
Making a Splash
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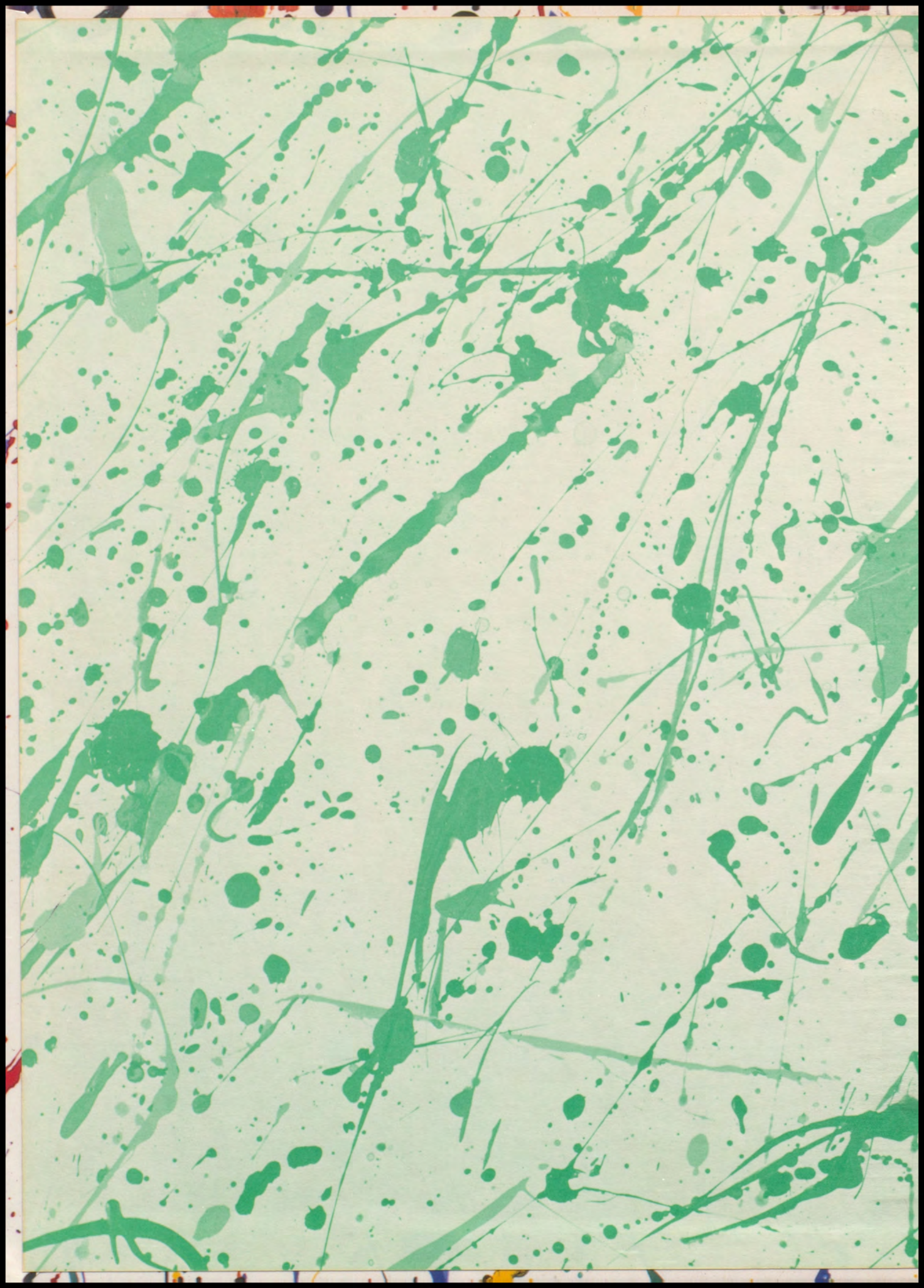

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Making A Splash



Being splashed, members of Young Life participate in the traditional Crud War held at Taylor Middle School. Students find the more they are involved in, the more enjoyable their high school years are.

Drying off, Todd Mucha and Shannon Morales stand aside from water sprayed from the fire trucks during the Young Life Crud Wars.

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DUCK SPLASH

Since we are such a close school, we stuck together, and for this reason, it was easy for everyone to jump in and make a splash at THS. It is a well known fact that Ducks love water, but we made our splashes in a lot of different areas, most of them had nothing to do with water. But, we left our "splash" or our "mark" in numerous places.

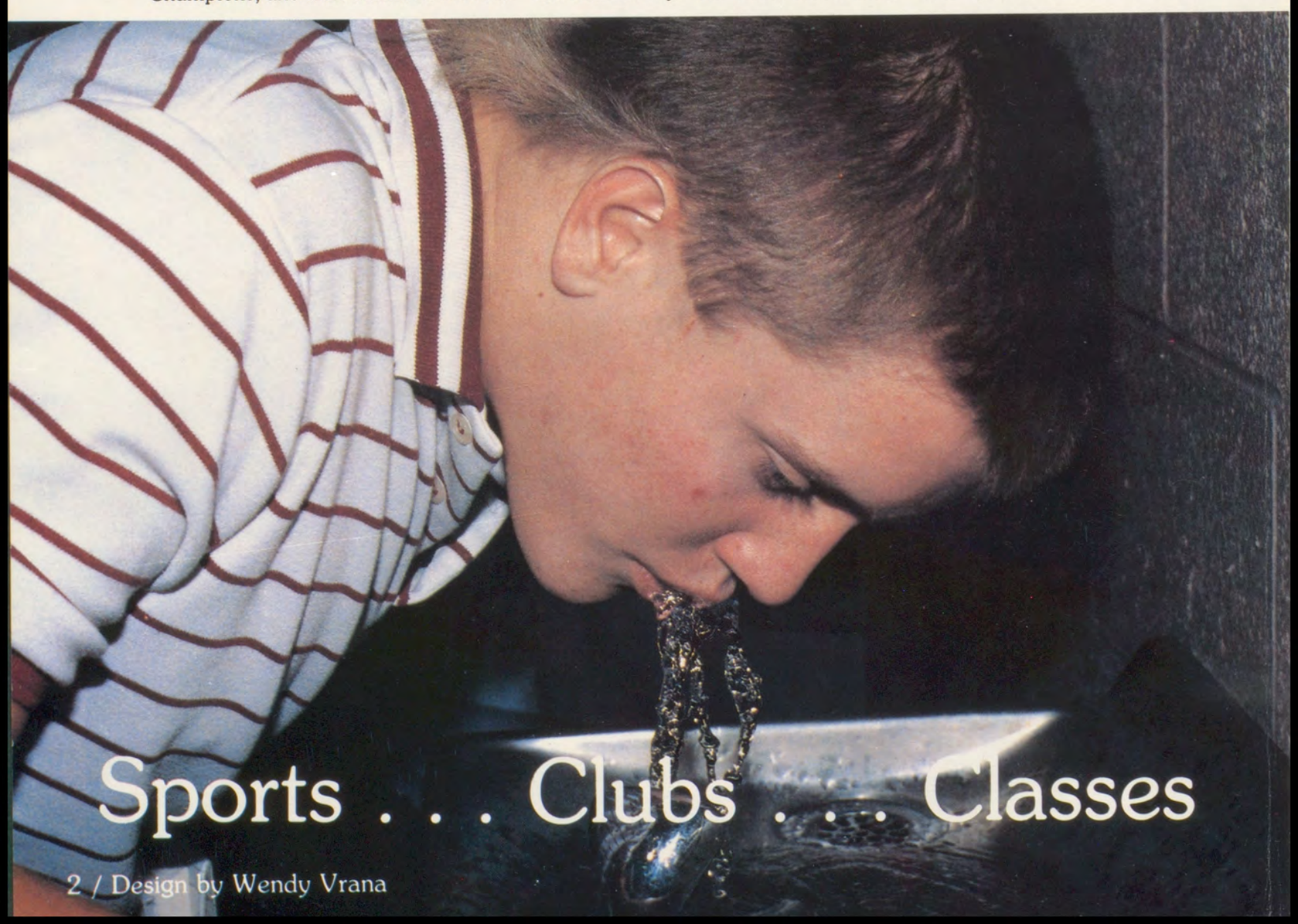
Instead of letting our school work, sports, and clubs get off track, we decided to strive to be the best that we could be, not only trying to make others happy, but trying to make ourselves happy so we could enjoy what we were doing.

Our football team became District Champions, and the Freshmen football team also won District. The Lady Duck volleyball team advanced all the way to the Region Semi-Finals. The varsity tennis team flew to Regionals in Lubbock. We intended to be noticed, and we were remembered.

"Every pebble leaves an impression — be it good or bad."

We also left our marks on the lives of our fellow students and members of the community. We cared about each other, and so we had our Duck families to help a lot of the students cope with personal problems. The Leadership workshops were filled with the support of the counselors and teachers that attended. Students were warm-hearted and understanding. You could find someone to talk to anywhere you turned. And our caring overflowed from the school to the community with projects such as Red Santa and various other service projects.

Knowing that we would leave an impression on people and the school forever, we knew that if we strived our hardest in school, we would be rewarded for all our accomplishments . We all wanted to say, "You see that little splash? That's the one I made."

