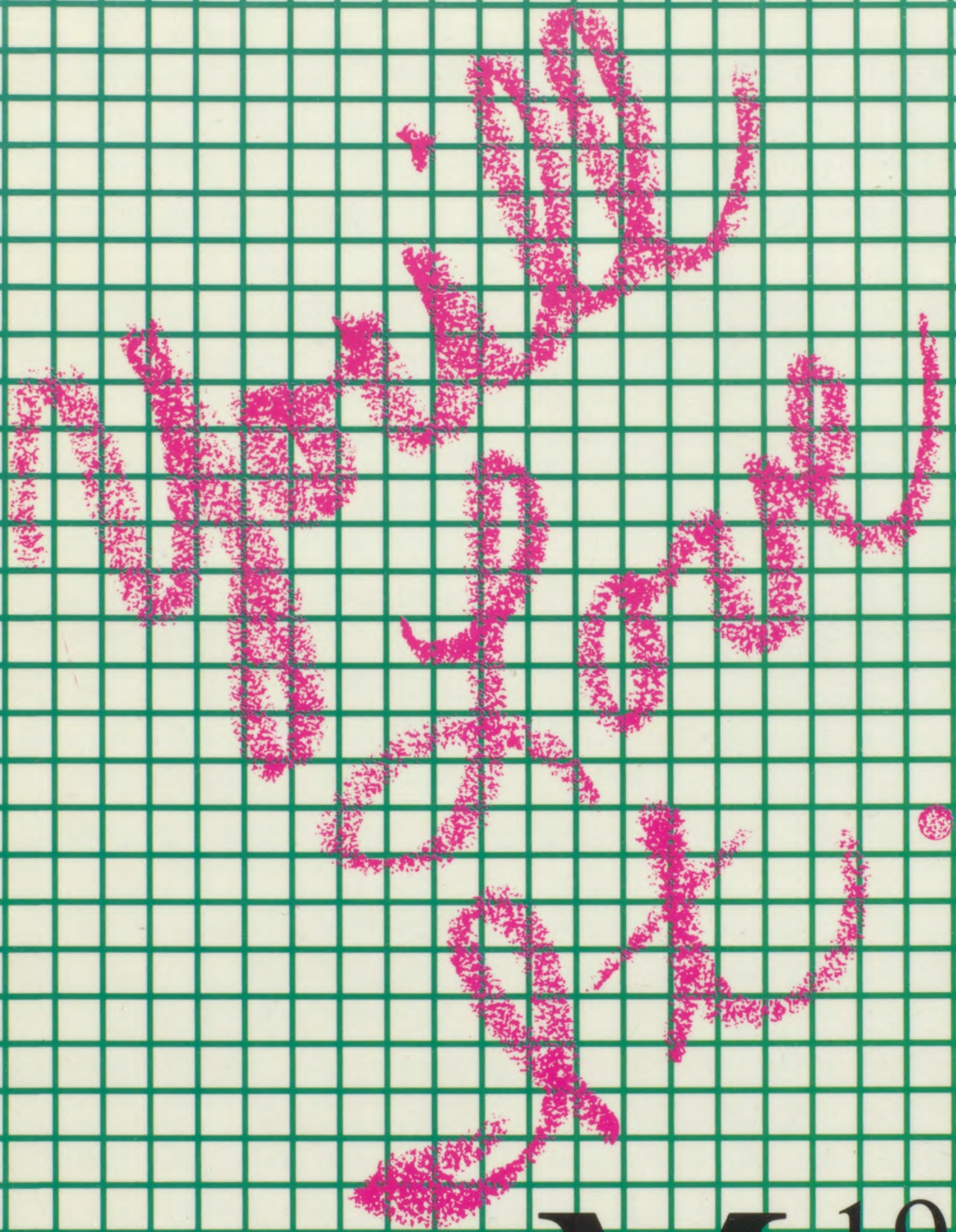


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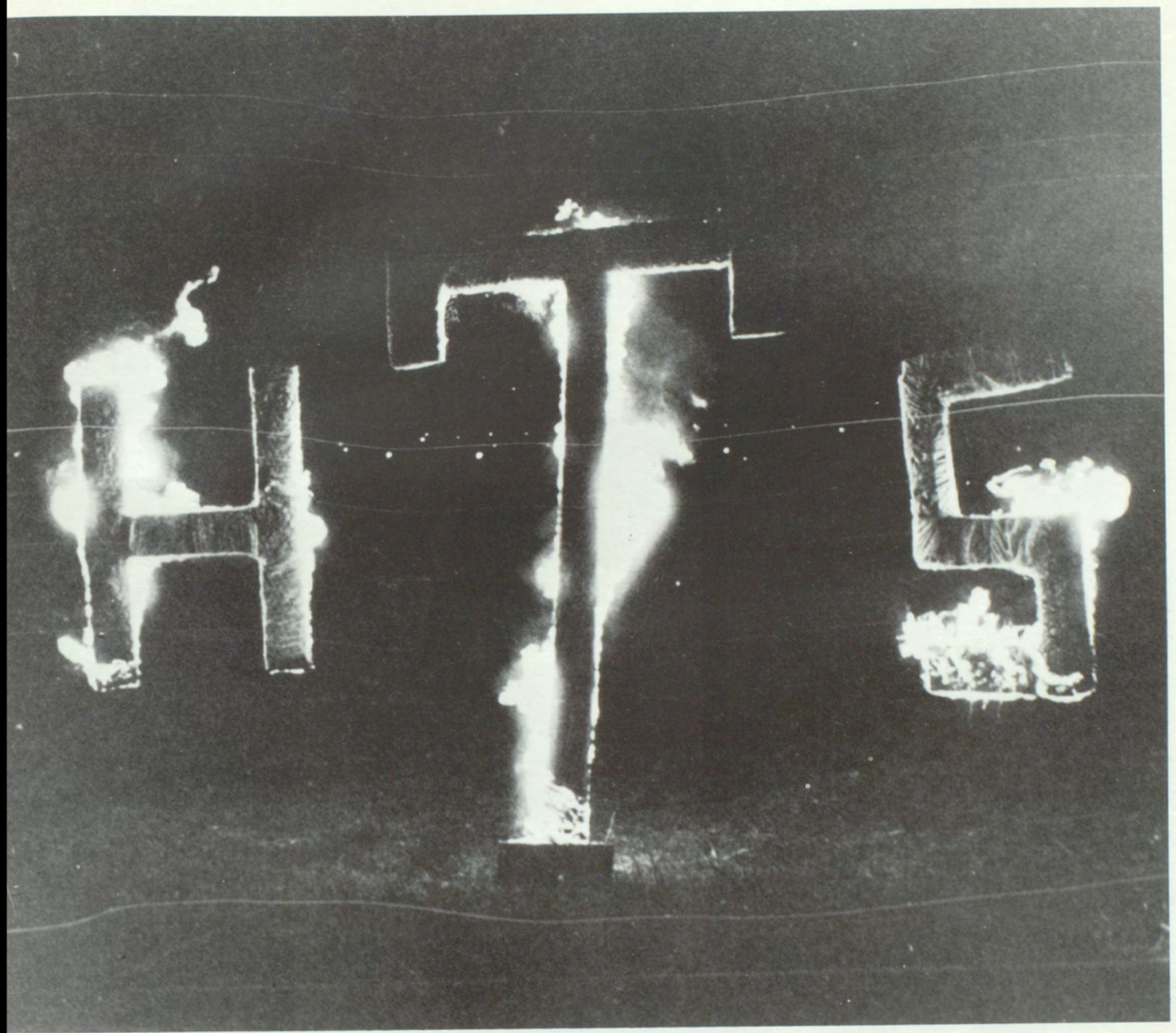
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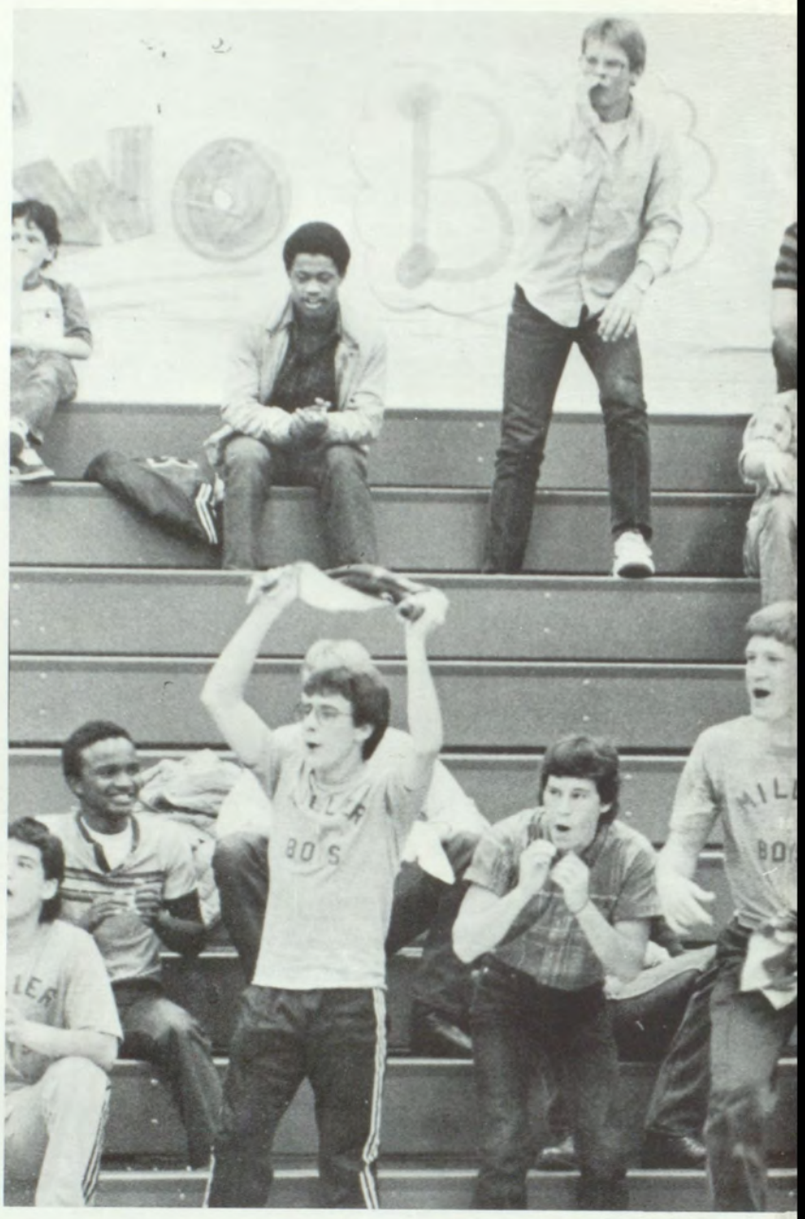
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Giving their support with pride and dedication, Tay Campbell, Mark Paulson, Todd Ivicic, Chad Patschke, Darryl Jackson and David Cuebas help to push the girls basketball team through a good season.

Taking a quick break from a course in physical science, Cindy Raesz, John Leschber, and Robert Kruse relax before having to get back to work.

During their time away from school, friends Lisa Kreig, Roseann Matysek, Wendy Ivicic, Zane Scruggs, Christy Brown, Sharri Ochoa, and Cherry Fugate enjoy themselves during a night pep rally.







Bridget Wilson, senior, shoots a basket as the opponent, a Leander player, tries to block the shot.

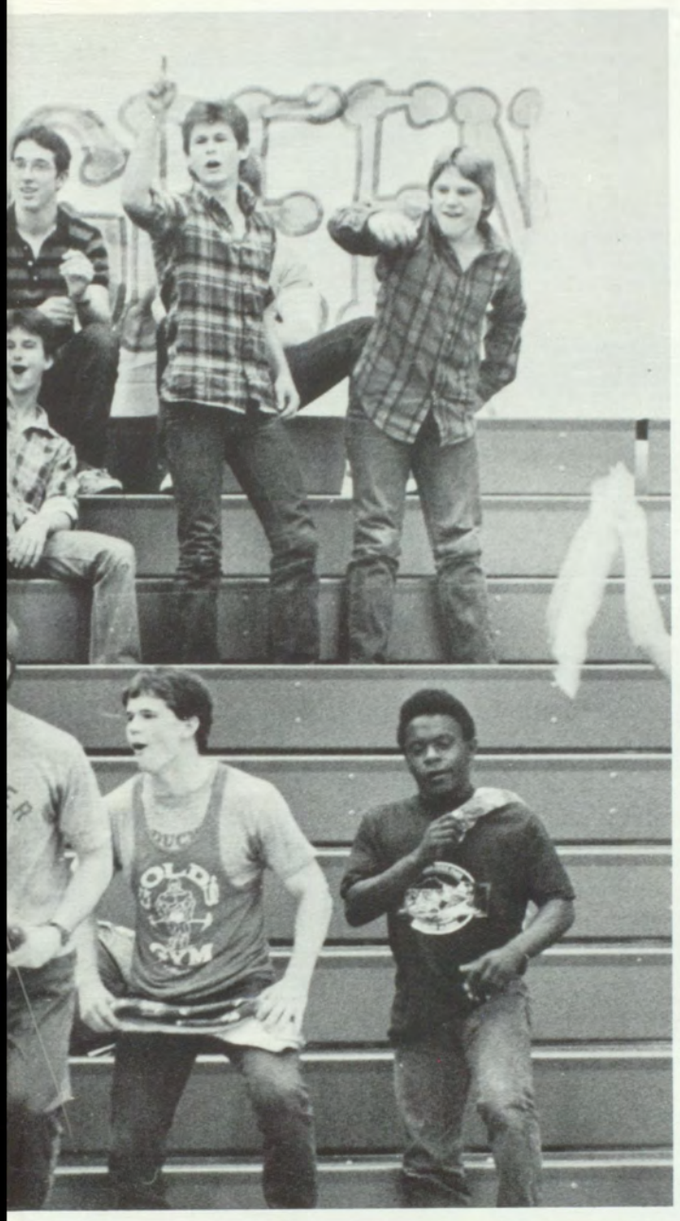


Enrolled in a Home and Family Living course, Steve Olguin and Lisa Cox pose for a picture after performing a fake marriage as a part of their class requirements.



During Halloween festivities at the spooktacular Valerie Morales dresses up as a clown. Valerie was just one of the many who dressed up for the spooktacular.

PLEASING OURSELVES, TOO



From day one we decided we were going to make this year the best yet.

Instead of letting our school work, clubs, and sports just slide by, we decided to strive to be the best that we could be, not to make others happy, but to make ourselves happy and enjoy what we were doing.

Even the Mallard Staff decided that they were going to try to please students more rather than judges. Instead of designing only a contest book, we designed a book that we would enjoy ten years from now. "We knew that we could win contests because we had won state for the last three years and a first place nationally the last two years. We decided to have a book that we could enjoy putting together this year" remarked advisor, Priscilla Parsons.

Likewise, we knew if we strived our hardest in school, we would be rewarded for all our accomplishments some day.





Checking out some pictures, Dominique Griffin, Roseann Matysek, Lisa Kreig and Stacy Yoeman choose pictures for the yearbook spread they are responsible for during the year. This job was not always as easy as it appeared if pictures were not available for some reason.

Signing up to vote for class officers, Jamie West and Melissa Richter receive their ballots from senior, Kim Caesar. We knew we wanted our class officers to be good as they were this year since these people have many heavy responsibilities.

A PUSH FOR STRIVING HIGHER

Since you are signed up for band, you are to report to school for a zero period class at 7:30 Monday morning. Please don't be late; it is important to start this class on time. So be here!

No way! I can't come to school at 7:30 in the morning; that's too early for me. I am barely crawling out from under the covers at that time. I wouldn't have time to do my hair, put on all of my make-up, and change clothers three or four times before I got to school. People would run down the halls in fright if they saw me the way I looked at that time of the morning.

What do you mean, no pass; no play? That means I'll have to study on the week-end and won't have as much free time to go crusing. My girl will be lookin' at some other guy if I'm not out there making the drag.

Can you imagine having to wake up a whole hour earlier just to go to band in the mornings? Besides, we were used to having band at 10:30 and leaving for lunch earlier than everybody else. Leave it to the government to change all of that.

"I hated waking up to go to band in the mornings. I was used to sleeping until at least 7:30. A lot of times this year, I was tardy because I just couldn't get accustomed to having to get up that hour earlier," commented Yvonne Gamez.

Almost all the athletic organizations met before or after school for the most part. This, too, made a lot of students frustrated because if they were responsible for staying after school, they had very little free time after practice. A lot of people stayed away from these sports or organizations for this very reason.

The no pass; no play law affected many students as well. Students weren't allowed to participate at games, during contests, or go on school trips if they failed any course. This law disillusioned many. On the other hand, it helped give others that extra push that some of them needed to strive for higher grades which they would not have done otherwise.



Practice after school is hard, yet many people continue to do the things they enjoy most, such as football, which has many participants each year.

Awaiting the beginning of the bonfire and pep rally, Donna Magana, Susan Brummett and Karen Kanak support all of the athletic events.





Discussing some questions with the counselor's secretary, Pam Pekar, Sean Harper would like to know more information about the courses he would like to take.

Involved in an ICT class early in the morning at 7:30, Darwin Dloughy is studying some notes that he is given in that class to memorize.





Gearing the fans up for the game, Kellie Whatley wants to be sure the Duck fans have lots of spirit.





Giving the cheerleaders a little help in boosting up the crowd at an outside pep rally is Jimmy Deary a Varsity Football player.



Waddles (Michelle Petrucci), watches over the game while taking a quick break from wearing the hot mask that she is happy to wear as a Duck supporter.

Running quickly into home base after one of his teammates makes a base hit is Darryl Jackson, a Varsity player.



Extra Special

All the extra activities that we link to school or school friends during our spare time make our school years more exciting. Whether it is driver's education or the Prom we all need these special moments to help make our dearest memories last for many years.

The special moments we spend with friends brings us happiness because we know that there will never be anything in the years to come that can replace all the good times that we've spent, even if our future holds great expectations, nothing can replace the years we are living now.

We had a lot of good times during the year especially during the Prom. The theme "A Night In Paris" was brought out with some great decorations that made us feel like we were really in Paris. The Prom was something that brought many people closer because it was a celebration, not just for seniors but juniors as well.

Many of the activities that go on during school, after school, or with friends from school on weekends mean a great deal, because we manage to create once in a lifetime memories that we will keep close forever and nobody can take these memories away from us.



Walking to the entrance of the prom, junior, Michelle Lott and date Greg Jensen begin to dance before entering the school because they could hear the good music from outside.

Enjoying themselves during a Young Life 50's dance, Karen Lehman and Roger Elliot drink down a milk shake, while Jeff Williams enjoys a soft drink before returning to the dance floor to show off his dancing skills.



SNAP-SHOTS

Coming up for air, David Hortenstine is covered with whip cream and sundae topping during the Young Life ice cream olympics.



Selling balloons, Anne McConchie stands by the gate during a football game enticing customers to buy balloons.





Acting up , Kevin Elder and Patrick Pille stalk across the stage during the production of "Porky and Bess".



Bouncing his balloon, John Leschber observes air pressure during a lab in physical science.

Showing off (as usual), Randy Michna tries to get Steven Vorwerk to try some German food at the German Club banquet.





Wishing Jeff Krueger "Happy Birthday!", Randy Michna tries to convince him to wear his birthday hat all day.



Say Cheese, Please! Dawna Mokry and Mechelle Lott chow down on pizza at Pizza Hut.



Participating in games and skits at Young Life, Sarah Schulz and Mechelle Petrucci do their part to add variety and spice to this Halloween funtime.

Selling movie tickets, Gary Faltasek attempts to spook some children at the Spooktacular.









Passing an ice cream sandwich, Klifton Krueger and Cherry Fugate participate in one of the many events at the Young Life ice cream olympics.

Congratulating the varsity basketball team, the THS student body shows their appreciation and pride for their team.

Selling programs, Shirley Phoenix tries to convince Eddy Lankford to buy a program.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The juniors really gave the seniors a night to remember. Students could be seen decked out in bow ties, tails and long dresses. Some students were found in the luxury of their limousines, waiting to be whisked off to their favorite eating place.

Inside, couples strolled down the Parisian streets, marveling at the beauty of the Eiffel Tower. Most had their pictures made in front of the famous Champs Elysees Avenue. We all felt as if we had entered another time and another place.





Being recognized for doing an outstanding job of prom planning are Natalie Lopez, Ann Griffith, Jonna McCormick, Lisa Radomski, Julie Schmidt, and Evelyn Nelson.

Posing for a picture in front of the People's Choice bandstand, Jimmy Deary and his date Sonya Tolliver smile for the camera as a friend snaps their picture.



Filling cups with punch, Cheryl Chapa and another freshman enjoy the tradition of having freshman servers.



Getting down with the music, classmates and dates really appear to be enjoying the music of a live band.



Waiting for the photographer to snap their picture, Louis Winn and his date pose before one of the many picturesque scenes at the prom.

Enjoying a short break, Peter Herrera, Stephanie Morales, Stephanie Hinostrosa, David Cuebas and Patricia Gomez discuss dresses and actions.

Trying to look cool, Joe Martinez, David Ancira, Richard Olivarez, and Martin Zavala stare at the crowd from behind their colored glasses.







VALENTINE'S DAY

All week long we were preparing for the special day to come. FTA was busy taking orders for carnations in the student center, while the sophomores could be seen selling stuffed animals. Among all the other activities surrounding this day, plans were being made to hold a Valentine's Day Dance here at the school. When the special day finally arrived signs of love could be seen throughout the whole school. Balloons and carnations of every color filled the halls with a bright glow of happiness. And as you walked past the office you couldn't help but catch a glimpse of all the roses just waiting to be picked up by their lucky owner. There was also a fair put on by the Vocational Department. All of this put together made it a memorable Valentine's Day that was truly something special.





Wearing a look of happiness, Lee Perez and Stephanie share a special moment together.

Reaching down to pick up her dozen of roses Leah Backus smiles with joy.

Carrying on a conversation, Rachel Paulsen and Michelle Wilson, talk about what they want for Valentine's Day.



Trying to work as fast as they can, Stayci Roznovak and Benji Whitten wrap the green tissue paper around the flowers.

Waiting for their owner to pick them up, balloons and flowers sit decorating the office.

Enjoying time together, Teresa Mitchell and Alan Odom, smile for the camera.

Admiring a box of chocolate candy, Michelle Wilson waits anxiously for Valentine' Day to arrive.



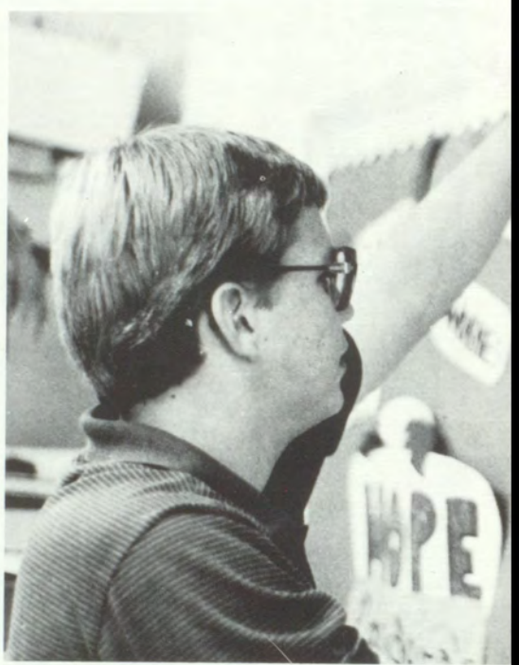




WHO'S WHO

Did you ever notice that in almost every class, there was always at least one student, sometimes two, who put forth a little more effort, or knew a little more about the material, or gave the class a little added sparkle? Once again this year, **Mallard** thought these students should be recognized for this little extra they contributed. Each department was asked for nominations, and the results were gathered from the teachers who wished to participate.

"What made these students different?" we asked. The answers varied, but many times, it was merely that these students were particularly interested in these subjects for some reason. Maybe it related to what that student wished to major in later in college; for others, it was merely that they were personally interested in the subject for some reason, perhaps due to family background. All in all, these students wanted to learn the material presented, and usually, they even wanted to go beyond what was offered in class.



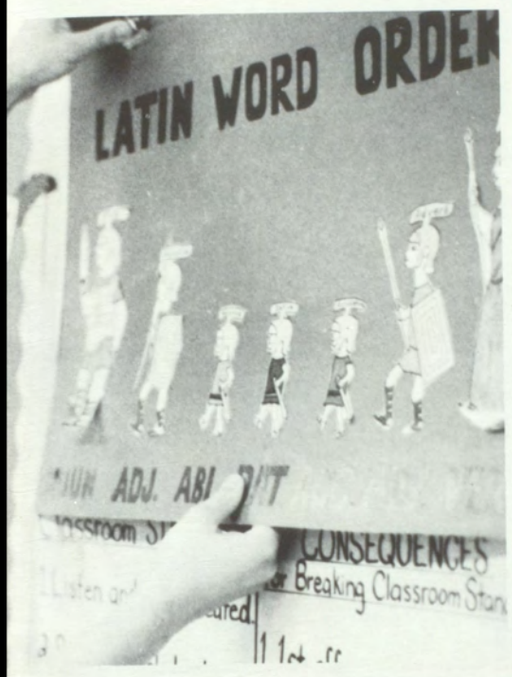




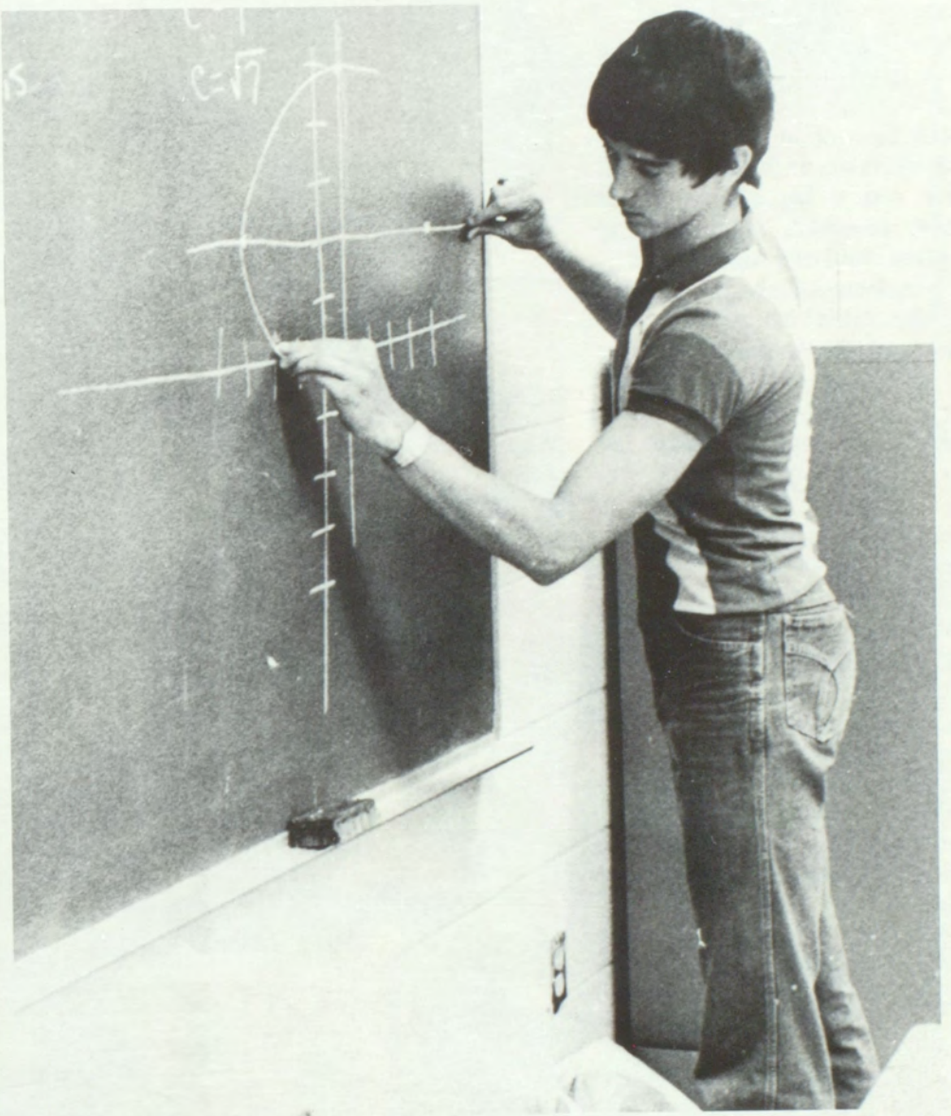


Assisting Kim Caeser with the pronounciation of a German phrase, Barbara Ripley often helps other students who need extra help.
Experimenting with batteries, Sarah Schulz and Geeta Nadkarni often found the need to go beyond their regular class work and expand their knowledge.
Cutting ribbon for a floral arrangement, Mary Helen Martinez found her job very rewarding and fun.

WHO'S WHO







Adjusting the word order poster, Jeff Frankeny is often seen polishing his Latin skills before class.
Studying really paid off for Brenda Bisang who was chosen for both English and Spanish due to her extra effort in both of those classes.

Graphing an ellipse, Ricky Cole shows his expertise at working Elementary Analysis problems.

Getting A Head Start

For the first time, more students had been meeting for 7:30 classes. Reactions to having class at 7:30 were mixed. Some were too exhausted by sixth period to do any work. Having a 7:30 class was nothing new to students in V.O.E. and I.C.T. since these courses had been meeting at 7:30 for years. For students in band, however, this was a big change, since most members were used to having band as a regular class

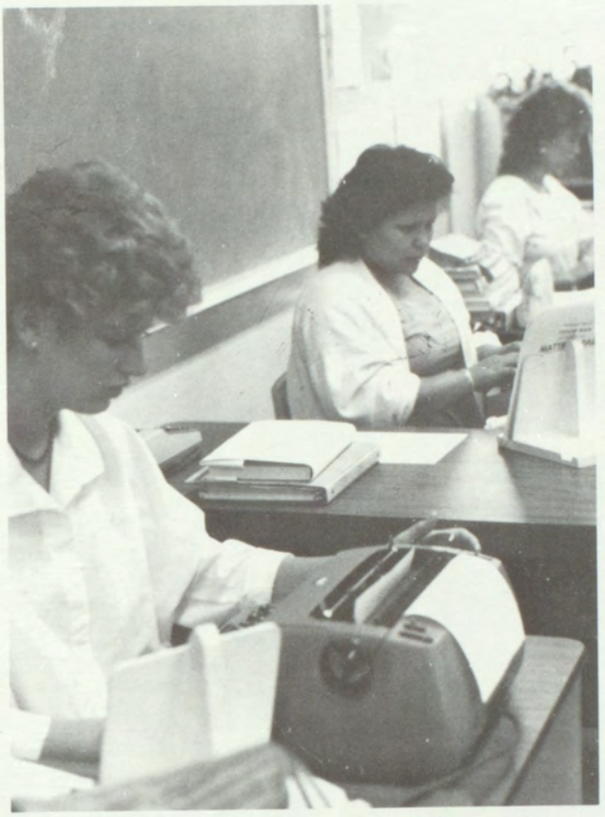
Members of the band were disappointed by the schedule change. Sophomore Melissa Limmer summed up the feelings of many band members when she said, "I hate it!" Fellow Sophomore Lisa Taylor agreed whole heartedly with her, but students in work programs were glad for the chance to take these early courses. This meant they did not have to give up any electives.

Teachers, likewise, were also divided in their opinions. Mrs. Leschber, V.O.E. teacher, said "This is an excellent opportunity for students who want to work in a co-op but still take the same number of regular classes."

On the other hand , Mrs. Foster assistant band director, said, "There



Marching at 7:30, the band could be seen taking over the parking lot every morning.

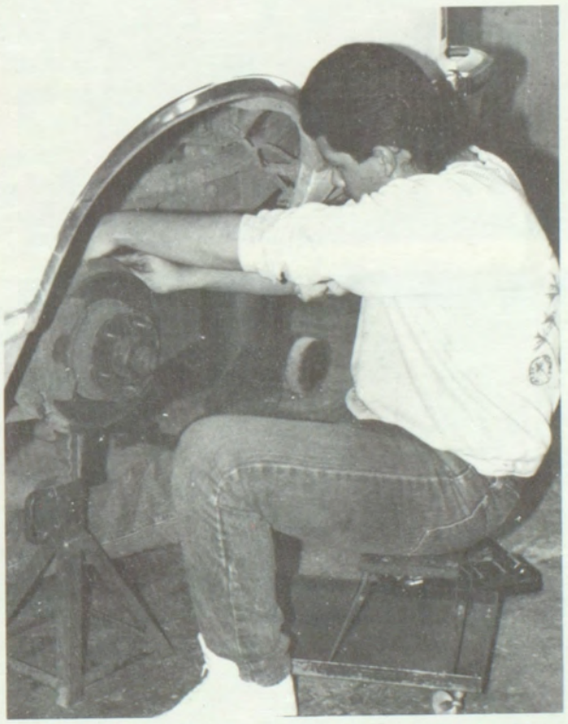




Listening to a lecture given by a special guest, the I.C.T. class learns about new job oportunities.







Typing in preparation, for her job, Dawn Schiller works on a business letter.

Changing a tire in Auto Mechanics, David Ancira removes the lug nuts.

Measuring flour, Andrea Gipson prepares to bake cookies which produce delicious aromas throughout the halls.

"I really liked my first homecoming in high school because it was the first time I could participate in all the activities." Nikki Urbis

Showing their spirit by capturing a lion, Lynn Krchnak, Mina Patel, Aaron Riethmayer, Jeff Krueger, Robert Kollman, Cherry Fugate, Zane Scruggs, Jana Cervenka, John Leschber enjoy the ride in the parade.

Yelling for the Ducks on a float are David Hortenstine, Waddles (Michele Petrucci) and Michael Bachmayer.









Although the sun was powerful, the High Steppers took the time to participate in the homecoming parade.



Smiling with happiness, Sandy Hurta is named Homecoming Queen. With her is Carl Ash.



Back to a Traditional Homecoming



12:25 — Only five more minutes until classes dismiss for the parade. Everyone is especially excited since we didn't get to have a parade last year. FTA, Latin, DEA and other organizations have been working hard on their floats. Convertibles are ready to carry the homecoming nominees. Everyone loves a parade, and we're glad to have ours back!

Spirit runs rampant after last night's pep rally — everyone seems ready for the big event.

Homecoming nominees are Dawn Shiller, Dawn Sladek, Sarah Schultz, Elaine Dominguez, Vonna Gordon, Sandy Hurta, Marissa Janke, and Diana Sanborn.

It's almost time for the game, and they'll announce who is homecoming queen before it starts. As the nominees are escorted across the football field, the princesses are announced . . ., Sarah Schultz and Elaine Dominguez. Finally, the moment we've all been waiting for, the homecoming queen is . . . Sandy Hurta.

Now the band will announce its band sweetheart and beau. Christy Laurence is chosen sweetheart and there is a tie for beau; they are John Contreras and Dennis Haywood.

Well, it's time for the game. The Jefferson Moore team looks well-prepared and they are monstrous in size. The Ducks have been working hard, but this time we are too unevenly matched. Oh well, at least the excitement of homecoming activities is fun. The spirit is high throughout the homecoming game.



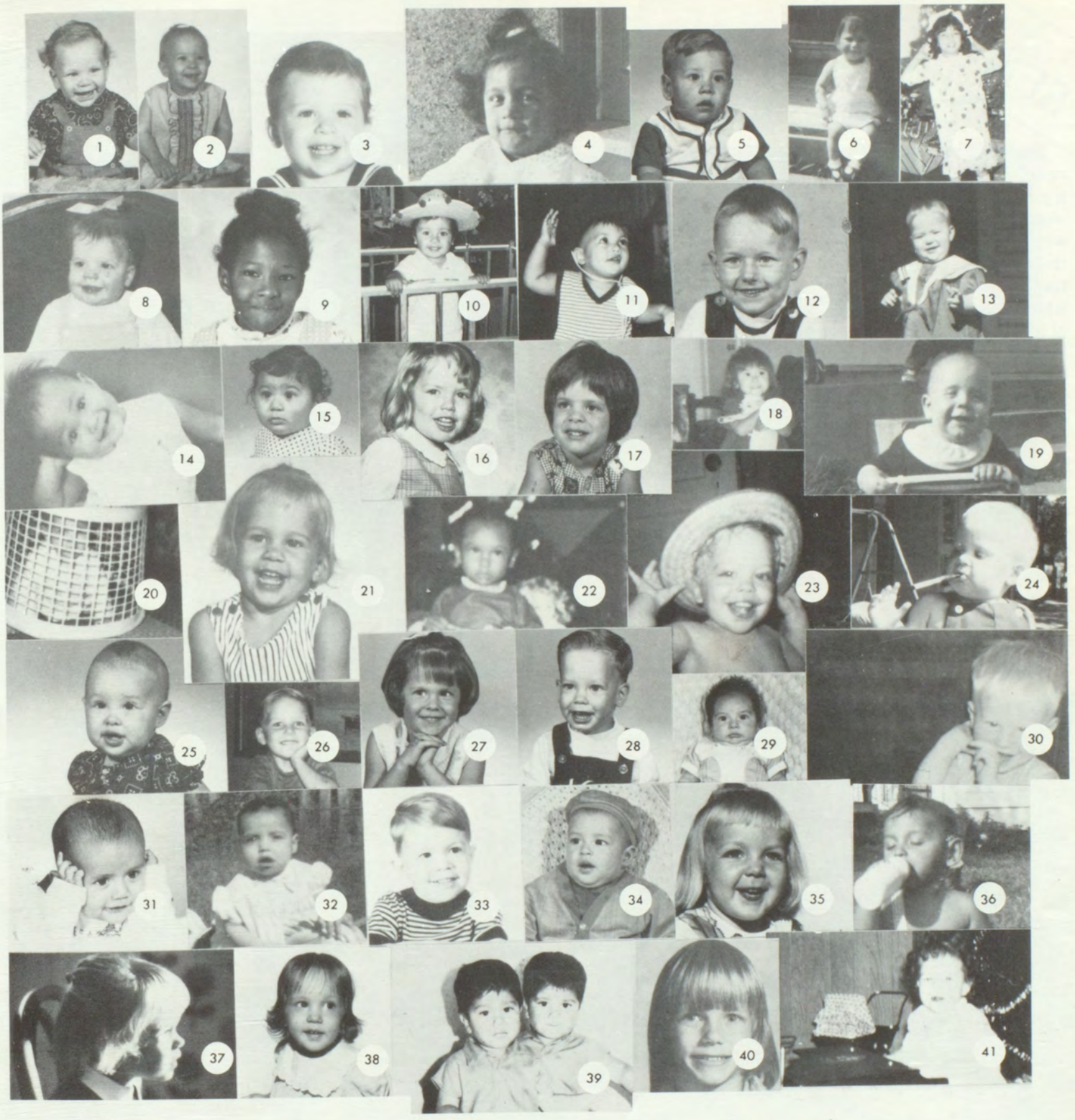
Dancing to the song "Viva Max" cheerleaders, twirlers and flag members keep the spirit high throughout the homecoming game.



Riding on a float, these Varsity Football members David Spencer, Kenneth Thomas, Jimmy Deary, Frank Fisher, Demon Sanford, and Leonard Winn are ready for the big game.



1. Elaine Dominguez
2. Dawn Shiller
3. David Cuebas
4. Sandy Hurta
5. Donna Wooldridge
6. Denise Oviedo
7. Rudy Ramirez
8. Bradley Lenz
9. Emily Phillips
10. Michael Lefner
11. James Matysek
12. John Kollman
13. Thomas Rohlack
14. Troy Marx
15. Victoria Ross
16. Lee Gonzalez
17. Melissa Rosipal
18. Becky Gamez
19. Patrick Knox
20. Carl Ash
21. Charles Bucanek
22. James Chavana
23. Kimberly Caesar
24. Arleen Olivarez
25. Todd Ivicic
26. Jessica Kohutek
27. Lisa Phoenix
28. Thomas Alderete
29. Yvonne Gamez
30. Barbara Ripley
31. Barbara Shephard
32. Phillip Lopez
33. Joe Komandosky
34. John Contreras
35. Dennis Haywood
36. Tammie Stanford
37. Tammy Bielss
38. Kevin Mikulencak
39. David Hortenstine
40. Stephen Hanson
41. Juanita Olguin



1. Kevin Randig
2. Tracy Chasak
3. Cathy Haag
4. Geeta Nadkarni
5. Tay Campbell
6. Juanita Alderete
7. Sandy Olivarez
8. Frances Bengtson
9. Donna Reese
10. David Ancira
11. Paul Larson
12. David Cowan
13. Carol Atkinson
14. Diana Sanborn
15. Irma Salazar
16. Marisa Janke
17. Michele Petrucci
18. Ellen Dominguez
19. Stacy Yeoman
20. Guess Who???
21. Dawn Sladek
22. Kim Berry
23. Todd Blahuta
24. Tracy Brummett
25. Monica Williams
26. Jonathan Hundley
27. Vonna Gordon
28. Michael Bachmayer
29. Patrick Gamez
30. John Siptak
31. Jesse Luna
32. Mary Helen Martinez
33. Klint Krhovjak
34. Michael Ornelas
35. Lauren Polzin
36. Edward Gonzalez
37. Sarah Schulz
38. Becky Brown
39. Edward & Francisco Gutierrez
40. Larry Brown
41. Christy Laurence

SENIORS

Memories And Beyond

Registration day — we could now be called Seniors, a position that would be held with pride. The eleven years we had spent struggling through the good and bad times now appeared worthwhile. We had collected years of lifelong memories.

