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A. Junior, Harold Harvey, concentrates on a Free throw during the opening district game against Georgetown.
B. Due to injuries during the Westlake game quarterback, Brad Frazier, unable to work out, watches his fellow teammates ready themselves for the Lampasas game.











A. A traditional part of football season was the halftime entertainment. Here, band members await the whistle beginning their halftime show. B. The MALLARD trip to Dallas not only was the first airplane flight by many of the staff, but also marked the first time that a school field trip was taken by plane. On October 17, 1977, the sun was just beginning to rise as staff members arrived at the airport for their 7:40 flight. C. The Duck football team showed just how fired-up and ready they were as they came exploding through the run-through sign at the Belton game. D. Both ex-students who remembered the days of the Marx Brothers and students who were only familiar with them through late-night movies enjoyed Christi McLaughlin and Tammi Sefcik's version of the famous scene from the movie "Horsefeathers." E. Many different types of references could be found at Taylor High, with one of the most popular being friends and classmates. Students in English II find that answering questions on **Julius Caesar** was easier when it became a shared project.

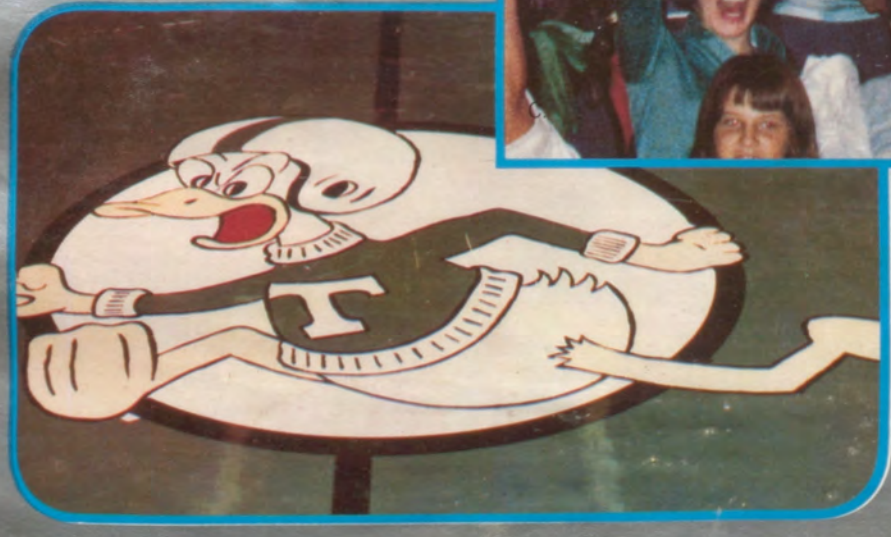




we're all in

A. The news traveled from Belton that their run-through sign was to be the "World's Largest." Not to be outdone, Taylor High made its own bid for fame with the "World's Smallest" run-through sign. Here Todd Harris shows his feelings regarding the Belton game as he easily hurdles the banner. B. Each person has their own way in which they wish to study. Sophomore, Frank Smith, chooses to be alone while doing his homework. C. Spirit activities may be centered at the high school, but the football game itself includes the entire Taylor area. However, every Friday night, spectators, whether they were parents, friends or just football fans, turned out to watch the Taylor Ducks in action.





One of the most unique factors of Taylor High is the mascot affectionately named Drallam. Other high schools may have their ferocious lions and mighty tigers, but Taylor enjoys the distinction of being the only high school in the United States with the duck as a mascot.

Being a member of the group yet retaining his individuality was a characteristic of each student at THS. The students and faculty alike learned to give of themselves and their own varied talents to a common goal — one of growing in spirit and pride. Each learned what it meant to "work as one." Not only was this united effort seen in the support of athletic events, but also in the organization of school clubs and the





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this together



A. The Taylor-Georgetown Football game is always an important one due to the rivalry that exists on both sides. Here, David Polasek, Dwayne Finn, Glen Cepak and David Marcon intently watch the game from their sideline vantage point. B. New things not only came up within our school, but also in our community as well. The new Fotomat store along with other new establishments exemplify the growth and change in Taylor.

work in classrooms. Whether you were a football player, cheerleader, member of a club or part of the faculty when it came to our school spirit we all became one. Together we shared new ideas and adventures. Win or lose, be it a game, academic contest, or a school project, we were united working together to achieve a final goal. UNITY became the fact of life at Taylor High School.



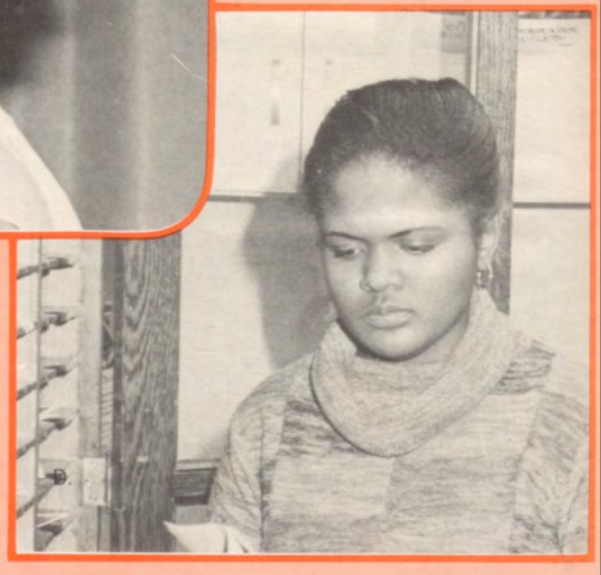
Homecoming not only brought ex-students back to visit but also caused celebrities from the past to appear in Taylor. Here, "The Imperials," Michael Harrell, Donald Hill and Reggie Hill, entertain the standing room only crowd at the assembly.











A. Being an active student at THS sometimes meant being more of an extrovert than we really were. Barry Cravens "opens up" as a vampire in the On Stage '78 Spook House. B. Life at THS was not always fun and games — only sometimes. Club initiations provided entertainment for old and new members alike. Here, Kirk Zachary and Arthur Alderete, DECA initiates, learn the fine points of Livesaver-passing during DECA initiation. C. Sometimes our life at THS seemed like an endless cycle of tests, meetings, classes, homework assignments and just plain drudgery. On days like that, a big smile sure helped us get by. Here, Beth Sexworth flashes a grin at an off-camera friend. D. Changes are a part of life, and changes reach us, the students of THS. We saw new faces, took different classes, participated in new activities, learned to abide by changed school rules and policies. We changed as people too. The MALLARD staff saw a change in staff policy this year: Joyce Reese was the first sophomore to become a staff member. E. All of us have our own special "thing" — something that makes us different, something that lets us be our own person. Whatever it was, enjoying it made our lives unique. Here Brian Brinkmeyer does his thing, expressing his individuality as drummer for "The Innovations."

Going places, meeting people, finding new adventures or just doing what you want are all a part of LIVING. We found that THS was just the place for that. Sports, banquets, assemblies and of course the prom were a few of the highlights which kept us busy throughout the year. School gave us an opportunity to meet others, to become involved with many different activities and to advance our education. We lived and worked side by side to carve out a special spot for ourselves in '78. We made life at THS worthwhile.

LIVING



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Above: The serenity of a single poppy expresses one MALLARD photographer's idea of summer.



Seniors Karen Mazac and Debbie McGee find it relaxing to soak up the sun.

Though the city of Taylor's population may be small, Taylor High School students' imaginations were boundless. Therefore, each student had a different idea of how to spend their summer. Whether students spend their time going to the river, working, traveling, or simply sleeping late summer became the time to enjoy life by doing your own thing!

During June common sights were the tennis courts, baseball fields and city pools filled to capacity.

The arrival of July brought the annual Taylor Independence Festival. These festivities offered excitement for a week with a parade, carnival, street dances, tennis tournament, beauty pageant and fireworks display.

As August hurriedly appeared each of us were reminded school bells would be rining soon and once again we would be returning to the classroom.

SUN SETS ON SUMMER...



Right: Winners of the July 4, 1977 Miss Williamson County Pageant include first runner-up Rebecca Commarge, Miss Williamson County Sheri Dykowski and second runner-up THS senior Lou Ann Mokry.

Below: Although many students vacationed until August 29, the vacations of Duck football players' ended on August 8. For three weeks each morning and evening football players spent long tiresome hours learning new plays and polishing old ones in preparation for the upcoming season.





Secondary coach Danny Potts gives a bit of advice to backs Edmond Raesz, Jeffrey Hattley, Gerald Davidson and Todd Harris during an after school practice.



Counselor Naomi Pasemann helps Daniel Torres with a change in his schedule.

On August 29, 1977 at 8:35 nine new teachers and a large group of new students began a school year filled with the promise of exciting times ahead. As usual there were the first day jitters and confusion although, "By the second week of school everything seemed routine," stated Freshman Jason Sefcik.

A plan THS students previously liked was put into effect for the second year. Each student was allowed to select a teacher as an advisor to help him with his school problems.

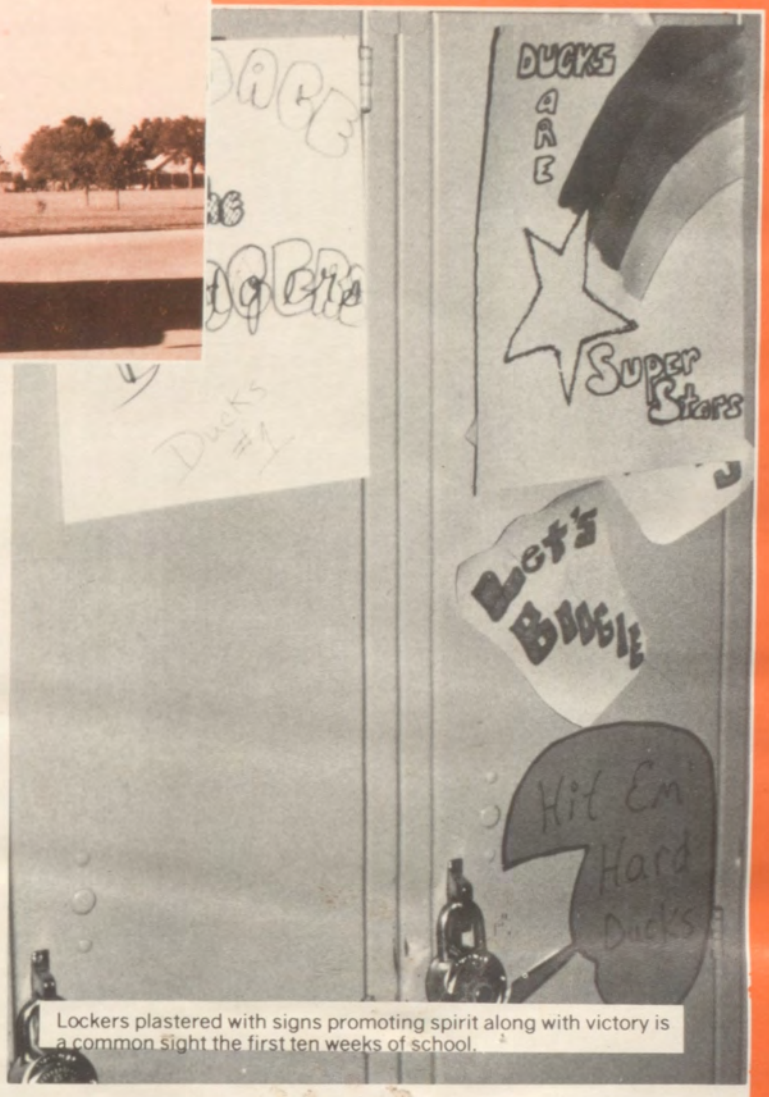
Although there were some of us who dreaded to return to school, there were also others of us who enjoyed returning to see old friends and to make new ones.



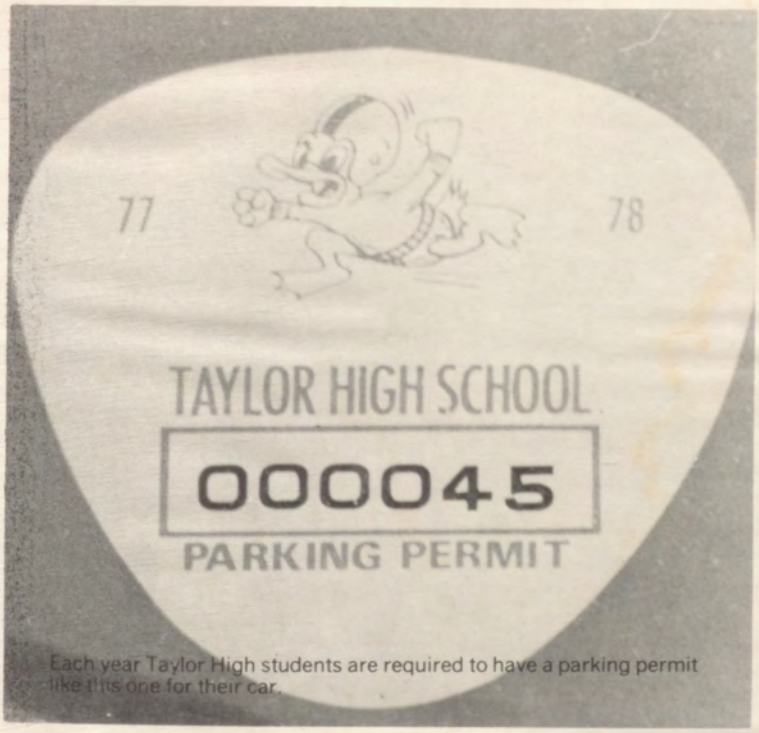
Senior Brenda Johnson purchases a parking permit for the 1977-78 school year on registration day from Pearl Wheeler.

...LIFE AT THS RESUMES!





Lockers plastered with signs promoting spirit along with victory is a common sight the first ten weeks of school.



Each year Taylor High students are required to have a parking permit like this one for their car.



One of many new f
to the routine at TH

FIRED UP AND READY!

When the Taylor Ducks opened their season with a remarkable victory over the Cameron Yoeman our school as well as the community of Taylor knew that our team was — FIRED UP AND READY!

Greatly responsible for the determination of our team were the many events which our school held to promote spirit. Cheerleaders brainstormed for different ideas on raising spirit. One idea, a car rally proved to be a successful spirit raiser. Another project with a favorable outcome was the bonfire which helped boost morale before the big showdown with Belton.

The cheerleaders also received a tremendous amount of help from the spirit organizations of THS. Hi-Steppers, Band, Twirlers and Pep Squad practiced to perfect their performances which added enthusiasm to the game.

During each pep rally a member of the varsity football squad was called upon to express the spirit of the football team. Occasionally, Head coach Shirl Frazier was asked to comment on the team and aspects of each week's game. Despite the injuries suffered by key players and the disappointing losses the Ducks faced they remained FIRED UP AND READY because of the outstanding support and spirit these players found at THS!


















Attack!





SPIRIT...



This year's varsity cheerleaders were **(Back Row)** Nancy Rohlack, Dana Basco and Patti Ruzieka. **(Center)** Tammi Sefcik. **(Front Row)** Sheila Mahlow and Stancie Schwenker.



Cheerleader Sheila Mahlow ... the reaction of the crowd after ... leting a yell at the Round Rock pep ...



"Who are the Ducks?" yells Patti Ruzicka as she cheers on the basketball team against Westlake.

Left: One of the more enjoyable aspects of cheerleading was putting up spirit signs as displayed by Nancy Rohlack, Stancie Schwerker and Sheila Mahlow. **Below:** Cheerleaders Dana Basco, Tammi Sefcik, Patti Ruzicka and Stancie Schwenker meet in the cheerleading room to paint banners to boost spirit in the pep rallies.







Leading Duck fans in a yell to fire up the basketball team against the Georgetown Eagles is Nancy Rohlack.

LET'S HEAR IT!





Above: Even while the cheerleaders sit their spirit continues to move the fans and the team. Here Dana Basco, Patti Ruzicka, Sheila Mahlow, Nancy Rohlack and Stancie Schwenker perform a "sit down" yell.

Left: One of the duties of a senior cheerleader was to escort a senior football player to the microphone where he would present his speech on the upcoming game. Here Tammi Sefcik leads football player Clarence Wooldridge to the microphone.

Taylor's Varsity Cheerleaders. The mere presence of those girls in green transformed the student body into an enthusiastic group at football, basketball and baseball games.

Certainly cheerleading was exciting and fun, but it wasn't always easy. The polish and precision of their performances came only with practice, practice and more practice. Bruised knees and multi-colored hands resulted from painting what seemed like thousands of spirit banners and locker signs. Then, there were the times when the team wasn't doing well and each cheerleader had to deal with her emotions and remain optimistic through the end. Cheerleading wasn't an easy job at the beginning of the year when apathy among the student body stood in the way of boosting spirit. But with lots of determination and spirit the squad quickly overcame this and staged exciting pep rallies that fired up the team and made the student body feel a part of it all. By the end of the football season everyone appreciated the cheerleaders even more.

The cheers and chants did not cease after football season, but continued throughout the year as cheerleaders attended basketball and baseball games and supported various organizations throughout the year.

Though being a cheerleader had its rough times, the good times outnumbered the bad. Leading the teams and school in spirit, performing at pep rallies, painting the cheerleader room to reflect their bright individual personalities and many other unforgettable experiences made all the time and effort well worth it. Any girl on the squad would tell you that they wouldn't have traded their experiences as a varsity cheerleader for anything in the world.



Above: Junior cheerleader Dana Basco leads the student body in a victory yell during the Georgetown pep rally.



Left: Even as the final minutes tick away senior cheerleader Stancie Schwenker continues to cheer her winning Duck football team on.

Bell Brigade, J.V. Cheerleaders:

The third year of the Bell Brigade signaled the growth and success of the organization. The Bell Boys wore their new green and white overalls for the first time this year at football games and entertained the crowds with acrobatic stunts on their miniature trampoline. They cheered right alongside the varsity cheerleaders in an effort to raise morale and spirit at games. Though the Bell Boys helped the cheerleaders boost spirit, their main responsibility was to ring THS' victory bell whenever the Duck team scored. The bell was a scoring signal to the spectators as well as an inspiration to the team and crowd who eagerly awaited to hear the ringing of the bell, signaling a Duck triumph.







Above: Bell Brigade member Casey Tate rings the victory bell signaling a Duck score as David Heap watches the final play of the half. **Right:** This year's Bell Brigade consisted of: **(Front Row)** Tim Rafferty and John Tovar. **(Back Row)** Ricky Mann, Casey Tate and David Heap.

KEEPIN' UP THE SPIRIT

While varsity cheerleaders supported the varsity teams, J.V. cheerleaders were busy rooting for the freshman and J.V. teams. The squad kept busy throughout the year with various activities to help promote spirit. One of their first activities was learning new yells to perform at games from the varsity cheerleaders. They also sponsored a Car Wash early in the year to raise money for their new sweater uniforms. Painting gym and locker signs for football and basketball games occupied a good part of the girls' time and energy. During football season, they could be found cheering the teams on every Thursday night while basketball season brought them indoors to lead yells in the gym.

Above: Tina Vega executes a perfect toe jump during the "Hello" yell before the Lampasas game.





Left: J.V. cheerleaders Debbie Wright, Pam Brookshire, Tina Vega, Coty Balusek and Karen Naivar anticipate wet weather before the game against A&M as Trevor Sladek looks on.





Above: J.V. cheerleaders are: **(Front Row)** Roy Anne Rogers, Debbie Wright and Karen Naivar. **(Back Row)** Pam Brookshire, Coty Balusek and Tina Vega. **Left:** Concentrating on the action on the field during the Westlake game are J.V. cheerleaders Coty Balusek and Karen Naivar.

A Little Bit BIGGER

A Little Bit BETTER



This year's Pep Squad members are: **(Front Row)** Melinda Wilkins, vice president, and Sharon Wooldridge, president. **(Second Row)** Betty Garza, treasurer, and Nora Perez, secretary. **(Third Row)** Paula Pease and Pam Pease. **(Fourth Row)** Bobbie Griffin and Regina Perez. **(Fifth Row)** Connie Hernandez and Madelon Powers. **(Sixth Row)** Sandra Sobotik, Ellen Nelson, Kara Petrus, Paula Repa, Monica Cuba and Teresa Bowden. **(Back Row)** Donna McKany, Amy Kasparek, Gina Manley, Kathy Griffith, Eddie Johnson and Elizabeth Barratachea.



Pep Squad was active in many spirit raising activities during the football season. Here they entertain the student body and football team with a "Price Is Right" skit during the Belton pep rally.

Below: Pep Squad president Sharon Wooldridge waits to help cheer the football team through the victory line before the Del Valle game.



With the largest membership in two years. Pep Squad made its presence known and appreciated. The lively twenty-two members aided the cheerleaders in igniting the general school spirit. They enjoyed boosting spirit at every pep rally and learned special hand routines to do to the cheerleader's yells. They added an extra bright spot at the football games, wearing their new green and white uniforms and entertaining the crowds with their routines.

Everything was not new as Pep Squad carried out some traditional activities such as selling ribbons and football programs to raise money and painting spirit signs to decorate the gym and student center. This was certainly a growing and enthusiastic year for Pep Squad and their fun never seemed to stop. They always generated a big spirited feeling and carried it with them everywhere they went.



Above: Supporting the Ducks at the annual bonfire are Pep Squad members Teresa Bowden, Donia McKany, Sandee Seaquist, Amy Kasparek, Monica Cuba, Kara Petrus, and Paula Repa.



Right: Pep Squad members surprise sponsor Dotty Rambo with a bouquet of flowers presented during the last pep rally of the year.



Above: Excited about a "big play" Coaches Danny Potts and Steve Wilson congratulate sophomore linebacker Edward Tealer. **Below:** Taking a break from the game senior James Casey and junior Billy Seigmund keep an eye on the action as the Duck trounce district foe Lockhart during the homecoming game.

The scratches, bruises and tired aching muscles football players acquired during August two-a-days signified only a small portion of what was in store for them in the upcoming season. As the season advanced daily workouts became strenuous and the players continued to endure aches and pains. But, in spite of these trials and tribulations the football players performed to the best of their ability.

A tough defensive unit proved to be the key factor of Duck victories. The impressive defense held their opponents to a slim 5.6 points per game. One of the outstanding defensive players Kenneth Thomas set a new school record by intercepting a pass against Lockhart and running it back 96 yards for a touchdown. Although they were outsized by every opponent, the offensive unit with their efforts and determination managed to compile 142 points with 2, 479 yards total offense.

Many factors contributed to the fact that the team did fall short of their expectations. When asked offensive lineman Casey Cravens commented, "There were a lot of things we could have done or should have done because of the errors we made we ended up one point away from the district championship.





Overcome with enthusiasm the fighting Taylor Ducks mob on the

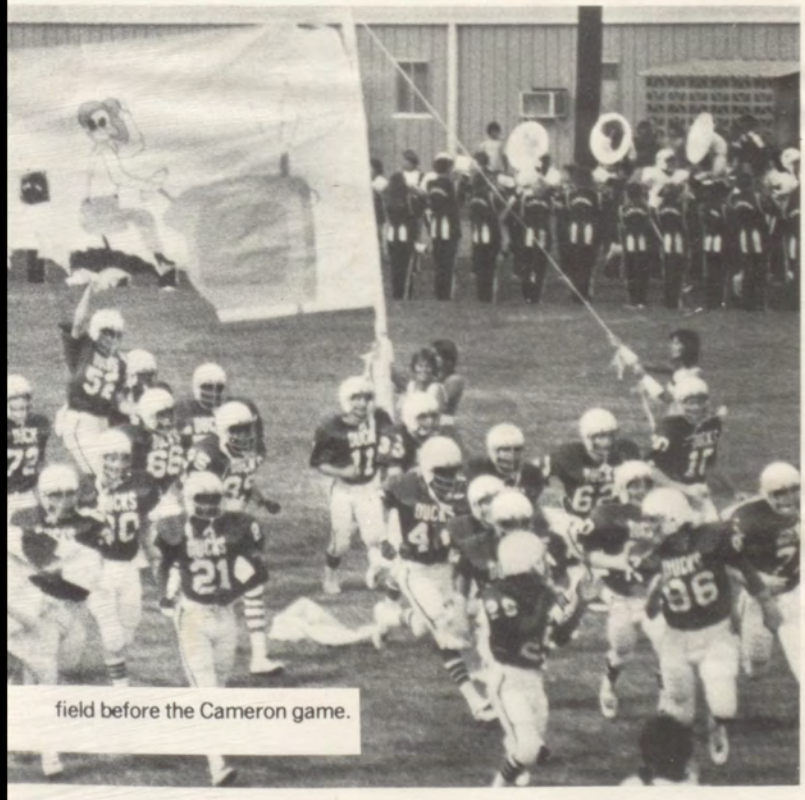


Junior Jeffrey Hattley scampers for needed yardage against the Belton Tigers.



Above: VARSITY FOOTBALL: **(Front Row)** Randall Parker, Carlton Brown, Robert Gomez, Randall Dloughy, Michael Pittman, Clarence Wooldridge, Jeffrey Hattley, Gerald Davidson, Edmond Raesz, Arthur Tamez, Kieth Rieger. **(Middle Row)** Ricky Widmer, James Casey, Todd Harris, David Alford, Vollie Robinson, Casey Cravens, Billy Seigmund, Rick Cuzzort, Domingo Alderete, Mike Breuckner. **(Back Row)** Coaches Leon Nickerson, Eddie Spiller, and Steve Wilson, Dale Bunge, Brad Frazier, Doug Kuhl, Kenneth Thomas, Leonard Burnett, Robert Stone, Leon Robinson, Edward Tealer, Coach Doug Ruthven, Head Coach Shirl Frazier and Coach Danny Potts.

DUCKS FALL SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS



field before the Cameron game.



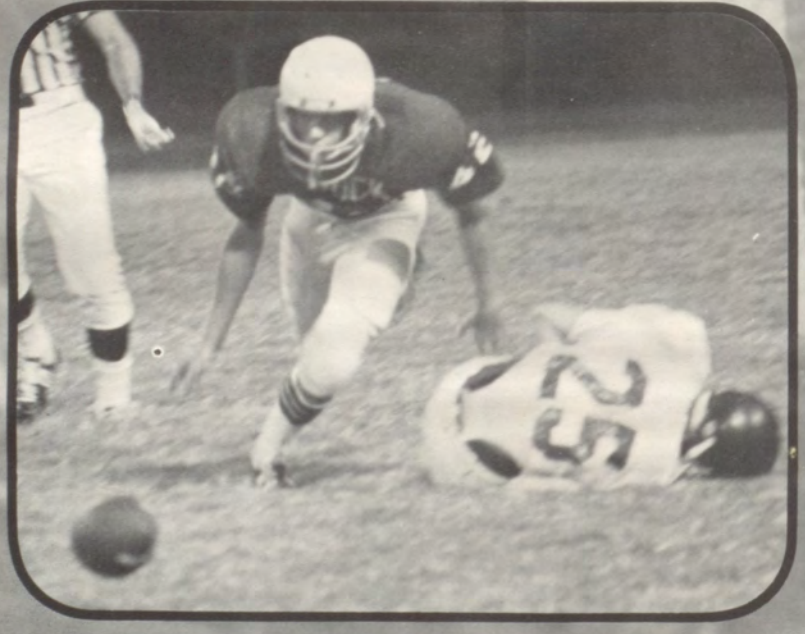
Quarterback Clarence Wooldridge listens attentively as Head Coach Shirl Frazier points out a costly error — throwing an interception!

Young Team



JV FOOTBALL: **(Front Row)** Donald Hill, Raul Tamez, Leroy Fredrick, Daniel Torres, Benny Lopez, Jeff Davidson. **(Second Row)** Ralph Granzin, George Stinson, Kelly Wilkerson, Arthur Ruiz, Joesph Jonse, Ernest Fredrick. **(Third Row)** Justin Nickerson, Eddie Walker, Dennis Carter, David Ruiz, Reggie Caldwell. **(Back Row)** Coach Doug Ruthven, Donnie Taylor, Daniel Ruiz, and Kurt Sobotik.

Although the season record of the Junior Varsity squad was determined by the scoreboard, it could not represent the team's efforts. Through the leadership of the Juniors and the determination of the Sophomores the team compiled a respectable 4-6 season record. An outstanding running back, Ernest Fredrick gained over 1,500 yards rushing. Coach Doug Ruthven summed up saying, "Potential-wise we got as much as could be asked from the kids, they overcame many obstacles to win the games they did. I was really happy with the way the kids performed!"



Junior defensive back Kurt Sobotik recovers a fumble after dealing out a punishing tackle.

Gains Experience



Running back Brian Hubbard Scampers for extra yardage which leads the Freshmen to an undefeated season.

Usually being a member of the Freshman football team means acting as a blocking dummy for upperclassmen and getting all the left over equipment, which is always too big. However, these facts did not seem to bother the Freshman squad this year. Under the leadership of Coach Richard Sancillo the squad had an exceilent season finishing undefeated. The freshman used their impressive offensive and defensive units to literally shut down their opponents. The team was lead to many victories by their explosive running back Chris Smith.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: **(Front Row)** Chris Smith, Brian Hubbard, Jimmy Weise, Greg Blomquist, Michael Carpenter. **(Second Row)** Bryan Townsend, Johnny Wooldridge, Reggie Hill, Ronnie McAdams, Trevor Sladek. **(Third Row)** Fabian Villanueva, Thomas Reese, Leonard Olivarez, Eddie Wrinkle. **(Back Row)** Justin Anderson, Brad Moss, Jimmy Cuzzort, Scott Lindemann. Not pictured is Coach Richard Sancillo.

ONE MORE TIME



Above: Brightly-colored, imaginative signs were part of the big welcome exes received on Homecoming. Here, the prize-winning Junior class sign invites exes on a "lion hunt" — Lockhart Lions, that is.

November 4, 1977 was, in many ways, a day to remember. It was Homecoming, both a break in the routine for the students of THS and a chance for THS exes to recapture their own high school days.

The entire school was caught up in the spirit of Homecoming. Pony-tailed bobby-soxers and slick-haired hoods filled the halls, transforming the school into a scene from the '50's. THS overflowed with school spirit, with decorated doors, homecoming signs and spirit banners welcoming the exes back to THS and cheering the Ducks on to victory. To end the school day, the traditional Homecoming Assembly entertained students and exes alike with a glimpse of high school life "back then."

All the excitement and sparkle of Homecoming climaxed that night with the Taylor-Lockhart game. The spirit organizations, students and fans all did their part in cheering the football team on to a 23-6 victory over Lockhart — a perfect ending to an exciting day.

Even after the mums are dry and brown, and the football score forgotten, Homecoming will stand out as a day unique in our school life. But, for the exes, it was more than a special day; it was a chance to relive their high school years and be a part of THS, just one more time.



Below: Carl Holiday, THS' own version of Johnny Carson, calmly gazes at the general melee during Homecoming Assembly dress rehearsal. **Bottom:** Paula Zetak and Karen Mazac, as a pair of rather elderly jitterbuggers, entertain the Homecoming Assembly audience, including Ricky Mann, who looks on in amusement.





Tammi Sefcik and Christi McLaughlin "clown around" before taking the stage as Harpo and Groucho Marx in the famous 1930's comedy, "Horsefeathers."





Above: The Homecoming Court for 1977 consisted of Princess Stancie Schwenker, Queen Reva Killingsworth and Duchess Lou Ann Mokry, who pose after the festivities. **Below:** Junior Robert Stone, as Gorgeous George, puts a headlock of the Freshman Flash, Steven Saul, during the Homecoming the Homecoming Assembly.

Above: Several fads of "the good ol' days" were recalled in the Homecoming Assembly. Here Barbie Vanecek, Sharon Wooldridge and Paula Pease help stuff a phone booth, while Margaret Guajardo awaits her turn. **Below:** Typical bobby-soxers Jan Werner and Anna Schwenke stop to pose for a picture in their 50's attire during homecoming.





Winning isn't everything when you have the pride and determination that our volleyball teams had this year. The youngest teams in recent years — all freshmen on J.V. and just three returning netters on the varsity squad — Duck volleyballers gave it their all, even when they were behind. They put up an excellent fight against Belton, Lockhart and Round Rock before falling to these more experienced teams. The close games against Belton and Round Rock, contenders for the district title, proved the determination of our volleyballers.

Though their experience was limited, their boundless spirit and attitude led them through the close matches. Both teams and coach Dianne Robbins displayed a winning determination throughout the season and worked to make this year . . .



Above: This year's J.V. volleyball team consisted of: **(Front Row)** Lillie Vanek and Laurie Graybill. **(Second Row)** Linda Bearden, Bessie Deary and Gina Manley. **(Back Row)** Arlene Alvarez, Melanie Sakewitz, Judy Cervenka and Jan Tate.

A YEAR OF REBUILDING



Left: Varsity volleyballers are: **(Front Row)** Vera Blue, Paula Mayberry and Penny Pavliska. **(Back Row)** Peggy Hyzak, Debra Vrabel and Roxanne Poppelz.



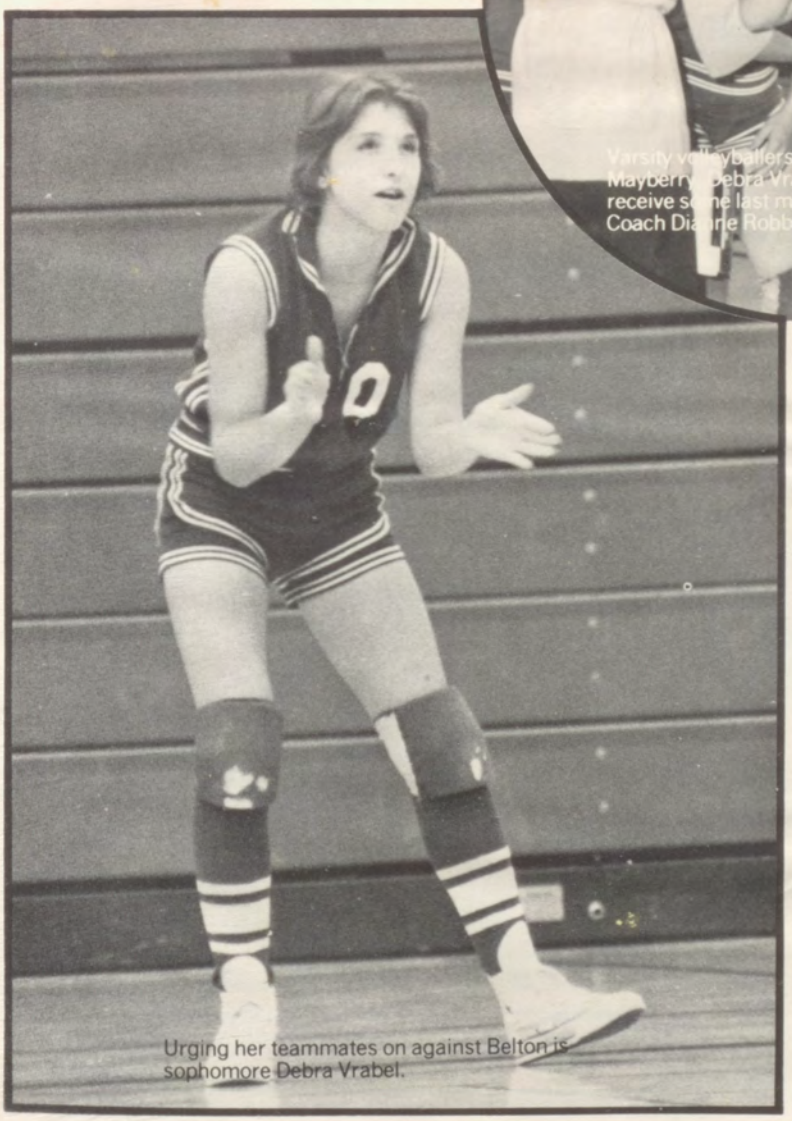
Debra Vrabel, Roxanne Poppelz and Vera Blue await the return hit from Westlake.



Roxanne Poppelz prepares to bump the ball as Paula Mayberry looks on.



Varsity volleyballers Peggy Hyzak, Paula Mayberry, Debra Vrabel and Roxanne Poppelz receive some last minute instructions from Coach Dianne Robbins before going into play.



Urging her teammates on against Belton is sophomore Debra Vrabel.



Awaiting the serve from Del Valle are J.V. players Linda Bearden, Melan[illegible]kewitz and Judy Cervenka.

Heads We Win, Tails We Lose

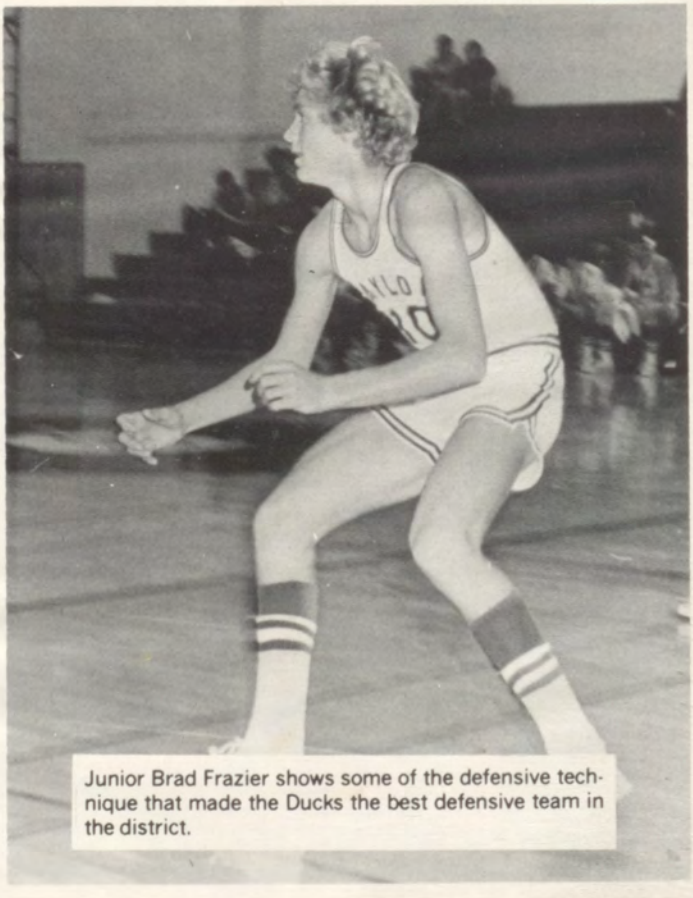


Above: Coach Doug Ruthven looks on intently as his squad scores two important points against Westlake to keep them in the district race. **Below:** Junior Louis Ross shoots a free throw that helped the Ducks pull off a big upset over Westlake.

The '77-'78 basketball season was a truly remarkable one. In his second season as Head Coach, Doug Ruthven and his surprising Taylor Ducks were tri-champions of District 12-AAA. While losing a tough game to Round Rock, the Ducks played three remarkable games against Westlake, Belton, and Lockhart to gain a three way tie between themselves, Westlake and Round Rock.

In just two years Coach Ruthven has molded the Duck basketball team into a championship team. When asked about the team he stated, "The kids were a little short on talent, but they worked real hard and had the desire to win, this showed in their 20-11 record." He also commented that the thing that helped the team win was their defense, which was the best of all the district teams, and the poise and character that the players developed." He commented, "The guys did what I asked of them and we couldn't help but win. I just wish we could have had a play off instead of a coin toss, I just feel we could have won it!"





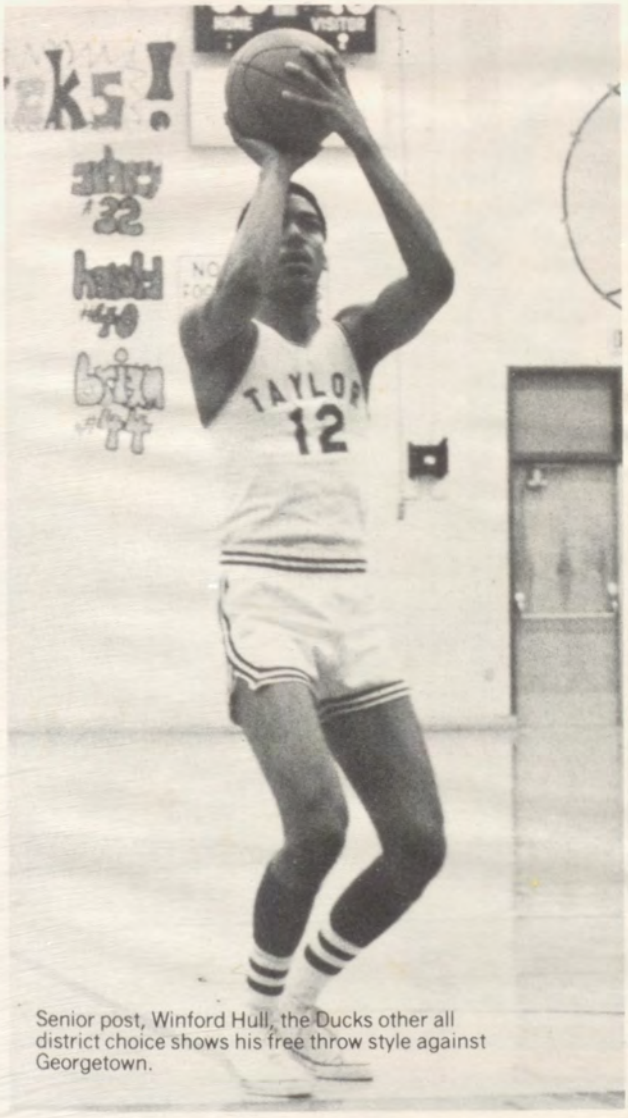
Junior Brad Frazier shows some of the defensive technique that made the Ducks the best defensive team in the district.



Senior floor leader, Kenneth Thomas one of the Ducks two all district choices starts one of many offensive plays.



Junior Brian Zrubek "goes high" over a Round Rock defender to shoot two points.

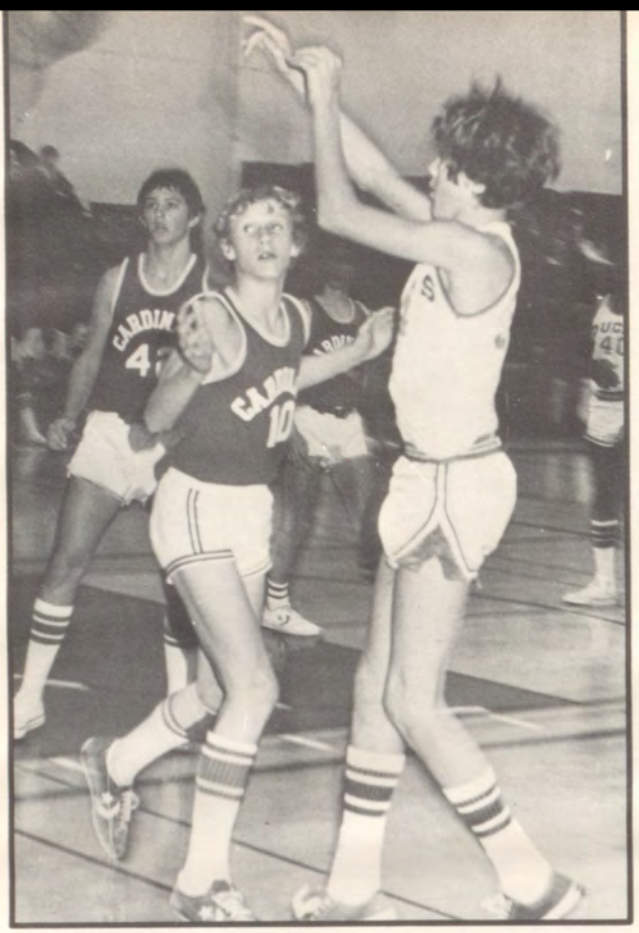


Senior post, Winford Hull, the Ducks other all district choice shows his free throw style against Georgetown.



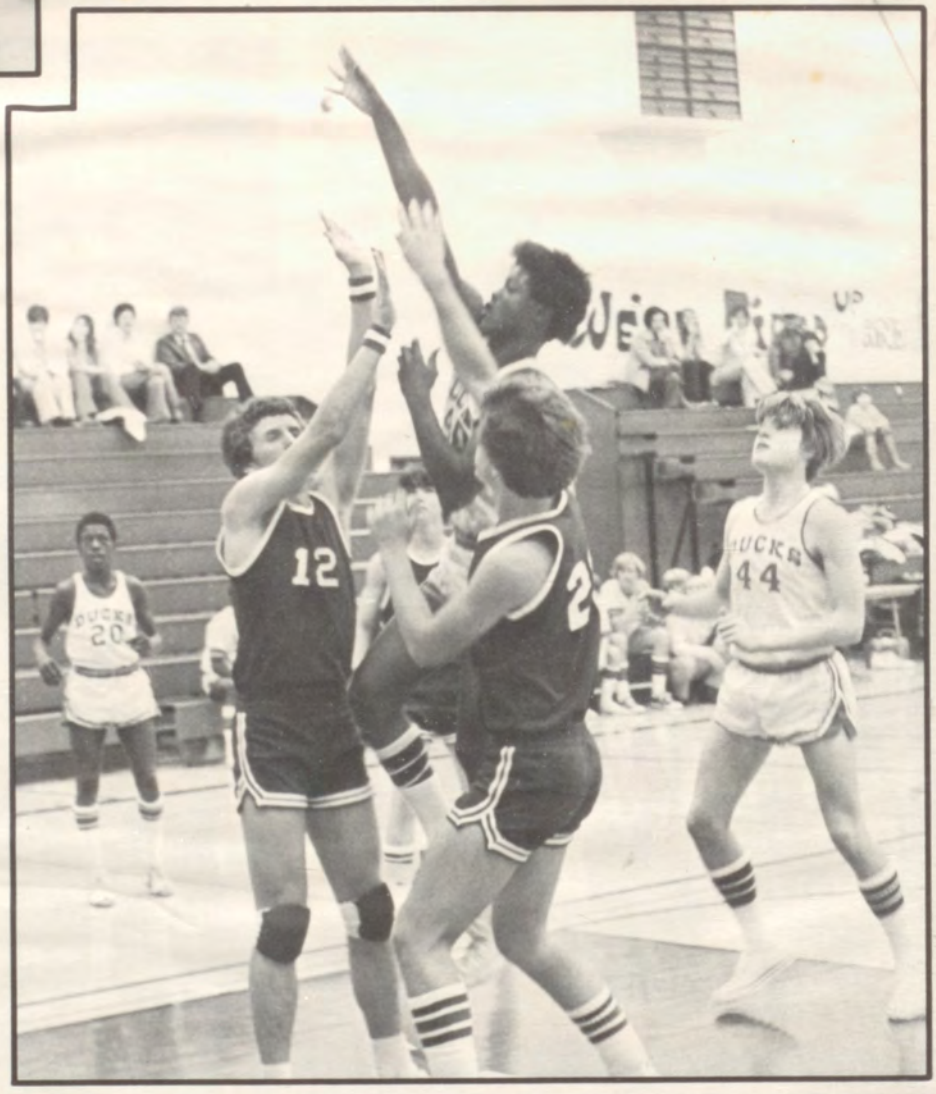
Above: VARSITY BASKETBALL: **(Front Row)** Coach Doug Ruthven, Ricky Widmer, Louis Ross, Harold Harvey, Rudy Johnson, Scott Lindemann. **(Back Row)** Brian Zrubek, Winford Hull, Brad Frazier, Aubrey Jackson, Edward Tealer, and Kenneth Thomas. **Below:** Sophomore Aubrey Jackson shoots high over a Georgetown defender as Brad Frazier looks on.







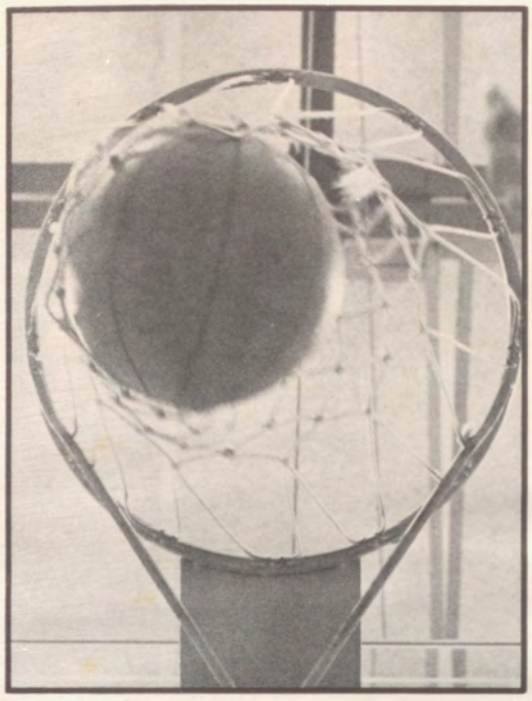
Above: Freshman James Marek makes a key pass during the Del Valle game. **Upper Right:** Members of the Freshmen Basketball team include: **(Front Row)** Carl Zachary, Vernal Jackson, Terry Richter, Fabian Villenueva. **(Second Row)** Eddie Wrinkle, Thomas Reese, Brian Hubbard, Chris Smith, Dario Conners. **(Back Row)** Reggie Hill, Ronnie McAdams, Brad Moss and Johnny Wooldridge. **Lower Right:** Freshman Brian Hubbard goes high over a group of Cameron defenders to shoot.



By their unsuccessful season records it was evident the Junior Varsity and Freshman basketballers were young and inexperienced. Although both teams season goal was to win, the squads realized no matter if they were winning or losing they were gaining for themselves valuable experience which would help them to be prepared for later Varsity competition.

When asked about the Junior Varsity squad's season coach Steve Wilson commented, "We made mistakes which caused us to lose several games by one point, although I'm sure the guys learned from this season and their mistakes. I feel at least two of these guys will really help the Varsity next year.

Learning the Fundamentals





Above: SWISH! was a familiar sound in the THS gym whenever basketballers made two points. **Below:** Sophomore Ernest Fredrick shows the determination, that helped him to a starting position, as he goes for a lay-up.



Above: JV BASKETBALL **(Front Row)** George Stinson, Raul Tamez, Byron Townsend, Randall Parker, Coach Steve Wilson. **(Second Row)** Dean Ash, Leroy Fredrick, Carl Hattley, Don Hill, Ernest Fredrick. **(Back Row)** Casey Tate, Robin McDonald, Eddie Walker, Jerome Robinson. **Below:** Junior Leon Robinson shows some of the form that helped him to be the JV's leading scorer.



Lady Bobcats

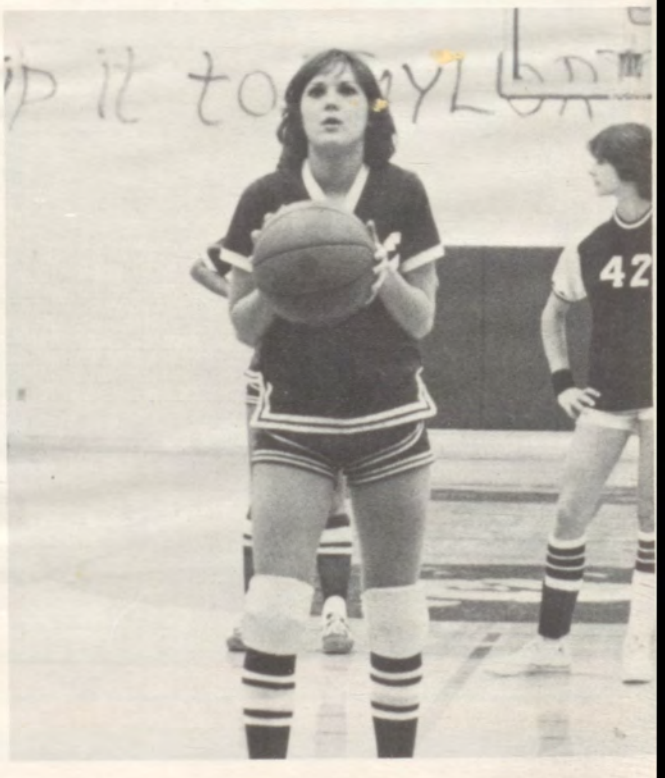
At the beginning of the season, Diane Robbins encouraged her squad to always give their best effort even when they were not winning, although this became of little importance as the season progressed. In the first year of a new program, Coach Robbins and six dedicated players overcame many obstacles to win the district title with a record of 13-1 while having a season record of 17-3.

The team's pressure defense proved to be the key factor of their success. The girls defensive efforts allowed an average of only 17 points per game to be scored against them. While the defense held opponents to low scores, their offensive efforts averaged 42 points per game for the team.

In summing up the season and the total team effort, Coach Robbins stated, "Even though we did win district, towards the end of the year we did have some problems with players." She concluded by saying, "Hopefully, next year we will have a team effort and be able to repeat our district performance."







To Victories







Left Page: Top: Members of the freshman girls basketball team include Paula Mayberry, Coty Balusek, Karen Naivar, Christi Leschber, Gee Gee Granzin and Willie Mae Jackson. **Lower Right:** Guard, Gee Gee Granzin shoots a free throw against Westlake. **Lower Left:** Gee Gee Granzin assists her teammate, Paula Mayberry as she attempts to make one of the many steals she did make during the season. **Right Page: Top:** Aggressive post, Karen Naivar hassles over the ball with Badger opposition as guard, Paula Mayberry looks on. **Above:** Karen Naivar, post jumps high to tip the ball to a fellow teammate. **Left:** Gee Gee Granzin begins to set up an offensive play with Christi Leschber.

Starting Off on the Right Foot

The Varsity track team coached by Leon Nickerson came on strong this season sending three guys to Corpus Christi. Although the guys did not advance to state Coach Nickerson said he was really proud of the three regional qualifiers: Gerald Davison, Michael Pitmann and Tim Rafferty, as well as the rest of his squad. He added, "My heart goes out to Pitmann, both Rafferty and Davison will have another shot next year but that was PeeWee's last race and had he not tripped I know he would have finished at least second with his time."

Coach Nickerson concluded by saying with Rafferty, Davison and five other returning lettermen, the Ducks should have the nucleus of a strong team next season.



Junior Jeffrey Hattley runs the first leg of the mile relay during the Cotton Boll Relays.





Upper Right: Discus thrower, Robert Stone, practices daily to improve his technique. **Below:** Michael Pitmann, senior, places second in the long jump at the district meet in Round Rock. Michael also qualified for regional in the 330 intermediate hurdles. **Lower Right:** Junior Jeff Hattley runs the first leg of the mile relay.



Above: Karen Mazac, Cotton Boll Relays Queen is escorted by Leonard Burnett.
Below: Kelly Wilkerson, sophomore shows why he was varsity material as he practices putting the shot.



Above: Duck thinclad, Tony Estrada starts the mile run at the district track meet. Tony ran a 4:46:05 and placed third. **Below:** Junior Ralph Granzin explodes out of the blocks on his way to a third place finish in the Cotton Boll Relays.





Although freshmen dominated both the boys' and girls' track teams, they represented Taylor High respectably. Seven freshmen and two upperclassmen composed the girls varsity squad which placed seventh in the district meet at Round Rock. While placing seventh at the district meet the girls recorded fifteen points with Paula Mayberry scoring thirteen and a half of them. Because of her excellent district performance Paula received the varsity letter T. Representing the Junior Varsity squad, Darrell Mokry placed sixth in the shot put at the district meet.



Upper Right: Johnny Wooldridge and Brian Hubbard, both freshmen, execute a hand off, a track technique which takes hours of hard practice to perfect.



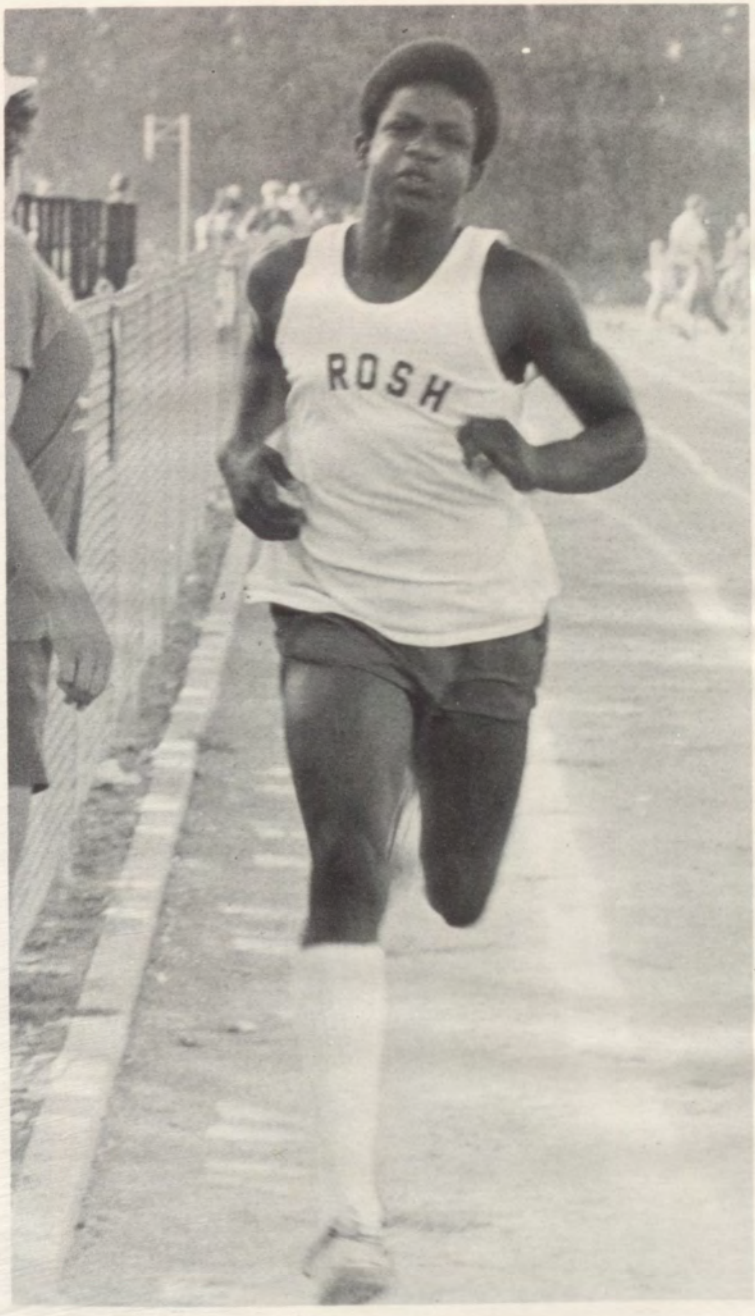


Above: Gee Gee Granzin, freshman practices to improve her broad jumping skills. Gee Gee helped to lead a young team to a respectable seventh place finish at the district meet in Round Rock. **Lower Right:** Freshman Greg Blomquist shows some of the style which should help him fill a position vacated by one of his peers on the varsity.

Keep on Trackin'!







Upper Left: Johnny Wooldridge, a freshman at THS finishes third in the 100 yard dash. Johnny ran four events for the JV squad. **Upper Right:** Freshman Brian Hubbard stretches out his lead as he finishes the gruelling 440 race. **Lower Left:** Chris Smith gives his best in an attempt to win the 100 yard dash. Because of his determination, Chris is a tough competitor. **Lower Right:** Freshman Tracy Lloyd practices hurdling during the week. She was one of seven freshmen who made up the girls' varsity squad.



A LITTLE EXTRA GOES A LONG WAY



"Ventiloquist" Bryan Kruse and "dummies" Kenneth Thompson and Jimmy Thomsen entertain students with their ventriloquist act during the Homecoming Assembly held in honor of the exes.

Laughter and applause filled the auditorium as Vice-principal David Krueger led his "kazoo" band onto the stage . . . This was just one of the examples of what went on at assemblies. The main purpose of assemblies was to provide entertainment and to offer students and faculty a chance to display their talents in singing, acting and speaking. Assemblies ranged from cheerleader tryouts to skits performed by candidates for Student Senate officers. However, some assemblies were informative such as those that enlightened students of possible career choices in specific fields such as health and advertisement. Thus, besides providing a break from the usual routine, assemblies proved that a little extra diversity goes a long way in ensuring a more cheerful and informed student body.