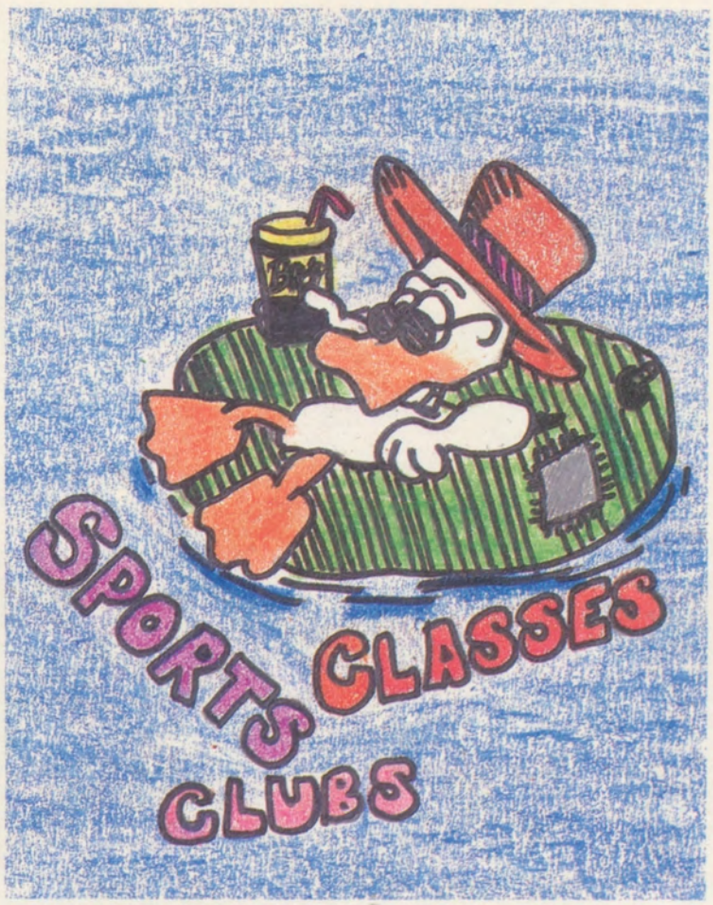


Sports . . . Clubs . . . Classes

Running through the sign before the playoff game in Baylor, the District Champion Ducks are overflowing with anticipation and excitement.



Floating their boat down Lake Drive, Marcy Sladek and Monica Machu try to make the most of the rainy weather.



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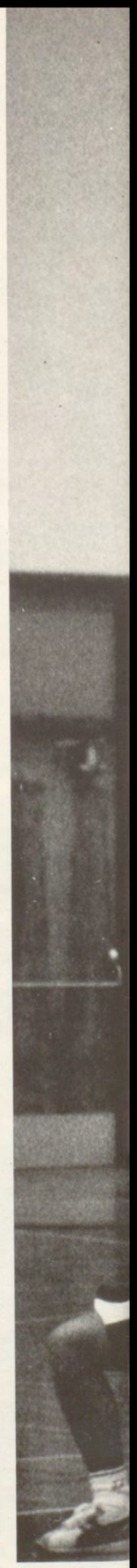
The Team



Showing spirit in organization was important.







Exhibiting musical abilities, these band members add a necessary ingredient in spirit.

Stopping for a moment, Waddles (Valori Morales) sings the Taylor High School Song before the playoff game against Cleburne.

Making a pyramid, the Varsity Cheerleaders Nikki Urbis, Kim Winkler, Tonya Jefferson, Trey Larson, Jeana Lopez, Jessica Ortiz, and Carla James perform during an early morning pep-rally.



Signing an autograph, Will Manning brightens the day of a future football player.



Showing off at the girls' game, Chad Marek, Leland Newsome, Steven Brasefield, and Aaron Maxwell exhibit their pyramid abilities.



Snapshots





















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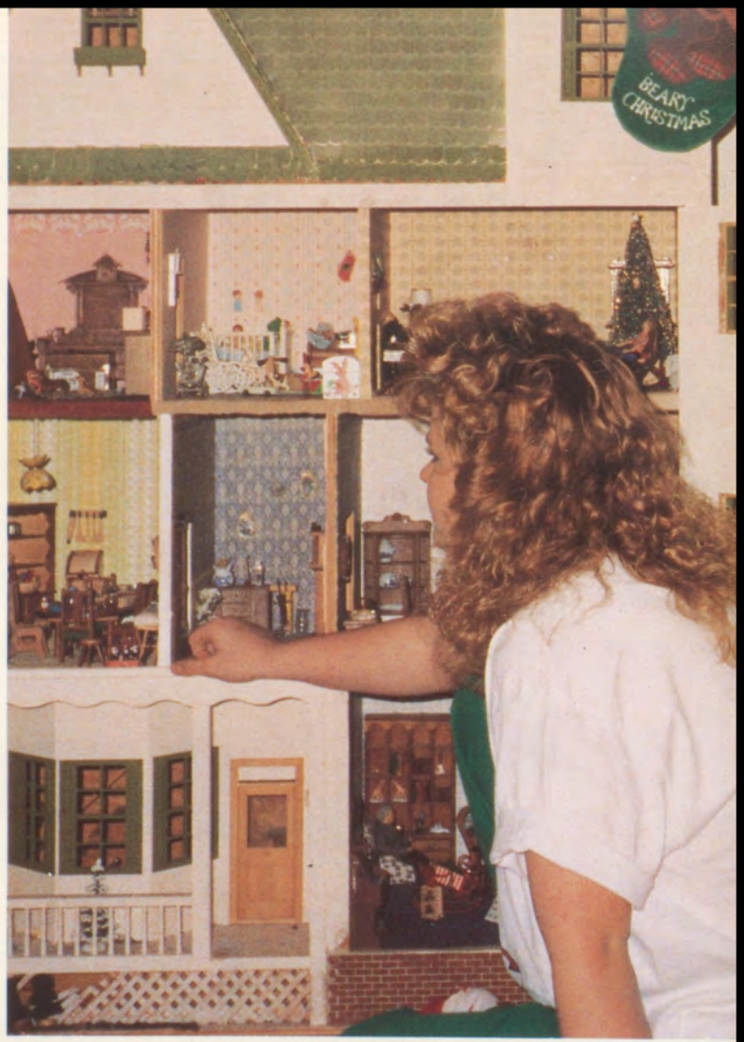
Individual Interests

Each of us, being our own individual, had different interests. Even though we participated in sports and classroom exercises together, we each had different unique hobbies and collections, some of which became obsessions.

Having these obsessions, we established the importance of how we spent our time. Obsessions may have needed to be kept up, up-dated, researched, or perhaps even practiced. Finding the time to maintain these obsessions along with other school related activities, we often had to make decisions which were a part of growing up. We knew that we had to keep up our grades if we wanted to participate in outside activities. Some of us even juggled school, a job, and home responsibilities in order to keep up our hobbies. Whatever it took, somehow we always managed to find the time to spend with our special projects. This was part of our escape from the stress of life and school. We needed our obsessions! In reality, these interests and hobbies helped us refresh our minds and bodies so that we could do better at school and in our jobs.

Although we knew our interests would change in some subjects, we believed our obsessions would always remain special; they had been a major part of our lives and had helped us become the people we would remain!





Riding dangerously, Jason Faykus prepares himself for competition in bicycling. The stunts that are performed are carefully thought through and practiced until Jason reaches his goal.



Being fast on his feet, Clayton Rhoades demonstrates his well-developed(?!) coordination with a skateboard.



Looking in her minature house, LeAnn Mueller checks to see if everything is in order. She has collected these pieces since she was 3 years old.

Pumping iron, Ron Randig spends his spare time developing his muscular body. He has been working out for three years and can bench press over 300 pounds.





"For the longest time, I have collected teddy bears. I will always do so, even when I get old and grey."
Shanon Taylor



Meeting new friends in foreign countries, Jan Jackson(left) enjoys traveling to many places such as Mexico and several countries in Europe.

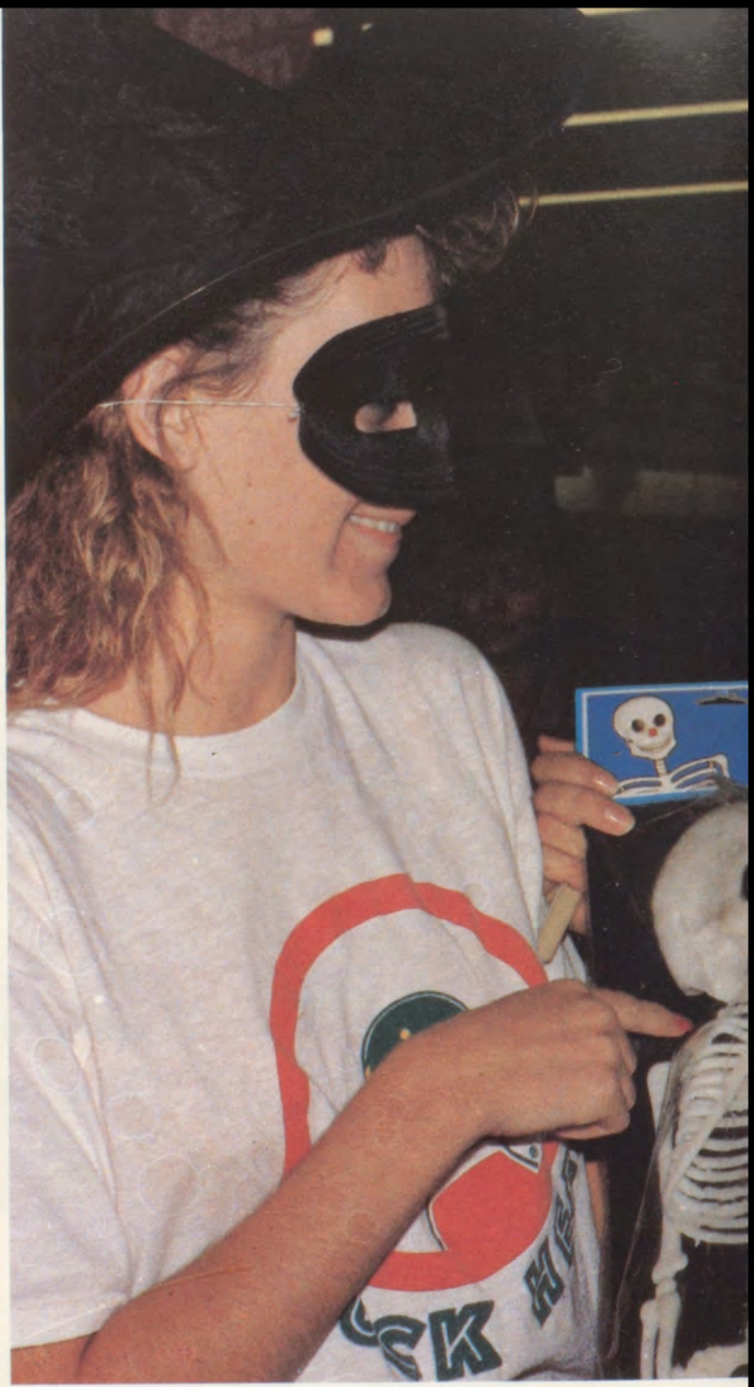


Both Trey Bachmeyer and Wade Krueger share a common interest in collecting baseball cards, which they compare.