We often wondered, if we could go back in time, would we change the past. Some said yes; others said no. Everyone felt different about the past, and yet we all knew that "Whether bad or good our memories would always hold a special place in our hearts and minds.

We felt our dearest memories would be made during our Senior year though we consiquintly found ourselves wishing time away. Our last pep rally, and Homecoming football game, senior portrait sessions, invitation orders, our Senior prom, and last but not least, our graduation would be locked away forever in our hearts and minds.

Finally, as we graduated, some dreamed of the freedom to come. Others looked forward to new beginnings, but all of us looked back and remembered.



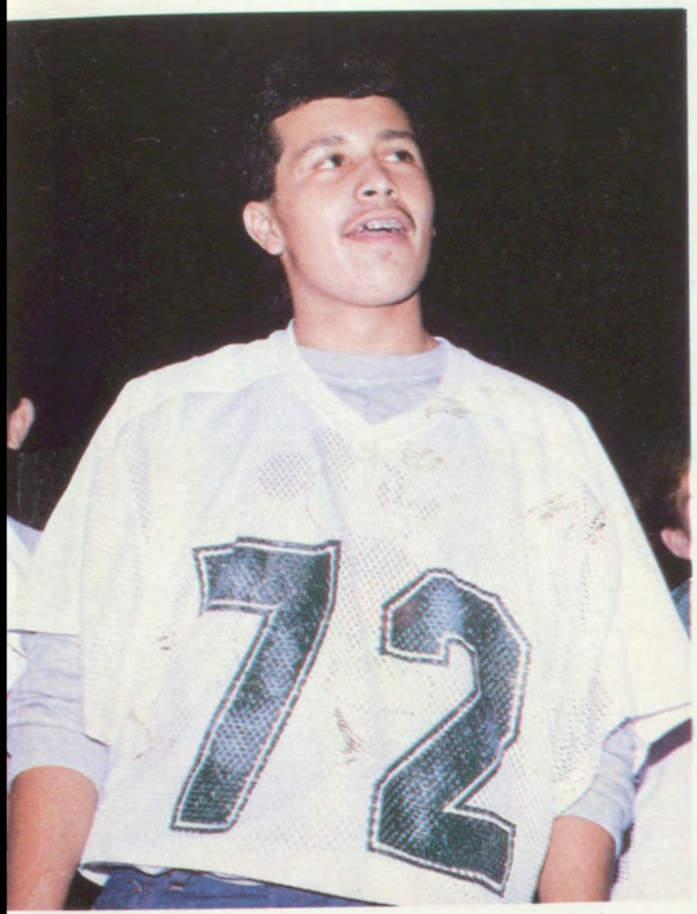
During the Young Life Scavenger Hunt, Bradley Lenz, Jonathan Hundley, Larry Brown, David Hortenstine and Todd Ivicic show off their costumes.



Showing off their mums and roses, Sandy Hurta, Dawn Shiller, Christy Lawrence, Diana Sanborn, and Vonna Gordon smile, showing their appreciation at being honored.



Seniors are (Front Row) Debbie Skrhak, Monica Williams, Denise Oviedo, Vonna Gordon, Becky Brown, Diana Sanborn, David Hortenstine, Larry Brown, Sandy Hurta, Dawn Sladek, Mark Paulsen, Marissa Janke, Todd Ivicic, Kim Caesar, Tay Campbell, John Contreras, Geeta Nadkarni, Becky Gamez. **(Second Row)** Lisa Phoenix, Sonya Tollivar, Beverly Zachary, Donna Wooldridge, Shea McCormick, Cecilia Wright, Liz Thompson, Christy Lawrence, Sarah Schulz, Michelle Petrucci, Elaine Dominguez, David Cuebas, Teresa Mitchell, Irma Salazar, Ellen Dominguez, Melissa Rosipal, Melissa Alvarez, Tammie Stanford. **(Third Row)** Ernest Banks, Andrea Gibson, Arlean Olivarez, Richard Murray, Thomas Alderete, Frank Fisher, Jimmy Deary, Nicky Taylor, Demon Sanford, Z Kim Moreno, David Cowan, Jackie Robinson, Anna Valerio, Bridget Wilson, Tracy Chasak, Michelle Bradford, Paul Larson, John Siptak, Yvonne Gamez, Melanie Schramm, Cathy Haag, Jessica Kohutek, Anne Nemec, Shannon Davis, Hattie Schoener. **(Fourth Row)** Donna Reese, Juanita Flores, Cindy Bowden, Vickie Drusdow, Charles Bucanek, Michael Lefner, Lauren Polzin, Heidi Harrington, Steven Hanson, Adam Johannson, Stacey Yoeman, Richard De La Rosa, Edward Gonzales, Joe Komandosky, Troy Marx, Lee Gonzales, Francisco Gutierrez, Carl Conaway, Dale Shawver. **(Fifth Row)** Kevin Elder, Barbara Ripley, Trisha Urbanek, Edward Gutierrez, Martin Garcia, Jo Ann Mikulencak, Michael Garcia, Jessie Luna, Liint Krohvjak, Darwin Dloughy , Patrick Knox, Johnathan Hundley, James Matysdek, Todd Blahuta, Michael Bachmeyer, Thomas Rohlack, Kevin Mikulencak, David Caldwell, John Kollman, Bradley Lenz.



Varsity football player, David Ancira thinks back to some mistakes in football that could be corrected because he wants his senior year to be the best yet.

Just as the years passed, Dawn Sladek and Elaine Dominguez keep the spirit going throughout the gym at pep rallies supporting the Ducks all the way.









Helping each other with an assignment, Arleen Olivarez and Lauren Polzin make studying more fun.

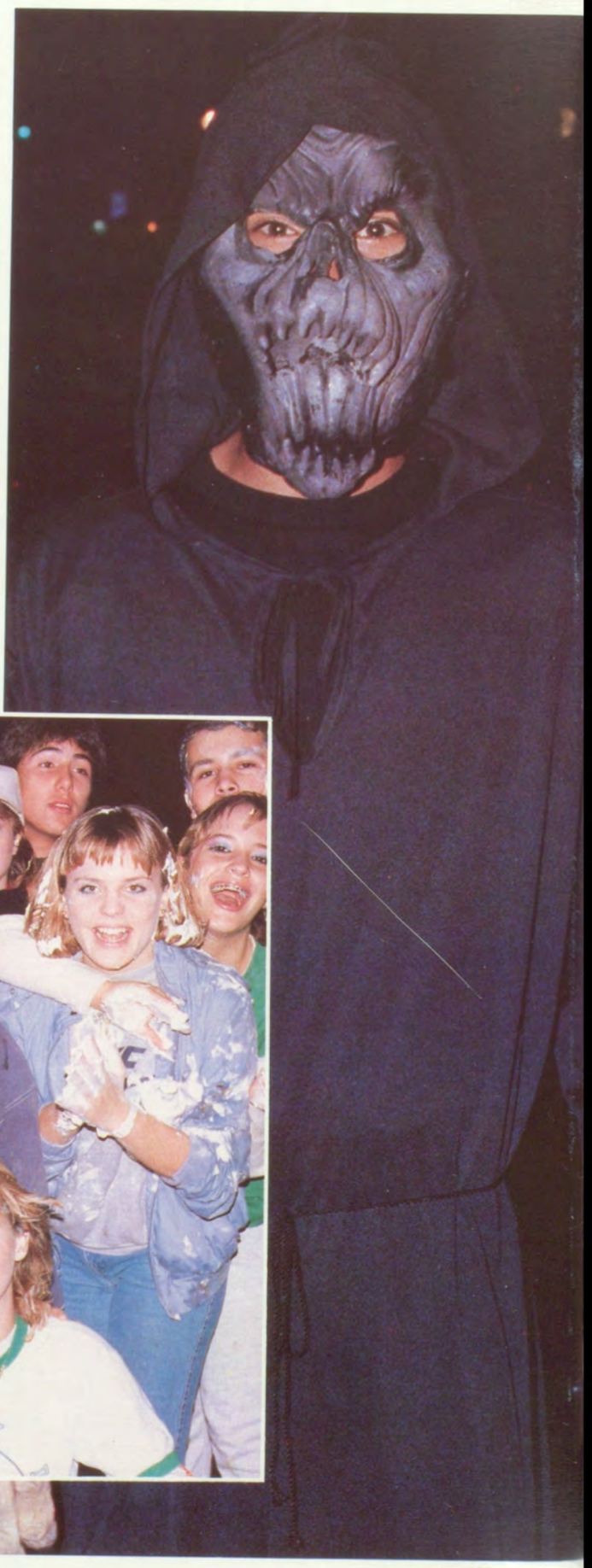
On the trip to Colorado with Young Life, Jonathan Hundley relaxes knowing he will soon have his time full of amusements with no time for rest.

The Freaks Come Out At Night.

As we all know, the freaks, spooks and all kinds of monsters came to the town this year. We had blocks and blocks of children, teens and adults all dressed up in their funniest, ugliest, and cutest costumes as they headed downtown for the big night at the Spooktacular. Our community joined in with shops and places of business giving out candy so that we children could have a safe and happy Halloween. Along with the community, Taylor High students helped, too! There were food and drink stands, fun activities and entertainment — lots of it. The Drama Club hosted the spook house which scared a lot of people's socks off. The Hi-Steppers put on a devilishly exciting performance for the community. All in all, from this writer's viewpoint, it was a safe and happy Halloween.

Smiling devilishly, Melanie Schramm stops to take this picture at the Spooktacular.







Kicking off the night, Katrina Petrus, Rose Ann Matysek, Jamie Lopez, Rochelle Hall, Shelly Machu, Jana Cervenka, Becky Fontenot, Shari Ochoa, Lawrence Olivarez, David Ancira, Dominique Griffen, Zane Scruggs, Tami Campbell, Christy Johnson, Sara McAlister, Wendy Ivicic, Kari Kovar, Cherry Fugate and Lisa Krieg have a shaving cream bottle on Halloween Night.

Smiling happily, Sheila Dlouhy and Stephanie Morales go to the Spooktacular dressed as mother and daughter.





Showing off their Spooktacular dresswear, these two Hi-Steppers Becky Brown and Shirley Phoenix are ready to perform their Halloween special.

Watching over her sheep, Ann Griffith, dressed up as Little Bo Peep, makes sure her flock has a safe and fun night.

Serving cokes, Hattie Schoener helps to make money at the Spooktacular.







Standing at her locker, Kimberly Caesar shows the Halloween spirit at THS.



Merrily on her way to class, Sarah Schulz dressed as Little Red Riding Hood, gets ready for Halloween at THS.

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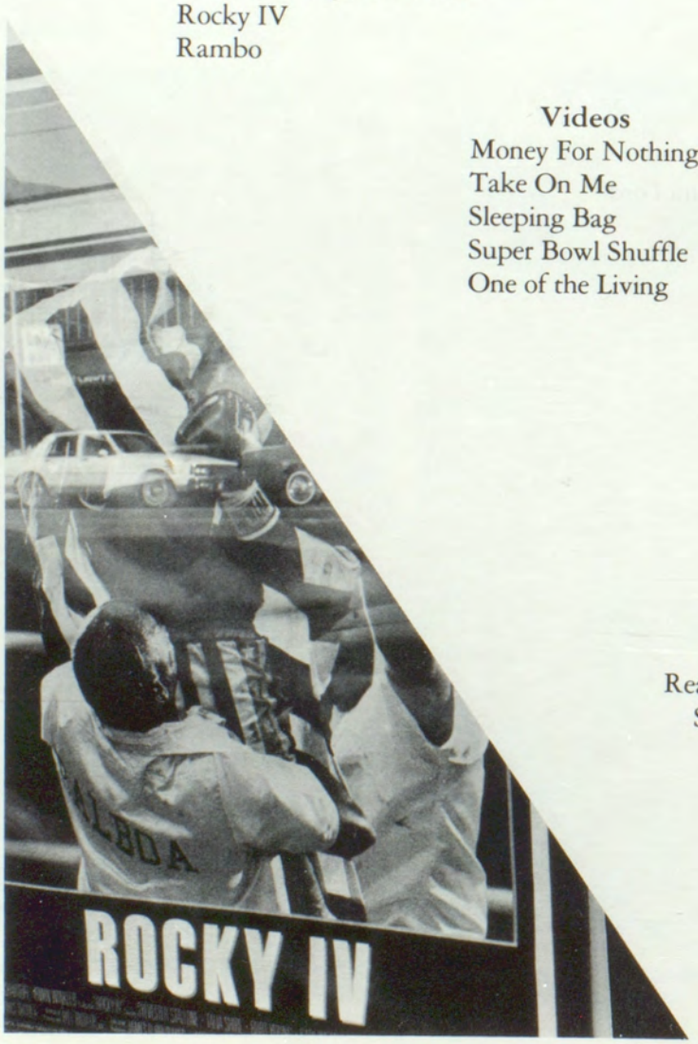
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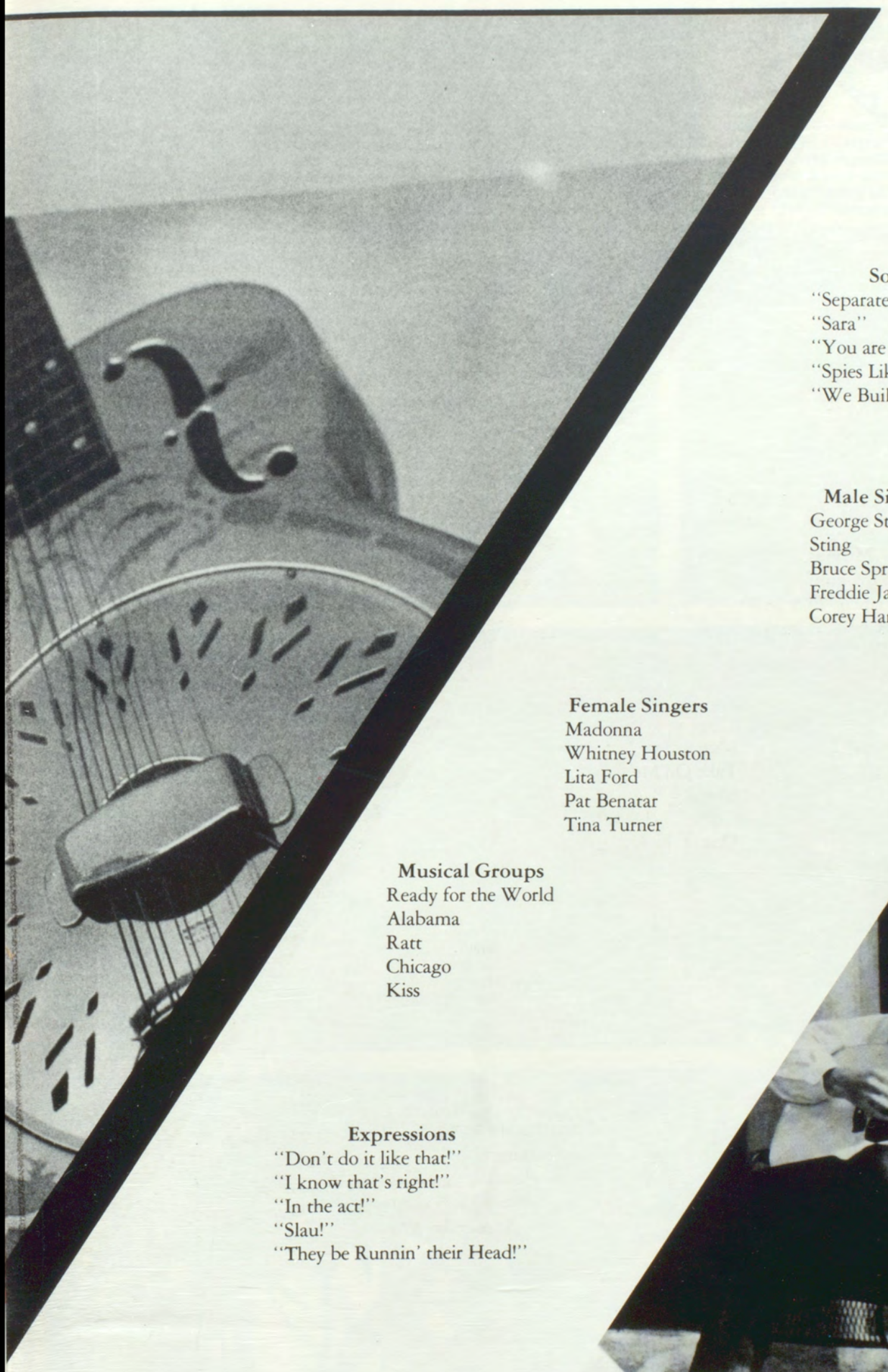


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Something Special — *George Strait*
Bark at the Moon — *Ozzy Osbourne*
Invasion of Your Privacy — *Ratt*
Asylum — *Kiss*



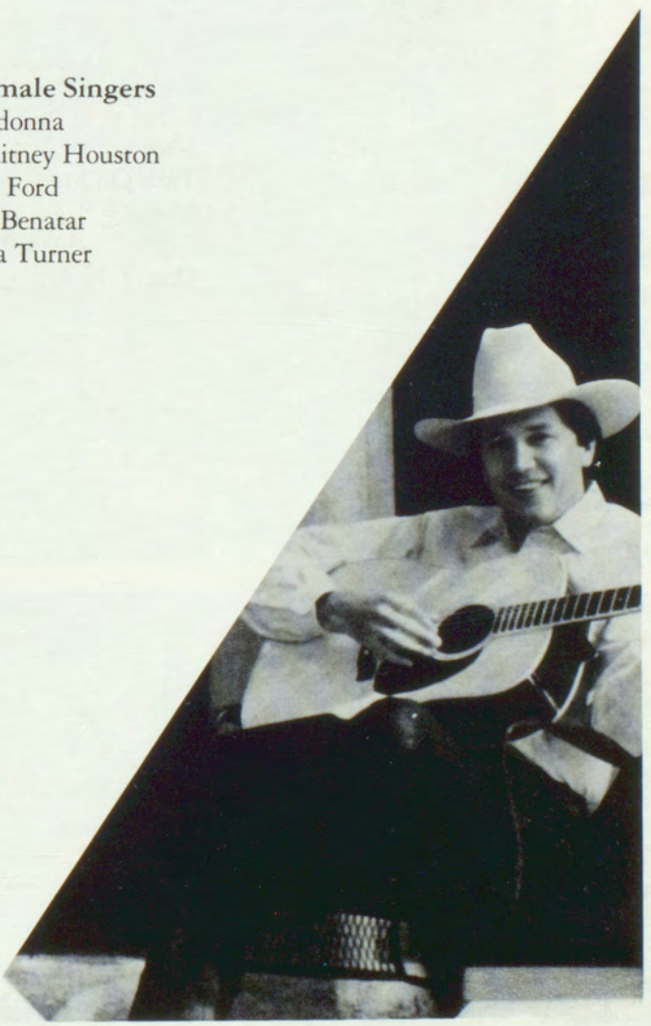
Comedians
Bill Cosby
Eddie Murphy
Howie Mandel
Johnny Carson
Joan Rivers

Songs
"Separate Lives"
"Sara"
"You are my Lady"
"Spies Like Us"
"We Built this City"

Male Singers
George Strait
Sting
Bruce Springsteen
Freddie Jackson
Corey Hart

Female Singers
Madonna
Whitney Houston
Lita Ford
Pat Benatar
Tina Turner

Musical Groups
Ready for the World
Alabama
Ratt
Chicago
Kiss



Expressions
"Don't do it like that!"
"I know that's right!"
"In the act!"
"Slau!"
"They be Runnin' their Head!"

SNAP SHOTS

Marching in the Homecoming parade, Robert Kruse protects his eyes from the hot sun by wearing his shades



Showing their stuff, Peter Vargas, Richard Olivarez, Jeff Krueger, David Hortenstine, and Paul Larson stand in their evening gowns during the Mr? Miss? pagaent.





Parading around in his "Rambo" costume during the Young Life scavenger hunt, James Matysek shows just how crazy he really is.



Thrilled by the excitement of the football game, Ann Griffith watches the Ducks score a touchdown.

Smiling for the camera , Michael Bachmeyer, Shane Polach, John Leschber, Darryl Jackson, David Hortenstine, and Tim Kaderka spend time cheering for the Ducks.

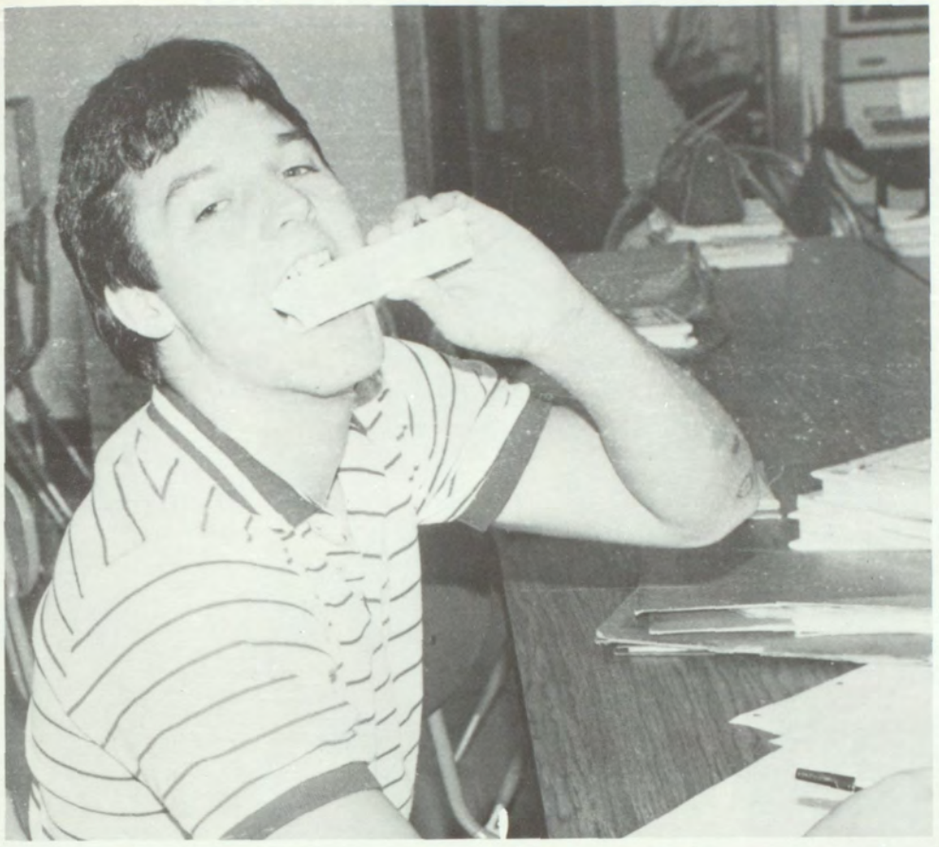




Showing their pride, this group of freshmen girls hold their hands high to sing the school song.

Taking a break during third quarter, Jeff Williams, John Stacy, and Sydney Bucanek clown around with the photographer.





Munching out on a candy bar during Counselor's Aid, Carl Ash soothes his stomach so that he can concentrate on his homework.

Dancing to a song played by the band, Elaine Dominguez helps raise spirit during a pep rally.









Sharing a hug, Christy Lawrence and Stacy Stiles wish each other good luck for their upcoming performance.

Riding in the parade, Andrea Gipson makes working with the kids from *Over the Rainbow* more of a pleasure than a chore.

Waiting for the bell to ring, Freda McFarlin, Angela Jackson, Coach Leon Nickerson, Donna Wooldridge, Beverly Jackson and Beverly Fitzgerald relax in the Student Center.

OBSESSIONS OBSESSIONS OBSESSIONS

Spending time on the computer, Brenda Bisang enjoys every minute she can to learn new programs on the computer.



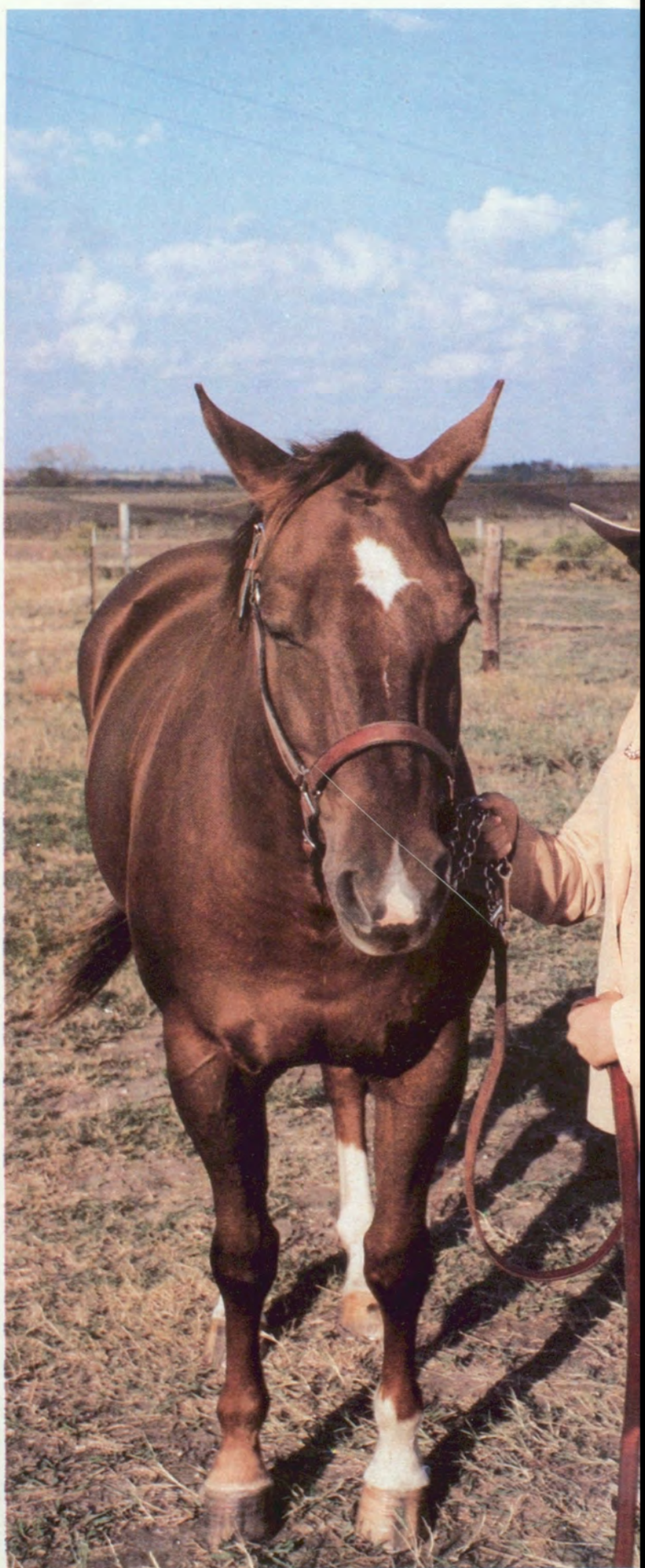




Driving off in his new Iroc-Z 28, John Kollman proudly exhibits the shiny finish of his newly washed car.

Showing off his tremendous amount of baseball cards, Ricky Cole displays part of a large collection of confederate currency.

Preparing for horse shows, Anne McConchie often becomes obsessed with the time and dedication needed to come out a winner.



OBSESSIONS OBSESSIONS OBSESSIONS



Though we had our part-time jobs, our homework, our after school activities, and just different things to do around the house, we somehow always found time for our obsessions.

Some of our obsessions took a lot of time off of our hands. Our horses, for example, needed to be kept in shape, fed and washed almost every day. Our cars needed to be washed and waxed and ready to go at all times. If one of our obsessions was playing a sport, such as tennis, we had to get that serve perfected and concentrate on every move we made. "It's not totally a physical sport, you have to be able to use your head and think fast," commented Jeff Frankeny.

Then there were also our obsessions that didn't really need to be looked after everyday; obsessions such as a money collection or maybe just things that we loved or loved to work with.

Whenever we went shopping, we saw all kinds of stuffed animals, such as those cute and cuddly teddy bears, or we saw that adorable Mickey Mouse that we knew we just had to add to our collection at home. How about our favorite rock group? We needed posters to hang so we could really feel our rooms were our own.

All in all, our everyday obsessions gave us things to do with our free time and we loved it.



Showing off her numerous posters, albums, and books of *Duran Duran,* Jennie Brasfield spends her pastime enjoying her favorite group.

Spending long hours practicing after school, Jeff Frankeny strives for perfection at playing tennis.







Reading her newest book on *Duran Duran,* Hattie Schoener displays her collection of *Duran Duran* memorabilia.

Holding her teddy bears, Julie Schmidt shows her love for stuffed animals.

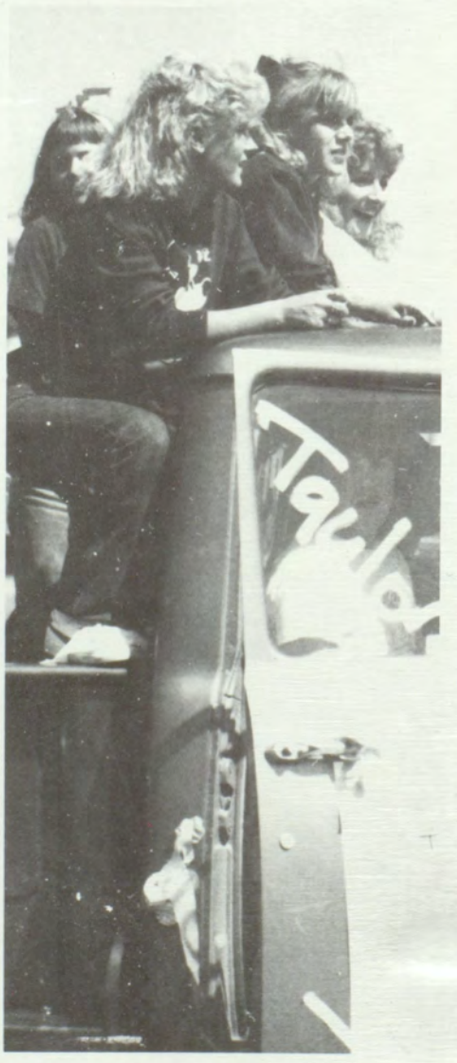


Awaiting a touchdown, Waddles (Michelle Petrucci) takes a break from an exciting night.

Cheering for their class, The Duck, and Dana Daniel raise spirit during the Homecoming parade.







Raising their guns high, steppers, Christie Hall, Michelle Wilson, Ursala Anderson, and Kari Kovar perform during halftime.

Riding in the parade, Shelly Machu, Ann Griffith, Becky Fontenot and Sara McAlister raise spirit for their class.

Sitting in the gym, Dominque Griffen and Larry Alderete wait for the game to begin.



SNAP-SHOTS



Giving a lecture, Aaron Maxwell rehearses during a practice for the Department of Speech and Drama's production of *Flowers For Algernon*.



Watching the flight of the ball, Larry Brown prepares to run to first base.



Displaying the new stepper shirts, Christie Hall shows pride in being a Stepper.





Hunting tigers, Varsity Cheerleaders, Sarah Schulz, Elaine Dominguez, Lisa Radomski, Renata Ruzicka, Kellie Whatley, and Dawn Sladek, raise spirit for a Friday night game.

Sharing a hug, Wendy Ivicic and Jeff Neitsch anticipate in a victory.





Joining hands, Diana Sanborn, Vonna Gordon, Shea McCormick, Angela Jackson, and Kreshonya Smith sing the school song during a pep rally.

Waiting for the announcement of the winner, Mr.? Ms.? nominees, Larry Brown, John Leschber, Darryl Jackson, and Jon Snyder smile beautifully.

CLASS



Studying for his semester exam is Todd Mucha, one of the freshmen boys elected to represent his class as a goodfellow.

Seeming pleased with his exam score is John Gibson. John was chosen as one of the sophomore goodfellows because everyone enjoys his company.



ENHANCED WITH SPECIAL QUALITIES

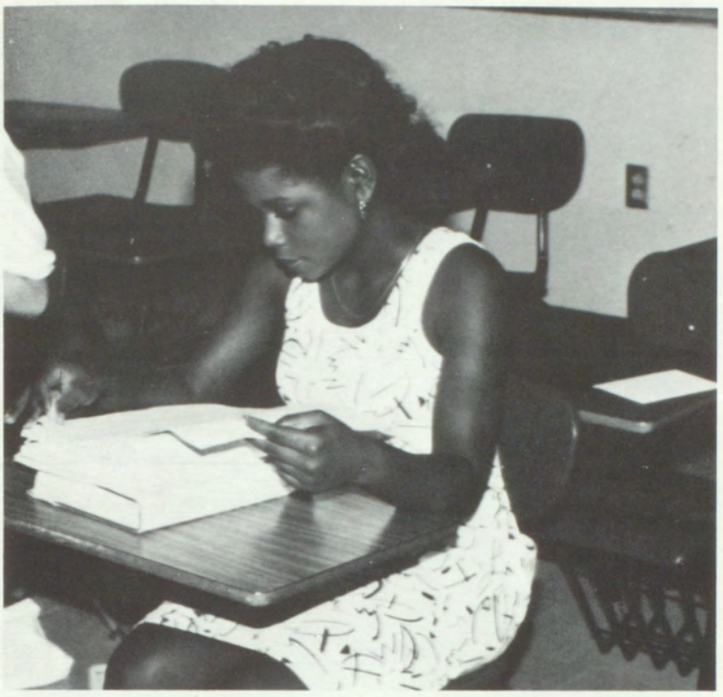
We tried to single out the most personable four people in each class to be our favorities. To be a class favorite, you had to have special qualities, such as being outgoing and friendly, having time for others and being a friend that your classmates could count on when they needed someone to talk to.

"I felt good knowing that my classmates saw me as their friend,like I saw them as mine. I can still remember when I started high school, I wasn't sure just how things would be, and now I feel happy to know that things went so well in making and having friends", remarked Lisa Radomski, a junior. Being a class favorite was quite an honor. Just knowing that out of your whole class, your classmates picked you to be a leader for them, to be their image and to stand for what they believed was right filled each of us with pride.



Standing in the hall way, Brian Winkler waits for his friends to come talk to him between classes.

FAVORITES



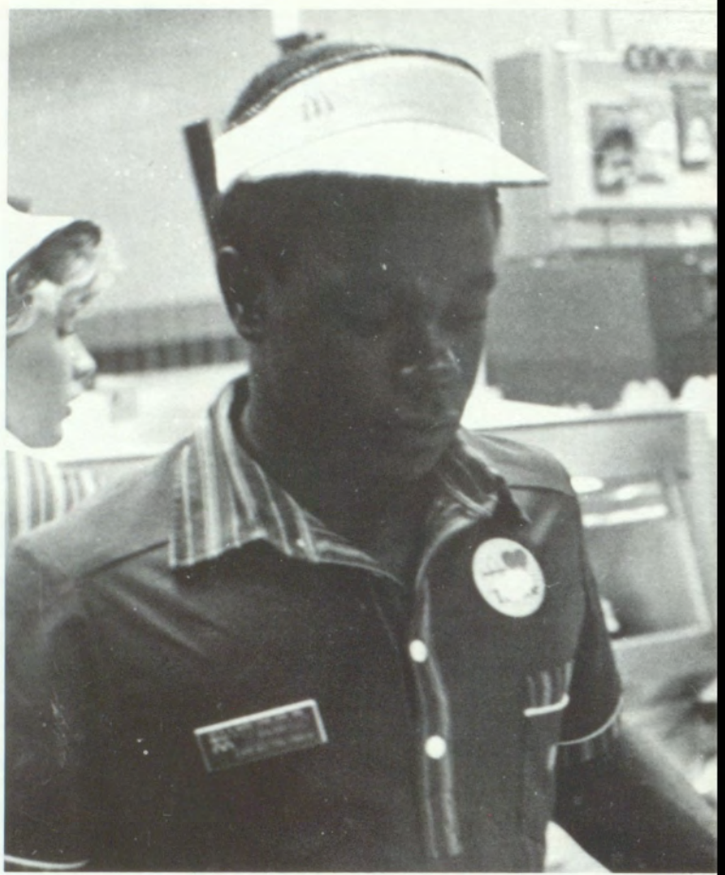
During her free time at school, Chandra White spends her time studying to keep her grades up during the year. She was a Freshmen goodfellow.

Between classes, Kristi Johnson, Dominique Griffin, and Pam Fischer discuss their plans for the weekend coming up.

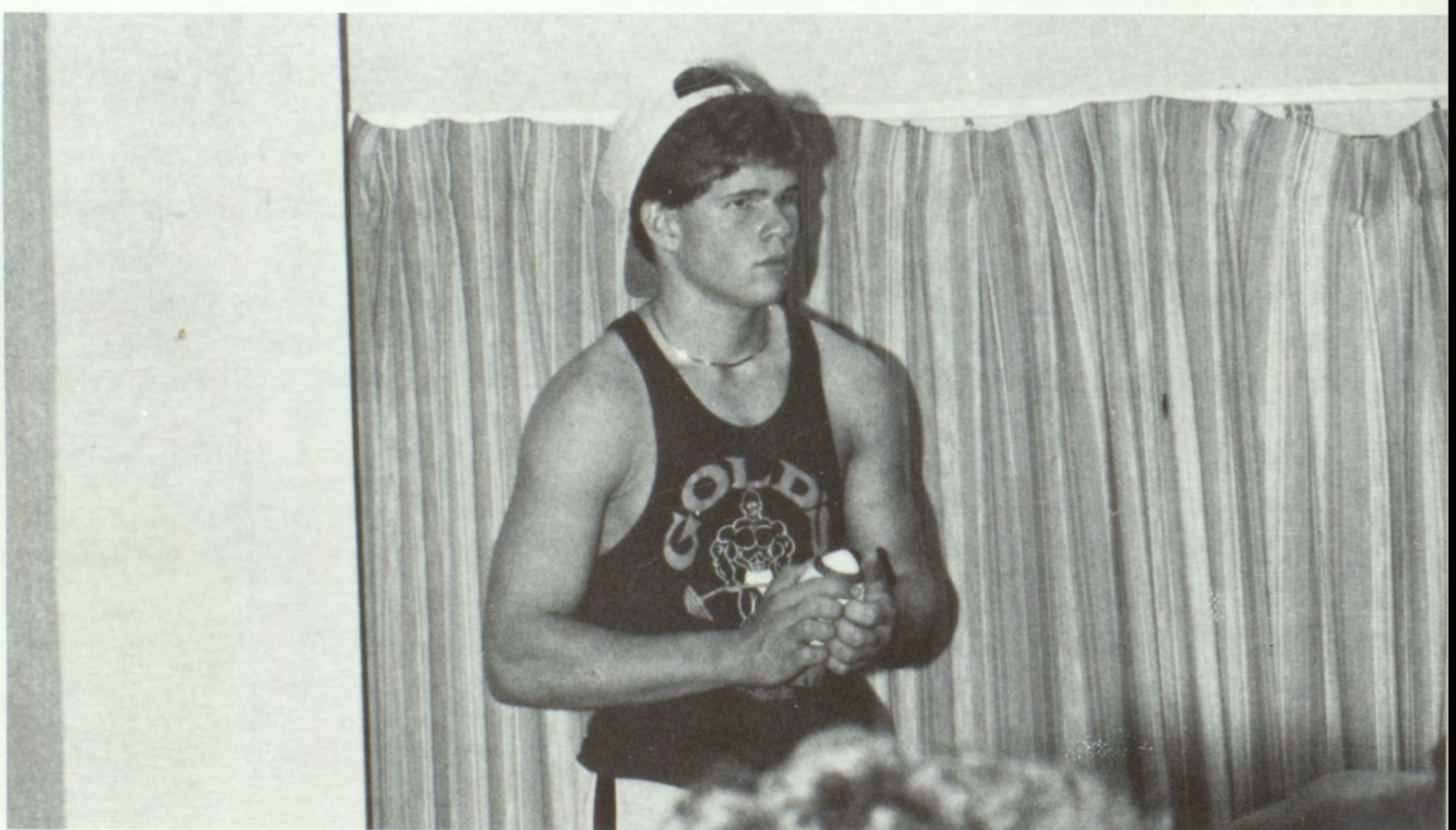




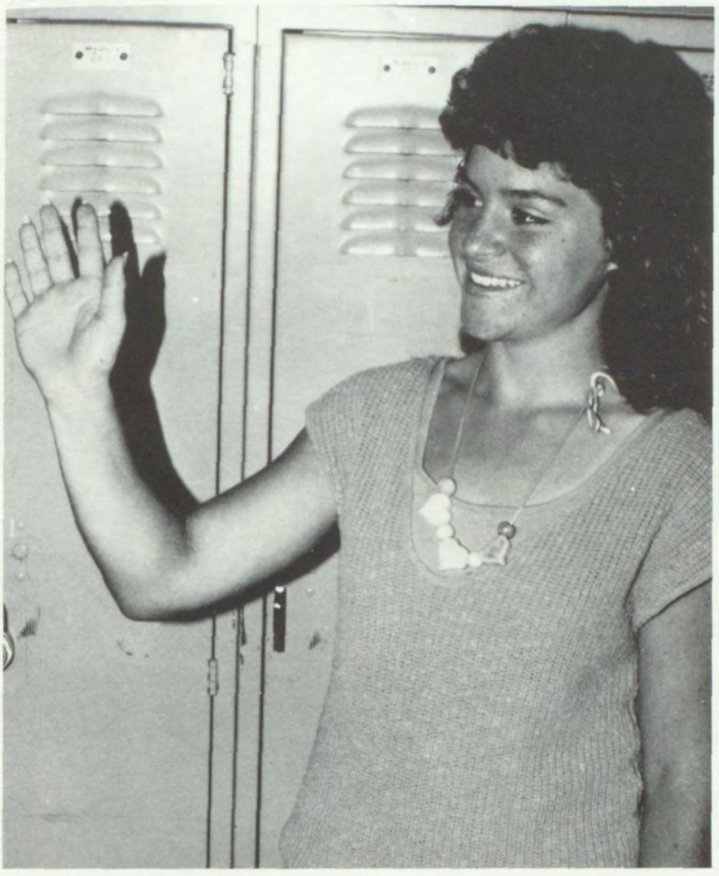
Freshman Goodfellow
Trey Bachmeyer



Junior Goodfellow
Daryl Jackson



Junior Goodfellow
Chad Patchke



Freshman Goodfellow
Kim Winkler



Junior Goodfellow
Jon Snyder



Junior Goodfellows
Lisa Radomski
Evelyn Nelson

SENIOR



Most Intelligent
Monica Williams

Most Athletic
Bridget Wilson





Most Likely to Succeed
Bradley Lenz



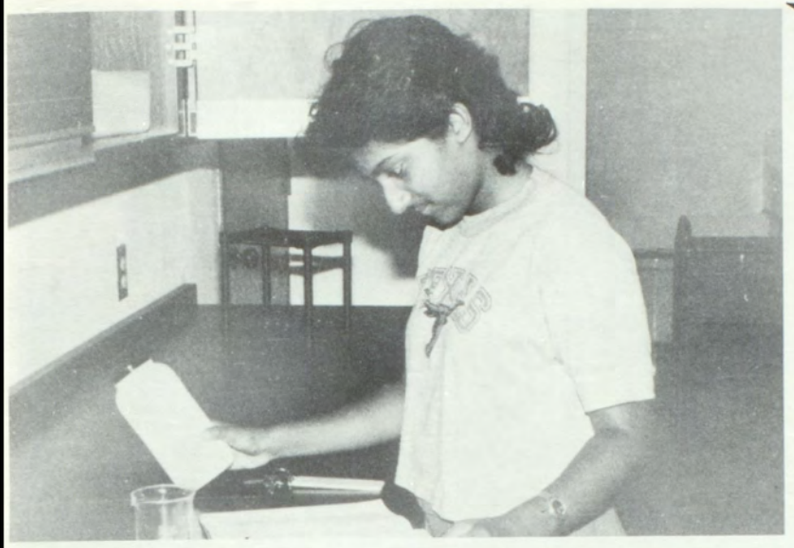




Mr. and Miss THS
Carl Ash
Sandy Hurta

Most Athletic
Todd Ivicic

Most Intelligent
Daryll Krebs



FAVORITES

Most Likely to Succeed
Geeta Nadkarni

Best Dressed
David Ancira

Best Dressed
Dawn Shiller

Most Handsome
Paul Larson









Most Friendly
Tay Campbell
Dawn Sladek



Most Beautiful
Kim Berry



Most Handsome
Michael Bachmeyer



We Are The Ones

We were the ones who planned our future! Sure, there were always some people to help us out, but the only person who knew what we wanted for sure was we ourselves, and we had to do our best because no one might worry about us in the future.