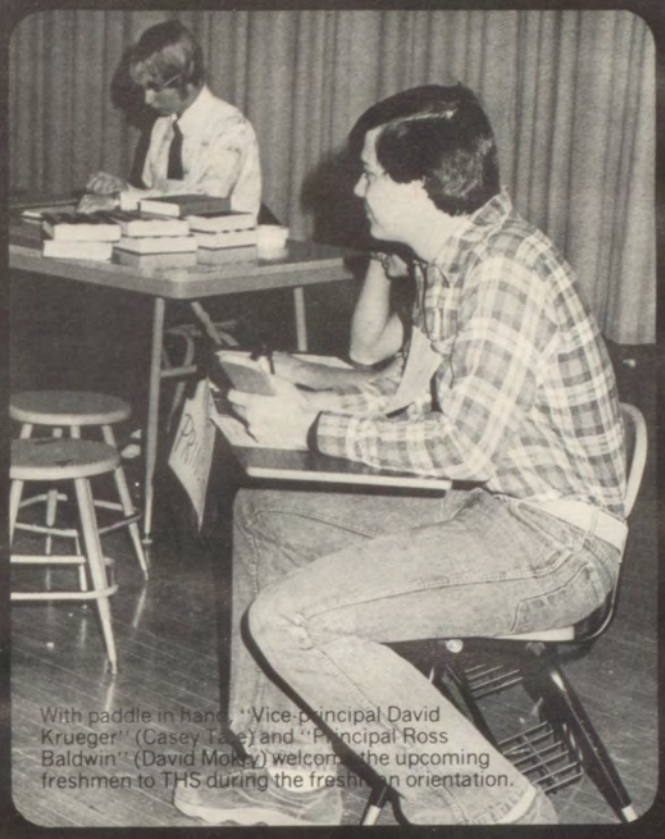
Assemblies provide students with a chance to display their talents. Here, Innovation drummist Brian Brinkmeyer plays for the student body during the Thanksgiving Assembly.



Student Senate President Candidate Louis Ross calmly waits to give his speech while the presiding president, Stephanie Schneider introduces him to the student body.



David Krueger, director of the renowned kazoo band, takes a few minutes to tune assistant director Butch Lee's kazoo.



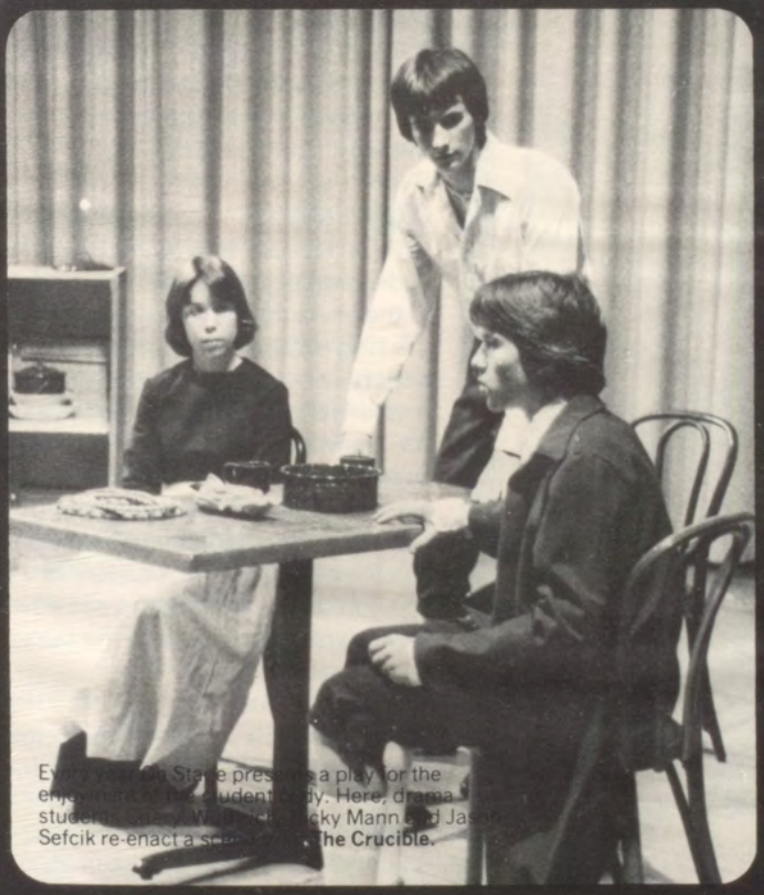
With paddle in hand, "Vice-principal David Krueger" (Casey Tate) and "Principal Ross Baldwin" (David Mokry) welcome the upcoming freshmen to THS during the freshman orientation.



Assemblies provided students with a break from the regular school routine. Here, the Air Force Show Band of the South entertain students and faculty with popular rock and country hit songs.



Student Senate members Donald Hill, Royanne Rogers, Dana Basco and Louis Ross imitate freshmen during the freshman orientation.



Every year the Stage presents a play for the enjoyment of the student body. Here, drama students Cherry Wolfrich, Ricky Mann and Jason Sefcik re-enact a scene from **The Crucible.**

Netters Swing Past



Exhausted from a long match, junior Nancy Rohlack returns a volley from her opponent. Nancy holds the best won-lost record of all the members on the Taylor team.



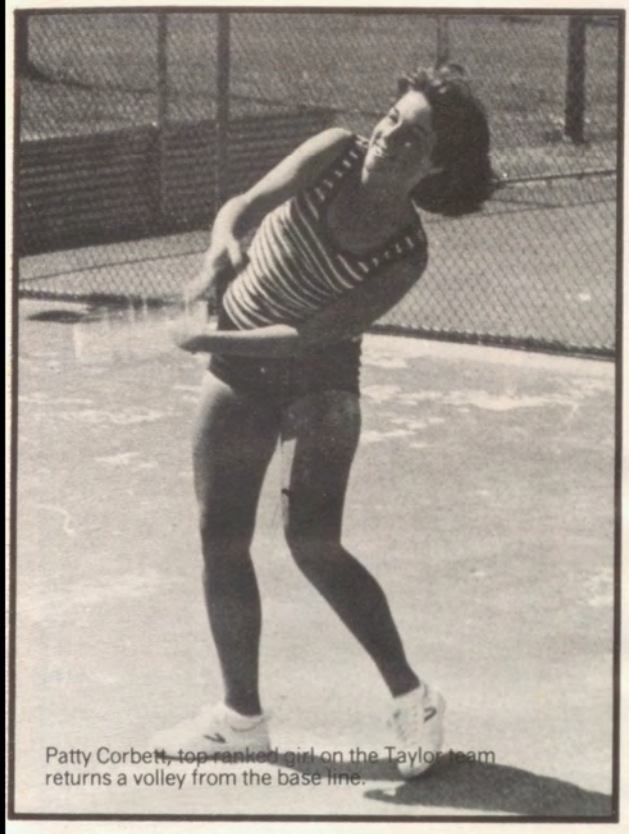
Showing her graceful tennis style is freshman team member Deanna Daughtry.

Trying to keep up the tradition of past tennis teams was no easy task, especially for a team which was rebuilding. However, the Duck netters willingly accepted the challenge and overcame all their competitors on their way to the district title for the thirteenth consecutive year.

Coach Larry Safik began workouts early in January with tennis players dedicating at least three hours a day to the grueling workouts. However, the long exhausting hours that the netters spent on the courts improving their skills paid off. Early in the year the team started toward a winning season by placing second in state team competition, losing to a tough Monahans squad. The state meet was a new event which allowed tennis coaches across the state to see how their teams ranked before the season actually got underway.

Throughout the year the Duck netters entered eleven tournaments winning the team title five of those times. Leading the squad was the boys doubles team composed of junior Brad Frazier and sophomore Terry

District



Patty Corbett, top ranked girl on the Taylor team returns a volley from the base line.



One of Taylor's outstanding tennis players, Brad Frazier displays his winning abilities as he slams a lob from his opponent.

Wilkens. The new combination won second at both the district and regional levels, and then advanced to the state meet in Austin. Teammates Jay Harkins placed second at district in the singles event gaining for himself a berth in the regional meet.

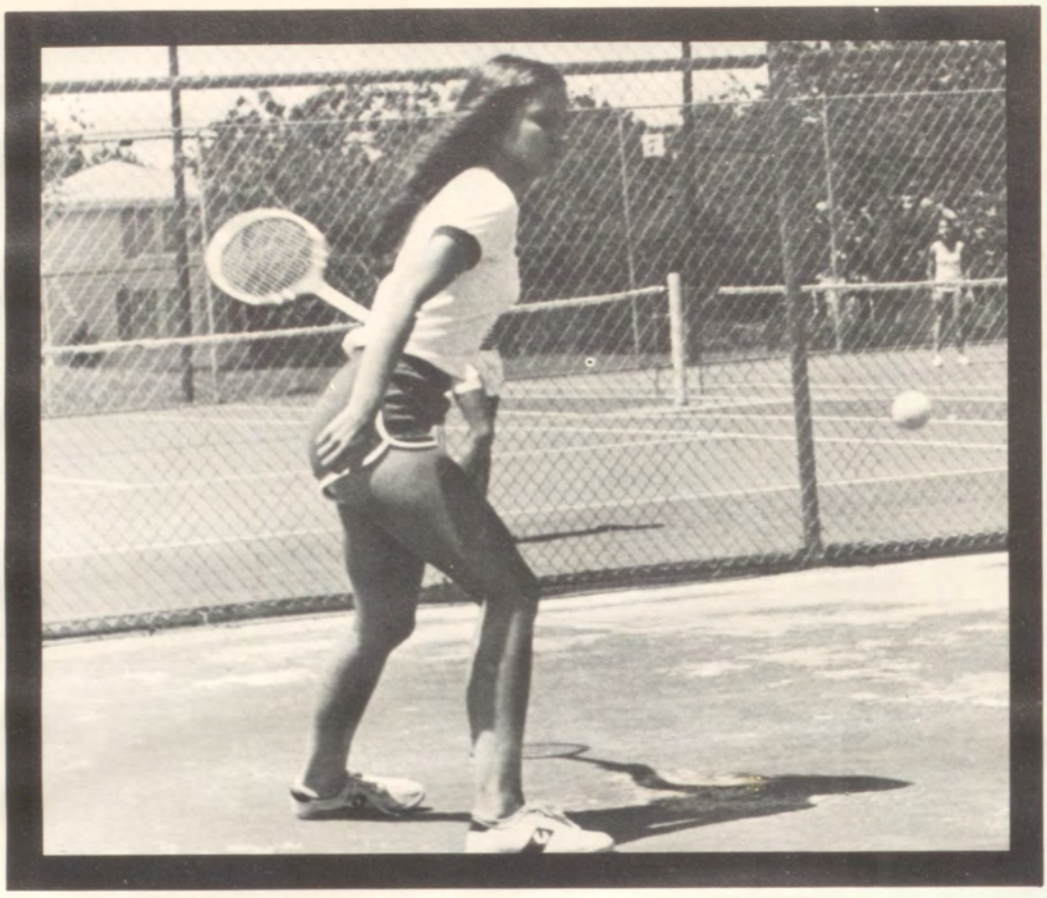
The THS girls proved to be their own toughest competition. Diana Cotner and Nancy Rohlack defeated teammates Kathie Krenek and Patti Ruzicka, at both district and regional meets. The girls placed first at district, third at regionals. Sophomore Patty Corbett, who lettered as a freshman, continued to prove her winning ways by placing second at district.

Coach Safarik's JV squad seemed to have excellent prospects for an outstanding season. The team won each tournament; New Braunfels, Taylor, and Georgetown, providing promise that the Taylor tennis tradition will continue.



Sophomore Kim Poldrack displays her strong backhand return during the Taylor Optimist tennis tournament.

Tennis









Top Left: Diana Cotner displays the concentration and coordination needed to expertly return a smashing serve. **Top Right:** Lunging with perfect timing to save a volley is Dana Kuhl. **Above:** TAYLOR TENNIS TEAM: **(Front Row)** Christi Leschber, Kim Poldrack, Coty Balusek, and Deanna Daughtry. **(Second Row)** Coach Larry Safarik, Donna Cotner, Patty Corbett, Patti Ruzicka, Kathie Krenek, Diana Cotner, Nancy Rohlack, Karen Harris, and Dana Kuhl. **(Back Row)** Francisco Garcia, Jimmy Weise, Clarence Wooldridge, Terry Wilkins, Brad Frazier, Jay Harkins, Robert Fuller, David Ruiz, and Ricky McGee. **Not Pictured:** Jason Sefcik. **Right:** Clarence Wooldridge runs to return a weak volley.

Team Upholds Tradition



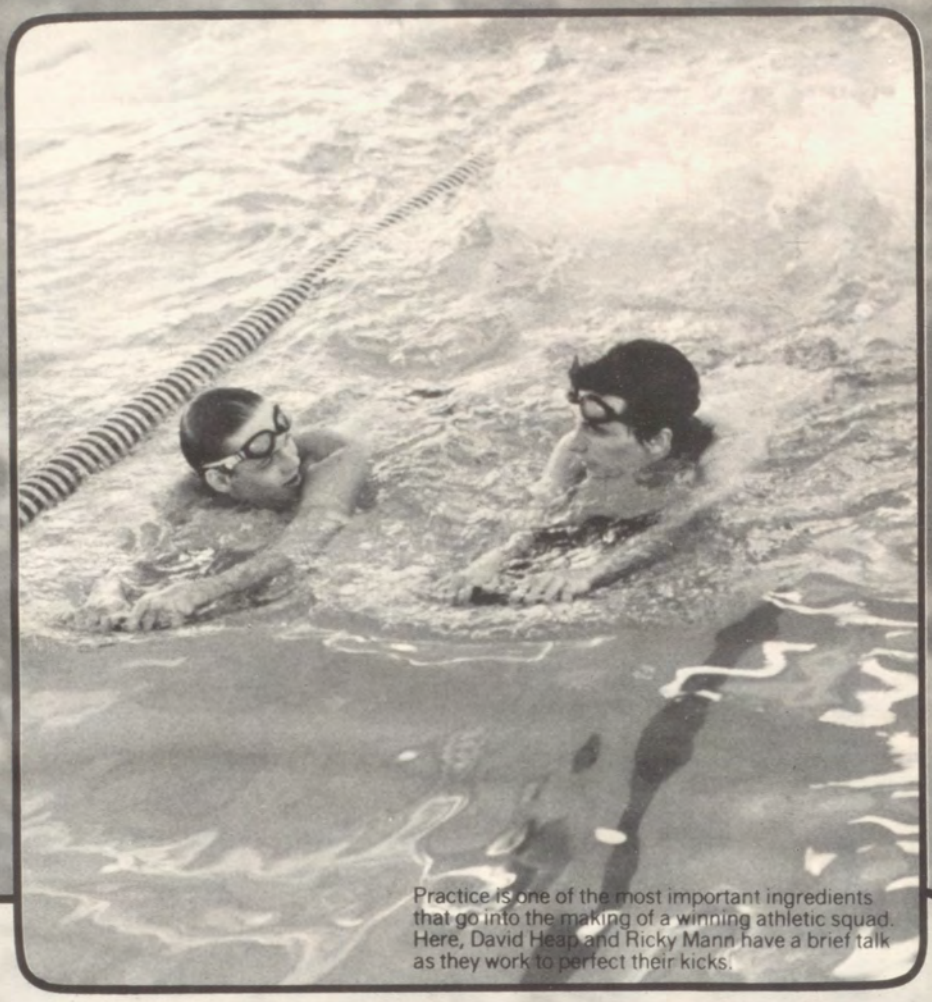
During a break in their tennis match, doubles partners Kathie Kremek and Patti Ruzicka review their winning game strategy.

MAKING WAVES DIFFERENT

For most students at THS, swimming meant summer. But for two THS seniors, David Heap and Ricky Mann, swimming was a sport — like football, baseball, track or any other sport.

The two guys were pretty much on their own when it came to practice. There was no training program, no pool available for year-round practice, not even a swimming coach. But that doesn't mean they didn't practice. Five days a week, they drove to Swim-A-Day in Austin, where they swam an average of three to four thousand yards a day, an hour a day. During the summer, they also swam the three to four thousand yards twice a day. The guys traveled to almost all meets in the district, as well as a state-wide meet in April, participating both as Taylor representatives and individual entries. They didn't just participate, they won. "I don't think we've ever come home without a ribbon or award or something," said senior swimmer David Heap.

While they might not have been the biggest team at THS, they were certainly one of the most successful — both in terms of awards and enjoyment, they received from "their" sport — swimming.



Practice is one of the most important ingredients that go into the making of a winning athletic squad. Here, David Heap and Ricky Mann have a brief talk as they work to perfect their kicks.



David Heap and Ricky Mann display some of the pride and confidence that helped make them the winning swim team that they were.

STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

The swim team was not the only THS athletic squad that had several problems to deal with — the THS golfers also had few facilities and equipment, and lacked a specific practice time. But, the golfers did have a coach — in addition to his duties as teacher and basketball coach, Doug Ruthven also took on the job of heading the basketball team.

Due to a larger interest in participation on the golf team, this year's golf team was able to compete as a team in UIL meets. However, Y'Nasmin Nix, as the only girl golfer, could only participate as a solo contestant. All THS golfers competed in local tournaments where they turned in several fine performances, including a third place in the Rockdale boy's golf tournament, held in March.

While the golf teams, both boys and girls, lacked maturity and experience, Coach Ruthven was pleased with both their performance this year, and their future prospects: "The players did really well this year, especially considering their lack of experience and I think we have the potential for building up a really fine golf program at Taylor."





Above: Y'Nasmin Nix, Taylor's only girl golfer, prepares to putt the ball during one of her many after-school practices at the Taylor Country Club. **Left:** Elbows in, eyes on the ball, senior golfer Tim Mikeska displays basic golfing techniques. **Below:** Members of the 1978 golf team were: **(Front Row)** Steven Saul, Trevor Sladek, Wyly Owen, Rick Robb. **(Second Row)** Jason Danek, Eddie Wrinkle, Tim Mikeska, James Casey, Barry Briggs, Coach Doug Ruthven. **Not Pictured:** David Alford.







Far Left: Senior James Casey, after following through on a strong swing, watches the ball as it sails toward the green. **Left:** David Alford, senior golfer, perfects his form in teeing off in preparation for the upcoming boy's golf tournament in Rockdale.

BAD NEWS DUCKS

Errors Plague Season

Beginning their second season under the direction of Head Coach Danny Potts, the baseball team finished at the bottom of the district roster with a record of 3-11. It seemed that the errors that the baseballs took were bad for the Ducks, and as a result, the season was plagued with numerous errors.

For Coach Potts and his team, the season was especially frustrating. Losing close games and making costly mistakes made the season seem endless. When asked about his feelings toward the season, Catcher Brian Sakewitz said, "We just didn't play no baseball."

Although the season was disappointing, individual players performed exceptionally well. Leading the team was Doug Kuhl, he had a batting average of 319 and picked up his twentieth career pitching win this season.



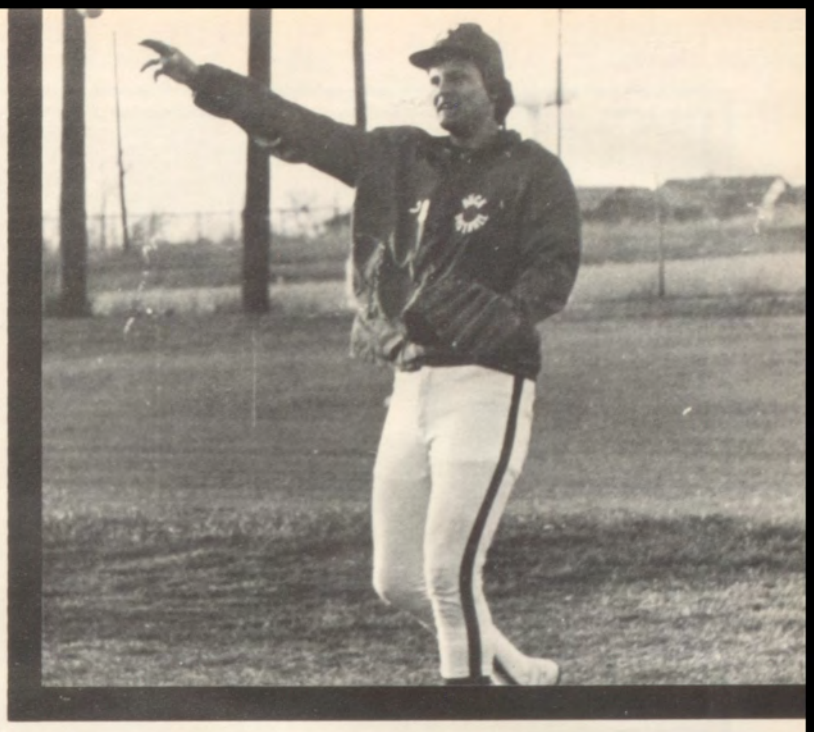
Above: VARSITY BASEBALL: **(Front Row)** Ron Black, Louis Ross, Shelly Marek, David Marek, Ernest Ariola and Keith Rieger. **(Second Row)** Statistician, Pam Brookshire, Carl Holiday, Kevin Morrison, Russell Ripple, Dean Ash, Ricky Meiske, David Roznovak and statistician Suzanne Basco. **(Back Row)** Brian Sakewitz, Dale Bunge, Daniel Sandoval, Mike Gossett, Doug Kuhl, Coach Kenny Cmerk and Head Coach Danny Potts.



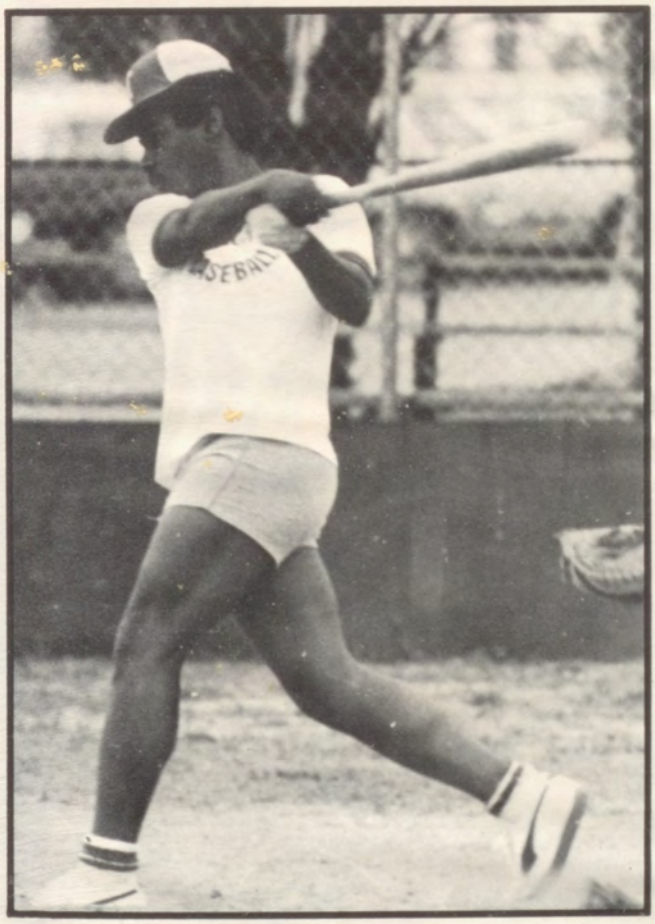


Above: Junior pitcher, Daniel Sandoval, "bears down" to strike out another batter. **Right:** After hitting a triple, senior Dale Bunge slows down as he approaches third base.





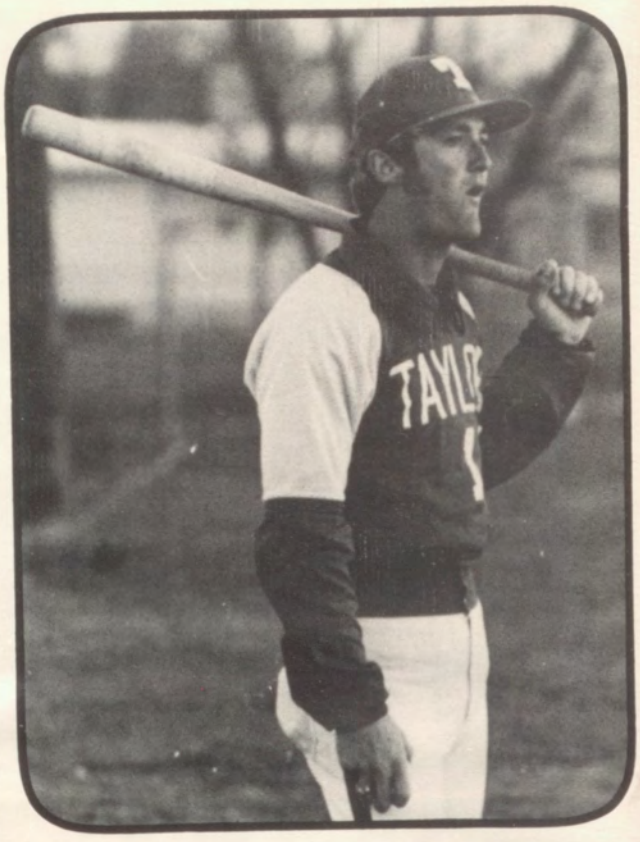
Above: On a chilly afternoon senior pitcher, Doug Kuhl warms up his pitching arm before a district game with Georgetown. **Left:** Junior David "Rabbit" Roznovak lives up to his nickname as he scampers around the bases to score a point for the team.





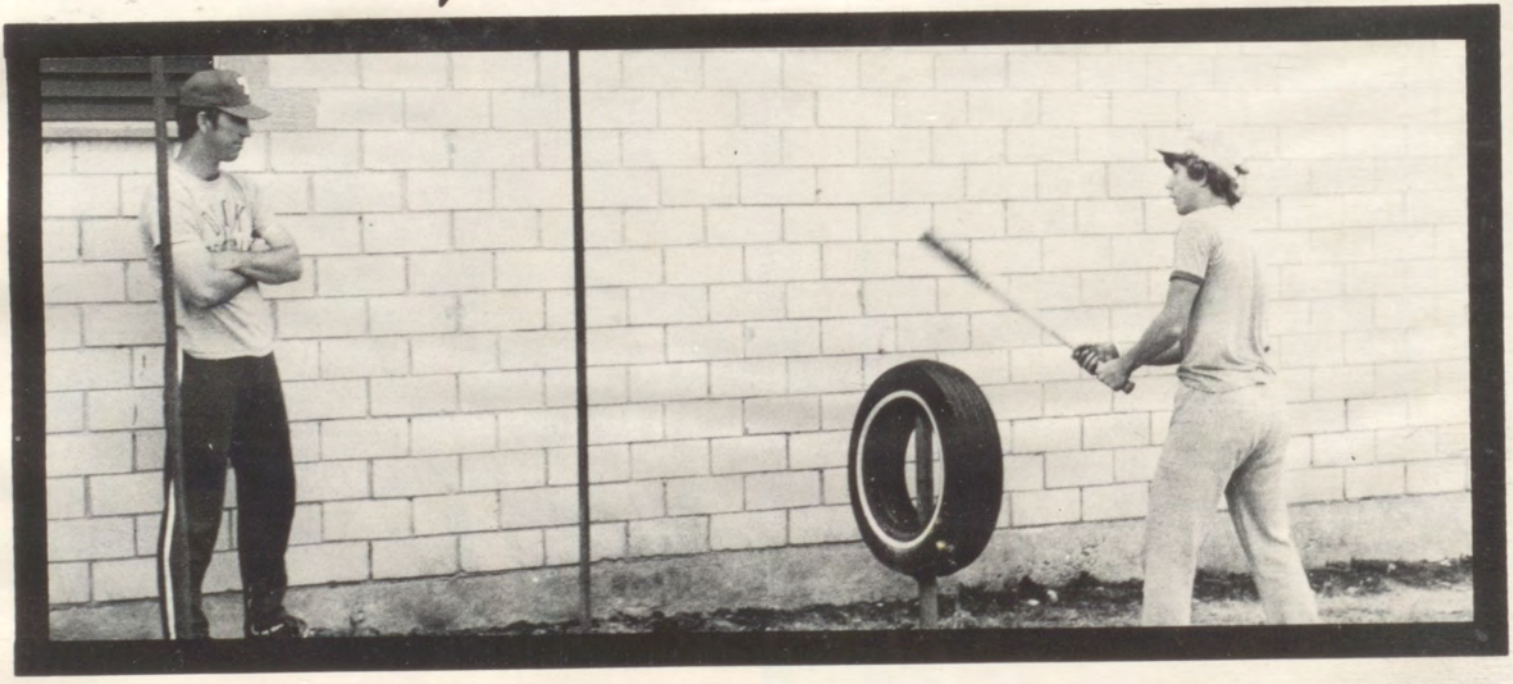
Above: Junior Carl Holiday concentrates on perfecting his swing during a March practice session. **Right:** Baseball is not a game participated in by players alone. Here Coach Danny Potts shouts helpful instructions to one of his baserunners during a big inning.





Above: A former baseball star at THS, Kenny Cmerk now puts his baseball knowledge to good use as he coaches Junior Varsity baseball at his old alma mater. **Left:** Safely sliding into third base, sophomore Byron Townsend realizes the importance of the daily sliding drill. **Below:** During a February practice session, Coach Danny Potts watches Byron Townsend work out on the batting tire. This simple device has helped many players to become good hitters.

Sliding Into An Easy Season

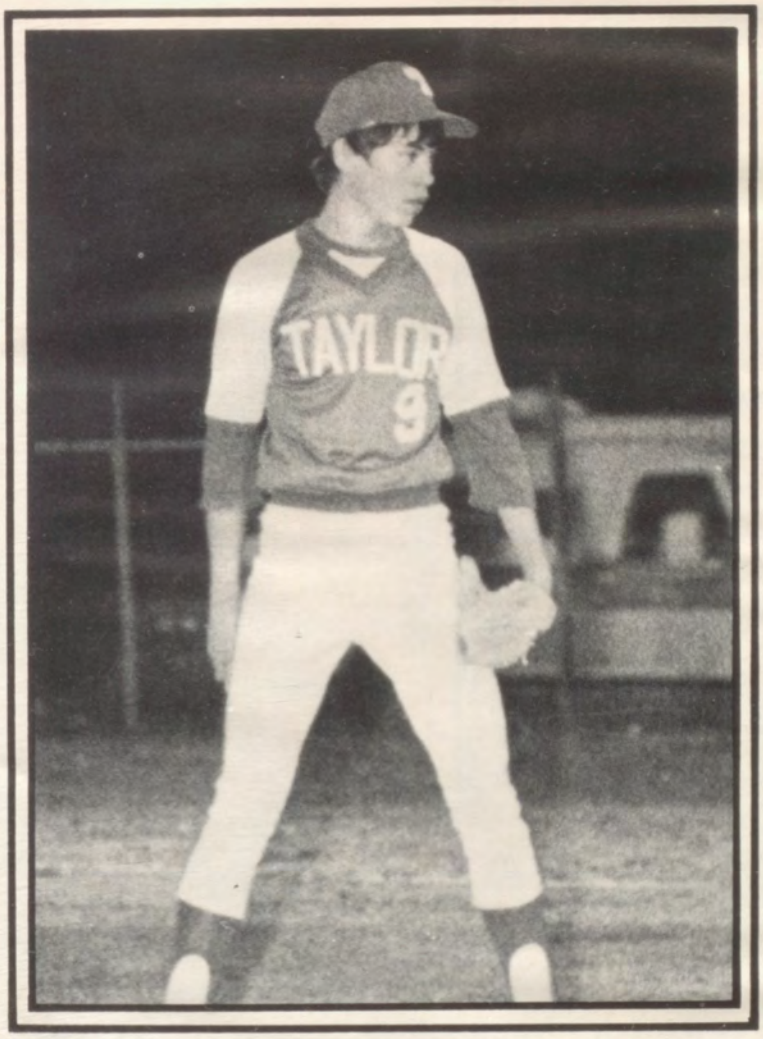


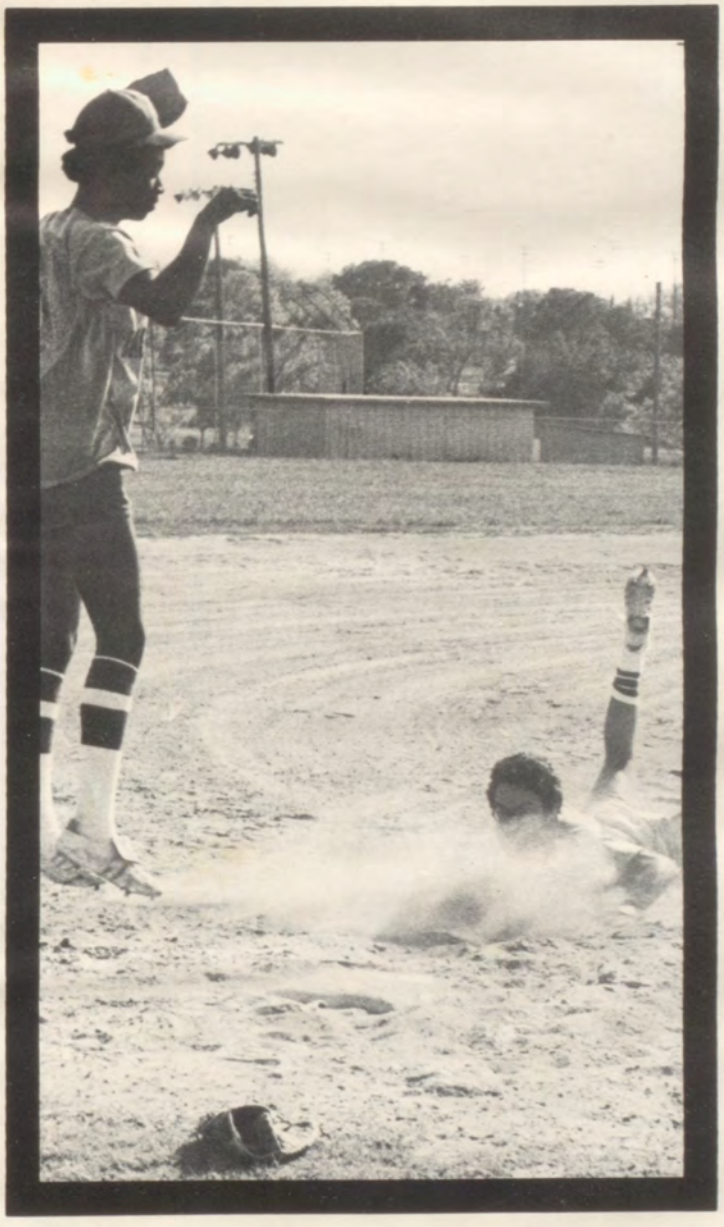
The main objective of Junior Varsity baseball was to teach team members the fundamentals of baseball, as well as to give the squad experience for Varsity competition. With this in mind Coach Kenny Cmerk and his team slid through district play quite easily, finishing with a record of 4-2.

Although the young team did not play often, they finished the season with a respectable mark while providing an optimistic outlook for future Duck baseball teams.



Right: Kevin Morrison, sophomore fields a grounder during warmup. Kevin was one of the sophomores that played JV ball, as well as occasionally helping out the varsity squad.





Above: Although sophomore Ricky Meiske played on the JV, near the end of the season Ricky was called upon to pitch for the varsity. **Right:** All through the year the Varsity and JV held their practices together and frequently they scrimaged each other, here JV player Ernest Ariola slides into third base as Varsity player, Louis Ross takes the throw.

THS SCOREBOARD

Football

District 5-2

Taylor		Opponent
7	Georgetown	14
13	Westlake	0
21	Del Valle	0
23	Lampasas	0
6	Belton	7
23	Lockhart	6
23	Round Rock	6

Varsity Season 6-4
J.V. 4-6
Fish 9-0-1

Volleyball

District 3-9

Taylor		Opponent
6	Del Valle	15
15		12
10		15
10	Georgetown	15
10		15
15	Lockhart	9
4		15
4		15
6	Belton	15
2		15
3	Westlake	15
15		1
16		14
5	Round Rock	15
15		17
8	Del Valle	15
5		15
8	Georgetown	15
15		2
12		15
10	Lockhart	15
13		15
6	Belton	15
13		15
13	Westlake	15
15		17
10	Round Rock	15
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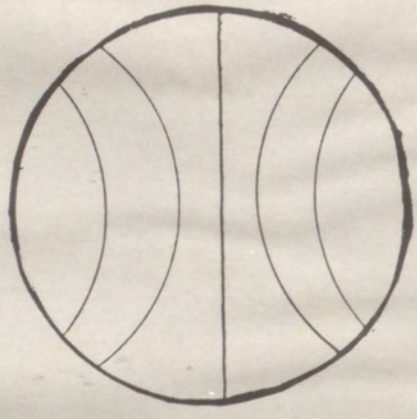
Varsity Season 6-13
J.V. 3-13

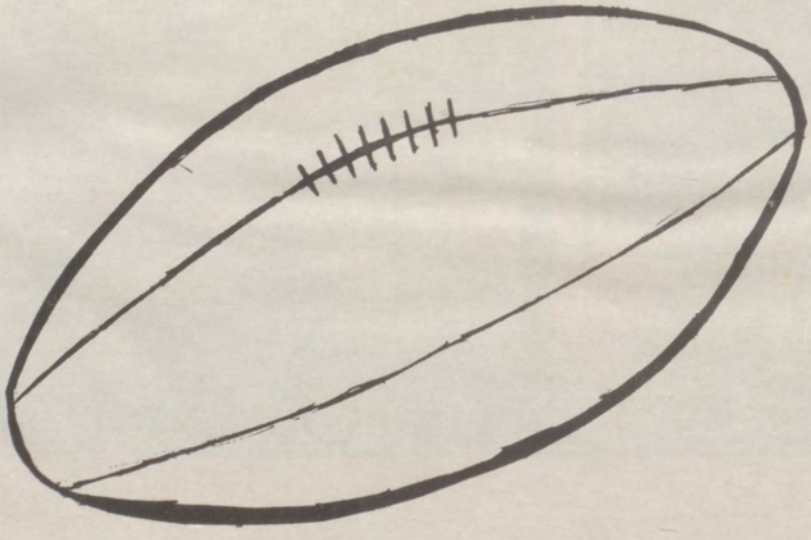


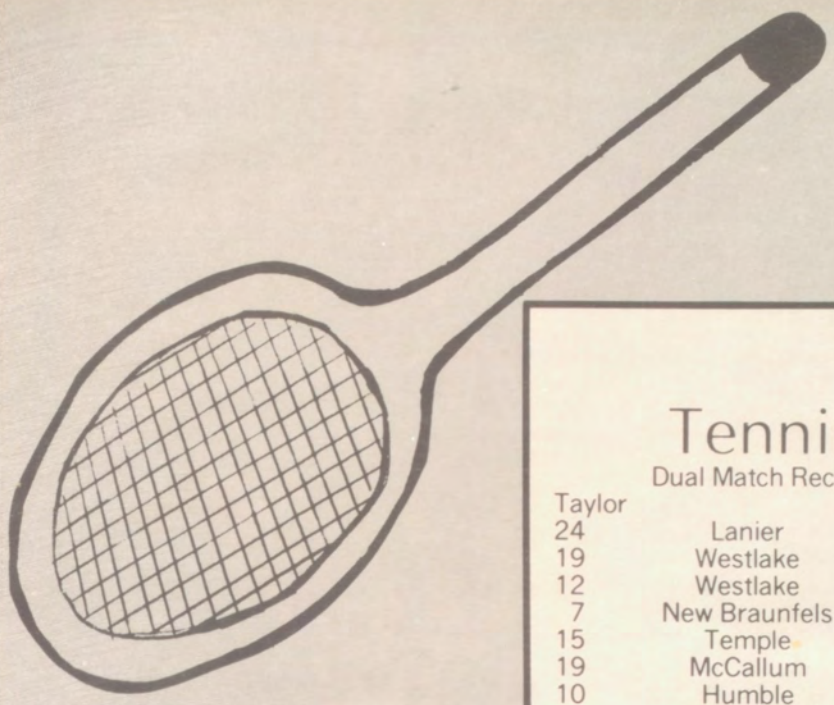
Basketball

District 11-3

Taylor		Opponent
53	Georgetown	39
43	Westlake	56
68	Del Valle	52
41	Lampasas	38
54	Belton	52
43	Lockhart	38
51	Round Rock	53
47	Georgetown	39
59	Westlake	49
44	Del Valle	39
57	Lampasas	31
84	Belton	50
45	Lockhart	36
44	Round Rock	52

Varsity Season 20-11
J.V. 12-15
Fish 13-14





Boys' Track

Meet	Place
McAllen	12
Blinn	2
Temple	4
Waco	4
Belton	3
Cotton Boll Relays/Taylor	3

District 3

Tennis

Dual Match Record

Taylor		Opponent
24	Lanier	0
19	Westlake	3
12	Westlake	6
7	New Braunfels	11
15	Temple	3
19	McCallum	2
10	Humble	6
10	Brownwood	7
10	Georgetown	8
7	Monahans	10
25	Round Rock	1
8	Austin High	10
14	Georgetown	4
16	St. Stephens	2
5	San Marcos	3
15	Westlake	3
4	Austin High	14
7	McCallum	4
6	Temple	2

District

Boys First — Girls First

Girls' Track

Meet	Place
Westlake	11
Blinn	25
Round Rock	8
Belton	6

District 7

Golf

Tournament	Place
Rockdale	3
Lampasas	9
Georgetown	7

District 10

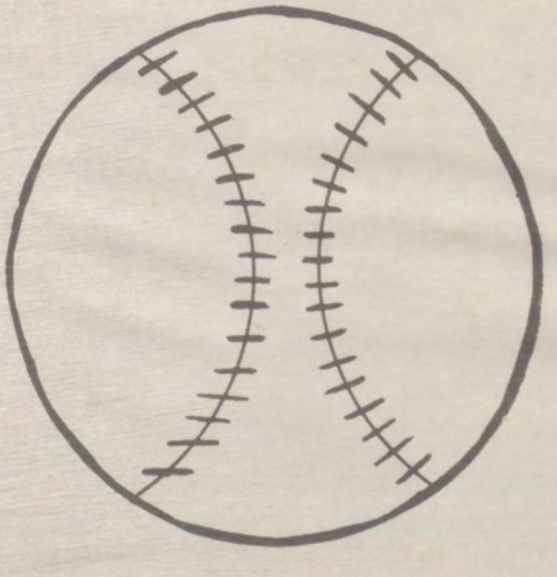
Y'Nasmin Nix ← Girls Medalist

Baseball

District 3-11

Taylor		Opponent
3	Georgetown	13
0	Westlake	10
6	Del Valle	8
4	Lampasas	7
1	Belton	4
16	Lockhart	6
1	Round Rock	9
3	Georgetown	8
0	Westlake	3
3	Del Valle	5
6	Lampasas	1
11	Belton	0
2	Lockhart	12
3	Round Rock	4

Varsity Season 7-18







Even though each of us is part of a very special, unique whole — the student body of THS — we, as individuals, are also very special and unique. One of our individual characteristics was the way we spent our spare time. Whether we chose to play tennis, ride bikes, read novels or something else, what we did was part of us, one of the things that made us different from everyone else. If this special interest turned into a full-fledged hobby, then it became all the more personal and unique. The people on these pages all have their own "thing" — something special they enjoy doing that sets them apart from every other student at THS. And whether you know it or not, you do, too.

Chance happenings often have more impact on our lives than we could imagine. If Carlton Brown had not seen a model parts catalogue on a classmate's desk, he, Carl Holiday and Billy Seigmund might be minus a hobby. On that day, in the second grade, something big began.

Carlton became interested in models, and began to build, launch and experiment with rockets. Soon, the mania had spread to his friends, and they began to build models, too. They later expanded their interests and began to build and fly model airplanes, as well as building model cars.

Since starting high school, schoolwork, sports and other activities have limited the amount of time the guys can spend on their hobby. But the three friends still spend a lot of time — and money — together hunting for parts, tools and equipment in hobby shops, building rockets, and planes and flying the finished product.

Models were a way to relax, something to do, and a source of entertainment that belonged uniquely to Carlton, Carl and Billy. It was something very special, a unique expression of themselves that set them apart.

Above: Billy Seigmund, assisted by a few suggestions from Carl Holiday (background), checks the remote controls for their model airplane, as Carlton Brown fuels their latest creation in preparation for a test flight.

Crayons, markers, fingerpaints — children often use these things to express themselves, be creative, have fun. The trouble is, most of us outgrow this love of artistic expression. At least one student at THS, however, still enjoys expressing herself through art.

Shelley Werchan started out like most kids, drawing on anything she could get her hands on. However, she continued to draw and improve as she grew older. As a freshman, Shelley began to take art lessons in Elgin two hours a week. Since starting her lessons, she has completed many paintings, mainly still-lifes in charcoal, pastels and oil paints. Art is more to Shelley than just a hobby, however. She plans to get a degree in art and become a free-lance artist.

Although Shelley is now a junior, a second year member of Hi-Steppers and a photographer on the MALLARD staff, she still finds time between homework, practices and other obligations to relax and enjoy herself in a world of her own talent and creation.



Shelley Werchan concentrates on a detail in her latest oil painting during her art lesson in Elgin.

To each his own



Kathy Griffith poses proudly with her miniature collection and dollhouse.

Bigger doesn't necessarily mean better. Ask Kathy Griffith. The THS freshman has been collecting miniatures since she was four years old, when her grandparents gave her a dollhouse and a few pieces of furniture. Kathy still has the dollhouse and the furniture, but over the years, the number of pieces has grown.

Since that beginning, each room in the house has become filled with tiny handcrafted chairs, tables, beds — all the furniture found in a life-sized home. Kathy has even collected tiny framed pictures no bigger than a stamp, delicate miniature china dishes and diminutive lamps to complete the scene.

Kathy gets most of her collection from stores nearby, and also from relatives and friends, who give her miniatures as gifts. Kathy's miniatures were far more than just toys — they were also a reflection of herself, something she could be proud of and love.

A DR PAR





A. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the prom was dancing the night away. Here, Ralph Granzin and Tracy Lloyd dance to the music of the Debonaires. B. Much of the success of the prom was due to the hard work of the junior class presidents Jackie Naivar and Louis Ross. Here, Louis and Jackie address prom invitations to be sent out to faculty and school board members. C. The locally popular band, the Debonaires, provided music for the prom. Here, Terry Hughes sings a popular Ronnie Milsap tune, as Joe Downs accompanies him on drums. D. Most of the construction work that went into the prom decorations — the waterfall and stream, the bridge and the bamboo hut — was done by a group of hard-working junior guys. Those who devoted the most time to this work were Carlton Brown, Carl Holiday and Billy Seigmund. Here, Carlton and Carl make last-minute repairs on the fountain.

TROPICAL MAGIC

April 22, the night of the prom. The high school no longer existed — it had been replaced with a little corner of the tropics — a dreamer's paradise.

Tiki torches lit the path to the entryway where guests were greeted by smiling girls in grass skirts, surrounded by lush tropical greenery. Then, across a bridge, over a clear blue stream near a gentle waterfall and there it was. It used to be the Student Center, but now shells, fishnets, tropical plants, flowers and murals of tropical scenery had transformed it into a scene from the South Pacific. Sounds of talk and laughter filled the air as couples in their prom finery laughed and talked with friends. Then, the music of the Debonaires began, and with it began the prom.

That moment was the end result of many hours of work by a group of dedicated juniors, headed by class presidents Louis Ross and Jackie Naivar. For months before the prom, the juniors devoted their nights, weekends and vacations to planning and making most of the decorations for the prom. Friday, the day before the prom, was a hectic one — thousands of paper flowers had to be transformed into centerpieces, the bamboo hut for the band had to be constructed, the waterfall and stream set up, the murals, fishnets and other decorations hung and dozens of other major transformations and little details to be completed. The juniors worked hard all day and much of the night and finally crawled home for a little sleep before getting themselves ready.

The night of the prom was one of the most special ones for many THS students — and it did not end with the prom, as after-prom parties helped students continue their celebration long after 12:00. But the prom was the main event of the evening, and one that both seniors and juniors will remember for years to come.

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Hamming it up during the Spanish Club picnic held in the park are members Cathy Debus, Linda Alvarado, Trisa Vasquez, Eleanora Torres, Darlene Galvan, Mary Zavala and Ricky Widmer.

Drama Club held their banquet in the school cafeteria and provided recordings of their favorite songs for their entertainment. Here David Wolbrueck and Anna Schwenke dance to one of the more popular songs.





Band director, Doyle McElroy, (Far Left) and assistant band director, Jeffrey Hubbard, (Third from left) receive awards of appreciation from the senior band members.

NHS members Casey Cravens, David Marek, Paula Zetak and Bryan Kruse join in an exciting game of volleyball at the NHS picnic at Rowe Valley.



Senior Ellen Schmidt enjoys presenting a humorous award to a first year member of Hi-Steppers at the annual Hi-Stepper banquet as sponsor Dotty Rambo and senior Karen Mazac look on.





Coach Dianne Robbins recognizes the girl's basketball team by presenting each member with a certificate of accomplishment at the Spring Sports banquet held in the school cafeteria.

Almost every club and organization at THS held a banquet of some sort to celebrate their success during the year. Banquets ranged from the more formal, held at popular restaurants such as Rudy's and "What's Your Beef", to the informal held in the picnic area at Rowe Valley and Murphy Park. Entertainment at these gatherings varied as much as the setting. Some clubs provided their own music while still others simply played a game of volleyball.

The highlight of each banquet centered around the awards presentation. Clubs and organizations recognized their outstanding members and also presented several humorous awards.

Whatever the location or style of the banquet, the results were the same for all. Everyone involved in the organizations enjoyed the banquets and celebrating the good times with each other one last time.

Athletic director, Shirl Frazier, introduces the next speaker at the Spring Sports banquet.



While the rest of the club is nowhere to be found, Spanish Club's sponsors are left to take care of the cooking. Lupe Ramirez watches and wonders if Pearl Wheeler is going to let the hamburgers burn.



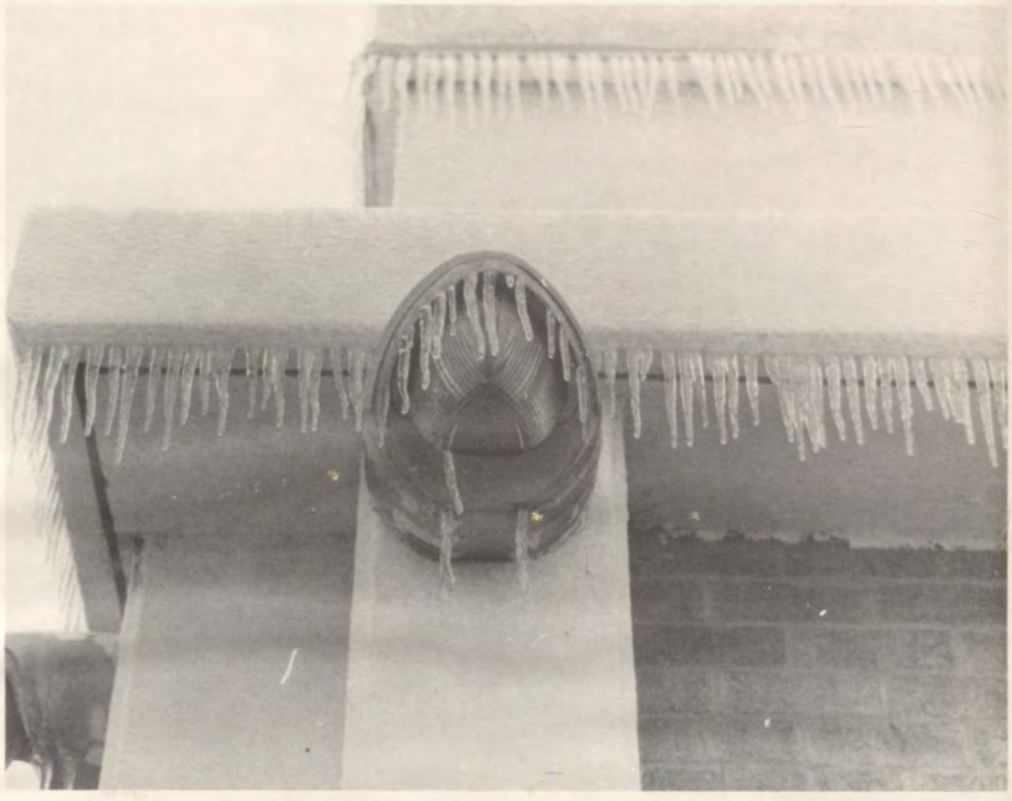
News Hits Home
A SUMMARY OF EVENTS

For most of the students at Taylor High School, the most important happenings concerned questions such as what did you make on that algebra test and who is playing for the dance Saturday night? However, aside from these more personal matters, other events did occur during the school year, in Taylor, the United States, and around the world.

With Taylor being mostly a rural community, one event that hit closer to home was the farmers' strike. On December 14, 1977 a Colorado-based group called for a nationwide farm strike in an effort to force commodity prices to 100 percent parity. Many farmers went on strike at a time when the price of wheat was well below the production cost, while the prices of bread rose higher and higher in the supermarkets. In an effort to bring the crisis to the eyes of the public, farmers gathered at such locations as state capitols and supermarkets to protest the low prices.

A major event that affected Israel and the Middle East came in November of 1977. In an unprecedented gamble, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat visited with Israel's Prime Minister Menahem Begin to begin Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations. Although no one expected instant peace, Sadat did gain world wide respect for his initiative in trying to restore peace in the Middle East.

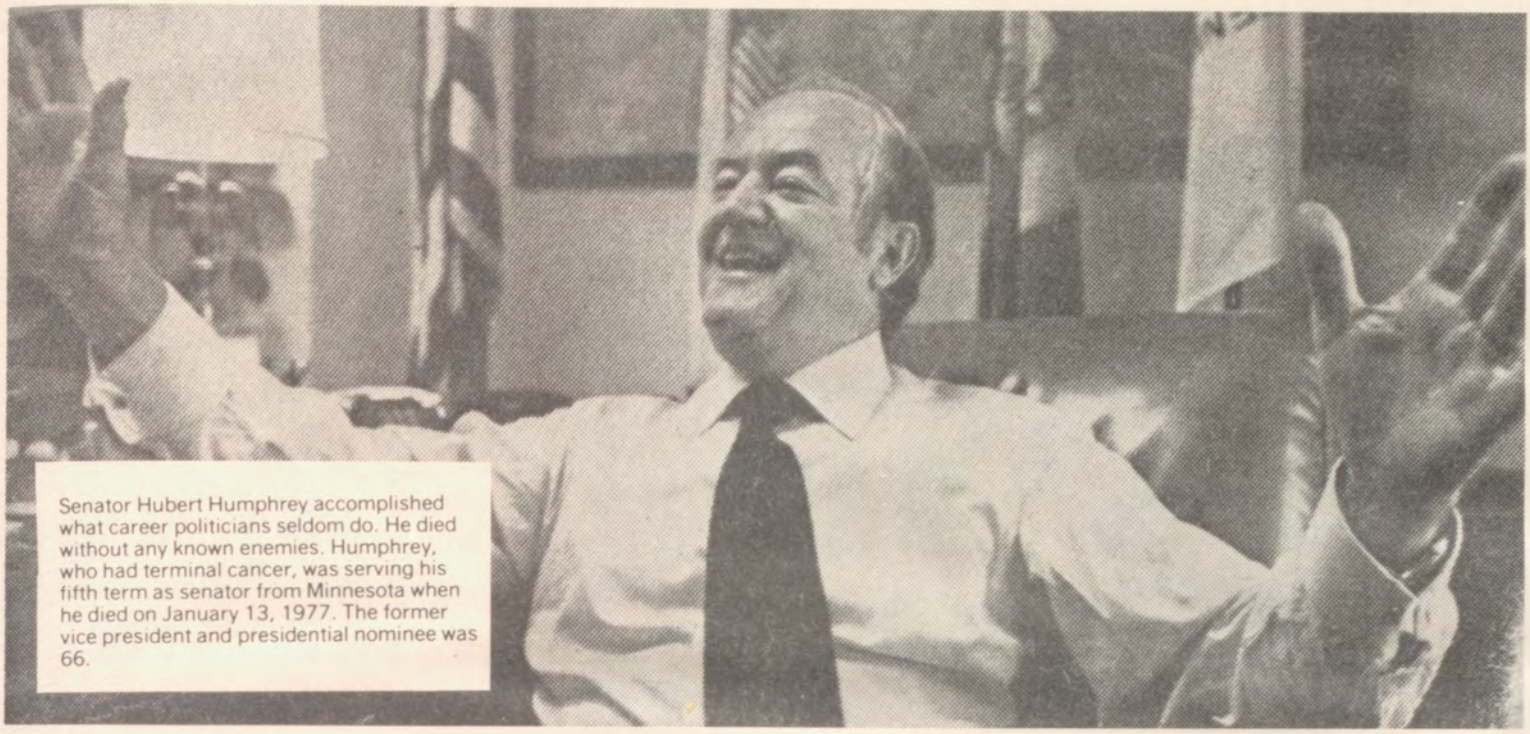
Although school events were very important to the students, they also paid some attention to the events that occurred in the larger world. Events such as Sadat's visit to Israel and the farmers' strike influenced us not only as high school students, but also as citizens of the world.



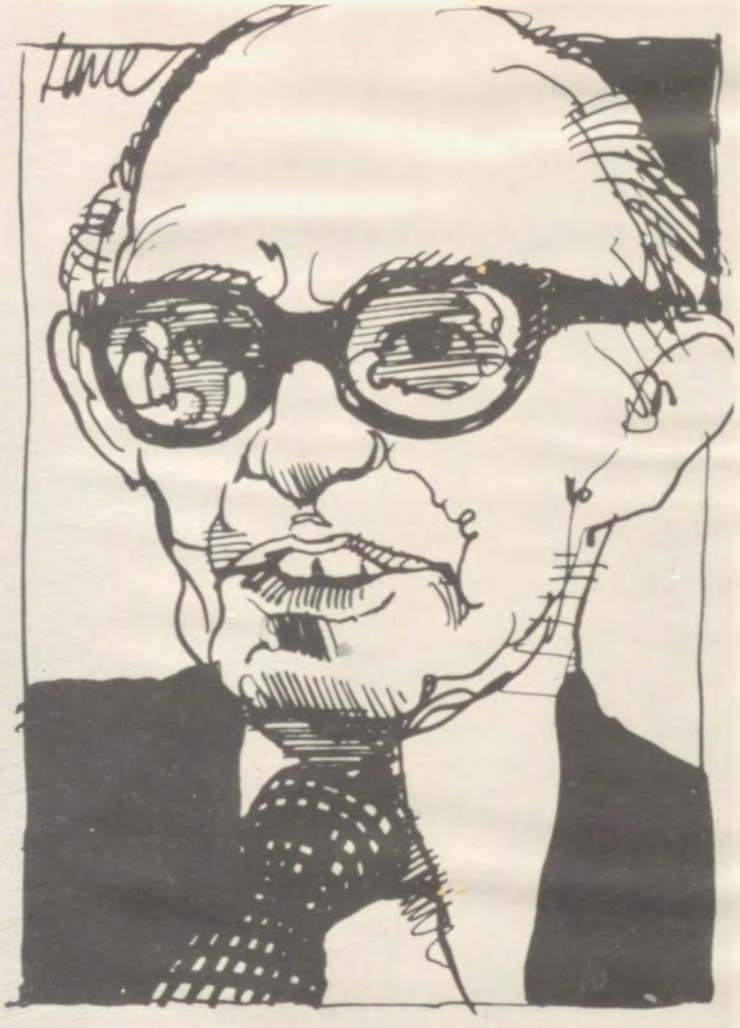
Above: More than just resolutions welcomed the new year, as for the second consecutive winter, extremely cold and icy weather plagued the U.S. In the North where many states are more adapted to the winter, the severely cold weather resulted in the everyday routines of many people being interrupted. Even in Texas where ice and snow is rarely seen, many businesses and schools closed due to the weather. Taylor schools did not close, however they did start two hours later. Here icicles hang from the THS building as classes continue inside. **Far Left:** After a history of unrest in the Middle East, the first steps towards peace were taken in November of 1977. At that time Anwar Sadat of Egypt visited with Menahem Begin of Israel to lay the foundation for world peace.



By the end of December, the farmers' strike was in full swing, and farmers met at various locations to protest the farm crisis. Here, area farmers meet at the Lake Drive Shopping Center before traveling on to the state capitol. While at the shopping center, the farmers bought bread and gave it to the needy and also donated blood to the blood bank.



Senator Hubert Humphrey accomplished what career politicians seldom do. He died without any known enemies. Humphrey, who had terminal cancer, was serving his fifth term as senator from Minnesota when he died on January 13, 1977. The former vice president and presidential nominee was 66.



Menahem Begin
ISRAEL



Anwar Sadat
EGYPT

SENIORS "LIVE" AT THS



Members of the Class of '78 broke many traditions during their years in high school and were responsible for the conception of others. One of the new traditions was Senior Day, a day on which all seniors were excused from regular classes. Seniors scattered in every direction with some class members going to the lakes or Austin and others visiting their chosen colleges to confirm last-minute details regarding dorm rooms and classes. Still others chose to stay at home, sleep late and just relax. Senior Day offered a variety of possibilities for enjoyment and relaxation and an opportunity to skip school without the usual penalty.

Relaxation is Brett Rogers' main concern as he basks in the sunlight at Ponderosa Point on Senior Day.

