki Simcik, Janis West and Jeanneane Fuessel. BACK ROW: Carla Nickerson, Sheila Kruse, Brenda Johnson, Stancie Schwenker, Neva Klotz, Sheila Mahlow and Debbie Martin. (Lower) Lynn Lankford, Claudie Lee, Carolyn Shaw, Janice Cubit and Lupe Dominquez string cranberries for Christmas tree decorating. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper) FHA: FRONT ROW: Jana Rohlack, Nancy Criedel, Lanell Griffin and Toni Odom. SECOND ROW: Gail Brister, Pam Finn, Melissa Wilkins and Casey Smith. THIRD ROW: Brenda Zrubek, Beth Merka, Marie Grieger, Marsha Budd and Beverly Barnett. BACK ROW: Kim Robb, Teresa Snider, Sherry Cambell, Annette Martin and Denise Hubbard, (Center Left) FHA Officers: FRONT ROW: Patty Batto, public relations chairman; Delia Contreras, parliamentarian and Carla Nickerson, president. BACK ROW: Gayle Brister, secretary and Jennifer Henderson, treasurer. Not pictured are Pam Wyche, vice president and Debra Shammard, encounter chairman. (Center) Mary Francis explains a February activity focusing on citizens in area rest homes. (Center Right) Members of FHA meet once a month in order to discuss service and fun-raising projects. (Lower Right) Patty Batto and Larry Blomquist follow in the banquet program as Carla Nickerson conducts the closing ceremony.













Not Just Needle, Thread, Pots and Pans

Homemaking—there was more to it than just cooking and sewing. Of course, there were times when the department smelled like burnt cookies, and seams had to be ripped out, but the purpose of the program was more than developing household skills.

A total of 116 students spent some part of their day in the south wing of the building going about the business of "learning to live." Females were not the only people who needed to be informed about domestic life—there were 15 males enrolled in homemaking classes. Students involved in the Home Economics Cooperative Education program were employed in homemaking-related occupations. Working in restaurants, hospitals and nursing homes, these student-workers learned a little about living first-hand, and got paid for it.

In describing the department, HECE director Lynn Lankford said, "We do a lot more than cook and sew. We touch on just about every aspect of homemaking you could imagine."







LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) For their first project, Homemaking I students Sarah Rangel and Teresa Cubit tackle the job of making stuffed animals. (Lower) While Tanner Autrey reads the instructions for a chocolate cake, Bobbie Nickerson prepares the necessary ingredients. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) The majority of Homemaking students choose to join Future Homemakers of America. Involved in a monthly meeting of FHA are Patricia Batto, Delia Contreras, Gayle Brister, Carla Nickerson and Jennifer Henderson. (Lower Left) Getting last minute instructions from Lynn Lankford, Emma Tanksley, Willie Deary, Myra Martin and Ginger Kaiser prepare to make cardboard flowers. Homemaking Co-op students decorated rest homes with their colorful creations. (Below) Joyce Washington receives help on a vast pattern from Homemaking I instructor, Mary Frances.



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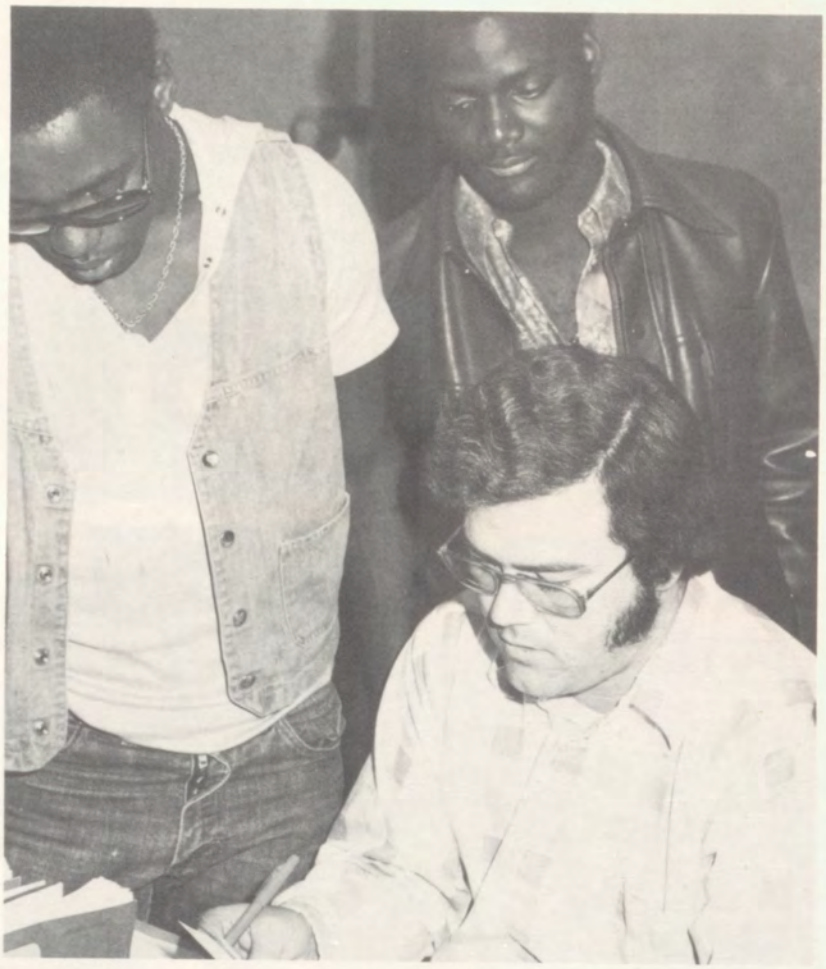
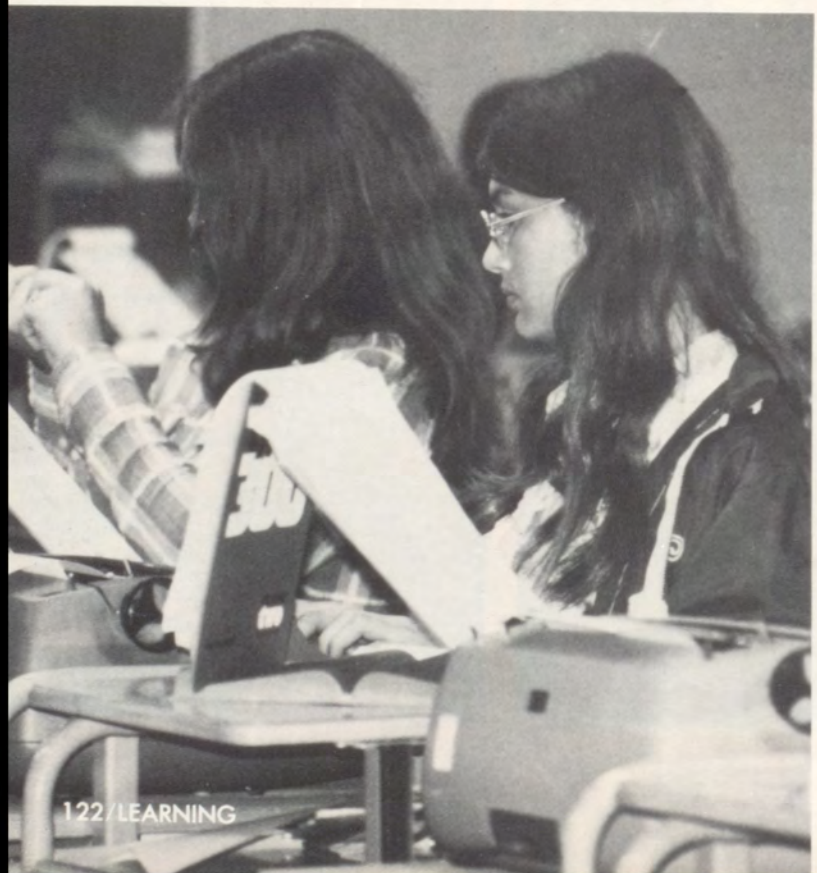
After devoting the beginning of the year to learning keys and coordinating fingers, typing students worked their way up to the difficult jobs encountered in class. Practice and timed writings helped each typist achieve their goal of speed with accuracy. The end result of an errorless manuscript only meant moving on to new work.

Endless numbers and rows of figures filled the class time of Taylor High's bookkeepers. While learning to balance all types of financial statements, student were introduced to various office machines including the adding machine and calculators.

While attempting to decipher words from scribble, members of the shorthand class perfected their skills for future use in note taking or for preparation for preprofessional training. The growing interest in this subject was attributed to a more intense curriculum with more emphasis placed on consistent accuracy.













LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) As Lester Zachary and Donald Ray Frederick look on, Butch Lee proceeds to make use of the dreaded "red pen" while grading bookkeeping assignments stressing arithmetic fundamentals. (Lower Left) As Janeane Fuessel waits for the bell, Marie Grieger completes a job on one of five additional electric typewriters in the business department. (Lower Right) Ruth Kincl and Shelly Wooldridge concentrate on problems from their text as they participate in the individual program offered to "A" students by bookkeeping classes. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Improving their typing skills, Billy Good and Eusabio Medina take a timed writing to increase speed. (Upper Right) In preparation for a business invoice job, Teri Roose sets and centers her typewriter to the proper space line. (Lower Left) Shirley Manning devotes her free class time to grading papers. Ms. Manning also served as the supervisor for Taylor High's VOE program.

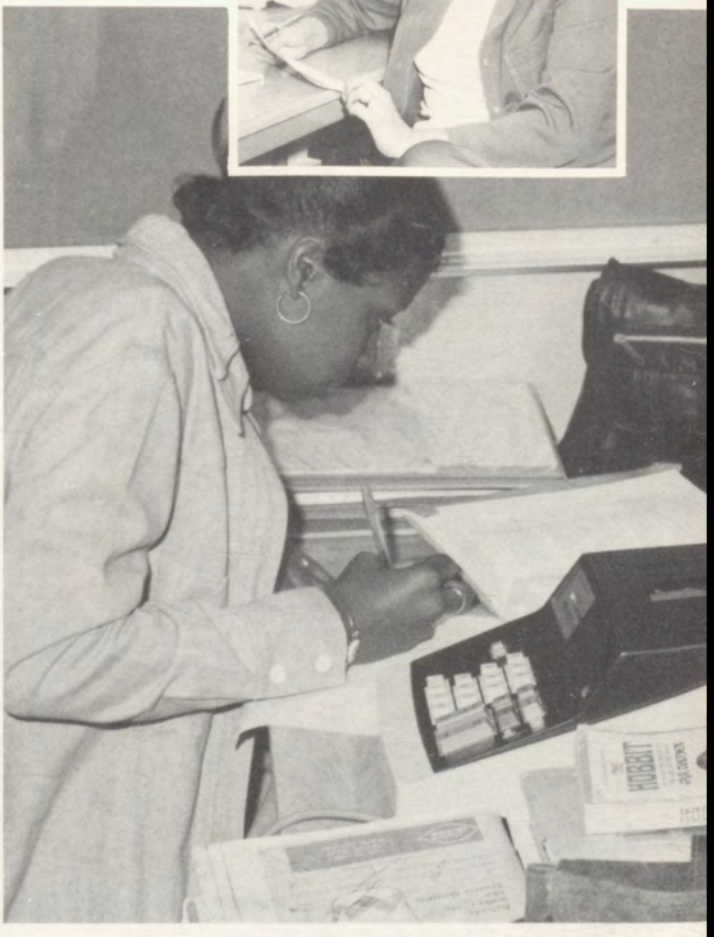
Heading for the Office



Surrounded by calculators and duplicators, students involved in Vocational Office Education spent two hours each day gaining knowledge in the field of office work. The course prepared junior and senior girls for employment as office workers, and included instruction on the use of various machines. Most girls involved in the class also became members of Office Education Association and competed in categories ranging from shorthand to a parliamentary procedure team. These girls spent time training for district and area competition and represented Taylor well in each contest.





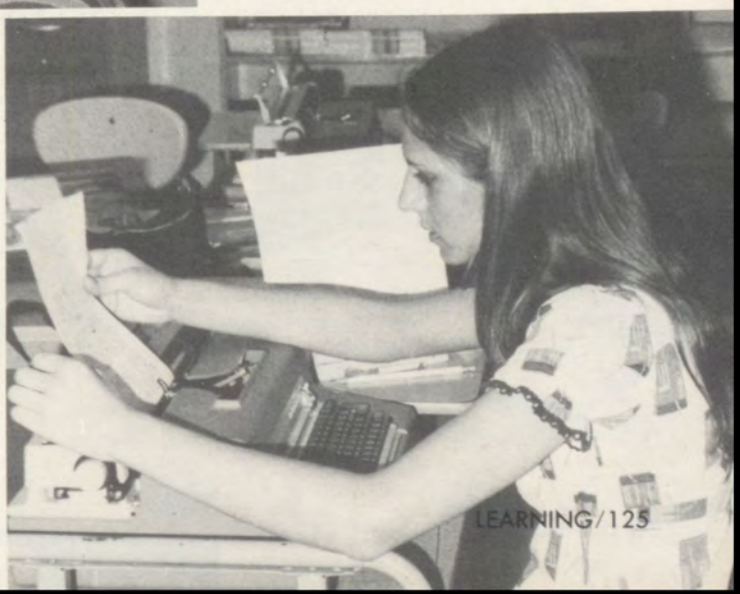












LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) In appreciation for her coaching, the parliamentary procedure team threw a party for Beverly Bearden, center. Members of the team are Irene Chapa, Mary Alice Camacho, Renee Scott, Diana Sherek, Ophal Reese and Cindy Bittner. (Center Right) VOE teacher and OEA sponsor Shirley Manning checks over papers from her junior VOE class. (Center Left) OEA Officers: FRONT ROW: Sherry Pasemann, president. SECOND ROW: Barbara Leschber, sponsor and Shirley Manning, sponsor. BACK ROW: Donna Tiemann, vice president; Mary Alice Camacho, reporter and Cindy Townsend, secretary. Not pictured is Irene Chapa, treasurer. (Lower Left) OEA: FRONT ROW: Cindy Bittner, Linda Ornelas, Anna Walton, Diana Sherek, Beverly Bearden, Donna Repa, Mary Alice Camacho, Pam Wyche, Carla Dial and Delores Fojtik. SECOND ROW: Kim Robb, Renee Scott, Mary Holman, Jennifer Rathke, Ruth Kincl, Shelley Wooldridge, Carol Kaspar, Cindy Townsend, Becky Preuss, Henry Gonzales and Susan Anderson. THIRD ROW: Kim Klotz, Brenda Farr, Donna Lutz, Ruth Rowland, Tommy Zett, Donna Barron, Colleen Baird, Donna Tiemann, Pam Kaspar, Ann Marek and David Gomez. BACK ROW: Beth Merka, Ophal Reese, Lisa Corbett, Kim Petrus, Melissa Haverland, Vickie Downs, Sherry Pasemann, Sheri Dykowski, Cynthia Harrell, Linda Gault and Donna Jones. (Lower Right) Although VOE centers around machine work, books also get some attention as Donna Jones and Delores Fojtik are faced with new office concepts. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) In the midst of VOE machines, Ann Marek takes a break from her two-hour class to decide what to do next. (Center Left) Area VOE winners include: FRONT ROW: Renee Scott, Cindy Townsend, Sherry Pasemann, Shelley Wooldridge, Becky Preuss and Mary Holmam. SECOND ROW: Cindy Bittner, Beverly Bearden, Donna Barron, Irene Chapa and Ruth Kincl. BACK ROW: Susan Anderson, Ophal Reese, Diana Sherek, Kim Robb, Sheri Dykowski and Delores Fojtik. (Lower Right) Preparing to become a general office worker, Ruth Kincl works with a typewriter and workbook in the senior VOE lab.

Something Else to Offer

Speaking to a group of prospective students before they registered for classes, Distributive Education instructor Marilyn Tennill said that DE had more to offer than grocery store jobs. Although her statement drew smiles and laughter, it was true. DE became a very popular course for juniors and seniors interested in obtaining job training and experience.

Those enrolled in the DE course were in the classroom one hour a day and worked for two or three hours; 15 hours a week was the normal workload for a student. The employer was an influential person in the DE program as he gave a grade to his employee-student that counted as one-third of that student's six weeks grade average.

Most employers paid above the minimum wage, but Ms. Tennill commented that she hoped students were involved in DE "for more than to pay for a car." However, a senior in DE said that along with the experience that he gained, the paycheck in his pocket every week sure felt good.

Every student enrolled in DE was a member of the Taylor chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America. DECA members attended their state convention in Houston in March and held their annual radio day for a money-making project.













LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Instructor Marilyn Tennill enjoys a light moment with her third period students before beginning class. (Lower Left) While Brad Ross spends most of his time in the DE program working, one hour is devoted to classroom activities. (Lower Right) Students in DE learn the practical, though not always pleasant, as the third period class listens to a lecture on how to fill out income tax forms. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper) During their one hour of classroom work, DE students concentrate on completing their original ad layouts before the lunch bell rings. (Center) Marilyn Tennill and Pat Strmiska discuss which word would best convey the message of an advertisement.

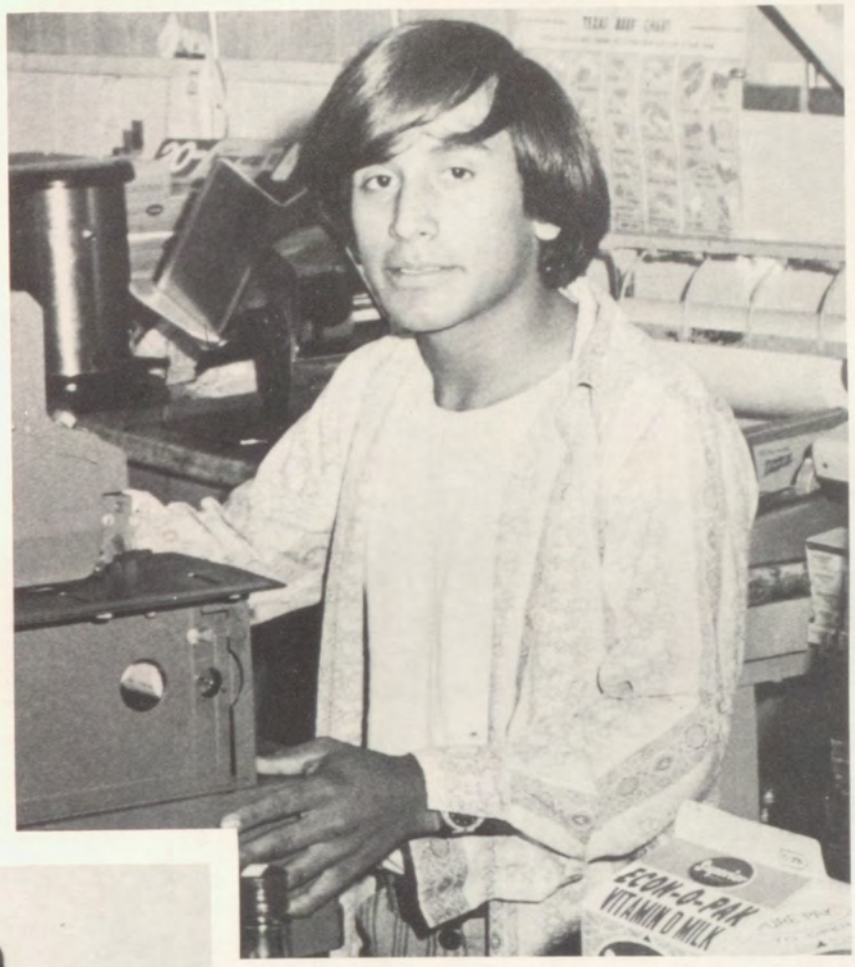
DECA Features Working, Winning



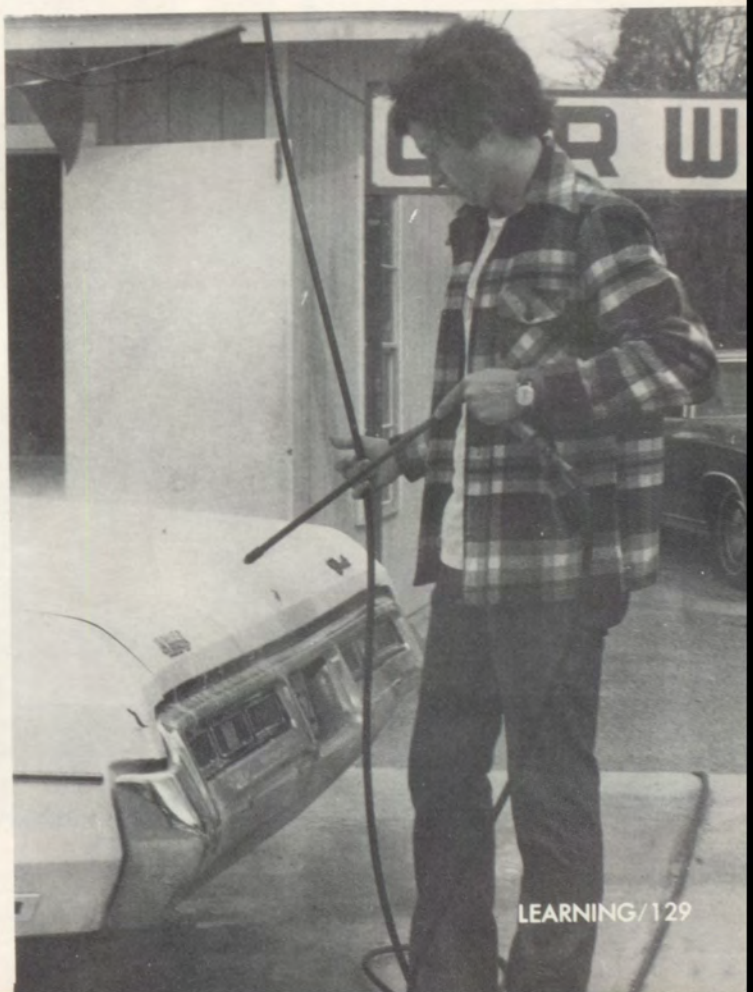




LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Debbie Raesz arranges women's apparel by sizes as she organizes her department at Anthony's. (Lower Left) DECA: FRONT ROW: Kathy Vrana, Roxanne Berger, Lulu Torres, Donna Vega, Diana Alderete, Judy Kropp and Heidi Aguilar. SECOND ROW: Doug Weise, Michael Peschel, Placido Olguin, Chris Sikes, Frank Chavana, Alex Ochoa and Brad Ross. BACK ROW: Lin Stabeno, Allen Baran, Nathaniel Hill, Larry Kieschnik, Clint Herzer, Joe Downs and David Meiske. (Lower Right) DECA president Scott Cutcher takes a short break while someone's request is heard during the organization's radio day, held on May 16 in the KTAE studios. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Right) At Marshall's Grocery, checker Placido Olguin works to keep the correct total near the end of the half-day that he is on the job. (Lower Left) Chris Sikes proudly displays the first place trophy he won at state competition in food marketing. Chris went on to finish in the top nine competitors at the national competition which he attended in Chicago. (Lower Right) On a cold February morning, Kevin Page makes sure that Jiffy Car Wash customers are served well during the three hours that he works in the DE program.









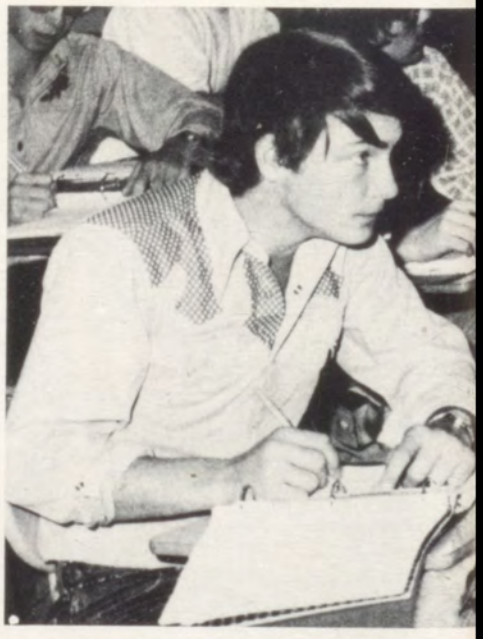
Beating the System, but . . .

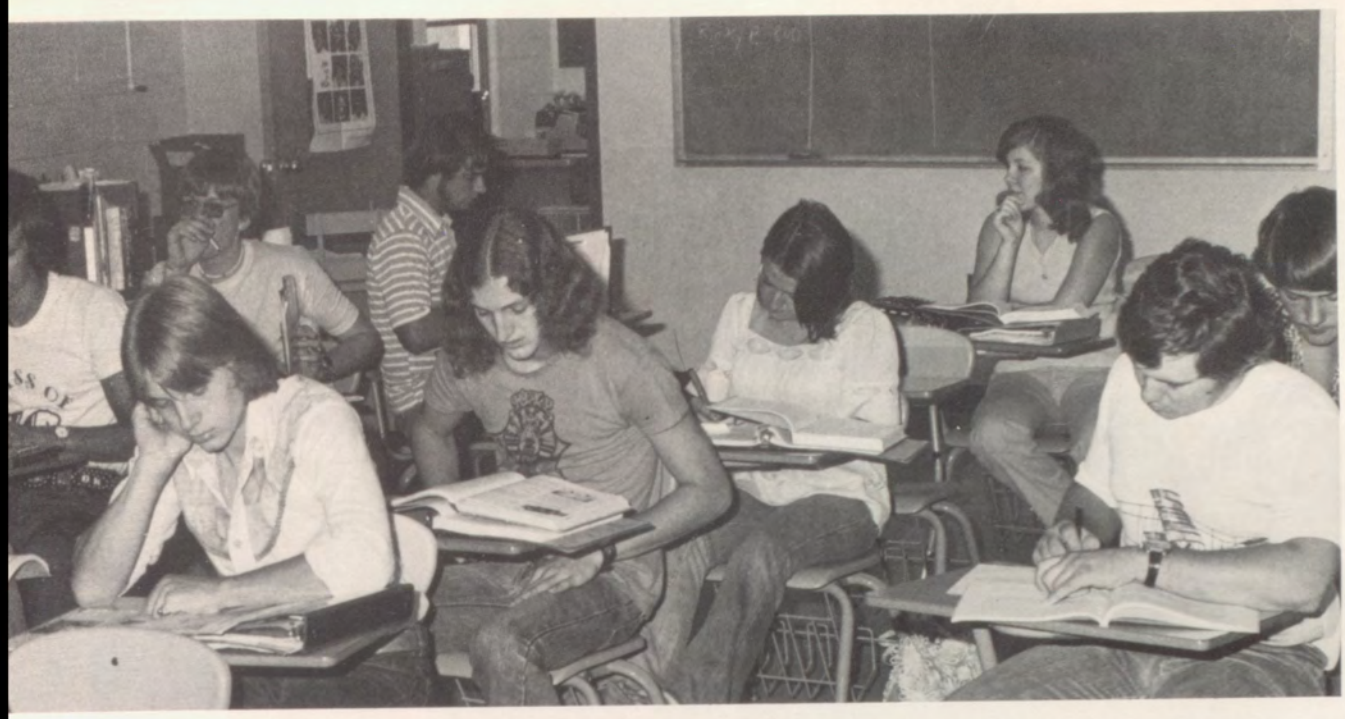
During a year in which the recession supposedly ended, the unemployment rate of one group stayed very high: that of teenage citizens. How could a high school student escape this economic trap? One way, which many took advantage of, was to become involved in the Industrial Cooperative Training program.

