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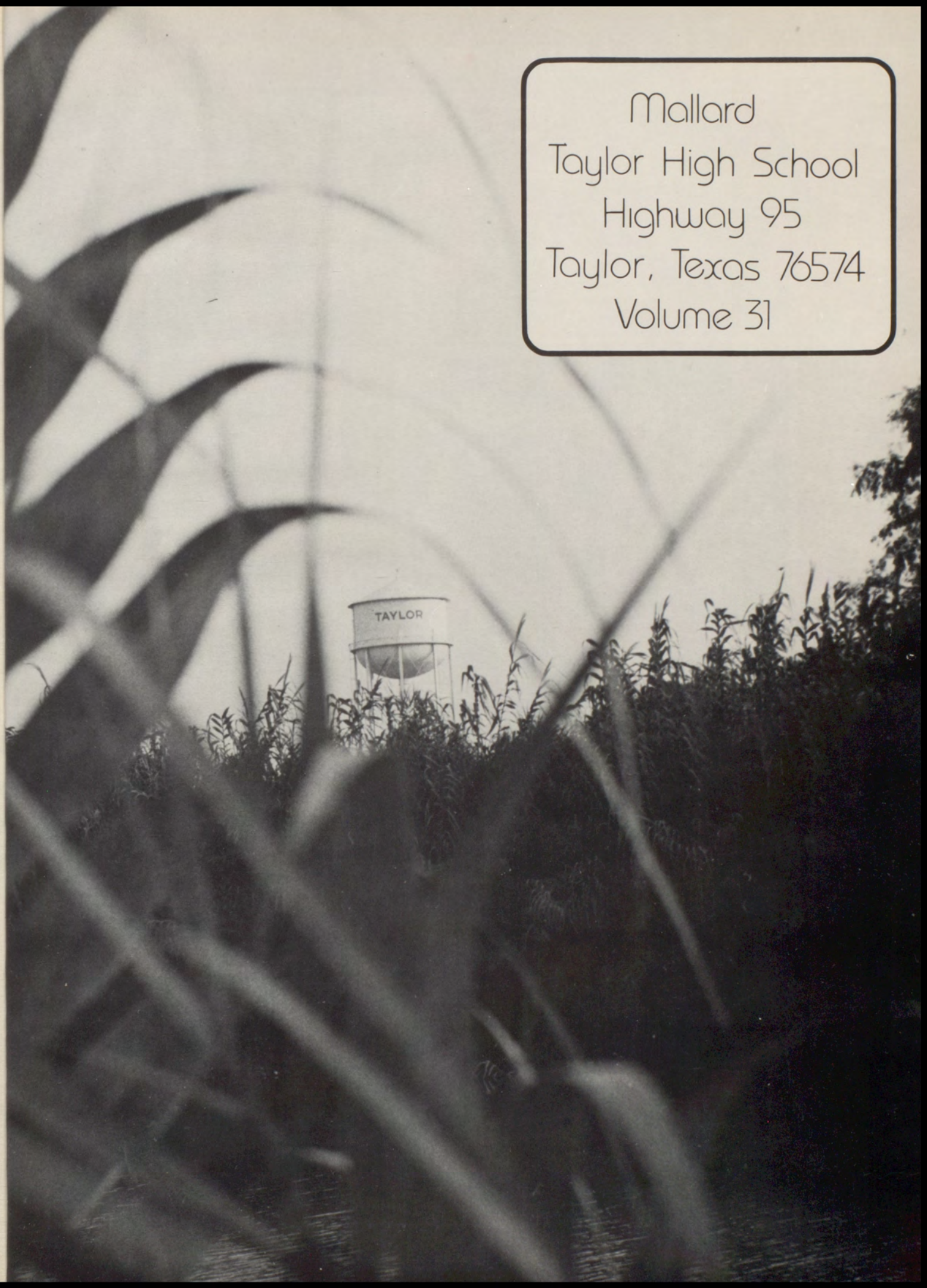
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# Settling In

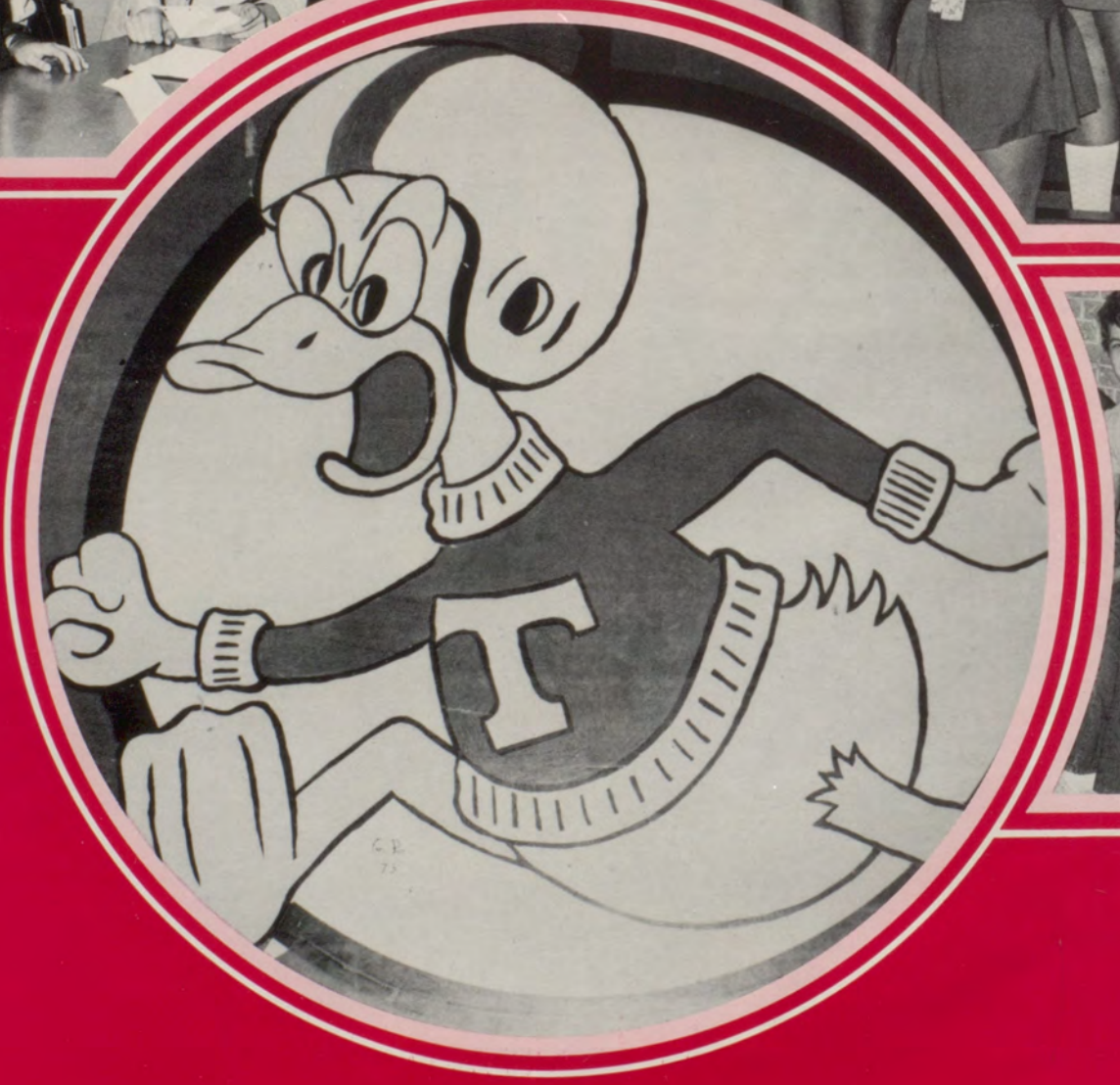
a. Before school, between classes and after school, the student center was the main attraction for students to visit with their friends or just to relax and wait for the next class.
b. "Lick Apathy" became the adopted motto of THS. Organizations such as pep squad did their part in promoting spirit and boosting morale.



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Taylor Ducks — not the typical mascot for a school. But then, Taylor High isn't the typical school, and we weren't the typical students. We were a unique mixture of attitudes and actions. And eventually, we settled into a pattern that included every aspect of US — weekly pep rallies, lunches with friends, and long waits for the 3:30 bell.

Academically, we had an outstanding year, with 33 honor graduates and the year's highest academic average belonging to a freshman.

But academics didn't occupy all our time. We spent hours painting spirit signs, raising money for various treasuries and sometimes even relaxing.

But whatever project we were involved in wherever we happened to be, we were a part, a special part of a special year at THS.

a. Members of the Taylor High Marching Kazoo Band, Butch Lee and Kelly Zetak, entertain the student body with one of their most popular numbers — "Viva Max".
b. Each year football fever overcomes the student body at THS as well as the townspeople, but no one seemed to show as much spirit as the 76-77 Duck football team. Their fired-up attitude was evident each game as they came exploding through the victory sign.





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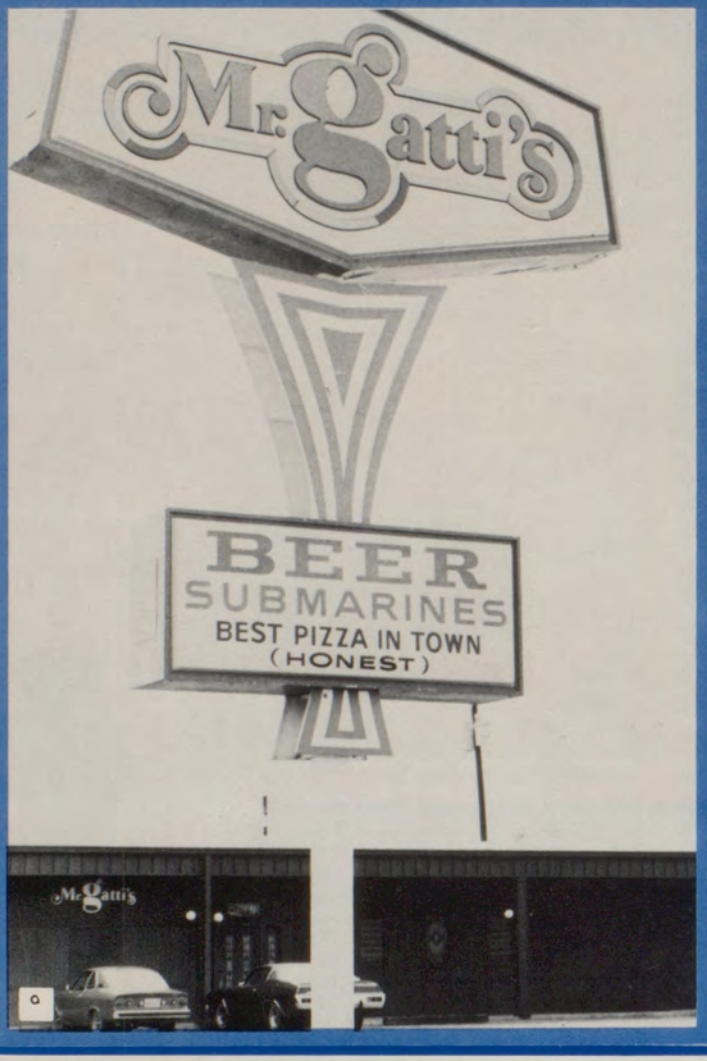
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c. Denise Morales, Jimmy Scrivner and Kathy Gola wait patiently for assistant principal David Krueger to finish writing out Glenn Steffek's absentee excuse. The most number of absentees occurred during the flu season.
d. Inspiration comes to people in many different ways. For Gary Lankford, gilrfriend Susan Sobotik encouraged him on to many pole vaulting victories and shared the excitement as well.

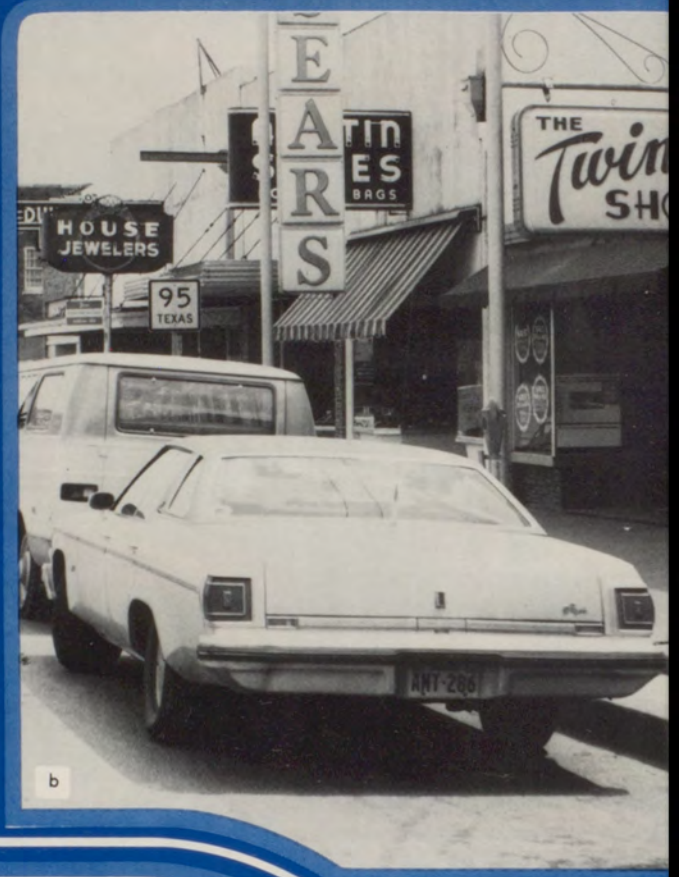


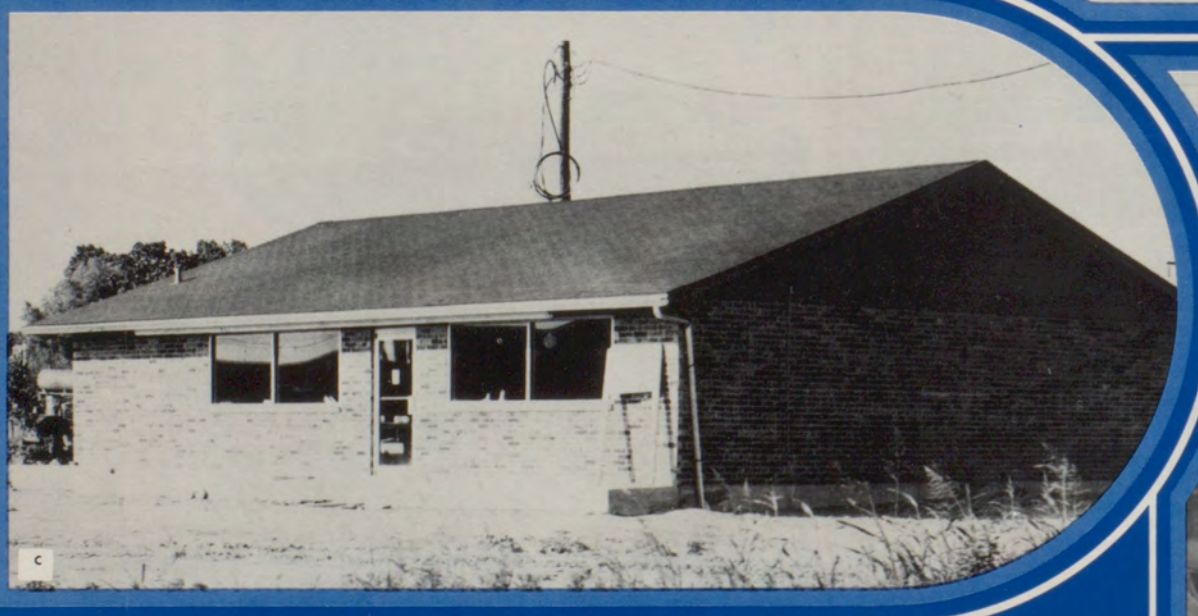

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# Watching Us Grow




a. Less than three minutes away, Mr. Gatti's provided students with a new place to eat lunch, watch soap operas and have parties.
b. Although Taylor is steadily moving north, Main Street is still the most popular place to shop. Many of the downtown businesses have been going strong for more than forty years.



c. Students who came to school by bus saw the new Pit and Grill being built step by step. Although not yet open for business in May, it was one of three new eating establishments built around north Main and Lake Drive.



d. New buildings seemed to be surrounding us at THS with the new Trinity Lutheran Church on the north, the new John's Clinic on the south, and an extension on Mallard Lane. New homes were being built every day to house Taylor's growing population.

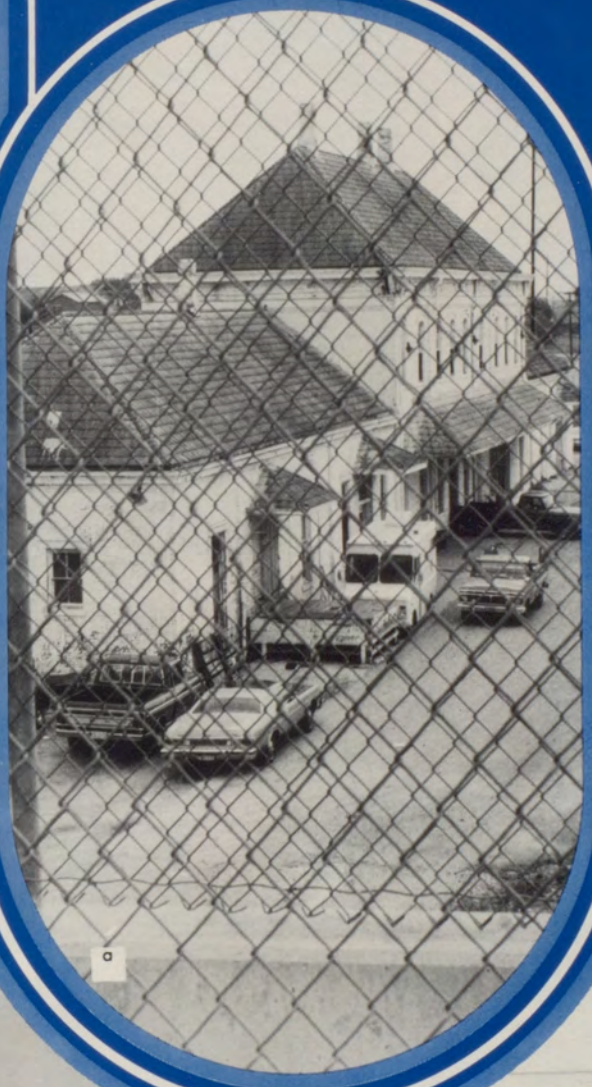
Although THS is situated on the north edge of Taylor on Highway 95, 1977 found the town growing closer and closer to the school building. New businesses and new buildings began to crop up as the town expanded to the north. Two new eating establishments were built near THS, providing students with a wider variety of lunching spots. And an extension to Mallard Lane furnished many students with a more convenient, gas-saving route to school. As the year progressed, those students could watch the new clinic being built, step by step.

By the end of the year, students coming to school from south Taylor had to make an extra stop — at the new stoplight on Lake Drive and the highway.

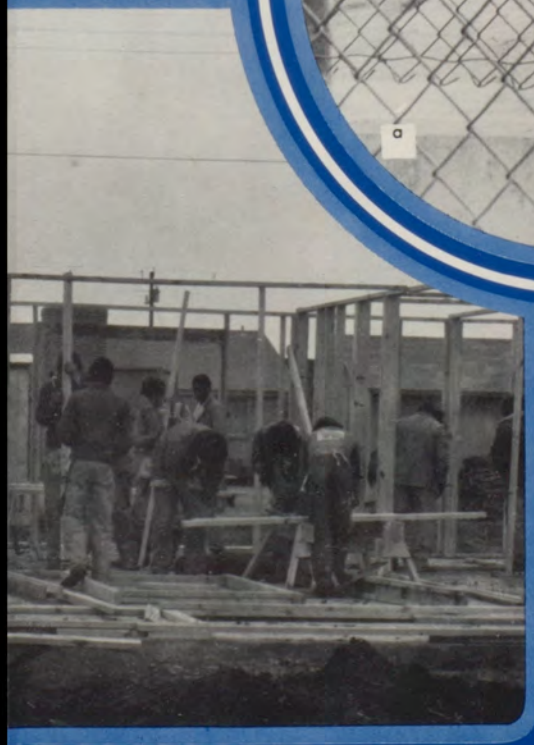
But however we got to school, something was added to the drive. Whether we saw new businesses, or drove on a new street, every student could tell that our town of 13,373 was growing, progressing, reaching new heights every day.

a. Founded in the summer of 1876 by railroad owner Moses Taylor, our town still has an active railway depot.





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b. Unlike any establishment ever started in Taylor, the Coin Drop gets its patronage primarily from the younger Taylor citizens. Pinball machines and refreshments highlight the arcade.



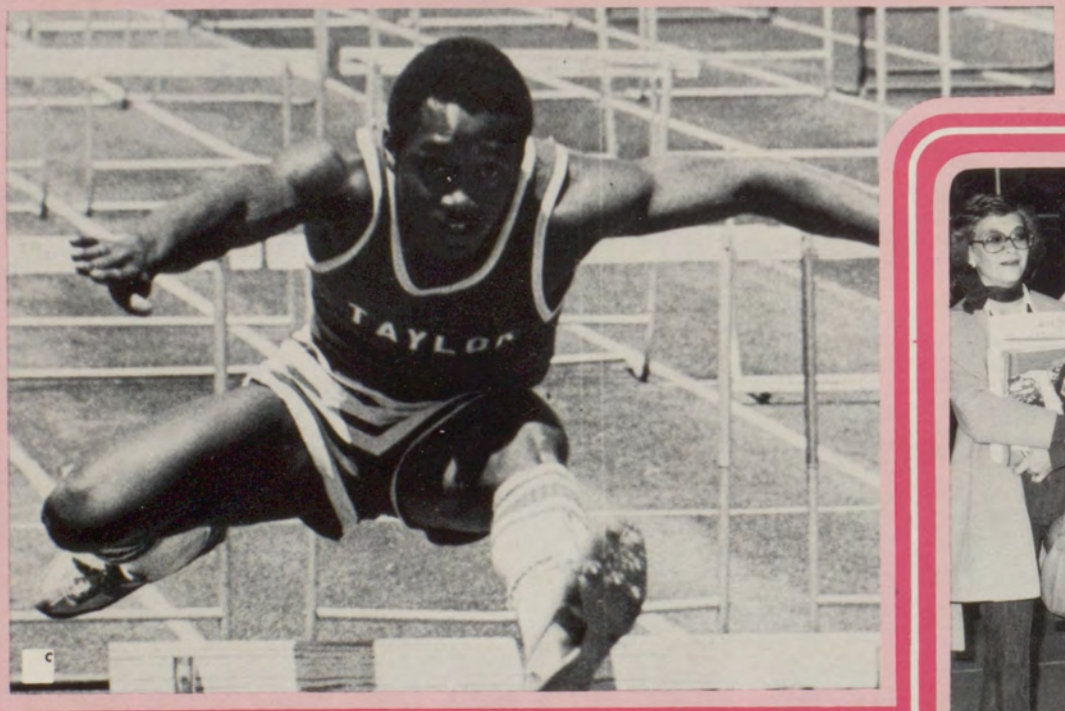

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# Patterns

a. Teresa Snider and Pam Wyche wait for their cue to rehearse for the Homecoming assembly.
b. Each student has his own unique way of relaxing and expressing talent. Keyboard player for the Iced Tea and Company Band, Ernest Valdez, enjoys total involvement in his music.









c. Sophomore Gerald Davidson stretches out over the fifth hurdle in the 120 highs at the District meet held in Round Rock.
d. In one day, the student body was transformed. Kickers, hippies and shy girls were changed into greasers, bobby-soxers and hoods — all in an effort to promote Fifties Day.

a. Learning about film, negatives and photography equipment is often a long, drawn-out process. One of the first female photographers at THS, Beth Sexworth quickly caught on to the darkroom techniques.

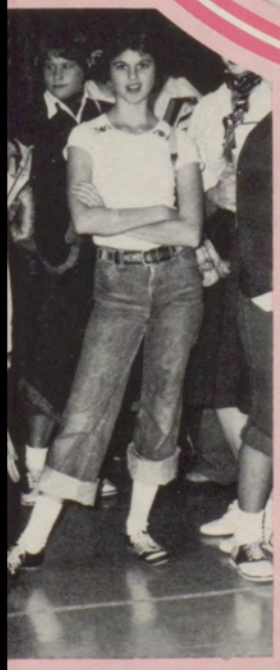


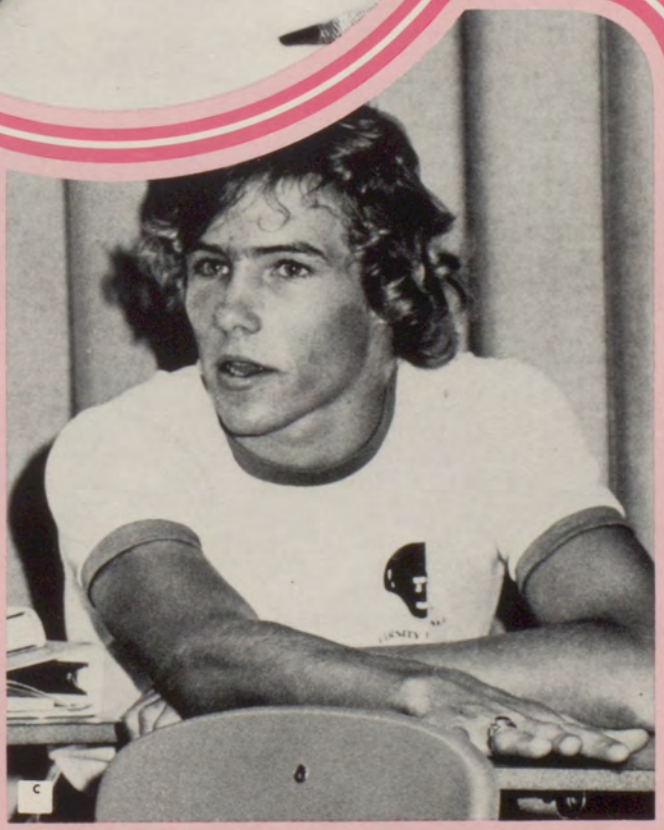
Although we had our share of excitement and changes, life at Taylor High maintained a steady pattern — not to the point of dull repetition, but the sort of rhythmic beat that lends an assurance and sense of belonging to every student. Confusion and wild celebration were not a part of our daily school life, although both occurred on occasion.

But as with all patterns, ours was interrupted with everything from an intercom announcement in the middle of class to a natural gas curtailment that gave everyone an unexpected holiday.

Ours was a pattern that reflected attitudes and actions — as individual as a thumbprint or a heartbeat.



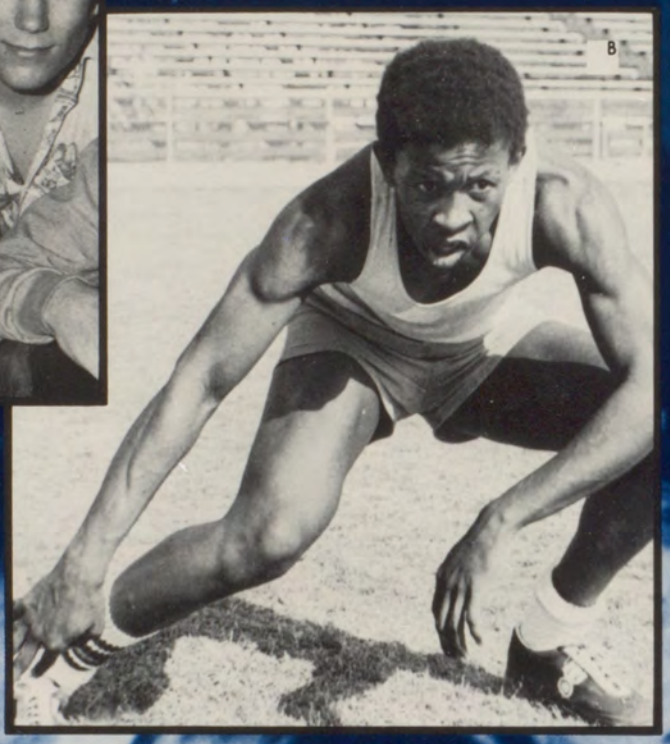





b. Spirit appeared in some unique forms at THS — including a bonfire, Fifties Day and T-shirt signing day. Lou Ann Mokry puts her Jane Doe on Laurie Pasemann's shirt in an effort to raise spirit during Homecoming week.
c. During first quarter Sociology class, senior Doug Alexander expresses his own viewpoint by taking a stand for what he believes during a capital punishment discussion.



A. For many THS students, dancing at the KC hall on Saturday night was a big part of life. Here, Randall Dloughy, Rick Cuzzort and Leonard Burnett sit one out to listen to the country sound of the Debonaires.
B. For many students, athletics is a year-round activity. Sophomore footballer George Stinson executes a shuffle drill in a spring practice during off-season.



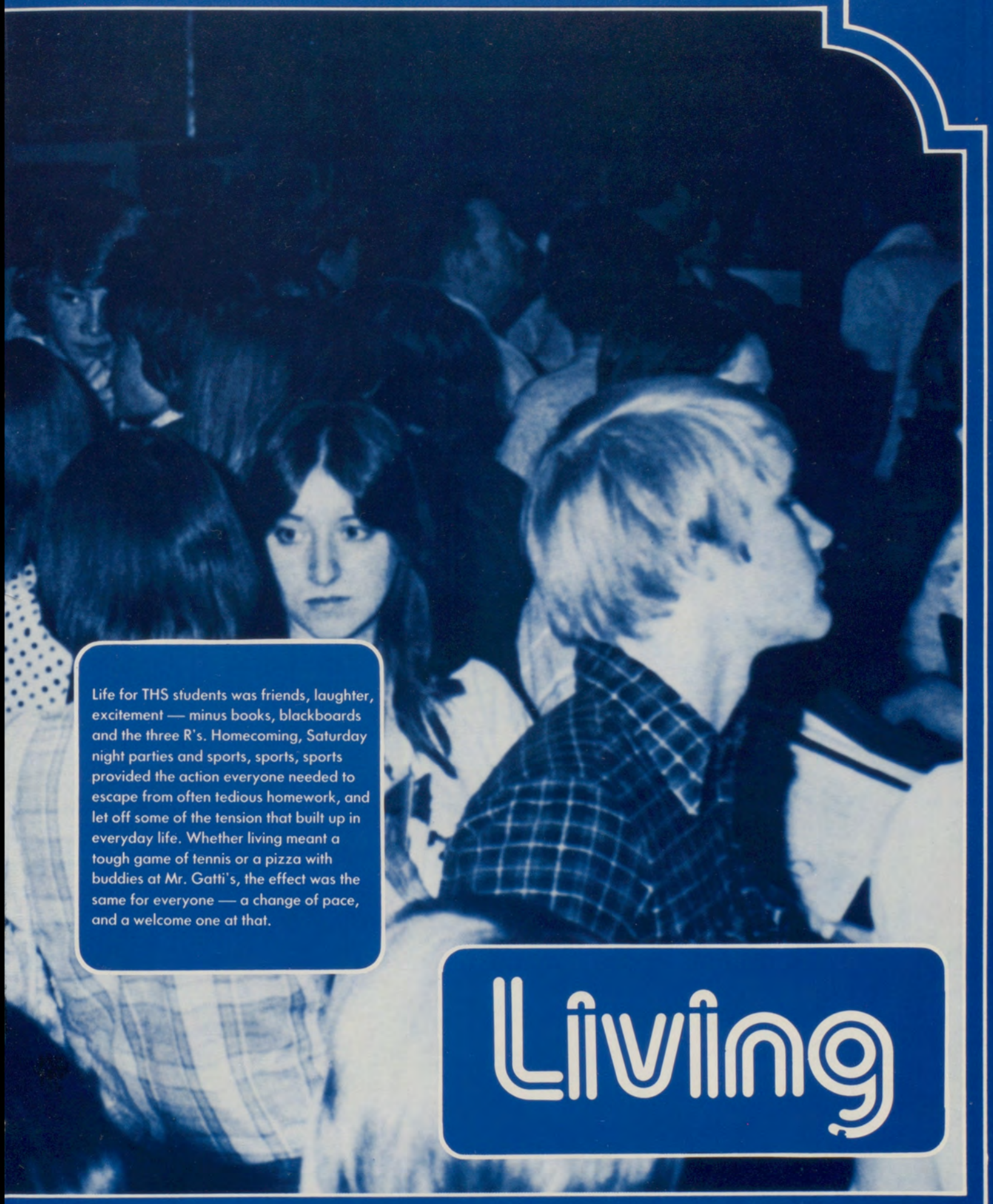


C. Tennis is one of the most popular sports — and one of the most tiring — among THS students. A barefoot Kelly Zetak relaxes after four hours of constant play on the Lake Drive courts.
D. What would spirit be without JV cheerleaders? Freshman Donna Cotner lets out an ear-piercing whistle as JV round-ballers score against Lockhart.






E. Patterns were broken every day — and juniors played their part, as Neva Klotz, Kim Sapp, Lisa Buzan and Vickie Hughes take a trip to the 50's on Homecoming Day. No one stared at them — everybody looked like that.



Life for THS students was friends, laughter, excitement — minus books, blackboards and the three R's. Homecoming, Saturday night parties and sports, sports, sports provided the action everyone needed to escape from often tedious homework, and let off some of the tension that built up in everyday life. Whether living meant a tough game of tennis or a pizza with buddies at Mr. Gatti's, the effect was the same for everyone — a change of pace, and a welcome one at that.

# Living

# What A SIZZLER

When summer made the scene, everyone did his own thing. Sleeping until 11:00 a.m., swimming, watching T.V. and working on a good tan occupied those not working. On the other hand, many Taylor High students became familiar with the 8:00-5:00 work world.

While the days in Taylor were spent quite differently, people always seemed to meet at night. Piggly Wiggly parking lot became one spot to stop and talk to friends about the day's happenings while many spent endless hours playing the pinball machines in Seven Eleven. Others kept the Taylor gas stations in business by driving all over town.

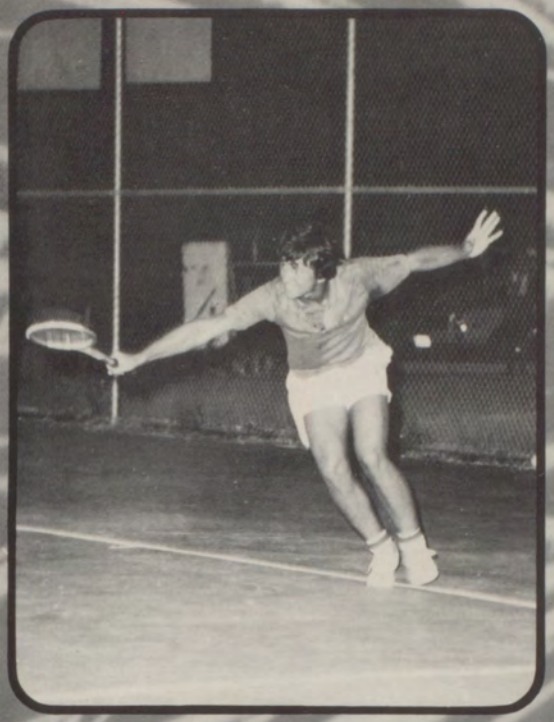
Taylor's Independence Festival was definitely the highlight of the summer. Variety and excitement was offered by the street dances, fire works display, arts and crafts exhibit and carnival. The tennis tournament gave many a chance to show their talents publicly. Along with all the excitement of T.I.F. days came the new Mr. Gatti's. Eating pizza, watching T.V. and relaxing in the cool replaced many empty hours for Taylorites.

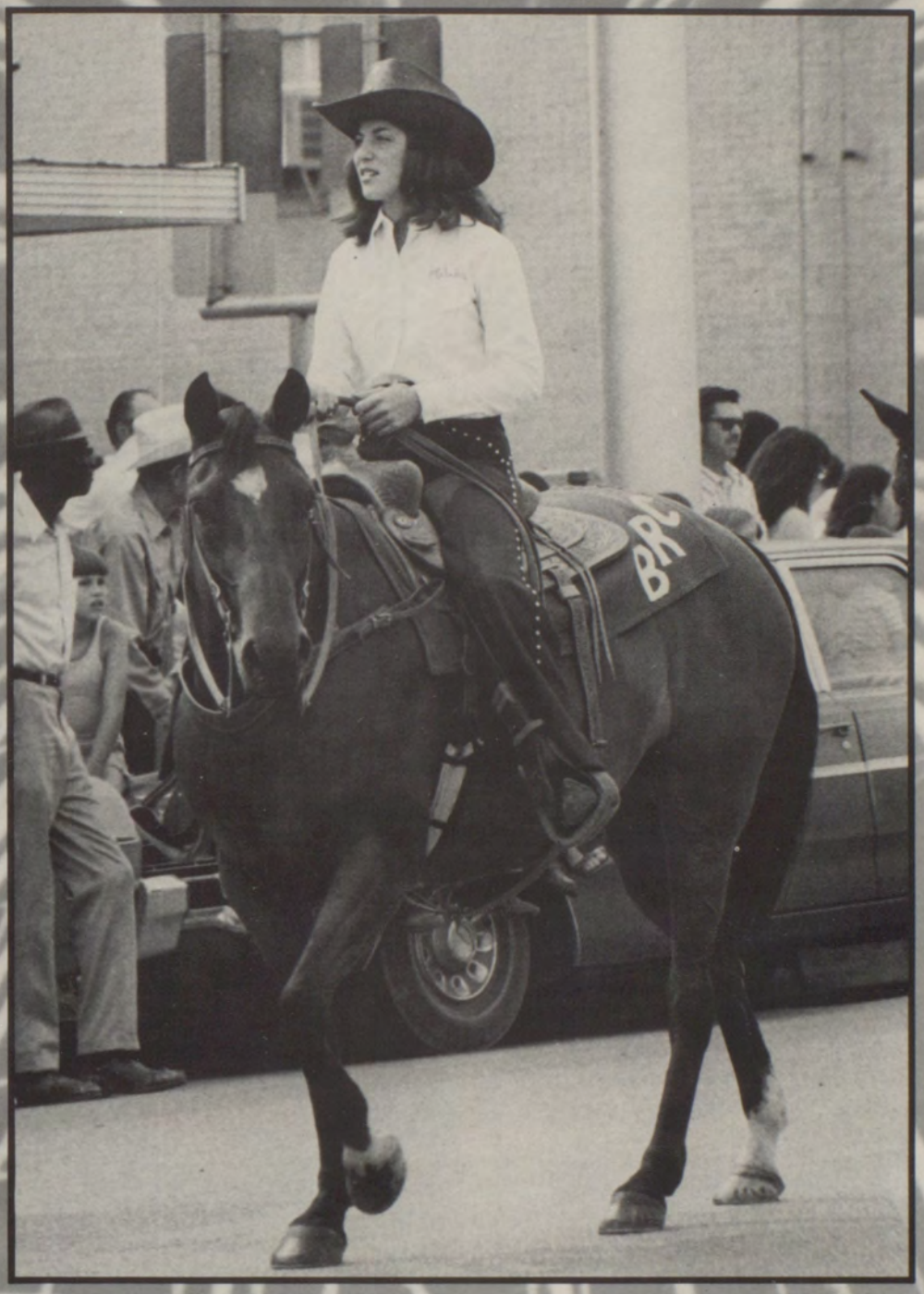
With the soaring temperature of August, the only relief was a dip in the pool or a trip to the lakes or river. As summer drew to an end, the familiar sights of two-a-day football practices and the rodeo reminded us our freedom was running out. The summer fun was brought to a halt and it was back to school again.





Above: Considering the July temperatures, Coach Danny Potts did not mind being the victim at the T.I.F. dunking booth.
Left: Judy Kropp greets spectators warmly as she rides the Chamber of Commerce float during the August 21 rodeo parade.

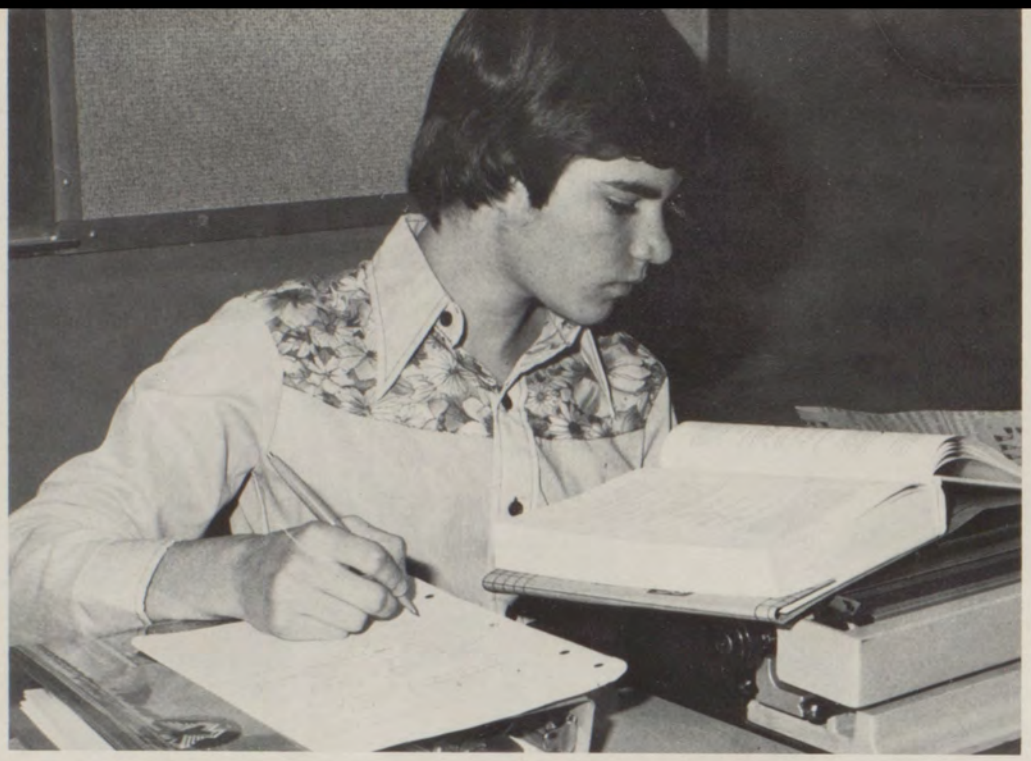






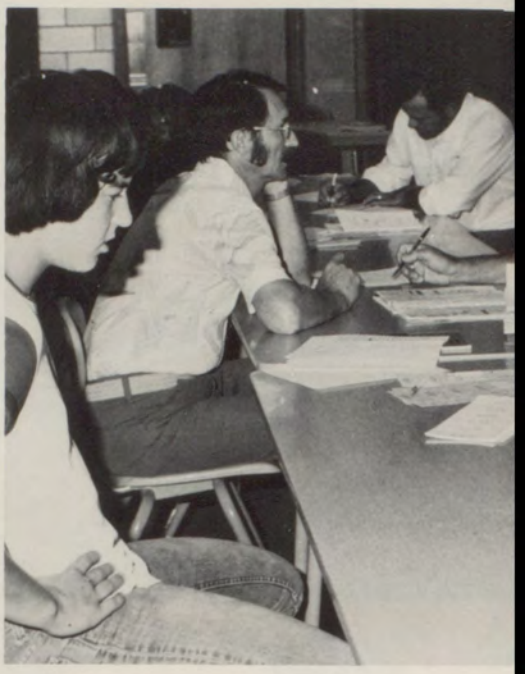


Above Left: Kelly Zetak's participation in four events during the T.I.F. tennis tournament kept him on his toes constantly.
Above: The new rodeo queen Melodie Slagle parades down Main Street during the August 21 rodeo festivities.
Left: During the July 20 tractor pulls, Ricky Alford pulls out in mid-air for a victorious attempt to pull the most weight in his tractor division.



Above: During the first week of school, Mike Bruce spends time in VOE class. But this course conflicted with the rest of Mike's classes, so he proved the flexibility of a senior's schedule by transferring out after three days.

Below: Junior Dennis Mundkowsky seems unsure about his new schedule on registration day as Joyce Quebe carefully writes it out. He then found out whether or not he was placed in the classes he preferred.



Below Right: With the beginning of school, inevitably comes football season and the daily practice it calls for. During one of these work outs, Trey Buzan and Terry Lindeman take a brief break to scrutinize the action.

# Good Start Leads To Smooth Sailing

Noisy and crowded were adjectives used to describe the student center the first day back at THS. No one was quite sure if they really wanted to be back in school, least of all the freshmen. But things went along smoother than usual, and by the second week everything was routine, judging by the calmness of many students.

Assistant Principal David Krueger stated that everything was off to a real good start. Thanks to his Student-Teacher advisory, students developed more meaningful relationships with teachers by selecting one for an advisor, who then assisted them with their school problems.

Everyone had a different opinion of school, but whatever it was, many felt it quite refreshing to walk down the familiar halls, viewing welcome faces, renewing old friendships and trying to blend studies and concentration together to produce a year filled with knowledge, activity, and promise.



Above: Pat Nira, senior, goes through the routine of finding and opening a new locker for the last time.



Below Right: Caught up in the excitement of JV cheerleader tryouts, varsity cheerleaders Stancie Schwenker, Tammi Sefcik and Sheila Mahlow encourage the candidates.

Right: Portraying a sophomore on registration day, Louis Ross proves that he would rather be out on the baseball field than in class in the back-to-school assembly.

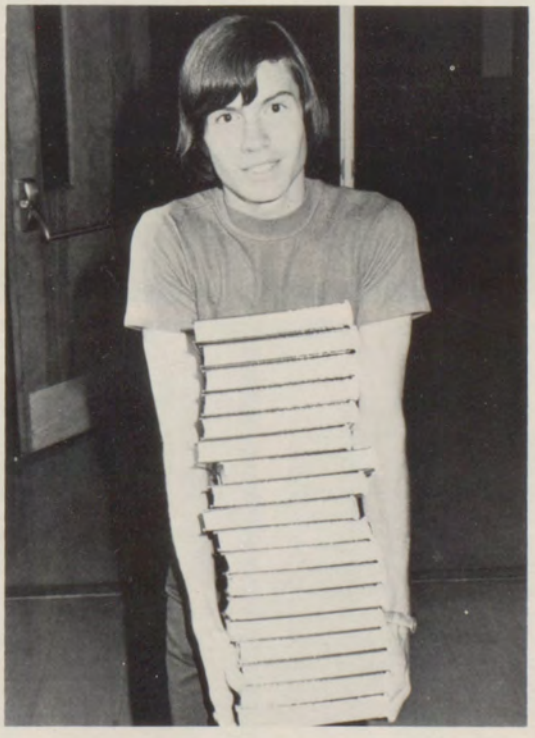




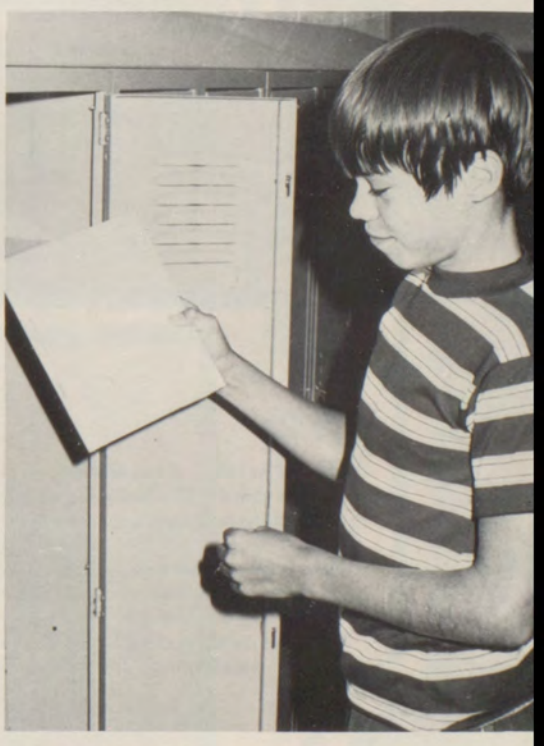





Above: In preparation for upcoming half-time shows, Marie Grieger skillfully leads the band as drum major after school.



Above: His first day as a senior finds Patrick Jones performing the unlikely task of carrying a load of sociology books to his second period class.



Above: After finding that opening a combination lock is not as hard as he thought, freshman Ricky Meiske deposits his Algebra I book in his locker.



Left: A representative from the NASA program experiments with space equipment on Ben Gonzales during an assembly on December 6.
Below: Randall Bachmeyer acting as master of ceremonies opens the proceedings during the mock election assembly.







Above: As Homecoming rolls around the Student Senate presents a skit taken from the 50's during the traditional Homecoming assembly. The assembly provides laughs and entertainment for the students as well as the exes.
Above Right: Student Senate members Cheryl Raesz, Stancie Schwenker, Stephanie Schneider and Anna Schwenke participate in the "Back to School" assembly held at the beginning of the new school year.
Right: Two members of the Kazoo Band, Louis Ross and Eddie Contreras, parade around dressed as bunnies during the Easter assembly.





Left: John Haddad talks about health as well as providing entertainment by singing and playing his electric guitar during an assembly.
Below: During the Christmas assembly Patti Ruzicka plays the part of an angel while Paul Knox, David Switzer and Pat Kelly protray Shepherds.
Below Left: During the Student Senate officer election assembly, Patti Ruzicka acts as the bad guy in a "Charlie's Angels" skit.



# VARIETY





Laughter, fun, excitement, applause, standing ovations — all were present in a year of successful assemblies. Providing entertainment was the main purpose for assemblies, but many were presented to expose students to various people that they might not have met if it were not for assemblies. The speakers ranged from a representative from NASA to a classical guitarist to a former inmate in a federal prison. Assemblies also involved students by giving them a chance to show off their talents in music, acting and singing. Whatever they were for, assemblies made for a more enlightened school and introduced variety to the same old class to class routine.



Mike Tamez, John Tamez, Abby Frazier and Dean Herzer, members of the Ice Tea and Company Band, entertain the student body during an assembly in which the band was featured.



At the Easter assembly the Easter Beagle, played by Pat Kelly, secretly leaves candy eggs for poor old Charlie Brown, played by Tim Kinsley.

# Cheers, Chants . . . and Then Some

There they stood — out on the field — in front of the crowd! The Duck team rushed out — the air rang with cheers! The whistle blew — the game started! Standing on the sideline, locking pinkies for the kickoff, tension and excitement grew rapidly. These, the most visible moments for the cheerleaders, also proved to be the most exciting for them. But cheerleading had another aspect which almost no one noticed. Cheering in front of a crowd did not come naturally. It took a lot of work and time. "Practice" became a familiar word after returing from cheerleader camp, for there were new cheers and formations to learn. At the start of the year, school spirit was the main goal for the cheerleaders. Not only were they leaders at pep rallies, but they became spirit builders for the whole school. Enduring stiffness, aches and pains from drawing locker signs, cheerleaders still took the extra time to place spirit handouts on the football players' cars. The cheerleaders' work was evident on Friday afternoons as students walked out of school to see green and white streamers on car antennas flapping in the breeze. They also spread spirit around town as well as at school by writing messages of encouragement to the team on store windows. But after the game all of those shoe polish words had to come off. Although they worked long hours, it all paid off; soon their goal was reached. Their spirit became contageous; it became a fact of life at Taylor High School.








Above Right: Abby Frazier and Sheila Mahlow escort Leonard Burnett, Taylor's fullback, to give a pep talk to the team during the Lockhart pep rally.
Above: Before the Belton game, Stancie Schwenker gives a hand to Lisa Buzan, the year-round duck mascot.
Center Right: Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, Melissa Brookshire, Donna Cotner, Tina Vega, Nancy Rohlack, Patti Ruzicka and Pam Brookshire stop to pose for a picture during a time out on the field.
Right: As one of their weekly activities, Varsity Cheerleaders Tammi Sefcik, Sheila Mahlow, Stancie Schwenker, Abby Frazier and Teresa Snider gather together to hang locker signs.





Above: During the only bonfire held this year, Sheila Mahlow gets in the feeling of "Beat Midway" week.



Above: Awarding the spirit stick to FHA is Teresa Snider during the Lockhart pep rally.
Below: With a worried expression, Abby Frazier looks on as the third quarter comes to an end with Taylor trailing at the Bi-District game.



Above: While other JV cheerleaders prepare for the beginning of the Lockhart game, Pam Brookshire watches the opponents trot onto the field.
Right: With the football players in the background, Tammi Sefcik leads the Chant, "Go get a Dragon" during the Round Rock pep rally.





# YELL IT LIKE IT IS!

Every Friday during football season at 3:00 sharp, the spirit of THS centered within the gym. Before pep rallies the band marched through the halls playing the "Fight Song," Hi-Steppers practiced their performance in the student center, cheerleaders ran around setting up for the pep rally and students remaining in class anxiously awaited the bell. But as soon as that 3:00 bell rang, the gym became the main attraction.

At the beginning of football season, student apathy was a concern to the cheerleaders during pep rallies. But as our team progressed into the winning field so did the spirit of THS. The gym overflowed with sounds of yells and chants. The bleachers came alive with clapping, yelling and shouting which echoed throughout the whole gym. Organizations exploded with spirit during competition for the spirit stick. Dynamic performances by the Hi-Steppers and twirlers received roaring approval. Apathy was gone for good. Our team had a winning streak and so did the spirit of THS.



Above: During the Del Valle pep rally students pile out of the bleachers to join in with the action. Left: Pep Squad members Tracy McVay and Nora Perez show their spirit during the Belton pep rally.





Above: Not showing their emotions, yet tense and nervous, varsity football players ready themselves for their opponents, the Lampasas Badgers. Below: The band shows their enthusiasm by adding spirit to the Georgetown pep rally.

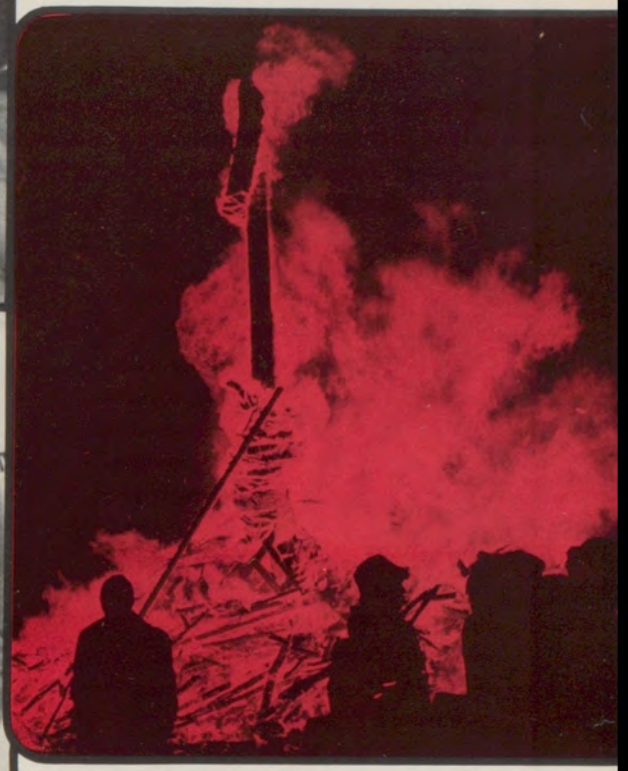


Above: During the Belton pep rally David Krueger, Butch Lee and David Kyser give the "KLK" award to football captains Trey Buzan, Marion Morgan and Gary Lankford for having the most school spirit.





Below: A small part of the crowd is silhouetted against the blaze of the bonfire which preceeded the Bi-District game against Waco Midway. The bonfire built spirit as well as warmed the crowd on the cold night.

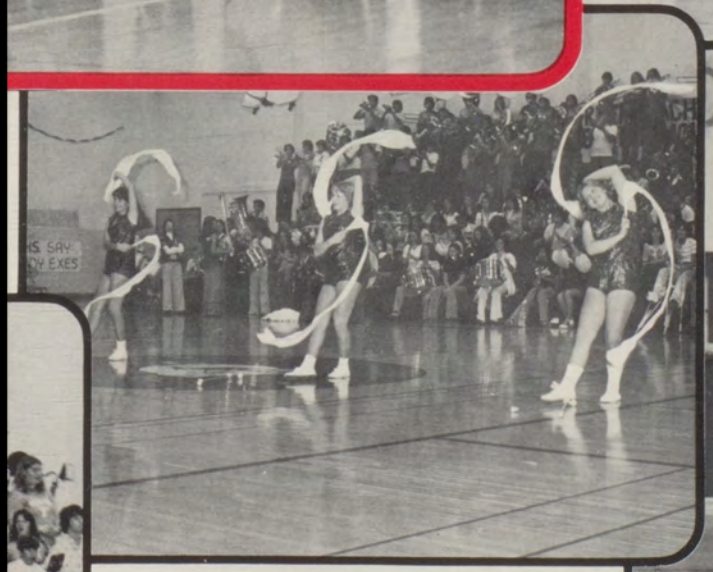


Above: Entertaining students to the music "Cohan Salute" are Hi-Stepper members Laurie Pasemann, Sheri Dykowski, JoAnn Mott and Pat Strmiska. Right: Spanish Club members Nancy Rohlack, Dana Basco and Larry Blomquist put on a skit for the Westlake pep rally.





Below: "Move it!" The Varsity Cheerleaders Teresa Snider, Abby Frazier, Tammi Sefcik, Sheila Mahlow and Stancie Schwenker encourage the football players to move on to victories through yells and chants during pep rallies throughout the whole year.








Above: Twirlers Pam Brueckner, Dorie Switzer, Becky Kubala and Cynthia Jozwiak help provide the entertainment for the growing spirit by performing to "Viva Max" at the pep rally before the Midway game.

# They'll Be Remembered As Winners

A district championship had long been awaited in Taylor, and the undersized and underdog 1976 Duck football team set their minds and determination on achieving just that goal.

After a slow start the first two games of the season, the Ducks put forth a strong drive and won eight consecutive games, producing the longest winning streak ever in Duck AAA football.

Averaging 25 points per game and an outstanding 2,362 years total offense the Ducks had a very impressive season. Teamwork made the winning possible and Captain Marion Morgan proved to be a key factor in the Duck success by rushing for over 1,000 yards and providing the type of leadership that the winning team needed.

The football team of 1976 will not be forgotten. While the odds usually outweighed the Taylor Ducks they did not let it stand in their way. It only made them more determined to accomplish what they set out for — District Champs.



James Collins, Trey Buzan and Michael Pittman demonstrate a perfect tip drill on a crucial play in Bi-District action.



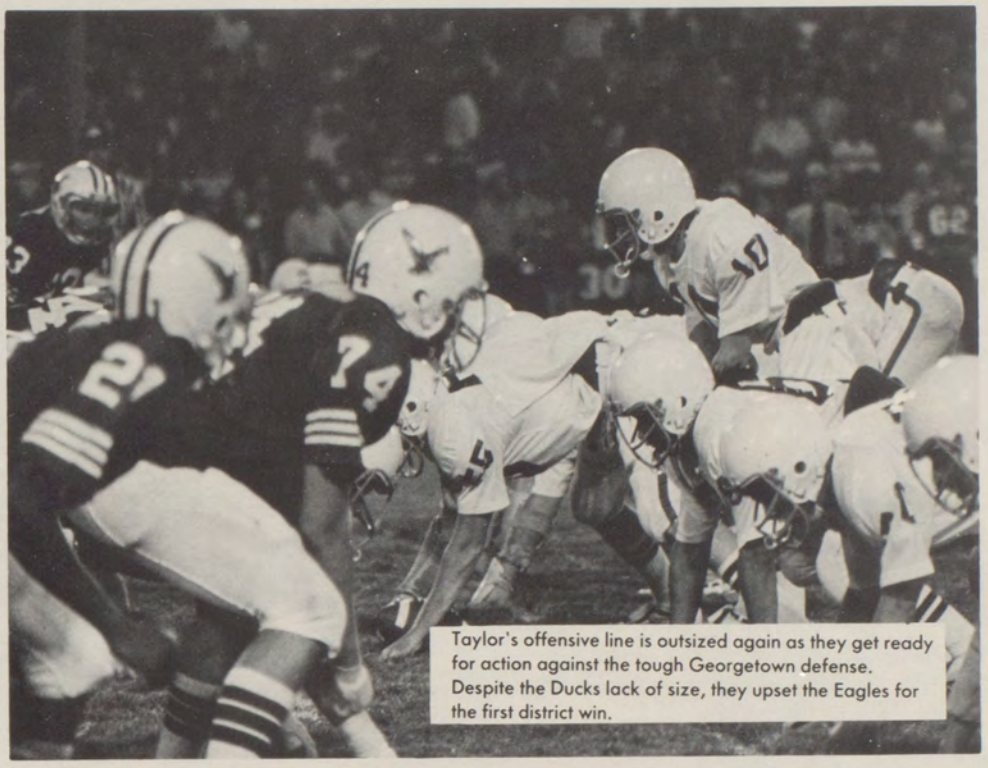
Tailback Marion Morgan scrambles ahead for extra yardage while the Taylor Ducks clinched the district championship by defeating the Lockhart Lions.



VARSITY FOOTBALL (Front Row): Ricky Widmer, David Burrow, David Alford, Terry Lindemann, Trey Buzan, Gary Lankford, Doug Alexander, Scott Ging, Robert Gomez, Clarence Wooldridge, Keith Rieger and Mike Brueckner, manager. (Second Row): Kyle Striet, manager, Coach Danny Potts, James Casey, James Collins, Todd Harris, Raymond Hernandez, Tim Kinsley, Donald Ray Frederick, Marion Morgan, Michael Pittman,



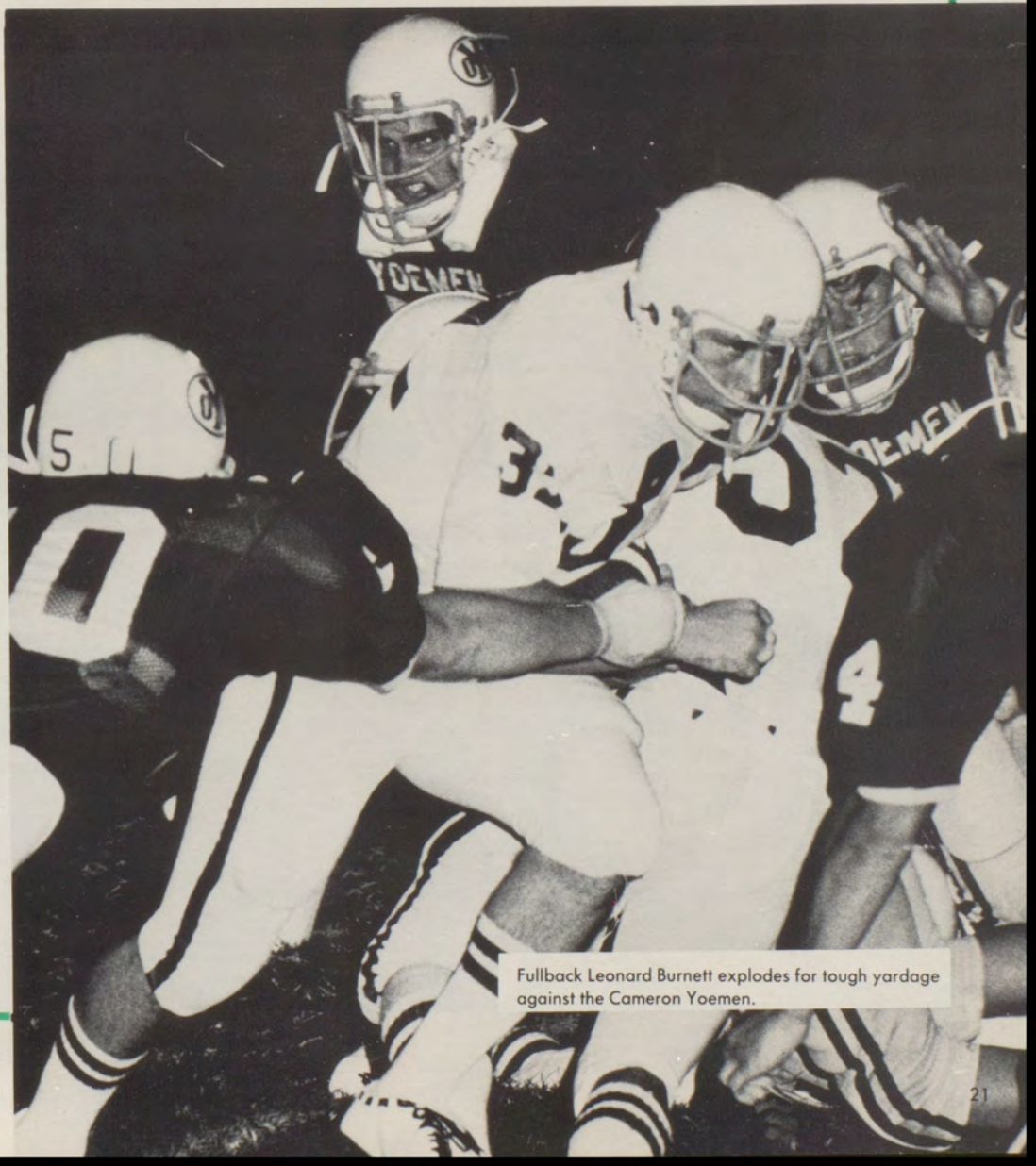
Above: Doug Alexander shuns a would-be tackler after making an important reception in the season opener against Cameron. The ducks battled it out to a 0-0 tie against the Yoemen.



Taylor's offensive line is outsized again as they get ready for action against the tough Georgetown defense. Despite the Ducks lack of size, they upset the Eagles for the first district win.



Kenneth Thomas, Randall Dloughy and Steven Duffy, manager. (Last Row): Coach Shirl Frazier, Domingo Alderete, Doug Kuhl, Frankie Chapa, David Rozacky, Leonard Burnett, Dale Bunge, Richard Smith, Dennis Mundkowsky, Coach Eddie Spiller, Coach Steve Wilson and Coach Leon Nickerson.



Fullback Leonard Burnett explodes for tough yardage against the Cameron Yoemen.

# Chalk One Up



Defensive end Robert Stone takes his toll on another quarterback during district play as opposite end Billy Seigmund adds reinforcement.

Both the Junior Varsity and Freshman football teams started off on the same foot, losing to Rockdale in the season opener. It appeared to be a long season for the Ducks.

Sometimes a team can struggle as hard as possible, as the JV did, and still not come out on top. Yet with a certain amount of drive and persistence the JV team put together a 4-5-1 season record. Led by slot back Gerald Davison and tailback Jeffrey Hattley, the JV composed an outstanding 1200 yard ground gain in the last six season games.

The fish received a tough initiation to high school football, but through team unity and player leadership they broke even with a respectable 5-5 season.

Although the season records of the teams didn't say a lot, their potential and willingness to work should not go unmentioned, and cannot be ignored by opposing teams in future district races.



With the crowd cheering them on, a fired up JV football team takes the field with high hopes of another big win.



JV FOOTBALL (Front Row): Michael Edwards, Justin Nickerson, Ralph Granzin, Reginald Caldwell, Ricky Lopez, Christopher Woods and Domingo Perez. (Second Row): Billy Seigmund, Harold Harvey, Ronnie Davis, Daniel Ruiz, Kurt Sobotik, Edmond Raesz, Jeffrey Hattley and Gerald Davison. (Back Row): Vollie Robinson, Scott Seaquist, Robert Stone, Brad Frazier, Carlton Brown, Casey Cravens, Leon Robinson, Thomas Perry, George Stinson and Donnie Taylor.

# For Inexperience



Taylor running back Jerome Robinson plunges ahead for extra yardage despite two tough Rockdale defenders.



Gang tackling was big with Taylor's freshman defense as demonstrated by (73) Frankie Vasquez, (72) Kelly Wilkerson and (40) Edward Tealer.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL (Front Row): Ernest Frederick, Raul Tamez, David Ruiz, Jeffrey Davidson, Arthur Ruiz, John Tovar and Kelly Wilkerson. (Second Row): Frankie Vasquez, Brent Gist, Tommy Stiba, Bobby Leshikar, Byron Townsend, Thomas Whatley and Donald Hill. (Back Row): Dennis Carter, Ernest Valdez, Milton Gault, Aubrey Jackson, Benny Lopez, Jerome Robinson, Edward Tealer and Coach Sancillo.