Smiling at the crowd,Melissa Elizondo, Nikki Urbis, and Shannon Britton help celebrate Christmas while riding on the Chamber of Commerce float in the Parade of Lights.



Getting into the Halloween spirit,Kim Kruse and Marcy Sladek experiment with different ideas for costumes. It seems we never get too old for holiday fun.



'Tis the SEASON



Having a friendly conversation, these friends enjoy themselves at the Christmas Progressive Dinner. This is just one of the many parties that students enjoyed for the holidays. Everyone enjoyed being with family and friends to celebrate those special times.

It's what we had been waiting for since day one.

The halls were squirming with anticipation as the entire student body anxiously awaited the opportunity to abandon all thoughts of school work and other obligations. Although we enjoyed the time we spent inside the walls of THS, no one could deny that we loved the holidays just as much, if not even more. After all, holidays gave us an opportunity to forget homework, tests and some of the other pressures of school and have some time to play and be ourselves.

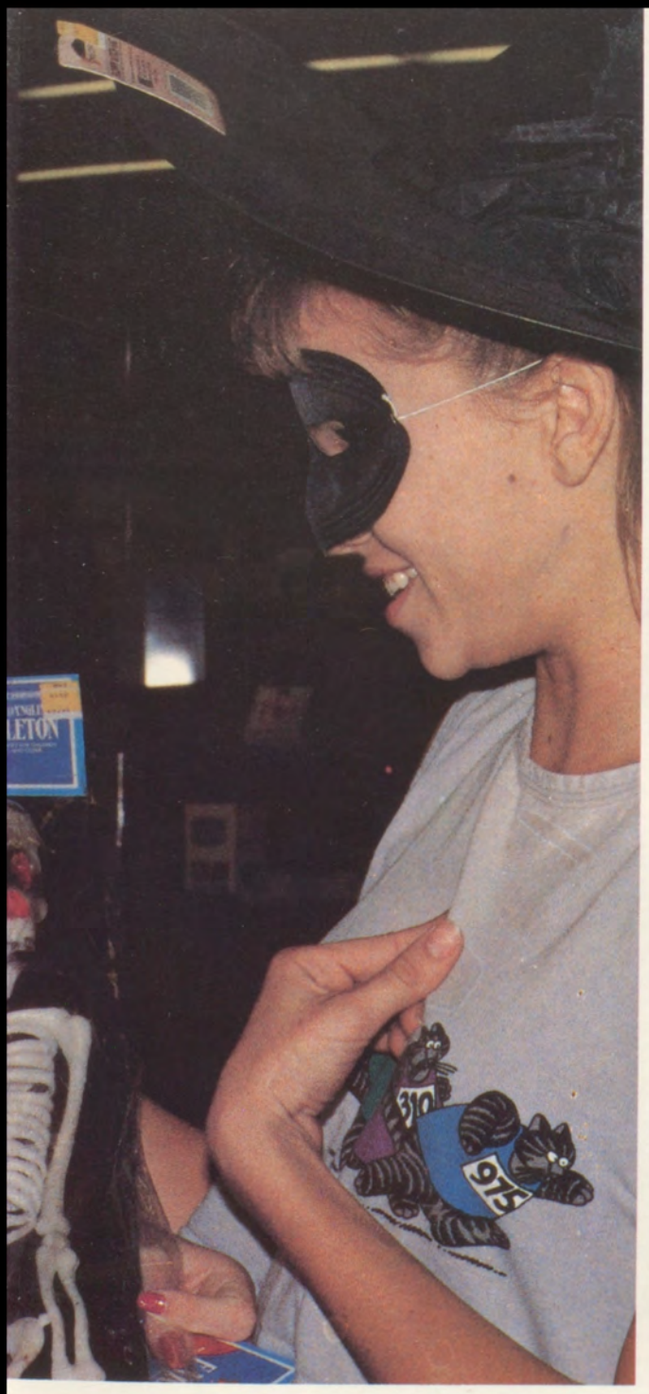
Our first major holiday , Halloween, brought about many festivities. The annual Spooktacular was held with many organizations participating in various fund-raising activities. It also meant the reoccurence of traditional "Smith Street" wars.

As always, Thanksgiving and Christmas were occasions that most of us shared with family and friends. These holidays were celebrated in school as well as out, especially during the Christmas season. The student body got into the spirit as doors were decorated for the annual contest and trees were put up to give that special holiday feeling. Clubs held parties and Duck Families once again participated in the Red Santa program to help those people in the community who might need some special help. All of us felt good about being able to share with others, and realized that this was really what the spirit of Christmas was all about anyway.

Later in the year, Valentine's Day brought cards, flowers and balloons. The office and Career and Counseling Center were filled with surprises that thrilled many unsuspecting receivers.

Spring Break, of course, was enjoyed in various ways. Some of us went to the beach, some went shopping, some slept late and watched the soaps. Some of us even had to work, but we didn't even mind that. At least, we were free of school work for a while.

All in all, the holidays were special times for all of us, and the memories we made were memories that we knew would last a lifetime.



Gathering around the Christmas tree, Valori Morales, Barbara Brueckner, Cheryl Chapa, Amy Sandoval, Nickel Baker, Tammy Blahuta, Kim Dykowski, Christie Volek, and Nikki Urbis get together at a friend's house for a Christmas party.









Hanging out of Steven Brasfield's jeep, Cathy Flores, Carl Larson, Marcy Sladek, Julie Keese, and Kelly Kaderka show their enthusiasm in being included in the Christmas Parade of Lights.

Surprise, you're on candid camera!

Sharing a special moment at Young Life, Amy Janke, Michael Shirk, Kelly Spiller, Tammy Moeller, Craig Naivar, Marcy Sladek, and Deandra Barron light candles to celebrate the Christmas season.

Discussing last-minute preparations, Jon Wimp and Drum Major Susan Brummett fill the half-time game against Cleburne at the Baylor stadium with special music.

Tightening leg straps, Jason Ball makes minor adjustments to his gear during the game.





Behind Closed Doors

Although we saw those proud football, basketball, track, or baseball players run on the field, or the steppers and band members perform during halftime, we did not actually know what went on behind closed doors. Most of their fans did not realize all of the hard work and dedication that these people had to have to withstand all the practices and work-outs before and after school each day. Most of us had no idea how tired or how sore these performer got.

What makes a person put themselves through all of this ? There are various reasons. Some hoped for scholarships; others did it for self-satisfaction, and some of us did it just to stay in shape because of pride or for health reasons. Even those of us who were not in such a sport went to the gym to work out with weights or jogging along the track to release the stress from everyday work at school or at a part-time job. Some of us were very particular about the way we looked, and it was extremely important to work-out to keep our body looking its very best. It wasn't always easy; in fact, at times it was down right painful, but whether we were staying in shape for a sport or school activity or just for ourselves, we knew we had to be willing to accept some pain.

All the athletes and performers worked quite hard and pulled many muscles to perform to their utmost during the games. Some of us realized the price they had paid, and it made us appreciate them all the more.

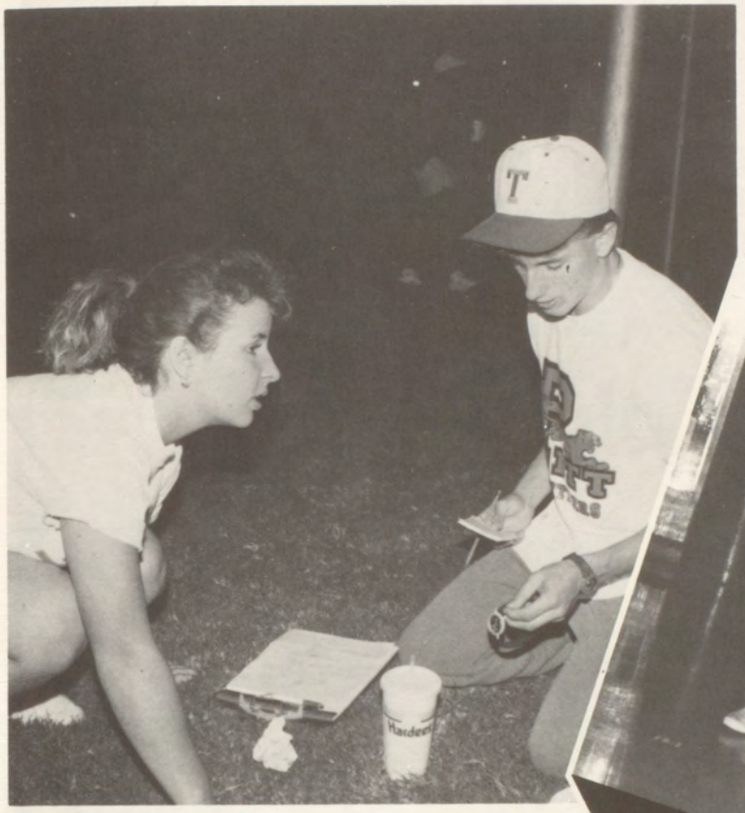
So as we see them run out for the game to play or perform during half-time, don't forget those many hours of hard and anguishing toil that went on before the game ever began.