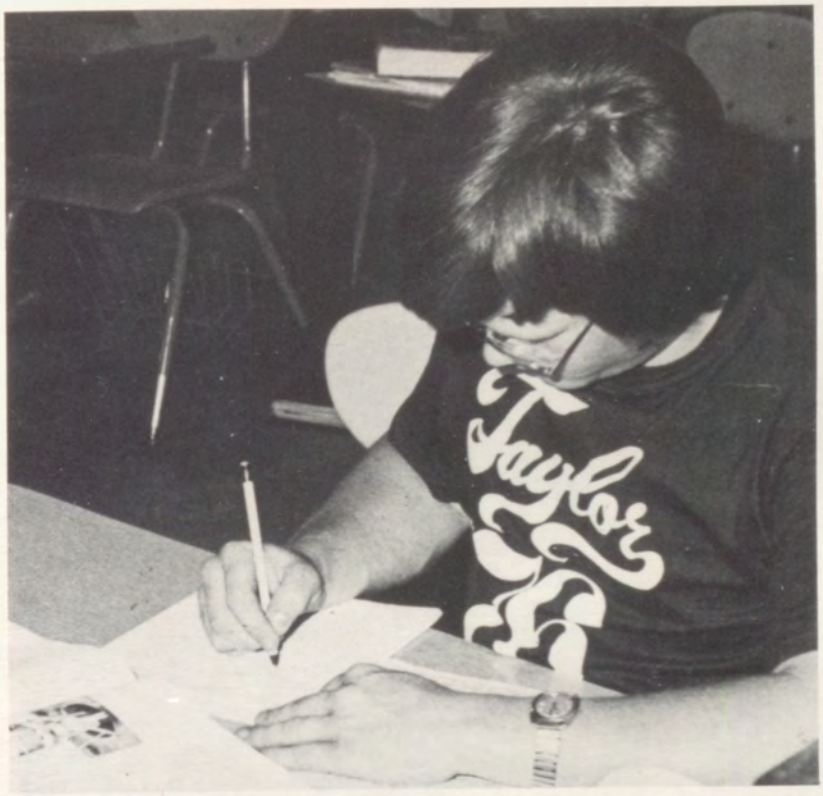
Unfortunately, the ICT course faced two major problems, according to instructor Robert Malone. One was that only a limited number could enroll in the course. Another serious problem was that some parents had a misconception about ICT; they held the mistaken belief that once a student became involved in a job, he would stay there and give up going to college. In reality, ICT was a beneficial class to its students, whether they were college bound or not; two thousand hours of training in a skilled job could only be helpful, whether in preparation for a career or to help finance their higher education.

The group not only met for an hour a day as a class, but night meetings also brought them together as club members of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, an organization designed to improve the ICT course.







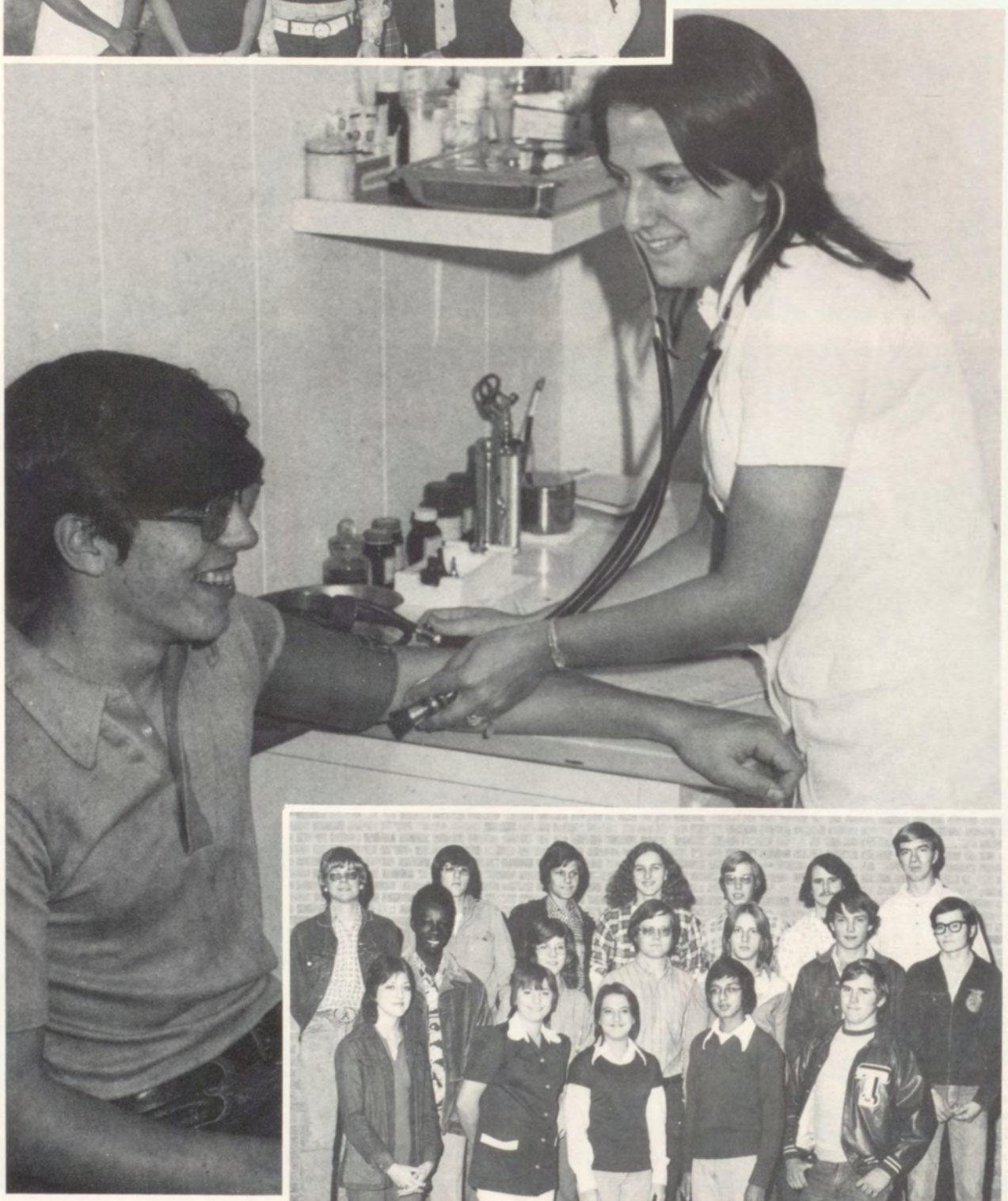


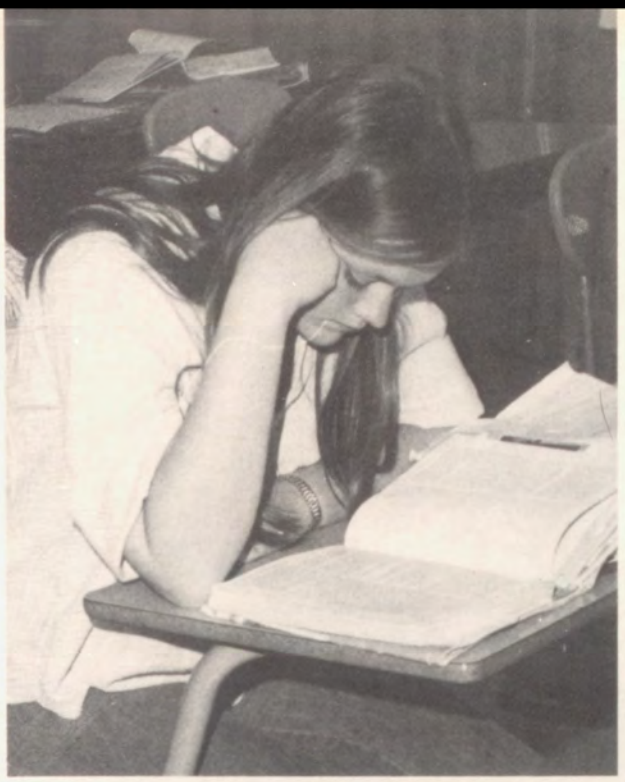


LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Senior Vickie Simcik, named the outstanding ICT student for the year, relaxes in her third period class on Kid Day. (Lower Left) Although Joe De La Rosa works in school most of the day, he also works FOR the school two hours a day as a maintenance mechanic. (Lower Right) Although Ricky Huber spends part of his day on the job at Kruse Electric Company, he also takes notes from instructor Robert Malone during his hour-long ICT class. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper) During third period, ICT students who work in the afternoon review for their academic final. (Center Left) Harlan Bachmeyer's classroom work is helpful to him on his afternoon job at Montgomery Wards. (Lower Right) Instructor Robert Malone discusses on the job accidents with his fourth period class.



Students in Training Aid Community

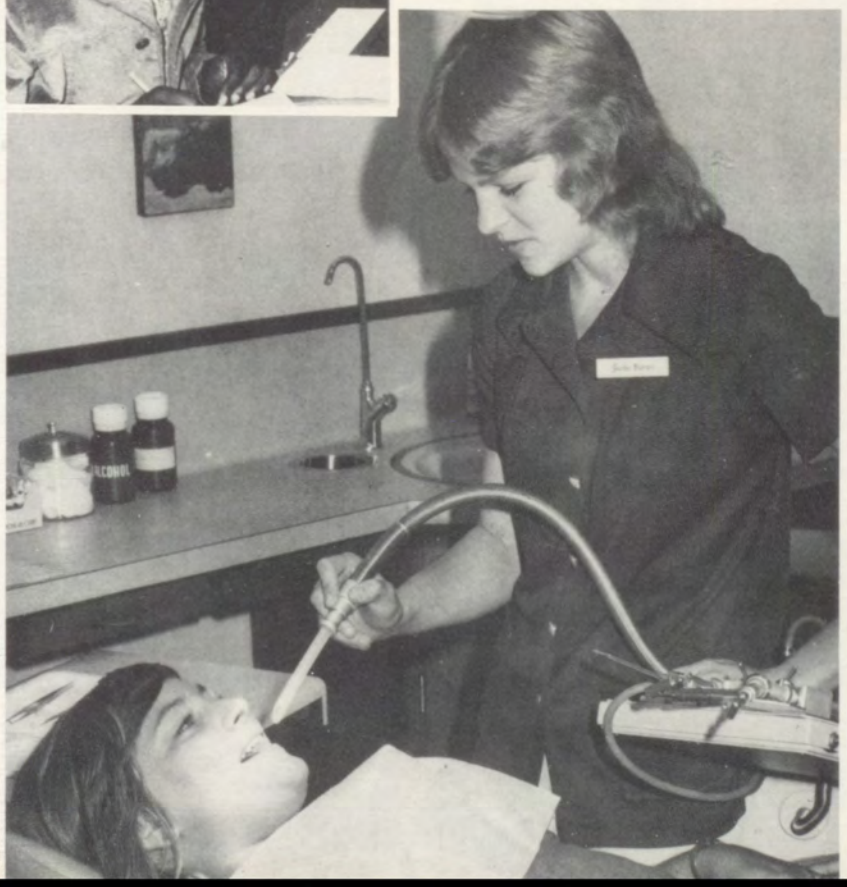








LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Jana Parker spends one hour a day at John's Clinic as a nurses' aide. One of her duties is taking the blood pressure of patients—in this case Gilbert Mokry. (Lower Left) ICT Morning Class: FRONT ROW: Shelly Anderson, Vickie Simcik, Jana Parker, Joe Gomez and Phillip Wagner. SECOND ROW: Richard Smith, Deborah Shamard, Harlan Bachmayer, Michael Zycha, Ricky Huber and Robert Naiver. BACK ROW: Brian Mahlow, Daniel Holubec, Duane Kuhl, Mark Cuba, Ricky Alford, Ernest Stefek and Darwin Klotz. (Lower Right) ICT Afternoon Class: FRONT ROW: Grace Gomez, Judy Baran, Debbie Martin, Stella De La Rosa and Irene Segura. BACK ROW: Larry Washington, Ricky Preusse, Glen Ross, Tim Pokorny and Joe De La Rosa. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Debbie Martin finds that learning to be a good employee takes book work too. (Upper Right) Robert Malone gives a pop test in the one-hour class before his students leave for work. (Left) Taking notes during their third period class are Darwin Klotz and Richard Smith. (Lower Left) Dental assistant Judy Baran readies Vickie Simcik to see Dr. Ron Werner. (Lower Right) ICT Officers: FRONT ROW: Vickie Simcik, president. SECOND ROW: Judy Baran, reporter, Ricky Alford, treasurer and Grace Gomez, secretary. BACK ROW: Duane Kuhl, sergeant-at-arms; Robert Malone, sponsor and Jana Parker, vice president. Not pictured is Ricky Bubenik, parliamentarian.





A Little Bit of Everything

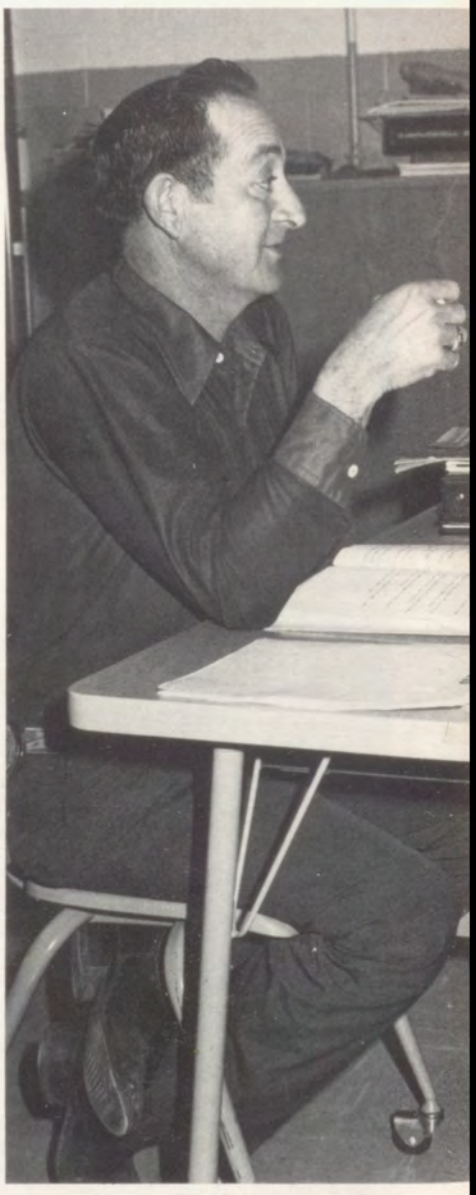


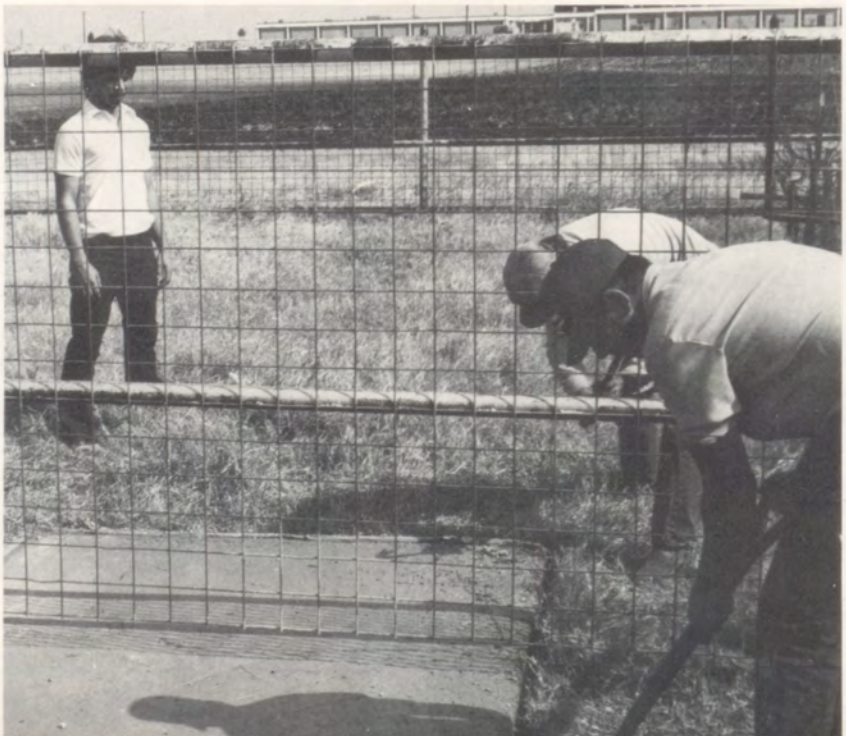
"We build up, tear down and do about everything else," said junior Paul Knox describing his afternoon vocational class. Building trades, right? Wrong. Paul was talking about the work that his Vocational Agriculture III class had done to improve one part of the school farm.

Taught by Harold Kurtz and Emerson Brister, many ag students enjoyed getting outside during the day. But Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Brister and their students were also concerned with the classroom part of vo-ag, which included, for instance, the study of genetics for third-year students. Another course, ag co-op, involved juniors and seniors interested in working at jobs related to the field of agriculture.

Although girls had been involved in the building up, tearing down and other work of the ag classes, only two were enrolled in 1975-'76, the lowest number in four years.

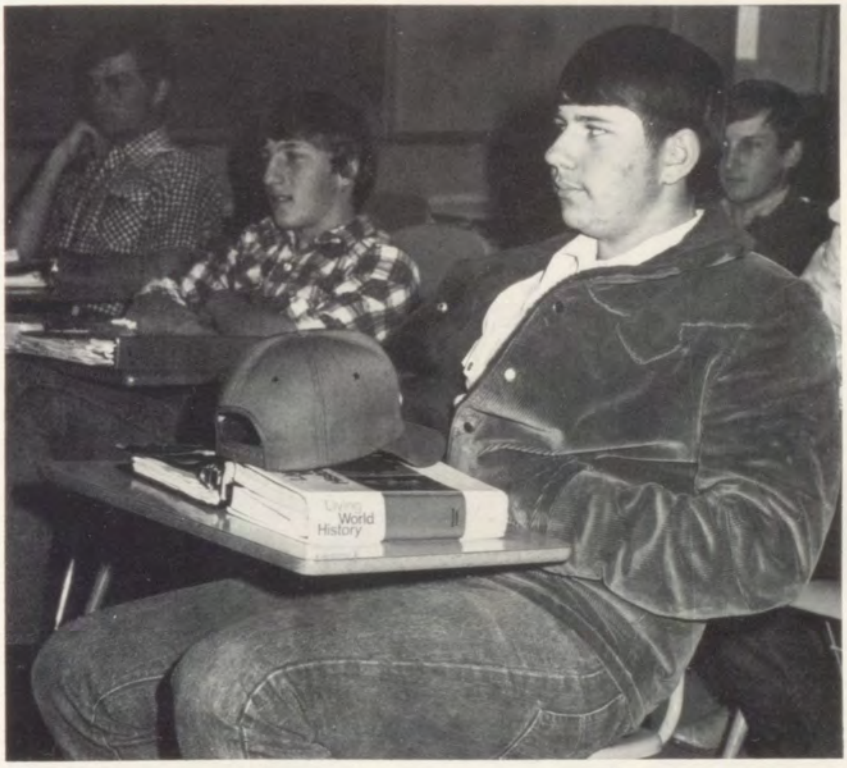














LEFT PAGE: (Upper) Bobby Naivar harnesses his steer so he will be able to walk him for exercise. (Center Left) Ag students pile into Harold Kurtz's pick-up, so he can take them to the barn for their daily work. (Center Right) Ag teacher Emerson Brister explains to his students about cattle breeding. (Lower Left) Ernie Rohlack looks on as Wayne Voight smooths out the concrete which is to be additional support for the fence. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper) Many students of Ag were also members of Future Farmers of America. FFA: FRONT ROW: Jay Moldenhour, Benny Janecka, Billy Sherek, Daryl Young, Mark Kruse, Sidney Ging, Steven Janke, Claudy Gamez, Myron Spellings, Bubba Holman, Gary Wilson, Rodney Marx, Wayne Carpenter, Kyle Striet and Ernie Rohlack. SECOND ROW: David Welch, David Burrow, Brian Sakewitz, Brett Harbors, James Wutrich, Albert Janecka, Ken Richter, Bobby Naivar, Michael Brodneck, David Marcon, Debra Spellings, Paul Martin, Paul Knox, Jimmy Graybill and Duane Finn. BACK ROW: Doug Kuhl, Jeffrey Balusek, Wayne Voight, Ernie Steffek, Russell Minzenmayer, Allan Barran, David Heap, Duane Kuhl, David Stolte, Brian Zrubek, Pat Kelley, Randy Haverland, Scott Seaquist, Kevin Petrus and Ronald Huber. (Above) Mr. Kurtz instructs his students to begin rounding up the cows as the end of class approaches. (Center) Jeffrey Balusek, Russell Minzenmayer and Wayne Voight listen with interest during a discussion in their third period Ag class. (Lower) Wayne Voight, Frankie Krenek, Randy Haverland and Jimmy Graybill inspect next year's crops.

SHOWIN' OFF

To an outsider, the scene was one of great confusion: a maze of gates, stalls and pens; people who seemed to be everywhere, talking to, working with and observing others.

Actually, all of this activity was generated by the Taylor Livestock Show, one of the biggest events for the Future Farmers of America during the year. Emerson Brister, one of the club's sponsors, said that quite a few of our FFA members did well at the livestock show, and that several of them had attended the Houston Livestock Show in March.

After returning from the Houston stock show, Mr. Brister called it a "rat race" because of its great size. But out of that Houston "rat race" came good results for the Taylor FFA chapter, as members Albert Janecka, Gayle Brister and David Heap all placed with their entries in different divisions.

















LEFT PAGE: (Center Left) Ernie Steffek holds his lamb so he can groom him before his turn in the arena. (Right) Jackie Naivar, Future Farmers of America sweetheart, is all smiles at the Taylor Livestock Show. (Lower Left) Randy Haverland ties his lamb securely before preparing him to be judged. (Lower Right) Brett Rodges exercises his pigs so that they will have the leanness and firmness that the judges will look for. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Teresa Leschber curries her steer so he will be in prime condition before the judging starts. (Upper Middle) Albert Janecka brings his steer that he has worked with for the past year to the show arena. (Upper Right) Allan Barran, with the aid of a vacuum cleaner, fluffs the hair on his steer so it will appear silky and smooth. (Center) Donna Tiemann, Teri Roose, Sherry Dykowski and Kathy Verona look over the animals at the Livestock Show held January 22, 23 and 24. (Lower Left) Gayle Brister and Doug Kuhl prepare their pigs for showing in the pens behind the livestock barn. (Left) FFA sponsor Harold Kurtz has a smile of satisfaction upon hearing the results of the judging.





Everything but the Kitchen Sink

In one sector of the northwest part of Taylor, two previously vacant lots on Gladnell Street underwent quite a change during the 1975-'76 school year. For these spaces which were once empty became the sites on which the building trades classes from Taylor High School worked at completing their yearly project, the construction of two houses.

Instructor C. W. Ford explained that his classes received their construction supplies from Gene Sefcik, a Taylor contractor. "He furnishes the materials," said Mr. Ford, who smiled, "But WE do the building." Indeed, the students did do the building, with nine of them working three hours in the morning and ten afternoon students spending their last three periods of the day on the job. Now the word "building" meant much more than just pounding nails and measuring boards. In fact, as soon as the classes had completed the first steps of the construction, such as laying the foundations, more work awaited them. Outside painting and constructing cabinets were just two of these tasks. Truly, one of the few things the students were not involved in was the plumbing, which few, if any, of them misses anyway.



















LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) C. W. Ford gazes over his working forces from atop one of the houses currently under construction. For seven years he has been supervising the construction of these houses. (Center Left) Building Trades Afternoon Class: Antonio Reyes, Ronald Cepek, Rodney Jansky, Darryl Kruse, Bart Luck, Kenny Flannery, C. W. Ford and Mike Gossett. (Lower Left) James Kolinek carries a rafter on the roof where he is helping to finish the building of the frame. (Lower Right) The afternoon Building Trades class works diligently to meet their construction deadline on the home on Gladnell Street. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Building Trades Morning Class: FRONT ROW: Richard Case, Frank Chapa and James Kolinek. BACK ROW: Eddie Hertz, Larry Shamard, Wayne Flannery, Randall Dloughy, John Dykosky, Gaylon Steffek, and C. W. Ford. (Upper Right) Leonard Leyendecker lines up a rafter until it meets his specification. (Center Left) Eddie Hertz helps put up the frame at the Gladnell work site. (Above) Gaylon Steffek secures a 2x4 as C. W. Ford saws the beam to size. (Left) Randall Dloughy surveys his morning's work as he comes down off the roof and prepares to board the bus taking him back to school.