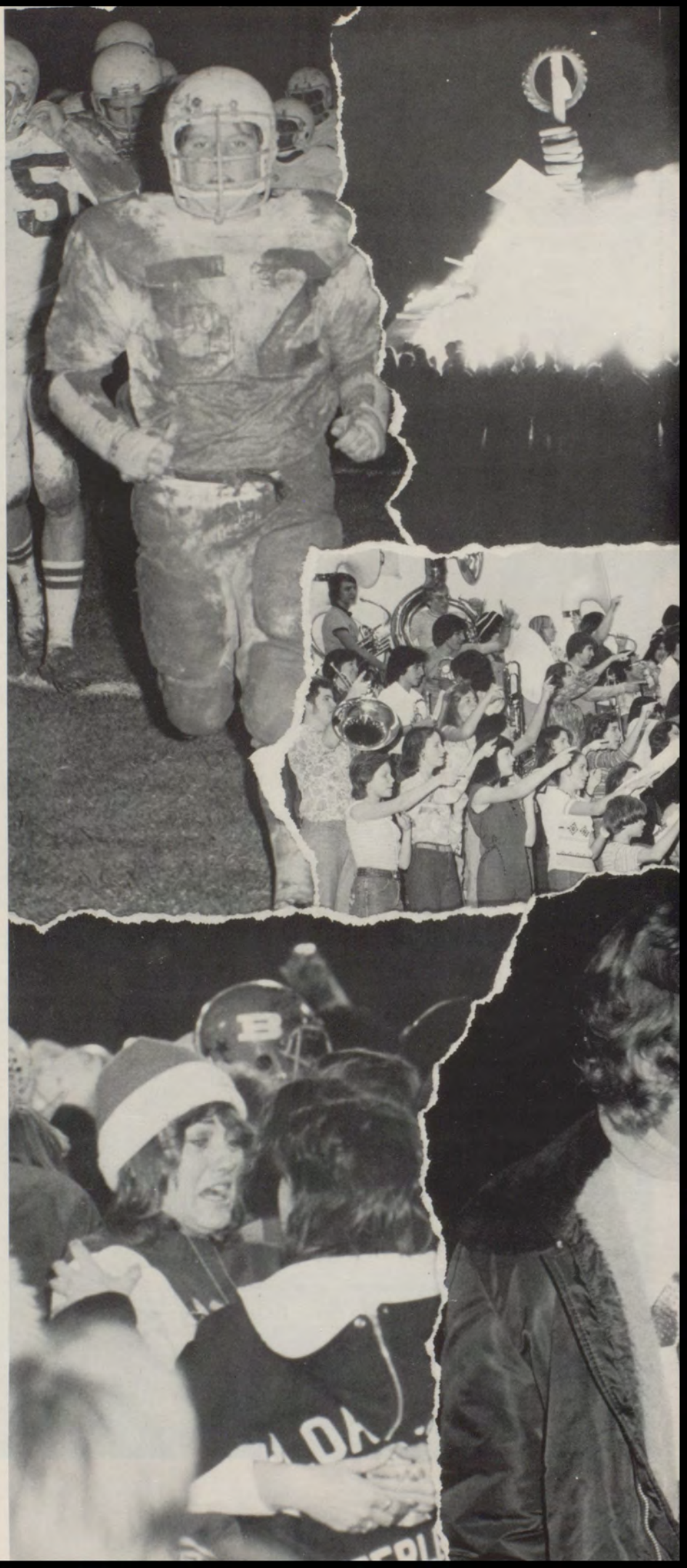
It was definitely "Duck Power" and a great amount of it that gave the fighting Taylor Ducks their first district title ever in AAA competition. Many people had their doubts about the 1976 Duck football team, as to just what they would accomplish — mainly because of their size or rather their lack of it. But so what . . . they had enormous determination, high spirits, pride and most of all a tremendous desire to win.

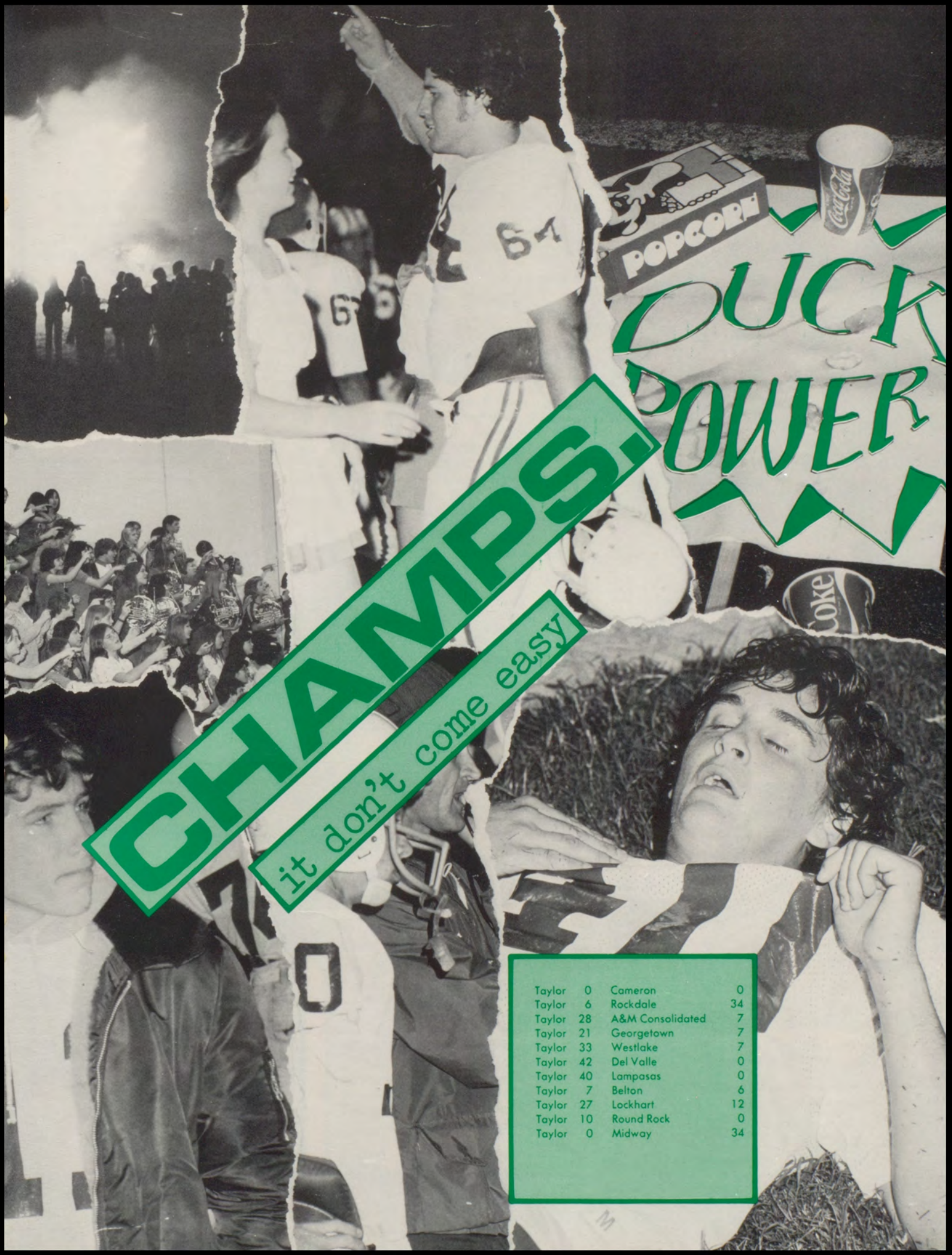
It was not easy for the Ducks, but then good things and winning seasons don't come easy. Despite the downpours of rain, sleet and endless muddy fields the team played on; they still managed to give 100 percent effort in every game. The injuries and the pain that many players experienced did not stop the Ducks from reigning as District Champs.

Abby Frazier wept tears of joy after the Taylor underdogs defeated Belton. Frank Chapa summed up how just about everyone felt towards the winning team: "The Ducks are No. 1." The student body of THS and Duck supporters backed a dedicated group of guys on the field, in pep rallies and at bonfires that made them proud to be Taylor Duck supporters.

The Taylor Ducks met the Waco-Midway Panthers in the first round of the State playoffs with high hopes and expectations of continuing the winning, but the Panthers came out on top. The loss was frustrating for the team and its supporters because after a winning streak, losing is hard to face, as one can tell by the disappointment in Doug Alexander's face.

The Ducks lost to Midway, but in no way were they losers. They set individual and team goals and achieved an ultimate one — District Champs.






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| Taylor | 0 | Cameron | 0 |
| Taylor | 6 | Rockdale | 34 |
| Taylor | 28 | A&M Consolidated | 7 |
| Taylor | 21 | Georgetown | 7 |
| Taylor | 33 | Westlake | 7 |
| Taylor | 42 | Del Valle | 0 |
| Taylor | 40 | Lampasas | 0 |
| Taylor | 7 | Belton | 6 |
| Taylor | 27 | Lockhart | 12 |
| Taylor | 10 | Round Rock | 0 |
| Taylor | 0 | Midway | 34 |

# ALMOST LIKE A HOLIDAY



Left: The homecoming court for 1976 consisted of queen, Abby Frazier; princess, Marie Grieger; and duchesses Ginny Urbanek and Teresa Snider.

Homecoming, the highlight of every football season. On the muddy field, the team competed fiercely, clashed helmets and played with a spirit that was built up bit by bit the previous week. The action was alive and vital, the air was tense; despite the unbearably cold weather, an aroused crowd cheered the Ducks to an 18-0 shutout of Round Rock, their eighth consecutive victory. Exes, who returned to view Taylor's first AAA district football champions, made up a large part of that crowd which braved the inclement weather. Homecoming queen, Abby Frazier stood under her umbrella enduring the drizzle, but still excited and pleased about her new title.









Typical kids of the 50's on homecoming day are (above left) Dean Ash, (above) Lisa Buzan and Gaylor Parker and (above right) Pat Kelly.
Right: Portraying movie-goers of the forties, skit members Dorie Switzer and Tim Mikeska wait for the homecoming assembly to begin.



For this single yet important game, preparations had been going on all week. The halls were gaily decorated with signs, streamers, posters and every kind of spirited display imaginable. Tuesday was T-Shirt day. Everyone was dressed in white T-Shirts with friends gathered around signing them industriously. Then came Friday and 50's day. Because of the holiday atmosphere, classes did not really exist as a swaggering group of greasers and bobby-socked girls walked the halls throughout the day.

Above: On T-shirt signing day, Debbie McGee, Karen Mazac and Judy Kropp look at the names and messages scrawled on Nancy Urbanek's T-shirt.



Above: A group of girls gathered for a slumber party: a common sight in the 50's. Stancie Schwenker and Pam Wyche playfully bop to the music.



Above Right: Kelly "Clyde" Zetak carefully cleans his machine gun while waitress Stephanie "Gert" Schnieder looks on.





Right: Debbie McGee, alias Shirley Temple, complete in dress and curly locks, sings "the Good Ship Lollipop."



Above: Portraying the dance and dress of the roaring 20's, Rhonda Srnensky and Ricky Mann begin their skit, and dance to "The Charleston." Center Left: Although the traditional kazoo band (right) had their act planned and rehearsed, they were in for a surprise as the Women's kazoo band (left) made their first appearance.

Highlighting the festivities was the homecoming assembly welcoming the exes. During the assembly, we were taken back in time by the magic MALLARD man to the 20's until we gradually progressed to the 70's, our present time period. We were both entertained and amused and we reflected on how it must have been back then. The traditional kazoo band, with their renditions of "Viva Max" and "Shake Your Booty," was at its best.



It was an exciting week, filled with surprises and though the decorations and signs were torn down, and the costumes put away, the memories will never be discarded and whenever we think of football season '76, we will remember homecoming with a smile.

# SECOND TO 1 — so close, yet so far

With first period workouts every morning volleyballers found they had to come to school wide eyed and ready to work. In addition to morning practices the teams also met for after school workouts in hopes of achieving their second consecutive District Championship.

However, their 10-2 record placed them a close second to District Champion Belton, who finished 12-0. Although they were stopped short of first, they were far from third since they lost only to Belton. Second runner-up Del Valle followed far behind with a 6-6 record.

Duck standouts were recognized when Beverly Barnett and Kathleen Jackson made the all-district team and Elaine Davison received honorable mention.







Top: Joyce Washington and Janice Cubit listen as Coach Debra Hall tells them like it is.
Left: In the Belton match, Kathleen Jackson takes the third hit as Elaine Davison looks on.
Right: During a game against Belton, Wanda Tillis and an opposing player both go up for the dink.

As Peggy Hyzak stands ready for the return volley, Joyce Washington gets ready to slam down another spike for the Ducks in a JV game against Belton.



Above: VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (Front Row): Elaine Davison, and Gloria Mackey. (Second Row): Wanda Tillis, Sheila McCormick and Sheila Reese. (Back Row): Janet Jackson, Kathleen Jackson, Beverly Barnett and Denise Hubbard.




Left: JV VOLLEYBALL (Front Row): Joyce Washington, Stacy Becker and Annie Jackson. (Back Row): Tracy McVay, Janice Cubit, Peggy Hyzak and Roxanne Poppelz.

Right: FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL (Front Row): Beverly Hubbard, Mary Jackson and Debbie Danek. (Second Row): Shirley Smith, Debra Vrabel and Vangie Stoll. (Back Row): Beth Nelson, Cynthia Kruse and Tammy Greene.



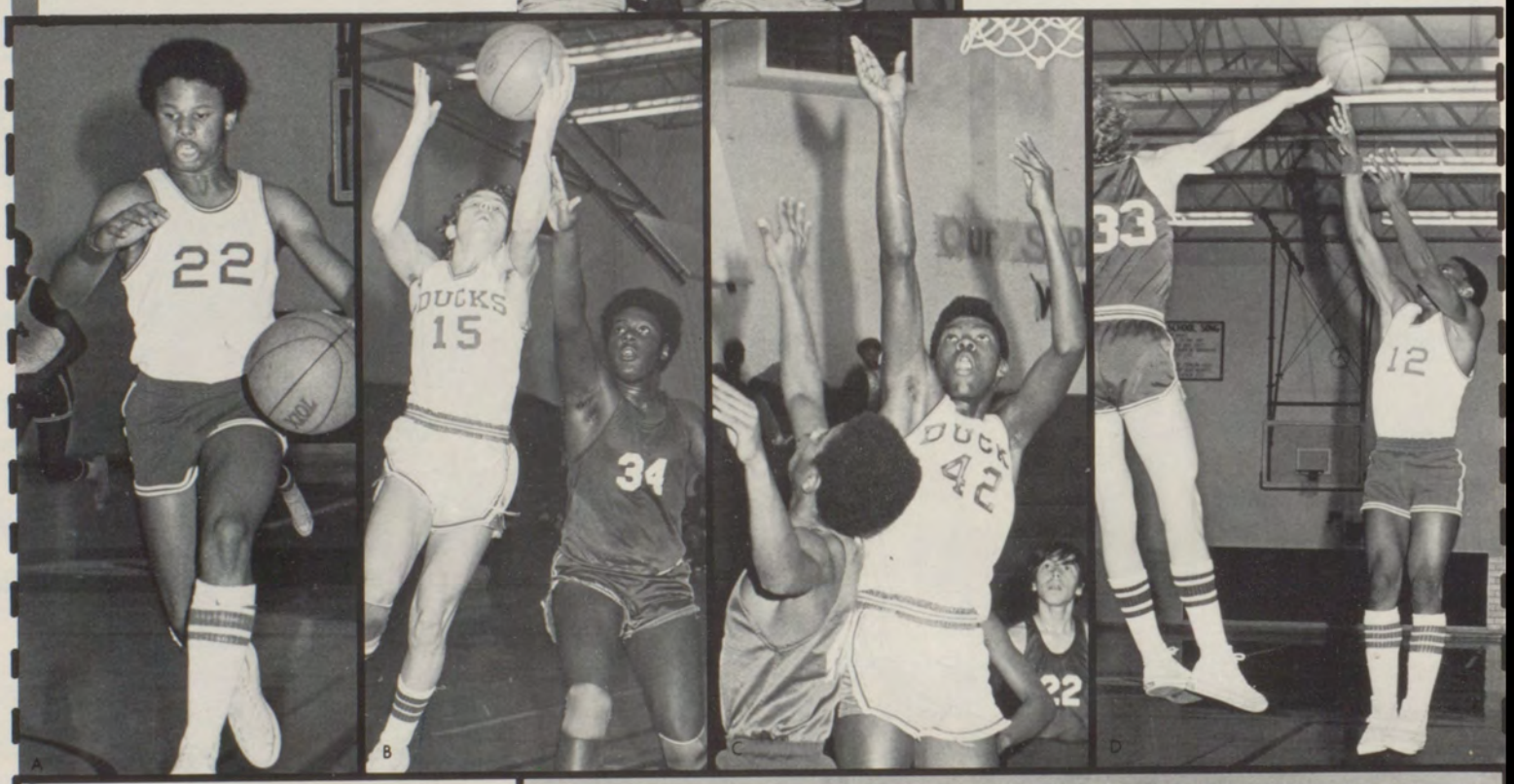
# Learning In Victory Or Defeat



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: (Front Row): Gaylon Parker, Dean Ash, Donald Hill and Ernest Frederick. (Second Row): Raul Tamez, Aubrey Jackson, Ricky Meiske and Byron Townsend. (Back Row): Coach Kenny Cmerek, Edward Tealer, Dennis Carter and Eddie Walker.

Both the Junior Varsity and Freshman basketballers started the year out young and inexperienced, and although the JV did not have a very successful season, the Fish ended with a 17-7 record.

The goal of both teams was to win, however they both had another purpose, which was to prepare the players for varsity ball. Concerning the JV season and what it meant for the future, coach Steve Wilson commented, "We learned by our mistakes and won't make the same ones again." On the other hand, the Freshman team proved their potential in their winning season. So whether in victory or in defeat there was always a benefit — experience.



A. JV player Rudy Johnson dribbles down the court on a fast break.
B. Freshman player Byron Townsend drives for a layup in the game against Lockhart.
C. In the Taylor Lockhart Freshman game, Aubrey Jackson goes up against an opposing player in an attempt to make two points.
D. Guard Jeffery Hattley shoots for two points in the JV game against Westlake.



JV BASKETBALL: (Front Row): Coach Steve Wilson, Rudy Johnson, Jeffery Hattley, Reggie Caldwell, Perry Thomas and Donald Ray Frederick. (Back Row): Jim Evans, Kirk Zachary, Charles Hall, Glenn Steffek and Domingo Perez.

# SHOOTING For Improvement

In his ninth year as a head basketball coach, THS alumnus Doug Ruthven returned to Taylor to coach players having what he described as "the best attitudes I have ever worked with."

The Ducks began the season with not only limited height, but also limited experience. After losing the first two games of the season they came back to win the next six in a row. However when time came for 12AAA competition the first two teams the Ducks faced were the District's toughest. After being defeated by Del Valle, the Ducks fell to Westlake by a mere two points. According to Coach Ruthven, "Most teams would have quit right then but this group kept fighting."

The Ducks continued to fight all the way through the season to achieve a winning record of 18-12. In addition to the winning season Larry Kelly was chosen to the all-district team and Kenneth Thomas and Gary Keith received honorable mention recognition. So what began as a rebuilding year ended with the pleasant surprise of a winning season.



VARSITY BASKETBALL (Front Row) Larry Kelly, Marion Morgan, Clarence Wooldridge and James Collins. (Second Row) Gary Keith, Kenneth Thomas, Jay Harkins, and Louis Ross. (Back Row) Brian Zrubek, Winford Hull, Brad Frazier, Casey Tate and Coach Doug Ruthven.





As a long jump shot pops the net, two more points go up for the Ducks.





Above: During the finals of the Taylor Tournament Brian Zrubek and Gary Keith both go up for the rebound.
A: In the Taylor Tournament finals, Larry Kelly assists Gary Keith in an attempt to make two more points. Taylor beat the Clubs 54-43 to win the tournament title.
B: In the final crucial minutes of a game, Coach Ruthven yells instructions to his players.



After coming down on a fast break Kenneth Thomas jumps for the shot in a game against Brenham.

Taylor — where all the work began. When Coach Leon Nickerson took the head track job three years ago he said "With time I will produce results." Those results came with the district meet.

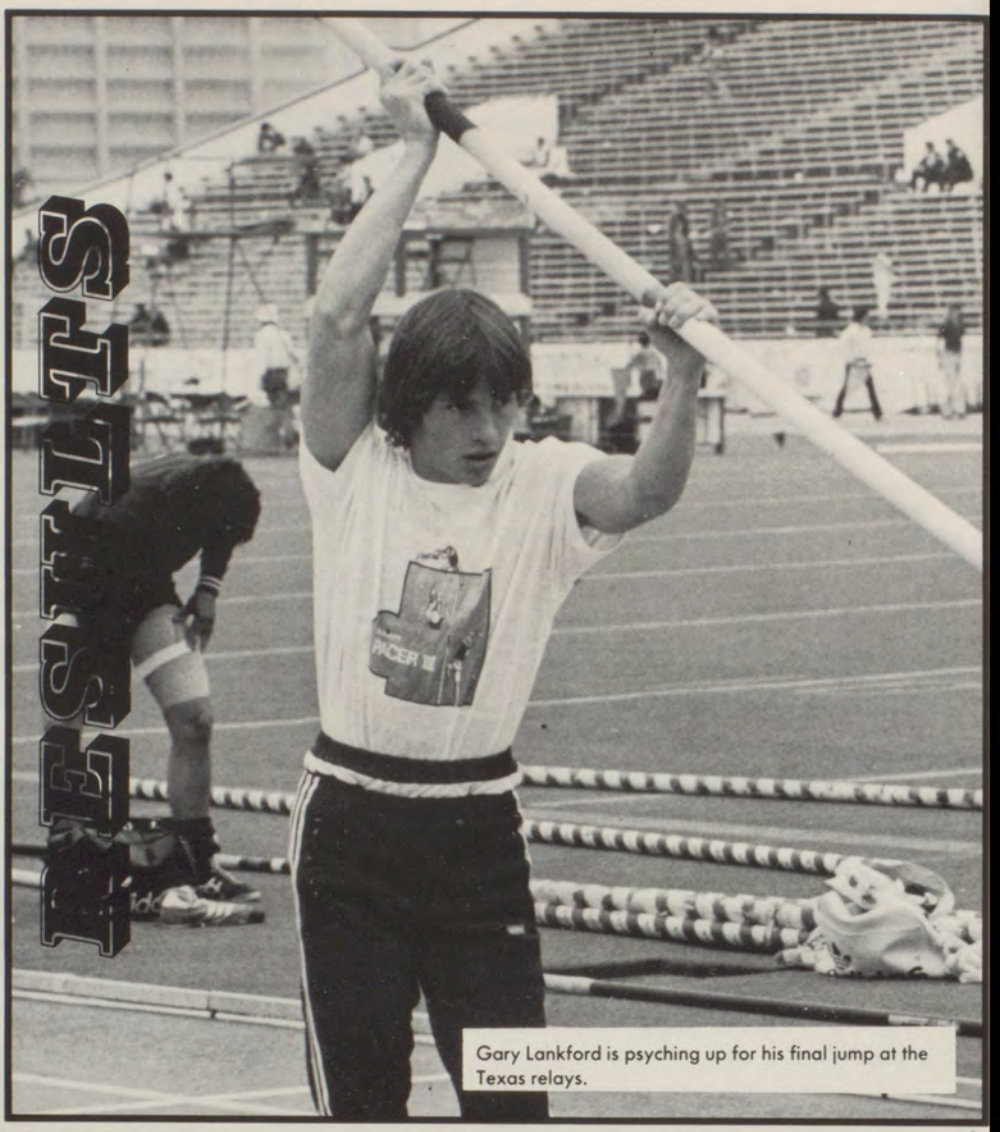
Round Rock — the site of the district meet and the best Taylor showing in five years. The sprint and mile relay teams both finished second and James Collins swept the 220. Gary Lankford dominated the pole vault for the third year.

Corpus Christi, Kingsville — the regional meet split into two locations because of rain. The weather held long enough in Corpus for Gary Lankford to soar 15'9" and win the pole vault. But running events were forced to Kingsville the following day, where the mile relay team (Doug Alexander, Marion Morgan, Gary Lankford and James Collins) finished third, a good showing but not enough to get them to Austin and state.

Austin — the state meet on the synthetic surface of the University of Texas' Memorial Field. Gary Lankford once more proved his prowess as a state-class pole vaulter with a second place finish.

Taylor, Round Rock, Corpus, Kingsville, Austin — the hot spots in a most successful year for Taylor tracksters.

## RESULTS



Gary Lankford is psyching up for his final jump at the Texas relays.



Bojo Collins rounds the curve in a fast 220 yard dash at the district meet in Round Rock.



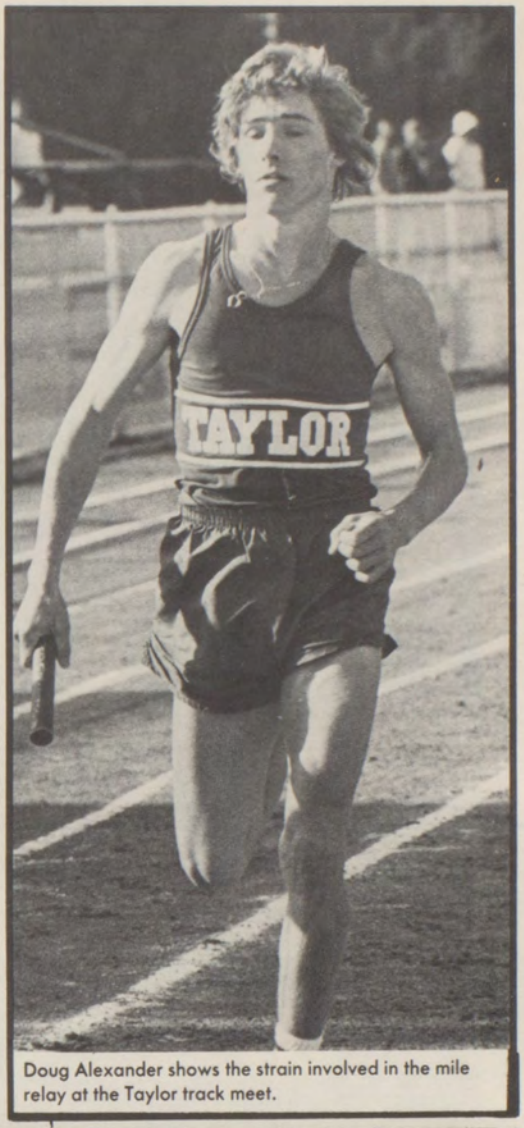
Sprinter Michael Pittman gets a good start against Round Rock in the 100 yard dash.



Winford Hull and Gerald Davison scale high hurdles in the district finals.



Michael Pittman hands off to Doug Alexander on the second leg of their second place final sprint relay.




Doug Alexander shows the strain involved in the mile relay at the Taylor track meet.



Gary Lankford sprints out to a 10.1 in the 100 yard dash in the preliminaries.



Gary Keith arches over the bar with style at the district meet.

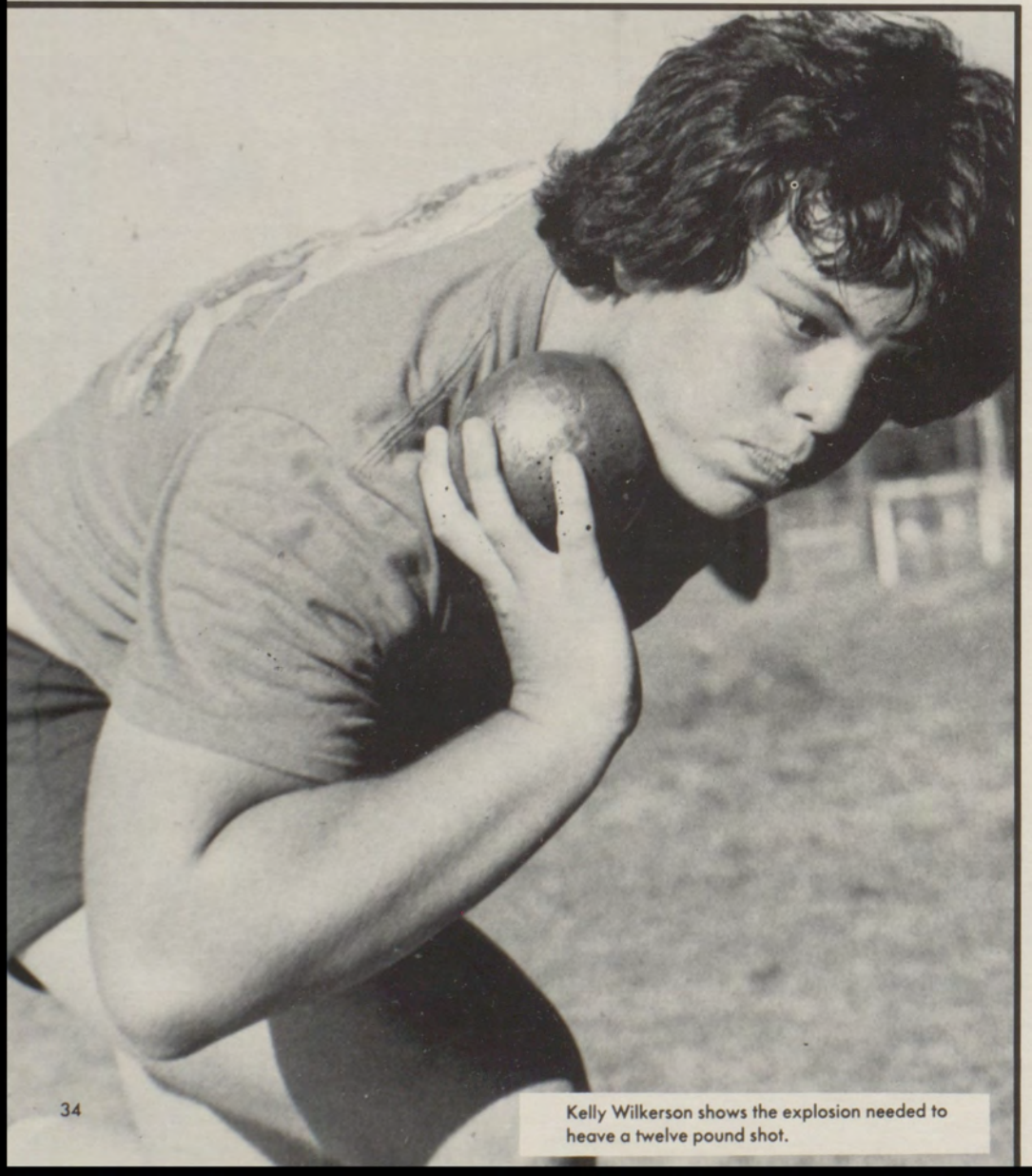


Above: Caught in mid-air, Kathleen Jackson sails toward a new distance in the long jump.

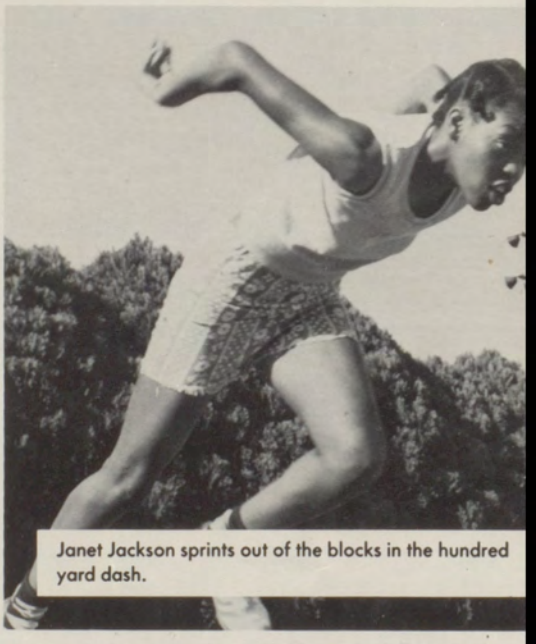
# FOOTwork



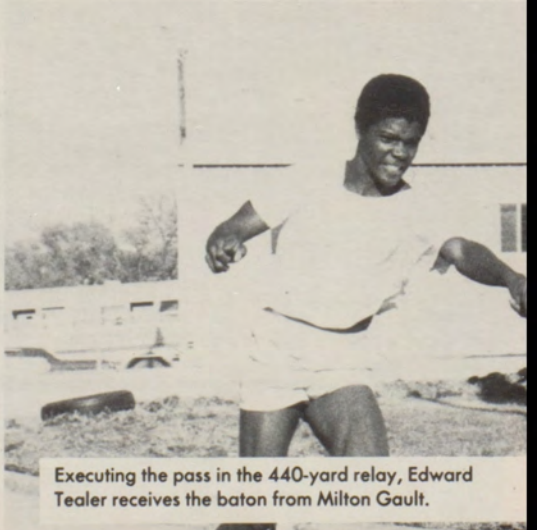

Ernest Frederick strains to stretch out his final jump at Round Rock.



Kelly Wilkerson shows the explosion needed to heave a twelve pound shot.



Janet Jackson sprints out of the blocks in the hundred yard dash.



Executing the pass in the 440-yard relay, Edward Tealer receives the baton from Milton Gault.

Freshmen track men were small in number yet they ran hard and made fast improvement as the year progressed.

Although there were only seven participants on the team it cannot be said they went unnoticed. A relay team consisting of Ernest Frederick, Edward Tealer, Aubrey Jackson and Milton Gault broke the seven year old mile relay record at the Round Rock Invitational with a time of 3:46. After a week's break Coach Steve Wilson felt his team was as ready as ever for the final challenge — the District meet. Although the Ducks placed fifth with 45 points, it was a fine effort for a seven member team. Kelly Wilkerson showed he was ready for Varsity competition with a shot put of 47'2" while Milton Gault was speeding to a very impressive 10.4 in the 100 year dash.

With this development among the freshman track team, the future looked bright at the year's end. Duck track is on the way up.

Girls track was still progressing and the year became a stepping stone to a high level girls track program.

Although the girls did not fair well at the district track meet they did try. The meet, plagued by cold weather and rain, left the girls splashing their way two days.

Kathleen Jackson had the best chance to place on to regional track meet held in Corpus Christi but because of a bad start in the hurdles and a large puddle in the middle of the long jump runway, the Taylor girls were forced to pack up their gear and look forward to another season and hope for better results.



Pam Brookshire and Janet Jackson show the smoothness of a spring relay hand-off.

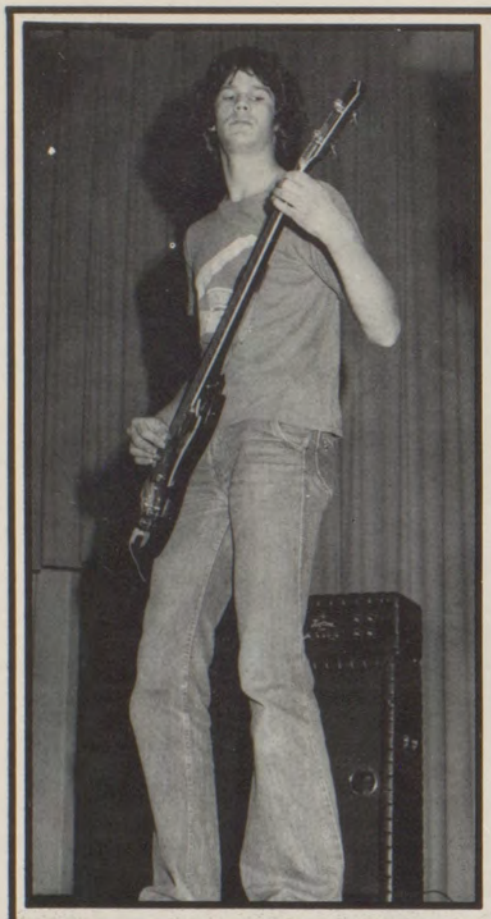


Tommy Stiba exhibits his form as a discus thrower.



Blazing out of the blocks and on his way to a time of 10.4 at the district meet is Milton Gault.



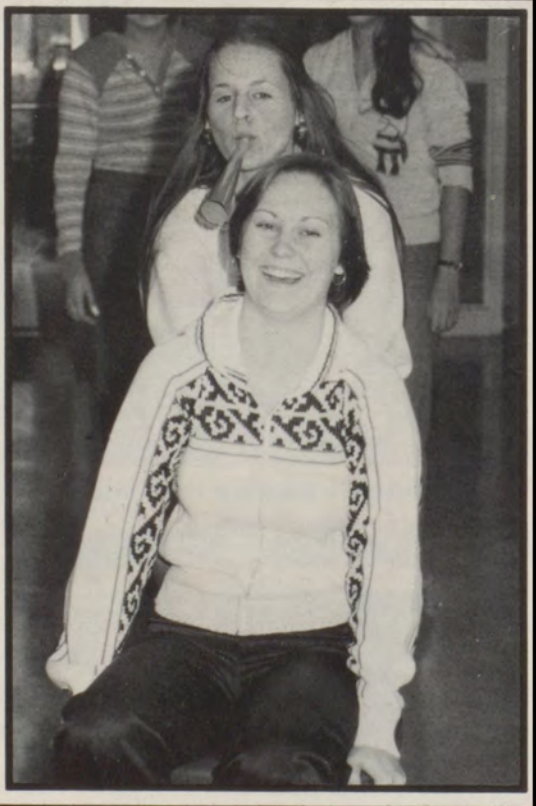




Left: Many musically inclined students took up playing an instrument in their spare time to entertain themselves and friends. Pat Kelly displays his talent at playing the bass guitar.
Above: Juniors Lou Ann Mokry, Stancie Schwenker, Debbie McGee and Laurie Pasemann enjoy a concert in April — one of many held throughout the year.

Below Left: Mr. Gatti's, one of Taylor's new restaurants, quickly became one of THS students' favorite places to meet friends. Here Annette Martin, Daneta Griffin, Marsha Budd, Idella Aldredge and Sherry Campbell enjoy a pizza.
Below: Sometimes just fooling around with friends can be the most fun of all. Ramona Urbanek and Vickie Hughes share a laugh at the VOE party.





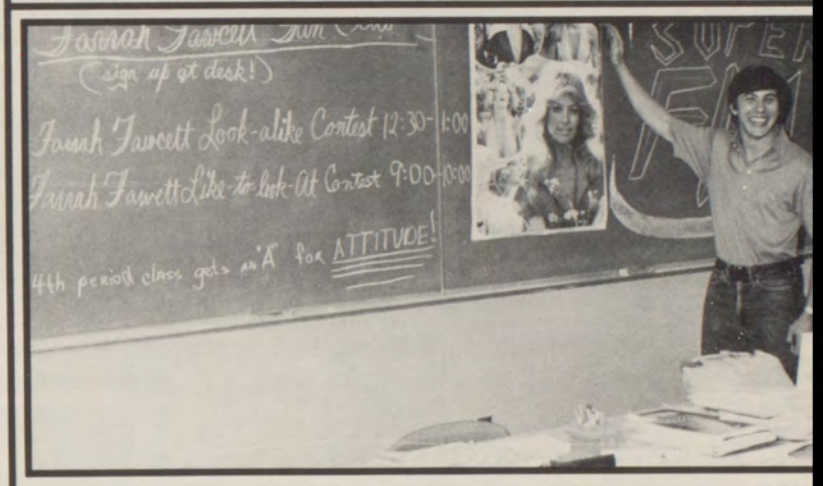


Left: A welcome break in the day-to-day routine of school, assemblies often provided a time for students to sit back and enjoy a good laugh. As a special treat Santa Claus (teacher Butch Lee), escorted by angels Dana Basco and Patti Ruzicka, appeared in the Christmas assembly.



The Municipal Auditorium in Austin was not too far for country-western music fans from THS to travel for the Ronnie Milsap concert.






# ATTRACTIONS

For THS students, the entertainment scene reflected the pattern of stability that marked other areas of school life. But this did not mean that any of the excitement had died down. No way. Even if the modes of entertainment had stayed the same, they still provided the fun and relaxation, and kept up the same furious pace for everybody.

Dances remained as popular as ever. Music in all forms was a big, big business with brand names such as Teac, Pioneer, Panasonic and Sony heard in everyday conversation. For the sports enthusiast, tennis continued to be the boom game in Taylor, and at times it was impossible to find a court to play on.

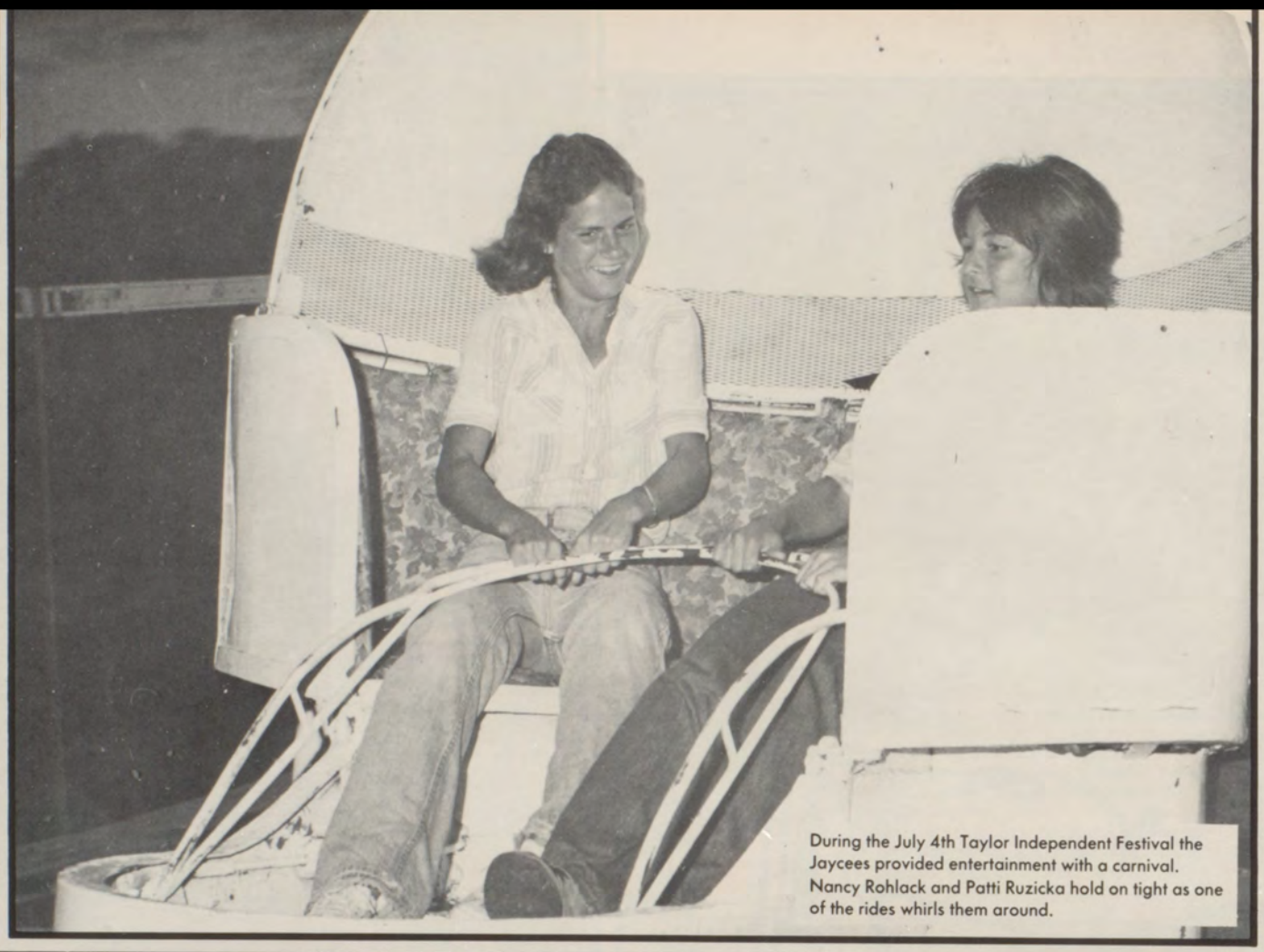
Far less strenuous was another kind of "tennis" — the TV brands, such as "Pong" and "Telestar." The year also proved to be a good one for more conventional television and the movies. TV shows such as "Charlie's Angels" changed the homework habits of many students and the motion pictures ROCKY, NETWORK and THE SILVER STREAK were as popular with Taylorites as they were with others in the rest of the country.

Whether we sought entertainment in Taylor, the capital city of Austin (located 35 miles away) or in front of a television set, the break from routine was always welcome. Everyone enjoyed it, and everyone needed it.

Top Right: At the KC hall, Bubba Holman and Connie Schneider dance to the sounds of the Debonaires, at one of the weekly dances.
Above: With a beaming smile, Gilbert Mokry expresses the feelings of male members of the fourth period elementary analysis class about TV star Farrah Fawcett-Majors.
Below: Tracy McVay, one of many students who care for a horse, rides in the Taylor Rodeo Parade.



# BREAKING THE ROUTINE



During the July 4th Taylor Independent Festival the Jaycees provided entertainment with a carnival. Nancy Rohlack and Patti Ruzicka hold on tight as one of the rides whirls them around.

Sometimes school got to be a drag, but when this happened a student could always look ahead to a coming break in the old routine — a holiday.

Assemblies and getting out of class at 2:30 made even the day before a holiday seem like a vacation. Afternoon advisories were a treat before getting out for the Thanksgiving holidays. Christmas brought all kinds of activities from an assembly to getting a picture taken with Santa Claus by THS's own Christmas tree.

It was hard to get back into the swing of books and homework after the long Christmas break, but students could always start looking forward to the Easter holidays. The Easter assembly featured the Kazoo band wearing rabbit ears and cotton tails, while Dotty Rambo's Elementary Analysis class hunted Easter eggs during fourth period. When Easter had passed THS looked forward to the biggest holiday of all — almost three months of summer vacation.



One of FTA's major projects during Valentine's Day is the carnation sale. Sponsor Peggy Mott smiles with excitement after receiving a flower from one of her students.







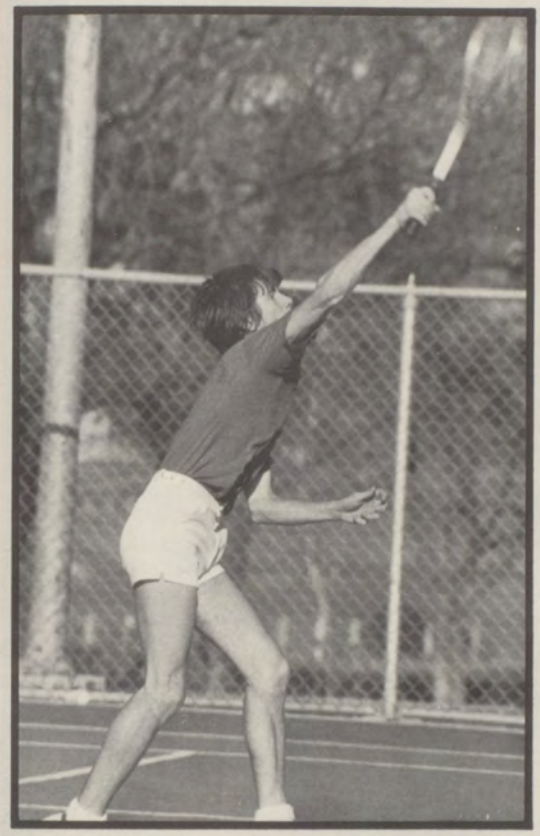
Above: At Easter time Louis Ross had great expectations of winning the Student Senate Easter bunny. However, the lucky draw went to Sharon Harrell.
Above Right: During Halloween Peggy Kilgore and Darlene Galvan, members of On Stage '77, participate in the Spookhouse.
Right: Providing a jolly Santa, THS teacher Butch Lee and his helper Stephanie Schneider participate in the Christmas assembly.

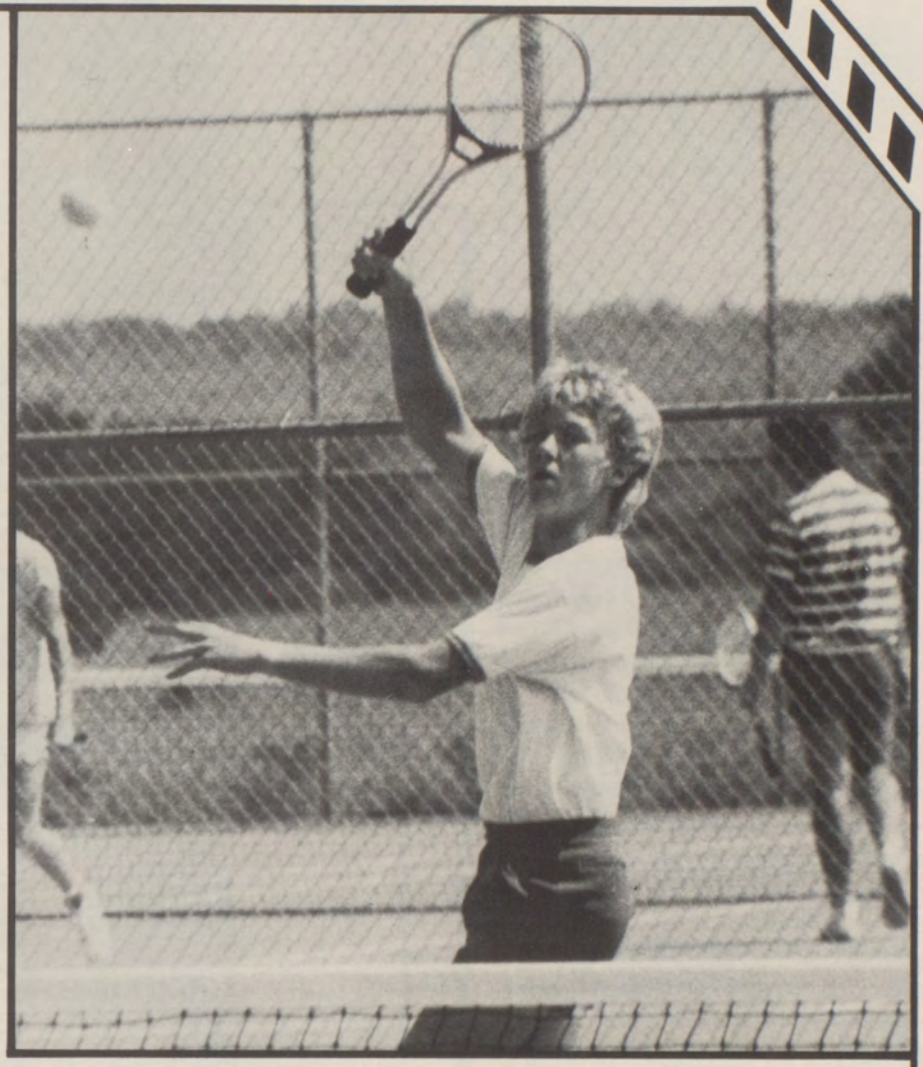
# CHAMPS ONCE AGAIN

## hard work pays off



Below: Jay Harking gets in position to slam an overhead from his opponent.
Right: During the Optimist Tennis Tournament, Brad Frazier rushes the net and prepares for the coming overhead.
Bottom: During workouts Patty Corbett hits on the ball machine to strengthen her forehand.







If anyone thought all it took was ability to play tennis on Coach Larry Safarik's tennis team, they were definitely mistaken. From the start of organized workouts team members dedicated a small part of their lives to playing tennis, not because they were forced to but for the mere reason they wanted to be the best and they knew hard work and dedication was the best way to achieve it.

The hard work paid off. Dominating every tournament entered, the Ducks managed to win the team title every time except for an even tie against a tough New Braunfels team. But then there was another side to playing tennis. Continued on page 42.

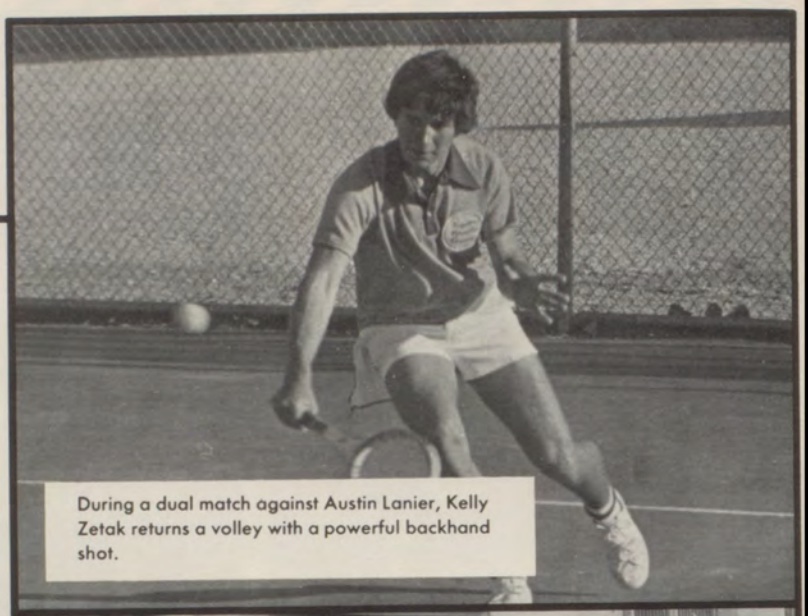
# A WINNING RACQUET

TENNIS continued

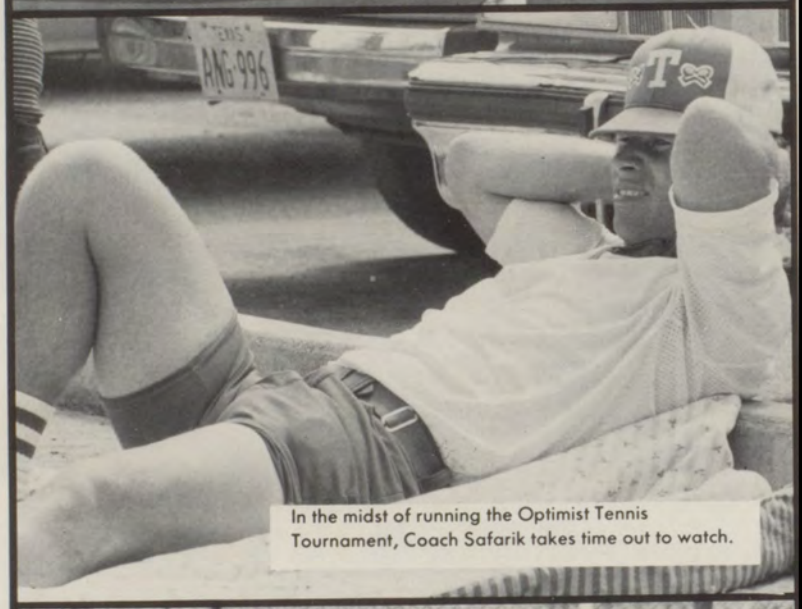
New warm-ups, getting out of school on Fridays for tournaments, spending nights away from home and soaking up the sun at tournaments was the fun side of tennis.

With only two girls returning from last year's varsity team, it looked to be a rebuilding year for the girls. But with the quality and quantity of Coach Safarik's tennis team the problem was a pleasant one — having many well qualified players capable of filling the spots. When district rolled around, the right combinations had been found. Diana Cotner and Nancy Rohlack won first and their teammates Susan Harris and Kathie Krenek took second. Laurie Pasemann won second in singles, and all advanced to regional competition.

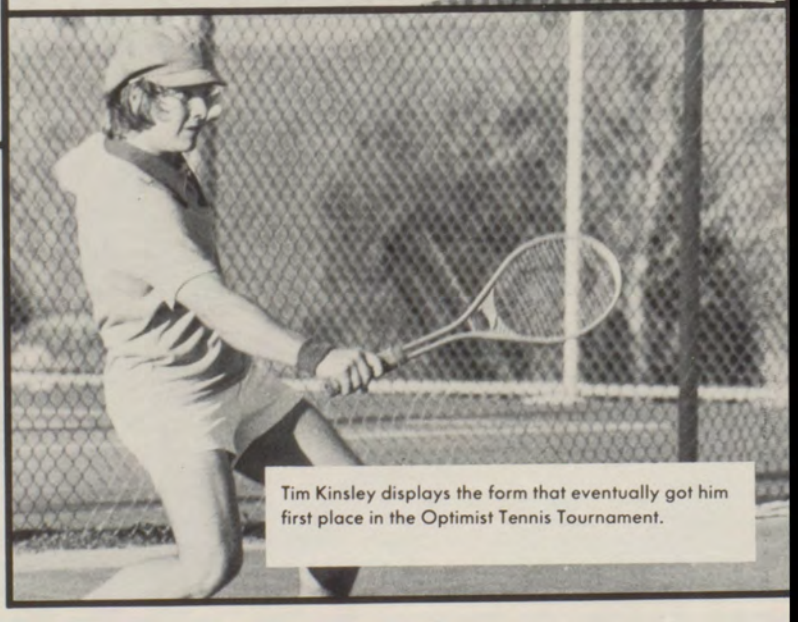
Coach Safarik commented, "This year we have one of the finest boys teams ever," and the results proved this statement true. In district play Jay Harkins took a first place singles victory, Kelly Zetak and Brad Frazier won first and Tim Kinsley and Eric Cupp won second in doubles. The boys went on to win the regional title with Kelly and Brad winning first and Jay taking second place in Corpus Christi.



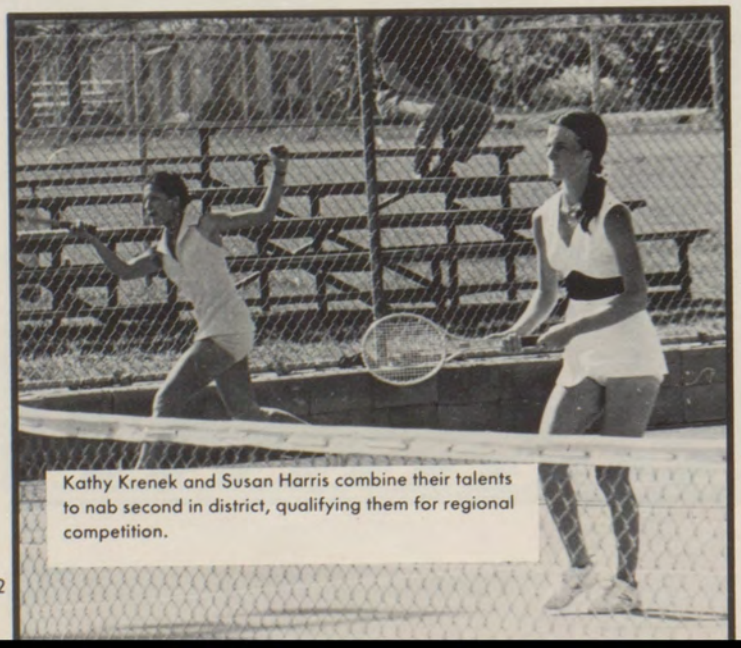
During a dual match against Austin Lanier, Kelly Zetak returns a volley with a powerful backhand shot.



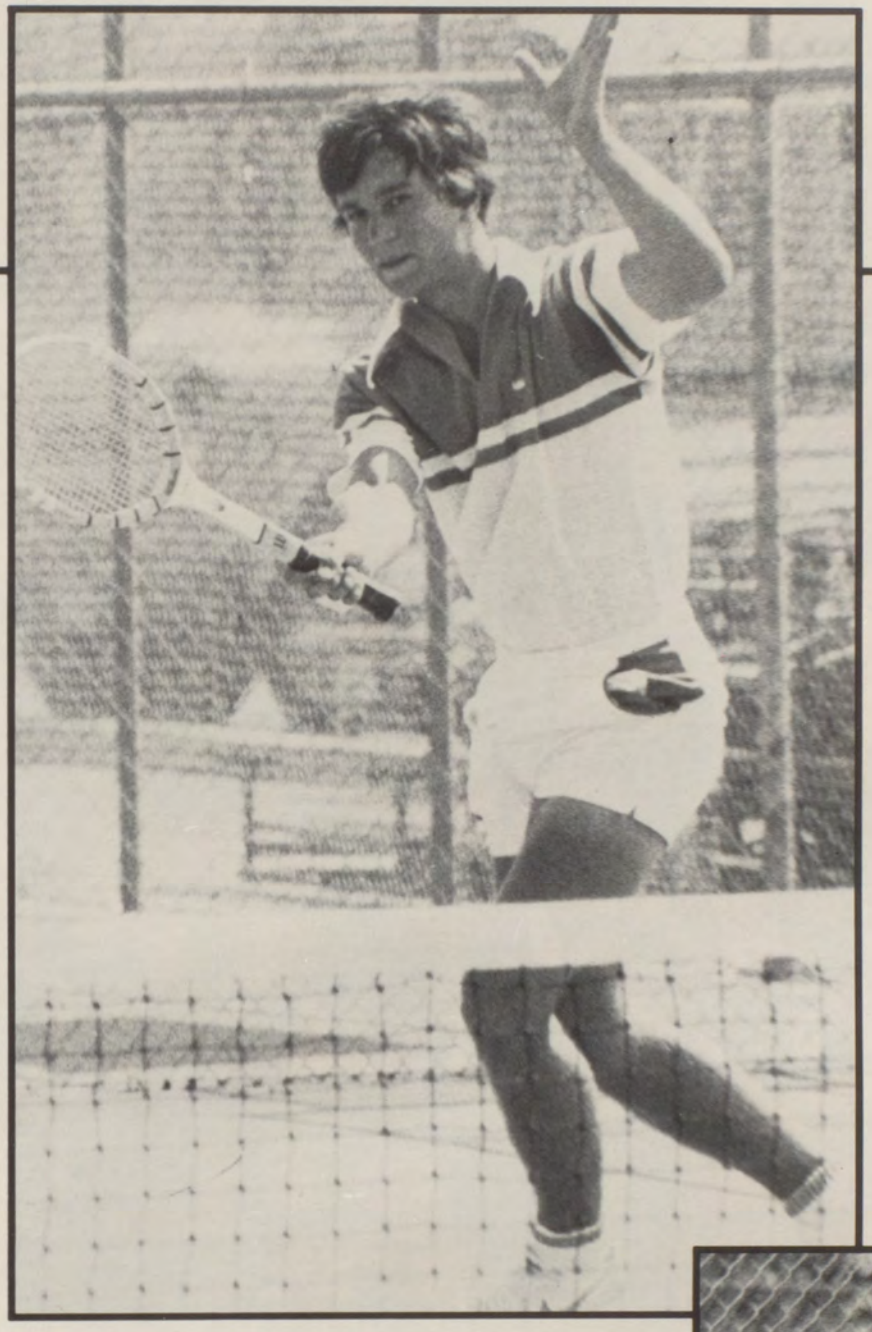
In the midst of running the Optimist Tennis Tournament, Coach Safarik takes time out to watch.

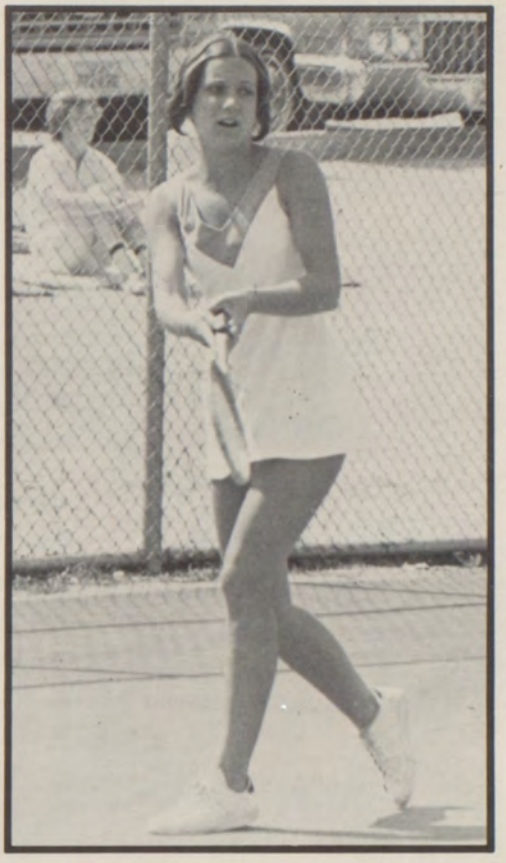


Tim Kinsley displays the form that eventually got him first place in the Optimist Tennis Tournament.



Kathy Krenek and Susan Harris combine their talents to nab second in district, qualifying them for regional competition.

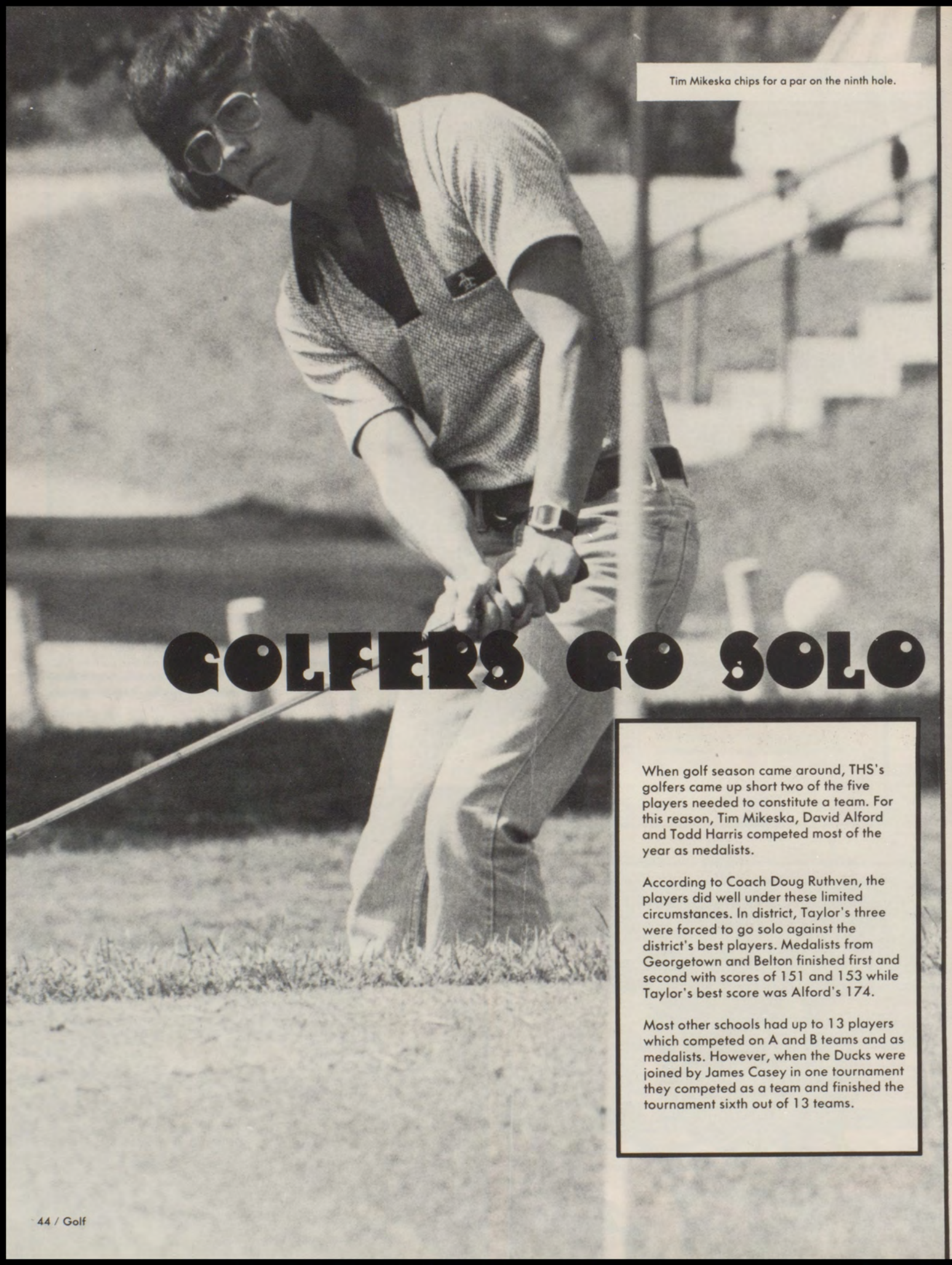




Above: Exhausted from a long match, Diana Cotner returns a backhand shot during the Optimist Tourney.
Upper Left: Kelly Zetak executes perfect form and total concentration before making a winning shot.
Lower Left: After a winning match, doubles partners Eric Cupp and Tim Kinsley show good sportsmanship to their opponents with a friendly handshake. The pair eventually won second in district.
Below: At the first tournament of the year, Laurie Pasemann returns a backhand shot to her Caldwell opponent.







Tim Mikeska chips for a par on the ninth hole.

# GOLFERS GO SOLO

When golf season came around, THS's golfers came up short two of the five players needed to constitute a team. For this reason, Tim Mikeska, David Alford and Todd Harris competed most of the year as medalists.

According to Coach Doug Ruthven, the players did well under these limited circumstances. In district, Taylor's three were forced to go solo against the district's best players. Medalists from Georgetown and Belton finished first and second with scores of 151 and 153 while Taylor's best score was Alford's 174.

Most other schools had up to 13 players which competed on A and B teams and as medalists. However, when the Ducks were joined by James Casey in one tournament they competed as a team and finished the tournament sixth out of 13 teams.