Pinafores, lollipops, ragdolls and water guns . . . these objects usually foreign to high school were the main ingredients of Kid Day held on Monday, May 22. Lordly seniors suddenly became grade school students once again and water gun fights in the hall were common events. Little girls played with their dolls while little boys played chase in the halls between classes. At 3:30, all of the "kids" finally went home and when they arrived at school the next day, the only remaining traces of their return to childhood were water guns abandoned in the halls and forgotten hair ribbons.



Right: Kid Day gave seniors a chance to revisit their childhood and grade school days. Here, Christi McLaughlin and her friend "Bubba" stop to pose for a picture.



As underclassmen entered the auditorium on May 22, they were expecting just another routine senior assembly. Instead, they found that the auditorium had been transformed into "Monday Afternoon Live at THS" with guest host Tim Mikeska. The show included an "Afternoon Update" newscast by David Sikes and Becky Swanson, a parody of life at St. Mary's Parochial School, a pantomime routine performed by Janet Jackson and Clarence Wooldridge and the "Mr. Brick House" competition. The class song, "The Way We Were," was sung by Casey Smith and the assembly ended with a concert given by The Innovations of Country Music.

Seniors who traveled to Ponderosa Point on their holiday found that, although they were free from school, there was still work to be done. Stephanie Schneider and Tammi Sefcik work to inflate their air mattresses before plunging into the lake.



Becky Swanson receives last minute instructions from sponsors Susan Komandosky and Lupe Ramirez while fellow actors watch the dress rehearsal in progress.



Casey Smith, still in her Kid Day regalia, sings the class song, "The Way We Were."



Left: The senior assembly provided seniors with an opportunity to make use of their talents. Here, Clarence Wooldridge and Janet Jackson imitate the popular "Shields and Yarnell" pantomime routine.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A. Translating words kept most of Spanish II students busy throughout the year. Becky Garcia and Edna Gonzales take turns looking up words for their Spanish reports. B. The library was not only a place to go to relax or read a book, but a place to go for help in any subject. Here, Mary Jean Livingood helps Dana Basco find her sources needed to complete her bibliography during junior researches. C. Homemaking II student, Sharon Harrell concentrates thoroughly as she sews her facing together. D. During second period world history, Louis Ross concentrates on completing a worksheet dealing with the Roman Empire. E. Physical Science was not just a class filled with books and boredom. Experiments and labs were enjoyed by many as shown by Freshman, Sandra Sobotik.

LEARNING — that is what school is all about. But as the year progressed, we began to realize that learning is more than just the three "R's" — reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. Outside class, we learned to be ourselves, to be an individual in the midst of many individuals. We learned that by working with and for each other, we are able to accomplish bigger and higher goals. We learned to accept defeat as well as success. We learned to help and to love others not only as friends, but also as people. As friendships grew, so did our pride for Taylor High School — the place that made all our learning possible.

LEARNING



KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES





Student Senate did its best to keep on top of everything this year despite their problems at the start of the year. They worked on revising their constitution so that it would be appropriate for present and future student governments. The Senate also stayed alert and continued some of the traditional activities that the student body enjoyed. The group again sponsored the Homecoming assembly and the door contest. They raised money from their annual spaghetti supper and organized assemblies to entertain the student body. Other activities included supporting the school's sports teams and treating the teachers to cupcakes and cookies throughout the year.

March was the busiest month for Student Senate. Senate members ventured to Crockett High School in Austin for district convention on March eighth. Election of new Senate officers was also held in March. Newly elected officers then took on the task of staging an Easter assembly for the school as their first responsibility as new officers.

The rest of the year was spent organizing activities for the coming year and planning activities for the last few months of school. Student Senate members and student body alike ended the year pleased with the results of their efforts.



Above: Former THS student, Debbie Ponkoney settles her son on Santa's lap as Pat Kelley waits to take the picture while other students look on. **Upper Left:** Bringing the Christmas spirit to Taylor High, junior Robert Stone portrays Santa. **Left:** Senate president Stephanie Schneider listens to suggestions from other members. **Below:** Student Senate members Pat Kelley and Steven Sutton perform with their band, "Innovations," at the Thanksgiving assembly.





Student Senate members this year are: **(Front Row)** Madeline Trevino, Edward Contreras, Tammi Sefcik, Christi McLaughlin, Candy Buzan, Nora Perez and Jackie Naivar. **(Second Row):** Justin Bosley, Christi Leschber, Royanne Rogers, Y'Nasmin Nix, Denise Morales, Patty Corbett, Paula Zetak, Karen Mazac and Stephanie Schneider. **(Third Row)** Mrs. Daryl Mott, sponsor, Charlie Pokorny, Carl Holiday, Donald Hill, Casey Smith, Anita Allen, Nancy Rohlack, Sheila Mahlow, Connie Schneider, Nancy Urbanek, Donna Cotner and Marilyn Tennill, Sponsor. **(Back Row)** Louis Ross, Bryan Kruse, Dale Bunge, Reggie Hill, David Slivinsky, Brad Frazier, Casey Tate, Pat Kelley, Jay Harkins, Steve Sutton, Stancie Schwenker and Beth Sexworth.



Above: Carlton Brown works with Student Senate sponsors Peggy Mott and Butch Lee in preparation for his part in the Homecoming assembly.



Above: Student Senate members listen intently as plans for the Homecoming assembly are presented to them during a weekly meeting.
Left: Waiting for their part in the Homecoming assembly, Steven Saul and Vice-Principal David Krueger "ham it up" backstage.





Below: A decade early but still with spirit Jeff Davis, Dean Ash, Karen Naivar, Ricky McGee and Gaylon Parker participate in the Student Senate sponsored "Fifties" day.

Above: Helping with the annual money making event, Senate member Sheila Mahlow serves pie at the spaghetti supper held in the school cafeteria.



ENGLISH IS FOUNDATION

From Journalism to science fiction, or reading short stories to writing advance compositions, most every student was involved in English.

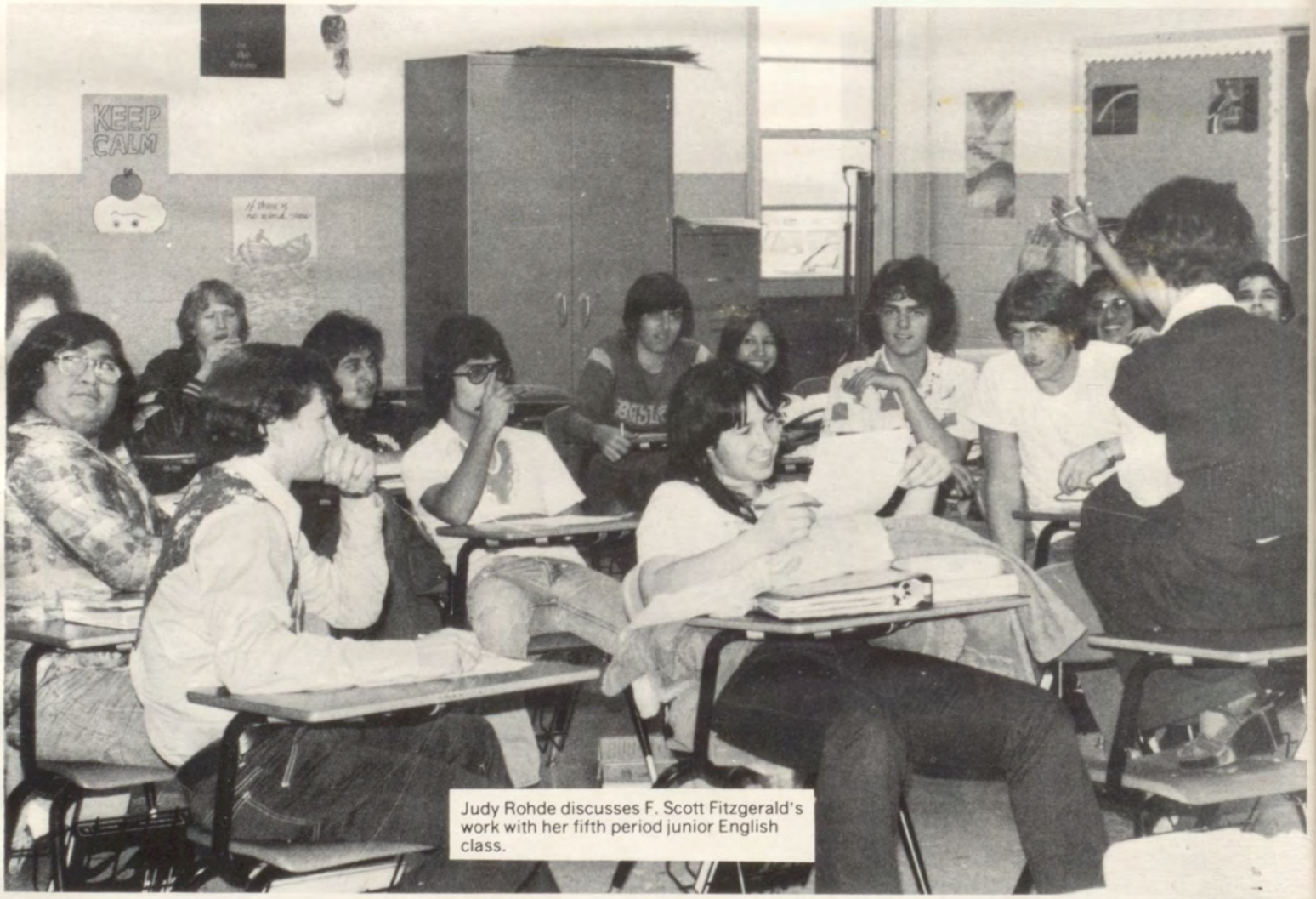
Classes devoted time to such subjects as debate, vocabulary, grammar, and literature. Precise writing technics, in-depth reading, and development of oral skills were combined to help the individual express himself.

English students could count on individual attention, and the teachers worked with each student to help him give his work a more personal touch.

While English students sometimes struggled through vocabulary and grammar studies, they explored biography, poetry, drama, and much more as the English courses opened creative horizons.



During Practical English class, Isabel Soza and David Heap work to complete an English worksheet.



Judy Rohde discusses F. Scott Fitzgerald's work with her fifth period junior English class.



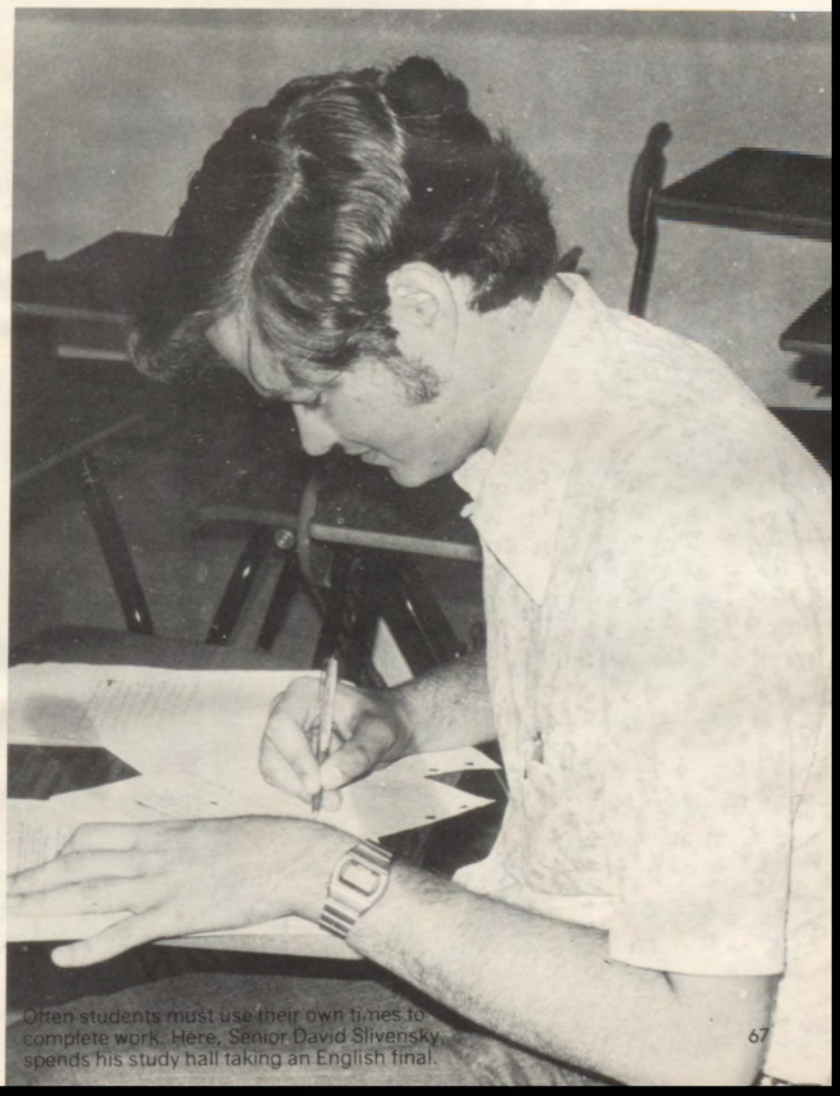
Bennie Lopez and Kelly Wilkerson spend the last few minutes of Peggy Mott's sophomore English class dicussing the story "Two Were Left."



During the study of literature of the 1920's, Melissa Brookshire does an impression of Charlie Chaplin during her sixth period English class.



Freshmen Cheryl Kieschnick and Michele Stiba work together plotting their composition grades on a graph in their fifth period English class.



Often students must use their own times to complete work. Here, Senior David Slivensky spends his study hall taking an English final.





Left: Melissa Brookshire and Denise Morales check the calendar to determine the best publication date for the next issue of Etc. **Above:** Etc. editor, Melissa Brookshire makes the final corrections on a story to be included in the issue.

STAFF MEMBERS: **(Front Row)** Debbie Wright, Melissa Brookshire, Darian Petrucci. **(Second Row)** Pam Brookshire, Linda Brown, Denise Morales. **(Not Pictured)** April Delemater.



Above: Darrell Mokry digs out some change to buy the Christmas issue of Etc. from Linda Brown, freshman staff member. **Right:** Lunch period was often the most hectic time of day for Etc. staff members, as they rush to meet a deadline.

ETC

Etc. — the name of the publication was appropriate. Etc. literary magazine existed to give students a chance to share their creativity which might otherwise go unnoticed. Since both **Cotton Boll** and **Mallard** were concerned with the documentation of the school year, creative efforts by the students were not usually included in these publications. Etc. was an outlet, for the creativity of THS students, whether it emerged as satire, poetry, artwork or short stories. Etc. staff members spent many hectic hours of their own time working to complete each issue. The six girls on the staff worked hard to publish each issue, collecting material for publication, pasting up the pages to send to a local printer, and selling the finished product.





Above: Project Go students, on one of their field trips, discover a new way to enjoy art as they experience Carl Andre's sculpture. **Below:** Carl Holiday and Carlton Brown find that writing a paper isn't as hard when a friend helps you out.

Twenty-three students at THS managed to spend an average of one schoolday a month in Austin. No, these students weren't skipping, they were members of Project Go — the appropriately named accelerated English program at THS.

In a program designed to go beyond the obvious, teachers Mary Kay Gotcher and Patty Clark guided junior and senior students through a world of literary works, group projects and class discussions. This varied curriculum, with the field trips as supplements, helped students utilize skills already developed in the composition of literary papers.

Wherever they were, in a museum or a classroom, students in Project Go were part of a very special learning experience — one that went beyond the classroom.





Casey Cravens and Stancie Schwenker look on as one of the docents at the Humanities Research Center explains an exhibit of Western Art.





Christi McLaughlin and Stancie Schwenker listen as Ms. Clark explains the proper use of footnotes in an up-coming research paper.

Above: PROJECT GO: **(Front Row)** Louis Ross, Casey Tate, Paula Pease, Tammy Pruess, Kim Wrinkle, Stancie Schwenker, Becky Swanson. **(Second Row)** Ramona Urbanek, Jackie Naivar, Lydia Blomquist, Jan Werner, Margaret Guajardo, Denise Richter, Tammi Sefcik, Cathy Debus, teacher Mary Kay Gotcher. **(Back Row)** Casey Cravens, Billy Seigmund, Carlton Brown, Anita Allen, Susan Hengst, Carl Holiday, teacher Patty Clark. **Not Pictured:** Casey Smith.

PROJECT GO

MORE THAN JUST WRITING

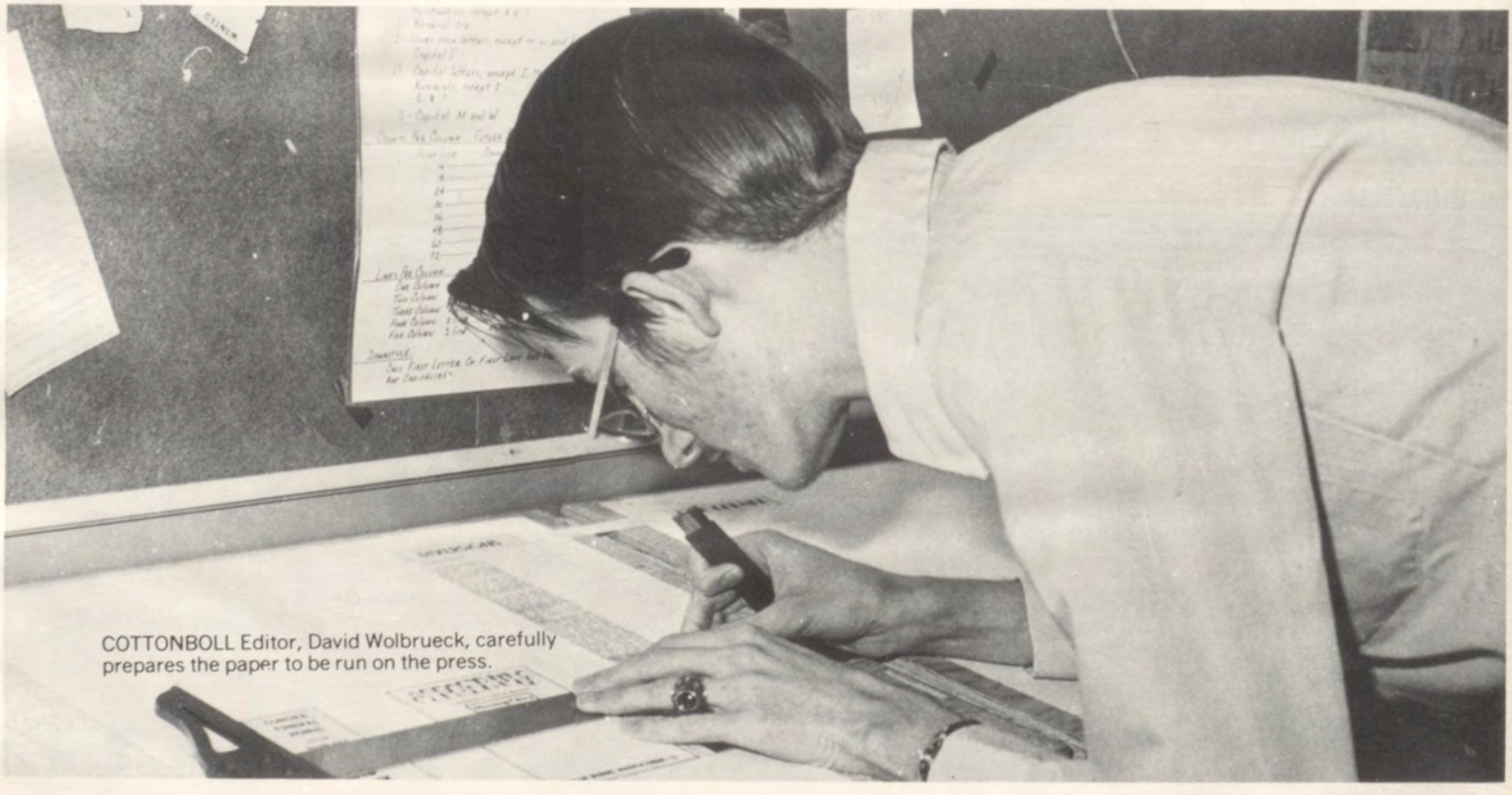
The Journalism Department had two principle objectives. Improving the writing skills of students enrolled in the course was the first objective. New Journalism textbooks proved helpful in setting up guidelines for students to follow. The second objective was to train interested students for work in the specialized Journalism classes, COTTONBOLL and MALLARD.

Because of the shortage of students on the COTTONBOLL Staff, the individual staff members had to spend extra time in completing the different jobs needed to publish each issue of the COTTONBOLL. Under the direction of sponsor Susan Komandosky and editor David Wolbrueck, the staff's effort was not wasted as proved by the popularity of the newspaper among THS students and faculty.

The year also proved especially difficult for Journalism students of the MALLARD Staff. With sixteen new members and three former members, the staff lacked experience. However, under the supervision of sponsor Mary Kay Gotcher and editor Stancie Schwenker, the staff put forth their best effort in producing a good yearbook.



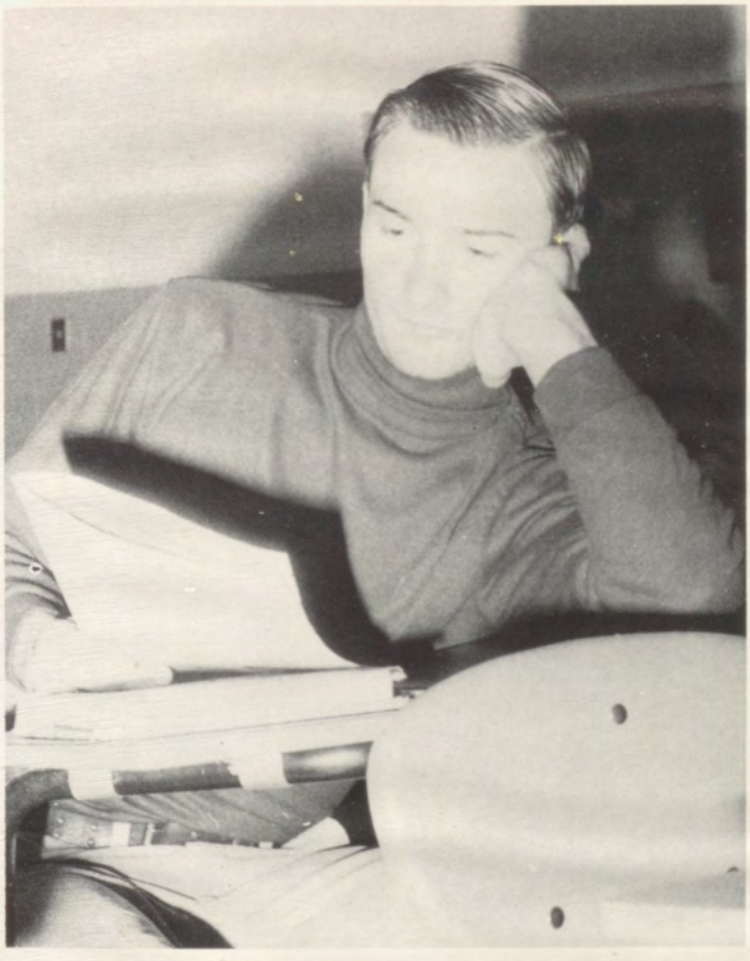
Journalism student Jo Ann Simcik receives help from teacher Susan Kommondosky with her story.



COTTONBOLL Editor, David Wolbrueck, carefully prepares the paper to be run on the press.









Top: Senior reporter, Dale Bunge, types the news articles for the upcoming edition of the COTTONBOLL. **Above:** Proofreading his Journalism story one last time is student Nolan Glover.

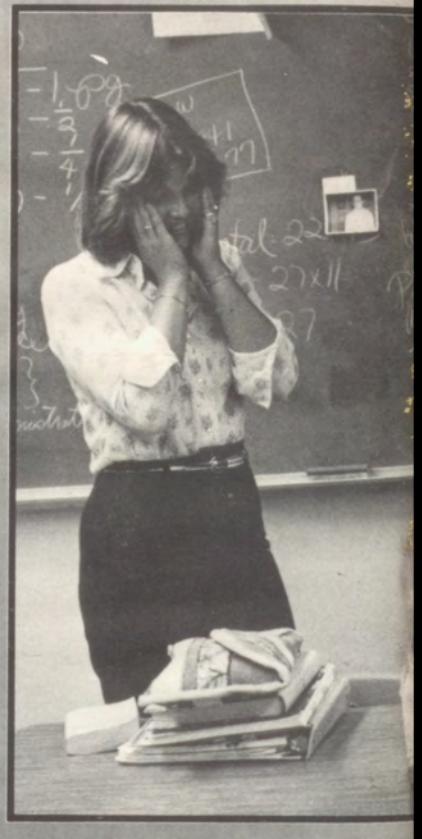
Top: Stancie Schwenker, editor of the MALLARD works continuously to meet the fast approaching deadline. **Above:** MALLARD staff members Denise Richter, Anita Allen, and Christi McLaughlin each do what is needed to complete their ad pages.

MALLARDS

The MALLARD Staff made history this year by becoming the first T.H.S. group to fly. The occasion was a field trip to the Taylor Publishing Company in Dallas. Staff members met at the Municipal Airport in Austin at 7:30 a.m. Some of the staff members had never flown before and boarded the Southwest Boeing 737 apprehensively. Everyone felt a tingling sensation as the plane slowly began to move. Suddenly the jet sped down the runway, and the motion knocked the passengers back into their seats. "This is so neat!" exclaimed excited staff members as the jet lifted off the runway and climbed steadily in the sky. Exclamations of "Wow! Look how tiny the houses are!" and "Quick! Take a picture of those clouds!" could be heard as the staff strained their necks to peer out the windows. The four hour automobile trip to Dallas had been reduced to 45 minutes by air.

After landing at Love Field in Dallas, the staff toured the Taylor Publishing Company and learned the procedures for publishing a yearbook. After eating a delicious buffet lunch, the staff attended a workshop to learn the qualifications of a good yearbook. The weary but enlightened staff then boarded the jet for the return flight home.

The MALLARD Staff, utilizing the knowledge they gained from the field trip, began putting together the yearbook. Often the schedule was hectic. Design people drew and planned one rough draft after another. Copy writers continuously racked their brains for the right headlines or copy. The photographers were constantly snapping pictures. However, putting together the yearbook was a challenging and rewarding experience, and the staff took pride in producing a quality yearbook.

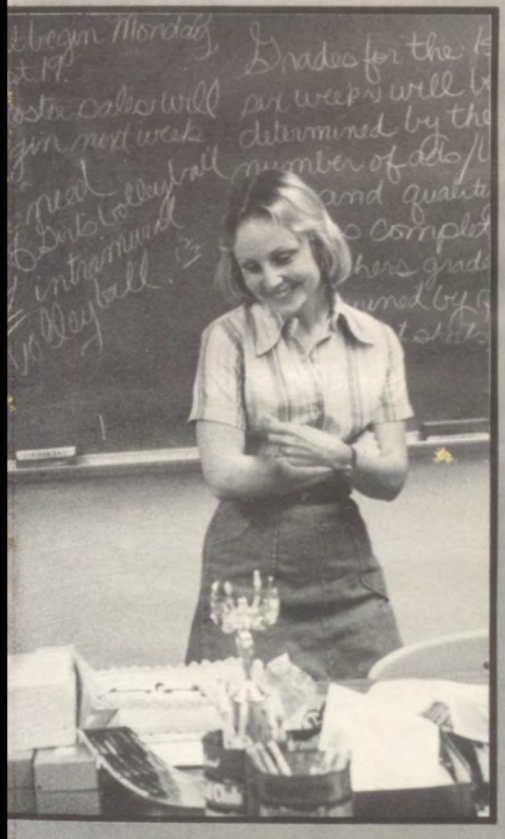




TAKE TO THE AIR



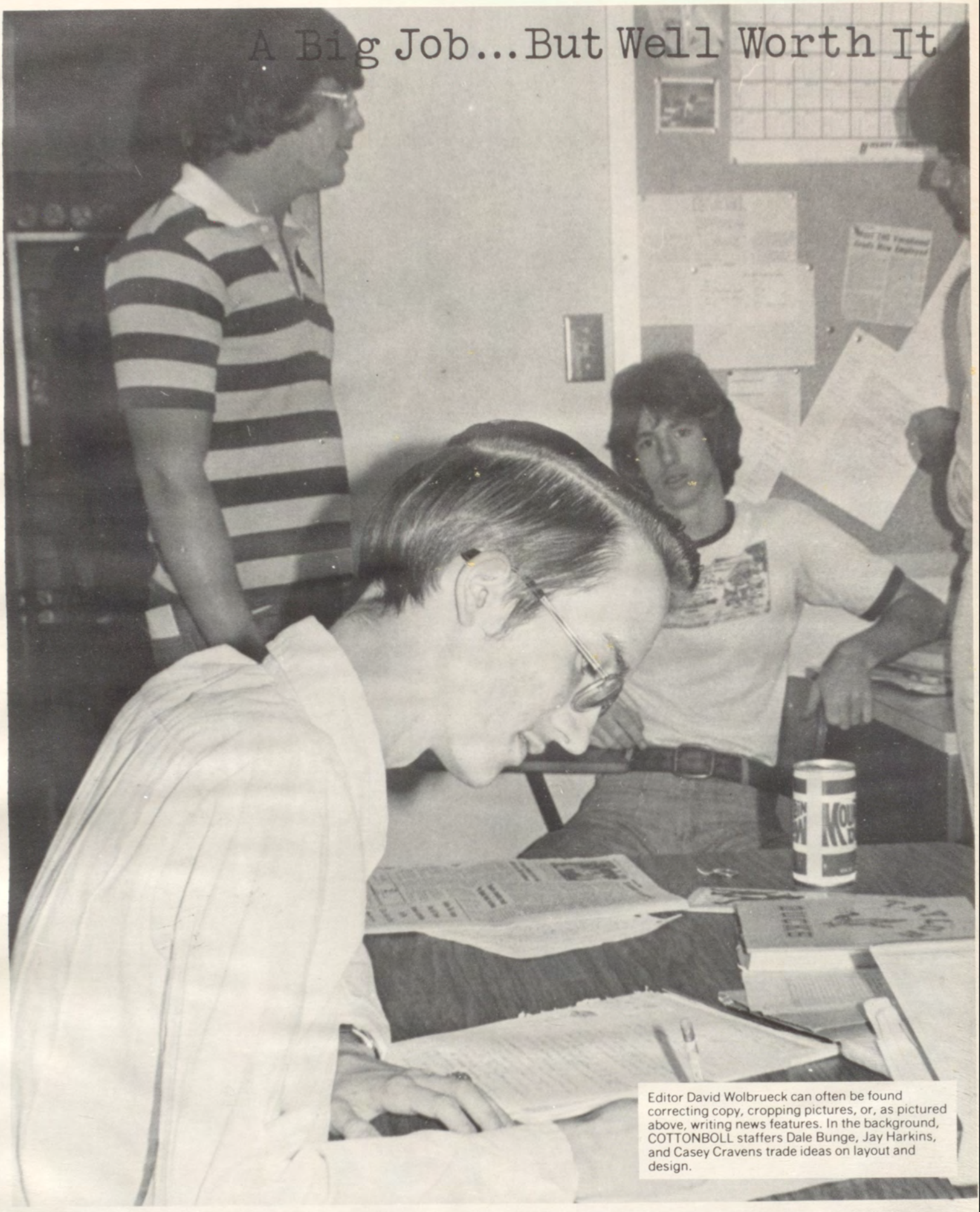
Junior Bryan Krause finishes naming class pictures, one of his many duties as a photographer for the MALLARD.



Left: Filing student index cards for the MALLARD is junior staffer Shelley Werchan. **Above:** Taking time out from their regular busy schedule, Editor Stancie Schwenker is surprised by Mary Kaye Gotcher and the rest of the MALLARD staff with a cake on her birthday. **Right:** During their trip to Dallas, MALLARD staffers Kim Wrinkle, Denise Richter, Anna Schwenke, Emmi Krischvink, Jan Werner, Margaret Guajardo, and Jackie Naivar look on as Jim Anderson, Taylor Publishing Company representative explains the operation of a press.



A Big Job...But Well Worth It



Editor David Wolbrueck can often be found correcting copy, cropping pictures, or, as pictured above, writing news features. In the background, COTTONBOLL staffers Dale Bunge, Jay Harkins, and Casey Cravens trade ideas on layout and design.



COTTONBOLL STAFF: **(Front Row)** Joe Walton, Betty Weisener, Jay Harkins, Susan Komandosky, Adviser. **(Second Row)** Debbie Wright, Jackie Rowe, Lacy Holman, JoAnn Simcik, Nancy Touchstone, Tim Rafferty, Mary Zavala, Kelly Frankeny. **(Back Row)** Candy Buzan, Billy Seigmond, Casey Cravens, Reuben Dominguez, Pat Kelly, Ronald Marx, James Casey, Andy Bulgerin.

Joe Walton wearily types his news feature after a hectic day at school.

For the four staff members, putting together the school's newspaper THE COTTONBOLL twice a month was a big job. Because of its size, the smallest in a number of years, the staff's work did not revolve around one specific task but instead involved a combination of many.

Selected students from the Journalism 1 class helped the staff by reporting events around the school and the community.

Members of THE COTTONBOLL staff had been selected at the end of the '77 school year. To be eligible for application, students were interviewed by the staff, and their qualifications reviewed by Susan Komandosky, THE COTTONBOLL sponsor.

All staff members, both old and new, found that publishing the school's newspaper required a tremendous amount of time and devotion. However, the popularity of THE COTTONBOLL among the students and the faculty of T.H.S. made all the hard work and effort worthwile.



COTTONBOLL staff member Betty Wiesner lays out the Homecoming edition of the paper.

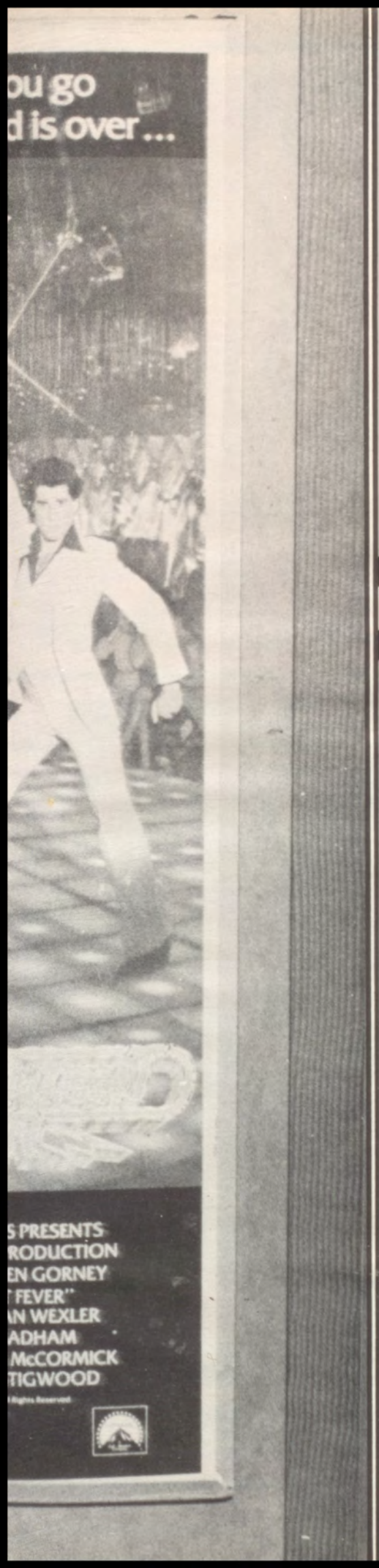


Above: Students often traveled to nearby Austin to view some of their favorite movies. The six theatres at Northcross Mall were very popular, offering a variety of movies for almost every movie-goer's taste. **Center:** Shelley Hall and Paul Martin enjoy dancing to the music of the locally acclaimed Debonaires at Rowe Valley. **Below:** On Friday nights Mr. Gatti's was crowded with students meeting to eat, watch television on the large screen or just to talk to one another.

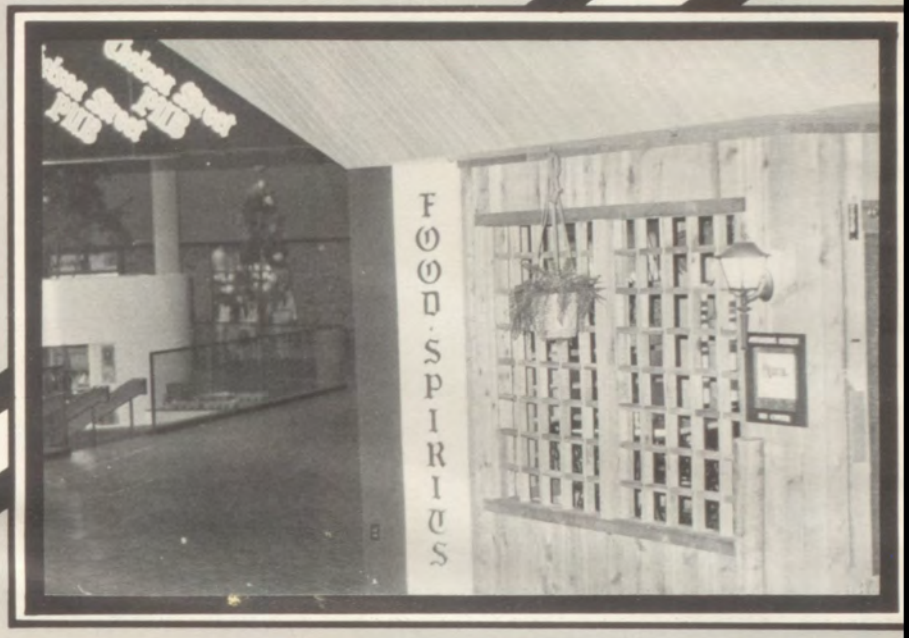








Left: "Saturday Night Fever" was viewed by many disco crazed students at THS along with the numerous fans around the country.



Above: Chelsea Street Pub in Northcross Mall was one of the most frequented eating spots in Austin. Students patronized Chelsea's for its excellent menu and entertainment.

Night fever swept across the country and it certainly didn't skip Taylor. THS students were caught up in the fever and sought to cool their restless spirits on Saturday nights or any other night they were free. Dances were the most popular cure. Students crowded into the KC Hall, SPJST Hall, and neighborhood center in Taylor to dance to the live music of the Debonaires, Moods, Innovations or to popular records. The Silver Dollar, Lumberyard and other dance halls within an hour's drive of Taylor were also frequented by Taylor students, eager to dance the night away.

Entertainment was not limited to dancing. Students seeking other forms of entertainment found numerous things to do and places to go around Taylor. Movie-going was a popular pastime, with students going to the Howard Theatre in Taylor or traveling to Austin to view some of the year's most popular movies.

Concerts and special events attracted the attention of students. Some special attractions attended by students included concerts by Ronnie Milsap at the Silver Dollar, Johnny Rodriguez in Round Rock, Styx in Austin and an exhibition game by the Harlem Globetrotters in the Special Events Center in Austin.

Students found other forms of entertainment closer to home through private parties at New Bern throughout the year and down at the river when the weather warmed up. On those nights when there were no dances or special attractions, students could be found on the drag or at Mr. Gatti's.

Wherever they went, students managed to make the most of their recreation time and this was one kind of fever they did not mind coming down with at all.





Left: Sheila Mahlow and Nancy Rohlack listen attentively as suggestions for fund-raising projects are discussed at a January meeting.

Above: Beth Sexworth, Pam Pease and David Slivensky survey the last remaining baked goods left at their station during the NHS bake sale.

N.H.S. PEOPLE IN THE



Above: NHS president Christi McLaughlin opens the first meeting of the 1978 school year with a welcome to the new members.



One important task of the NHS sponsors was choosing the upcoming year's members. Here, Judy Rohde and Patty Clark look over the list of applicants.



NHS officers David Slivensky, Anita Allen and David Wolbrueck display a variety of reactions as they listen to plans for the upcoming NHS banquet.

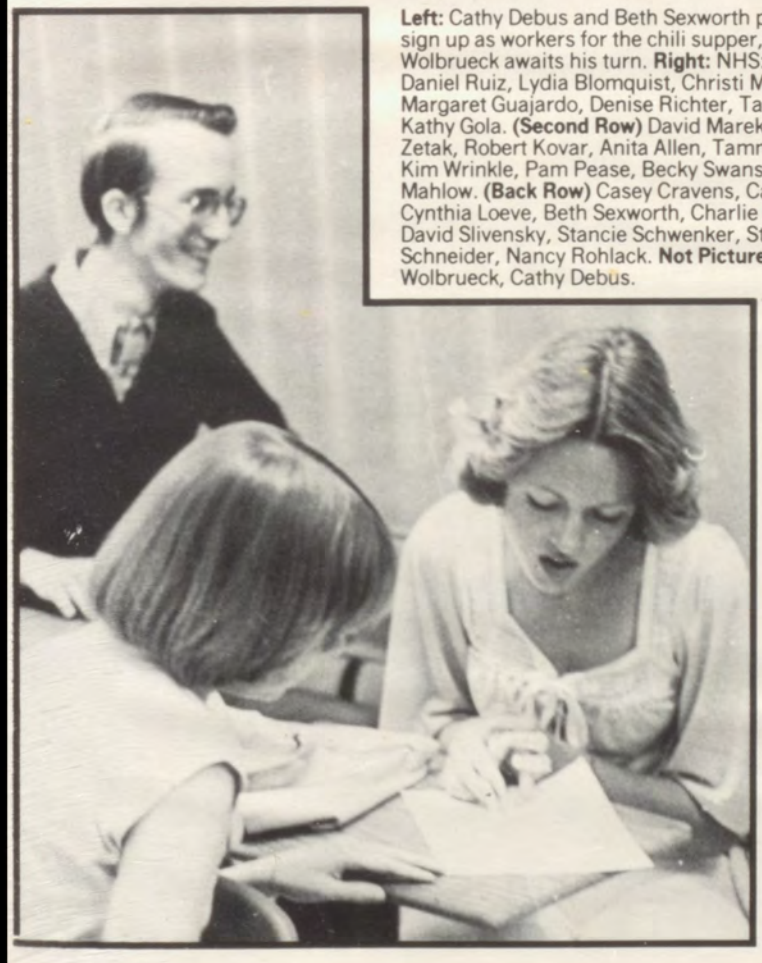
Most people think of National Honor Society as a club for "brains." Certainly grades are important in choosing club members. Yet, NHS members were also active participants in all aspects of high school life — not just academics. These active students joined with sponsors Patty Clark and Judy Rohde to make NHS a successful club.

In order to raise money for the annual banquet, the club sponsored a chili supper during football season. Later in the year a bake sale was also held. But the highlight of the year was, as always, the banquet itself. Held once again at Rowe Valley, the banquet gave new members a chance to meet the old and enjoy their first experience in NHS. Officers for the upcoming year were also installed in preparation for their year as leaders of National Honor Society — the club for people in the know.

KNOW...



Left: Cathy Debus and Beth Sexworth prepare to sign up as workers for the chili supper, while David Wolbrueck awaits his turn. **Right:** NHS: **(Front Row)** Daniel Ruiz, Lydia Blomquist, Christi McLaughlin, Margaret Guajardo, Denise Richter, Tammi Sefcik, Kathy Gola. **(Second Row)** David Marek, Paula Zetak, Robert Kovar, Anita Allen, Tammy Pruess, Kim Wrinkle, Pam Pease, Becky Swanson, Sheila Mahlow. **(Back Row)** Casey Cravens, Casey Smith, Cynthia Loeve, Beth Sexworth, Charlie Pokorny, David Slivensky, Stancie Schwenker, Stephanie Schneider, Nancy Rohlack. **Not Pictured:** David Wolbrueck, Cathy Debus.



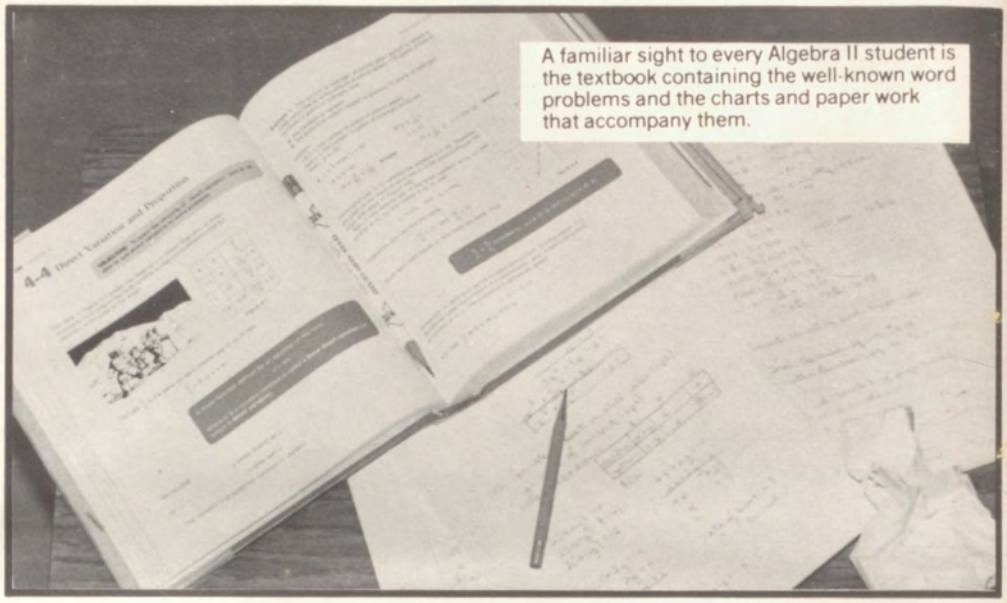


Informality was the order of the day at the annual NHS banquet. Here, Casey Cravens with David Marek backing him up, returns a serve to opposing team members Paula Zetak and Bryan Kruse during a friendly volleyball match between club members.

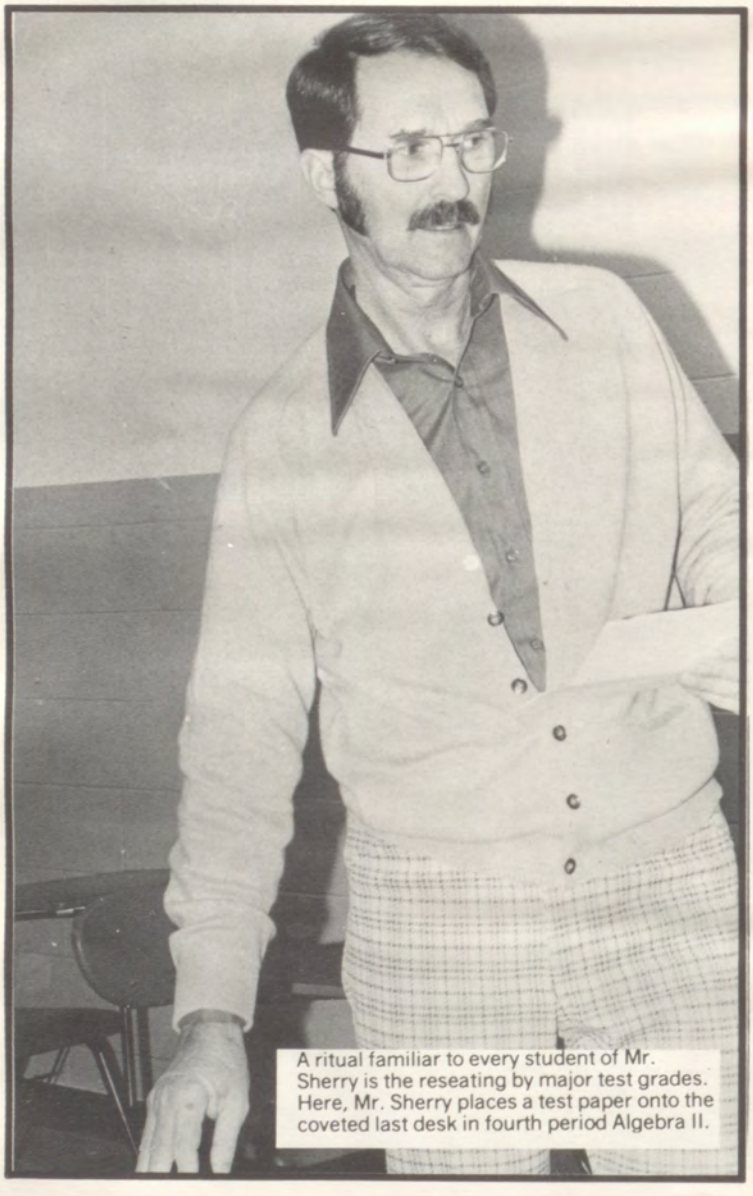
Reducing Problems to Lowest Terms

Math — a course made up of pop tests, calculators, scratch paper and homework. For over 430 students, at least one hour of their school day was set aside for mathematical activities which ranged from finding the ever-elusive "x" to dealing with arc, cosine and tangents.

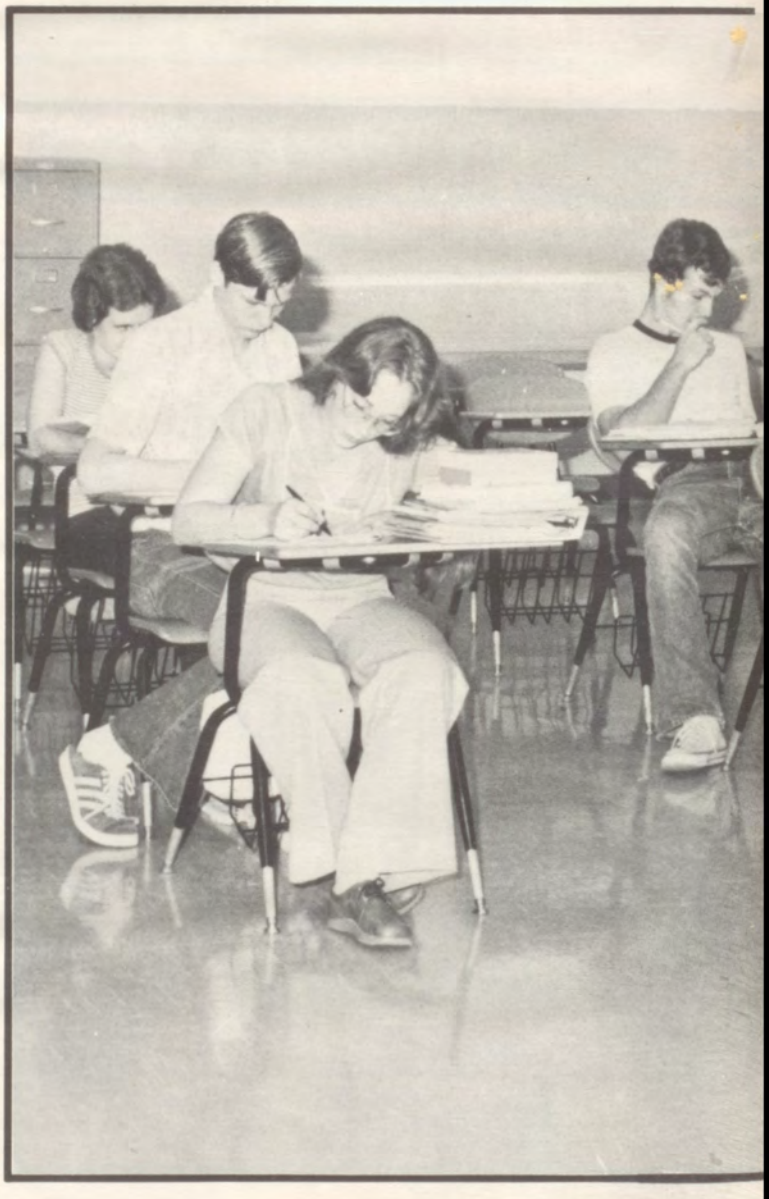
As always, the types of courses that were taught varied. They ranged from the study of the basics of math to elementary analysis — a course directed primarily to the college-bound student. But, these classes all had one thing in common. Whether a student found math difficult or "as easy as pi," he could be sure that mastering the skills of math would be helpful in the future.



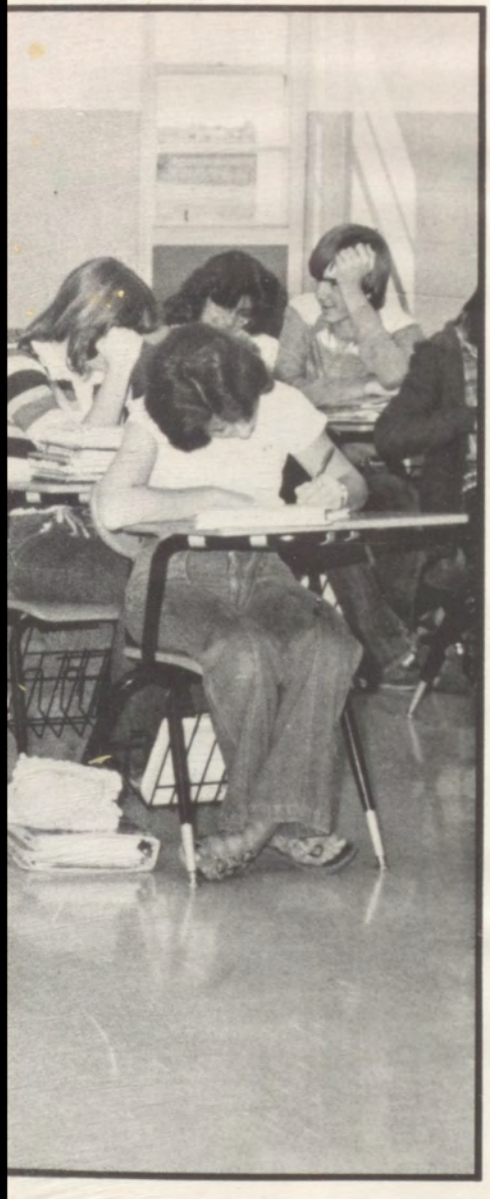
A familiar sight to every Algebra II student is the textbook containing the well-known word problems and the charts and paper work that accompany them.

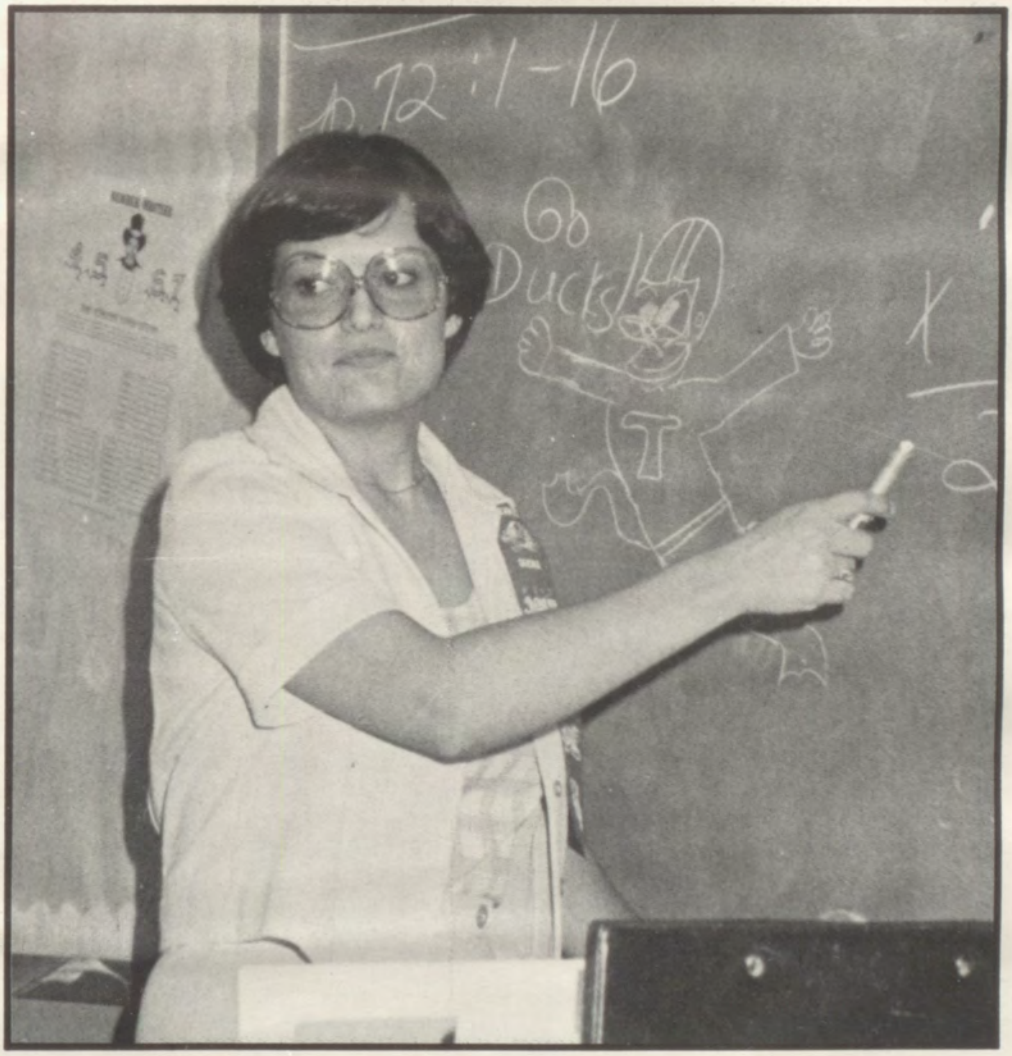


A ritual familiar to every student of Mr. Sherry is the reseating by major test grades. Here, Mr. Sherry places a test paper onto the coveted last desk in fourth period Algebra II.



The holiday spirit that prevails throughout the school in the week before the Christmas holidays provides Beverly Graces's Introductory Algebra II class with a chance to take a break from math.





Left: Students take advantage of extra minutes before the bell to start their homework, study for the next class or just to relax as shown by Dan Sherry's plane geometry class.

Above: Friday football spirit spreads throughout the school but math goes on. Here, Kaye Schaefer explains the principal of decimals to her third period FOM class.

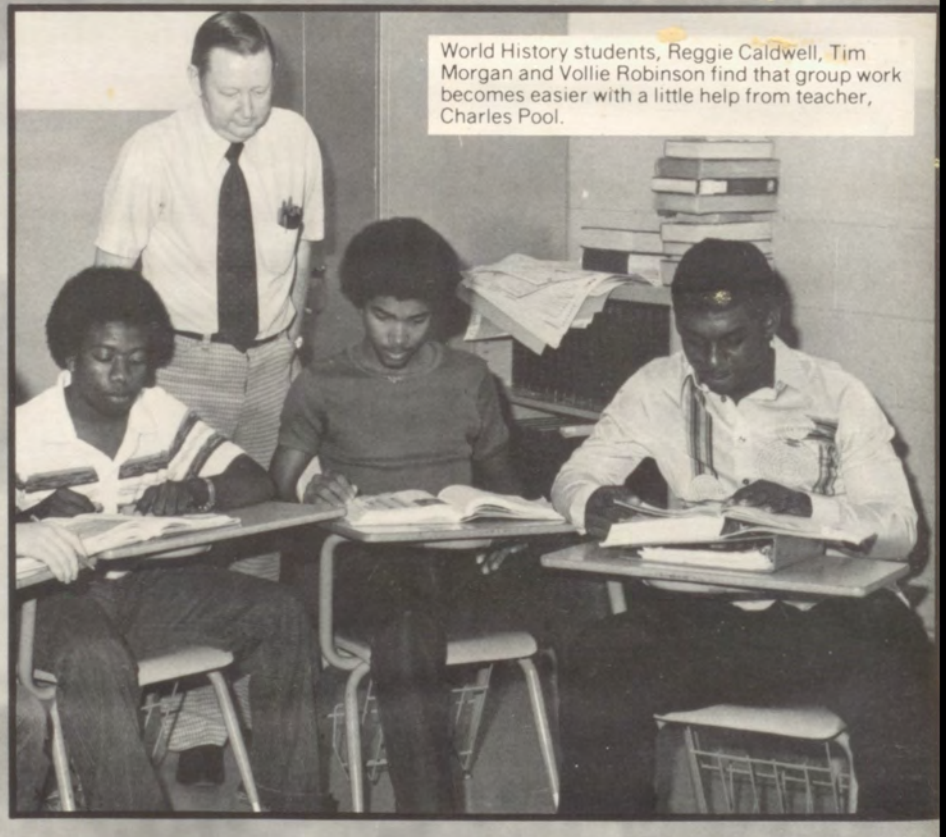


Patti Daughtry takes notes on the rise of the Chinese civilization in Mr. Crow's fifth period World History class.

"In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue . . ." This rhyme has been used by countless teachers to make the memory work of history a little easier. But the method used by teachers at THS achieved this goal and made history more interesting. Instead of concentrating on dates and insignificant details, the attention was focused on the people and causes of the major events of history.