We did not like to admit to the fact that all of the courses we had taken in school were important. Yet, each and every course would affect us at some time in our lives, and we would appreciate the fact that we had learned so many different skills. Likewise, we would appreciate the courses more if we would try to understand them now. The skills we learned may some day keep us from making a big mistake that we could have prevented. By paying close attention in our classes we could do this.

Everyone was offered a variety of courses. They ranged from sewing to automechanics and went as high as Physics II. Most of the people who were college bound took courses that were required for enrollment by the colleges or universities that they planned to attend. Those who planned to work immediately after the completion of high school, enrolled in courses that were similar to the work they intended to do as a career. There was a wide range of vocational courses that were offered in the situation of these students. The experience they received in these courses helped them to find a job a lot quicker than going to look for a job with no experience at all.

All courses had provided the opportunity for us to get a head start at the career of our choice, but we had to remember that we had to look out for ourselves because if we didn't, nobody else would.



Working as an office aide to take up some of his elective courses, Frank Fischer takes this period to take off from doing school work the entire day.

Sitting in the Band Hall before class begins, Donna Reese and Judy Ramirez discuss how they enjoy wearing their new Letterman's jacket. It took four years but it was worth it.



WORKING FINGERS

Keyboards, keyboards, and more keyboards were seen, and behind them were a pair of busy hands belonging to a THS student. It seemed that keyboards were a way of life; an important part of today's world. Taylor did it's part to help students get with it. Computer courses were outstanding, and the teachers were the best. The classes at THS were not only educational but fun! Computers weren't the only things with keyboards. There were also those wonderful machines called typewriters and those high-tech sounding keyboards in jazz band.

CLICK, click, click were the sounds that filled the rooms of the typing classes and the rooms in the vocational building. It would seem that these rooms would have been the noisiest rooms in school, but they weren't very noisy at all. No one said a word in order to allow everyone a fair chance to type a perfect paper. The beat became a rythmic sound to the teacher's and the students' ears so much so that they got used to it.

Bing, Bang, Bong were the sounds of music which lived in the band hall, and a wonderful sound it was, as the jazz band cooked up all sorts of hot numbers with the keyboards on their synthesizers.

All around there were keyboards everywhere which helped people do work faster and more efficently. The keyboard had become a way of life at Taylor High.



Working on their music, Tiffany Schoenrock and L'Tisha Lantzsch practice for an upcoming performance.



Carefully entering data, with a worried look on her face Tami Campbell works hard in her word processing class, hoping not to make any mistakes.



Working in the lab in the library, Carl Esquivel uses one of the many programs to help him with his math skills.



Playing a tune, Alan Odom, Tiffany Schoenrock, and L'Tisha Lantzsch join their talents together to produce the perfect sound.



Checking out a book for a student in the library, Cathy Haag uses the computer to speed up the process.



Writing his story for the next issue of the Cottonboll, Shane Polach asks Richard Murray for advice. Students often helped each other decide on stories.





Taking a break from working out in P.E. are Tina Savedra and Debbie Sanchez, sophomores. P.E. is a required course for all high school students.

Band member Audrey Thornton marches up the field as she participates in the marching half time show that will be shown at Friday night's game.

Taking a break from playing during the first quarter of the game are Richard Murray and Jimmy Deary, both seniors on the Varsity Duck Football team.







MEASURES 4 Health

With growing interest in physical fitness, we saw many forms of exercise enjoyed in our school. For those who enjoyed aerobics or gymnastics, there were Steppers or cheerleading groups. Or, one might wish to express his or her abilities in sports, band or Flags. Everyone had a choice of activities; there was something for everyone. With technology becoming such a big part of everyday life, it was good to know that our minds and bodies could still be put to the challenge.

I loved cheerleading and running track. It gave me a chance to get exercise and also to give the school my support both in sports and as a Duck fan," remarked Sarah Schulz.

Likewise, this year some of our students also participated in the Special Olympics. These students were very special people; people that all of us would have enjoyed spending some time getting to know. One such person often frequented the Mallard room to share a bit of conversation with staff members.

"I enjoyed being around Reggie Ethridge. He was a real nice person. I enjoyed talking to him because he always had a way of cheering me up when I was a little down," remarked RoseAnn Matysek, staff member.

Special Olympics, Steppers, Band, Sports of any kind — they all were measures of health, but since they were so much fun, we never thought about them as good for us, too.





Beginning early morning practice with a serve high into the air, Monica Carmona appears to be full of energy even at this time of the morning.

Enjoying the Special Olympics this year, our students, Regina Wilkins, Janice Flory and Reggie Ethridge pose with Teacher, Sandra Hill and others who worked real hard to make this event a reality.

Using the microphone to help lead the crowd in a cheer for the Mighty Ducks, Sarah Schulz enjoys both sports and cheerleading.

Answering questions for prospective I.C.T. members, Steven Schmidt and Gary Gonzalez try to interest students in joining the class.

Observing the auto mechanics exhibit sponsored by the vocational department, Edward Gutierrez tries to decide if he might enjoy taking auto mechanics next year.





Operating the duplicating machine in O.D.P. class, Marcie Guttierrez runs off copies of a personal design she has created.

Examining an exhibit at career day, Joe Woods thinks of prospective careers for his future. (picture courtesy of Taylor Daily Press)





WORKING FOR TOMORROW



Typing at her terminal, Lauren Polzin uses her spare time to demonstrate usage of a computer at the vocational fair.

Vocational programs such as I.C.T., V.O.E., H.E.C.E., and D.E.C.A.allowed students to work half a day during their junior and/or senior years. Vocational programs gave students a chance to explore careers and have work experience. These programs also helped those involved develop self-confidence and poise in addition to gaining independence.

V.O.E. prepared students for office jobs. Data processing also prepared students for office jobs. Students practiced typing, filing, and learned to use the various office machines.

I.C.T. helped students to prepare for careers in construction and other technical fields. Although this seemed like a class for guys, a few girls were also involved in it. One of the jobs some of the girls were interested in was being a dental assistant. The guys worked in fields such as construction, printing, and welding. Michael Lefner said, "I.C.T. helped to prepare me for work because it gave us practical experience working on things instead of just telling us how to do things."

D.E.C.A. students were involved in selling. Their sponsor, Martha Miller said, " Students will have to sell things all their lives, whether it be their skills when they apply for a job, an idea, or an actual product if they go into actual sales careers." Students in D.E.C.A. were interested in a variety of careers. Mary Helen Martinez worked in the floral department of H.E.B. and was considering a career in this field. H.E.C.E., sponsored by Mrs. Nickerson, prepares students for careers related to homemaking, such as food service and child care. Students worked in daycare centers and restaurants.

John Kollman, an I.C.T. student said that working half a day means he doesn't have to take empty classes. "I take hard courses for half a day and the other half I work." These vocational courses served the needs of students who wanted to go immediately to work after high school as well as those who simply couldn't find anything else to take. They gave the students involved valuable work experience as well as teaching them responsibility.







Sitting at the booth designated for creative sewing, Angela Jackson and Felix Trejo watch other students view their work.

Looking at projects done by the furniture repair class, Thomas Alderete and Phillip Lopez consider the advantages of this class.

Observing a paramedic's demonstration Charles Bucanek, Augie Lopez, and Peter Vargas listen to the requirements for getting such a job.

Experience For The Future



After cooking a nutritional meal, James Lopez and John Mueller complete their procedures by eating the food they cooked.

All of us could use a class that would give us experience on going out into the real world and living in our own home. A couple of good classes that provided us with this experience were either a foods class which taught us cooking skills and how to make different kinds of good foods or a sewing class where we learned to make different fashions. "I enjoyed taking a foods class because when we cooked, we got to eat what we had cooked. The bad thing was that, even if the food burned, we still had to eat it, but it was good experience," remarked Kim Berry, a senior.

The sewing class was very helpful to students. The ability to sew helped cut down on expenses if a person was living on a budget and still wanted to wear fashions that were in style. This class also gave a person experience on bringing in or hemming up a pair of pants that were too large and needed to be a better fit.

"Sewing class was fun. I thought I would never learn to sew, but I surprised myself. Once I got the hang of it, you could put anything in front of me, and I could sew it," remarked Jeanette Rodriguez, a sophomore.

A sewing class or a foods class gave you good experience for the future as an independent person. Most people planned to move out on their own following graduation, and these classes would be very helpful to them.



Pulling out the hem, Mrs. Tucek helps Renada Ness correct the mistake she made in making her blouse.



Learning cooking skills, Paul Bogan and Michael Bachmayer enjoy taking a class that will help them to live on their own in the future.

Helping her student, Jalane Tucek the sewing instructer helps Deanna Kunze with the dress she is making.





During a cooking class, Mrs. Nickerson teaches student Melissa Alvarez the procedures of the hands when making cookie dough.



Involved in a sewing course, Kim Patterson cuts her pattern out in order to finish her blouse that she is making as her class project.



Looking on as Mrs. Schaefer explains the Roman Civilazation, Kelly Koonce, John Gibson and Aaron Riethmayer, learn about how the past affects our future.



Hurrying to finish before the bell rings, Cindy Ruiz and Sandy Harrington, grind cornmeal in Coach Schroeder's American History class.

Dressed like siamese twins, Valorie Morales and Kim Dykowski, participate in the circus put on by the American History class.







THE PAST

Cowboys on horses, clowns from the circus, and canons lined up ready to fire were just a few of the many things that helped to bring us back into the past. This trip back in time was a part of the way we celebrated Texas's 150 birthday

The teachers and students of Taylor schools organized a Texas sesquicentenial pageant. Participating in the pageant was a valuable tool in helping us to understand the magnificence of Texas. We learned that the 150 year history of our state is filled with adventure, conquest, drama and resolve to become great. As we relived the past times of our states history, we learned that the good old days weren't always so great. It helped us to realize all the pain and suffering that our ancestors went through in order to form the state in which we now live.

Throughout the pageant, many activities helped us to travel back in time to the past. The juniors recreated the Battle of the Alamo. The American History classes were dressed as early settlers coming to settle a new frontier. We learned about the different cultures of the many nationalities that make up the population of Texas. The night was ended in a big way by setting off firecrackers.

Reliving the past taught us a lot about our states history. And the pageant that we helped to create let us show the pride we have for Texas.





Dancing to the jitterbug, Sheila Dlouhy and Tracy Bohlen put on a great show for the crowd.

Waiting patiently, the government classes prepare to show the crowd how the people of Texas helped in the war effort.

Singing a song from out of the past, Lisa Phoenix, Madeleine Gibson, and Michelle Bradford, provide entertainment at the pageant.

RESEARCH

Research . . . It seemed like no one could escape it! Research followed many forms. Some evolved as scientific research while others took the form of term papers.

Labs are a big part of the research that must be done before you graduate, whether it's a titration lab in chemistry or a laser reflection lab in Physics II.

"Doing labs in physics has helped me to understand why and how scientific phenomenons take place," commented Sherri Lindemann.

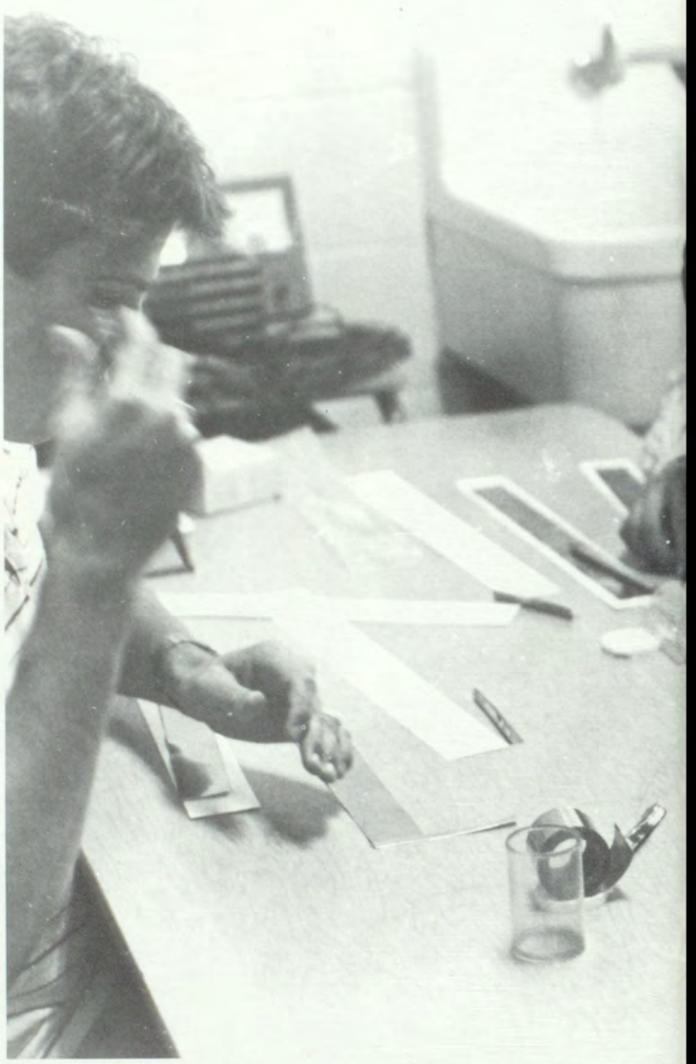
As for term papers, Tim Kaderka said, "I knew that I would have to do a research paper in English my junior year, but then I got more practice when I had to do a term paper for World History."

Since teachers decided to reinforce learning skills from other classes, as well as their own, and since term papers are such a big part of college, this area seemed to be hit the hardest.

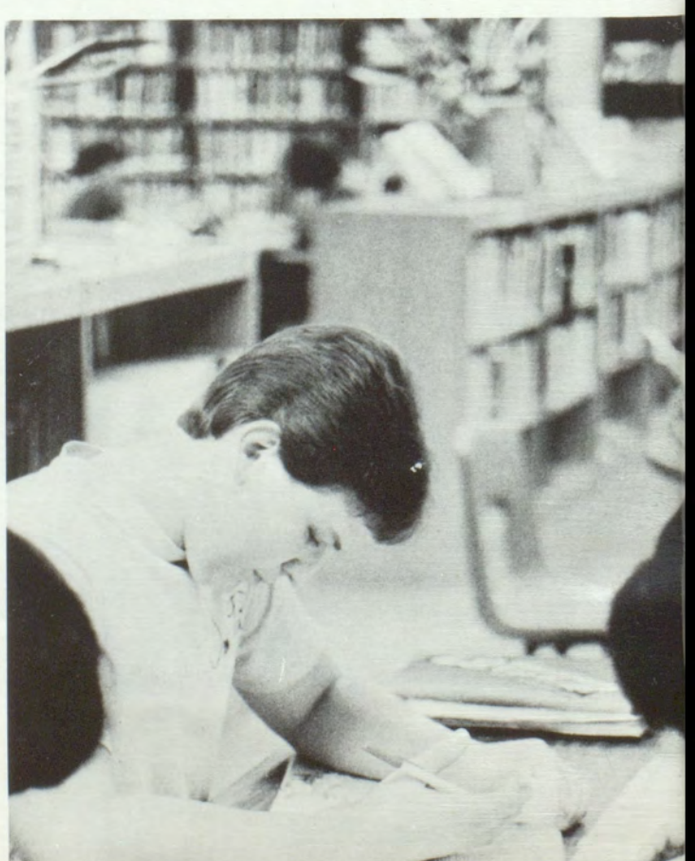
By doing all of these research papers and different kinds of labs, it has helped to prepare students for college, before they may not have known much about doing different kinds of research.



During a lab, Tami Wilkins and Aaron Riethmayer carefully weigh paper clips.



During a lab, John Kollman, Carl Ash, and Bradley Lenz work on making batteries.



To get a good grade, Paul House, Scott Allen and Steven Chavana work hard on their research paper for world history.

Listening to Mrs. Livingood, Julie Schmidt, Jon Snyder, and Paul House learn more about doing a research paper.







By doing an experiment, Jeff Krueger determines the outcome of a titration lab.

During Physics II, Geeta Nadkarni, Carl Ash, Bradley Lenz, John Kollman, and Sarah Shultz have some fun.

Working on a lab, Jimmy Safarik and Chad Patschke keep steady to have a precise result.







EXPLORING BRAIN LIMITATONS

Being an honor graduate meant having to take many academically advanced courses. Most students did not mind, however, because they found it challenging to push their minds to explore their limitations. In fact, many students found that having these academically advanced courses brightened an otherwise ordinary day.

Teachers were always glad to have the opportunity to probe the minds of eager scholars. Much hard work and self-governing was involved. Students learned not only from their teachers, but from fellow students, as well, since much of the independent study was later presented in the form of class discussions to determine the outcome. We especially enjoyed this part of our courses when we could finally share our knowledge with others, and maybe even impress someone else with our brilliance. Being very grade conscious, we wanted to make sure that our teachers realized our expertise. We also enjoyed the fact that we didn't have to come in and just listen quietly most of the time.

Since interests differed, advanced courses ranged from Honors English, at all levels, to physics, to trig, and even to Elementary Analysis. Of course, some students seemed to be involved in every high level course he or she could work into the schedule. These people appeared to thrive on challenges, and challenged they were.



Setting up a distillation lab, Roger Elliot and Jerry Bennett spend time before class to insure that they have plenty of time to finish it.





Making a battery, Bradley Lenz uses extreme caution when handling certain chemicals needed to complete his carefully planned task.

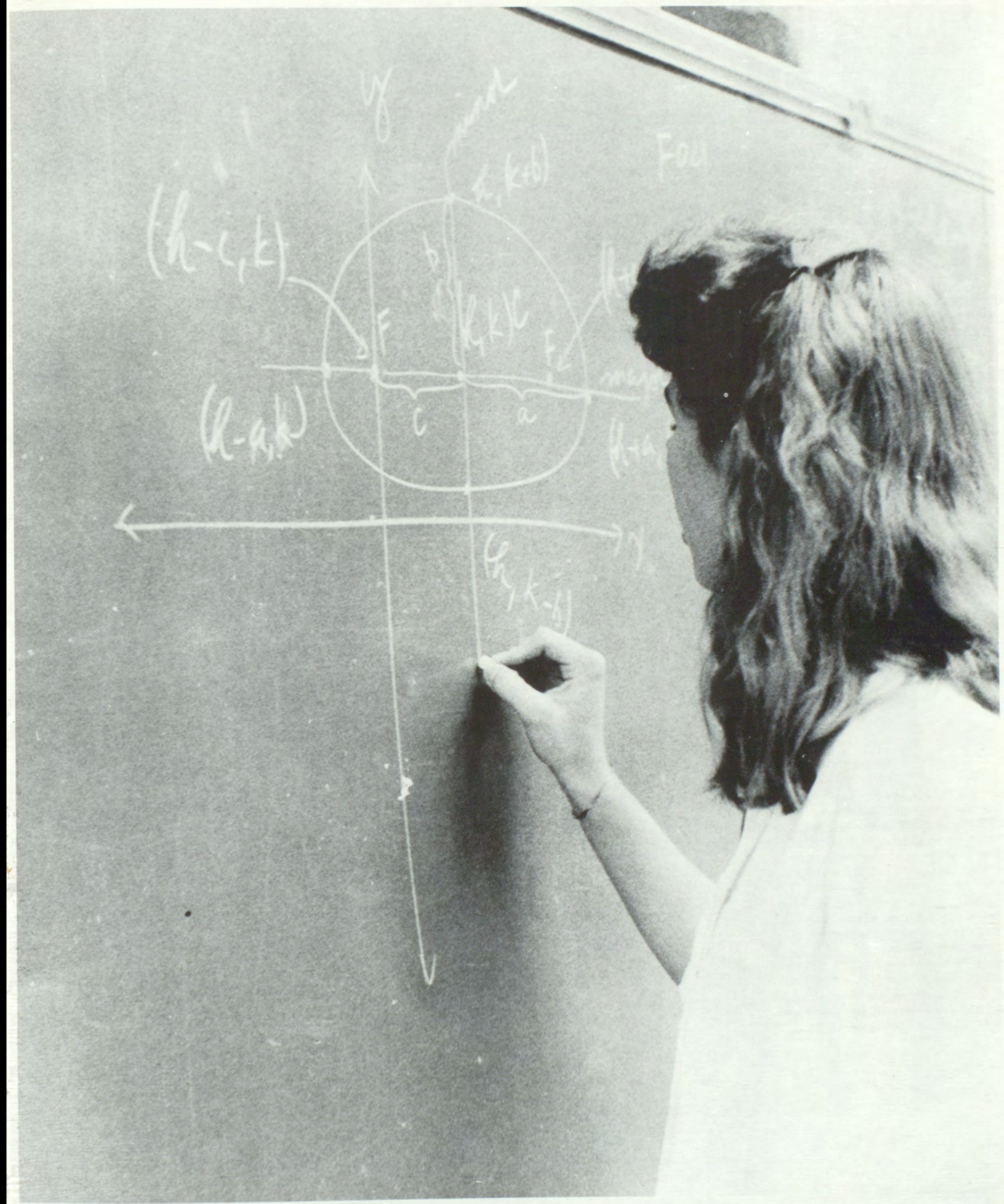
Trying to understand the problem being discussed, Bradley Lenz, Darryl Krebs, Michael Bachmeyer, Carl Ash, Tay Campbell, Ricky Cole, Stacy Stiles, Geeta Nadkarni, and Hattie Schoener sit through another mind-boggling class of elementary analysis.

Describing his shadow box to his Project Go class, Paul House goes beyond normal limitations in understanding a novel and presents a project which may help others in his class to understand.





Testing circuits, Sarah Schultz and Geeta Nadkarni use knowledge of electricity for their project.



Graphing an ellipse, Jonna McCormick makes precise drawings so that she can actually visualize the solution to the problem.



We Stood Tall

From the first day of school on September 3, to the last day of school on May 30, we all stood tall, with our heads high realizing that we were going to do our best to represent our school in all activities.

Whether we were freshmen or seniors, we made ourselves involved as much as possible. We wanted our classes to be the best.

"I became involved in several clubs during the year because it gave me something to do in my spare time. I didn't have to just sit at home doing nothing," remarked Lisa Kreig, a sophomore.

The classes were also involved in fund raisers in order to earn money for the different functions that came up during the year. These fund raisers helped the classes seem more exciting because we knew that the money would mainly go towards our prom which we wanted to be the best since we had been looking forward to going to the prom for so many years. We hadn't been able to before unless someone asked us because we weren't juniors or seniors.

"I put a lot of work into helping my junior class because I wanted our prom to be the best. We earned as much money as we could and worked on the decorating of the prom many hours," remarked Evely Nelson.



Sitting patiently awaiting the different noises that come through the earphones during a test that is given to see if your ears are working correctly is Monica Carmona a junior. The test is given to every student.

Preparing decorations for the Prom are Junior classmates Marla Ladner and Lisa Radomski. The Prom was a memorable event for the junior and senior classes. A lot of hard work was put into the Prom by the junior class.



FACULTY

David Bates: Vocational Counselor
Emerson Brister: Agriculture, Horticulture, Welding
Rachel Burklow: English I, English I-Go
Susan Calvez: Typing
Kathleen Cole: English II, English II-Go
Johnny Cole: Math, Basketball

John Crow: World History
Socorro De La Rosa: Computer Aide
Rosa Delgado: Spanish
Elizabeth Foley: English IV, English IV-Go, CLA English IV, ETC.
Steve Guajardo: Furniture Repair
Jeannie Hill: Word Processing

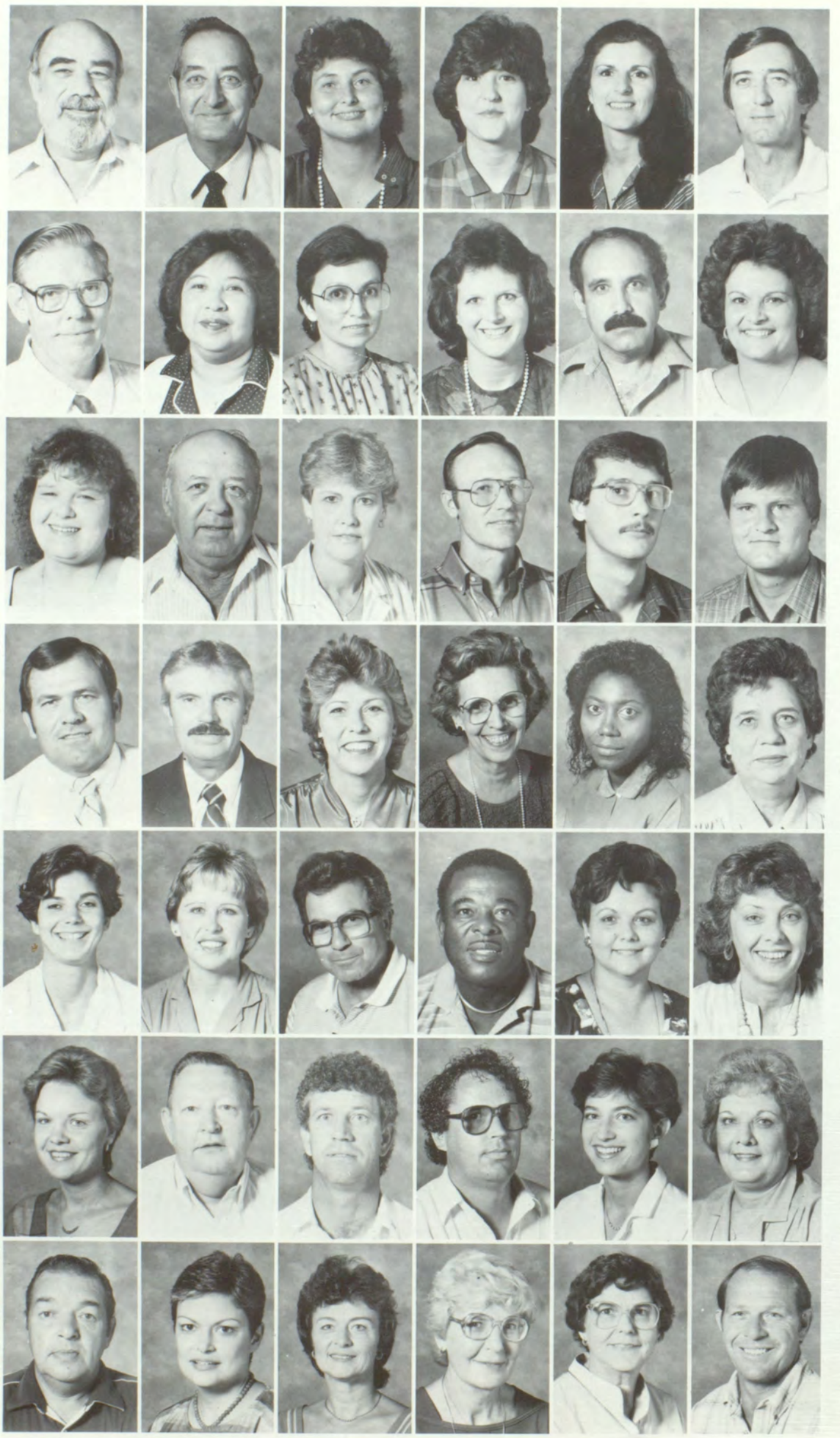
Sandy Hill: Eng. Res.
Cliff Ivicic: Vocational Special Ed
Joan Krhovjak: Vocational Secratary
Sid Krhovjak: Vocational Director
Stanley Kubicek: Alg. I, Cons. Math
Doug Kuhl: Biology, Phy. Sci., Baseball

Harold Kurtz: Agriculture
Eddy Lankford: Principal
Barbara Leschber: VOE Co-op
Mary Livingood: Librarian
Odessa Mackey: Pre Alg. FOM
Shirley Manning: VOE Lab

Dixie Manson: Plane Geometry, MOCE
Martha Miller: DE Coordinator, U.S. History
James Nabhan: Choir Director
Leon Nickerson: Boys PE, Coach, Health
Priscilla Parsons: English III, English III-Go, Mallard
Naomi Pasemann: Academic Counselor

Pam Pekar: Counselor's Secratary
Charles Pool: American History, Gov., Eco.
Danny Potts: Health, Coach, Int. Bio.
Carl Price: Girls PEA, CLA English I, II
Rae Ann Rich Van Vranken: Comp. Math, Geo.
Patricia Rogers: Business Data Processing; Comp. Ed.; Accounting, Typing

Alex Sanchez: U.S. History, Coach
Kaye Schaefer: Latin, FTA.
Dixie Seaquist: Special Ed. Math
Jeanne Sherry: Chemistry; Physics II
Hallie Streit: Teacher Aide — Special Ed.
Lynn Stroud: Biology, Coach



EVERYONE KNOWS



Myths about teachers . . . Everyone knows a teacher is locked in a cabinet at the end of school only to be brought out the next day . . . An English teacher is supposed to be able to spell and define any word in the dictionary . . . Teachers never go to parties or have any fun . . . Teachers never smile in the classroom, and they certainly don't have feelings . . . Teachers come from another age, and therefore, they can't remember how it was . . . Teachers never have stress — after all, they only work from 8:20 til 3:15 . . . Teachers stay in this profession because they are well paid and have three full months off during summer . . . And if you believe all this . . .

The statement has been made that one of the best things about Taylor High School, other than its student body, is its faculty and administration staff. In reality, it was the work between those two bodies that made us great. Human caring and consideration made hard times a little easier for all concerned, and teachers were always there for those who needed and asked for a little help.





Representing the High School Administrative Office, Velma Loeve, Margie Kruger, Pat Tone, and Eddie Lankford smile at nearby students.

Giving support to football player Robert Frederick, coaches Lynn Stroud and Danny Potts are always there when needed.

Keeping score for the varsity basketball games, Kathleen Cole and the whole Cole family could always be seen taking part in the games.



Pat Tone: Assistant Principal
Dannie Volek: Speech, Drama, English I
Gail Whittaker: Physics I, Physical Science
Tommy Wyche: ICT Coordinator
Donna Woodard: Journalism, English, Photography
Debra Young: English III, CVAE English III

Taking a break from jotting down his agenda for a busy day, Dr.Bill Borgers smiles at Larry Robbins who has come to take a picture of the boss before he leaves the district.

New school board member James Stiles joined the force after the last election, taking the place of Dr. Ron Werner.

Taking a minute from his busy schedule, Dr. Dale Cummings agrees to give Larry Robbins a few minutes to discuss the upcoming issue of "Staff Facts."





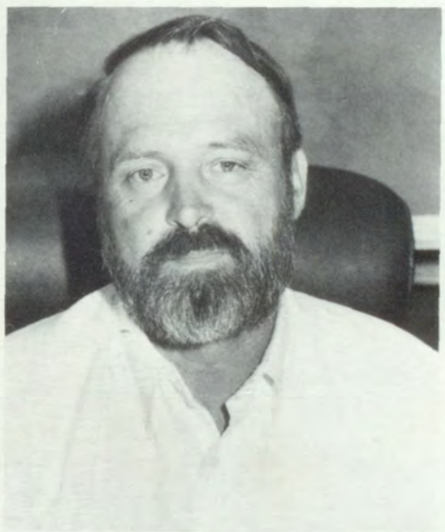


MAN BEHIND THE BOARD

We thought we had finally weathered a tough year for all educators. Our necessary transitions had run more smoothly than for many districts, thanks to the insight of Dr. Bill Borgers. From the very beginning, no matter what anyone threw our way, we knew that we would be one step ahead he had always been prepared.

Now, to our dismay, we found out that this man intended to leave us to take a new position. It was like a bad dream. Dr. Borgers had made it his policy to get close to his staff and to know and to solve most of their problems. What would we do without this man who had come to mean so much to everyone in the district? We didn't know; we just knew we had to accept our fate and carry on with our jobs.

Almost immediately the search began for someone to take Dr. Borgers place. The school board spent many hours interviewing in hopes of finding someone who had the same ideas and policies that the district had built. Everyone knew that in order to have a smooth transition, this person would have to have many of the same philosophies that Dr. Bill had had. Finally, a such a man was found. We look forward to working with our new superintendent, but to Dr. Borgers, we want to say, "Thank you for all you did for us. Best of luck ,and we'll miss you."





As president of the school board, Shannon McMakin had his job cut out for him once Dr. Borgers decided to take another position. Interviews for the prospective superintendent took several weeks.



Going over school board policy, Jim Synder expresses the popular opinion that the new man should be someone who has many of the same policies and ideas of the current administration.

Showing his approval, Jerry Ash agrees with a comment concerning the approval of the new Superintendent of Taylor ISD. After long hours of searching, they have finally found just the right man for the job.



Being a school board member always takes time, but this year Gene Raesz and other board members spent many extra hours at the difficult task of searching for just the right person to fill Dr. Borger's shoes.

Businessman, S.R Moss, takes time to jot down a few facts about one of the potential candidates for the vacant position.

"Dreaming for the Future"

Freshmen went to be all sorts of things after graduation. Some freshmen want to go to college and get a degree. Others want to go to work immediately after graduation. Many possible careers are considered — doctor, lawyer, football player, interior designer, and cosmetologist. Some want to go directly to the Armed Forces.

Many freshman boys are sure they want to go to college. Jason East wants to go to college and become a lawyer. When asked about his future plans, Larry Caldwell said, "I want to go to college and play football for Texas." Many other boys are also interested in sports. Most of them said that their favorites are football, baseball, and tennis. Other freshmen have ideas about what they want to be, too. Many freshman girls are interested in fashion and make up. Jeanette Vasquez wants to be an interior designer, and Nikki Urbis wants to be a cosmetologist.

As freshmen, students also look up to many people. An American History class was asked whom they most admired. They listed such sports heroes as Martina Navritilova and Pete Rose. Brothers and sisters were also listed, especially if they were involved in many school organizations. Many seniors were among those admired by freshmen. Freshmen admire many of the seniors because they were helpful when the freshmen were new to high school. When asked whom he most admired, Kelly Kaderka answered, like many other freshmen, "My friends."



Playing Ms. Pac-Man, Stephen Brasfield, like most of us, is still deciding what he likes to do best.





Investigating career possibilities in O.I., freshman, Jamie West uses the micro-fiche.



Rushing to complete his Biology homework, Shannon Rowley scribbles down the last answer.

Dreaming of becoming a cosmetologist, Nikki Urbis French braids Deanna Mokry's hair.

Talking before the bell rings, Jeff Krueger, Adam Mehevek, and Jody Vanecek find heroes among their own friends.

Contemplating about the future, Jason Ball discusses his plans with friends.





FRESHMEN



Connie Alderete
Peggy Alderete
Russell Alan
Adella Almazon
Gerald Anderson
Misty Andrews

Geneva Arocha
Roger Askins
Frank Avita
Trey Bachmeyer
Donna Baker
Jason Ball

James Barron
Tammy Blahuta
Christy Bland
Kevin Bogan
Toby Branson.
Stephen Brasfield

Dorothy Broadnax
Kevin Brooks
Cheryl Brown
Barbara Brueckner
Susan Brummet
Mina Bryant

Shannon Britton
Sidney Bucanek
Larry Caldwell
Chris Castra
Troy Cervenka
Cheryl Chapa

Chris Cook
Shannon Dloughy
Belinda Dominguez
Peggy Dominguez
Kim Dykowski
Jason East

Melissa Elizondo
Randall Fischer
Frank Fisher
Cathy Flores
Norma Garcia
David Gonzalez

Judy Gonzalez
Martin Gonzalez
Carla Guardiola
Elizabeth Guiterrez
Bradley Hanson
Sandie Harrington

FRESHMEN

Susan Hehman
Athela Henry
Valencia Henry
Arthur Hernandez
Madeline Hernandez
Brian Heselmeyer



Jolie Hester
Mark Hluchan
Andy House
Susan Hubble
Carolyn Hunt
Angela Jackson



Burnett Jackson
Fidencio Jackson
Jan Jackson
Tonya Jackson
Jason Janskey
Tremesa Jones



Sheila Jordon
Kelly Kaderka
Keith Kahanek
Karen Kanak
Lavita Kerley
Jason Kernel



Jerry Kidwell
Scott Komandosky
Shane Koustron
Wade Krueger
Kim Kruse
Carl Larson



Paula Lechler
Chris Lee
Natasha Lewis
Charity Loyd
Donna Magana
Joe Magana



Chad Marek
Stephanie Martin
Barbara Martinez
Melissa Marx
Susan Mata
Aaron Maxwell



James Mayberry
Misty Mayer
Keith Mayo
Temple McCormick
David Melindrez
Stephnie Mercado





New on the Block

Freshman outnumbered the other classes. There were hardly any upperclassmen who didn't have a class with a freshman during the day. Dawn Jessee said, "Freshmen weren't as stupid as people made them out to be." It just took them a while to get used to being in high school. They weren't scared of seniors any more. The freshmen really got involved in many activities, compared to other classes. For example, there were many freshmen in F.T.A. and band. Everywhere you looked, there was a freshman. At the beginning of the year, you could tell who was a freshman because of the way they were acting. However, that all changed after a while because they found out that they really didn't have anything to worry about. Goodies was the freshman hang out at lunch. When you went there, all you saw were freshmen going in and out. In the gameroom at Goodies, it was packed with freshmen. I asked a couple of freshmen, "Were you afraid of the seniors the first day of school?"

"I wasn't scared of them, but I was afraid I wouldn't be able to find my classes and my locker. I was more nervous than anything," Nikki Urbis answered.

Larry Caldwell commented, "Some of the seniors are alright, but others think they ought to be treated like kings."

It was quite evident that the fear of high school and the seniors ranged from nonexistent to mediocre. All in all, the freshmen had a very good year and enjoyed moving up the ladder one more step.



Studying for a biology test, freshman, Randy Skrhak knows the importance of review.





Playing a video game at Goodies, Freshman Chris Lee uses his lunch period to its fullest extent.

Talking about band after school is Freshman, Steven Brasfield and Senior, John Contreras.

Eating lunch together at Goodies, Freshmen, Shannon Britton and Kim Kruse dive right into their delicious salads as they enjoy light conversation.