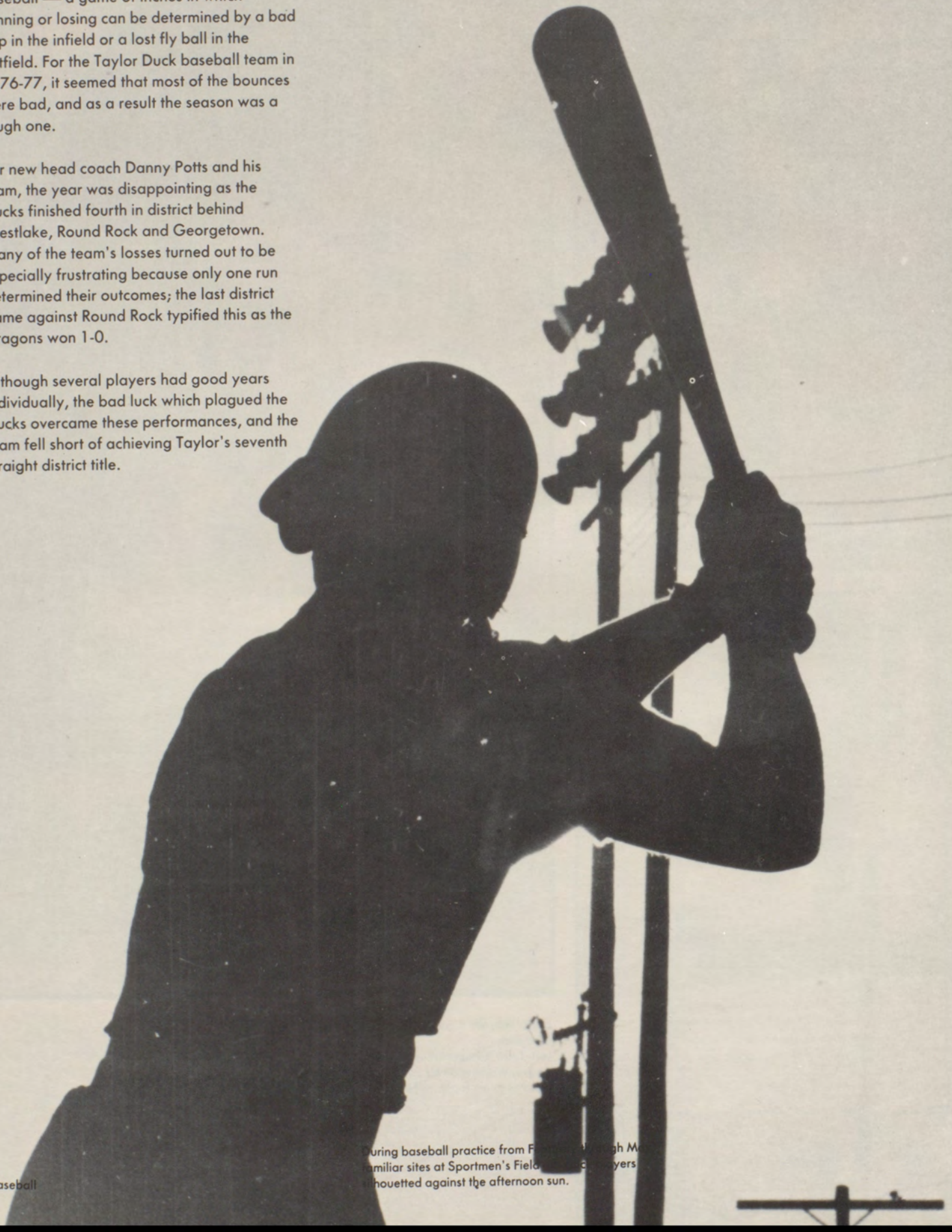
Upper Left: On a par five, David Alford prepares for his third shot.
Left: Todd Harris chips up to the ninth green.
Above: Working on his putting style, Todd Harris watches a five-footer roll in.

# Bad Luck Plagues Season

Baseball — a game of inches in which winning or losing can be determined by a bad hop in the infield or a lost fly ball in the outfield. For the Taylor Duck baseball team in 1976-77, it seemed that most of the bounces were bad, and as a result the season was a tough one.

For new head coach Danny Potts and his team, the year was disappointing as the Ducks finished fourth in district behind Westlake, Round Rock and Georgetown. Many of the team's losses turned out to be especially frustrating because only one run determined their outcomes; the last district game against Round Rock typified this as the Dragons won 1-0.

Although several players had good years individually, the bad luck which plagued the Ducks overcame these performances, and the team fell short of achieving Taylor's seventh straight district title.



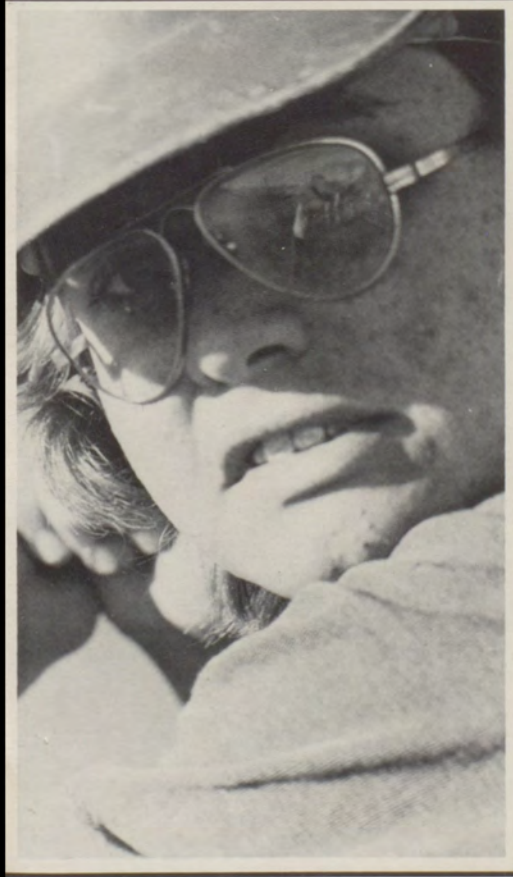
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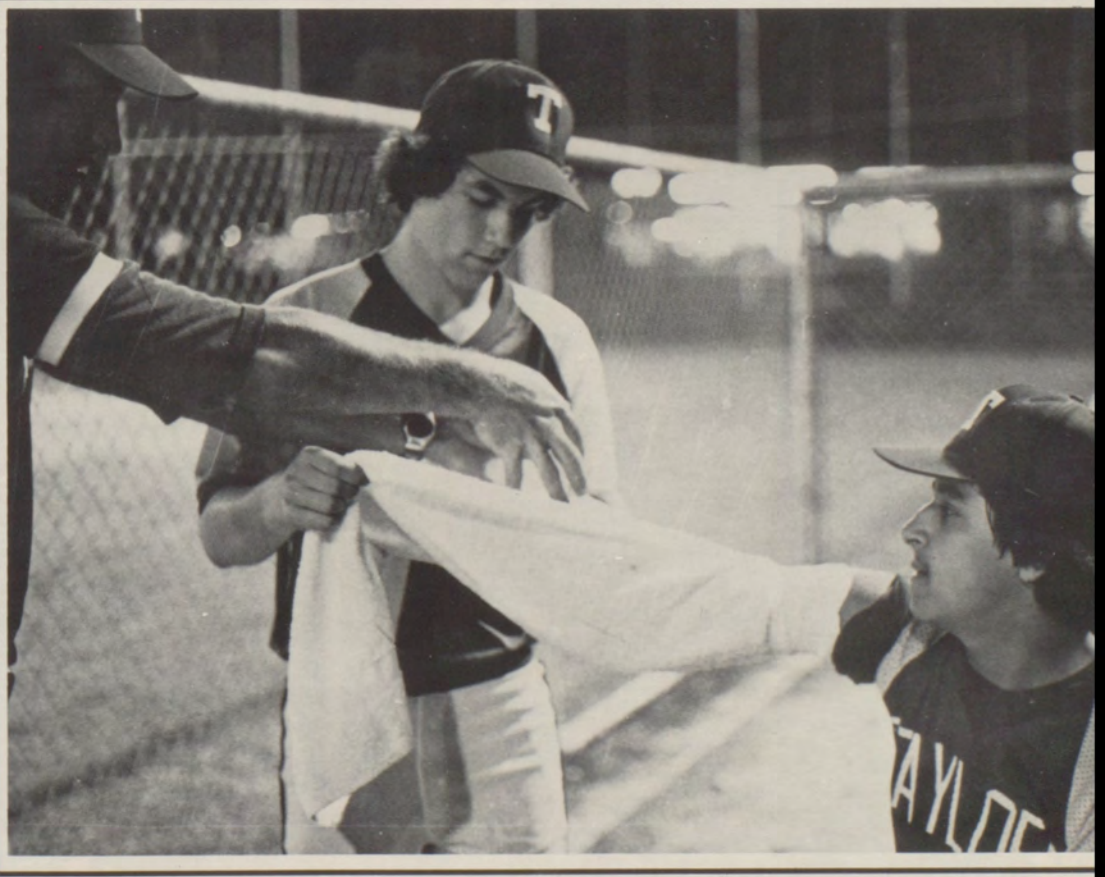




Above: Leftfielder Terry Lindemann crosses the plate to score another run for the Ducks.
Below: Displaying the concentration needed to be a good hitter Brian Sakewitz bears down on the next pitch.

Right: Reserve infielder Louis Ross charges a ground ball in a double play drill.
Below Right: Coach Danny Potts and Brent Gist ice down Daniel Sandoval's arm after a long night on the mound.







During a practice session, second baseman Keith Rieger makes a slick pick-up of a ground ball.

Sophomore pitcher Daniel Sandoval prepares to deliver one of his breaking pitches.





Third baseman Paul Knox readies himself for the next pitch in a game against Georgetown.

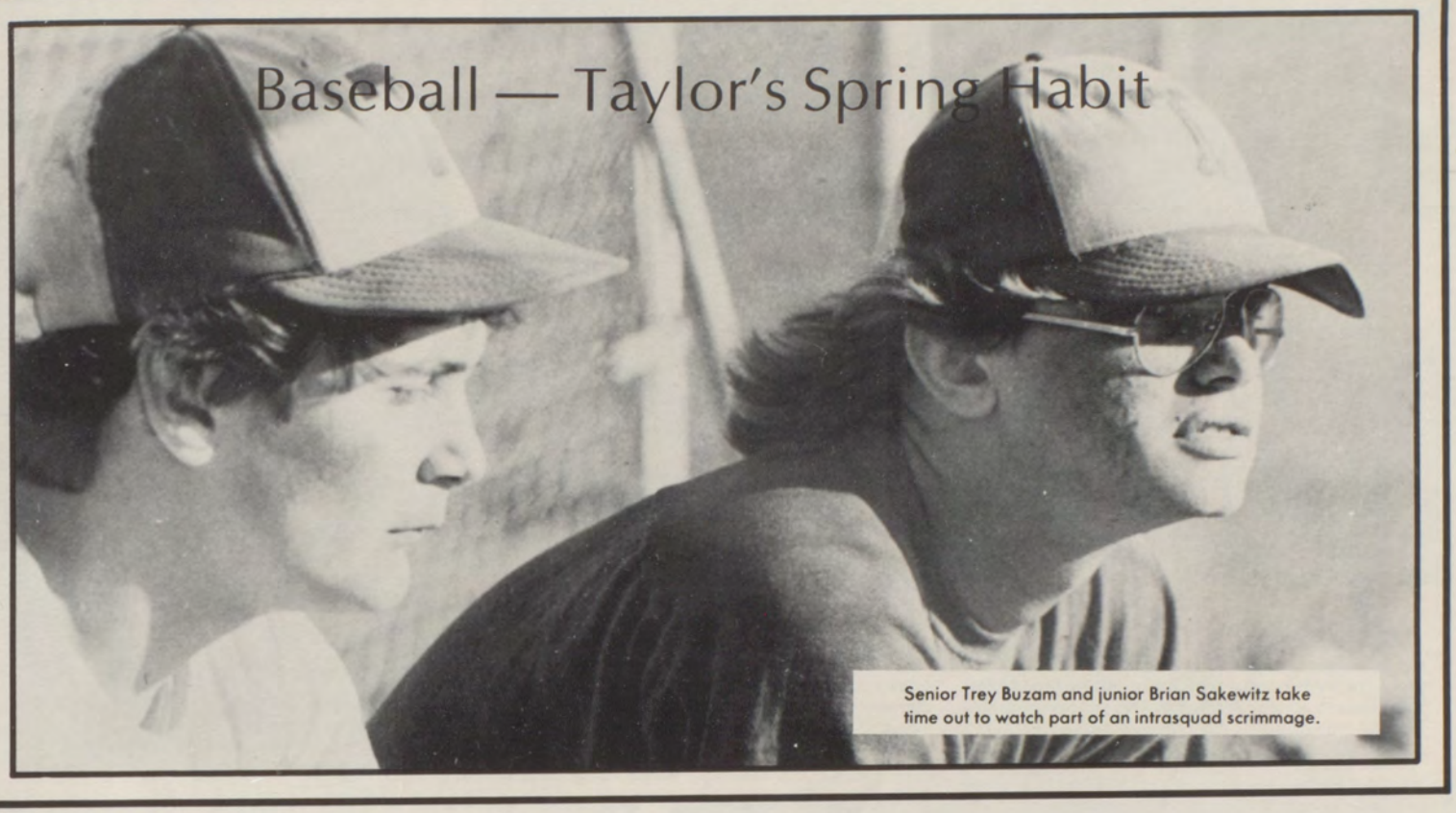


On a ball hit to the right side of the infield, pitcher Leonard Burnett hurries to cover first base

Sliding to beat a throw, Trey Buzan scores one of his many runs for the season.

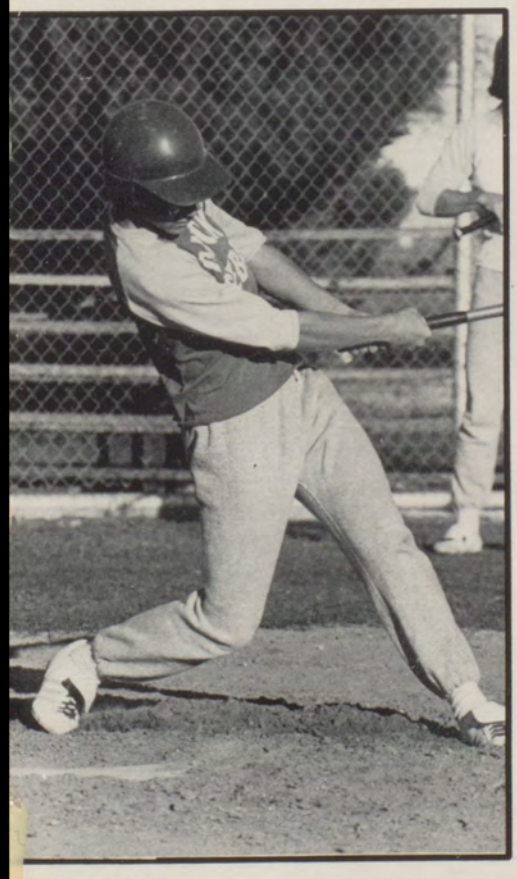


# Baseball — Taylor's Spring Habit



Senior Trey Buzam and junior Brian Sakewitz take time out to watch part of an intrasquad scrimmage.

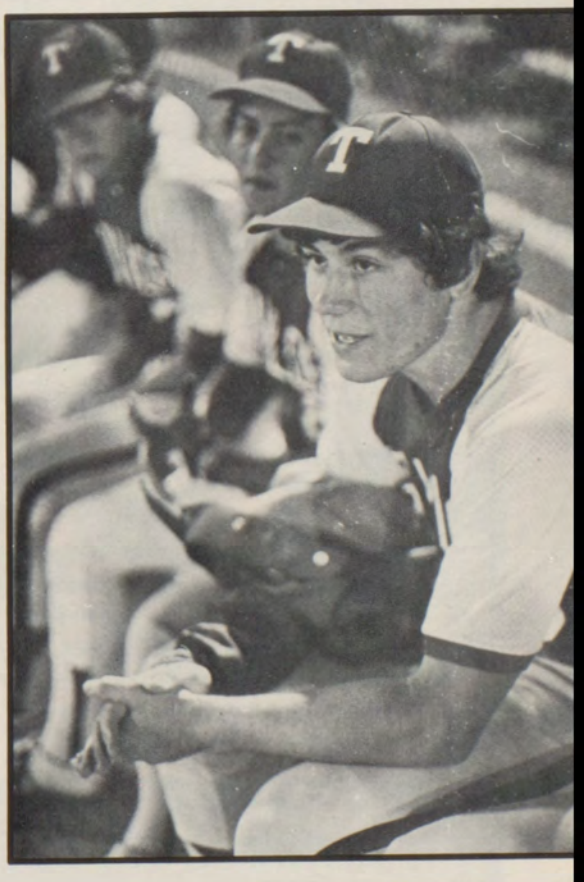
**Below: Senior shortstop Steve Kovar crashes into a pitch during a February practice.**



**Below: David Roznovak flips a throw to first base during an April practice.**



**Below: Between innings, first baseman Leonard Burnett discusses possible pick-off plays.**



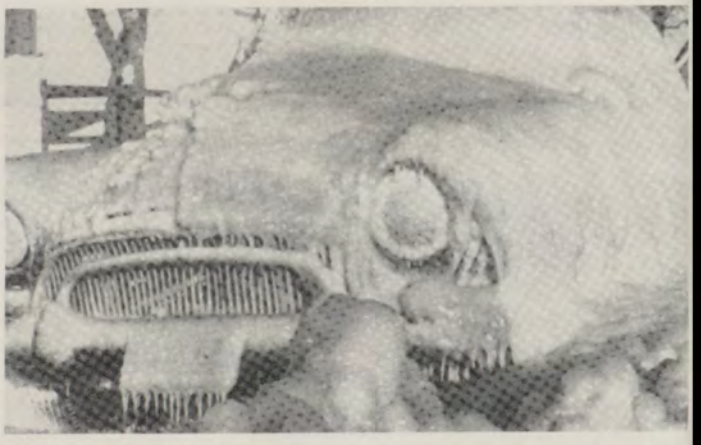




Above: The big car versus the small car was a question that concerned American car buyers as the energy crunch began to be felt by everyone.
Below Left: After a strong campaign, Gerald Ford came very close to winning re-election as President in his race against Jimmy Carter.

Right: Because of his controversial comments about America's foreign policy, U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young made headlines throughout the world.
Below Right: This scene from Detroit illustrated the severe cold that gripped the nation and forced thousands out of work during the winter months.



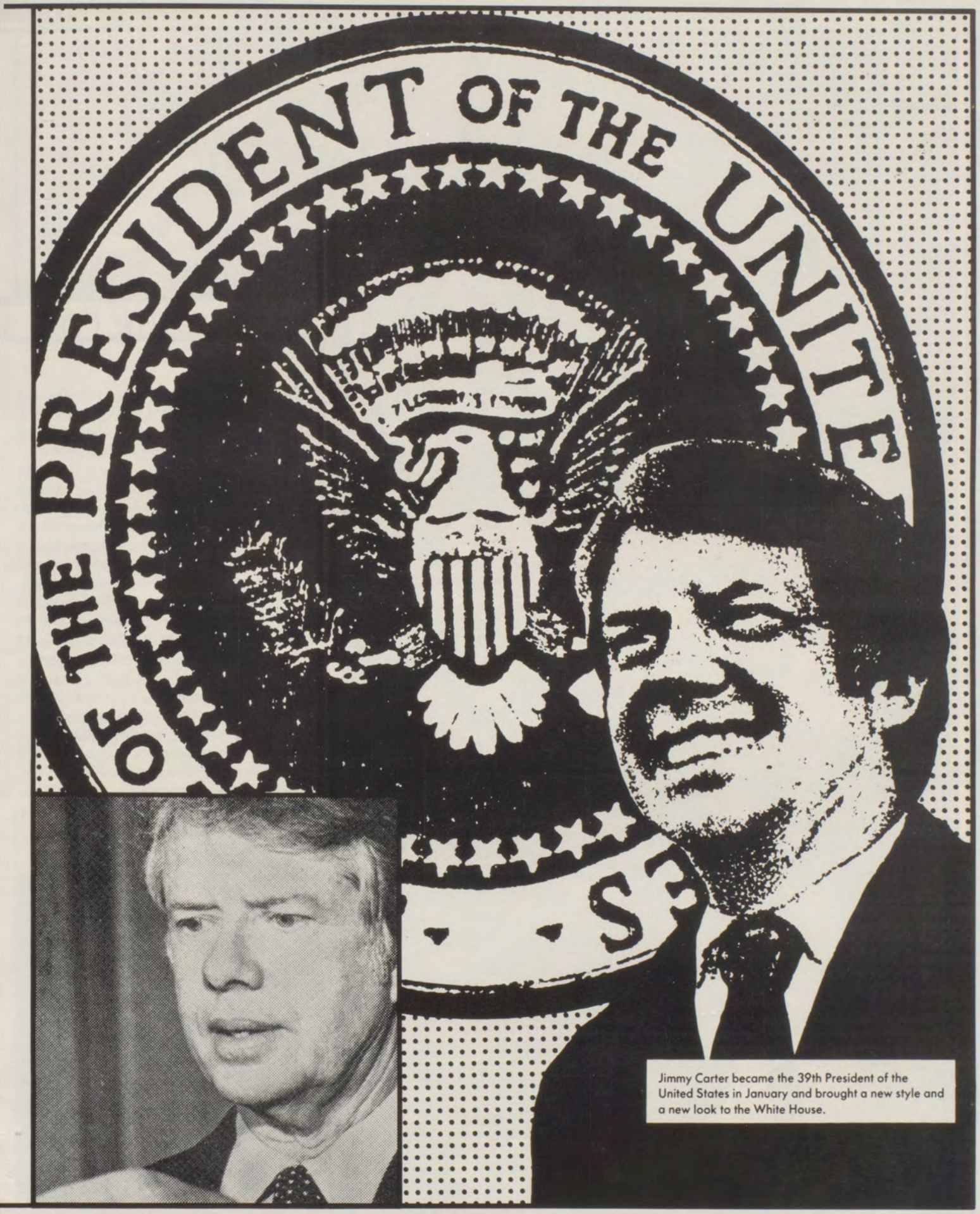


# Problems — And A New Beginning

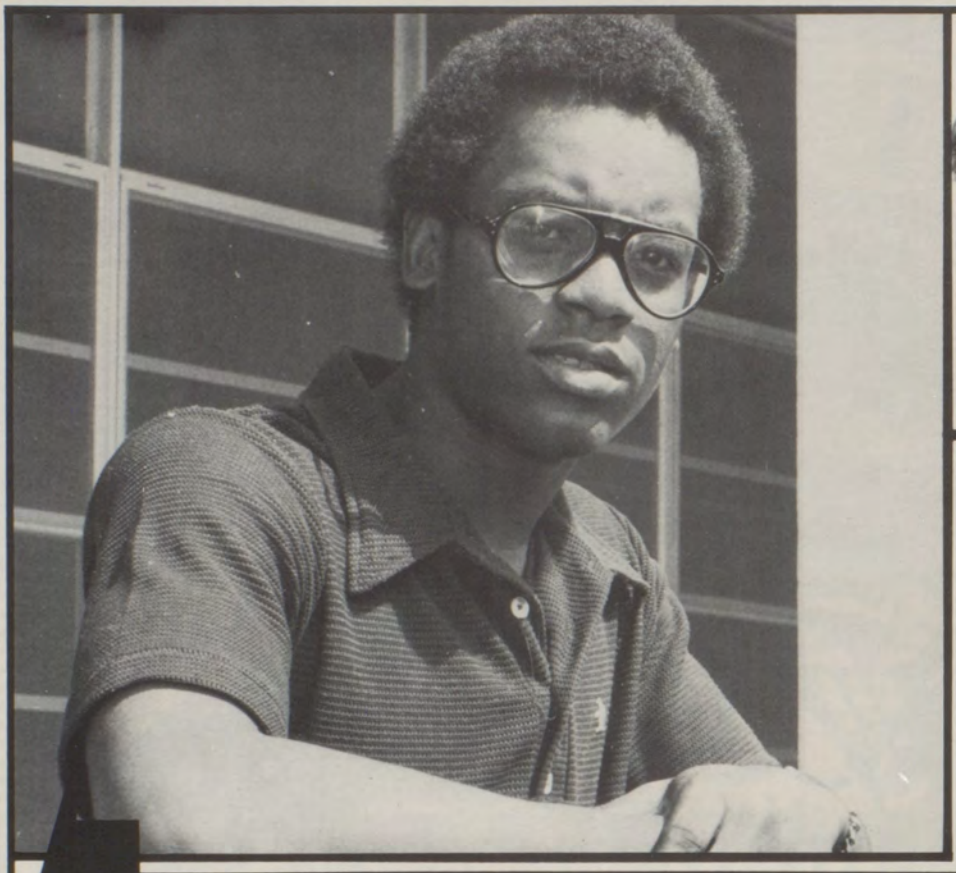
For most Taylor High students, the unlikely story of an undersized and underdog football team that won district had more immediate importance than the unlikely story of a Georgia peanut farmer who became President of the United States. But this did not mean that the Presidential election or any other national event went unnoticed by the school. In fact, we all seemed to pretty well keep track of what was going on because we were each affected by those national happenings, no matter how far away they seemed.

The school predicted Jimmy Carter's November Presidential victory in a mock election. Helped by heavy freshman support, Carter breezed to his win by an almost two-to-one margin among THS "voters". Perhaps the toughest problem for the new President was dealing with the energy situation, something that high school students could easily relate to. We all understand what "less is more" really meant because it became clear that the price of gasoline would probably never fall again. Compounding this energy problem was the hardest winter in the nation's history. It was cold; so cold that, although Texas was not as hard hit as the northern states which suffered the most, school had to be shut down on January 10 due to a natural gas curtailment.

While students spent most of their time concerned with more personal matters, they all paid some attention to what happened on the larger scale. Because from the Presidential election to the saccharin ban, that larger world just would not go away.




Jimmy Carter became the 39th President of the United States in January and brought a new style and a new look to the White House.





# Shooting For

Everyone had a favorite, and with the election of sweethearts and beaux everyone had a chance to select their choice to represent their organization or club.

The student body as a whole named Jackie Rowe Homecoming Queen in November. Others elected were Dana Farr and Paul Knox, the Choir Sweetheart and Beau. Ron Schaefer and Marie Grieger were chosen Band Beau and Sweetheart. FFA elected Judy Baron to be their Sweetheart, and the Hi-Steppers chose Tim Kinsley to represent them as their Beau. Marion Morgan was chosen FHA Beau.

These favorites had a certain added charm, outgoing personality and friendly disposition that members of clubs and THS students recognized and liked. Since very few students were named as Queen, Beau or Sweetheart, the honor was a prestigious one for these chosen few.



Marie Grieger
Band Sweetheart



Tim Kinsley
Hi-Stepper Beau



Judy Baran
FFA Sweetheart



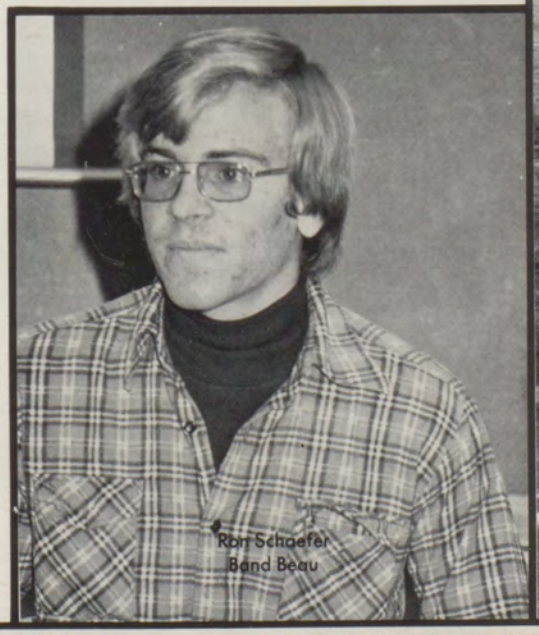


# The Stars

Recognized by their peers as being friendly and outgoing, Abby Frazier and Marion Morgan were chosen 1977 Mr. and Miss THS.

Although much of Abby's time was spent as a JV and varsity cheerleader, she had time to hold the job of class treasurer for two years. A member of the tennis team for two years and pep squad for one, Abby was also involved in OEA and On Stage. Her warm personality won her the titles of Homecoming Queen and Miss THS.

Chosen as the captain for the '76-'77 district-winning football team, tailback Marion Morgan won five outstanding honors in the sport his senior year, including Centex player of the year. He participated in varsity basketball and was chosen as FHA beau.



Ron Schaefer
Band Beau



Jackie Rowe
Cotton Boll Relays Queen



Paul Knox and Dana Farr
Choir Beau and Sweetheart

# Juniors Take Seniors



Above: Lisa Buzan, Tammi Sefcik and Ramona Urbanek work together in making flowers to decorate trees for the prom.
Below: As prom decorations start coming in Juniors Stephanie Schneider, Sheila Mahlow, Lou Ann Mokry, Karen Mazac and Laurie Pasemann begin to get excited about the coming event.



Right: To create the proper atmosphere for the prom Michael Harrell works at putting cellophane over the lights.
Below Right: Junior Becky Swanson rolls crepe paper streamers that helped transform the student center into "the end of the rainbow."





# SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW



Debonaires Alan Farr, Terry Hughes, Ron Browning and Joe Downs provide music for the prom.

Saturday, April 30, after seniors passed through the Student Center doors, if they had not known they were in Taylor High School, they would have sworn that they were somewhere over the rainbow.

It had taken Juniors months of planning and hours of decorating to create this atmosphere. Preparation started early in the year with the choosing of the band and theme. Juniors did what they could ahead of time, but most decorating had to be left until the day before the big night. After staying up at THS until 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning, they found it hard to drag themselves back up to school, after only a few hours of sleep, to finish their work.

As it turned out, their effort was worth the time and trouble as most students, teachers and administration seemed to enjoy the atmosphere, refreshments and the music of the Debonaires. Although the prom officially ended at 12:00, the celebrating did not. Students left THS to attend post-prom parties or to make parties of their own.



Freshman Jimmy Thompson gets the chance to attend the prom as he serves refreshments.

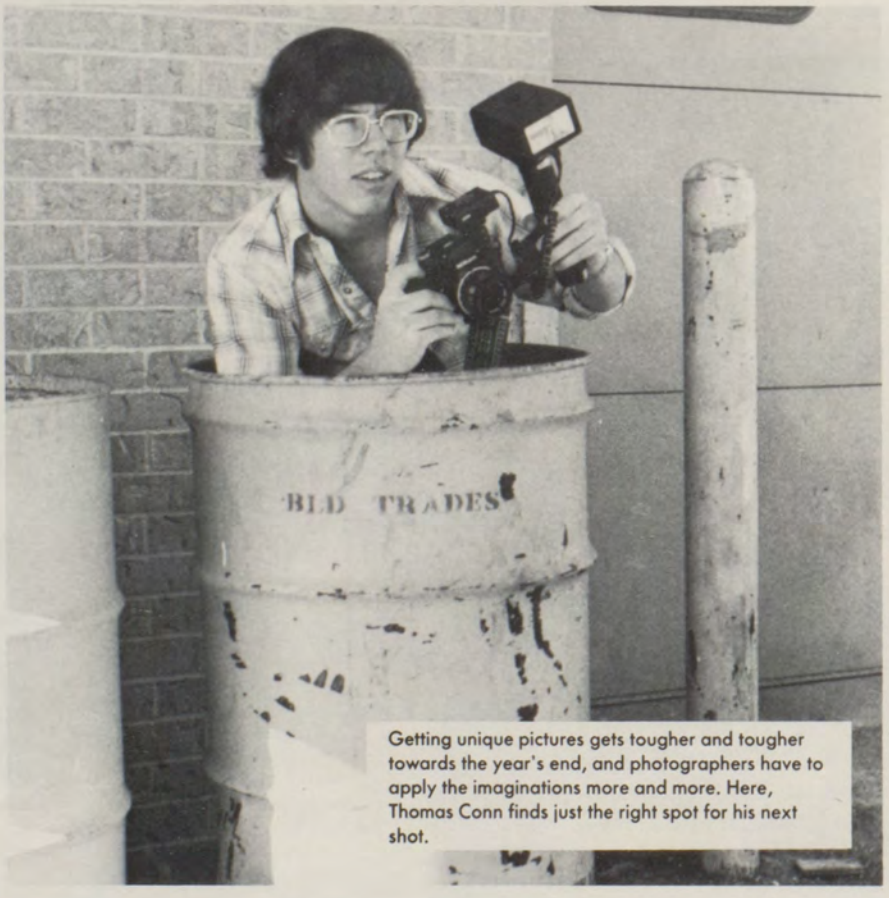
# Don't It Make You Want To Go Home

How could eight months of school have flown by and the last four weeks seem an eternity? Perhaps it was the need for a rest or a longing for summer vacation. Nevertheless, by the first of May the majority of THS looked eagerly ahead to May 27 — the last day of school.

There were those usual signs to let students know that the end was near, such as elections for new club officers, banquets and more trips than usual. Sundays seemed to be more and more like summer days and going back to school on Mondays got harder and harder.

Even some of the teachers started feeling restless right along with the students. For them grading papers and making out tests became even more of a chore as the last few days of school counted down. Students began putting off homework, but all except those fortunate enough to be exempt had to clamp down when it came time for finals. However, after the pressure of finals passed, so did the pressure of school and all of Taylor High School rejoiced.






Getting unique pictures gets tougher and tougher towards the year's end, and photographers have to apply the imaginations more and more. Here, Thomas Conn finds just the right spot for his next shot.

Above: One of the biggest events of the year is also one of the last. Tammi Sefcik works on paper flowers for the prom on April 30.
Below: Upperclassmen had one day to shine — May 20 — as they presented the senior assembly. Freshmen, however, reacted with mixed emotions regarding the end-of-year production.





After a long, cold winter, THS students were glad to see the signs of spring. Junior Mark Kruse soaks up the sunshine while waiting for the noon bell.

Below: The last quarter provided Hi-Steppers with an extra hour to study, as daily practice ended after contest. Junior Beth Sexworth relaxes while looking over a few pages of World History.





Below: Skits added a new dimension to the '78 Student Senate officer elections. Candy Buzan, Eddie Contreras and Karen Mazac work to elect Stephanie Schneider for president during one of the last contests of the year.





Right: Project Go made its debut in 1977 as the first independent English study. Taught by Patty Clark and Mary Kay Gotcher, 15 seniors participated. (Front Row): Larry Blomquist, Patrick Jones, Dana Farr, Jim Scrivner, Denise Faykus, Melodie Slagle and Sherry Krenek. (Back Row): Thomas Conn, Debbie Carpenter, Molly Stone, Lois Anderson, Cheryl Raesz, Alice Flores, Monica Vittek and Laine Holman.
Below: Scholarship winners recognized at the assembly include: (Front Row): Gary Lankford, Sue Ruzicka, Denise Faykus and Kelly Zetak. (Second Row) Cheryl Raesz, Monica Vittek, Deborah Werchan and Lois Anderson.





After an entire year of participating in school related and extracurricular activities, deserving students gained recognition at the annual awards assembly. Some school oriented clubs and community organizations honored senior students with scholarships which helped them financially toward their education. Other organizations recognized their outstanding members, while UIL athletes and intramural winners were also honored. Those who had worked hard all year to maintain their grade averages were given academic awards. Special recognition was given to seniors who had managed to keep their grades up for four consecutive years: 33 Honor Graduates including Valedic torian Monica Vittek, Salutatorian Cheryl Raesz and the highest ranking male, Patrick Jones. Whether or not a student received an award, after the assembly everyone could be proud that THS had so much to be recognized for.

Left: ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS: (Front Row): Denise Richter, Casey Smith, Stephanie Schneider, Margaret Guajardo, Kim Wrinkle, David Slivensky and Tim Crabb. (Second Row): Lois Anderson, Cheryl Raesz, Susan Harris, Jim Scrivner, Carl Holiday and Christi McLaughlin. (Back Row): Randall Bachmeyer, Monica Vittek, Dana Farr, Cynthia Loeve, Stancie Schwenker and Lin Stabeno. Not pictured is Tammy Preusse.

# Hard Work Pays Off





Voice of Democracy winners were John Tamez, Becky Swanson and Tony Sorrels.

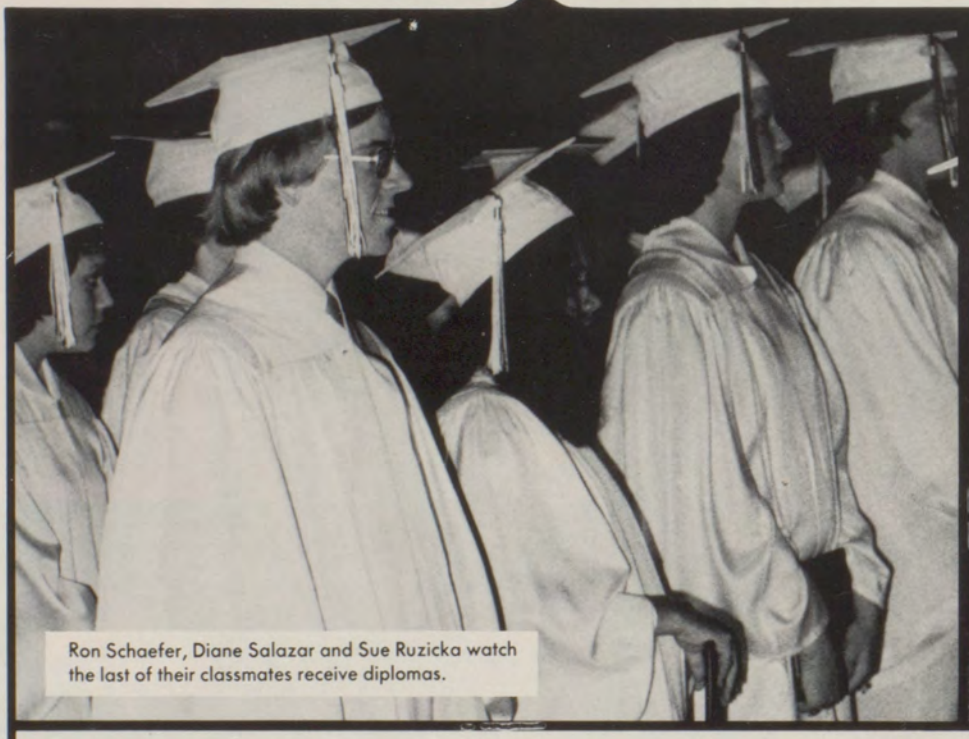
# And Then It Was Over

For the 152 seniors who graduated on May 27, the final step of four years seemed an abrupt, sudden one. As one senior put it, "Graduation was something we looked forward to for so long. And then it was there — and then it was over."

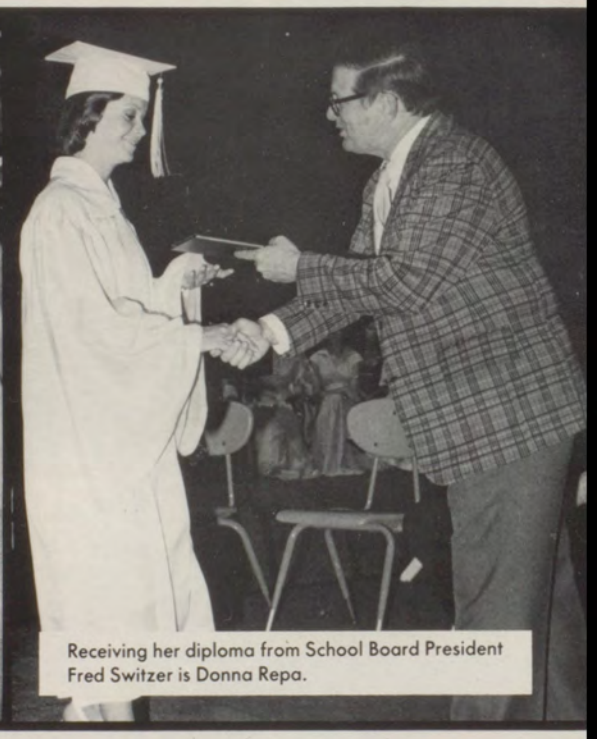
The seniors of '77 had been a class that almost seemed to enjoy arguing and bickering among themselves. (The caps and gowns they wore had been chosen over a different set by only one vote after a long and loud debate.) But as they left the ceremony as graduates, the school felt their influence as a class just as much as they had felt the influence of THS as individuals.



Diplomas in hand, the '77 class sings the alma mater concluding the graduation ceremonies.



Ron Schaefer, Diane Salazar and Sue Ruzicka watch the last of their classmates receive diplomas.



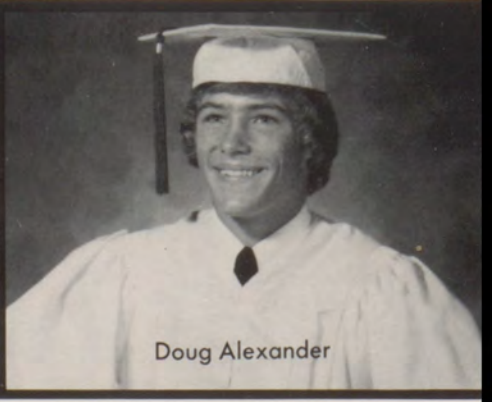
Receiving her diploma from School Board President Fred Switzer is Donna Repa.

## Scholarships

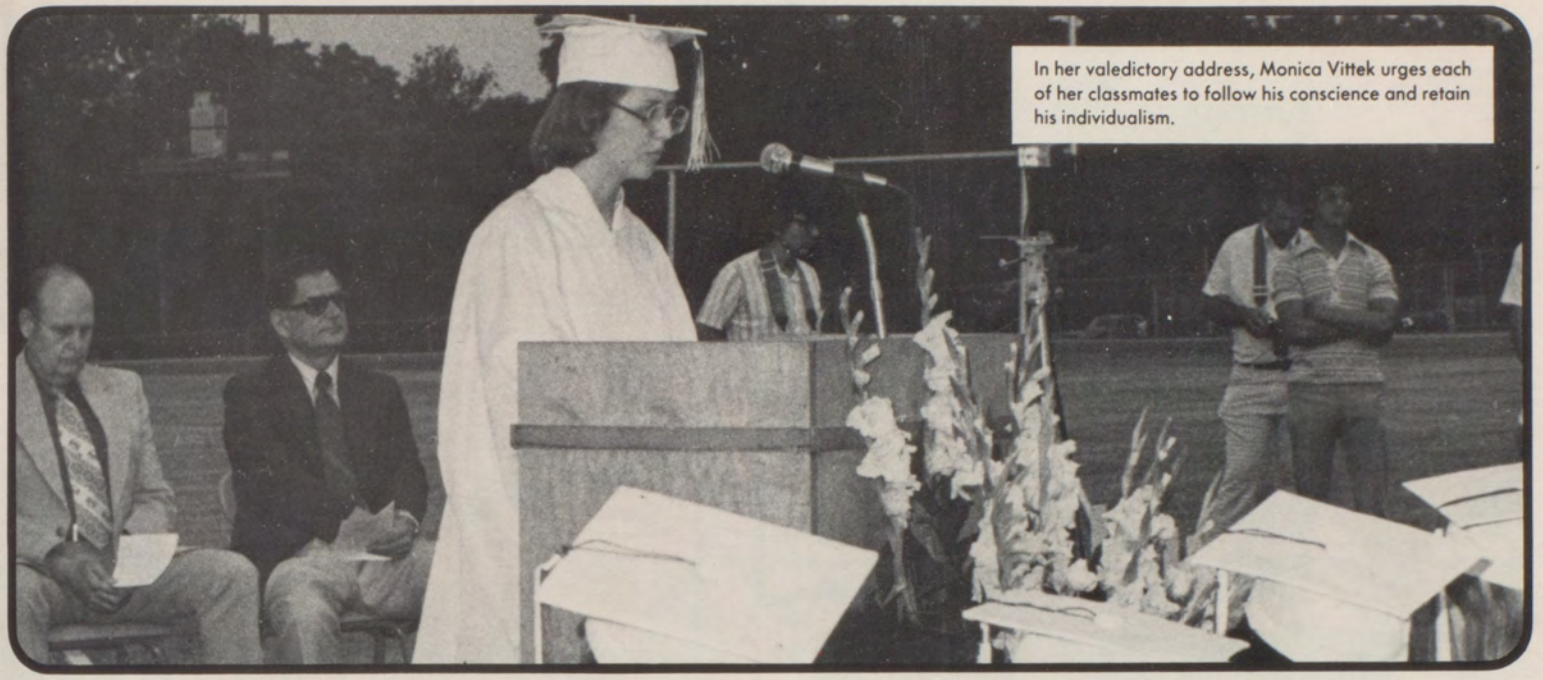
Various scholarships were presented to five seniors at the end of the graduation ceremonies to aid them financially in continuing their education. A committee of faculty and administration members chose these students. Recipient of the $500.00 Ruth Schroeder Scholarship was Denise Hubbard. Doug Alexander received one of the three Melasky Scholarships, as did Renee Calder and Steve Kovar. Tim Kinsley was the $1000.00 Gernet recipient.



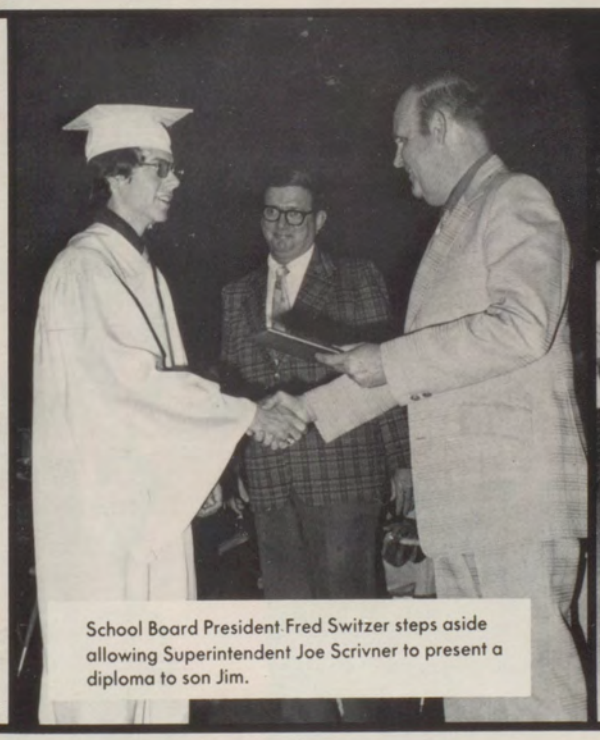
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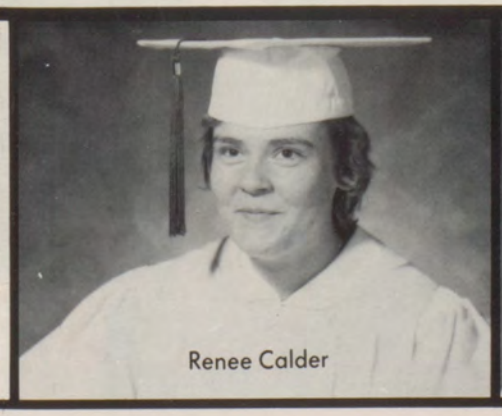
In her valedictory address, Monica Vittek urges each of her classmates to follow his conscience and retain his individualism.



School Board President Fred Switzer steps aside allowing Superintendent Joe Scrivner to present a diploma to son Jim.



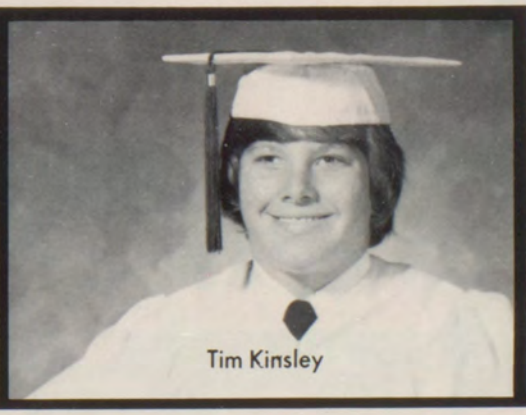
The 1977 graduates of Taylor High School are led in the recessional by junior ushers Brett Rogers, Karen Mazac and Tammi Sefcik.



Renee Calder



Steve Kovar



Tim Kinsley

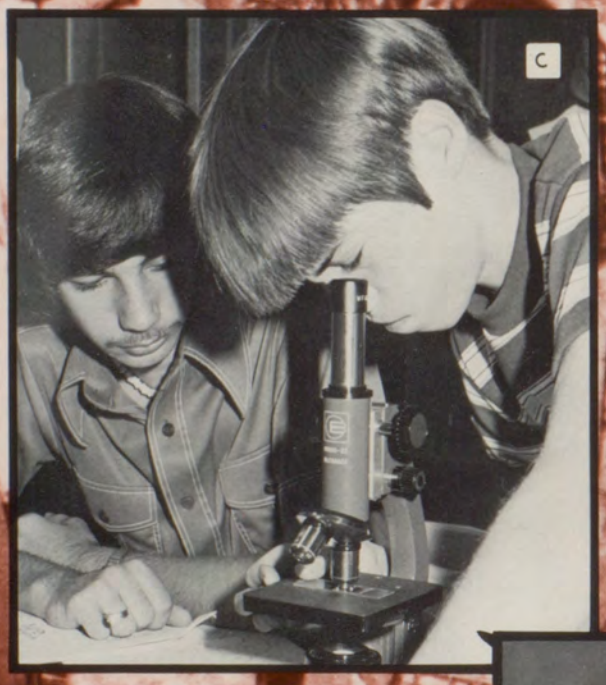



A. Although we were all one student body, the need to be recognized as individuals was evident in each of us. Whether we strived for recognition through academics, sports or music, something made each of us separate from the crowd. Tina Torres' simple message says it all.



B. For nearly two-thirds of the student body, the most important part of the day was spent training for the future. Auto Mechanics offered such an opportunity for guys like Jimmy Bailey who found two requirements necessary for the course: strength and will power.

C. Academics did not mean books and boredom for all THS students, as 145 biology students, including Michael Kohutek and Ricky Meiske, got a chance to look at life from a different angle — through a microscope.

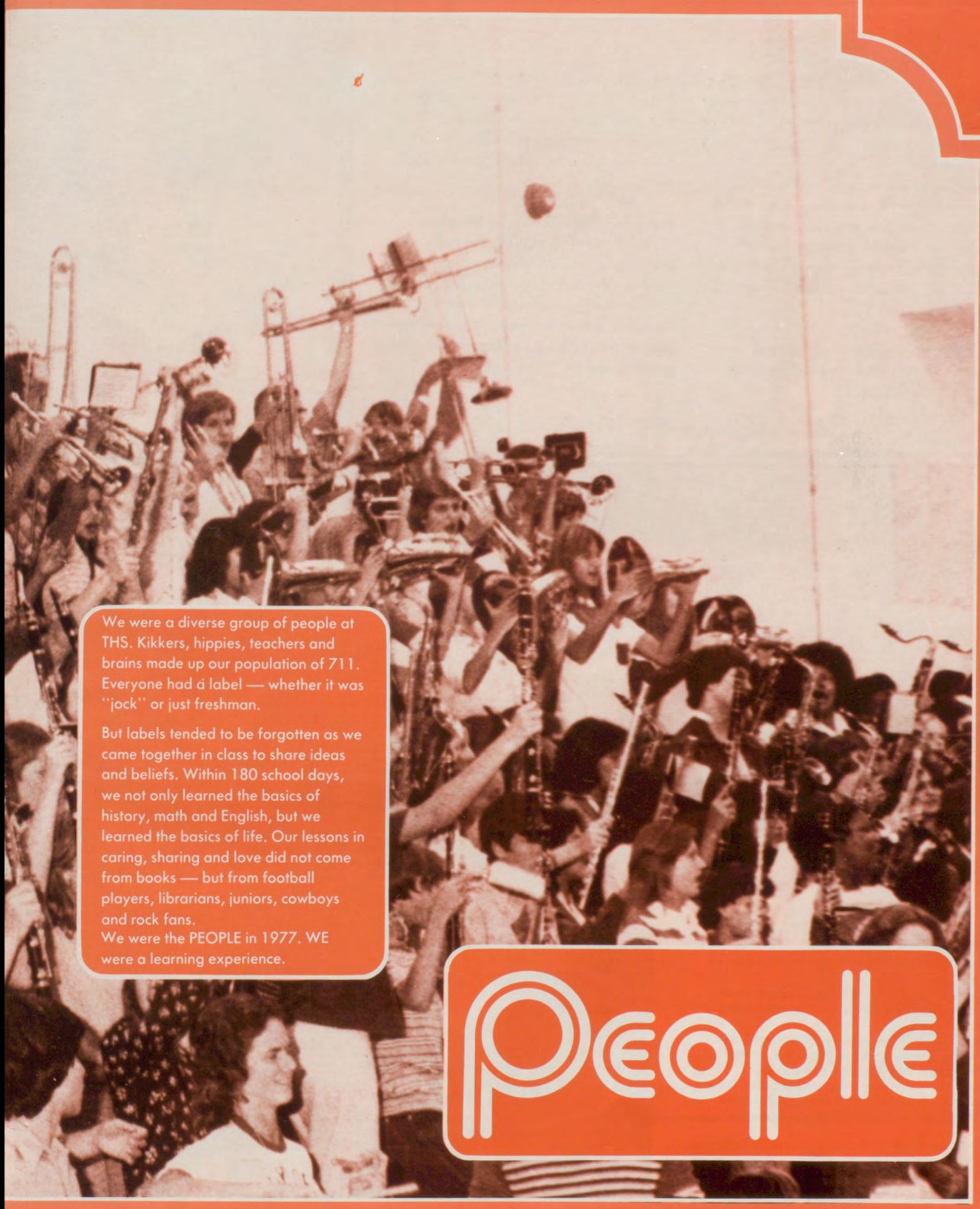




D. Music courses proved to be an important outlet for creative students, as 172 were enrolled in band or choir. But 55 minutes of choral music a day was not enough for Larry Blomquist, as he spent free hours as pianist and vocalist for "Our Band" — one of two student bands at THS.

E. District UIL Literary Meet Winners include: Denise Faykus, third place, newswriting; Patrick Jones, third place, ready writing; Nolan Glover, second place, persuasive speakig; Monica Vittek, third place, feature writing; and Cheryl Raesz, first place, science.





We were a diverse group of people at THS. Kikkers, hippies, teachers and brains made up our population of 711. Everyone had a label — whether it was "jock" or just freshman.

But labels tended to be forgotten as we came together in class to share ideas and beliefs. Within 180 school days, we not only learned the basics of history, math and English, but we learned the basics of life. Our lessons in caring, sharing and love did not come from books — but from football players, librarians, juniors, cowboys and rock fans.

We were the PEOPLE in 1977. WE were a learning experience.

# People

# Only the Past?

As they witnessed the election of a president in the fall of 1976, social studies students not only studied history and government, but also experienced it.

While the nation was involved in the election of the president, first quarter civics students were busy with their own election. After hosting an assembly, campaigning for candidates and running a mock election, they totaled the votes and declared Jimmy Carter the winner.

Even American and World History classes took a little time off from usual studies to discuss the election. However they soon had to get back to reading chapters and taking pop tests. Some exercised their brains in a different way as they worked current events puzzles, while others participated in history bees.

But whether a student found himself in American History or Civics, there was one thing that all social studies classes had in common. No matter how busy any class got or how many worksheets there were to complete, it always seemed that there was enough time to see those films that had made social studies at THS famous.



## '76 Race: History in the Making

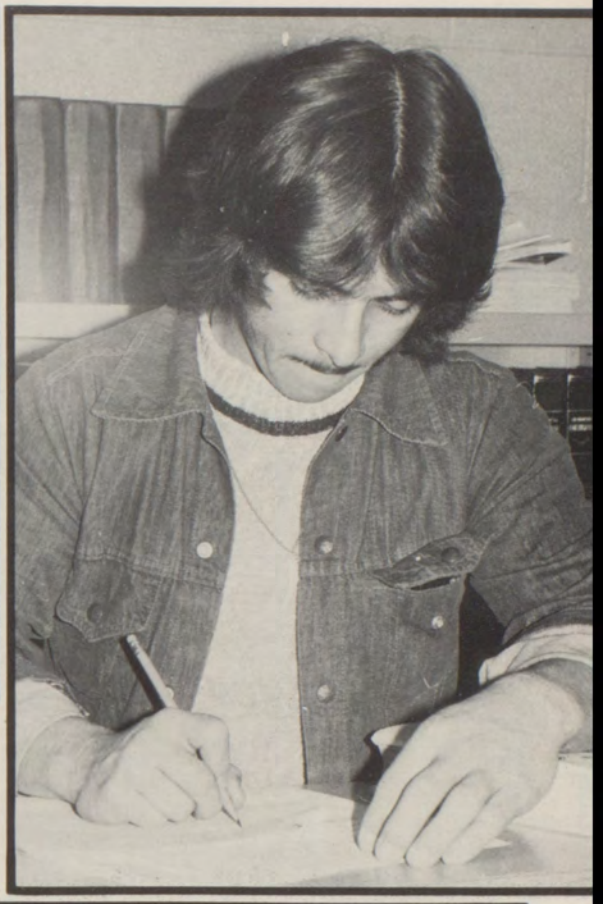


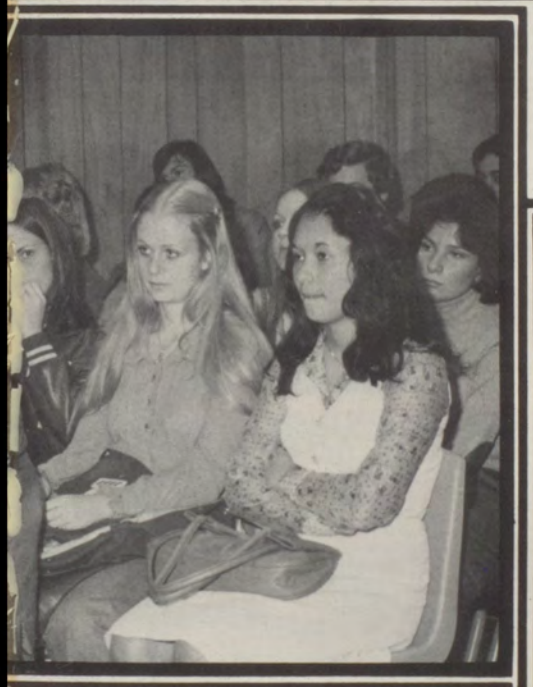




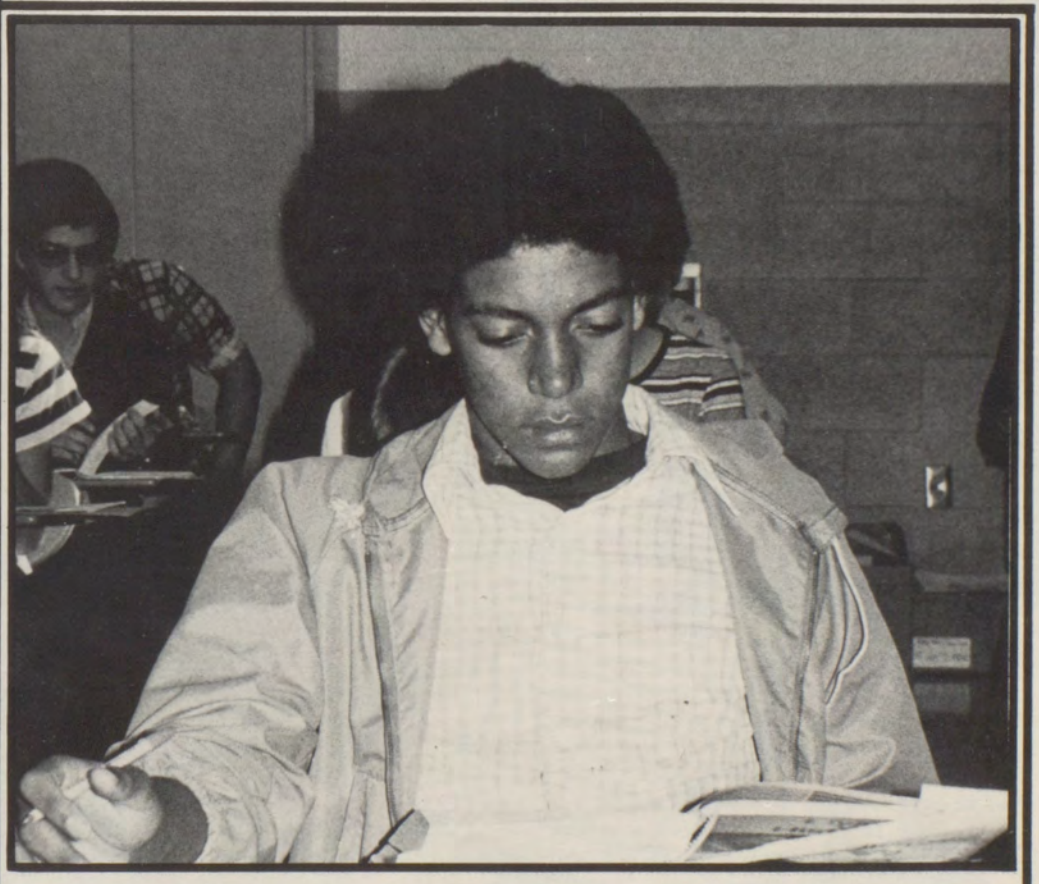

Above Right: Civics teacher Ms. Maureen Frost reads the ruling of a Supreme Court case to her second period class.
Above: Students in Mr. John Crow's second period World History class answer questions after reading a chapter.
Center Right: First period civics students watch their classmates hold a mock council meeting as they participate in the youth in government day.
Right: After sitting in on a city council meeting, Civics students Thomas Conn, Kelly Zetak, Randall Bachmeyer, Mike Moss and Gary Lankford held a mock meeting.

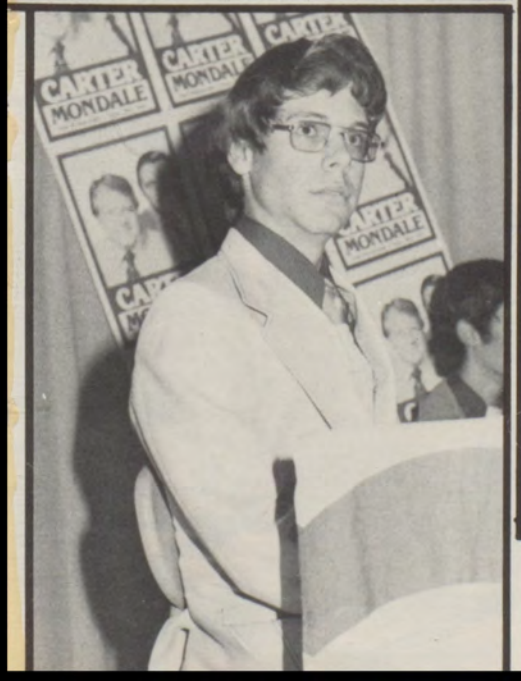






Above: Mr. Charles Pool's sixth period American History class takes notes during a class discussion.
Right: In his first period World History class, Martin Rangel concentrates on completing a chapter worksheet.






Left: Before presenting President Ford's positions in the mock election assembly, Jimmy Scrivner thinks over his speech.

Above: Winford Hull searches through his World History book for the answers to worksheet questions in Mr. Pool's first period class.







Above: During the Christmas assembly Cynthia Jozwiak, playing the part of Mary, and Ricky Mann as Joseph portray the Divinity scene.
Above Right: During the Homecoming assembly Peggy Mott, Student Senate sponsor, presents a prize to the best dressed students of the fifties.
Center Right: At the Student Senate spaghetti supper, Scholley Buzan serves Gayle Brister as Dana Basco, Rhonda Srnensky and Donna Repa prepare for others waiting in line.

Below Left: Louis Ross, Stancie Schwenker and Ginny Urbanek look over the ballots for Mr. and Miss THS before handing them out to third period classes.

Below: After finishing the task of decorating the Christmas tree, Student Senate member Paul Knox sits quietly and admires the different types of ornaments.









Above: As part of a skit presented for election of Student Senate officers Nancy Urbanek and Connie Schneider sing the theme song from "Hee Haw."
Far Right: (Front Row): Eddie Contreras, Teresa Snider, Scholley Buzan, Cheryl Raesz, Patti Daughtery, Anna Schwenke and Cynthia Jozwiak. (Second Row): Pat Strmiska, Kevin Morrison, Tim Kinsley, Gary Lankford, Patti Ruzicka, Stephanie Schneider, Dana Farr, Patty Corbett, Rhonda Srnensky, Casey Smith and sponsor Peggy Mott. (Third Row): Butch Lee, sponsor; Ronald Schaefer, Vickie Randig, Monica Vittek, Doug Alexander, Ginny Urbanek, Susan Harris, Paula Zetak, Dana Basco, Ricky Meiske and Stancie Schwenker. (Back Row): Casey Cravens, Louis Ross, Tim Mikeska, Paul Knox, Sue Ruzicka, Frank Chapa, Pat Kelly, Ricky Mann, Coledon Bosley, Brett Rogers and sponsor David Krueger.





Left: The Magic Mallard Man, Eddie Contreras, pops on stage to take Scholley Buzan along with the audience back in time during the Homecoming assembly.

# NEW IDEAS AND A BIT OF SPIRIT

"We want to make the students and the faculty of THS happy," said President Scholley Buzan, "and the best way to begin is with an active Senate." And active certainly was the adjective to describe the '77 student government. In contrast with the previous years, spirit became the key word, as new and different approaches to projects abounded within the organizations.

Classics like Bonnie and Clyde, Shirley Temple, the Texas Drive-In and vaudeville all became part of the traditional senate-sponsored Homecoming assembly. In addition to their regular annual activities, the Senate came up with some unique ideas — and not all of them were aimed at aiding their treasury. Taking pictures of students (still kids at heart) on Santa's knee, and sending valentines to the beloved, the Senate brought in the dollars while adding a touch of holiday spirit to THS during those special days. Surprises in teacher's boxes, compliments of the Senate, were welcomed by the faculty.

Working with and enjoying the results of their new ideas, Student Senate proved to be a credit to THS and a fine example for future student governments.

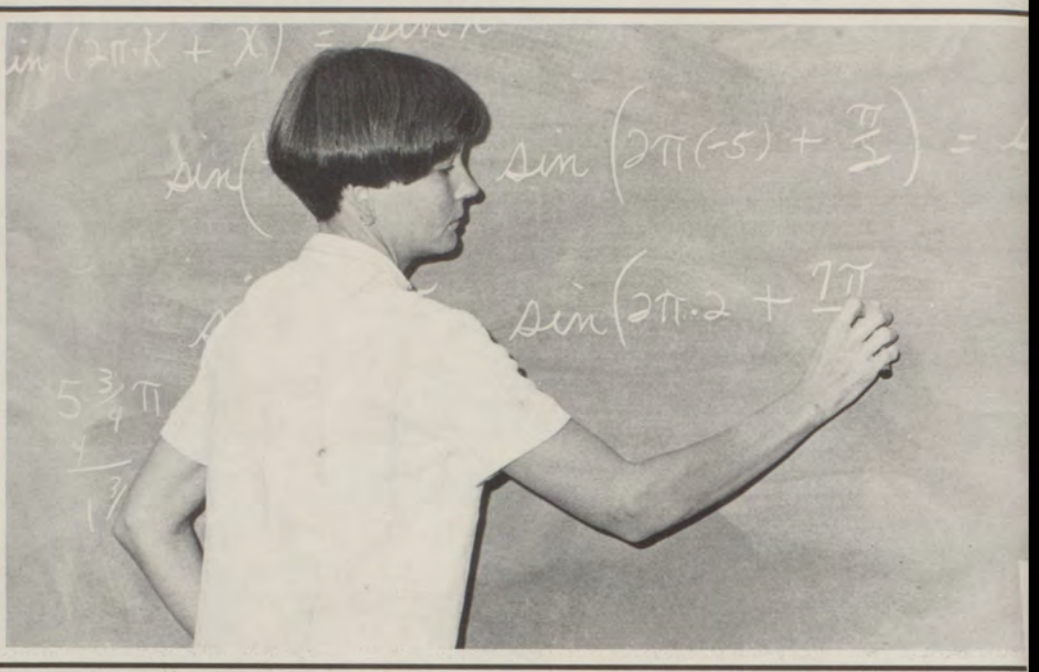
# SUCCESSFUL SENATE

# MATH-- No time for leisure

The ominous sign above the door read mathematics, and even before you stepped inside, you knew that the teacher demanded business.

Students soon learned that there was no time for leisure. Math homework each night became common, being evident that no studying meant failing grades, which proved quite undesirable.

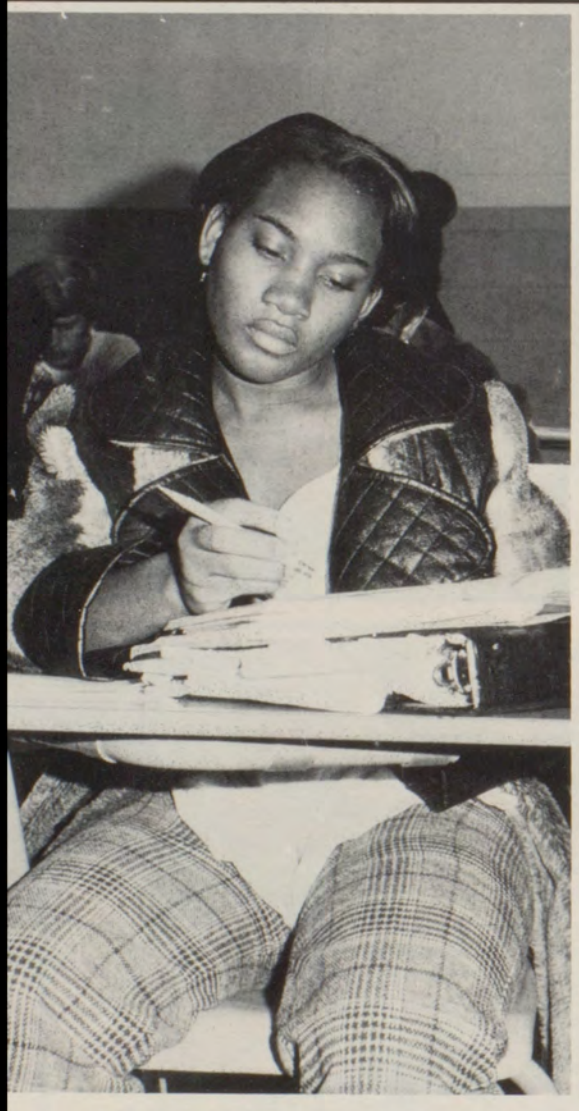
The year's end arrived and with it, all students from F.O.M. to plane geometry to elementary analysis were unified in one respect: with summer, math temporarily ended.



Above: Concentrating on verifying an identity correctly for her fourth period trigonometry class, Dottie Rambo writes out the problem on the board.

Below: After a difficult hour of Trigonometry, Sue Ruzicka assembles her books to begin her homework assignment.





Above: Third period F.O.M. student Barbara Coleman regards the problems in her book negatively as she begins to write.
Right: Members of Joyce Quebe's Introductory Algebra I class happily take a moment from their studies to acknowledge the camera.