As always, three types of the social sciences were taught. American History with its group work, projects and research reports dealt with the U.S. from post-Civil War days to the present. Juniors examined the world on a much larger scale with the study of World History. As in the past, films and maps played a large part in the class curriculum. Through Civics, seniors moved from the past into the present. The study of both the state and national constitutions, the free enterprise system and the voting rights of the 18 year old occupied their year.

Although the teaching methods differed, the efforts of history teachers John Crow, Shirl Frazier, Maurine Frost, Charles Pool and Steve Wilson combined to produce a common result. Because of their efforts, students realized that history was not only the past, it was a living part of our future.

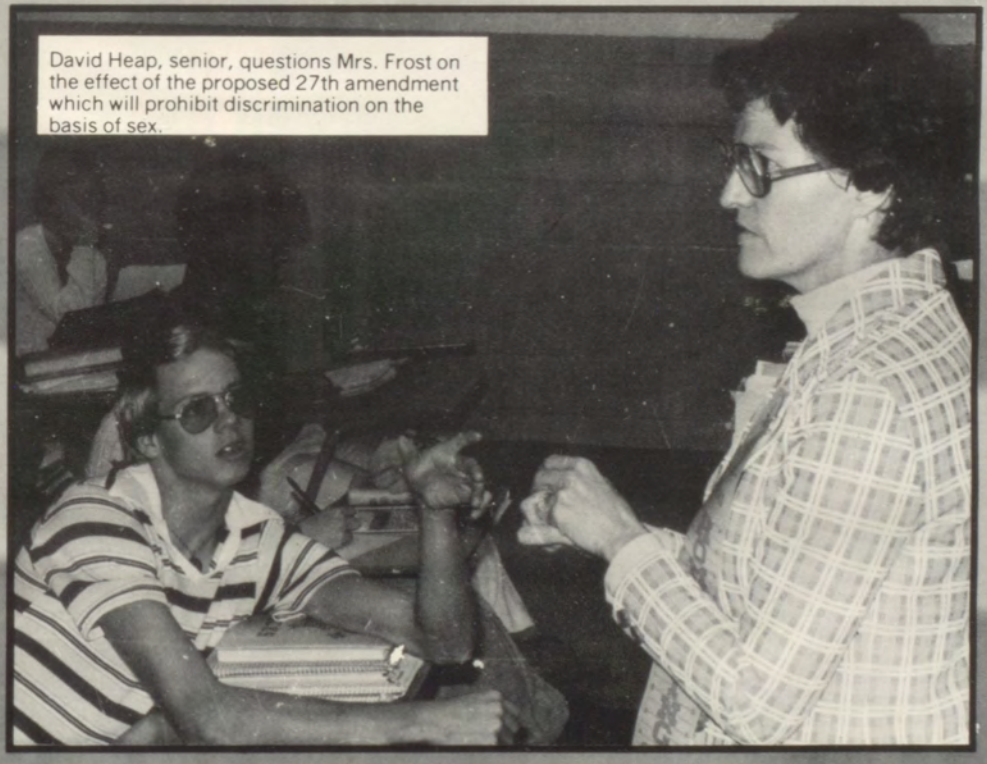


World History students, Reggie Caldwell, Tim Morgan and Vollie Robinson find that group work becomes easier with a little help from teacher, Charles Pool.



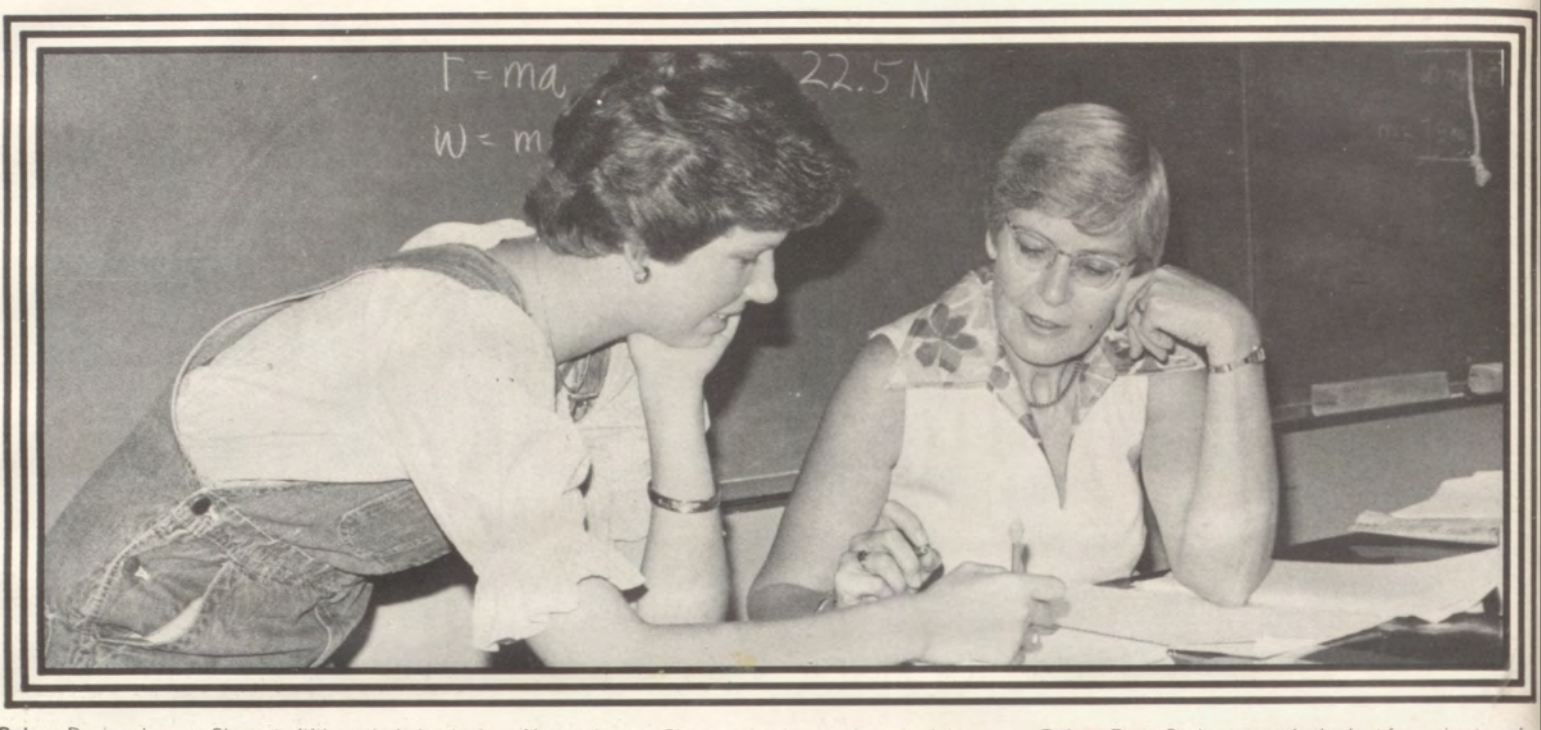
To supplement the study of the ancient world, Charles Pool points out the Fertile Crescent area to his first period class.

AS THE WORLD TURNS



David Heap, senior, questions Mrs. Frost on the effect of the proposed 27th amendment which will prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

EXPLOSIONS OF INTEREST

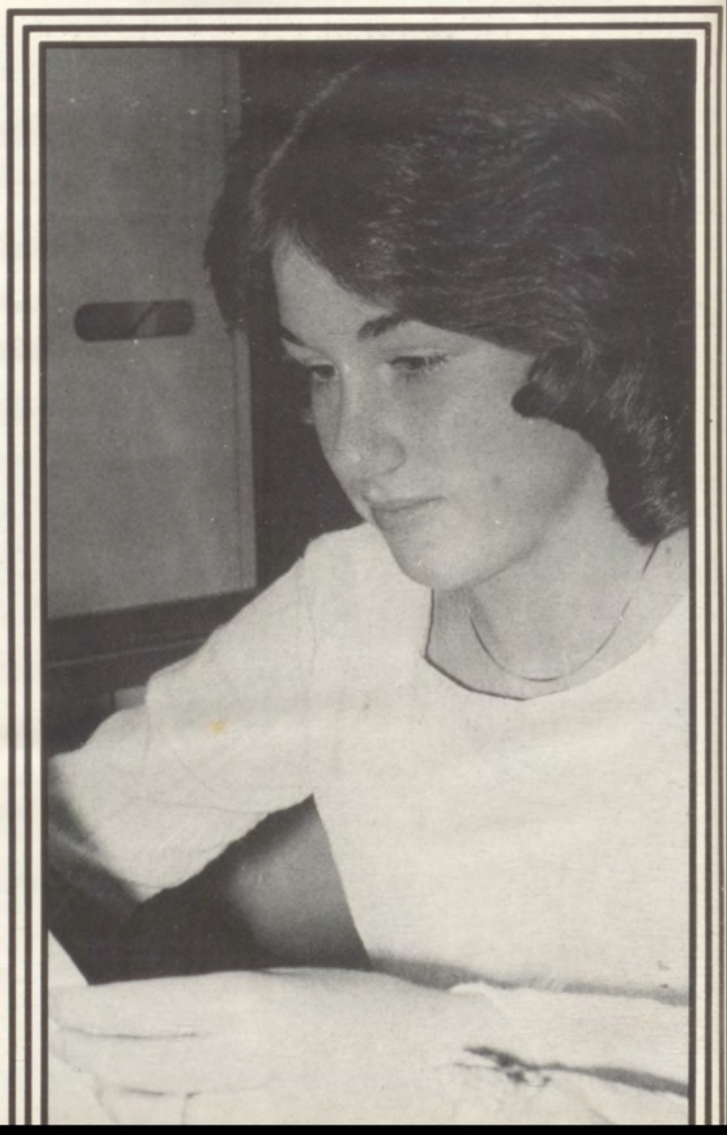


Below: During Jeanne Sherry's fifth period physical science class, Marc Brown measures the force of objects by using a balancing rod.

Above: Jeanne Sherry, physics teacher, explains a homework assignment to Ellen Schmidt.

Below: Patty Corbett spends the last few minutes of her biology class studying for her next test.







Once again, four science courses were available to the students of THS, and with over four hundred students' names in the grade books of science teachers, it became obvious that there was an explosion of interest in science.

This year students in the physical science classes started the year learning the metric system and then studied elementary physics for the remainder of the first quarter. The second and third quarters the students studied elementary chemistry. Once again the biology courses followed the same curriculum pattern. The major change in the chemistry courses was the fact that a new textbook was adopted. Jeanne Sherry, chemistry teacher, commented "I think the textbook is well organized and very helpful because it has margin notes and sample problems. I think the students can handle the book better."

Students in the physics class, also taught by Mrs. Sherry, saw not only the challenge, but also the value of the course if they decided to enter college.

Despite the fact that the science courses followed much of the same curriculum pattern as last year, the subject that each student took proved to be a new experience.



Above: Students in the biology classes do more than just dissect frogs. Here Ronald Marx tests for oxygen during his fifth period lab. **Right:** During physical science lab, Bryan Townsend uses a spinigig to compare input energy to the mass of the spinigig. **Below:** Theresa Matuke and Ester Mayberry prepare to look at the bacteria they have just stained during their fifth period biology class.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE





Above: Paula Pease, Typing I student, uses class time to practice exercises from the textbook in order to improve her typing skills. **Left:** Concentrating intently on the lesson to be typed, first year typing students work to build speed and accuracy in their timed writing.

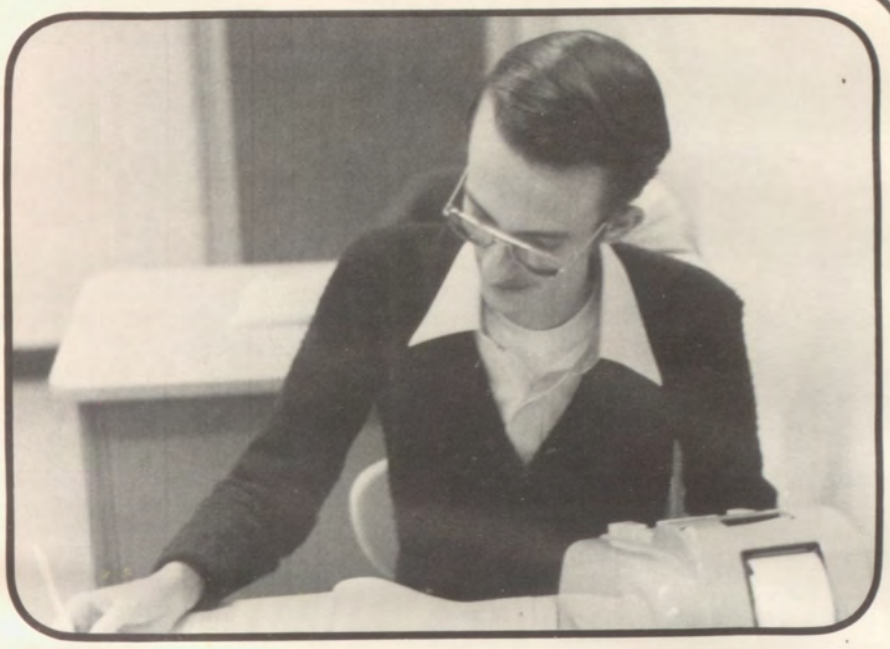
"Eyes on copy, ready, begin!" With these words, Ida Williams, typing teacher, started her class on another in a series of timed writings. Students found that typing against the clock was not as easy as it appeared. Accuracy, speed and concentration all played major parts in a successfully completed assignment. The keyboard chart was an important part of the Typing I class as students were taught to refer to it instead of looking at their own keyboards. However, as the year went by, the importance of the chart diminished as students became more skilled and advanced to timed writings of sentences and paragraphs.

Typing II students were able to apply the basics learned in Typing I to practical situations. Their year started with a refresher course and then, with the emphasis on speed and accuracy, they moved on to "jobs" — business letters, memorandums and ledger work. Typing required skill, concentration and practice. But, students found that the effort had not been wasted, the ability to type was a skill that would be an asset in any field of work.

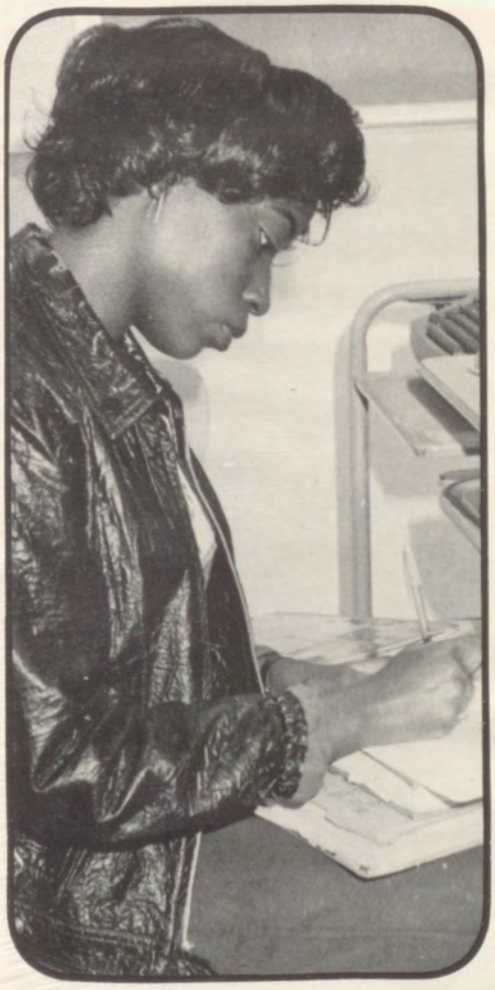


Above: Shorthand student Tammi Sefcik refers to the textbook for the shorthand symbol of a particularly difficult word. **Right:** Reva Killingsworth concentrates on completing her assignment in the few minutes of class time remaining before the bell.

The thought of filling out a tax form filled most students with panic. However, bookkeeping students not only learned how to interpret an income tax form, but learned how to balance books as well. The beginning of the year was devoted to the basics of accounting and ledger work. By May, students were skilled enough to take on the responsibility of handling the accounts of a small business firm. Students who enrolled in this class found bookkeeping to be a valuable tool and one of the basic elements of the world of office work and business.



Concentrating on entering records of expenditures into a ledger in third period bookkeeping is David Wolbrueck, senior.



To the senior VOE students enrolled in the shorthand classes, taking 40 words per minute in dictation and then transcribing it into a mailable copy may have once seemed like an impossible feat. But, through a lot of hard work and practice, everyone achieved this goal.

Writing in shorthand became almost second nature to these students. Their perseverance was the key that unlocked the world of the mysterious scrawl and provided them with a skill that would be useful in any phase of business that they would pursue after graduation.



Writing the assignment in shorthand is only a part of the job. Here, students work to transcribe their dictation into letter form.

A PIECE OF THE ACTION

Future Teachers of America, whether state or local level was one organization where participation was maintained year after year.

On state and local levels, action came in the form of projects, conventions, campaigns and activities and Taylor F.T.A. certainly had its share of it.

Motivation on the part of the students became the key to the involvement of F.T.A. in activities around the school and community. Projects such as bake sales and a carnation sale at Valentine's were held to raise money for convention. The Taylor F.T.A. chapter made it a goal to help others, too. At Christmas, F.T.A. sponsored a schoolwide collection of canned goods for needy families. During Teacher Appreciation Week, F.T.A. members presented teachers with delicious cupcakes as a gesture of gratitude for their hard work.

Involvement in state and district campaigns and activities brought achievement and recognition to the Roberta Waddell chapter. With the help of enthusiastic F.T.A'ers and sponsors Peggy Mott and Kaye Schaefer, Nancy Rohlack and Candy Buzan prepared their successful campaigns for the respective offices of district and state historian. Senior Stancie Schwenker received the Outstanding Service Award for district presidents, while Denise Richter and Eddie Contreras won first place in the Junior Mr. and Miss F.T. A. contest at district level. After spending months earning points for convention by grading papers, working on the scrapbook, and putting up bulletin boards, F.T.A.'ers faced disappointment when a record amount of eight inches of snowfall in Dallas prevented all but five eligible F.T.A. members from attending. However, their hard preparation for competition at state convention was not in vain as Taylor F.T.A. placed second in the Yearbook competition and won a Top Ten Award. The Roberta Waddell chapter also had the honor of being named one of the most active F.T.A. chapters in Texas.

Being a member of F.T.A. not only meant paying dues and attending monthly meetings, but it was also a guarantee of being a part of the action.



The willingness of F.T.A. members to work contributes to the success of this organization. Here, sophomore Kim McElroy volunteers to help with the carnation sale to raise money for convention.



F.T.A. gets a glittering spot on the Christmas tree decorated by Student Senate.



F.T.A. members Debbie Stine, Donna Cotner, Cheryl Kossoun and [illegible] Lindmer discuss who room to deliver the carnations to.



Newly elected state historian Candy Buzan stands proudly with advisor Peggy Mott at the close of the Dallas F.T.A. Convention.



District President Stancie Schwenker and Vice-President Tony Luna congratulate Eddie Contreras on his first place win in the Mr. F.T.A. contest held at district convention.



One of F.T.A.'s major money-making projects includes a carnation sale in February. Here, F.T.A. President Anita Allen and sophomore Jane Bartosh distribute red and white carnations for Valentine's Day.



Checking names of F.T.A. members el convention is sponsor Peggy Mott.



Junior Brad Frazier takes special care in tagging one of the F.T.A. carnations distributed on Valentine's Day.

Involvement + Action = Results





Taking attendance at one of the monthly meetings is F.T.A. Sponsor Kaye Schaefer.



Christi McLaughlin instructs students in the yearbook workshop at State Convention in Dallas.



Speaking on the F.T.A. theme for the year, "Progress in the Present" is guest speaker Joe Seale from TSTA. President Anita Allen and Vice-President Candy Buzan listen attentively in the background.



F.T.A. members Sheila Mahlow and Nancy Rohlack surprise Linda Brown with peppermint carnations on Valentine's Day.

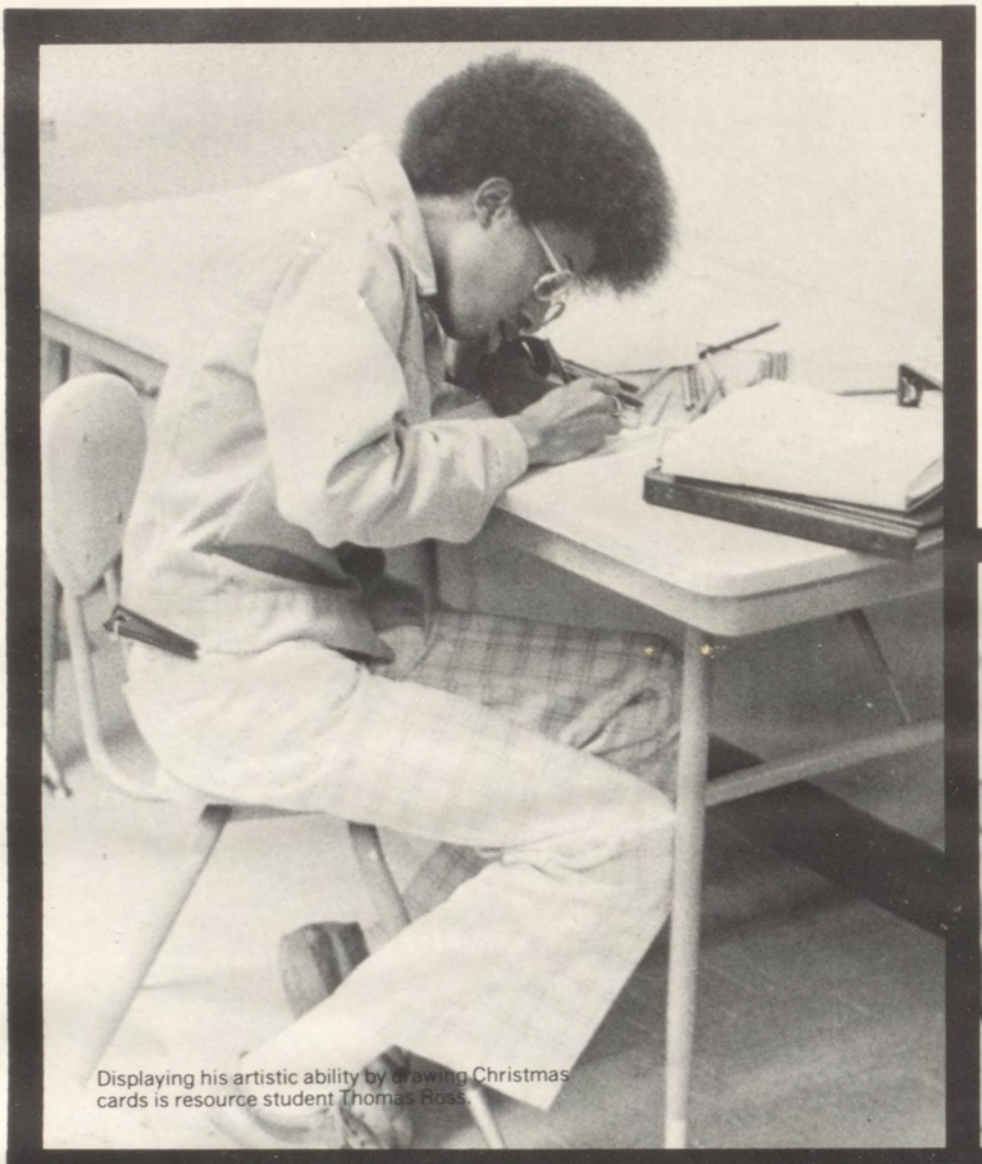


F.T.A. MEMBERS: **(Front Row)** Becky Pool, Regina Perez, Lisa Buzan, Eddie Contreras, Arlene Alvarez, Cheryl Kieschnick, Darian Petrucci, Jan Werner, Margaret Guajardo, Denise Richter, Christi McLaughlin, Sherilyn Kaatz, Debbie Wright, Kelly Frankeny, Sherri Dloughy, Estella Gayton, Madeline Trevino, Candy Buzan, Teresa McLaughlin, Gee Gee Granzin, Coty Balusek. **(Second Row)** Nora Perez, Audrey Heselmeyer, Kenny Thompson, Laurie Preusse, Monica Cuba, Sandra Sobotik, Amy Kasparek, Tammy Preusse, Jackie Naivar, Kim Wrinkle, Pam Mahlow, Sandy Sequist, Suzanne Stasny, Kara Petrus, Sherri Townsend, Ramona Urbanek, Keith Reiger, Sheila Mahlow, Christi Leschber, Advisor Peggy Mott. **(Third Row)** Advisor Kaye Schaeffer, Sabrina Steger, JoAnn Simcik, Suzanne Stried, Ricky Widmer, Patti Ruzicka, Stephanie Schneider, Kathy Poldrack, Anita Allen, Linda Brown, Pam Brookshire, Patty Corbett, Barbie Vanacek, Estella Gayton, Karen Harris, Diane Cotner, Randall Dloughy, Stancie Schwenker, Rick Cuzzort. **(Back Row)** Suzanne Basco, Jim Cuzzort, Dana Kuhl, Gina Gilligan, Kim McElroy, Paula Machu, Bryan Kruse, Dale Bunge, Brad Frazier, Jay Harkins, Donna Cotner, Cheryl Kostroun, Debbie Stiba, Royanne Rogers, Nancy Rohlack, Beth Sexworth, Ellen Schmidt, Jane Bartosh.

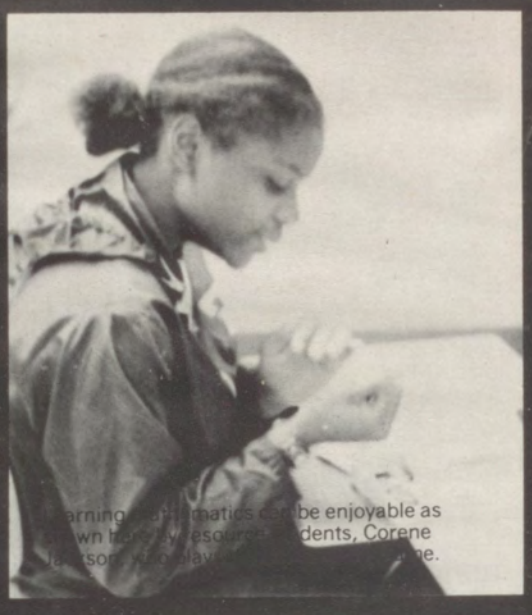
Special Help Proves Worthwhile

The Resource Room proved to be a valuable experience for students who needed individual attention. Teachers Betsy Hepburn and Hallie Streit worked with students on an individual basis. Using a method called "screening" they could determine the needs of students with learing disabilities in reading and math. Students also had the option of working independently or in groups.

Students not only worked on improving academically but also worked to improve self-concept and attitude toward teachers and other students.



Displaying his artistic ability by drawing Christmas cards is resource student Thomas Ross.



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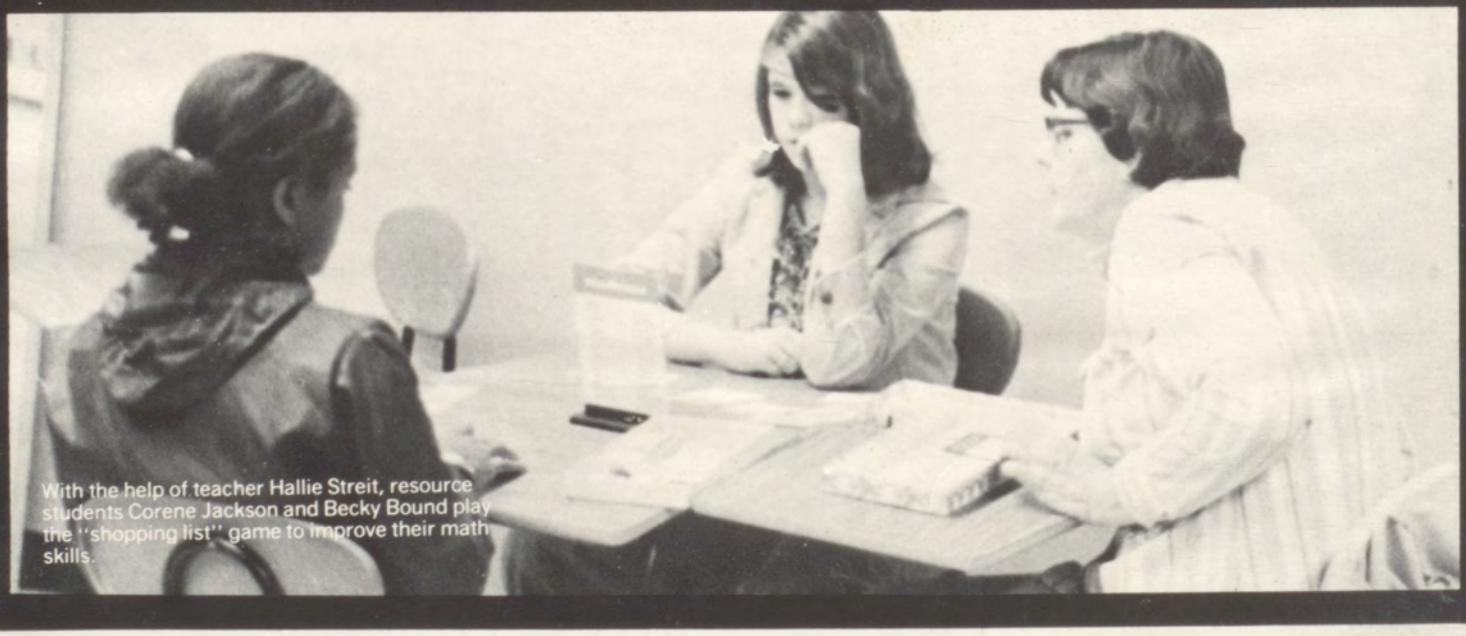


With the help of teacher Hallie Streit, resource students Corene Jackson and Becky Bound play the "shopping list" game to improve their math skills.



While in the ESSA reading lab, Daniel Torres concentrates on his RFU reading material to improve his reading and comprehension skills.

The Emergency School Assistance Act helped develop math and reading labs for students who needed extra tutoring and guidance. Under the supervision of George Murray, students worked with reading material from the fourth grade on through college level.

With the help of Odessa Mackey, students worked with puzzles, worksheets and visual aids to improve their math skills.

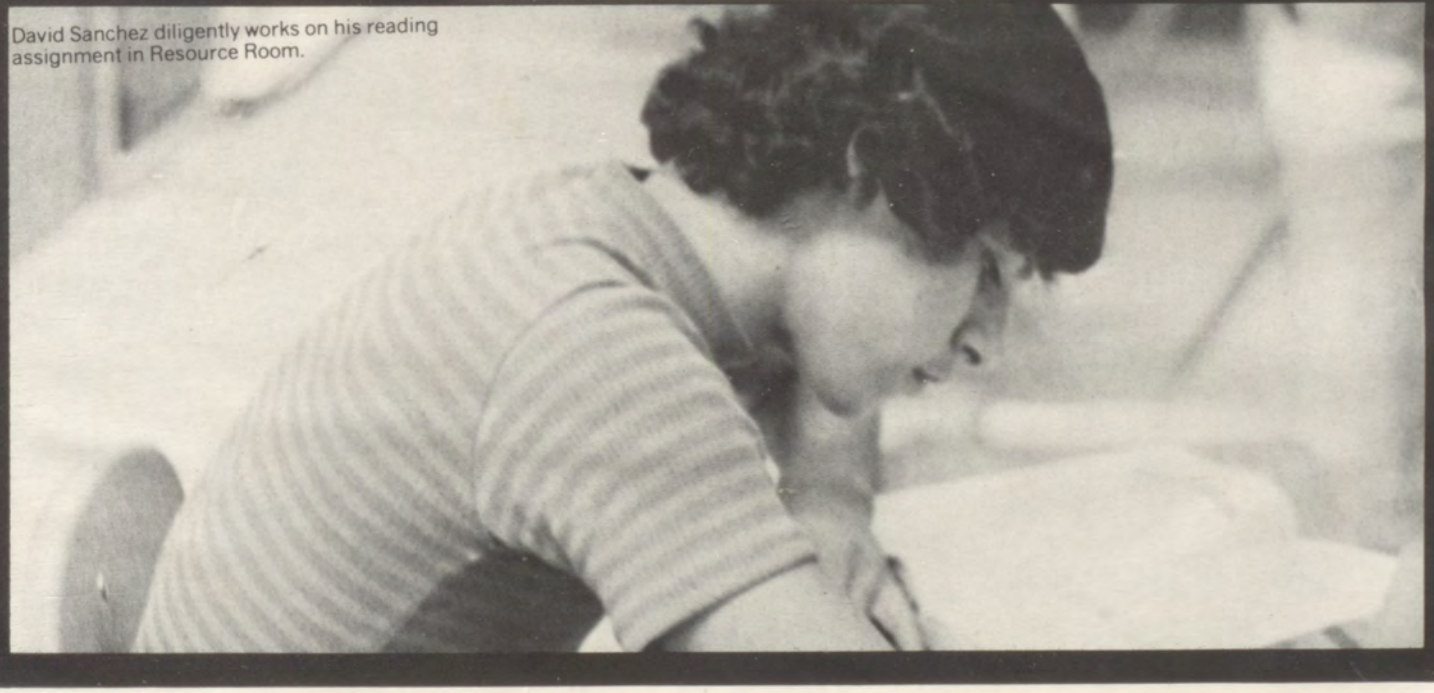
Both labs under the ESAA Program proved helpful in developing and sharpening students' reading and math skills. Thus the ESAA Program not only improved students' grades, but helped prepare students for post-graduate life.

Building trades was not the only class which dealt with construction. Vocational Education for the Handicapped was a special class for students with learning disabilities interested in the basic fundamentals of construction work as well as other fields such as painting, carpeting, plumbing and landscaping.

VEH students undertook private projects for minimum fees to help their club, VOCT. These projects ranged from yard cleaning to putting new bins in the field house for football equipment. Students also remodeled their own shop located at East Side School. VEH students displaying exceptional learning ability were promoted to Building Trades.



The ESSA reading lab seems to make reading fun for Jimmy Harris as he appears to be enjoying his reading assignment in class.



David Sanchez diligently works on his reading assignment in Resource Room.





Unable to continue studying, an exhausted Timothy Glover finds the library a quiet place to rest.

Above: Library aid Theresa Cubit organizes cards from the card catalog while Pam Allen reads a book for her next book report.

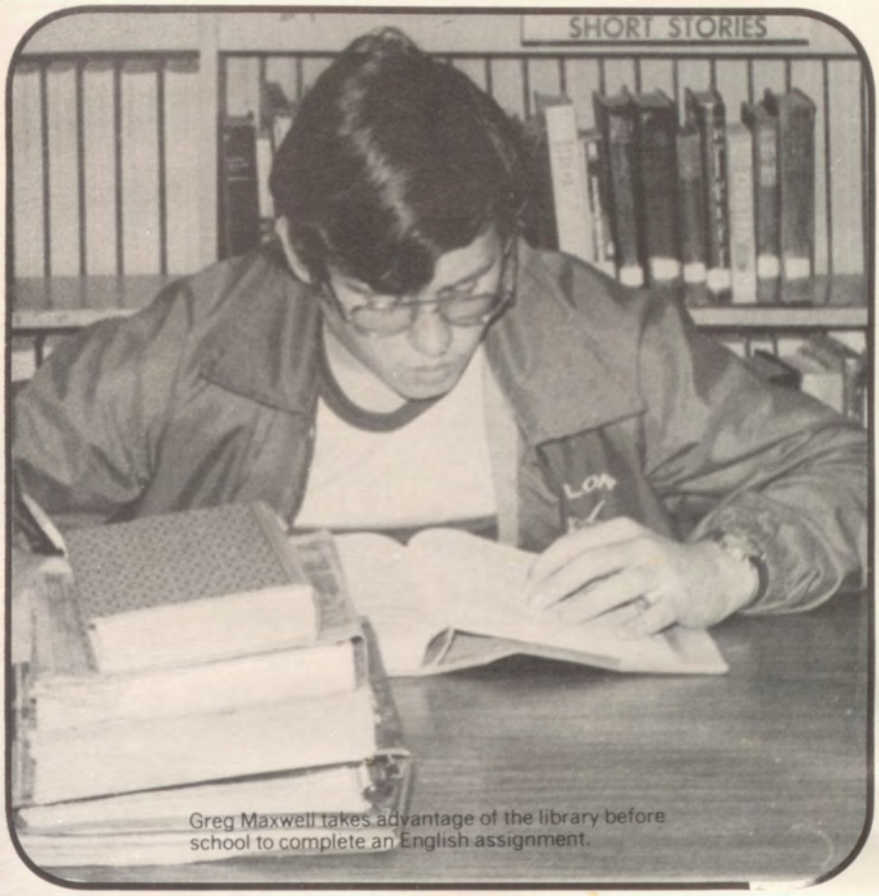
Left: Kirk Zachary spends his free time in the library looking for a good book.



The library proves to be an asset to students when writing speeches. Here Cheryl Wuthrich works on her speech titled "My Responsibility to America."



READING, RESEARCH, RELAXATION



Greg Maxwell takes advantage of the library before school to complete an English assignment.

As time passed the library came to mean a lot more to the students at THS than just a room with shelves and shelves of books. Students, whether they were working on research reports or just searching for a good book, found the library to be a valuable asset.

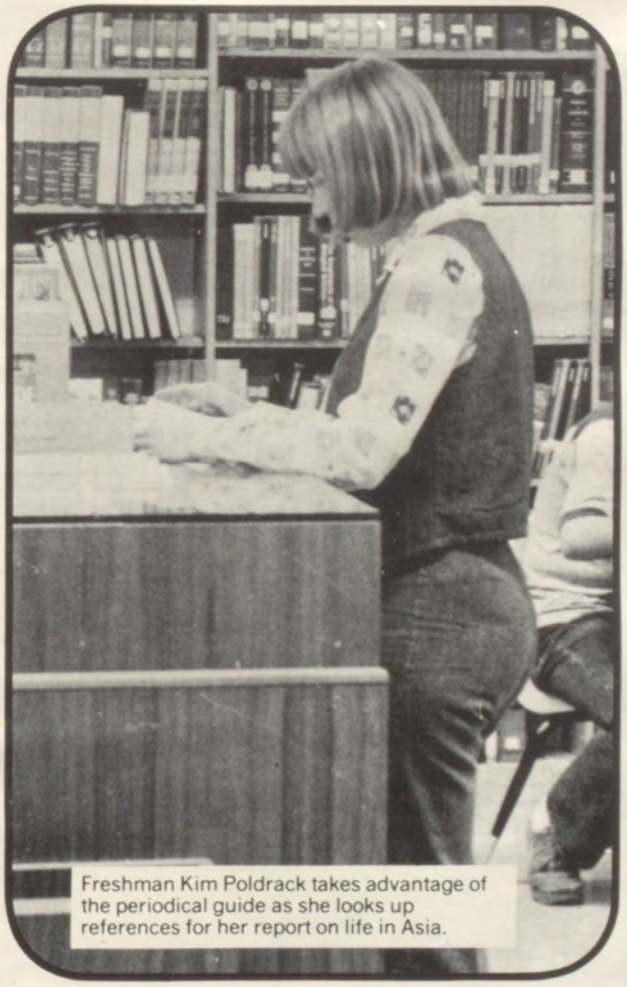
Students at Taylor High School spent time in the library for various reasons. English students appreciated the library when it came time to do research reports, and the books of criticism and the magazines in the library came in handy when doing research of any type or just pleasure reading.

Television added an interesting dimension to learning, and when the television was not tuned to Channel 9, a group would usually be found watching a favorite soap opera.

Seniors sometimes spent their study halls in the library catching up on homework, while other students found library a convenient place to study.



At the end of the day, librarian Mary Jean Livingood checks through library book cards and files those that are overdue.



Freshman Kim Poldrack takes advantage of the periodical guide as she looks up references for her report on life in Asia.

IN SMALL PACKAGES

GOOD THINGS COME

Although all of the meetings took place in the library, club members were involved in a variety of activities that reflected the diverse interests of the club. Members helped generate spirit during football season by painting signs to hang in the gym and decorating the library with green and white streamers.

History classes were invited to the library on March 31 to hear retired citizens and members of the Williamson County Historical Commission discuss the history of Taylor and the surrounding area. This year the emphasis was on exhibits of arts and crafts including quilting, weaving, silk screening and painting. Students who were interested in pursuing these hobbies were given information about techniques and necessary supplies.

Although the Library Club was not the largest at THS, it was involved in some of the most diverse activities that took place during the year.



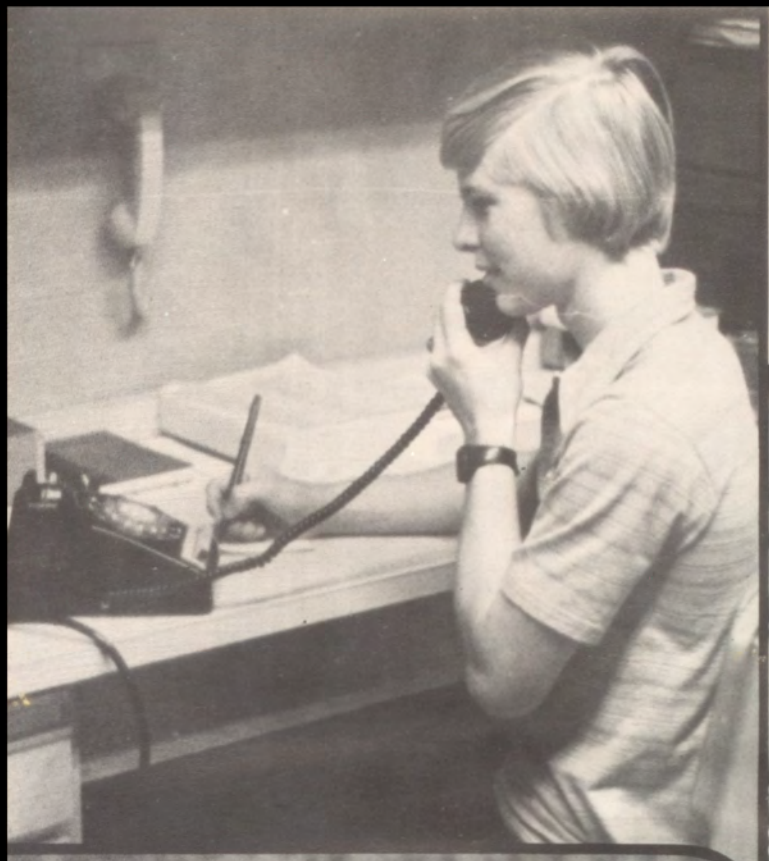
LIBRARY CLUB: **(Front Row)** Mark Urbanek, Steven Saul, Kenny Thompson, Marc Brown. **(Second Row)** Lezlee K. McDonald, Madelon Powers, Carl Glover, Bill Moehnke, Charlie Pokorny. **(Back Row)** Penny Sitman, Jim Pokorny, Mary Jean Livingood, Paul Pille, Rebecca Natek and Nora Perez.





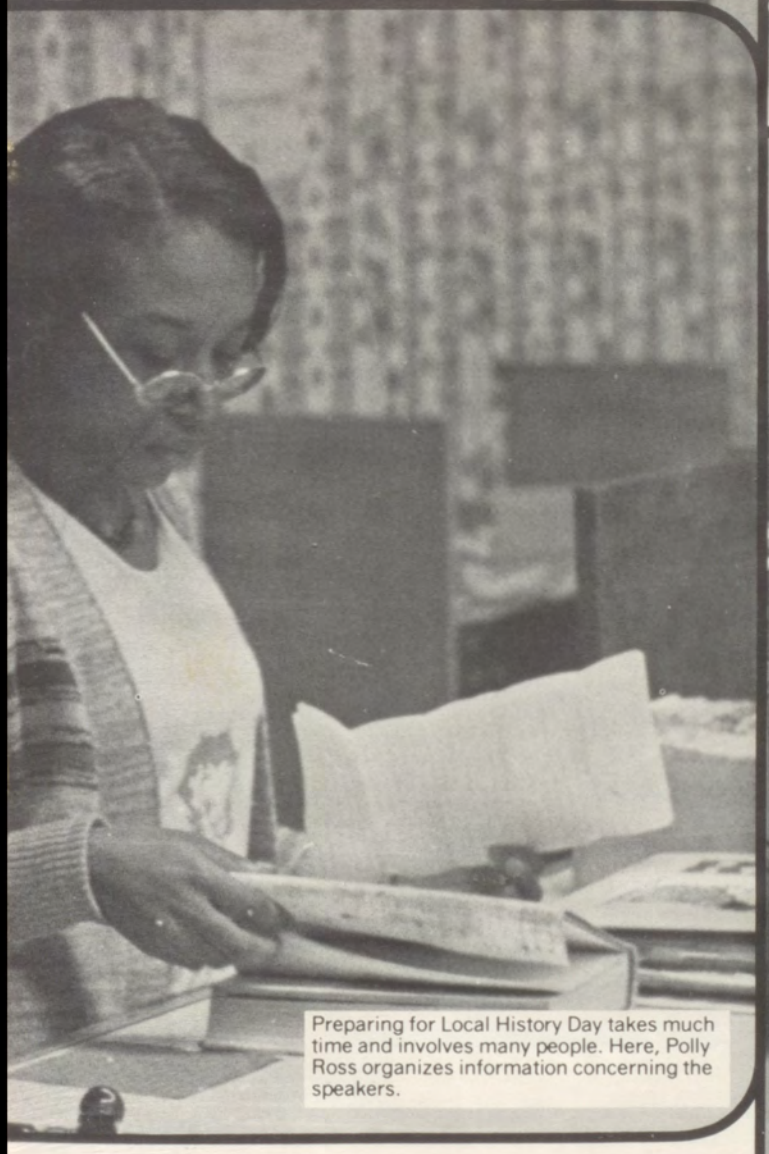


Above: Club member David Sikes makes use of the many reference materials to prepare a research report for the March 31 Local History Day. **Left:** Library Club members are a valuable part of the operation of the library. Here, Penny Sitman prepares a display for Black History Month.

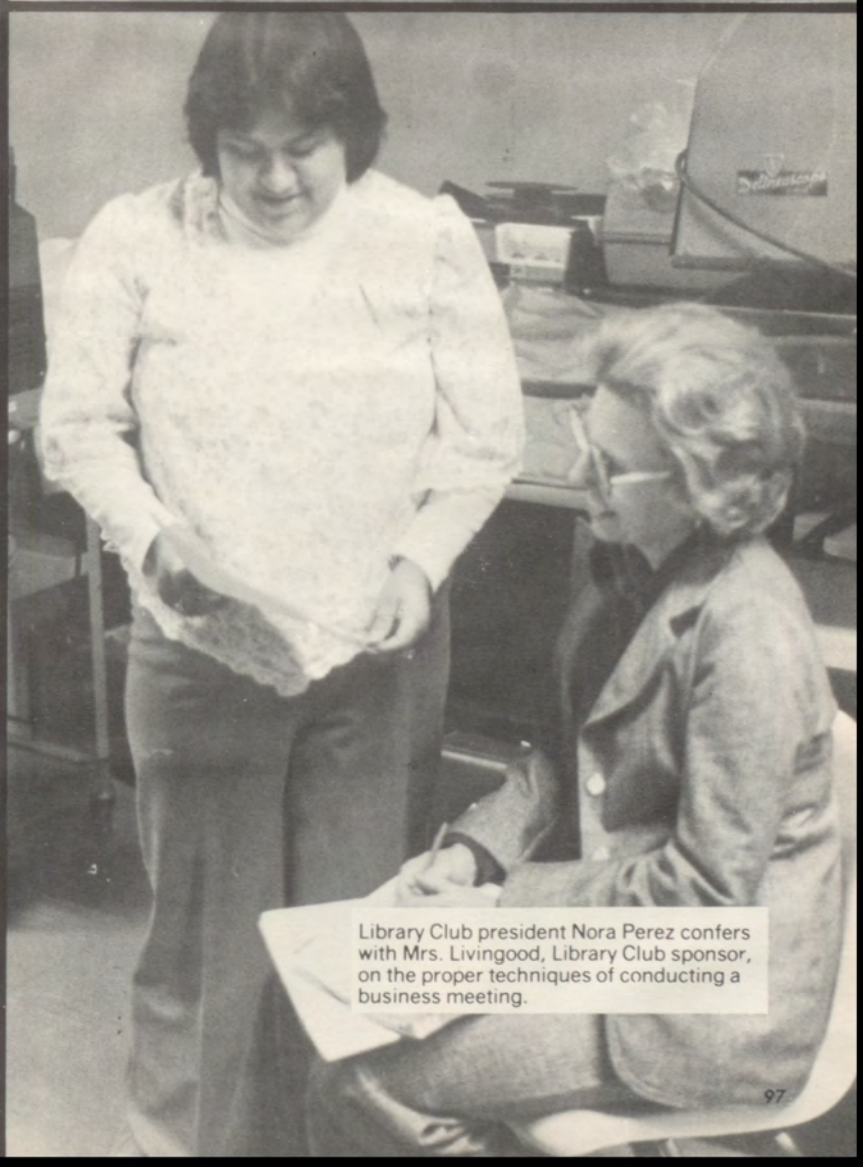


Left: Vice-president Charlie Pokorny spends a few minutes of his spare time in the library contacting prospective speakers for Local History Day. **Below:** Mark Urbanek, Marc Brown and Steven Saul discuss plans to publicize the upcoming Local History Day.





Preparing for Local History Day takes much time and involves many people. Here, Polly Ross organizes information concerning the speakers.



Library Club president Nora Perez confers with Mrs. Livingood, Library Club sponsor, on the proper techniques of conducting a business meeting.

An Outspoken Class

Although the year began with speeches, David Kyser, the speech teacher proved to the many students that speech class was more than speeches alone. He introduced new topics besides everyday speeches. Parliamentary procedure, public address, and poetry interpretations gave the students a break from the routine speech class.

Preparation for UIL contest went on throughout the year in Speech II. Many basic problems with speeches were reviewed and practice was endless. Throughout the year the speech members also gave speeches to the Optomist, Veterans of Foreign War, and American Legion Clubs in Taylor.

Speech III formerly drama and speech combined, changed to an all speech class this year. Even though the class contained only two students, Todd Harris and Nolan Glover, Mr. Kyser was proud to have a more advanced class.

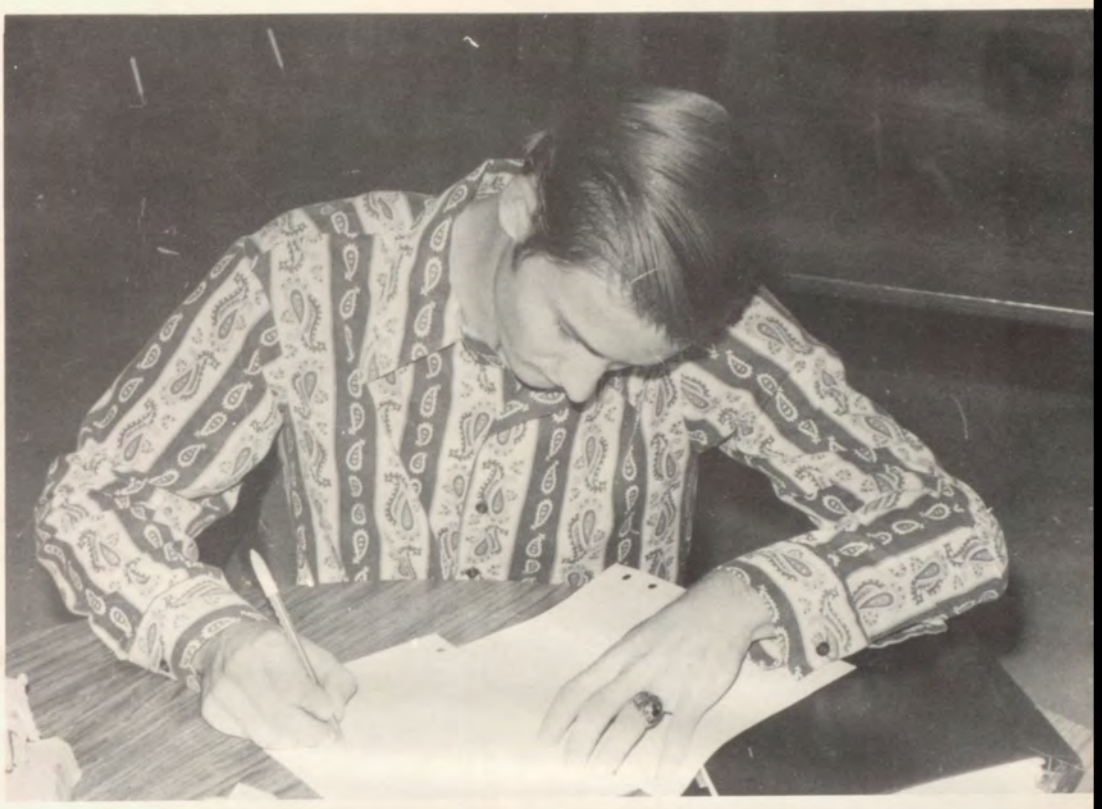
THS was proud to have a new class this year — a drama class. Acting in general was the main purpose of the class, but it included learning all the technical aspects. Voice projection, duet acting and group acting were all attempted by the members of the class. Stagecraft, which included building props, setting stages and lights, and designing make-up and costumes were all highlights of the class. One special presentation, "A Hillbilly Christmas," was performed for the entire student body at the Christmas assembly.



Right: A prize-winning presentation style was only one of the many talents that carried Becky Swanson into the state finals of the national Voice of Democracy contest. **Below:** The newest addition to the Speech Department, a separate drama class, proved to be a success. Pictured is a scene from "A Hilbilly Christmas Carol," one of many plays presented throughout the year.







Above: Nolan Glover, Speech III student, spends a little extra time polishing his speech in preparation for district contest. **Below:** Richard Lopez, Brian McAlpin, Tammy McVay, Jeff Davidson and Tracy McVay, with the help of teacher David Kyster, prepare for a classroom debate. **Below:** Speech teacher David Kyser gives Terry Farr a little constructive criticism on his just-completed speech, while Timothy Glover waits to take the podium.

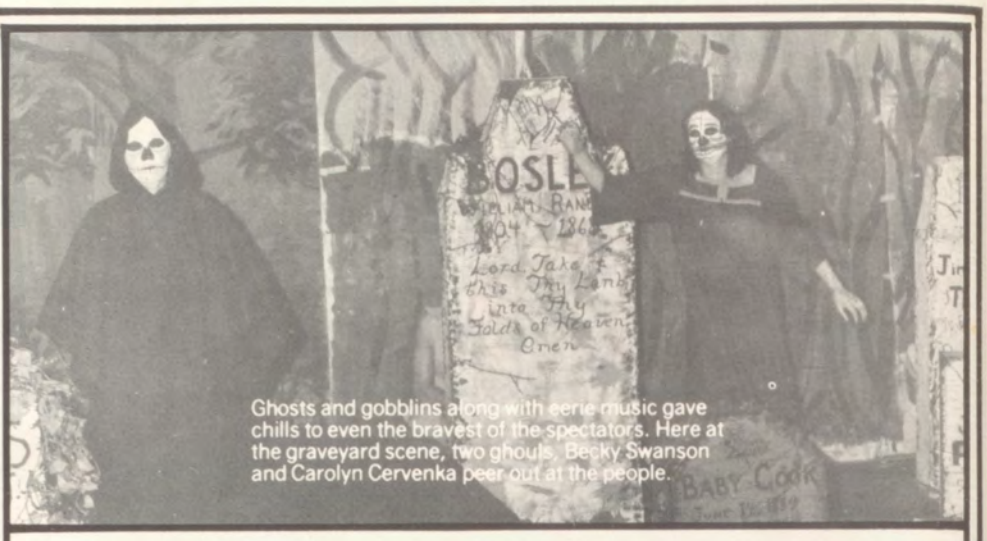




As with all clubs, there was always the need to raise money. For On Stage, costumes, lights, and props were always a necessity. One of the major money making projects of the year focused on Halloween. On October 29, On Stage sponsored their fifth annual Spookhouse. On Stage members spent weeks designing the spookhouse, sewing costumes, and building props. When the doors finally opened, mummies and ghouls were only a few of the grizzly spectacles that stumbled out to meet the spectators. After a fun evening, On Stage members were pleased with the $270 that was added to their treasury. Another important money-making project occurred in March when On Stage sponsored a Mexican buffet at the Downtown Cafeteria. Over $200 was earned which helped in the production of THE CRUCIBLE, their play for U.I.L. one-act play contest.

On March 30, On Stage presented THE CRUCIBLE for one-act play competition. Although the play did not advance to district competition, the group nevertheless was pleased with having Ricky Mann and Jimmy Thompson being named to the All-Star Cast. Honorable mention All-Star Cast went to Linda Brown and Kenny Thompson.

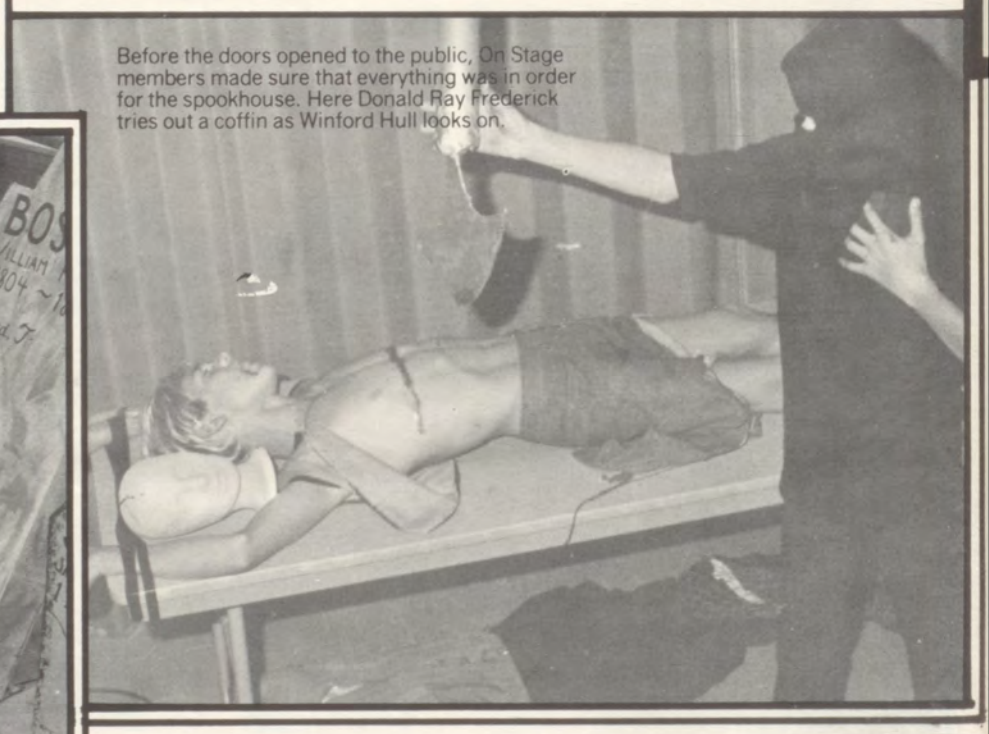
In summing up the year's activities, David Kyser, On Stage sponsor, expressed his opinion of the group, "On Stage has had one of the most successful years any group could ever have. We did our best."



Ghosts and gobblins along with eerie music gave chills to even the bravest of the spectators. Here at the graveyard scene, two ghouls, Becky Swanson and Carolyn Cervenka peer out at the people.



The evening of October 29 was a hectic but successful one for On Stage. Hundreds of people visited the spookhouse, and in the end over $250 was added to the club's treasury.



Before the doors opened to the public, On Stage members made sure that everything was in order for the spookhouse. Here Donald Ray Frederick tries out a coffin as Winford Hull looks on.



People who visited the fifth annual spookhouse saw many eerie sights, one of which was the swinging pendulum scene. Here Kenny Thompson swings the pendulum as it "slices" Paul Pille.