On the day of the game, I try to relax and think about how I will perform that night," says Senior Shannon Rowley.



Listening closely, Tammy Moeller gets instructions from Craig Naivar who coached the juniors at the Powder Puff football game.

Watching attentively, Christy Caldwell and Christie Volek master a new routine to be performed by the Hi Steppers.











Warming-up, Tonya Jefferson limbers up before cheering on the Ducks at the play-off game at Baylor.

Relieving his aching muscles, Michael Townsend is assisted by Coach James Bartosh to stretch and prepare himself for the next play.

Painting signs, Jessica Ortiz and Trey Larson stay late after school to perform one of the many tasks of cheerleaders.

Spirit let's hear it!!

Having the great season that the Ducks had this year, one might have thought that the student body's spirit would have been soaring. Even though the varsity football team had an 8-1-1 record, there seemed to be less student body spirit than would have been expected. Perhaps it was the early morning pep rallies. In spite of all of that, the team made up for it as they themselves had spirit.

After taking the District Championship for the first time in twelve years, we advanced to the play-offs where we played the Cleburne Yellowjackets at Baylor Stadium. The Ducks played a tough game but were still handed a 14-10 defeat. Nevertheless, the team still left with their heads held high and their Duck pride intact.

The varsity volleyball team also exhibited marked enthusiasm by taking their winning streak all the way to San Angelo in the Regional semi-finals.

Likewise, the band, flags, cheerleaders, teachers, and student body all tried to raise spirit. The senior "leftovers" hung signs and recognized the players of the week at all the pep rallies. Even though spirit was sporadic, many students and teachers realized that we needed more and tried to do their part to keep it going.

"I would have liked to see more spirit in the school and at the pep rallies," said junior Craig Naivar.

As a whole, the student body didn't have as much spirit as one would expect, especially considering our winning season, but in spite of it all, we pulled through with a winning team and high hopes for the year to come.

Doing their pom-pom routine to the school song Srs. Valori Morales, Jeana Lopez, Nikki Urbis, Jessica Ortiz, and Tonya Jefferson show their spirit at the Homecoming pep rally.



Showing her respect for the school song, Kim Kruse sings with pride. In the back of her mind, she realizes that as a senior, she will soon be ready to graduate. My how time flies!

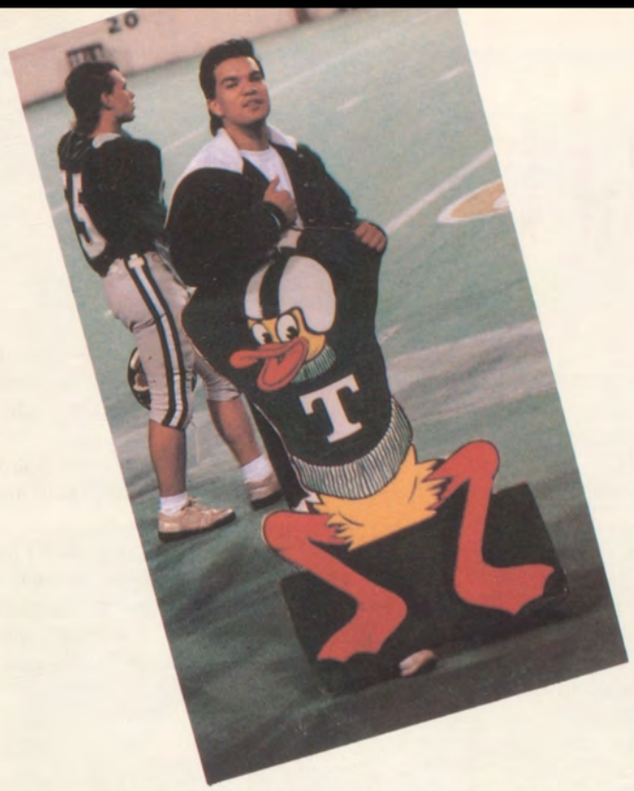




Keeping the spirit going is a major role in cheerleading.



The 1988 Homecoming Queen Nominees left to right, Nikki Urbis, Amy Sandoval, Tammy Blahuta, June Simcik, Chandra White, Stacy Caplinger, Kim Kruse, and Kim Winkler.



Trying to arouse the crowd during the Taylor-Cleburne game, senior Trey Larson holds up the Taylor Duck.



Smiling with surprise after she had been crowned Homecoming Queen, Chandra White poses for pictures with escort Shaun Rowley.



Screaming with excitement, Nicole David, Coleen Leschber, Tammy Moeller, Megan Tennill enjoy the Taylor-Cleburne game even though it was a loss.

"Duck Spirit"



Showing their spirit, members of the Junior Class get ready for the pep rally.



Cheering on the Ducks, Carla James gets into that great Duck spirit at the last pep rally.



We had some fun for WEEKENDS

With all of our tests, classes, homework, jobs, and after school activities, it seemed as if the school week just crawled by. The only thing that seemed to be pulling us through were those lazy, crazy weekends when we were free to be ourselves and do only the things we wanted to do — or at least for the most part.

All week we anticipated the coming of Friday! Often the question was heard, "Is it Friday yet?" We sat in our sixth period classes and watched the clock slowly make its way to 3:25, just thinking about what was to come and all of the fun we knew was ahead.

Whether it was a dance, football game, bowling at the new bowling alley, or just riding around and talking to friends, we always managed to have a great time.

Sundays were reserved for just laying back having fun. We loved getting together to play sports or eat out.

"Weekends helped me get away from all the hustle and bustle of the long school week," junior Emily Taylor said.

No matter if the weekend ended in headache, heartache, or just a great time, the dreaded Monday morning always seemed to arrive. And like the week before, all we could do was look forward to the next Friday 3:25 bell.



Waiting for the driver to get gas, Tammy Blahuta, Nicole Baker, Amy Sandoval, Kim Dykowski jump out to pose with the T.G.I.F. Monkey.

T.G.I.F.



Sitting in the parking lot and enjoying each others' company, seniors Jay Sutton, Cathy Flores, Wade Krueger, and Shannon Britton soak up the last of the summer rays.

Waiting at a red light, juniors Michael Shirk and Darrell Mikulencak try to make it home on time after a long Sunday afternoon.



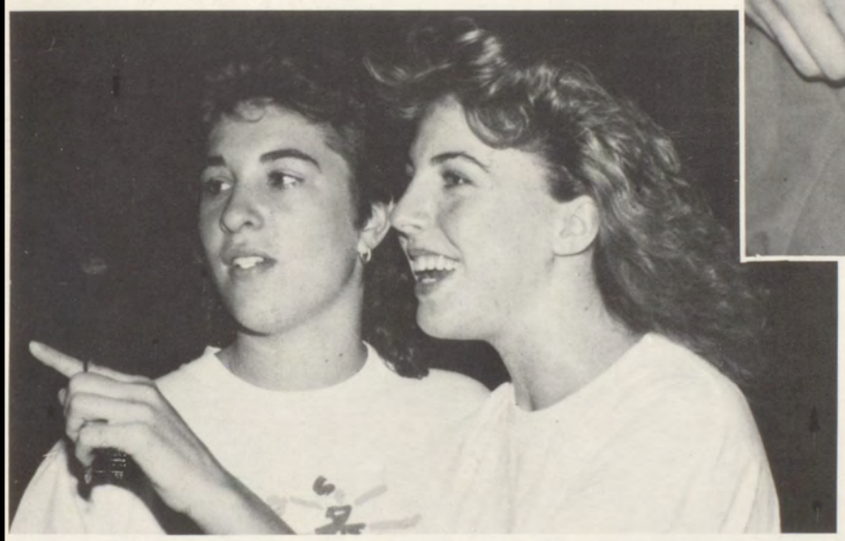
"I really enjoy the weekends because they give me time to relax and spend time with good friends," declares junior Michael Shirk.



Considering their choices, Christy Caldwell and Nicole David decide how they would like to spend their free time. Sometimes there was too much to do — thus, the decisions were often complicated.



Showing their friendship for each other, Monica Machu and Shanna Michna hug with joy after the Young Life hay ride.



Laughing at their friends, sophomores Heidi Mott and Shaun Rowley decide to spend their Saturday night in the parking lot.



Pointing at the guys, Stacy Caplinger and Coleen Lecshber try to find a ride home after a flat tire and running out of gas.



Slapping hands, Kevin Hurta and David Daniel celebrate another win for the tennis team.













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PROM



Dancing the "Cotton-eyed Joe," students and their dates knew this would be a night they would never forget.

A NIGHT TO MAKE MEMORIES

The juniors worked many long, hard hours preparing for the prom. They decorated from Friday afternoon until early Saturday morning, transforming the student center into an entirely different world. Then came Saturday.

All the plans and preparations were finally falling into place. Students rushed around town frantically, getting their hair done, getting manicures, getting facials, picking up corsages and boutenieres. The whole town was in a frenzy as the time drew near.

After putting the final touches on our attire, friends and dates met, mom and dad took pictures of everyone, and we were off.

Eating at a fancy restaurant went hand in hand with prom night. Many students could be found dining at the Radisson, the Foothills, and the Four Seasons resturant.