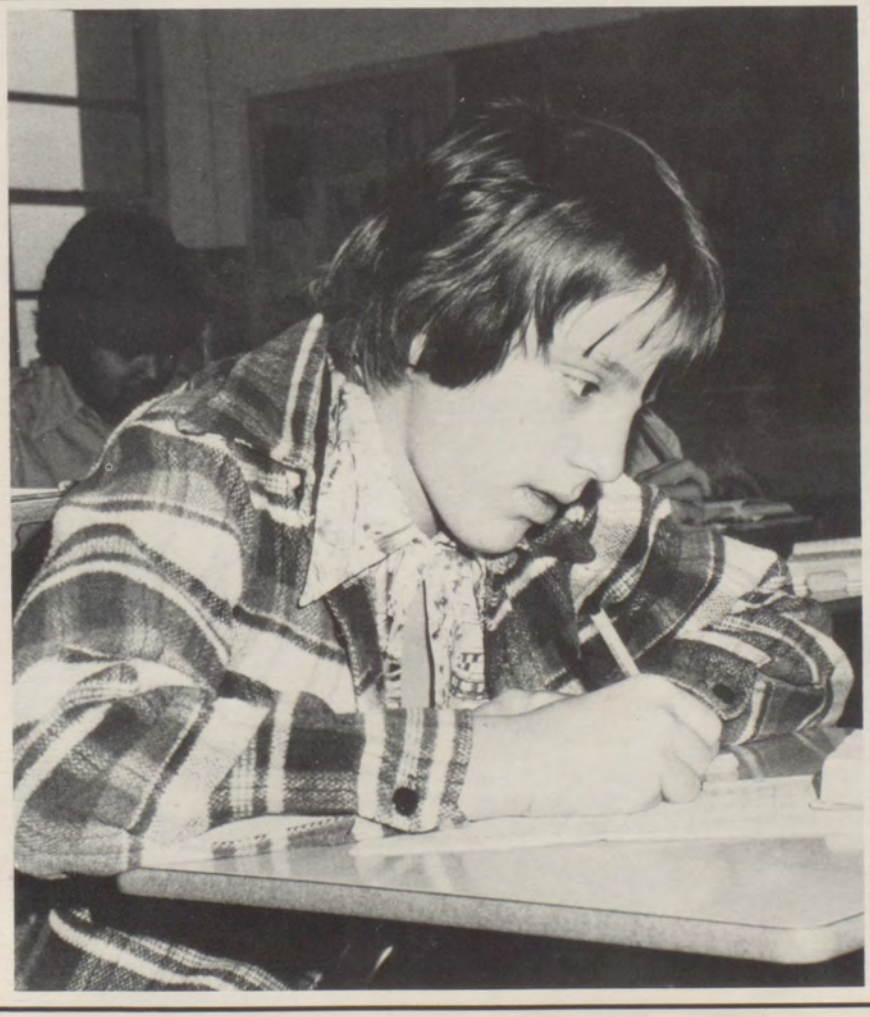


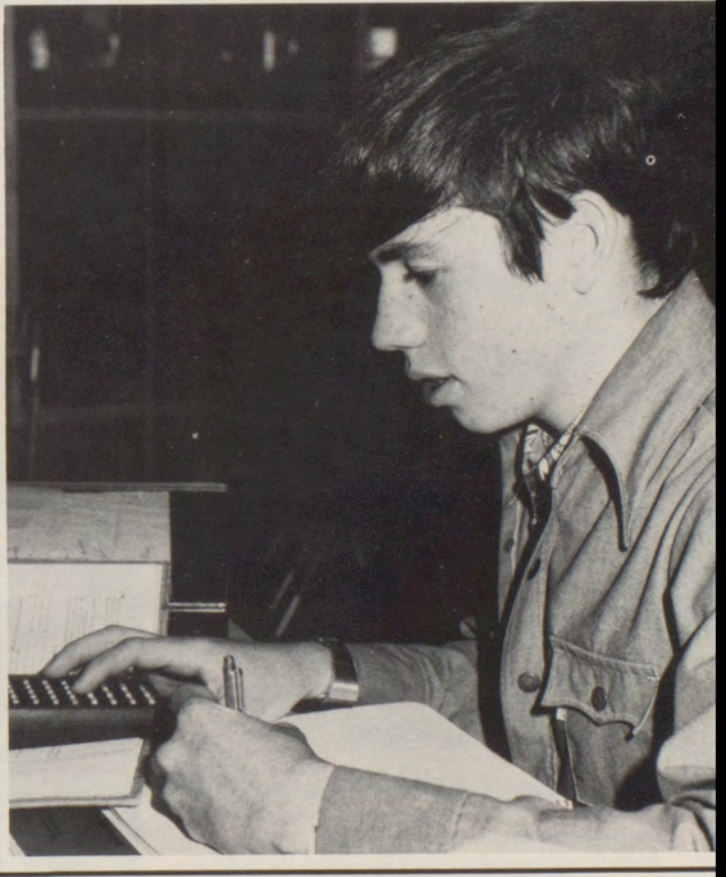
Above: Calmness seems to be the key to Stacy Becker's concentration as she works to complete a difficult plane geometry assignment.



Above Right: Students in Joyce Quebe's Introductory Algebra I class learn that a math course requires a lot of work to learn all that is needed to pass.

Below: Tim Crabb uses the help of a calculator to aid him with his difficult trigonometry classwork.





Left: In order to secure a little more free time for after school, Mike Brueckner works determinedly to finish his homework assignment in his third period plane geometry class.

# Back to the Basics

For every individual science student, the subject that he or she took was a new experience, with new concepts to learn, new problems to solve, or whatever. Despite this and even if some courses had different teachers, all of the science classes had essentially the same curriculum as in previous years.

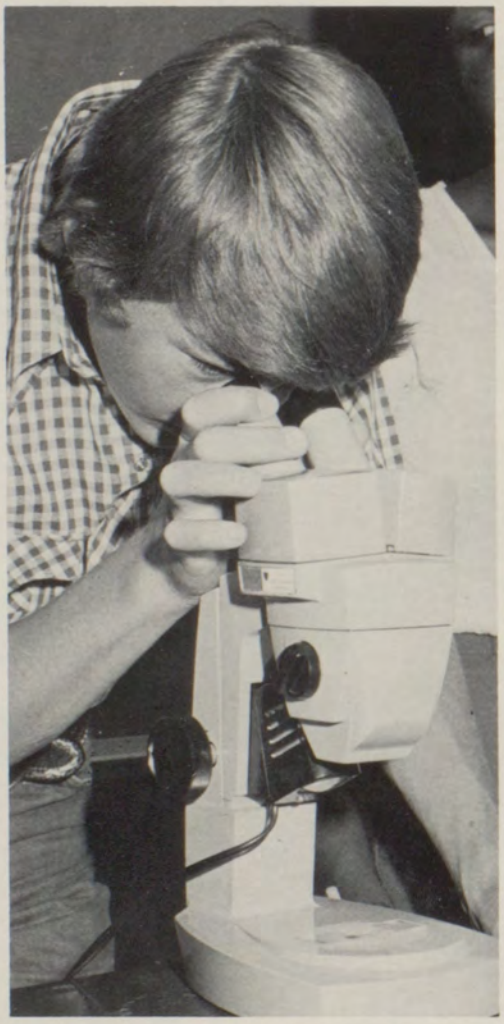
For instance, Coach Doug Ruthven, new to THS as a Physical Science teacher, described the subject he taught as "the same problem you've had for the last three years." Ditto for biology, called "the same basic program" by instructor Sid Krhovjak, and for Chemistry, which followed the same curriculum pattern as before. Even students in the Physics class, which changed more than other science courses because Jeanne Sherry assumed the teaching role, noticed something familiar: their books had the same format as their Chemistry books of a year earlier.

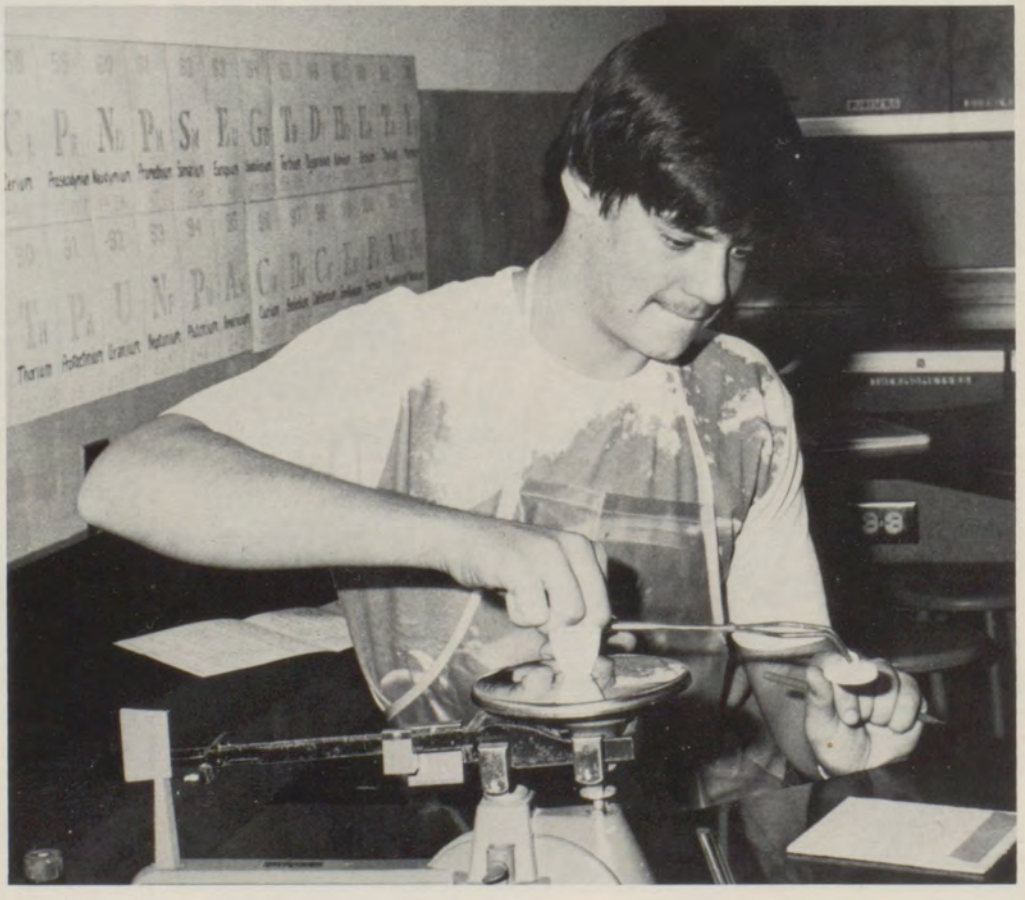
The four science courses did not lose any of their substance, variety or challenge. But the programs already in place had proved productive, so there seemed no reason for significant change.





Above: A student in the Physics class, Cheryl Raesz uses a metric conversion table to determine her height in meters and weight in kilograms.
Left: Russell Ripple and Shelly Marek concentrate on finishing their physical science study questions near the end of their sixth period class.





Above: Sophomore biology student Ronald Huber tests the effects of a dissecting microscope, which magnifies ten to twenty times, by examining a letter "e."
Right: Chemistry student Casey Tate shows the strain of measuring his materials correctly during his third period class.



Above: While prepqring a heat exchange experiment, Melodie Slagle records data and Sherry Krenek uses a balance to measure the mass of a calorimeter.

Below: After completing a lab assignment, Jo Ann Simcik and Kelly Frankeny study for a unit test in their third period biology class.

Below: Physical science student Frances Marcon smiles with relief after completing an in-class assignment.







Left: Sophomore Carl Holiday works on an experiment to determine the percentage of oxygen in potassium chlorate. Sophomores were able to take Chemistry for the second year, so this sight proved to be nothing new

# You Can't Judge a Book by Its Cover

On the surface the library may have seemed like a silent room with shelves and shelves of books. However, the library was a lot more to students than just a place to find a good book.

English students appreciated the library resources when it came time to do research reports. Books of criticism and a magazine room full of periodicals came in handy for research of all sorts. If a student did not have the time to do all his research during school hours, there was always the Xerox machine, which could copy an entire magazine article for a mere nickel a page.

Even students who did not have research to do could spend time in the library for various reasons. Seniors sometimes spent their study halls there catching up on homework, while other students used the library before school or at lunch to study or socialize with fellow classmates. When the TV room was not providing educational television, a group of girls could usually be found watching their favorite soap opera. So no matter what the problem, the library usually had the answer, even if it could not be found on a shelf.





Librarian Mary Jean Livingood and library aide David Sikes work together to organize a short story index.

Above: The Xerox machine served both students and teachers. Here Dorothy Rafferty, library aide, copies teaching material for Mrs. Beverly Grace. Below: Kim Bearden takes advantage of the periodical guide as she looks up sources for her English research report on Shakespearean quotations.



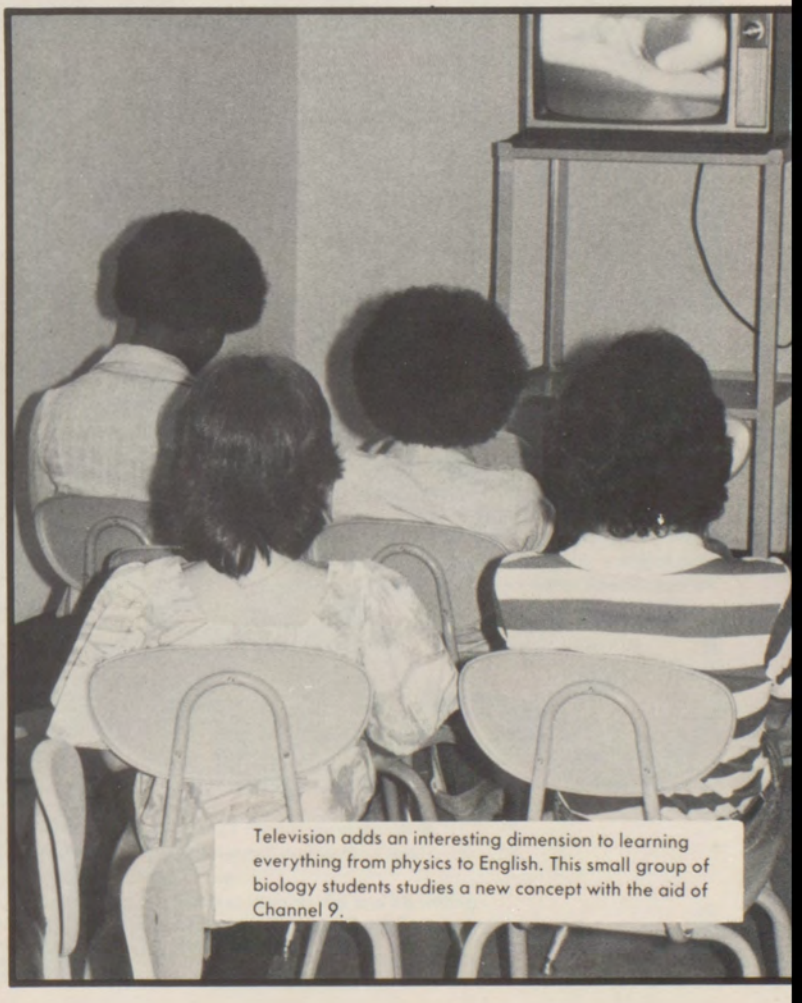




Above: Catching up on her homework, Connie Schneider finds the library a convenient place to study.
Right: Ricky Cuzzort, Bobby Fuller, Debbie McGee and Sheila Mahlow work on their English research papers during their second period class.



Joe Walton spends his free time in the library looking through magazines.



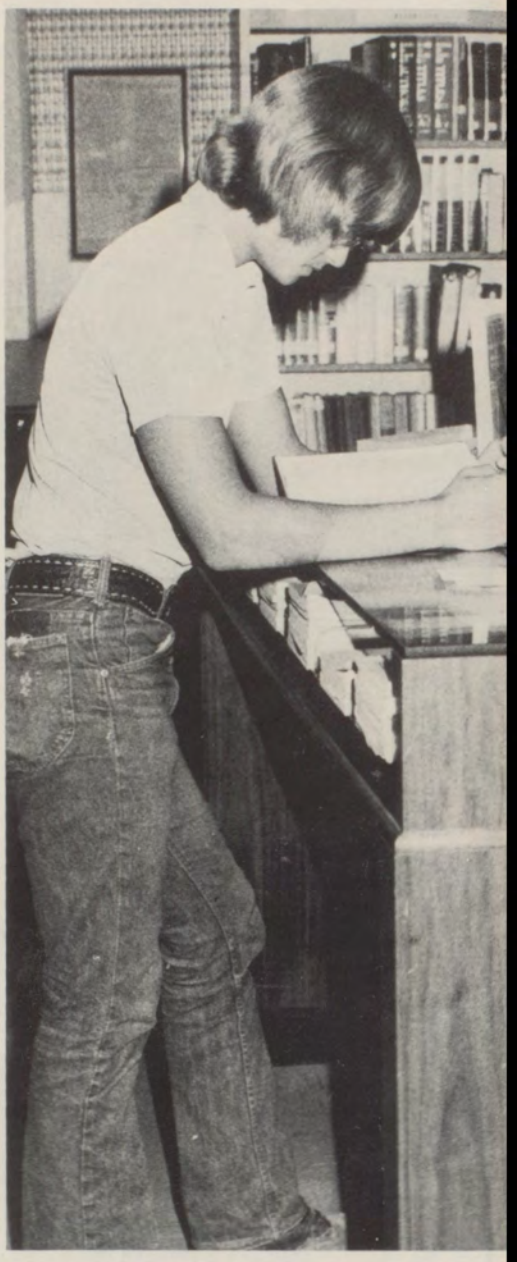
Television adds an interesting dimension to learning everything from physics to English. This small group of biology students studies a new concept with the aid of Channel 9.

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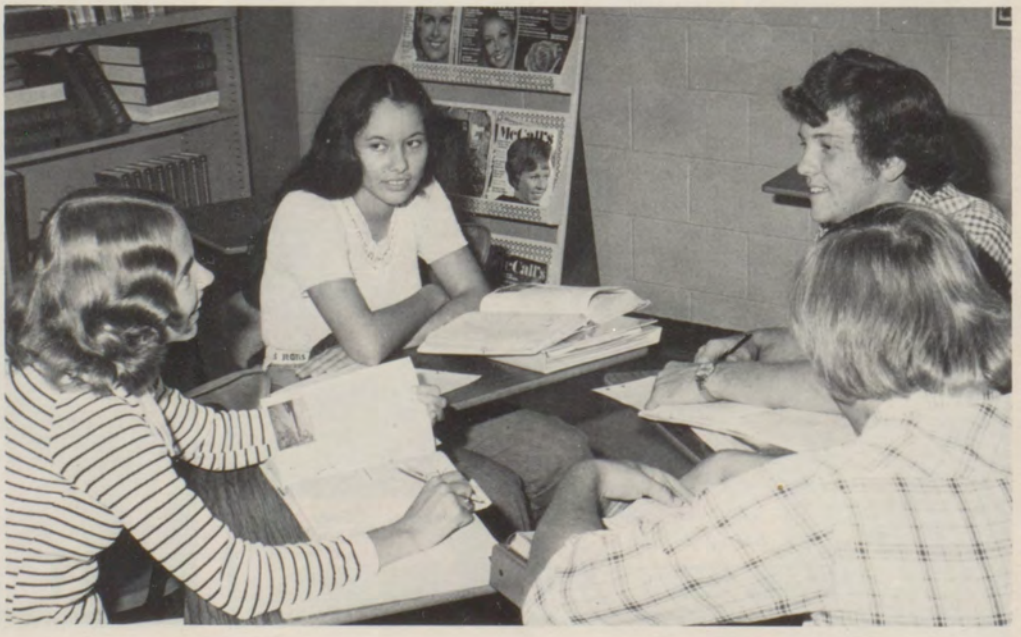
# Changes Go Unnoticed

As the school year rolled on, satires, Shakespeare and research reports made their traditional appearances in most English classes. Because students were busy in class, they were not aware of a change that took place in the curriculum. English teachers spent some of their summer vacation coordinating the curriculum so that all classes would be taught on the same basis. Listening to records, putting on plays and watching popular movies also made their appearances in class. This gave students a chance to break away from books, paper and pens and explore different kinds of communications.



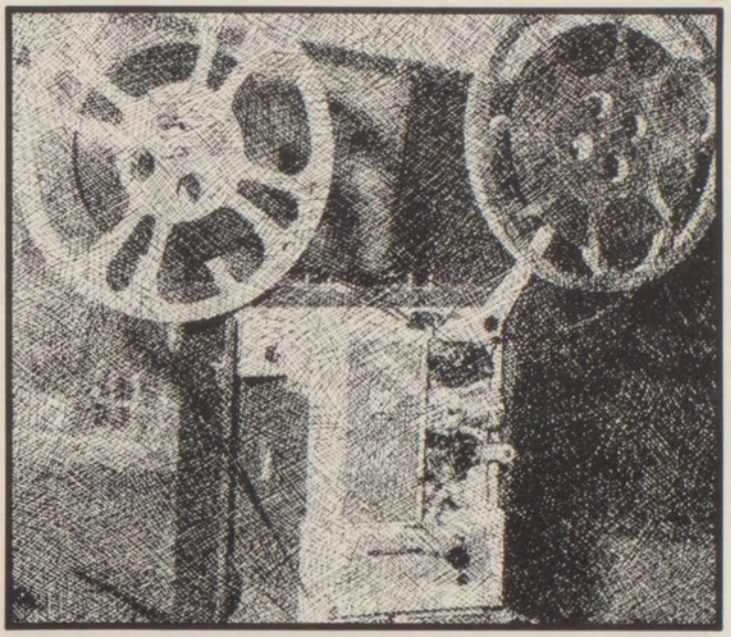


Above: Butch Lee gives aid in constructing sentences to seniors Donna Vega and Mary Gayton during second period Practical English.
Above Right: Brian Sakewitz busies himself in the library looking for references to a magazine in the Reader's Guide for a report in Patty Clark's English class.
Right: During Ms. Clark's fifth period English class Sherry Krenek, Delores Lopez, Scott Ging and David Rozacky work together using a learning activity packet. One of the assignments of the packet was to analyze the style of the story "Up the Bare Stairs."





Left: As Anna Marie Schwenke plays the part of the Devil, Sheila Reese plays Daniel Webster while acting out a story in Judy Rohde's fifth period English III class.
Below: Films shown throughout the year break the routine in all English classes.







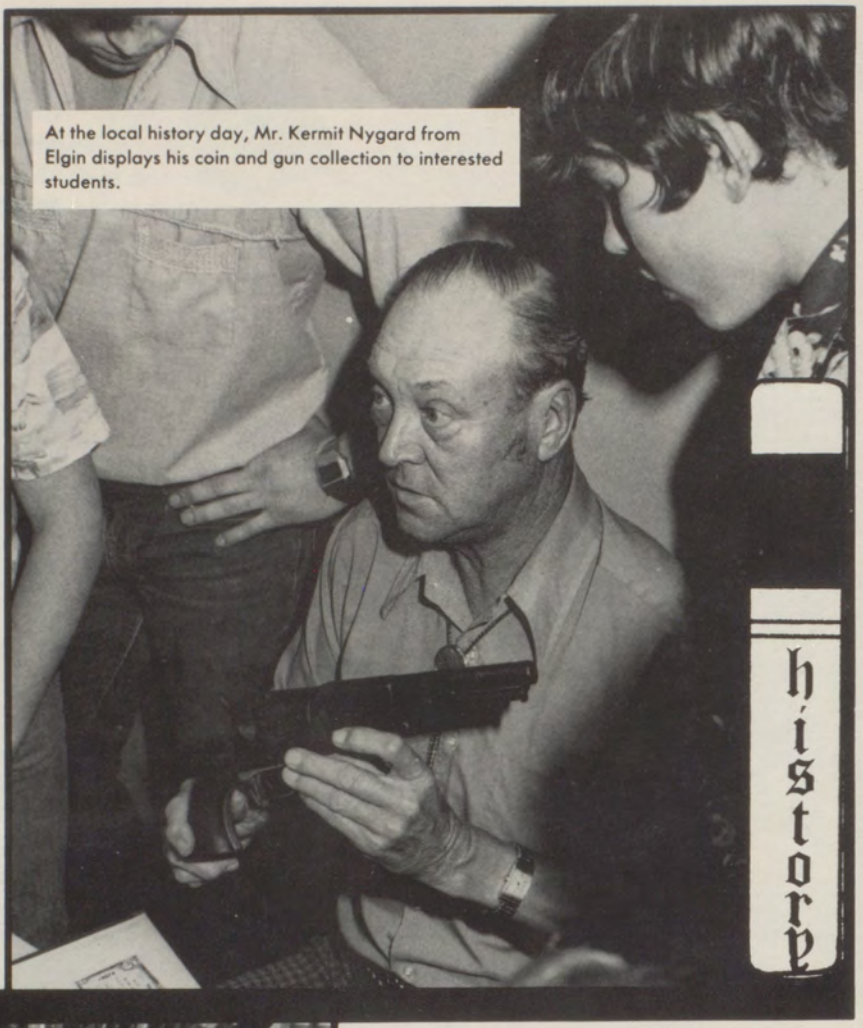
Left: Jimmy Scrivner plays a Moody Blues album to exemplify the "Age of Anxiety" during Ms. Clark's second period English class.
Above: Ms. Rohde discusses Hemingway and his writing techniques with her second period junior English class.

# HISTORY DAY ADDS ZEST

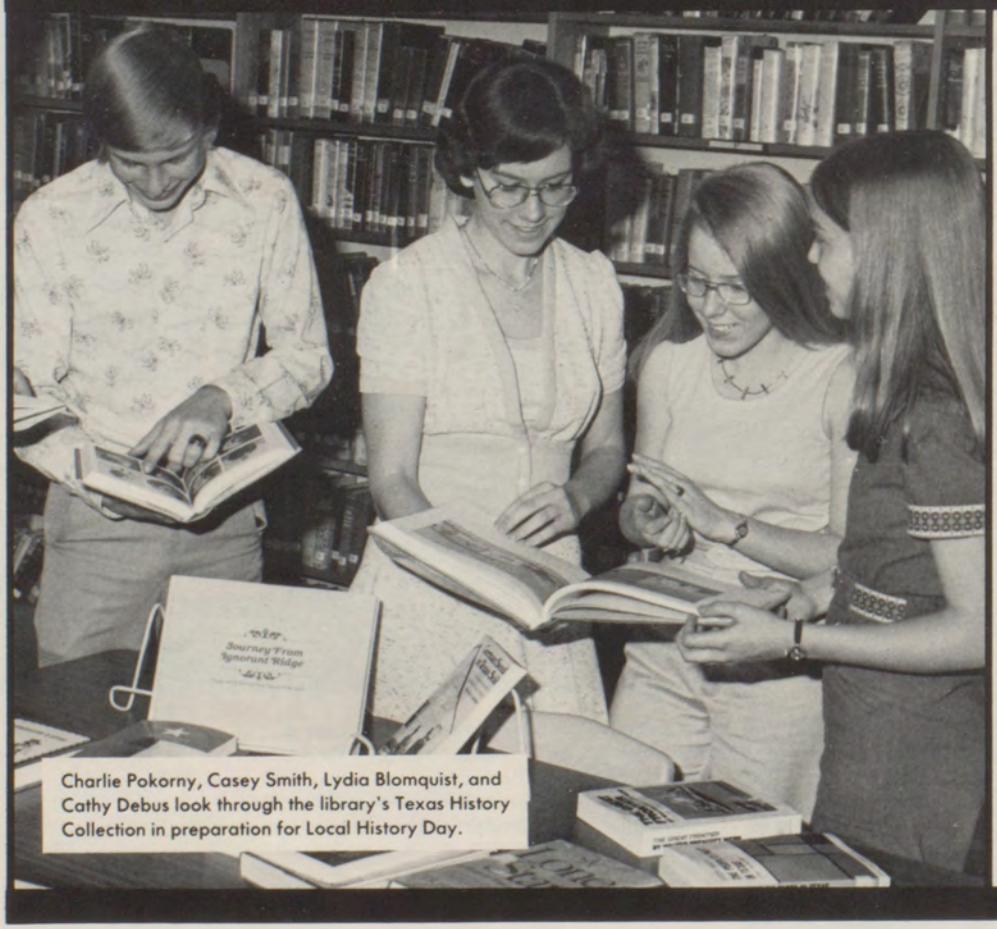
Being a member of the Library Club did not mean being just a face in the crowd. With only a few members, everyone could share in the work and fun.

Local History Day, sponsored by the club, was the main event of the year for them. Many informative speakers lectured curious students in the areas of their specialty. One of those with a small discussion group was Father Albert Ruiz, who spoke on Mexican faith healing, and one of those with a display was A. M. Ahlgreen, who showed pictures of Taylor in its early days. These were only two of the many interesting speakers who helped THS students to learn more about their local history.

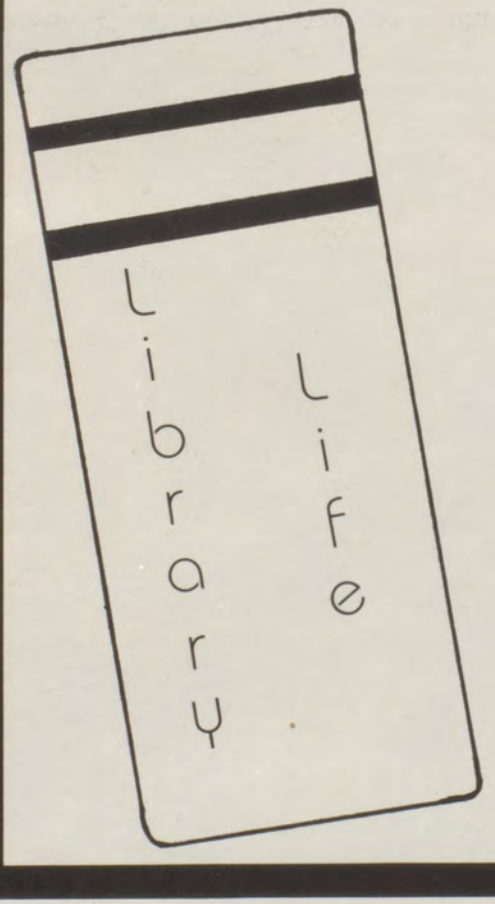
The Library Club took a break in the form of a field trip to the Armstrong-Browning Library and the University Library in Waco. There they learned how large libraries are operated, and were thankful that a small library, like ours, meant a smaller work load.




At the local history day, Mr. Kermit Nygard from Elgin displays his coin and gun collection to interested students.



Charlie Pokorny, Casey Smith, Lydia Blomquist, and Cathy Debus look through the library's Texas History Collection in preparation for Local History Day.



LIBRARY CLUB: (Front Row): Hilaria Medina, Kathryn Seigmund, Casey Smith, Nora Perez, Bridget Zycha, Cheryl Bucanek, Aurora Reyes, Jimmy Pokorny and Sponsor Mary Jean Livingood.

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(Second Row): Marianne Ponton, Jimmy Thompson, Debra Kaiser, Lydia Blomquist, Penny Sitman, David Sikes, David Wolbrueck and Charlie Pokorny. (Third Row): Rick Dittman, Madelon Powers, Paul Pille, Kenny Thompson and Pam Schaefer.



Participating in the local history day, Mr. Swede Ahlgreen shows pictures of Taylor at the turn of the century, as Michael Baran looks on.

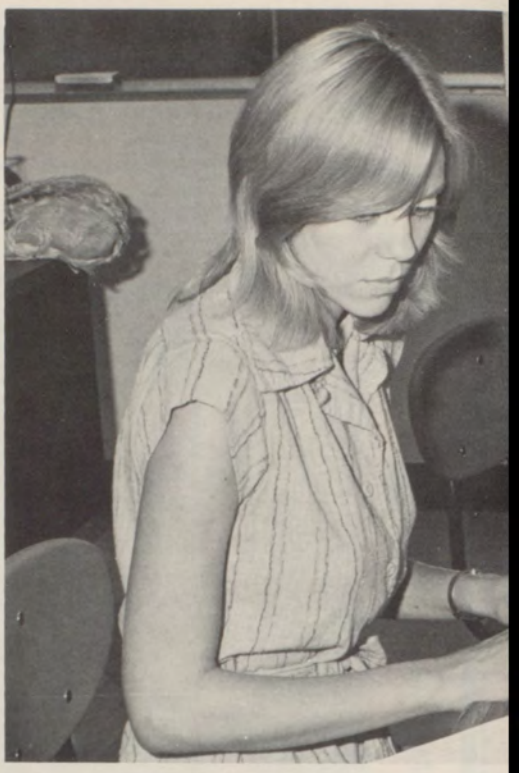
Getting ready to sell pizza at the Drama Club Spook House and Carnival, Mrs. Livingood and Rick Dittman move tables to the Student Center.

# It's Finally Over

Although journalism students of both COTTON BOLL and MALLARD devoted class time to the business of the school paper and yearbook, they found themselves working during lunch, study halls and before school to meet deadlines. With every extra hour they realized that they were committed not only to a class, but to a job.

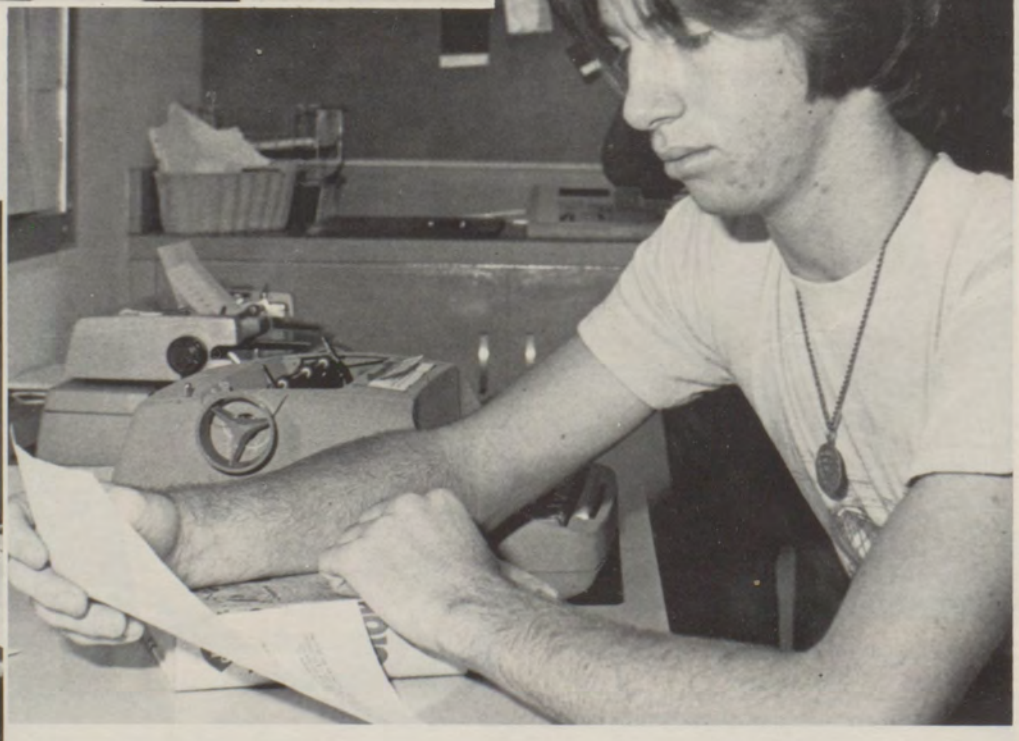
Contrary to usual teaching methods, MALLARD adviser Mary Kay Gotcher and COTTON BOLL adviser Susan Komandosky handed over the ultimate authority to the editors of each staff. With this responsibility both the editors and staff members understood that the success of the school publications had been placed in their hands.

At the close of the year as the COTTON BOLL printed the last paper and the MALLARD staff sent the last shipment of yearbook pages to the printer, they all felt relief in knowing that they had completed their jobs.

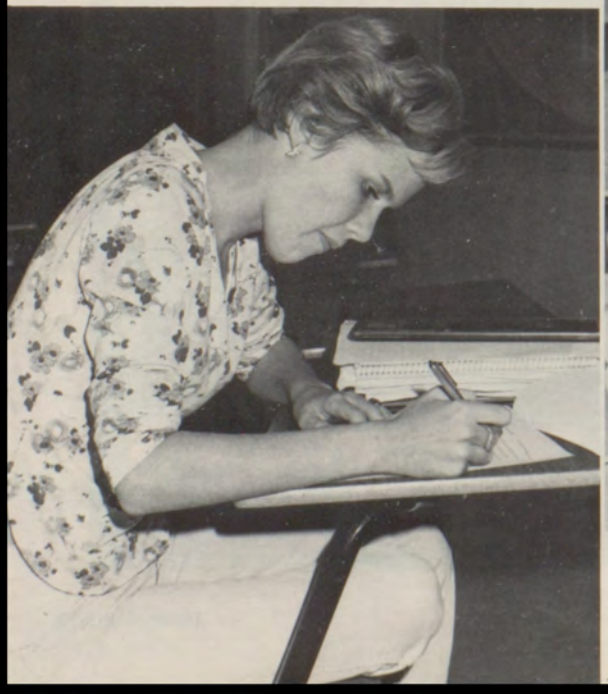


Above: With the COTTON BOLL coming out on Thursdays instead of Fridays, Vickie Randig types her news story to meet the early deadline.
Below: Jay Harkins concentrates on proofreading the final draft of his Junior Class news story before submitting the copy for approval.





Above: MALLARD staffers Laurie Pasemann and Susan Harris exchange ideas for cutlines while Patrick Jones reads over copy.
Below: JI student Betty Weisner practices good journalism techniques in news writing.





Below: As a MALLARD photographer, Beth Sexworth keeps busy taking pictures of school activities.

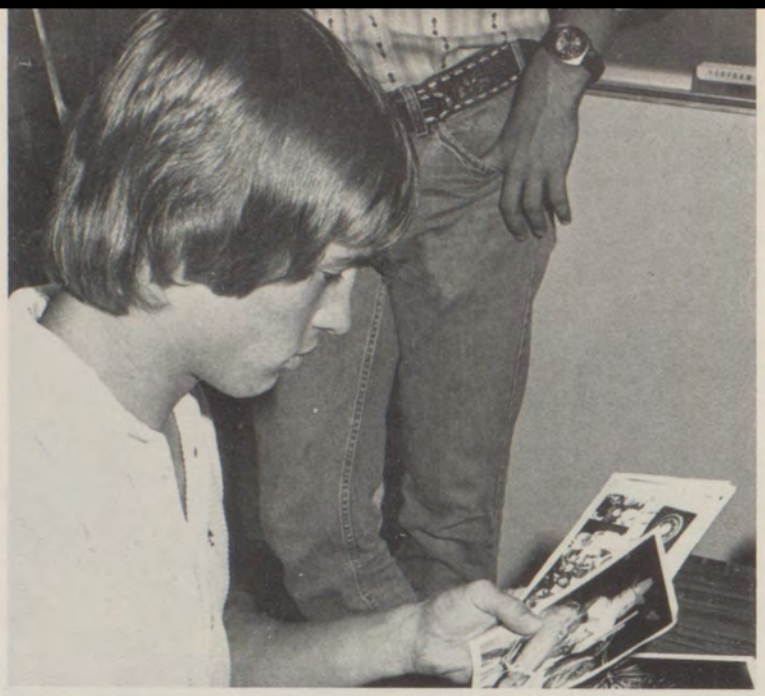







Top: David Burrow's job as COTTON BOLL reporter takes him out of the classroom to interview P.E. coach Deborah Hall concerning the activities of the physical education classes.

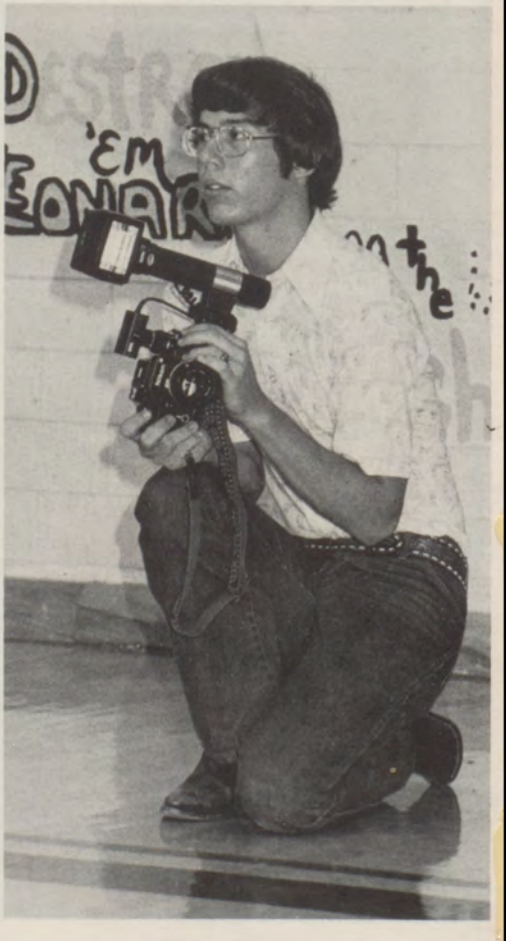
Above: For Journalism I student Doug Alexander, being a COTTON BOLL reporter means not only reporting the news, but also writing the news story and typing up the final copy.







Above Left: Gary Lankford examines possible pictures for his design of the double-page spread on summer. Above: During a workshop held in the summer, new staffers Laurie Pasemann, Stancie Schwenker, Debbie Touchstone and Tammi Sefcik listen closely as editor Dana Farr shows an example of good copy. Left: Becky Kubala listens as MALLARD staffer Patrick Jones explains how to fill out an order for senior portraits. Below: MALLARD photography editor Thomas Conn readies his camera for a twirler performance during a pep rally in October.



# Keeping Up With . . . Whatever

When their work began in August, the MALLARD staff thought that they were laboring at a fairly brisk pace. But as the end of the year approached, production of the 1977 yearbook became more and more hectic, and simply "trying to keep up" turned into quite a chore for the 17 MALLARD staffers as their work porgressed.

Keeping up with deadlines was only the most obvious of these chores. The day-to-day problems involved in producing a yearbook became well-known to each staff member. To secure a good typewriter on which to tap out copy required both knowledge ("Hm, the comma on that one doesn't work, I'll take this one") and luck. Trying to, once again, keep up with instruments such as a measuring device called a "copy key" could be difficult, especially in a room that seemed to be in its natural state when cluttered. Sometimes even a picture "got lost;" and having to go down to the darkroom and ask an overworked and sometimes irritable photographer for a reprint was never pleasant.

But with all the hassles and headaches, each staff member knew the value of his or her work. When that yearbook finally came out, all of the "keeping up" seemed to be worth it.

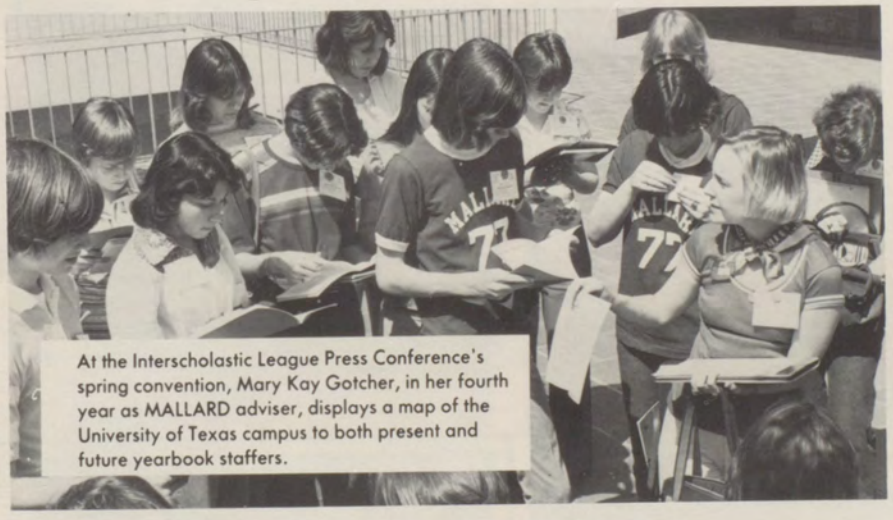


Arranging Spanish Club members for their group picture, Ginny Urbanek directs the second row as Lupe Ramirez and Tim Rafferty look on.



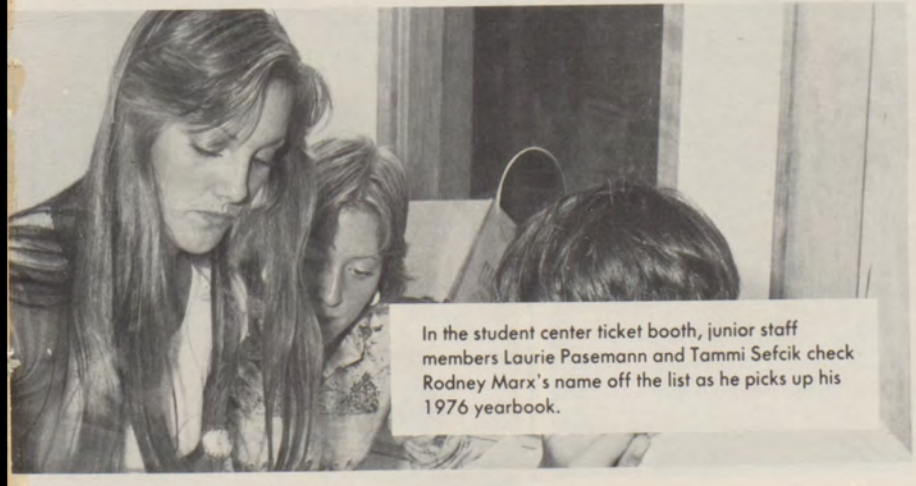
Selected as a member of the 1977-'78 MALLARD staff, Anita Allen is pinned by Dana Farr.





At the Interscholastic League Press Conference's spring convention, Mary Kay Gotcher, in her fourth year as MALLARD adviser, displays a map of the University of Texas campus to both present and future yearbook staffers.

Above: MALLARD: (Front Row): Tammi Sefcik, Debbie Touchstone, Susan Harris, Laurie Pasemann, Stancie Schwenker, Ginny Urbanek, business manager, Beth Sexworth, Dana Farr, editor, and Cynthia Jozwiak, page design editor. (Back Row): Gary Lankford, Thomas Conn, photography editor, Lin Stabeno, Mike Moss, Patrick Jones, copy editor and Gilbert Mokry. Not pictured is James Casey.
Below: During a break in a hectic day of taking organization pictures, advisor Mary Kay Gotcher, Susan Harris, Alice Flores and Stancie Schwenker discuss which group to call next.



In the student center ticket booth, junior staff members Laurie Pasemann and Tammi Sefcik check Rodney Marx's name off the list as he picks up his 1976 yearbook.



# A Taylor High Success

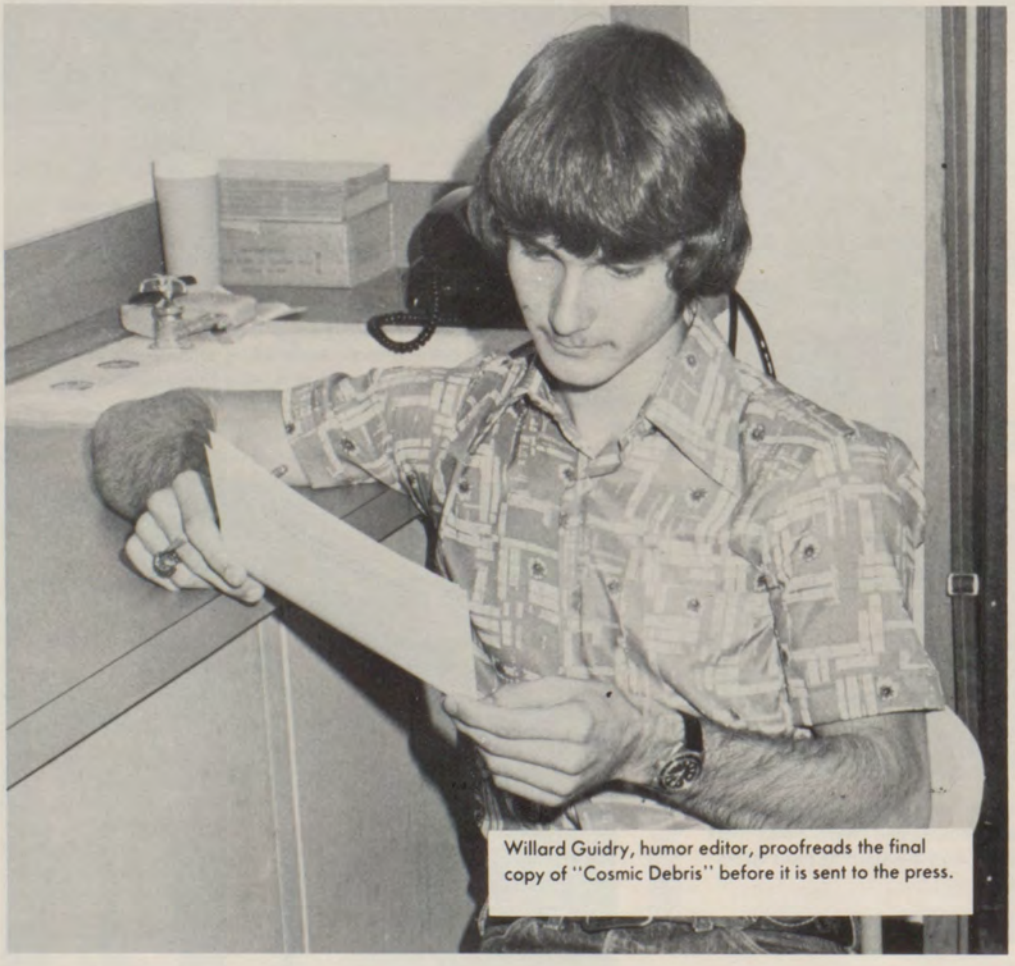
One way to keep up with all the happenings at THS was to read the school newspaper, the COTTON BOLL. It contained information about anything and everything that concerned students.

Messages on the board, papers in the basket, and page design spreads laid out were examples in the Cotton Boll room of the work that preceeded deadlines. The hard work paid off as circulation was up, an indication of the publication's popularity among students.

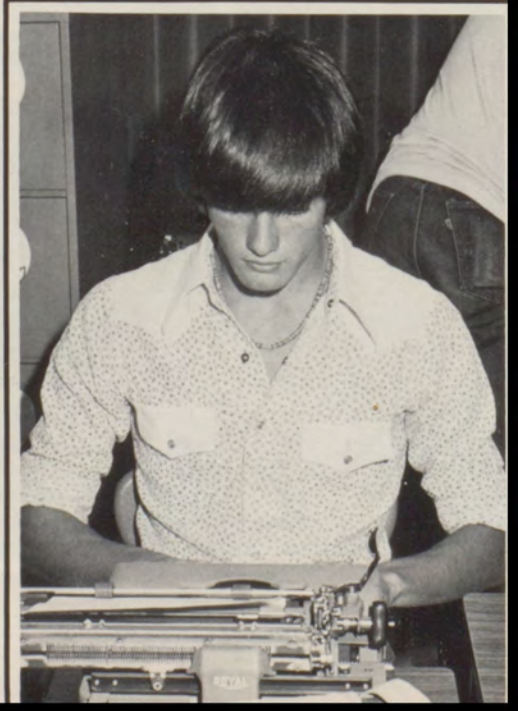
The key factors of the people and ideas that made the COTTON BOLL such a Taylor High success seemed to be hard work and versatility. The daily trials and tribulations that the staff endured produced a paper that appealed to everyone, and that in turn resulted in a satisfied and well-informed student body.



Above: Sports editor Terry Lindemann retypes an article before handing it to co-editor Rhonda Srnensky to be approved.
COTTON BOLL: Inset (Front Row): Monica Vittek, co-editor; Susie Walton, business manager; Vickie Randig, lay-out editor; Denise Faykus, co-news editor; and Willard Guidry, humor editor. (Back Row): Rhonda Srnensky, co-editor; Ms. Susan Komondosky, advisor; Scholley Buzan, co-news editor; Terry Lindemann, co-sports editor; Eric Cupp, co-sports editor; and Tim Kinsley, co-sports editor.
Below: Putting the finishing touches on his copy, Eric Cupp concentrates on typing his bi-weekly sports column, Duck of the Week.



Willard Guidry, humor editor, proofreads the final copy of "Cosmic Debris" before it is sent to the press.



Below: Pausing for a moment to assemble her thoughts, business manager Susie Walton keeps the Cotton Boll budget balanced and running smoothly.





Above: Hurriedly trying to adjust her camera before an assembly, Rhonda Srnensky receives assistance from Cotton Boll adviser Susan Komondosky.

Below: Cotton Boll Humor editor Willard Guidry doubles as a photographer, capturing the blazing brilliance of the Homecoming bonfire on film.



Above: One of the co-editors of the COTTON BOLL, Monica Vittek, carefully organizes a lay-out page and checks for mistakes.



# SPEECH



Denise Jefferson stresses the importance of expression and gestures during an impromptu speech.

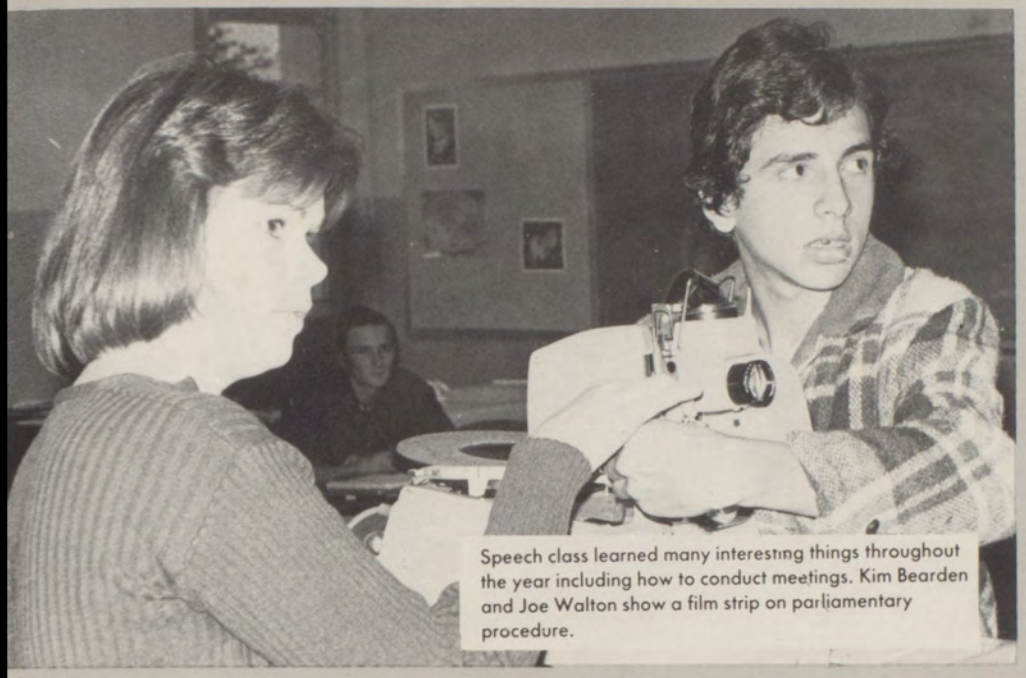


Above: Auditioning for a classroom production are Glenda Churchill, John Dykowski and Linda Gault (standing). Linda Jackson, Gabriel Torres and Eddie Hertz memorize their lines while waiting their turn.

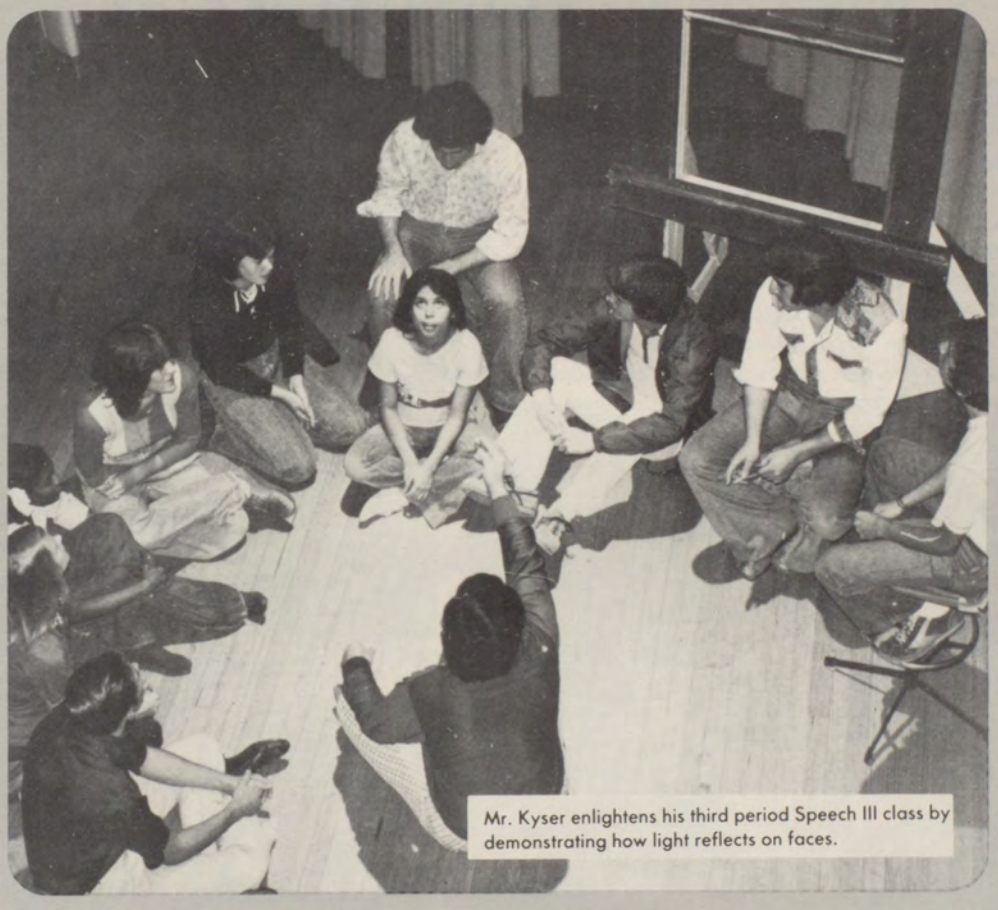




Above: Milinda Wilkens studies her lines before trying out for a part in a speech play.
Right: Speech instructor David Kyser shows his classes the various effects of stage lighting.



Speech class learned many interesting things throughout the year including how to conduct meetings. Kim Bearden and Joe Walton show a film strip on parliamentary procedure.



Mr. Kyser enlightens his third period Speech III class by demonstrating how light reflects on faces.

# GREAT BUILDER THE CONFIDENCE

Walking into a speech class for the first time could be a frightening experience for anyone. You try to realize the goal in mind is to lessen tension and to somehow muster up enough courage to face the public in a speaking situation. But the question is how?

It seems impossible, but as the months slip away a more confident person emerges thanks to Speech I and teacher David Kyser. The hours spent practicing public addresses and informative and persuasive speeches pays off in the end. Even having to make an impromptu speech on a white rhinoceros seems possible. But your new found confidence is suddenly shattered when Mr. Kyser tells the class they will be building props and painting scenes and surprisingly everyone finds still more of their hidden talents.

In Speech II classes advanced drama and play analysis are studied to heighten your understanding and appreciation of good literature. You know you can act, but are you an actor? Soon to your disbelief, you find out you are, when the class puts on the total production of a play.

Speech is unique because the main objective is not simply learning new concepts, but achieving a more confident you. Consequently, speech was . . .

Scene 1 — The night before Halloween. Packed into the Taylor High student center, parents, children and a number of THS students waited for the doors to open to On Stage '77's fourth annual Spookhouse. The student center doors soon opened to reveal a maze of dark corridors that only a few hours earlier had been a normal high school cafeteria. Within these corridors goblins, mad doctors and other horrors (all ghoulishly played by On Stage members) awaited their guests while eerie organ music provided by senior Larry Blomquist chilled even the strongest at heart.



Given a rude greeting, Jim Scrivner, as Peer, is surrounded by trolls, including four played by Jimmy Thompson, Kenny Thompson, Willard Guidry and Patrick Jones.

# Scenes From A Year



Above: A suddenly awakened mummy (portrayed by freshman Kenny Thompson) stumbles out to greet some visitors at the Spookhouse.
Below: On Stage sponsor David Kyser, clad as a vampire, finds an exit out of Spookhouse '77. The event garnered over $100 for the club's treasury.



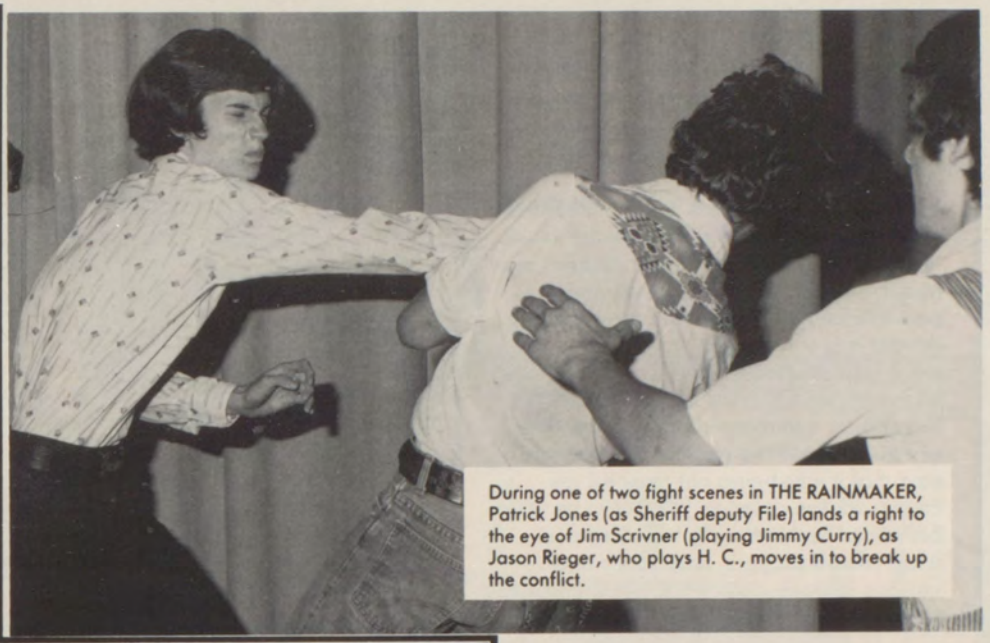
Scene 2 — February 14. Presented in the high school auditorium, the opening night performance of PEER GYNT, On Stage's winter production, became history. "Will it sell?" had been the question actors had asked during rehearsal and on opening night, PEER "sold." The large cast (which included several freshmen, affectionately called "munchkins" by older actors) was to present the play two more times, once to the school in an afternoon performance.





Above: A proud and regal troll king (Ron Schaefer) is protected by his chief courtier, fiercely portrayed by Jason Rieger.
Left: During the first scene of PEER GYNT, Peer, played by Jim Scrivner, prepares to place his mother Ase (Cynthia Jozwiak) on the millhouse roof.





During one of two fight scenes in THE RAINMAKER, Patrick Jones (as Sheriff deputy File) lands a right to the eye of Jim Scrivner (playing Jimmy Curry), as Jason Rieger, who plays H. C., moves in to break up the conflict.

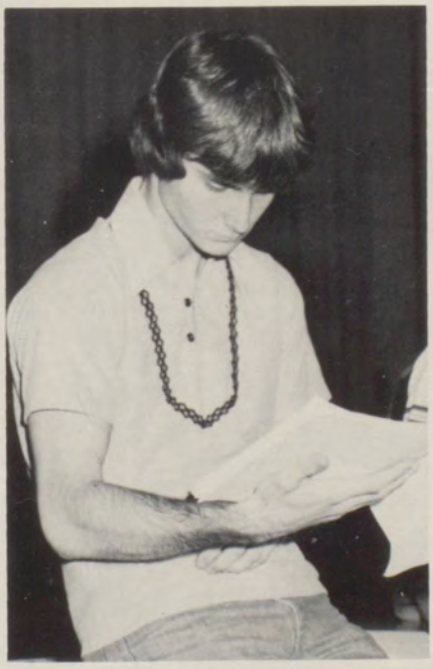
# On Stage

Chosen best supporting actress in PEER, Becky Swanson parades with Edward Contreras during the wedding dance.

Scene 3 — March 29. After performing THE RAINMAKER at zone one-act play contest, the cast along with the crew and On Stage sponsor David Kyser, who directed the play, waited nervously for results. First came the individual awards — Patrick Jones (honorable mention All-Star Cast), Jim Scrivner and Monica Vittek (All-Star Cast) and finally Coledon Bosley (Best Actor in North Zone) — and with the announcement of Best Actor, On Stage members felt certain that they "had it," that they were going to district. But when the contest manager announced the winning plays, all of the excitement for On Stage members suddenly died. THE RAINMAKER had been selected as an alternate and would not go to district. It hurt.



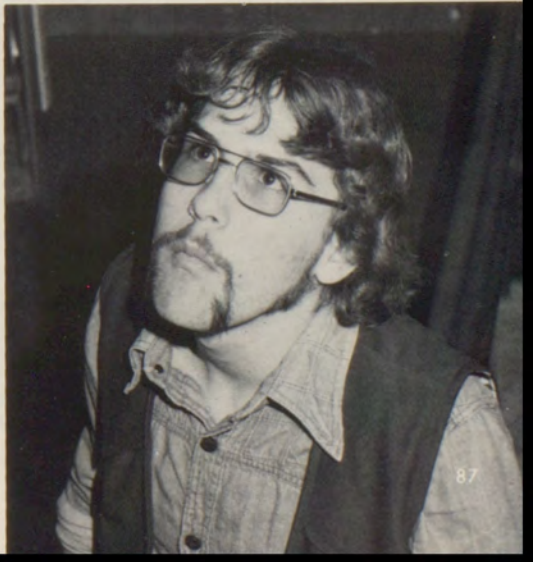
Above: North Zone Best Actor Coledon Bosley strikes an emotional pose in a rehearsal of THE RAINMAKER.
Below: Waiting to rehearse as the sheriff, Larry Blomquist watches an early scene of THE RAINMAKER.



Above: Willard Guidry studies his title role of THE RAINMAKER before one of the first rehearsals of the play.



Above: Two members of the all-senior cast of THE RAINMAKER, Monica Vitter (as Lizzie) playfully teases Jason Rieger (who plays Lizzie's father, H. C. Curry).



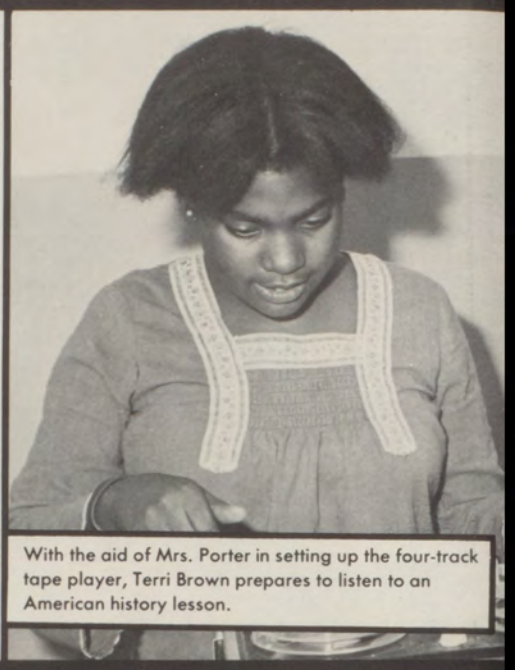
# Tight Squeeze

Although the space was quite limited in the resource room, it did not hinder the teachings of Mrs. Betty Porter and her aide Mrs. Hallie Streit. Small classes made it possible for Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Streit to devote a great amount of time trying to meet their students' separate needs.

Mrs. Porter commented on an "overflow" of equipment in the resource room, but said that it was being put to good use. Four-track tape players proved to be very beneficial to the visually handicapped while record players, earphones and various other devices were most helpful to students with other learning disabilities.



Typing away diligently, Jimmy Crimm practices to improve his skills in the resource room.



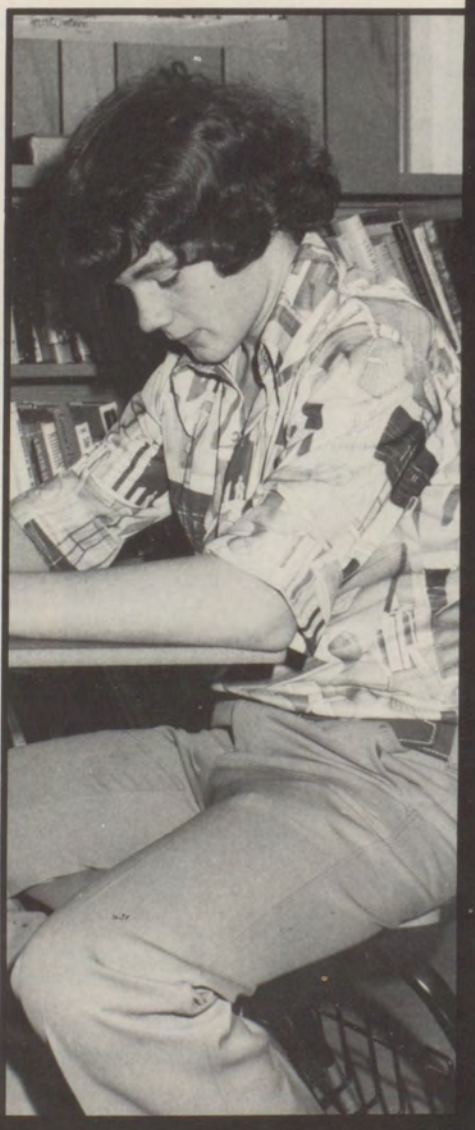
With the aid of Mrs. Porter in setting up the four-track tape player, Terri Brown prepares to listen to an American history lesson.