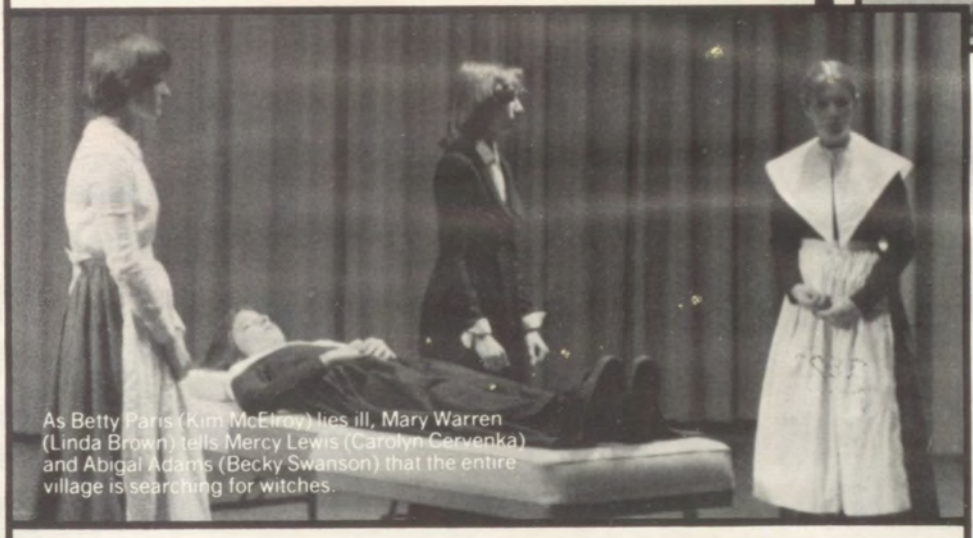
ON STAGE GETS INTO THE ACT



Kim McElroy screams for help as Kenny Thompson stretches her in the chamber of no return.



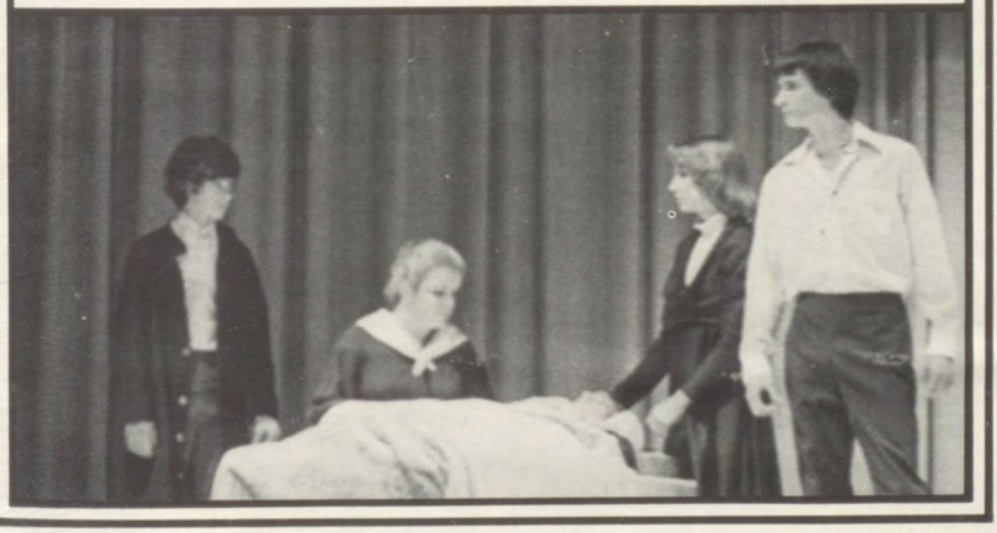
The morning before John Procter (Ricky Mann) is to be hung for witchcraft, Elizabeth Procter (Cheryl Wuthrich) begs John to say he is a witch to save his life, to which he replies, "It is a fault Elizabeth, to give lies to dogs."



As Betty Paris (Kim McElroy) lies ill, Mary Warren (Linda Brown) tells Mercy Lewis (Carolyn Cervenka) and Abigal Adams (Becky Swanson) that the entire village is searching for witches.



Above: Becky Swanson and Carolyn Cervenka serve food at the On Stage Mexican buffet. The March event added over $200 to the club's treasury.
Below: THE CRUCIBLE CAST: **(Front Row)** Robbin Rafferty, Edward Contreras, Cheryl Wuthrich, Jimmy Thompson, Adam Martinez, Marc Brown, and Randle Parker. **(Second Row)** Kenny Thompson, Pam Steger, Linda Brown, Pam Schaefer, Paul Pille, and Becky Swanson. **(Third Row)** Susan Hengst, Kim McElroy, Jason Sefcik, Pam Pease, and Carolyn Cervenka. **(Back Row)** Barry Cravens, Ricky Mann, and Madelon Powers.



Above: Betty Paris falls mysteriously ill when her father Reverend Paris finds her one night dancing in the forest. Reverend Paris (Jimmy Thompson), Rebecca Nurse (Pam Pease), Abigal Adams, and John Procter stand by her side as they are told that Betty has been accused of witchcraft.



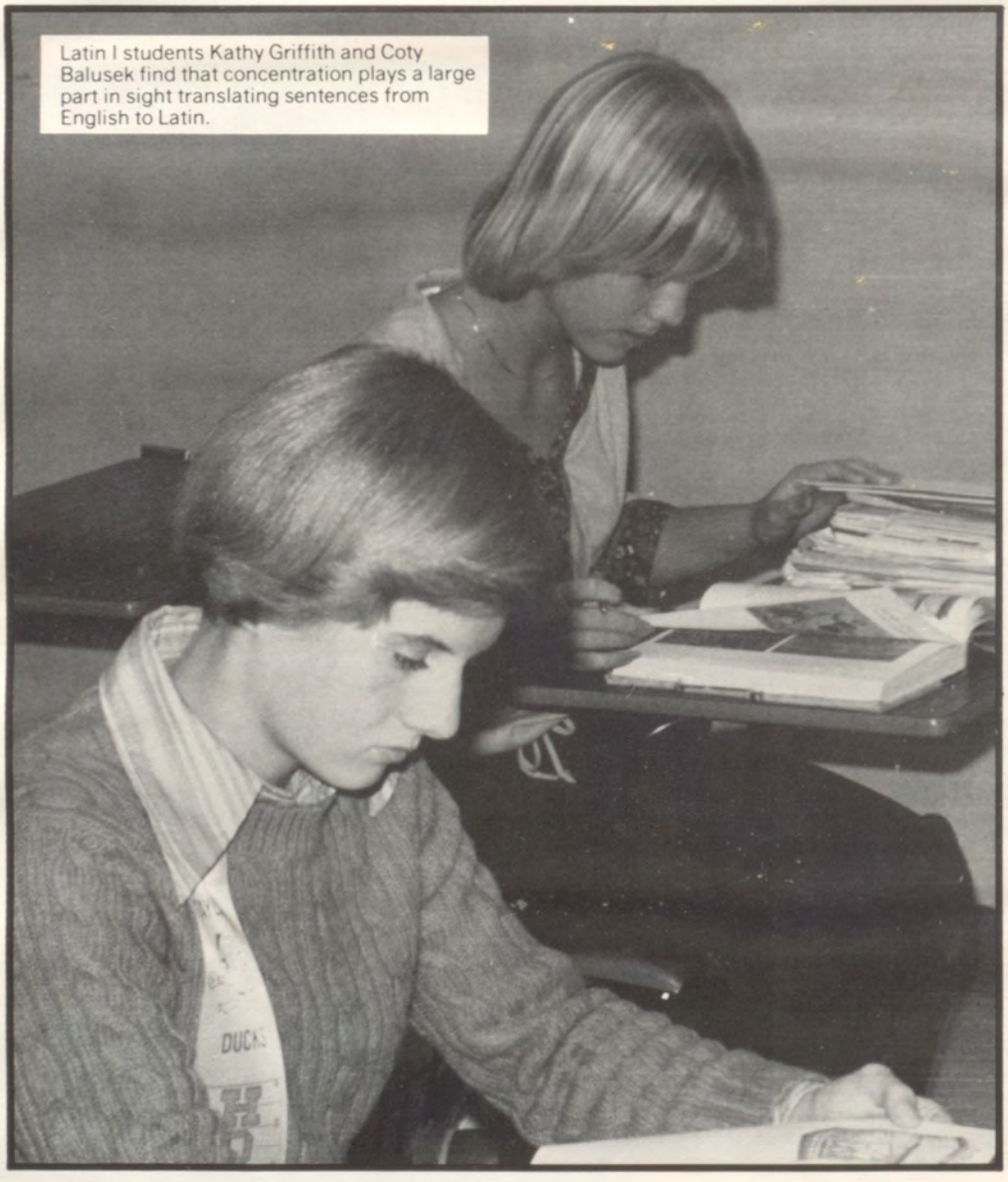
CIVIS ROMANUS SUM

For Latin I students, third period was a whirl of tenses, conjugations and declensions. They spent the first half of the year studying the basic parts of Latin. During the second half, this knowledge was used in the translation of some of the easier Latin material.

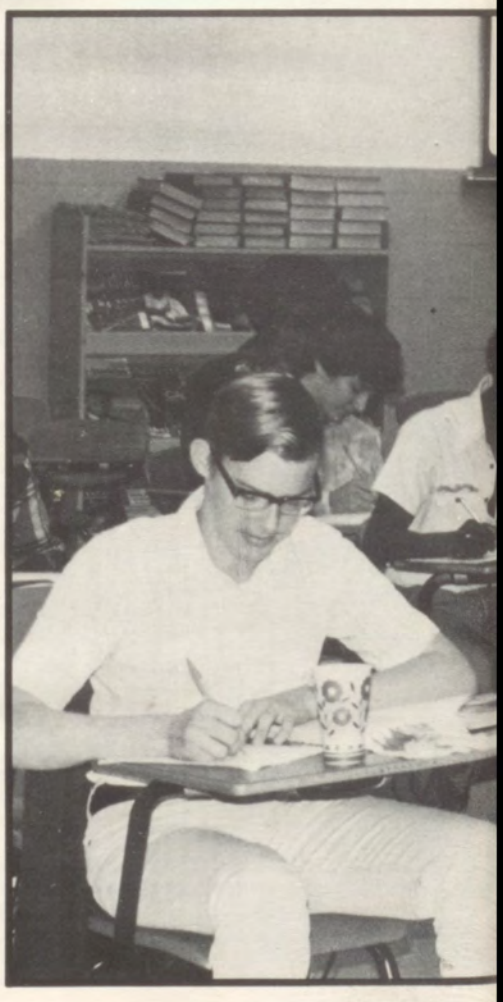
With this background, Latin II students were able to devote their year to translating the works of Homer, Virgil and other writers. But, Latin lessons did not always come from the textbook. Time was given for films and units on Roman life in hopes of gaining a better understanding of the Roman culture.

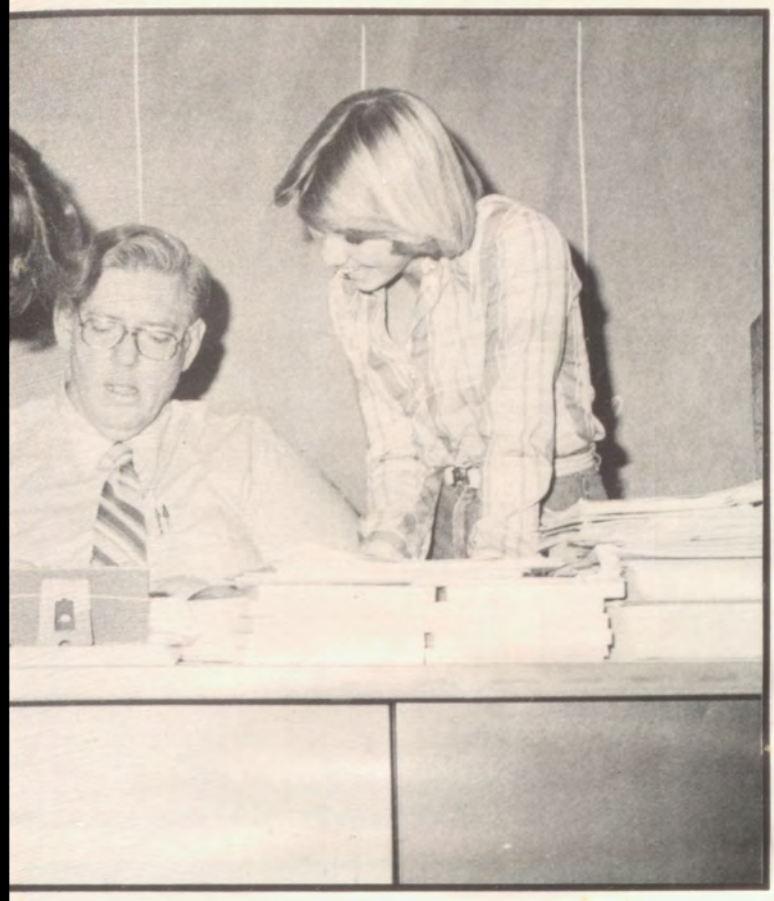
An offshoot of the Latin class was the Latin Club. The highlight of the year occurred in late spring when the annual Latin Club banquet was held in the cafeteria. On this day, first-year members of the club dressed and acted as Roman slaves with Latin II students taking the role of citizens. Carrying the books of the citizens was just one example of the menial tasks which they performed. However, at the banquet, they found that their embarrassment had not been in vain when their chains were broken by club president, Tammy Preusse and they were finally able to speak the long-awaited words of freedom:





Latin I students Kathy Griffith and Coty Balusek find that concentration plays a large part in sight translating sentences from English to Latin.







Above: Debbie Wright and JoAnn Simcik use the few minutes before a test to drill each other on the vocabulary and syntax of the Latin language. **Left:** Linda Brown and Coty Balusek, first year students, find that the translation of "Baucis and Philemon becomes easier to understand with the aid of Mr. Crow.



Even a "Saturnalia" party does not interrupt the routine of class work. Here, second year Latin students take one of the many vocabulary tests encountered in Latin.



Translations are a big part of Latin II. Here Carlton Brown translates an excerpt from Homer's **Odyssey** while Robert Kovar checks his own version of the translation.

Freedom For The Chain Gang



Above: As James Marek pedals down the hall, fellow slave Kelly Frankeney finds that carrying the books of citizens becomes easier when she is provided with free transportation.





As a part of their initiation, Coty Balusek and Debbie Wright serenade everyone in the Student Center from their vantage point on the soda water machine.



Above: The initiation gave citizens a chance to relax at the expense of the slaves. Here, Linda Brown carries the books of a fortunate citizen.





Latin Club queen Ellen Schmidt and her enthusiastic citizens work to prepare Kim McElroy for her wedding.

Top Left: Before the Latin Club meal could begin, each citizen had to be provided with a finger bowl and towel. Here, Deanna Daughtry and Coty Balusek stand ready to assist the Roman citizens.



LATIN CLUB: **(Front Row)** Linda Brown, Kelly Frankeney, Kathy Griffith, Denise Richter, Jan Werner, Debbie Wright, Pam Brookshire, Robert Kovar, Jackie Naivar. **(Second Row)** Penny Pavliska, Coty Balusek, Sabrina Steger, JoAnn Simcik, Suzanne Basco, Tammy Preusse, Patty Corbett, Jane Bartosh, Ed Cook, Karen Harris, Deanna Daughtry. **(Back Row)** Nancy Touchstone, Ellen Schmidt, Kim McElroy, Rory Rieger, Louis Ross, Tim Crow, Carl Holiday, James Marek, Carlton Brown, David Marek, Paula Zetak.



Left: On the day of the initiation, slave Pam Brookshire finds that a tricycle is a handy vehicle when used to navigate the halls of THS.

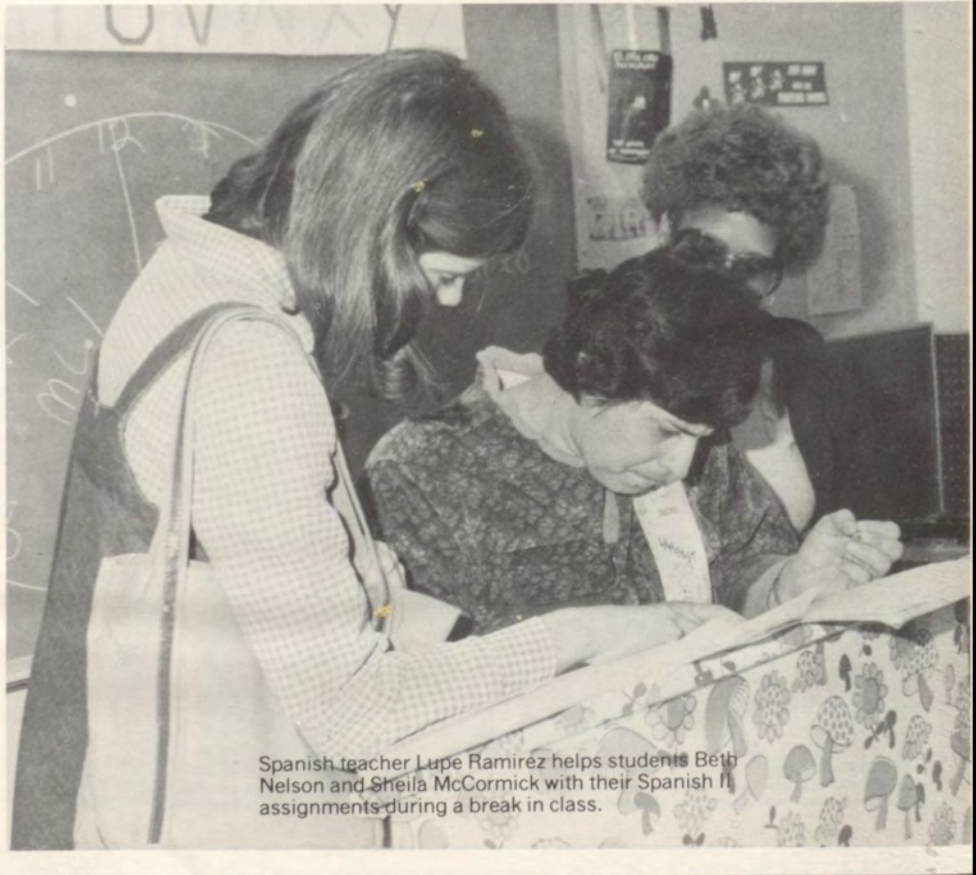


During second period Spanish I class Ernest Ariola concentrates on forming a word playing Spanish scrabble while Jimmy Thompson, Pat Kelley and Joe Orta wait their turn.

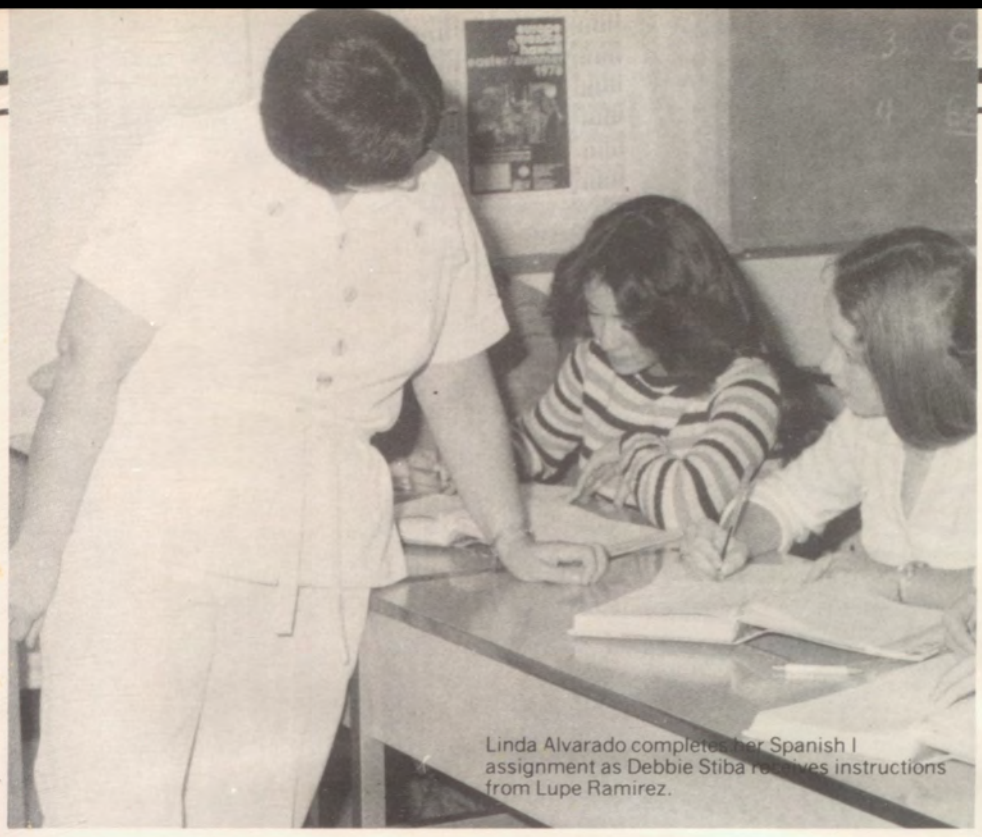
¡Aprendemos Espanol!

Lupe Ramirez taught Spanish for one and all this year. Forty-seven students enrolled in Spanish I and II classes while Nora Perez was the only student to attempt Spanish III. Though she shared class time with first period Spanish II students, her work was very different and individualized. While Spanish I and II classes busied themselves translating sentences and paragraphs Spanish II student, Nora, concentrated on studying Mexico; its history, literature and written form.

Nora and other active students found time away from the classroom to participate in the Spanish Club — Los Vecinos. Club activities included initiating new members, participating in school spirit activities and earning points to attend convention. They gave a Thanksgiving and Christmas basket of canned foods to a needy family for their projects this year. One of the highlights of the year came when students with enough points attended the Pan American Student Forum convention in San Antonio.

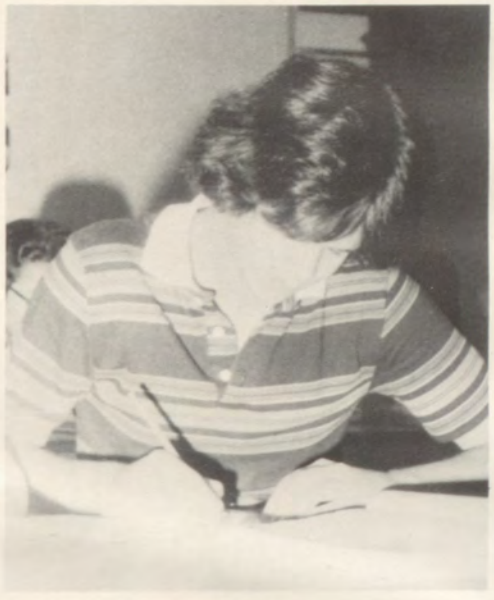


Spanish teacher Lupe Ramirez helps students Beth Nelson and Sheila McCormick with their Spanish II assignments during a break in class.



Linda Alvarado completes her Spanish I assignment as Debbie Stiba receives instructions from Lupe Ramirez.

Below: Pat Kelley works on conjugating Spanish verbs during a class assignment.





Left: Nora Perez researches Aztec Mythology for a Spanish III assignment. **Below:** One of the activities Spanish classes participated in was the door decorating contest during homecoming. Here Stephanie Schneider, president of Student Senate, awards a first place ribbon to second period Spanish I class.



P.A.S.F. Spirit In Action

Spanish Club participated in the many spirit raising activities during football season. Here Trisa Vasquez and Bryan Kruse, disguised as "Super Duck," entertain the student body at the pep rally before the Westlake game.





Spanish Club brought home a first place plaque from the Pan American Student Forum convention in San Antonio with their superior scrapbook.



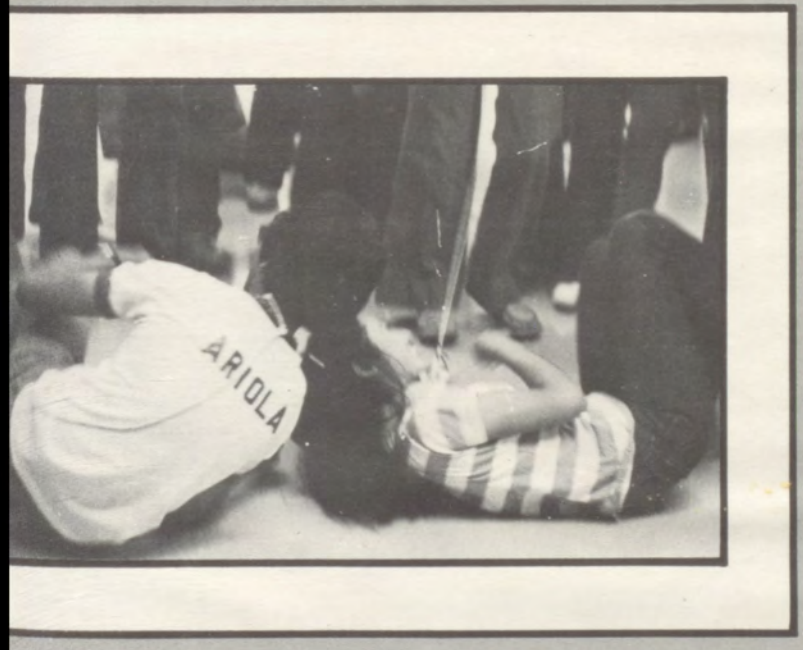
Besides the usual money-making projects, Spanish Club again sponsored a dance. Here Mary Zavala dances to the live music of the "Innovations."



Spanish Club members are **(Front Row)** Dana Basco, Mary Zavala, DeDe Leal, Linda Alvarado, Trisa Vasquez, Darlene Galvan, Gloria Flores, and Greg Maxwell. **(Second Row)** Cynthia Loeve, Nora Perez, Ellen Nelson, Donna Cotner, Cathy Debus, Camille Cook, Gina Gilligan and Sheila McCormick. **(Back Row)** Lupe Ramirez, Sponsor, Joe Orta, Michael Harrell, Dario Connors, Mike Brueckner, Israel Gonzales, Ben Gonzales, Beth Nelson, Ricky Widmer, Thomas Martinez, and Pearl Wheeler, Sponsor.



Spanish Club officers are **(Front Row)** Mary Zavala, treasurer; Sheila McCormick, secretary; and Darlene Galvan, reporter. **(Back Row)** Trisa Vasquez, PASF chairman; Dana Basco, president; and Gloria Flores, vice-president.



Being a first year member in Los Vecinos was not always fun and games, but here Linda Alvarado and Ernest Ariola experience a little fun as they pretend to be performing dogs during Spanish Club's initiation.

NOT THE SAME PIECE OF CAKE

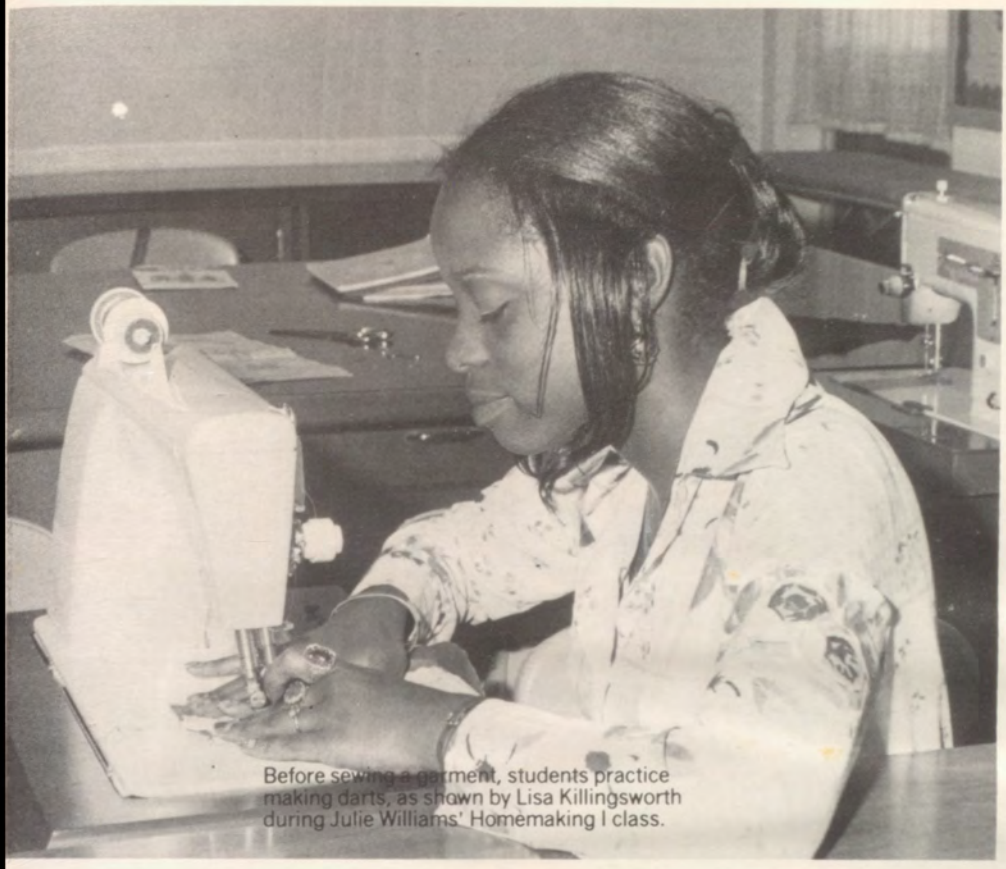




Above: Donia McKany, a student in Bobbie Nickerson's Homemaking I class, pops popcorn in preparation for making peppermint popcorn balls. **Right:** Domingo Alderete and Dennis Mundkowsky listen attentively to the discussion during Bobbie Nickerson's home and family living class.



Pinning seams together before sewing is only one of the many steps taken in preparing a garment. Here Dana Kuhl pins a seam as directed in her pattern.



Before sewing a garment, students practice making darts, as shown by Lisa Killingsworth during Julie Williams' Homemaking I class.

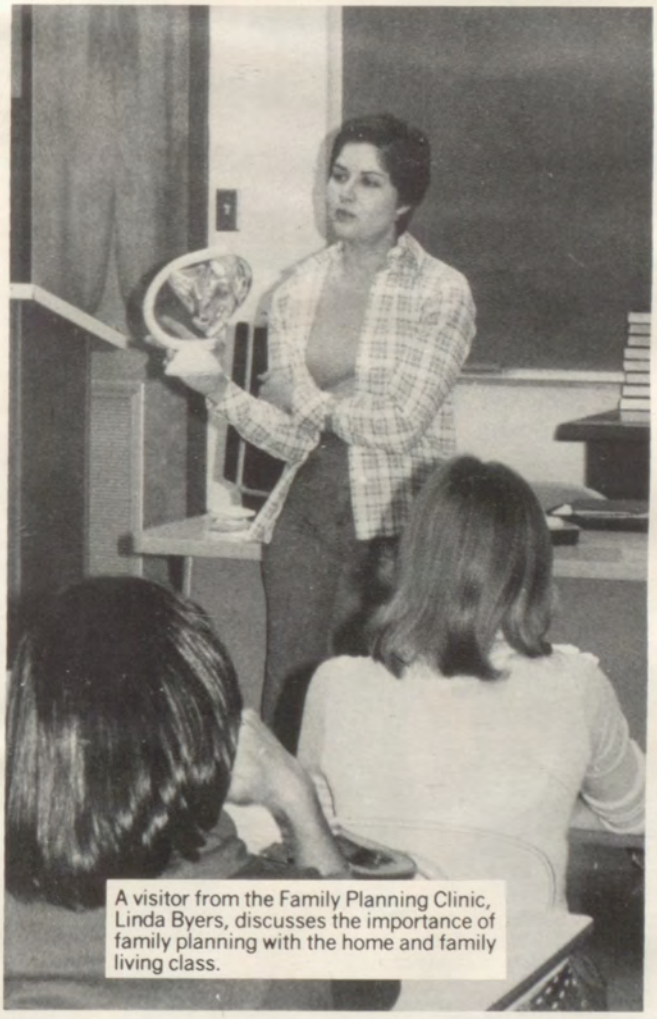
Homemaking is no longer a class for girls alone. This year a total of 117 students, 20 of which were males, spent some part of their day in the south wing of the building going about the business of "learning to live."

Homemaking, a possible three year study, covered areas in child development, consumer education, home and family living, clothing and home furnishings, food and nutrition, and other areas of importance to the future homemaker.

Two one quarter courses, consumer education and child development, were offered. Consumer education included such things as high pressure sales tactics, frauds, and quackery, things that a consumer might encounter through business dealings. Child development helped students understand the finances, care, development, and habits of a young child. Home and family living encourages a better understanding of one's self and personal relationships with other people.



Bobbie Nickerson returns graded papers to her fifth period home and family living class.



A visitor from the Family Planning Clinic, Linda Byers, discusses the importance of family planning with the home and family living class.

FHA PAVING THE WAY

Basically FHA was an extension of the many different aspects taught in the homemaking courses offered at THS, and this year over 50 members became involved in community activities and learned to help each other as well as themselves.

FHA activities centered not only around THS, but around Taylor as well as the state. On January 27, in an effort to promote spirit, the FHA department prepared breakfast for the members of the basketball team, and served them before school that morning.

Another project focused on the rest homes. For Valentine's Day, FHA members visited the area rest homes bringing cheer and greetings to the senior citizens of the community.

In April, the 1978-1979 officers were elected, and then the new officers journeyed to Dallas for state convention held on April 21 and 22.

Through the various school and community services, Future Homemakers of America helped the members understand themselves and live more satisfying lives.



During the FHA basketball breakfast, Peggy Hyzak and Deborah Vrabel make sure Louis Ross has plenty of cinnamon rolls to eat.



Right: HERO: **(Front Row)** Debra Kaisar, Darlene Cervenka, Nellie Carmona, and Sylvia Vasquez. **(Second Row)** Johnny Roy Cathey, Elaine Davidson, Paula Randle, Deborah Cervenka, and Aurora Rayes. **(Back Row)** Mike Harrell, Eloise Thomas, Cynthia Loeve, and Wilbert Watson. **(Not Pictured)** Clarence Wooldridge.



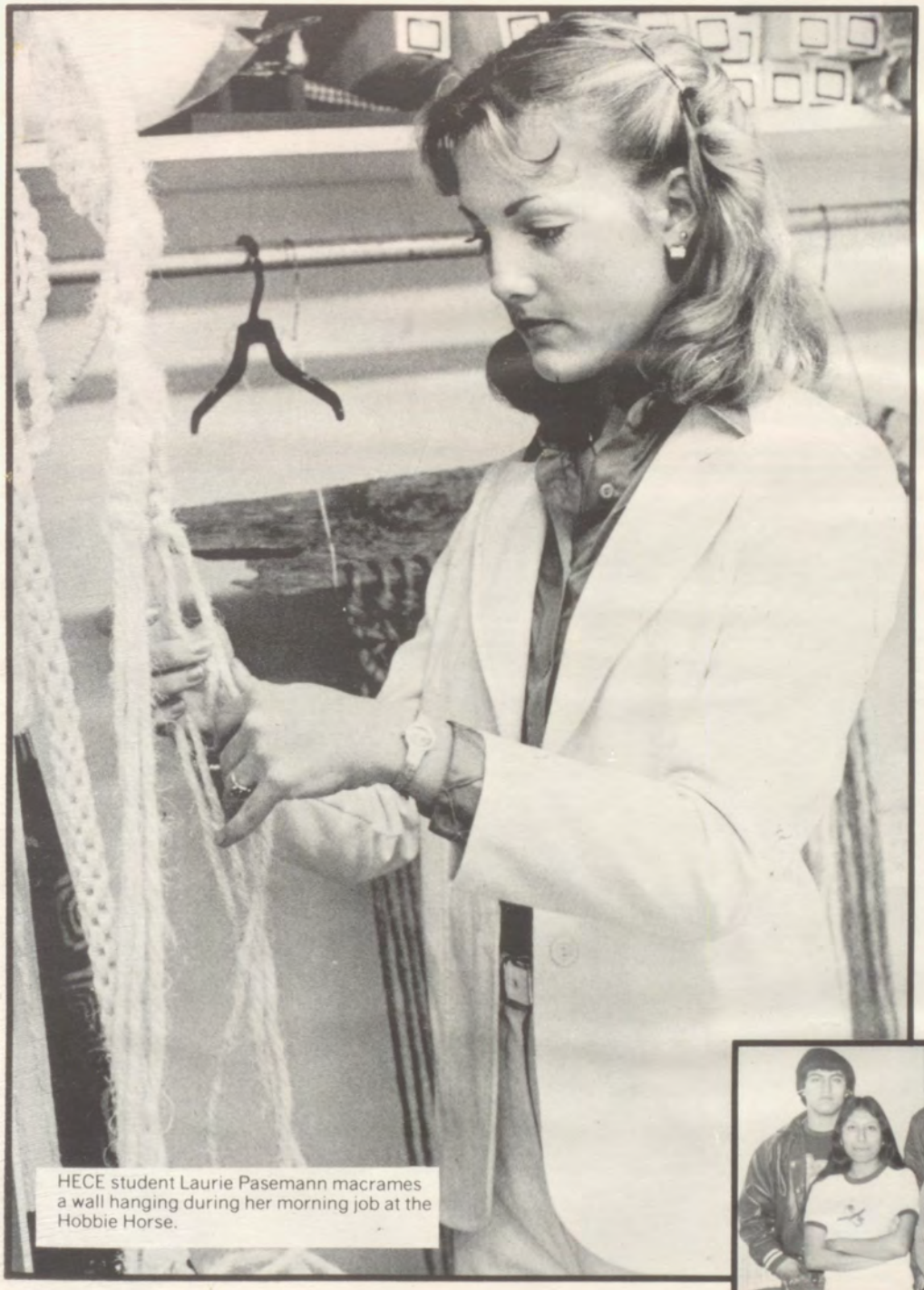
Mary Jackson, Domingo Alderete, Charles Hall, Emily Smith, David Roznovak, and Kenneth Thomas listen attentively to the news discussed at one of the Future Homemakers meetings.





Newly elected FHA beau and sweetheart are Kenneth Thomas and Danetta Griffin.

Upper Left: FHA: **(Front Row)** OFFICERS: Carolyn Shaw, parliamentarian; Sheila McCormick, secretary; Shirley Smith, treasurer; Julie Williams, sponsor; Gayle Brister, vice president; and Casey Smith, president. **(Second Row)** Betty Bogan, Barbara Coleman, Debra Tillis, Mary Jackson, Lanell Griffin, Nancy Kriedel, Gloria Flores, Peggy Hyzak, Jane Rohlack, and Reggie Caldwell. **(Third Row)** Kathy DeLaRosa, Mary Jefferson, Bonnie Freeland, Danetta Griffin, Ruthie Brown, Penny Sitman, Jimmy Grimm, Korene Jackson, Angela Keith, Brenda Johnson, Idella Aldridge, Lacy Holman, Sandra Sobotik, Paula Repa, and Rose Mary Castro. **(Fourth Row)** Donald Ray Frederick, Willie Mae Jackson, Paula Mayberry, Gretchen Kriedel, Lori Young, Carol Klepac, Deborah Vrabel, Denise Morales, Ester Mayberry, Pam Hubbard, Aurora Reyes, Teresa Bowden, Mary Estrada, and Marcia Lloyd. **(Back Row)** Rena Keith, Barbara Hill, Lulu Randle, Gloria Houston, Brenda Johnson, Tim Morgan, Eloise Thomas, Ronnie Kelly, Emily Smith, Linda Johnson, Gwendolyn Brandyburg, Pearly Thomas, Tammie Kimble, and Sharon Harrell. Sponsors: Bobbie Nickerson, Jalane Tucek, Lynn Lankford, and Julie Williams. **Below:** HERO: **(Front Row)** Bonnie Sledge, and Carolyn Shaw. **(Second Row)** Becky Garcia, Lanell Griffin, Sylvia Ortiz, and Edna Gonzales. **(Back Row)** Domingo Alderete, Davis Burrow, Lauri Pasemann, Joyce Washington, and Danetta Griffin.



HECE student Laurie Pasemann macrames a wall hanging during her morning job at the Hobbie Horse.



P.E. — A Variety of Goals and Approaches

P.E. classes at T.H.S. demonstrated that students could learn and have fun at the same time. Not only did participation in sports help students maintain good physical health, but they also learned the rules and regulations of different games and the importance of team spirit and cooperation. P.E. also gave students from different ethnic backgrounds a chance to socialize and compete with each other.

Directing the P.E. programs were Coach Leon Nickerson, boys' P.E., and Coach Diane Robbins, girls' P.E. Jim Miller, assisted Coach Nickerson.

The P.E. classes took advantage of the sunny days and played football, softball and archery. Indoor activities included volleyball, calisthenics, tumbling, and stunts.

The diversified sports program made P.E. enjoyable to the students and helped them to acquire coordination, poise, and the skills necessary for successful and healthy competition.



Above: The boys' P.E. Class stands ready as they await Coach Leon Nickerson's final command to fire. **Below:** Coach Diane Robbins instructs her P.E. Class in the rules and regulations of basketball.



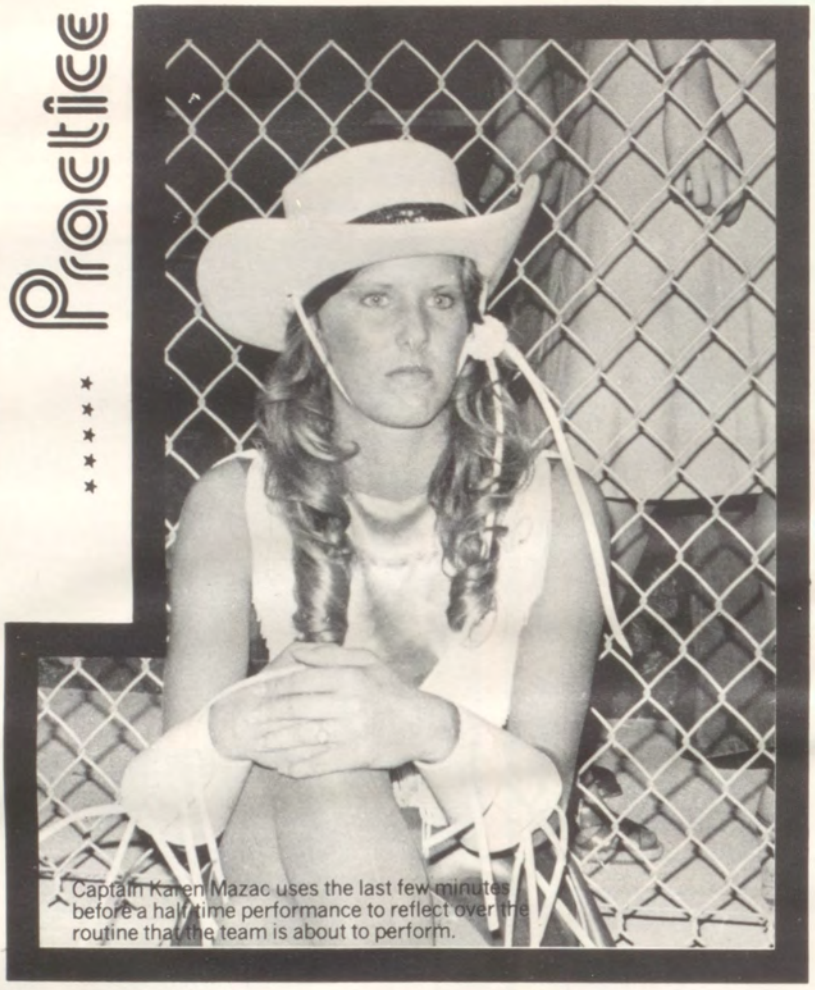


Top Left: Guarded by Victoria Alderete, Bonnie Freeland races toward the basket in an attempt to score a point for her team. **Bottom Left:** Pam Steger practices her skills in dribbling while Gretchen Kreidel and Annette Calder keep close guard. **Below:** Coach Leon Nickerson joins in playing a game of basketball with his students.





Practice Makes Perfect



Captain Karen Mazac uses the last few minutes before a half-time performance to reflect over the routine that the team is about to perform.



Stepper Margaret Guajardo practices on the high kick routine to "California Strut" — one of the tryout routines.



Striving to keep their kicks high, Hi-Steppers Diane Cotner, Lou Ann Mokry, Mary Zavala, Candy Buzan and Margaret Guajardo perform their contest routine "Turn the Beat Around" during half-time at the Round Rock basketball game.



Fatigueness forgotten, stepper Jane Bartosh still manages to hold her smile as she performs her best to the contest routine, "Turn the Beat Around."



Every homecoming, the senior Hi-Steppers perform for the student body. Here, Karen Mazac, Reva Killingsworth, Ellen Schmidt, Laurie Pasemann, Jo Ann Mott and Beth Sexworth perform to "Love Will Keep Us Together."



Smiling brightly co-captain Laurie Pasemann performs to "Rocky" at the New Braunfel's Drill Team contest.

Grasping each other's hands, the Hi-Steppers anxiously awaited the judge's decision on their performances in jazz, high kick and prop. The place was Commerce, Texas; the time: 4:00 p.m. Once again the Steppers had found themselves in the situation of having to uphold their reputation as a sweepstakes winning drill team. The speaker announced the ratings for jazz first. "Taylor: first division." Screaming and laughing the girls threw their arms around each other. When the Hi-Steppers received a first division rating in high kick, the response was much the same. Anxiously, the girls listened for the prop rating which would be the final factor in determining whether or not they had won sweepstakes. "Taylor, sweepstakes and President's Award winners." Crying and hugging one another, the girls released the emotions and tensions that had accumulated over the past few weeks. Not only had they won sweepstakes, but also the President's Award which is a one from every judge in every category.

What prompted these girls to do so well at contest? Pride and practice had much to do with it. Pride at being one of the best 3AAA drill teams in Texas and the satisfaction of performing one's best at a Friday night football game. This was only possible through endless hours of repeating steps and alternating routines. "Practice makes perfect" was one motto that held very true.

Below: Regardless of where the game was played, the football team always had plenty of followers to back them. Here, Hi-Steppers form the victory line prior to the beginning of the game.







Enthusiasm is a vital part of every Hi-Stepper routine. Here, second lieutenant Nancy [illegible] flashes a big smile while performing for "Rocky" at the New Braunfels Drill Team Contest.



Above Left: During the few seconds before the half-time show, Stepper Patty Corbett takes time out to watch the Ducks' progress against Georgetown.
Below Left: Hi-Stepper Lisa Killingsworth lends Darian Petrucci a helping hand by showing her a difficult step from one of the tryout routines.

Hi-Stepper sponsor Dotty Rambo and Drum Major Christi McLaughlin discuss the correct marching tempo prior to the half-time show.



Champions Once Again!



Concentrating on their precision, Hi-Steppers Shelley Werchan, Kim Wrinkle, Ellen Schmidt and Jane Bartosh perform to "Horse" during the Del Valle pep rally.



(Front Row, Left to Right) First Lieutenants Ramona Urbanek and Lou Ann Mokry, Captain Karen Mazac, Co-Captain Laurie Pasemann and Second Lieutenants Nancy Urbanek and Diane Cotner. **(Second Row)** Kim Wrinkle, Paula Zetak, Reva Killingsworth, Shelley Werchan, Jo Ann Mott, Ellen Schmidt, Stephanie Schneider, Beth Sexworth, Debbie McGee, Connie Schneider, Jackie Rowe and Margaret Guajardo. **(Third Row)** Trisa Vasquez, Linda Alvarado, Kelly Frankeney, Candy Buzan, Barbie Vanacek, Cheryl Kostroun, Jane Bartosh, Patty Corbett, Donna Cotner, Debbie Stiba, Mary Zavala, Lisa Killingsworth and Robin Rafferty.





Above: One of the duties of the Hi-Steppers is to make the run-through sign for each football game. Here, Paula Zetak works on the A & M sign. **Left:** Performing to "Turn the Beat Around" at the New Braunfels Drill Team Contest, are Steppers Paula Zetak, Beth Sexworth and Shelley Werchan.

MUD, SWEAT and TEARS

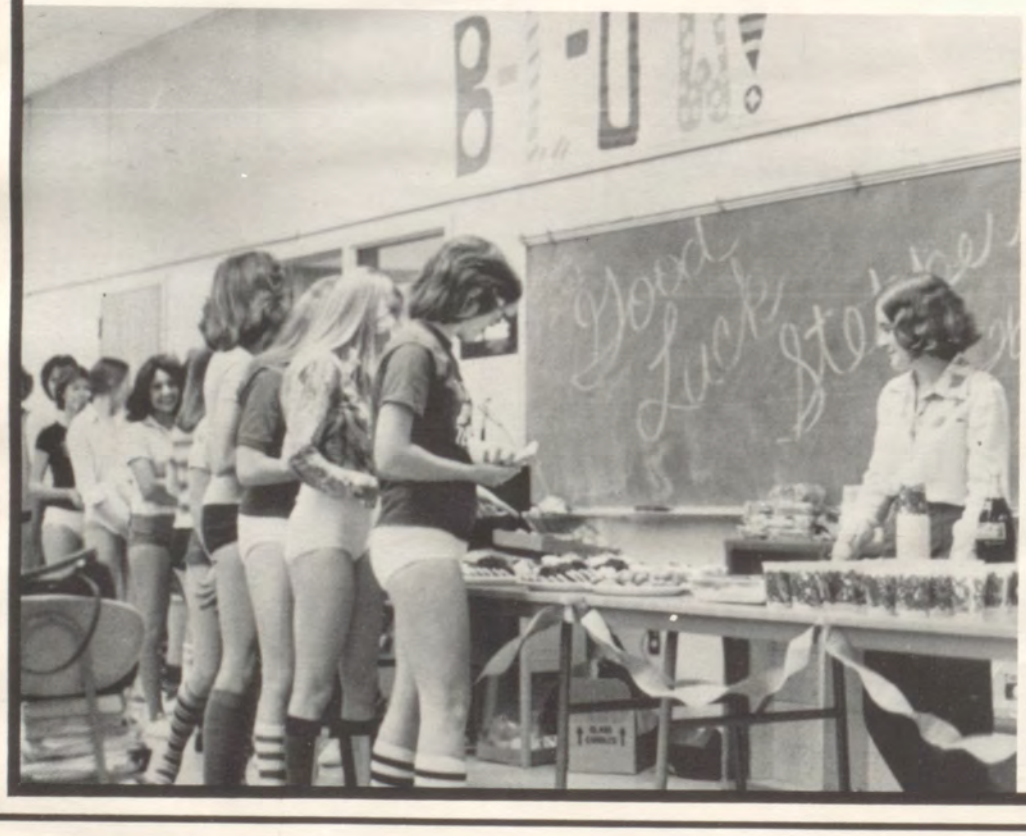
Ask any student what a band does, and the answer will probably be 'march.' That's partly right. During marching season, the band practiced for hours at a time, whether the temperature was 30 degrees or 90, whether the sun was scorching the ground or completely hidden by a downpour. Yet, that's still only part of the story.

In a total reorganization of the Taylor band program, a new director, Doyle McElroy and an assistant, Jeff Hubbard, were hired to head the program. Under their direction, the band's marching performance was greatly improved. The new precision and better sound of the band pleased the fans at each football game, but the favorite performance was the Del Valle "lights-out" show. While football season took a lot of time and effort, the work didn't end with marching contest. There were other performances and obligations to be taken care of, and, most important, Concert and Sightreading Contest in April to prepare for.

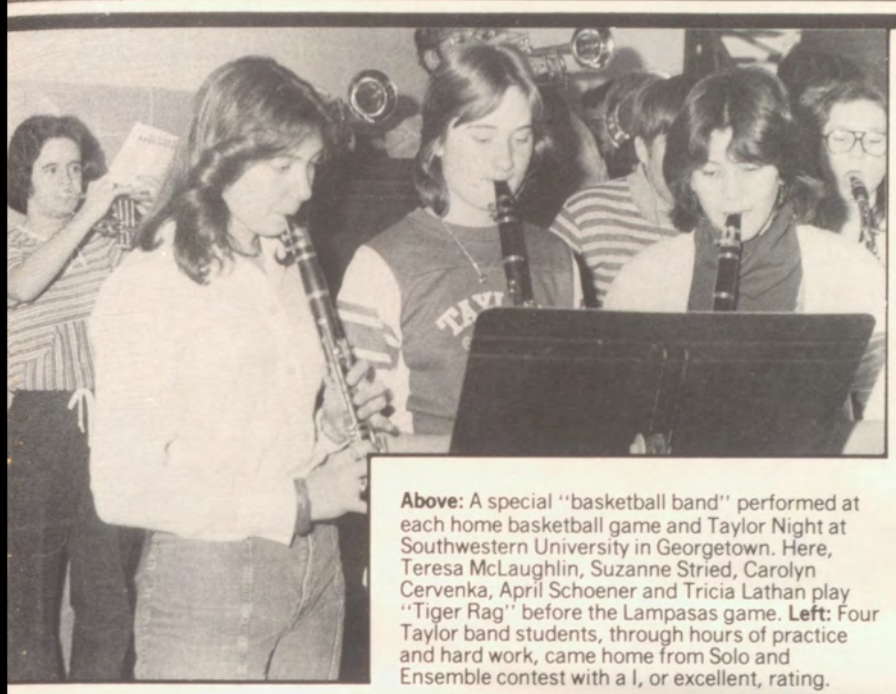
While the early part of the year held many disappointments as well as accomplishments, Mr. McElroy summed it all up: "We have nothing to be ashamed of."



Above: In spite of all the work that went into the band's contest preparations, they received a disappointing III, or good, rating. Here, the band pauses before beginning their final maneuver in the contest show. **Below Left:** In return for the Hi-Steppers' support during marching contest, and to wish them luck in their own upcoming contest, the band hosted a part for the Steppers. Here, the Steppers help themselves to cola and cookies, as Christi McLaughlin looks on. **Below Right:** Pam Brueckner, head twirler and Band Sweetheart, flashes a bright smile during her halftime performance at Round Rock.









Kim McElroy



Cheryl Wuthrich



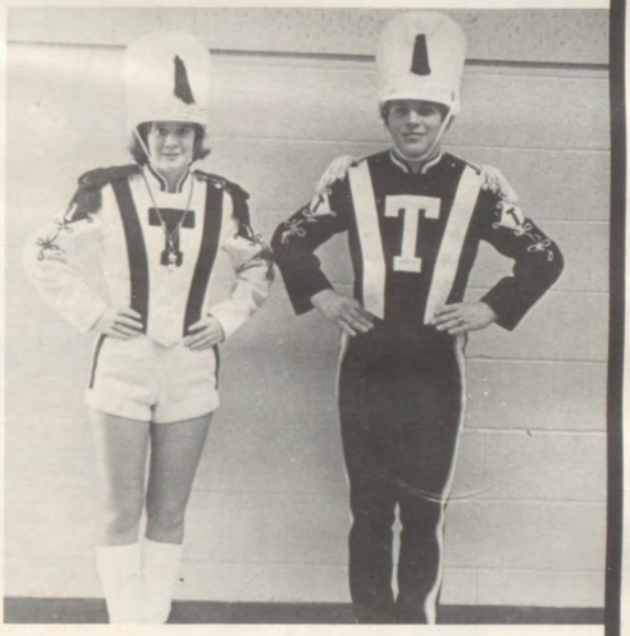
Randall Parker



Edward Contreras

Above: A special "basketball band" performed at each home basketball game and Taylor Night at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Here, Teresa McLaughlin, Suzanne Stried, Carolyn Cervenka, April Schoener and Tricia Lathan play "Tiger Rag" before the Lampasas game. **Left:** Four Taylor band students, through hours of practice and hard work, came home from Solo and Ensemble contest with a I, or excellent, rating.





Above: Once again, candles proved to be a big money raiser for the band. Here, JoAnn Simcik, Dana Kuhl and Bryan Kruse fill one of the many orders from the just-arrived candle shipment.

Above Left: The Taylor High School band was led on the field by drum major Christi McLaughlin and assistant drum major Jimmy Grimm.

Below: Marching practices, both at night and after school, became routine for band members after August 1. Here, the band prepares to begin a new halftime routine during a Monday night practice.



SAME SONG, DIFFERENT BEAT

As the new year began, all the hard work that went into football season continued, but the emphasis was placed not on precision and perfection while marching, but instead on good sound while playing. Both Doyle McElroy, director, and his assistant, Jeff Hubbard, knew they had a big job ahead in preparing the band for several upcoming contests, especially the Concert and Sightreading contest in April.

It certainly seemed like a long concert season. Practice began in January for Concert and Sightreading contest, where the band received a II (excellent) in Concert and a III (good) in Sightreading. However, practice continued for an invitational contest held in Carlsbad, New Mexico on May 4, 5 and 6. At this contest, the band received an overall II rating. After returning home, there was still a spring concert, the senior's last performance, to prepare for. For underclassmen, there was yet another performance to prepare for — Commencement. Even after the end of school, weekly classes were held for several sections of the band in order to prepare them for next year's football season.

This year, band often seemed like an endless procession of practices and performances. Yet, there was also fun — the trip to New Mexico itself, the band banquet, held in May, and simply the enjoyment of spending time with friends.







Above: Doyle McElroy, Taylor's new band director, prepares to lead his band students on a tour of Carlsbad Caverns while on the band trip to New Mexico. **Right:** THS's assistant band director, Jeff Hubbard, was also director for the Middle School bands. Here Mr. Hubbard jokes with two of his junior high band students while checking in music. **Below:** The THS Varsity Band waits for Mr. McElroy to take the podium so they can begin their New Mexico contest performance.



The 1977-78 twirlers were **(Front Row)** Sabrina Steger, Pam Brueckner. **(Second Row)** Suzanne Stried, JoAnn Simcik.







Band Beau David Slivensky, because of his talent and dedication, also served as Band President and trumpet section leader. Here, he practices for his solo in Concert contest.



UIL Solo and Ensemble contest in Georgetown was one of many contests band students had the option of entering. Here, Ruben Dominguez, Teresa McLaughlin, Edward Contreras, Bryan Kruse and Kathy Poldrack relax before competition.



The trip to New Mexico was the highlight of the year for the band. Here, several band members gather beside the hotel pool before preparing to go to dinner at a nearby restaurant.



Lower Right: THS VARSITY BAND: **(Front Row)** Christy McLaughlin, Jimmy Grimm. **(Second Row)** Doyle McElroy, Gina Gilligan, Suzanne Basco, Becky Swanson, Debbie Danek, Pam Allen, Brenda Hollowell, Sheila Finn, Jeff Hubbard. **(Third Row)** Jana Rohlack, Jameane Feussel Holder, Arlene Santa Cruz, Debbie Wright, Kim McElroy, Sylvia Trevino, Anita Allen. **(Fourth Row)** Tricia Lathan, Rodney Marx, Susan Hengst, Sharon Harrell, April Schoener, Lisa Campos, Rose Mary Castro, Jeanne Poppelz, Audrey Hesselmeyer, Beth Lutz, Becky Pool, Kenny Thompson, Cheryl Wuthrich, Cheryl Buchanek, Shelley Hall, Gayle Brister, Kathy Gola, Paula Machu, Sherri Shamard, Zina Rodenbeck, Tresa Dale, Barry Cravens. **(Fifth Row)** Tracy Lloyd, Bonnie Kiesling, Kathy De La Rosa, Tammy Pruess, Dana Kuhl, Kathy Poldrack, David Bruce, Kelly Kruse, Laurie Preuss, Adam Martinez, Jan Werner, Lacy Holman, Tina Vega, Teresa McLaughlin, Kim Poldrack, Christi Leschber, Bryan Kruse, Alan Slivensky, Eddie Contreras, Ruben Dominguez, David Slivensky, Sherri Dloughy. **(Back Row)** Brenda Johnson, Linda Johnson, Enrico Carrizales, Jimmy Pokorny, Denise Richter, Barry Briggs, Sherri Townsend, Terry Briggs, Y'Nasmin Nix, Stephen Saul, Michael Tiemann, Randall Parker, Pam Schaefer, Ronald Marx, Keith Patschke, Michael Kohutek, Brian Davis, Arthur Gamez, Tim Crow, Vangie Stoll. **Right:** The Taylor Cadet Band consisted of **(Front Row)** Margarita Aleman, Mary Ann Gonzales, Tina Alderete, Becky Bounds. **(Second Row)** Scott Lindemann, Kent Stabeno, Jeff Hesselmeyer. **Not Pictured:** Jimmy Melendrez.