Wendi Mikulencak
Lesha Mohel
Amelia Moncada
Shannon Morales
Valori Morales
Valorie Morales



Diana Morin
Todd Mucha
Sonya Neitzsch
Leland Newsom
Chris Nipps
Jesse Nunez



Alan Odom
Danny Olivarez
Melissa Olivarez
Regina Ortega
Rebecca Ortiz
Cliff Owens



Rachel Pachicano
Steven Paredes
Angela Perez
Octavia Pope
Clay Raesz
Christine Ramirez



Ron Randig
Johnny Reyna
Melissa Richter
Marianne Rios
Patrick Ripley
Trey Ripple



Salvadar Robles
Margie Rodriguez
Brian Roepke
Misty Rogers
Shannon Rowley
Cynthia Ruiz



Brand Rydell
Kent Safarik
Aurora Sanchez
Gene Sanchez
Amy Sandoval
Patrick Satterfield



Damon Scarbarough
Paul Schlesinger
Carrie Schmidt
Michael Schmidt
Stacy Sigler
June Simcik



FRESHMEN

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Tracy Simien
Randy Skrhak
Kreshonya Smith
Sherry Smook
Jodi Snyder
Jennifer Stafford

Paul Stanford
Mark Steger
Randy Stiba
Phillip Stuart
Jay Sutton
David Sykes

Carl Tealer
Stephen Thomas
Leonard Tillis
Tino Torres
Dennis Townsend
Michael Townsend

Lori Turner
Nikki Urbis
Monica Villanueva
Susie Villareal
Nancy Walden
Christie Volek

Zera Watson
Jamie West
Chandra White
April Whittington
Tommy Williams
Kim Wrinkler

Reggie Winn
Angela Winters
Theresa Wooldridge
Regina Wright
Kevin Yoeman

APPREHENSIVE PLEASURE

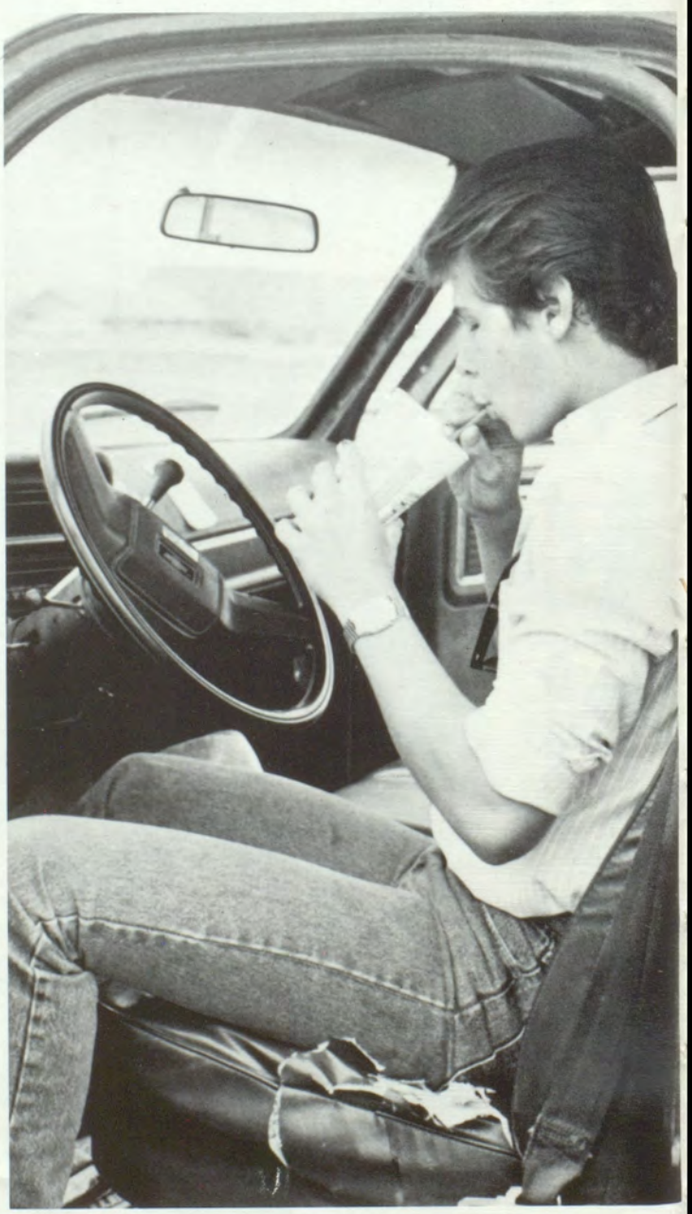
I got an excited feeling as I walked into the driver's ed room. These feelings were mixed with nervousness. I began to feel like I was finally getting somewhere. At first, I got anxious to take all of the tests and started asking when I could finally get behind the wheel and receive my permit. When the moment came for me to finally get my permit, I wished I could go back to the beginning of driver's ed classes to remember everything I had learned. The major step came when it was me against the instructor. The hours before the driving test were spent only thinking of how good or how bad I would do on the test. My mind took the day off, only thinking of what I may or may not mess up on. As the time came to get into the car, I made sure I didn't forget all the things other drivers had taught me. My hands began to sweat as I turned on the ignition. As I began the test, my nervousness swept over me. I knew I must do well or else. Just when I thought the test was about done, the dreaded parallel parking came along. Surprisingly, I passed it with ease. As I drove back, I realized one of the most important tests in my life was over. I took a deep breath and waited for the instructor's reply. He added up my points. I realized, with much excitement and relief, that I had passed! I got a feeling of pride as I realized I had accomplished something very important in my life. I knew inside that this was one test that would bring independence and a big step toward freedom.



Returning after a hurried lunch, Sharri Ochoa, Rose Ann Matysek, Lisa Krieg, and friends laugh about the number of students they had managed to pack into the back seat.



Waiting apprehensively, Pam Fisher watches for the students who have asked for a ride to lunch since she now has her driving permit. Rides are especially important this year due to the shortened lunch period.



Taking one last sip of his drink before running in the door, Steven Vorwerk knows he can't be tardy for class.

SOPHOMORES



Misty Acosta
Idilina Alderete
Robert Alderete
Marci Alvarado
Valerie Alvarez
Jeff Ancira



Ursurla Anderson
Penny Artischoufsky
Dawn Barta
Jerry Bennett
James Bice
Tina Bielss



Stephanie Blanchard
Tracie Boelen
Venora Brandyborg
Jenny Brasfield
Derrick Budd
Tami Campbell



Deborah Canales
Patrick Carter
Jana Cervenka
Raymond Chavana
Jason Cmerek
Nikki Cochran



Patrick Cuba
Dana Daniel
Daisy Delgado
Sheila Dlouhy
Eddie Dlugos
Roger Elliot



Loria Elson
Reggie Ethridge
Dean Faught
Kim Felfe
Pam Fischer
Sebravian Fisher



Tracy Fleming
Raymond Flores
Janice Flory
Michele Foster
Jeff Frankeny
Cherry Fugate



Cindy Gamez
Tony Gamez
John Gipson
Cynthia Gonzales
Gabriel Gonzales
Richard Gonzales

SOPHOMORES

Dominique Griffin
Raquel Gutierrez
Christi Hall
Cristi Hamann
Blake Hamilton
Andie Harrison



Michael Herms
Chad Holmstrom
Chelle Hopes
Julie Hudson
Randy Hyzak
Wendy Ivicic



Christie Janke
Kristi Johnson
Ricky Jones
Jonathon Kidwell
Robert Kollman
Kelly Koonce



Kari Kovar
Kelly Kovar
Lynn Krchnak
Lisa Krieg
Jeff Krueger
Klifton Krueger



Karen Lehman
Melissa Limmer
Scott Lodico
Augie Lopez
Shaun Lynch
Ethan Machu



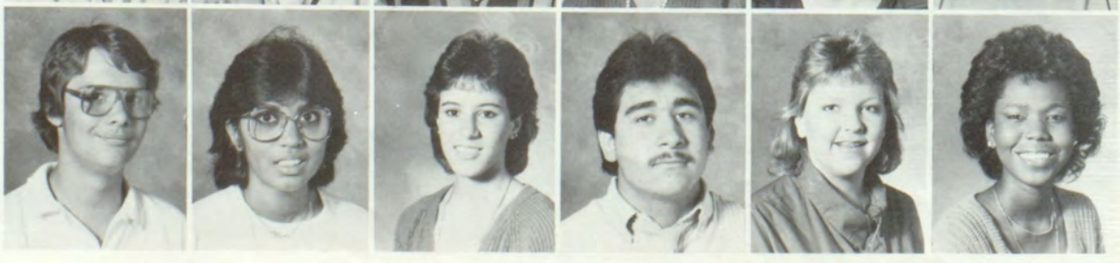
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Shasta McCormick
Adam Mehevec
Patrick Mekolik



Randy Michna
Sandra Mikulencak
Robin Moore
Renee Morris
Chris Naiver
Michael Nemec



Paul O'Conell
Mina Patel
Rachel Paulsen
Lee Perez
Katrina Petrus
Shirley Phoenix



Mr. (Miss?)



We realized that we were short of money for our prom, and needed to come up with a way to raise it. We wanted to do something fun, something different, and something worthwhile. So we bound together as one and came up with terrific solution to our problem. A beauty pageant, but one with a slightly different twist. What made this pageant something different and something fun, was that it would feature guys . . . dressed like girls.

The minute we had the idea in our heads, we naturally wanted to begin working on the pageant as soon as we could. And once we did we realized that developing our idea into a reality would take not only time and work on our part but also from the guys who would make the pageant a success. We knew we would have no problem finding the boys. And we were right, fifteen entered. The contestants included sophomore, Jeff Kruegar and juniors, Jon Snyder, John Leschber, Darryl Jackson, Martin Zavala, Shane Polach, Chad Patschke, Peter Vargas, and Richard Olivaraz. Seniors were represented by Larry Brown, Tay Taylor High School for 1985 was senior, Larry Brown.

The pagent consisted of interviews, formal dresses, and talent competition. We worked hard, and many hours went toward putting the pageant together. After it ws all over we realized that our hard work had paid off. We ended Up raising a lot of laughs, not to mention over $700.



Eyeing someone in the crowd "Luscious Loretta" (Larry Brown) poses for the judges.



Performing his or her? talent skit. Jeff Krueger finds excitement while showing off.



Modeling their fashions. Richard Olivarez and Peter Vargas entice laughs from the crowd.

Hula dancing to their music, Shane Polach and Chad Patschnke enjoy putting on a show.

SOPHOMORES

Pat Pille
Cindy Raesz
Yolanda Ramirez
Aaron Riethmayer
Triva Riggins
Janet Robinson



Jeannette Rodriguez
Pat Rosipal
Cindy Safarik
Sebastian Salazar
Debbie Sanchez
Tina Savedra



Chris Schultz
Zane Scruggs
Shannon Shaw
Tonya Simien
Beverly Spencer
John Stacy



Mark Stoll
Jason Susan
Lisa Taylor
Raychelle Tealer
Jason Teeple
LaTonya Thomas



Nicole Tone
Rose Torres
Anthony Turner
Jeremy Vaile
Jody Vanecek
Maria Villaloboz



Cecilia Villenueva
Stephen Vorwerk
Laura Wagner
Thomas Washington
Tami Wilkins
Jeff Williams



Tammy Williams
Wayne Wilsey
Michelle Wilson
Brian Winkler
Connie Wooldridge
Kimberly Wright



Stephanie Wright
John Wuenche
Daniel Zavala
Charlotte Zett
Darwin Zrubek



Talking to an uperclassman, Anne McConchie and Nikki Cochran sit in the Student Center with Ricky Cole discussing a previous class.

Deciding which class ring she would like to order as her senior ring, Wendy Ivicic looks at the many choices available.

FITTING IN



As we thought back over our freshmen year, we said, "We actually made it through a most trying year; a year of insecurites and uncertainties; a year of not being sure we really belonged in this school.

One of the things we didn't like to look back on was the way that freshman were always in a group of their own, isolated from the other classes; we were never seen with upperclassmen because we were just too scared to talk to them. We thought they would think of us as "dumb fish" and make fun of us for trying to talk to them. As sophomores, we felt that we finally fit in with everyone. Now, we went to lunch with upperclassmen or just talked and gossiped with them before school and in between classes. It seemed as though we were more comfortable with them, and they were more comfortable with us. Maybe it was because they found out we were no different than they. Now that we had made new, more mature friends to add to our list of old friends, it has made our sophomore year much more exciting. We finally fit in and were a major part of the school, and we loved it!



We can't give up on the goals we've set
Although we've lost our friend
We have to continue to be strong
Until the very end.

We will always remember always
Our friend and fellow classmate, Dayne
And when we think back
There will always be the pain.

It doesn't seem fair
To have a life gone so quick,
But it only took a second
And now we're full of grief.

Now we have to continue our lives
And help each other fill the empty space;
We not only will do it for ourselves,
But also for **"OUR DAYNE"!!**

By: Cristi Hamann

OUR DAYNE

Dying is one of life's most unexpected events. Although you know that it must come to everyone, it is hard to accept when it happens to someone our age. About three years ago, three Taylor High students were killed in an automobile accident; later, it was the Sobotiks. Everyone thought, "This kind of thing doesn't happen here." We thought it was one terrible nightmare. Three years later we had that same nightmare.

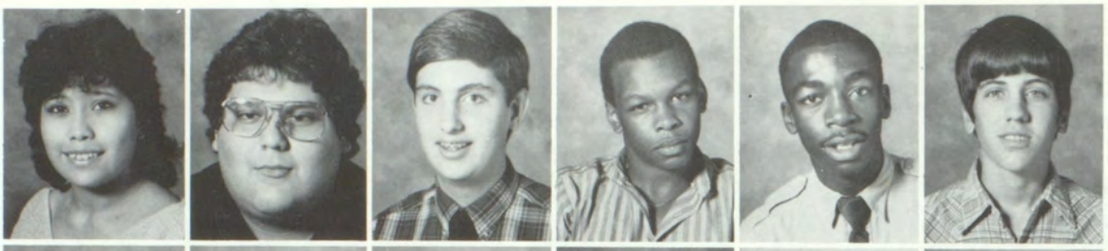
On November 1, 1985, ten Taylor teenagers were in an automobile accident-one serious injury and one death, Dayne Alan Bachmeyer, a sophomore who played J.V. football and ran track. Although he is gone, his memories and the memories of the others, will live within us. There will always be great memories and times that we all shared with Dayne. The love that he shared with his family and friends.will be remembered.

We would like to dedicate all our future accomplishments to Dayne Alan Bachmeyer and send him all the LOVE in the world.



JUNIORS

Charlotte Alderete
David Alderete
Scott Allen
Leroy Anderson
George Ashford
Ricky Bachmeyer



Todd Bachmeyer
Leah Backus
Marvin Balduff
Mark Barron
Danny Benford
William Bradford



Vanessa Broadnax
Christy Brown
Tim Bryant
Cathy Callahan
Monica Carmona
Peter Carmona



Ronda Cepak
Cathy Castillo
Dennis Cervantes
Steven Chavana
Charles Clarkson
Joseph Clayton



Ricky Cole
Lisa Cox
Pete Deary
Michael Du Bois
Todd Engle
Carlos Esquivel



Margarita Esquivel
Vanessa Eulenfield
Paul Evans
Gary Faltesek
Beverly Fitzgerald
Lisa Flores



Becky Fontenot
Madeline Gibson
Tracy Gola
Patricia Gomez
Gary Gonzales
Ann Griffith



Adrian Guiterrez
Rochelle Hall
Peter Herrera
Steven Heselmeyer
Kenneth Hill
Sheila Hinds



BREAKING FOR LUNCH



It was 11:35. Everyone was racing to their cars for lunch. Since juniors now had their drivers' liscenses, they no longer had to bum rides from their older friends. According to comments about last year, no car is a nightmare!

"Last year I relied on my older sister to give my friends and I a ride. This year I have the car, and I don't have to wait around on her," commented junior, Amy Hodon.

"When I got my car, it meant that I had a way to lunch, and I didn't have to walk over to Goodies any more," remarked Stacie Roznovak.

"Last year I was lucky; I had a car, and all of the rest of my friends didn't. I took them to Hardee's so we could chow down," commented junior, Shelia Hinds.

For a junior, having a car of your own, meant that you were a reliable source for someone else's ride to lunch. Likewise, you were also positive that you would have a ride,also.

With the shorter lunch hour, you needed a car to get where you were going. You had no time for running down the halls trying to find means of transportation. As soon as the bell rang, the parking lot vacated, and you were left stranded.

"Having a car at lunch made the forty minutes that we did have a lot more fun. It gave me a sure feeling that I, Todd Bachmayer, had a ride to wherever I needed to go"

Having a car really helped us through a busy year.





Discussing the different fast food places, Nikki Cockran and Shelly Newsome try to decide where they might get the best food.

Eating at Hardee's, Paul House and Steven Chavana discuss their classes while enjoying their food from a fast food restraunt.

Taking a break from hamburgers, Dawna Mokry and Mechelle Lott enjoy their pizza, but try to eat without making a huge mess.

JUNIORS



Amy Hodon
Paul House
Dennis Huff
Angela Jackson
Daryl Jackson
Dawn Jessee

Doris Jones
Shannon Jordan
Tim Kaderka
Robert Kruse
Deanna Kunze
Marla Ladner

L'Tisha Lantzsch
John Leschber
Henry Lewis
Sherri Lindemann
Jaime Lopez
James Lopez

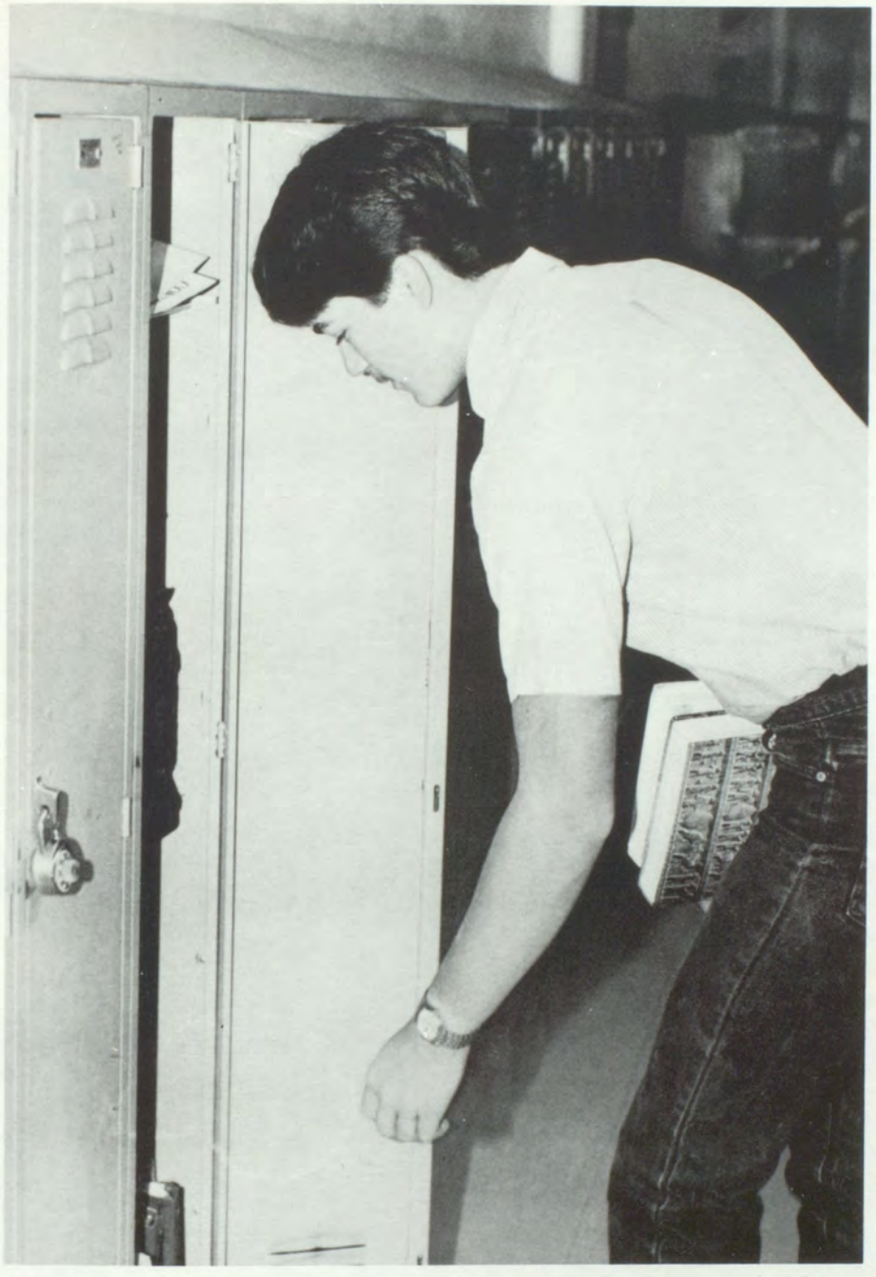
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Joe Martinez

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Dawna Mokry

Deana Mokry
Sherri Moore
Janet Moore
Stephanie Morales
John Mueller
Edward Murray

Jeff Neitsch
Evelyn Nelson
Chris Nemec
Shelly Newsom
Mary Olguin
Lawrence Olivarez

Richard Olivarez
Mary Ortiz
Chad Patschke
Shane Polach
Lisa Radomski
Shannon Rector



LOCKER LIFE

Through the early morning light, the halls of Taylor High School were dark and desolate. But, when the 8:35 bell rang, chatter permeated the air. At once hoards of students began stampeding toward their lockers to get their books for their next class. On their way they stopped to chat with friends and to goof around in order to let out some anxiety before having to sit through hours of classroom work. Groups of people could be seen standing around making plans for the weekends.

Lockers provided a place for people to store all their many books and personal belongings. They also provided a place for people to meet and share a few moments together before rushing off to class. Looking at the inside of someone's locker let us see inside of the person himself. Locker doors, strewn with pictures of idols, friends, and high school sweethearts, gave students their unique identities.

The familiar locker avalanche could be seen frequently as those lockers which were shared by several students, as well as those that weren't kept very neat to begin with. Very seldom did students find time to straighten their lockers. As more books, spirals, and folders accumulated, the chance for the dreaded disaster, "locker avalanche," increased tremendously.

As the 3:15 bell rang, the storm of crashing locker doors and students racing down the halls toward the parking lot blew over the halls once again. But, in the end, silence once again echoed throughout the building.







Reaching for his books, Clayton Stiba finds the halls deserted as he returns from lunch a little late.

Placing her books in her locker, Ann Griffith tries to hurry as Christy Laurence waits for her.

Trying to remember his locker number, Tim Kaderka spins the lock as his friend, Shane Polach, watches.

Trying to remember what homework he has, Dennis Huff studies what to put in his bag to take home.

JUNIORS

Syndi Reiser
Tim Reyes
Heidi Ripley
Belinda Rodriguez
Johnny Rodriguez
Stayci Roznovack



Renata Ruzicka
Jimmy Safarik
Danny Sandoval
Julie Schmidt
Tiffany Schoenrock
Donna Smith



John Snyder
Dennis Stautz
Andrea Stenholm
Clayton Stiba
Stacy Stiles
Karen Stoglin



Jeff Stork
Stuart Strnad
James Stuart
Shauna Tapp
Lisa Vanek
Monica Vanek



Peter Vargas
Belinda Vega
Kellie Whatley
Tina White
Benji Whitten
Cindy Whittington



Leonard Winn
Dwayne Wolbrueck
Brenda Zavala
Martin Zavala



Making Money



Showing off her Duck feet, Sharri Ochoa helps the junior class make money by purchasing Duck feet.

One of the biggest problems faced by the junior class was funding the prom, and like all those before us, we were determined to have the best bash yet. Of course, as always, there were those who needed extra prodding; so as we worked, we encouraged others as well. Knowing we needed a lot of money, we scheduled our money making projects with care.

First we decided to sell Duck feet. We knew this provided a school service as well as profits for us because it raised school spirit.

Secondly, we put forth our efforts in working at the concession stand for the homecoming game. This proved to be our biggest project; it provided more money than any other activity we had engaged in.

This was truly a class project. We had volunteers to bring food and drinks which helped us a lot. We also had an ample amount of people who wanted to help out by working. Through hard work and dedication, we conquered our goal.

The money for the prom was in our hands, and we had earned every penny of it. Though more hard work lay ahead for us, we had accomplished the biggest step, making money.







Making plans for the prom, Jonna McCormick, Ann Griffith, Julie Schmidt, and Jeff Stork take the first step in creating a night to look forward to.

Painting the walls, Richard Olivarez continues in his efforts to make the prom successful. Once the juniors had enough money, they could do almost anything they wanted to for their dance.

Painting Duck feet on a little boy, Ann Griffith puts in some of the many hours she will have to work to make this prom the greatest. Shelly Newsom looks for prospective customers in hopes of selling more prints.

SENIORS

Photo by Sherri Lindemann

Showing their pride during a leadership workshop, Bradley Lenz, Sarah Schulz, Carl Ash, Elaine Dominguez and Dawn Sladek sing the school song.



Answering his personal interview question nervously during the Mr? Miss? pageant is "Luscious Loretta", (Larry Brown).



Wayne Ackerman
Juanita Alderete: HECE 1, VOCCT 2
Larry Alderete
Thomas Alderete
Melissa Alvarez

David Ancira: Spanish Club 1, Football 4, Track 4
Carl Ash: Student Senate 2, Football 4, Basketball 4, NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, Latin Club, FTA, Golf, Track 3, Academic Sweater, Who's Who
Carol Atkinson
Michael Bachmayer: Football, Basketball 4, Baseball 4, FTA, Mu Alpha Theta, Latin Club, NHS, Student Senate 2, Senior Treasurer, Academic Sweater.
Ernest Banks: Basketball 3, Football 3, Track 3, Band 1

Frances Bengston
Kim Berry: Mallard 1, Golf 4, Jr. Historians 1, FHA 1
Tammy Bielss: Hi-Steppers 1, VOE 2
Chris Billings
Todd Blahuta: Golf 3, Young Life



Lester Blakely: Golf, Choir
Paul Bogan: Band 2, Spanish Club, Young Life 2
Cindy Bowden
Michelle Bradford: Basketball 1, Track 1, Speech and Drama 4, Silks 3-Captain, A-Choir 3-Vice President, Latin Club, Golf 3
Trey Brookshire: Football 1, Golf 4, Tennis 1, O.E.A. 1, Cotton Boll 2, German Club 1, Who's Who

Larry Brown: Class Parl. 4; Latin Club 2; Young Life 4; Baseball 4; Football 4; 1st Team All Dist. (Sr.), Most Valuable Player, All Centex Hon. Ment.; Hon. Ment. All Dist. (Jr.) Goodfellow-Soph. and Jr.; Voice of Democracy-Soph.; Track 2; Mr. (miss?) THS; Cheerleader Beau; Young Texan; Who's Who
Rebecca Brown: Hi-Stepper 1
Tracy Brummett: Band 4, Jazz Band 3, FFA 3, VICA
Charles Bucanek: ICT 2, FFA 1, VICA 2, Young Life 3, Football 1, Building Trades 1
Kimberly Caesar: Band 2, Twirler 2, Latin Club 2, Speech and Drama Club 4, F.T.A. 3, Tennis 2, German Club 1, O.E.A.

David Caldwell: Tennis 1, Golf 4, Latin Club 2, Mu alpha Theta 3, D.E.C.A. 1, Who's Who
Tay Campbell: Baseball 4, F.T.A. 3, Who's Who, Latin Club 3, N.H.S. 2, Mu Alph Theta 2, National Science Award 2, Most Friendly
Pamela Carrizales: Band 4, Spanish Club 2, V.O.E. 2, O.E.A. 2
Tracy Chasak: O.E.A. 2
James Chavana

LaAunt Clarkson
Joseph Clayton
Carl Conaway: U.I.L. Speech 2, Speech and Drama Club 1, Football 3, Track 2, Baseball 1
John Contreras: Student Senate 4, Speech and Drama Club 4, Band 4, Spanish Club 4, F.T.A. 2
David Cowan :ICT 2

David Cuebas: Basketball 2, Tennis 3, Young Life, Spanish Club, Cottonboll 2
Shannon Davis: Band 4, Jr. Historians 3, Who's Who, Rotary Sweater
Jimmy Deary
Richard DeLaRosa: Baseball, FFA 3, VICA 2, ICT
Vickie Druesdow: Volleyball, Track, Jr. Historians 3, Mallard 1, VICA, Rotary Sweater, Who's Who

Darwin Dlouhy: FTA 2, VICA 3
Elaine Dominguez: Latin Club 2, Volleyball 2, Tennis 2, Cheerleader 3, OEA, Homecoming Princess
Ellen Dominguez
Willie Edwards
Kevin Elder: Basketball 3, Track 1, F.B.L.A. 1, Band 1, Choir 1

Frank Fisher: Football 4, Track 4, Latin Club 2, Jr. Historians 2
Brenda Flores: F.H.A. 1, Band 4, O.D.P. 1, DECA 2
Becky Gamez: Band 2, FTA 3, Latin Club 2, Speech and Drama Club 3, Jr. Historians 1, OEA 1, Mu alpha Theta 1
Patrick Gamez: Football 2, Basketball 1
Tina Gamez

Yvonne Gamez: Band 4, Spanish Club 2, OEA, FHA, Mallard 3
Martin Garcia OEA 1, VICA 1, ICT 1
Michael Garcia OEA 1
Andrea Gipson: Volleyball 2, Basketball 2, Cross Country, VOE, HECE, FHA, Drama Club
Lee Gonzales

Edward Gonzales
Vonna Gordon: Volleyball 1, Hi-Steppers 3, Who's Who, OEA, Nominated for Young Texan/Texanne
Pamela Griffin
Randy Griffin : Football 3, Basketball 3, Baseball, Track 2, VOE
Edwardo Gutierrez



Francisco Gutierrez
Cathy Haag: FHA 1, OEA 2, Jr. Historians 1
Stephen Hanson: FFA 2, ICT 2
Sean Harper
Heidi Harrington: Volleyball 1, VOE/OEA 2



Dennis Haywood: Band 4, A-Choir 4, FTA 2, FHA 1, Speech and Drama 4
David Hortenstine: Football 3, Basketball 1, Golf 1, FCA 1, FTA 3, Latin Club 3, German Club 1, Who's Who
Jonathan Hundley: Baseball 4, Football-Mgr 1, Cotton Boll 1, Latin Club 2, Who's Who, Mu Alpha Theta 1, Mallard 1
Sandy Hurta: Band 1, Latin Club 2, FCA 1, Speech and Drama Club 1, FTA 3, Mallard 2, Goodfellow 2, OEA 1, Mu Alpha Theta 1
Todd Ivicic: Football 4, Baseball 4, Track 4, Basketball 3, CYD 4, CCD 4, FTA 4, Young Life 3



Marisa Janke: Class Treasurer 3, Basketball, Student Senate Reporter, Cottonboll 2, Freshman Goodfellow, VOE/OEA 1, FTA 2
Adam Johannesson: Golf 1, Latin Club 1, Foreign Exchange Student
Patrick Knox: Football 4, Band 4, Baseball 2, Who's Who , NHS 1
Jessica Kohutek
John Kollman: Tennis 3, Latin Club 2, FTA 3, ICT 1, NHS 1, Who's Who, Boy Scouts 4



Joe Komandosky: Football 4, Band 3, FFA 3
Darryl Krebs
Klint Krhovjak: Tennis 3, FTA 1, Golf 1, OEA 1, FFA 1, FCA 1, Latin Club 1, CCD 4
Paul Larson: Football 2, Track 2, FCA 1, FTA 3, Latin Club 3, VOE 1, Who's Who
Christy Laurence: Band 4, Twirler 4, FTA 3, Latin Club 2, Who's Who, Mallard 2, Speech and Drama Club 1



Michael Lefner: Band 4, VICA 2, Agriculture 2
Bradley Lenz: Latin Club 3, NHS 3, UIL Speech 4, Mu alpha Theta 3, Football 4, Basketball 1, Baseball 3, Who's Who
Phillip Lopez
Jesse Luna
Mary Martinez: Band 4, Spanish Club 2, DECA 2



Troy Marx: Drum Major, Band 4, Jazz Band 4
James Matysek: Basketball 2, Spanish Club 2, DECA 1
Shea McCormick
Rosemary Medina
Bonnie Meyer



Ronnie Michna: Football 2, FFA 4, Auto Mechanics 1
JoAnn Mikulencak: Band 4, VICA 2, ICT 2
Kevin Mikulencak: Tennis 4, Track 2, Basketball 2, Golf 1, ICT 2
Teresa Mitchell: FTA 2, OEA 2, Latin Club 2
Richard Murray





Geeta Nadkarni: FTA 4, Speech and Drama 3, Mu Alpha Theta 3, NHS 2, Latin Club 2, Who's Who, Debate Team 1
Anne Nemec: FHA 3, Band 3, HERO 1
Juanita Olguin: HECE 2, FHA 2
Sandra Olivarez: Volleyball 4, Basketball 3, Cheerleader 2, FTA 1, HECE 1, Choir 4
Michael Ornales

Denise Oviedo: FTA 1, Band 4, Who's Who, Spanish Club 1, OEA 1, Mu Alpha Theta 1
Mark Paulsen: Football 1, Baseball 4, FCA 1, Latin Club 2, Who's Who, OEA/VOE 1, Young Texan
Teresa Perez: FHA, HECE, HERO
Michelle Petrucci: Waddles
Emily Phillips

Lisa Phoenix: Band 4, A-Choir 4, NHS 2, Jazz Band 4, Miss Black Taylor of the Blackshear
Lauren Polzin: Band 1, Twirler 1, Hi-Stepper 1, OEA/VOE 2
Fred Ramirez: Agriculture 1, FFA 2, DECA 2
Kevin Randig: Track 1, FFA 3, VICA 2, ICT 2
John Rangel: ROTC 1, Drill Team 1, Band 2, HECE 1, FHA 2, German Club 1, Octagon

Tony Rangel: Band 4, Auto Mechanics
Donna Reese: Band 4, Speech and Drama Club 3, Latin Club 2, FTA 3, Who's Who, OEA/VOE 1
Barbara Ripley: FHA 3, Jr. Historians 2, German Club 1, Who's Who
Jacqueline Robinson: ODP 2, HECE 1
Thomas Rohlack: Baseball 4, FFA 3, 4-H, German Club 1

Melissa Rosipal: FTA 3, FHA 2, OEA/VOE 1, Latin Club 2, Cotton Boll 2
Donna Ross: HECE
Mary Salas: Volleyball 2, CVAE 2, OEA 2
Irma Salazar
Diana Sanborn: Volleyball 1, Basketball 1, FTA 2, Hi-Steppers 3, OEA 1, Spanish Club 1

Antwon Sanford
Steven Schmidt: FFA
Hattie Schoener: Track 1, Jr. Historians 3, NHS 2, Who's Who
Melanie Schramm: Spanish Club 1, Mallard 1, OEA 2
Sarah Schulz: Track 4, Cheerleader 4, FTA 4, Latin Club 2, Speech and Drama Club 1, NHS 2, Mu Alpha Theta 2, OEA 1

Dale Shawver: Basketball 2, Baseball 1, Choir 4, Cross-Country 2, Track 1
Barbara Shepard: Band 4, A-Choir 2, Jr. Historians 1, Jazz Band 2
Dawn Shiller: Hi-Stepper 3-1st Lt., Latin Club 2, FFA-Sweetheart 3, 4-H 9, OEA 2, One of the Top 10 in THSRA
Kavan Simcik: FFA 3, ICT 2, Welding 1, Ag-Mechanics 1
John Siptak: Band 4, UIL-Math 2, Mu Alpha Theta 1, Speech and Drama 1, Who's Who, German Club-Parliamentarian 1, Jr. Historians 1

Debbie Skrhak: DECA
Dawn Sladek: Freshman Secretary, Sophmore President, Junior President, Sr. Rep., Basketball, Cotton Boll-Co-Editor, Cheerleader 4
Brenda Smith: FHA 1, VOE 1
Tammie Stanford: Band, Mu Alpha Theta 2, Who's Who
Nicholas Taylor: Band 4, Football 4, Basketball 4, Track 4

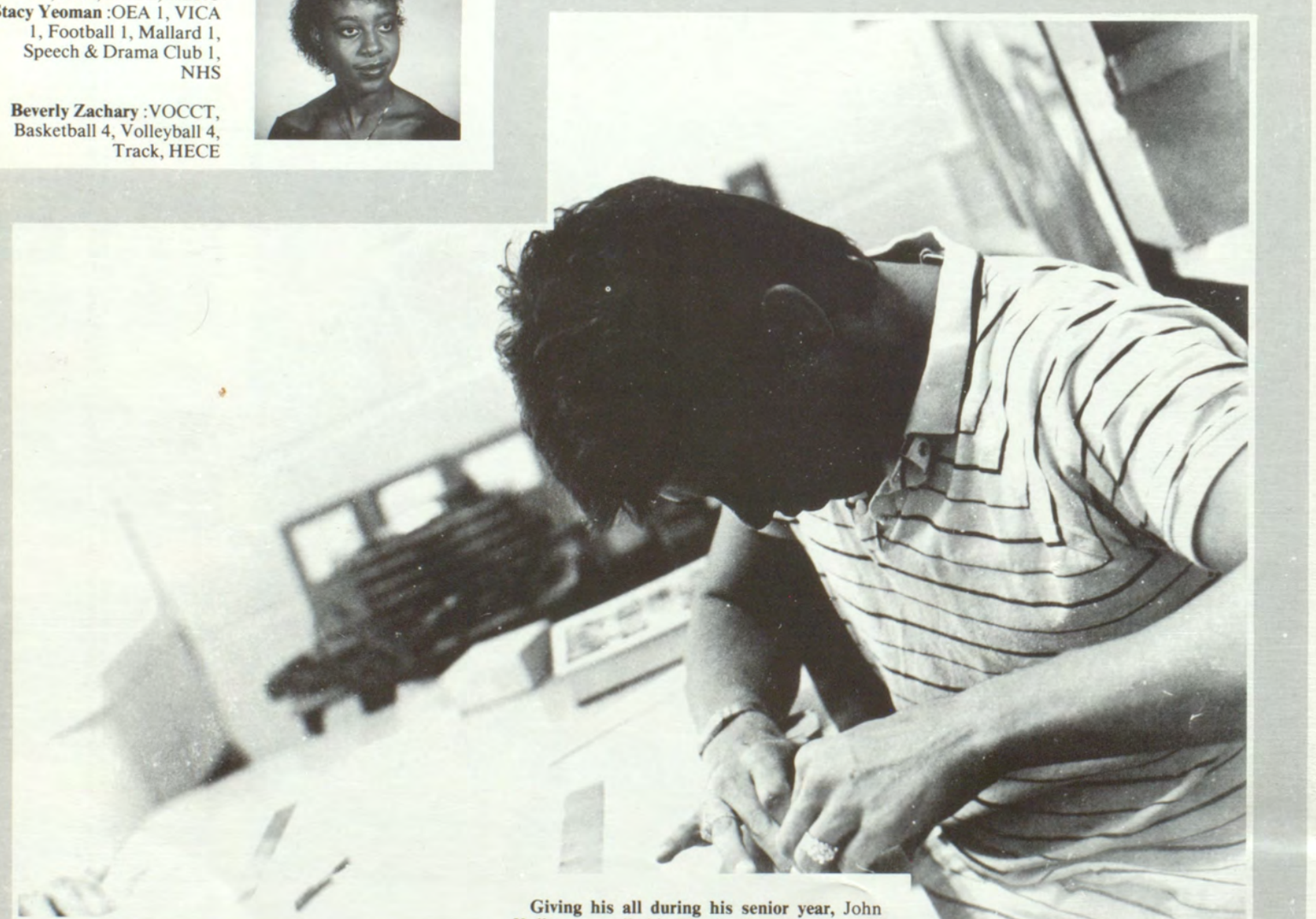
Cordelia Thomas :HECE 2, FHA 2
Liz Thompson : Spanish 2, M&DE 1, DECA 1, Mallard 1
Audry Thornton :Band 4, Jazz Band 4, Latin Club 2, Jr. Historians 3, A Choir, OEA, FHA
Sonya Tolliver :Basketball 3, Band 1, HECE 1
Lourdes Tovar :Band 4, FHA 3, Latin Club 2, M&DE 1

Felix Trejo
Trish Urbanek
Anna Valerio : VOCCT 2, Auto Mechanics, FHA, HECE
Bridget Wilson :Basketball 3, Track 4, Choir 1, Golf 1, OEA/VOE 1, Most Athletic Girl, Sr. Spirit Leader
Monica Williams :NHS-Reporter 2, Mu Alpha Theta 3, Speech & Drama 3, Debate 3, Latin Club 2, Band 4, Who's Who, OEA 1, Most Intelligent Girl

Louis Winn :Football 2, Building Trades, Auto Mechanics
Joe Woods :Auto Mechanics, ICT 2, VICA 2
Donna Wooldridge :Volleyball 4, Choir 4
Cecilia Wright :VOE, VOCCT, Golf, HECE, HERO
Stacy Yeoman :OEA 1, VICA 1, Football 1, Mallard 1, Speech & Drama Club 1, NHS

Beverly Zachary :VOCCT, Basketball 4, Volleyball 4, Track, HECE





Giving his all during his senior year, John Kollman enrolled in Physics II so that he could easily be accepted by Texas A&M, the college of his choice after graduating from high school.

TIME FLEW





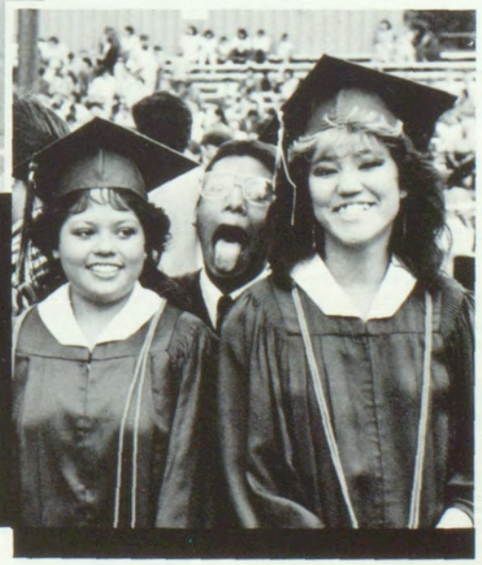












Boy, did time fly by. I can still remember when we started school in Kindergarten. We had always looked forward to going to school in the mornings.

Once we reached Junior high we wondered how we could have ever looked forward to going to school. We just wanted to be with friends. School was unimportant to us.