While in the resource room, a content Michael Edwards listens to his daily lesson on the tape player.

# Helps Available

The Emergency School Assistance Act created math and reading labs for pupils to obtain extra help and guidance. With the supervision of George Murray, students found the FSAA program to be very helpful in strengthening their skills.

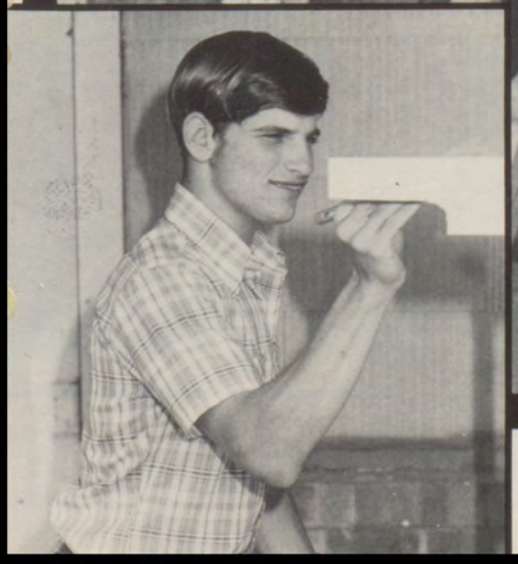


Right: Floyd Glover utilizes the ESSA reading lab for a bit of deep concentration on his reading assignment.

Below: The ESSA Math Lab seems to make working fun for Thomas Ross as he appears to be enjoying his math problems.



Building trades was not the only class that built furniture, houses, etc. Vocational Education for the Handicap, a course which lasted two periods also dealt with woodwork. The class consisted of only five students, but the work put forth was of a class of twenty. They built cabinets, shelves, stools, doll houses and even coffee tables which they sold to many of the teachers.





Left: Preparing to see his product, Rodney Ripple puts the final touches on a flower cart during the two hour VEH class.
Right: Linn Walker admires his work after painting various designs on a flower cart he made during VEH.

# One Goal — But Not One Approach





Upper Left: Rory Rieger and Daniel Sandoval aim for the target while Tom Oranday awaits his turn to test his skills at archery.
Above: Carolyn Shaw looks at Patti Daughtry with amazement as she executes a graceful backbend.
Below: Members of the second period P.E. classes pull back their bows with high hopes of hitting the bull's eye during target practice.

THS boys and girls' P.E. classes began the year with the same goal in mind — physical fitness. Coach Leon Nickerson took advantage of the sunshine and had the boys play flag football outside while Deborah Hall, the new girls P.E. coach, brought the volleyball out and gave the girls a chance to sharpen skills at the game.

In addition to the usual team sports, coaches added variety to the P.E. classes. Co-ed dancing, a first for THS, proved popular in bringing the boys and girls classes together. Party planning, a new recreational unit, broadened the girls experiences in that field. Boys P.E. classes journeyed outside frequently to participate in soccer, softball and archery. Trampoline jumping and table tennis were enjoyable ways of staying in shape while learning a skill at the same time.

Physical fitness came in many ways throughout the year. Only the methods of keeping the students in tip-top shape changed due to the seasonal weather.












Upper Left: There is no doubt about it, Gary Wilson is serious about hitting a softball. With a great amount of concentration he swings at the ball while Frank Valdez looks on.
Above: During a volleyball game, Pam Mahlow gets in position to return the serve while Janis Hernandez waits anxiously as a backup.
Left: Mrs. Hall instructs her students about the usage of the balance beam. Melissa Brookshire practices walking on the beam while Jackie Rowe learns to be a spotter.
Below: Catcher Brian Brinkmeyer concentrates on the pitch while umpire Leon Nickerson crouches down to get a better view of the strike zone.



# An Extra Bit of Spark






Cheerleaders were not the only spirit builders of the school; the Pep Squad also put forth a great effort to promote enthusiasm throughout the student body. As in previous years, they painted signs, yelled at games and participated in skits during pep rallies. To help with their expenses they sold ribbons and programs during football season, another familiar activity. With the money made, they set off for Six Flags for a day of fun.

Although the Pep Squad remained a small organization, this did not stop their enthusiasm, spirit and support. They always added an extra bit of spark to all games and activities of THS.



Above Left: Nora Perez, Dottie Rambo and Anna Marie Schwenke discuss their uniforms at one of their call meetings.




Above: Helping out the Hi-Steppers during their half-time performance is pep squad member Gloria Rangel.
Left: Sharon Wooldridge, a Pep Squad member, pauses for a brief moment to sell a ribbon to Melissa Brookshire before the Lampasas pep rally.




Left: The Pep Squad cheers enthusiastically as Taylor makes a touchdown during the Westlake game.
Below: Pep Squad President Anna Marie Schwenke paints a sign to promote spirit during "Beat Belton" week.
Below Right: Pep Squad members Barbara Vanacek, Beatrice Camacho, Becky Marburger, and Mary Zavala add spirit to the Georgetown pep rally with a skit mocking the television show, "The Family Feud."









Above: PEP SQUAD (Front Row) Barbara Vanacek, Sharon Wooldridge and Tina Torres. (Second Row) Ms. Dottie Rambo, Sponsor, Gloria Rangel, Nora Perez and Mary Zavala. (Third Row) Elenora Torres, Anna Marie Schwenke and Lesa Sims. (Back Row) Tracy McVay, Becky Marburger, Beth Nelson and Betty Ann Garza.

# SAME STORY:





## it takes WORK



Above Left: Although just practicing with no audience to applaud them, Steppers make sure each kick is over their head. Left: Already working for football season at the start of the school year, Hi-Steppers prepare to try the new step being demonstrated to them. Above: Practicing in the parking lot for Friday's game, Diana Cotner and Margaret Guajardo perform to "The Horse."



## it takes SPIRIT



# STEPPERS AT THE TOP




Once anybody had made it to the top, it was awfully hard to stay there. Finding themselves in this position, the Taylor Hi-Steppers, with well established credentials as one of the best high school drill teams in Texas, faced a year of having to once more live up to their reputation.

It didn't come easy. As with any first-rate organization, the Steppers' key to success was work, work and more work. During football season, they normally stayed at school until 5:30, preparing and polishing each new routine. And then there was the pressure. Pressure — something every girl felt. It came from the small amount of time between performances, it came from a student body accustomed to exciting and creative routiens, but most of all it came from within the Steppers themselves, the pressure that comes from a high standard of excellence.

When the Hi-Steppers returned from Commerce and contest, that high standard of excellence had not only been maintained, it had been strengthened. For they had won the President's Award, which symbolized the highest possible ratings. The Steppers had met the challenge of their tradition and once more they finished the year — at the top.



Above: One thing the Steppers are proud of is their splits and at contest they show their pride at the end of the high kick routine.
Left: Pride is adding the extra effort to make the performance outstanding. Colleen Baird flashes a smile while performing to "Express."
Below: Senior Pam Wyche prepares for the long drive to Commerce and the highlight of each Stepper's year — contest and winning Sweepstakes.



Below: HI-STEPPERS: (Front Row): Ginny Urbanek and Laurie Pasemann, second lieutenants; Susan Harris, captain; Susan Sobotik, co-captain; Sue Ruzicka, and Scholley Buzan, first lieutenants. (Second Row): Margaret Guajardo, Susie Walton, Ramona Urbanek, Karen Mazac, Rhonda Srnensky, Debbie McGee, Connie Schneider, Diana Cotner, Kim Bearden, Dana Basco, Lou Ann Mokry, Colleen Baird, and Pam Wyche. (Back Row) Reva Killingsworth, Della Woods, Dolores Lopez, Shelley Werchan, Deborah Werchan, Ellen Schmidt, Barbara Conn, Sheri Dykowski, JoAnn Mott, Pat Strmiska, Beth Sexworth, Nancy Urbanek, Judy Kropp and Kim Wrinkle.



Far Left: Officers Scholley Buzan and Ginny Urbanek show their enthusiasm by doing the "bump" as they join in a chant urging the Ducks to victory.
Left: After their work all week to win the spirit stick, Captain Susan Harris runs back to the group with their award.



# Same Story: STEPPERS AT THE TOP



Above: While performing "Shaft" at a home football game, Hi-Steppers strive to impress the crowd with their high kicks.



Above Right: Debbie McGee applies the makeup required for the beach ball routine to Karen Mazac before a basketball game performance.





Left: Karen Mazac, Lou Ann Mokry and Diane Cotner turn exuberant, doll-like expressions to the audience as they perform the routine Hi-Steppers and audiences came to refer to as "the Baby Doll." Right: As part of the entertainment for the Garden Club's Fashion Show, Delores Lopez and Deborah Werchan "tango" to the music of "Bandstand Boogie."



Above: Right before their half-time performance, Hi-Steppers kneel on the side line as they anxiously await their number.
Right: Stepper officers Susan Sobotik, Sue Ruzicka and Laurie Pasemann sing the school song during pre-game activities.





Lou Ann Mokry



Nancy Urbanek



Above: Sponsor Dottie Rambo makes sure she has every Hi-Stepper's permission slip before they begin the seven hour drive to the Miss Texas Drill Team Contest in Nederland.





Suzie Walton



Above: Though tired and sweaty after a pep rally performance, Judy Kropp, Colleen Baird and Scholley Buzan return to the bleachers to help urge the Duck football team to victory.
Left: After performing to "Express" at the Taylor-Belton football game, Hi-Steppers hold the ending position while the crowd applauds.



Susan Harris

# Things Went Better With Band . . .

An apathetic student body sat listlessly in the gymnasium waiting for the pep rally to begin. Suddenly from their corner of the bleachers the band launched into a rousing rendition of "Viva Max," a song that became a popular favorite with the students, and slowly but surely the crowd began to wake up. The band brought added life to this pep rally, one of the many examples of their ability to create school spirit.

In order to operate as one organization, practice and dedication were a necessity, and the band put in many long hours, especially during football season. This time was not wasted as the band did well at contest, although individual members scored better than the group as a whole.

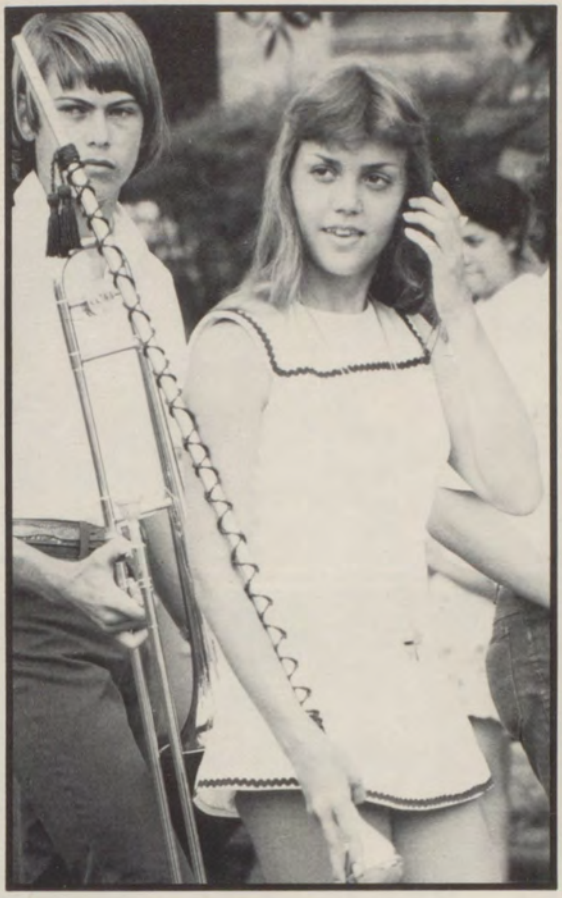
The just rewards for this club came in May when they journeyed to Six Flags. A day at the famous amusement park was just what they needed to lift them after a year of constant working. Tradition moved in again with the yearly band banquet — this time held at Westwood Country Club in Austin. A fitting highlight for one of Taylor High's most notable (and noticeable) organizations.

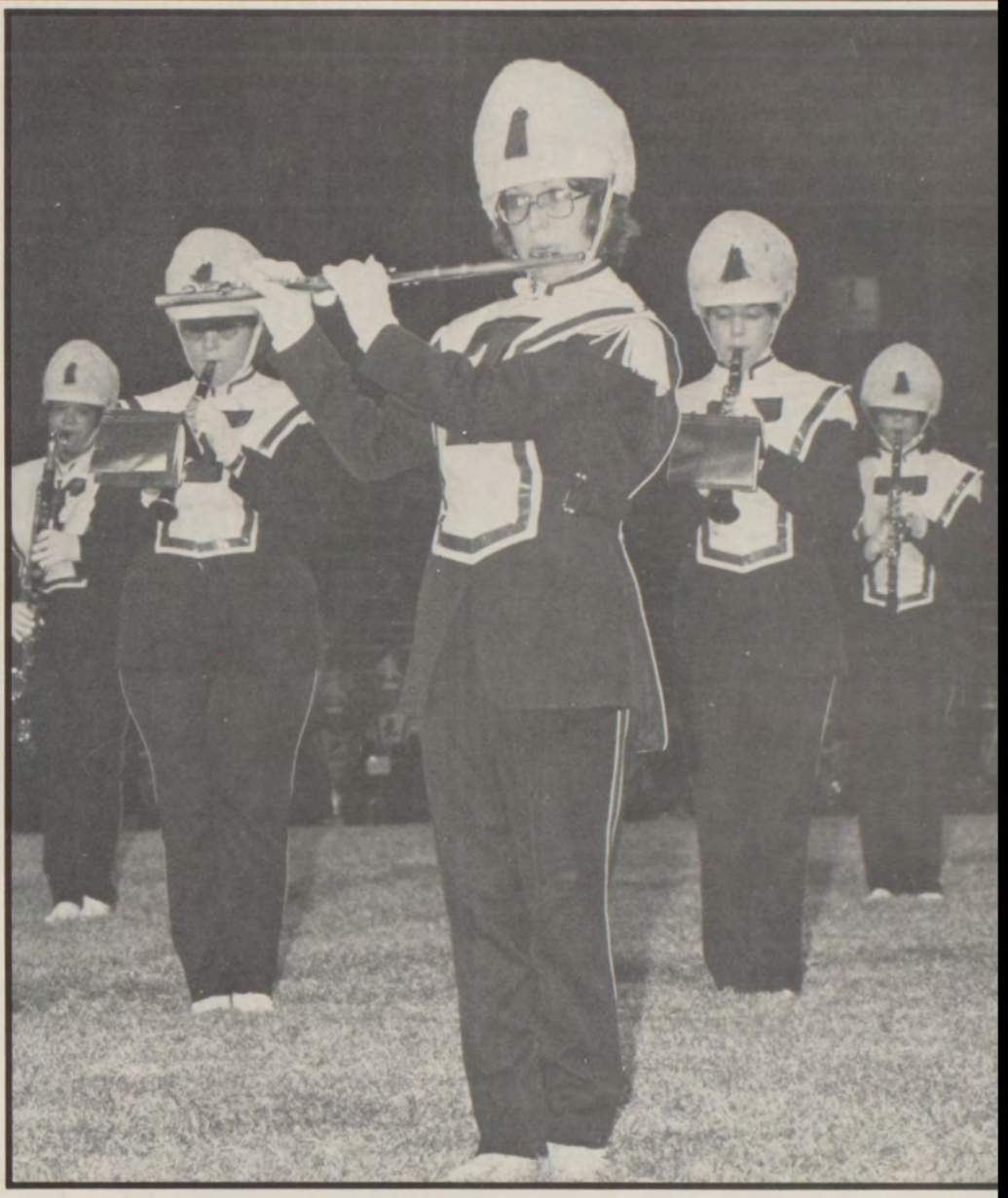






Left: Nancy Rohlack and Patti Ruzicka show their role in winning the spirit stick at the Lockhart pep rally.
Above: Debbie Carpenter and Tammi Preusse, members of the French horn section, join in with the "Fight Song" during a night pep rally held at the tennis courts before the Belton game.
Top: Concluding their performance at the marching contest in Round Rock the band proudly marches around the track.





Above: Ronald Marx, a member of the Trombone section, and Paula Zetak, assistant drum major, prepare to march in the August rodeo parade.
Right: The song "Swat" became a favorite with football crowds. Here Brenda Johnson, Shelley Grieger, Karen Page, Melodie Slagle and April Schoener play that selection.
Below: TWIRLERS AND DRUM MAJORS: (Kneeling): Dorie Switzer and Becky Kubala, twirlers. (Standing): Marie Grieger, drum major; Cynthia Jozwiak and Pam Brueckner, twirlers; Paula Zetak, assistant drum major.



Below: Rodney Marx and Kelly Frankeny practice after school in the student parking lot for their Friday night performance.





Below: At the marching contest in Round Rock the band's marching receives a II, which is considered excellent.



Above: During the only bonfire pep rally, Tammy McVay keeps the beat to "Beat Midway" on the tri-toms.
Below: At the Lockhart game, Mr. Rhemann announces the Band Sweetheart, Marie Grieger, and proudly presents her with long-stemmed roses.











Right: The 1976-77 twirlers Doris Switzer, top, Becky Kubala, top right, Cynthia Jozwiak, right, and Pam Brueckner, far right, display some of the routines performed at pep rallies and football games.



Left: Taking a break between songs during the Lockhart pep rally is the French horn section — Charlotte Keith, Donna Cotner, Jo Ann Simcik and Dana Kuhl.
Below: Gayle Brister and Patty Corbett spend sixth period preparing for Concert and Sight Reading contest.



Below: VARSITY BAND: (Front Row): Dorie Switzer, Becky Kubala, Marie Grieger, Paula Zetak, Cynthia Jozwiak and Pam Brueckner. (Second Row): Denise Faykus, Cheryl Wuthrich, Debbie Wright, Cathy Debus, Kathy Gola, Brenda Hollowell, Patti Ruzicka, Nancy Rohlack, Guy Nelson, Carol Hollowell, Madeline Trevino, Gina Gilligan, Becky Swanson, Jane Bartosh, Christi McLaughlin, Cheryl Raesz, Karen Page and Anita Allen. (Third Row): Brenda Zrubek, Sherilyn Kaatz, Susan Hengst, Rodney Marx, Gail Brister, Kelly Frankeny, Patsy Manley, Nancy Touchstone, Patty Corbett, Louis Ross, Bernice Gonzales, Brenda Johnson, David Roznovak, Cheryl Bucanek, Lois Anderson, April Schoener, Beth Lutz, Carolyn Cervenka, Darlene Galvan, Lisa Killingsworth, Melodie Slagle and Shelly Grieger. (Fourth Row): Alan Slivensky, Sherry Krenek, Ernest Ariola, Tina Vega, Trisa Vasquez, Joe Walton, Jackie Naivar, Joe Gomez, Kathy Poldrack, Edward Contreras, Lacy Holman, David Slivensky, Bryan Kruse, Pam Brookshire, Jan Werner, Rueben Domingeuz, Theresa McLaughlin, Debbie Carpenter, Tammy Pruesse, Donna Cotner, Dana Kuhl, Jo Ann Simcik and Kathy De La Rosa. (Back Row): Alvin Roznovak, Pam Schaefer, Tim Crow, Sherri Townsend, Terri Briggs, Pam Kruse, Sandra Young, Barry Briggs, Michael Kohutek, Ronald Marx, Arthur Gamez, Molly Stone, Denise Richter, Jimmy Pokorny, Jimmy Grimm, Vangie Stoll and Ron Schaefer.



# Making Their Own Kind Of Music



Walking down the hall, past the choir room, one could hear snatches of a song, voices blended so melodiously that a sound of perfect harmony greeted the ears. Hours and hours of practice and sore throats preceded the finished products: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass working with each other to provide a specialty: human music.

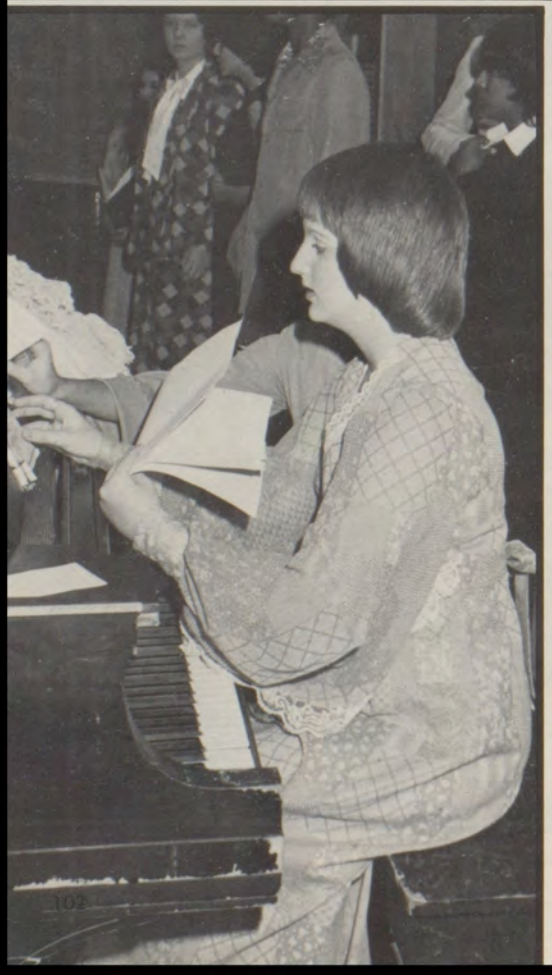
Their goal was to score high at contest and that highly desirable number one loomed always within their reach.

Choir members felt a unique closeness which other organizations could never experience. The band needed instruments and other clubs needed material items to work with, but all that was required of each choir member was his or her own voice. Together, with nothing to work with but themselves and the sounds they produced, 17 boys and girls truly made their own kind of music.

Above: Paul Knox and Becky Kubala are directed by Kay Bollom, while a mixture of choraliers and concert choir give them vocal accompaniment.
Below: Anita Allen has double duties being the official pianist as well as a member of the choir itself.

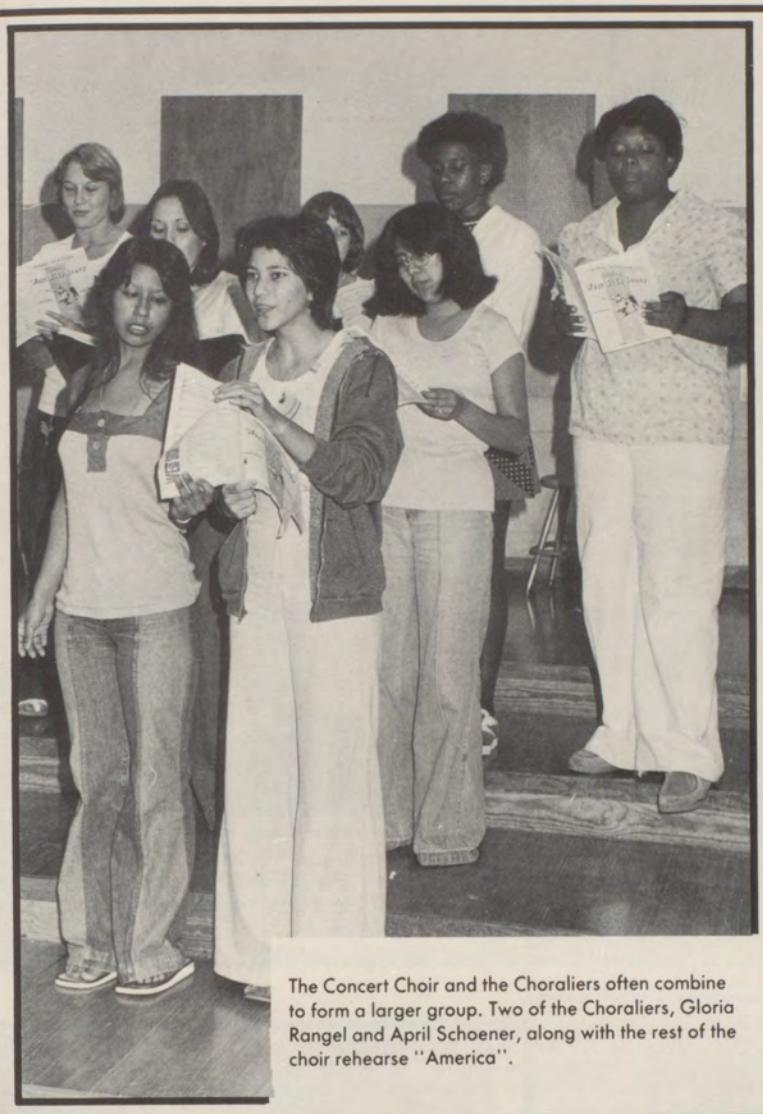
Below: Relaxing for a moment before a practice, Jimmy Scrivner and Paul Knox carefully look over their music.

Below: At the Homecoming assembly, choir director Kay Bollom announces the next selection, "Annie's Song," while the group readies themselves for the first note.

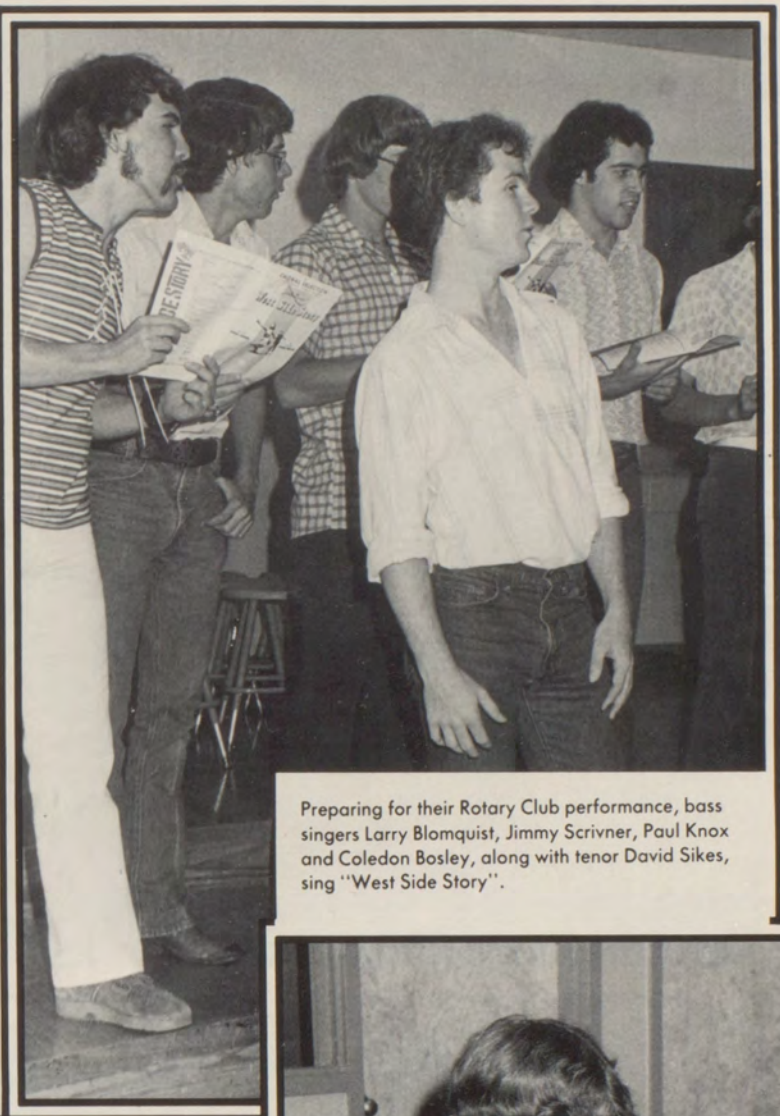








The Concert Choir and the Choraliers often combine to form a larger group. Two of the Choraliers, Gloria Rangel and April Schoener, along with the rest of the choir rehearse "America".



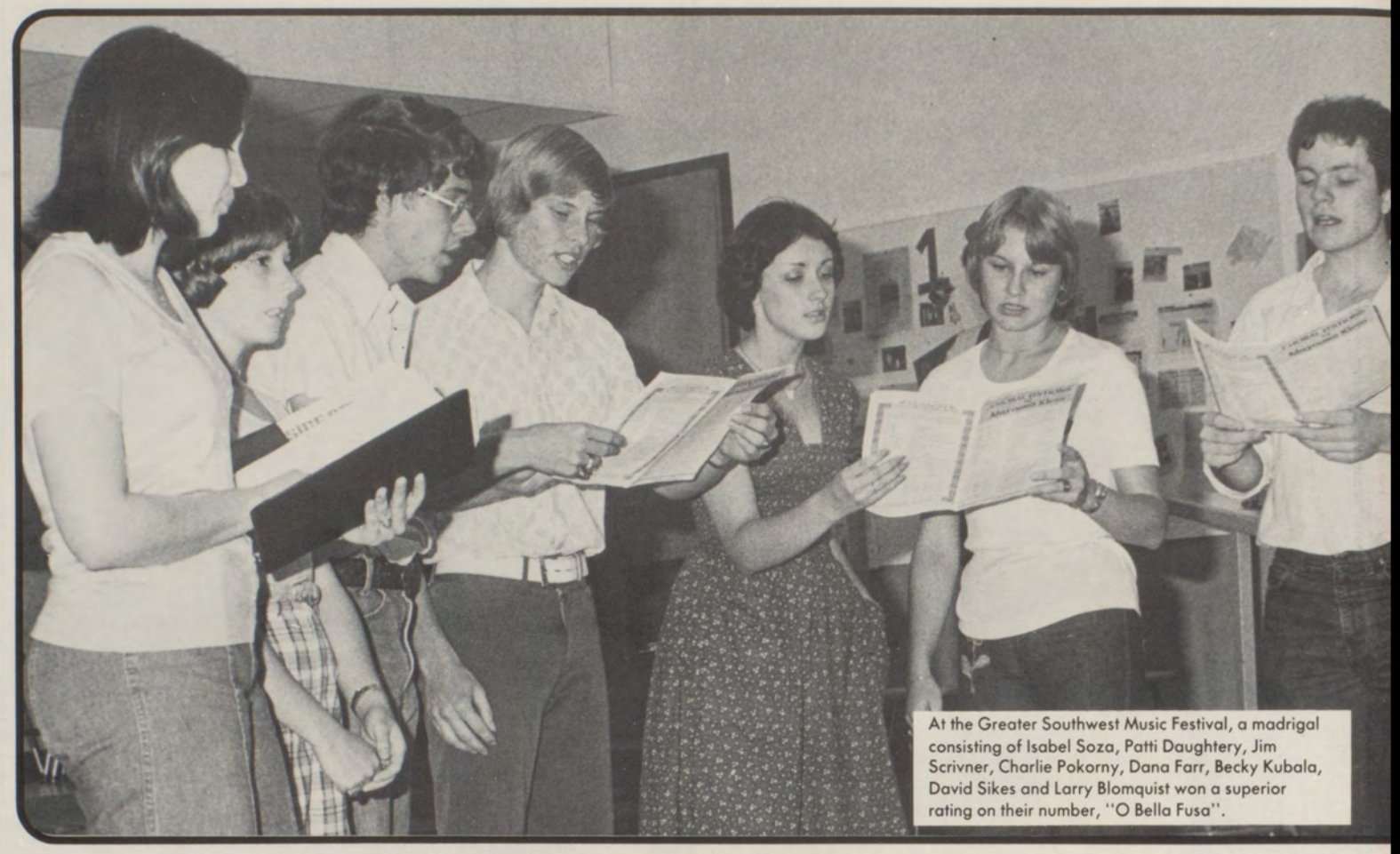
Preparing for their Rotary Club performance, bass singers Larry Blomquist, Jimmy Scrivner, Paul Knox and Coledon Bosley, along with tenor David Sikes, sing "West Side Story".

Below: The Concert Choir along with the Choraliers join together to sing "If I Loved You" during the Spring Concert, a fifth period assembly.



Right: Larry Blomquist practices his solo, a rondo by Beethoven which he placed second on at the contest at Amarillo.





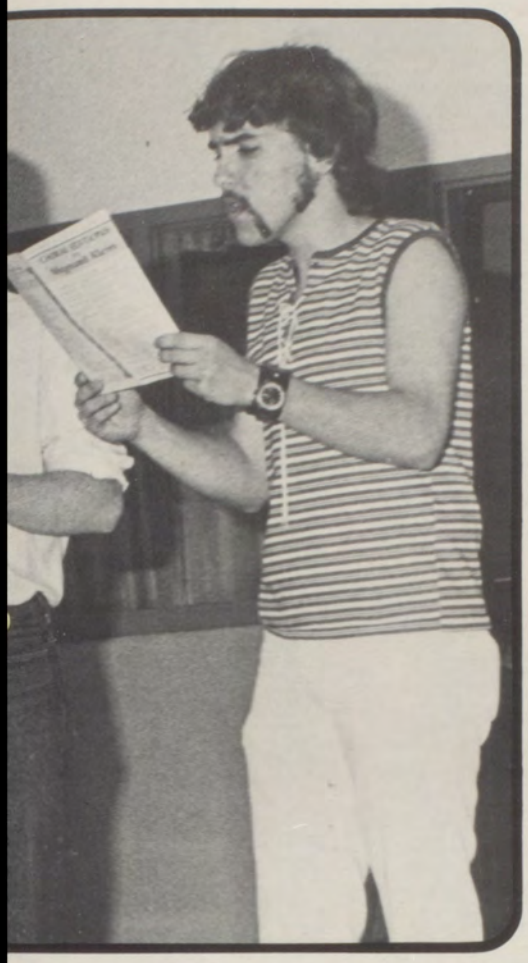
At the Greater Southwest Music Festival, a madrigal consisting of Isabel Soza, Patti Daughtery, Jim Scrivner, Charlie Pokorny, Dana Farr, Becky Kubala, David Sikes and Larry Blomquist won a superior rating on their number, "O Bella Fusa".

# Making Their Own Kind of Music



Choir no longer consists solely of hymn singing and Latin words. 1977 found Concert Choir members Todd Harris and Patti Daughtery engaging in a little choreography and enjoying it.







Rehearsing for the spring concert, Dana Farr tries to convince Larry Blomquist that "you can't eat love", while singing "Empty Pockets".



"Rough tough Texas ranger" Coledon Bosley uses his acting abilities to bring life to the song "Poor Lil".



Rehearsals seem to get tougher and longer toward the end of the year. With only nineteen members in the Concert Choir, Kay Bollom uses every possible directing technique to get a full tone on contest number "Agnus Dei".

# FTA — At A Glance



Shelley Werchan dutifully prints names on the slips of paper that are to go on Valentine's Day carnations.

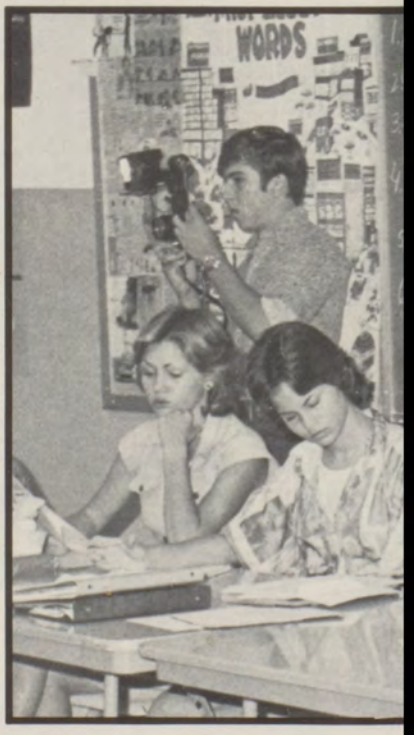


FTA members — you could spot them at a glance. They were the ones stationed behind card tables at Piggly Wiggly or Safeway on Saturday mornings selling cakes to shoppers. They were the ones who handed you those lovely carnations on February 14. And they were the ones sprawled across halls at all hours of the night painting "Don't Be a Stinker Vote for Schwenker" banners, making campaign material and generally preparing for the '76 Taylor-hosted district convention. With armfuls of papers to grade and report cards to type, FTA members usually had more to do than the normal load of homework. Many FTA'ers spent one night each week actually teaching basic educational skills to adults.

But what motivated these 112 eager students? It could have been the united atmosphere of the club or the chance to practice-teach during their senior year. It could have been just sheer enjoyment. But probably, it was the hope to attend the February state convention in San Antonio, that drove these students to hours of hard work.

In the process of racking up those 50 points for convention qualification, FTA'ers kept up their tradition of aiding teachers, the community and the school. And one more tradition was upheld — the capturing of first and second places in every category at district level and a first place yearbook and top ten scrapbook at state.

Yes, you could spot FTA'ers at a glance, as they're off to grade another paper, or type another test or paint another sign or . . .







Left: Oblivious to the exuberant singing of Keith Rieger and Rick Guzzort, Debbie Stiba readies carnations for delivery on Valentine's Day.
Below Left: President Sue Ruzicka presides at an FTA meeting while treasurer Ginny Urbanek, photographer Gilbert Mokry, secretary Susan Sobotik and vice-president Gary Lankford listen respectfully.

Above: FTA district convention winners are: (Front Row): Christi McLaughlin, 1st place Yearbook; Lou Ann Mokry, State voting delegate; Denise Richter, 2nd place Jr. Miss FTA. (Second Row): Gary Lankford, 1st place Mr. FTA; Tim Mikeska, 1st place Jr. Mr. FTA; Stancie Schwenker, State voting delegate; Anita Allen, 1st place scrapbook; Ginny Urbanek, 1st place Miss FTA.






Junior Miss FTA contestant Denise Richter calmly takes a few minutes to go over her speech at the district convention.



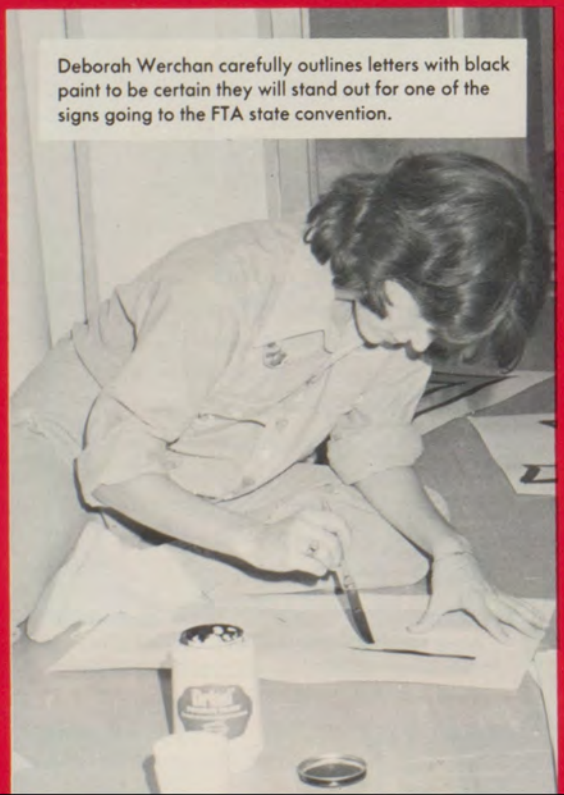

Above: FTA members Kim Wrinkle and Denise Richter put the finishing touches on their bulletin board for an upcoming football clash with Westlake.




Above Right: FTA: (Front Row): Charlotte Keith, Eddie Contreras, Theresa McLaughlin, Barbara Vanecek, Madeline Trevino, Jan Werner, Lois Anderson, Denise Richter, Christi McLaughlin, Candy Buzan, Cheryl Raesz and Robin Rafferty. (Second Row): Cheryl Kostoun, Suzanne Basco, Dana Basco, Linda Trevino, Molly Stone, Deborah Wright, Jo Ann Simcik, Sabrina Steger, Suzanne Stried, Teri Roose, Melodie Slagle, Sherry Krenek, Scholley Buzan, Jane Bartosh and Dorothy Rafferty. (Third Row): Terri Briggs, Gilbert Mokry, Dana Farr, Brenda Hollowell, Patsy Manley, Stephanie Schneider, Sherilyn Kaatz, Melissa Brookshire, Tammy Preusse, Jackie Naiver, Diana Cotner, Pam Mahlow, Kim Wrinkle, Donna Eiben, Peggy Janak, Ramona Urbanek and Mrs. Joyce Quebe. (Fourth Row): Ms. Peggy Mott, Tammi Sefcik, Kelly Frankeny, Tim Mikeska, Keith Rieger, Sheila Mahlow, Nancy Urbanek, Debbie McGee, Gina Gilligan, Patty Corbett, Ricky Widmer, Marie Grieger, Anita Allen, Kathy Poldrack, Susan Sobotik, Cynthis Loeve and Pam Kruse. (Fifth Row): Dean Ash, Ricky McGee, Rick Cuzzort, Stancie Schwenker, Ginny Urbanek, Susan Harris, Kathryn Seigmund, Denise Faykus, Barbara Conn, Dana Kuhl, Sheila Kruse, Sherri Townsend, Nancy Rohlack, Patti Ruzicka, Ellen Schmidt and Becky Marburger. (Back Row): Jay Harkins, Dale Bunge, Gary Lankford, Sue Ruzicka, Bryan Kruse, Ricky Mann, Michael Kohutek, Thomas Conn, Lou Ann Mokry, JoAnn Mott, Beth Sexworth, Becky Kubala, Donna Cotner, Debbie Stiba, Debbie Touchstone, Betty Weisner and Neva Klotz.

Right: Lou Ann Mokry delivers a dozen carnations to a smiling Melissa Brookshire.





Deborah Werchan carefully outlines letters with black paint to be certain they will stand out for one of the signs going to the FTA state convention.




Above: With the prodding of Susan Sobotik and Ginny Urbanek, Mr. FTA contestant Gary Lankford memorizes the lines to his speech. Gary eventually went on to capture 1st place in the Mr. FTA category for district.

Right: FTA members listen respectfully to issues concerning committees for district convention at a September meeting.



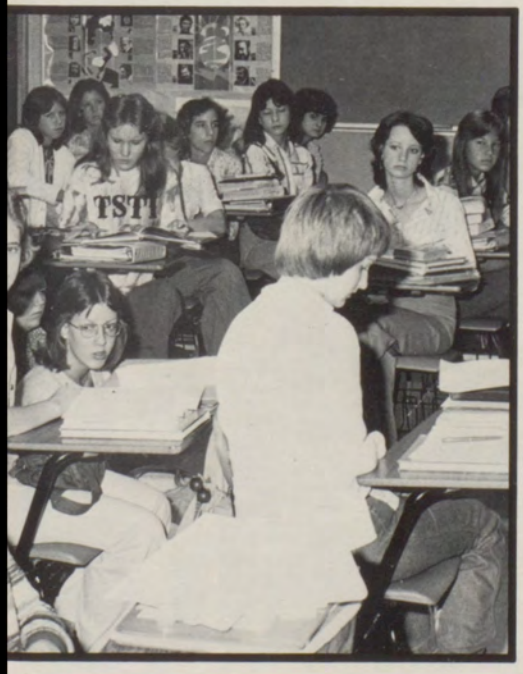
# FTA — At A Glance

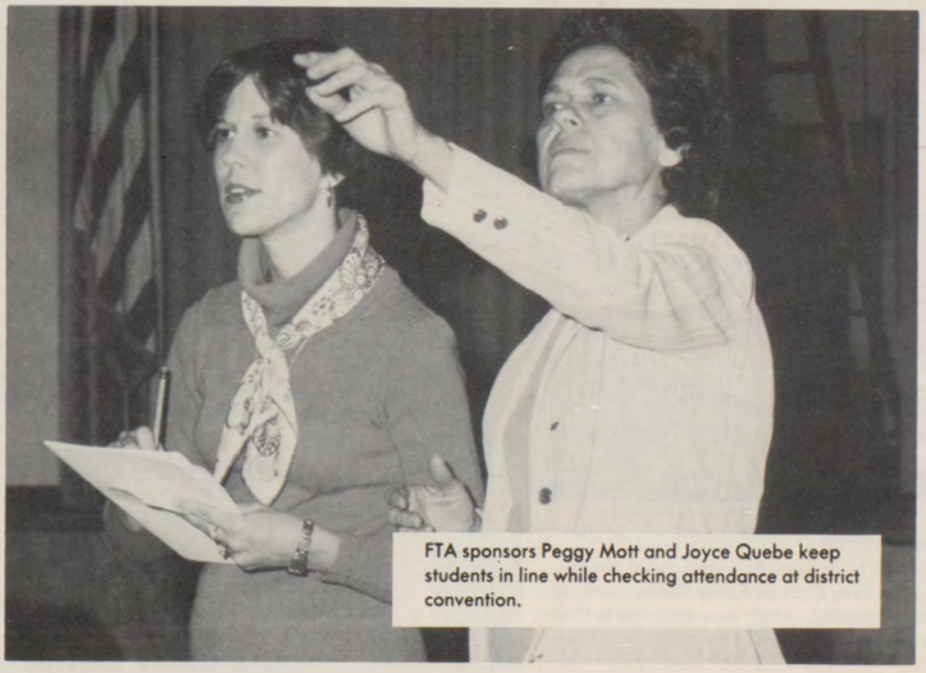


Candy Buzan makes history as one of eight Taylor freshmen attending state convention. Before 1976-77 ninth graders were not eligible.




Other Future Teachers may be yawning and stumbling to their seats but an early departure doesn't faze Ramona Urbanek, Ginny Urbanek and Stancie Schwenker who are busy loading luggage on the bus.





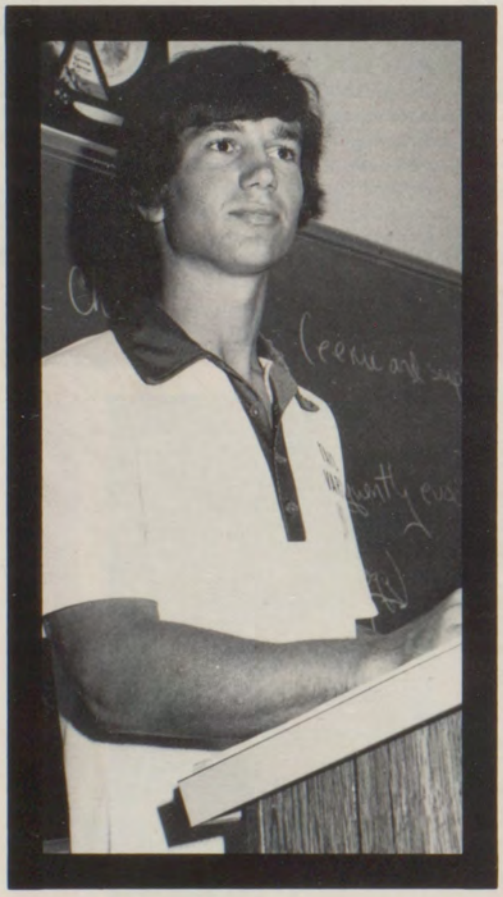
FTA sponsors Peggy Mott and Joyce Quebe keep students in line while checking attendance at district convention.

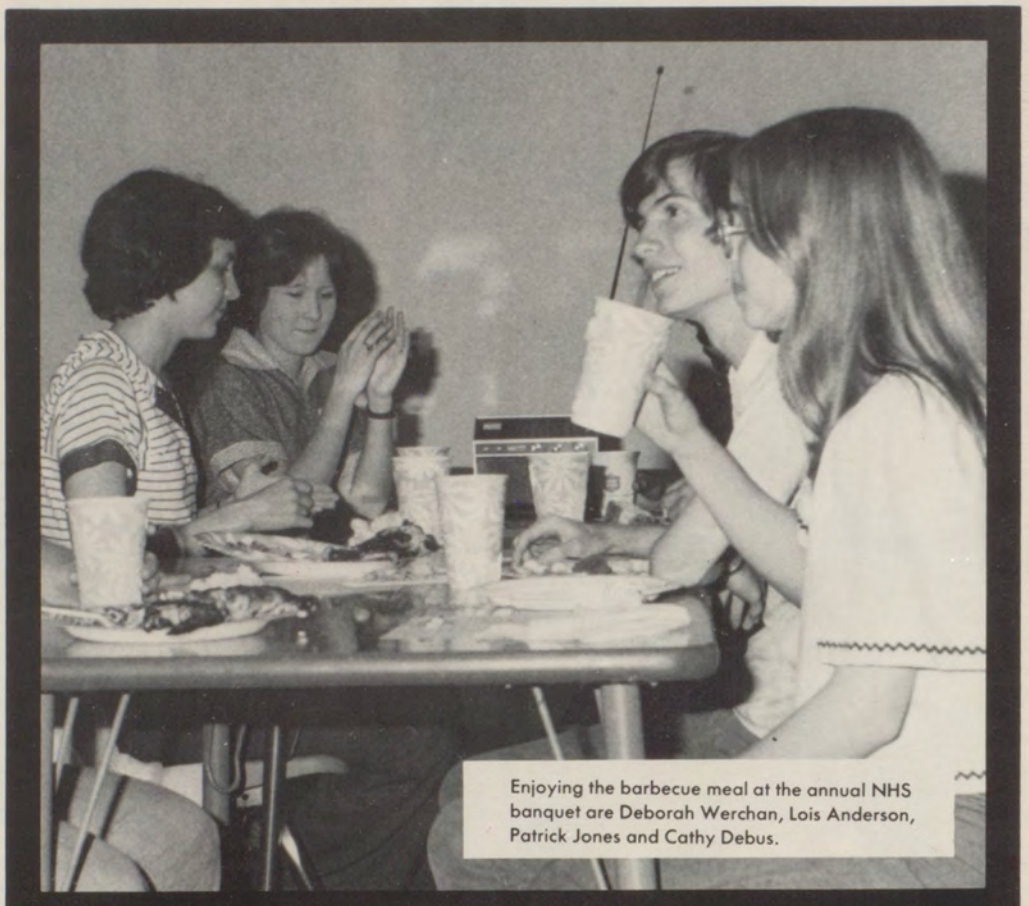
# Honor . . . And A Little Bit Of Work

Unlike most clubs at THS, National Honor Society was not an organization that any student could simply join. Even after a student qualified academically, NHS membership meant more than just an honor — it also involved work.

NHS members devoted the entire year to raising money for scholarships. At the Drama Club Spook House and Carnival, members presided over a cake walk which profited over $100. In February they sponsored a spaghetti supper which added a solid $150 to the scholarship funds.

In the spring, eligible students applied for membership and only those with averages of 85 with no failing grades were accepted. Then at the annual NHS picnic those chosen few officially became National Honor Society members.

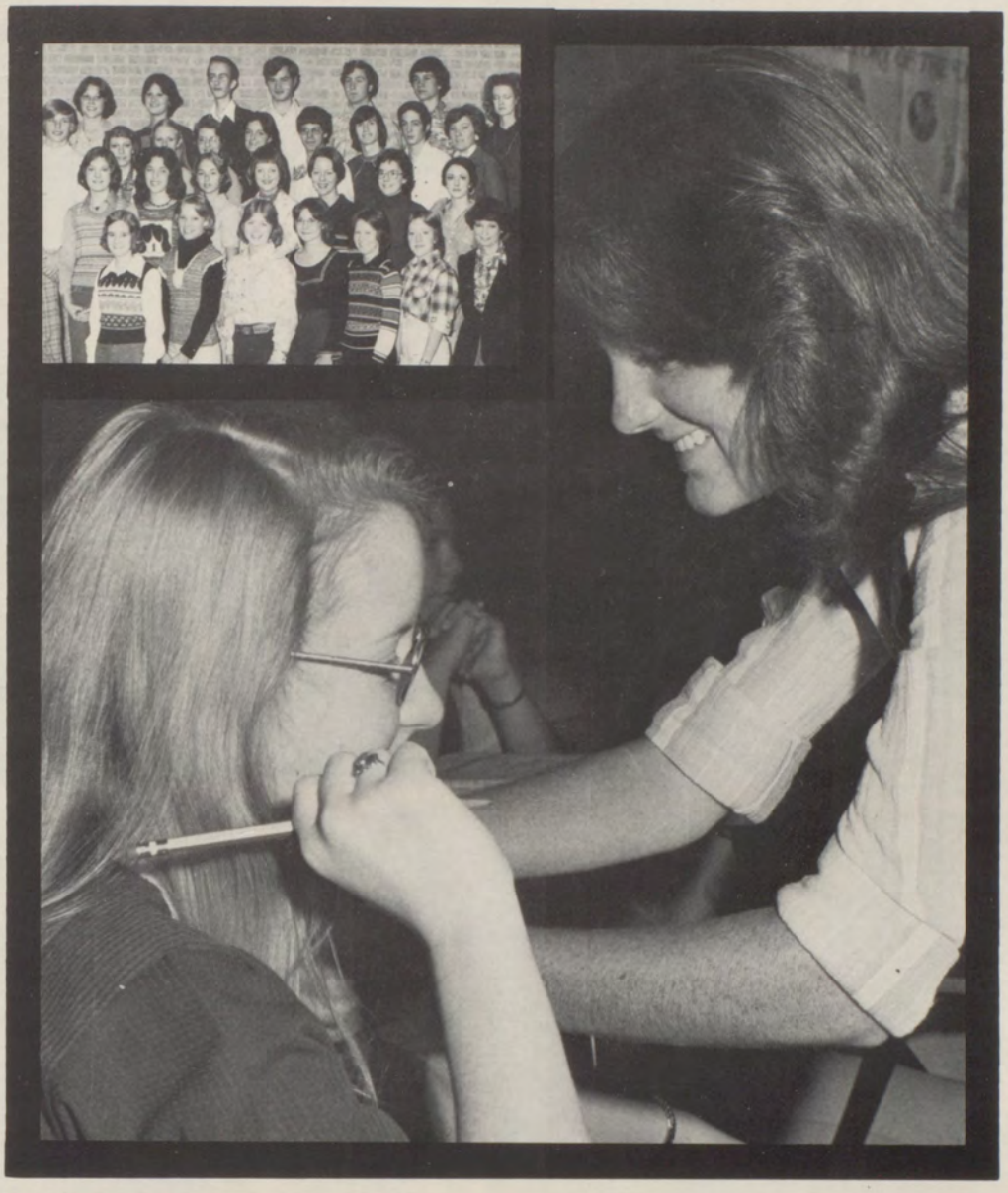




Enjoying the barbecue meal at the annual NHS banquet are Deborah Werchan, Lois Anderson, Patrick Jones and Cathy Debus.




Above: NHS President Kelly Zetak discusses plans for the spaghetti supper as he presides over a called meeting. Right: Sponsors Patty Clark and Judy Rhode count votes for the NHS scholarships which were awarded to Cheryl Raesz and Kelly Zetak.









Left: At the spaghetti supper NHS members Sherry Krenek and Melodie Slagle sell tickets at the door.
Above Left: Susan Harris congratulates Lydia Blomquist when she pins her as a new NHS member.
Inset: NHS: (Front Row): Christie McLaughlin, Sheila Mahlow, Cynthia Jozwiak, Cheryl Raesz, Lois Anderson, Tammi Sefcik and sponsor Judy Rhode. (Second Row): Stephanie Schneider, Melodie Slagle, vice president; Sherry Krenek, secretary; Anita Allen, Beth Sexworth, Casey Smith, and Dana Farr. (Third Row): Charlie Pokorny, Becky Swanson, Denise Faykus, Monica Vittek, Susan Harris, treasurer; Jimmy Scrivner, Patrick Jones, Jason Rieger and Cynthia Loeve. (Back Row): Stancie Schwenker, Sue Ruzicka, David Wolbrueck, David Slivensky, Mike Moss, Kelly Zetak, president; and sponsor Patty Clark.
Top: After barbecuing chicken in a driving rain, Jason Rieger, Kelly Zetak and Laine Holman serve NHS members at the annual banquet.
Above: Eager to eat, NHS members wait in line to fill their plates at the annual banquet held in the Rowe Valley barbeque building.

# Another Year Of Bondage

As the Latin student first walked into class he could be sure that studies would follow those of past years. Vocabulary words, verb conjugations and noun declensions filled the heads of Latin I students. Just as always, second year students concentrated on translations and the writings of Ceasar.

Just as in the past years, most Latin I and II students, as well as former Latin students, joined the Latin Club, where first year members served as slaves to members who were Roman citizens. After a year of bondage the slaves were initiated at the traditional Latin Club banquet, their chains were broken and they became Roman citizens.



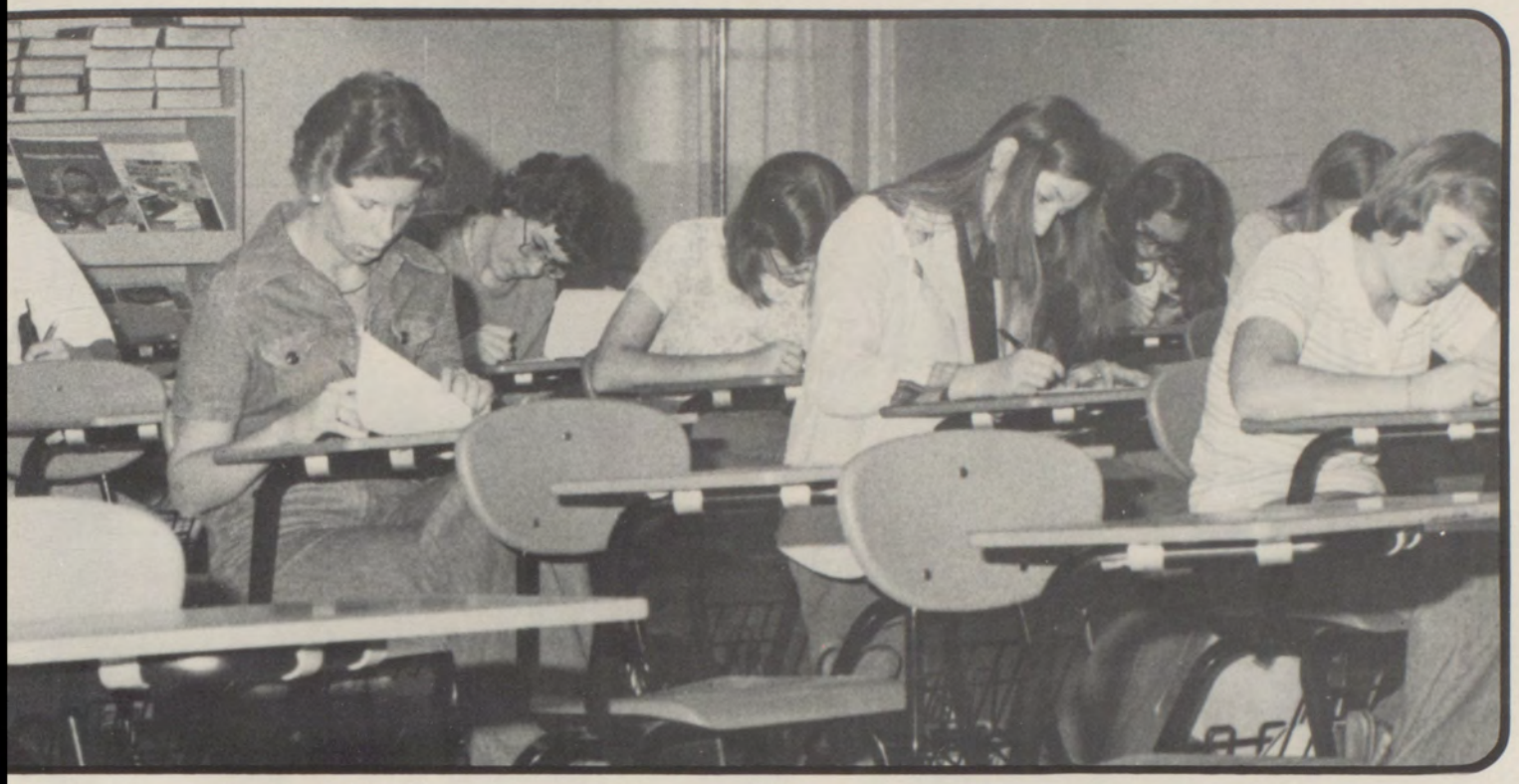
Above: Third period Latin II class attempts to interpret the Latin writings of Julius Ceasar during a translation check test.



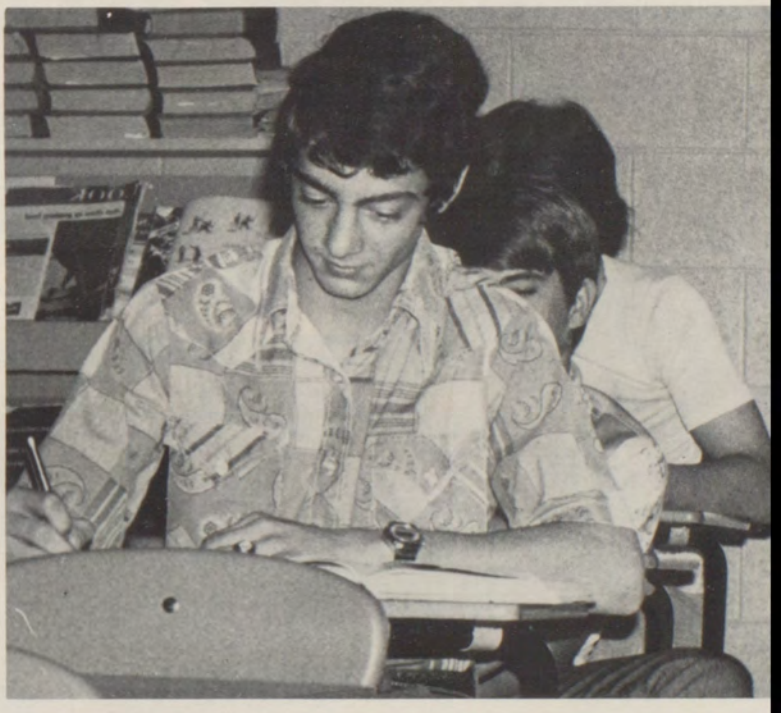
Above: Second year Latin student David Wolbrueck concentrates on translating a Latin story into English.



Right: In Latin I class, Nancy Touchstone writes down the vocabulary list of Latin words with their corresponding English meanings.









Above: Reading, first the Latin and then the corresponding English meaning, Denise Richter verbally translates a selection from Roman Mythology.
Above Right: Latin II students Jason Rieger and David Marek work on verb conjugations.
Right: Puzzled with the interpretations of a Latin sentence, second year student Paula Zetak asks teacher John Crow for help.

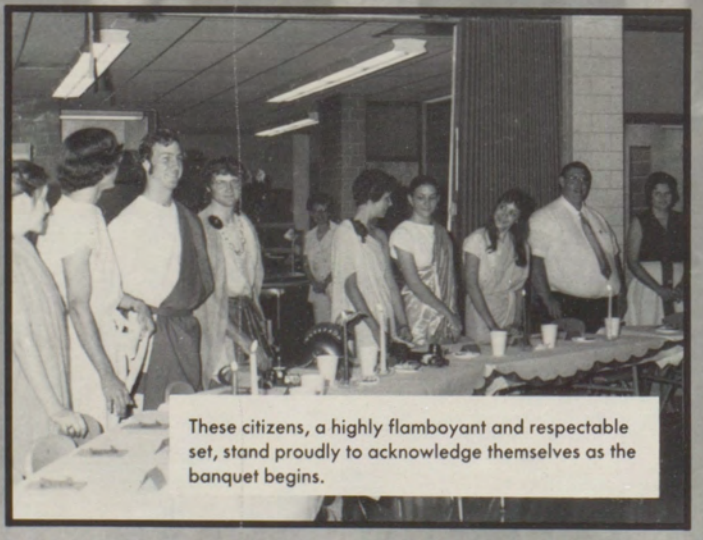
# CHAINS BROKEN AT LAST



An array of strapping young slaves, cautiously clutching fingerbowls and towels, await orders from the citizens.



Latin citizen Laine Holman proudly exhibits the regal garb of Julius Caesar at the Latin Club banquet.



These citizens, a highly flamboyant and respectable set, stand proudly to acknowledge themselves as the banquet begins.



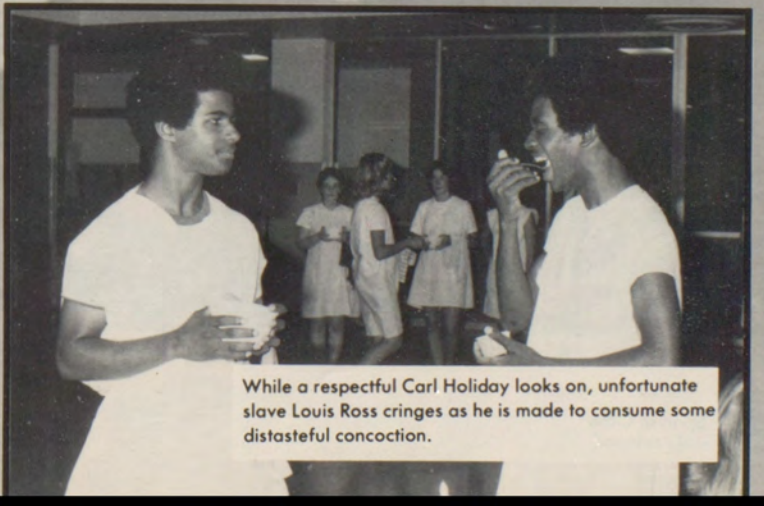
LATIN CLUB: (Front Row): Jan Werner, Jackie Naiver, David Marek, Tammy Pruesse, Gilbert Mokry, Cheryl Raesz, Lois Anderson, Denise Richter, Margaret Guajardo and Patricia Case. (Second Row): Susan Hengst, Carlton Brown, Becky Kubala, Patty Corbett, Stephanie Schneider, Sherry Krenek, Gayle Brister and Robert Kovar. (Third Row): Tim Crow, Carl Holiday, Nancy Touchstone, Ron Black, Jason Reiger, Melodie Slagle, Sheri Townsend and Paula Zetak. (Back Row): John Crow, sponsor, David Switzer, Willard Guidry, Laine Holman, Louis Ross, Mike Moss, Thomas Conn, Kelly Zetak and Ellen Schmidt.



A laughing Susan Hengst runs through the student center pulling Carl Holiday who seems resigned to the idea of being transported by a tricycle, as Jan Werner gives him a push from behind.



As king Jason Rieger looks on, queen Cheryl Raesz gives still more orders to slave Louis Ross as he obligingly serves her a cup of punch.



While a respectful Carl Holiday looks on, unfortunate slave Louis Ross cringes as he is made to consume some distasteful concoction.

# buenos días ...

greeted Spanish students as they entered the classroom of Lupe Ramirez. These welcoming words were only the beginning of the many familiar phrases that they were soon to learn to say in Spanish. Spanish I and II classes kept busy throughout the year translating sentences and paragraphs, learning commands and reviewing the parts of a house.

Although the students were involved in class work, they also found time to be active in the Spanish Club — Los Vecinos. One of their projects this year was giving a Thanksgiving basket to a needy family. To help earn points, individuals received credit for the amount of canned goods brought for this basket. As the year came to an end, high-point members earned the privilege of going to the annual Pan American Student Forum convention in San Antonio.

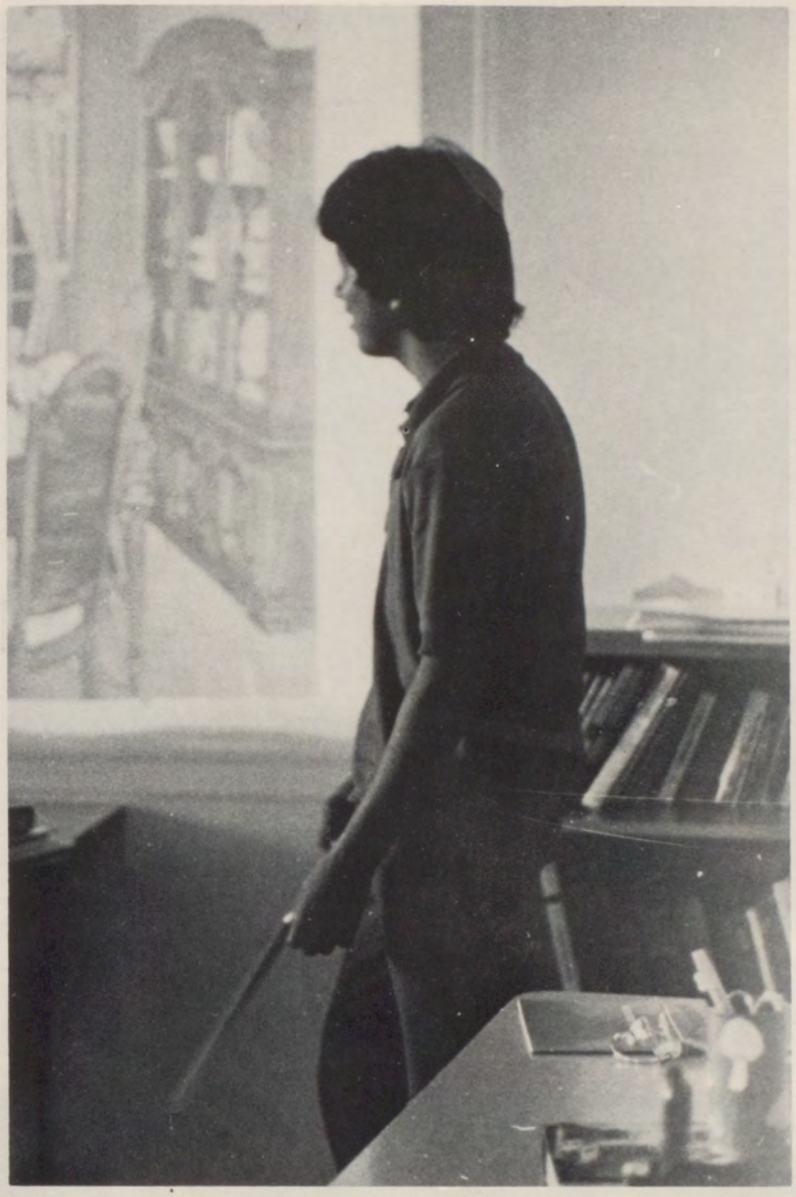


Above: During third period, Spanish II students Teresa Freatag and Melissa Brookshire read to the class Lesson Two, "Escenas De La Vida."