A Two Year Internship









Due to the increased importance of the automobile, Americans have come to realize a need for mechanics equal to that for doctors. In preparing a future for these "physicians of the grease rack", Taylor High offered a two-year program for students interested in the study and repair of complex packages of nuts, bolts and carburetors. Beginning in the classroom, fact and theory were combined for a well rounded background before heading to the "operating room". Here in the midst of oil filters and spark plugs, the "surgeons" got to the heart of the problem, testing the patient with the aid of a wide selection of scientific equipment. Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Skill Olympics rounded out the year with 16 projects entered in district competition. After nine months of schooling and laboratory work, students found they had completed a successful operation and were prepared to begin a practice of their own.



LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Familiarizing himself with the electrical system of a car, Robert Fuller observes the main screen of the Sun 1120 in checking for any difficiencies in the points and plugs. The machine also inspects vacuum and dwell as well as RPM's. (Center Left) Auto Mechanics Morning Class: FRONT ROW: Bobby Fuller, Lanny Gist, Dallas Berry, Joe Gamez, Brian McAlpin, Robert Killingsworth and Ronald Lawler. BACK ROW: Rick Cuzzort, Wayne Danick, Kevin McAlpin, Jessie Copeland, Doug Barron, Randy Hobbs and Ronald Benskin. (Lower Left) With the aid of a wide variety of tools, Duane Danek selects the appropriate punch for completing the job. (Lower Right) Dallas Berry puts the finishing touches to his work after replacing the fuel line on the carburetor. RIGHT PAGE (Upper) Robert Killingsworth adjusts the position of the fly wheel before tightening the tension of the fan belt. (Center Left) Auto Mechanics Afternoon Class: Donald Allen, Derrick Hubbard, Duane Johnson, Gary Keith, Manuel Salazar, Marcel Ruzicka and Robert Biehle.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1976 PEOPLE

People: all the inhabitants of the school. That includes students, staff, administrators and, yes, even teachers. It is true that we were an unlikely crowd, from hippie to kicker, cool dude to super straight, youngest to oldest. Still we managed to pull together despite our divisions which appeared in class meetings. We lived and worked side by side to carve out a special spot for ourselves in '76 as we combined cultures and ideas to produce a school where we could find our place with our kind of people and make this year unique for us.

A. Friends are often drawn closer together by various organizational activities. Los Vecinos members Doug Alexander, Scott Ging, Rick Cuzzort, Tim Mikeska and Eric Cupp drape themselves on the vending machines between initiation activities.

B. From replacing a lightbulb to flashing a big smile, it seems there is always someone around the school to brighten up one's day, just as Richard Pundsack finds time for both as he goes aoout his tasks.

C. Whether sponsors of a club or just plain teachers, the faculty tries to provide ways to enable students to communicate with each other. At a Future Homemakers of America meeting, sponsor Bobbie Nickerson passes out a communication drill.

D. March brings thoughts of tennis, the prom and graduation. Susan Harris muses over the giant step from junior to senior during a break in one of her classes.

E. As David Bates measures her for her cap and gown, Robin Sutton thinks about her memories of Taylor High School and, like many seniors, can hardly realize that her four years at THS are almost over.

Awards: An Assortment of Honors

On the morning of May 21, Taylor High School held its annual awards assembly. The number and diversity of the awards presented reflected the wide variety of activities that students could excel in, from intramural sports to the Voice of Democracy contest. The awards in themselves represented this divergence: scholarships, medals and certificates, to name just a few. For those students who received awards, the assembly became more than simply getting out of class for an hour.











(Upper Right) Academic Awards: FRONT ROW: Christi McLaughlin, Cheryl Raesz, Becky Swanson, Jennifer Henderson and Susan Ponton. SECOND ROW: Jason Rieger, Anita Allen, Janis West and Patrick Jones. BACK ROW: Cynthia Loeve, Stancie Schwenker, Susan Harris, Kathryn Kotrla and Jimmy Scrivner. (Above) Doug Alexander accepts an intramural award from Leon Nickerson. (Center) Doug Cotner receives a certificate from Jack Rambo. (Center Right) Shirl Frazier presents an All-CenTex award to Tim Pevehouse. (Lower Right) Scholarship Recipients are: FRONT ROW: Donna Ryan, National Honor Society scholarship; Susan Ponton, Future Teachers of America scholarship; and Janis West, church-related college or university scholarship. BACK ROW: Barbara Huser, NHS scholarship; Kathryn Kotrla, church or state related college or university scholarship, National Merit sponsored Cohn scholarship to Rice University; Stella Taliaferro, Williamson County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship, scholarship to Mississippi University for Women; Dan Wuthrich, church-related college or university scholarship; and Doug Cotner, Bobby Wilkes Memorial Scholarship.









(Above) Cheryl Raesz is the recipient of the A.M. House Award, presented to the student with the highest average for the school year. (Upper Right) Speech Award Winners: FRONT ROW: Ophal Reese, Voice of Democracy; Stancie Schwenker, Flag Ceremonies; and Cynthia Jozwiak, Flag Ceremonies. BACK ROW: Bobby Shernik, Flag Ceremonies; Jimmy Scrivner, Voice of Democracy; and Dan Wuthrich, Voice of Democracy. (Right) Outstanding Students are: FRONT ROW: Tim Bulgerin, Wednesday Music Club award; and Kathryn Kotrla, Texas Chemical Award and Danforth Foundation Award. SECOND ROW: Rhonda Srnensky, Girl's State; Anita Allen, outstanding Choir student; Vickie Simcik, outstanding Industrial Cooperative Training student; and Lisa Corbett, Balfour Award presented to the outstanding member of the Senior Class. BACK ROW: Bart Luck, outstanding Building Trades student; Kelly Zetak, Boy's State; and James Kolinek, outstanding Building Trades student. Not pictured: Susan Anderson, Business and Professional Women's Club award; and Wade Williams, Danforth Foundation Award. (Lower Right) Ellen Schmidt is the recipient of an American Red Cross award presented to an outstanding high school volunteer.

Girls Finish

With Highest Honors

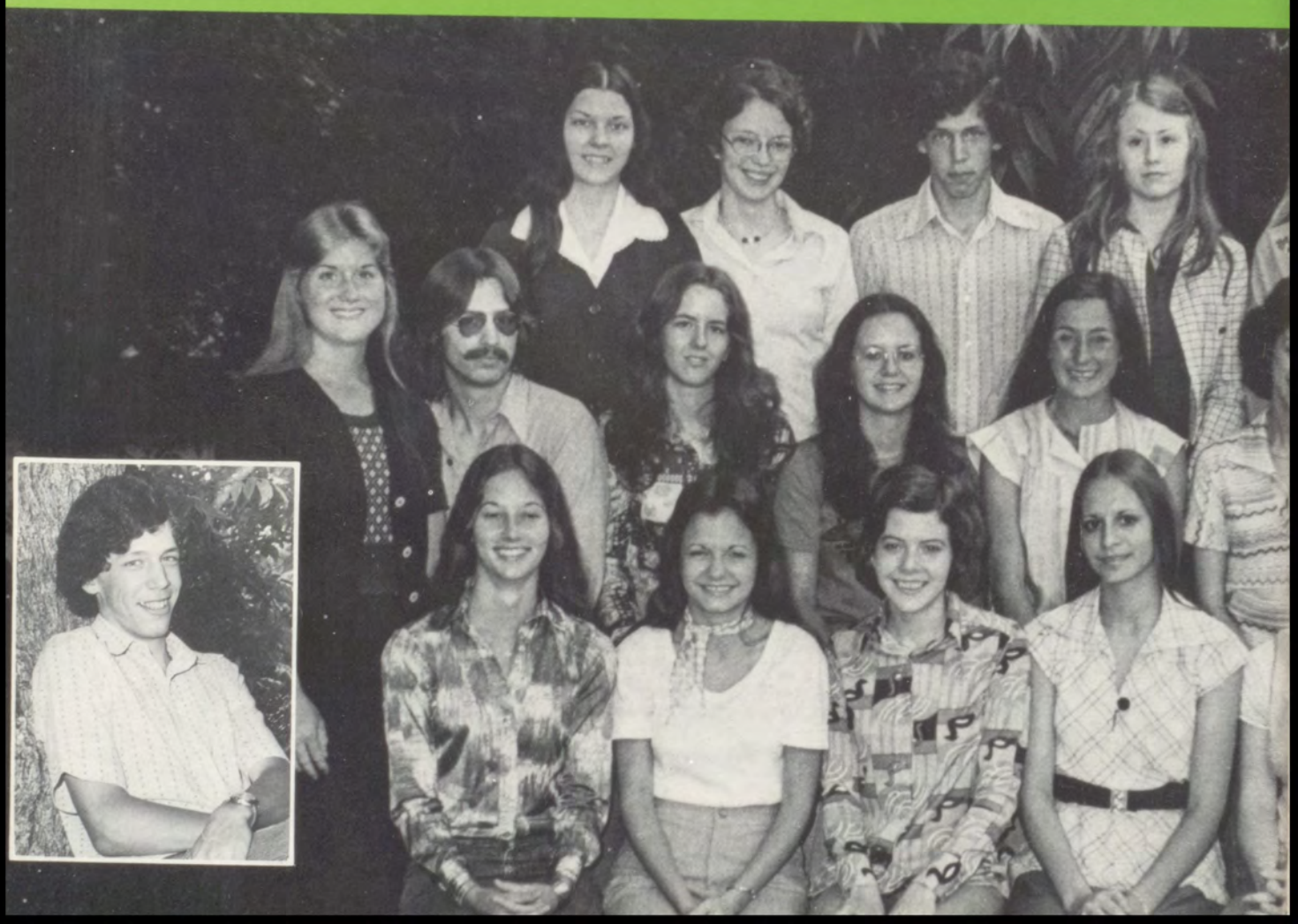
Most people think that valedictorian and salutatorian must stay home every night studying until the wee hours of the morning. This, however, was not the case for our valedictorian Kathryn Kotrla and salutatorian Janis West.

Being editor of the MALLARD took most of Kathryn's time. She was also a member of Student Senate, National Honor Society and was French Club president. For four years Kathryn was named to Who's Who. As a sophomore she received first place in Optimist Club's oratorical contest, second place in Interscholastic League competition in informative speaking and the A.M. House award for the highest average in her school. Her last year Kathryn was chosen outstanding science student by the Texas Chemical Corporation, placed at a UIL science contest and one at Central Texas College, and was a National Merit Scholar receiving a four year scholarship to Rice.

As Hi-Stepper Captain, Janis had her hands full. During her senior year, she was chosen "Stepper of the Year" and "Best Performer". She was a member of Future Teachers, Future Homemakers, Latin Club, Pep Squad and NHS. Janis was senior class parliamentarian and nominated for Young Texann. For three years she received an academic award for having an average above 93. Tennis was a main activity of Janis' as all four years she won first in doubles at UIL district meet. In 1975 she won second in varsity doubles at the UIL regional meet. Her senior year Janis received first in doubles at UIL district, regional and state meets.



(Lower Left) Dan Wuthrich was named highest ranking boy for 1976.











It All Pays Off in the End

For years the title "Honor Graduate" has been one of prestige and honor to be attained only by students with an excellent academic average. This year a total of 18 seniors made the honors list and at the same time managed to stay involved in school activities while maintaining the grades required.

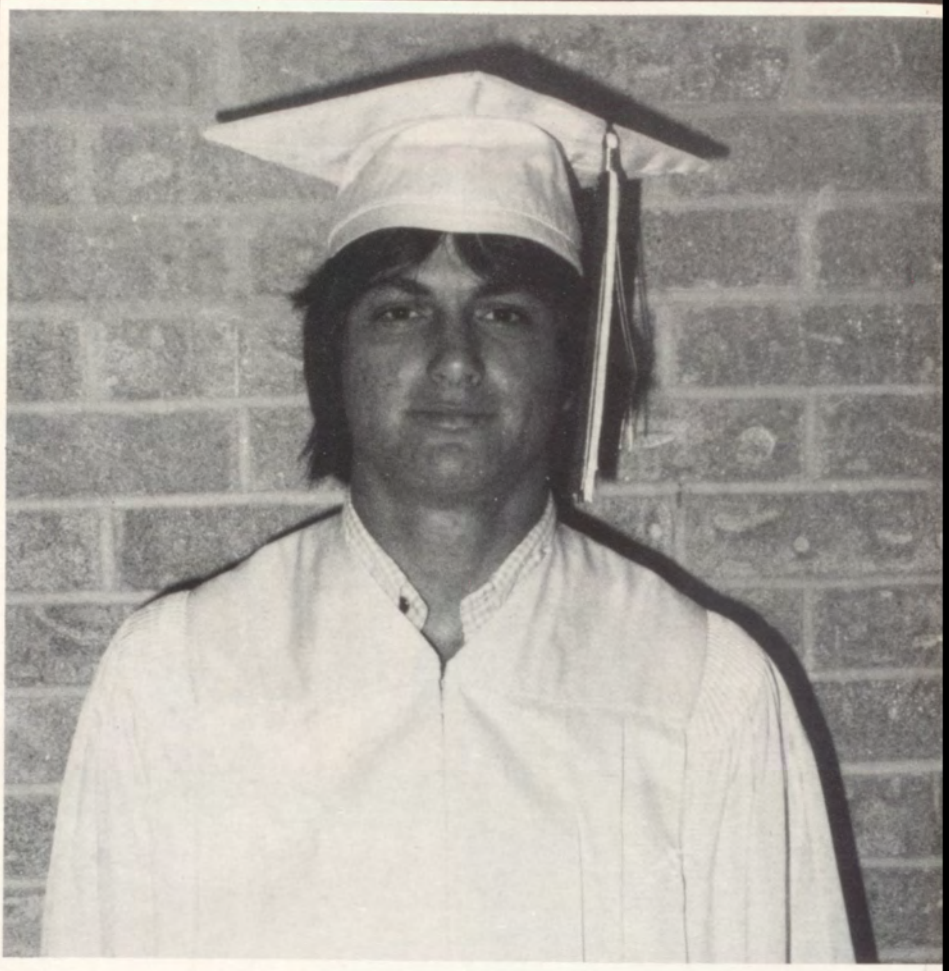
For the first time the list of students was selected by combining both the old and new honor system. They must have had an average of at least 90 in English I, II, and III, American and world history, government, biology and two electives.

Among the Honor Graduates were the editors of all school publications, the MALLARD, the COTTON BOLL, and ETC., the presidents of FTA, NHS, and several members of concert choir. Also included were the drum major, the assistant drum major, a varsity cheerleader, the captain of the Hi-Steppers and a twirler. Each of the others were involved in organizations ranging from VOE to Band.

Honor Graduates: FRONT ROW: Jennifer Henderson, Susan Ponton, Donna Ryan, Ruth Kincl and Shelley Wooldridge. SECOND ROW: Lisa Corbett, John Debus, Stella Taliaferro, Debbie Bucanek, Janis West, Kathryn Kotrla and Barbara Huser. BACK ROW: Susan Anderson, Roxanne Strmiska, Dan Wuthrich, Diana Sherek and Cindy Bittner.

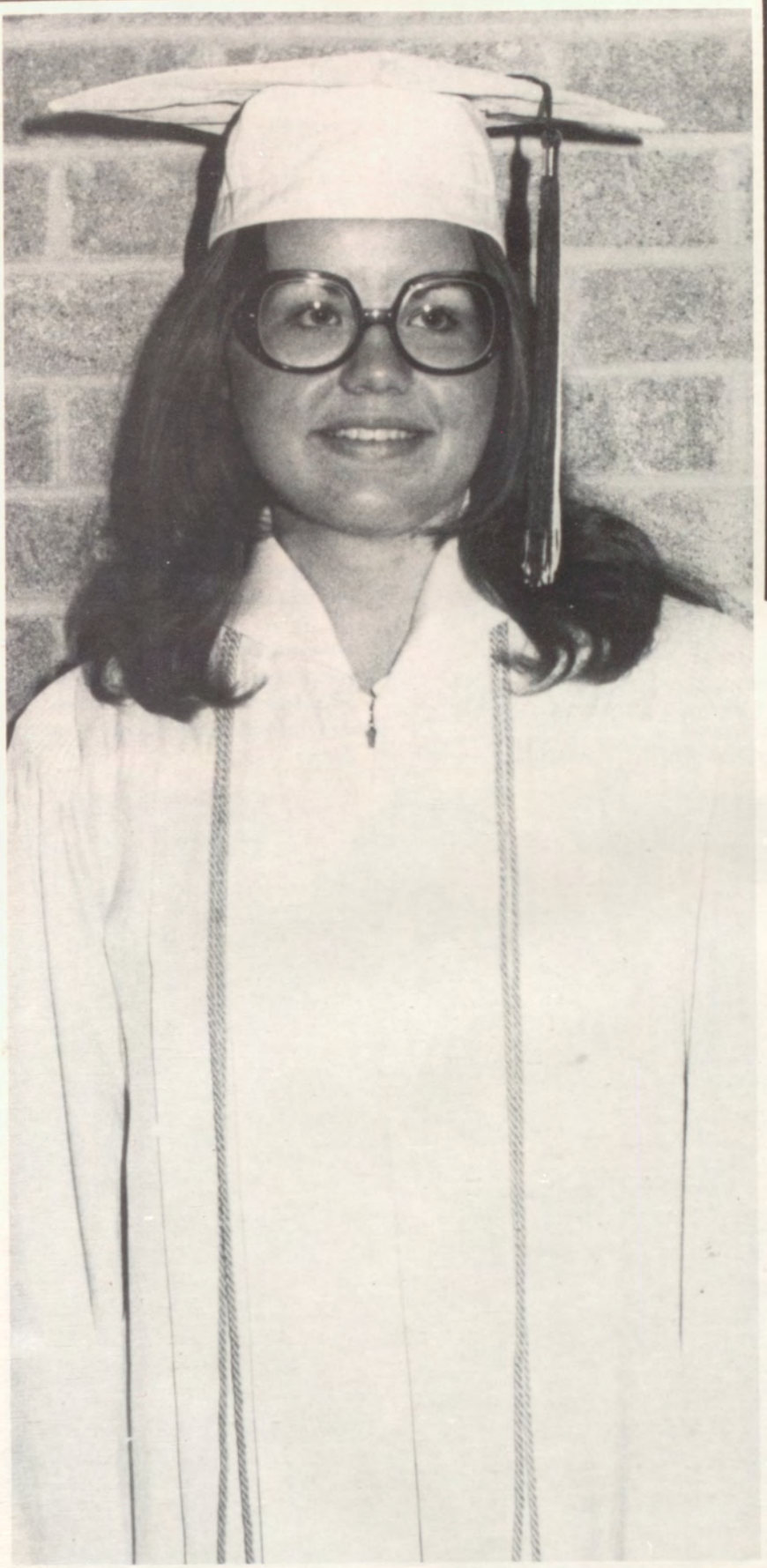
A Big Help for the Road Ahead

Graduation night held quite a surprise for five seniors. Superintendent Joe Scrivner presented various scholarships to them at the end of the graduation ceremonies to aid them financially in continuing their education. These students were chosen by a committee of faculty and administration members on the basis of character and integrity, aptitude for learning, need for financial assistance, desire for a college education, scholastic standing, temperament and industriousness.

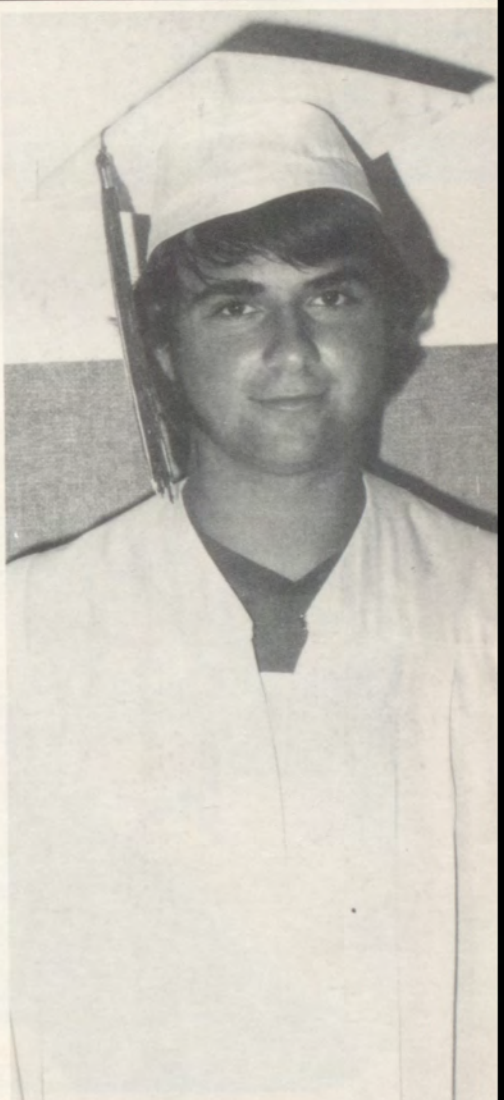








LEFT PAGE: (Left) Honor graduate Lisa Corbett is the recipient of the $500.00 Ruth Schroeder Scholarship which is presented only to an education major. (Upper Right) Frankie Krenek is the recipient of one of the three Melasky Scholarships. (Lower Right) Another Melasky winner is Mickey McGee. Each of these Melasky Scholarship winners receive a $1,000 scholarship. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Honor graduate Barbara Huser is the third Melasky recipient. (Below) Rick Bubenik is the only $1,000 Gernert winner.



Academic Contestants Achieve Top Honors



Taylor students found that academic competition can be just as rigorous and rewarding as the athletic variety. In the district University Interscholastic League meet at Georgetown High School students competed in debate, prose, poetry, ready writing, journalism, number sense and science contest.

Three Taylor entrants advanced to regional events—two of those went on to state. Frances Kiesling went to regional after a first place district win in feature writing. At the state meet, John Debus placed second in newswriting and third in editorial writing while Patrick Jones won second place in ready writing.

Although UIL competition provided valuable experience for students in all academic areas, the year was most rewarding for journalism students.







LEFT PAGE: (Top) Working diligently to meet his deadline, Patrick Jones puts the finishing touches to the copy for another page in the MALLARD. (Bottom) John Debus works on the completion of the COTTON BOLL. His work as editor of the staff enabled him to improve his newswriting skills. RIGHT PAGE: (Above) After the state contest, Patrick Jones and John Debus discuss the rigors of state competition. (Left) Winning in the UIL literary contest are: Patrick Jones, second in ready writing at state; Lisa Jacobson, third in headline writing at district; Frances Kiesling, first in headline writing at district and John Debus, second in editorial writing and third in news writing at state.

Up Against the Best: 29 Excel in Music

A total of 29 musicians received awards for attaining various achievements in University Interscholastic League competition and for becoming members of district and regional Band and Choir. Because of still competition across the state, the musicians were especially proud of their musical accomplishments.



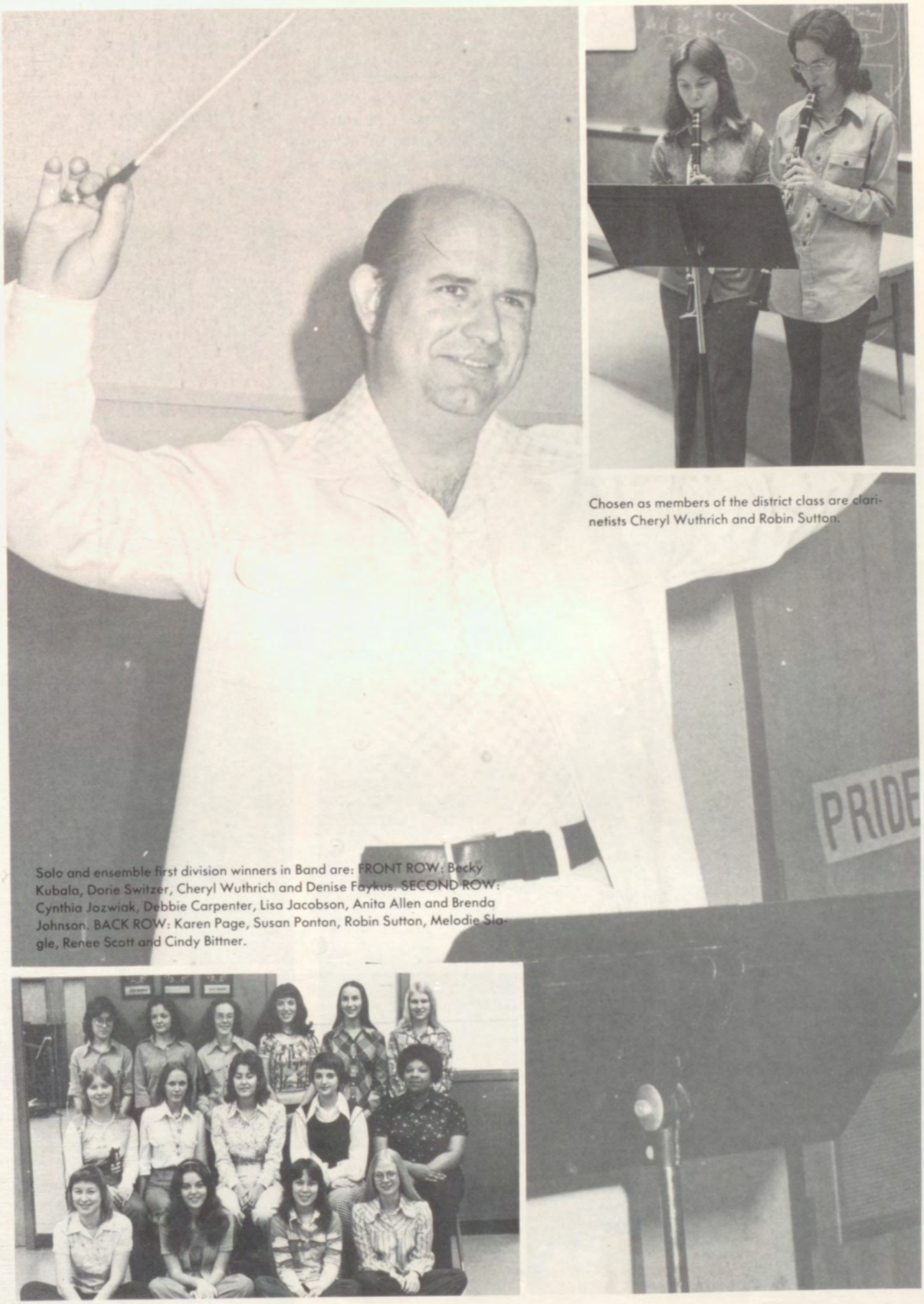
First division winners in Class II choir solos are Aurora Reyes and Harvey Randle.