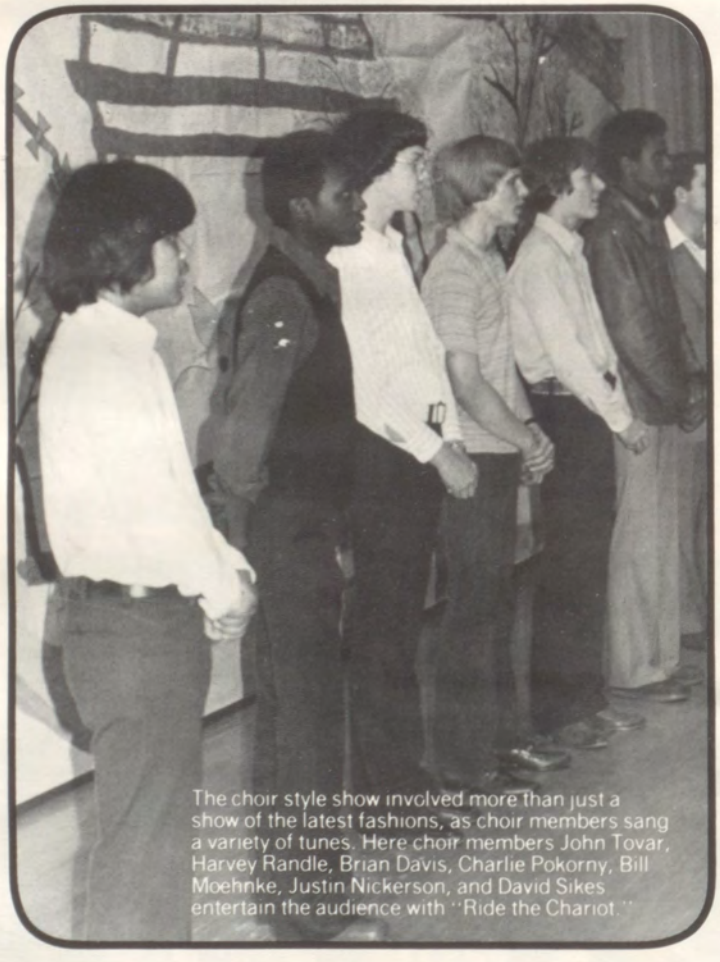




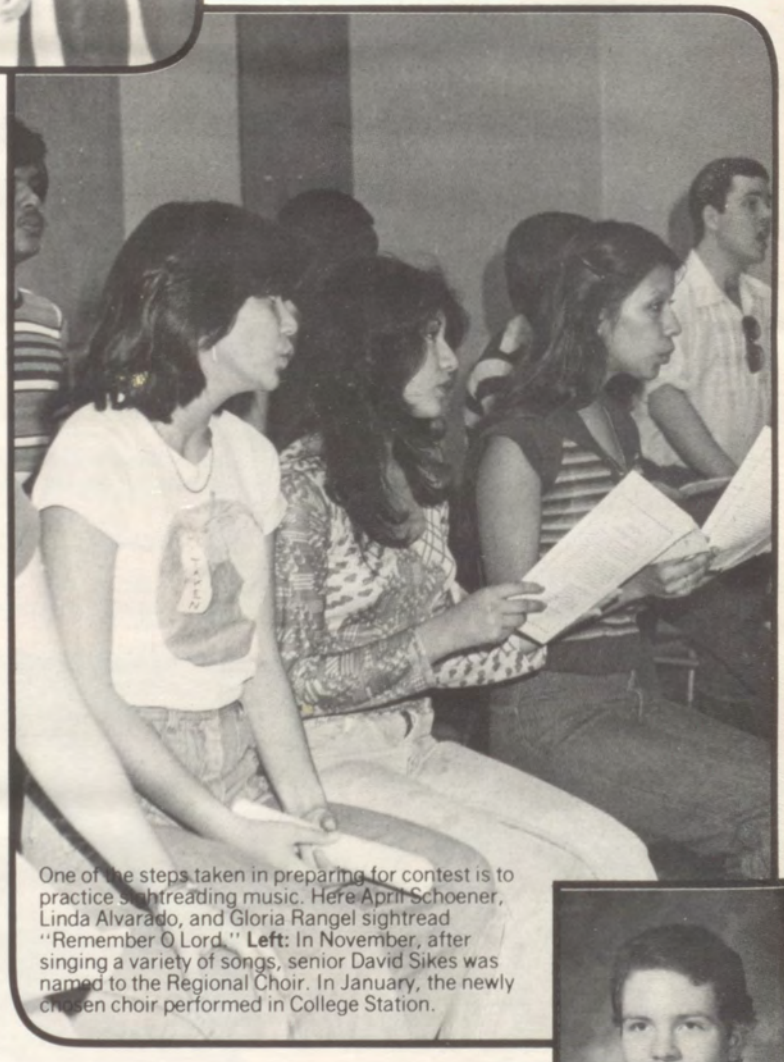
"Postman Charlie Pokorny delivers mail to members of the choir as they sing "Mr. Postman." This skit by the Concert Choir was one of several at the November third Homecoming assembly.



Soprano singers April Schoener and Gloria Rangel harmonize with bass singers Donald Frederick, Harvey Randle, and Ernest Ariola in the song "Prayer to Jesus," one of the selections the choir sang at the concert contest held in Austin.



The choir style show involved more than just a show of the latest fashions, as choir members sang a variety of tunes. Here choir members John Tovar, Harvey Randle, Brian Davis, Charlie Pokorny, Bill Moehnke, Justin Nickerson, and David Sikes entertain the audience with "Ride the Chariot."



One of the steps taken in preparing for contest is to practice sightreading music. Here April Schoener, Linda Alvarado, and Gloria Rangel sightread "Remember O Lord." **Left:** In November, after singing a variety of songs, senior David Sikes was named to the Regional Choir. In January, the newly chosen choir performed in College Station.

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Passing by the choir room during fourth and fifth periods, voices rising and blending in harmony could be heard as portions of songs were being rehearsed. However, choir did not end there. For the 40 choir members, it meant after school rehearsals, sectionals, and a lot of individual practice to transform the printed words and notes into real music.

Repeating one section of a piece of music a countless number of times became a routine for the choir. However, each choir member knew that it would take a great amount of time and effort if they were to reach their goal of scoring high at Concert and Sightreading Contest.

In the end, their hard work and dedication paid off and their musical skills were proven. On April 26, the Concert Choir traveled to Austin for Concert and Sightreading Contest. The choir scored a division I (superior) in concert competition and a division III (good) in sightreading competition.

After sponsoring a style show and other money making projects, the choir had earned enough money to end the year with a trip to Six-Flags in Dallas.



Above: Choir members were not the only people involved in the style show. Christi Leschber, the World of Fabrics representative, proudly models the dress she made for the spring style show.

Below: At the November Homecoming assembly, members of the Concert Choir entertain the audience by singing "Ride the Chariot."





Concert Choir was not the only group that sang at the Christmas assembly. Here members of the Choraliers rehearse "Sing Gloria" before performing it at the December assembly.



Above: CHORALIERS: **(Front Row)** Tina Alderete, Mary Ann Gonzales, and Lisa Wright. **(Second Row)** Mary Jackson, Brenda Thomas, Stella Flores, and Johanna Case. **(Back Row)** Roxanne Poppelz, Judy Valverde, Madelon Powers, and Angela Keith.

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This year, choir members chose Charlie Pokorny and Gloria Rangel as the choir beau and sweetheart.



The choir brought the Christmas spirit to THS by singing a medley of Christmas carols as they walked through the halls of the building. Here Linda Laughlin and April Delemater join with other choir members in singing "Silent Night."



Karen Menzies, choir director, accompanies members of the Concert Choir as they sing "This is My Country" at their spring style show.



Mrs. Menzies works with Arlene Alvarez to polish her solo "Passing By." Arlene received a division II at the solo and ensemble contest for her solo.



Above: CONCERT CHOIR: **(Front Row)** Linda Alvarado, April Schoener, April Delemater, Arlene Alvarez, Linda Laughlin, Janeane Fuessel, LezLee McDonald, Gloria Rangel, Wanda Tillis, Robbin Rafferty, and Jimmy Grimm. **(Back Row)** John Tovar, Harvey Randle, Bill Moehnke, Charlie Pokorny, Bryan Davis, Justin Nickerson, David Sikes, David Marek, Ernest Ariola, Donald Frederick, and Patrick Olguin.



Rehearsing "Ave Maria," one of the selections for concert contest, are tenor singers David Sikes, Ernest Ariola, and Justin Nickerson.



Long rehearsals are an important part of choir perfection. Here alto singers Carolyn Cervenka, Anna Marie Gonzales, and Robbin Rafferty practice "Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day" which the choir sang at concert contest on April 27.



As a part of the November fourth Homecoming assembly, the Concert Choir sings "Mr. Postman." The group also worked out a skit to this song which they entertained the audience with.

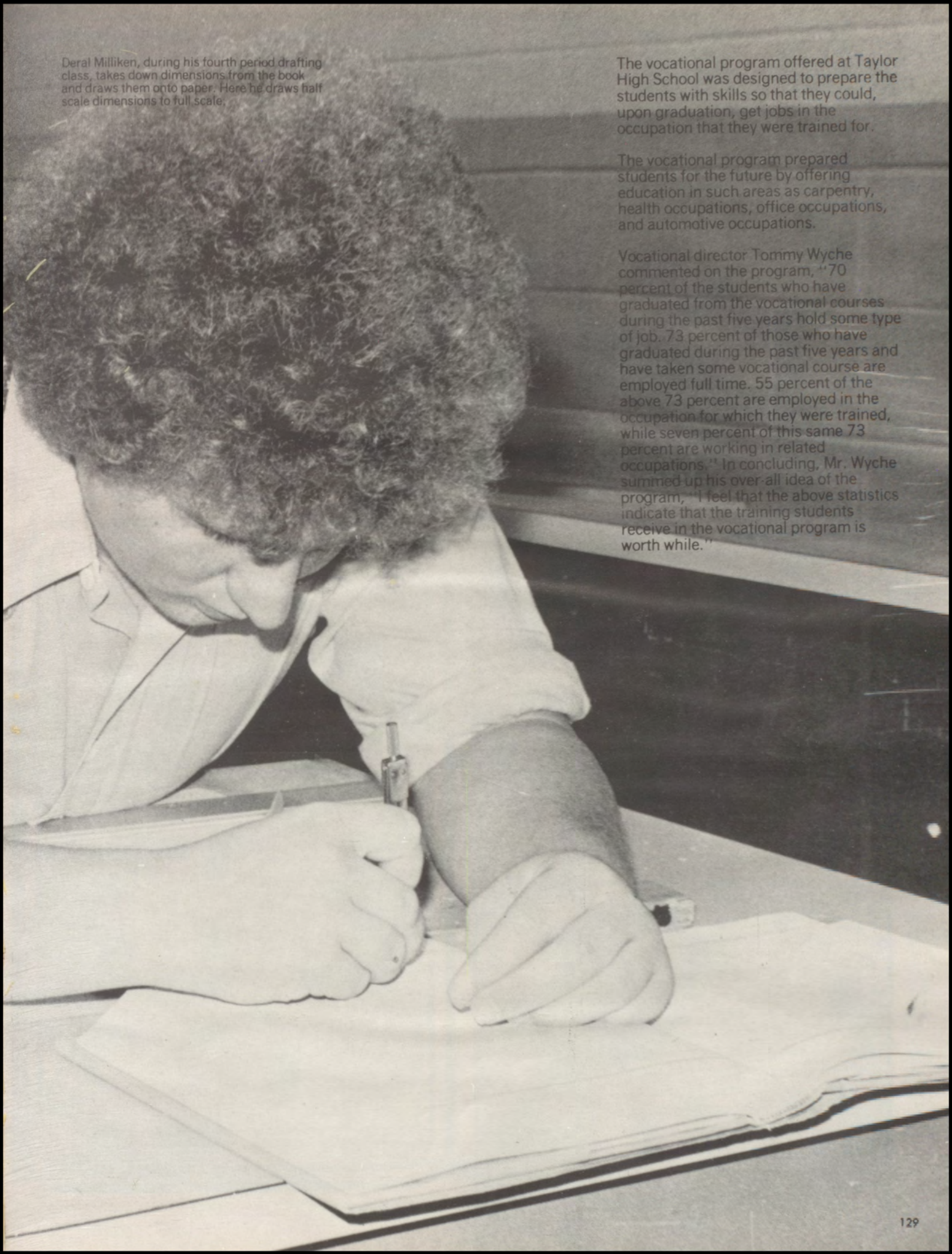
PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



As a part of the DE program, Ronald Benskin works during the afternoon at Car Parts Center. Here he takes inventory in preparation for reordering stock.



Senior VOE lab student Kathleen Jackson types a legal contract during her afternoon class.



Deral Milliken, during his fourth period drafting class, takes down dimensions from the book and draws them onto paper. Here he draws half scale dimensions to full scale.

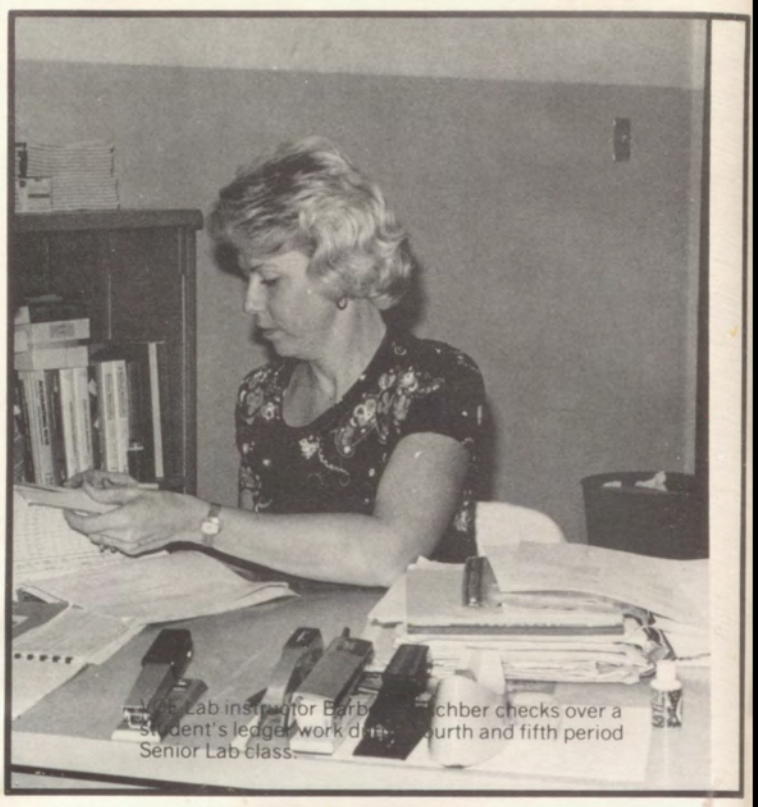
The vocational program offered at Taylor High School was designed to prepare the students with skills so that they could, upon graduation, get jobs in the occupation that they were trained for.

The vocational program prepared students for the future by offering education in such areas as carpentry, health occupations, office occupations, and automotive occupations.

Vocational director Tommy Wyche commented on the program, "70 percent of the students who have graduated from the vocational courses during the past five years hold some type of job. 73 percent of those who have graduated during the past five years and have taken some vocational course are employed full time. 55 percent of the above 73 percent are employed in the occupation for which they were trained, while seven percent of this same 73 percent are working in related occupations." In concluding, Mr. Wyche summed up his over-all idea of the program, "I feel that the above statistics indicate that the training students receive in the vocational program is worth while."



Mrs. Manning looks over some of the material that will be entered in area computers before sending the information out to VOE students.

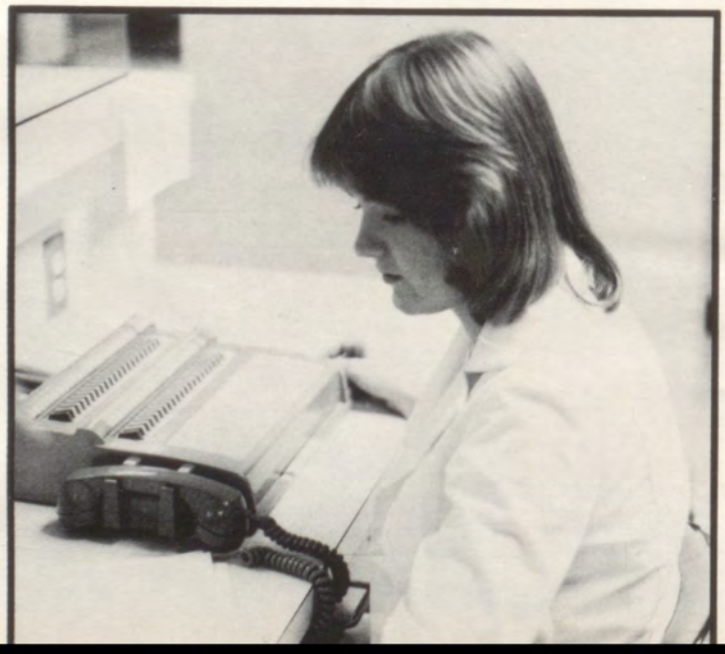


VOE Lab instructor Barbara Richber checks over a student's ledger work during fourth and fifth period Senior Lab class.



Typing Letters was one of the tasks faced by VOE Lab student Kim Bearden during the morning class.

Senior VOE student Debra Spellings transfers calls to physicians while working at the hospital.

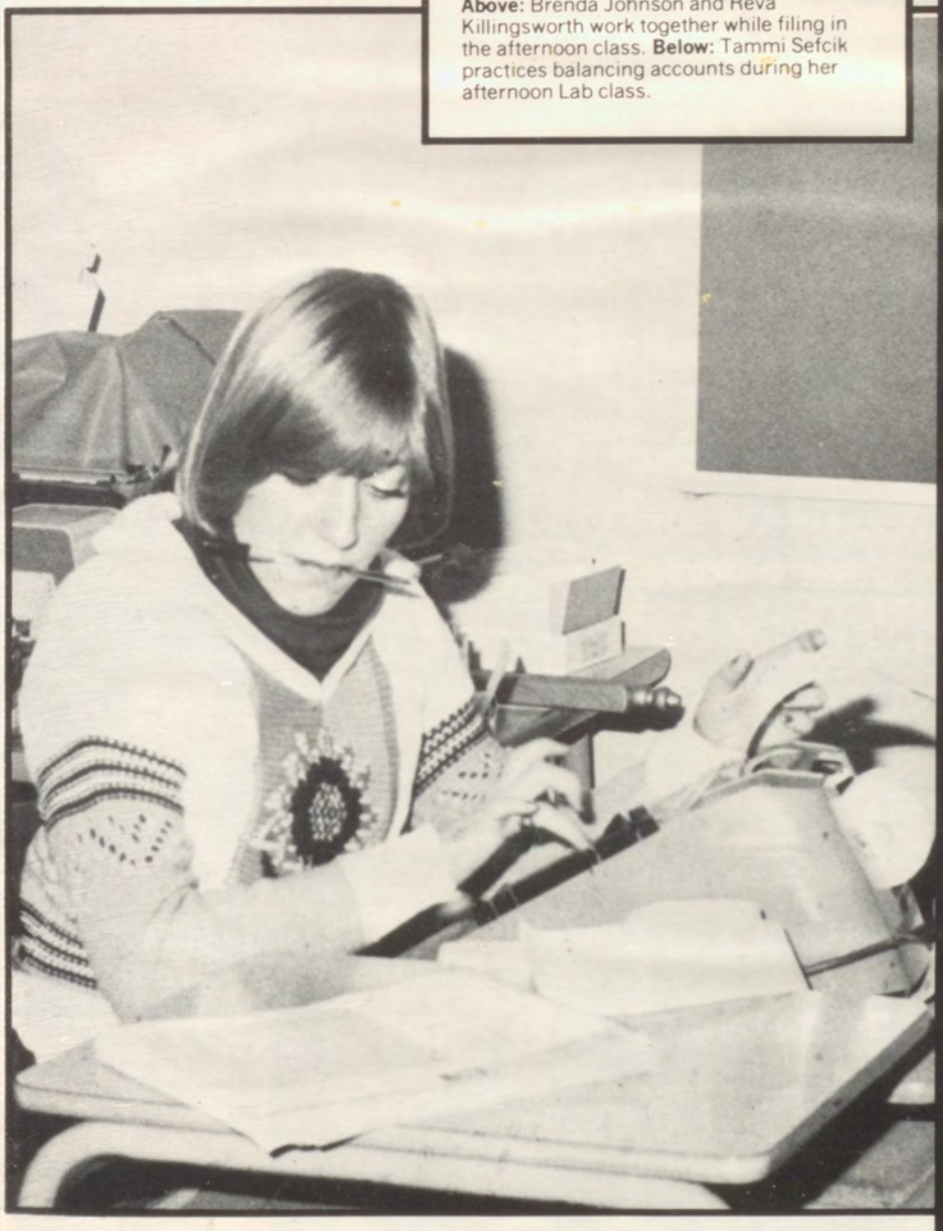




Fourth period VOE student Sheila Mahlow works on a typing practice set to improve her accuracy.



Above: Brenda Johnson and Reva Killingsworth work together while filing in the afternoon class. **Below:** Tammi Sefcik practices balancing accounts during her afternoon Lab class.



Working Your Way Through School

For students at THS the school day was a series of one class after another, but for most VOE students part of the school day was spent learning and earning on the job. After attending the 7:30 Co-op class they worked for Taylor employees part of the day and attended regular classes the other half. Those students who did not have time or room on their schedules to work during school hours took the VOE lab. In this two-hour class period they learned business skills such as bookkeeping, ledger work and how to operate different machines for various office jobs.

Learning was not limited to the class room. VOE Lab students journeyed to the courthouse in Georgetown where they observed the court reporter on the job and to the TJC campus in Temple where they learned data processing techniques. They also traveled to Austin there they took the Merit System Council Exam.

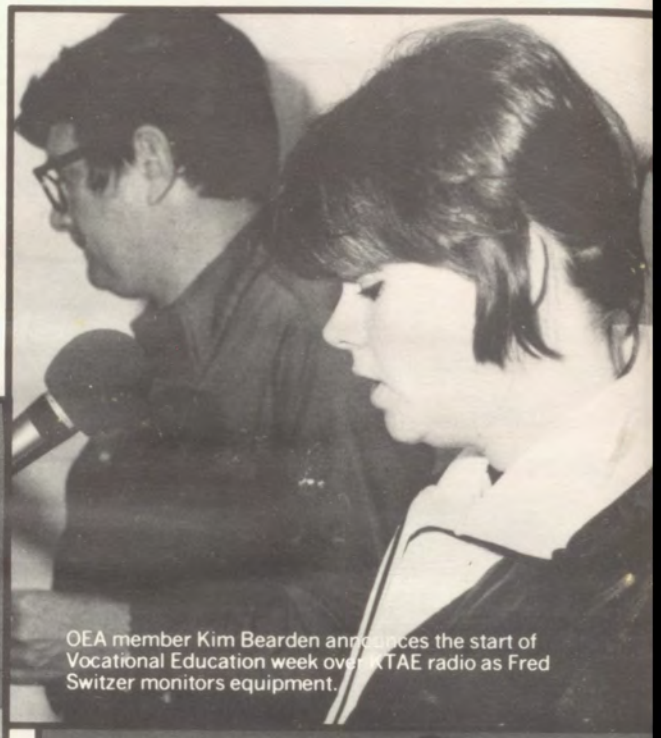
Many VOE students joined the related club, OEA — Office Education. OEA members worked on perfecting office and business skills for district, area and state competition. Club members also celebrated holidays and special occasions at such places as The Country Dinner Playhouse in nearby Austin.



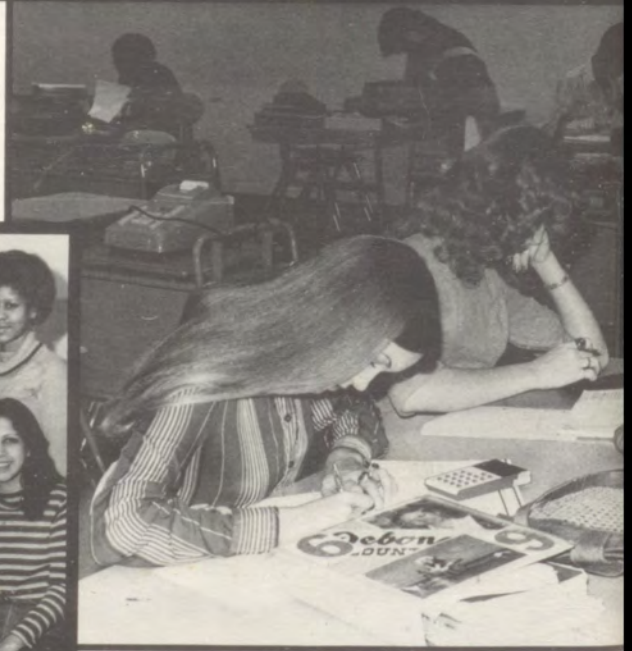
Left: VOE classes and their dates traveled to the Country Dinner Playhouse in Austin for their Christmas party. Those attending were: **(Front Row)** Phillippi Martinez, David Sikes, Michael Rafferty, Bobby Rathke, John Zwiener, and Raymond Hernandez. **(Second Row)** Donna Eiben, Lisa Buzan, Ramona Urbanek, Robin Rafferty, Patsy Manley, Lydia Blomquist, Tammi Sefcik and Kim Bearden. **(Back Row)** Carmen Gamez, Helen Flores, Connie Schneider, Nancy Urbanek, Pam Kruse, Mrs. Shirley Manning, Debra Spellings, Neva Klotz, Teresa Vega, Kathy Krenek, Mr. and Mrs. Leschber, Nora Perez, Karen Mazac, Sheila Mahlow, Debbie McGee, Sandra Young and Melinda Wilkins.

Below: Kathy Krenek, Vickie Hanacik and Carmen Gamez enjoy working on their different practice sets during the morning Co-op class.





OEA member Kim Bearden announces the start of Vocational Education week over KTAE radio as Fred Switzer monitors equipment.



Above: OEA members Nancy Urbanek and Jackie Rowe practice using their pocket calculators to aid them in bookkeeping during first and second period Junior Pre-Employment Lab class.



First and second period Junior Pre-Employment class consists of: **(Front Row)** Brenda Hollowell, Patsy Manley, Jackie Naivar, Melissa Brookshire, Jana Rohlack and Darlene Galvan. **(Back Row)** Kim Bearden Emmi Kirschvink, Jackie Rowe, Sandra Young, Linda Laughlin and Sheila McCormick.

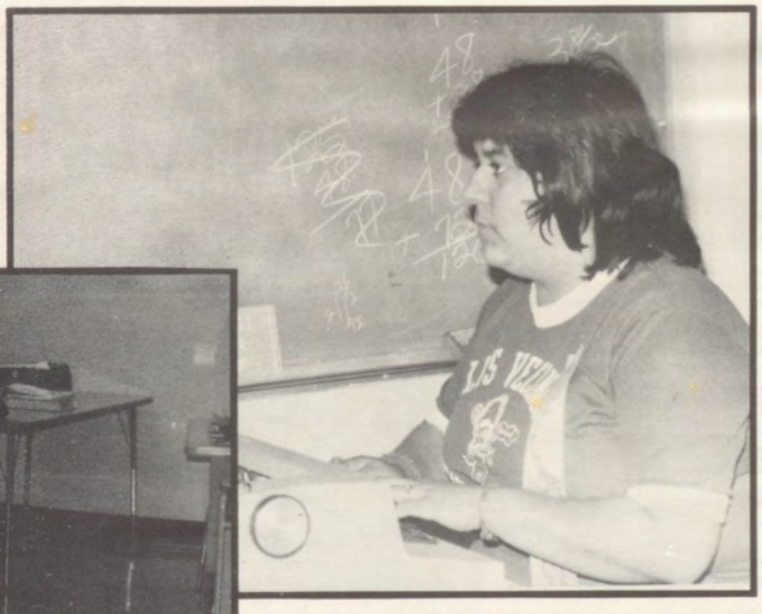
MASTERING THE KEYS TO $UCCESS



Fourth and fifth period OEA class members are: **(Front Row)** Tammi Sefcik, Janet Jackson, Sheila Mahlow and Debra Tillis. **(Back Row)** Brenda Johnson, Lydia Blomquist, Nora Perez, Pam Pease, Reva Killingsworth and Barbara Leschber.



Above: Connie Schneider carefully types letters during her first and second period Junior Pre-Employment Lab class. **Left:** Fourth and fifth period OEA class member Nora Perez concentrates on retyping a business letter before turning it in. **Below:** Teresa Vega uses the time during her morning Co-op class to balance books before going to work in the office.









Left: Third and lunch OEA class consisted of: **(Front Row)** Karen Mazac, Debbie McGee, Sherri Townsend, Lou Ann Mokry and Janice Cubit. **(Back Row)** Rosa Alderete, Denise Morales, Rosemary Matuke, David Sikes, Annie Jackson and Anna Marie Gonzales.

EARNING SENSE AND CENTS

For most students, getting their homework done before school the next morning was difficult enough. But, the students enrolled in the Distributive Education program were faced with the added responsibility of holding down a job in addition to school activities.

These students worked half a day according to their schedule. The other half of the day was spent completing the courses required for graduation. Unlike the other vocational programs, DE students were active in retail marketing.

Aside from gaining practical experience while working, students spent one hour a day in DE class, using the textbook and special publications devoted to retail business to gain a better understanding of marketing practices. Students had to learn to please a teacher and an employer since part of the six weeks grade was determined by their work both in the classroom and on the job. But, a good grade was not the main goal for these students. The on-the-job training that they received was invaluable in preparing them for the working world.



The classroom aspect of DE is not all work. Here Geneva Fielder and Pam Mahlow use the extra minutes at the end of class to relax.



Above: David Polasek, junior DE student, fills a customer's car with gas as one of his duties at the 7th and Main Phillips 66 service station.



Left: Senior DE student Gaylon Steffek unpacks crates of fruit as a part of his job in the produce department at H.E.B. **Below:** Sacking groceries is only one of the many duties that Robert Fuller performs as a DE student working at Safeway.



Below: DE involves more than just working in a store. Here, Kirk Zachary, Betty Wiesner and Joe Walton spend class time doing research on the different aspects of retail marketing.



DECA: TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



DECA: **(Front Row)** Arthur Tamez, David Polasek, Joe Walton, Terry Green. **(Second Row)** Geneva Fielder, Pam Mahlow, Isabel Soza, Betty Wiesner. **(Back Row)** Kirk Zachary, Glenn Steffek, Gaylon Steffek.



Marilyn Tennill, DECA sponsor, helps Betty Wiesner prepare her advertising presentation for competition at the district level.



Above: Mrs. Tennill, sponsor, and Betty Wiesner proudly display the first place plaque won in the field of advertising. First year DECA members roll olives through a mixture of whipped cream, mustard and ketchup as a part of their initiation into the Taylor chapter of DECA.



Although the combination of school and work took up much of their time, the Distributive Education students were able to participate actively in the Taylor chapter of DECA — the Distributive Education Club of America.

On February 3, members traveled to Hurst to attend the area 5 conference at Bell High School. Here, Taylor students entered in the many different areas of competition.

They were Terry Farr — Food Services, Robert Fuller — General Merchandising, Bernice Gonzales — Apparel and Accessories, David Polasek — Petroleum Marketing, Arthur Tamez — Food Marketing, and Betty Wiesner — Advertising. Betty won first place in her division and competed at the state convention in San Antonio on March 9. Three members of the Taylor chapter were chosen as delegates for the state convention. They were David Polasek, Isabel Soza and Betty Wiesner.



Glenn Steffek, Geneva Fielder, Frank Valdez and David Polasek load the car in preparation for their trip to the district convention in Hurst.





Above: Using David Polasek as her model, Betty Wiesner demonstrates a new method of applying make-up as Mrs. Tennill looks on. **Left:** DECA: **(Front Row)** Cluady Gamez, Eva Smith, Arthur Alderete, Arthur Gamez. **(Back Row)** Kevin Roznovak, Robert Fuller, Terry Farr and Ricky Strmiska.

ICT: Working Toward a Future



Above: Senior Ronald Lawler takes inventory in the parts department at the Grahm Ford Company.



Left Bottom: Ronald Huber concentrates on resoleing a boot at Hick's Boot and Shoe Repair.



Right Bottom: Filing dental records in Dr. Ron Werner's office is I.C.T. student, Camille Cook.

Forty-two students participated in Industrial Cooperative Training this year, the largest since the class began in 1967. I.C.T. offered young men and women opportunities to gain work experience while still in high school. It also gave students a sample of the working world. After graduation, some students continued working while others chose to attend college.

In addition to working half a day, students attended an I.C.T. class. Class work included lessons such as employee-employer relationships and individual studies relating to specific job opportunities.

Most I.C.T. students found time in their busy schedule to be active in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. Students participated in District and State VICA contests in their specific fields. Other VICA activities included a Christmas Social and a Spring Banquet.



Above: I.C.T. student Peggy Kilgore enters information regarding a patient's previous visit into the files at Johns Community Hospital.



Left Bottom: Concentrating on replacing an engine at his afternoon job at Wards is senior Jim Evans.



David Gonzales pulls out a drafting plan of a chair in the Drafting Department at Taylor Manufacturing.

VICA: Best of Both Worlds



VICA officers Gayle Brister, Madeline Trevino, Pam Brueckner, and Patti Daughtry conduct a called meeting of the club.



Using his knowledge of typewriter repair, senior Doug Kuhl fixes an IBM machine at Taylor Office Equipment where he is employed.



Before the meeting is called to order, VICA members Wesley Cervenka and Justin Bosley discuss their class projects.



Pam Brueckner, VICA president and dental assistant for Dr. Werner takes x-rays of patient Anita Allen.



Comparing class notes are senior VICA members Benny Janecka, Ronald Lawler, and David Gonzales.



Right: Vocational Agriculture teacher, Emerson Brister disc harrows the school farm in preparations for the fall planting season. **Below:** Vo-Ag student Jay Moldenhour trims his lamb in preparation for the Georgetown stock show. Ag students realize well groomed animals are an important part of the stock competition.



A CROP OF FINE FARMERS



Harold Kurtz, Vocational Agriculture teacher instructs his class in building iron gates. The shop facilities make it possible to teach the students about tools and the building of useful farm equipment.

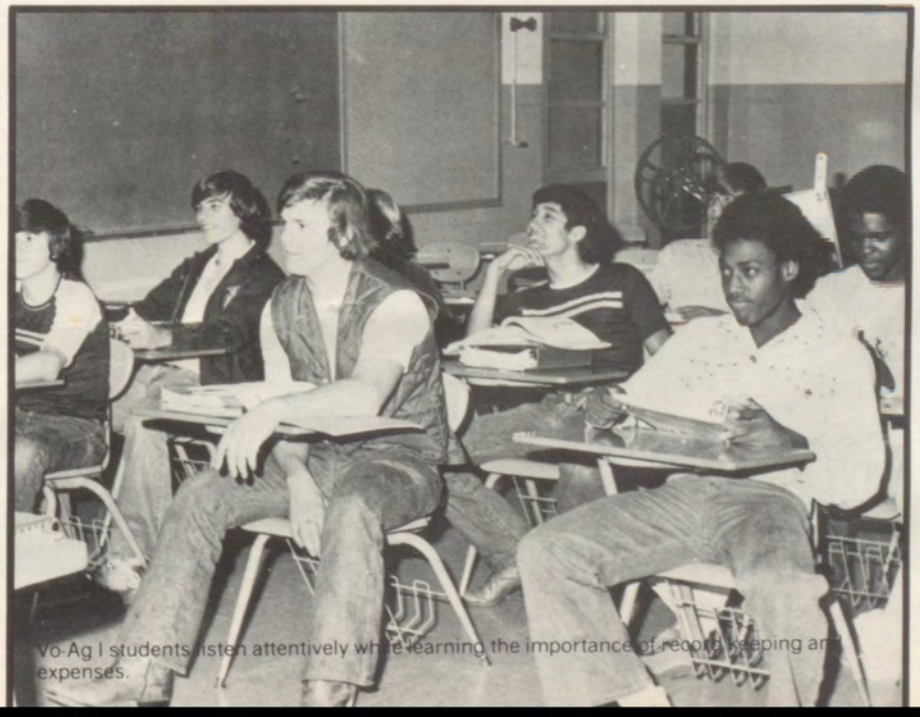


Freshman Jason Daniel diligently grinds a pipe cutting so that it will fit securely into a pipe.

Being enrolled in Ag class does not only mean learning to grow a crop and raise livestock. Ag, a coeducational course consisted of 69 students, 6 of whom were females. The students learned agri-business as well as the basic studies of agriculture.

The school shop and farm enabled the students to learn about tools, crops, and livestock. The students were also active in their club, Future Farmers of America. The club allowed the students to apply the knowledge gained in the classroom in area contest and shows.

The club's activities included a fruit sales and two local and two state-wide livestock shows. In the end, the hours of work devoted to caring for their projects yielded prize-winning animals.



Vo-Ag I students listen attentively while learning the importance of record keeping and expenses.





Below: Karen Mazac, senior receives her jacket after being chosen to represent the Taylor club as chapter sweetheart. **Right Page: Upper Left:** Milton Gault and Ernest Fredrick help instructor Harold Kurtz improve the school barn. This barn gives FFA members without adequate facilities a place to keep their stock.

Above: Presiding over regular monthly meetings is one of senior Gaudy Gamez's duties as president of the Taylor Future Farmers of America. **Below:** Senior Doug Kuhl prepares his steer for competition in the Taylor Stock Show. **Upper Right:** FFA members enrolled in Vo-Ag I listen attentively as they learn the basics of parliamentary procedures.





LAND'S BEST FRIEND





Above: FFA MEMBERS: **(Front Row)** Frank Smith, Rodney Marx, Frances Marcon, Kim Bearden, Jimmy Grimm, Ronald Siptak, Kenneth Vrana, Laurie Graybill, Ricky Janecka, Sponsor Harold Kurtz. **(Second Row)** Gary Wilson, Greg Young, David Nelson, Clifford Tomacek, Larry Brister, Doug Barron, Mark Balduff, Byron Townsend, Ricky Mieske. **(Third Row)** Jimmy Cuzzort, Stephen Duffy, Bobby Ging, Kevin Morrison, Darrell Mokry, Vernon January, Micheal Beran, Randy Minzenmayer, Shelly Marek, Russell Ripple, Keith Patschke, Jeff Loeve, Mike Dykowski. **(Back Row)** Tim Crisp, Floyd Glover, Randy Manley, Greg Fielder, Sidney Ging, Ronald Huber, Brian Zrubek, Dwayne Finn, Blaine Faykus, Jay Jaecks, David Mokry, Donald Stolte, Brett Rogers, Dennis Carter, Jason Danek, and Rodney Neidig.



Jana Rohlack **(center)** awaits the judge's decision on her lamb at the Taylor Stock Show along with two area competitors.



Officers for the FFA club include **(Front Row)** President Claudy Gamez, Vice President Brett Rogers, Secretary David Mokry, **(Back Row)** Treasurer Rodney Marx, Reporter Randy Manley, Sentinel Larry Brister.

TAYLOR IN THE MAKING



Rainy weather often forces the building trades students to work indoors. Here Stanley Harvey and Johnny Reyes work in the shop completing cabinets that will go into the house they are constructing.

The word "building" came to mean a lot more than just pounding nails and sawing boards to the 28 boys enrolled in the building trades classes. As the students worked to complete their yearly project of building two houses, the students acquired the skill and labor that goes into building a house. A total of 16 students worked 3 hours in the morning, while 12 students spent their afternoons working to complete the houses.

When progress on the houses was delayed by bad weather, the students spent their class periods in the building trades department building tool sheds and storage buildings which they then sold.

In May, when the houses were completed, the building trades classes held open house and invited the public to view the work that the students had put a great deal of time and pride into.



Left: BUILDING TRADES: AFTERNOON CLASS: **(Front Row)** Mike Norton, John Mikeska, Johnny Reyes, Frank DeLaRosa, Gary Urbanek, and Mr. Ford. **(Back Row)** David Nelson, David Vrabel, Stephen Duffy, Stanley Harvey, Danny Filla, and Carl Glover. **(Not Pictured)** Don Jackson.



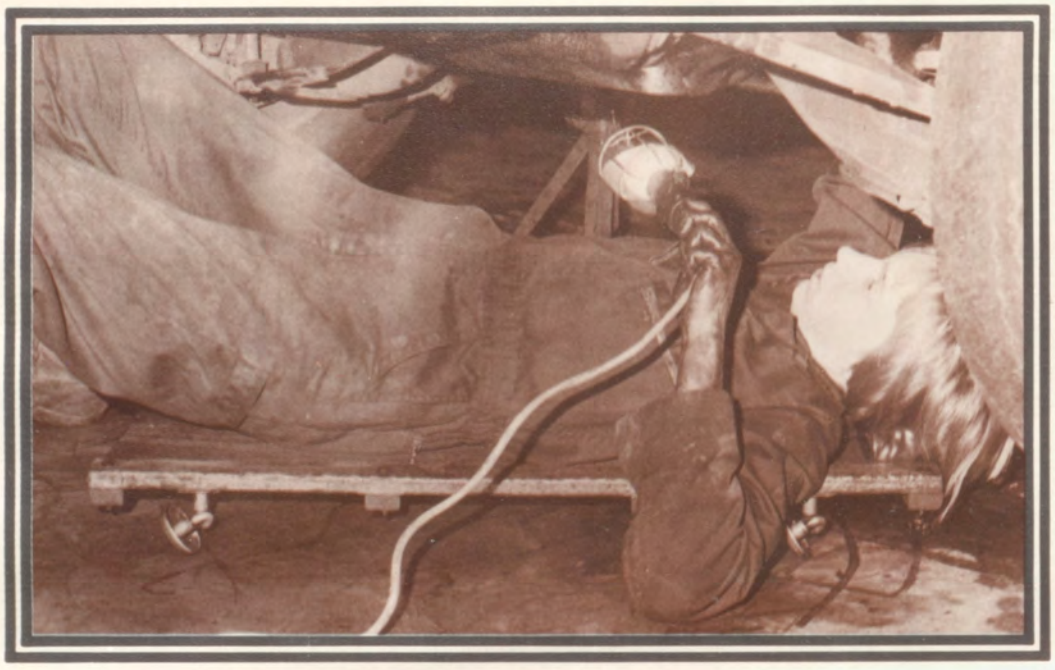
Above: BUILDING TRADES: MORNING CLASS: **(Front Row)** Mark McKany, Elvis Jackson, Jeffrey Hattley, Ricky Janecka, Stephen DeLuna, Mr. Ford, and Bobby Leshikar. **(Back Row)** Billy Sherek, James Wuthrich, Freddie Cortinas, Michael Baron, Harold Harvey, Ronald Hesselmeyer, Benny Gonzales, and Kenneth Jones. **(Not Pictured)** Ricky Tanksley and Rudy Johnson.

Below: Precise measurements are a necessity in building a house. During their afternoon class, Danny Filla holds the cabinet pieces as David Nelson measures them to insure a proper fit.





Stephen Duffy uses a framing square to lay out the rafters that support the roof.



Above: Creepers provided quick, easy transportation around the auto mechanics shop. Whether the students needed to be under a car, or in Mr. Granzin's office asking a question, creepers usually took them there. Here, Allen Swanson uses the creeper to get right up to the problem.

KEEP ON ROLLING

Rolling was what auto mechanics was all about. The students spent a lot of time rolling around on the creepers, under cars, adjusting and removing and replacing whatever was needed to make sure the cars themselves could start rolling.

Auto mechanics, however, was still a class, complete with classroom and tests. Students were tested periodically on parts, tools and techniques used in car repair, which were gone over in class. However, the main part of the class was spent actually practicing the skills studied in the classroom.

District contest, which took place March 4, 5 and 6 in San Antonio, was a big part of auto mechanics. Taylor was well represented, with several entries in both the skills and display divisions of the competition.

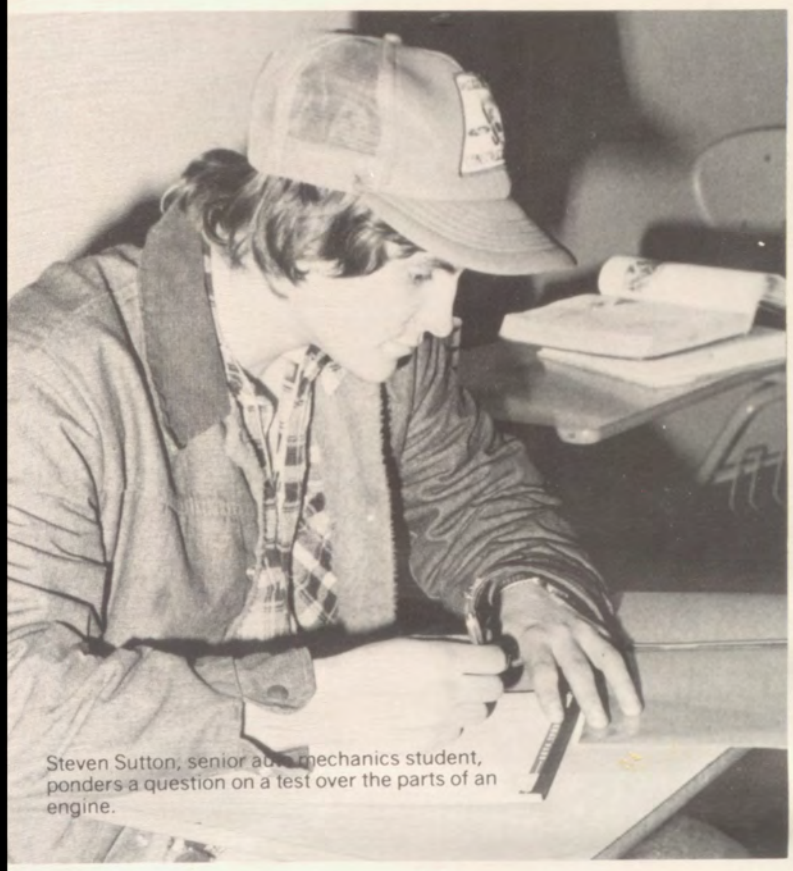
Auto mechanics teacher Ralph Granzin, Sr. successfully combined classroom and on-the-job earning techniques in order to enable his students to handle many types of car repair.



Above: Sometimes, delicacy is involved in repairing a car. Here, Charles Haase concentrates on a final bit of adjustment needed on a carburetor.



Below Left: District contest was a goal most auto mechanics students worked for. Here, Mr. Granzin helps Ronald Cepak fill out his entry form.



Steven Sutton, senior auto mechanics student, ponders a question on a test over the parts of an engine.



Auto mechanics involved all types of repairs, from major to minor. Here, John Dykowski and Mike Gosset work on one of the biggest repairs — rebuilding an entire engine block.





Top: AUTO MECHANICS: MORNING CLASS: **(Front Row)** Eusebio Medina, Tony Estrada, Kelly Finn, Jay Moldenhour, Abraham Garza. **(Second Row)** Donny Taylor, Kyle Stried, Mark Bartlett, Kevin Petrus, Bobby Schernik. **Above:** AUTO MECHANICS: AFTERNOON CLASS: **(Front Row)** Donald Matuke, Steven Sutton, Allen Swanson. **(Second Row)** Charles Haase, Myron Spellings, Mike Gossett, Kenny Flannery. **(Back Row)** John Dykowski, Ronald Cepak, teacher Ralph Granzin, Sr.

Below: Cotton Boll staffers Billy Seigmund and Casey Cravens experience a severe Big Mac attack as they enjoy the playground equipment at McDonald Land in Denton, Texas while JoAnn Simcik watches their playful antics.



Below: Band director, Doyle McElroy, tries out his newly purchased tomahawk on the visitor's information sign at a souvenir shop near Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.





Holidays and teacher's in-service days were rare after Easter vacation, increasing the number of restless students. School sponsored trips were a welcome change in student's daily schedule. Students involved in sports, clubs and selected classes ventured out of town for track meets, baseball games, conventions and contests.

Day long trips were the most frequent with athletes participating in tennis and track meets. Baseballers were excused from school to play in tournaments here at home and in nearby cities. English students broke away from the routine classroom activities to tour museums and libraries while journalism classes visited publishing and printing plants. Any student was happy to miss school without penalty for a day.

Though the day long field trips were more abundant, there were some trips that required students and sponsors to spend the night out of town. These were usually the favorite kind of trips since one could miss at least a day of school and have a short vacation before entering actual competition.

Once back home again students journeyed on their own time out of school to nearby Austin and Temple to go shopping or just to get away from it all.

Whatever the length of time and whatever the reason, students welcomed the opportunity to leave school on school sponsored trips and conventions.

What a Trip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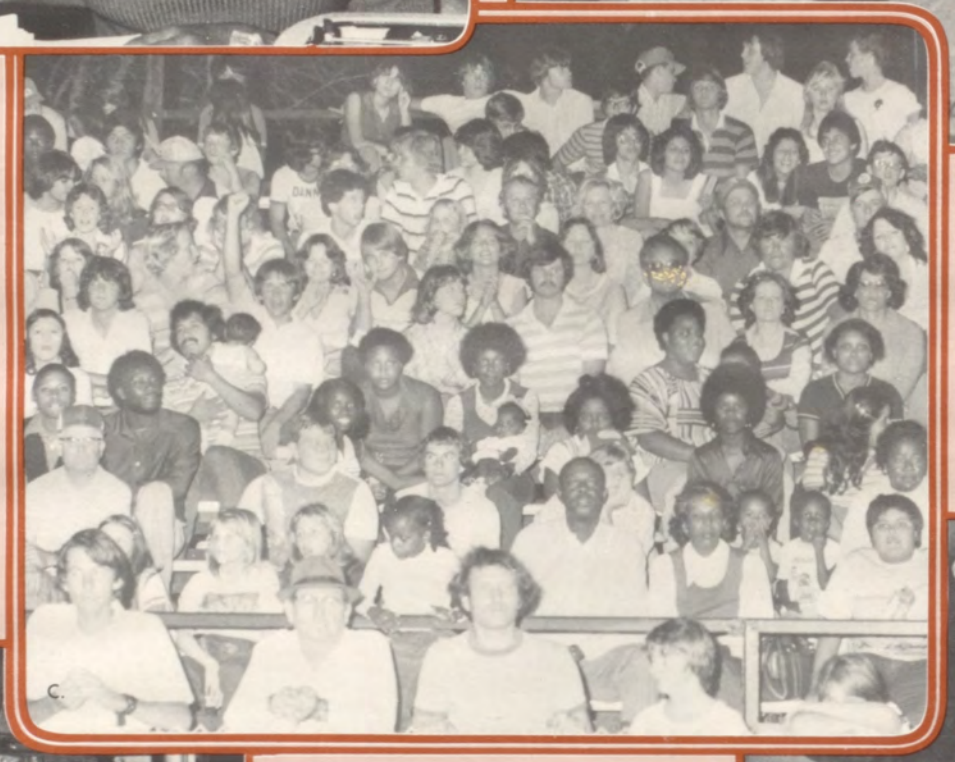
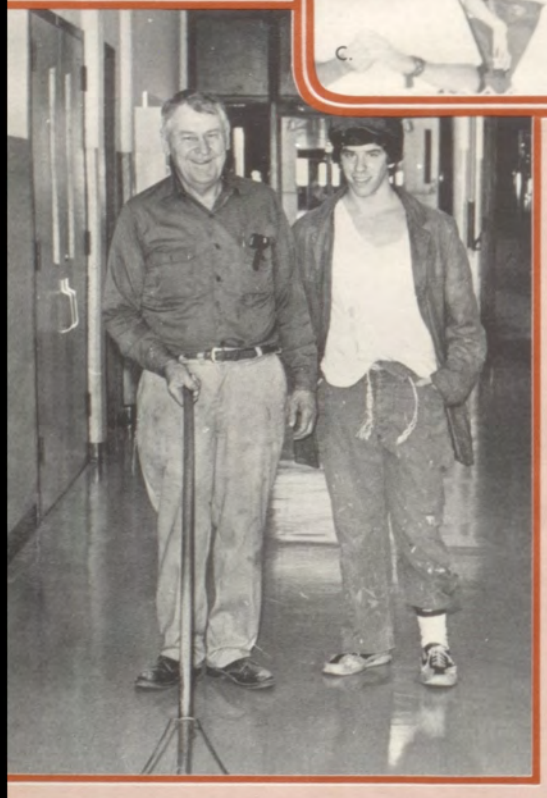
A. Enjoying one of the more popular rides at Six Flags are Student Senate members Tammi Sefcik, Sheila Mahlow and Stephanie Schneider. B. Cotton Boll traveled to Austin to attend the Interscholastic League Press Conference held on the University of Texas campus. Here Candy Buzan, Debbie Wright, Kelly Frankeny and Mary Zavala relax in between work sessions. C. This beautiful fountain greeted many THS students as they entered Six Flags amusement park in Dallas. The park was frequented regularly by the various clubs and organizations. D. Athletic groups did more traveling than any other group at school. Here the girl's volleyball team prepares to board the bus for Westlake.











A. Whether a student was interested in a business career or attending college, THS offered courses for everyone. Reva Killingsworth works to complete her assignment in the VOE lab. B. Although initiation rites were seldom anything to look forward to, clubs added an important dimension to school. Here, Isabel Soza finds DECA initiation to be a sticky situation. C. Whether a student was involved in the football game as a participant or a spectator, it was an important part of life at THS. D. Varsity cheerleader Nancy Rohlack shows the standard mode of dress for the annual Hobo Day held before the Rockdale football game. E. THS is not made up of just students and teachers, everyone is a part of the school life. On Hobo Day, Brian McAlpine pauses to talk to the janitor, Richard Pundsack.

Students, teachers, administrators, cooks, janitors, and librarians are not only an important part of Taylor High School, they are Taylor High School. Without these people, it would be a mere building, lifeless and impersonal. It is the people who add laughter and tears to the noise in the halls; it is the people who set high goals and work to reach them. It is the people who contribute warmth and friendship to clubs, classes and organizations; it is the people who strive to learn and to love. It is the people who change that brick building into a growing, thriving, involved, proud place called Taylor High School.

PEOPLE



Winners Take All!

Students with a 93 average or above for the current year were honored with an academic award. **(First Row)** Teresa McLaughlin, Edward Contreras, Casey Smith, Stephanie Schneider, Becky Swanson, Jackie Naivar, Anita Allen, Melissa Brookshire. **(Second Row)** Alan Slivensky, Gretchen Kreidel, Tammy Preusse, Kim Wrinkle, Patty Corbett, Rose Mary Castro, Rebecca Natek, Edward Cook. **Third Row:** Jane Bartosh, Beth Nelson, Stancie Schwenker, David Slivensky, David Wolbrueck, Rory Rieger, Carl Holiday, and Robert Kovar.





Above: Every year, the student with the highest overall average for the current year receives the A.M. House Award. Here, freshman Greg Haverland displays his new watch. **Below:** School clubs often honor their outstanding seniors with a scholarship. Here, Vice-principal David Krueger awards Stancie Schwenker with the F.T.A. Scholarship.



Above: TARS: **(Front Row)** Billy Ray Nealy, Mike Norton, Linn Walker, Thomas Ross, Todd Harris, Carl Glover. **(Second Row)** Sponsor Nora Davison, Sylvia Trevino, Madeline Trevino, Denise Trevino, Gilbert Garcia, Sponsor Debbie Johnson.



Five fortunate seniors received scholarships at the end of graduation ceremonies to aid them financially in continuing their education. Recipient of the $500.00 Ruth Schroeder Scholarship given to the senior planning to become an elementary teacher was Christi McLaughlin. Cynthia Loeve, David Slivensky and Clarence Wooldridge each received one of the three Melasky Scholarships. Anita Allen was the recipient of the $1000.00 Gernert Scholarship.

As the school year came to a close, the annual Awards Assembly recognized deserving students who had participated in school related and extracurricular activities throughout the year. Some school oriented clubs and community organizations honored seniors with scholarships which helped them financially toward their education. The winners of a community scholarship were Shelia Mahlow, Stephanie Schneider, Brett Rogers, Donna Eiben and David Sikes while Beth Sexworth and Stancie Schwenker received F.T.A. scholarships and N.H.S. scholarships were awarded to Christi McLaughlin and David Slivensky. Other organizations recognized outstanding members while intramural winners were also honored. A total of 24 sophomores, juniors and seniors received academic awards while 18 honor graduates were chosen including Valedictorian Becky Swanson, Salutatorian Cynthia Loeve and highest ranking male, David Wolbrueck. Juniors Paula Zetak, Margaret Guajardo (alternate) and Carl Holiday were chosen as Girls' State and Boys' State representatives. Freshman Greg Haverland was this year's recipient of the A. M. House Award for having the highest average for the current year. At the close of the assembly Principal Ross Baldwin encouraged underclassmen to participate in next year's activities and to become involved in community projects.



Above: Special recognition went to those students for outstanding achievement in their specific fields. **(Front Row)** Betty Wiesner (D.E.), Pam Brueckner (I.C.T.), and Elvis Jackson (Building Trades). **(Back Row)** Sidney Ging (Ag-Coop), and Billy Sherek (Auto Mechanics).



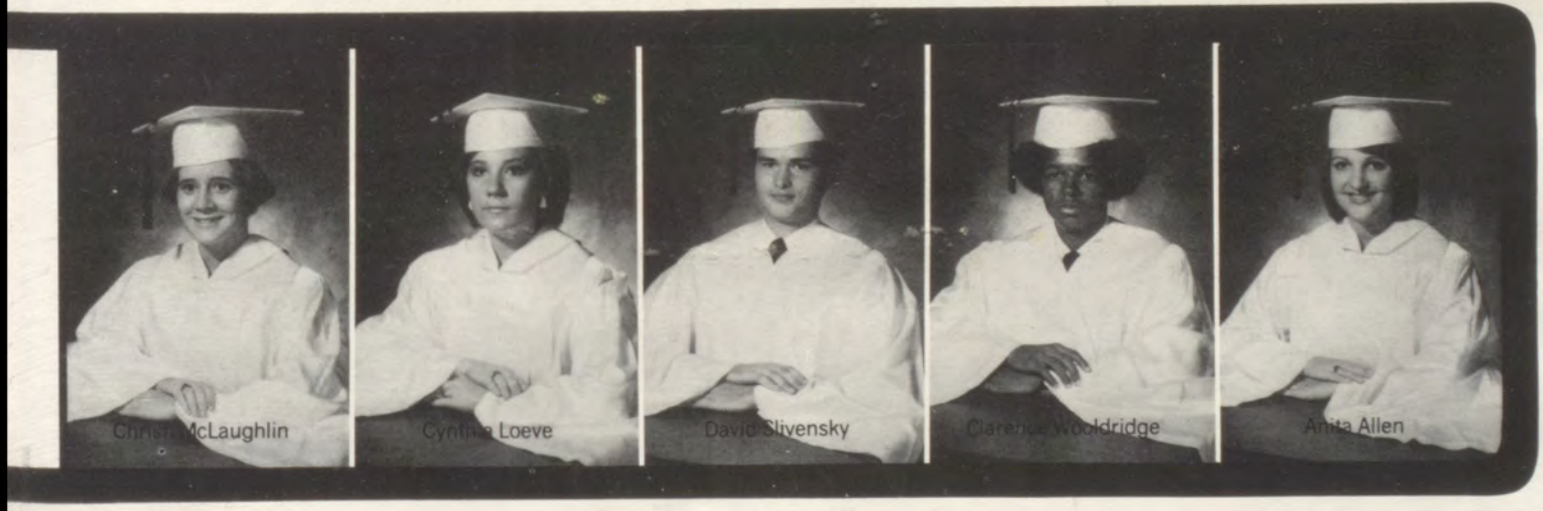
Sm[illegible]statically, senior Christi Mc[illegible]n receives the N.H.S. Scholarship fr[illegible] N.H.S. President Robert Kovar.



Above: SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: **(Front Row)** Stephanie Schneider, Sheila Mahlow, Christi McLaughlin and Donna Eiben. **(Second Row)** David Sikes, David Wolbrueck and Becky Swanson. **(Back Row)** Stancie Schwenker, Cynthia Loeve, David Slivensky and Brett Rogers.



Right: Recognition also went to those students equipped with special writing and speaking talents. Here are winners of the V.F.W. American Legion Flag Contest and Voice of Democracy Contest. **(First Row)** Aurora Reyes, Daneta Griffin and Adam Martinez. **(Second Row)** Tim Glover, Nolan Glover and Becky Swanson. **Not Pictured** is Gary Urbanek.

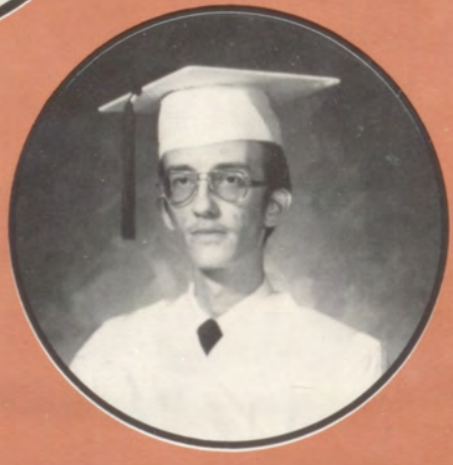


SENIORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT





In addition to maintaining a 96.44 average, Becky Swanson was actively involved in many school clubs and competitive speaking events. She was a four-year member of band and a two-year member of NHS and On Stage. Becky entered many speech events including the American Legion essay writing contest and the VFW "Voice of Democracy" contest where she placed fourth in the state. Becky's grades brought her much recognition during her years in high school. She received a National Merit Letter of Commendation, won academic awards for two years and was awarded an A & M Opportunity Award. She plans to attend Texas A & M University where she will major in journalism.