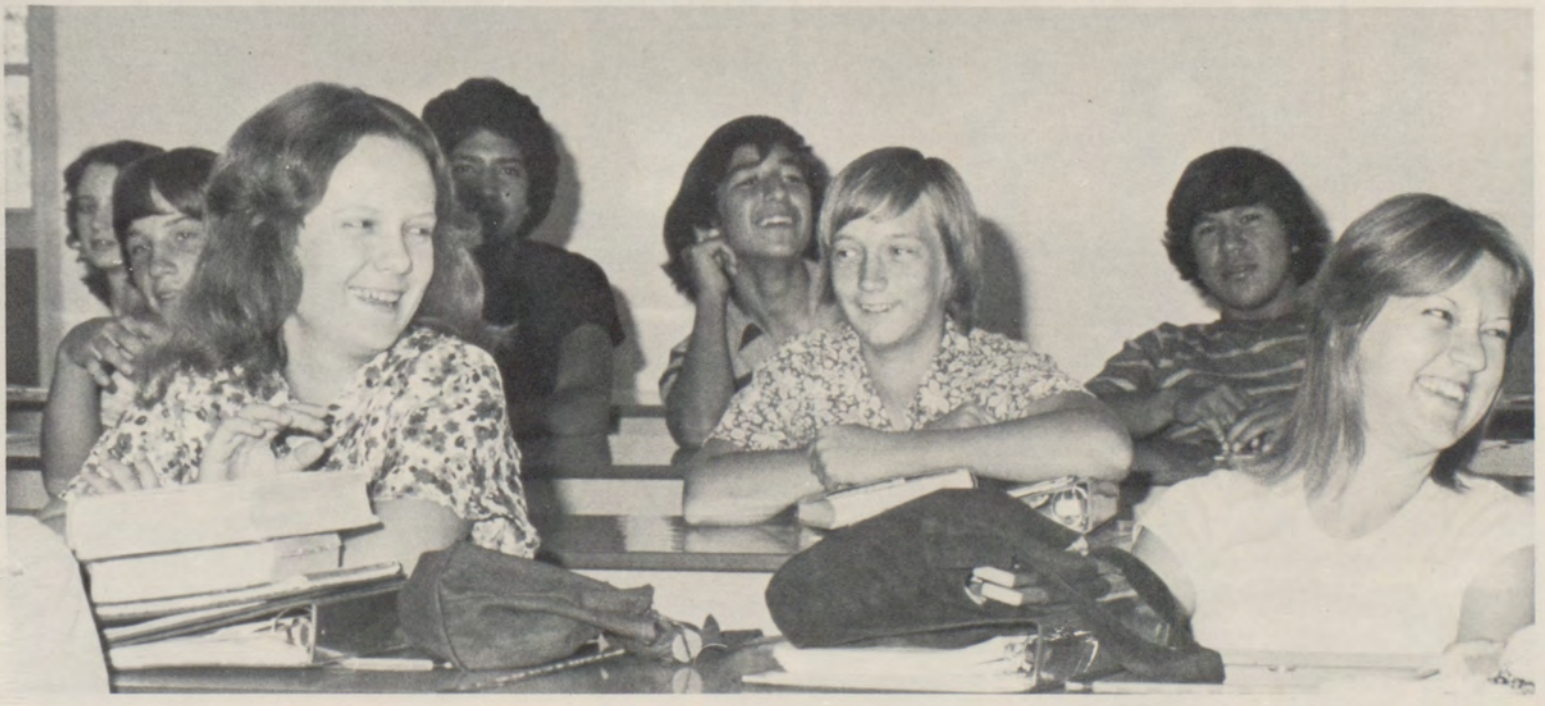
Left: Spanish II students Cynthia Loeve, Kathie Krenek and Tammi Sefcik gather around Ms. Ramirez as she hands back their previous assignments.
Above: During fifth period, Patti Ruzicka writes commands in Spanish on the board for the class to do such as "Cierra la puerta," close the door.



Below: Kathie Krenek listens attentively to a tape on the lesson "Un Dia Nuevo" during Spanish II.



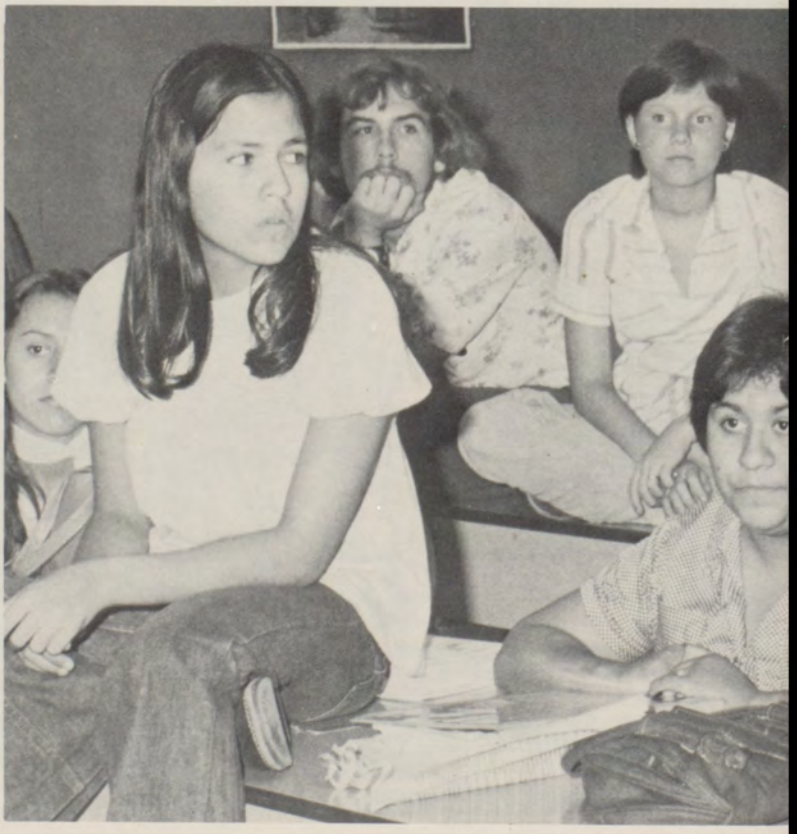
Left: As Spanish I studies the parts of a house, Ruben Dominguez points out the "comedor" — the dining room on an overhead projector.
Below: While waiting for the bell to ring, second period Spanish I students amuse each other by talking in Spanish.





# SMILES SIGNAL

Above: Blushing with embarrassment, Mary Zavala and Trisa Vasquez sing Spanish songs to a group of people in the Student Center for a part of their Spanish initiation. Right: Old members Gloria Flores, Larry Blomquist, Dorothy Rafferty, Nora Perez, Tim Mikeska and Carmen Gamez of the Spanish Club, gather at a called meeting to discuss initiation. Below: Members of Spanish Club load suitcases on the bus before their departure for the PASF convention in San Antonio. While at convention they received third place in State for their scrapbook.







Dana Basco, President of Spanish Club, discusses money making projects during a called meeting at noon.



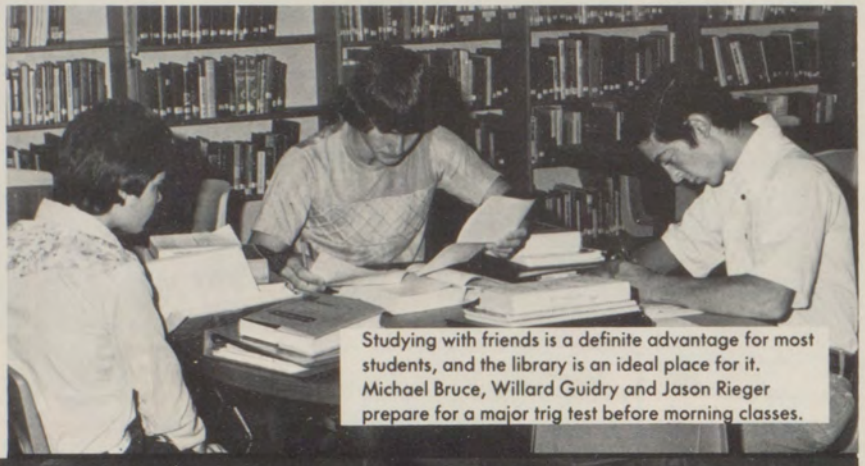
Above: LOS VECINOS (Front Row) Carmen Gamez, Christi McLaughlin, Lydia Blomquist, Donna Cotner, Tim Rafferty, Lacy Holman, Gloria Flores, Dorothy Rafferty, Trisa Vasquez and Madeline Trevino. (Second Row) Ms. Lupe Ramirez, Daniel Ruiz, Brian McAlpine, Michael Harrell, Mike Rafferty, Jeff Davidson, Gaylon Parker, Nora Perez, Melissa Brookshire, Mary Zavala, Sheila McCormick and Patricia Martinez. (Third Row) Kurt Sobotik, Larry Bloomquist, Keith Rieger, Ricky Widmer, Nancy Rohlack, Diana Cotner, Gina Gilligan, Patti Ruzicka, Darlene Galvan, Nancy Urbanek, Connie Schneider, Dana Basco, Anita Allen, Janeane Fuessel and Kim Wrinkle. (Fourth Row) Benjamin Gonzales, Allan Swanson, Tim Mikeska, Ricky Lopez, Thomas Martinez, Brad Frazier, Jay Harkins, David Heap, Dale Bunge, Bryan Kruse, Robert Stone, Cynthia Loeve, Beth Nelson and Mrs. Pearl Wheeler.

# SUCCESS





Gathering together during lunch, Los Vecinos initiates busy themselves by writing Spanish phrases on the sidewalk while old members look on.



Studying with friends is a definite advantage for most students, and the library is an ideal place for it. Michael Bruce, Willard Guidry and Jason Rieger prepare for a major trig test before morning classes.





# Studying

In the restroom, on student center benches, at a photography studio, in the library — these locations all had one thing in common. They were favorite places to study for THS students. And studying was one important way to pass tests. And passing tests was one important way to graduate. Whether you buried yourself in the books 5 minutes between classes, or 3 hours every night, studying was an (almost) essential habit to form. And whether you crammed for Algebra tests in the cafeteria or your car, you either studied or turned to the other alternative . . .

A. Extra-curricular activities often filled after-school hours, so that many students, like Kurt Sobotik studied before and after classes, five minutes at a time.
B. The cafeteria is one of the favorte studying spots on campus. After the lunch rush, Cheryl Raesz finds a table to herself — a valuable asset for those buried in physics problems.

# TEP

A new program offered at THS through the Future Teachers of America was the Teacher Experience Program. For one hour a day Juniors and Seniors had the chance to assist a teacher and earn a credit at the same time.

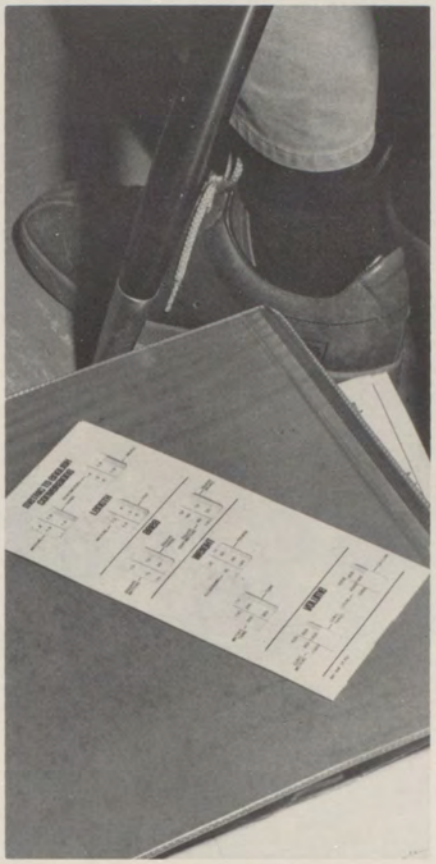
Students gained first hand experience of what it took to be a teacher during a classroom situation. TEP students enjoyed being in charge of a classroom and found the program very rewarding. TEP inspired many Seniors as well as Juniors to pursue their teaching careers.







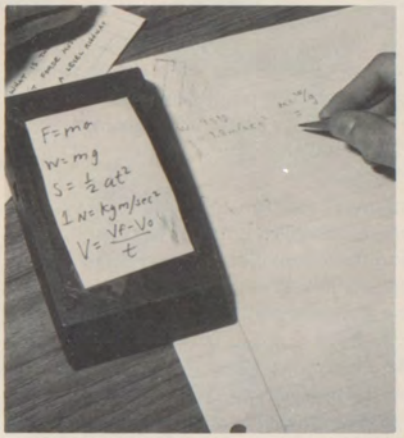
Above Right: At the Northside School, junior TEP student Sheila Mahlow quizzes her pupils with flash cards.
Right: Scholley Buzan works with second grade student Jaime Lopez during a remedial reading class.



# Cheating

Cheating, in some form, probably occurred every day in THS. It was something that everyone knew about, yet one seldom heard it discussed. Both administrataors and instructors were vocal about one point, however; cheating was to be dealt with in the classroom. As one teacher put it, "If I can't deal with it here (in the classroom), something is terribly wrong." However, it was handled, cheating in its varied forms was a fact, and each student had to decide for himself or herself whether to cheat or not to cheat.






Left: Notebooks with see-through covers are often used. Something as innocent as a metric conversion table may be found in them, but other materials (such as cheat notes) can also be inserted.
Above Right: A calculator is a very helpful item for science and math students, and they have become commonplace in these classes.
Right: However, the calculator can also help the student in other ways, such as providing formulas for those who do not study.

# Tests

Every student had his or her own method of preparing for tests. Whether that preparation included daily listening in class, studying for hours or "getting extra help" from crib notes, everyone realized the importance of those often dreaded tests.

But tests were not only a part of class, they were a part of life. Students were faced with "bubbling sheets" more often than seemed necessary in the form of achievement tests, SAT, ACT, Army Battery tests . . . the list seemed endless. Seeing dots became almost epidemic.

Tests were a part of life — a part of life dealt with in 659 different ways.



Marion Morgan



Esther Salazar

# Blending It All Together

The home economics classes tried a new approach this year. Before they had been taught by one teacher, whereas this year they were directed by a different teacher for each quarter. Each instructor had different perspectives of homemaking to teach.

Jalane Tucek taught child development, personal relationships and consumer education. Julie Zike conducted housing and home furnishings, clothing and textiles. Bobbie Nickerson's classes were home management, consumer education, food and nutrition, and home and family living.

"The new system provides us with an opportunity to concentrate on a single subject rather than the whole program. It seems to be working for teachers and students alike," Mrs. Nickerson stated.

FHA combined traditions and the new system to produce a completely fresh way of conducting club activities. A journey to the Dallas state fair in October was one of several trips. Initiations involved situations such as coming to school in housecoat and rollers. An end of the year weiner roast took the place of the traditional banquet and FHA was pleased to note the new system in class had blended nicely with the club's year.








Left: Irene Esquivel shows that although cooking may be fun for some, after each meal there is always the bothersome task of cleaning up.
Upper Right: Homemaking I students Lynn Backus and Peggy Hyzak prepare onion rings.
Above: While trying to decide on which recipes to use for their next meal, Lulu Randall and Gloria Houston look over the cookbooks in the homemaking department.





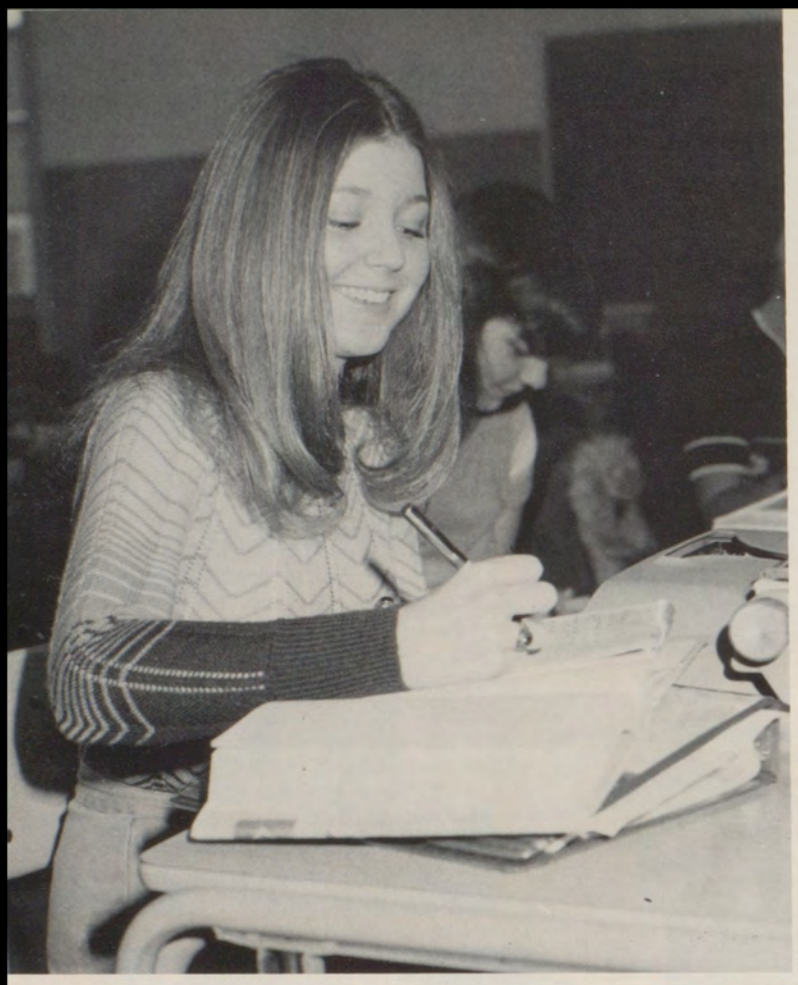
Above: Betty Garza and Lesa Simms prepare to flatten out dough in order to bake apple pies.
Below: Members of Mrs. Tucek's Homemaking I class look over their color wheels for housing units. The wheels were made as color schemes for room decor.

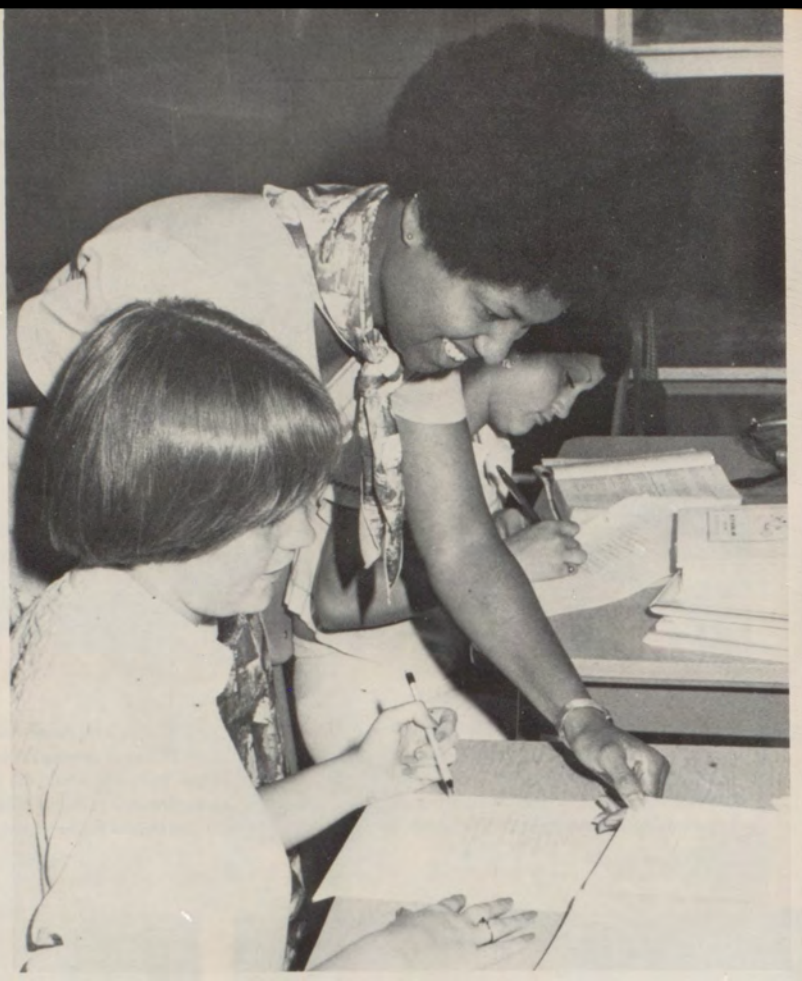
Right: Mrs. Jalane Tucek instructs Deborah Vrabel on the complexities of sewing a blouse.
Below: Before finishing the final stages of cooking a meal, Candy Buzan prepares to butter an ear of corn in her 3rd period Homemaking I class.





FHA (Front Row) Bonnie Freeland, Peggy Kilgore, Joyce Reese, Nancy Kriedel, Jana Rholack, Lori Young, Patricia Case, Mary Estrada, Betty Ann Garza, Lanell Griffin, Patti Batto, Trisa Vasquez, Rhonda Brinkmeyer and Sharon Wooldridge. (Second Row) Barbara Coleman, Gloria Mackey, Glenda Johnson, Pam Hubbard, Yevonne Zachary, Lynda Jackson, Tracy McVay, Casey Smith, Bonnie Sledge, Beatrice Bailey, Lynn Backus, Dorie Switzer, Donald Ray Fredrick, Claudia Lee, Idella Aldridge and Julie Zike. (Third Row) Mrs. Lankford, Gloria Houston, Terri Brown, Tammy Campbell, Geneva Fielder, Brenda Zrubek, Deborah Vrabel, Brenda Johnson, Beverly Hubbard, Sharon Jackson, Janeane Fuessel, Willie Thomas and Carolyn Shaw. (Back Row) Lula Randle, Sheryl Gadison, Robyn DeLuna, Sandra Young, Gayle Brister, Debbie Touchstone, Stacy Becker, Richard Smith, Marvin Mapp, Gary Keith, Emily Smith, Joyce Washington, Shirley Smith, Denise Morales, Mary Jackson, Teresa Vega and Marsha Budd.





Above: Teri Roose adds laughter to her work as she discovers the unusual ways of writing shorthand. Below: Donna Repa works to complete her shorthand exercise before the bell in her 2nd period class.

Above: Bookkeeping teacher Ida Williams takes time during the period to assist Vickie Hughes with her classwork while Lisa Buzan concentrates on her assignment.

Below Right: Kurt Sobotik listens attentively to Butch Lee's instructions before beginning a timed writing.





# KEYS, PENCIL, PEN CHALLENGE STUDENTS



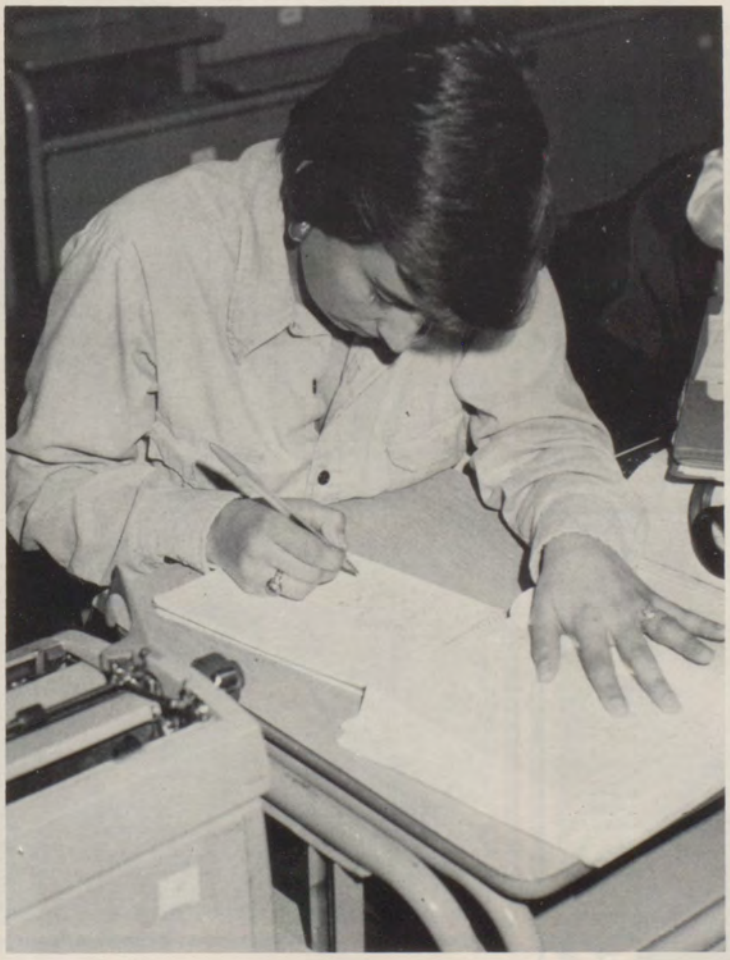
Those entering the Typing I classes with the intention of breezing through the year on little work and mostly play were stopped with a bang when the first fingers started aching. The basic knowledge of the keys and finger positions had to be learned to complete the course, as were difficult jobs and timed writings.

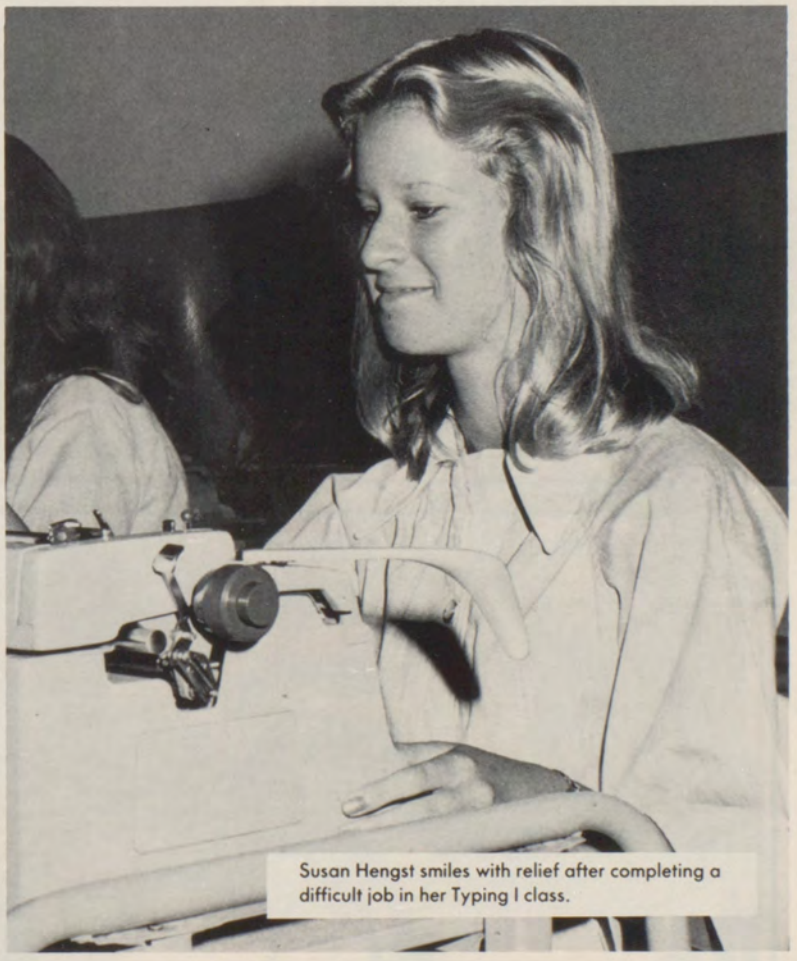
Bookkeeping students experienced something new when they plunged headlong into financial statements, checking, balancing, tax forms and accounting. Their perseverance enabled them to finish the year and the new knowledge obtained from bookkeeping would prove useful in everyday life.

Shorthand students endured words, phrases, sentences and paragraphs during the course of the year. But, if any future secretaries were to come out of the class, write they must, and learn it well. At the year's end, those who had endured the test of stenography emerged ready to face the challenges of the business world.

Above: Cheryl Raesz and JoAnn Mott discuss their bookkeeping assignment before starting on it in their third period class.

Below Left: Donna Barron works diligently in copying her shorthand assignment from the book correctly.





Susan Hengst smiles with relief after completing a difficult job in her Typing I class.

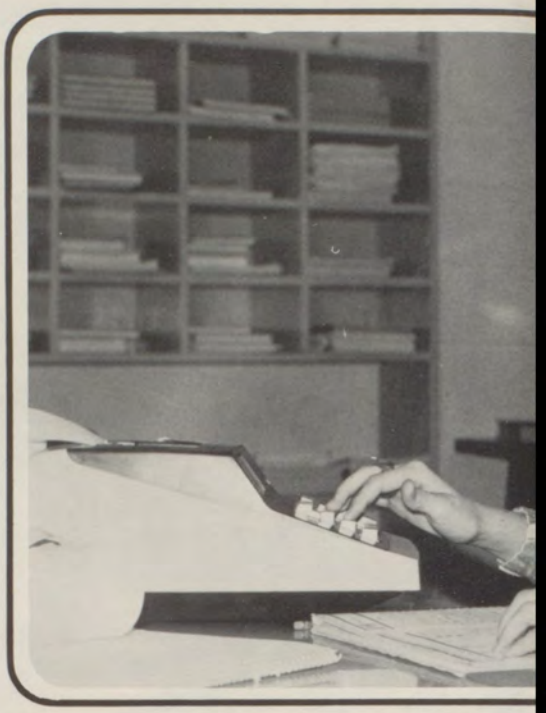
# Two Methods — One Result

Whether the VOE student worked on the job or in the classroom, the result was the same — education in office vocations.

For students who worked for various Taylor employers, being in VOE meant not only a little extra money on the side, but also getting up earlier every morning to attend their 7:30 Co-op class. Students who wanted office training, but either did not have time or did not desire to work during school hours took the VOE Lab. Here they learned business skills by working various jobs on different machines.

Aside from conventional classroom education, VOE Lab students visited the banks to observe banking procedure and learned how to take out a loan. They also saw the latest in IBM machines at a local law firm and watched the work of the switch board operator at the hospital. However they did not stop at just visiting business offices. On one field trip they traveled only a few steps to the THS auto mechanics department where they learned useful knowledge about automobiles such as how to change oil.

Members of the VOE classes joined the related club, Office Education. OEA members attended district, area and state workshops. They also ran candidates for office and participated in the skills events in hopes of qualifying for national contest.



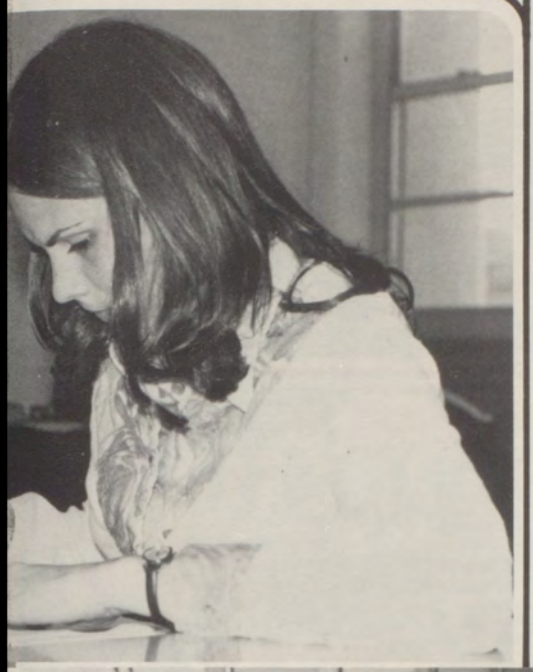




Above: Concentrating on her fingers and her workbook, Molly Stone works a calculator job during her third period-lunch VOE Lab.
Left: VOE Lab instructor Barbara Leschber uses a classroom calculator to determine students grades.
Far Left: During the VOE Lab, Abby Frazier types letters from one of the series of workbooks.
Lower Left: Junior Lab students Neva Klotz, Donna Eiben and Debra Spellings type letters during the morning class.
Below: VOE Co-op student Kim Robb learns on-the-job training at John's Clinic transcribing the dictation of the doctors.





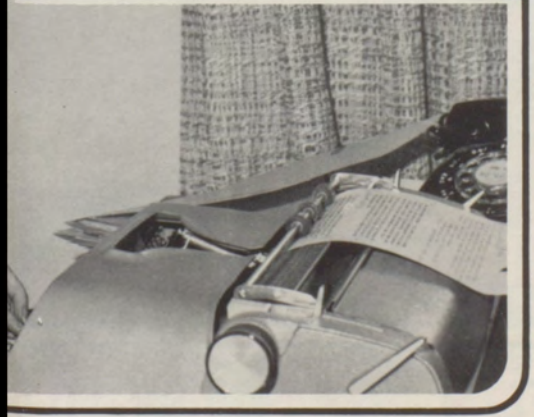


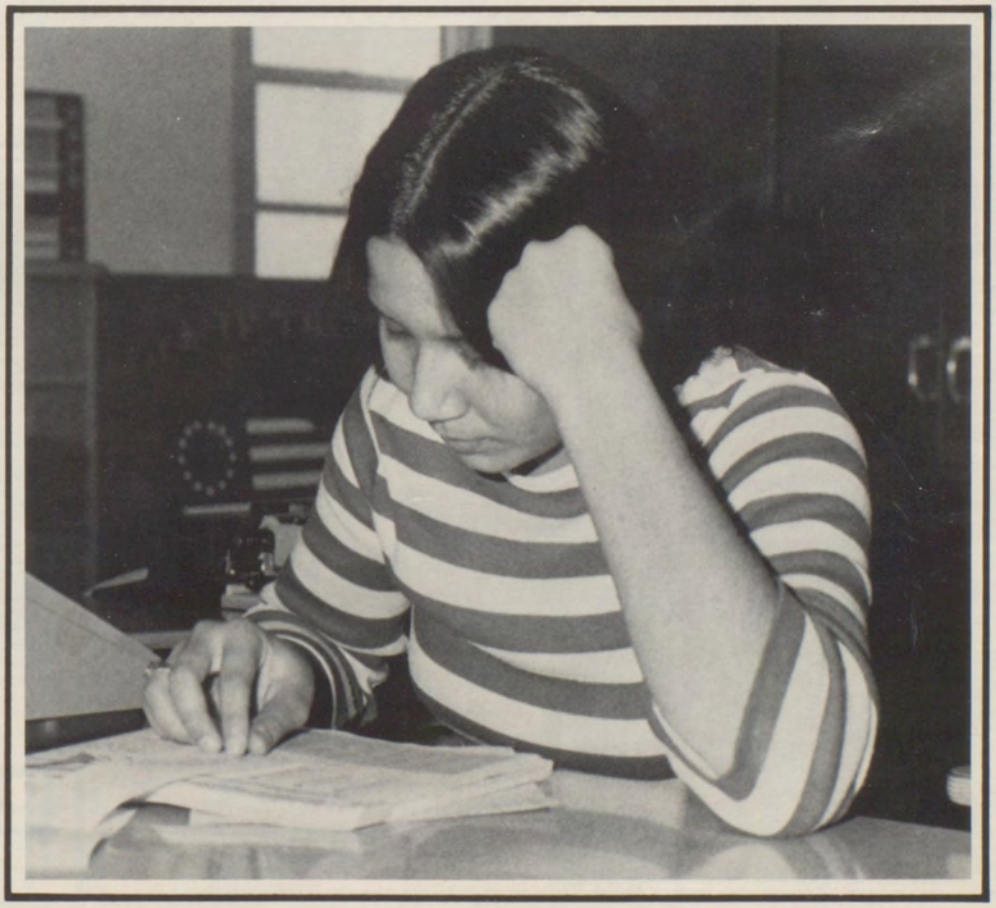






Above: In the third period-lunch VOE Lab, Becky Kubala works on adding machine jobs.
Right: VOE Lab student Karen Page takes a break from her usual work to put up a bulletin board.
Left: Co-op student Colleen Baird spends school hours keeping books for Taylor Tire Center.
Below: After doing a calculator job, Alice Flores checks her entries with those in her workbook.





# 10 Place At Area — 3 Advance To State

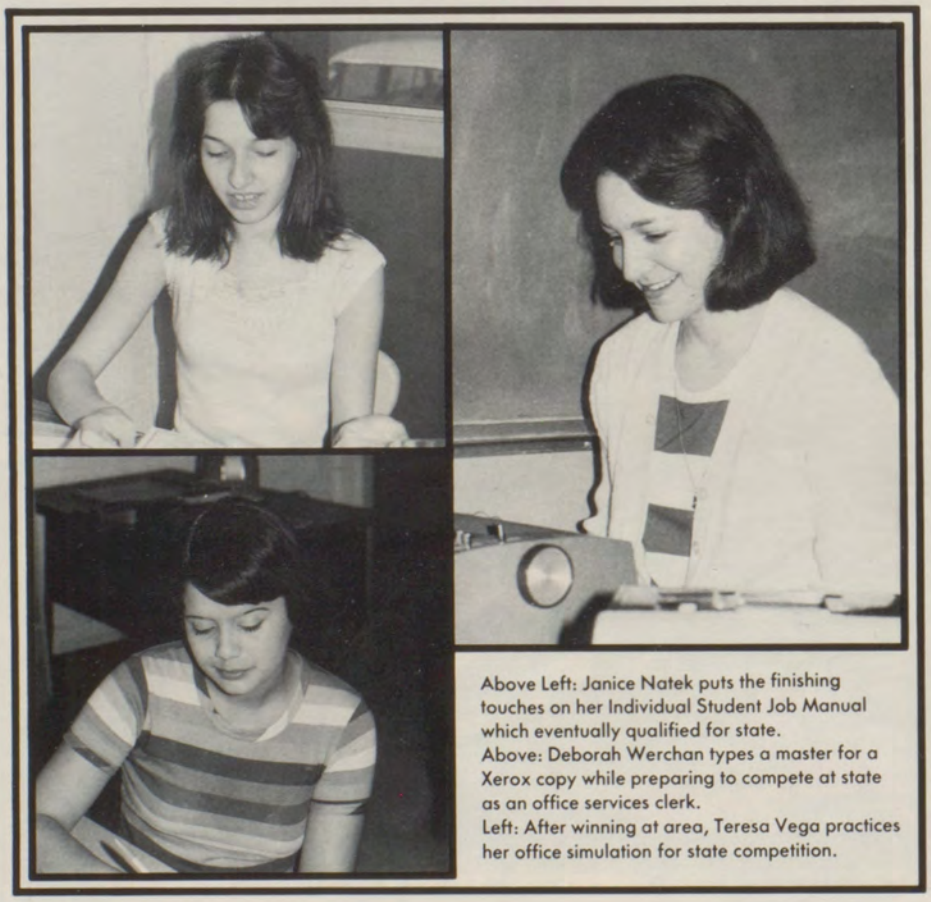


At the annual Employer-Employee Banquet OEA member Donna Repa sits with her boss, H. L. Farrell.





Top: OEA SENIOR LAB (Morning): (Front Row): Susan Sobotik and Sue Ruzicka. (Second Row): Rhonda Brinkmeyer, Karen Page and Becky Kubala. (Back Row): Linda Trevino, Molly Stone, Dolores Lopez, Barbara Leschber, Deborah Werchan, Denise Faykus and Vickie Randig.
Above: OEA JUNIOR LAB: (Front Row): Peggy Janak, Carmen Gamez, Helen Flores, Donna Eiben and Teresa Vega. (Second Row) Kathie Krenek, Terri Briggs, Merry Marek, Debra Spellings, Vickie Hughes and Ramona Urbanek. (Back Row): Kim Sapp, Neva Klotz, Brenda Zrubek and Pam Kruse.



Above Left: Janice Natek puts the finishing touches on her Individual Student Job Manual which eventually qualified for state.
Above: Deborah Werchan types a master for a Xerox copy while preparing to compete at state as an office services clerk.
Left: After winning at area, Teresa Vega practices her office simulation for state competition.



Above: In VOE Junior Lab, Terri Briggs prepares to type business letters.



Above: OEA SENIOR LAB (Afternoon): (Front Row): Teri Roose, Marie Grieger, Teresa Snider and Marsha Budd. (Second Row): Barbara Leschber, Linda Jackson, Abby Frazier, Barbara Conn, Alice Flores and Debbie Carpenter.
Left: OEA WINNERS: (Front Row): Deborah Werchan, Teresa Vega, and Janice Natek, State Qualifiers. (Back Row): Marie Grieger, Debbie Carpenter, Sheila Kruse, Pam Wyche, Neva Klotz, and Donna Eiben, area winners.






Above: OEA CO-OP: (Front Row): Carol Hollowell, Donna Barron, Colleen Baird, Donna Repa and Melissa Haverland. (Second Row): Mary Holman, Donna Lutz, Linda Ornelas, Sheri Dykowsky, Kim Robb, Pam Wyche and Mary Alice Camacho.
Right: OEA OFFICERS: Vickie Randig, vice-president; Donna Repa, president; Kim Robb, secretary; Pam Wyche, parliamentarian; Teresa Snider, treasurer; and Molly Stone, historian.
Below: Learning general office skills, Kim Sapp types jobs during her VOE Junior Lab.







Shirley Manning keeps busy averaging grades during her junior VOE class in second period.

# L[earning]

The typical Distributive Education student began his day at 7:30 a.m. and ended it around 3:30. While other students were just heading for school, the DE student was already working — selling groceries, clothes and sundries. After work, he returned to school and attended DE class for an hour, where he became involved in product advertising and item display. The rest of the day was spent in regular academic courses.

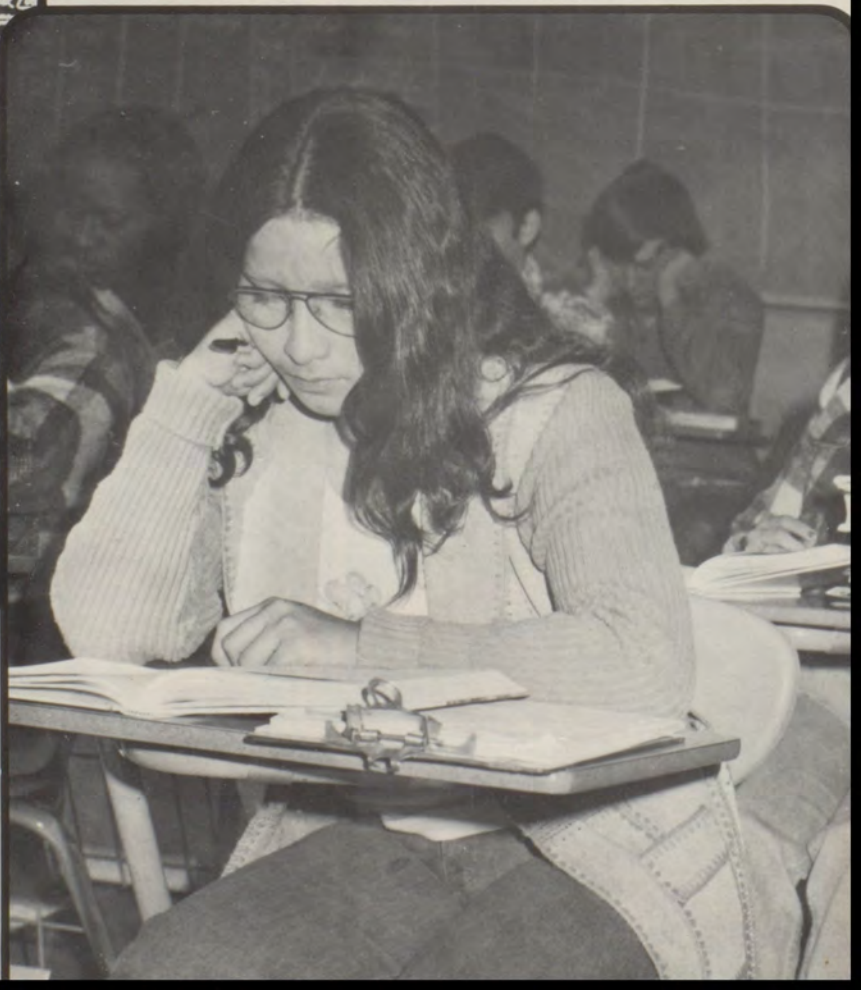
Every student in DE also belonged to the Distributive Education Clubs of America. As February came, DECA members were faced with the Area Conference where they competed in events such as food marketing, job interview, public speaking and petroleum marketing. The last and most unique event for DECA was Radio Day. They were the only club permitted to take over the airwaves completely for two hours. "It was quite an experience to handle the radio acting as DJ's," stated Pat Strmiska, "but it was a fun way to end the year."





Above: During third period, DE students learn how to fi
out tax forms.
Left: Altering men's suits is part of Terry Green's job at
The Man's Shop.



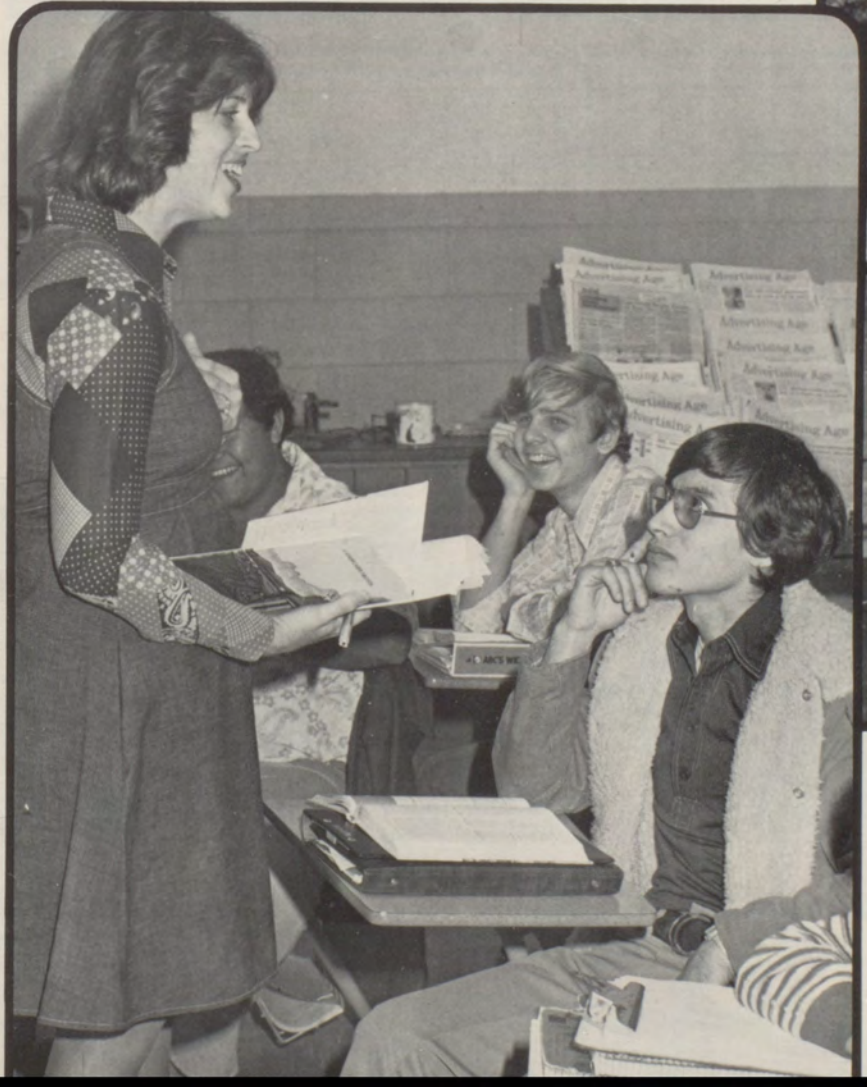



Above: Checker Donna Vega, second year DE student, waits on James Horne during her part time work at Piggly Wiggly.
Right: While reading the book WORLD OF WORK, Mary Gayton learns about the different types of insurance.





Right: At Car Parts Center, Ronald Benskin works two hours during the afternoon as part of the DE program.

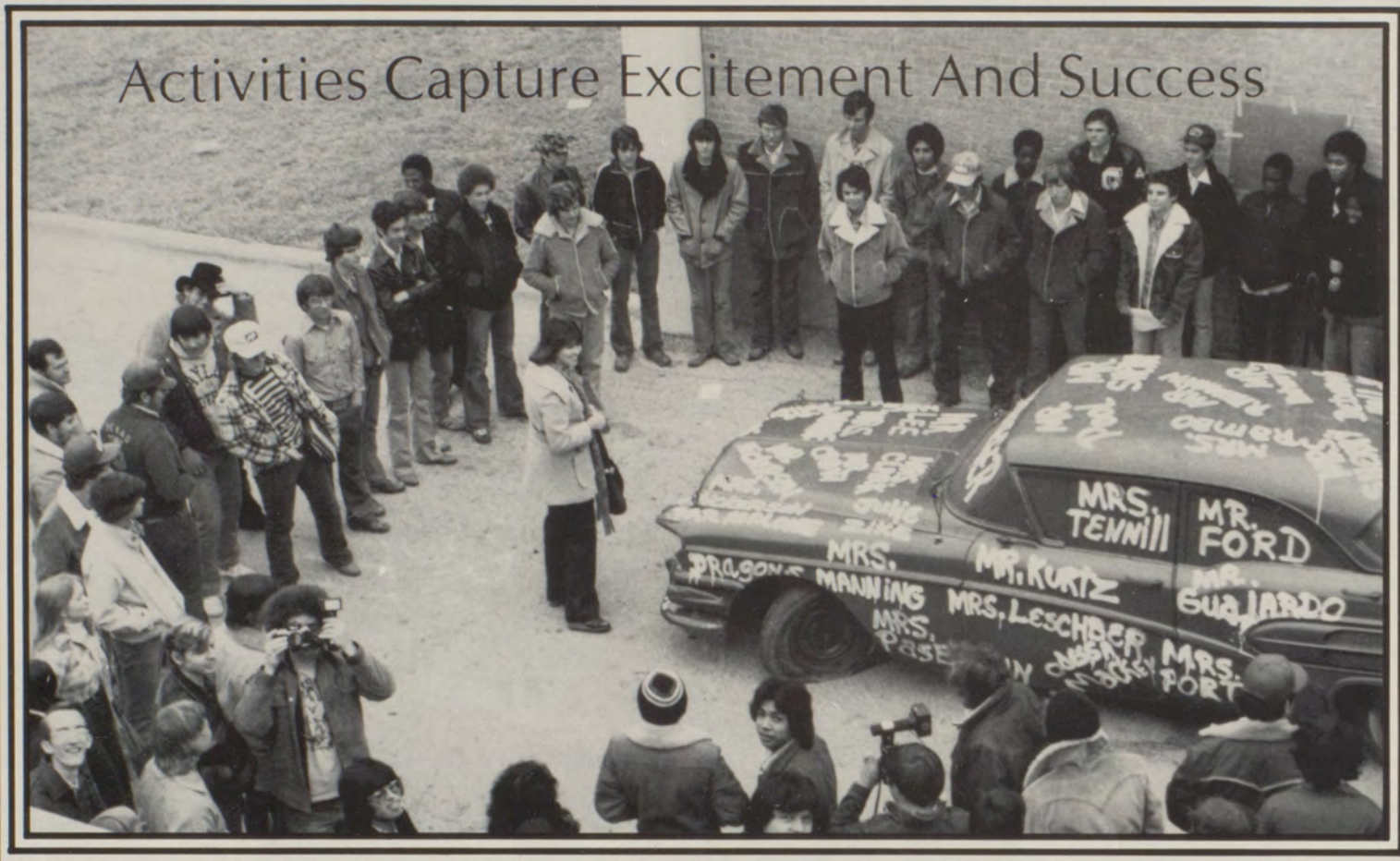




Above: Trey Buzan makes sure his customers receive good service while working morning hours at Jiffy Cleaners.
Left: Mrs. Marilyn Tennill discusses newspaper ads with Larry Shamard and Frank Chavana during her third period DE class.

# DECA:

## Activities Capture Excitement And Success




Above: On Homecoming day, Mrs. Marilyn Tennill takes bids before the car bash begins. This yearly event provided both an opportunity for students to release their frustrations and a few more dollars for DECA's treasury. Left: DECA (Front Row): Rosa Alderete, Diana Alderete, Terry Greene, Rachael Valdez and Claudy Gamez. (Second Row): Lanny Gist, Frank Chavana, Donna Vega, Stella De La Rosa, Elvino Carrizales and Arthur Tamez. (Third Row): Mrs. Tennill, David Meiske, Marcel Ruzicka, Dwayne Johnson, Gaylon Steffek, Larry Shammard and Ron Benskin.





Right: DECA: (Front Row): Terry Lindemann, Steven Sutton, Betty Weisner, Connie Kelso and Kathy Vrana. (Back Row): Mrs. Tennill, Rickey Strmiska, James Kolinek, Ricky Huber, Pat Strmiska and Dallas Berry.



Left: Kathy Vrana, second year member, sells an add to Geneva Wyatt at Schwenker's Drug Store for Radio Day, one of DECA's major activities of the year.



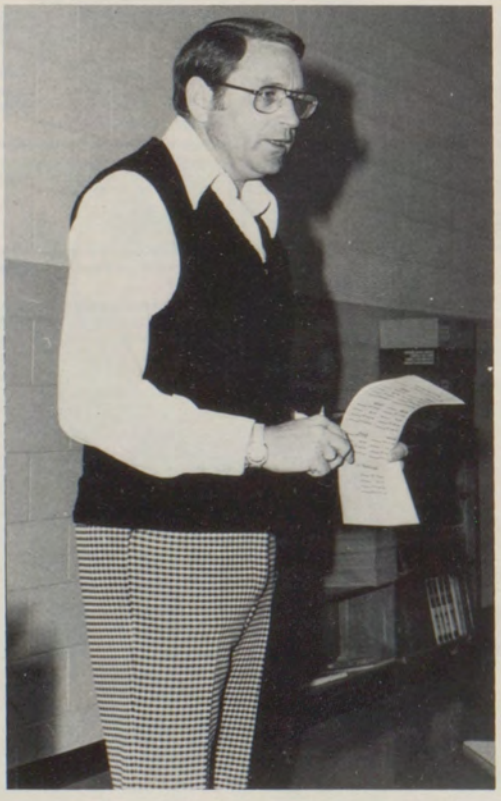
Above: Elvino Carrizales and Donna Vega were two of the voting delegates at the DECA area convention held in Waco on February 12. Marcel Ruzicka placed in the Patroling and Marketing division and received a plaque. Below: James Kolinek, Ricky Huber and their employers listen attentively to the speaker during the employer-employee banquet held March 29.







Above: ICT employee Scott Ging spends his work hours welding at Thompson Manufacturing and Construction Co.
Right: Dental assistant Pam Finn helps Dr. Ben Sobotik during her ICT morning work hours.

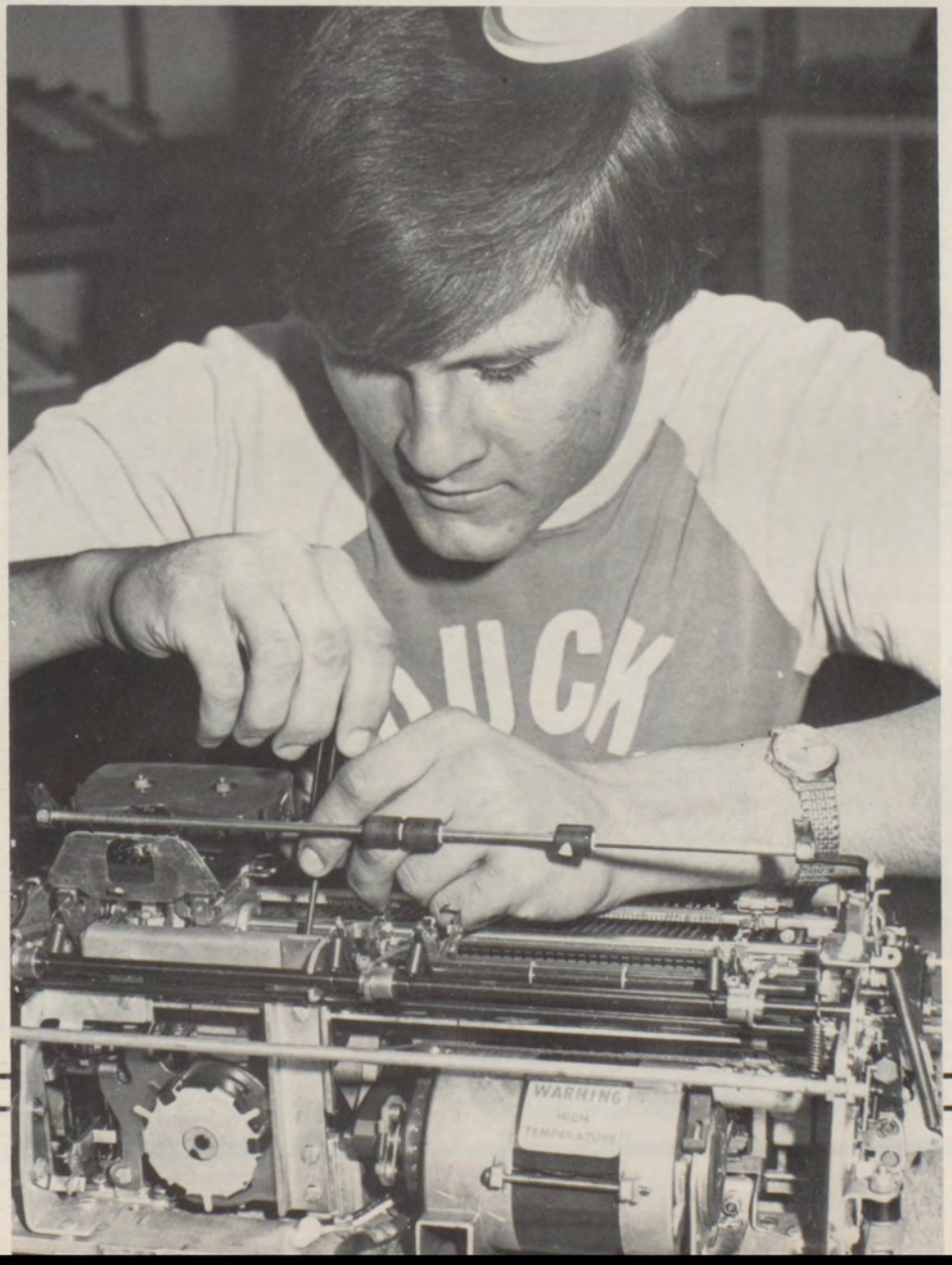




Above: Vocational instructor Robert Malone explains work and wage forms to his morning ICT class.
Right: ICT student Leslie Basco finds no time for leisure. She is kept busy as a receptionist for The Johns Clinic.

# ICT: A Working Combination





The Industrial Cooperative Training program offered young men and women an experience in the work world through first hand experience in their choice of occupation. In the past, an average 50 percent of ICT students remained in the area of work for which they were trained; others chose to attend college after high school.

Working, attending classes and participation in extra curricular activities filled hectic yet rewarding days for ICT students. Holding down a job was usually adequate responsibility for most people; yet ICT students faced the challenging situation of learning a trade and also working toward a high school diploma.

Most ICT students were members of the Vocational Industrial Cooperative Association. In contrast to other clubs which held regular monthly meetings, VICA met only when necessary to plan social and civic activities. The organization also came up with the unique idea of paying monthly dues, which met the club's financial needs.

Above: Judy Baran, Robert Gomez and Rudy Reyes prepare an outline on group lesson planning to present to the class.
Left: Student employee Doug Kuhl gains experience by repairing typewriters at Taylor Office Equipment Co.

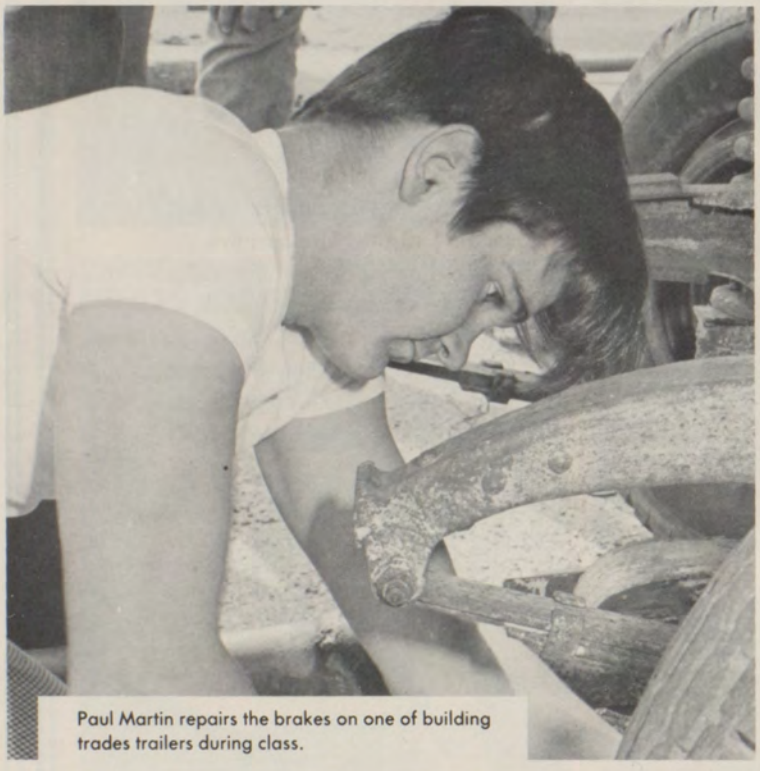
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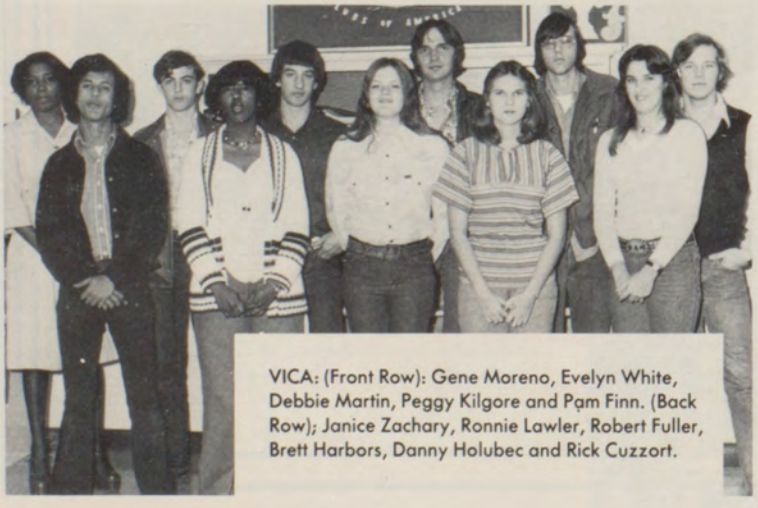
VICA OFFICERS: (Front Row): Brenda Farr, reporter; Judy Baran, president; and Joe Gomez, treasurer. (Back Row): David Switzer, secretary; Mark Cuba, vice-president; and David Rozacky, parliamentarian.



Steve Pircher, Judy Baran and Steve Weldon help themselves to the fine food of Rudy Mikeskas at the Employer-Employee banquet. Guest speaker Steve Weldon was a former disc-jockey of KVET.



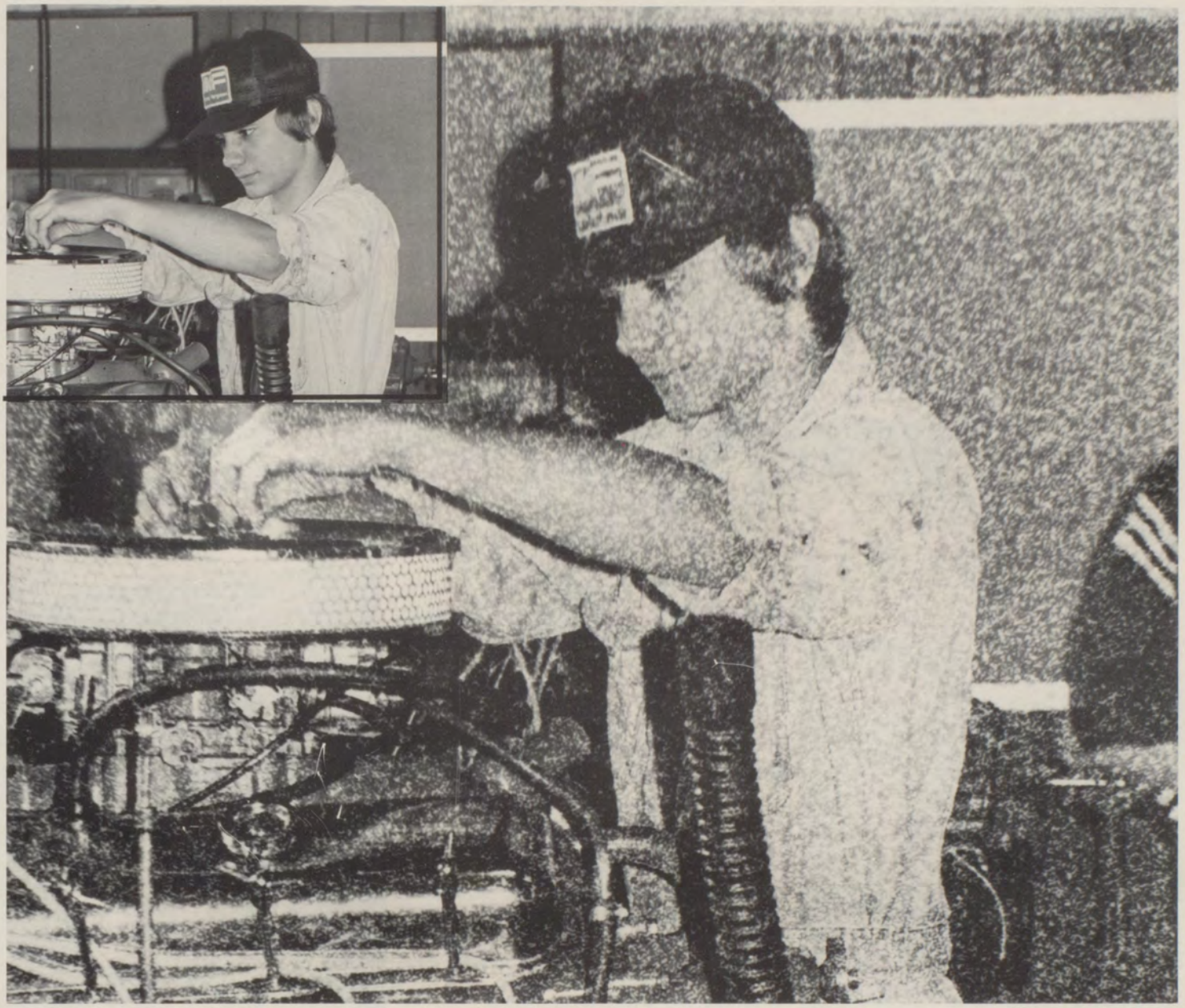
Paul Martin repairs the brakes on one of building trades trailers during class.



VICA: (Front Row): Gene Moreno, Evelyn White, Debbie Martin, Peggy Kilgore and Pam Finn. (Back Row); Janice Zachary, Ronnie Lawler, Robert Fuller, Brett Harbors, Danny Holubec and Rick Cuzzort.

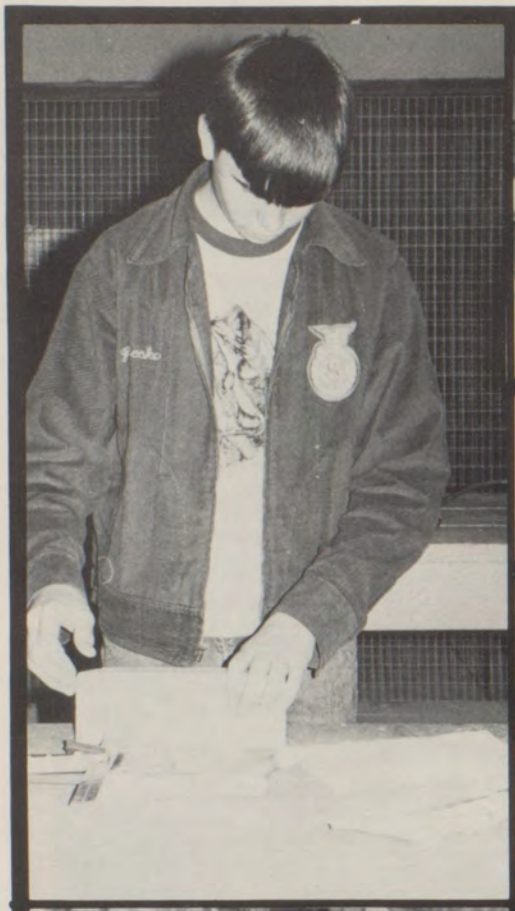


# The Best Teacher






Right: VICA: (Front Row): Judy Kropp, Pam Brueckner, Judy Baran, Brenda Farr, Patti Batto, Robert Gomez and Joe Gomez, Jr. (Second Row): Leslie Basco, Fernando Jonse, Rudy Reyes, Joe Gamez, Daryl Kruse, David Gonzales, David Switzer and Johnny Estrada. (Third Row): Robert Malone, instructor; Tim Pokorny, Albert Janecka, Antonio Reyes, Marion Morgan, Mark Cuba, David Rozacky, Scott Ging and Doug Kuhl.
Above: Working to complete an engine, Auto Mechanics student Alvin Roznovak installs the air filter in his morning class.
Left: Arthur Gamez hammers away on a tool shed he constructed during Mr. Ford's morning building trades class.
ICT state qualifiers were Joe Gamez, Brenda Farr, Patty Batto, Judy Barron, David Rozacky, Doug Kuhl and Mark Cuba.