Of course, after dinner came the prom. We walked through the double doors and down the entry hall to find the student center transformed into a jungle paradise. Live plants, bamboo, and other decor filled the student center.

Everyone mingled, took pictures, and danced until the clock struck twelve, but the night was still young. Many people attended the after-prom party held at City Hall while others had parties of their own.

Prom night was a once in a life-time experience and it will never be forgotten.



Highlighting the evening, Carrie Schmidt and Michael Townsend were happily elected prom queen and king.



Getting to serve at the Prom, these ladies make sure that all of the guests have punch to quench their thirst as they dance.

Sporting a new attire at the Prom, Patrick Shuffield combines the formal and the western look.





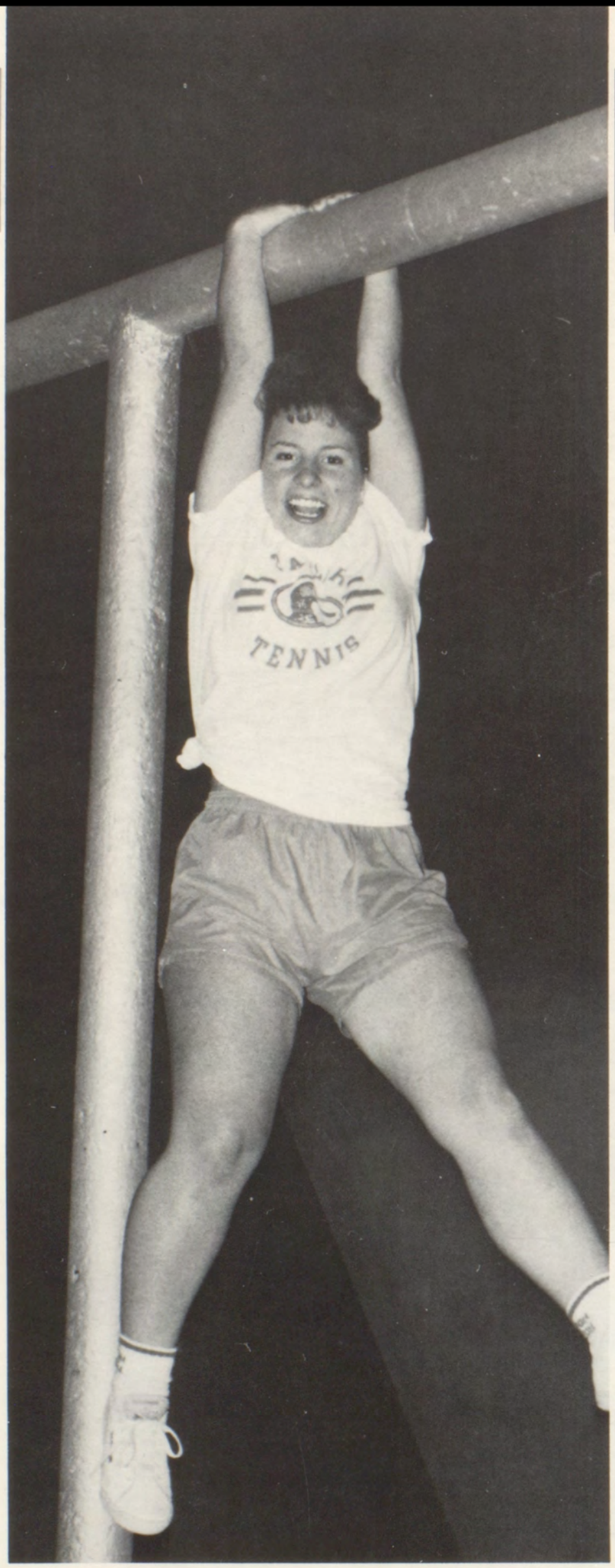


Hanging streamers, Kelly Spiller helps his classmates prepare for the big night.

Admiring the fountain, Ricky Pfeil and his date wait as the servers pour their drinks.

Getting down and enjoying the music, these students show off some of the new dance steps.





Marching to the beat, Eric Anstey, leaves the gym with the band after performing at a pep-rally.





Hanging around, Junior Tammy Moeller finds a fun way to spend time with her friends at the football field.

Looking at the new Mallards, Keli Krohovjak and Sonya Harrison remember the memories and activities of the previous school year.

Making Our Mark







Participating in the pep-rally, Teresa Woolridge, Jessica Ortiz, Lavita Kerley and Angela Jackson demonstrate a new dance style to promote spirit.

Tied together, Lisa Farr, Spence Potter and Ted Brinkmeyer enjoy playing a Young Life game with friends.

Showing Duck spirit, Seniors Kim Dykowski and Christie Volek sing the school song that is traditionally sung after a pep-rally.

Seniors

The Best of Times

After three long years of high school, our Senior year had finally come. It felt wierd to call ourselves "Seniors" because all along it seemed like this year would never come. We began preparing ourselves for a very exciting year that would be unlike any other of our school years.

The school year had barely started and we were already taking senior portraits. Soon after that we ordered our caps and gowns along with our graduation invitations. This was only a sign that graduation would be here before we knew it.

"These are the best years of our lives, and we should try to have as much fun as we can while they last." **June Simcik**

Many of us who were college bound began sending in our applications for scholarships and admission to the colleges of our choice. When we finally received our acceptance letters or learned that we were chosen to receive a scholarship, we felt that our future was somewhat in order and all we had to do now was graduate.

As the year progressed and June 2nd came closer and closer, we began to realize that high school had created many memories for us. After graduation, we would all be going our separate ways. In a few years we would look back and remember all the great times we had in and out of school and wish that maybe it wouldn't have ended.

It was going to be hard to leave THS, our friends, teachers, and all the good times we shared, but a whole new life was out there waiting for us. When graduation came, we were prepared to make the step that would be the beginning of the rest of our lives. We worked hard to get there, and our efforts had finally paid off. No matter how hard it was, in the end the Seniors of '89 could truly say these were the best years of our lives.



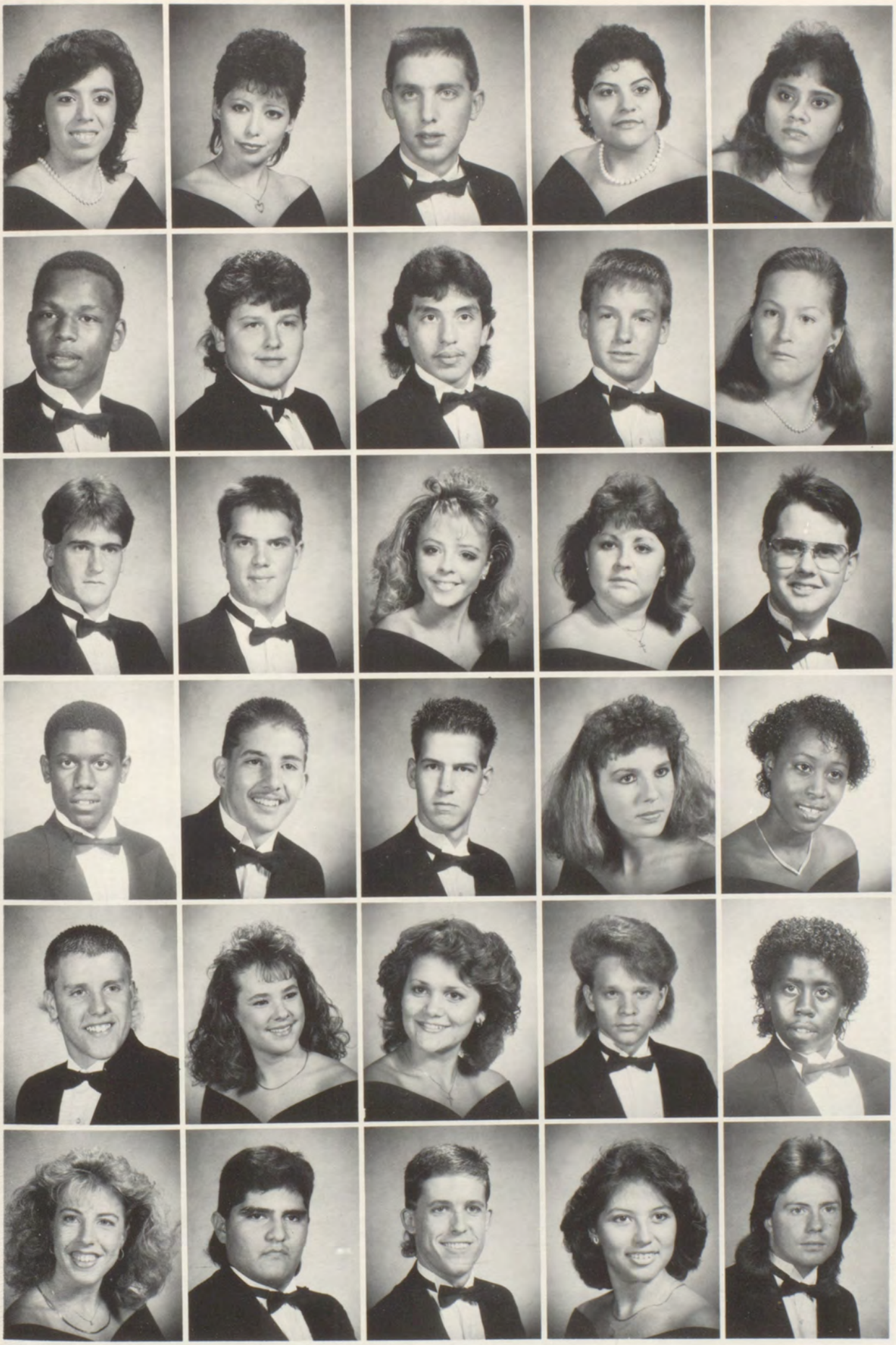
Wishing her boyfriend good luck, Carrie Schmidt gives Michael Townsend a big hug during a Friday morning pep ralley.