Concert Choir member Tim Bulgerin is the only choir member to receive a first division at UIL State Contest.



Members chosen to District Choir include Charlie Pokorny, David Switzer, Paul Knox, Jimmy Scrivner, Linda Trevino, Cynthia Harrell and Larry Blomquist.





Chosen as members of the district class are clarinetists Cheryl Wuthrich and Robin Sutton.

Solo and ensemble first division winners in Band are: FRONT ROW: Becky Kubala, Dorie Switzer, Cheryl Wuthrich and Denise Faykus. SECOND ROW: Cynthia Jozwiak, Debbie Carpenter, Lisa Jacobson, Anita Allen and Brenda Johnson. BACK ROW: Karen Page, Susan Ponton, Robin Sutton, Melodie Slagle, Renee Scott and Cindy Bittner.

UIL Sports: "Superstars" Taylor Style

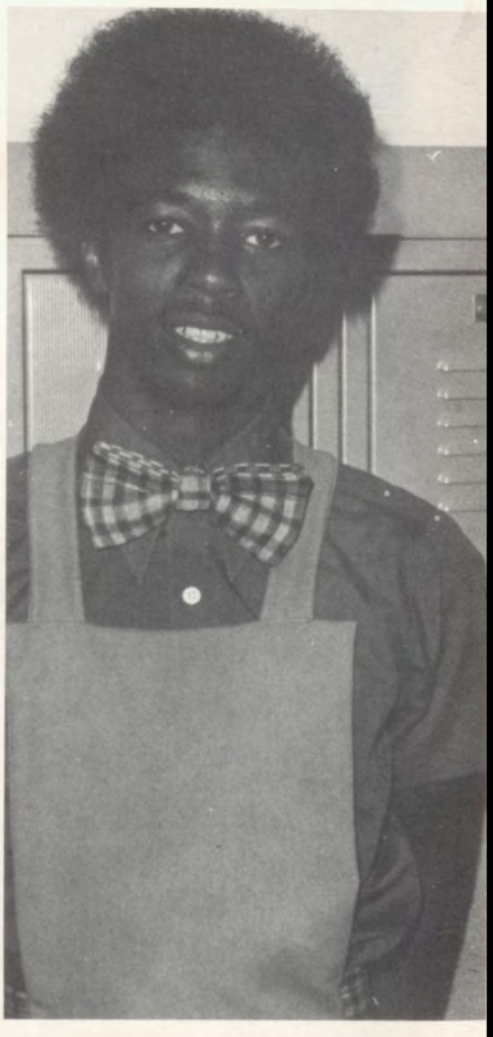
Taylor Athletic Director and head football coach Shirl Frazier made the point in the awards assembly that one-third of the student body participated in sports in some way. Many of those involved in the various athletic programs gained honors as a result of their performances and achievements.

Throughout the year, from football in the fall to volleyball in the winter months and the spring sports of track and field, golf, tennis and baseball, Duck teams and team members were recognized. Eventually, six individual Taylor athletes competed at the state level and two of them, Janis West and Vickie Simcik, became the best girls' doubles tennis team in class AAA after victories at the state meet in early May.

UIL sports competitors not only brought honors and distinction to themselves, but also to the school which they represented.















LEFT PAGE: (Left) Girl's state champions in tennis doubles are Vickie Simcik and Janis West. They were the first tennis state champions in Taylor history. (Upper Right) All-district football selections are Gene Barnett, Bruce Turner and Ricky Bubenik. (Lower Right) Qualifiers for the state track meet are Brad Ross, broad jump and Gary Lankford, pole vault. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Participants in the state tennis tournament are Vickie Simcik, Janis West, Jay Harkins and Laurie Pasemann. (Upper Right) Regional contestants in the UIL tennis tournament are Janis West, Tim Kinsley, Jay Harkins, Laurie Pasemann, Kelly Zetak, Lisa Corbett, Vickie Simcik and Eric Cupp. (Above) Members of the regional volleyball team are Kathleen Jackson, Wanda Tillis, Madeline Lewis, Denise Hubbard, Emily Smith, Roberta Young and Elaine Davison. (Left) Regional qualifier in the UIL golf tournament is Dan Wuthrich.

WHO'S WHO


Kathryn Kotrla
English—Science—Math


Patrick Jones
Social Studies


Patty Batto
Homemaking


Gayle Brister
Homemaking

Thirteen students were chosen to Who's Who on the basis of a responsible attitude, self-discipline, exceptional ability and a desire to learn.

Kathryn Kotrla—-English—A deep probing insight into literature, a clear prose style and good oral communication skills were all a part of Kathryn's English characteristics. Throughout English IV she held the highest average in her class. Science—For the past two years, Kathryn participated in UIL competition in science. She was named an outstanding student by the Texas Chemical Corporation and was chosen Who's Who for science in 1974-75. Math—Having taken every math course offered at Taylor High, Kathryn completed each with top grades.

Patrick Jones—Social Studies—With an A average in both American history and world history, Patrick Jones was exceptional in working with people. He had a deep insight into the importance of history in our lives today.

Patty Batto—Homemaking—With the top grades in her homemaking class, Patty showed outstanding abilities in Home Economics. She also served as vice president of Future Homemakers of America.

Gayle Brister—Homemaking—Extraordinary homemaking abilities, especially as a seamstress, were characteristic of Gayle's work. She was a dedicated member of Future Homemakers of America and served as secretary of this organization.

Monica Vittek—Foreign Language—Monica took two years of French and had the top average in her Latin I class. She visited France which has added to her knowledge of the subject.

John Debus—Publications—As editor of the COTTON BOLL, John learned the procedures for producing a newspaper and became quite efficient as a journalist. He attended state University Interscholastic League competition and won 2nd in newswriting and 3rd in editorial writing.

Renee Scott—Speech—As an active member of On Stage, Renee was assistant manager of a major production and the musician in the production of "Ole King Cole". She was the top student in her Speech II class.

Susan Ponton—Music—In addition to serving as Drum Major, Susan was also flute section leader. She received several regional UIL medals and qualified twice for the UIL state contest. Susan was also named as a member of the 1975-76 "All-American Hall of Fame" for Band honors by the Purdue University Band.

Bart Luck—Pre-Employment Lab Programs—Dedication and dependability were always a part of Bart's work on the job at Texaco.

Brett Rogers—Agriculture—An industrious member of Future Farmers of America, Brett Rogers served on several FTFA committees. He was the most cooperative exhibitor and conducted himself with the most confidence at Taylor and Georgetown stock shows.

Debbie Raesz—Vocational Co-operative Programs—An active member of Distributive Education, Debbie was recognized for her outstanding class and club performances.



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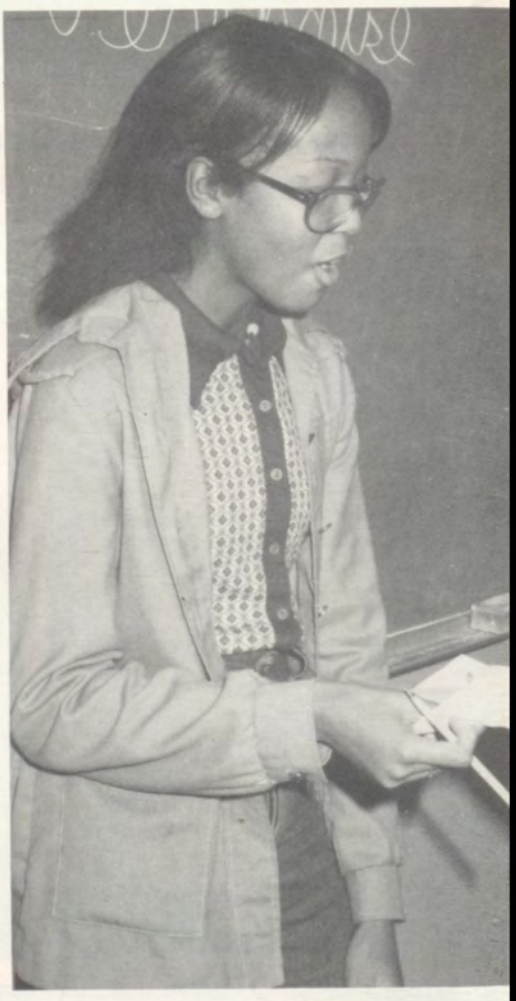
Mr. and Miss THS → Action

The leadership abilities of Wade Williams, Mr. THS, were evident as he was elected president of Student Senate, and his Sophomore and Junior class. He was an active member of Future Teachers and was chosen as District Parliamentarian and treasurer of this club. Wade was involved in football and track and was a member of National Honor Society and MALLARD staff. He was named Goodfellow and was nominated for Young Texan of the month.

While Future Homemakers was her favorite activity, Miss THS, Carla Nickerson, participated in several organizations. She was secretary and president of FHA, secretary of Student Senate and president of Pep Squad. Her activities did not stop here, however, as she was also a member of On Stage, FTA, Choir, Hi-Steppers and co-feature editor of the COTTON BOLL. Carla was nominated for Choir Sweetheart as well as Young Texan of the month.









Sweethearts, Beaux:

A Chosen Few

Besides the student body as a whole naming the two favorites of THS, nearly every organization chose a queen or beau to represent them. Also, the Taylor Optimist Club initiated a policy of selecting two outstanding seniors each month to participate in the Young Texan program. These young people competed against seniors from high schools all over the state for scholarships.

RIGHT PAGE: Jennifer Henderson, Donna Ryan and Susan Ponton. SECOND ROW: Lisa Corbett, Bruce Turner, Mickey McGee and Janis West. BACK ROW: Vickie Simcik, Rodney Bohls, Tim Pevehouse, Wade Williams, Dan Wuthrich and Kathryn Kotrla.
LEFT PAGE: (Upper) FRONT ROW: Susan Ponton, Band Sweetheart, Diane Cotner, Cotton Boll Relays Queen; Jackie Naivar, FFA Sweethear and Isabel Soza, Choir Sweetheart. BACK ROW: George Campos, Band Beau; Bruce Turner, FHA Beau; and Rick Bubenik, Hi-Stepper Beau and Elvino Carrizales, Choir Beau.





Peers Pick Favorites

Sixteen students were chosen by their classmates to be honored as Goodfellows. Four from each class were selected on the basis of personality, leadership abilities, campus awareness and involvement.



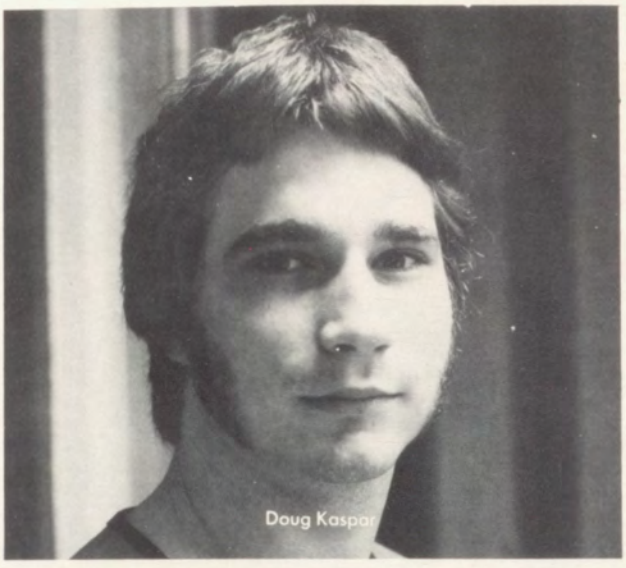
Sherry Pasemann



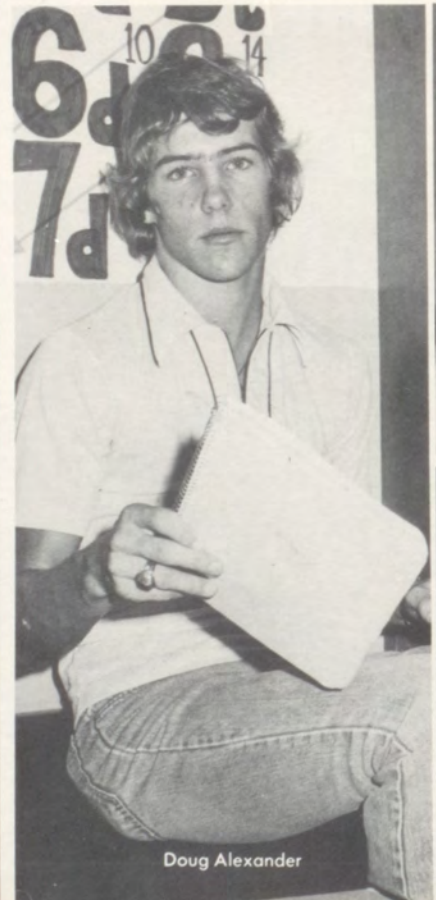
Rick Bubenik



Susan Panton



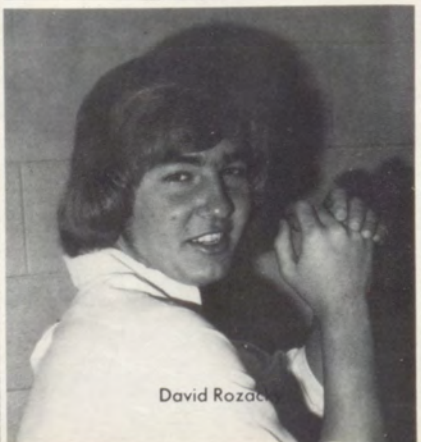
Doug Kaspar



Doug Alexander

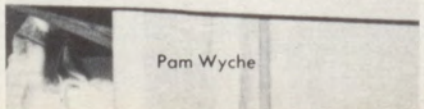


Scholley Buzan



David Rozac





Pam Wyche



Stancie Schwenker



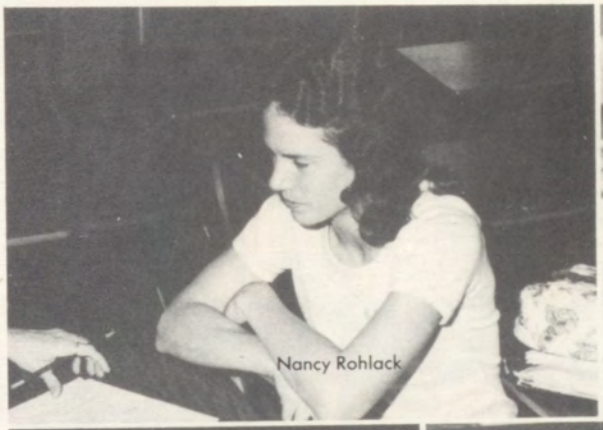
Shelia Mahlow



Keith Rieger



Tim Mikeska



Nancy Rohlack



Louis Ross



Brad Frazier



Diana Cotner

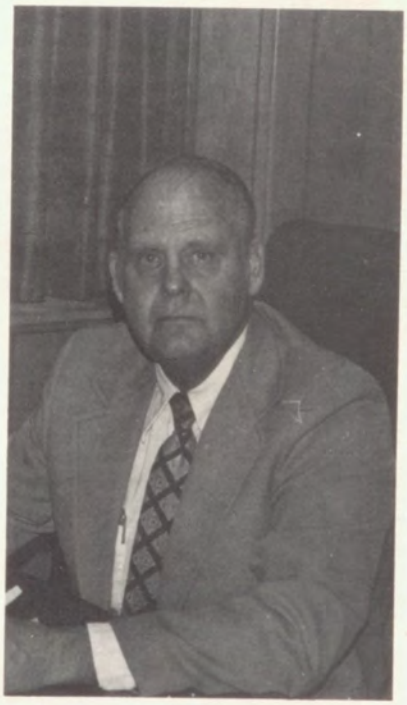
Active Board Stays Busy

Superintendent Joe Scrivner and school board members Albert Buzan, Dr. R. Dale Cummings, Dr. Crawford Daniel, T. W. Holmstrom, Shannon B. McMakin, Roy Meiske and Fred Switzer planned for the future and observed the present in their positions of policy-makers for the Taylor Independent School District.

The education bill passed in the last Texas legislature became the main worry of the board and the superintendent. Although the new law did not cause real trouble for Taylor in the 1975-76 school year, the possibility existed that it could cause financial problems in future years.

The board realized that vocational education at the high school was growing in popularity with the students. Plans for vo-ed in years to come became a high priority. Also regarding the high school, the board was pleased with the success of the new quarter system.

An active interest in the policies, present and future, of education in the Taylor schools kept the school board and Mr. Scrivner very busy during the year.



Joe Scrivner, in his sixth year as Superintendent of the Taylor schools, works at the central office to prepare for a March school board meeting. Advising the board is only one of Mr. Scrivner's duties, which include employment of personnel and handling of financial problems.



Albert Buzan, a foreman at Alcoa, prepares to attend a school board meeting in November.



Dr. R. Dale Cummings, elected to the Board in April of 1971, relaxes in his office at the Johns Clinic.



Dr. Crawford Daniel, in the first year of his third term on the schoolboard, pauses to check the medical history of his next patient.



When T. W. Homstrom, president, is not involved with school board matters, much of his time is devoted to his business the Taylor Floral Co.



Shannon B. McMakin takes a break from his duties in the Texas National Guard.



Roy Meiske prepares to attend a Taylor-Lockhart basketball game after a day at the Taylor Manufacturing Company.



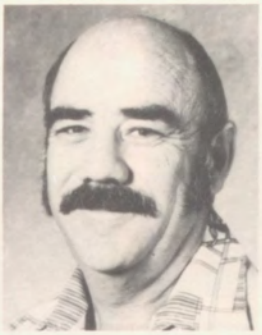
Fred Switzer, vice-president, arrives at the KTAE building to begin his work as a broadcaster.

More Than Just 8 to 5

Though we saw teachers for 180 days, many did not realize the extra time most of them spent preparing daily lessons and becoming involved in extracurricular activities. Though there were many to choose from, one good example would be to take a miniature look at the school life of English teacher Peggy Mott.

Somewhere in between making Julius Caesar contracts and grading research reports, Ms. Mott made time to sponsor Future Teachers, Student Senate and the Junior Class. Room 203 became "the" meeting place and it was here that the Student Senate Homecoming Assembly was organized, FTA candidates and members prepared for district and state conventions and the juniors ironed out prom details. Teachers like Peggy Mott kept everyone interested and made school more than just daily routine.





ROSS BALDWIN—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Principle.
DAVID BATES—Graduate of: McMurry College, Sul Ross State University; Vocational Counselor.





LLOYD BICKLE—Subjects taught: VEH.
EMERSON BRISTER—Graduate of: A&M University; Subjects taught: Vocational Agriculture II, Agriculture co-op; Sponsor of: FFA, Young Farmers, Freshman Class.





PATRICK CLARK—Graduate of: University of Texas; Subjects taught: English III, IV; Sponsor of: NHS.
EDUARDO CONTRERAS—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; ESSA Counselor.





JOHN CROW—Graduate of: Abilene Christian College, University of Texas; Subjects taught: Latin I, II, world history, English I; Sponsor of: Latin Club.
ERNEST DEAVER—Graduate of: Mary Hardin-Baylor University; Subjects taught: auto mechanics; Sponsor of: auto mechanics, VICA.





C. W. FORD—Subjects taught: building trades.
MARY FRANCES—Graduate of: University of Texas; Subjects taught: Homemaking I, II; Sponsor of: FHA.
SHIRL FRAZIER—Graduate of: Texas Wesleyan College; Athletic Director, head football coach; Subjects taught: American History.





MAURINE FROST—Graduate of: Sul Ross State University; Subjects taught: government, sociology, advanced Texas studies; Sponsor of: Senior Class.
JERRY GIVENS—Graduate of: Huston—Tillotson College, Prairie View A&M University; Director of ESSA program.
MARY KAY GOTCHER—Graduate of: Texas Christian University; Subjects taught: English I, II, MALLARD.



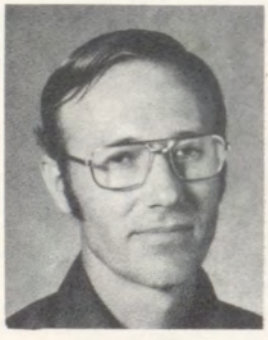


REBECCA GULLETTE—Graduate of: University of Texas; Subjects taught: Fundamentals of Math I, Introductory Algebra I, American History.
CLIFFORD IVICIC—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Vocational Adjustment Coordinator.
STEVE GUAJARDO—Subjects taught: CVAE.





OPHELIA JEWELL—Graduate of: Huston-Tillotson College; coaches girls volleyball and track teams; Subjects taught: health, physical education.
SUSAN KOMANDOSKY—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: Journalism, English I; Sponsor of: COTTON BOLL, Sophomore Class.
LARRY KOONCE—Graduate of: Del Mar College, Eastern New Mexico University; Subjects taught: Choir; Sponsor of: Choir, Junior Class.





SID KRHOVJAK—Graduate of: Saint Edward's University, Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: biology; Sponsor of: Junior Class, Science Club.
DAVID KRUEGER—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University, Southwestern University; Assistant Principal
HAROLD KURTZ—Graduate of: Sam Houston State University; Subjects taught: Vocational Agriculture I, II, III; Sponsor of: Young Farmers, FFA.

DAVID KYSER—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: speech, drama, English II; Sponsor of: Drama Club, Junior Class.
LYNN LANKFORD—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University, Sam Houston State University; Subjects taught: HECE; Sponsor of: FHA, HERO, Senior Class.
BUTCH LEE—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: Typing I, English II, general business; Sponsor of: Student Senate, Senior class, FBLA.

FRANCES LEE—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Counselor.
JO LAYNE LEGGETT—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: typing, shorthand, bookkeeping; Sponsor of: Senior Class.
BARBARA JEAN LESCHBER—Graduate of: Victoria Junior College, Mary Hardin-Baylor University; Subjects taught: VOE, Senior pre-employment lab; Sponsor of: OEA.

MARY JEAN LIVINGOOD—Graduate of: University of Texas; Librarian; Sponsor of: Library Club
ODESSA MACKEY—Graduate of: Huston-Tillotson College; Subjects taught: remedial math; Sponsor of: Sophomore Class.
ROBERT MALONE—Graduate of: Abilene Christian College; Subjects taught: ICT, Sponsor of: VICA, Senior Class.

SHIRLEY MANNING—Graduate of: University of Texas; Subjects taught: VOE, Sponsor of: OEA, Senior Class.
BEVERLEY MICHALIK—Graduate of: University of Illinois; Subjects taught: Introductory Algebra I, II; Sponsor of: Freshman Class.
PEGGY MOTT—Graduate of: University of Texas; Subjects taught: English II, IV; Sponsor of: Junior Class, FTA, Student Senate.

GEORGE MURRAY—Graduate of: Howard Payne University, Northern Arizona University; Subjects taught: Reading lab.
BOBBIE NICKERSON—Graduate of: Prairie View A&M University; Subjects taught: Homemaking I, II; Sponsor of: FHA, Young Homemakers, Freshman Class.
LEON NICKERSON—Graduate of: Prairie View A&M University; coaches football, track; Subjects taught: health, physical education; Sponsor of: Freshman Class.

















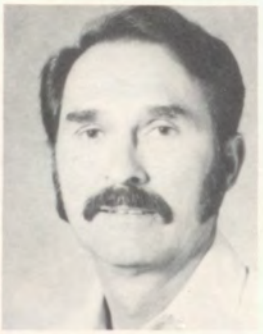
Faculty

















CHARLES POOL—Graduate of: Tyler Junior College, Stephen F. Austin State University; Subjects taught: American history; Sponsor of: Freshman Class.
BETTY PORTER—Graduate of: Louisiana State University; Subjects taught: Special Services; Sponsor of: TARS.
DOTTY RAMBO—Graduate of: Southeastern State University: Subjects taught: Algebra I, plane geometry, trigonometry, advanced math; Sponsor of: Hi-Steppers, Pep Squad, FTA.

JACK RAMBO—Graduate of: Southeastern State University; Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: biology, chemistry, physics; Sponsor of: FTA, Sophomore Class.
GUADALUPE RAMIREZ—Graduate of: Southwest Texas Junior College, Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: Spanish I, II, III; Sponsor of: Spanish Club, Sophomore Class, Junior Historian Club.
EUGENE RHEMANN—Graduate of: University of Texas; Subjects taught: Band; Sponsor of: Senior Class, Band.

JUDY ROHDE—Graduate of: University of Texas; Subjects taught: English I, III; Sponsor of: NHS.
CHARLES SCHROEDER—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: Drafting I, II; Sponsor of: Sophomore Class, Student Senate.
DAN SHERRY—Graduate of: East Texas Baptist College; Subjects taught: Algebra I, II, Introductory Algebra II; Sponsor of: Freshman Class.

JEANNE SHERRY—Graduate of: Carlow College, Catholic University of America; Subjects taught: chemistry, physical science; Sponsor of: Junior Class.
EDDY SPILLER—Graduate of: Angelo State University; Subjects taught: biology, physical science; coaches football.
MARILYN TENNILL—Graduate of: Trinity University; Subjects taught: DE; Sponsor of: DECA, Cheerleaders.