Above: Steven Kovar and Russell Minzenmayer build a trimming chute for the stock show.
Below: During fifth period, Ag students Larry Brister, Russel Ripple and Kenneth Jones learn about different samples of soil.





# More Than a Bunch of BULL

Ag teachers Emerson Brister and Harold Kurtz began the year by introducing the study of record keeping to their Ag classes. "Record keeping in Ag?" Yes, many people wondered how record keeping could possibly relate to Ag. The answer: books also have to be kept in the field of agriculture. Although different areas were covered in Ag, there were still the traditional studies of livestock and agriculture. Not only busy in class, Ag students were also active members in Future Farmers of America.

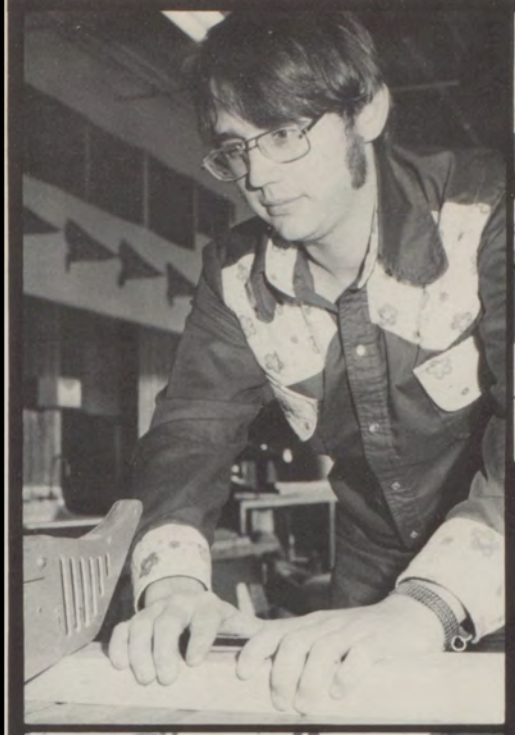
The club's activities varied from their annual fruit sale to livestock shows. They attended local shows as well as a major one in Houston. A big highlight of the Taylor stock show was Russell Minzenmayer's capture of the grand champion award in the medium wool sheep division and the record $11.00 per pound he garnered for his animal. FFA and Ag gave students a realistic view of farming and ranching life.



Above Left: Freshman Jay Jaecks works on a class project during fifth period Ag.
Above: One of the Ag instructors, Harold Kurtz, shows his students the proper way to trim hogs.



Above Right: Using the electric pipe cutter during Ag Co-op are Steven Kovar and Stephen Janke.
Above: Handling an unusual job for an Ag student, David Marcon brazes sideboards for pick-ups.





Left: Randy Haverland keeps busy during third period Ag Co-op by cutting wood on a table saw for a shop bench.

Above: First year Ag students learn the names of different types of tools and machinery during sixth period.



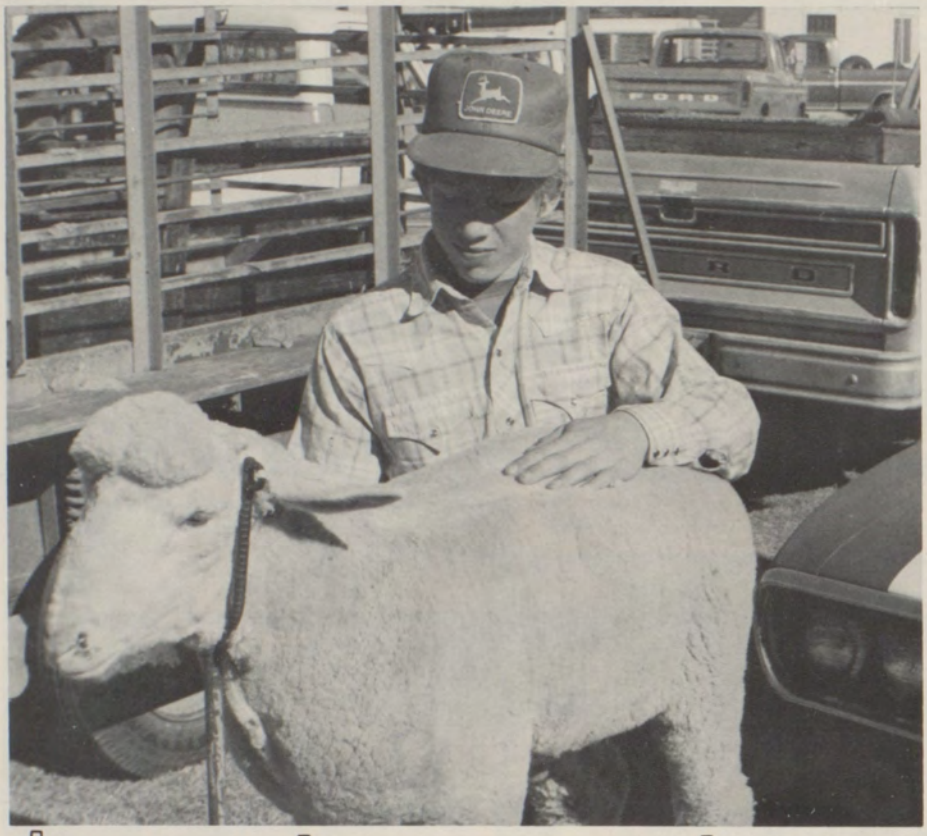



Above: Emerson Brister makes a fine point about breeding cattle to his students during third period Ag class. Left: Mr. Brister demonstrates to Wayne Voigt and Stephen Janke how to trim a lamb in preparation for the Georgetown stock show. Right: Mr. Brister shows Randall Hobbs how to build sideboards for a pick-up truck during one of his Ag classes. Below Left: Mr. Kurtz shows Russell Ripple how to cut rafters during one of his Ag classes. Below Right: Larry Brister and Kenneth Jones mark off a designated area where cutting torches are to be used.









Left: Making sure his lamb is properly secured before the judging begins is Randy Minzenmayer.
Below: Wayne Voigt, David Marcon and Randall Hobbs unload fruit to sell for one of FFA's money making projects.



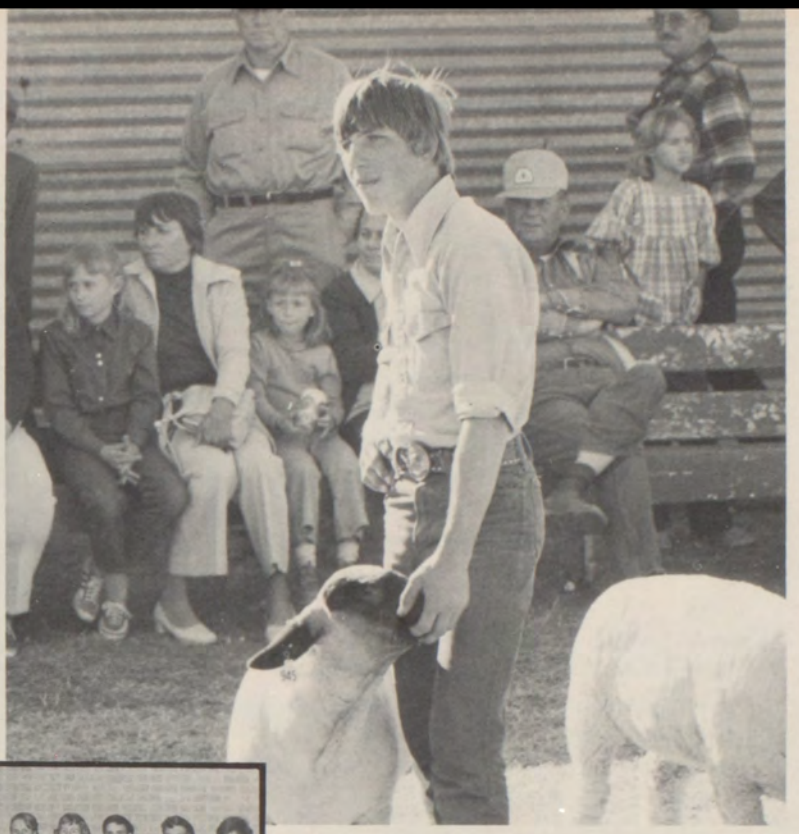
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Above: Judy Baran, Future Farmers of America Sweetheart, looks on as FFA members compete in the Taylor stock show.
Right: Blaine Faykus and Michael Baran exhibit their turkeys during one of the Taylor stock shows.

Right: Standing with the lamb that eventually won him the Grand Champion award in the medium wool sheep division, Russell Minzenmayer waits for the judging to begin.
Below: While showing his first place winning steer, Donald Stolte watches carefully to keep things in order.

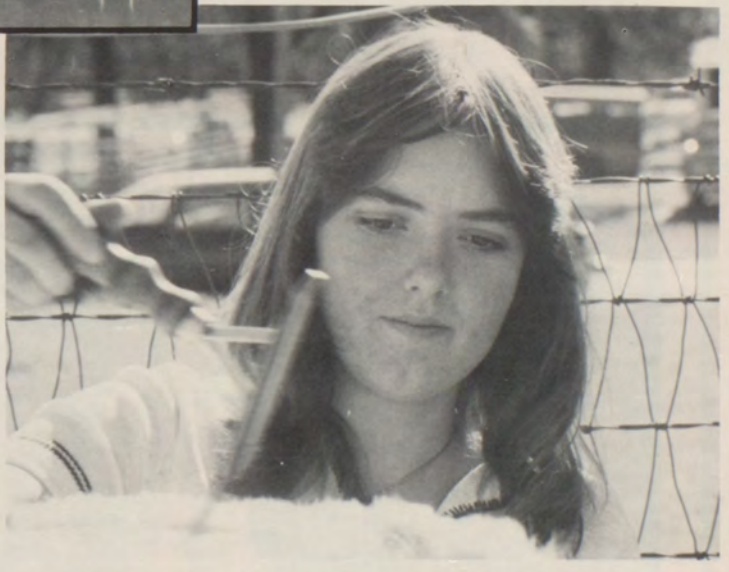






Left: FFA (Front Row) Ricky Janeka, Jimmy Grimm, Shelly Marek, Rodney Marx, Randy Minzenmayer, Charles Haase and Stephen Janke. (Second Row) Mr. Emerson Brister, Myron Spellings, Jay Moldenhour, Debra Spellings, Gary Urbanek, Michael Baran, Ricky Meiske, David Nelson and Larry Brister. (Third Row) Benny Janeka, Brett Rogers, Kevin Petrus, Ronald Huber, Bubba Holman, Donald Stolte, Scott Seaquist, Gary Wilson, Randy Manley, Allan Swanson and Russel Ripple. (Fourth Row) Mr. Harold Kurtz, Dennis Mundkowsky, Jimmy Bailey, David Heap, Doug Kuhl, Brian Zrubek, David Mokry, Blaine Faykus, Jay Jaecks, Darrell Mokry and Dennis Carter.



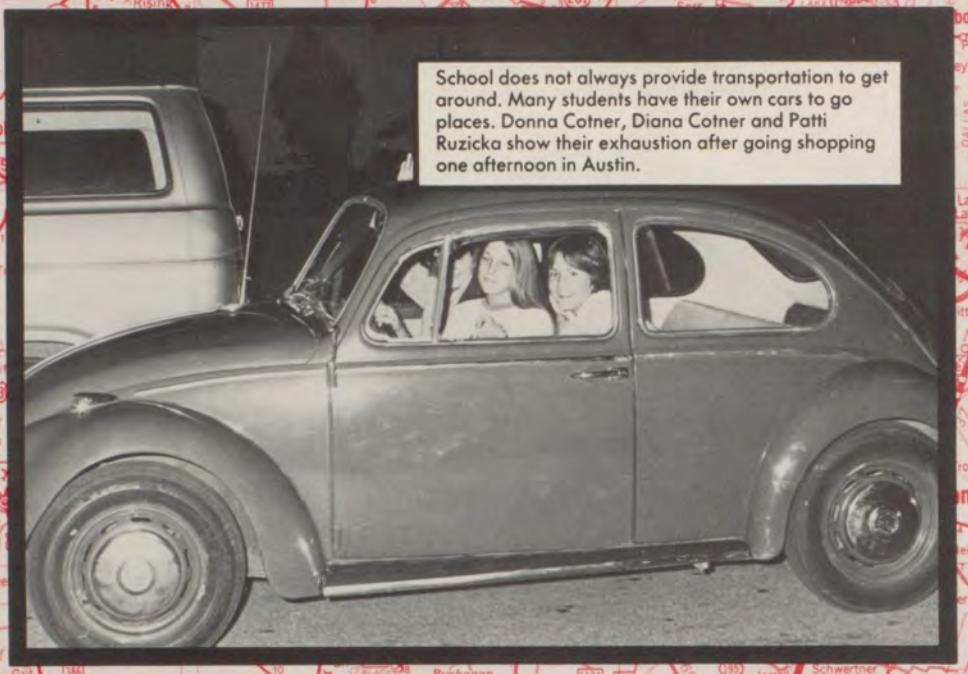


Above: Before the judging starts, Debra Spellings curries her steer during Taylor's stock show on January 20.
Left: Awarded seventh place in the Turkey tom division, Jackie Naiver watches the judging of her turkey.

From August through December there were plenty of holidays to break the routine of school. However, except for Easter vacation and a few teacher in-service days here and there, bonafide holidays were non-existent after January. That did not mean that school went on uninterrupted. In fact, spring became the busiest time for everyone. Every week it seemed that some group was gone. It came to where on Fridays, classes dwindled down so much it was impossible to instruct class.

School functions involving different organizations and clubs provided a break for many students as they journeyed to conventions. Sports, another activity in which student athletes — tennis, baseball and track participants — were involved, interrupted school weekly during the spring months. Contests involving UIL events, Hi-Steppers and Band also engaged many students participating in these school functions.

But not all trips were school functions. Some were for mere enjoyment, such as, an outing to the river on sunny afternoons, a quick trip to shop for the perfect prom dress and weekly visits to the dentist (a popular excuse). But whether trips were for a learning purpose or just for fun, they still gave students a break from daily school life.

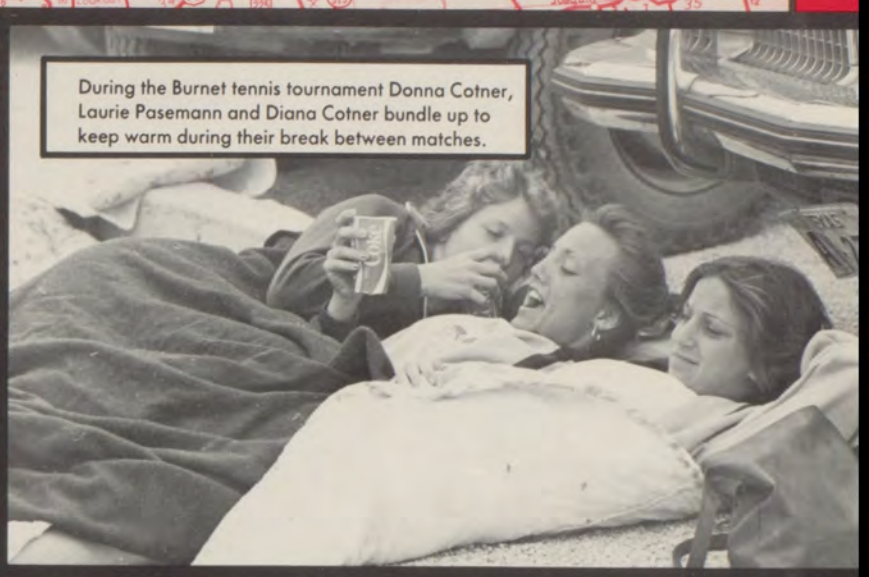


School does not always provide transportation to get around. Many students have their own cars to go places. Donna Cotner, Diana Cotner and Patti Ruzicka show their exhaustion after going shopping one afternoon in Austin.



Deborah Werchan, Candy Buzan and Anita Allen load suitcases on the bus before taking off for the Future Teachers convention in San Antonio.

# ON THE ROAD



During the Burnet tennis tournament Donna Cotner, Laurie Pasemann and Diana Cotner bundle up to keep warm during their break between matches.



At the Interscholastic League Press Conference members of the Mallard Staff pause for a brief moment to select a workshop to attend.



After loading everything on the bus, the Hi-Steppers anxiously await their departure for a contest held in Commerce.

# rainy days

Below: As he wonders if the damp weather will ever dry up, Building Trades student Domingo Alderete sits among the mud puddles at one of the building sites.



For Building Trades classes, continuous bad weather made the goal of completing two houses seem far out of reach. With only the foundations laid, building trades students watched the rain pour down as outdoor work became more and more impossible.

Despite the frustrating weather, the program had to continue to teach the skills of the building profession. They remedied the situation by developing their skills while working on tool sheds in the THS building trades department.

When the skies finally cleared, the two building trades classes were ready to resume work. Working either all morning or all afternoon the classes combined skills in completing their goal from foundation to finished product.

# dampen progress

Below: The rain stops, and Building Trades students jump at the chance to get back to work. The morning class resumed their task in the framing stage of the house. Inset: Because of the inclement weather, Building Trades students are forced indoors, where Raymond Hernandez strives to construct tool sheds.



Below: BUILDING TRADES: Morning Class (Front Row): Santiago Gonzales, Glen Cepak, Paul Martin, Arthur Gamez, Roy Hernandez and Mike Goins. (Back Row): Kenneth Thomas, Glenn Steffek, Kenneth Flannery, Darrel Milliken, Frank Chapa, Domingo Alderete, and C. W. Ford, instructor.
Bottom: BUILDING TRADES: Afternoon Class (Front Row): Justin Bosley, Larry Kelly, Elvis Jackson, Frank Valdez, Jay Moldenhour and Kevin Petrus. (Second Row): Darrel Young, Winford Hull, Ronald Cepak, Michael Edwards, Ron Huber, James Wuthrich and Billy Sherck.






# Amateurs Turn Pro





Below: Benny Jenecka finds himself really "getting into his work" as he situates himself inside the hood to prepare for engine removal.

Above: Even when lying on his back, changing the oil and filter of a vehicle, Darrell Johnson seems to find the working conditions to his liking.
Below: Intent on making sure everything is perfect, Alvin Roznovak readies the Chevy engine which was his entry at contest.

Every day, members of the morning and afternoon Auto Mechanics classes journeyed to the Vo-Ag building to resume their daily schedule of taking apart and putting back together complicated engines. Fixing all the minor and major deficiencies was only part of their schedule, as they were also required to learn all parts of the car, and such seemingly minor yet necessary matters as fixing flats. Sounds of banging and crashing were not signs of inefficiency, but of the student's skillfulness, as they worked constantly to repair inadequacies and to better their knowledge of mechanics in general.

Those taking honors at district contest were Darrell Johnson, first with a district carburetor, Jimmy Bailey, first with a display of a cylinder head, and Bart Luck, second in skill speed contest.

At the end of the year, they were certainly more learned in auto mechanics than at the beginning and eagerly awaited the first chance provided by the outside world to demonstrate their newly perfected skills.







MORNING AUTO MECHANICS: (Front Row): Eusebio Medina, Ray Yannis, Darrell Johnson, Alvin Roznovak and Steve Nolan. (Back Row): Instructor Earnest Deaver, Bart Lucj, Jimmy Baily, Billy Seigmund, Benny Janecka and Abraham Garza.









Above: Benny Janecka confers with Auto Mechanics instructor Ralph Granzin, Sr. after installing an engine in his morning class.
Below: Darrell Johnson prepares for state contest as he rebuilds a carburetor in his morning Auto Mechanics class.

Above: While servicing a cylinder head Alvin Roznovak and Billy Seigmund find that working together seems to cut the time in half.
Below Right: Manning the tool room doesn't seem to be too hard a chore for Bart Luck as he takes time to acknowledge the camera.

AFTERNOON AUTO MECHANICS: (Front Row): Teryl Klotz, David Polasek, Richard Law, Eddie Hertz, Eusebio Medina, Martin Rangel and Bobby Martinez. (Back Row): Greg Tillis, Robert Killingsworth, David Cervenka, Kevin Roznovak, Tom Oranday and Jimmy Greybill.





A chosen group of Who's Who students: eight girls and seven boys were judged on a basis of responsibility, self-discipline, ability and a desire to learn.

Anita Allen — Band — Serving as section leader for the flutes kept Anita busy during sixth period. A three year band member, she has won several district and regional awards.

Ronald Cepak — Building Trades — A student who proved outstanding in the quality of his work and cooperation in getting along with the other students.

Dana Farr — Publications — As a copywriter on the '76 Mallard and editor in '77, Dana has been involved in publications since her sophomore year.

Raymond Hernandez — Building Trades — Because of his work in his morning class, second year student Raymond Hernandez was named to Who's Who.

Patrick Jones — English — Patrick kept his English average high with a year-round A. With a clear and precise prose style, he won third in ready writing at district and went on to take first at regional and advanced to state.

Cynthia Jozwiak — Speech — Being an On Stage member for four years added to Cynthia's speech abilities. She was on the All-Star Cast and went to UIL contest in poetry where she reached the semi-finals.

Bart Luck — Pre-Employment Lab Programs — Auto Mechanics — For the second consecutive year, Bart was chosen Who's Who in the Pre-Employment Lab Program. Bart's auto mechanics ability was evident as he held down a job at a local Texaco station.

Russell Minzenmayer — Vocational Ag — Russell served as FFA president his senior year and participated in the Taylor, Georgetown, Houston and San Antonio stock shows.

Lou Ann Mokry — Business — For her excellent work in Typing II, Lou Ann earned her way onto the Who's Who list in Business.

Cheryl Raesz — Science — Math — Maintaining an A average in physics, trigonometry and elementary analysis, Cheryl earned her way onto the Who's Who list. She ranked second overall in the class of 1977.

Daniel Ruiz — Foreign Language — Excellent abilities in Spanish with a 98 grade average earned Daniel Foreign Language honors.

Anna Schwenke — Homemaking — Extraordinary homemaking abilities earned Anna to top her class and gain well-deserved recognition in the subject.

Jim Scrivner — Choir — A concert choir member for four years, Jim was actively involved in music. He was an all-district, all regional winner.

Casey Smith — Social Studies — Hard work and study paid off for Casey as she obtained the Who's Who title for Social Studies and maintained good grades throughout the year.

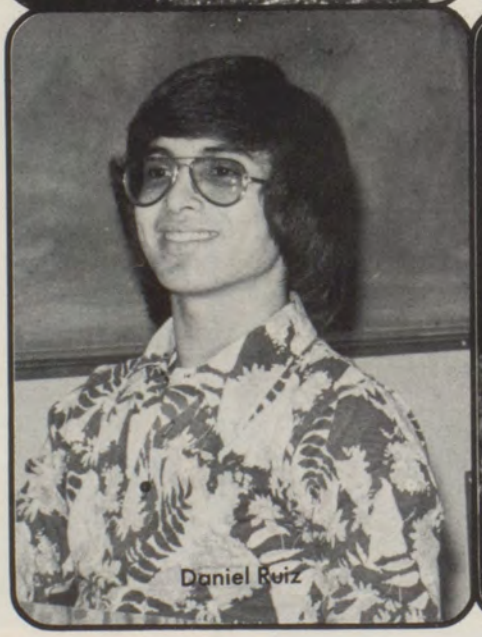
Pam Wyche — Vocational Co-op — Pride and dedication were all a part of Pam's work as a receptionist at John's Community Hospital.


Anita Allen


Ronald Cepak


Cynthia Jozwiak

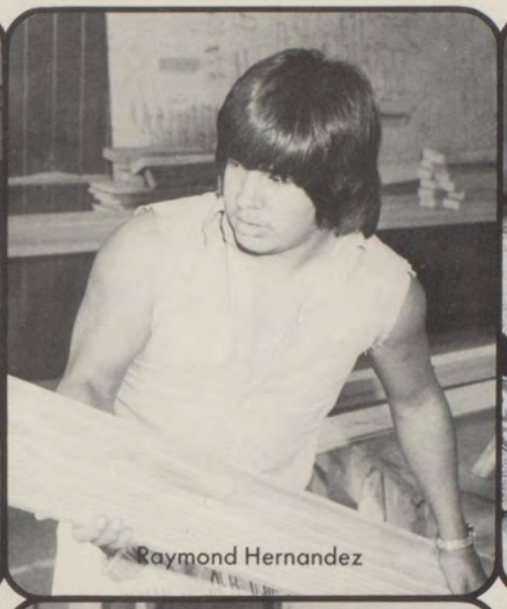

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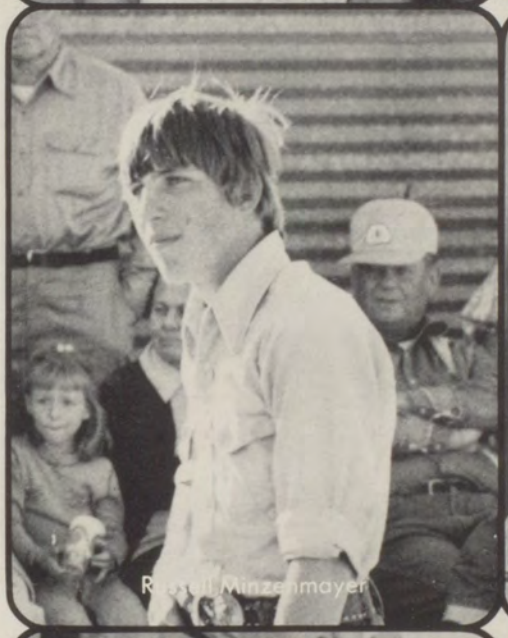


Anna Schwenke


Dana Farr


Raymond Hernandez


Patrick Jones


Russell Minzenmayer


Lou Ann Mokry


Cheryl Raesz


Jim Scrivner


Casey Smith


Pam Wyche

WHO'S WHO WHO'S WHO

# The Group You

Because school board members were stationed in the central office, a mile away from the high school, students rarely considered the seven men — unless an issue of major importance came up. Students found that the group had to affix their seal of approval on every major project — from an overnight trip to an increase in a club budget. And that approval was not easily won.

School board members were important to every student — involved in organizations or not. For their powers extended to making policies concerning the dress code, curriculum and honor graduate system. Seniors especially felt the importance of the men, as they presented the diplomas on the night of May 27.



Dr. Dale Cummings



Shannon McMakin



Albert Buzan



Dr. Crawford Daniel

# Have To Go To



Joe B. Scrivner

Fred Switzer



Roy Meiske





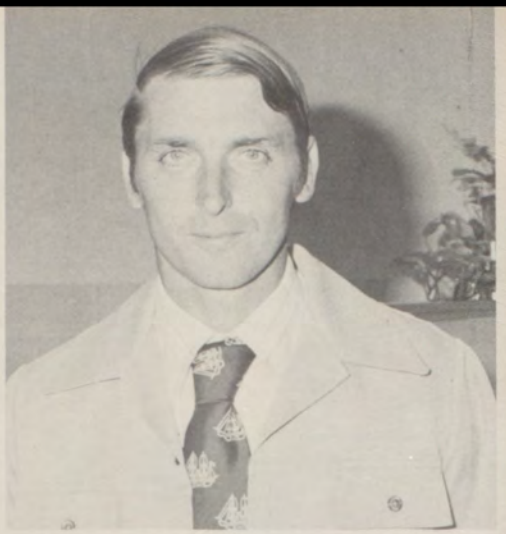
T. W. Holmstrom

# Keeping It Together

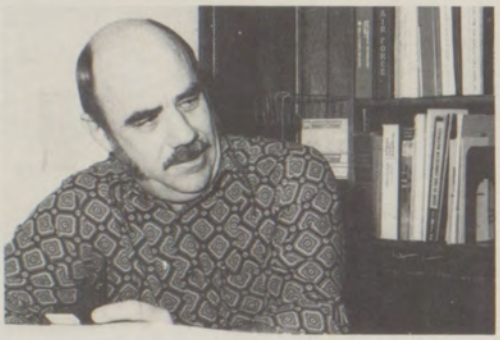


ROSS BALDWIN
Principal

Stability marked the year for the Taylor High faculty. Principal Ross Baldwin and Assistant Principal David Krueger both completed their second years as top administrators for the school. The teaching staff underwent some change, as eight new instructors taught for their first year in THS, but each department remained largely intact. The effect of all this experience was a smoothly-run school. For the faculty was as much a part of life at THS as were the students and organizations, and the school felt its members' influence every day.



DAVID KRUEGER
Assistant Principal



DAVID BATES — Subjects: Vocational Counselor.



LLOYD BICKEL — Subjects: VEH.



KAY BOLLOM — Subjects: Concert Choir; Choraliers. Sponsors: Choral Club; Twirlers.



EMERSON BRISTER — Subjects: Vocational Agriculture; Ag Co-op. Sponsors: Sophomore Class; FFA.



PATTY CLARK — Subjects: Enlgish III, IV. Sponsors: NHS; ETC.



EDUARDO CONTRERAS — Subjects: ESSA Counselor.



JOHN CROW — Subjects: Latin I, II; World History. Sponsors: Latin Club.



ERNEST DEAVER
(April 30, 1934-December 10, 1976)
Auto Mechanics Instructor.



C. W. FORD — Subjects: Building Trades.



SHIRL FRAZIER — Subjects: Health; P.E.A. Sponsors: Junior Class. Coaches: Football (Head).



MAURINE FROST — Subjects: Sociology; Government. Sponsors: Junior Class.



JERRY GIVENS — Subjects: ESSA program director.



MARY KAY GOTCHER — Subjects: English I, III; Mallard. Sponsors: ETC; Freshman Class.



BEVERLY GRACE — Subjects: Fundamentals of Math II; Introductory Algebra II. Sponsors: Sophomore Class.



RALPH GRANZIN SR. — Subjects: Auto Mechanics.



STEVE GUAJARDO — Subjects: CVAE.



DEBORAH HALL — Subjects: P.E.A.; Girls PE; Health. Sponsors: Senior Class. Coaches: Girls Track; Volleyball.



CLIFFORD IVICIC — Subjects: Vocational Adjustment Coordinator.



SUSAN KOMANDOSKY — Subjects: English I; Journalism; Cotton Boll. Sponsors: Junior Class.



SID KRHOVJAK — Subjects: Biology. Sponsors: Senior Class.



HAROLD KURTZ — Subjects: Vocational Agriculture. Sponsors: FFA.



DAVID KYSER — Subjects: Speech I, II. Sponsors: On Stage; Bell Boys; Senior Class.



LYNN LANKFORD — Subjects: HECE. Sponsors: HERO; FHA.



BUTCH LEE — Subjects: General Business; Practical English IV: Typing. Sponsors: Student Senate: Freshman Class.



BARBARA LESCHBER — Subjects: VOE. Sponsors: Sophomore Class; OEA.



MARY JEAN LIVINGOOD — Subject: Librarian.



ODESSA MACKEY — Resource Lab.



ROBERT MALONE — Subjects: ICT. Sponsors: VICA.



SHIRLEY MANNING — Subjects: VOE; VOE Co-op. Sponsors: OEA.



PEGGY MOTT — Subject: English II. Sponsors: Student Senate; FTA.



GEORGE MURRAY — Subject: Resource Lab.



BOBBIE NICKERSON — Subjects: Homemaking; Home and Family Living. Sponsors: Sophomores Class; FHA.



LEON NICKERSON — Subjects: Boys P.E.; Health; P.E.A. Sponsors: Sophomore Class. Coaches: Boys Track; Football.



NAOMI PASEMANN — Subject: Vocational Counselor.



CHARLES POOL — Subjects: American History; World History. Sponsors: Sophomore Class.



BETTY PORTER — Subjects: Special Education. Sponsors: TARS.



JOYCE QUEBE — Subjects: Algebra I; Introductory Algebra I; Fundamentals of Math I. Sponsors: FTA.



DOTTIE RAMBO — Subjects: Plane Geometry; Trigonometry; Elementary Analysis; Hi-Steppers. Sponsors: Pep Squad; Hi-Steppers.



LUPE RAMIREZ — Subjects: Spanish I, II. Sponsors: Spanish Club; Junior Class.



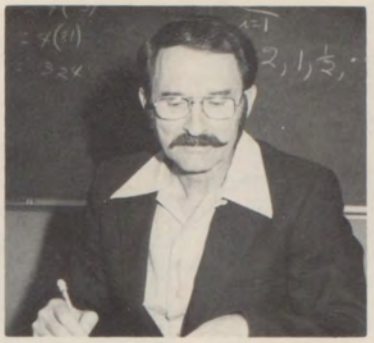
GENE RHEMANN — Subjects: Varsity Band, Band Directory



JUDY RHODE — Subjects: English I, III. Sponsors: NHS; Sophomore Class.



DOUG RUTHVEN — Subjects: P.E.A.; Physical Science. Sponsors: Senior Class. Coaches: Football; Basketball.



DAN SHERRY — Subjects: Algebra I, II. Sponsors: Sophomore Class.



JEANNE SHERRY — Subjects: Physics; Chemistry; Physical Science. Sponsors: Senior Class.



EDDIE SPILLER — Subjects: F.O.M. I; Biology; Physical Science; P.E.A. Sponsors: Freshman Class. Coaches: Football; Track.



HALLIE STREIT — Subjects: Resource Lab.



MARILYN TENNILL — Subjects: DE. Sponsors: Cheerleaders; DECA.



ALFREDO TERRAZAS — Subjects: Drafting I, II. Sponsors: Junior Class.



JALANE TUCEK — Subjects: Homemaking; Consumer Education. Sponsors: Freshman Class; FHA.



IDA RUTH WILLIAMS — Subjects: Bookkeeping; Shorthand; Typing. Sponsors: Freshman Class.




STEVE WILSON — Subjects: American History; P.E.A. Coaches: Football; Basketball.



TOMMY WYCHE — Subjects: Vocational Director.

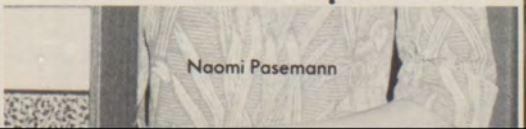


JULIE ZIKE — Subjects: English I; Homemaking. Sponsors: Senior Class; FHA.





## Teachers Are People Too



Naomi Pasemann



David Krueger





Far Left: George Pundsack seems to enjoy his work as he briskly sweeps one of THS's sidewalks.
Left: Custodian W. C. Brueckner waits patiently for the five minute congestion in the halls to clear so he can begin his cleaning duties.
Below: Snack bar workers are kept constantly busy in orde to have the food ready by 11:30. Here, Agnes Kasparek prepares frito pies.





CAFETERIA WORKERS (Front Row) Marjorie Hiristus, Thelma Barron, Ruby Achtruth, Lorene Brunken, Ruth Hill and Agnes Kasparek. (Back Row) Martha Kruse, Elsie Volek, Olga Kaase, Erna Wuthrich, Delores Naiver and Ella Sorenson. CUSTODIANS W. C. Brueckner, Marvin Schroeder, Richard Pundsack and Paul Volek.



For all THS staff workers, which included cafeteria and snack bar workers and custodians, the day started very early in the morning, at 6:30 to be precise.

The kitchen staff began preparing a variety of foods such as rolls, salads, meats and desserts for the lunch at 11:30. Clean-up occurred from 1:30 to 2:00, which is when the cafeteria and snack bar workers' day ended.

The janitors, however, were on the job much later, sweeping, mopping, cleaning, and scrubbing. Most of the time they were taken for granted, and few people realized all the work that was done to establish a neater looking school

# SPECIALISTS IN THEIR OWN WAY

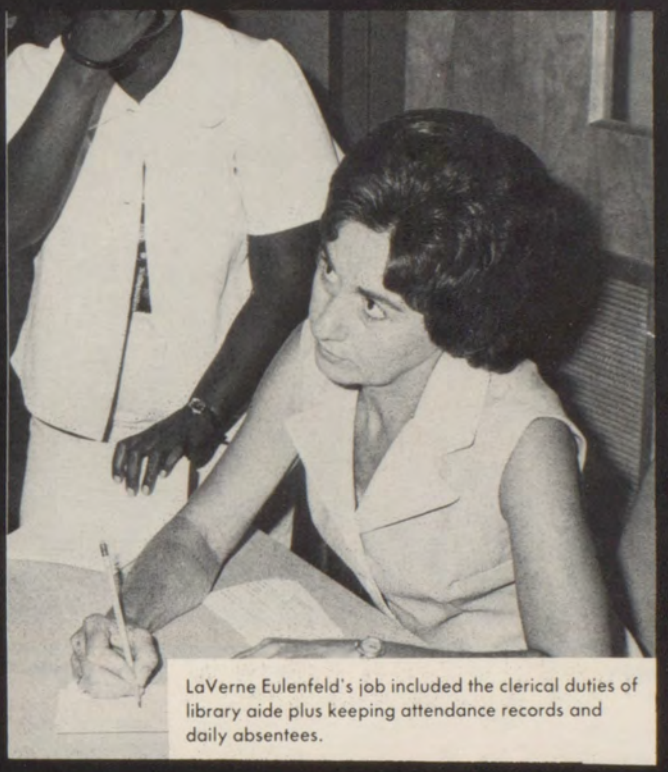
Invaluable helpers. That's what the aides were. All the little jobs that needed to be completed and the errands that needed to be run, plus papers to grade, cards to file and slips to fill out kept aides busy day in and day out.

Located in the resource room along with assistants Helen Rivers and Elizabeth Zetak were math and reading specialists Odessa Mackey and Tom Murray. Attendance Clerk LaVerne Eulenfeld and visiting community aide Pearl Wheeler found most of their work centered around the office with regular and miscellaneous duties.

All together, the aides worked to ensure that their duties, often overlooked by others, were completed.



Aide Elizabeth Zetak served as a helper in the resource room with reading and math students.



LaVerne Eulenfeld's job included the clerical duties of library aide plus keeping attendance records and daily absentees.



Visiting Community Aide Pearl Wheeler is always available to lend a helping hand to any student who might need it. Here she is found in the office flashing one of her brightest smiles.

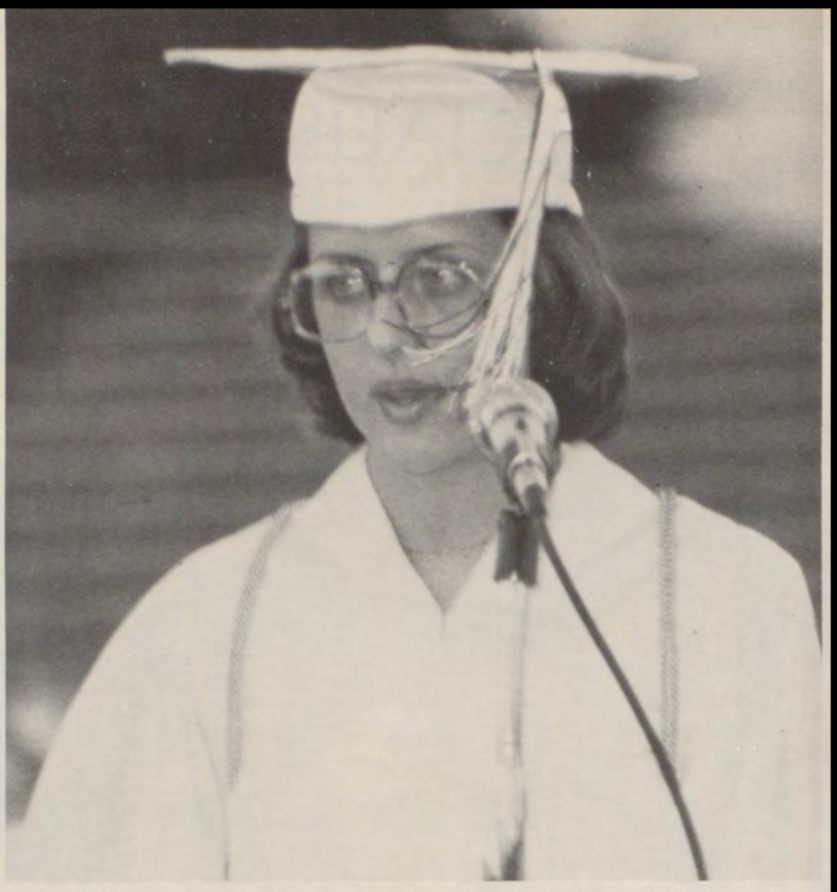


Velma Loeve's many duties as THS secretary include typing, filing reports, issuing textbooks and generally helping administration, teachers and students with daily hassles of high school life.

# THS Scholars

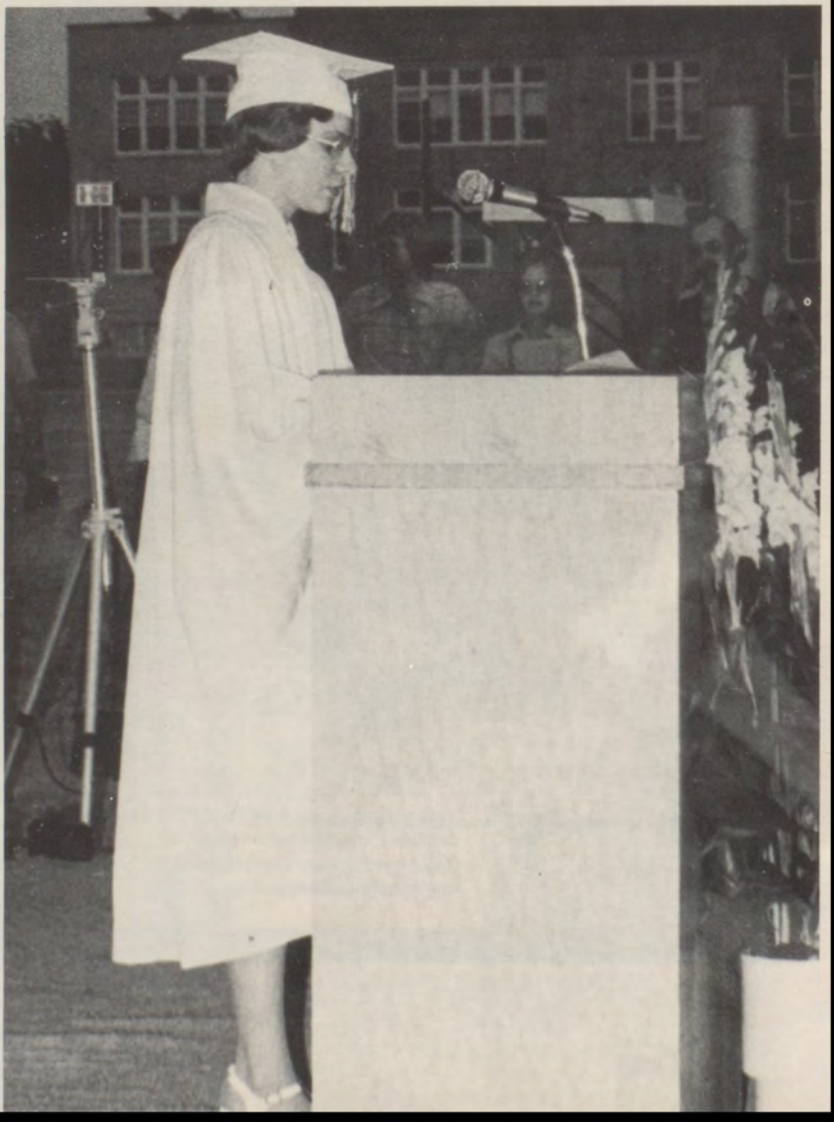


Above: COTTON BOLL co-editor Monica Vittek converses with other staff members.



Above: While fighting a breeze that gave her tassle problems, Monica Vittek delivers her valedictory address.

Below: In her salutatory address, Cheryl Raesz addresses her fellow classmates about the control that they have over their futures.



Intelligence was not reflected in grades alone, as Valedictorian Monica Vittek and Salutatorian Cheryl Raesz proved by being active in academic activities as well as extracurricular ones.

Monica placed as a National Merit semi-finalist and spent most of her time working as co-editor of the COTTON BOLL, which went right along with being Student Senate reporter. At district her feature and editorial writing placed her third and fourth in these divisions. Monica had also been a member of National Honor Society, actively participted in On Stage and was named to the All-Star Cast at Zone One-Act Play Contest. Project Go also helped keep Monica busy along with working part time at the Taylor Public Library.

Salutatorian Cheryl Raesz placed first in district in the science competition and went on to compete at regional in Corpus Christi. She also participated in Project Go as well as being a member of National Honor Society and Future Teachers. Playing in the THS band took up a lot of her time, but then so did being the editor of ETC. After being in Latin Club four years, Cheryl was chosen Queen of the annual banquet.





Patrick Jones

HONOR GRADUATES: (Front Row): Doug Alexander, Paul Knox, Sue Ruzicka, Kelly Zetak, Denise Faykus, Cynthia Jozwiak, Melodie Slagle, Sherry Krenek and Dana Farr. (Second Row): Thomas Conn, Rhonda Srnensky, Ginny Urbanek, Patrick Jones, Bart Luck, Jason Rieger, Susan Harris, Susan Sobotik, Timothy Crabb and Mike Moss. (Back Row): Randall Bachmeyer, Cheryl Raesz, Monica Vittek, Deborah Werchan, Lois Anderson, Molly Stone, Jim Scrivner, Gilbert Mokry, Mike Bruce, Lin Stabeno and Laine Holman. Not pictured are Patty Batto, Renee Calder and David Rozacky.



As staff members Deborah Werchan and Lois Anderson listen, ETC. editor Cheryl Raesz discusses distribution of the literary magazine.

As seniors received their diplomas at commencement exercises, 33 seniors graduated with honors, almost double the number from last year.

The increased number in honor graduates could have been due to a broader range of intelligence or more probably a result of the new system of selection. Under this new system a student was required to have an overall A average in certain academic subjects, which included mostly English and social studies among two electives.

This system may have helped some, while it could have hurt others. But no matter the method, it was definitely an accomplishment to graduate with honors and these 33 seniors wore their honor cords with the pride that they had kept up their grades through their four years of Taylor High School.

# SENIORS AT LAST



Above: Late in September, taking her senior portrait makes Karen Page realize that she is finally a senior.

Taking ACT's and SAT's, sending applications to colleges and preparing for graduation were just a few of the things that made seniors realize that it was time to grow up.

Decisions faced the seniors as they tried to make it through their last year of public school. Ordering invitations did not present much of a problem, but ordering caps and gowns did. A controversy arose over which type of gown they wanted until the traditional gown was chosen by a mere one vote.

Other problems arose over the senior trip. At first they voted to go to Landa Park but at the last minute the class changed their minds, revoted and chose Six Flags instead. The class also faced the task of presenting the senior assembly, but at the same time had the thrill of being "kids" for a whole day. Whether children or adults, the seniors were together as a class for the last time at commencement exercises. After receiving their diplomas there were screams of joy and tears of sentiment, but nothing could change the fact that they were no longer THS students.




Above: At the Williamson County Stock Show, FFA chapter sweetheart Judy Baran watches the bidding.

DIANE ALDERETE
DOUG ALEXANDER
LOUISA ALVAREZ
LOIS ANDERSON
RANDALL BACHMEYER

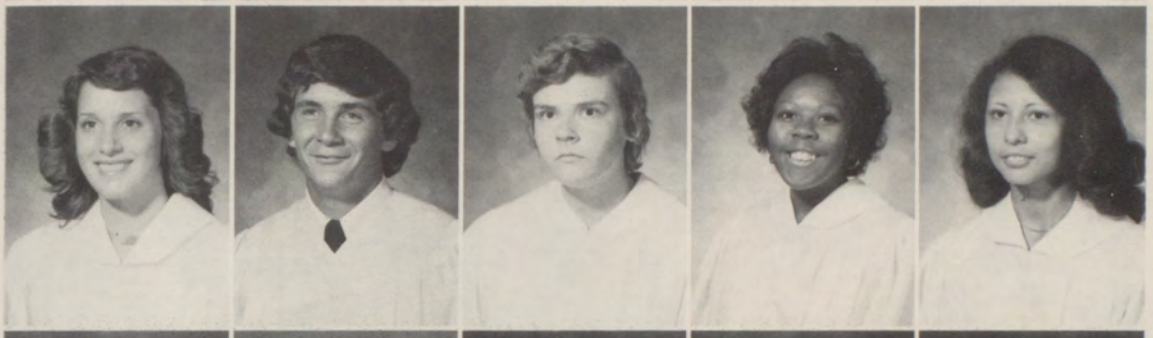
BEATRICE BAILEY
COLLEEN BAIRD
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PATRICIA BATTO
JANICE BIGON
DALLAS BERRY
DENISE BLAKELY

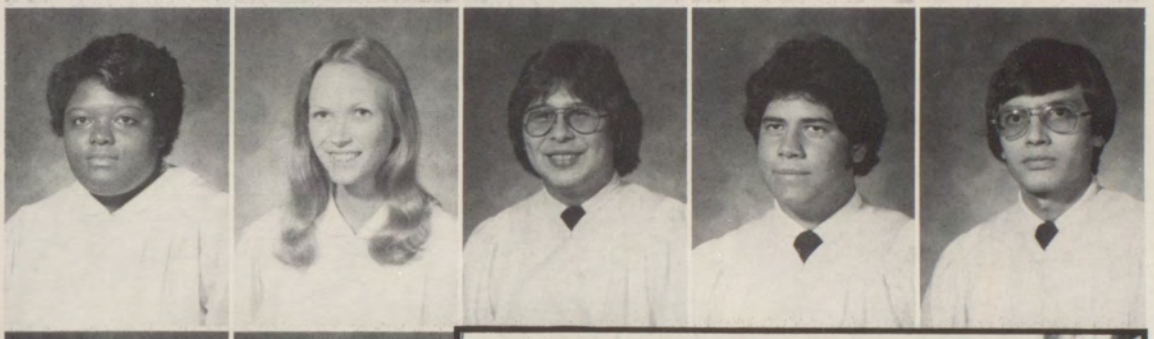




LARRY BLOMQUIST
COLEDON BOSLEY
RHONDA BRINKMEYER
MICHAEL BRUCE
MARSHA BUDD



SCHOLLEY BUZAN
TREY BUZAN
RENEE CALDER
SHIRLEY CALDWELL
MARY ALICE CAMACHO



SHIRLEY CAMPBELL
DEBBIE CARPENTER
ELVINO CARRIZALES
FRANK CHAPA
FRANK CHAVANA



GLENDA ROSS CHURCHILL
BARBARA CONN

Left: Susie Walton takes advantage of the senior privilege of a study hall as she spends free time in the library.



THOMAS CONN
TIMOTHY CRABB



MARK CUBA
ERIC CUPP



# Where the Action is — Seniors Boogie Down

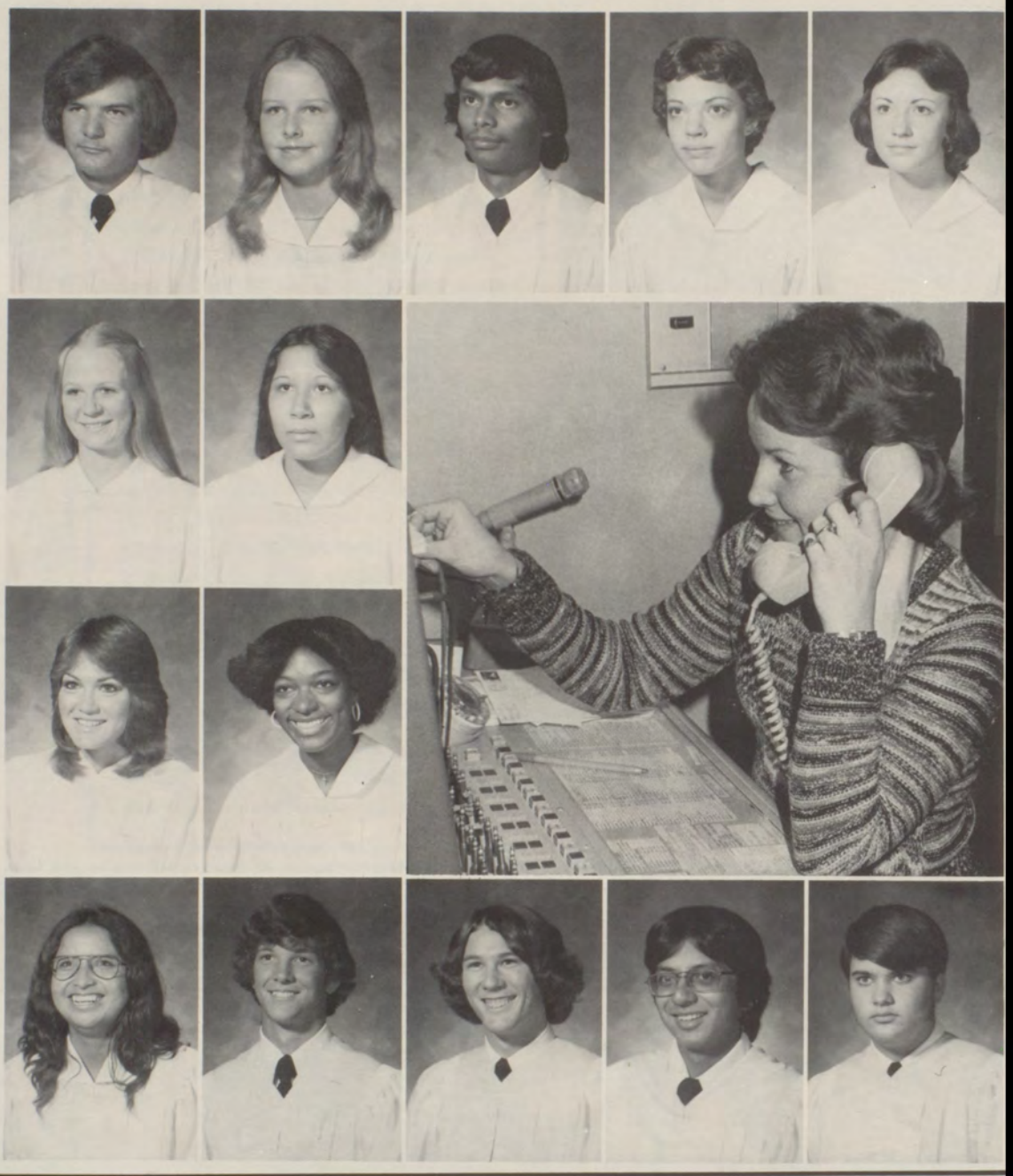
DUANE DANEK
SHERI DYKOWSKI
JOHNNY ESTRADA
BRENDA FARR
DANA FARR

DENISE FAYKUS
ALICE FLORES

Right: VOE student Pam Wyche finds her senior year a busy one as she works mornings as a switchboard operator at John's Hospital.

ABBY FRAZIER
LINDA GAULT

MARY GAYTON
SCOTT GING
LANNY GIST
JOE GOMEZ
JIMMY GRAYBILL



## SHAKE YOUR BOOTY ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Getting from Monday to Friday was a problem for some students at THS, but most of them kept going by looking ahead to the weekend and usually a Saturday night dance. If students could not dance, most of them just went to socialize or listen to the music of, say, the Debonaires. Sometimes cars were parked on the highway and dancing on the crowded floor became a task. While socializing, underclassmen spent the night hiding from the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Even if no one received an MIP or got into a fight, the students at THS still had plenty to talk about at school Monday.

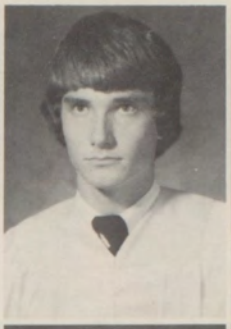
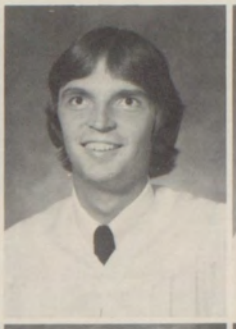


Steven Sutton and Ginny Urbanak



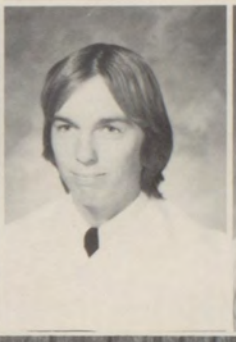

Jackie Rowe




MARIE GRIEGER
SHELLY GRIEGER
WILLARD GUIDRY
BRETT HARBERS
SUSAN HARRIS




MELISSA HAVERLAND
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RAYMOND HERNANDEZ
EDDIE HERTZ
CAROL HOLLOWELL

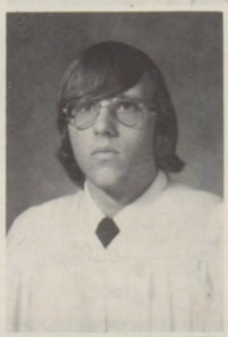




LAINE HOLMAN

Left: At the football banquet Coach Shirl Frazier recognizes Marion Morgan as an outstanding varsity football player. Marion also received the Centex Player of the Year award.

MARY HOLMAN







DANNY HOLUBEC
DENISE HUBBARD
RICKY HUBER
EMMA JACKSON
LYNDA JACKSON







ALBERT JANECKA
DENISE JEFFERSON
DARRELL JOHNSON
DWAYNE JOHNSON
PATRICK JONES

# Portraits, Gowns, and Finally Diplomas

CYNTHIA JOZWIAK
GARY KEITH
CONNIE KELSO
ROBERT KILLINGSWORTH
TIM KINSLEY

PAUL KNOX

Right: Doing his weekly impression during the pep rally, john Tamez, known as THS's "Howard Cosell," predicts the outcome of the Lockhart game.

STEVEN KOVAR
SHERRY KRENEK

JUDY KROPP
SHEILA KRUSE
BECKY KUBALA

GARY LANKFORD
TERRY LINDEMANN

Right: During fifth period class Hi-Stepper Captain Susan Harris anticipates the outcome of the upcoming pep rally performance.

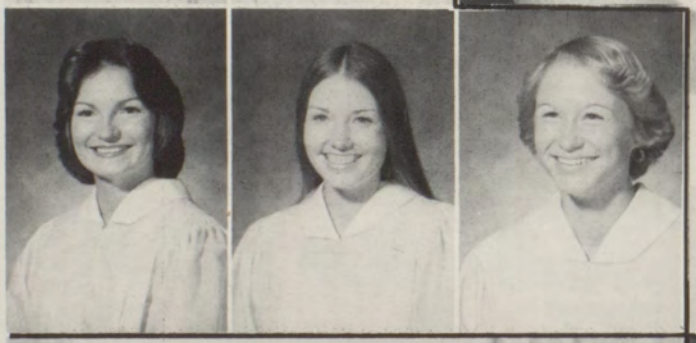
DELORES LOPEZ
BART LUCK





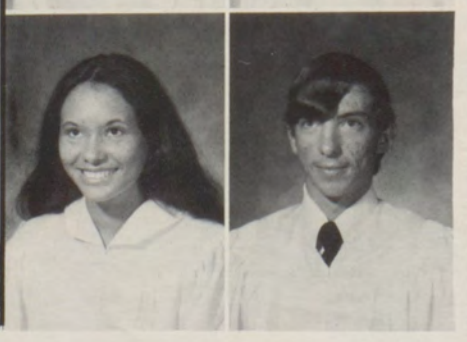


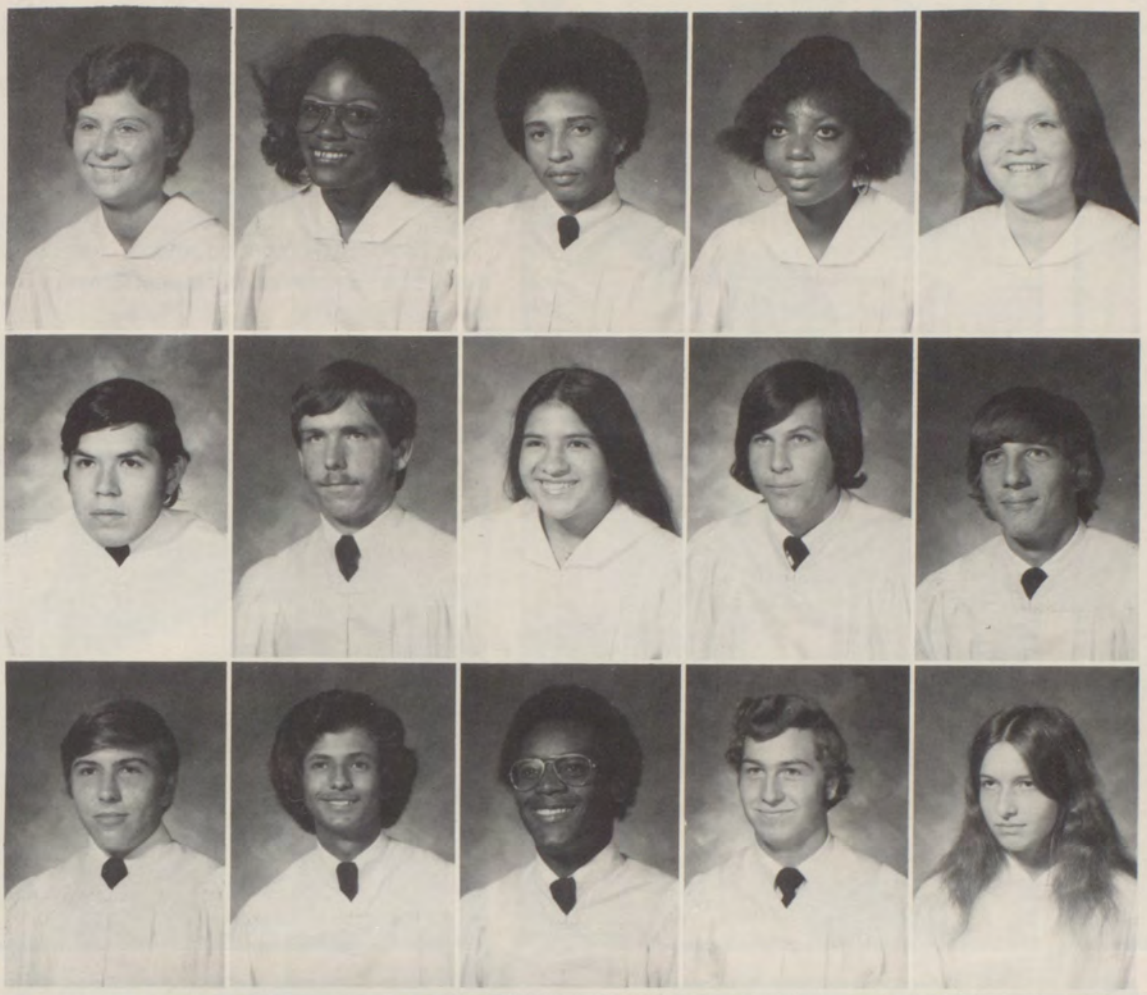












DONNA LUTZ
GLORIA MACKEY
MARVIN MAPP
ANNETTE MARTIN
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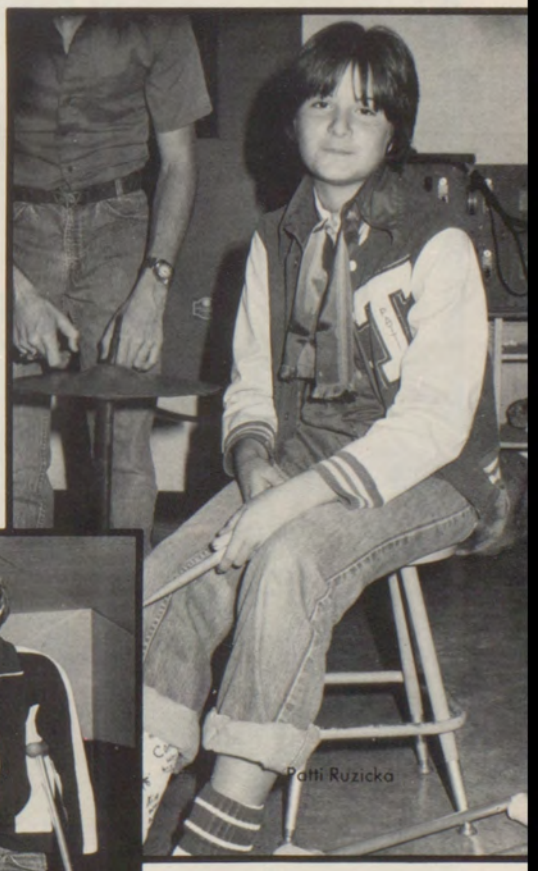
GILBERT MOKRY
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MARION MORGAN
MIKE MOSS
JANICE NATEK

# A Fractured SITUATION

One day as the MALLARD staff worked, an unidentified man opened the MALLARD room door and asked, "Where is the wing where the patients are kept?" He thought he was in John's Hospital, adjacent to THS. It seemed absurd that a high school could be mistaken for a hospital, but as the year went on THS did begin to resemble a hospital as a student could not walk down the hall without seeing at least one casualty hobbling by on crutches.

Students had broken legs and twisted ankles in almost every way imaginable. There were athletic injuries as when Richard Smith broke his leg in the Lockhart football game, Eric Cupp hurt his ankle during intramural basketball and Doug Alexander injured his leg in football practice. Getting too excited over the ratings at marching contest burdened Patti Ruzicka with a fractured leg for three months. Even THS counselor Naomi Pasemann joined the injured list after she slipped and broke her leg.

Of course, all wounds eventually healed and THS began to look like a school again, rather than a hospital.



Patti Ruzicka



Naomi Pasemann

Doug Alexander

# Goodfellows

Goodfellows were chosen by their own class members on the basis of character and leadership.



Senior goodfellows are:
Susan Sobotik — Hi-Stepper Co-Captain, FTA secretary, Student Senate member.

Scholley Buzan — Student Senate president, Hi-Stepper First Lieutenant, FTA member.

Gary Lankford — Varsity football, Varsity track, FTA vice president, Student Senate member.

Kelly Zetak — Varsity tennis, NHS president, Student Senate member.