When we reached our senior year in high school we realized how important school was to us, so we did our best in achieving our goals. We began to realize that we were going to be on our own from now on. We would no longer be around the friends we grew up with.

We Stuck It Out

What kind of graduation would it be if we had to have it in the auditorium instead of Memorial Stadium?

We didn't want to find out. We would rather get soaked and wet and have our commencement exercises the traditional place, Memorial Stadium.

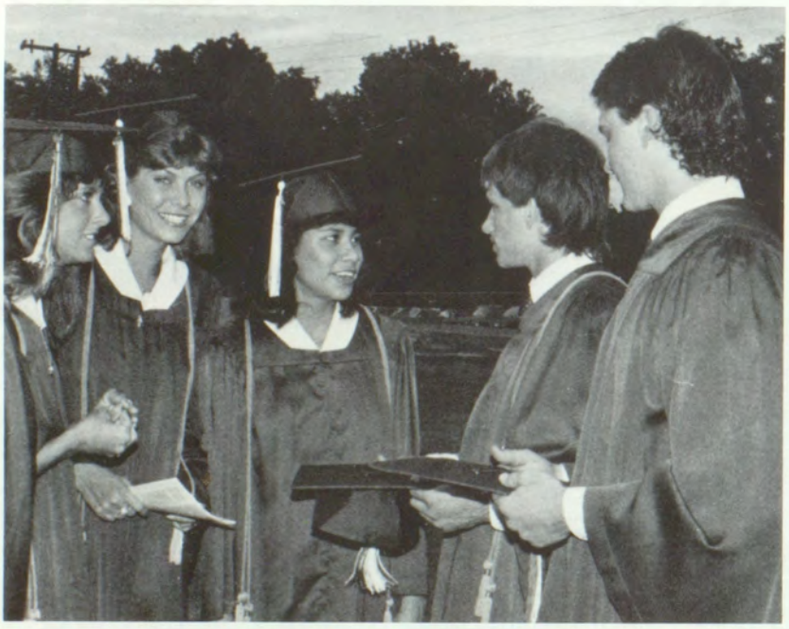
During commencement practice we got upset because Mrs. Pasemann announced that the ceremony may be moved to the auditorium. We all decided to pray this wouldn't happen. We waited twelve years for the day when we could walk down Memorial Field to Pomp and Circumstance with the large crowd watching over us, showing us the respect that we had earned.

We managed to receive our diplomas without a drop falling on our heads, but immediately after that, the rain began to fall slowly then faster and faster, but we stuck it out because it was our graduation. Nothing, not even rain, could take this away from us. The crowd evaporated slowly but there was still a small crowd supporting us to the finish.

We were soaked but we wouldn't trade our graduation day for anything in the world.

Marching on the track, Tammie Stanford, Nicky Taylor, Cordelia Thomas, and Liz Thompson await their exciting moment.







Talking before graduation, Vonna Gordon, Sandy Hurta, Elaine Dominguez, Larry Brown, and Kevin Mikulencak try to let out some nervous tension.

Watching as friends arrive, Hattie Schoener, Tammie Stanford, and Shannon Davis spend time together before graduation.

Directing the band one last time, Troy Marx leads in some pre-graduation music.

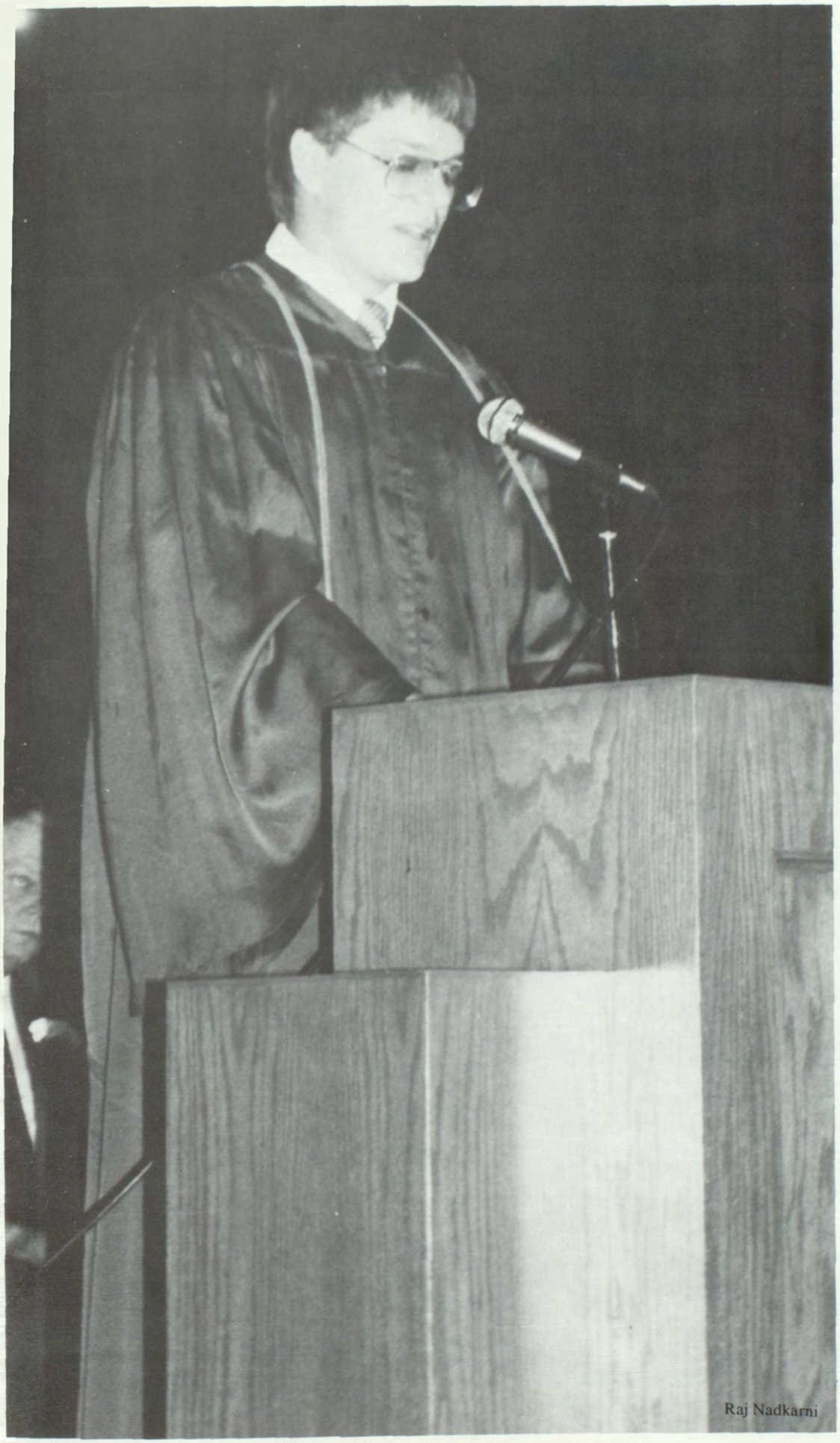


Receiving his diploma from his dad, Carl Ash thanks him for helping get this far.





Shaking hands with Shannon McMakin, John Kollman receives his diploma as he graduates with honors.



Raj Nadkarni

Showing great pride as Valedictorian of his class, Darryl Krebs speaks a few words of imparting wisdom to classmates and audience.



Discussing the proper way to wear the graduation cap, these friends realize that this may be the last time they will share the closeness that so many of these class members felt.



Waiting anxiously for the graduation ceremony to start, several class members take advantage of these few minutes to share some conversation.

WITH HONORS



Darryl Krebs: Valedictorian



Brenda Bisang: Salutatorian



Raj Nadkarni

Proudly accepting her diploma from School Board President, Shannon McMakin, Geeta Nadkarni feels this is an honor in itself. After all, this piece of paper took many years of hard work.



Honor graduates are: (Bottom Row l. to r.) Sarah Schulz, Kim Caesar, Marissa Janke, Sandy Hurta, Shannon Davis, Tammie Stanford, Hattie Schoener, Elaine Dominguez, Barbara Rippley. (2nd Row) Vonna Gordon, Michelle Bradford, Monica Williams, Becky Gamez, Geeta Nadkarni, Christy Laurence, Michelle Petrucci, Audrey Thorton. (3rd Row) Michael Bachmayer, David Caldwell, Daryll Krebs, John Siptak, Melissa Rosipal, Brenda Bisang, James Matysek. (Top Row) Carl Ash, Todd Blahutà, Jonathan Hundley, Bradley Lenz, Larry Brown, Thomas Rohlack, David Hortenstine, Pat Knox.



Leaving a few words of wisdom with her audience, Brenda Bisang proudly gives the salutatory address.



Presenting his part at the graduation ceremonies, Tay Campbell remembers all the good times he and his friends have had.



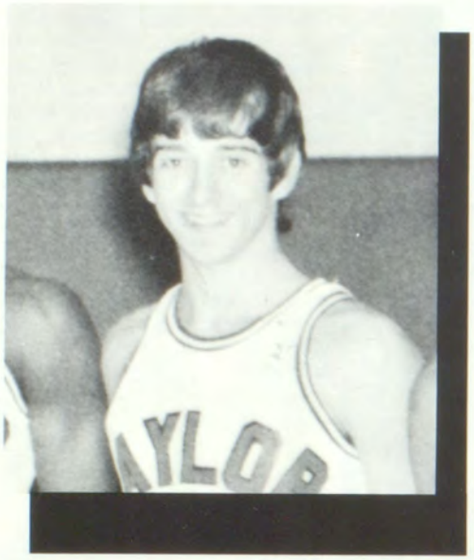
Receving her diploma from Shannon McMakin, President of the Taylor School Board, Monica Williams has mixed emotions as she realizes that this is truly the end of her high school days.

THE REFECTION OF GOLD

We dreamed of the day that we would finally get all the recognition that we rightfully deserved for all of the long, hard hours we spent over the books. We had had to make many choices in our lives between keeping up our grades and giving in to fun and relaxation with our friends. For some of us, it came easier than for others. But, we had finally received our gold cords before graduation, and all of the time spent studying had finally paid off.

Of course, graduation night was special for all of us, but somehow the refection of that golden cord swaying around our necks added an even greater sense of pride and accomplishment to the night. In our hearts, we knew we had done our best, whether it was for our family, our school, our teachers, or ourselves.

POSITIVE RECOGNITION



Too often we became familiar with the students who had done something bad, or, at least, caused someone to have a less than pleasant day. But, what about those students who met challenges and always gave 110% in class, sports or everyday life? These students also had their day of recognition — Awards Day. This was the time set aside to honor, not only seniors, although many seniors were commended, but some underclassmen, as well. And, this year, we chose to have Awards Day at night so that more families could attend.

Students from every walk were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Again, our rather small community showed their pride by offering numerous awards and scholarships to worthy individuals. This recognition was important to us because we had spent all year striving to succeed and make ourselves and our school better. Because we brought so much positive recognition, we received the reward of being awarded, and our pride and self-esteem grew.





Finding time for sports didn't seem to bother Ricky Cole's average. Ricky won the A.M. House Award for the highest overall average in high school.

Congratulations Bridget Wilson for her outstanding sports accomplishments, Coach Carl Price presents her with the Regina Reichenbach Memorial Scholarship. She also received the Brinkmeyer-Hobbs-Wade Memorial Scholarship.

Being recognized as honor graduates, Bradley Lenz, James Matusek, Geeta Nadkarni, Michelle Petrucci, Hattie Schoener and Sarah Schulz stand attentively as others are called forward.



Realizing all of their hard work paid off, Michelle Bradford, Larry Brown, Kim Caesar, and Tay Campbell stand with other honor grads to be commended.

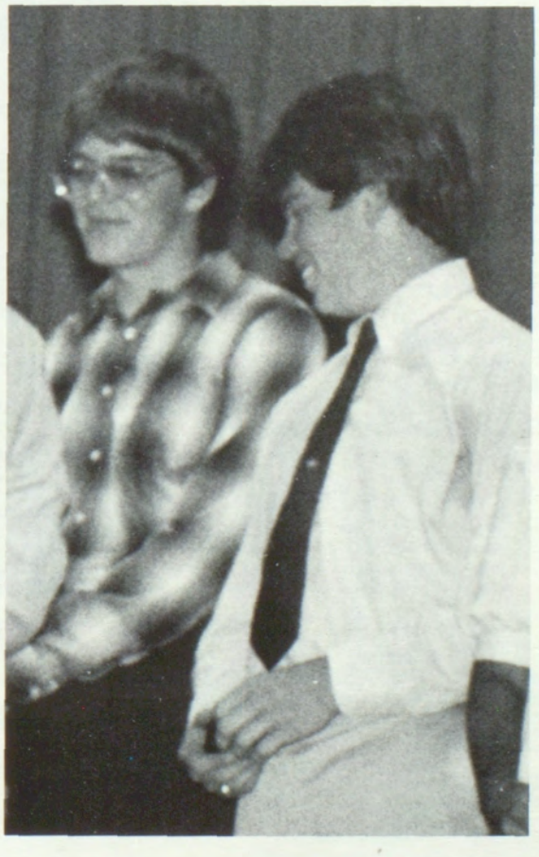


Receiving her gold cord from Counselor David Bates, Shannon Davis feels elated that all her effort has finally paid off. Likewise, Shannon received a scholarship from Mary Hardin Baylor Awards night.



Applauding for a fellow honor graduate, Geeta Nadkarni stands proudly knowing she has won scholarships from Mu Alpha Theta, Future Teachers, Speech and Drama, ATPE and Mary Hardin Baylor.

Appearing on stage once more, Valedictorian, Darryl Krebs and honor graduate, Bradley Lenz are pleased with their recognition. Both guys received several awards for their accomplishments.



THE WINNER IS . . .

Starting out our high school career, we knew that to receive pure excellence in our various fields of study, we had to put forth long hours and total dedication. Not knowing whether or not the four years of struggle had paid off was what really made us anxious. Therefore, May thirteenth marked one of the most anxiously awaited days for graduating seniors. This was the day of the awards assembly, and for the first time this event was held at night so more family members could attend. As expected the turnout was better, and the event ran smoother.

Receiving scholarships told us that we deserved a higher education, and should henceforth, get some of our financial troubles put out of mind. There were over $16,000 in locally funded scholarships awarded Friday, May 30. Nearly all of the Honor Graduates received some kind of award or scholarship. Due to the contribution from the Building Trades class, three additional scholarships were awarded to vocational students.

Receiving such desired recognition was important to us. It showed the pride everyone felt in ourselves, school, family and friends.

Receiving the Hammack Scholarship, Daryl Krebs is very pleased and proud as he sees all of his hard work paying off.



Carl Ash: Fay T. Barnes, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Academic Scholarship.
Michael Bachmayer: Texas A&M Mothers' Scholarship, Beta Sigma Phi, University of Mary Hardin Baylor Scholarship.
Todd Blahuta: Counselor's Choice Scholarship.
Michelle Bradford: Artis Caldwell Memorial Scholarship.
Larry Brown: T.S.T.A. Scholarship, Kiwanis Bobby Wilks Memorial Scholarship.

Kimberly Caesar: Ruth Schroeder Memorial Scholarship.
David Caldwell: Forwood Scholarship.
Tay Campbell: Optimist Young Texan Scholarship, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Academic Scholarship.
Tracy Chasek: Vocational Scholarship.
Shannon Davis: University of Mary-Hardin Baylor Scholarship, Melasky Scholarship.

Elaine Dominguez: Forwood Scholarship.
Vonna Gordon: Optimist Young Texan Scholarship.
David Hortenstine: T.H.S. Future Teachers Scholarship.
Patrick Knox: T.H.S. National Honor Society Scholarship.
John Kollman: University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship, Ranken Kennedy Memorial Scholarship.

Darryl Krebs: Kiwanis Valedictory Scholarship, Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship, Hammack Scholarship.
Bradley Lenz: Free Enterprise Scholarship, Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship.
James Matysek: Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship.
Geeta Nadkarni: Mu Alpha Theta Scholarship, F.T.A. Scholarship, Speech and Drama Scholarship, A.T.P.E. Scholarship, Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship.
Mark Paulsen: Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship.

Lisa Phoenix: Artis Caldwell Scholarship. Wednesday Music Club Scholarship, TJC Music Scholarship, Joe Downs Memorial Scholarship.
Lauren Polzin: O.E.A. Scholarship.
Thomas Rohlack: Bluebonnet Extension Homemakers Scholarship.
Barbara Ripley: Taylor Young Homemakers Scholarship, Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship.
Hattie Schoener: Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor Scholarship, Melasky Scholarship.









Smiling at the delight of receiving her diploma, Lisa Phoenix, realizes that with four scholarships to her credit all the work has paid off.
Proudly accepting her Mu Alpha Theta Scholarship, Monica Williams thanks Ann Griffith as she presents the award.
Looking over their awards for being honor graduates, Michael Bachmayer, Bradley Lenz, Dawn Sladek, and Tay Campbell get a feel of what graduation night has in store for some of them.





Sarah Schulz: NHS Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Dale Shawyer: Presidential Music Scholarship, Liberty University
Barbara Shepherd: Music Scholarship, Texas Lutheran College
John Siptak: Melasky
Dawn Sladak: Vocational Scholarship, Gay Lynn Brinkmeyer Scholarship
Tammie Stanford: Business and Professional Women's Club Scholarship

Audrey Thorton: Academic Scholarship, University of Mary Hardin Baylor, National Merit Commended Student
Monica Williams: Fay T. Barnes Scholarship, THS Mu Alpha Theta Scholarship, THS Speech and Drama Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Bridget Wilson: Regina Reichenbach Memorial Scholarship, Brinkmeyer-Hobbs-Wade Memorial Scholarship



FOR FRIENDSHIP OR CAREERS

On a certain day, in a certain room, at a certain time and for a certain purpose, a group of students met. These were the people who formed organizations.

Every organization was faced with the problem of raising money whether it was for conventions or competition trips. Some money was also needed for equipment for a particular club's activities such as the Mallard staff and the Band.

A few of the organizations dealt with the vocational department. For the students who wanted job experience, there was a wide range of programs from which to choose. In addition, students received school credit for working and earned extra spending money as well.

"I liked working half a day and going to school half a day because I got the experience at working, as well as a continued job for the summer. It will also help me with getting a job in the future. I also enjoyed earning extra weekend money," remarked Melanie Schramn, a senior.

The organizations gave people things to do during spare time. They also got closer to their friends since they were around them so often. Organizations were exciting.



A Latin Club member, Todd Bachmayer sits on the floor in the classroom following the commands of his master. The Latin Club holds a slave day each year as a tradition.

A member of Young Life, Jonna McCormick attacks a big dish of ice cream hoping to be the all together winner of the Young Life Ice Cream Olympics.



WORKING VOICES

Hard work and shear determination were some of the many ingredients that made up the Taylor High School choir. All of the hard hours that the members of the choir spent coming to early choreography sessions on Saturdays and working to get the play at the peak of its performance paid off. The outcome of their hard work was seen in the dramatic performance of *Porky and Bess*. The production was seen by the student body during an assembly and by parents during an evening performance. This assembly was one of few that THS was allowed to have. *Porky and Bess* was about a little fishing town and the people who lived there. A girl and a boy fell in love and tried to overcome hardships having to do with a mean man that wanted Bess all to himself. He tried to keep her with him by getting her hooked on drugs, but some how they struggled through the ordeal and eventually came out winners. The choir not only sang, but acted as well. They did a beautiful job. This helped make the performance more exciting and thrilling, which brought more people to the performance. Mr. Nabban, the choir director, did a wonderful job at setting up and producing the play. One never knew what the choir and Mr. Nabban had up their sleeves, but whatever they did, everyone was pleased.



Swinging Sam, played by Dennis Haywood, tries to convince his audience to buy his drugs.



Raising their hands at the end of a performance well done Shelly Newsom, Tanisha Tisby, and Jennifer Stafford show how proud they are of themselves and the choir.



Mourning the death of her husband played by Patrick Pille, Lisa Phoenix looks out for comfort.



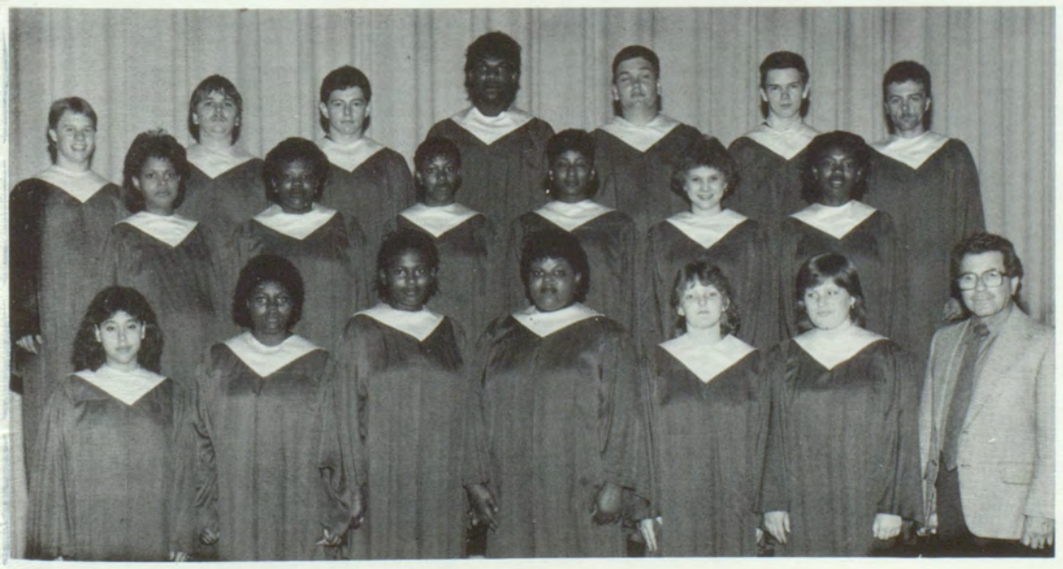


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Holding hands, Michelle Bradford and Johnathan Kidwell display a deep love felt between Porky and Bess.

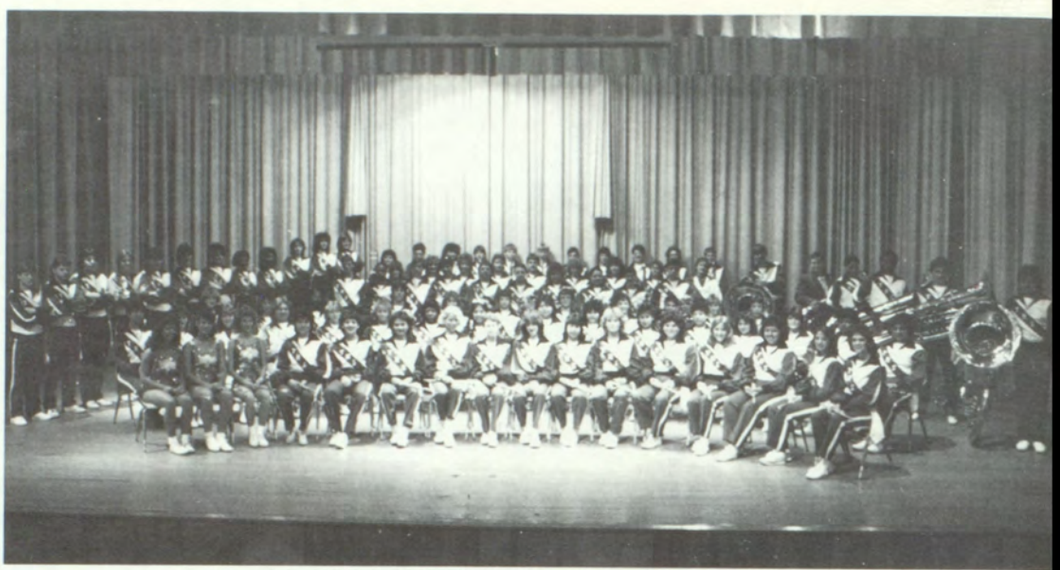
Dancing in her grief, Lisa Phoenix shows great emotion at the loss of her husband in the play of Porky and Bess.





Members of the choir are: Front Row: Lisa Flores, Lavita Kerley, Elizabeth Duncan, Janet Robinson, Jennifer Stafford, Madeleine Gipson, director Jim Nabban. Second Row: Donna Wooldridge, Michelle Bradford, Tanisha Tisby, Lisa Pheonix, Shelly Newsom, Angela Jackson. Last Row: Patrick Pille, Michael Nemec, Johnathan Kidwell, Kevin Elder, Craig Matetzsch, Dale Shawver, Ricky Jones.

First Row, Left to Right: Rochelle Hall, Kimberly Caesar, Stacy Stiles, Carla Gardiola, Jeannie Brasfield, Temple McCormick, Nancy Walden, Peggy Dominguez, Kim Polasek, Yvonne Gamez, Melissa Marx, Denise Oviedo, Laura Wagner, Tracy Fleming. **Second Row, Left to Right:** Tiffany Schoenrock, Deanna Kunze, L'Tisha Lantzsch, Pam Carrizales, Nicole Tone, Charlotte Zett, Donna Reese, Lourdes Tovar, Brenda Flores, Jeannette Rodriguez, Melissa Pachicano, Melissa Elizondo, Barbara Martinez, Sheila Dloughy, Janet Robinson, Yolanda Ramirez. Third Row, Left to Right: Karen Kanak, Christina Ramirez, Dennis Haywood, Chris Naiver, Dana Daniel, Todd Bachmeyer, Paul O'Connell, Charity Lloyd, John Contreras, Shanna Shaw, Brian Heselmeyer. **Fourth Row, Left to Right:** Patrick Knox, Ernest Banks, Paul Schlesinger, Tony Rangel, Michael Nemec, Damon Scarbarough, JoAnn Mikulencek, Mary Helen Martinez, Lesha Mohel, Scott Allen. **Fifth Row, Left to Right:** Barbara Shepherd, Christie Volek, Melissa Limmer, Jodi Synder, Michael Lefner, Kimberly Felfe, Dawn Jessee, Susan Brummett, Troy Marx. **Back Row, Left to Right:** John Stacey, Sidney Bucanek, Tony Rangel, Tracy Brummett, Gary Faltesak, Jeff Williams, Chris Castro, Lisa Phoenix, Athelia Henry, Melissa Rodgers, Monica Williams, Cindy Gamez, Shannon Richter, Valorie Morales, Toby Branson, Todd Engle, John Siptak, Russell Allen, Alan Odom, Steven Brasfield, Jimmy Safarik, Scott Komandosky, Mark Stoll, William Bradford, Nicky Taylor, Joe Komandosky, David Gonzales.





Ringing the bells at the spaghetti supper is junior, Madeleine Gibson.
Waiting for the signal from the drum majors is the Taylor High School Band.





Practicing his drum at the pep rally is Section Leader, John Stacy.



Marching in the band during the T.I.F. parade is sophomore Chris Naiver.



Preparing to bang his tritom at a football game is Antonio Rangel.
Practicing marching for the upcoming football game is sophomore Cindy Gamez.





"Striving for Success"

This year the band had a different start, in fact, an early start at 7:30. Members of the band were informed last year that band would no longer be third period but would be at 7:30. In spite of all the groans, most members stuck to band.

"This early start picks band students up," commented sophomore Kimberly Felfe. Many other members feel the same way.

I think that starting band is better at 7:30 because it gives us that extra space on our schedule," commented Dawn Jessee.

The freshman group was particularly enthusiastic and put a lot of effort into their marching.

Freshman, Christie Volek remarked, "I liked my freshman year in band because you got to know a lot of people."

The band started practice in the summer. Then when school started we marched in the morning and some afternoons. The band worked hard, but unfortunately didn't get that good of a rating at the marching contest in Austin.

The band boosters held their annual spaghetti supper. It was a big success as always. They also had a sausage and cheese sale to raise money. This contributed to its money fund. This year the band didn't take a big trip. They are planning one for next year.

The band isn't all marching, they do get to sit down and play. On March 1 the band participated in the U.I.L. solo and ensemble regional contest. Students and groups receiving ones are eligible to advance to the state level. The varsity band was ranked with a one; however, the varsity band isn't going to participate in the state contest. The directors were proud of the band.

April 17, the band played for the sesquicentennial celebration for the community.

The bands during concert season have improved 100% compared to last year. You could tell by their playing and enthusiasm.

The band is a very hard working organization and it shows in their pride!

During a half time performance at a football game Michelle Bradford awaits to perform in front of the whole crowd and show off her flag talents.

Base Guitar players Troy Marx and Alan Odom enjoy performing in front of an audience. They had many opportunities to do so during the year.







John Stacy jams out on the drums during a performance the Jazz Band had. His talents on the drums bring out a lot of the excitement of the band.

Jazz Band Members are Front Row: Barbara Shepard, Melissa Rogers, John Stacy, Alan Odom, Troy Marx. **Second Row:** Chris Naiver, Todd Bachmayer, Paul O'Connel, Tracy Fleming, Blake Hamilton, L'Tisha Lantzsch, Lisa Phoenix, Tiffany Schoenrock, Toby Branson, Russell Allen, Jimmy Safarik, Lisa Taylor, Joe Komandosky. **Back Row:** Jay Taylor (director), Scott Allen, Kim Felfe, Dawn Jessee.



Music and Momentum



As a member of the Jazz Band Blake Hamilton enjoys doing solos as much as possible because it gives him the incentive to work harder and show off his talents.

The Flags and the jazz band are two special organizations that are extended from band itself. These organizations add excitement on the field and in the band hall.

The flag members not only added color but also some dancing in the halftime shows. Their new uniforms helped to bring this out. The flags worked hours at a time perfecting the shows. This gave them the momentum to perform with perfection and dedication. "I enjoy being in flags because it gives me something to do during my spare time and I am able to be with my friends as well," remarked Michelle Bradford.

Jazz band is one of the most enjoyable bands in the high school. No one is forced to be a member, all of them chose to be members on their own because they know that Jazz band is fun and exciting. Jazz band does not play too much of the old music. Their music is usually modern day music that we can all relate to.

The Jazz band performed many times at different events and practiced many hours to perfect their shows so that they could be proud of their work. "We had to take time out of our lunch, but it was worth it because when we performed we did good and we knew that it was because of all our practice," remarked Dawn Jesse.



Flag members Marcy Alvarado, Robin Moore, and Julie Hudson perform their talents during a Homecoming Parade that is held annually on Main Street.



Keyboard players in the Jazz Band Tiffany Schoenrock and L'Tisha Lantzsch perform during the Spaghetti Supper that the band has annually.

FRIDAY NIGHT JITTERS

Besides looking forward to an exciting football game each week during the fall, everyone always enjoyed Friday night halftime performances because of our outstanding band, Steppers, Silks, and twirlers. But, these weekly halftime shows always had an extra air of excitement when the twirlers marched to the front of the field. Everyone always knew they could expect an outstanding performance; they were never disappointed. But, exactly how were the twirlers affected by all of this? Clear skies, rain or cold, sweaty palms and jittery nerves were a part of every twirler's life. This was anticipated, and so to compensate for these problems, any of their free time had to be spent working diligently on routines. Their excellent skill and timing, after many hours of repetitive practice made their most difficult routines seem easy to interested onlookers in the stands. With the applause of their fans, they knew the many hours of repetitive practice and dedication had finally paid off; especially when every twirler's toss, turns, and timing had been synchronized and done with such perfection.

"Accomplishment to us meant finishing a difficult routine without anyone dropping her baton even once," quoted Varsity twirler, Christy Laurence.

Being a Taylor High twirler took up a lot of our spare time, and much patience was necessary to become one of the best. Meets, competition, and twirling camp were just a few of the events involved in being a superb twirler. While attending camp, the Varsity twirlers received a first division on their group routine. Likewise, Christy Laurence was nominated and chosen to participate in the Marching Auxiliary's Honor Corps. A lot of hard work, money and determination had paid off, and in addition to the honor brought to the school, we felt a great deal of self-satisfaction in our accomplishments.

"Being a JV twirler was no different." Nicole Tone, JV Twirler, stated, "I always knew I'd done my best when I finished a routine and heard the applause coming from the stands. It gave me a feeling of achievement.



Finishing a difficult routine, Varsity twirlers, Christy Laurence and Stacy Stiles prepare to march off the field as the band begins the final number.



JV Twirlers are: From Back, L. to R.: Shannon Shaw, Melissa Marx. Front Row: Charlotte Zett, Nicole Tone.





Perfectly executing one of the many JV twirling routines, Charlotte Zett ends with a pose.



Practicing just one more time before the halftime show, Kim Caesar stops in mid-routine to watch as the Mighty Ducks go for a touchdown.

Attempting to perfect a difficult move in her solo routine, Christy Laurence finds time before the halftime for one final practice along the track.





Varsity Twirlers are: Back Row, L. to R.: Rochelle Hall, Stacy Stiles. Bottom Row, L. to R.: Christy Laurence, Kim Caesar.



Going down into splits, Becky Brown, Diana Sandborn, Cynthia Gonzales, Michelle Wilson, and Kari Kovar perform during half-time.



Smiling proudly, Jonna McCormick and Julie Schmidt end their routine with perfection.



In their final position, Michelle Wilson, Vonna Gordon, Dawna Mokry, Jonna McCormick, Natilie Lopez, Tina Biehls, Christy Brown, Evelyn Nelson, Becky Brown, and Vannesa Broadnax show no signs of tiredness.



Cheering for the Ducks, Diana Sandborn shows support for her favorite team.



Braving the heat, Wendy Ivicic, Shirley Phoenix, and Julie Schmidt prance down Main Street appearing to be calm and cool.



Performing at half-time, Leah Backus smiles, knowing she did well.



Holding her pitchfork, Nikki Cochran waits for the music to begin.



Struts . . . Kicks . . . Ripples and Splits

Standing on the sideline waiting for our signal, we felt every muscle in our bodies tense. The Steppers had built quite a reputation, and none of us wanted to be the one to mess up. As the drum cadence started, and we strutted forward, smiling that Stepper smile. As the music began, we started to dance, and then we linked our arms to perform our famous high kicks followed by a series of ripples. The number ended with a split and a salute. Our hearts were pounding wildly as the applause thundered from the stands. We had accomplished an act of perfection, and we knew our officers and directors would be pleased. We felt proud of ourselves and each other.

Now what? More practice, a new routine, sore muscles and another performance to look forward to . . . Pressure from our directors? That, too, was part of it, but most of the pressure we put on ourselves. We didn't need someone constantly after us to do our best. We had self-pride, and with that self-pride came the desire to be the very best.

As we ended our year, we looked back. We did well in contest; we chose a good group of Steppers for next year, and we had a good group of newly selected officers. We knew we could look forward to another year of being at the top.

Performing her solo routine, Evelyn Nelson makes her difficult routine appear easy due to hours of practice.

Giving his version of the Hula dance, Chad Patscke sways seductively to the Hawaiian music he enjoys most.





Ready for the beach, Julie Schmidt dances to a medley of a Beach Boys number that was popular in the late 60's.

Decked with bright blue umbrellas, Wendy Ivicic and Nikki Cockran end their routine with a Stepper smile to the audience.





NIGHT OF GLAMOUR AND MYSTIQUE



Enchanating the audience with her ability, Leah Backus moves easily through her solo performance.

Hours before curtain time, we began arriving at the gym to prepare the final event of the year. Our costumes, perfectly ordered, were rechecked for the third time. Our hair was styled just so. It was a nerve wrecking event, but one that everyone eagerly anticipated. We liked showing off our best routines, and this show allowed us to perform everything from serious dance to comedy to expertly executed solo.

We began stretching our muscles as the audience arrived gradually, and then in profuse numbers. We knew most of our family and friends would be at this performance, but we also knew that many of the other community members would be here. This was one event everyone knew was well worth the money. As the minutes marched by, we took our places. Hearts pounding and palms sweaty, we turned on our smile. The music began, and we once again entranced our audience with our expertise. The rest of the night was filled with laughter, tears, pride, and the realization that for some of us, this was our last major performance, for others, it was only the first of many — once again, we realized we really were just one big happy family.









Toes pointed high into the air, the Steppers perform a series of famous Hi-Stepper high kicks.

Looking cute in bright blue, the Steppers appear ready for a day in the sun in yester year one of their performances.

Dressed in overalls, shades and hat, Sharri Ochoa performs in one of the many comedy routines of the night.

Finishing the Beach Boys number during the Spring Show, Wendy Ivicic finishes the routine with a goodbye flair.

OUR OWN MAZE

I am afraid; not of life of death or nothingness, but of wasting it, as if I had never been," stated Charlie Gordon as he buried Algernon. Like Charlie, we, too, have our own fears and doubts, and we don't always have all the answers or solutions to these conflicts.

Taking part in the UIL One-Act Play gave us the opportunity to portray another character. We were able to become someone totally different, at least for a few hours. We could be Charlie, a man who had, in only a few months, been changed from a loveable retardate into an active genius. Or, we could be the doctor who had just discovered that his experiment had failed.

As we grew to understand our characters, we also grew to understand more about ourselves. We were all like the doctors, the teacher, and Charlie, feeling frustrated and inadequate at times. If we could overcome those problems as actors and actresses, then surely we could apply those same principles to our daily lives.

The stage was our "maze" which led to our own special reward. If we were not afraid to use our talents, then there was no limit to how far beyond the maze they could take us and no limit to the heights we could achieve.



Placing flowers on Algernon's grave, Charlie Gordon (Scott Allen) acknowledges the death of his friend and fellow counterpart as he wonders what his outcome will be.

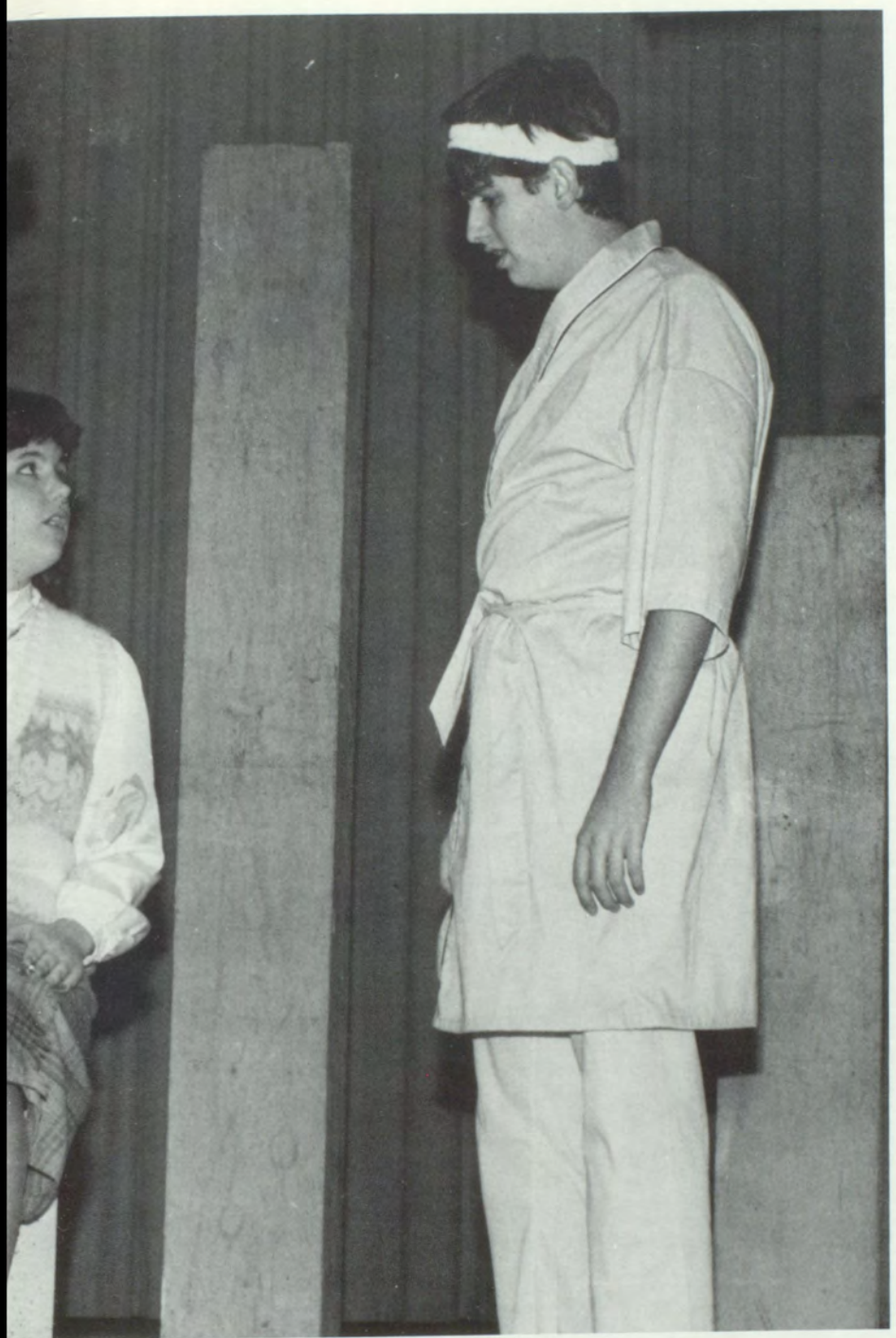


Memorizing her lines, Becky Gamez prepares herself for her role in the upcoming UIL production of "Flowers for Algernon."





Meeting the doctors, Lynn Krchnak, who portrays the teacher and later sweetheart of Charlie Gordon, shakes hands with Madeleine Gipson as fellow doctor, Aaronor Maxwell looks on.



Expressing his frustrations and fears to his teacher and friend, Lynn Krchnak, Charlie Gordon (Scott Allen) wonders what the outcome of his operation will be.

Working behind the scenes in a play can be just as important as standing on stage quoting lines. Geeta Nadkarni works intently to see that everything goes as planned for the actors.