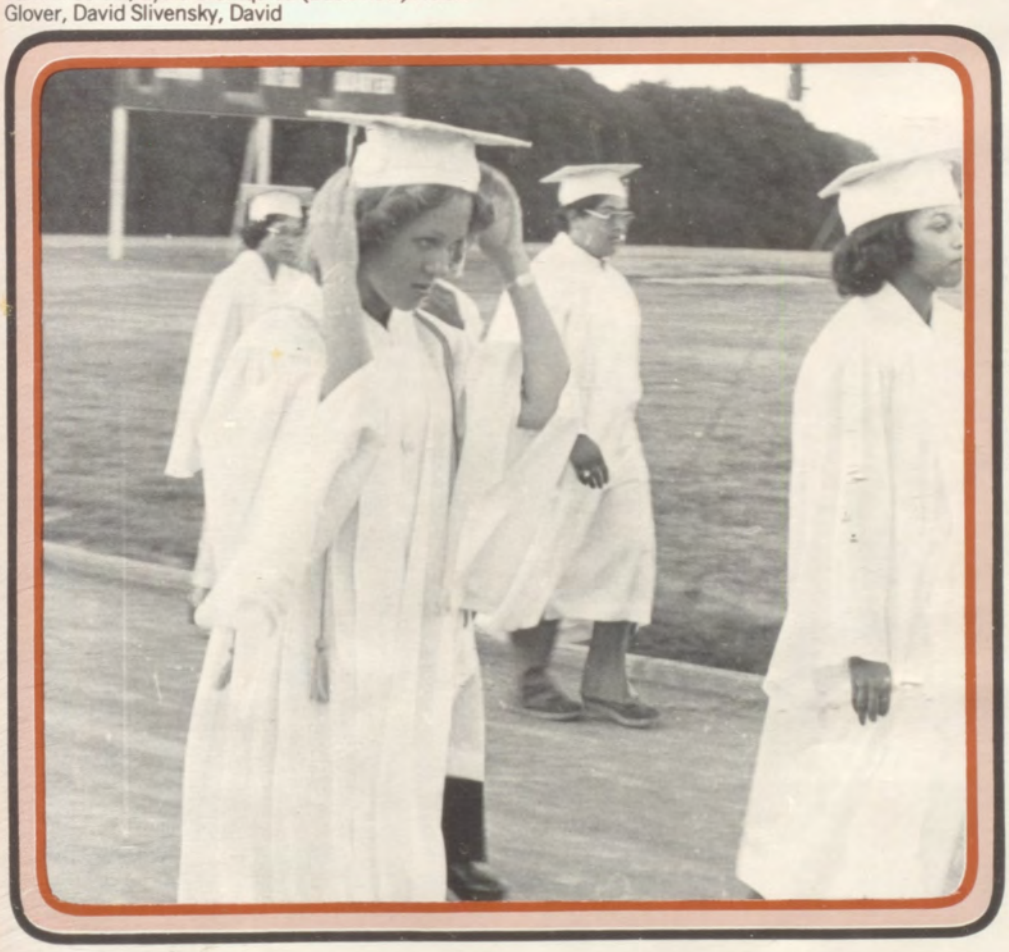


With the two highest positions in the class held by girls, David Wolbrueck received special recognition for being the highest ranking boy in the class. As editor, much of David's time was occupied by the **Cotton Boll.** He served as secretary for NHS and competed in many UIL events including editorial, feature and news writing.

Although Cynthia Loeve held the second highest average in the senior class, a 96.33, she still found time to participate in many school-sponsored clubs and outside activities. In addition to this, she worked at Rudy Mikeska's Barbeque every afternoon and on weekends. She was a two-year member of FTA, FHA and a three-year member of NHS and Spanish Club where she served as treasurer. As a result of her high grades, she received an academic award for two years and won the A. M. House Award during her freshman year. Cynthia plans to attend Temple Junior College and major in Business Administration.

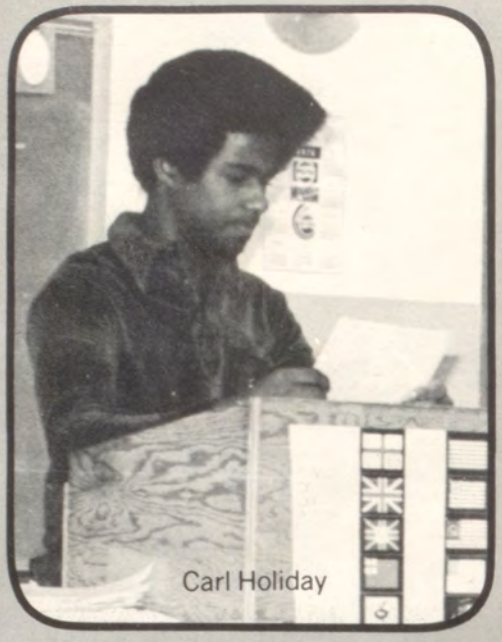


HONOR GRADUATES: **(Front Row)** Casey Smith, Becky Swanson, Anita Allen, Peggy Janak, Christi McLaughlin, Debbie McGee, Ramona Urbanek, Tammi Sefcik, Lydia Blomquist. **(Back Row)** Nolan Glover, David Slivensky, David Wolbrueck, Stancie Schwenker, Neva Klotz, Cynthia Loeve, Beth Sexworth, Stephanie Schneider. **Not Pictured** is Patricia Case.



As they walked around the track of the football field, seniors seemed to lose all distinguishing characteristics and became a uniform group. They were together, possibly for the last time, as the Class of 1978. Each of the graduates had successfully completed the prescribed course of study required for graduation but eighteen of the seniors had put forth a special amount of effort. They were the honor graduates, students who had excelled in an academic course of study. For four years, these seniors had worked to maintain the necessary 90 or above average. The gold cord, worn proudly by each honor student, was a symbol and a reminder of all of the hard work that stood behind the title of honor graduate.

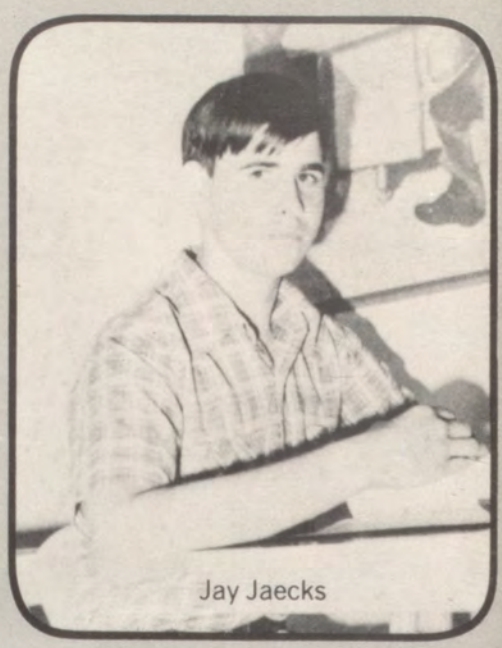
Left: Honor graduate Beth Sexworth appears to be deep in thought as she straightens her cap prior to the beginning of the Commencement exercises.



Carl Holiday



Betty Wiesner



Jay Jaecks



Becky Swanson



David Slivensky



Christi McLaughlin

WHO'S WHO

At times, the honors available at Taylor High School seemed to deal primarily with extra curricular activities. However, there was an elite group especially designed for students who were gifted in specific courses of study. Criteria for the selection of Who's Who included responsible attitude, class participation, self-discipline, and a proven desire to learn. This year, 12 students were chosen to this group.

CARL HOLIDAY — Social Studies — A World History student, Carl was outstanding in his class. He maintained an A average throughout the year and was named Who's Who recipient for Social Studies.

BETTY WIESNER — Vocational Co-op — For her excellent abilities in Distributive Education, Betty, a two year student in the course, earned a place on the Who's Who list. After being named the area and state winner at the Advertising Services contest, Betty then traveled to Washington and competed on the national level.

JAY JAECKS — Vocational Agriculture — Jay, a second year student in Vocational Agriculture, was named the Star Chapter Farmer, the highest award given on a chapter level.

BECKY SWANSON — English — Speech — Being a student in Project Go English her senior year kept Becky quite busy. Being a two year member of On Stage also added to Becky's speech abilities. She won numerous UIL awards and also placed fourth at the state level for her Voice of Democracy speech. She also wrote a theme for Farm Bureau which won on the state level and earned her a trip to Washington.

DAVID SLIVENSKY — Science — Math — David

maintained one of the highest averages during his last three years of science. He achieved not only to an excellent degree in class work, but was especially gifted in mathematics.

CHRISTI McLAUGHLIN — Band — In addition to serving as Drum Major her senior year, Christi, a three year band member, also served as reporter for the organization. She also received several UIL awards for piano solos and a flute ensemble.

KELLY FINN — Auto Mechanics — Initiative and leadership were all a part of the attitude Kelly displayed during his morning auto mechanics class. Kelly overhauled a transmission and received second place at the district contest.

PATTY CORBETT — Foreign Language — Hard work and study paid off for Patty as she obtained the Who's Who title for Foreign Language. Patty maintained an A average throughout her second year of Latin.

DAVID WOLBRUECK — Publications — David served as editor of the COTTON BOLL during his senior year. He went to UIL contest in journalism and won fourth at the meet. He also won third at ILPC for his feature story on the school cafeteria.

JACKIE NAIVAR — Pre-Employment Lab Program — Jackie earned Who's Who recognition for her hard work and dedication in her pre-employment lab. After placing among the top three on the area and state levels for her Unemployed Student Job Manual, Jackie then qualified for national competition held in Detroit, Michigan.

CHARLIE POKORNEY — Choir — Charley was actively involved in music during the four years that he was a member of the Concert Choir. He was 1977-1978 choir beau and also served as president of the organization during his senior year.

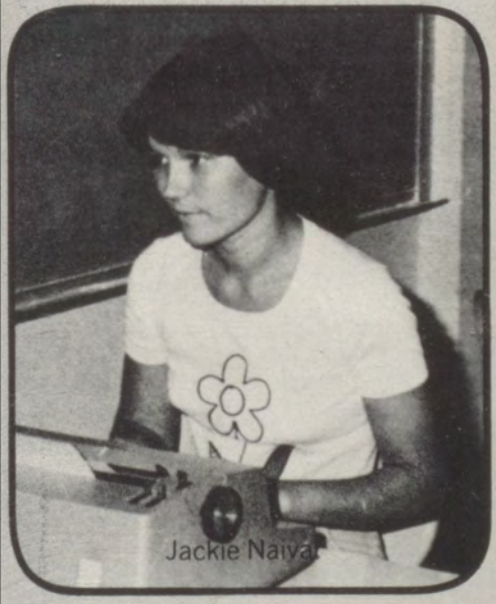
REBECCA NATEK — Business — An outstanding student in typing, Rebecca always maintained an A average and earned a place on the Who's Who list.

WHO'S WHO


Kelly Finn


Patty Corbett


David Wolbrueck


Jackie Naivar


Charlie Pokorney


Rebecca Natek

A. Even though the job of principal involved many hours spent filling out forms, conducting correspondence and other paperwork, students were Ross Baldwin's first concern. Here, he takes time out to explain the absentee system to freshman Kim Poldrack. B. Aside from his regular duties, vice principal David Krueger often attended meetings, athletic events and other student activities. Here, he is pictured at a Student Senate meeting.



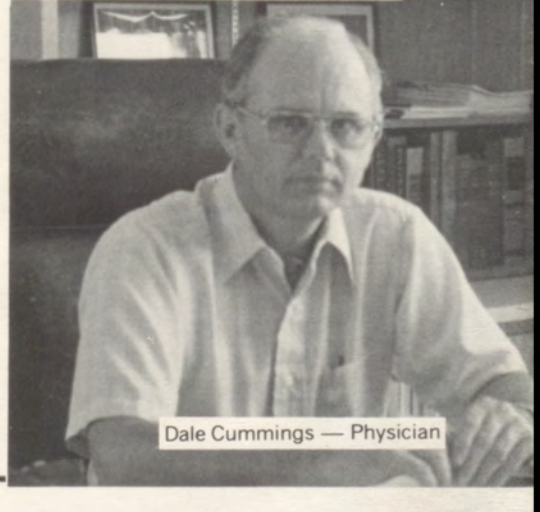
SHOULDERING


Fred Switzer — KTAE Radio Broadcaster


Albert Buzan — Alcoa Electrical Foreman




Roy Meiske — General Manager of InSol

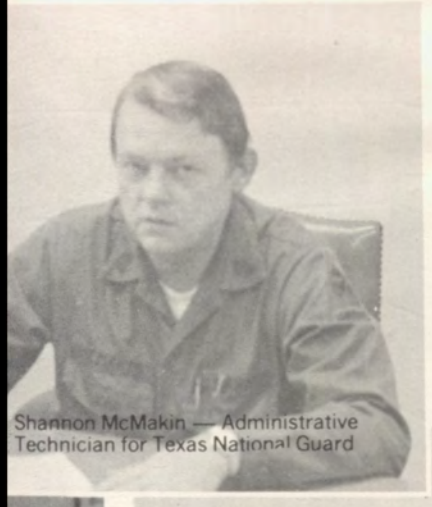

Dale Cummings — Physician

The Taylor School District, supervised by seven men, worked hard during the school year. These men gave of their time to help improve the school system to the best of their ability. Throughout the year, the members listened to comments from the public whether it dealt with a major or minor problem. The board not only listened to the public's suggestions, but worked hard to improve a variety of policies.

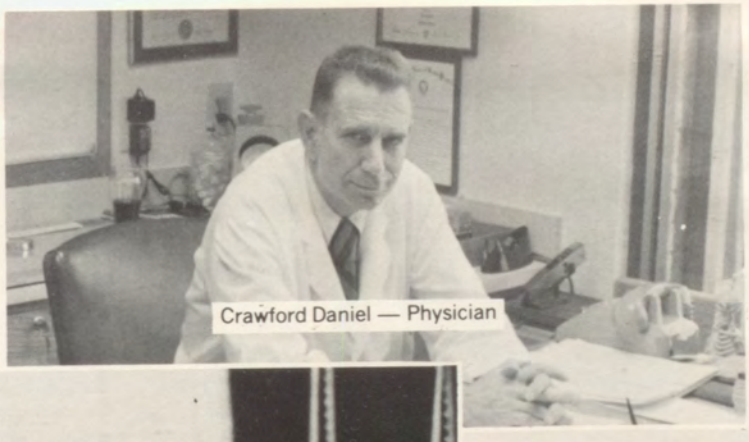
Principal Ross Baldwin and vice principal David Krueger worked to make the school year run smoothly. Although no special plans were made at the first of the year, Mr. Krueger worked toward improving student-teacher communications. Mr. Krueger said, "Hopefully, through adviseries, the students and teachers could come to a more personal understanding."



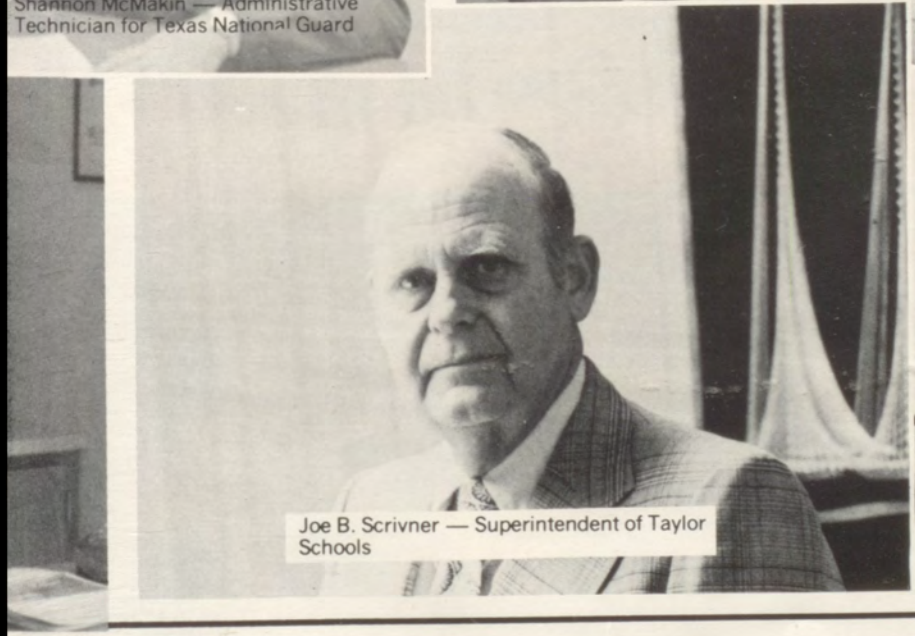
RESPONSIBILITIES



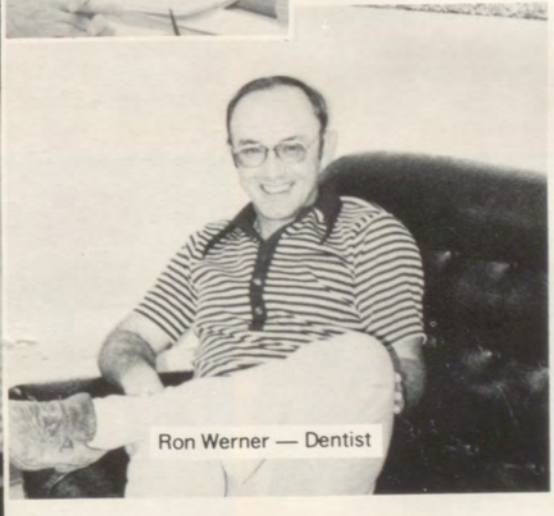
Shannon McMakin — Administrative Technician for Texas National Guard



Crawford Daniel — Physician



Joe B. Scrivner — Superintendent of Taylor Schools



Ron Werner — Dentist

A Job Well Worth It

"Boy, I wish I were a teacher!" How many times have we thought that, especially after a long sleepless night of studying, or a seemingly endless day of tests and homework. Teaching seemed to be such an easy job. Just sit in front of the class and give assignments. Babysitting, really.

Wrong. Teaching was much, much more than babysitting classes six hours a day. Teachers had to be dedicated, hard-working people, whether they taught Physics or FOM. Aside from the countless hours spent making out lesson plans, grading assignments, and other academic duties, teachers used their own time and effort in sponsoring clubs, classes and publications, and helping students with schoolwork or other problems. Thus, the faculty of THS completely fulfilled their role and responsibility as teachers.

Teaching was a difficult, time-consuming and often frustrating job. However, most teachers, and students, agreed that teaching was a job well worth it.



DAVID BATES — Subjects: Vocational Counselor.



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



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



EDUARDO CONTRERAS — Subjects: ESSA Counselor.



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



THERESA EOFF — Subjects: English I, II.



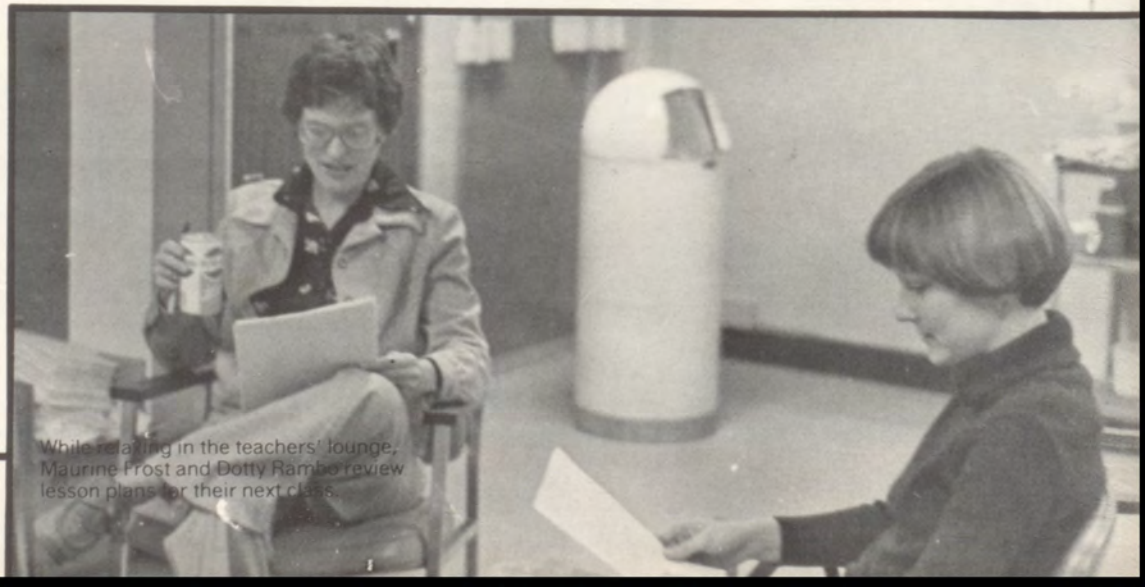
C. W. FORD — Subjects: Building Trades. Sponsors: VICA.



SHIRL FRAZIER — Subjects: American History; P.E.A. Sponsors: Senior Class. Coaches: Football (Head).



MAURINE FROST — Subjects: Government; Sociology; Texas History. Sponsors: Senior Class.



While relaxing in the teachers' lounge, Maurine Frost and Dotty Rambo review lesson plans for their next class.



MARY KAY GOTCHER — Subjects: English II, III; Mallard. Sponsors: ETC; Sophomore Class.



BEVERLEY GRACE — Subjects: Introductory Algebra I, II; F.O.M. II. Sponsors: Junior Class.



RALPH GRANZIN SR. — Subjects: Auto Mechanics. Sponsors: VICA.



STEVE GUAJARDO — CVAE I, II. Sponsors: Freshman Class.



BETSY HEPBURN — Subjects: Special Education. Sponsors: TARS.



JEFFREY HUBBARD — Subjects: Assistant Varsity Band Director.



CLIFFORD IVICIC — Subjects: Vocational Adjustment Coordinator.



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



SID KRHOVJAK — Subjects: Biology.



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



DAVID KYSER — Subjects: Speech I, II, III; Drama; English I. Sponsors: On Stage; Bell Boys; Sophomore Class.



LYNN LANKFORD — Subjects: HECE. Sponsors: HERO; Freshman Class.



BUTCH LEE — Subjects: English III; Practical English IV; Typing I. Sponsors: Student Senate; Sophomore Class.



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



MARY JEAN LIVINGOOD — Subject: Librarian. Sponsors: Library Club.



ODESSA MACKEY — Subject: Resource Lab.

FACULTY



ROBERT MALONE — Subjects: ICT. Sponsors: VICA; Junior Class.



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



DOYLE McELROY — Subjects: Varsity Band Director.



KAREN MENZIES — Subjects; Concert Choir; Choraliers. Sponsors: Choral Club.



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



GEORGE MURRAY — Subjects: Resource Lab.



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



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



NAOMI PASEMANN — Subjects: Vocational Counselor.



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



DANNY POTTS — Subjects: Health; P.E.A. Sponsors: Freshman Class. Coaches: Baseball; Football.



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



LUPE RAMIREZ — Subjects: Spanish I, II, III; English I. Sponsors: Spanish Club; Senior Class.



DIANNE ROBBINS — Subjects: General Business; Girls P.E.; P.E.A. Sponsors: Freshman Class. Coaches: Track; Volleyball; Basketball (Girls).



RICHARD ROBINSON — Subjects: VEH.



JUDY ROHDE — Subjects: English I, III. Sponsors: NHS; Junior Class.



DOUG RUTHVEN — Subjects: Physical Science; P.E.S. Coaches: Football; Basketball; Golf.



KAYE SCHAEFER — Subjects: Introductory Algebra I; F.O.M. Sponsors: FTA.



DAN SHERRY — Subjects: Introductory Algebra II; Algebra I, II; Plane Geometry. Sponsors: Junior Class.



JEANNE SHERRY — Subjects: Physical Science; Chemistry; Physics.



EDDY SPILLER — Subjects: Biology; F.O.M.; Physical Science. Sponsors: Sophomore Class. Coaches: Football.



Teachers, like students, needed outside activites to take their minds off school. Some gardened, others played tennis, still others macramed. Dan and Jeanne Sherry flew. Their four-passenger Cherokee 160 got a lot of mileage this past summer, when they flew from Texas to Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Georgia and back to Texas, stopping various other states along the way. The Sherry's enjoyed their longest trip of approximately 33 hours, or 4000 miles, but they also enjoyed short trips in their spare time.



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



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



JALANE TUCEK — Subjects: Homemaking. Sponsors: FHA; Sophomore Class.



IDA RUTH WILLIAMS — Subjects: Shorthand; Typing I, II; Bookkeeping. Sponsors: Sophomore Class.



JULIE WILLIAMS — Subjects: Homemaking; English I. Sponsors: FHA.



STEVEN WILSON — Subjects: American History; P.E.A. Sponsors: Senior Class. Coaches: Basketball; Football.



TOMMY WYCHE — Subjects: Vocational Director.



The one part of the THS staff usually taken for granted was the custodians. Few realized the long hours the four men worked. They arrived early each morning to turn on the air-conditioning or the heater and to open the doors for the students. Whatever the building needed to continue the operation of the school, the janitors were the men to do it.

The janitors were not the only hard workers in the school. Anyone who ate in the cafeteria or snack bar was familiar with the work of the kitchen staff. Two of the 15 staff workers opened the snack bar early each morning. All workers prepared lunch, cleaned the kitchen and cafeteria every day of the school year.

Above: JANITORS: Marvin Schroeder, Wallace Brueckner, Richard Pundsack. **(Not Pictured)** Paul Volek. **Right:** Elsie Volek, Lucille Prinz and Erma Wuthrich make last-minute preparations for lunch. **Far Right:** Dorothy Kaspar finishes a batch of hot dogs before a hungry bunch of students mob the snack bar at lunchtime.







Right: CAFETERIA WORKERS: **(Front Row)** Ruby Achtruth, Lucille Prinz, Marjorie Hirstus, Lorene Brunken, Ruth Hill, Martha Kruse, Thelma Barron. **(Second Row)** Erna Wuthrich, Ella Sorenson, Olga Kaase, Dorothy Kaspar, Dolores Naivar, Elsie Volek, Millie Rieger, Agnes Kasparek. **Above:** Paul Volek spends a little extra time after school to make sure the building is in order for the next day.



A HELPING HAND

There is a lot more to teaching than talking to a class. There are papers to be graded, errands to be run, forms to be filled out and countless other duties besides the actual job of teaching. That is where aides come in.

The five women who worked as aides, Laverne Eulenfield, Velia Loeve, Hallie Streit, Pearl Wheeler and Elizabeth Zetak, were involved in various departments in the school. Whether they were helping a student with a lesson in the resource room, issuing textbooks, or filling out absentee reports, aides were an important part of the THS faculty. Even though most of their work went unnoticed, anyone who received their help knew what an important role the aides played in the smooth operation of the school.



Hallie Streit, Special Education Teachers Aide, notes a pupil's progress with pleasure as she corrects an assignment.



LaVerne Eulenfield prepares to return a book to the shelf as part of her job as Library Resource Aide.



One of the brightest smiles at THS belonged to Pearl Wheeler, Visiting ESAA Aide.



Elizabeth Zetak, ESAA Teachers Aide, spends a quiet moment in the resource room.

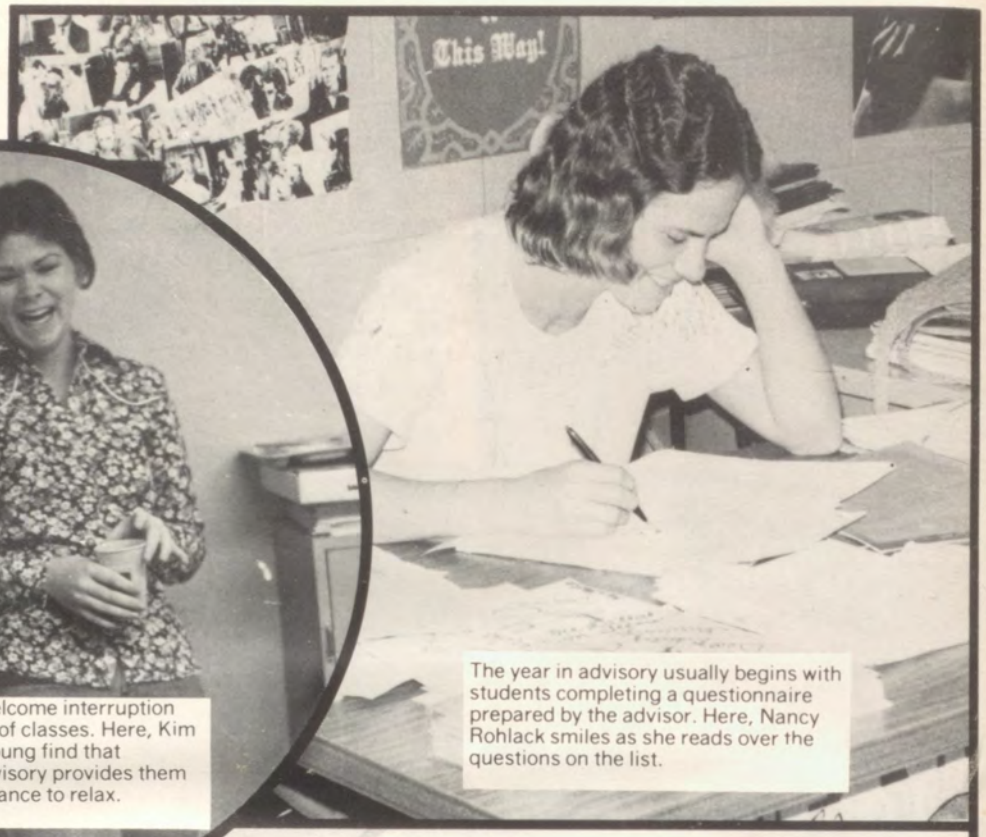


Answering the telephone was just one of Velma Loeve's many duties as school secretary.

A TIME TO LAUGH...



Advisory often was a welcome interruption in the everyday routine of classes. Here, Kim Bearden and Sandra Young find that Barbara Leschber's advisory provides them with a much-needed chance to relax.



The year in advisory usually begins with students completing a questionnaire prepared by the advisor. Here, Nancy Rohlack smiles as she reads over the questions on the list.

Advisory meetings, whether they were held in the classroom or at Mr. Gatti's, broke the everyday routine of school and gave students a chance to be themselves, To talk things over with other students or with a favorite teacher. Activities in the monthly meeting went far beyond the distribution of report cards. Advisories competed in the F.T.A. — sponsored canned food drive to benefit needy families. The top three advisories were those led by Danny Potts, Steve Wilson and David Krueger. The day before Christmas vacation began, advisory classes took advantage of the extra-long lunch period to celebrate Christmas with friends before spending the holidays with family.

Whether the time designated for advisory was used as a chance for students to talk among themselves or discuss problems with a teacher, advisory was a valuable part of teacher-student relations at THS.



Above: One project of advisory groups was the Christmas door decorating contest. Senior Pam Pease puts the finishing touches on their door.

Left: Thomas Ross spends a few minutes of his spare time making sure that their entry is ready to be judged.

A TIME TO BE FRIENDS...



Although one of the main purposes of advisory is to give students a break from the routine of school, it also covers school-related activities such as the distribution of report cards. Here, Pam Mahlow receives her report card from advisor, Doug Ruthven.



Billy Seigmund, Susan Komandosky and Pat Kelly prove that advisory succeeds in its end result — improving feelings between teachers and students.



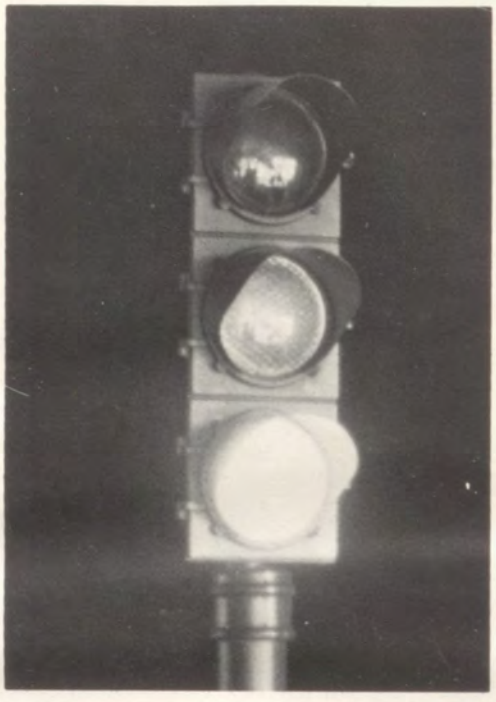
"Good grief!" groaned Main Street. "My back is killing me! Don't those kids ever get tired of riding around?"

"I know how you feel," moaned Second Street. "Don't they have anything better to do with their time?"

If streets could talk, we would almost certainly overhear a conversation like the one above from that stretch of pavement we knew as the Drag.

The Drag was more than a ride down Main Street, then down Second Street to Bowden's turn-around and back. It was someplace to go, something to do. Often, when the hassles of home became too much, or you felt that "if you didn't do something tonight, you'd die," the Drag was a welcome relief — a chance to talk things over with friends, to socialize, to just have fun.

Red, yellow, green — all three became very familiar colors to students making the Drag, as traffic lights like the one below regulated their driving.





GOOD TIMES NEVER

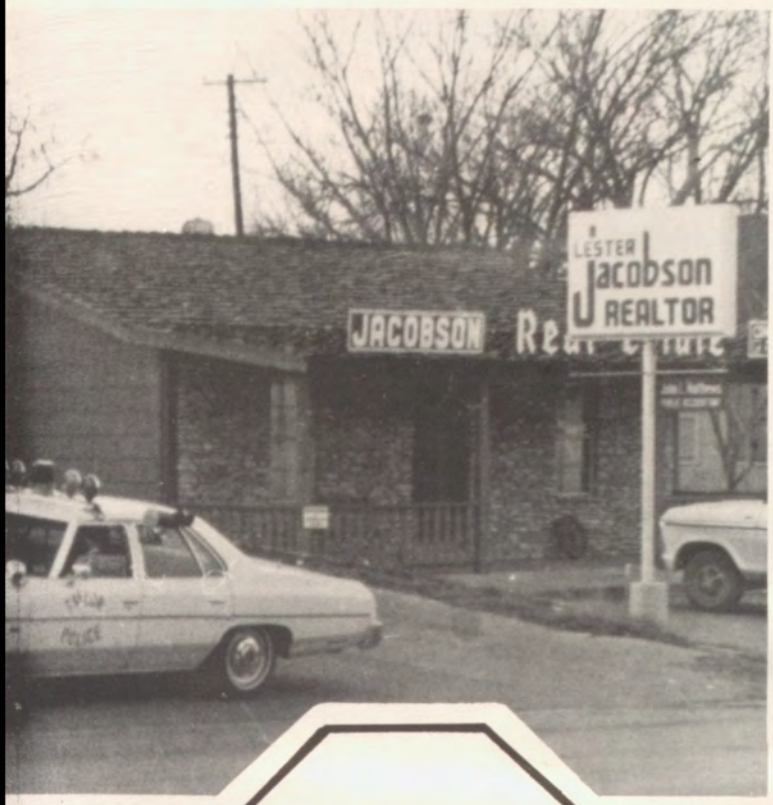
The Drag was almost alive on weekends. After a football game, after a dance, after a party, after anything or nothing, the students of THS took to the streets, honking, talking and waving to friends until all hours of the night.

Riding around was fun; it let off pressure and set us free of responsibilities for awhile. Riding around also wasted time, infuriated parents, and sometimes caused trouble. But, good or bad, the Drag was a very big and very real part of our life at THS — something we all shared.

Right: When students tired of riding around on the Drag, Mr. Gatti's was a favored watering hole. Students gathered here for pizza, a drink or a little TV watching.







Left: One of the hazards of the Drag was the Taylor police department. Here, a policeman waits to catch unwary motorists speeding up Main Street. **Below:** For those of us fortunate enough to own, or have access to, a T-top car, riding around was even more fun. Here, Margaret Guajardo and Dana Basco enjoy making a drag.



STOP ON THE DRAG





Left: Few THS students could afford the higher prices of the full-service gas stations. Here, Ronald Cepak keeps a careful eye on the gas meter as he buys gas at 7-11, a station on the Drag. **Above:** Stop signals offered students in the Drag an excuse to stop and talk with friends. Here, Diane Cotner and Patti Ruzicka pause for a quick exchange of the latest gossip.

THE TURNING POINT

With the coming of graduation, seniors found themselves overcome with mixed emotions. While many seniors were saddened at the thought of leaving high school, they were also excited about the prospect of post-graduate life. It was the end of an old way of life and the beginning of a new future.

Being a senior also meant deciding on a general type of career to follow. SAT's, ACT's and college entrance applications were signs of students planning to attend college. Others chose to continue their jobs or look for better ones. The future lay ahead and seniors found themselves on their own for the first time.

On the other side of the coin, the seniors looked forward in anticipation to attending the traditional prom prepared by the juniors and held in the seniors' honor. Seniors broke tradition by having a special Senior Day instead of the usual class trip. This enabled seniors to spend their day as each individual chose to do so. Senior projects included giving a turkey to a needy family for Christmas and purchasing the movie **The Sting** for underclassmen's enjoyment.

Thus, as seniors prepared for graduation, they could look back upon their last year in public school as a turning point in their life.

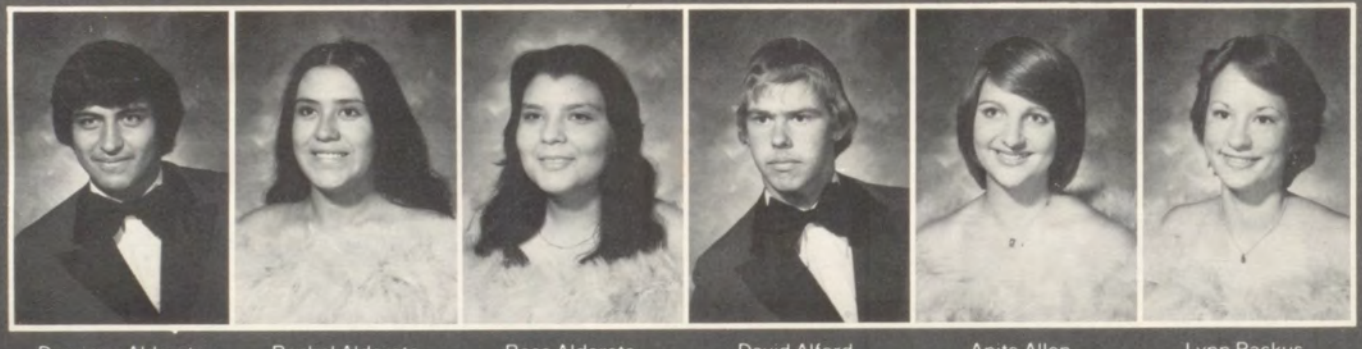


Proudly accepting the trophy for the first place in the scrapbook competition at district convention is F.T.A. scrapbook chairman Beth Sexworth. **Below:** Senior class officers, Vice-president Michael Harrell, President Tim Mikeska, Secretary Tammi Sefcik and Parliamentarian Lou Ann Mokry discuss the purchase of the movie **The Sting** for underclassmen's enjoyment. **Not pictured:** Vicki Hughes, (reporter) and Shelia Mahlow (treasurer).



Student Government Day allows civic students to go beyond the classroom routine into experimentation. Here, Michael Harrell, Theresa Vega, Randall Hobbs and Tim Mikeska discover the work involved in being a council member for Taylor.





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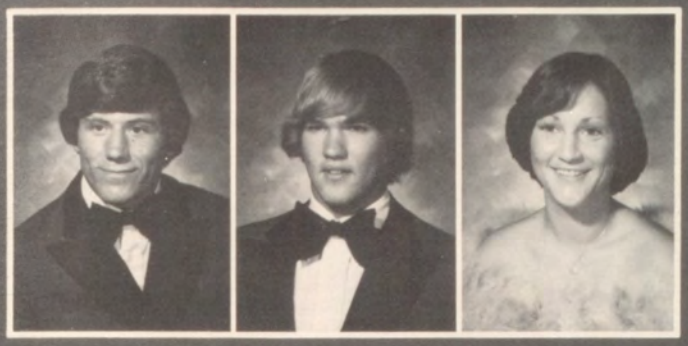

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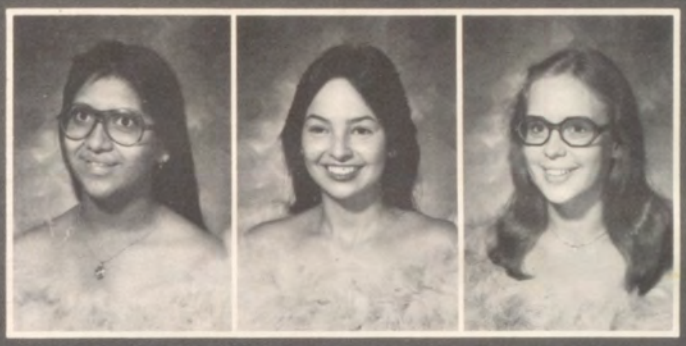


Lisa Campos | Nellie Carmona | Patricia Case



There are many humorous and "crazy" people in every school, and Taylor High certainly has its share of them. Here, senior Ellen Schmidt displays her sense of humor during a carnival preceding the Friday night football game.



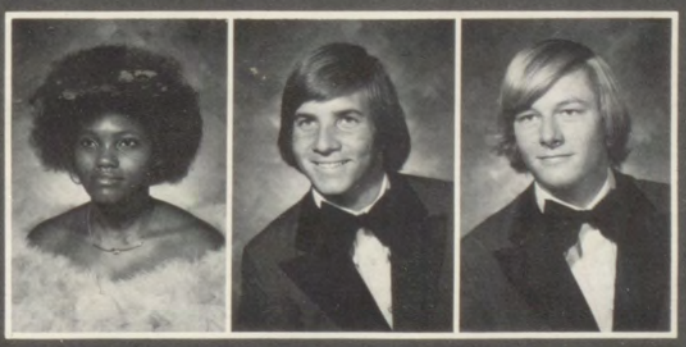
Richard Case | James Casey | Ronald Cepak | Darlene Cervenka | Deborah Cervenka | James Collins



After finishing their in-class civics assignment, seniors Debra Tillis and Kathleen Jackson take a few minutes to discuss the elections for the upcoming Student Government Day.



Karran Corne | Janice Cubit | Rick Cuzzort



Elaine Davison | Randell Dloughy | John Dykowski

GOODFELLOWS

RICK CUZZORT played on varsity football defense and offense and was a member of I.C.T. as well as F.T.A. Parliamentarian.

SHELIA MAHLOW participated in F.T.A. and was chosen by her classmates to be Senior Class Treasurer and Varsity Cheerleader.

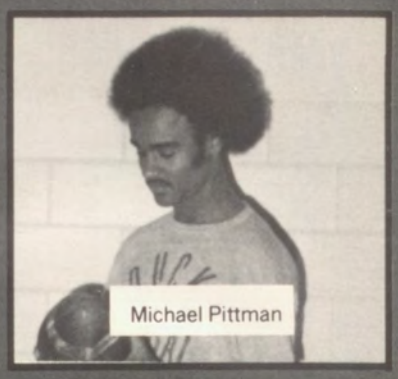
MICHEAL PITTMAN was not only the starting split end for varsity football but also the captain of the team. Track took up much of Micheal's time in the spring.

STANCIE SCHWENKER participated in several activities throughout the year. Positions held by Stancie included MALLARD editor, District F.T.A. President and Varsity Cheerleader.


Rick Cuzzort

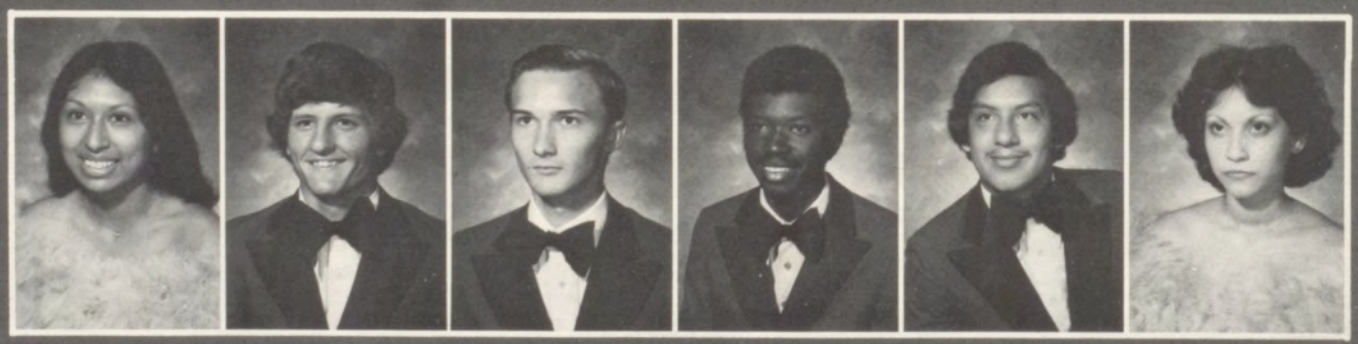

Stancie Schwenker


Sheila Mahlow


Michael Pittman


Michael Edwards | Donna Eiben | Terry Farr | Pam Finn | Kenny Flannery | Helen Flores


Donald Frederick | Janeane Fuessel | Robert Fuller | Ruthie Gambrell | Carmen Gamez | Claudy Gamez


Becky Garcia | Sidney Ging | Nolan Glover | Michael Goins | Robert Gomez | Anna Marie Gonzales

SENIORS



David Gonzales



Edna Gonzales



Mike Gossett



Daneta Griffin



Doris Griffin



Jimmy Grimm



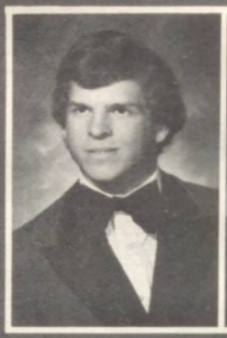
Jay Harkins



Mike Harrell



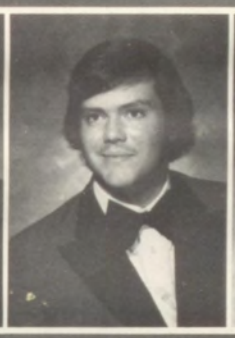
The Taylor High School Band contains many talented four year members. Here, Anita Allen concentrates on playing a special part in her music during one of the afternoon practices.



Todd Harris



David Heap



Randall Hobbs



Vicki Hughes



Winford Hull



Annie Jackson



Janet Jackson



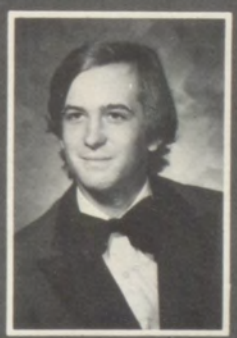
Senior Project Go students Becky Swanson, Casey Smith and Christi McLaughlin discover a new way to enjoy ice cream during a break in a field trip to Austin.



Kathleen Jackson

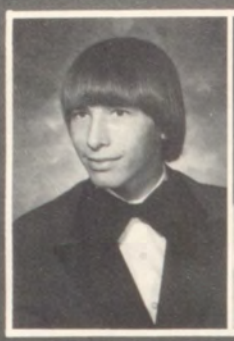


Peggy Janak



Benny Janecka

Great Expectations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Brenda Johnson


Fernando Jonse


Peggy Kilgore


Debra Kaiser


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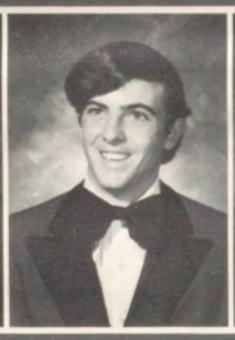
Ronald Lawler


Jacinto Leal


Claudia Lee




Senior Todd Harris listens enthusiastically to a discussion on graduation invitations at a class meeting.


Cynthia Loeve


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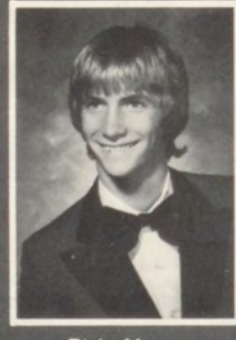
Ricky Mann


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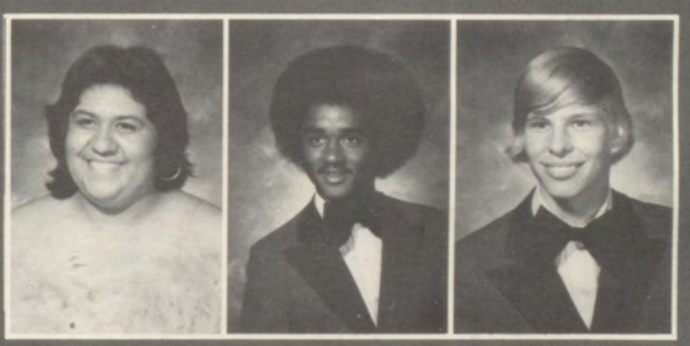

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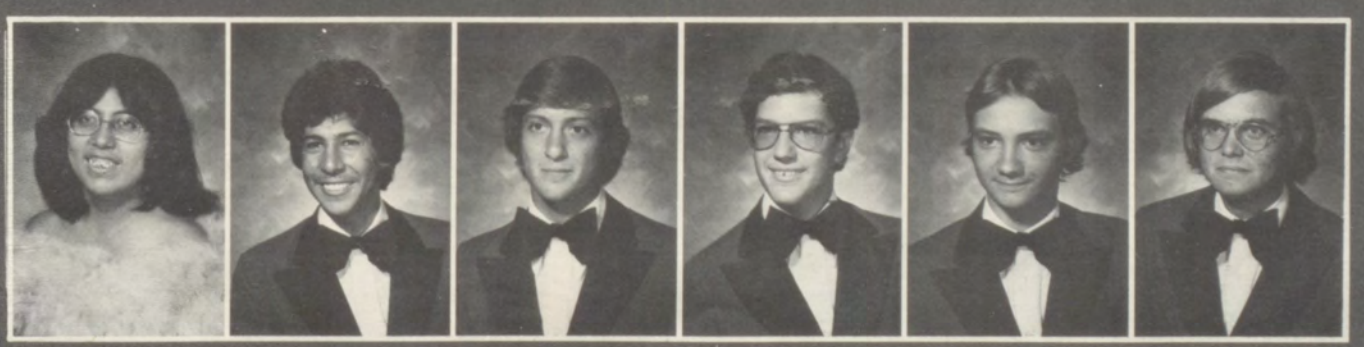
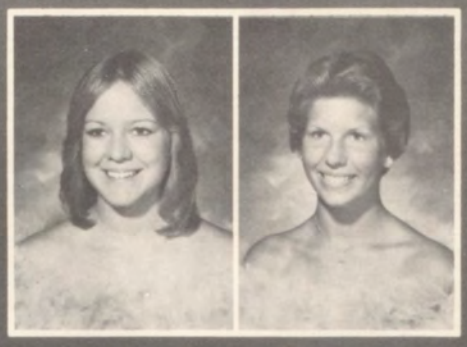


Aurora Reyes | Rudy Reyes | Keith Rieger | Brett Rogers | Alvin Roznovak | Brian Sakewitz

The Way We Were



Jay Moldenhour receives help with straightening his bowtie from MALLARD photographer Beth Sexworth before taking his senior portrait.



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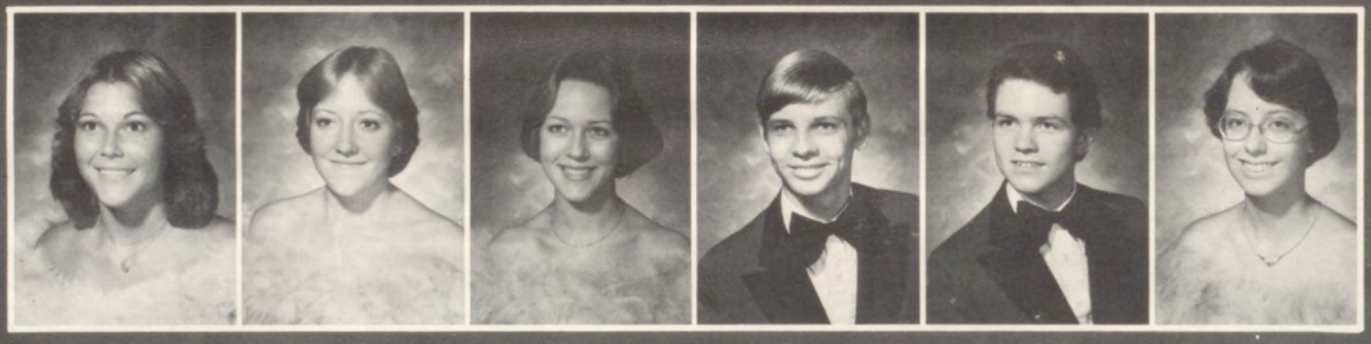

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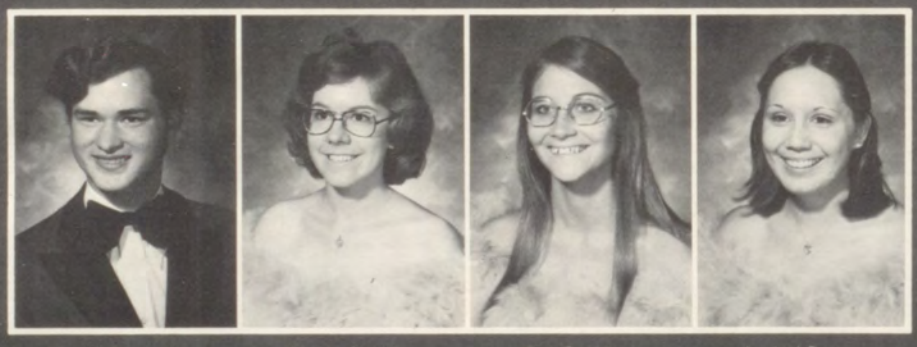

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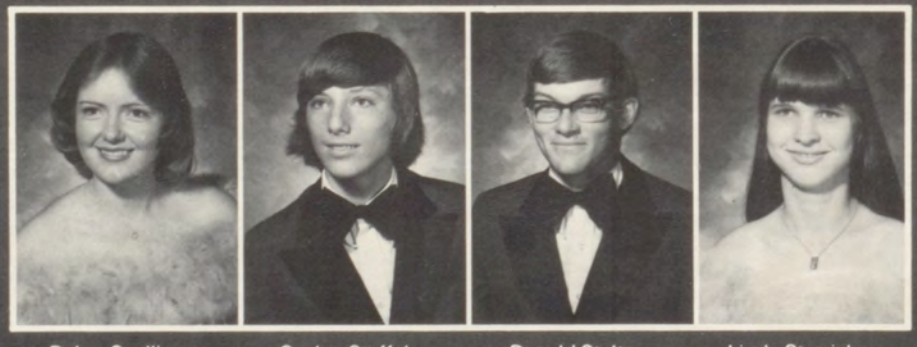
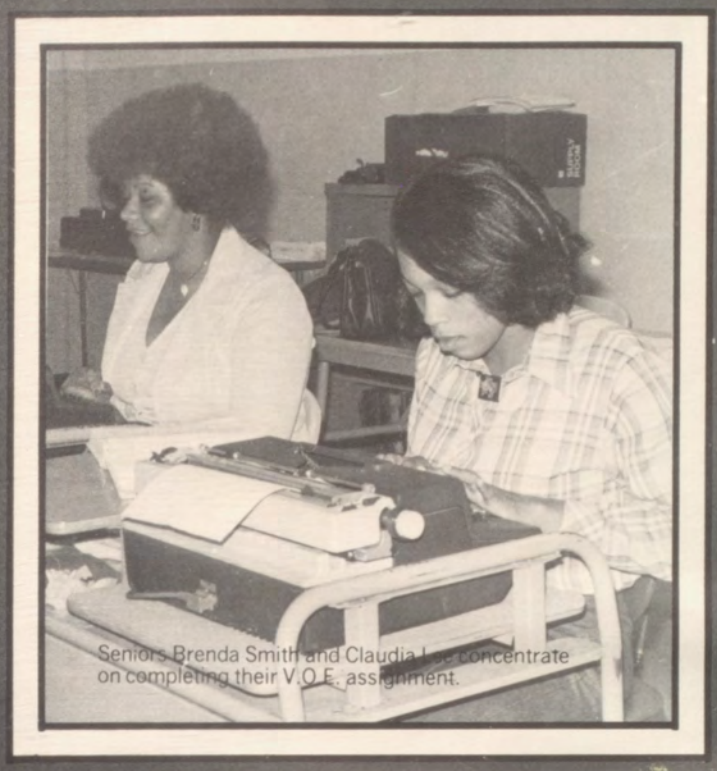


Debra Spellings Gaylon Steffek Donald Stolte Linda Strmiska

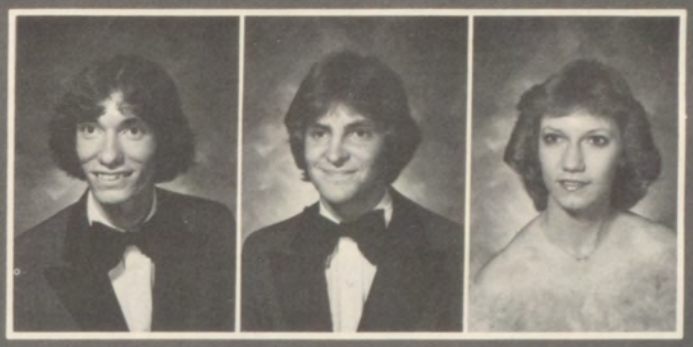


Due to the extensive resources of the library, THS students were never at a loss for research material. Here, senior Kirk Zachary looks for a back issue of **Time** magazine.

SENIORS



Seniors Brenda Smith and Claudia Lee concentrate on completing their V.O.E. assignment.



Rickey Strmiska | Steven Sutton | Becky Swanson



Arthur Tamez | Eloise Thomas | Kenneth Thomas



Debra Tillis | Gregory Tillis | Debbie Touchstone | Sherri Townsend | Ramona Urbanek | Theresa Vega



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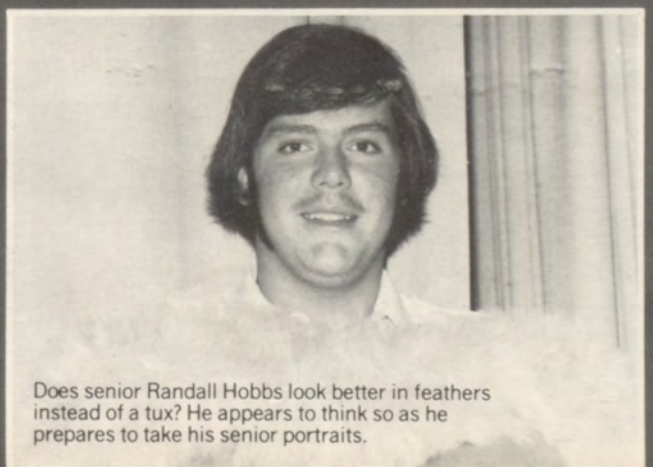
Brenda Zrubek



Does senior Randall Hobbs look better in feathers instead of a tux? He appears to think so as he prepares to take his senior portraits.

Not Pictured:

Terry Greene
Gene Lucio
David Marcon
Merry Marek
Eusebio Medina
Brian McAlpine

TOGETHER AGAIN FOR



Confusion abounds as seniors meet at the football field early Friday morning for final practice before graduation ceremonies.



Becky Swanson looks thoughtful as she addresses her valedictory speech to her classmates.



Joe Walton helps classmate, Larry Shamard, with his cap right before lining up for the procession around the football track.

THE LAST TIME...



After four long years of hard work Brian McAlpin eagerly accepts his diploma from School Board president, Fred Switzer.

Graduation — expectations, excitement, relief, and sadness. It was all of this and more to the 150 seniors who graduated from Memorial Field on May 26.

Expectations ran high at the beginning of the year during senior meetings as they realized that this was their last year of school at THS. Seniors grew excited and anxious as they voted on the style of caps and gowns and ordered invitations, and looked forward to the coming event.

May seemed to arrive suddenly, and with it, all of the serious preparations for graduation. Some of the last decisions made by the senior class included the class song, flower, colors and motto. "The Way We Were" was chosen as the class song and yellow and white as the class colors. The daisy was picked over other flowers and the class motto, "What lies behind you, and what lies before you are small matter compared to what lies within you," said it all for the seniors. Caps and gowns were distributed and honor graduates were announced in the early part of May.



Time was running out, graduation was only a few days away. Baccalaureate service was held in the school auditorium on the twenty-second. Despite the tornado alert Taylor was under, commencement exercises were held at the football field. As the class stood to sing the school song, they held their diplomas with pride and recalled what was now the past. Relief — it was all over now. As they looked around at their classmates they realized that this would be the last time they would be together again as a class. Melancholy smiles lingered on the faces of the graduates as they left the field and headed for the parties that would signal the beginning of something new.