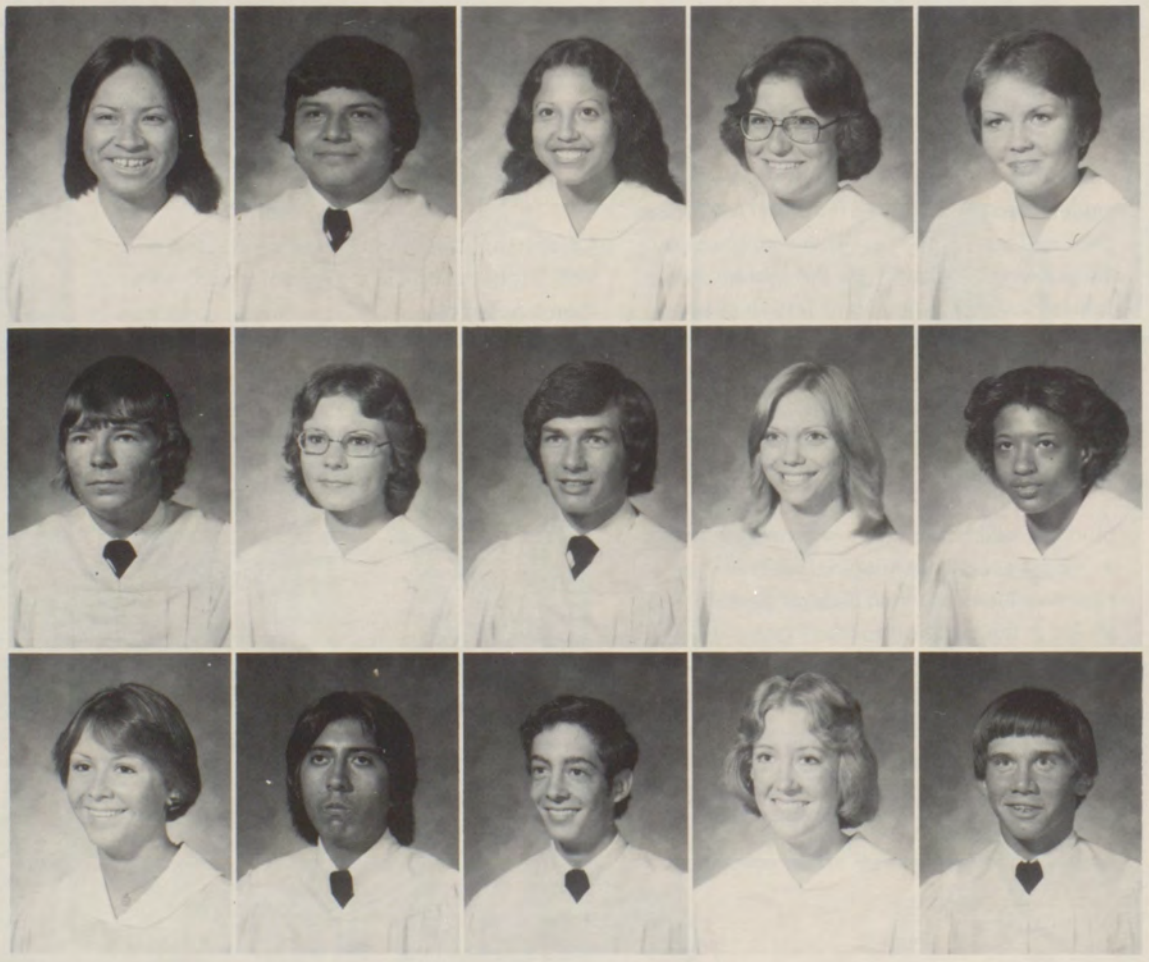


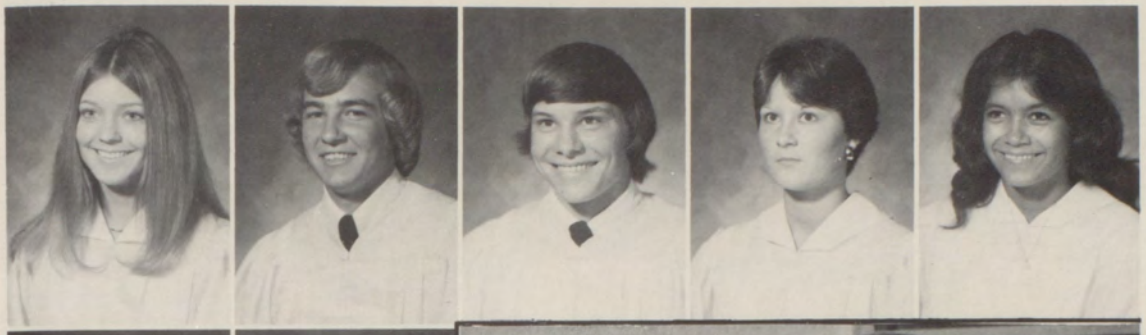


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TOM ORANDAY
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KAREN PAGE
KIM PETRUS

TIMOTHY POKORNY
CHERYL RAESZ
MICHAEL RAFFERTY
VICKIE RANDIG
SHEILA REESE

DONNA REPA
ANTONIO REYES
JASON RIEGER
KIM ROBB
ERNIE ROHLACK





TERI ROOSE
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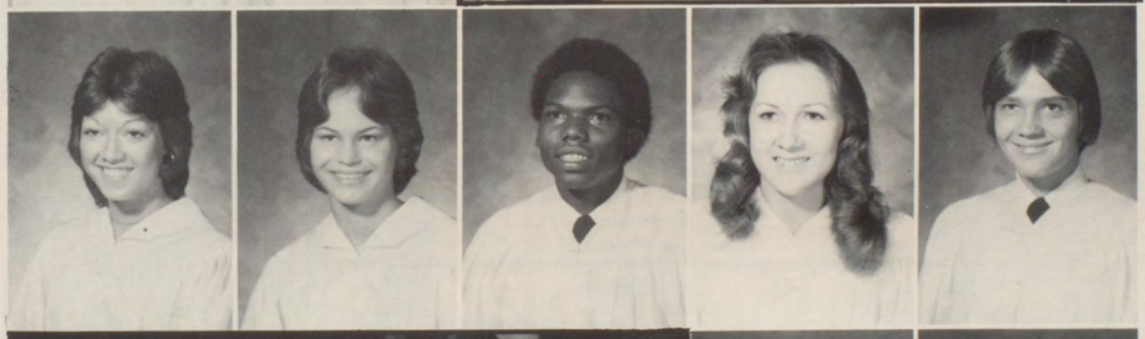


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JIMMY SCRIVNER

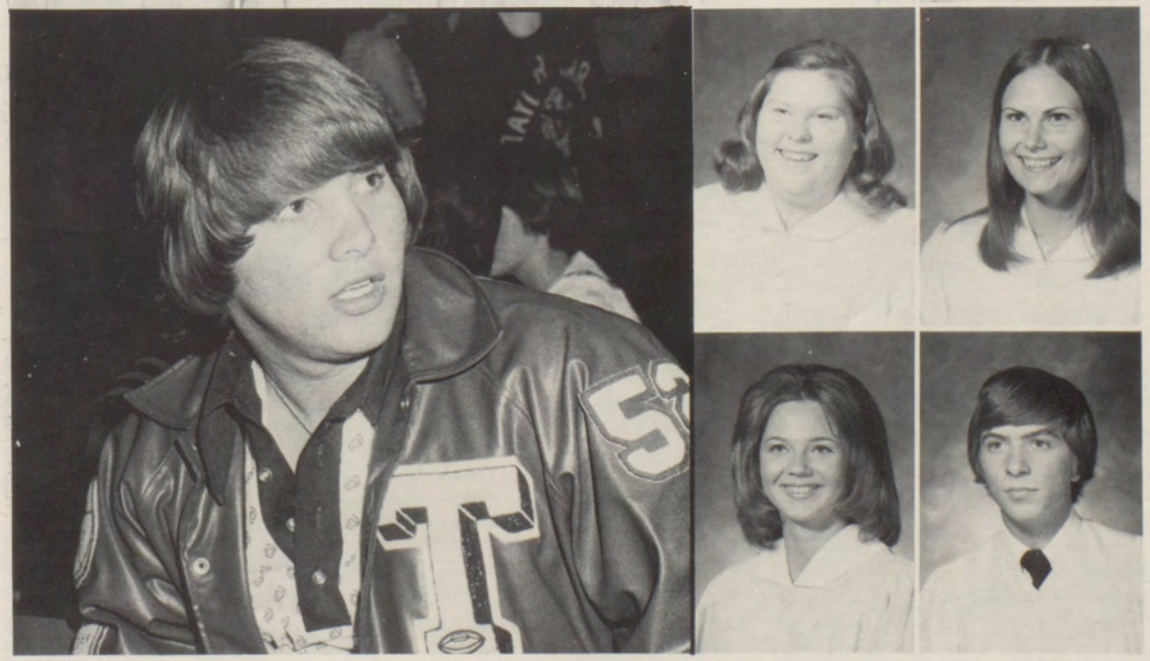
Left: After working each morning, David Rozacky settles down to studying in ICT class.



MELODIE SLAGLE
RICHARD SMITH



TERESA SNIDER
SUSAN SOBOTIK
TONY SORRELS
RHONDA SRNENSKY
LIN STABENO



SARAH STOLL
MOLLY STONE

Left: During half-time of the Taylor-Del Valle basketball game, Tim Kinsley comments on the action of the first half.

PATRICIA STRMISKA
DAVID SWITZER

# A Mixture Of Work And Relaxation

DORIE SWITZER
GABRIEL TORRES
LINDA TREVINO
GINNY URBANEK
DONNA VEGA







MONICA VITTEK
WAYNE VOIGHT
KATHY VRANA
SUSAN WALTON
DEBORAH WERCHAN







EVELYN WHITE
PAM WYCHE
JANICE ZACHARY
YVONNE ZACHARY
KELLY ZETAK







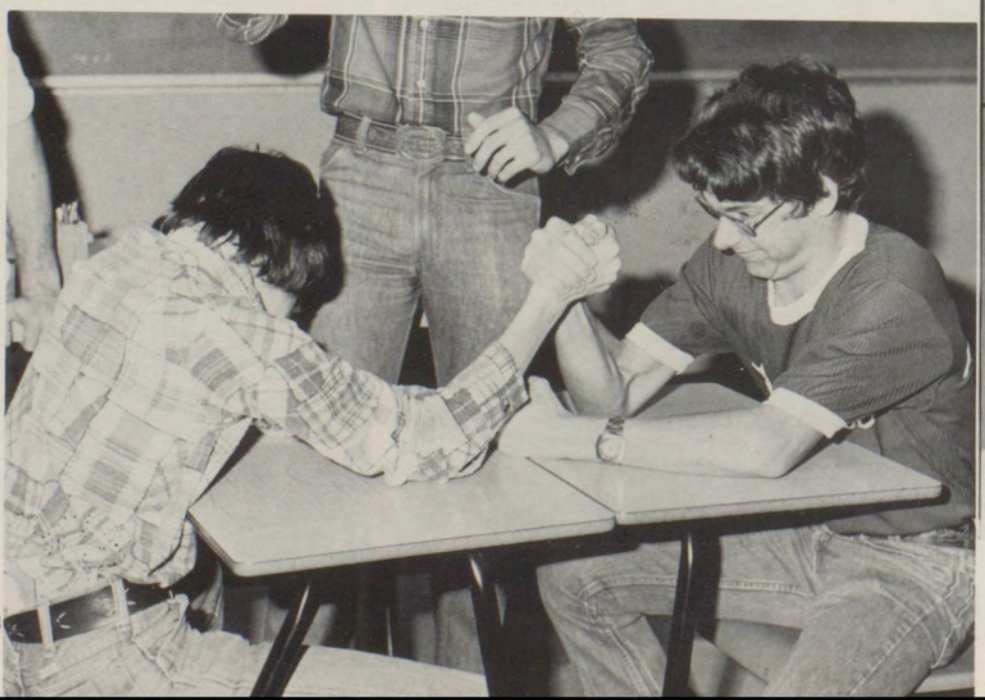
BRIDGET ZYCHA



Below: Mike Bruce and Jim Scrivner let off some of the tension that builds during fourth period elementary analysis.

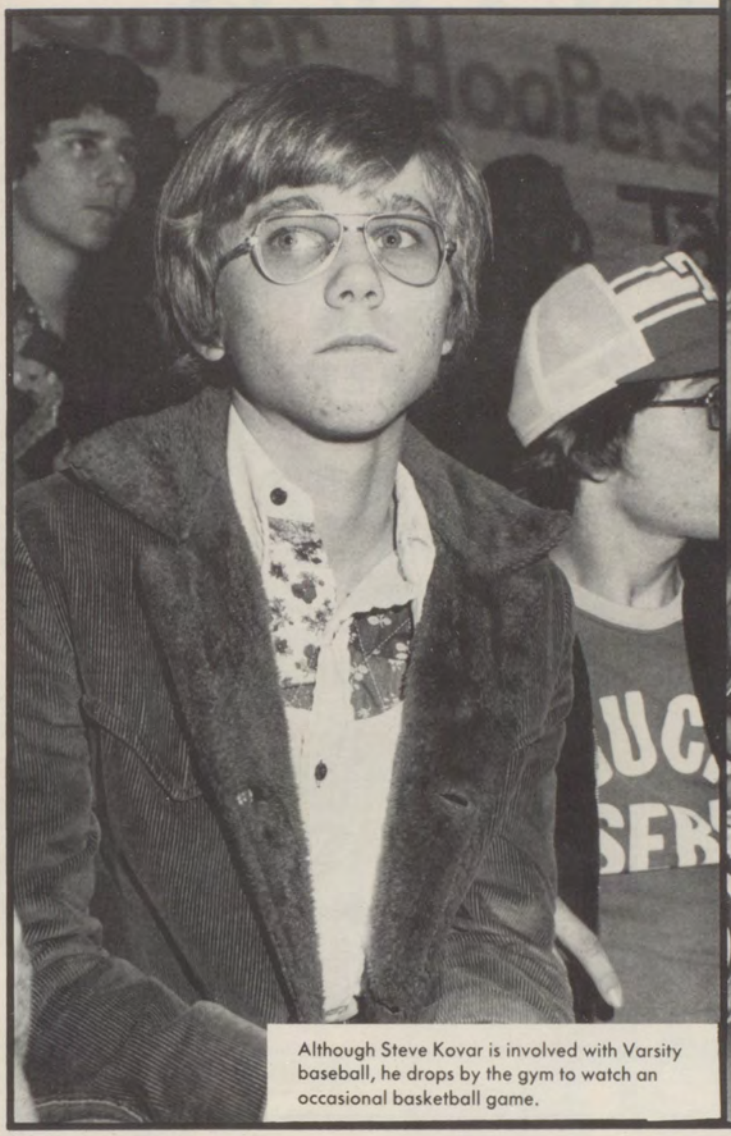
NOT PICTURED:

Emily Chapa
Joe Gamez
Joe Olguin
Jeff Taylor
Billy Ray Washington
Vanessa Cox Wheeless





The end of the year brings lots of activities for seniors. Here, Scholley Buzan presents awards to underclassmen during her last Hi-Stepper banquet.



Although Steve Kovar is involved with Varsity baseball, he drops by the gym to watch an occasional basketball game.



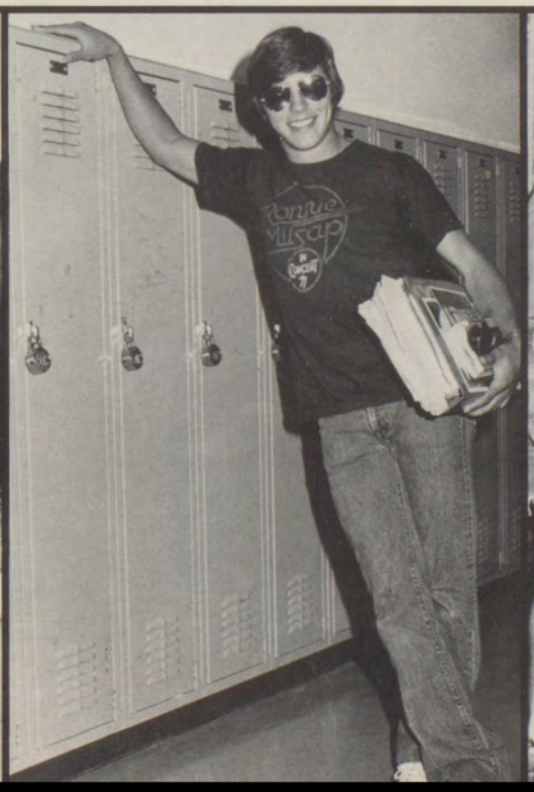
Kids will be kids, but so will be seniors. Patty Batto and friend relax before the senior assembly.

Below: Terri Roose enjoys the privileges of being a senior, and realizes the even greater amounts of freedom soon to come.

Below: While extracurricular activities abound for the graduating class, exempt seniors like Gilbert Mokry find plenty time for relaxing.

Below: The last assembly of the year is given over completely to the seniors. David Switzer and Doug Alexander feed bananas to Jimmy Thompson, typifying their attitude toward freshmen.







# ELEVEN DOWN AND 1 TO GO

This was the prevailing attitude of most of the Juniors at THS because to many, being a Junior was just one step away from being a Senior. But in no way did they let their Junior year slip by uneventfully.

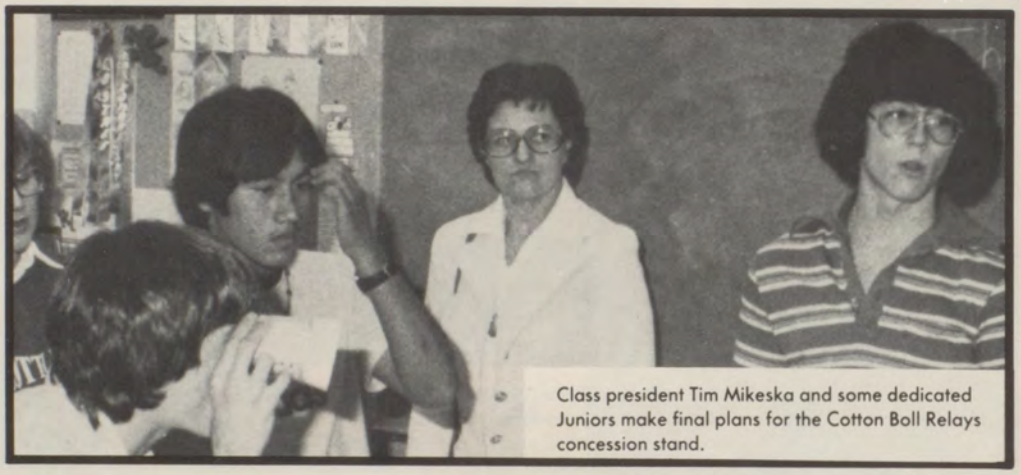
Right from the start of football season the Juniors "hooped and hollered" in pep rallies with high hopes of winning the spirit stick. Everyone felt their hoarse throats were worth it when President Tim Mikeska received the stick during the Rockdale pep rally. But their spirit continued . . . and with a lot of hard work and the same enthusiasm they put together the winning homecoming sign.

The main objective of the Junior class was to raise enough money to give the Seniors a memorable and eventful prom night. The first money making project frightened the Juniors a bit when they only netted $100 during the cold and rainy homecoming concession stand. But during the Cotton Boll relays they felt more confident about finances for the prom when they cleared nearly $500 on the concession stands.
April 30 (prom night) grew near and the work nights grew longer and longer. The endless hours of building, decorating, planning and preparing was worth it when the Juniors arrived on Saturday night in their elegant gowns and handsome suits (to take a trip across the rainbow) for an evening of entertainment. But no one would have recognized the class the night before . . . in grubby old jeans and T-shirts and with hair pulled back. The Juniors had got down to serious business and worked themselves to a frazzle in preparation for the big event.

The Juniors definitely led a very active and eventful year. With the prom a success, and bills finally paid, they sat back and enjoyed the thought of becoming a Senior.



Sheila Mahlow and Karen Mazac work to complete the task of making 600 flowers for the prom.



Class president Tim Mikeska and some dedicated Juniors make final plans for the Cotton Boll Relays concession stand.

Domingo Alderete
David Alford
Anita Allen
Lynn Backus
Jimmy Bailey
Beverly Barnett

Ronald Benskin
Lydia Blomquist
Terri Briggs
Gayle Brister
Ruthie Brown
Pam Brueckner

Dale Bunge
Leonard Burnett
David Burrow
Lisa Buzan
Sherry Campbell
Lisa Campos





Debbie Cantrell
Nellie Carmona
Patricia Case
James Casey
Ron Cepak
Darlene Cervenka

Deborah Cervenka

The Junior class holds a rather disorganized meeting in sponsor Lupe Ramirez's room. But despite the chaos with open discussion the class came up with unique ideas for the prom.

James Collins

Karran Corne
Janice Cubit
Rick Cuzzort
Elaine Davison
Stella De La Rosa
Randall Dloughy

Lupe Dominguez
John Dykowski
Donna Eiben
Linda Estrada
Terry Farr
Pam Finn

Ken Flannery
Helen Flores
Janeane Fuessel
Robert Fuller
Carmen Gamez
Claudy Gamez

Joann Gamez
Becky Garcia
Abraham Garza
Sidney Ging
Nolan Glover
Michael Goins

# let your fingers do the talking

Robert Gomez
David Gonzales
Edna Gonzales
Mike Gossett
Daneta Griffin
Jimmy Grimm

Oliver Hamilton
Jay Harkins
Mike Harrell
Todd Harris
David Heap
Randall Hobbs

Vickie Hughes
Winford Hull
Annie Jackson
Kathleen Jackson
Peggy Janak

Benny Janecka
Stephen Janke
Brenda Johnson
Fernando Jonse
Debra Kaiser
Ronnie Kelly



"Ouch," sighs one poor junior's finger, "Doesn't she realize that I am in pain from having that ring turned all day long?" If a ring finger could talk, this would surely be a few of its choicest words upon the arrival of senior rings for the class of '78.

This was not the first finger of THS to feel the pain and it certainly will not be the last. Tradition has it that within 24 hours of receiving your senior ring, your peers shall turn it 78 times (class of 78, remember?) to insure good luck in the future.

The rings came in a variety of sizes and shapes and arrived at different times throughout the year. The excitement of receiving your senior ring did not end until it was turned for the 78th time . . . and sometimes not even then.





Larry Kelly
Doug Kuhl

Lisa Campos finishes off a Coke bottle and prepares one of the few soft drinks sold during the cold and rainy homecoming game.

Peggy Kilgore
Reva Killingsworth

Neva Klotz
Kathie Krenek

Darryl Kruse
Mark Kruse
Pam Kruse
Ronald Lawler
Claudia Lee
Cynthia Loeve

Gene Lucio
Sheila Mahlow
Ricky Mann
Merry Marek
Irene Martinez
Rosemary Matuke

Karen Mazac
Brian McAlpine
Debbie McGee
Christi McLaughlin
Tim Mikeska
Deral Milliken

Hope Moerbe
Lou Ann Mokry
Denise Morales
JoAnn Mott
Jay Mouldenhour
Dennis Mundkowsky

# Junior Spirit Never Dies

Guy Nelson
Steve Nolon
Diane Orandy
Sylvia Ortiz
Laurie Pasemann
Nora Perez

Michael Pittman
Charlie Pokorny
Mary Polasek
Dorothy Rafferty
Keith Reiger
Aurora Reyes

Rudy Reyes
Rodney Ripple
Ervin Ross
Thomas Ross
Brett Rogers
Alvin Roznavak

Brian Sakewitz
Kim Sapp
Ellen Schmidt
Stephanie Schneider
Anna Schwenke
Stancie Schwenker

Tammi Sefcik
Kathryn Seigmund
Beth Sexworth
Larry Shamard
David Sikes
Penny Sitman

David Slivensky
Casey Smith

FTA members Randall Dloughy, Keith Rieger and Tim Mikeska listen intently to president Sue Ruzicka explain the requirements for attending state convention.

Isabel Soza
Debra Spellings





# Goodfellows

for the Junior Class are:

Stancie Schwenker — Varsity cheerleader, FTA and Student Senate member.

Sheila Mahlow — Varsity cheerleader, NHS and FTA member.

Tim Mikeska — President Junior Class, FTA and Student Senate member.

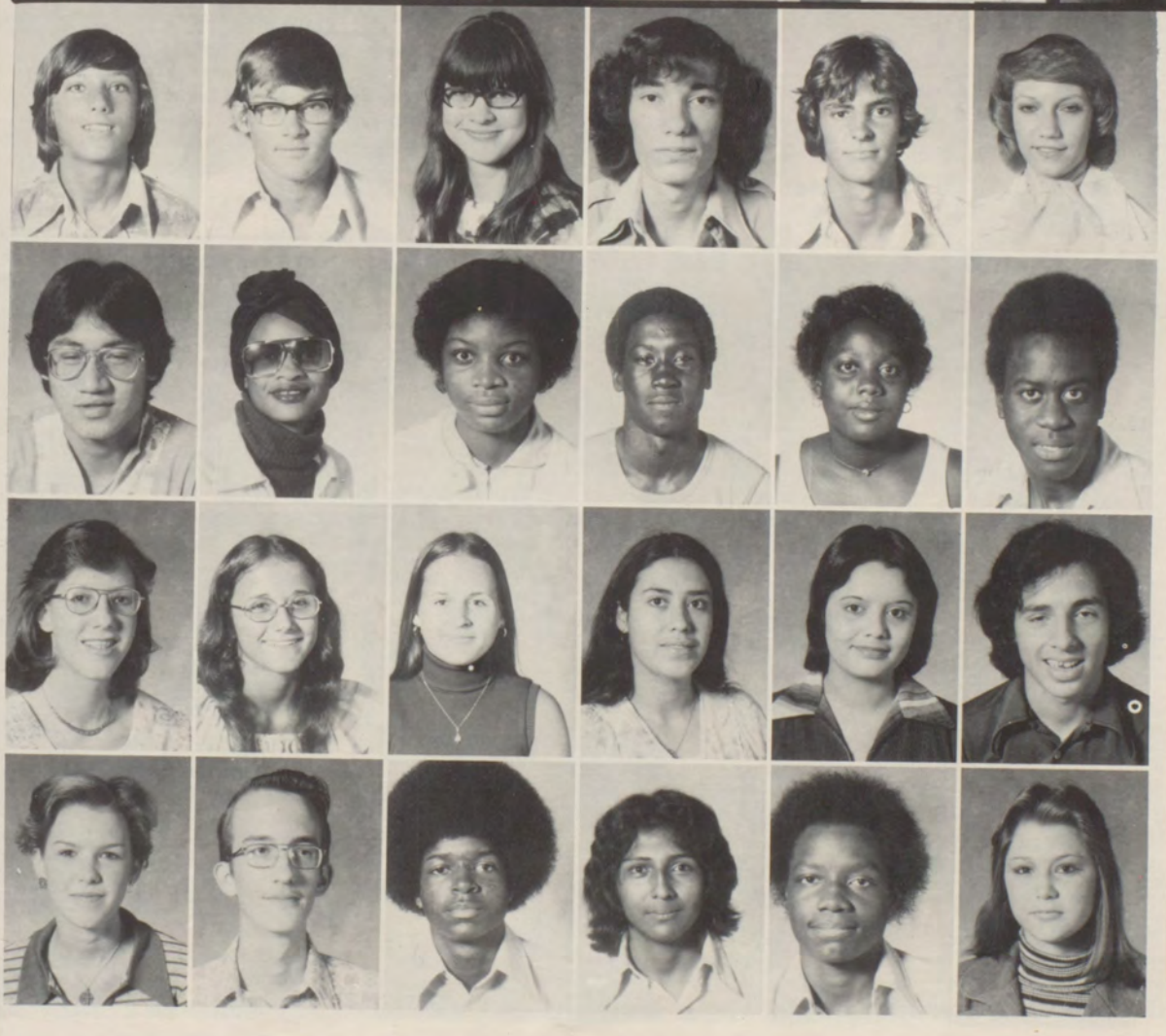
Keith Rieger — Varsity baseball, Junior varsity football, PTA member.







Juniors not pictured:
Rosa Alderete
Richard Case
Donald Prederick
Jerry Greene
Pam Henry
David Marcon



Gaylon Steffek
Donald Stolte
Linda Strmiska
Ricky Strmiska
Steven Sutton
Becky Swanson

Arthur Tamez
Emma Tanksley
Eloise Thomas
Kenneth Thomas
Debra Tillis
Gregory Tillis

Debbie Touchstone
Sherri Townsend
Ramona Urbanek
Rachel Valdez
Theresa Vega
Joe Walton

Betty Wiesner
David Wolbruek
Clarence Wooldridge
Ray Yanis
Kirk Zackary
Brenda Zrubek

# A Step Closer to the Top



After surviving their freshman year, the sophomores started their second year off with a confident attitude. No longer first-year students, they were now acquainted with the life at THS.

During football season, excitement overwhelmed the sophomores after winning the spirit chain along with forty dollars collected from each chain link. One of their money raising activities for the year was running the concession stand during the Lampasas football game. When asked, President Louis Ross commented, "Yeah, we made a lot of money and part of it was used for our homecoming sign."

There was an advantage for the sophomores since they were not the youngest anymore, but one of the definite disadvantages for them was the absence of a driver's license. Most of them were not quite sixteen and had been waiting a long time to reach this milestone.

As the long-awaited end of the year arrived, the sophomores were ready to move up. They had completed their second year of THS with a satisfied success.

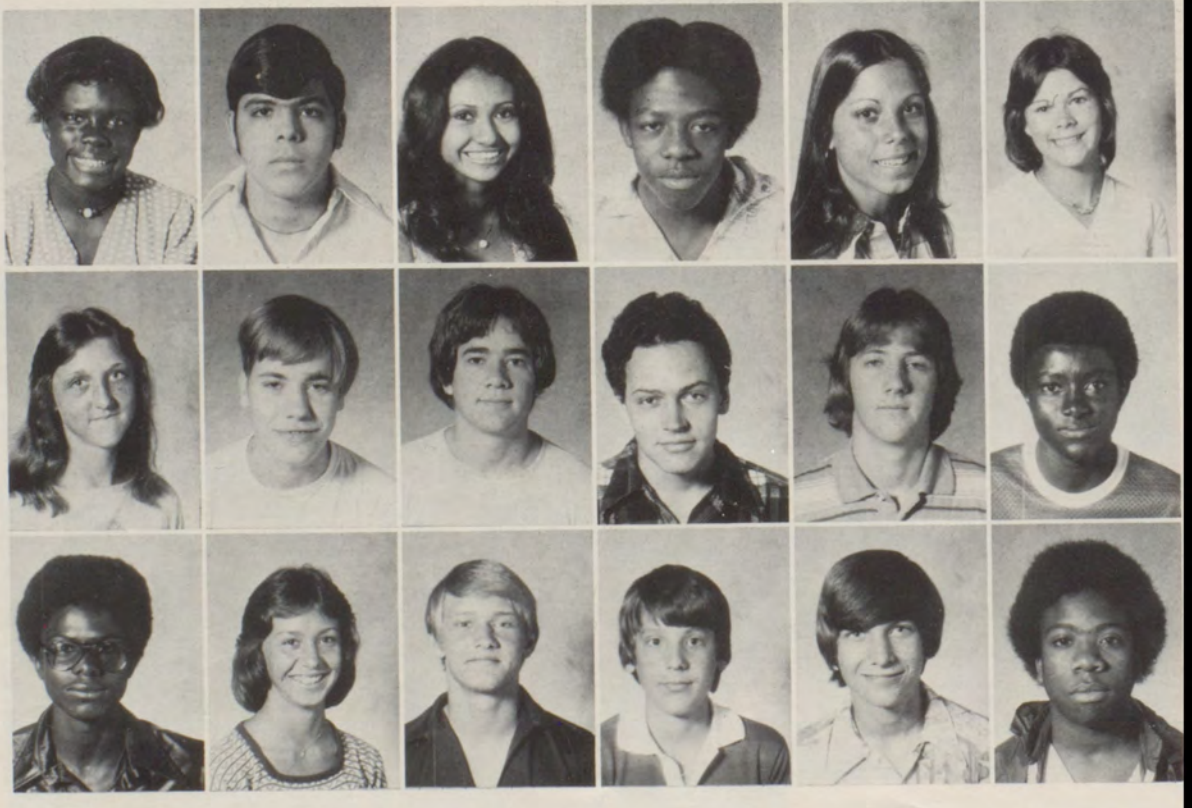



Above: Expressing their spirit during the week of class competition for the spirit stick, sophomores Tracy McVay and Kim Bearden hang this sign in the gym before the Rockdale pep rally.
Left: Peeping through the curtains, sophomore Pat Kelly watches the audience pile into the auditorium before the Christmas assembly.

Idella Aldridge
Arthur Alderete
Linda Alvarado
Eric Archer
Dana Basco
Kim Bearden

Stacy Becker
Thomas Biehle
Ron Black
Justin Bosley
Brian Brinkmeyer
Garland Broadnax

Michael Broadnax
Melissa Brookshire
Carlton Brown
Mike Brueckner
Andy Bulgerin
Reggie Caldwell



# sophomores



Wayne Carpenter
Johnny Roy Cathey
Glen Cepak
David Cervenka
Wesley Cervenka
Diana Cotner

Casey Cravens
Theresa Cubit
Patti Daughtry
Catherine Debus
Ruben Dominguez
Stephen Duffy

Tony Estrada
Geneva Fielder
Albert Filla
Dwayne Finn
Gloria Flores
Brad Frazier

Teresa Freatag
Darlene Galvan
Arthur Gamez
Gina Gilligan
Bobby Ging
Katherine Gola

Bernice Gonzales
Santiago Gonzales

Brian Brinkmeyer, a member of the Iced Tea and Company Band, keeps the beat to "Play That Funky Music" during a morning assembly.

Ralph Granzin
Jeff Graybill

Doris Griffin
Lanell Griffin

# Another Year of Success

Margaret Guarjaudo
Charles Haase
Charles Hall
Harold Harvey
Stanley Harvey
Jeff Hattley

Susan Hengst
Janice Hernandez

During the Christmas assembly, Kurt Sobotik informs Butch Lee, posing as jolly old Santa Claus, of the gifts he wants for Christmas

Dean Herzer
Carl Holiday

Brenda Hollowell
Bubba Holman

Lacy Holman
Anthony Holubec
Elvis Jackson
Mary Jackson
Sharon Jackson
Rudy Johnson

Lee Keel
Pat Kelley
Emmi Kirschvink
Terrell Klotz
Mike Kohutek
Robert Kovar

Nancy Kreidel
Bryan Kruse
Linda Laughlin
Richard Law
Lucy Lopez
Ricky Lopez







Mickey Walker
(Aug. 6, 1960 — Dec. 14, 1976

Mickey Walker was one of the best all around basketball players while he was in Middle School. Besides being an athlete, Mickey had other interests such as building models of cars and planes. He enjoyed listening to music, but most of all he enjoyed life. Mickey will always be remembered as a person with determination. He will be missed by all.



Pam Mahlow
Patsy Manley
Becky Marburger

David Marek
Paul Martin
Linda Martinez

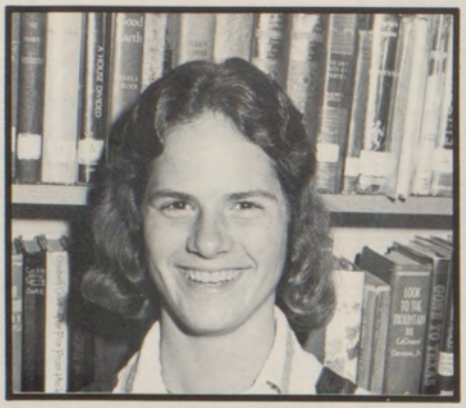
Thomas Martinez
Rodney Marx
Donald Matuke

Sheila McCormick
Tracy McVay
David Mokry
Lillian Molleda
Lucia Molleda
Tim Morgan

Jackie Naiver
Justin Nickerson
Alex Olivarez
Frank Pachicano
Kevin Petrus
David Polasek

Roxanne Poppelz
Tammy Preusse
Edmond Raesz
Tim Rafferty
Harvey Randle
Paula Randle

Martin Rangel
Denise Richter
Rory Rieger
Leon Robinson
Vollie Robinson
Adelita Robles



# Goodfellows

for the Sophomore Class are:

Nancy Rohlack — JV Cheerleader, tennis, Student Senate member.

Diana Cotner — Hi-Stepper, tennis, Sophomore Class treasurer.





Louis Ross — basketball, varsity baseball, Sophomore Class president.

Brad Frazier — football, basketball, Spanish club member.



Sophomores not pictured:
Michael Edwards
Eusebio Medina

Jana Rohlack
Nancy Rohlack
Louis Ross
Polly Ross
Jackie Rowe
David Roznovak

Kevin Roznovak
Daniel Ruiz
Patti Ruzicka
Daniel Sandoval
Bobby Schernik
Connie Schneider

April Schoener
Scott Seaquist
Billy Seigmund
Carolyn Shaw
Billy Sherek
Georgia Shirley

Lesa Sims
Bonnie Sledge
Emily Smith
Kurt Sobotik
Myron Spellings
Glenn Steffek



# sophomores



George Stinson
Robert Stone
Kyle Stried
Allen Swanson
Ricky Tanksley
Casey Tate

Donnie Taylor
Wanda Tillis
Eleanora Torres
Nancy Touchstone
Madeline Trevino
Sylvia Trevino

Nancy Urbanek
Frank Valdez

In competition for the spirit stick, sophomores demonstrate class spirit by decorating the halls with streamers, balloons and signs.

Trisa Vasquez
Joyce Washington

Wilbert Watson
Shelley Werchan
Jan Werner
Ricky Widmer
Pam Wiley
Milinda Wilkins

Diana Wilson
Gary Wilson
Kirk Winters
Della Woods
Kim Wrinkle
Cheryl Wuthrich

James Wuthrich
Dayrl Young
Sandra Young
Mary Zavala
Paula Zetak
Brian Zrubek

# Fish Plunge Into First Year

Entering the long, unfamiliar corridors of Taylor High School did not intimidate the 1976-77 crop of eager freshmen. They plunged into countless activities and their enthusiasm turned out quite well, for their involvement secured them a firm place in THS.

Their first moneymaking project, a bake sale, proved to be a profitable affair, netting $120. Freshmen broke in the new system of government by electing two delegates out of groups of 12 as representatives at class meetings.

Their involvement and willingness to work gave them a well rounded view of what high school was really like. The Freshmen experienced what can come out of an efficient class working as one, and realized that high school was only what one made it.





Above: Freshman footballer Gerald Davison secures his uniform from his locker before leaving for the fieldhouse. Left: Before a Freshman class meeting, Candy Buzan, Debbie Stiba, Patti Corbett, and Kelly Frankeny look over their wallet photos.

Irene Alderete
Victoria Alderete
Ernest Ariola
Dean Ash
Michael Baran
Jane Bartosh

Suzanne Basco
Debbie Biehle
Gerberta Blakely
Betty Bogan
Gwendolyn Brandyburg
Barry Briggs

Larry Brister
Pam Brookshire
Terri Brown
Cheryl Bucanek
Candy Buzan
Beatrice Camacho





Dennis Carter
Rose Mary Castro
Michael Cathey
Diana Cavazos
Carolyn Cervenka
Barbara Coleman

Linda Collins
Edward Contreras
Patty Corbett
Freddie Cortinas
Donna Cotner
John Crow

Debbie Danek
Jeff Davidson

These jubilant freshmen, thrilled with the Ducks' football success, ecstatically flash number one signs. Standing are Tammy McVay, Pam Schaefer, Madelene Powers, David Mokry, and Darrell Mokry.

Ronnie Davis
Gerald Davison



Early Deary
Kathy De La Rosa
Robin De Luna
Stephen De Luna
Rick Dittman
Irene Dominguez



Irene Esquivel
Mary Estrada
Michael Farr
Blaine Faykus
Danny Filla
Ross Flint



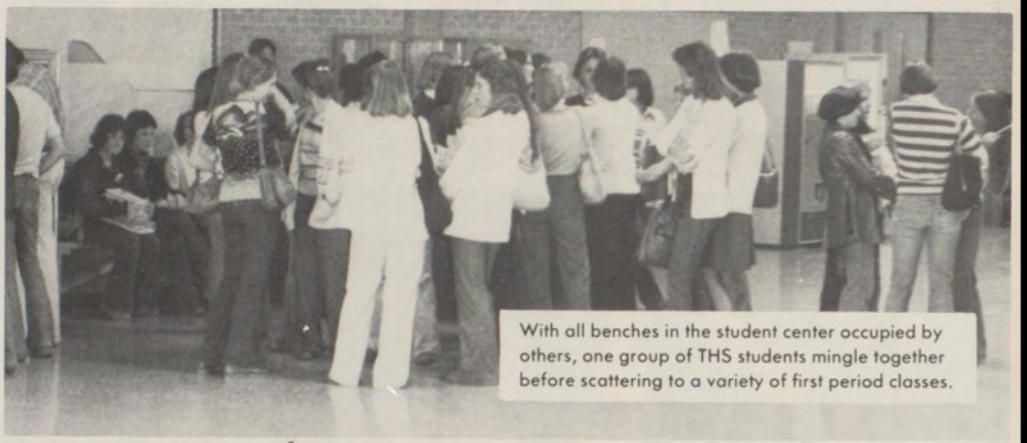
Kelly Frankeny
Ernest Frederick
Bonnie Freeland
John Friend
Sheryl Gadison
Francisco Garcia

# Labels....

something freshmen as well as everyone else were exposed to, like it or not. When one became established in school, he or she was almost always classified by other students, by teachers, by everyone: "Oh, he's a kikker," "Yeah, she's a hippie," or whatever. And then there was the obvious division between races in the student center before school and at noon. We all struggled through academics together, worked in organizations together, participated in sports together — and true, a few of us did refuse to be classified. Yet for most of us, when that class meeting or game ended, we dispersed into our own little groups. School has been called a microcosm of the world and certainly this kind of grouping occurred nearly everywhere. But it just seemed more noticeable in school — like it or not.



Broken only by a solitary Mustang, a long line of "kikker" trucks dominate one section of the student parking lot.



With all benches in the student center occupied by others, one group of THS students mingle together before scattering to a variety of first period classes.

Margie Garcia
Betty Ann Garza
Joe Garza
Milton Gault
Brent Gist
Carl Glover

Floyd Glover
Timothy Glover
Benjamin Gonzales
Tammy Greene
Bobby Griffin
Sharron Harrell

Ronald Heselmeyer
Donald Hill
Gloria Houston
Beverly Hubbard
Pamela Hubbard
Ronald Huber

Peggy Hyzak
Aubrey Jackson
Leon Jackson
Mary Jackson
Jay Jaecks
Richard Janecka





Danny Johnson
Jeanette Johnson
Linda Johnson
Kenneth Jones
George Jonse
Sherilyn Kaatz

Charlotte Keith
Elizabeth Killingsworth
Tammie Kimble
Carol Klepac
Cheryl Kostroum
Gretchen Kreidel

Cynthia Kruse
Roland Kruse
Dana Kuhl
Bobby Leshikar
Benny Lopez
Beth Lutz

Randy Manley
Frances Marcon
Shelley Marek
Patricia Martinez
Ronald Marx
Theresa Matuke

Esther Mayberry
Ricky McGee
Teresa McLaughlin
Tammy McVay
Ricky Meiske
John Mikeska



Randy Minzenmayer
Bill Moehnke

Freshman Keith Patschke's concentration is intent as he plays his trombone at an after school practice. Band was just one of the many activities freshmen were involved in.

Darrell Mokry
Mike Molleda

# Involvement in Countless Activities

Mateo Moreno
Kevin Morrison
Rebecca Natek
David Nelson
Beth Nelson
Patrick Olguin

Gaylon Parker
Keith Patschke
Domingo Perez
Paul Pille
Jimmy Pokorny
Kathy Poldrack

Richard Pospisil
Madelon Powers
Robin Rafferty
Lulu Randle
Gloria Rangel
Joyce Reese

Johnny Reyes
Russel Ripple
Jerome Robinson
Delores Robles
Ruby Rodriguez
Arthur Ruiz

David Ruiz
Esther Salazar
Pam Schaefer
JoAnn Simcik
Alan Slivensky
Shirley Smith

Rebecca Steffek
Sabrina Steger
Debbie Stiba
Thomas Stiba
Vangie Stoll
Suzanne Stried

Vickie Strmiska
Doug Stroud
Raul Tamez
Edward Tealer
Pearlie Thomas
Perry Thomas





Jimmy Thompson
Kenny Thompson
Tina Torres
Daniel Torres
John Tovar
Byron Townsend

Gary Urbanek
Ernest Valdez
Elias Valerio
Barbara Vanecek
Frankie Vasquez
Tina Vega

David Vrabel
Deborah Vrabel
Lynn Walker
Eddie Walker
Thomas Whatley
John Wiley

Tim Wiley
Kelly Wilkerson
Sharon Wooldridge
Deborah Wright
Lori Young
Sherman Zachary

# Goodfellows

for the Freshman Class are:

Patti Corbett: Freshman Class president, Student Senate, Band.

Pam Brookshire: JV Cheerleader, Band, FTA.

Donald Hill: Freshman Class secretary, Freshman Football, Freshman Basketball.

Eddie Contreras: JV Tennis, On Stage '77, Student Senate treasurer.



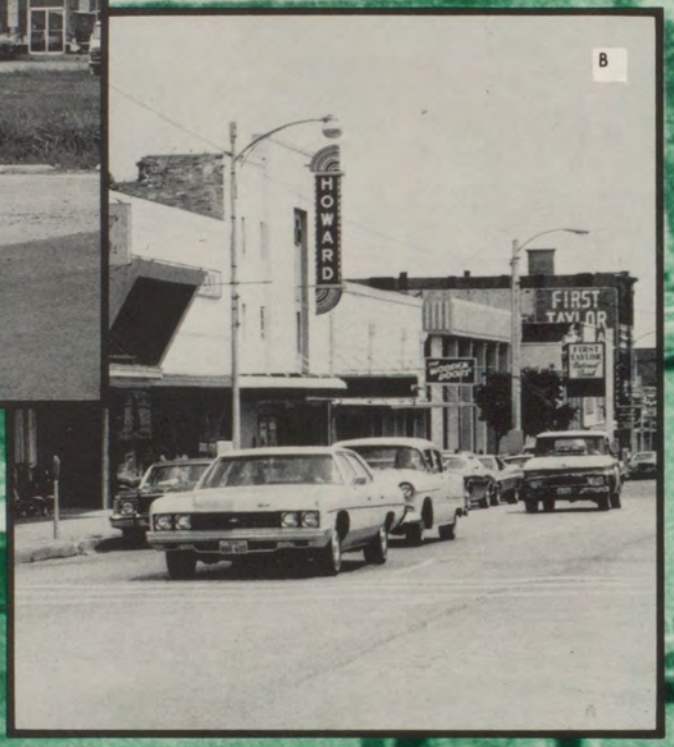









A. Eight businesses now operate at the Lake Drive Shopping Center, with shops offering everything from jewelry to groceries.
B. As old businesses moved out, new businesses took their place. On this side of Main Street, two new establishments moved in during 1977, exemplifying the growth and change in Taylor.





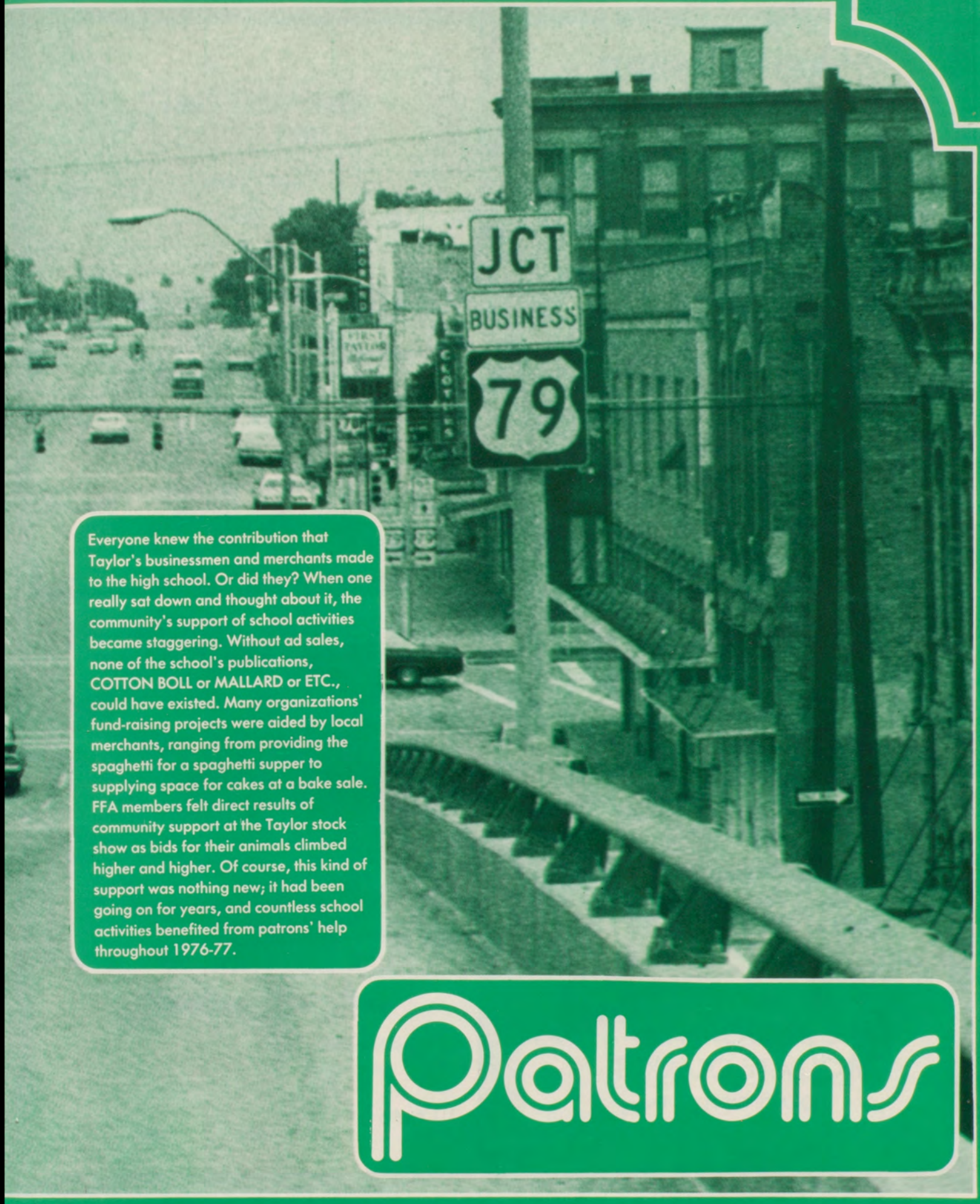





C. Even well established businesses began moving during 1977. After 10 years on Main, Whites made a move to a larger building on Second Street.
D. Everyone recognized gas stations as a vital part of our lives. Since gas was generally cheaper at self-service stations, those were the kind we patronized most often.




E. Since farming is one of the primary occupations in the Taylor area, several farm equipment businesses can be seen around town. As students, we probably noticed Balderson-Berger most, since it was on the drag.




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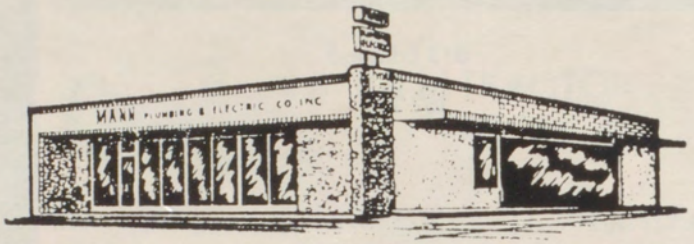
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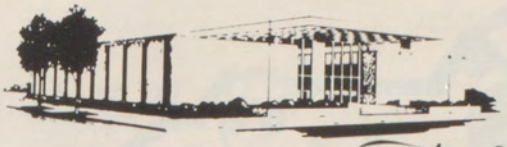
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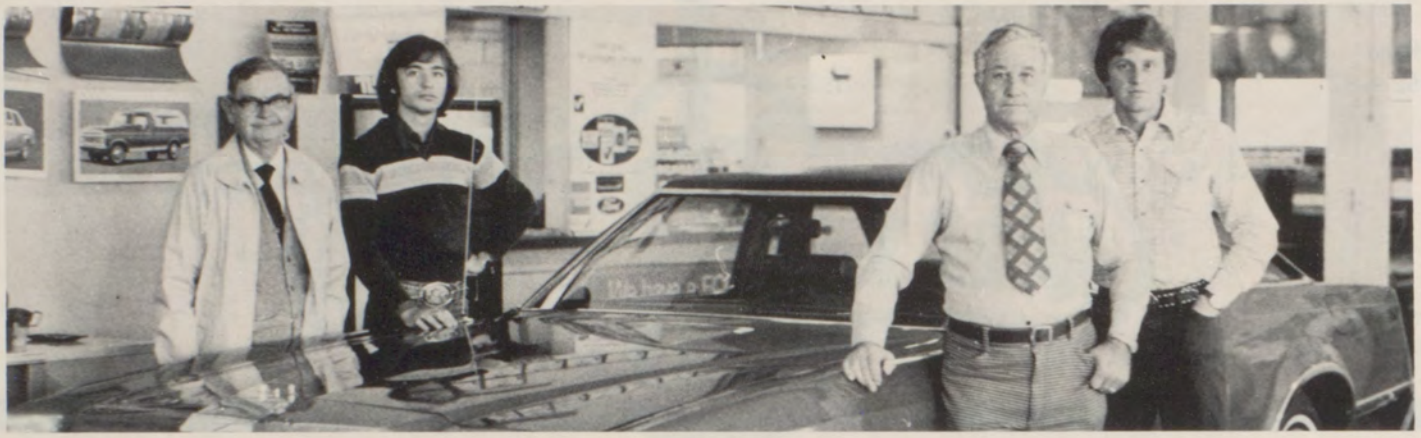
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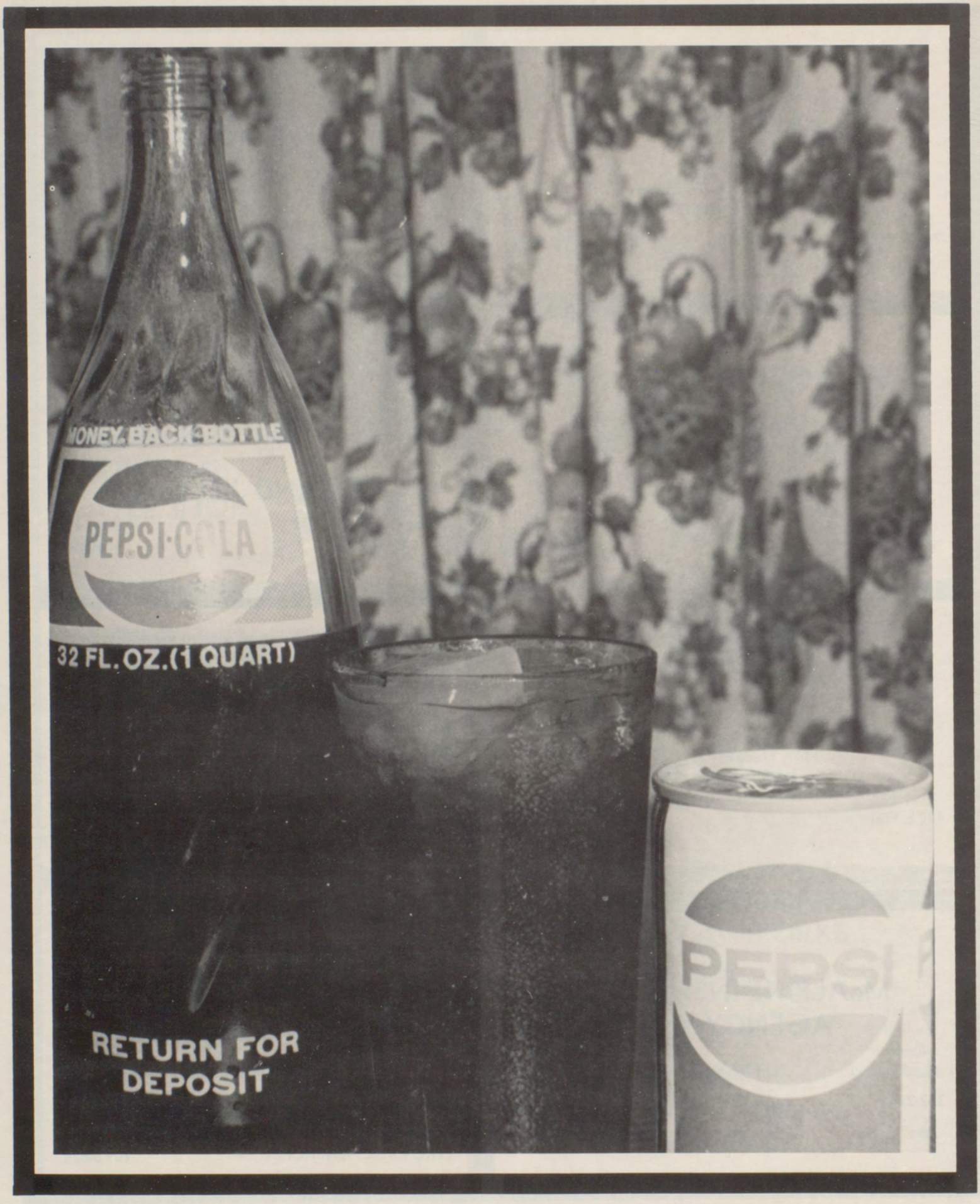
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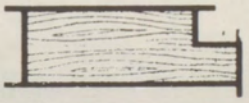

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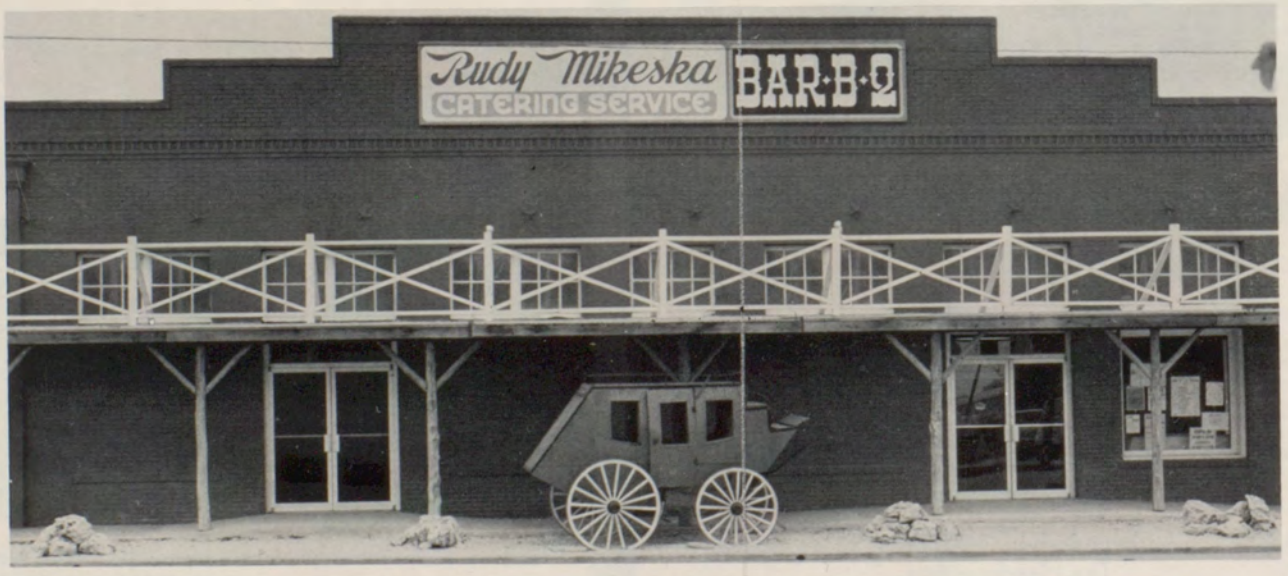
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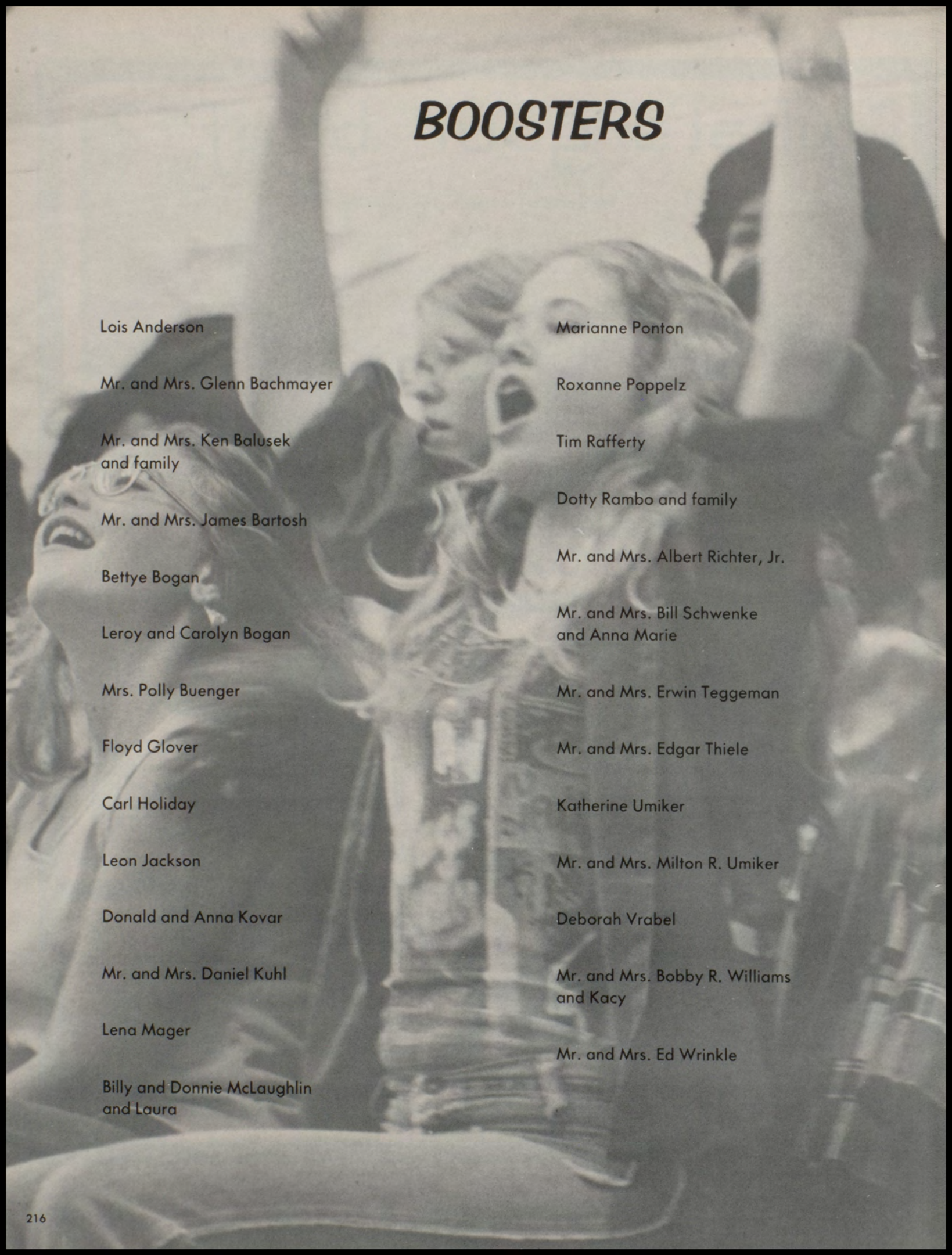
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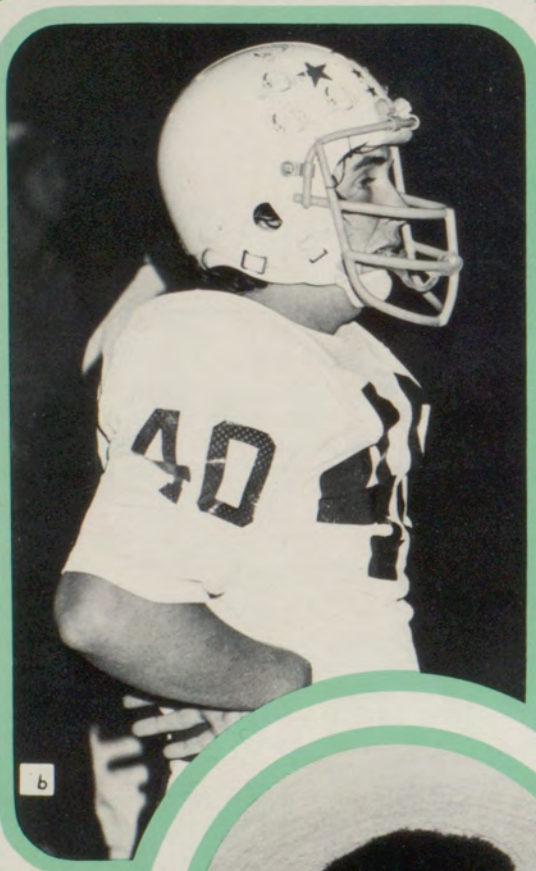
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# Big Lessons

a. While most of us considered school a full time work load, many students had after-school jobs — or businesses. Senior Randall Bachmayer could usually be found with a book or a camera in hand, as his photography studio and homework left him little spare time.
b. From August to November, we were caught up in football. Whether we were involved in band practice, Hi-Steppers, the weekly concession stand or the backfield, like Trey Buzan, we all felt the impact the sport had on our lives.


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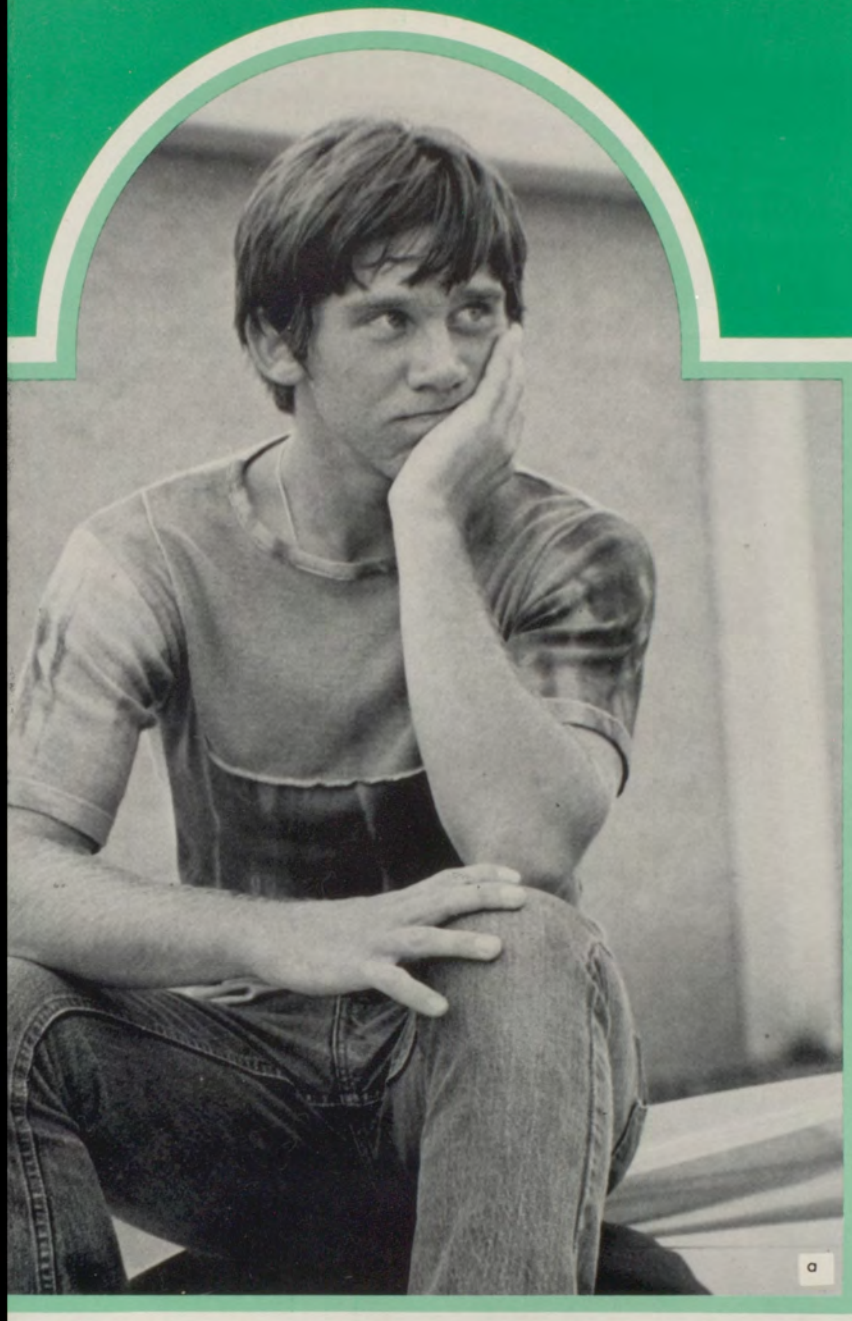

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c. We were often called upon to act weird, look weird and say weird things in front of the entire student body. Here, Ginny Urbanek, Karen Mazac and Brian Brinkmayer wait for the Easter Beagle during an April assembly.
d. Everyone must face a little embarrassment in his or her high school life. Spanish Club initiate Michael Harrell muses about his plight in sponsor Lupe Ramirez's room.

Learning is what school is all about. And we learned — but not just history and math. We learned lessons about people — about one another. We learned that each person has his own style, and hears his own drummer. And while we recognized this, we combined our individual personalities to create the character of the '77 student body. Yes, we were a diverse group — but we got along, and learned from and taught each other big, big lessons.





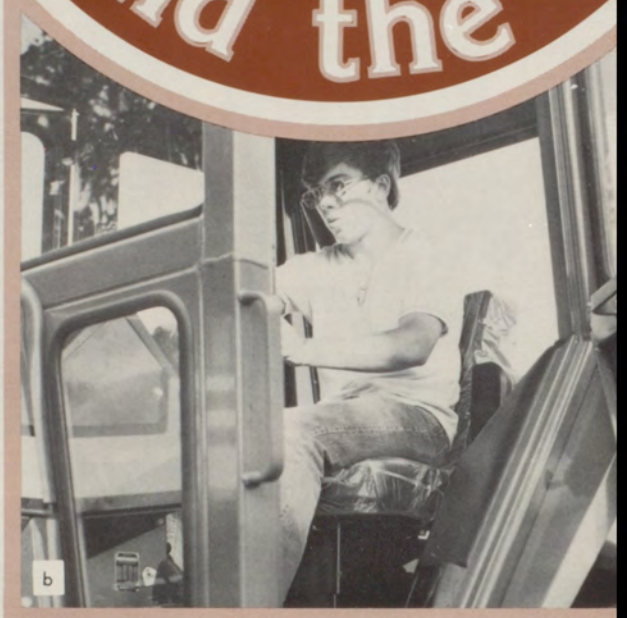


a. Although life often seemed hectic, there were times that monotony and boredom engulfed us all. Ernie Rohlack's expression reflects a mood that everyone fell into at times.
b. Raising school spirit and money for clubs both involve difficulty. But spirit had to be the tougher of the two this year, as cheerleaders had to put in overtime to get the student body excited.
c. Underclassmen often have a rough time at THS. At the Latin Club initiation, tortures like wheelbarrow races in the student center and togas and chains were all burdens of the slaves.

a. At times the hectic life of high school simply becomes too much and something must be done to ease some of the pressure. Assistant Principal David Krueger assumes his second identity as director of the marching Kazoo band, much to the delight of the Homecoming assembly's audience.
b. Farming takes time, and a big chunk out of some guys' summers. Gilbert Mokry runs a tractor for his dad before fall classes begin.

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c. After several futile attempts in the past, THS finally had a bonfire — which sparked excitement and spirit before the Taylor-Lockhart game.
d. Every senior realizes, at some point during the year, that his or her high school career is coming to a close. After his last football game as a Taylor Duck (the bi-district loss to Waco-Midway), Richard Smith reflects on four years.

# beat goes on...

We were what made THS in '77. We were the people. We left an indelible mark on the school — not visible to the eye, but, nonetheless there. We leave, change, reshuffle and three quarters of the student body returns. But it will never be the same. For we were the personality of THS in '77 — as individual as a thumbprint — or a heartbeat.



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a. Freshman Nancy Rohlack relaxes before marching onto the field for a half-time show.
b. Between the months of January and May, THS students, organizations and clubs are continually involved in contests. Band members Sharon Harrell and Linda Johnson relax after performing at marching contest in Round Rock.

# SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

Expressions:
Turkey
Tear out
Low life
The Kid

Movies:
Rocky
Network
The Silver Streak
A Star Is Born

Songs:
Evergreen
I Wish
Lukenbach
Torn Between Two Lovers
New Kid in Town

Fashions:
Gaucho pants
Jeans
Jumpsuits
Farrah Fawcett T-Shirts

T.V. Shows:
Charlie's Angels
Roots
Saturday Night

Prices: Hamburgers — $.80
Cokes — $.30
Gas — $.52 per gallon
Jeans — $20.00
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Places To Go:
Municipal Auditorium
Dances: Granger, K.C.
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The Doobie Brothers
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