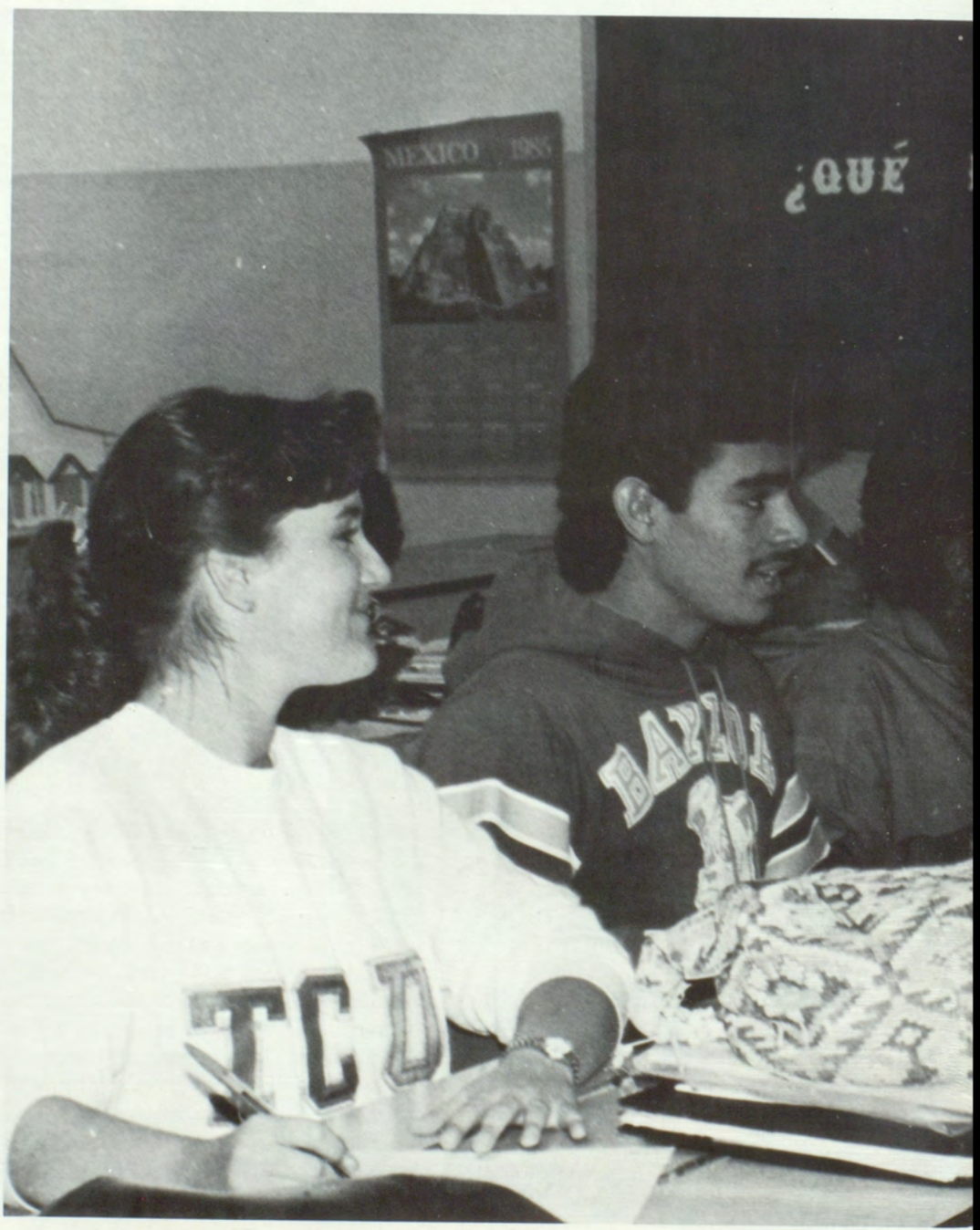
Members of Speech and Drama are: Front Row: Anne McConchie, Monica Williams, Geeta Nadkarni, Nicole Tone, Becky Gamez, Stephanie Morales. **Second Row:** Aaron Maxwell, Eddy Dlugos, Michelle Bradford, Donna Reese, Madeleine Gipson, Sheila Dloughy, (Sponsor) Danny Volek. **Third Row:** Lynn Krchnak, Lee Perez, John Contreras, Sherri Lindemann, Jenny Brasfield, Richard Gonzales, Cristie Brown. **Fourth Row:** Scott Allen, Stacy Yoeman, Peter Herrera, Martin Zavala, Robert Kollman, Jeff Krueger, Bradley Lenz, Lawrence Olivarez, Klifton Krueger.



Members of the Etc. Literary magazine are: Audrey Thornton, Shelly Newsom, Michelle Petrucci, and Elizabeth Foley, advisor.



Spanish teacher, Rosa Delgado, translates spanish vocabulary words to her students in order for them to understand the Spanish meaning.



Interpreting words in Spanish, Kristi Johnson, Augie Lopez and Dominique Griffin listen carefully in order to catch every word and their meaning.



Laughing about the way she pronounced a word, Debbie Canales decides it would be a good idea to try the word again in case it comes up in a test.

Writing down vocabulary words, Kristi Johnson, Augie Lopez and Dominique Griffin rush to finish the words before the bell rings for the next class.



Spanish Club members are (Front Row): Mary Olguin, Monica Vanek, Johnny Rodriguez, Raquel Guiterrez, Patricia Gomez. **(Second Row):** Lisa Flores, Jeff Stork, Peter Vargas, Joe Martinez, Sara McAlister. **(Third Row):** Richard Gonzales, Edward Gonzales, Tim Lopez, Eddie Dlugos, William Bradford. **(Back Row):** David Ancira, Rosa Delgado ,advisor, and Kim Polasek.





Rewards for Hard Work

Etc. was an annual literary magazine compiled of poetry and essays, all of which were the original works of students.

Although many students contributed to this endeavor, Audrey Thornton put in many hard hours of unselfish work. Audrey organized while Mrs. Foley did the art work.

Etc. was a good organization for college bound students while foreign language courses provided a requirement for college entry. A common foreign language for students was Spanish. An extension from the Spanish course was the Spanish club, which was established by hard work with recreation as a reward. The Spanish teacher Ms. Delgado is also the Spanish club adviser. She and the students took the traditional trip to San Antonio, where they visited the zoo and the Fiesta that is held in San Antonio each year. The trip was overnight, so the students had a chance to see many sights in San Antonio. Everyone had fun without causeing any trouble, this helped to make the trip a blast.

"We had fun on the trip to San Antonio. We got to leave from school on a Thursday after school which meant we didn't have to go to school on Friday. The best part of the trip was while we were at the Fiesta, " remarked Monica Vanek.

Building a pyramid to drop ice cream into James Matysek's mouth are Jonna McCormick, Sarah Schultz, Stacy Stiles, David Hortenstine and Jeff Stork at the last meeting of the year.

Displaying their Rambo look-alike costumes at the scavenger hunt are Jon Snyder, Tay Campbell, James Matysek, and Shane Polach.







Showing their coolness, Christie Volek and Klifton Krueger have fun at the annual Young Life 50's dance.

Enjoying the snow are Karen Lehman, Roger Elliot, Christy Brown, and Teresa Mitchell on the Colorado ski trip.



Reviving Body and Soul

Reminiscing about the 50's, Robert Kollman and Dean Faught share a basket of French fries.



Monday came and even though we were sad to start a new school week, we had something to look forward to that night — Young Life. A tiring day was ended with an exciting way to receive spiritual understanding about God.

Since Young Life was an organization known for fun and excitement, it was enjoyed by many because one never knew what to expect. Activities ranged from skiing in Colorado to having a scavenger hunt, and of course, we were always willing to do something different.

Favorite activities included the Dating Game, the movie, "Back to the Future," and the above mentioned scavenger hunt. To our surprise, a spring scavenger hunt was added due to popular demand.

Likewise, for those who could spare the time, campaigners was once again offered.

"Young Life gives me a chance to meet with my friends and to become involved in a Christian organization. I enjoy the various activities Young Life has to offer," replied James Matysek, senior.

Yes, Young Life was fun and exciting, but it also gave us a time to get to know ourselves and each other. Most of all, it gave us time to note the direction of our lives and make turn arounds if necessary.



The 1986 Young Life members.





Participating in the Dating Game, Scott Allen and Larry Brown are ready to begin answering questions.

Preparing to be judged for the best baby are Wendi Mikulencak, Toby Branson, Barbara Brueckner, Todd Ivicic, Julie Schmidt, Donna Magana, and Jan Jackson.

SERVICE FOR OTHERS

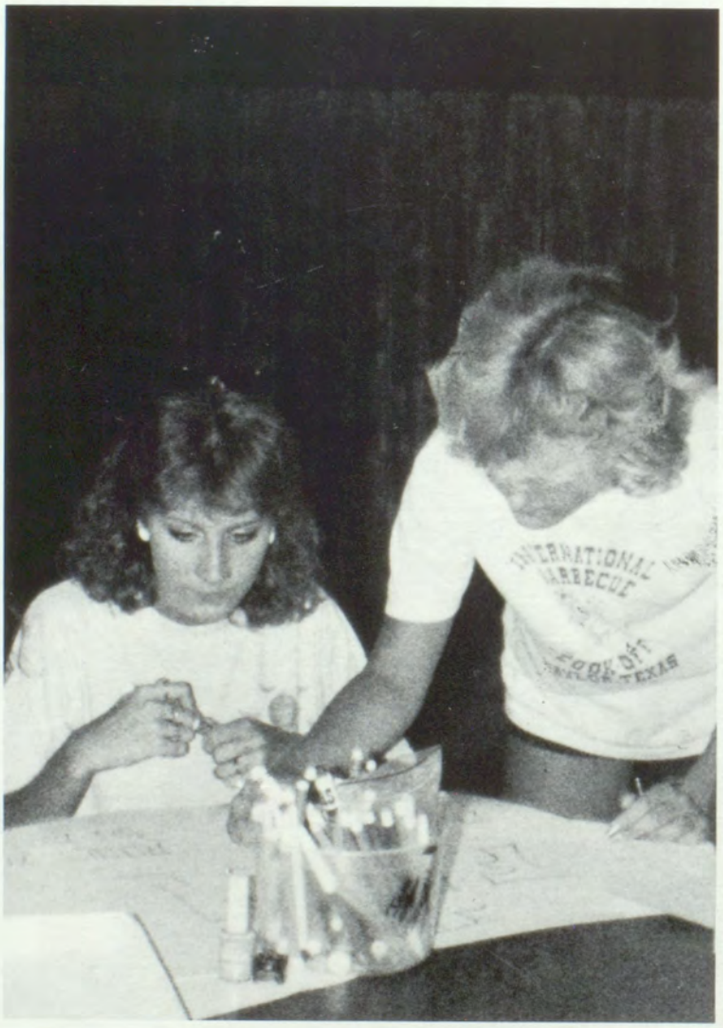
"FTA is a very fun club to be involved in. You are given a chance to meet new people, and do things you would not normally do. You are able to learn a lot about yourself and the work you are willing to put out."-Cherry Fugate.

Just as always, we had great participation and welcomed a large number of new members at our first meeting. Other meetings were held throughout the year, usually on Tuesday nights. Holding a party for the retiring teachers was among the many projects we involved ourselves in. We also sponsered an Ident-a-Child at Safeway in which the children of the community were fingerprinted and records were made for the police department. Babysitting for the PTA was still another way we were willing to help the community.

In order to attend District and State Convention, we knew we needed to raise a great deal of money. To raise this money, we worked in the concession stand at football games, sold carnations on Valentine's Day, and held several bake sales throughout the year. Everyone of these was successful. But without the unending support and enthusiasm of our sponsers, Moppy Miller and Kaye Schaefer, they might not have been possible.



Concentrating on his aim, John Leschber prepares to take his turn in the game of horse shoes.



Working hard on posters, Becky Fontenot and Shelly Machu hope to encourage students to join FTA.





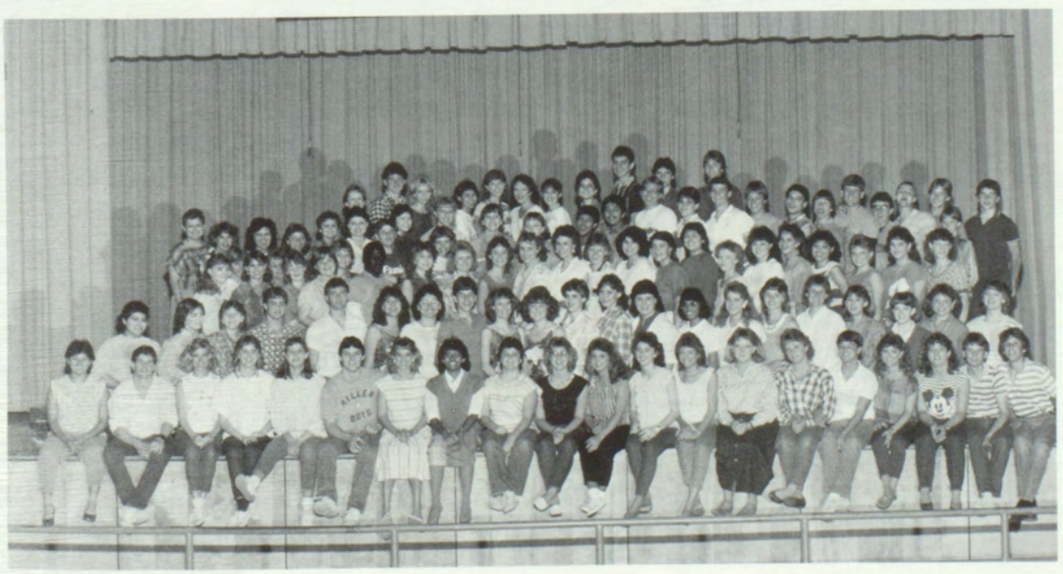
Looking over the table filled with foods, Christie Janke, decides what she wants to have to eat.



Feasting over all the food from the feast, the members of FTA enjoy the banquet at Mrs. Miller's home.

Relaxing on the lawn at the FTA banquet, Robert Kollman, a freshmen, begins to eat the large amount of food he put on his plate. Everyone enjoyed the fun.





The FTA members and their sponsors provide many beneficial, as well as fun, projects for the school and the community. This has to be one of the busiest, best, and most popular organizations on campus.



Members of HECE are (Front Row): Donna Smith, Brenda Smith, Juanita Alderete, Teresa Perez. **(Second Row):** Anna Valerio, Cordelia Thomas, Doris Jones. **(Third Row):** Ann Nemec, Venora Brandyburg, Ellen Dominguez, Bobby Nickerson. **(Back Row):** Andrea Gibson, Beverly Zachary, Felix Trejo, and Cecelia Wright.



Enjoying herself on a paddle boat Cecelia Wright tries to make the round trip at Schlitterbahn. FHA takes a yearly trip to Schlitterbahn so that the club members can enjoy take a day off from school.



Future Farmers of America member, Mechelle Lott, shows her grand champion pig with the Williamson County Livestock representatives at her side.



Learning to make a different type of cookie, Andrea Gibson fixes the dough in order to finish the cookies before the school bell rings to go to her next class. She enjoyed cooking throughout the year.

Members of FHA are (Front Row): Monica Vanek, Lisa Vanek, Diana Martinez, Chelle Jones, Kim Berry. **(Second Row)** Stephanie Blanchard, Rhonda Cepak, Melissa Alvarez, Michelle Bradford, Donna Reese. **(Back Row):** Barbara Ripley, Heidie Ripley, James Lopez, and Paul Larson.



FFA members are (Front Row): Valente Vargas, Tracy Brummet, Todd Bachmayer, Ronnie Michna, Dennis Stautz, and Clayton Stiba. **(Second Row)** Harold Kurtz supervisor, Tommy Williams, Kevin Brooks, Randy Stiba,Damon Scarbarough, Emerson Brister supervisor. **(Third Row):** Brian Heselmeyer, Melissa Pachicano, Joe Komandosky, Randy Skrhak, Brian Winkler, Dawn Shiller. **(Fourth Row):** Yolanda Ramirez, Cynthia Gamez, Carla Guardiola, Chris Nipps, Mark Stoll, Ethan Machu, Jeff Williams, Reggie Woods. **(Back Row):** Scott Komandosky, Bradley Hanson, Gary Faltasek, Stewart Strnad, Mark Luhan, Steven Schmidt, and Mark Barron.





AMBITION FOR A CAREER

Our future depends on our ambition. For those of us who planned to follow in the footsteps of our parents or ancestors, we were offered courses such as Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America.

In Future Farmers, we learned many things about crops, plants and animals. We were taught things that dealt with the nutrition of an animal's food, and how we should care for the animal that we would be showing in the livestock show. We participated in the annual Williamson County Livestock Show where we were proud of our animals, even those which didn't win a ribbon.

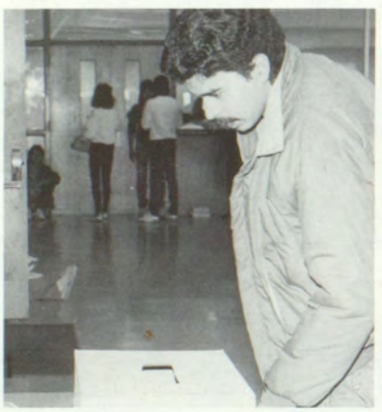
"We enjoyed learning about animals, and the things we learned were most interesting," remarked Mechelle Lott, a junior. Future Homemakers helped those of us who wanted a career in homelife. We learned to cook different foods, sew new clothes that are in fashion and how to stay on a budget and still keep up a household.

"I learned many things in Future Homemakers of America. We cooked a lot of different foods that will be helpful to me once I marry. I also learned how to sew some things," remarked Tina Savedra, a sophomore.

Sponsoring the annual homecoming parade is one of the numerous tasks left to the student senate and their sponsors. Although this is always enjoyed by all, much detailed preparation is entailed.

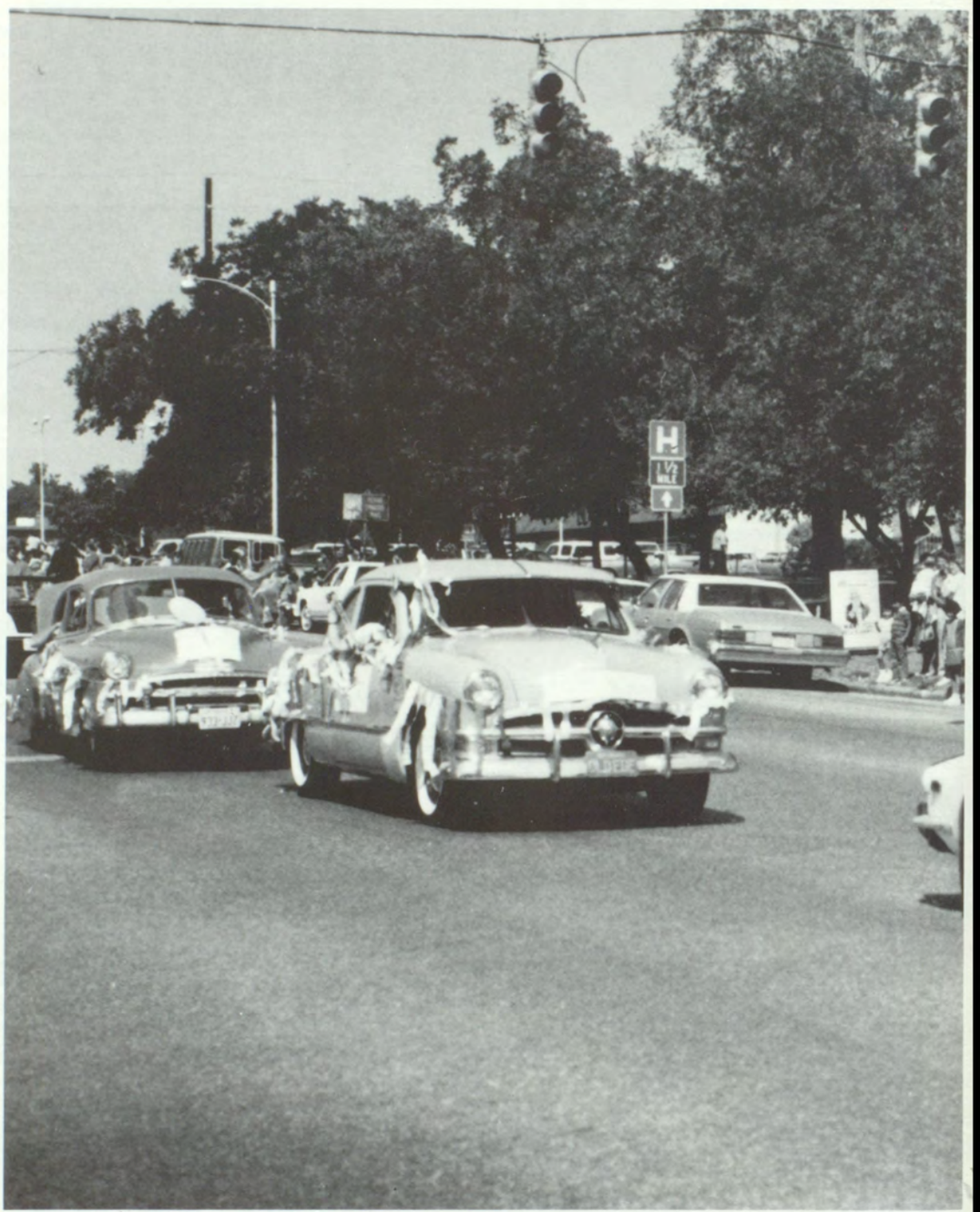
Watching the ballot boxes, John Contreras and Lisa Radomski make sure that no one votes twice. Often sponsors and senate members had to give up lunch periods to do their jobs.





Preparing to cast his vote in the goodfellow election, sponsored by the student senate, Gary Gonzales thinks about his decision.

Assisting Sandy Hurta during the election of senior favorites is junior, Evelyn Nelson. This is an important election because this may be the last tribute one can pay to fellow classmates.





Helping Us to Achieve

Making an introduction at an assembly, Student Senate President,John Contreras,tries to calm the student body.



The officers of the Student Senate were elected in the spring of every year. The other members were the presidents of all the clubs and classes in the school. They participated in such activities as Homecoming, freshmen orientation, and the election of favorites.

Members of the Student Senate assisted the alumni during Homecoming as well as supervised the election of the Homecoming Queen.

Geeta Nadkarni said, "We also helped with freshmen orientation every year. We showed them around the school and took them through the gym, band hall, library, and showed them where different classes were held, and any other areas they needed to see."

Freshman Cheryl Brown said, "I'm glad I had a chance to have a tour of the high school because I wasn't as nervous the first day as I would have been."

They were also involved in the election of favorites every year. It would be extremely difficult to hold an election without the help of the members of the Student Senate. Overall, the Student Senate worked hard for the school. Many activities couldn't have taken place without their help. They were the leaders of our school. They put in many hours for the school and it showed.







Members of Student Senate are: (First Row) Chandra White, Stephanie Martin, Lisa Radomski, John Contreras, Marissa Janke, Kim Caeser, Michelle Petrucci, Jimmy Safarik (Second Row) Scott Allen, Sherri Lindemann, Hattie Schoener, Geeta Nadkarni, Evelyn Nelson, Dana Daniel, Christy Janke, Pam Fisher, Tami Campbell (Third Row) Bradley Lenz, Trey Bachmeyer, David Hortenstine, Carl Ash, Michael Bachmeyer, Peter Vargas, Jeff Krueger, Ethan Machu (Fourth Row) Jeannie Hill, Sarah Schultz, Shane Polach, Randall Fisher, Chris Cook, June Simcik, Susan Brummett, Nikki Urbis, Diane Robbins.

Asking students' names, Bradley Lenz hands out voting ballots as Geeta Nadkarni marks the names off of the list provided to check voters.

Showing friendship with the other schools, John Contreras, Lisa Radomski, Christy Janke, Kim Caeser and Sarah Schulz present a gift to the other team during a football game.

IT'S ALL IN A JOB

Being a part of DECA or VICA meant that you went to school for half a day and the other part of the day you trained by working on the job.

DECA, a part of the Marketing and Distributing Education Program, went to Arlington in February for an Area Career Development Conference. Likewise, they sponsored an ice cream eating contest to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. This program raised more than $100 for this worthy cause. They also sponsored the career fair held in the student center in February, and still found time to sell candles and silver jewelry.

"Being in DECA is fun because we do a lot of things throughout the year. It's also fun to go to school half a day and then go to work the rest of the day" commented Bonnie Meyer a member of the DECA program.

VICA, a part of ICT, was for students who worked at jobs ranging from dental assistants to air conditioner repair people. ICT sponsored a booth at the Halloween Spooktacular and held an employer/employee banquet to show appreciation to those people involved in helping students by the provision of job opportunities.

"Being a part of ICT has taught me many things to help me further my education, not only in high school, but things I can use in later life," stated Charles Bucanek.





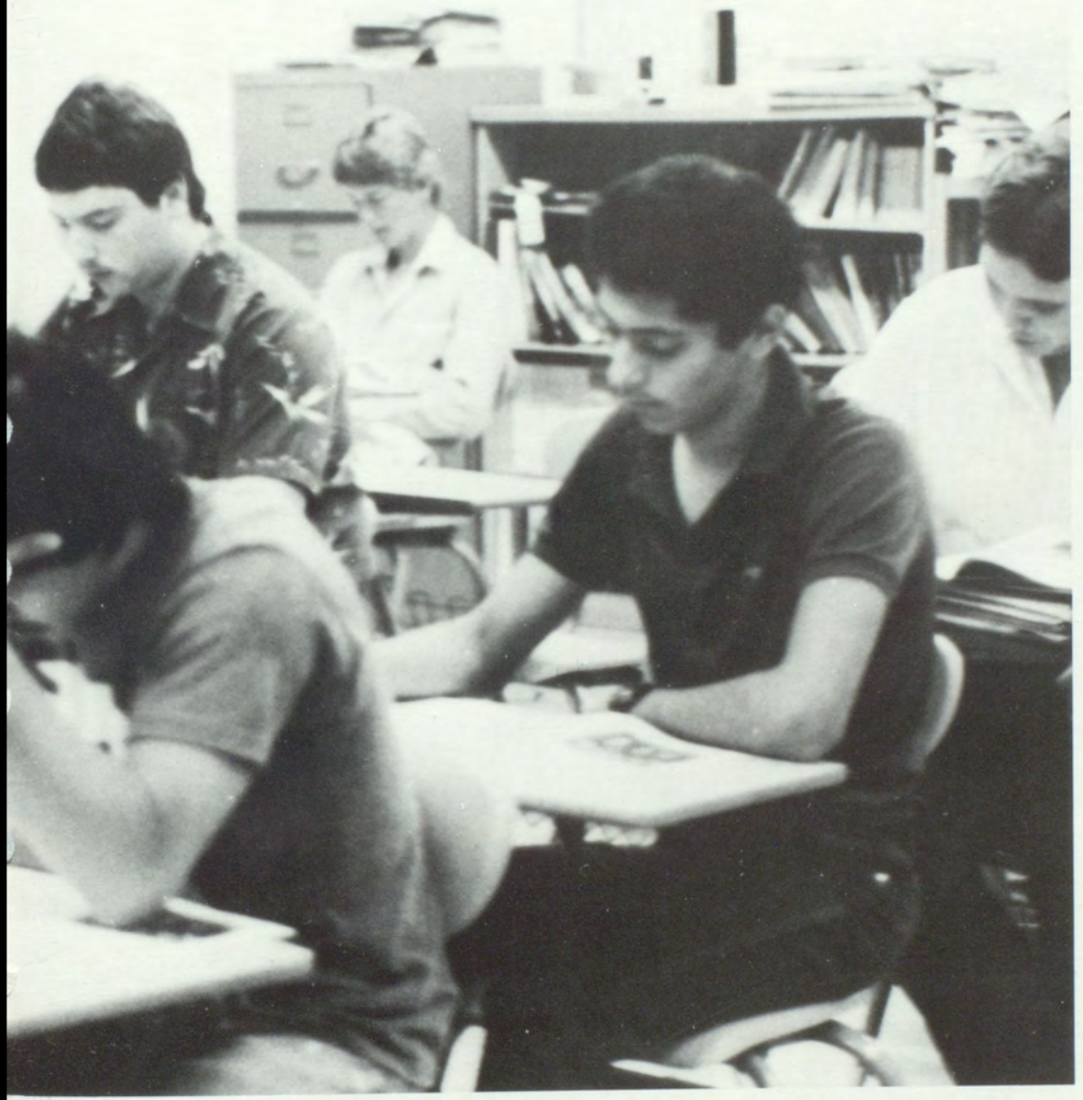
Members of VICA are: (Front Row) Richard DeLaRosa, Vickie Druesdow, Darwin Dloughy, Ricky Bachmeyer (Second Row) Michael Lefner, Charles Bucanek, Kevin Randig, JoAnn Mikulencak (Third Row) Martin Garcia, Kavan Simcik, Kevin Mikulencak, Reggie Williams, Steven Heselmeyer (Fourth Row) Tracy Brummet, Troy Marx, Stephen Hanson, David Cowan, Dennis Stautz, Jessie Luna.



Listening carefully to Mr. Wyche, David Cowan, Charles Bucanek,and Ricky Bachmeyer learn about job skills.



Celebrating his finish in the ice cream eating contest, Mark Stoll raises his hands high in the air as if to say, "Enough; enough."



Working on individual training manuals, Michael Ornales, Joe Reyna, Kavan Simcik, Vickie Druesdow, and Steven Heselmeyer study for their individual jobs.

Smiling after finishing a huge bowl of ice cream, Stacy Roznavok wipes the leftovers off of her face as she walks away.





Members of DECA are: (Front Row) Mary Olguin, Diana Martinez, Emily Philips, Toni Gonzalez, Liz Thompson (Second Row) Mary Helen Martinez, Lourdes Tovar, Margaret Esquivel, Mary Ruiz, Joel Kattner, Brenda Flores, Carl Connaway (Third Row) Cindy Whittington, Manuel Medina, Vanessa Eulenfield, Belinda Rodriguez, Syndi Reiser, Jaime Velasquez, Frances Bengston (Fourth Row) Moppy Miller(advisor), Ray Sanchez, Arleen Olivarez, James Matysek, David Caldwell, Benji Whitten, Jimmy Deary, Danny Sandoval, Adrian Guittierez, Peter Carmona

SUCCESS

The want and need to succeed is very important in today's secretary. With the high school graduates umemployment rate increasing year after year, one can not sit back and accept this. Something has to be done; like getting the experience needed to get a job. OEA students gain this experience in classes, such a VOE and Word Processing. VOE allowed students to obtain on-the-job training, an important asset. Getting a part-time job while in school eliminated the thought of employment afterwards.

"Working gave me the needed experience for a good office job. I got pretty good pay, and it will help me to get a good summer job." commented Tracy Chasek.

On the last day of school, we left realizing we were not only leaving with better grades, but with skills that would help us wherever we might go. Likewise, these courses showed us that these were definitely the tools needed to build success later.







Enjoying a ride, OEA members represent their organization in the Homecoming parade.

Struggling to finish her typing test, Yvonne Gamez places fourth in OEA contest.

Working in the Counselors office, Kim Moreno helps the counselors with the extra work that they don't have time to do. She is employed through the school.



Excited about placing in the OEA contest, Vonna Gordon receives her plaque happily from the OEA President.





Receiving a first place award, Heidie Harrington is given her plaque from the are OEA President that was elected the day of the contest.

Members of OEA are (Front Row): Tim Reyes, Belinda Vega, Patricia Gomez, Becky Gamez. **(Second Row):** Jeannie Hill, William Bradford, L'Tisha Lantzsch, Rhonda Cepak, Ellen Lang, Brenda Zavala, Bonnie Meyer. **(Third Row):** La Aunt Clarkson, Lauren Polin, Kim Caesar, Katrina Petrus, Dawn Sladek, Elain Dominguez, Shane Polach, Dawna Mokry, Jessica Kahutek. **(Back Row):** Leroy Anderson, Tammie Biels, Klint Krhovjak, Stacy Yoemen, Mark Paulsen, Scott Allen, Pam Fisher, and Julie Schmidt.









Receiving her first place award , Lauren Polzin is happy to accept it from the area president.

VOE students are (Front Row): Tracy Chasek, Kim Moreno, Monica Williams, Teresa Mitchell. **(Second Row): Melanie Schramn, Dawn Shiller, Sandy Hurta, Audry Thornton. (Third Row):** Pam Carizales, Dawn Sladek, Marisa Janke, Denise Oviedo, Tina Gamez. **(Back Row): Lauren Polizin, Heidie Harrington.**

OEA members are (Front Row): Monica Vanek, Lisa Vanek, Patricia Gomez, Stephanie Morales. **(Second Row):** Deanna Mokry, Tisha Mueller, Deana Kunze, Rochelle Hall, Brenda Zavala. **(Third Row):** Cathy Callahan, Lisa Phoenix, La Aunt Clarkson, Tim Lopez. **(Back Row):** Laurence Olivarez, Dennis Cerbantes, Kevin Elder, Donna Reese, and Shirley Manning, supervior.

Group Picture: Bottom: Kristi Johnson, Tami Campbell, Dominique Griffin. Center: Kim Winkler, June Simcik. Top: Nikki Urbis.







Cheering to the crowd, Kristi Johnson and Nikki Urbis join the Varsity cheerleaders in a few cheers and chants in a Friday afternoon pep rally to get the Taylor fans excited.

Holding up the run-through sign, Taylor Varsity cheerleaders patiently await the arrival of the Varsity Ducks to begin their Rockdale game.

Working together, the J.V. and Varsity cheerleaders entertain the crowd by constructing a huge pyramid in an afternoon pep rally for the enjoyment of the faculty and student body.



ANOTHER HARD YEAR



Entertaining the crowd, Waddles (Michelle Petrucci) astonishes the crowd with some of the cute antics which got her elected our Taylor Duck mascot. In this particular act she uses balloons.

Cheerleaders had a lot more to do than just look pretty; cheerleaders have done a lot more than just cheer on the teams and many supporting fans. Even before the school and football season actually began, the cheerleaders had to make many preparations to get ready for the upcoming school year.

After being elected cheerleader many hours of practicing and learning cheers and chants began the oncoming year. They attended a U.C.A. cheer camp in San Marcos where they learned different cheers dance steps, and techniques in how to rally a crowd. And camp was no picnic. They had to get up at 5:30 in the morning in order to walk to their first cheer class which was about a mile away. In each class they were evaluated on hand accuracy, stiffness, loudness, and group unity. All the hard work paid off, however, and they returned with many superior ribbons in each category and four spirit sticks which accounted for their four night stay.

Now, the work at home began, they helped out the very promising football players prepare for the season. This was accomplished by giving them much appreciated thirst quenching drinks and snacks at their two-a-day practices.

Although the life of a cheerleader often looks like all glamour, being a good cheerleader was hard work, and everyone knows Ducks cheerleaders always strived to be the very best!



Group Picture: From Left to Right: Sarah Schultz, Renata Ruzicka, Lisa Radomski, Elaine Dominguez, Dawn Sladek, and Kellie Whatley.





Taking time out during a football game Lisa Radomski and Kellie Whatley sit back with Waddles (Michelle Petrucci) and cuddle up to enjoy the half time show.

Dancing to the Viva Max tune in an afternoon pep rally four of the Junior Varsity cheerleaders join in with the crowd to teach them the dance step and make the pep rally livelier.

Building Up to Greatness

The members of the Junior Historians really kicked off a very good year starting with Local History Day. Children from every school, parents, and members of the community came to Taylor High School to look at the exhibits. Both young and old came to talk about their background and to tell where their culture originated. So much excitement was in the air and no corner of the student center was untouched. This year almost every culture in Taylor was represented in some form. It was the biggest and best Local History Day yet. The students enjoyed getting out of class and you could tell by their faces that they were very interested. The teachers didn't mind letting students out of class for a short while and they loved it as well. The Junior Historians were also busy working on other projects. At Christmas they decorated the Moody Museum. They also went to a state convention in Austin and last but, not least helped restore the Washington Bower Cemetery. It was said that Robert E. Lee once stayed at the Bower's home. The cemetery was put there in 1838, making it more than a worthwhile challenge but, a must! The Junior Historians felt very proud of themselves and they should because they were not just ordinary people, they were loyal Texans.



Petting the angora rabbit, Shelly Newsom visits one of the many exhibits.



Looking at a quilt, Steve Olguin points out the duck mascot to Monica Vanek.





Watching a lady make lace, Kim Felfe, Dawn Jessee, and Lisa Taylor look entranced.



Viewing a picture through a stereopticon, L'Tonya Thomas takes a trip back into the past.

Showing her origami work, Hattie Schoener dresses up in her kimono for Local History Day.





Members of Jr. Historians are: (Front Row): Hattie Schoener, Dorothy Broadnax, Patrick Pille, Aaron Maxwell. **(Second Row)**: Shannon Davis, Eddy Dlugos, Cathy Haag. **(Third Row):** Sponsor Mary Livingood, Heidi Ripley, Sheila Hinds, Donna Smith. **(Fourth Row):** William Bfadford, Barbara Ripley, Jerry Bennett, John Siptak.

(First Row): Chad Patschke, Marla Ladner, Andrea Stenholm, Jonna McCormick, Stacy Stiles, Stayci Roznovak, Dana Daniel, Jana Cervenka, Rochelle Hall, Becky Fontenot, Cristi Hamann, Sandra Mikulencak, Lisa Krieg, Zane Scruggs, Kari Kovar. **(Second Row):** Norma Garcia, Robin Moore, Klifton Krueger, Shanna Shaw, Christi Hall, Adella Almazon, Madeline Gibson, Anne McConchie, Lynn Krchnak, Mina Patel, Sharri Ochoa, Wendy Ivicic, Tami Campbell, Tisha Moeller. **(Third Row):** Carla , Charity Lloyd, Kim Dykowski, Valori Morales, Leah Backus, Lawrence Olivarez, Tammy Blahuta, Julie Schmidt, Patrick Carter, Lisa Radomski, Brian Winkler, Nicole Tone, Charlotte Zett, Patrick Mekolik, Kim Kruse, Tonya Jackson, John Grieger, Aaron Riethmayer, Chris Cook, Tisha Lantzsch. **(Fourth Row):** Sponsor Kaye Schaefer, Adam Johannesson, Chris Schultz, Jodie Vanecek, John Gipson, Kelly Koonce, Roger Elliot, Karen Lehman, Dean Faught, Cindy Safarik, Darryl Jackson, Shane Polach, Christie Janke, Robert Kollman, Jeff Frankeny, Jimmy Safarik, Jenny Brasfield, Rachel Paulsen. **(Fifth Row):** Jeff Krueger, Jon Snyder, Jeff Stork, Tim Kaderka, Carl Ash, David Hortenstine, Larry Brown, John Leschber, Paul Larson, Cherry Fugate, John Mueller, Michael Bachmayer, Tay Campbell, Paul House.





Watching the flow of water from his aquaduct Chris Naiver explains how he used a pump from a water pick to build his project.



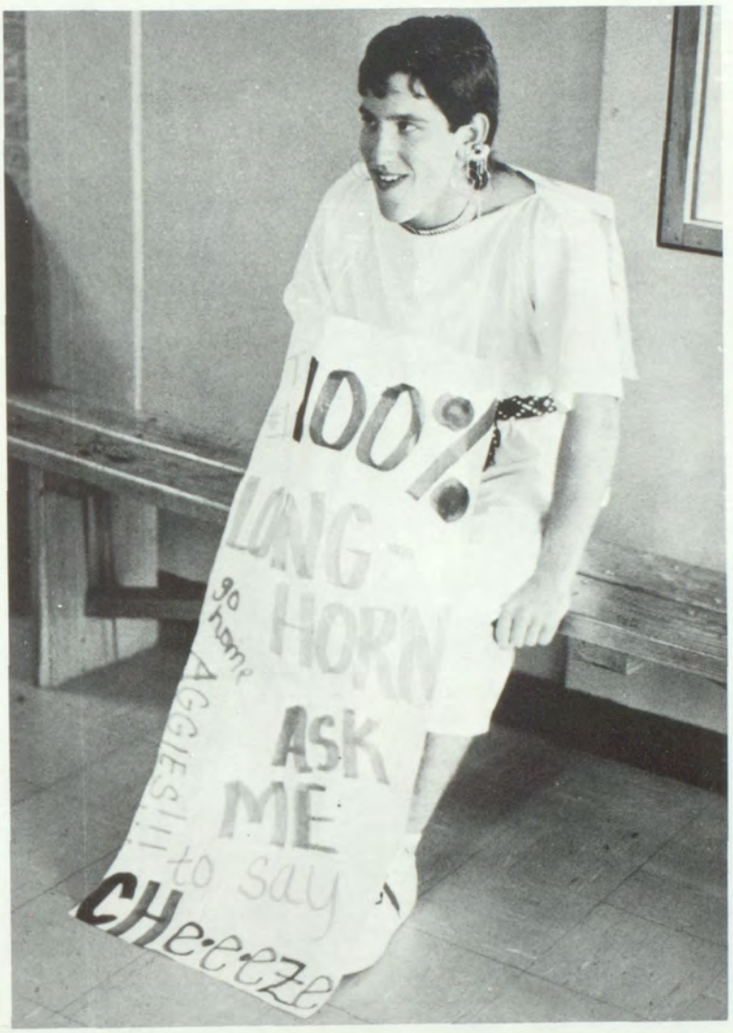
Doing the "Chicken Dance", Aaron Riethmeyer, Chris Schultz, Dean Faught, Patrick Carter, and Valori Morales obey their masters despite their embarrasment.