Signing autographs for T.H. Johnson students, Jerrod Sanford enjoys the glory of being a varsity football player.



Adding some humor to the day, Aaron Maxwell and Julie Keese enjoy their lunch at Rivera's.



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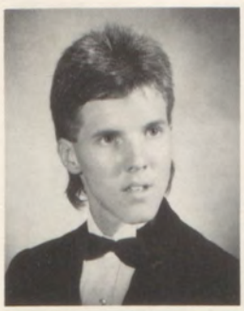
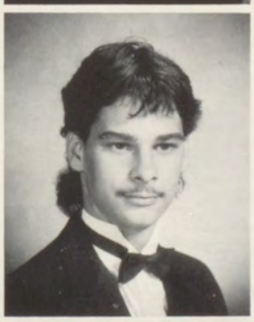
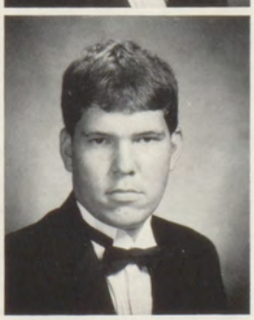
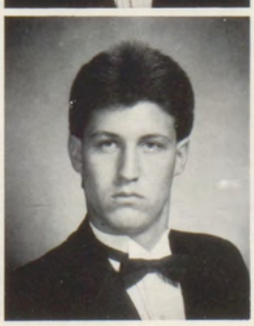










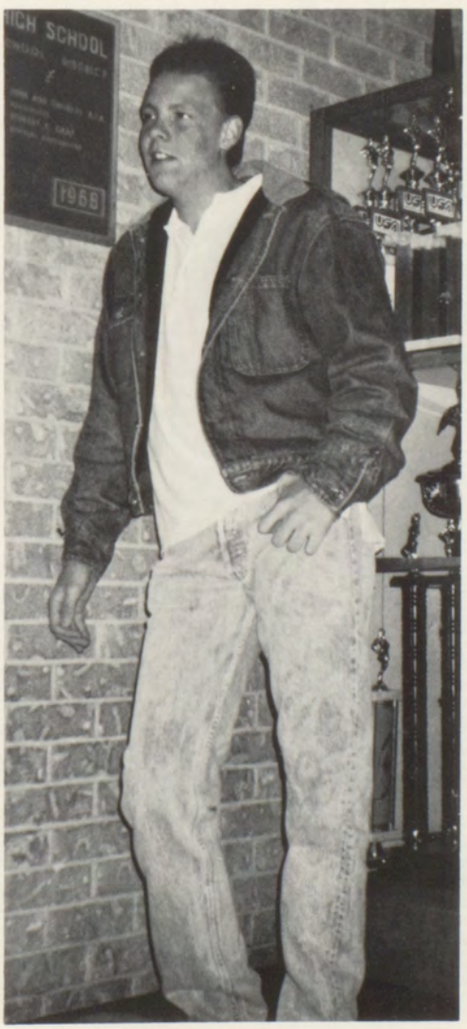
Senior Survey

The Mallard Staff asked Seniors:

What are your plans after graduation?
— College 64%
— Travel 17%
— Work 15%
— Other 5%

If you could go back and relive all four of your high school years, what would you change?
— Be more involved 56%
— Take things more seriously 22%
— Nothing 14%
— Would have more friends 9%

What will you miss most about THS?
— Friends 50%
— Being carefree 24%
— Teachers 15%
— Sports 12%



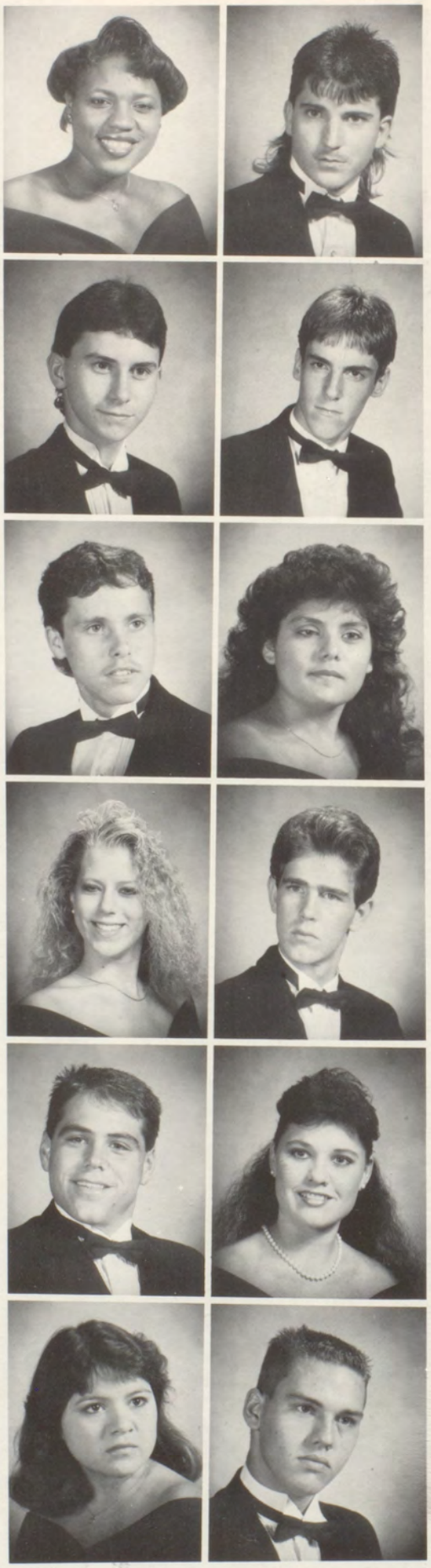


Doing the "locomotion" Waddles, Valori Morales, Melissa Elizondo, and Amy Sandoval show no shame in creating some fun during a pep ralley.

Waiting for the 8:35 bell to ring, senior Jay Sutton prepares for another day at THS.

Resting between quarters during the powder puff football game, Barbara Bruckner and Valori Morales prepare to lead the seniors to a win against the juniors.







Singing the school song proudly, Jenny Simmons shows her pride for THS.

Receiving a hug from a fellow classmate, Mark Steger is encouraged before a football game.





Tremesa Jones
Kelly Kaderka
Karen Kanak
Julie Keese
Lavita Kerley
Jerry Kidwell
Scott Komandosky

Shane Kostroun
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Temple McCormick
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Todd Mucha
Sonya Nietsch
Leland Newsom
Chris Nipps
Jesse Nunez
Alan Odom
Regina Ortega

Becky Ortiz
Clif Owen
Stephen Paredes
Kim Patterson
Angela Perez
Lorraine Price
Christina Ramirez



Ron Randig
Johnny Reyna
Melissa Richter
Patrick Ripley
Trey Ripple

Brian Roepke
Shannon Rowley
Cindy Ruiz
Brandt Rydell
Kent Safarik

Jean Sanchez
Amy Sandoval
Jerrod Sanford
Paul Schlesinger
Padraick Satterfield

Carrie Schmidt
Shawna Schneider
Patrick Shuffield
June Simcik
Tracy Simien

Jennifer Simmons
Randy Skrhak
Jodi Snyder
Jennifer Stafford
Paul Stanford

Mark Steger
Randy Stiba
Jay Sutton
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Chris Tealer



Stephen Thomas
Leonard Tillis
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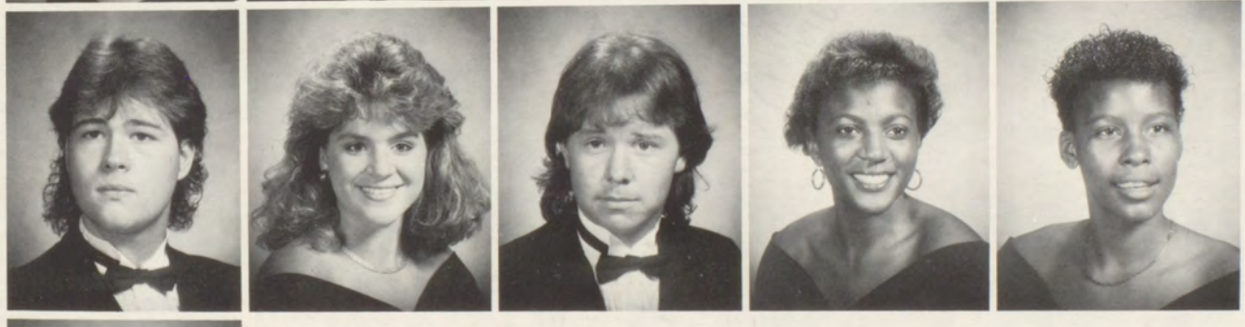

Jon Wimp
Kimberly Winkler
Frank Woods
Theresa Woolridge
Regina Wright



Kevin Yoeman





Showing their spirit, Seniors Angela Jackson, Chandra White, and Lavita Kerely cheer for the Ducks.

Watching the powder puff football game, Martin Gonzales, Alan Odom, and David Melendrez help coach the senior girls to victory.

Senior Credits

Russell Allen Speech/Drama 3; Ducks Against Drugs 3; Band 4; Basketball 4; Latin Club 2; FTA 2; Jazz Band 2; Young Life 4; Campaigners 2; Rotary Academic Jacket; Optimist Young Texan Feb.; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Who's Who Among American Band Students.