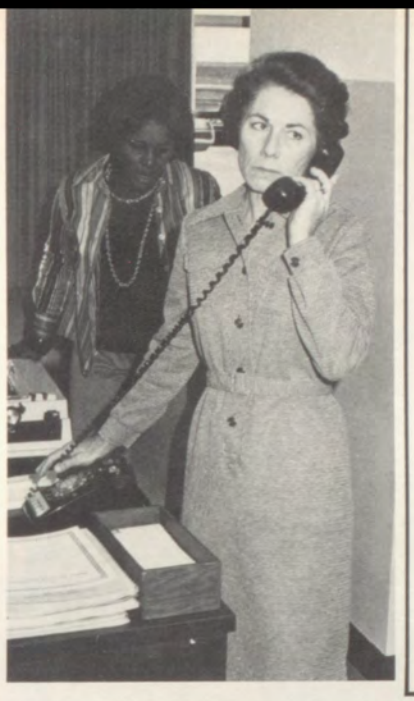
STEVE WILSON—Graduate of: Austin College; coaches football; Subjects taught: American History; Sponsor of Sophomore Class.
TOMMY WYCHE—Graduate of: Southeastern State University; Vocational Director.
JULIE ZIKE—Graduate of: Southwest Texas State University; Subjects taught: Homemaking III, English I; Sponsor of: FHA, Junior Class.

Lo(e)ve Is the Answer

Ask Mrs. Loeve. No matter what the question or problem might be, Velma Loeve always seems to have the answer. She is the person to see for information on almost anything concerning school activities.

Upon entering the office, one can easily recognize Mrs. Loeve. She is the one who is rushing around typing reports, making appointments and conducting other such office business. However, no matter how busy she is she always stops what she is doing to help anyone and everyone who might have a question or problem, whether it's a copy of a student's transcript or change for the vending machine.

With her 20 years of experience as high school secretary, Velma Loeve knows her job well and manages to put in that extra little effort which is necessary to help keep the school running smoothly. That is why if you want to know . . . ask Velma Loeve.







(Top) While Pearl Wheeler goes to revise several field reports, Velma Loeve inquires as to some unspecified expenditures on last month's financial statement. (Left) Having attended Nixon Clay Secretarial School of Austin, Velma Loeve finds experience is a valuable tool in running the school's business. (Above) Mrs. Loeve carefully designs the schedule of Mr. Baldwin's appointments for the upcoming week. Besides serving as secretary to the principal, she doubles as high school secretary.



What's an Aide

Ever wonder how all those homework papers got graded? Or what happened to the yellow attendance slips? Those things were taken care of by a group of five women who rendered special services—often going without the recognition they deserved.

One such person, LaVerne Eulenfield, worked daily with the yellow slips—fulfilling the duties of an attendance clerk. Hallie Streit, a common sight in the resource room, aided Betty Porter with her students.

As a Visiting Community Teachers Aide, Pearl Wheeler spent much of her time counseling excessively absent students. She also became the first aide to co-sponsor an organization, the Spanish Club.

Two aides assisted math and reading specialists, Odessa Mackey and Tom Murray. Helen Rivers worked in the Math lab helping students with basic problems, while Elizabeth Zetak involved herself with students in the reading lab.

The aides played an important part in many ways. Due to the time saved by the aides's seemingly small duties, teacher's were able to spend extra time with students.







(Top) Assisting in the reading program, Elizabeth Zetak finds her job not only productive, but fulfilling. (Above Left) Although space is limited in the resource room, Hallie Streit and Betty Porter enjoy working with their 25 students. (Above Right) As attendance clerk, LaVerne Eulenfield spends most of her day with the Taylor High record books. (Left) While Pearl Wheeler spends much of her time in the homes of students, she can also be found substituting or helping in the office.

Experience and Efficiency

Though the administration had a few personnel changes, the custodians and kitchen crew maintained their staff from last year and so kept up their beneficial service.

That extra little bit of time and effort which kept halls and rooms clean made everyone realize the often unrecognized value of our custodians. A great deal of patience was required on the part of the custodians for there always seemed to be full trash cans and students littering the halls with paper.

In order to fill everyone's hunger pangs, the kitchen workers had several shifts of cooks. They also kept a snack bar open all mornings so that growling stomachs could be quieted in between classes.







(Upper) One of the foods that the snack bar serves is french fries, which Delores Naivar prepares just before the rush of hungry students begins. Not pictured is Alice Kasparek, who also works in the snack bar and sells lunch tickets before school. (Center) To insure that the student body is nutritionally fed, cafeteria workers Lorene Brunken, Ruby Achtruth, Connie Carrizales, Margie Hirstius, Olga Kaase, Ella Sorenson, Ella Huser, Elsie Volek, Erna Wuthrich, Millie Rieger and Ruth Hill prepare and serve lunches daily. High school students are not the only recipients of their services, as all school cafeterias in Taylor are supplied from the THS cafeteria. (Left) To keep the school as clean as possible, custodians Paul Volek, Marvin Schroeder, W. C. Brueckner and Richard Pundsack are frequently the first persons to enter the school and the last to leave.

Hassles Over Just in Time

Throughout the year the seniors struggled to retain peace within the class on conflicting issues pertaining to the senior trip, class motto, song and flower, in fact, just about anything they had to decide on. However, they were able to regroup and resolve their differences in time to experience the joys of graduating together.

The culmination of four years of high school studies was met with an array of many varied emotions among the seniors. For most there was the sheer joy and exultation of finally getting through it all. In sharp contrast was the sadness of the departure of long-time friendships and memories.

The graduating class was somewhat smaller than in recent years. Many graduated early hoping for that successful head start in their careers while some simply wanted to get married.

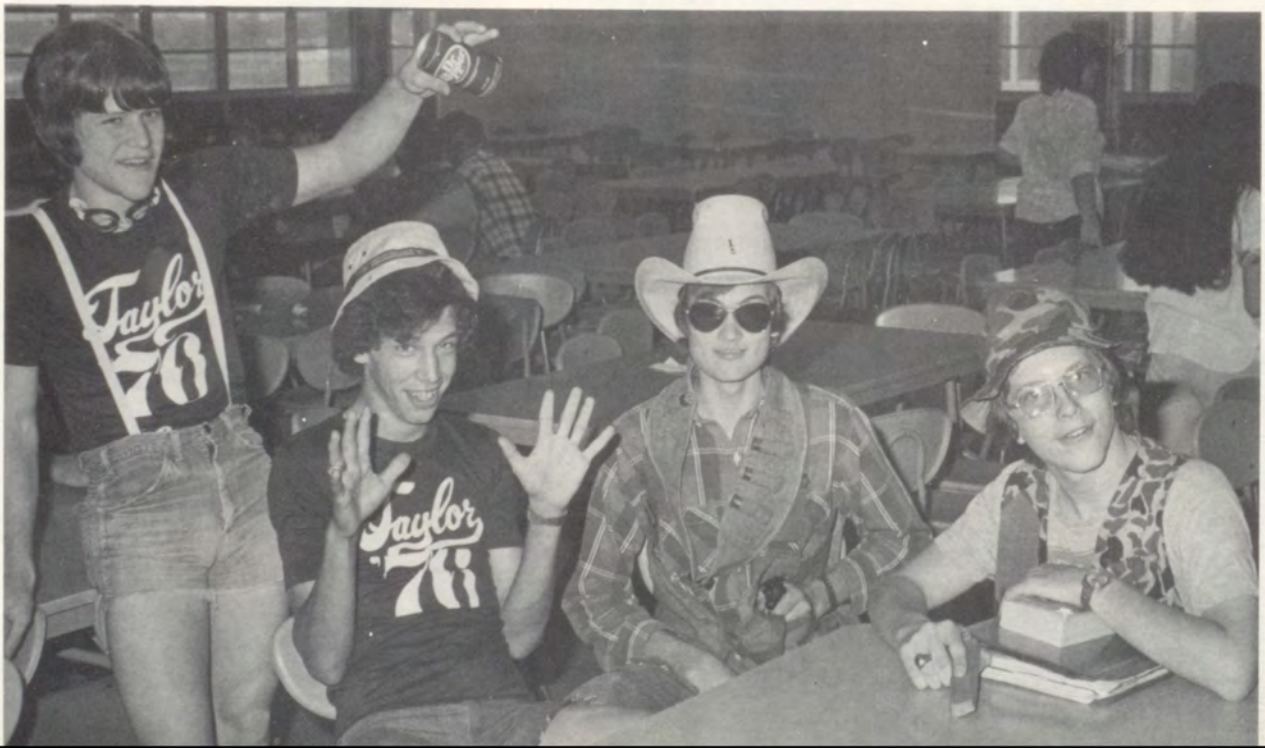
The class of '76 chose as their motto, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something, and what I should do and can do, by the Grace of God I will do." As their class song they chose "Mahoganey" sung by Diana Ross, spring bouquet as their class flower and rainbow pastel as the class color.

The seniors kept up with tradition by venturing to Six Flags on their Senior trip. They were especially tired and travel weary after the grueling fourteen hour round trip.

The year ended with an air of awe and anxiety. Most seniors felt the last year had indeed been one of the most satisfying and rewarding of all, but they all felt the time had come to branch out into new avenues and walks of life.









LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Ophal Reese sings the class song, "Theme From Mahogany" at the senior assembly. (Upper Right) As Senior Class President, Mickey McGee emcees the two-hour senior assembly put on by class members. (Lower) "Kid Day" gives seniors a chance to relive their childhood memories. Clowning around after lunch are Tim Bulgerin, Dan Wuthrich, Larry Kieschnick and Tommy Zett. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Seniors sat in front of cameras more than once during the year, as both class and senior portraits were taken. Rick Bubenik takes his class picture at the beginning of the year. (Center Left) Little girls invaded THS halls and classrooms on May 5. Ruth Kincl, Carol Kaspar, Teresa Leschber, Sherry Pasemann, Beverly Bearden and Carla Dial take time to pet a stuffed pig before returning to OEA. (Lower Left) The water tower seemed to be a billboard for nearly every class, but the seniors of '76 made sure their message was most noticeable, as motorist on Mallard Lane could not help but see the large green letters. (Below) Vickie Simcik, Janis West and Rodney Bohls try to decide between Six Flags and Wood Creek for the senior trip.







HEIDI AGUILAR—Hi-Steppers; On Stage, Best Actress, District All Star Cast; Jr. Miss FTA; DECA.
ELOY ALDERETE—VICA; Building Trades, 2nd place at convention; Football; Basketball; Spanish Club.
RICKY ALFORD—ICT; Golf.

DONALD ALLEN
OFAMIA ALVARADO—Choir; Choir Sweetheart; FHA; Pep Squad.
SHELLY ANDERSON

SUSAN ANDERSON—OEA; Placed in area OEA contest; NHS; FHA.
HARLAN BACHMAYER—Auto Mechanics; Student Senate; ICT.
JEFF BALUSEK

ALLEN BARAN—FFA, secretary, sentinel; DECA.
DOUG BARRON— Ag; Building Trades; Auto Mechanics.
TIM BARTOSH—Football; Baseball; FFA.

BEVERLY BEARDEN—OEA, historian, parliamentary procedure team; Hi-Steppers, co-captain; Pep Squad.
ROXANNE BERGER
JOHN BERRY—Freshman class parliamentarian; COTTON BOLL, humor editor.

CINDY BITTNER—Band; FTA, parliamentarian; NHS; OEA; French Club, vice-president; Academic Award; Band UIL Award.
RODNEY BOHLS—NHS, vice-president; Student Senate; Latin Club, president; MALLARD, photography editor; COTTON BOLL; PBA, vice-president; Basketball.
KATY BORGNE

MELISSA BOWLING—Women's Choir; Concert Choir; Division I Solo; Choral Club; Pop Choir; FHA; OEA.
DELVIN BROWN
SHARON BROWN—Concert Choir; Regional Choir; District Choir; Choral Club, vice-president; On-Stage; FTA.





RICK BUBENIK—Football; Baseball, all district; Basketball; FFA; VICA.
DEBBIE BUCANEK—On Stage; FHA; FTA; Pep Squad; HECE; HERO.
TIM BULGERIN—Concert Choir; District Choir; Division I, Class I and III Solos; Division I Solo at State; Choir Club, president; Student Senate.

GEORGE CAMPOS—Band, president; Student Senate; Auto Mechanics.
IRENE CHAPA—FHA; On Stage; VICA; Hi-Steppers.
DELIA CONTRERAS—FHA, parliamentarian, Encounter Award; FTA; COTTON BOLL, feature editor; On Stage, reporter; Spanish Club, convention delegate; VFW Flag Ceremony.

LISA CORBETT—Tennis; FTA, president; Student Senate; Goodfellow; Hi-Steppers, first lieutenant; NHS; Latin Club.
FORREST CORNE
DOUG COTNER—Tennis; Spanish Club; Ecology Club; Golf.

SCOTT CUTCHER—DECA; Choir; Student Senate.
DONNA DAUGHTRY—DECA, reporter; TARS, treasurer; On Stage; FHA.
WILLIE DEARY—Volleyball; Track.

JOHN DEBUS—COTTON BOLL, editor; National Merit Commendation; Spanish Club; Student Senate.
JOE DE LA ROSA—Track; Spanish Club; VICA.
CARLA DIAL—Hi-Steppers; FTA; OEA, parliamentary procedure team.

VICKIE DOSS—Library Club; HECE; HERO.
JOE DOWNS—DECA.
VICKIE DOWNS—FHA; FTA; Choral Club; OEA; Pep Squad; Drama Club; Division II Solo.

WAYNE FLANNERY—Building Trades; Basketball Manager.
DELORES FOJTIK—Women's Choir; Choral Club; FHA; OEA, area and state contest finalist.
DAVID GOMEZ—Football; Track.

ESTELLA GOMEZ—VICA.
GRACE GOMEZ—Track; FTA; Spanish Club; ICT; VICA.
HENRY GONZALES—Spanish Club; FTA; Choral Club, treasurer; Student Senate; TARS, president.

KENT HANACIK—Latin Club; COTTON BOLL; Football, letterman; Baseball; FTA.
CYNTHIA HARRELL—Women's Choir; Concert Choir; Choral Club, secretary; All-District Choir; Division I Solo; Hi-Steppers; On Stage; FTA.
JENNIFER HENDERSON—Cheerleader; Hi-Steppers; Academic Awards; Student Senate; FHA, officer; Honor Roll.

CLINT HERZER—Auto Mechanics, Outstanding Student Award; DE; VICA, Excellent Rating at meet.
NATHANIEL HILL—Football; Choir; DE; Basketball, bookkeeper.
MIKE HOLLOWELL—Building Trades; Football; VICA.

CAROL HOLTON—Band, assistant quartermaster, librarian, UIL Division I medals; On Stage; FHA; Concert Choir.
DERRICK HUBBARD
CHARLES HURTA—Band.

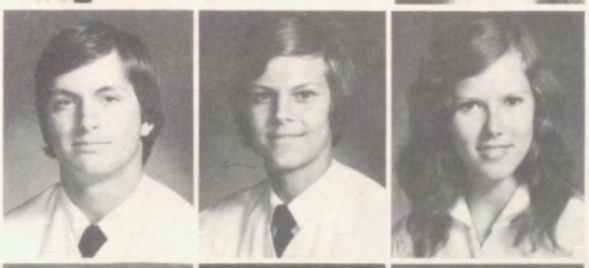
BARBARA HUSER—NHS, president; Latin Club; Student Senate; ETC, editor; UIL Division I Solo; Academic Awards; Who's Who.
ALVIN ISENSEE—On Stage; Choir.
LISA JACOBSON—Band, UIL Division I medals; Twirler; Latin Club; FTA; NHS; COTTON BOLL, news editor.

RODNEY JANSKY
DONNA JONES—Women's Choir; OEA; Pep Squad; Choral Club.
BEVERLY KAISER—FHA; HECE; Pep Squad; Hi-Steppers.

GINGER KAISER—FTA, secretary; FHA; Band; Latin Club; HECE.
CAROL KASPAR—Hi-Steppers; OEA; Pep Squad; Tennis; FHA; FTA; COTTON BOLL, reporter.
DOUG KASPAR—Football; On Stage, parliamentarian; COTTON BOLL, circulation manager; Senior Class treasurer; FTA; Latin Club.








PAM KASPAR—JV Cheerleader; Pep Squad; Freshman Class treasurer; Student Senate; On Stage; Hi-Stepper; COTTON BOLL, copy and layout editor.
LIZ KELLY—French Club; FTA, secretary; Twirler; Pep Squad.
LARRY KIESCHNICK—Latin Club; DECA; Basketball.

FRANCES KIESLING—French Club, songleader; Women's Choir; Concert Choir; Choral Club, vice-president; NHS; FTA; COTTON BOLL, co-news editor; Sophomore Class treasurer.
RUTH KINCL—Women's Choir; Choral Club; Ecology Club; FTA; OEA, parliamentary procedure team; Academic Awards.
MIKEY KIRSCHVINK—Golf; COTTON BOLL; Latin Club; PBA, vice-president; FTA.

DARWIN KLOTZ—ICT.
KIMBERLY KLOTZ—FHA; OEA; Band.
KATHRYN KOTRLA—MALLARD, editor; A.M. House Award; NHS; Student Senate; National Merit Scholar; Who's Who; French Club, president; Women's Choir; On Stage; Academic Awards; Valedictorian.

FRANKIE KRENEK—FFA; Tennis.
DUANE KUHL—FFA; VICA; Basketball, manager.
TERESA LESCHBER—Hi-Stepper; JV Cheerleader; COTTON BOLL, copy and lay-out editor; FFA; FTA; FHA; Pep Squad.

MADELINE LEWIS
BRIAN MAHLO—VICA.
DIANE MANLEY

ANN MAREK—FTA; Latin Club; Pep Squad; JV Cheerleader; OEA; Track.
MYRA MARTIN—Pep Squad, president; FHA; HERO; Student Senate; Track; On Stage; FTA; Choir.
TERRY MATETZSCHK—HECE; FHA; HERO.

MICKY MCGEE—FTA; Spanish Club; Senior Class President; Boy's State; Cheerleader; Golf; MALLARD, page design editor.
BETH MERKA—Gymnastic Club; Spanish Club; FHA; Pep Squad; Red Cross; Softball; Basketball.
MARCY MOKRY—OEA; FHA; Pep Squad.

JOHNNY MORENO—Football; Spanish Club; Track; Basketball.
ROBERT NAIVAR—FFA, vice-president; president; VICA; Student Senate.
CARLA NICKERSON—Student Senate, secretary; Women's Choir; Concert Choir; Pop Choir; Hi-Steppers; FHA, secretary, president; HERO, president; COTTON BOLL, feature editor; FTA; On Stage; Pep Squad, president; Miss THS.

ALEX OCHOA—Choir; DECA.
PLACIDO OLGUIN, JR.—Choir; On Stage; DECA.
KEVIN PAGE—Varsity Football, manager; FFA; FTA; COTTON BOLL, sports editor; Baseball; Senior Class vice-president; DECA, vice-president.

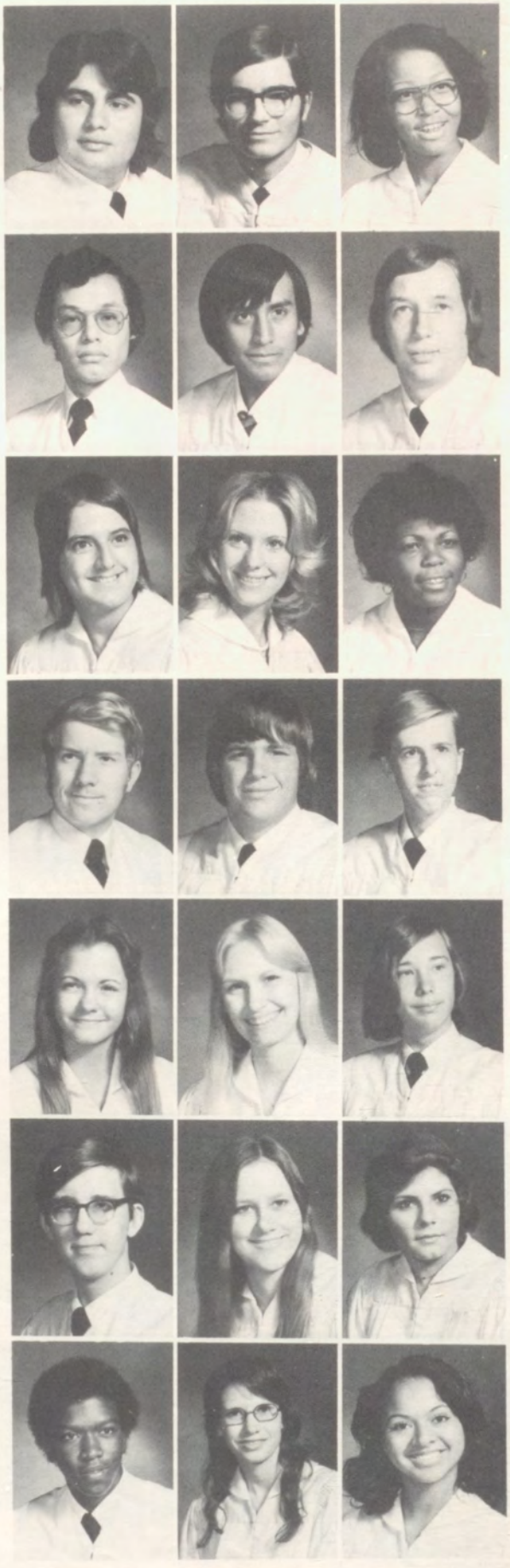
JANA PARKER—Pep Squad; FHA, vice-president; treasurer; VICA, vice-president; Senior Class secretary.
SHERRY PASEMANN—Cheerleader; Student Senate; FTA; Hi-Steppers; OEA, president, parliamentarian, parliamentary procedure team; Freshman Class secretary; Goodfellow.
SAMMIE PERRY—Band; FHA; Choir; HECE; On Stage.

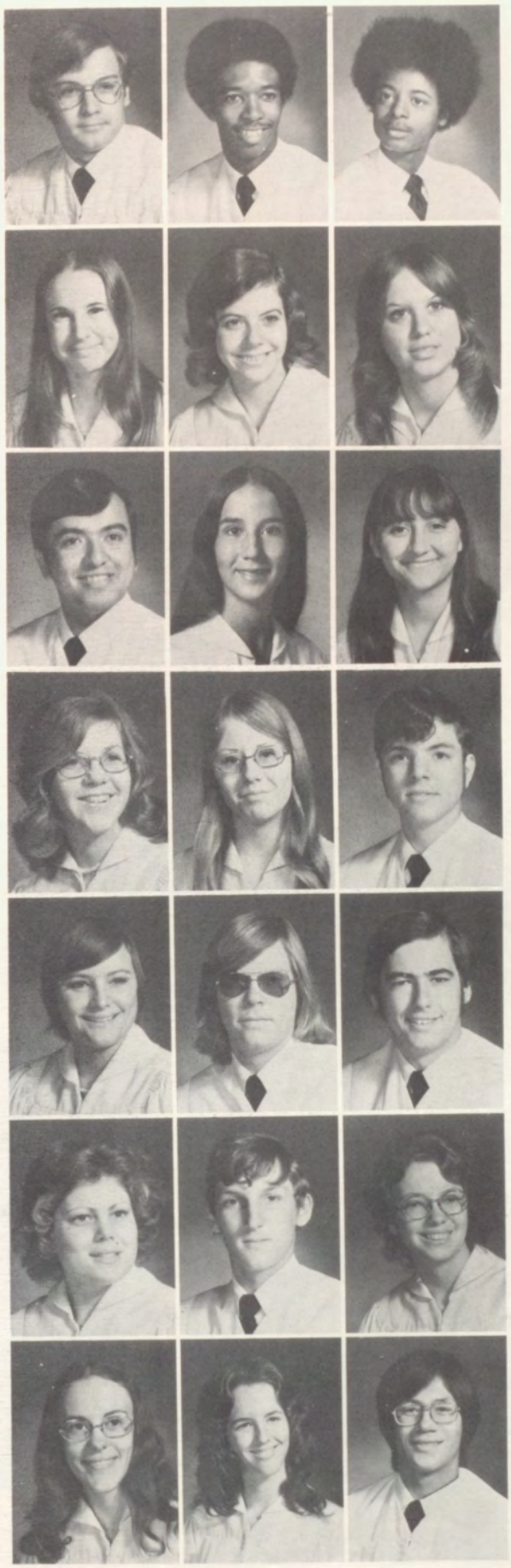
MICHAEL PESCHEL—Vo-Ag; FFA; Band; Building Trades; VICA, officer; DECA.
TIM PEVEHOUSE—Football, All District 1st Team; MALLARD; FTA; Spanish Club; Young Texan Southern District Winner.
RAYMOND POKORNY—Spanish Club; Choir.

SUSAN PONTON—Band, Drum Major, reporter; FTA, treasurer; Latin Club, reporter; MALLARD Staff, copy editor; Goodfellow; NHS; Band Sweetheart.
BECKY PREUSSE—Band; Stage Band; Latin Club; FTA; Head Twirler; On Stage; OEA.
RICKY PREUSSE

JAMES PSENCIK—COTTON BOLL, editorial editor; Spanish Club.
CAROLYN RAESZ
DEBBIE RAESZ—FTA; French Club; Choir; FHA; Choral Club; On Stage; DECA; Who's Who.

HARVEY RANDLE—Basketball; Band.
JENNIFER RATHKE
OPHAL REESE—Choir; Choir Sweetheart; Choral Club, vice-president; JV Cheerleader; Cheerleader; FTA; Hi-Steppers; Pep Squad.





KEN RICHTER—FFA; DECA; ESSA.
BRAD ROSS—Basketball; Baseball; Track; Choir; FTA; Football; Bell Boy.
GLEN ROSS—ICT; Building Trades; JV Basketball; Freshman Football; VICA.

RUTH ROWLAND—Women's Choir; Concert Choir; On Stage.
DONNA RYAN—Band, vice-president; Twirler; MALLARD, business manager; NHS; FTA; Latin Club, secretary.
KIM SAKEWITZ—HECE; FHA; HERO.

MANUEL SALAZAR—Spanish Club; Auto Mechanics; VICA, parliamentarian, sergeant at arms.
RENEE SCOTT—Spanish Club; Band; NHS; On Stage; OEA, parliamentary procedure team president.
IRENE GONZALES SEGURE—Spanish Club; FHA; ICT; Pep Squad.