Placing a sugar cube back in place, Cherry Fugate displays her "Colosseum" during the Ides of March exhibit.

Sitting on a bench in the student center, Brian Winkler drags a sign around his neck which was placed there by his master.

Practicing the High Stepper Strut, Brian Winkler, Patrick Carter,and John Greiger smile timidly at their fun-loving fans.



Grinning sheepishly, Todd Bachmayer hopes no one will read his sign and ask him to sing "Jingle Bells" in Latin.







LEARNING, BUT HAVING FUN

If you enjoy dressing in a toga, being a slave and obeying your master's every command, and being made to look a little foolish in front of whomever then perhaps you might enjoy being in Latin Club. Seriously, this had to be one of the busiest but most enjoyable organizations on campus.

In March, Latin Club their Ides of March exhibit. Although this was for a grade, we looked forward to this event. People from all over town came to see what we had done this year. Since the exhibit had grown, we added a day to our display. Mrs. Schaefer, however, was always there to help We knew we could count on her for whatever help we needed whether it was to open the school at an odd hour so we could bring our exhibit or to help when asked one of those insignificant questions someone always managed to come up with. This was probably the main reason everyone seemed to want to take her Latin classes. She always had time for her students.

Slave Day was one of the best. We especially enjoyed it since it seemed that so many of the new rules had limited many of our fun projects at school. We enjoyed the day whether we were a master or a slave because we all got to laugh at each other for a little bit.

Singing a song in German at their banquet, the German Club members enjoy being able to carry over what they have learned outside the classroom.

Sampling one of the many choices of German foods, Darryl Krebs is too involved to stop to talk.





Experiencing the taste of German food, Barbara Ripley becomes educated in one aspect of German lifestyle.



German Club Members: (Front Row): Michael Schmucker, Peter Herrera, Kim Felfe, and sponsor, Betty Jackson. **(Second Row):** Kim Caesar, Pam Fischer, Andy Gonzales, Melissa Limmer and Dawn Jesse. **(Third Row):** Tim Bryant, John Rangel, Stephen Vorwerk, Heidi Ripley, Barbara Ripley, and Lisa Taylor. **(Fourth Row):** Tiffany Schoenrock, Sherri Lindemann, Dawna Mokry, Pat Knox, Thomas Rholack, Mark Stoll, John Siptak, and Blake Hamilton.



Noticing a different taste to some German food, Pam Fischer explains to friends that she prefers American to German.



A NEW CHOICE

Among the many changes in our school, a new foreign language was added. This was a chance for some of the students with a German background or even those with different backgrounds to learn more about the German culture and language.

For the students who wanted to learn more than just the language, there was the German Club. This gave us a chance to do some of the things that the German people do, such as eat German foods and make projects concerning German customs. A favorite activity was eating out at a German Restaurant. After eating many foods, we sat around and sang songs in German. We had so much fun and really enjoyed being in a German atmosphere.

"I'm glad they added German to our choices of languages. I've really learned a lot more than I already knew about my background. I've also learned how to speak the language some and how to translate German into English which will help me in the future," stated Stephen Vorwerk, sophomore.

"Offering German as another foreign language was a big improvement in Taylor High School. It was fun to know German because a lot of people in my family speak German. Now I can understand what they don't want me to know," replied Sherri Lindemann, junior.



N.H.S. Members: (Front Row): Monica Vanek, Leah Backus, Madeleine Gibson, Geeta Nadkarni, and Monica Williams. **(Second Row):** Sponsor, Priscilla Parsons, Hattie Schoener, Sarah Schultz, Barbara Ripley, and Brenda Bisang. **(Third Row):** Lisa Vanek, Lisa Phoenix, Evelyn Nelson, Ann Griffith, Jonna McCormick, Pat Knox, and Tay Campbell. **(Fourth Row):** Ricky Cole, Scott Allen, Bradley Lenz, Carl Ash, and Michael Bachmayer.



Mu Alpha Theta Members: (Front Row): Robert Kollman, Renee Morris, Sandra Mikulencak, Cristi Hamann, Kari Kovar, and Monica Williams. **(Second Row):** Jerry Bennett, Jonna McCormick, Ann Griffith, Geeta Nadkarni, Evelyn Nelson, and Tay Campbell. **(Third Row):** Charlotte Zett, Richard Gonzales, Dana Daniel, Mina Patel, Becky Gamez, Tammy Stanford, and sponsor, Dixie Manson. **(Fourth Row):** Ricky Cole, Todd Bachmayer, Jon Snyder, Jeff Stork, Stacy Stiles, Marla Ladner, Andrea Stenholm, and sponsor, Stanley Kubicek. **(Fifth Row):** Paul House, Nikki Cochran, Monica Vanek, Deanna Mokry, Sherri Lindemann, Jimmy Safarik, Dominique Griffin, and Brian Winkler. **(Sixth Row):** Jeff Frankeny, Klifton Krueger, David Caldwell, Carl Ash, Michael Bachmayer, Bradley Lenz, David Hortenstine, Jonathan Hundley, and Stephen Vorwerk.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Both Mallard and Cottonboll play a large part in our school. Without these organizations, after students graduate, there would not be much for them to see and remember from their days in high school. Having yearbooks and school newspapers, we can look back and see the different activities we were once involoved with during this period in our lives. Being a member of the school's yearbook or school newspaper staff takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but most people do not realize all the work involved.

The school newspaper publishes the paper several times during the year which means the organization is always preparing work, and they never have spare time. The same goes for the yearbook staff except the publication is yearly not monthly. Whether it takes a year or a month to finish these publications, they manage to finish them. At times members feel like quitting because of all the work these organizations consist of. Once these publications are finished, however, everyone realizes that all the hard work and dedication was worth while.





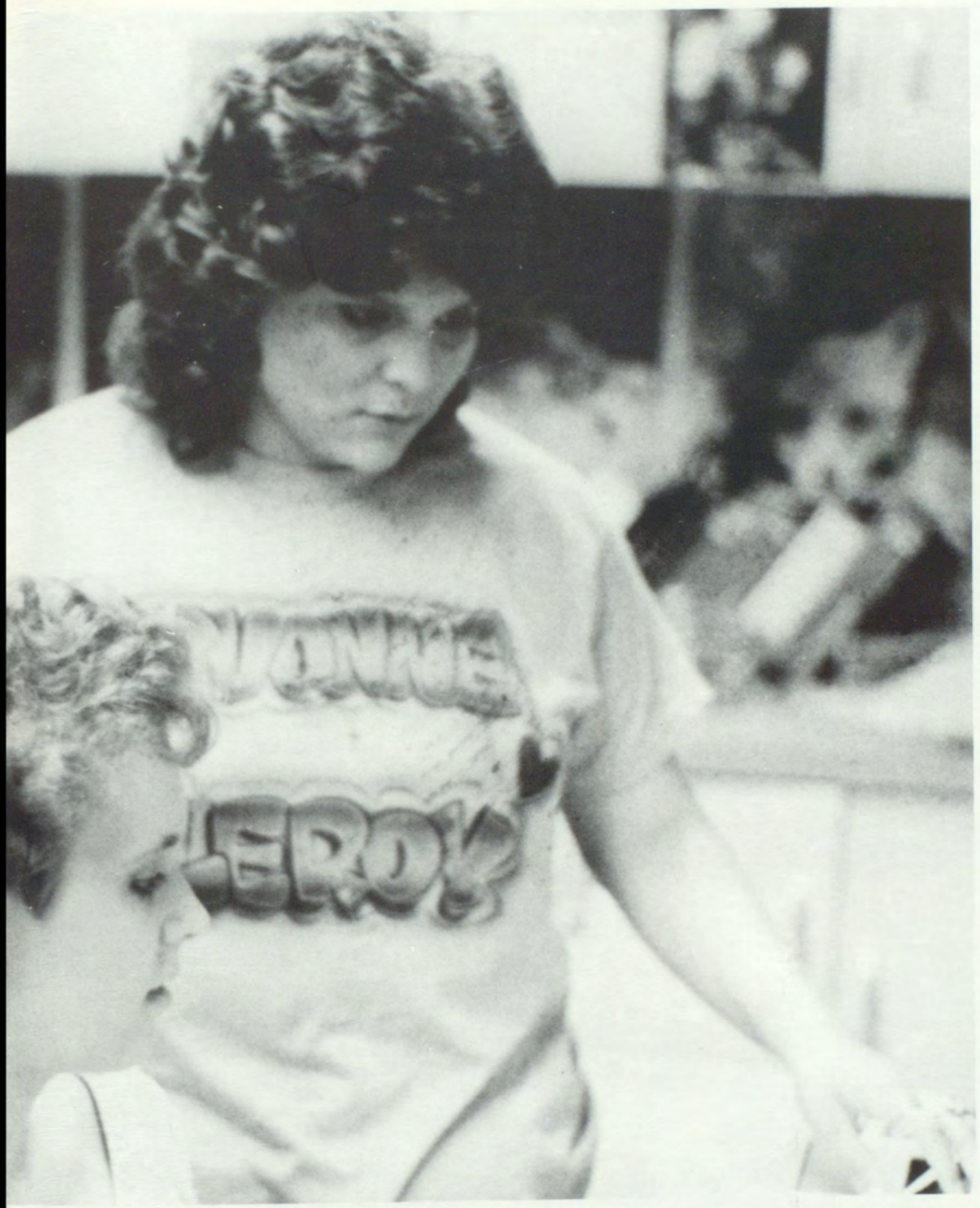


A member of Cottonboll, Joel Katner received an individual National Award from the Quill and Scroll contest. Out of 633 entries, he was one of the 30 who won.

Editor of Cottonboll, Belinda Vega prepares her copy before the deadline that needs to be met in order to put out the newspaper on time.



Members of the Cottonboll are (Front Row): Maria Villalobos, Belinda Vega, Mina Patel, Joel Kattner, **(Second Row):** Donna Woodard, Michael Herms, Rhonda Cepak, Penny Artischoufsky, Shelly Newsom, Steven Chavana, **(Third Row):** Patrick Cuba, Karen Lehman, Lonnie Guess, La Aunt Clarkson, Christy Laurence, Andie Harrison, Ursula Anderson, Fabian Magana, **(Back Row):** Trey Brookshire, Roger Elliot, Chris Naiver, Sheila Heinds, Shane Polach, Kelly Kovar, Sharri Ochoa, and David Cuebas.



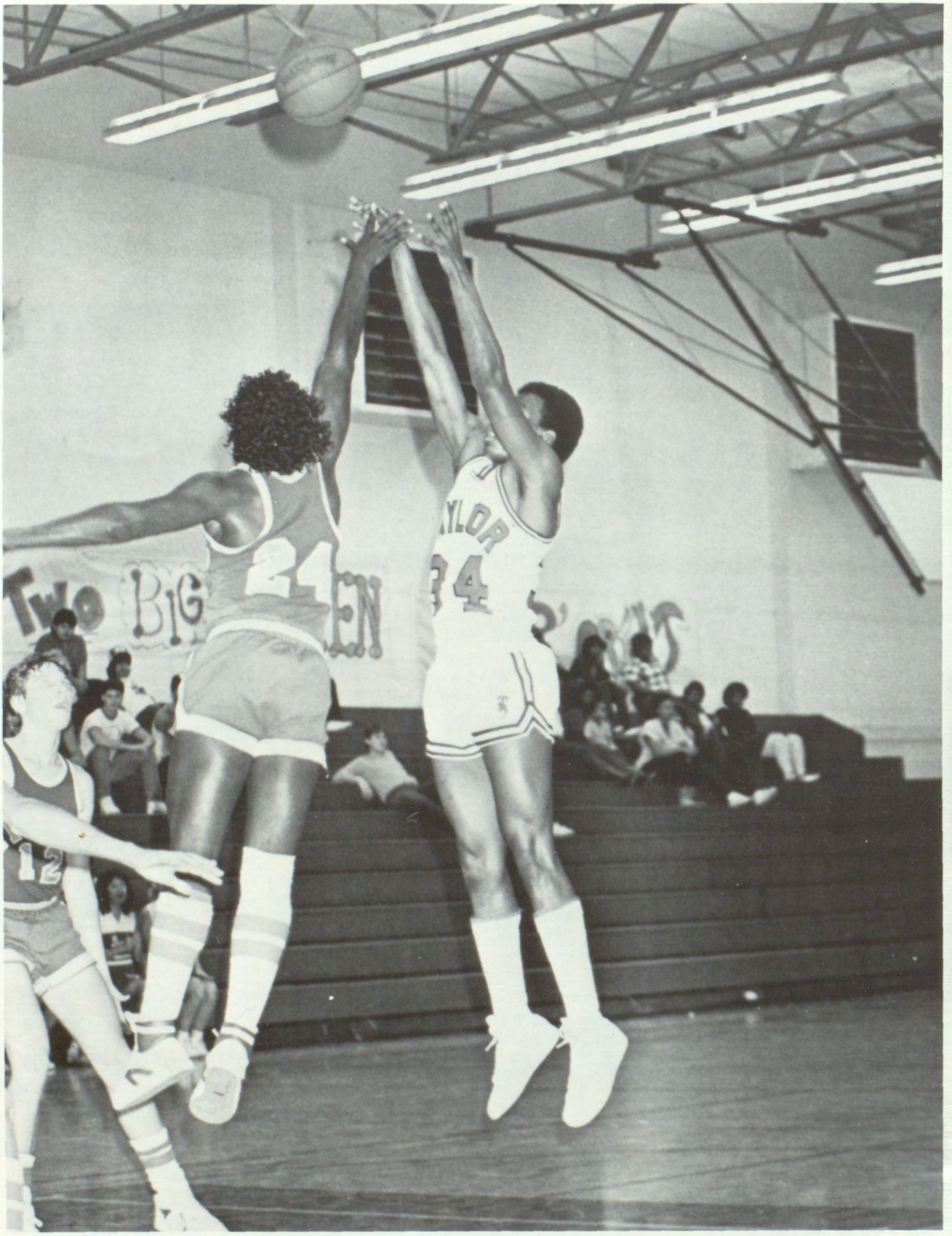
Editor of the yearbook, Yvonne Gamez helps Melissa Limmer work with one of the computers that are being used to put the yearbook together.

Developing film, the photography editor, Sherri Lindemann, is responsible for a main portion of the pictures that are used for the book.





Members of the Mallard are (Front Row): Stacy Yeoman, Dominique Griffin, Lisa Kreig, Renee Morris, Kimberly Berry. **(Second Row):** Yvonne Gamez, Cindy Raesz, Tracy Gola, Amy Hodon, Priscilla Parsons. **(Back Row):** Shelia Hinds, Robert Kruse, Jonathon Hundley, Sherri Lindemann, Melissa Limmer, and Dawn Jessie.


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THE PERILS OF NO PASS: NO PLAY

Athletic activities, often seen by outsiders as fun-filled and glorious, were not all glory, but consisted of a great deal of hard work and self-sacrifice. Those who wished to participate had to be willing to spend a lot of time and energy. These people not only had to do their best in competition, but realized they had to perform at their best even during practice and workout sessions where they were challenged by other teammates. It seemed that there was never a time to let down and take it easy. From the start of the season to the close of whichever sport season you were involved in, you were kept busy, busy. This year that even spread more directly into the classroom situation because of the no pass/no play rule passed by Congress.

This new law did nothing to ease the lives of coaches or athletes who already felt a great deal of pressure in their lives. Granted, this new law helped those who needed extra encouragement to keep their grades up, but for those who took advanced or difficult courses, this meant extra hours spent studying, trying to excel in both sports and academics. Often athletes had early practice or after school practice, and this really cut into their social lives when added to the extra time spent keeping up grades. Many times they were faced with less time to spend with that special someone or that hobby they had enjoyed. For most, the extra effort was worth it; all, however, noticed the stress, and it just became one more thing to have to deal with during these fast-paced times. Somehow we made it through, but everyone was ready for the end of May.

Showing their fired-up spirit, Captains for that night, Demon Sanford and Darryl Krebs speak to the fans and team members about what they will do to their opponent that night.



Being blocked by his opponent doesn't seem to phase number 34, Leroy Anderson as he goes for the shot. Leroy contributes much to his team with his extra effort as a varsity player.



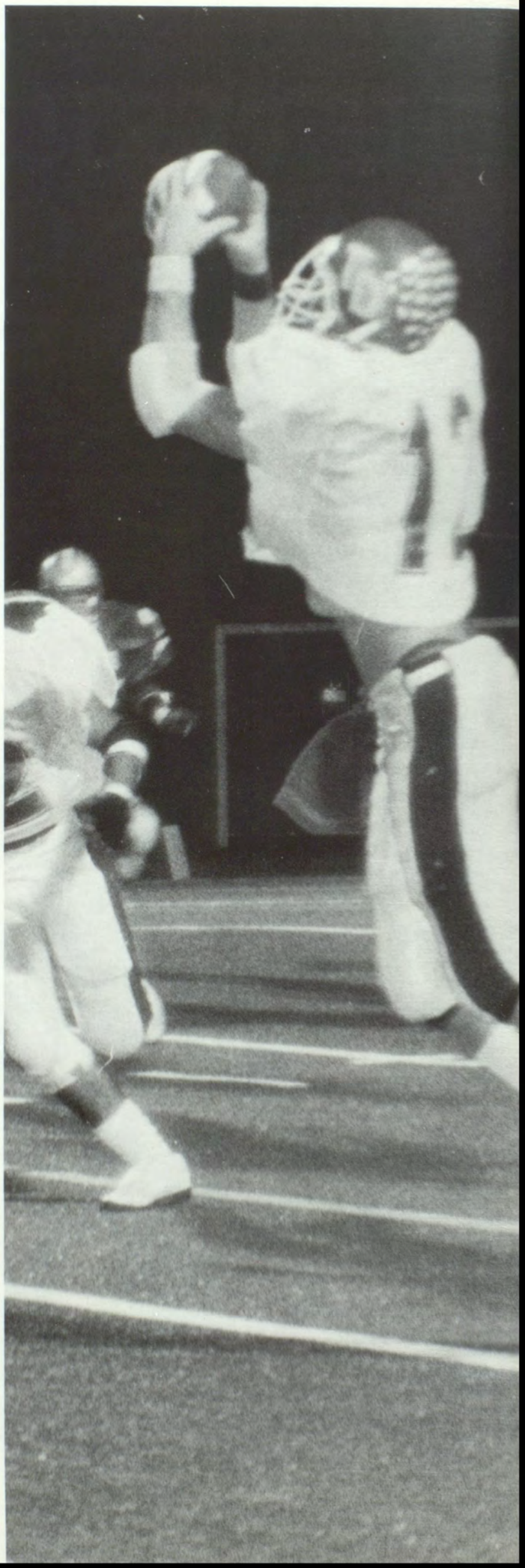
Watching over his team, Coach Lynn Stroud helps to guide the Ducks closer to making a touchdown.





Varsity Football

Result	Opponent
7-24	Cameron
7-21	Rockdale
34-6	Waco High
7-28	Waco University
12-29	Jeff Moore
32-2	Del Valle
21-19	Bastrop
12-39	Westlake
16-6	Georgetown
12-21	Leander





Running onto the field, the Varisty Ducks show their winning spirit and their desire to win.



Worrying about his team, Charles Clarkson, better known as Choo Choo because his powerful speed and drive, looks on with a deep concern.

IT'S HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME



Looking sharp, number 13 Larry Brown shows just how mean "mean green" can be with a touch of pride.



Extremely long, hard hours under the beating sun went into two a days during the summer. All the effort was worth more than we realized at the time. It was the making of a team whose goal was to be the best that they could be. A team is a group of people working together as one and working together equally, striving for the same and ultimate goal. As the saying goes, "You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours." All the hard work was put into the games, as well, but the Fighting Taylor Ducks had a rather slow season with a record of 4 and 6. According to Coach Lynn Stroud, "We had a very strong team, and they worked real hard." Even though the opposing teams were tough, the varsity football team went on, carrying their pride everywhere they went, until they had an upset with Leander. This knocked them out of the playoffs with an upsetting loss of 21-12. Number 52, Carl Ash had this comment to say about his team, "We had a great season even though our record didn't show it. Winning isn't always everything." The Varsity Ducks might have had a trying season, but there are others to come. Remember, it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game.



Members of the football team are: (Top row) Chris Nemec, Nicky Taylor, Bradley Lenz, Darryl Krebs, David Spencer, Leroy Anderson, Dennis Huff, Jimmy Deary, **(Third row)** Aaron Maxwell, Patrick Knox, Charles Clarkson, Martin Zauala, David Ancira, James Lopez, Jamie Lopez, Todd Ivicic, Carl Ash, Toby Branson, **(Second row)** Demon Sanford, Jeff Neitsch,Louis Winn, Peter Vargas, Lawrance Olivarez, John Snyder, Chad Patschke, John Mueller, Frank Fisher, **(First row)** Edward Murray, Roosevelt Williams, Steven Chavana, Augie Lopez, Larry Brown, Leonard Winn, Joe Komandosky, and Kenneth Hill.



Walking tall into a pep rally members of the mean green, Patrick Knox, John Mueller, Bradley Lenz show how proud they are as Todd Ivicic brings up the rear.

Going For the Goal

One of the calling cards for popularity in any high school is a good sports program, especially a good football team. We had this card in our deck because with much hard work and determination, all of the football teams this year were very successful. All of the coaches were very proud, and the spectators really enjoyed the sport. Also, this gave us a look into what could be expected in the years to come, and we were pleased with the prospects. We knew we would remain high in district play, and perhaps go for the title again. Afterall, we had certainly enjoyed the years of going to the playoffs, and it was something we did not want to miss.

The junior-varsity football team had a very outstanding year. The team had no losses with a season record of 9 wins and 1 tie.

The total rushing and passing statistics for the offensive was 1,726 yards. This was indicative of their playing ability throughout the entire season. They were coached by Alex Sanchez who led them to numerous victories.

"I think we had a very good coach, and we all worked together for a successful season," remarked junior-varsity football player, Randy Michna.

"The boys were very dedicated to their work, and I'm sure they'll make a great varsity football team," remarked Coach Sanchez.

The freshmen team also had a good football season with their record being 7-3. They were coached by Carl Price, and their district record was 4-1. Likewise, the freshmen football team finished second in the distict.

"The boys played very hard every game, and except for a couple of injuries, it was nearly perfect all year. These players make the future look bright. A lot is expected of them when they reach the varsity," commented Coach Price.

As always, the Taylor community supported both the freshmen and the junior-varsity football teams; the teams didn't let them down because they always played well. The cheerleaders always had something about which to cheer,also. Generally speaking, these were two of the best teams to come out of Taylor High in a many years, and it made us feel good to know that this was just the beginning for these guys.

Kicking the football to the other team is Jerrod Sanford. Kevin Brooks is seen holding the ball.

Going for the touchdown, one of the Mighty Ducks looks for just the right spot to try to get through the line.

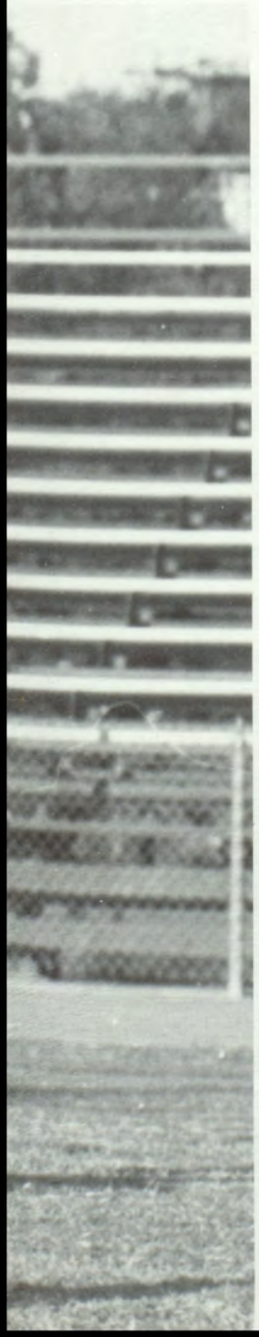




Freshmen Football

Result	Opponent
21-6	Cameron
12-0	Rockdale
7-14	Round Rock
40-0	Waco University
21-30	Waco Jefferson Moore
20-0	DelValle
27-0	Bastrop
38-21	Georgetown
7-14	Westlake
12-8	Leander



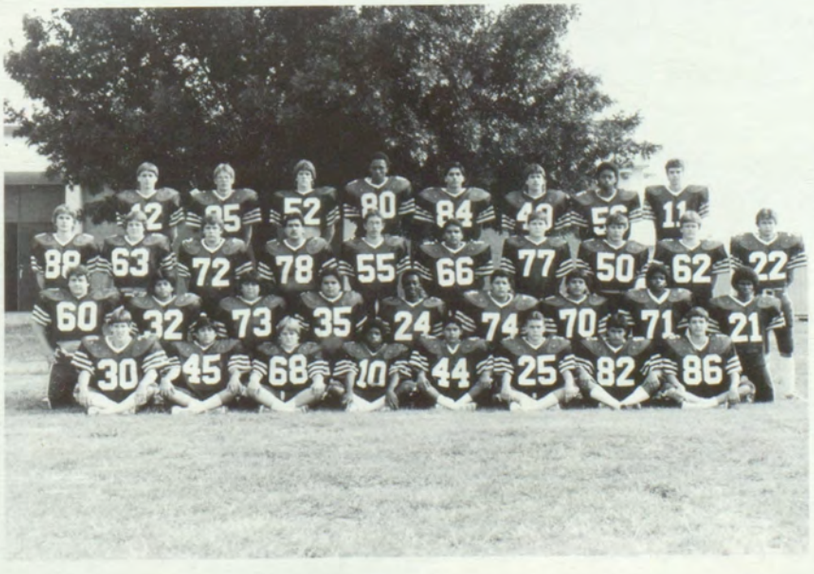




Junior-Varsity

Result	Opponent
14-14	Georgetown
20-7	Westlake
35-0	Bastrop
27-8	DelValle
27-0	Westwood
47-0	University Waco
47-6	Waco High
12-3	Rockdale
12-0	Cameron
17-0	Leander

Giving instructions about a new play, Coach Price, Coach Kuhl, Coach Schroederand assistant talk it over with the guys.



Top Row (left to right) Steven Thomas, Chris Nipps, Jason Ball, Leland Newsom, Ron Randig, Brandt Rydell, Randall Fischer, Steven Paedes, Coach Price. Second Row: Clay Raesz, Carl Larson, Jason Jansky, Michael Townsend, Jerrod Sanford, Cliff Owens, John Fontenot, Chris Lee, Chad Marek. Third Row: James Beran, Carl Tealer, Joe Magna, Kevin Brooks, Chris Cook, Shannon Rowley, Randy Skrhak, Shannon Morales, Leonard Tillis. Bottom Row: Larry Caldwell, Kevin Yeoman, Shane Kostroun, Trey Bachmeyer, David Melendrez, Mark Steger, Kelly Kaderka, Randy Stiba, Todd Mucha.

J.V. Football Team Top row left to right: 12 Patrick Rosipal 85 Randy Hyzak 52 Chris Naiver 80 John Gipson 84 Sebastian Salazar 40 Chad Holmstrom 56 Blake Hamilton 11 Klifton Krueger. 2nd Row: 88 Chris Schultz 63 Patrick Cuba 72 Todd Sladek 78 Lee Perez 55 Randy Michna 66 Gaberial Alderete 77 Paul House 50 John Grieger 62 Jodie Vanacek 22 Stephen Vorwerk. Third row 60 Dayne Bachmeyer 32 Raymond Chavana 73 Robert Alderete 35 Manuel Pachicano 24 Robert Frederick 74 Jefferey Ancira 70 Ernest Good 71 Anthony Turner 21 Thomas Washington. Bottom row: 30 Brian Winkler 45 Tony Gamez 68 Darwin Zrubek 10 Roosevelt Williams 44 Fabian Magana 25 Patrick Carter 82 Richard Olivarez 86 Kelly Koonce

Anticipating a serve, Fredda McFarlin watches her opponents' expressions closely.



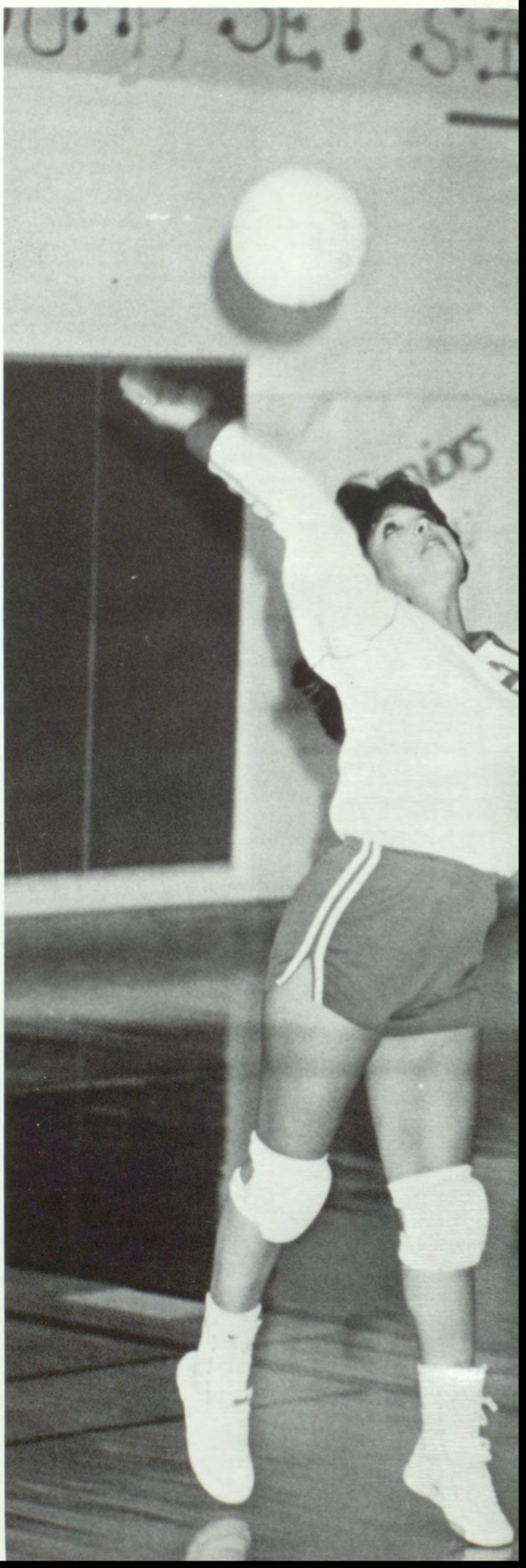


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Varsity Volleyball players are Bottom to Top: Sandy Olivarez, Beverly Zachary, Freda McFarlin, Shea McCormick, Donna Wooldridge, Coach Liz Klar, Deana Mokry, Monica Vanek, and Lisa Vanek.

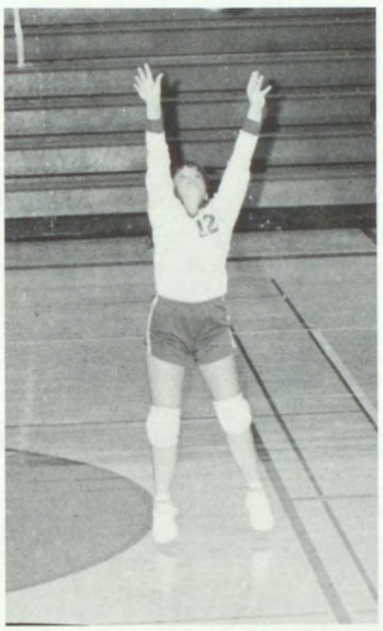
Showing her form, Sandy Olivarez snaps the ball, hoping to catch her adversary off guard.



PERFECTING THE TECHNIQUES



Reaching into the air, Monica Vanek sets the ball for one of her teammates to spike over the net.



Every athlete knows the key to a successful team is practice and very hard work. The members of the varsity volleyball team discovered it requires much more. Cooperation and teamwork proved to be the greatest factors in compelling their team to do well. Their time had to be divided between learning the skills of volleyball and producing a unity.

Their attitudes often varied from being easily discouraged to being elated. However, the team members learned to accept each other's moods and focused their attention on perfecting the techniques of playing volleyball. A lack of self-confidence was also a major conflict that each player had to overcome. Until the girls believed in themselves, they could not believe in being a team.

"I thought we were going to have a tough time because we didn't all get along that well. I knew, however, we would still do good." — Beverly Zachary.

Finally, combining all their talents, they pulled it all together beautifully. For the team, improvement and victory was the ambition they undertook, not only at every game, but also each day in practice. Their spirited efforts and strenuous work did not go without reward either. At the end of every game, the girls succeeded by satisfying themselves in a game well played.



Preparing to meet the challenge, Lady Duck teammates Beverly Zachary, Deana Mokry, Monica Vanek, Angela Jackson, and Fredda McFarlin cheer each other to a victory.



Coming in for a low ball, Deana Mokry plans to hit the ball up for a perfect spike hit from Beverly Zachary.

Winning Attention

Volleyball was a sport that had often been overlooked. Its popularity had usually been squelched because of the mere fact that volleyball season coincides with the much more famous sport, football. While the Varsity team had to live up to the expectations of at least a playoff and preferably a title, we could play just for fun (Not that we didn't give our all during volleyball games). The extreme pressure wasn't put on us until our varsity year.

"We all had fun during volleyball season not only at practices but at games also. This was my first year in high school, and it will be a year to remember because the times we spent at our games and at practices were some of the best times I had during my Freshman year. It was hard work, but I enjoyed doing all I could for the team," remarked Paula Lechler, a freshman.

The attention and expectations of the community and of fans were thrown off of us. This allowed us to play for ourselves and not for others. Without the pressure, we played more freely which allowed us to win the majority of our games against other teams in the district. By thinking of each game as being played for only ourselves, we could let loose and take risks while we played the sport we enjoyed the most. The chances that we took made the game more interesting than a game played with caution by a more discreet team. By the end of the season, we managed to win the attention that was well deserved. Our games were tough but with our skill and determination, we made it through all of them with enjoyment as well as effort.





Anticipating the start of the game, Monica Carmona, Cherry Fugate, Angela Perez, Stephanie Wright, Stephanie Martin, and Christi Hamann spend a minute relaxing before going on the court.



Turning to sock the ball back over the net, Monica Carmona is all set to meet the ball.



Freshman Volleyball: Bottom to Top: Sherri Smook, Becky Ortiz, Cheryl Chapa, Teresa Wooldridge, Coach Rucker, Becky Guiterrez, Tanisha Tisby, Susan Brummett, Jodie Snyder, Paula Lechler, Tonya Simien, Chandra White, Cindy Ruiz.





Receiving a pep talk from Coach Rucker, Paula Lechler, Sherri Smook, Cynthia Ruiz, Becky Guiterrez, and Jody Snyder talk up a hopeful win.

Appearing to dance toward the ball, Angela Perez jumps through the air hoping to retrieve the serve.





Junior Varsity Volleyball: Bottom to Top: Cristi Hamann, Angela Perez, Stephanie Wright, Rachel Paulsen, Shaun Lynch, Stephanie Martin, Coach Liz Klar, Monica Carmona, Cherry Fugate.



Setting up shots, did not seem necessary as Paula Lechler pops the ball back to a startled opponent.

Volleying the ball back over the net, Cherry Fugate helps her team to stay even with the opponents.

Dribbling his team to another victory, Ricky Cole shakes off a Smithville defensive player in their 66 to 58 win.





Varsity Basketball

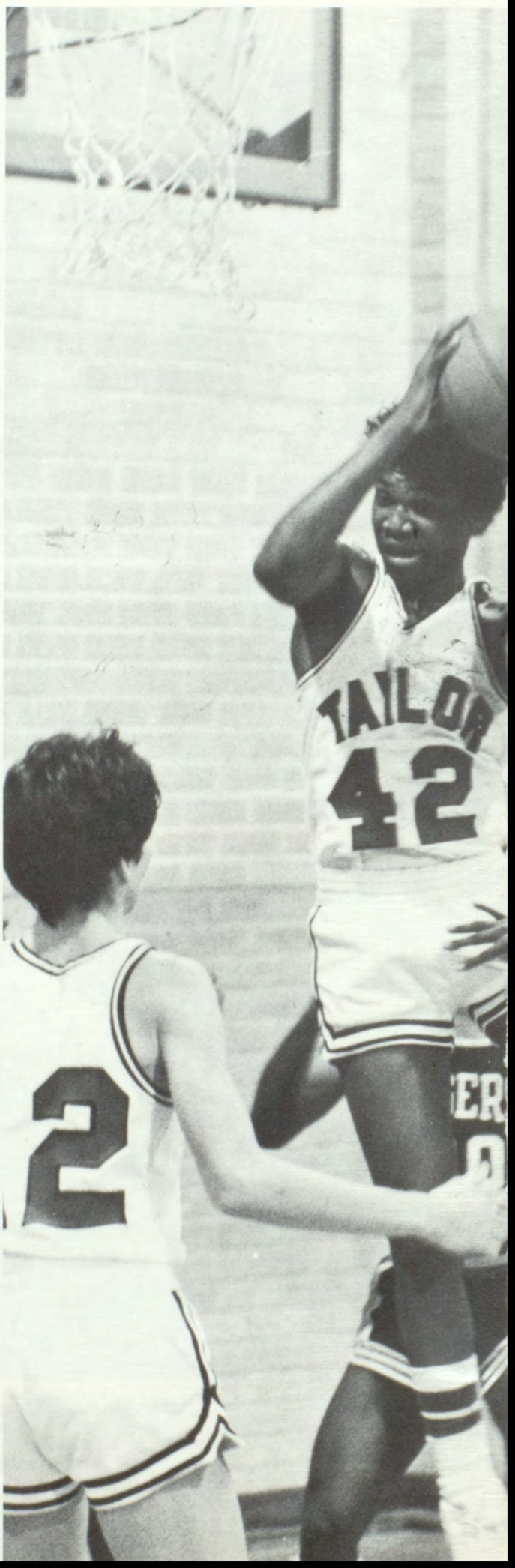
Season Record	17-12
Scores	**Opponents**
56-70	Westlake
54-61	Georgetown
49-47	Leander
63-52	Del Valle
47-44	Bastrop
51-58	Westlake
60-62	Georgetown
62-48	Leander
59-65	Del Valle
61-60	Bastrop



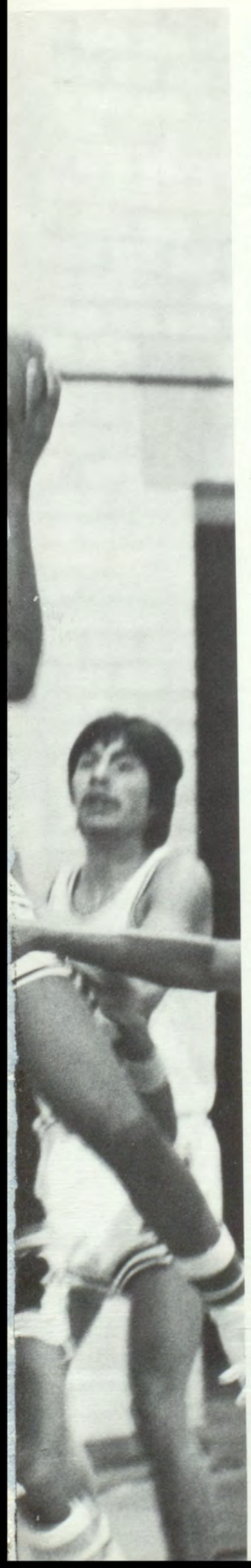
During a time out, Coach Johnny Cole goes over a few defensive tactics with the guys, telling them what needs to be done to maintain there six point lead.

Reaching for one of his many Duck rebounds, Jimmy Deary, a Taylor forward makes a tremendous effort to recover the ball.





DUCKS HAVE HOT AND COLE SEASON



Having gone up for a Taylor rebound, senior Kevin Elder comes down with the ball for his awaiting Taylor teammates.

Using a defensive tactic, Leroy Anderson attempts to distract a Del Valle player as his teammate Marty Reyes looks on.



The Varsity Ducks played basketball under a new direction as Coach Johnny Cole took over. Coach Cole also brought with him his son, Ricky, who also was a starter on the team.

Cole and son teamed up with Leroy Anderson, Kevin Elder, Marty Reyes, Jimmy Deary, and a good bench consisting of Robert Fredrick, Nicky Taylor, John Gipson, and Chris Fontenot to fight to a 17-12 overall and 5-5 district season.

The Ducks see-sawed back and forth all basketball season ending with a very respectable scoreboard. Although the Mean Green could not stabalize any consistency,they never gave up and continued to keep coming back. Coach Cole seemed to have had a real gift for being able to keep his team fired up and fighting back.

With the return of 2nd team All-District post Leroy Anderson Jr. and 2nd All-District guard Ricky Cole and four other players from this year's squad, we can look forward to the best and *Cole-est* basketball season in years.

Although the Ducks are going to be very talented next year with their returning and oncoming Ducks, they will still miss the leadership and poise of their seniors. With the coaching of the Taylor staff behind them, however, we are sure they will be able to move to greater heights.



Members of the Taylor Varsity Ducks are: Front Row: managers **Michael Cline and Larry Alderete.** Second Row: **Robert Fredrick, Jimmy Deary, Chris Fontenot, Nicky Taylor, Kevin Elder, John Gipson, Leroy Anderson, Ricky Cole, and Marty Reyes.** Not pictured is coach Johnny Cole.



Going to the aid of his teammates, Marty Reyes hustles down the court to get into a good defensive position in hope of stealing the ball.

TOUGHER OPPONENTS, NEW EXPERIENCES

After a year on the freshman basketball team and winning district, we knew that people expected a lot from us as a team. This year we lost a few of our members to the Varsity team, but that didn't stop us from showing everyone what we could do.