Adella Gamez Almazan FTA (Pres.) 4; Latin Club (Pres.) 4; UIL Spelling 4; 1st Place Spelling (advanced to regionals); UIL Number Sense 3; Ducks Against Drugs (Sec.) 3; Mu Alpha Theta (Tres.) 3; NHS 3; Speech/Drama 2; Art Club 1; Academic Award 3; Academic Sweater; 1st Place Optimist Essay Contest (advanced to district); Student Senate 2; Junior Classical League 2; Who's Who 3; Academic All-American-Foreign Language; Academic All-American-Leadership and Service; National Honor Roll.

Marci Alvarado Band 2; Flags 1; BPA 1.

Arron Askins Latin Club 2; Art Club 1.

Trey Bachmayer Mu Alpha Theta 3; NHS (Tres.) 3; Class Rep. 3; Latin Club; Who's Who; Goodfellow 3; Texas Boys' State; Young Texan; Congressional Scholar; Outstanding High School Students of America Academic Awards 3; FTA 1; Class Vice President 1; Young Life 2; Sophomore of the Year; Academic All-American; Basketball 4; Football 2; Baseball 4; Team Tennis 1.

Nicole Baker Tennis 3; Theater Arts 2; Young Life 3.

Jason Ball Football 4 (All-District MVP, All-Centex); Baseball 1; NHS 3; Latin Club 2; FTA 1; Speech/Drama 1; Young Life 4; Ducks Against Drugs; Voice of Democracy Award; Academic Award; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; Academic All-American; National Leadership and Service Award.

Douglas Bengtson FFA; ICT 2.

Tammy Blahuta Young Life 4; FTA 4; OEA; Art Club 2; Class Sec.; Mu Alpha Theta 2; Mallard; Latin Club 2; Who's Who; Senior Spirits.

Toby Branson Football 2; Basketball 4; Golf 3; Band 2; Young Life 2; Latin Club 2.

Steven Brasfield Latin Club 2; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Ducks Against Drugs 2; FTA 3; Young Life 4; Who's Who.

Shannon Britton FTA 2; Ducks Against Drugs 2; BPA 1 Young Life 4; Office Adm. Coop.

Dorothy Lafaye Broadnax Track 2; Junior Historians; Latin Club; HECE (Pres.); HERO; FTA; FHA 2; Choir 2.

Kevin Brooks Football 2; Basketball 1; Baseball 4; Ducks Against Drugs 1; Young Life 3; FFA, DECA 1.

Cheryl Brown FHA 1; Ducks Against Drugs 2; BPA 1; Scholastic All-American; Academic All-American; Who's Who; Academic Awards 2; United States Achievement Academy.

Barbara Brueckner Young Life 4; Tennis 1; FTA 2; BPA 2 Vice President; Latin Club 2; Ducks Against Drugs 2; CO-OP.

Susan Brummett Band 4; Jazz Band 2 1/2; Ducks Against Drugs 2; OEA(BPA) 2; Drama Club 1; Latin Club 2; FTA 4; Mu Alpha Theta 2; Young Life 1; Drum Major 2; Frosh. and Soph. class rep.; Who's Who; Nom. Miss Texan/Texanne; Academic Awards 3; Volleyball 1; UIL Solo and Ensemble 3; District Band 2.

Fred Burrell Band 1; Basketball 4; HECE 1.

Stacy Caplinger FTA 3; Spanish Club 2; BPA 1; Basketball 1; Ducks Against Drugs 2; D2-P2 1; Young Life 3; Campaigners 2; February Texanne; Homecoming Queen Nominee; UIL Readywriting (3rd Jr. yr.).

Chris Castro Band 2; DECA 2; Spanish Club.

Cheryl Chapa Tennis 4; Volleyball 3; Ducks Against Drugs (Parl.) 4; Young Life 4; FTA; OEA; NHS 3; D2-P2 2; JV C'leader; Who's Who 2.

Danielle Cline A-Choir 4; DECA 1; Young Life 3; C'leader (manager); UIL-Solo (choir) 1 rating 2.

Chris Cook Frosh. and Soph. Class Rep.; FTA 1; Latin Club 2; NHS 3; Young Life 2; Who's Who 3; 2nd Place Optimist Essay Contest; Track 3; Tennis 3; Football 4; National Honor Roll.

Ruby Diaz FTA 1; A-Choir 1; BPA 1.

Shannon Dlouhy ICT 1; Latin Club 1; OEA; Drama Club; Mu Alpha Theta.

Peggy Dominguez Band 2; Volleyball (mgr.) 3; Mu Alpha Theta (sec.) 2; Ducks Against Drugs (Sr. Rep.) 4; Spanish Club (Reporter) 2; Drama Club 2; FTA 2; D2-P2; Senior Class Sec.; Who's Who; Young Life 3; 4th Place Optimist Essay Contest; Academic Awards.

Kim Dykowski Hi-Steppers 1; FTA 3; Mu Alpha Theta 2; Art Club 2; Ducks Against Drugs 2; Latin Club (His.) 2; Mallard (Ed.) 2; Cotton Boll-Senior Photo.; Drama Club 1; Young Life 4; Who's Who 2; Academic All-American; Academic Award.

Melissa Elizondo Young Life 3; BPA 2 (reporter); Spanish Club 2; Ducks Against Drugs 1; CO-OP 1; Hi-Steppers 2 (Capt.), Superior Rating for Solo '89; Band 2; FHA 1; Cotton Boll.

Randall Fischer Football 4, Varsity 2, All-District Center, 1st Team; Track 3; Baseball; Latin Club 2; FTA; DECA; Mu Alpha Theta 2; Ducks Against Drugs; Soph. Class Rep.

Alexandria Garcia Spanish Club 2; Ducks Against Drugs 2; FTA.

Martin Gonzales Varsity Cheerleader 2; Art Club 1; Ducks Against Drugs 1; HECE 1 sem.

Carla Guardiola Band 2; Latin Club 3; Ducks Against Drugs 3; FTA 4 (sec.); NHS 1 1/2; Cotton Boll 1.

Elizabeth Gutierrez ODP — VOCCT 2; BPA 1; Spanish Club 2; OEA 1; FTA 1; Ducks Against Drugs; Office Adm. Coop.

Bradley Hanson FFA 4; ICT 2.

Sandra Harrington VOE COOP; German Club 1.

Susan Hehman BPA; Ducks Against Drugs; Young Life; FHA.

Valencia Henry Flag Corp 1; HECE 1; FHA 2; Drama Club 1; Athletics 1.

Madeline Hernandez OEA 2; HECE 2; Spanish Club 1; Valentine Sweetheart/HERO 1; HERO (sec.).

Brian Heselmeyer FFA 4; ICT 2; Wildlife Management 1; Band 1.

Jolie Hester FTA 1; ME 2; DECA 2.

Stephanie Hewtty : BPA 1.

Andrew House Drama Club 1; Who's Who; Honor Roll; UIL Editorial Writing and Persuasive Speaking.

Susan Hubble BPA 2; Spanish Club 2; Who's Who; NHS 1; Young Life 2; VOE; 4-H.

Angela Jackson A-Choir 4; HECE 2; Basketball 1.

Jan Jackson FTA 4 (Vice Pres., Dist. Fin. Sec.); Young Life 4; Ducks Against Drugs 2; NHS 3; Mu Alpha Theta 3; OEA 1; Drama Club 1; Spanish Club 3; D2-P2 2; Student Senate 2 (Parl., Pres.); Academic Awards 3; Senior Spirits.

Jason Jansky Football 4; Baseball; Drama Club 2; FFA 2; Latin Club; Ducks Against Drugs 2.

Tremesa Jones ODP 1; HECE 2; HERO 2 (Reporter).

Kelly Kaderka Football 2; Young Life 4; FTA 2; ICT 2; Track 1.

Julie Keese Latin Club 2; OEA 1; Art Club 2; Drama Club 1; FTA 3; Ducks Against Drugs 3; Young Life 4; Campaigners 2; Mu Alpha Theta 2; Who's Who; Mallard 2 (Class Ed.); Senior Spirits.

Lavita Kerley A-Choir 4; HECE COOP 1; HERO/FHA 1; Band 1.

Jerry Kidwell Track 2; Cross Country 2; HECE 1; Ag Mech. 1; Choir 1.

David Komandosky ICT 2; FFA 4 (Pres.); Band 1; Track 1.

Shane Kostroun Football 1; Baseball 2; Basketball 2; Latin Club 2; FTA 1; Young Life 3.

Wade Krueger NHS 3; Mu Alpha Theta 3; FTA 4 (Parl.); Latin Club 2; Ducks Against Drugs; Tennis; Track 2; Golf 4; Basketball 2; Baseball 1; Cross Country 1; Boy's State; Soph. of the Year; Jr. Class Rep.; Young Texan; Who's Who.

Kim Kruse Hi-Steppers 2 (1st Lt.); FTA 3; Latin Club 2; Ducks Against Drugs; Young Life 4; Mallard; BPA 2; VOE.

Paula Lechler Basketball 2; Volleyball 3; Young Life 2; Cotton Boll 1.

Chris Lee Speech and Drama 4; Latin Club (Pres.) 2; FTA 2; Young Life 4; UIL Ready writing 4; NHS 3; Ducks Against Drugs (Sr. Rep.) 3; UIL One-Act Play 3; BPA 1; Mallard (Bus. Mgr.) 1; UIL Lit. Crit. 1; Who's Who; Football 2; Basketball 2; Baseball 1; Track 2; Young Texan for January.

Donna Magana Spanish Club; Young Life 3; Golf 2; Volleyball (mgr.) 1; Basketball 1; BPA 1.

Chad Marek Football 4; All-Dist. Def. End; Cen. Tex. Hon. Mention Def. End; Track 2; Latin Club 2; NHS 3; Drama Club 3; Young Life 4; Ducks Against Drugs 1; UIL One-Act Play 1.