Betty Wiesner and Ellen Schmidt happily recall all of the hassles of preparing for graduation now that it's all over with.

just one more time

At the beginning of the year THS juniors realized that in just a short time their high school careers would be over. However, this fact did not stop the juniors from having an eventful year.

From the very start of football season juniors worked together to promote spirit. Even though they did not win the spirit stick with their continued efforts they worked hard to put together the winning homecoming sign.

The main objective of the Junior class was to raise enough money to give the seniors a memorable prom. The first money making project gave the juniors confidence for the prom. Holding the concession stand during the Taylor-Georgetown football game the class netted over $1,000. In November the class officers decided to have another money raising project. For their second project the juniors sold glass mugs with a students' graduating class year inscribed on the front of the mug and the school song on the reverse side. With over $2,200 in their class treasury the juniors began working on the prom.

As April 22, prom night grew near work nights grew longer and became more hectic. The endless hours of planning, building and decorating was well worth it when juniors arrived on Saturday night in elegant evening apparel for an evening of entertainment to be spent in a Dreamer's Paradise. But no one would have recognized this class the night and morning before in grubby old T-shirts and jeans. After getting down to serious business their long hours of work proved to make this prom one of the most enchanting and memorable ever.

Junior class president, Jackie Naivar concluded by saying, "Our class did lead an active and eventful year, with the feeling that the prom was a great success and finally having all the bills paid, I think we will all just sit back and enjoy the thought of being a senior next year.



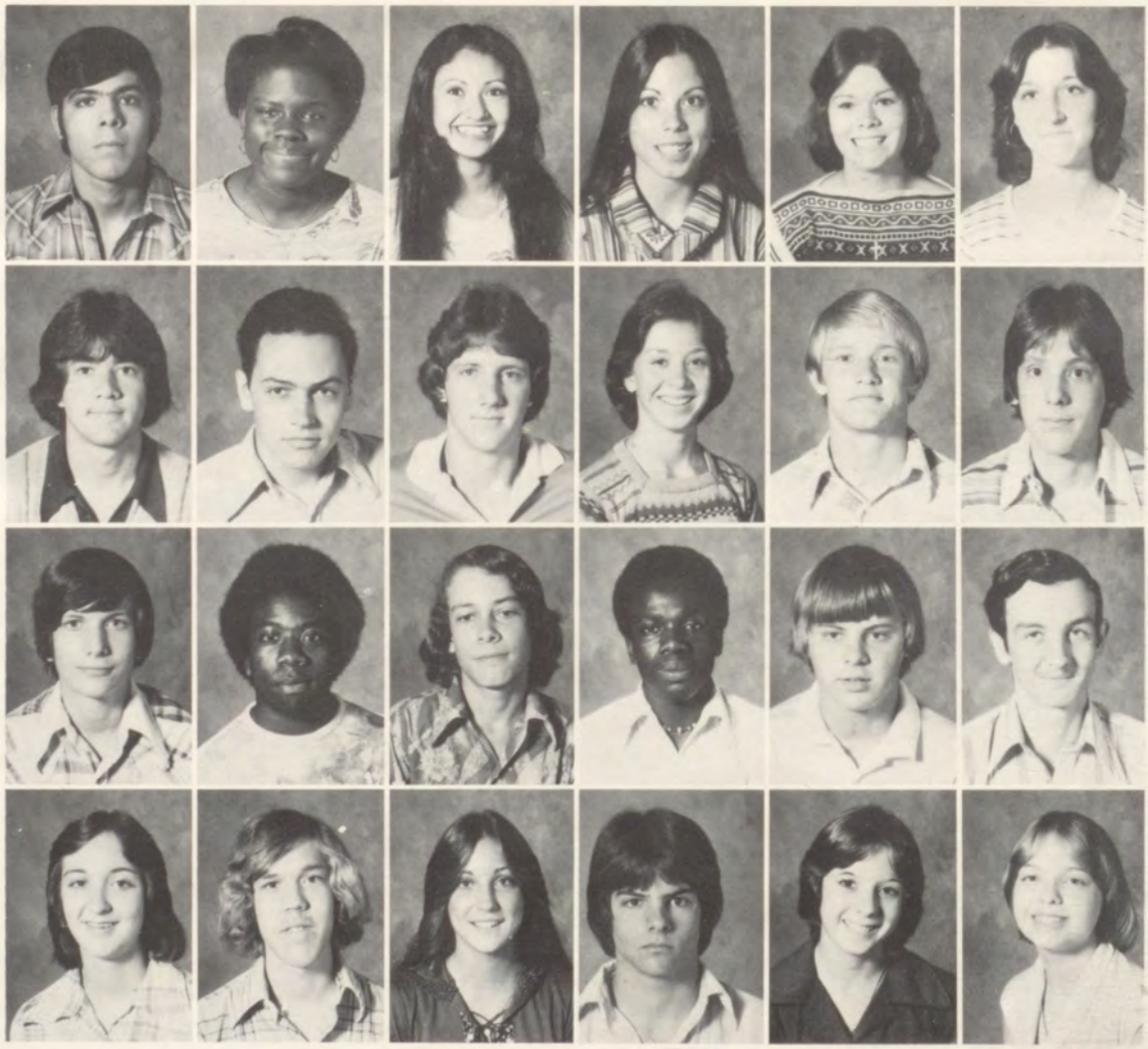
During the homecoming assembly Johnny Carson (Carl Holiday) announces the next performer from the fifties, Dick Clark.

Arthur Alderete
Idella Aldridge
Linda Alvarado
Dana Basco
Kim Bearden
Stacy Becker

Ron Black
Justin Bosley
Brian Brinkmeyer
Melissa Brookshire
Carlton Brown
Mike Breuckner

Andy Bulgerin
Reggie Caldwell
Wayne Carpenter
Johnny Roy Cathey
Glen Cepak
Wesley Cervenka

Camille Cook
Edward Cook
Diane Cotner
Casey Cravens
Patti Daughtry
Cathy Debus





April Delameter
Ruben Dominguez
Stephen Duffy
Tony Estrada
Geneva Fielder
Albert Filla

Dwayne Finn
Gloria Flores
Brad Frazier
Darlene Galvan
Arthur Gamez
Gina Gilligan

Bobby Ging
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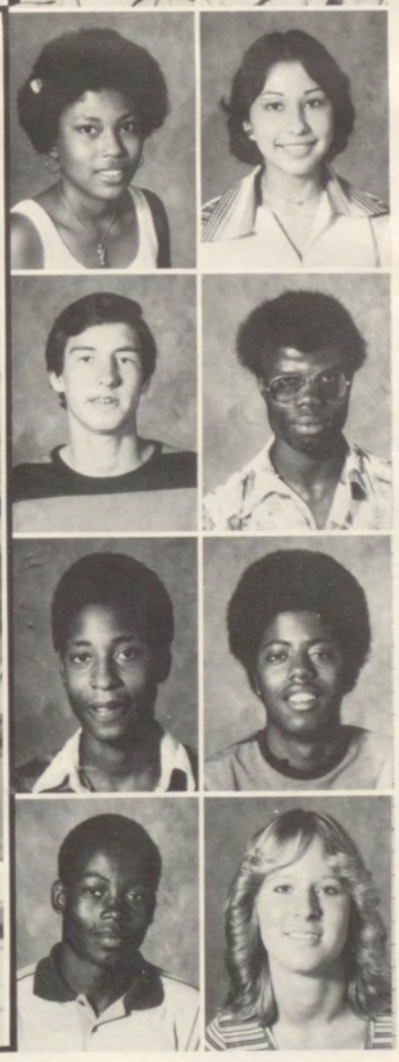
Bernice Gonzales
Jimmy Gonzales
Ralph Granzin
Jeff Graybill



Mallard staff member, Tammy Preusse types cutlines for her ad pages.



LaNell Griffin
Margaret Guarjardo

Charles Haase
Oliver Hamilton

Harold Harvey
Stanley Harvey

Jeffrey Hattley
Susan Hengst

The end is now

Janice Hernandez
Dean Herzer
Carl Holiday
Brenda Hollowell
Bubba Holman
Lacy Holman

Ronald Huber
Sharon Jackson
Rudy Johnson
Pat Kelley
Emmi Kirschvink
Michael Kohutek

Robert Kovar
Nancy Kriedel
Bryan Kruse
Linda Laughlin
Ricky Lopez
Pam Mahlow

Patsy Manley
Becky Marburger
David Marek
Paul Martin
Thomas Martinez
Rodney Marx





Juniors found that their third year in high school was one filled with decisions over college, SAT and ACT tests and numerous other details. One of the most exciting decisions for most juniors was choosing their senior ring. Here, Gina Gilligan, Jackie Rowe and Brenda Hollowell look over the large selection of rings available.

in sight

juniors



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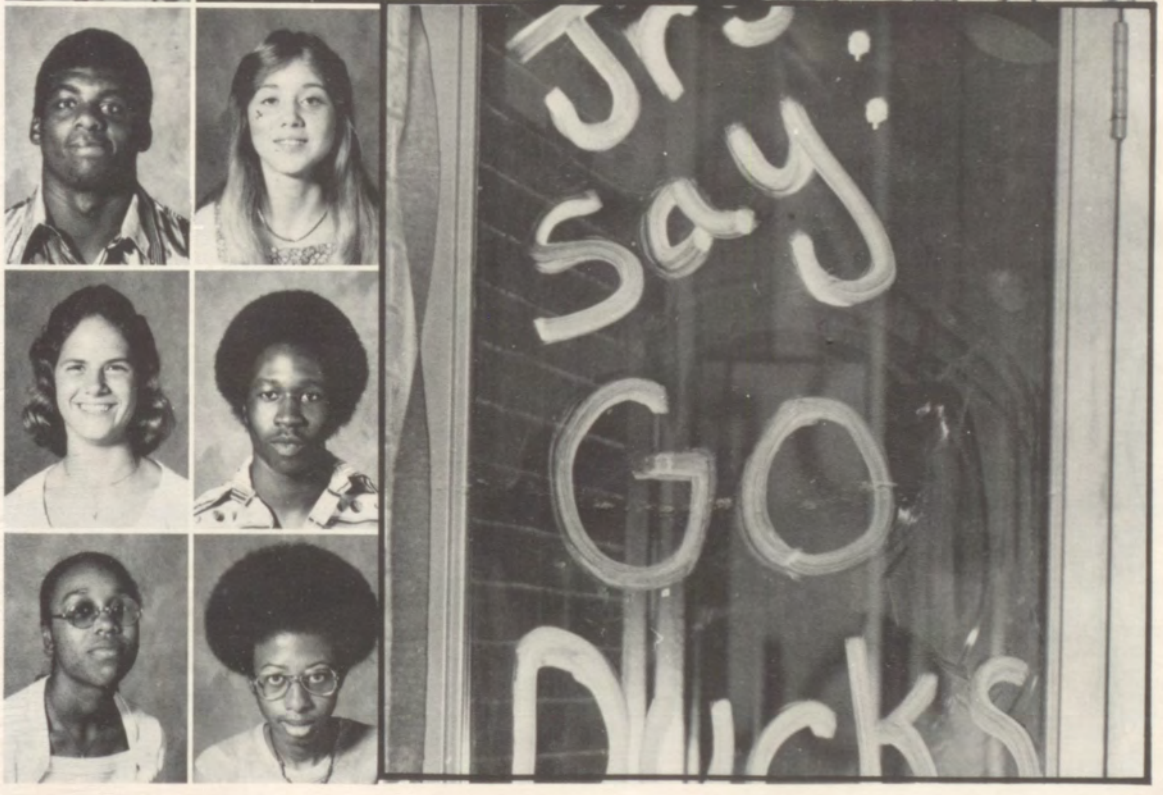


Donald Matuke
Brian McAlpine
Sheila McCormick

Robin McDonald
Mark McKamy
David Mokry

Daniel Moreno
Jackie Naivar
Justin Nickerson
Alex Olivarez
Paula Pease
David Polasek

Tammy Preusse
Edmond Raesz
Tim Rafferty
Harvey Randle
Denise Richter
Rory Rieger

Vollie Robinson
Jana Rohlack

Nancy Rohlack
Louis Ross

Polly Ross
Thomas Ross

Junior spirit was evident throughout football season, the class spent many hours decorating halls, painting windows and preparing signs.

Jackie Rowe
David Roznovak
Kevin Roznovak
Danny Ruiz
Patti Ruzicka
Danny Sandavol

Bobby Schernik
Connie Schneider
April Schoener
Scott Seaquist
Billy Seigmund
Carolyn Shaw

Billy Sherek
Emily Smith
Kurt Sobotik
Myron Spellings
Glen Steffek
George Stinson

Robert Stone
Kyle Stried
Allen Swanson
Ricky Tanksley
Casey Tate
Donnie Taylor

Wanda Tillis

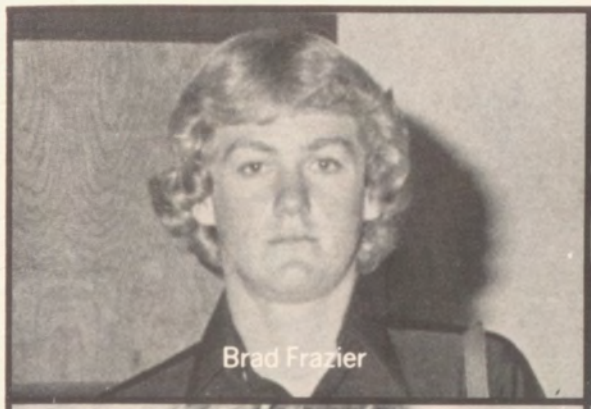
Eleanora Torres

Nancy Touchstone
Madeline Trevino
Sylvia Trevino
Nancy Urbanek
Frank Valdez
Trisa Vasquez



Junior class officers include: **(Front Row)** Secretary Dana Basco; Parliamentarian Nancy Urbanek; Reporter Patti Ruzicka. **(Back Row)** Co-president Jackie Naivar; Vice-president Nancy Rohlack; Treasurer Diane Cotner; Co-president Louis Ross.

Goodfellows


Brad Frazier


Diane Cotner


Nancy Rohlack


Louis Ross

His participation on the varsity football, basketball, and tennis teams, and in FTA led classmates to elect BRAD FRAZIER as a Goodfellow.

NANCY ROHLACK because of her abilities was chosen as a Goodfellow. She was a varsity cheerleader, FTA member, and the Junior class Vice-President.

Serving as Junior class treasurer and being a member of Hi-Steppers and the tennis team led classmates to elect DIANA COTNER as a Goodfellow.

LOUIS ROSS was chosen by his peers as a Goodfellow. He was on the varsity baseball team, a Junior class Co-President, and a member of Student Senate.



Not Pictured:
Thomas Biehle
Jim Evans
Patrice Graham
Charles Hall
Anthony Holubec
Don Jackson
Elvis Jackson
Mary Jackson
Terrell Klotz
Lucy Lopez
Tracy McVay
Tim Morgan
Dennis Mundkowsky
Diane Oranday
Kevin Petrus
Roxanne Poppelz
Leon Robinson
Bonnie Sledge
James Wuthrich
Sally Velasquez
Joyce Washington
Wilbert Watson
Shelley Werchan
Jan Werner
Ricky Widmer
Melinda Wilkins
Diana Wilson
Gary Wilson
Kirk Winters
Kim Wrinkle
Cheryl Wuthrich
Daryl Young
Sabdra Young
Mary Zavala
Paula Zetak
Brian Zrubek

CHALK UP ANOTHER ONE FOR

The seniors of 1980 faced the first day of the 1978 school year armed with new notebooks, sharp pencils, plenty of pens — and lots of self-confidence. This year was the second year in high school for most of the sophomores, and the students were now familiar with THS routine.

The sophomores continued their tradition of enthusiasm and involvement throughout the school year, participating in every club and organization in THS. Sophomores also boosted spirit during football season, joining wholeheartedly in the class spirit competition. Their three money-raising projects earned the class over 1000 dollars and were described as a success by class president Patti Corbett.

The sophomores finished the school year with a well-earned feeling of satisfied success, and looked forward to tackling their junior year at THS with the same enthusiasm that has characterized their first two years in high school.



Candy Buzan and Kelly Frankeny get a different outlook on the world at McDonald-land in Denton while attending a journalism convention.

Jeffrey Ake
Irene Alderete
Victoria Alderete
Ernest Ariola
Dean Ash
Michael Baran

Hilda Barrera
Jane Bartosh
Suzanne Basco
Gerberta Blakely
Bettye Bogan
Gwendolyn Brandyburg

Barry Briggs
Larry Brister
Pam Brookshire
Cheryl Bucanek
Candy Buzan
Dennis Carter

Rose Mary Castro
Carolyn Cevenka
Barbara Coleman
Edward Contreras
Patty Corbett
Freddie Cortinas



sophomores



The 1977-78 sophomore class officers are: Suzanne Basco, reporter; Cheryl Kostroun, parliamentarian; Tina Vega, vice president; Patty Corbett, president; Sherilyn Kaatz, secretary; and Pam Brookshire, who served as treasurer.

Donna Cotner
Timothy Crow
Debbie Danek
Jeff Davidson
Gerald Davison
Kathy De La Rosa

Robin De Luna
Stephen De Luna
Edward Diaz
Irene Dominguez
Irene Esquivel
Mary Estrada

Michael Farr
Blaine Faykus
Danny Filla
Ross Flint
Kelly Frankeny
Ernest Frederick

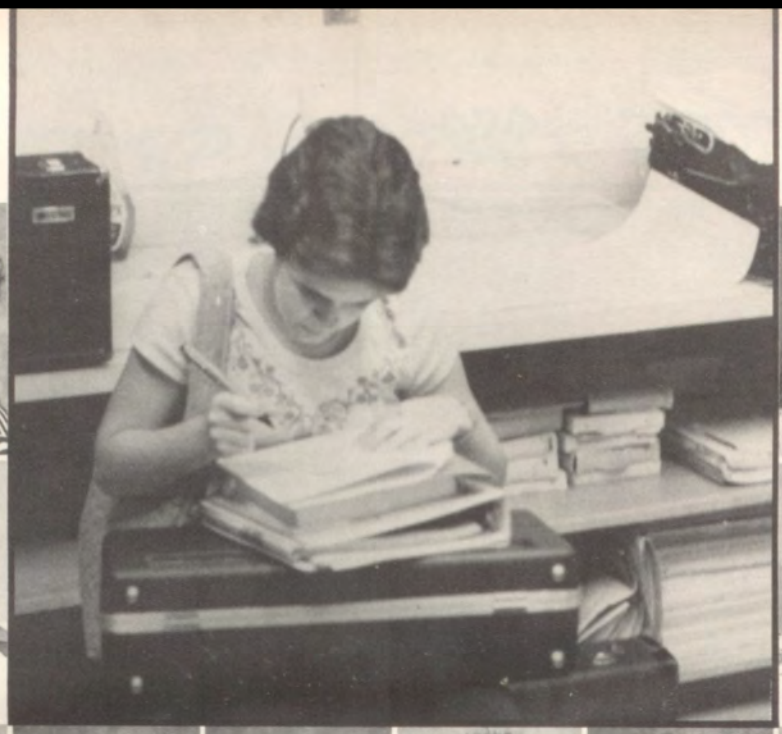
Bonnie Freeland
Francisco Garcia
Margie Garcia
Betty Ann Garza
Milton Gault
Brent Gist

Carl Glover
Floyd Glover

Timothy Glover
Benjamin Gonzales

Tammy Green
Sharon Harrell
Ronald Heselmeyer
Donald Hill
Gloria Houston
Beverly Hubbard

Moving Up . . .



Pamela Hubbard
Peggy Hyzak

Teresa McLaughlin finds that a horn case can be more than a place to store an instrument, as she completes a homework assignment in the band hall before first period.

Aubrey Jackson
Leon Jackson

Mary Jackson
Jay Jaecks
Richard Janecka
Danny Johnson
Linda Johnson
George Jonse

Sherilyn Kaatz
Elizabeth Killingsworth
Tammie Kimble
Carol Klepac
Cheryl Kostroun
Gretchen Kriedel

Cynthia Kruse
Roland Kruse
Dana Kuhl
Bobby Leshikar
Marcia Lloyd
Bennie Lopez

Beth Lutz
Randall Manley
Frances Marcon
Shelley Marek
Joe Martinez
Ronald Marx

Theresa Matuke
Esther Mayberry
Lezlee McDonald
Rickey McGee
Teresa McLaughlin
Tammy McVay



Ricky Meiske
John Mikeska
Randy Minzenmayer
Bill Moehnke
Darrell Mokry
Kevin Morrison

Rebecca Natek
Beth Nelson
David Nelson
Mike Norton
Patrick Olguin
Gaylon Parker

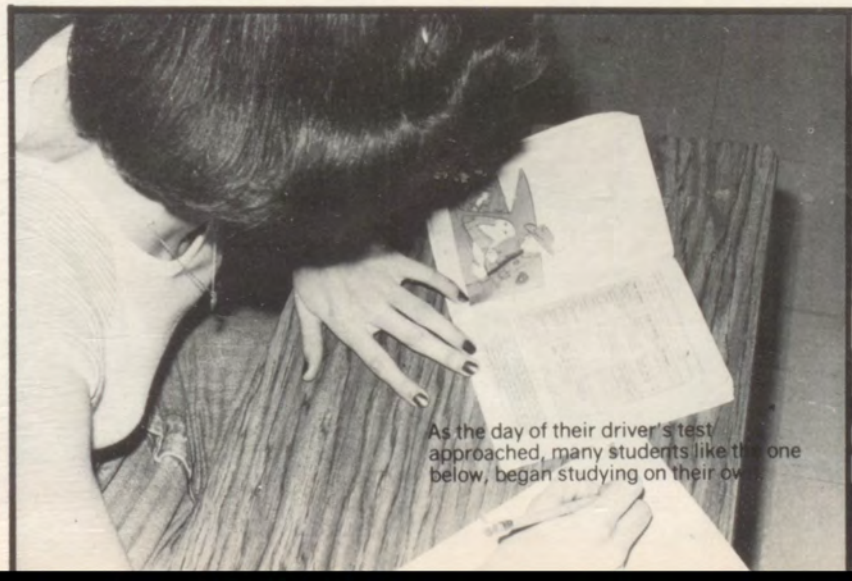
Keith Patschke
Donimgo Perez
Paul Pille
Jimmy Pokorny
Kathy Poldrack
Richard Pospisil

Madelon Powers
Robin Rafferty
Lula Randle
Paula Randle
Gloria Rangel
Richard Rathke

MOVING OUT

Sam, an average sophomore on the day of his driver's test, tossed and turned in his bed with visions of highway patrolmen saying "You failed!" dancing in his head. Then, his alarm rang. He leaped out of bed screaming "No, I'm not going! I'm gonna fail!" and hid in the closet.

Fortunately, most sophomores did not react quite as drastically to the prospect of taking their driver's test. However, it was a day both dreaded and impatiently awaited. After enduring all those hours of Driver's Ed, sixteen years of pedestrianship were about to come to an end. For some, the transition from learner's permit to driver's license took more than one try. Eventually, however, everyone drove away from the Williamson County Courthouse Annex alone — one step closer to adulthood, with a little more freedom — and responsibility.



As the day of their driver's test approached, many students like the one below, began studying on their ow



While Driver's Ed may not have been the most exciting class at THS, it was important. Without it, sixteen year olds would not have received a license. Here, Doug Ruthven helps Pam Hubbard with a confusing section of the Driver's Ed handbook.

SECOND

Joyce Reese
Johnny Reyes

Robin Rafferty, finds a few spare minutes during Hi-Steppers to look over the latest issue of her favorite magazine.

Russell Ripple
Margaret Roberts
Jerome Robinson

Ruby Rodriguez
Arthur Ruiz
David Ruiz
Pamela Schaefer
Jo Ann Simcik
Alan Slivensky

Shirley Smith
Dion Southwell
Sabrina Steger
Debbie Stiba
Thomas Stiba
Vangie Stoll

Suzanne Stried
Doug Stroud
Raul Tamez
Edward Tealer
Pearlie Thomas
Perry Thomas

Jimmy Thompson

Sophomore spirit ran high throughout football season, as shown by their entry in the annual Homecoming sign competition.

Kenny Thompson



TIME AROUND








Daniel Torres
Tina Torres
John Tovar
Byron Townsend
Gary Urbanek
Ernest Valdez






EDWARD CONTRERAS was a member of On Stage 78 and participated in several plays, was a concert band member and was selected as district Junior Mr. FTA.

Elias Valerio
Barbara Vanecek






DONALD HILL was an active THS athlete; he participated in Junior Varsity football, basketball and baseball.

Jamie Vanecek
Tina Vega






PATTY CORBETT was elected to serve as sophomore class president, was chosen as a 1977-78 Hi-Stepper, and was an active FTA member.

David Vrabel
Deborah Vrabel






PAM BROOKSHIRE was chosen by her classmates to serve as treasurer, was selected as a Junior Varsity cheerleader and participated in FTA.

Eddie Walker
Lynn Walker




Goodfellows

Kelly Wilkerson
Terry Wilkins
Not Pictured: Debra Biehle, Michael Cathey, Theresa Cubit, Ronnie Davis, Frank DeLaRosa, Kenneth Jones, Mike Norton, Sarah Rangel, Vickie Strimiska, Frankie Vasquez, Jamie Vanacek.







THOMAS WHATLEY
May 16, 1962
Oct. 19, 1977

Joe Williams
Sharon Wooldridge
Debbie Wright
Lori Young
Sherman Zachary

It Feels Like The First Time...

For the 77-78 Freshman class this year was the first time for a number of things. Walking through the corridors of THS as students for the first time, they experienced a variety of emotions. The first day of school found some students feeling apprehensive and others apathetic while still others experienced emotions somewhere in between. There were new teachers to meet and more difficult classes to take. Fish quickly adjusted to their new surroundings and took advantage of the new courses and clubs available to them. They had large enrollments in classes such as Latin, Spanish, and biology, usually dominated by upperclassmen, and participated in the many organizations available at THS.

Class members utilized their time and energy and worked together on several class projects, a Car Wash and Greeting Card sales, netted the class over $750. Competition in school spirit activities during football season and work on the traditional homecoming sign were other activities shared by the class. The remainder of the year was spent getting better acquainted with other people and school itself. By May it was evident that the Freshman class had successfully completed their first year at THS. With this in mind the class looked forward to returning next year as confident, second year students.

Tina Alderete
Margarita Aleman
Ofelia Aleman
Pam Allen
Arlene Alvarez
Justin Anderson

Mark Balduff
Coty Balusek
Elizabeth Barratachea
Linda Bearden
Doug Beran
Rhonda Bisang

Bobby Blagg
Johnny Blakely
Greg Blomquist
Vera Blue
Teresa Bowden
Wanda Brandyburg

Linda Brauer
Linda Brown
Marc Brown
David Bruce
Robin Bucek
Annette Calder



freshmen



Michael Carpenter
Enrico Carrizales
Johanna Case
Charles Cervenka
Judy Cervenka
Linda Collins

Dario Connors
Lori Costilla
Barry Cravens
William Crayton
Timothy Crisp
Monica Cuba

Jim Cuzzort
Tresa Dale
Jason Danek
Deanna Daughtry
Brian Davis
Michael Davis

Bessie Deary
Sherri Dloughy
Cynthia Druesdow
Mike Dykowski
Greg Fielder
Sheila Finn

Stella Flores
Leroy Frederick
Freshman class officers are **(Front Row)** Coty Balusek — secretary, Y'Nasmin Nix — president, and Karen Naivar — reporter. **(Back Row)** James Marek — vice-president, Trevor Sladek — treasurer, and Reggie Hill — Senate representative.

Kevin Freeles
Estella Gayton

Janice Gibson
Israel Gonzales

a large school of FISH



Freshmen Palma Machu, Linda Bearden, Melanie Sokewitz, Deanna Daughtry and Jan Tate join in the fun of signing one anothers T-Shirts.

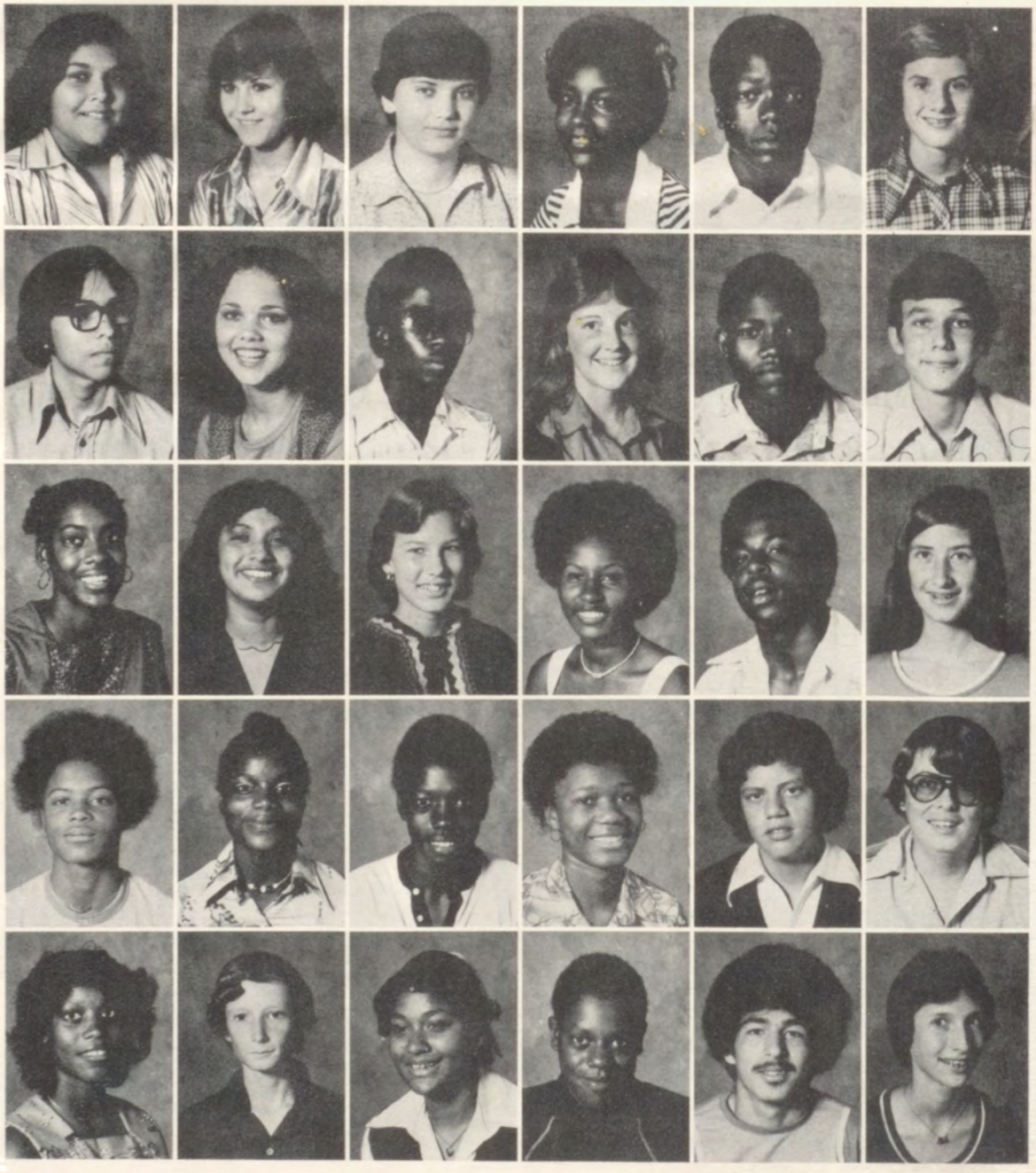
Mary Ann Gonzales
GeeGee Granzin
Laurie Graybill
Bobbie Griffin
Elmo Griffin
Kathy Griffith

Albert Gutierrez
Shelley Hall
Jimmy Harris
Karen Harris
Carl Hattley
Greg Haverland

Alvira Haynes
Connie Hernandez
Audrey Heselmeyer
Barbara Hill
Reggie Hill
Tamara Hirt

Brian Hubbard
Corene Jackson
Vernell Jackson
Willie May Jackson
Bobby Janosec
Vernon January

Mary Jefferson
David Johnson
Eddie Johnson
Wendell Jones
Joseph Jonse
Amy Kasparek



freshmen



Mark Keese
Angela Keith
Rena Keith
Bonnie Kiesling
Cheryl Kieschnick
Russell Kovar

Frances Kruse
Kelly Kruse
Tricia Lathan
De De Leal
Christi Leschber
Scott Lindemann

Tracy Lloyd
Jeffrey Loeve
Becky Lopez
Janie Lopez
Paula Machu
Gina Manley

James Marek
Adam Martinez
Patricia Martinez
Gregory Matuke
Greg Maxwell
Paula Mayberry

Ronnie McAdams
Kim McElroy
John McGrath
Donia McKamy
Jimmy Melendez
Daniel Moreno

Billy Ray Morgan
Brad Moss
Karen Naivar
Billy Ray Nealy
Rodney Neidig
Ellen Nelson

Y'Nasmin Nix
Irma Olguin
Leonard Olivarez
Maria Olivarez
Oralia Olivarez
Joe Orta



JAMES MAREK was active as class vice-president, a member of Latin Club and in freshman basketball.

KAREN NAIVAR was elected class reporter, J.V. cheerleader and was also a member of the girl's basketball team.



CHRISTIE LESCHBER was active throughout the year as a J.V. tennis player, a member of Student Senate and concert band.

GREGG BLOMQUIST participated in freshman football and was a member of the freshman track team.







Dora Ortiz
Wyly Owen



Randall Parker
Brian Patschke
Penny Pavliska
Manuel Perez
Regina Perez
Darian Petrucci



Kara Petrus
Mike Pille
Kim Poldrack
Becky Pool
Jeannie Poppelz
Laurie Preuss



Paul Randle
Thomas Resse
Paula Repa
Terry Richter
Rick Robb
Zina Rodenbeck



Royanne Rogers
Paula Ross
Melanie Sakewitz
David Sanchez
Sylvia Sandoval
Candy San Migel

freshmen



Arleen Santa Cruz
Steven Saul
Brenda Scheer
Sandee Seaquist
Jason Sefcik
Sherri Shamard

Tim Simms
Ronald Siptak
Trevor Sladek
Chris Smith
Frank Smith
Sandra Sobotik

Kent Stabeno
Suzanne Stasny
Elaine Steffek
Pam Steger
Michele Stiba
Rusty Strmiska

Jan Tate
Brenda Thomas
Michael Tieman
Clifford Tomancak
Bryan Townsend
Denise Trevino

Mark Urbanek
Lillie Vanek
David Villaneuva
Fabian Villanueva
Pauline Villarreal
Kenneth Vrana

Veronica Washington
Jimmy Weise
Candy Williams
Ronnie Wilson
Johnnie Wooldridge
Lisa Wright

Robert Griffin
Cedric Hashins
Jeff Heselmeyer
Roland Kruse
Tony Merka
Doug Stroud
Judy Valverde

Eddie Wrinkle
Greg Young
Carl Zachary

Not pictured:
Bobby Bailey
Becky Bounds
Eddie Buckalew
Donald Crawford
Albert Deary
Gilbert Garcia
Letecia Gonzales
Jack Good

That's All Folks



Classes during the last few days of school were usually relaxed and informal, as both teachers and students felt the approaching freedom of summer. Here, Thomas Martinez and Jimmy Gonzales give Connie Schneider a lift during their fourth period World History class.



One end-of-school activity was the selection of new members for the various clubs and organizations at THS. Here, David Wolbrueck pins an NHS "new member" badge on Patty Corbett.



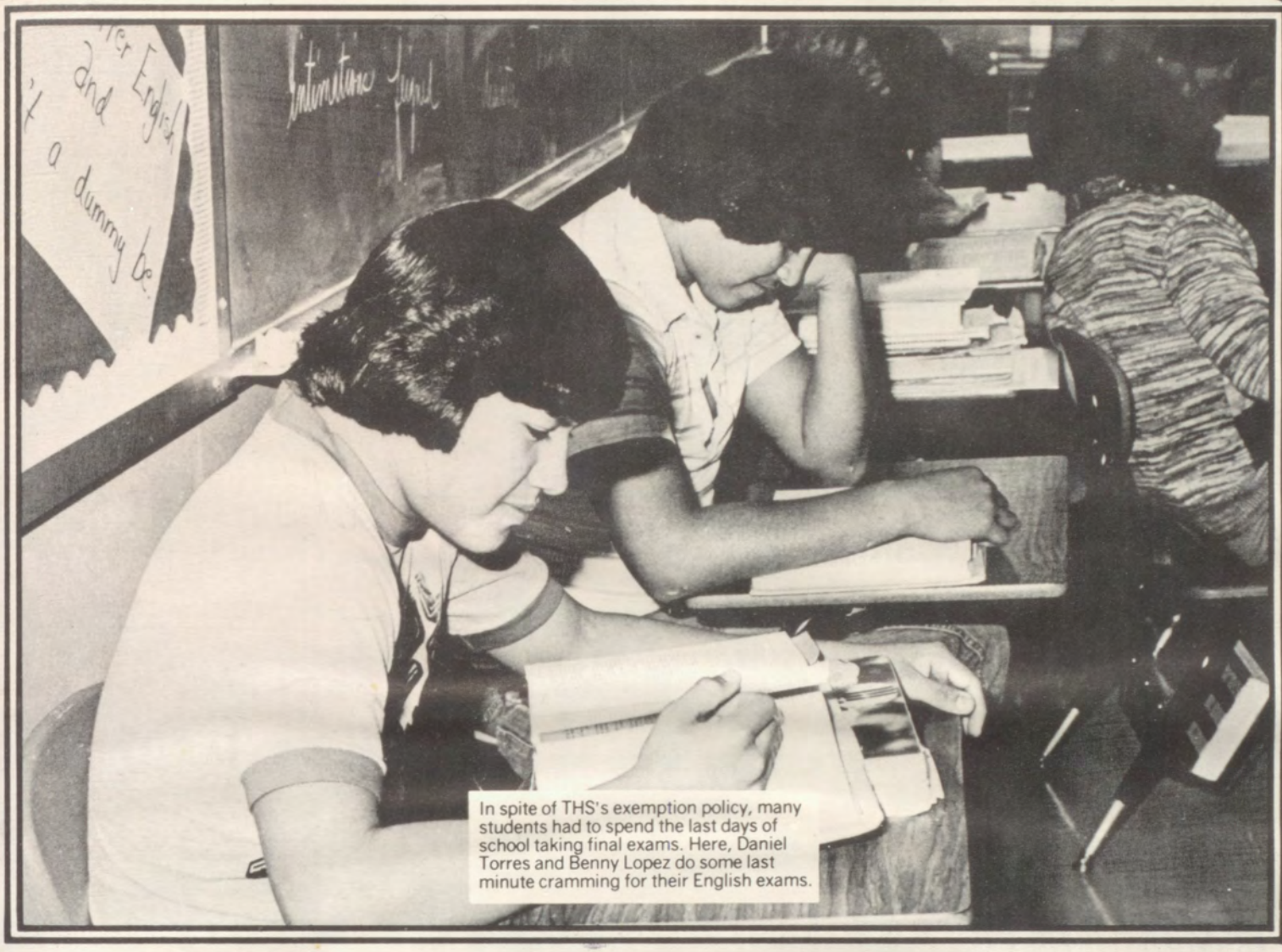
By the time the last day of school arrived, students didn't need this sign to show them which was out.

The last day of school was a day that triggered a variety of reaction among the students of THS — relief from the pressures and responsibilities of school, anxiety over upcoming, and perhaps unprepared-for exams, and, especially for seniors, sadness over the end of old familiar surroundings and relationships.

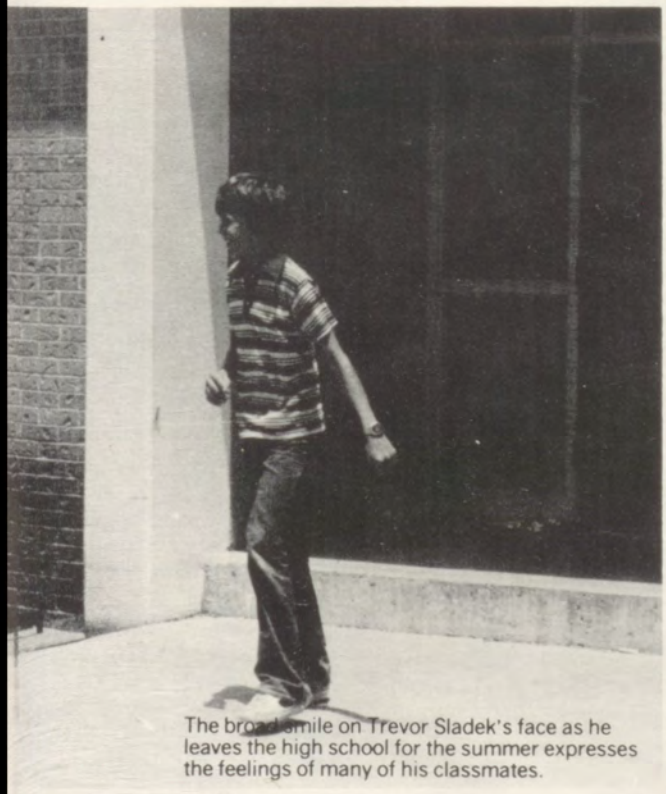
The end of school was a time for "last times." The last time to sit in the Student Center of library and talk to friends before the first period bell, the last time to open our old locker, the last time to see many of those faces we had grown familiar with in our classes. The finality of the situation was brought home to us by all the signs of ending — turning in our textbooks, cleaning out our notebooks and lockers, and preparing for the **last** quarter exam.

Yet, the end of school was also a time for beginnings. The end of the fixed routine of school was replaced for some by the fixed routine of a job. Yet, even those of us who worked during the summer took advantage of the lack of homework and spent time at night and on weekends socializing with friends. For those who didn't work, the end of school meant even more fun and freedom. Instead of classes and schoolwork, the days were filled with swimming, tennis, bike-riding, and countless other fun-filled activities.

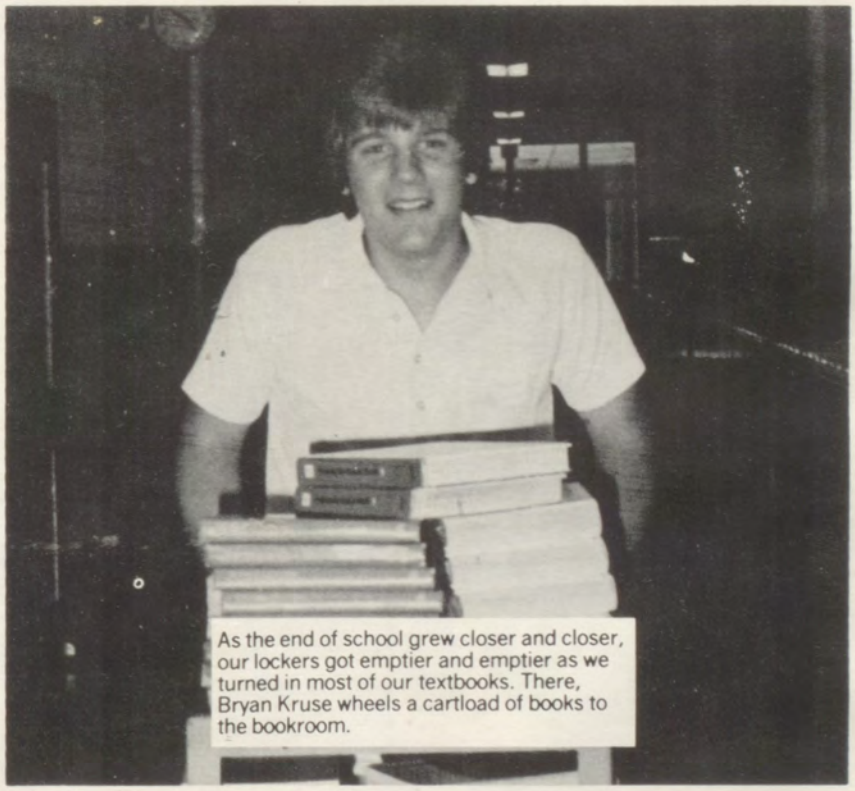
The end of school meant many different things to many different people. It was a time for endings and beginnings — changes. But most of all, it was a special time at THS, something all of us, as students at THS, shared.



In spite of THS's exemption policy, many students had to spend the last days of school taking final exams. Here, Daniel Torres and Benny Lopez do some last minute cramming for their English exams.



The broad smile on Trevor Sladek's face as he leaves the high school for the summer expresses the feelings of many of his classmates.

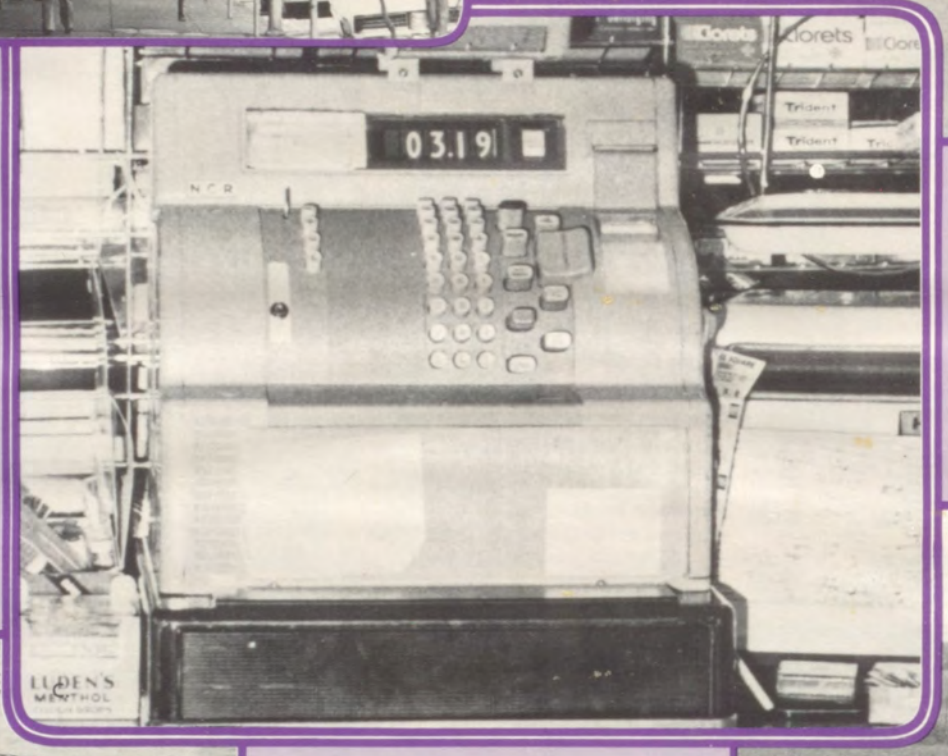


As the end of school grew closer and closer, our lockers got emptier and emptier as we turned in most of our textbooks. There, Bryan Kruse wheels a cartload of books to the bookroom.





B.







E.



D.

D's

A. Downtown Taylor is not only a place for THS students to shop, but also a place to work. Many stores employed students in vocational programs throughout the year. B. As one enters Taylor he is met by a picture of contrast between the old and the new. Even as Taylor has maintained some of her old buildings and traditions, she continues to progress with new businesses. C. We, as students, wielded a lot of buying power in our community. We kept cash registers like this one ringing with our purchases of clothes, food and other items. D. Farming is one of the main industries of Taylor. What affectes the farmer's incomes eventually affects ours. E. As old businesses moved out new businesses took their places. D's, one of the new establishments, became popular with many students for fashionable clothing.

One of the key ingredients of a successful school is the support of the townspeople. It is to these people that we turn for financial backing and encouragement. The merchants provide the extra income that make many of Taylor High School's activities possible. Their enthusiasm for the school's progress is often demonstrated by the time and effort they give to various organizations. The townspeople are a very important part of the high school scene. For without these dedicated people, ideas and goals of the THS students could never become realities.

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Shelly Greiger, a Mr. Gatti's employee, pauses while preparing a pizza to pose for a picture.



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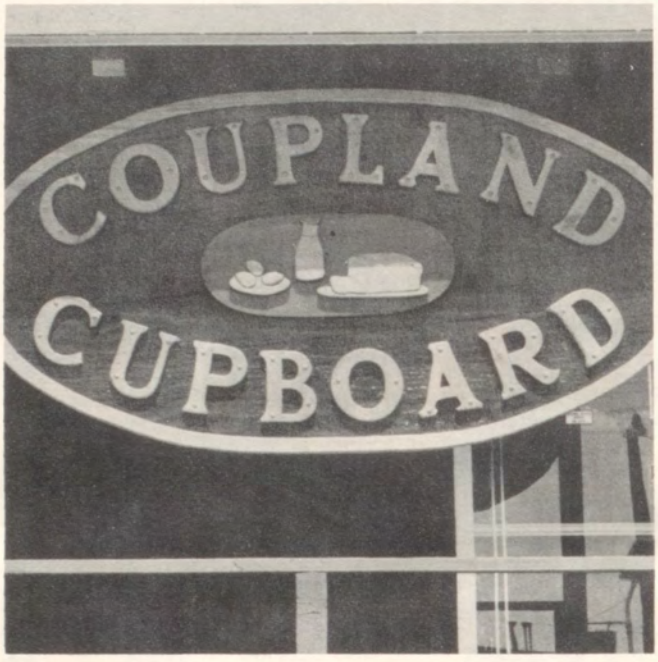

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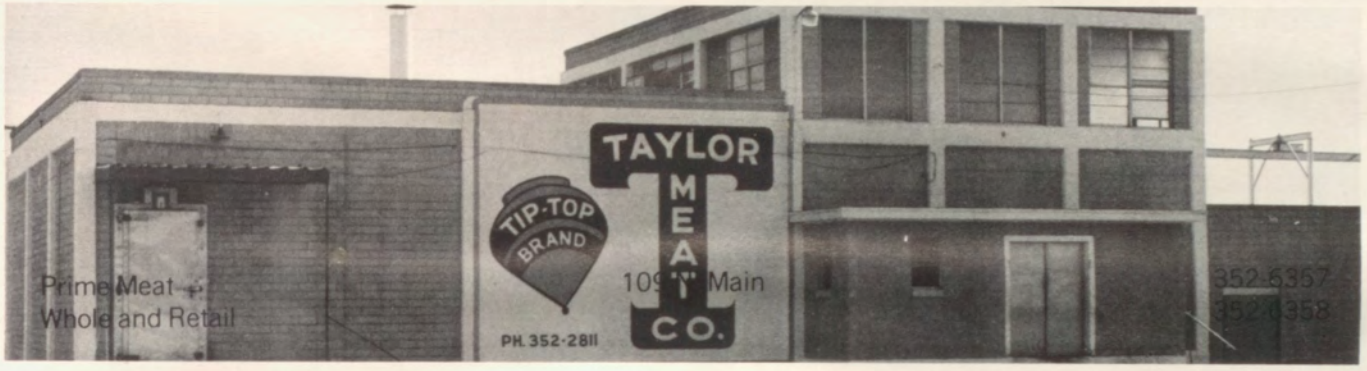



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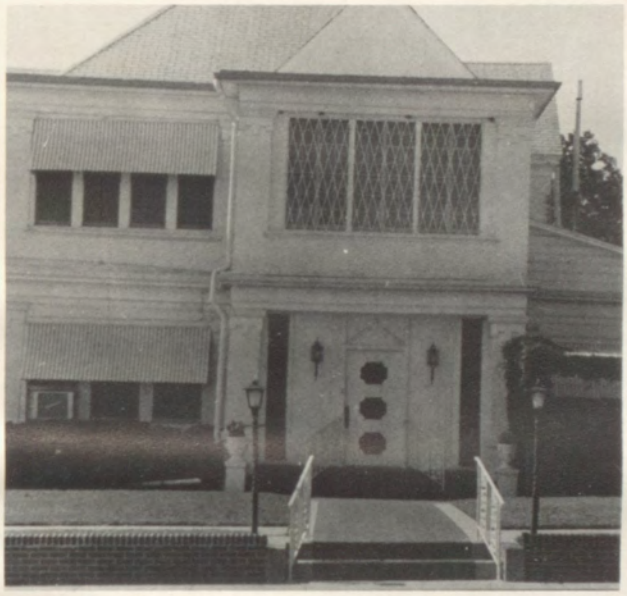

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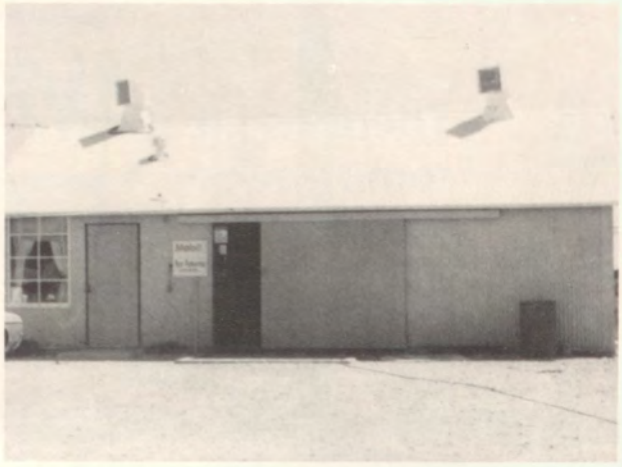

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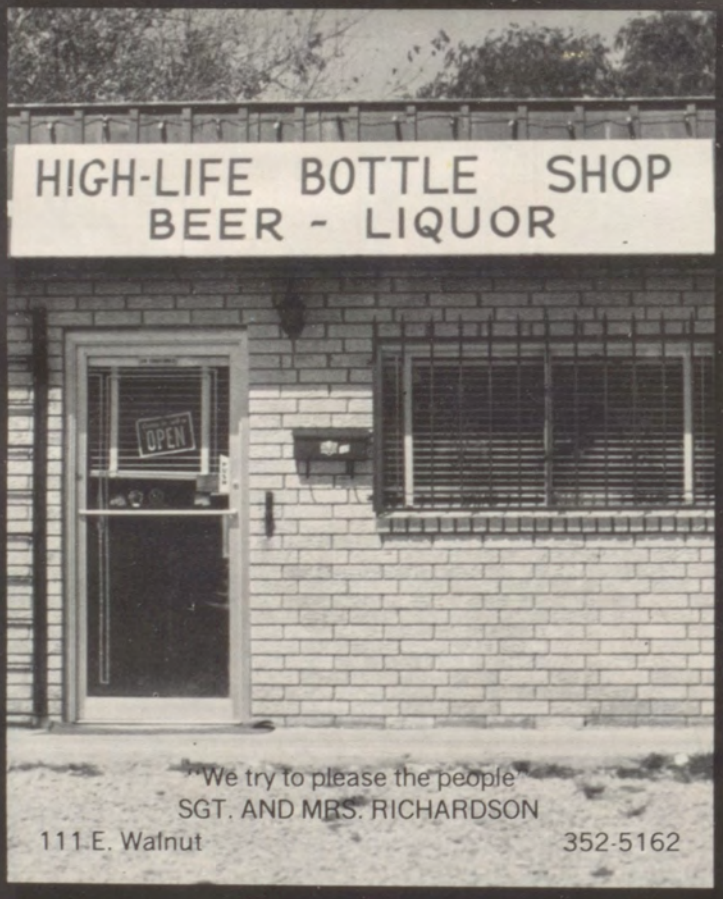

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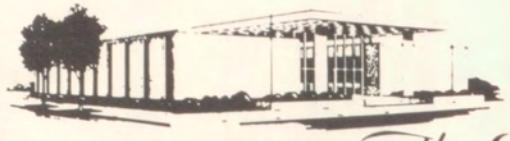

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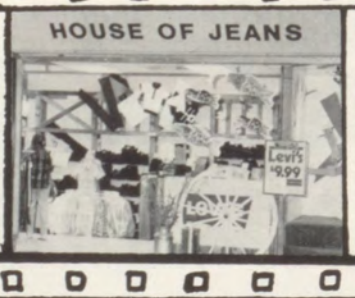
















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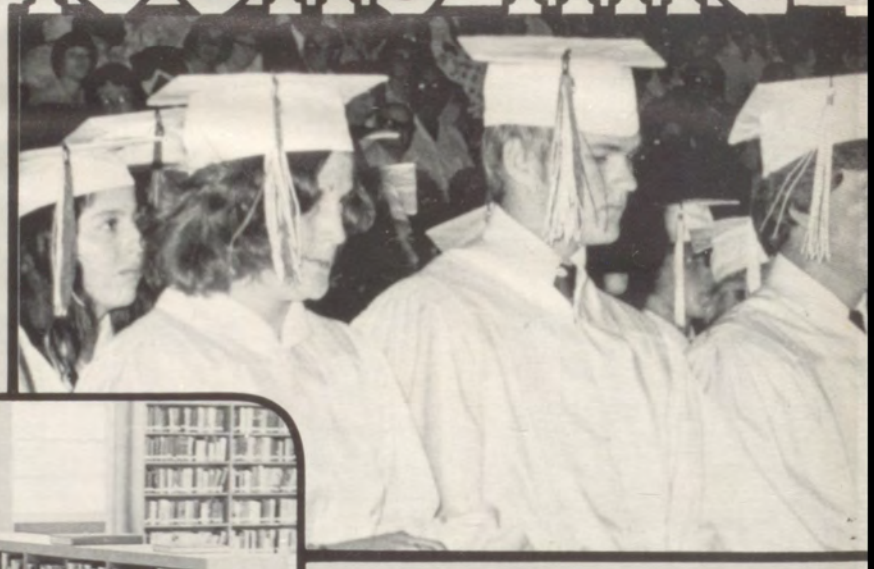

A. Cleaning out and emptying their lockers on the last day of school are some of THS students. B. As the 3:30 bell rings on May 26, the few remaining students leave THS for the summer. **Right:** Seniors display a variety of emotions as they sit and listen to the speeches during commencement exercises. Some look attentive and thoughtful while others seem bored and restless.



Above: A library table stacked with returned books is just one of the many signs around school symbolizing the end of the year.

We made it once again. The end of another year has come. Shouts of joy fill the halls as the bell rings for the last time of the 1977-'78 school year. We rush out the doors, jump in our cars or hop on our motorcycles, wheel out of the parking lot and head for home, the Drag, the river or any place where we can relax, be with friends and enjoy our new freedom. Soon the school becomes bare and the halls



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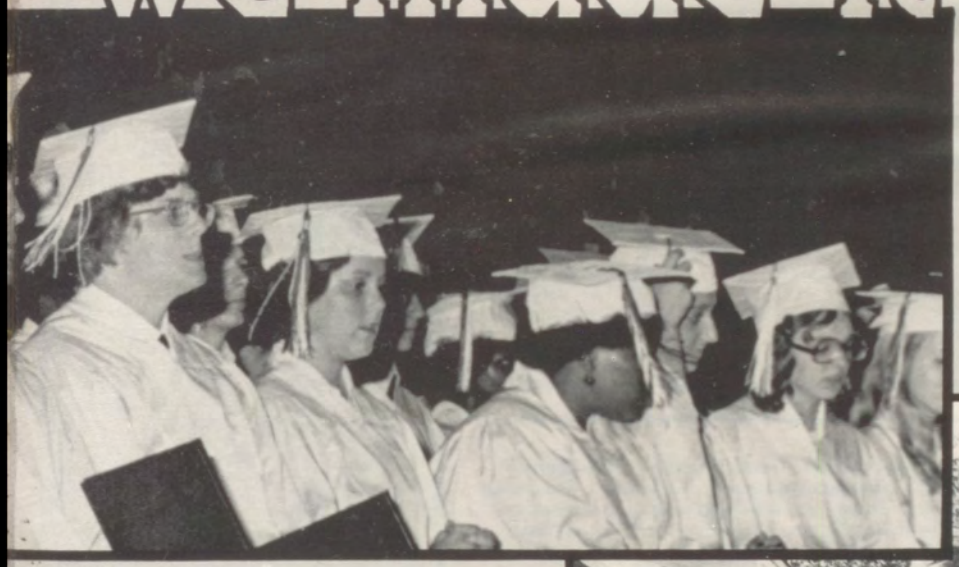

C. Teacher Sid Krhovjak gets in his truck on the last day of school, prepared to drive away from school and begin his summer vacation. D. Empty halls were all that could be found after the final bell Friday afternoon.

are left soundless. Although the school seems empty there is still one thing we, the students, faculty and members of THS have left behind and that is our pride and loyalty to our school. Together we have worked to become one and together we will remain one. Our memories will always lie within the halls of THS.



Swimming is a favorite summer pastime for everyone. For '78 graduate Ellen Schmidt it also provided a summer job as lifeguard at the city pool.

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