Because we had tougher opponents and new experiences to encounter, we didn't have as many victories as we did last year.

"Although we entered a different atmosphere because of a new team and new demands, we were able to overcome all the new obstacles," replied Randy Hyzak.

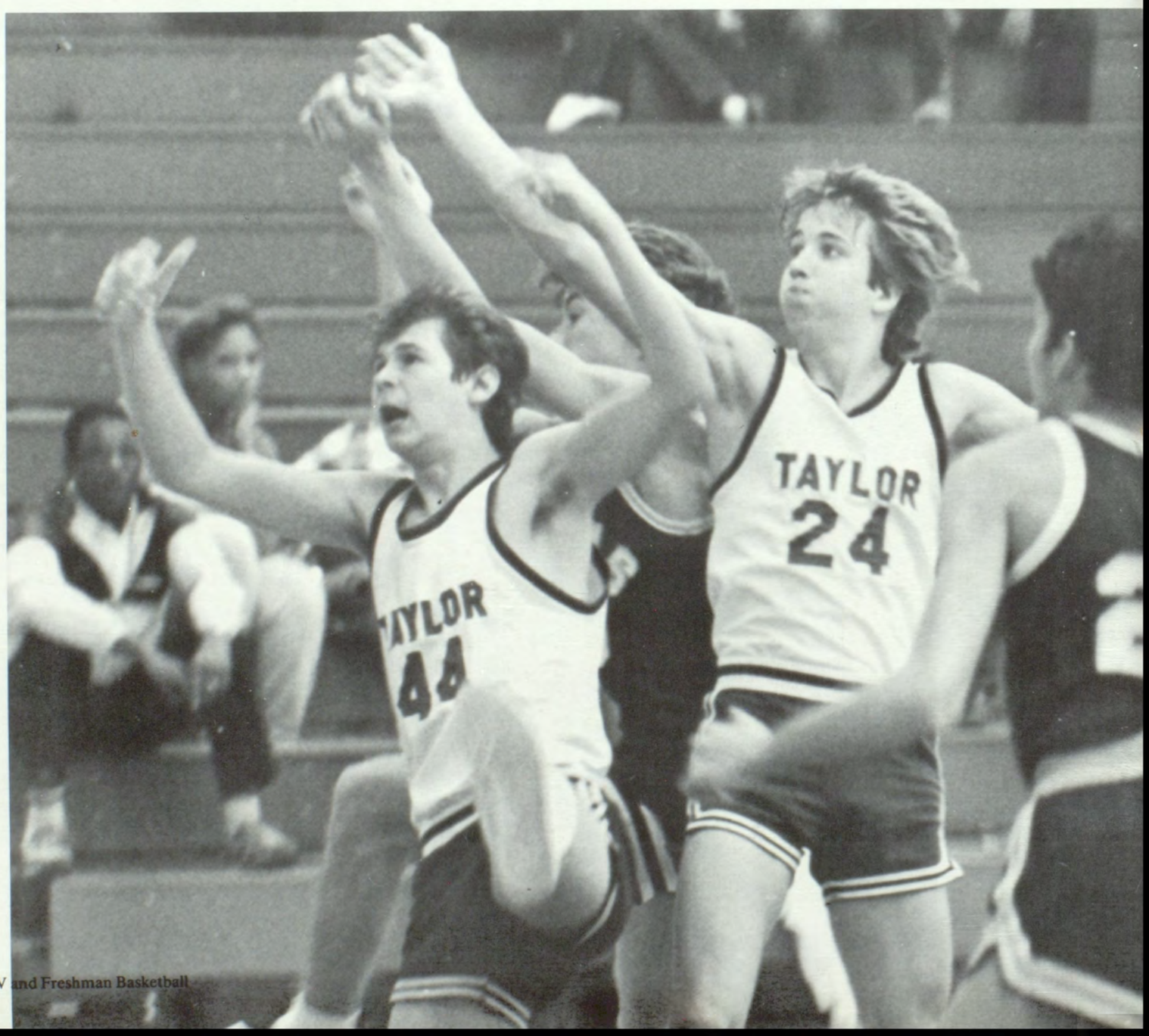
"With the loss of many of our players, we had to fill in for them with the best of our ability. This was our second year of playing together, and we knew how to play as a team. We worked as a whole and did the best we could," stated Pat Rosipal.

"I have enjoyed being a member of the Junior Varsity basketball team because it gave me something to perfect at each game. I also enjoyed the satisfaction of winning a game and scoring a lot of points," replied John Gipson, sophomore.

With the experiences we went through, and the new things we learned this year, it will help us next year as we climb the next step up to Varsity.



Coming down after a slam dunk, Stephen Vorwerk and Jeff Krueger struggle with their opponents.





Looking around for someone to throw the ball at, Jeff Krueger hopes that someone comes to his rescue before being blocked.









Looking for someone to pass the ball to, Trey Bachmayer does his usual job of getting the ball into the court.

Members of the Freshmen Basketball team are (Left to Right): Leonard Tillis, Wade Krueger, Russel Allen, Brandt Rydell, Ron Randig, Jason Ball, Gerald Anderson, Todd Mucha, Kevin Brooks and Trey Bachmayer.



JV Basketball players are (Front Row): Jeff Krueger, Anthony Turner, Jarod Stanford, Thomas Washington, and Stephen Vorwerk. **(Second Row):** Randy Hyzak, Tommy Williams, Blake Hamilton, Leland Newsome, Clifton Krueger, Sebe Salazar, and Chris Schulz.

Preparing for a shot, Tonya Simion pivots in hopes of completing the play successfully.





Varsity Girls Basketball

Result	Opponent
37-52	Delvalle
33-29	Bastrop
28-56	Westlake
26-42	Leander
37-38	Bastrop
29-44	Westlake
38-56	Leander
27-62	Georgetown
46-36	DelValle
42-56	Georgetown



Varsity girls are: (Bottom row:) Tonya Simien, Lisa Radomski, Cherry Fugate, Kristi Johnson, Cristi Hamann (Top row:) Coach Price, Stephanie Wright, Bridget Wilson, Beverly Zachary, Ann Griffith,Coach Rucker

Receiving instructions Coach Rucker, Nikki Urbis and Donna Baker listen well to take on the team's next strategy.





Looking carefully for teammates, Donna Baker searches for someone to make a safe pass.

Dribbling down the court, Paula Lechler heads to the goal with the results being a cherished two points for her team. Needless to say, everyone was quite pleased.

To Be #1



Although our varsity team was a young one, consisting mainly of sophomores and juniors, we excelled highly. Having such a young team meant we had to learn to compete with tougher competition.

"Being on varsity meant a lot to me because there was experience involved. Being able to be on varsity as a sophomore, meant that I had to do a lot of motivating to give my team and myself 100%," stated sophomore Cherry Fugate."

Throughout the year, members improved in their skills and sportsmanship.

Our district was full of tough competition. This included seniors and juniors, but we coped with them and proved to ourselves and others that we weren't quitters.

"Overall this a was a good year. Our Freshman and J. V. teams used to their abilities to do well in district," commented Coach Carl Price.

The highlight of the year was the announcement of the all-district selection, for which two Taylor athletes were chosen. These included Stephanie Wright, first team all-district, and Bridget Wilson, second team all-district.



Freshman Girls: (Bottom row:) Paula Lechler, Nikki Urbis, Chandra White, Kreshonya Smith, Wendi Mikeluncak, Angela Jackson **(Top row:)** Donna Baker, Regina Ortega, Tanisha Tisby, Theresa Woolridge, Tonya Jackson, manager.



J. V. Girls: (Bottom row:) Kim Winkler, Amy Sandoval, Angela Perez, Pam Fischer **(Top row:)** Liz Duncan, Connie Woolridge, Stephanie Martin, Regina Wright

"Meeting the Challenge"

The Varsity tennis team worked very hard and all the work payed off in the end. They ended up with a final standing of third in District 5AAAA.

It was an outstanding year for both the team and all of the individuals involved. Several team members distinguished themselves as consistent winners.

Renata Ruzicka won consolation in girls singles in New Braunfels, second in Taylor Optimist, and first in Corpus Christie. She also placed third in girls doubles in the Taylor Tourney.

Kristi Johnson also did very well. She won consolation runner up in singles in Bastrop, third in doubles in Taylor, fourth in doubles in Taylor Optimist, and she won consolation in girls doubles in New Braunfels.'

It wasn't just the girls who worked hard — the guys also had many wins. Jeff Frankeny was consolation runner up in singles in New Braunfels, placed second in Corpus Christie, fourth in the Taylor Tourney, and was third at district.

Richard Olivarez and David Cuebas also did well, placing first in doubles in Bastrop, and third in District.

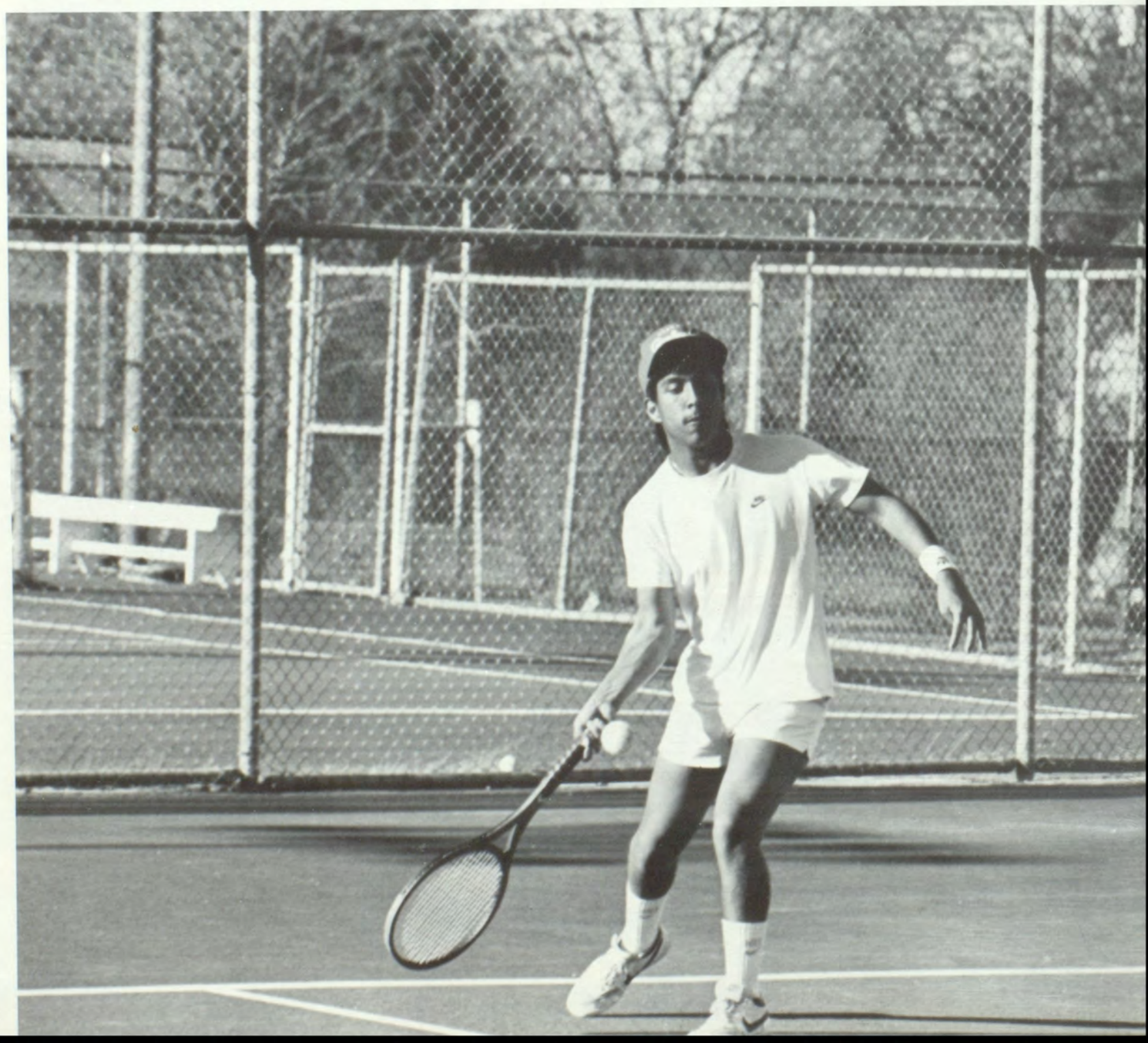
This year, as always, the tennis team put in many hours perfecting their swings and returns. The team also staged many mock tournaments to develop their skills.

Their efforts paid off in the end with the team placing well in many contests. Out of 53 teams entered in the Corpus Christie Tourney, Taylor placed second. We tied for first in the Bastrop Tourney. Coach Rodney Bohls summed up the season like this, "We worked hard, and it really paid off for us. I have high hopes for next year's team."

Keeping his eye on the ball, David Cuebas watches to make sure his return meets with his approval.

Jumping to smash the ball back over the net, John Leachber grimaces in anticipation of the strike.





Concentrating on smashing her opponent, Lisa Radomski waits for just the right moment to make her serve.

Waiting anxiously for the serve, Richard Olivarez studies the moves of his adversary in hopes of learning strategy.

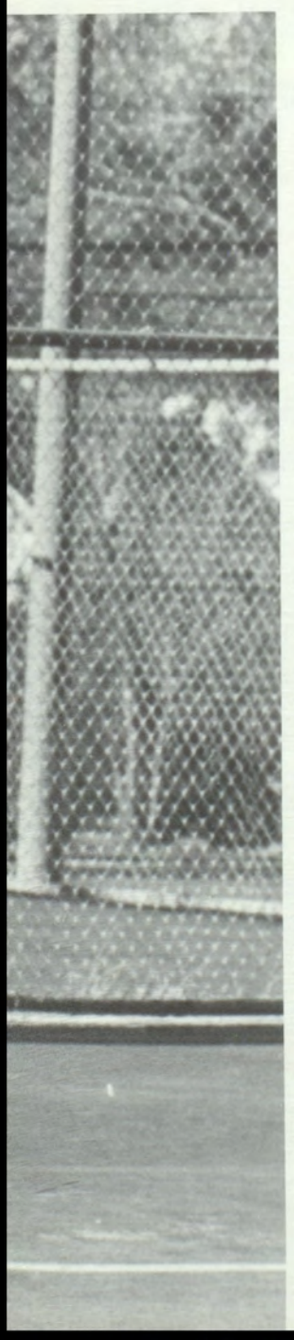




Varsity Tennis

3rd	District Team Tournament
4th	New Braunfels Tournament
2nd	Taylor Optimist Tournament
1st	Bastrop Tournament
2nd	Corpus Christi Tournament
3rd	District 5AAAA
3rd	Taylor Tournament
2nd	Thrall Tournament







"What do you think? Of, course we're good," says Cherry Fugate, Coach Bohls, and Zane Scruggs.



Talking over strategy moves, junior,Renata Ruzicka and sophomore, Kristie Johnson try to decide on the best way to overcome the other team.

Concentrating on meeting the ball, Robert Kollman leaps in the air as the ball comes to him.





J.V. Tennis

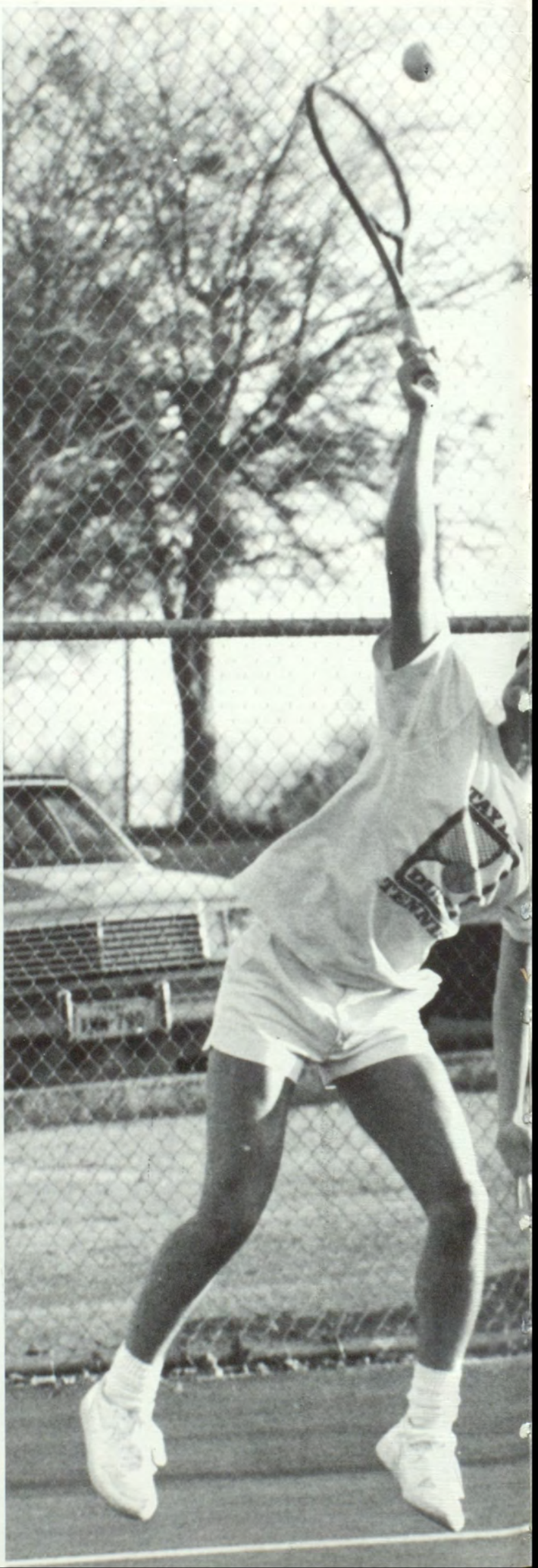
Team Results	
Taylor Tourney	2nd
Taylor Optimist Tourney	3rd
Thrall Tourney	3rd
Individual District Results	
Cherry Fugate	2nd
Zane Scruggs	2nd
Cheryl Chapa	1st
Kent Safarik	2nd
Jeff Krueger	2nd



Watching his doubles partner, freshman Cynthia Ruiz, Robert Kollman watches anxiously to see if she will get the serve over the net.

Rising to make his serve count, sophomore, Richard Gonzales pounds the ball over the net in hopes of catching his opponent off guard.





Tennis: An All Year Sport.

Tensing to come up to meet the shot, Richard Gonzales manages to return the ball to the other court.

Running to try to make her shot good, freshman Nicky Urbis tries to keep her score up within a point of her opponents so that she can possibley win.



Being a member of the JV Tennis team, we often felt as if we were being put second, but actually our part in the tennis program was quite important. After all, if we didn't have a good year, the outlook for next year looked bleak, but we did well, and we were proud of ourselves. If there had ever been a sport that took a lot of time and energy it would have been tennis because it was a year around sport that involved so much running and movement of the body.

"I enjoyed playing tennis all the time, even in the winter when the cool breeze hit my face. I knew that if I wanted to be good at tournaments," commented Renata Ruzicka.

"We had hard work-outs, but Coach Bohls knew that no matter how much we complained about all the running, we would soon be thanking him once another tournament came down our path," pointed out, sophomore, Cherry Fugate.

The season went by faster than we could imagine since we kept ourselves busy with tennis, but even if the season was over, our daily practices were not going to be dropped because we knew we had to work hard to be Varsity Tennis players.



Leaning into her serve, freshman, Cheryl Chapa, studies the best fplace to place the ball to put her opponent at a loss and her a victory.



Showing good sportsmanship all a game, Jeff Krueger, and Kent Safarek meet their competetors at the net for a word of congratulations.

Individuality

Man to man competition was the one thing that track emphasized the most. While there were a majority of other sports that pushed teamwork as a priority, track showed itself to be different.

"Competing against people you've never seen before makes us pull out of ourselves, that extra effort needed to pull ahead of others. You didn't know how fast the other guys were going to run. All you knew was that you had to be faster than the other guys no matter how much effort it took in order to do it," commented junior, Dennis Huff.

In track, training was more intense than in any other sport. You, as a runner, discus thrower, hurdler, shot put thrower, etc., had only yourself to rely on. There was no team to depend upon. Even in a relay you had to support yourself so that your teammates could do their best.

"Showing the best of your own best helps you to excel in a sport like track. Our ups and downs were seen very easily and that helped to push ourselves harder at meets and at practices," said Leroy Anderson.

Letting people know what you're really made of was what track, the individual's sport, was all about. No matter how lonesome one may feel, the reward of standing out and being unique was the greatest feeling one could obtain. Each and every person involved in track showed how much pride they have in themselves.

Showing his excitement by jumping into the air, Dennis Huff is proud to have won first place.

Giving it their best shot, John Mueller and John Gipson race against each other during practice to improve their speed.





Making his way down the ramp, freshman Kelly Koonce prepares to make it to the pole vault.

Being lifted into the air by his pole, Chad Patschke a junior attempts to clear the bar when jumping the pole vault a sport he enjoys doing.













Members of the Cross Country team are: Front Row: Tim Tealer, Fabian Sanchez, Michael Schmucker. Back Row: Ricky Cole, John Gipson, Thomas Washington. Back Row: Coach Leon Nickerson.

Members of the Varsity Track team are: Back Row: Chris Naiver, Chris Nemec, John Gipson, David Spencer, Clayton Stiba, Jeff Stork, Lee Perez, Chad Holmstrom. **Fifth Row:** Pat Rosipal, Anthony Turner, Randy Hyzak, Roosevelt Williams, Pat Cuba, Ernest Good, John Grieger, Leroy Anderson. **Fourth Row:** Coach Wayne Schroeder, Kenneth Hill, Larry Brown, Todd Ivicic, Robert Frederick, Darwin Zrubeck, Robert Alderete, Gabriel Alerete. **Third Row:** Jody Vanecek, Nicky Taylor, Frank Fisher, Leonard Winn, Raymond Chavana, Laurence Olivarez. **Second Row:** James Lopez, John Snyder, Fabian Magana, Steven Chavana, Kelly Koonce, Chris Schultz. **Front Row:** Brian Winkler, Patrick Carter, Chad Patchke, Dennis Huff, John Mueller, Thomas Whashington.

Member of Freshman track are: First Row: Randy Skrhak, Leland Newsom, Shannon Dloughy, David Melindrez, Shannon Morales, Kevin Brooks, Fabian Sanchez. **Second Row:** Wayne Schroder, Larry Caldwell, Tommy Williams, Randy Stiba, Aaron Maxwell, Mark Steger, Danny Potts. **Third Row:** John Fontenot, Leonard Tillis, Trey Cervenka, Kelly Kaderka, Shannon Rowly, Chris Cook, Ron Fontenot. **Fourth Row:** Gerald Anderson, Carl Tealer, Randall Fischer, Michael Townsend, Chris Lee, Paul Schlesinger, Steven Thomas. **Fifth Row:** Douglas Bengston, Jason Ball, Scott Komandosky, Chad Marid, Steven Parades, Ron Randig, Jarod Stanford, Brandt Rydell.

Preparing to land after getting a good start on the long jump, sophomore, Pam Fischer, works on her long jump hoping to improve her jumps.





Girl's Track

Bridget Wilson	3rd	Shot Put
Bridget Wilson	3rd	Discus
Kreshonya Smith	8th	Relay
Regina Wright		
Chandra White		
Stephanie Martin		
Tammy Williams		
Tammy Williams		qualified in long jump
Tammy Williams	5th	100m dash



Receiving a medal for placing third in the shotput during a district meet, senior, Bridget Wilson, shows a look of satisfaction.

Smiling with her Taylor Duck pride, Bridget Wilson shows her medal to some fans who enjoy watching her throw the shot put at meets.





An Excellent Season



Braving the freezing weather, Wendi Mikulencak, Stephanie Martin, Teresa Wooldridge, and Chandra White try to warm up before their race.

Waiting to run the relay, freshmen, Stephanie Martin and Wendi Mikulencak hope that their best is good enough to win when competing.



As the new season arrived it brought on new hopes, and dreams of being the best we could be. Our team not only grew in size but it also grew in spirit and in dedication. We began practicing hard to be ready for the upcoming meets. When the first one came we gave it all we had to come up with a good result that left us anxiously awaiting to compete in the District Meet. Senior, Bridget Wilson commented, "I can't wait for the District Meet, we should do pretty well there. We'll be taking more people this year which should make us even stronger than before." And we were, we scored a total of 70⅓ points at District Meet which gave us the opportunity to participate in the Regional Meet.

We look more people to the regional track meet than in the history of Taylor Girls Track. You could tell, because we scored 14 points and qualified in 5 events the first of those five was the sprint relay which consisted of Kreshonya Smith, Regina Wright, Chandra White, Stephanie Martin and Tammy Williams. Tammy also qualified in the long jump and placed fifth in the 100m dash. Bridget Wilson placed third in both shotput and the discus.

The magnificent season left Coach Price with only one thing to say, "We had an excellent season with great participation and next year should be even better!."



Bottom Row, Left to Right: Natasha Lewis, Wendi Mikulencak, Christi Bland, Chandra White, Tammy Williams, and Sarah Schultz. **2nd Row, Left to Right:** Althea Henry, Geneva Arocha, Monika Villionueva, Belinda Dominguez, Angela Jackson, Tonya Simien, and Pam Fischer. **3rd Row, Left to Right:** Donna Baker, Theresa Wooldridge, Kreshonya Smith, Stephanie Martin, Tanisha Tisby, and Valencia Henry. **Top Row, Left to Right:** Regina Wright, Connie Wooldridge, Carl Price, and Stephanie Wright.



On her mark, Stephanie Martin prepares herself for the race as she anticipates the gun.

We Stood Tall

Luck is that which seems to happen or come to one by chance. At the beginning of the season, we had the luck we needed to win games. Our opponents always had more hits than we, but while we would only obtain five hits, we still came out on top.

Then it happened, our luck drained by mid-season. We won a few here and there, but we couldn't pull together. Brenham, ranked in the top ten of the state all year, but they had the scare of their lives when they met us. If it had not been for a three run double, we would not have lost to one of the toughest teams in the state. This type of loss was typical throughout the year.

We knew we would be one of the toughest teams in district, but when we came into district, everything fell apart again. Our offense worked out, but our defense didn't, and when our defense worked, our offense didn't.

Our hopes were high throughout the district season. We always let our opponents know we were not an easy team to get by. Westlake could not score on us until the sixth inning, and Georgetown had to play us in nine full innings.

Throughout the year, we beat teams so bad that we made them feel very inferior, but no one could do that to us; we held our heads high.

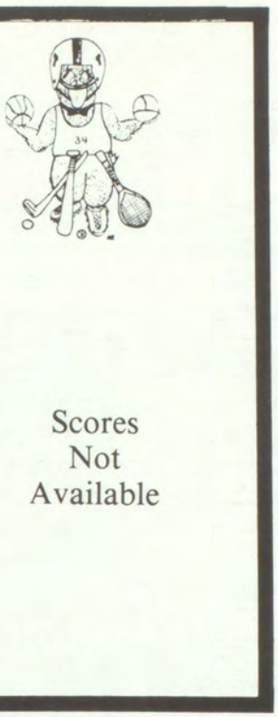
"We never gave up; we gave our best," remarked Jonnathon Hundley.

Coming in, to score a homerun for the team Bradley Lenz, a senior player, helps put his team ahead.

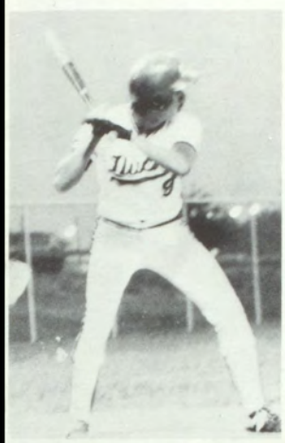
Up at the batter's box, preparing to swing a base hit, sophomore baseball player, Augie Lopez, keeps his eye on the ball.







Watching the game with great interest, and hoping the team will go on to victory, Benji Whitten, a junior, appears to block out everything else.







Awaiting their chance to score a point for the baseball team are seniors Tay Campbell and Larry Brown. They have enjoyed playing baseball for the last four years.

Involved in one of his favorite sports, Michael Bachmayer pitches the baseball with great strength.



Members of the Varsity Baseball team are Front Row: Larry Brown, Michael Ornales, Daryl Jackson. **Second Row:** Dean Gonzales, Mark Paulsen, Johnny Rodriguez, Lee Gonzales, Tay Campbell. **Third Row:** Roosevelt Williams, Peter Vargas, Thomas Rohlack, Michael Bachmayer, Jonathon Hundley, Todd Ivicic, Bradley Lenz, and Coach Kuhl.



Members of Boy's Golf are: (First Row) Eddy Dlugos, Patrick Pille, John Doe, Wade Krueger, Leon Nickerson (Coach); **(Second Row)** Todd Blahuta, Alan Odom, Toby Branson, Andy Gonzales, Robert Kruse; **(Third Row)** Pete Deary, Kevin Mikulencak, Trey Brookshire, Edward Gonzales, David Caldwell, Adam Johanesson.





Lining up his putt, Kevin Bogan strives for that perfect accuracy.

Members of Girl's golf are: Jamie West, Angela Jackson, Stephanie Wright, Debbie Canales, Kim Berry, Michelle Bradford, Leon Nickerson (Coach).



Swinging his club, Trey Brookshire sets out to play a game of golf at the Taylor Country Club.

Swinging his golf club with the precision of a pro, Eddy Dlugos sends his ball out onto the golf course and hopefullly near the green.

Teeing it Up



Our sport was not well known and not many fans came to watch our tournaments. We didn't have much experience, but we knew we had some young people that looked prospective for next year. Our top two leaders, Trey Brookshire and David Caldwell, were seniors. Their low scores in all of our tournaments helped us to come close to winning every time. This helped to keep our spirits high. The leader on the girls varsity team, Michelle Bradford, was also a senior. Even though all of these people had inspired us, we knew we had to learn to stand on our own when the time came for them to move on.

We had become better golfers, and now looked anxiously to the new crop of players. We knew these kids would one day help us to reach the top. We would be able to spend less time being taught and more time on practice. But with experience, we knew that we would have that extra edge we needed.

Looking back, we realized the year had been pretty good. The future looked great, and with dedication, leadership, and experience, we were looking forward to becoming state champions.





Showing Madeline Hernandez the proper stance to use for putting, Leon Nickerson spends individual time with students.



Bundled against the chilly weather, Trey Brookshire doesn't seem to let the weather affect his game.

Members of girl's golf are: Jamie West, Michelle Bradford, Angela Jackson, Kim Berry, Regina Wright, and Debbie Canales; (Coach) Leon Nickerson.





Walking to the next green to make her putt, Michelle Bradford gets plenty of exercise during a golf tournament. Exercise is one of the side benefits of golf.

Studying the lay of the green, David Caldwell, wants to be sure of the curve before he makes his putt.



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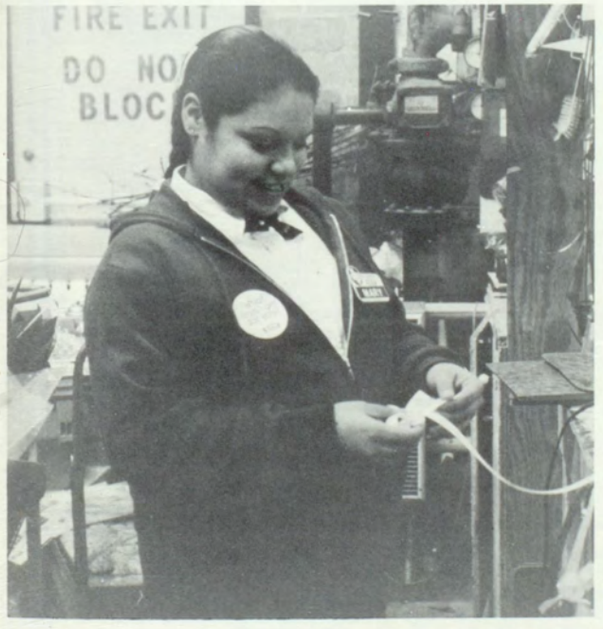
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The football stands were always full of supporters, and these people not only supported by buying food in the concession stands, but they provided spirit which kept the team going to a possible victory. This spirit gave just as much support as buying boosters or ads. Having a community which offered so much support, both financially and spiritually gave us all the chances we needed to succeed.

This support helped us to have a yearbook, newspaper, band, football team and other organizations. Without the help of the community these organizations would not have existed.



As an employee at Goodies food place, senior Cecilia Wright prepares an ice cream for a customer, one of the many jobs that she is responsible for while being employed through the school.

An employee at HEB Food Store, Mary Helen Martinez prepares a corsage for one of the busiest times of the year which is Valentine's Day. She is employed through a vocational course.



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"Don't quit school! No matter how hard it seems to be, stick in there and do your best!" — Melanie Schramn



"I think the best advise that anyone can or could give freshmen is "Be Yourself!" and make school fun." — Larry Brown



"Be close to your classmates because after you graduate, you may never see them again." — Dawn Sladek



"School's getting tough, so you underclassmen get TOUGHER!" — Hattie Schoener



Advice from the WISE



Take the time to become friends with many different people because you will prosper from them. — Monica Williams



Do not do anything halfway. You get out of something what you put into it. — Thomas Rohlack



My advise to freshmen would be to get involved in extra-curricular activities, have lots of fun and make it the greatest four years of your life. — Tay Campbell



Enjoy every minute of high school and never take the easy way out. Study really hard or you will regret it later. — Christy Laurence

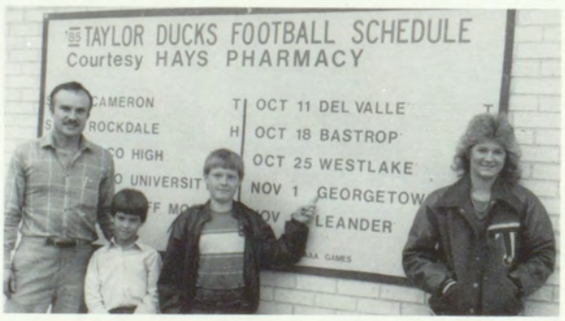


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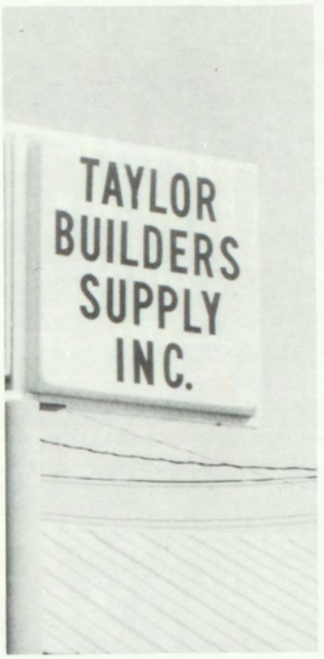
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"Word hard on weekdays. Party on weekends." — Michael Lefner



"Always try to be involved. The friends that you make now could end up life time friends or mere acquaintances, but either way they make your memories which you'll always have. For these truly are the best years of your life." — Tammy Bielss



"Respect the upperclassmen." — Elaine Dominguez



"Learn as much as you can and set goals and go for them. Also get involved in activities and show people that you are willing to work and learn. Have fun and keep the spirit alive, not only on Fridays but during the whole school year." — Dennis Haywood



Advice from the WISE



"Take as many classes as possible and study to make the best grades as you can even if you're not thinking of going to college because you might change your mind." — Heidi Harrington



"Get involved in organizations and clubs, be active, have fun, but don't let your academic work go unattended. Take pride in yourself and remember to set your goals, but don't just reach them, go beyond them." — Lisa Janet Phoenix



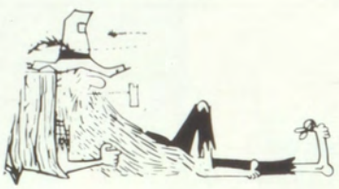
"Always study, do your homework, listen in class, and work hard, and you are guaranteed to maintain an "A" average." — Jonathan Hundley



"My advice to the noble underclassmen is to be yourself. Don't try and change for another person just to be accepted in a group." — La' Aunt Clarkson

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"If you plan to go to college, but you do not know what you want to major in, it would be best to take advanced courses and study hard so when you do make up your mind, you will have plenty of education to get into the major you want." — Paul Bogan



"No matter how great or small a task may be, you should never give up until you finish." — Michelle Bradford



"Some advice I would like to give to underclassmen is that it will be over before you know it! Make the most of high school while you can!" — Barbara Ripley



"Some advice that I would give to underclassmen would be to study and quit worrying about who's having the party and where it's at." — Denise Oviedo



Advice from the WISE

"Making friends is a major influence in today's society. The best way to start off making new friends is to get involved. There are many clubs and organizations offered to you, so my advice is to go for them." — Stacy Yeoman



"Enjoy it while it's here. Take all of the courses that you can. Have fun and learn at the same time." — John Kollman



"My advice to an underclassmen is to do all your work and get involved in a lot of clubs and school activities." — Paul Larson



"Keep the unity within your class. Don't fool around your freshman and sophomore year and then wake up your junior year and decide you want to be an honor grad — By then it's almost too late. If you start as a freshman it's not hard at all." — Marisa Janke



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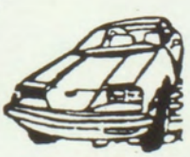
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"You should always strive for success because it's your future, and no one else's." — Kevin Elder



"You should be confident! I hate it when Freshmen cut themselves down to be cute! Have a good attitude about everything! It will rub off on others. Get involved and take on as many responsibilities as you can!" — Sarah Schulz



"The advice that I would give to an underclassman is to get involved. Don't be afraid, and don't let your peers hold you back if you feel you can do a certain task; get out there and do it." — Rudy Ramirez





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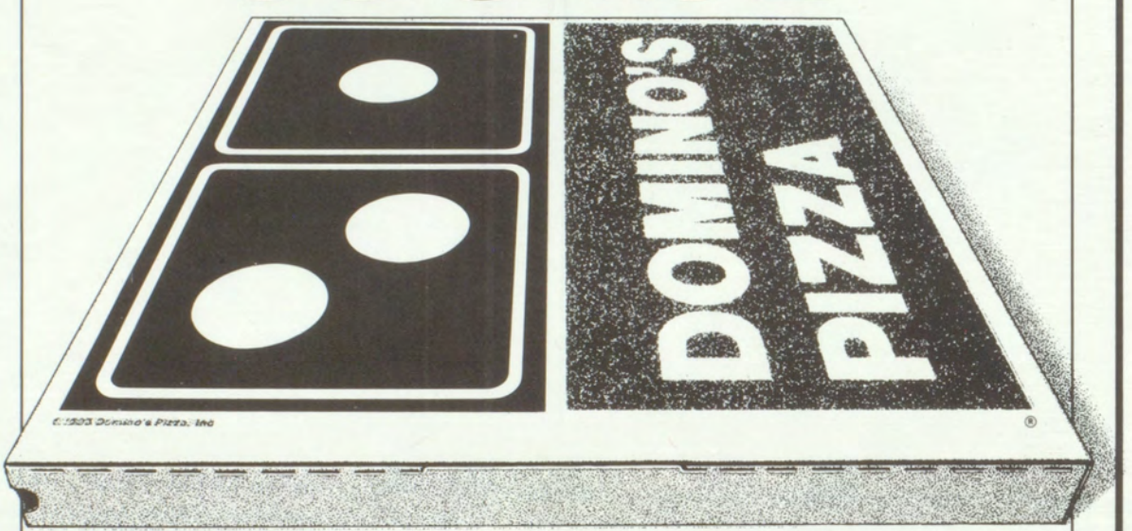
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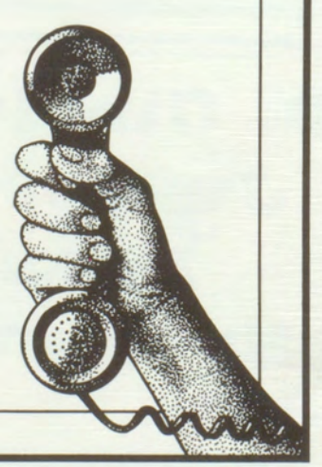
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Putting on a tuxedo with the help of Benji Whitten is Steven Schmidt, a senior, who is waiting to take senior pictures.



During a pep rally, Cheerleaders Retada Ruzicka, Elaine Dominguez, and Dawn Sladek put on a skit using the Waddles hot line as their source to talk to the crowd.

MAKING ROOM FOR OTHERS

It was the end of another year. Everyone ready for their summer break and another senior class graduating, making room for a new class of Freshmen.

For the seniors, this year was extra special. It was the last of twelve years of school, and it was a year for looking back. Not only at what had happened in high school, but in a lifetime.

For the Freshmen it was only the beginning. In the four years of high school they will attend, a lot of things will occur, not only good things but bad things as well. Yet at the end of their senior year, they will say the same thing as this year's seniors. "We Loved It!"



Rushing to complete their Junior research papers are Kellie Whatley and Sara Macalister. The library gives the students many sources to use.

During a break after an assembly, Stephanie Wright, Andrew Reese, Bridget Wilson, Edward Guiterrez, and Francisco Guiterrez, show the crowd their talents.

Riding in the back of a truck are some Juniors waving at the crowds. They are representing their class in the traditional Homecoming parade.





A member in the photography class, Katrina Petrus, a Junior, learns different techniques about the lighting and focusing of a 35mm camera.





Checking out a yearbook, Dawna Mokry takes a break from the studying she does in order to maintain her good grades while she is a junior.

Preparing the finish of a pyramid are the JV and the Varsity Cheerleaders, Kellie Whatley, Nikki Urbis, June Simcik, Sara Schultz, Tammie Campbell, Kim Winkler, Lisa Radomski, Christi Johnson, and Renata Ruzicka.