DEBRA SHAMARD—FHA, vice-president, encounter; YHT Little Sister; Who's Who; HERO; ICT; TARS.
DIANA SHEREK—NHS; Latin Club; On Stage; OEA; FHA; Academic Award; Debate Team.
CHRIS SIKES—DE, state contest winner.

VICKIE SIMCIK—Tennis; FHA, president; VICA, president; Student Senate; JV Cheerleader; On Stage; Junior and Sophomore Class vice-president.
BILL SITMAN
BOB SMITH—Latin Club, vice-president; FHA; MALLARD; PBA; IJA; Marvin's Marauders.

BECKY SORENSON—FHA; FTA; VOE.
DAVID STOLTE
ROXANN STRMISKA—FHA; OEA; TARS; VFW Flag Contest Winner.

ROBIN SUTTON—Band; FHA; French Club.
STELLA TALIAFERRO—Who's Who; On Stage; COTTON BOLL, business manager; PBA; National Merit Commendation.
LOUIS TAMEZ—Football; Student Senate; Latin Club; Track; Auto Mechanics, vice-president; VICA; Varsity Track, manager; Basketball.

DONNA TIEMANN—Pep Squad; JV Cheerleader; Cheerleader; FTA; OEA, vice-president; FHA; Sophomore Class parliamentarian.
LOURDES TORRES—Spanish Club; FHA; Pep Squad; DECA.
CINDY TOWNSEND—Concert Choir; OEA, secretary, parliamentary procedure team; Ecology Club; FTA; Latin Club; Super Duck.

BRUCE TURNER—Football, captain; FTA; District Track winner; State High Jumper; Class Officer Freshman and Sophomore Year.
PHILLIP WAGNER—Football, All Zone; Auto Mechanics, vice-president; ICT; FFA; VICA Track.
ANNA WALTON—FHA; VOE; OEA; Choir.

LARRY WASHINGTON—VICA; VFW Flag Contest; Building Trades; FFA; Placed in Taylor Livestock Show.
DOUG WEISE—Spanish Club; DECA, parliamentarian.
JANIS WEST—Tennis; Hi-Stepper, captain; Student Senate; FHA; Latin Club; NHS; Senior Class parliamentarian; Salutatorian.

NOVELLA WALLACE—Pep Squad; Spanish Club.
WADE WILLIAMS—Football; Track; Sophomore and Junior Class president; Freshman Class vice-president; Student Senate, president; NHS; FTA; MALLARD; Mr. THS.
SHELLEY WOOLDRIDGE—Women's Choir; Concert Choir; Choral Club, treasurer; District Choir; UIL Division I Solo; VOE; OEA, parliamentary procedure team, state parliamentarian; Volleyball.

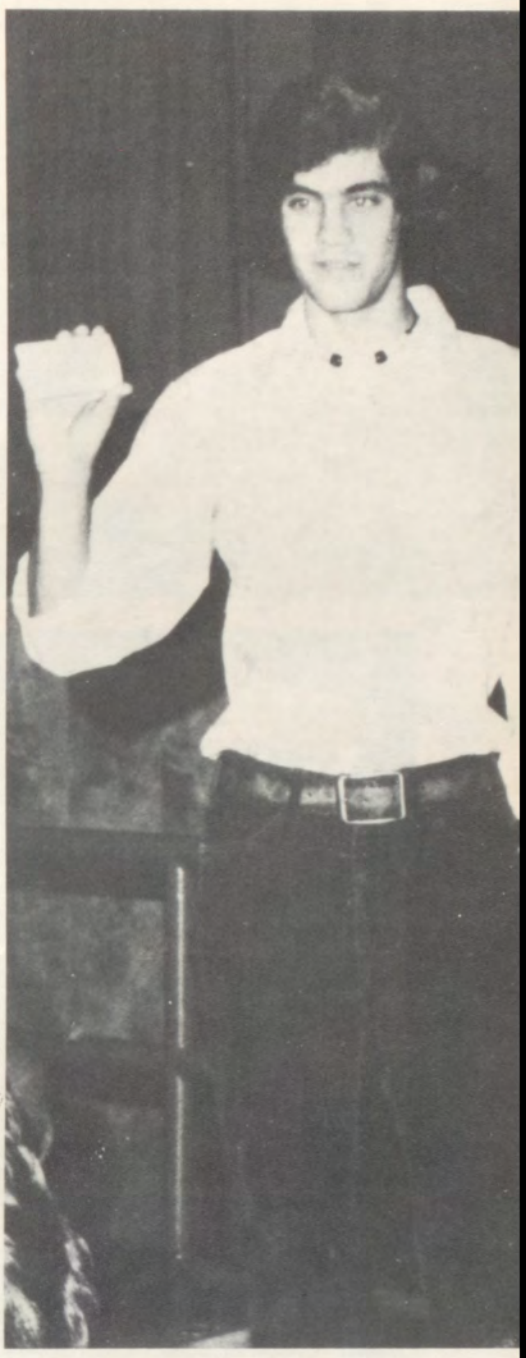
DAN WUTHRICH—Golf; Band, Assistant Drum Major; NHS: MALLARD; On Stage; FTA; Debate.
ROBERTA YOUNG—FTA; FHA; Volleyball, all district.

TOMMY ZETT—Latin Club; On Stage; OEA; 1st at Optimist Oratorical Contest.
MICHAEL ZYCHA—ICT.

CAROLYN JOHNSON
CHESTINA MARTIN









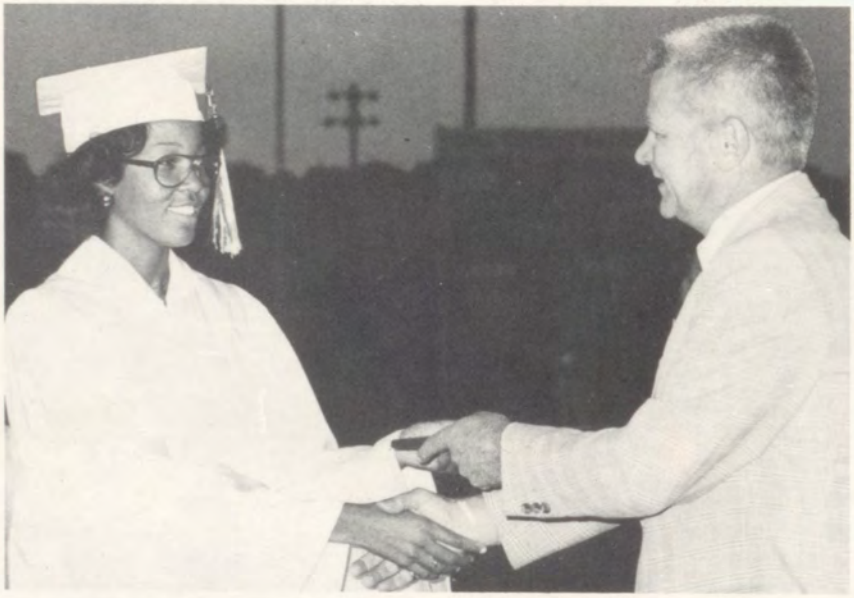
(Upper Left) While substituting for Peggy Mott, Joyce Quebe checks an average for English IV student Ruth Kincl. (Above) Going over details of the money-making projects is one of the responsibilities of a class president. Mickey McGee explains the cost of the pre-homecoming game supper tickets to the senior class. (Left) Even while relaxing, Rodney Bohls has a camera on hand. Rodney holds the position of photography editor on both the MALLARD and COTTON BOLL staffs.

An Indelible Mark of Their Own



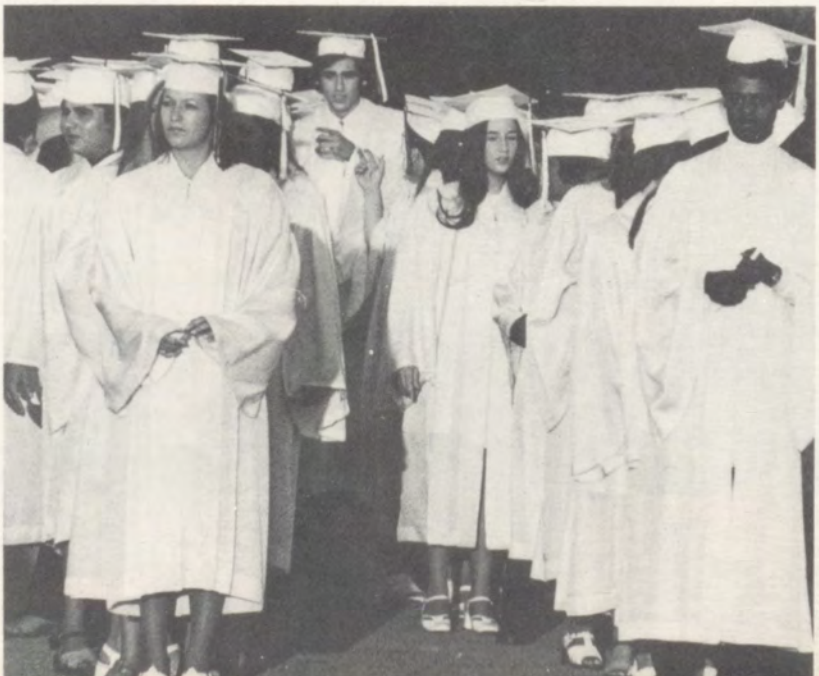
With the year coming to a close, seniors began to realize that their last days as high school students had been slipping away and that graduation would soon be upon them. Although they felt the pride and happiness of graduates, many seniors also experienced a sense of sadness. Senior officers in the various school organizations saw their successors elected and installed; senior members of the baseball team realized that every game in play-off competition could be their last as high school competitors: and senior staff members of the COTTON BOLL and MALLARD understood that they were producing their last high school newspaper or yearbook.

When May arrived, graduation activities began to stir. Baccalaureate service was held in the auditorium on the twenty-third. And on the night of May 28, after a practice at 10:00 a.m., 149 seniors graduated in commencement exercises at Memorial Field. As they graduated, the class of '76 left their own unique mark on the growth, progress and flavor of Taylor and Taylor High School.

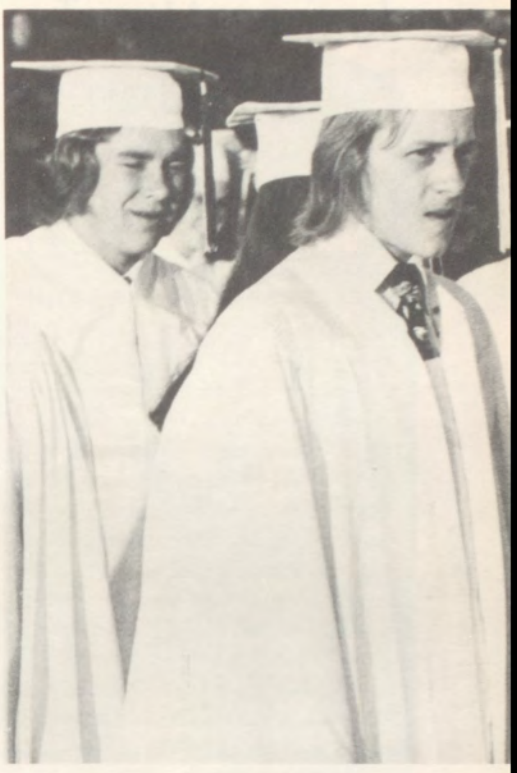














LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) In her valedictory address, Kathryn Kotrla stresses the importance of being an individual to her classmates. (Center Left) A beaming Carla Nickerson receives her diploma from school board president T. W. Holmstrom. (Center Right) Third on the program, salutatorian Janis West addresses her fellow seniors on the meaning of graduation. (Lower Left) Thunderstorms, tornadoes and hail earlier in the week diminished prospects for an outside commencement. However, Friday, May 28 dawned clear and sunny and the springlike weather held, allowing the class of '76 to graduate in the football stadium. (Lower Right) Attempting to get correctly into line, anxious seniors experience momentary confusion before the processional begins. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) The mixed emotions of graduation are displayed by a thoughtful Louis Tamez and a jubilant Johnny Moreno as they stride into Memorial Stadium. (Above) Tim Bartosh, one on the list of graduates exhibit impatience while waiting for the commencement exercises to begin. (Left) Accompanied by Becky Kubala, Melissa Bowling, Frances Kiesling, Ophal Reese and Anna Walton perform "To Sir with Love" to a large audience.

Juniors Alter Traditions But Not Prosperity

The Junior Class began the year by breaking traditions as Mike Moss became the first male president the class had ever put into office. Four other males handled officer duties, with only two females holding executive positions.

Financially well off, but looking ahead to their prom and senior trip, the juniors set out to make even more money at the beginning of the year by selling decals and managing the Homecoming concession stands.

Since their freshman year, the delegate system has aided the group in areas of individual involvement, organization, and making money. However, some decisions demanded the vote of the entire class. One such matter was the selection of a band for the prom. Choosing between a rock or country band was necessary and a close vote revealed that a country band would provide the music for the prom. The class finally agreed on "The Moods of Country Music", a popular local band.

Juniors who ordered their class rings from the school became frustrated with the delay of the ring delivery—the disappointment growing deeper each time a rumor of their arrival proved to be untrue. Those feelings of frustration became obsolete however, as Juniors finally slipped the long-awaited treasures on their fingers, and had them turned 77 times.



"Old King Cole", Larry Blomquist, rehearses a scene from Drama Club's first major production of the year.

Diana Alderete
Doug Alexander
Louisa Alvarez
Lois Anderson
Randall Bachmeyer

Colleen Baird
Kenneth Balusek
Judy Baran
Beverly Barnett
Gene Barnett

Donna Barron
Leslie Basco
Patricia Batto
Dallas Berry
Larry Blomquist

Coledon Bosley
Rhonda Brinkmeyer
Jeanette Brown
Michael Bruce
Marsha Budd





Junior class delegates carefully weigh the pros and cons of a proposed project.



Scholley Buzan
Trey Buzan
Renee Calder
Mary Alice Camacho
Debbie Carpenter

Elvino Carrizales
Richard Case
Emily Chapa
Frankie Chapa
Frank Chavana

Barbara Conn
Thomas Conn
Jessie Copeland
Vanessa Cox
Tim Crabb

Mark Cuba
Eric Cupp
Duane Danek
Van Dao
Vickie Doss

Ring Delay Brings Frustration

Sherri Dykowski
Johnny Estrada
Brenda Farr
Dana Farr
Denise Faykus

Alice Flores
Abby Fraizer

Trinett Freeman
Joe Gamez

Linda Gault
Gary Gaydos

In competition for the spirit stick, Rhonda Srnensky and Scholley Buzan demonstrate Junior class spirit by decorating halls with streamers and signs.

Mary Gayton
Scott Ging

Lanny Gist
Joe Gomez

Billy Good
Jimmie Graybill

Marie Greiger
Shelly Grieger

Willard Guidry
Janice Haag
Brett Harbers
Susan Harris
Melissa Haverland





Randy Haverland
Raymond Hernandez
Eddie Hertz
Mary Hollan
Carol Hollowell

Laine Holman
Mary Holman
Daniel Holubec
Denise Hubbard
Derrick Hubbard



Before voting on a rock or country band for the prom, Peggy Mott urges the Junior class to consider the pros and cons of each choice.



Ricky Huber
Albert Janecka
Denise Jefferson
Carolyn Johnson
Duane Johnson

Patrick Jones
Cynthia Jozwiak
Gary Keith
Connie Kelso
Robert Killingsworth

Tim Kinsley
Paul Knox
James Kolinek
Steven Kovar
Sherry Krenek

Back to the Grind

Judy Kropp
Shelia Kruse
Becky Kubala
Gary Lankford
Terry Lindemann

Delores Lopez

Bart Luck

Donna Lutz

Gloria Mackey

Marvin Mapp

Annette Martin

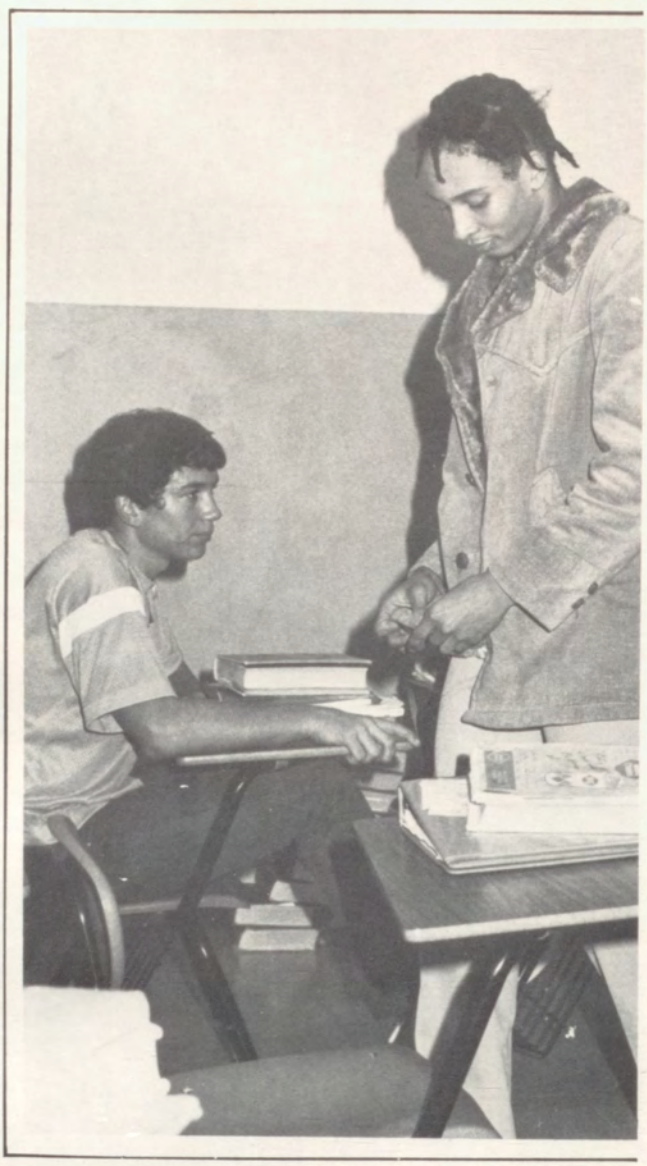
Kelly Zetak and Marvin Mapp end the day in John Crow's world history class which is one of the required junior courses.

Chestina Martin
Debbie Martin
Bobby Martinez
Ruben Martinez
Kevin McAlpin

Patricia McDonald
David Meiske
Russell Minzenmayer
Mark Moffett
Gilbert Mokry

















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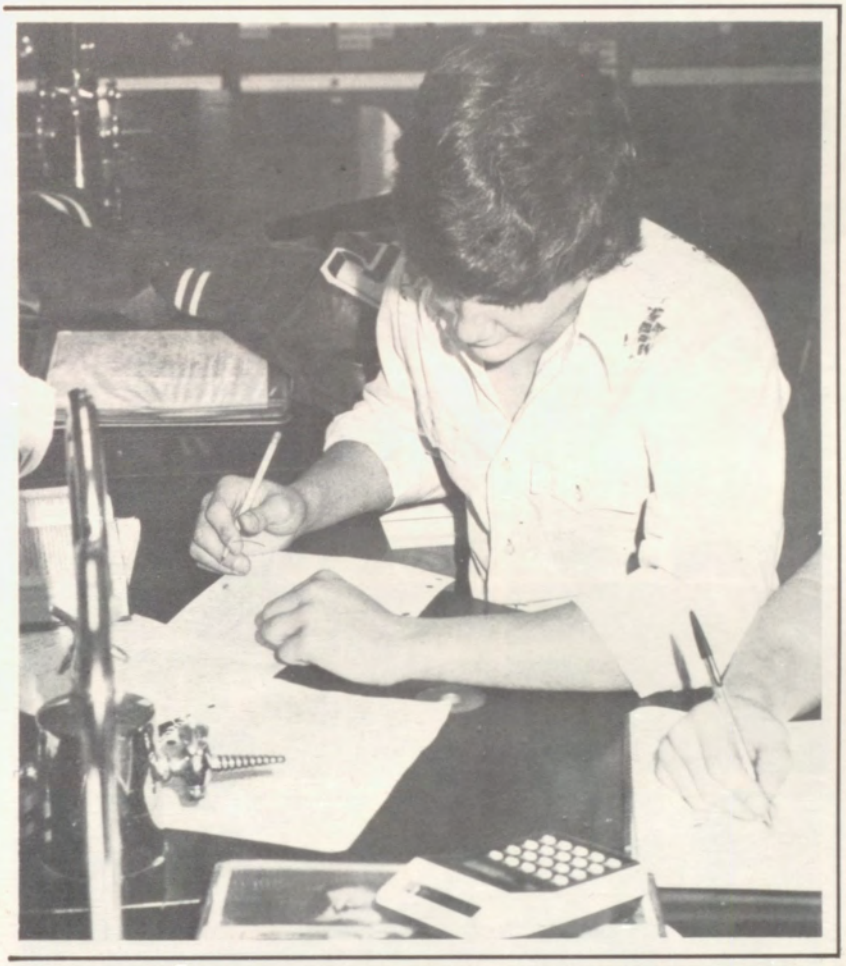
Gene Moreno
Mike Moss
Marion Morgan
Janice Natek
Patricia Nira

Robert Norris
Tom Oranday
Linda Orneles
Karen Page
Kim Petrus



Trey Buzan finds chemistry calculations a long, drawn out process without the help of a calculator, which his neighbor discovers is a time saving asset.



Timmy Pokorny
Cheryl Raesz
Michael Rafferty
Vickie Randig
Shelia Reese

Donna Repa
Antonio Reyes
Jason Rieger
Kim Robb
Ernest Rohlack

Teri Roose
Glenda Ross

David Rozacky
Marcel Ruzicka

Often carrying his hobbies into the classroom, Mike Moss prepares to snap a picture of a fellow photographer.

Sue Ruzicka
Diane Salazar

Ronald Schaefer
Jim Scrivner

Melodie Slagle
Richard Smith

Before benches appeared in the student center, Eric Cupp settles for a makeshift seat in order to study his notes for a fourth period test.

Teresa Snider
Susan Sobotik

Tony Sorrels
Rhonda Srnensky

Lin Stabeno
Ernest Stefek

Sarah Stoll
Molly Stone
Patricia Strmiska
David Switzer
Doris Switzer











































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Emma Tanksley
Marcia Tillis

Gabriel Torres
Linda Trevino

While attending the Texas High School Press Association convention in Denton, junior MALLARD staff members Dana Farr and Kim Robb use some free time to consult with a jolly visitor from the north.

Ginny Urbanek
Donna Vega

Monica Vittek
Wayne Voigt

Kathy Vrana
Novella Wallace
Susan Walton
Billy Ray Washington
Deborah Werchan

Evelyn White
Pam Wyche
Janice Zachary
Kelly Zetak

Although the Junior Class decorated the halls with streamers and signs, the coveted spirit stick was lost to the senior class.

Upperclassmen at Last

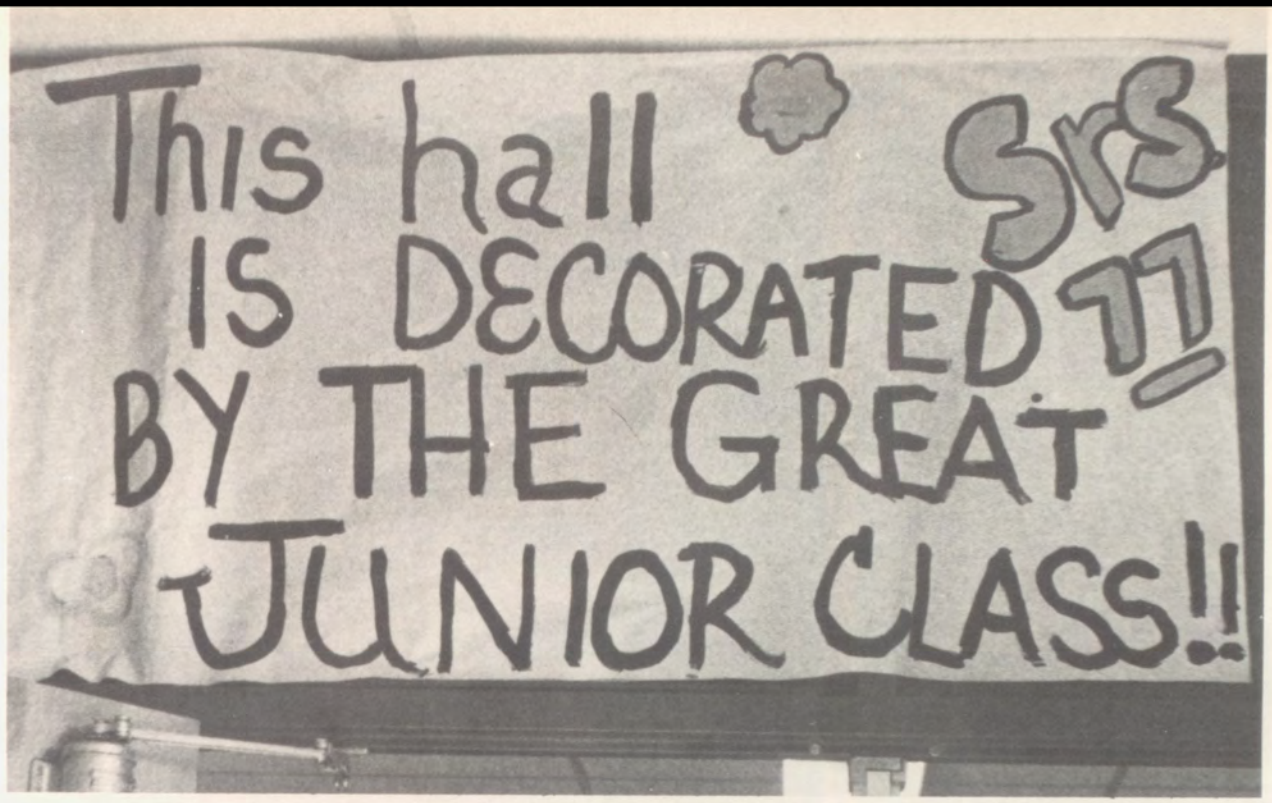
The novelty of senior rings faded quickly as prom planning began at the end of January. After some confusion concerning the theme, juniors finally decided to center the evening around a "Dixieland Showboat." Committees were set up, decorations ordered, and work nights were scheduled each night for two weeks before the event. In a last attempt to raise funds, the class sold portraits during February. The project failed to really aid the juniors with the expense of the prom. After many long hours, a little creative thinking and plenty of spending, the class was able to pull off an impressive prom on April 24. With the treasurer's report reading lower than usual, the Junior Class was able to end the year looking back on an evening past and year ahead.

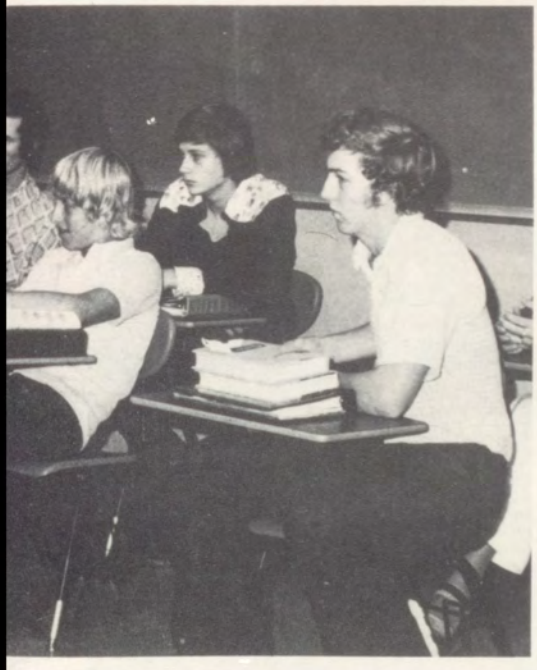




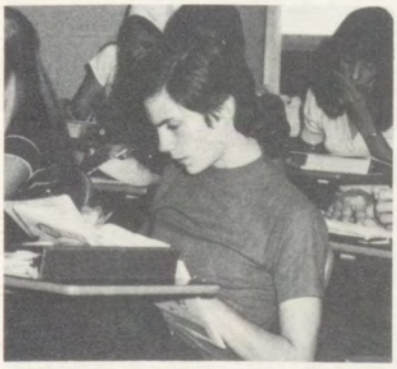












LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) Learning firsthand about the work and preparation put into a homecoming assembly, Kelly Zetak sets out to fix the curtains. (Left) Gene Barnett waits patiently for an afternoon appointment with Mr. Krueger. (Center) Junior class delegates meet at lunch to discuss the advantages of selling decals as their first money-making project. (Lower Right) Before the Gatesville halftime performance, Sherri Dykowski practices one of the quick steps in the Hi-Stepper routine. (Upper) Expressing the sentiments of a class in competition for the spirit stick, this creation hangs in the entryway to a hall filled with streamers and signs. (Left) Studying diligently for a Hemmingway test is English III student Patrick Jones. (Above) Instead of preparing for a class discussion, Paul Knox signs a MALLARD before English class begins.

No More First-Year Jitters

Since they were no longer the youngest in the school, sophomores found it easier to become more involved in high school activities. An unusually large number of them were chosen as members of varsity sports teams and organizations. Their energy did not stop here, however, for they also received the Homecoming sign award as well as the spirit stick.

Though previously limited to upperclassmen, chemistry was a new challenge added to sophomore electives. However, because of its reputation of being difficult, only three were brave enough to attempt it.

With a new air of self-assurance, sophs endured the first half of the year. "I knew what was going on this year and felt like I was finally a part of it," one sophomore stated.



Domingo Alderete
Rosa Alderete
David Alford
Anita Allen
Beatrice Baily

Ronald Benskin
Denise Blakely
Lydia Blomquist
Lucille Bradford
Terry Briggs



(Above) During the Fifties Day assembly, Stancie Schwenker and Stephanie Schneider look for "Rock Around the Clock" on the juke box so the dancing can begin.

With a spectacular jump, Tammi Sefcik demonstrates her cheerleading abilities during Junior Varsity cheerleader tryouts.





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Gayle Brister
Pam Brueckner
Dale Bunge
Leonard Burnett
David Burrow

Lisa Buzan
Sherry Campbell
Lisa Campos
Debbie Cantrell
Mary Carmona

Nellie Carmona
Patricia Case
James Casey
Ronald Cepak
Darlene Cervenka



Pausing for a moment from an English II assignment is sophomore James Casey.



Deborah Cervenka
Anna Chavana
James Collins
Karen Corne
Janice Cubit

Gloria Cummings
Rick Cuzzort
Elaine Davidson
Stella De La Rosa
Randall Doughy

Expert Enthusiasts

Dolores Dominguez
Lupe Dominguez
John Dykowski
Donna Eiben
Linda Estrada

Terry Farr
Pam Finn
Kenny Flannery
Helen Flores
Donald Frederick

Robert Fuller
Jeaneane Fuessel
Ruthie Gambrell
Carmen Gamez
Claudy Gamez

Joann Gamez
Becky Garcia
Abraham Garza
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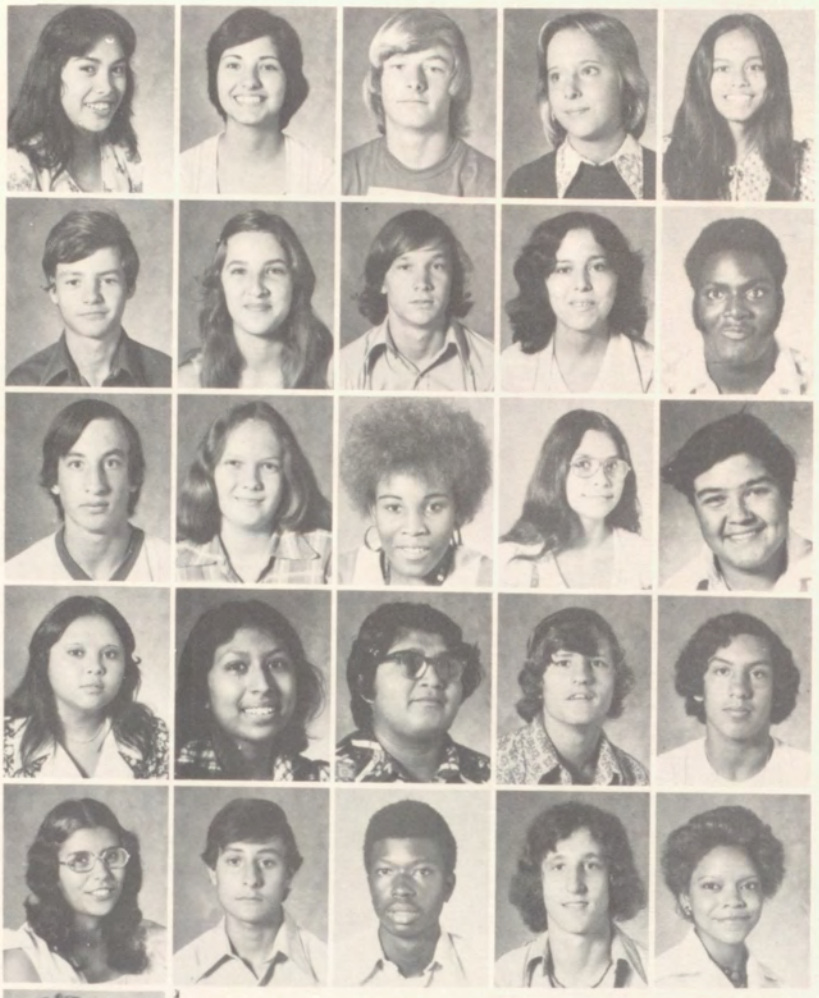
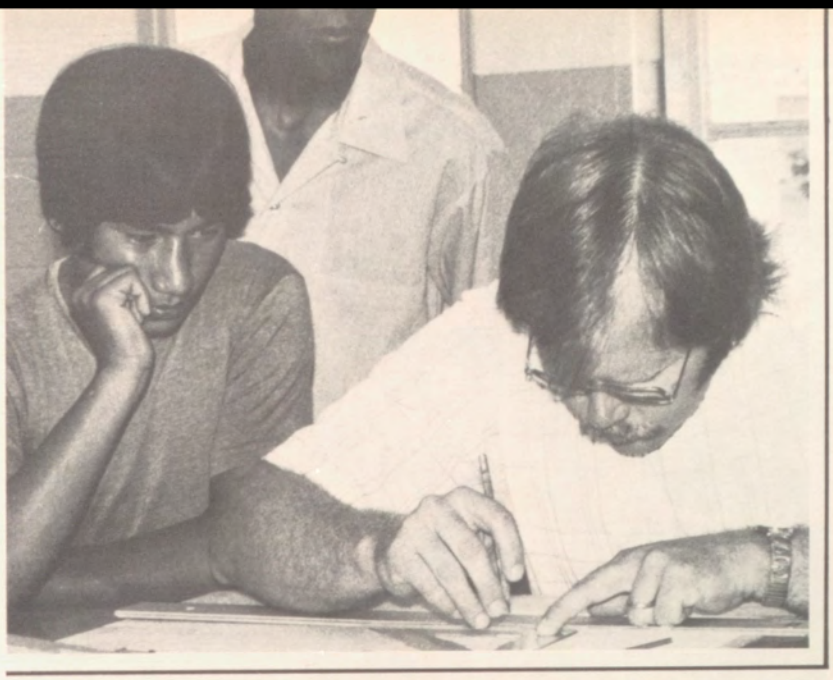
Ella Harris





During a halftime performance, Hi-Stepper Stancie Schwenker prepares to begin a high kick routine.



Arthur Tamez watches closely as Charles Schroeder assists him during his second period drafting class.



Todd Harris
David Heap
Pam Henry
Randall Hobbs
Gail Huff

Vicki Hughes
Winford Hull
Annie Jackson
Janet Jackson
Kathleen Jackson

Mary Jackson
Benny Janecka
Peggy Janek
Stephen Janke
Brenda Johnson





Darrell Johnson

Amid the applause of the students, Shelia Mahlow returns to her place in the band after being named a Junior Varsity Cheerleader at the first pep rally.



Fernando Jonse



Debra Kaiser

Opening Doors for Broader Minds

Lee Keel
Larry Kelly
Peggy Kilgore
Reva Killingsworth
Neva Klotz

Kathie Krenek
Darryl Kruse
Mark Kruse
Pam Kruse
Doug Kuhl

Ronald Lawler
Claudia Lee

To find information for help on an English assignment, Benny Janecka and Sidney Ging check the library periodicals.

Leonard Leyendecker
Cynthia Loeve

Jerry Lopez
Lucy Lopez

Richard Lopez

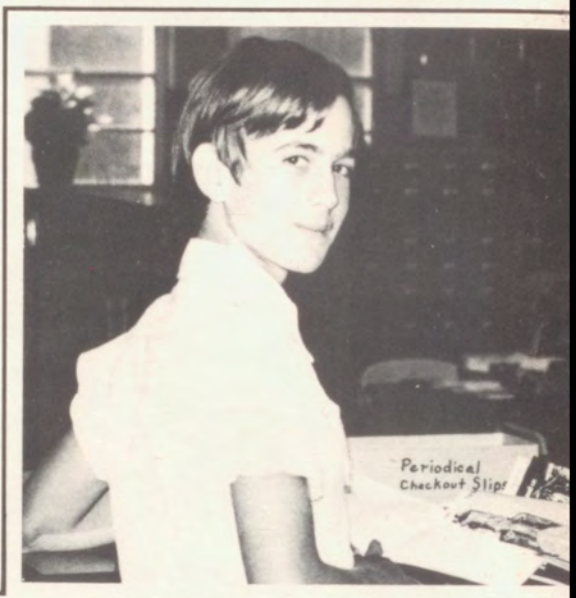
Attending to their many duties, Nora Perez and Penny Sitman are two examples of students who find that becoming library aides takes the place of their second year of physical education.

Shelia Mahlow

Ricky Mann

David Marcon
Merry Marek
Irene Martinez
Rosemary Matuke
Karen Mazac











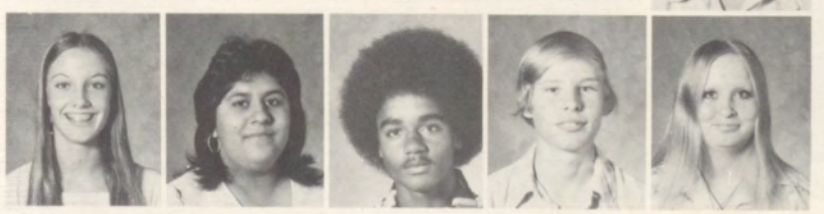












Brian McAlpin
Debbie McGee
Christi McLaughlin
Eusebio Medina
Hilaria Medina

Tim Mikeska
Deral Milliken
Hope Moerbe
Lou Ann Mokry
Jay Moldenhour

Denise Morales
Jo Ann Mott

Dennis Mundkowsky
Harold Nelson

Steve Nolan
Debra Norris

Toni Oden

Diane Oranday

Sylvia Ortiz

Sophomores labor at completing the Armed Service Board examination, one of the two optional tests which were available to them.

Laurie Pasemann
Nora Perez
Michael Pittman
Charlie Pokorny
Mary Polasek

Sophs Add Work, Flavor to Organizations

Susan Price
Dorothy Rafferty
Martin Rangel
Aurora Reyes
Rudy Reyes

Keith Rieger
Rodney Ripple
Brett Rogers
Ervin Ross
Thomas Ross

Alvin Rozonovak
Brian Sakewitz

First-year Hi-Stepper Ramona Urbanek continues to smile in spite of her nervousness at the Hi-Steppers first pep rally performance.

Janie Sandoval
Kim Sapp

Ellen Schmidt
Stephanie Schneider

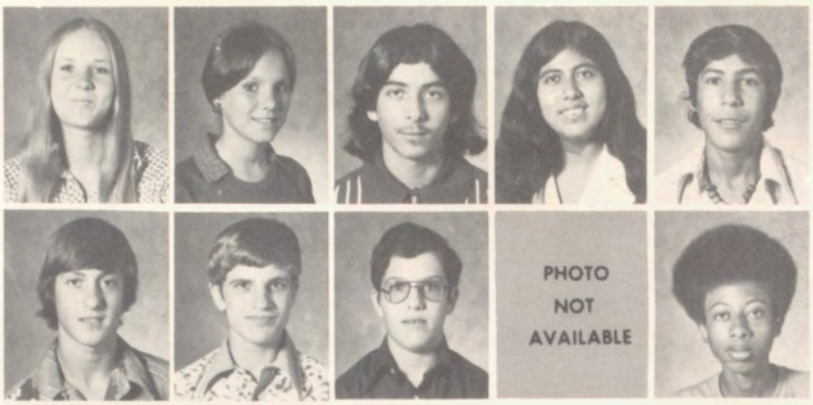
Sneaking a quick sample of popcorn, Karen Mazac realizes the advantages of working in the concession stand.

Anna Marie Schwenke
Stancie Schwenker

Tammi Sefcik
Billy Seigmund

Elizabeth Sexworth
Larry Shamard
David Sikes
Penny Sitman
David Slivensky

Dewanna Slocum
Cassandra Smith
Eva Smith
Isabel Soza
Debra Spellings















Gaylon Steffek

At the Spanish Club initiation, Tim Mikeska, Keith Rieger, and Dale Bunge show expressions of satisfaction with the treatment of initiates.

Donald Stolte

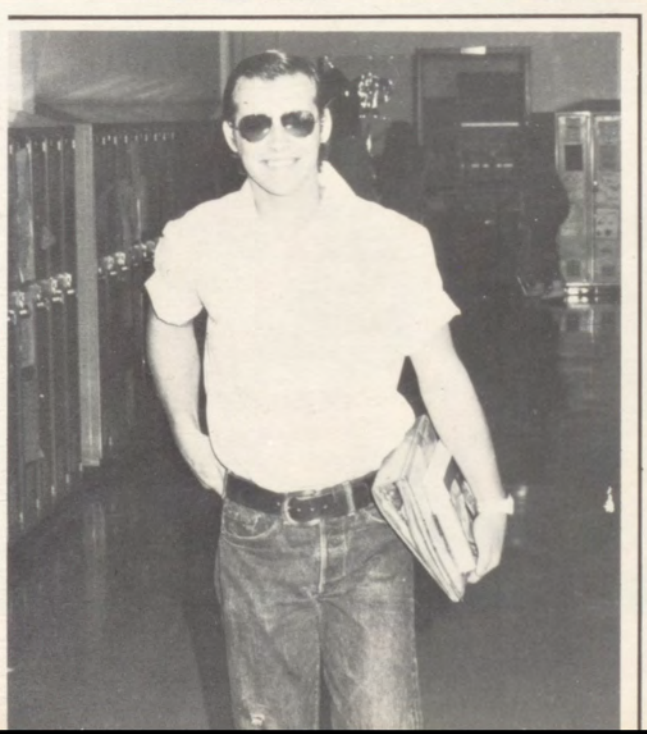


Linda Strmiska
Ricky Strmiska
Steven Sutton
Becky Swanson
Arthur Tamez

Debra Tillis
Gregory Tillis
Eloise Thomas
Debbie Touchstone
Sherri Townsend

Ramona Urbanek
Rachel Valdez
Theresa Vega
William Walton
David Welch

Betty Wiesner
David Wolbrueck
Clarence Wooldridge
Ray Yanis
Kirk Zachary





Lester Zachary

Clad in the customary garb of the day, sophomore Ricky Cuzzort enjoys the Homecoming Fifties Days celebration.



Yevonne Zachary



Brenda Zrubek

An End of Year Rush

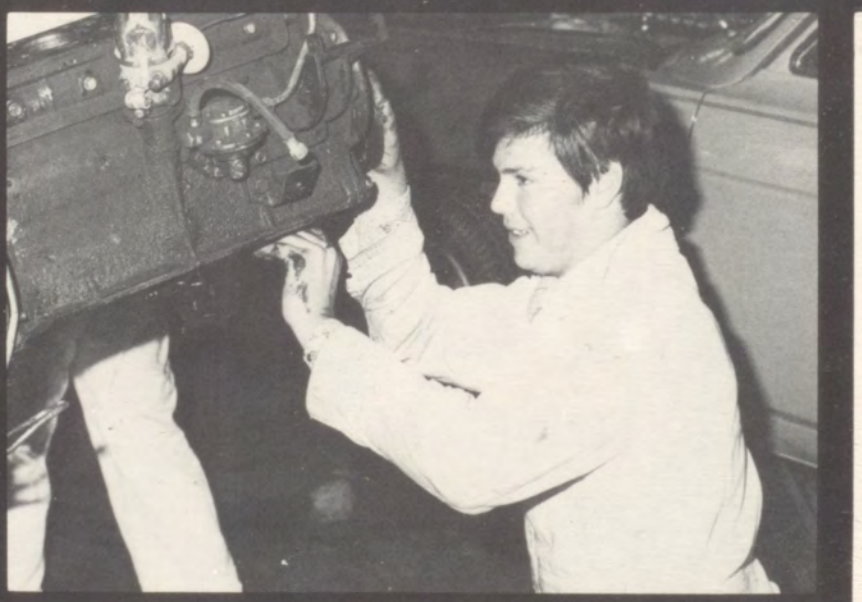
Sophomores finished their second year as high school students with a flourish. They braved the cold, wet weather of the Cotton Boll Relays and ran the concession stand for a money-making project. For several individual sophomores, the last few weeks of the year were good ones, as they became members or future members of such school organizations as the Hi-Steppers, the MALLARD staff and the National Honor Society.

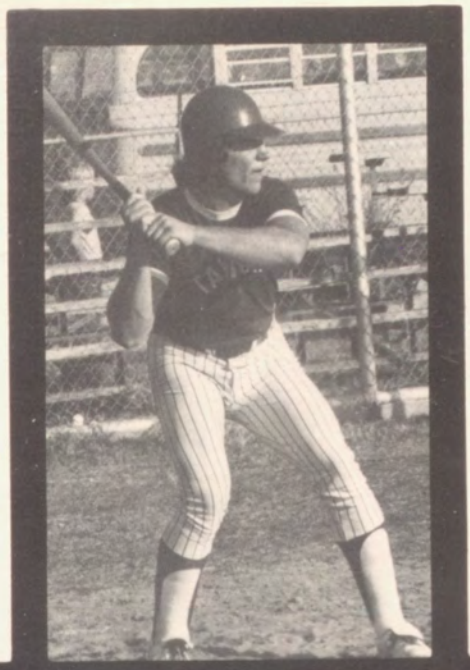












LEFT PAGE: (Upper) As Casey Smith watches the final moments of a reaction, Kirk Zachary readies a calorimeter while Brenda Zrubek prepares to strike the match. (Center Left) In her second period class, Eloise Thomas uses one of the blenders in the homemaking room for beating eggs. (Center) Lou Ann Mokry prepares to leave for school on a sunny April morning. (Center Right) By managing the Cotton Boll Relays concession stand, sophomores Deborah Norris, Betty Wiesner, Tim Mikeska and Mike Gossett, along with sponsor Susan Komandosky escape the wet weather as well as make money for the class. (Lower Right) In his morning auto mechanics class, Randall Hobbs battles through the grease while repairing engine. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) Leonard Burnett, one of five sophomores on the varsity baseball team, concentrates on hitting the Westlake pitcher's next delivery. (Center) In Peggy Mott's third period English class, Debbie McGee pantomimes a vocabulary word as other sophomores watch and wait their turn. (Lower Left) A proud new member of next year's MALLARD staff, Beth Sexworth is tagged by Kathryn Kotrla. (Lower Right) During the Valentine's Day carnation sale, sophomore FTA members Anita Allen and Steven Sutton discuss delivery of the flowers.









SPLASH

Fish Debut With a

For once the Freshmen class had an advantage over the upperclassmen being veterans of the quarter system. The class of '79 entered high school highly confident only to discover the many problems in store for them. Beginning in the classroom, harder subject matter and new teaching methods greeted them but they quickly adjusted to the new routine.

Class meetings stepped into full swing in October with plans for an early fund raising project being discussed by a fact finding committee. The result of these discussions was a successful November bake sale which netted a substantial amount for class funds. This confidence and planning enabled freshmen to survive the first 18 weeks of school.



(Above) Happiness reflects from Nancy Rohlack's smile after she is presented with a rose by Jennifer Henderson for being named a Junior Varsity Cheerleader.



Concentration is a key ingredient needed in drawing a straight line as illustrated by Drafting I student, Robert Kovar.

Betty Adams
Arthur Alderete
Idella Aldridge
Linda Alvarado
Eric Archer

Kirk Arnold
Tanner Autrey
Dana Basco
Kim Bearden
Stacy Becker





Danny Berryhill
Thomas Biehle
Ronald Black
Justin Bosley
Brian Brinkmeyer

Garland Broadnax
Michael Broadnax
Melissa Brookshire
Carlton Brown
Mike Brueckner

Andy Bulgerin
Reginald Caldwell
Annie Carcano
Wayne Carpenter
Johnny Ray Cathey



During an after school rehearsal, Lacy Holman concentrates on her music for the upcoming football game.

Activities Provide Escape From Drudgery

Glen Cepak
David Cervenka
Wesley Cervenka
Diana Cotner
Casey Cravens

Theresa Cubit
Tan Dao
Patti Daughtry
Cathy Debus
Reuben Dominguez

Stephen Duffy

Tony Estrada

Geneva Fielder

Albert Filla

Dwayne Finn

As usual, the cheerful faces of freshmen Patti Ruzicka and Dana Basco light up as they make a quick pose for the camera.

Gloria Flores
Brad Frazier
Darlene Galvan
Arthur Gamez
Gina Gilligan

Bobby Ging
Kathy Gola
Bernice Gonzales
Santiago Gonzales
Ralph Granzin









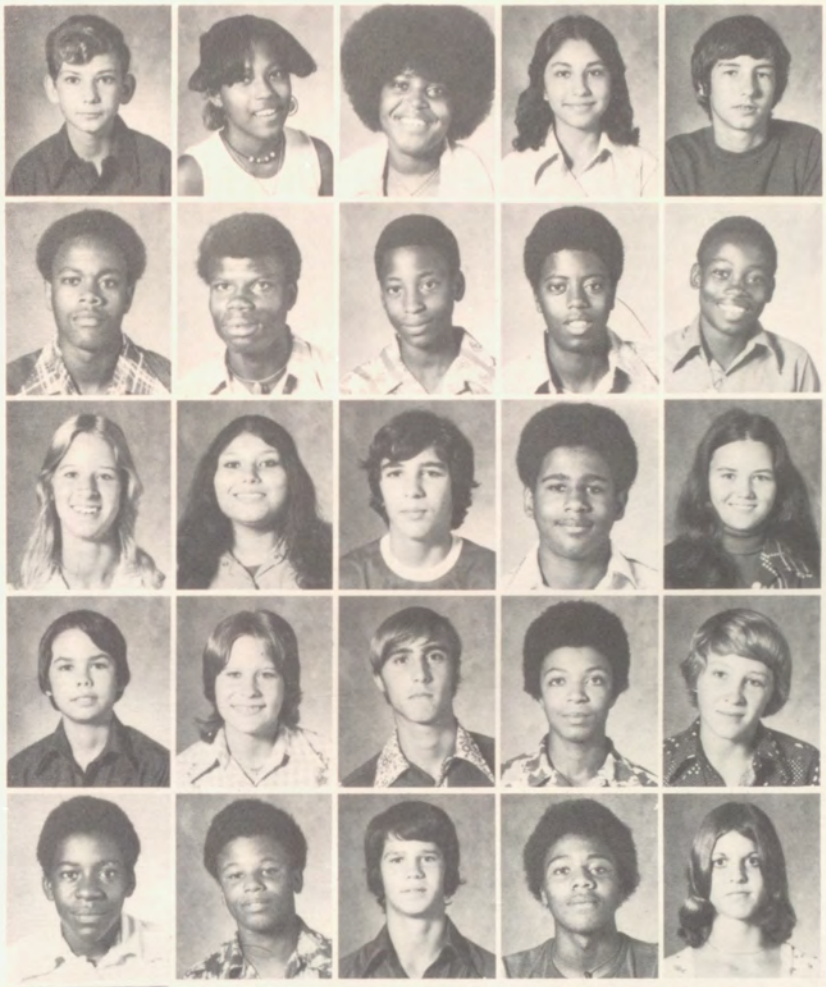












Jeffery Graybill
Lanell Griffin
Mary Alice Griffin
Margaret Guajardo
Charles Haase

Charles Hall
Oliver Hamilton
Harold Harvey
Stanley Harvey
Jeffery Hattley

Susan Hengst
Janice Hernandez
Dean Herzer
Carl Holiday
Brenda Hollowell

Fred Holman
Lacy Holman
Anthony Holubec
Kenneth Houston
Ronald Huber

Elvis Jackson
Rudy Johnson
Pat Kelly
Ronald Kelly
Emmi Kirschvink





Freshman cheerleaders Nancy Rohlack and Melissa Brookshire boost spirit at a Junior Varsity football game.

Michael Kohutek

Robert Kovar

Nancy Kriedel

Brian Kruse

Freshmen Adjust Through Traditions

Linda Laughlin
Richard Law
Pam Mahlow
Patsy Manley
Becky Marburger

David Marek
Paul Martin
Linda Martinez
Thomas Martinez
Rodney Marx





Displaying her school spirit, Diana Cotner arrives at school properly attired for 50's day.

Donald Matuke
Shelia McCormick
David McFarlin
Tracy McVay
Timothy Morgan





Jackie Niaver
Justin Nikerson
Daniel Ochoa
Raymond Olguin
Alex Olivarez

Frank Pachicano
Teofilo Perez
Kevin Petrus
David Polasek
Roxanne Poppelz

Tammy Preusse
Edmund Raesz
Tim Rafferty
Paula Randle
Benny Rangel

Rose Ann Rangel
Sara Rangel
Denise Richter
Rory Rieger
Leon Robinson

Vollie Robinson
Adelita Robles
Jana Rohlack
Nancy Rohlack
Louis Ross

Polly Ross
Jackie Rowe
David Roznovak
Kevin Roznovak
Daniel Ruiz

Patti Ruzicka
Michael Rychlik
Daniel Sandoval
Bobby Schernik
Connie Schneider

April Schoener
Scott Seaquist
Caroline Shaw
Billy Sherek
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Terry Slocum
Emily Smith
Kurt Sobotik
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Finding an atmosphere suitable for studying, Ronald Huber thumbs through his textbook assignment in the library.

Teresa Vasquez

Juanita Villanueva
David Vrabel
Mickey Walker
Joyce Washington
Wilbert Watson































Shelley Werchan
Jan Werner

In anticipation of the downbeat, Louis Ross concentrates on a precise entry.

Ricky Widmer
Melinda Wilkins

Diana Wilson
Gary Wilson

Kirk Winters
Della Woods

Kim Wrinkle
Cheryl Wuthrich

As another day ends, Patti Ruzicka tries to remember her homework assignments.

James Wuthrich
Daryl Young

Sandra Young
Mary Zavala

Paula Zetak
Brian Zrubek



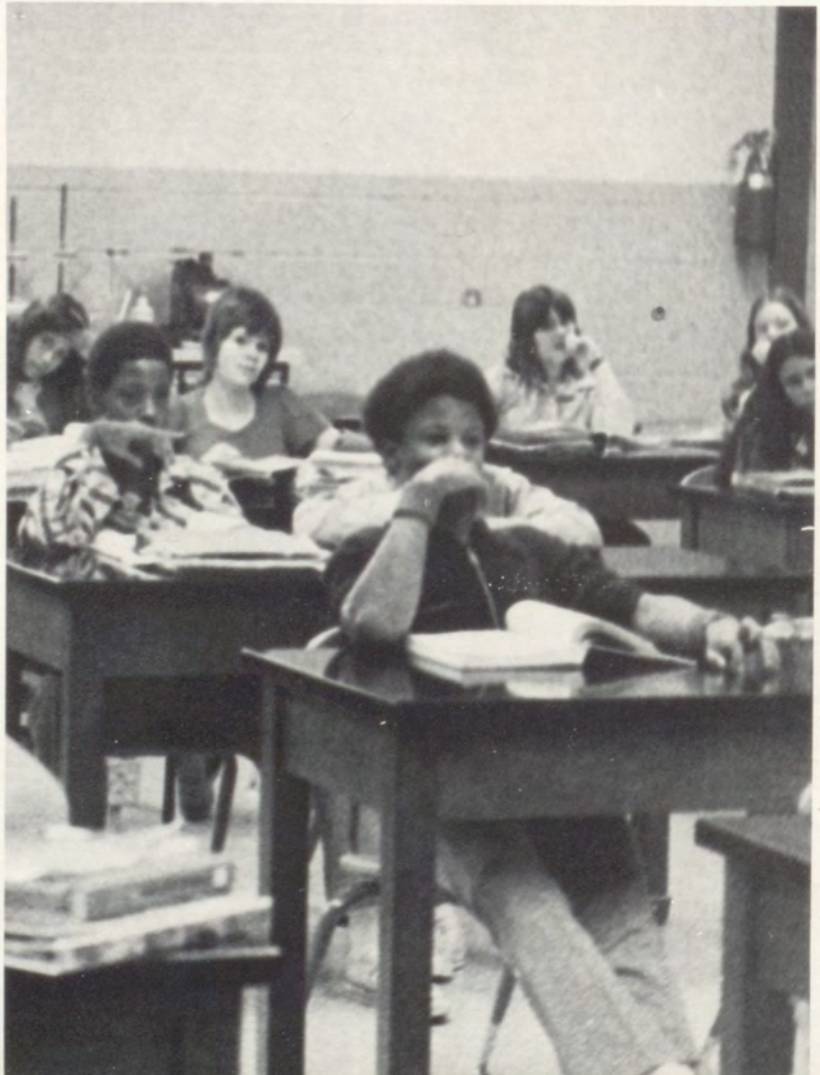
Prepared for the March Ahead

Following Christmas vacation, fish found themselves in the same predicament, working their way back into the swing of things by attempting to raise grades and improve holiday stricken attitudes.

The honor of being named Cotton Boll Relays Queen, one usually awarded to upperclassmen, was won by Diana Cotner in February.

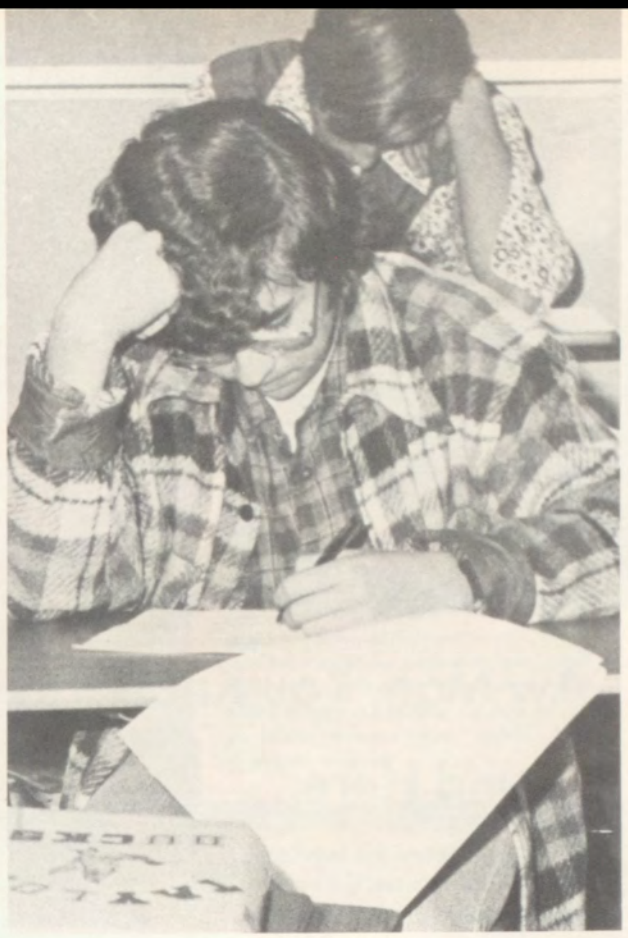
In March, a carwash netted enough money to carry the class through the rest of the year financially. Because of the hard work of so many members, the freshman class proceeded into their sophomore year supplied with the experience necessary to succeed in their future at THS.

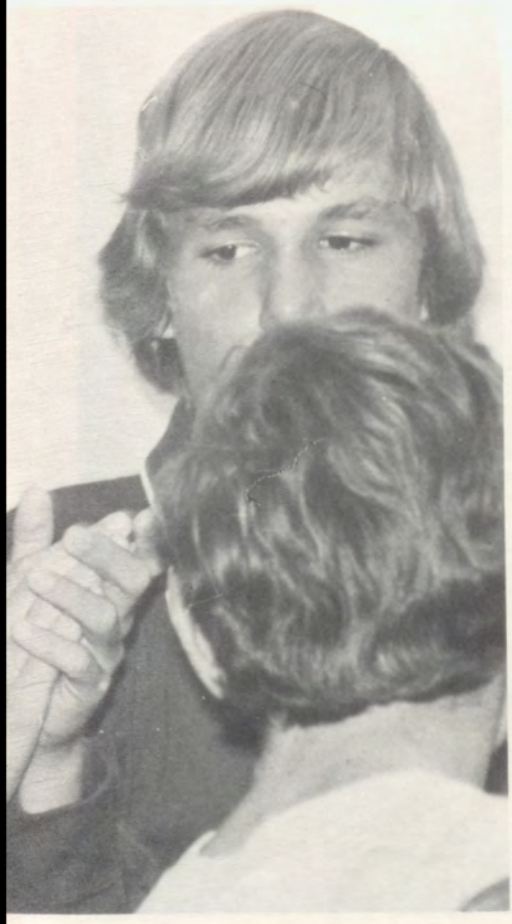














LEFT PAGE: (Upper Right) As fundamentals of math student Wilbert Watson ponders over a problem, Willie Thomas works on an assignment. (Lower Left) Jeanne Sherry's physical science class contemplates a new concept during one of her daily lectures. (Lower Right) As he dreams of someday being on the team himself, Brad Frazier encourages the football team at a pep rally while Brian Zrubek and Edmond Raesz discuss their predictions for the upcoming game. RIGHT PAGE: (Upper Left) Finding a quiet study refuge in the library, Freshman George Stinson works on an American history lesson. (Upper Right) Working diligently during third period English class, freshmen Arthur Gamez and Anthony Holubec strive to complete a grammer test. (Lower Center) Before play practice begins, Cheryl Wuthrich quickly looks over her part of "Toe" in OLD KING COLE.





"Aw Man, You Know There's Nothin' to Do Around Here."

Everyone of us heard this familiar complaint, and we usually nodded our heads in agreement. But with resourcefulness, energy and probably most important, a source of transportation, we managed to entertain ourselves even when there was "nothin' to do."

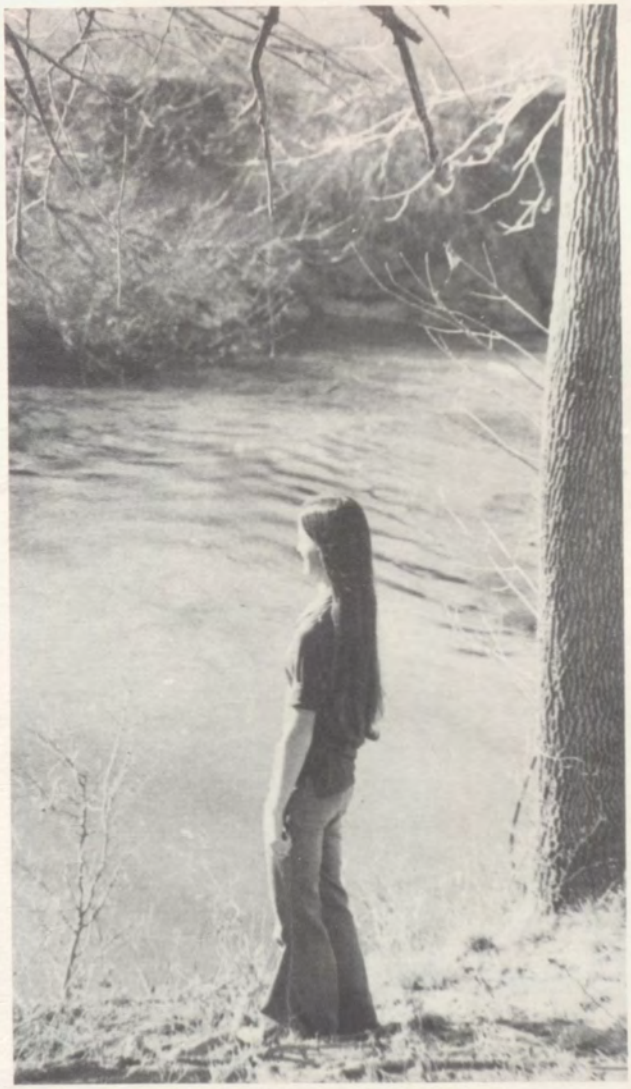
Of course, every individual had his own definition of entertainment. For some, simply challenging a pinball machine became a favorite pastime, and Taylor produced its own breed of "pinball wizards." Others took to the road for the capital city of Austin, with its diversity of movies, eating establishments, concerts and dances. Sometimes a destination was not necessary as "riding around" remained popular. The rising use of citizen's band radios, however, added a whole new dimension to "making the drag."

The problem of finding something to do did occasionally confront us. But we tried, if not always successfully, to entertain ourselves, whether over the airwaves with a CB "handle," on the dance floor or in a theatre watching a movie.





LEFT PAGE: (Upper Left) Dances are a favorite way for students to spend evenings in the Taylor area. Joe Downs of the "Debonaires" plays at the Beyersville May Fete—another form of entertainment at the end of the year. (Upper Right) Making the drag is a main part of the entertainment Taylor has to offer—and for most it is a daily occurrence. (Lower Right) "Starlight" Melodie Slagle "breaks" for one of her friends on her CB radio. RIGHT PAGE: (Left) While Jay Harkins waits for his turn to play the silver ball, Tim Kinsley uses a fast flipper finger to keep it in play. (Lower Left) The river serves several purposes, among them a place to swim and have parties. But for some—like Susan Harris—the river provides a relaxing break on a warm afternoon. (Below) Sports enthusiasts can be found all over town, many of them gathered at the new Lake Drive courts for a tennis match. (Lower Right) Although Austin with its greater variety attracted many movie fans, the Howard Theatre, with its "inflation fighter" specials, kept a lot of them in Taylor.





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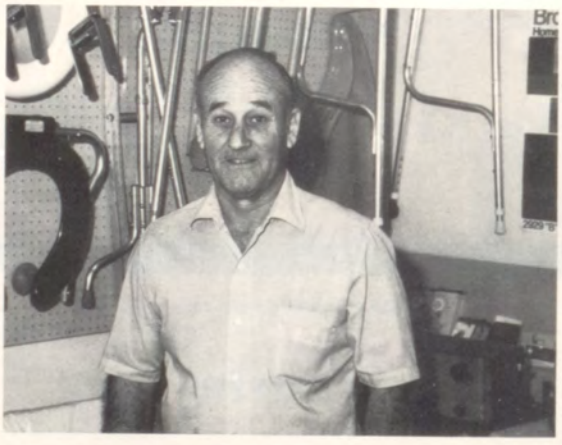

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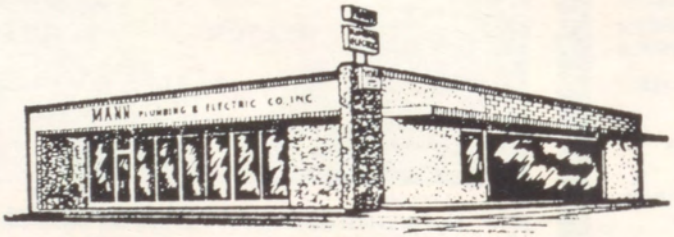

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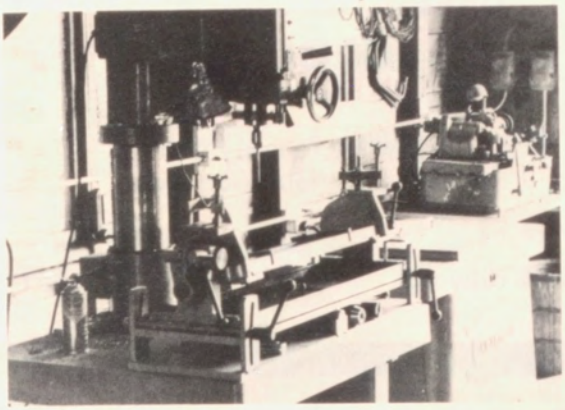

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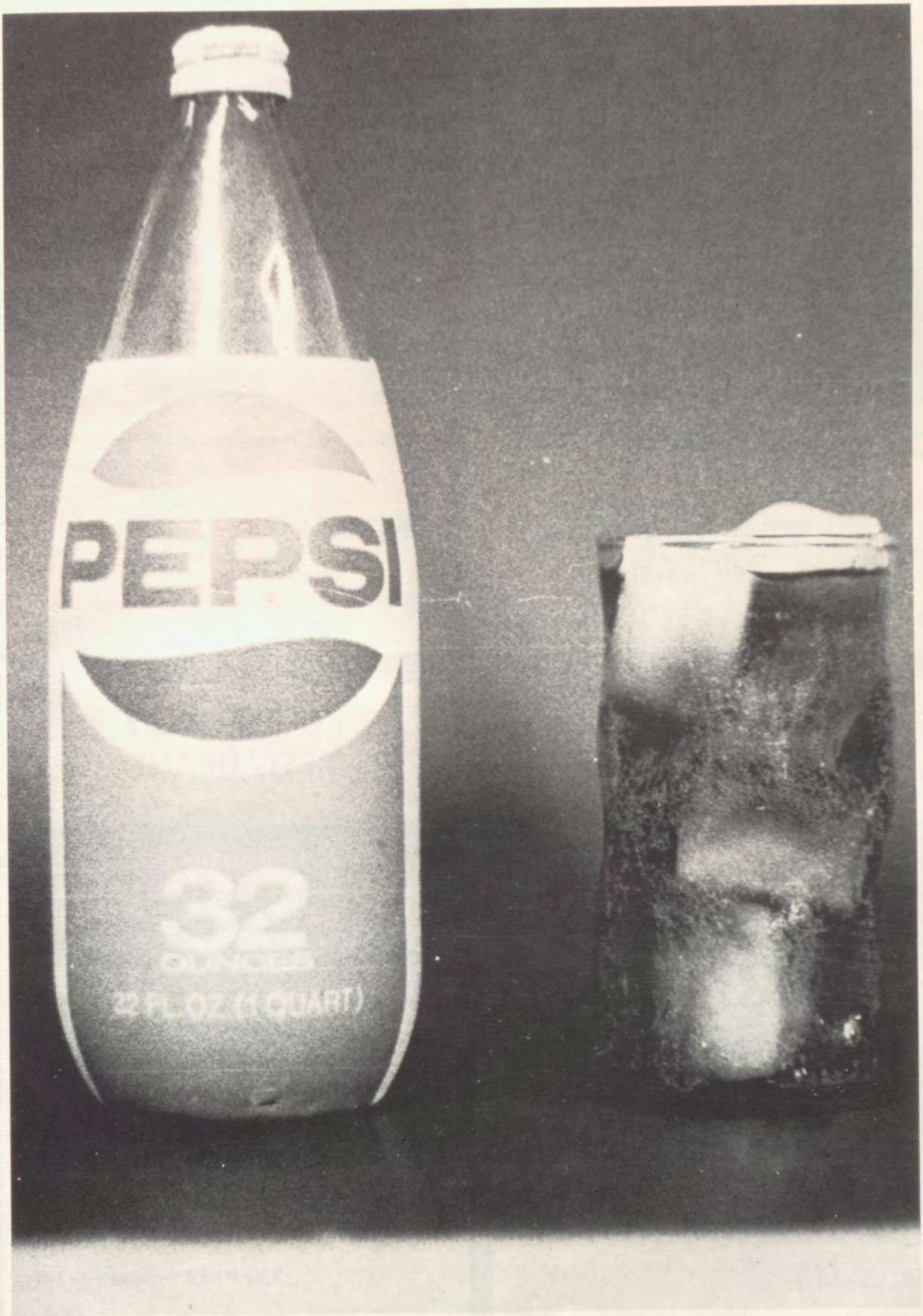
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Reactions

Just how did we react to the year? Once involved in the activities of the year, we passed over the Bicentennial. Our reactions were pretty much what they have always been—we laughed, fell in love, studied, met with friends, gossiped, worked and played as usual. Yet because we were a unique and varied group of individuals and were placed in changing and challenging situations, we took the traditional values and activities and molded them to our own purposes in '76—the year which combined two anniversaries and the annual beginnings.


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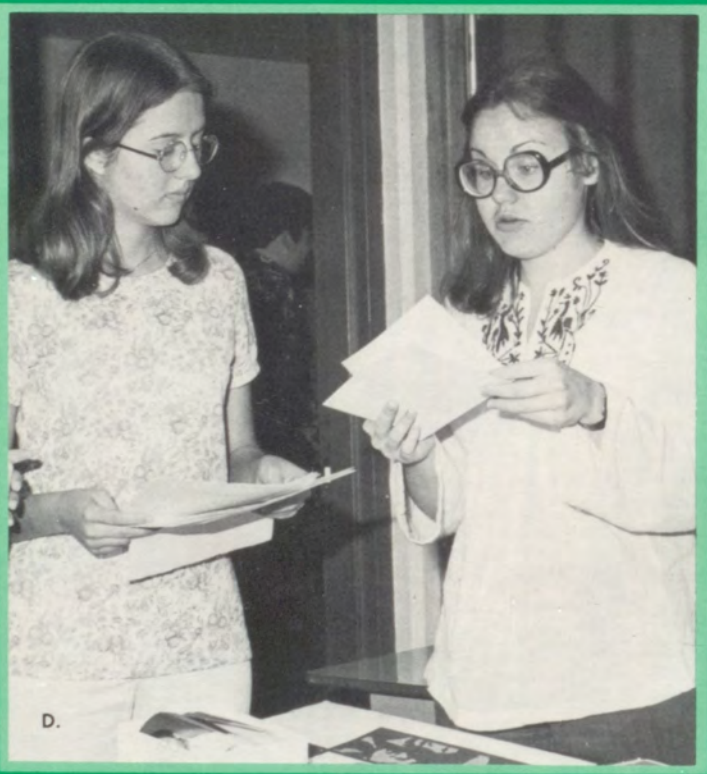
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A. Situations often puzzle and surprise us as Kelly Zetak, Robert Norris, Tommy Zett and Paul Knox find an outdoor pep rally.

B. Gossip drifts into conversations though sometimes it is difficult to believe it all. Kim Bearden fills Connie Schneider and Melissa Brookshire in on the latest "news".

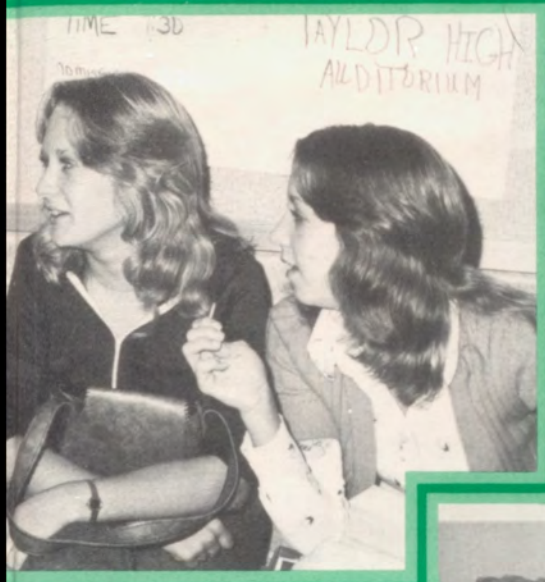
C. Even the oldest at school need a chance to let out their inhibitions. Sharon Brown, Robin Sutton, Manuel Salazar, Kathryn Kotrla and Diana Sherek discover this as they become kids again.

D. The trials and decisions that studying brings plague us everyday. Reviewing the contributions for the next issue of ETC., Monica Vittek and Barbara Huser decide what material to use.

E. Sometimes we all have the urge to act silly, even in front of a large audience. At the Easter assembly Butch Lee does not seem to mind the laughs from the crowd.

F. Good friends getting together at school can manage to keep one another smiling. Gene Barnett, Donald Allen and Derrick Hubbard find a light moment during the day to share a joke.

G. Falling in love—it can happen to the best of us and often unexpectedly. Isabel Soza and Frank Chavana have that look which only love can bring.









A. As usual, the end of the year brings more action than we can keep track of. While David Bates supervises, Carla Dial, Melissa Bowling, Shelley Wooldridge and Delores Fojtik prepares to distribute senior invitations to their classmates.

B. The whirl of activity that the school produces can be a cause for almost every human emotion. Tracy McVey and Jackie Rowe react with disgust and astonishment upon hearing some controversial news one day in the student center.

C. A chance to exhibit your talents, whether on the athletic field, in the classroom or on stage is one of the joys that attending school offers. Harvey Randle and Carla Nickerson perform "Lean on Me" for an appreciative audience during the senior assembly.

D. Frivolity, even in the extreme, always makes it easier to get through the year. At a Hi-Stepper contest in New Braunfels, Jack Rambo shows his form as a prospective member.

E. Relaxing while in competition with friends can relieve some of the pressure and anxiety of a school day. Girls' P.E. students Linda Estrada, Linda Martinez, Denise Morales and Daneta Griffin limber up before the start of a softball game.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