Stephanie Martin Frosh. Class Pres.; Athletics 4; Ducks Against Drugs 2; BPA 1; FTA 1; Drama Club 1; 1st Team All-Dist. Volleyball Jr. yr.; 1st Team All-Dist. Volleyball Sr. yr.; Co-MVP (Volleyball) Sr. yr.; All-Centex Team Volleyball Sr. yr.; Young Texanne-Nov.; Team Captain-Volleyball 2.

Barbara Martinez FHA 1; Band 4; Flag Corp 2; ME 2; DECA 2; ODP 1.

Melissa Marx Band 4; Twirler 4; Jazz Band 2; FTA 2; OEA 1; UIL Band Solo and Ensemble Contest 4 medals; UIL Twirling Solo and Ensemble Contest 1 medal.

John Matyastik Auto Mechanics.

Aaron Maxwell Varsity Trainer 4; Drama Club (Vice Pres. 1, Pres. 2) 4; Latin Club 2 (Off. 1); NHS 3 (Off. 1); Ducks Against Drugs 2; Young Life 4; Track 2; Cross Country 1,

Misty Mayer Band 2; DECA 1; BPA 1; Latin Club 1.

Temple McCormick Band 1; Hi-Steppers 1; OEA 1; FTA 1; Ducks Against Drugs.

Stephanie Mercado HECE 1, Latin Club 1; Drama Club 2; FTA 1; Who's Who; Academic All-American; 3rd Place Voice of Democracy Essay Contest; 1st Place Regional Contest FHA/HERO; Ducks Against Drugs 1.

Lesha Mohel Band 4; Jazz Band 2; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Drama Club 1; Ducks Against Drugs 2.

Shannon Morales Football 4; Track 2; Baseball 1; Young Life 4.

Valori Morales THS Mascot 3; NHS 3; Cotton Boll-Photo. 2, Clubs Editor 1; Student Senate Sec. 1; Ducks Against Drugs 1; Golf 1; Young Life 4; FTA 2; Latin Club 2 (Parl.); OEA 1; Who's Who; Drama Club 1; Band 3.

Todd Mucha FTA; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Young Life 4; Goodfellow 2; Football 4; Baseball 4; Basketball 4; Class Officer 3; Who's Who.

Leland Newsom Football 4; Basketball 4; Track 4.

Alan Odom Band 1 1/2; Jazz Band 1 1/2; Young Life 3; Latin Club 2; ICT 1/2; Student Senate 1; 12th Man 1; FTA 1; Ducks Against Drugs 1; D2-P2 1; Cotton Boll 1/2; Golf 1; 3rd Place Optimist Essay Contest.

Regina Ortega Cotton Boll (Sect. Ed.) 3; Spanish Club 2; FTA; OEA; DECA (Sec.); Young Life 2; Basketball 2; Who's Who.

Clif Owen Football 2; Auto Mechanics 2; ICT 1.

Steven Paredes Football 4; Track 2; OEA.

Kim Patterson HECE 1; HERO 1; ME 1; DECA 1.

Angela Perez NHS 3; Spanish Club 3; Ducks Against Drugs 4; Mu Alpha Theta 2; FTA 1; Volleyball 4; Basketball 4; D2-P2 2; Jr. Class Rep.; Sr. Class Tres.; Who's Who.

Loraine Price Band 1 1/2; Jounalism 1; HERO 1.

Cristina Ramirez Band 1 1/2; Mu Alpha Theta 2.

Ron Randig Football 4; Track 3; Basketball 1; Latin Club 2; Drama Club; Ducks Against Drugs; Mallard 1 (Co-Photo Ed.).

Johnny Reyna Auto Mechanics; ICT; VICA; Ag Mec.

Melissa Richter 2 Academic Excellence Awards.

Trey Ripple Art Club; FFA 4 (Tres.); Latin Club 2; DECA.

Brian Roepke ICT 2 (Tres.); Auto Mechanics 1.

Shannon Rowley Football 4; Track 4; NHS 3 (Vice Pres.); Latin Club 3; Young Life 4; Drama Club 3; Ducks Against Drugs 3; FTA; Mu Alpha Theta; Cotton Boll 2; D2-P2; Jr. Class Tres.; Sr. Class Vice Pres.; Who's Who; Academic Awards; National Honor Roll; Academic All-American.

Cindy Ruiz Tennis 4; Volleyball 3; FTA; BPA; FHA; Young Life.

Brandt Rydell NHS 3 (Pres., Vice Pres.); Mu Alpha Theta 3; Student Senate 1(Tres.), Latin Club 2(Vice Pres.); Ducks Against Drugs 3; Class Vice President 2; FTA 4 (Scrapbook Hist. 1); Art Club 1; Mallard 1 (Sports Ed.); Danforth "I Dare You" Award; Academic Award 3; Optimist Young Texan; Football 1; Basketball 4; Track 4.

Amy Sandoval Hi-Stepper Solo 1 rating (2 medals); Hi-Steppers 3 (2nd Lt., Co-Capt.); FTA 3; Ducks Against Drugs 3; BPA 1; Mallard (Sect. Ed.; Ed.) 2; Young Life 4; Spanish Club 2; Who's Who 1; JV Basketball 1; Campaigners 2; National Honor Roll.

Paul Schlesinger Band 4; Latin Club 2; Ducks Against Drugs 1; Mu Alpha Theta 2; Football Manager 3; Track Manager 1; Academic Award 3; District Band 3; Region Band 2; UIL State Solo (Band) 2; Drama Club 1.

Carrie Schmidt 4-H; NHS 3; Latin Club 2; Young Life 3; BPA 2; Ducks Against Drugs 1; Cotton Boll Reporter 1; Student Senate 1; Sr. Class Rep.; FTA 1; Who's Who 2; I Dare You Award-4-H.

Patrick Shuffield Track 2; ICT 1; Young Life 2; Wildlife Management 1.

June Simcik JV C'leader 1; Frosh. Class Tres.; FTA 1; Young Life 4; Latin Club 2; BPA 2 (sec. 1); Cotton Boll 3, Ed. 2; Student Senate 1, reporter; Who's Who 2; Outstanding American High School Student 1; Outstanding Journalism 1 Student; Outstanding Journalism 2 Student.

Jennifer Simmons Ducks Against Drugs 2; FTA 1; Mu Alpha Theata 2; UIL Poetry Reading-6th; BPA (Pres.) 2; Academic Awards 3; Academic Windbreaker; Young Life 3; Business Professionals Interview Skills-1st; NHS 2; Volleyball 3; UIL One-Act Play 2; Student Senate 1.

Jodi Snyder Band 4; Jazz Band 1; Band Sweetheart; NHS 3; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Ducks Against Drugs; Optimist Young Texan for March; Academic Awards 3; FTA 1; Young Life; District Band 1987; Volleyball 1.

Jennifer Stafford A-Choir 4; Spanish Club 3; Ducks Against Drugs 3; Young Life; FTA 1; NHS 3; Who's Who 3; Academic Award; C'leading Mgr. 1.

Mark Steger Football 4; All-Dist. Defensive Back-1988; All-Centex Defensive Back Hon. Mention-1988; Track 2; Baseball 1; Latin Club 2; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Young Life 4; Ducks Against Drugs 1; Who's Who.

Randy Stiba FFA 4; Young Life 2; VICA 1; Football 4; All-Dist. Defensive Lineman; All-Centex Hon. Mention-1988; ICT 1; Drama Club 1; Track 1; Ducks Against Drugs 1.

Jay Sutton Mu Alpha Theta 2; Latin Club 2; Young Life 4; Academic All-American Award-1987; Merit Achievement Award-1988; Academic Award-1988.

Carl Tealer Football 4; Track 3; Young Life.

Steven Thomas Honors English 2; Football 2; Basketball 2; Track 1; Young Life 2; NHS 3; BPA 1; Academic Award; Rotary Academic Jacket; Who's Who; Academic All American 1.

Tanisha Tisby BPA 1; HERO 1; Volleyball 2; Basketball 1; Choir 2.

Michael Townsend Football 4; Baseball 2; Track 2; 3-Time Football Letterman.

Lori Turner Latin Club 2; DECA; OEA; BPA.

Priscilla Turner Student Council 2; Track 2; Basketball 2; NHS 1; BPA 1; FTA 1; Ducks Against Drugs 1; Mallard Staff 1.

Nicole Urbis C'leader (Head) 4; Class Sec. 2; Class Pres. 2; Student Senate 4; Track 1; Basketball 2; Tennis 4; NHS 3; Mu Alpha Theta 2; Latin Club 2; FTA 4; Art Club (pres.) 1; BPA 2; Ducks Against Drugs 4; Young Life 4; Goodfellow 2; Homecoming Princess; Optimist Young Texanne; Who's Who 3; D2-P2.

Christie Volek Hi-Steppers 2, (Outstanding Junior); Band 2; Drama Club 2; Latin Club 2; OEA 1; FTA 3; Young Life 3; Mallard 2; NHS 3; Who's Who.

Nancy Walden Band 4.

Jamie West Frosh. Class Parl.; FTA 4 (Vice. Pres.); Ducks Against Drugs 3; OEA 1; Latin Club 2; NHS 3; Mu Alpha Theta 3 (Pres.); Golf 4; Young Life 1; Student Senate 1; National Merit Commended Student; UIL 1; Who' Who; Academic All-American Award 2; All-American Scholar 1; Academic Award 3; Young Texanne for October.

Chandra White Frosh. Class Rep.; Soph. Class Pres; Hi-Steppers (Lt.) 2; NHS 3; BPA; Rotary Club Winner; Cotton Boll 1; Who's Who 2; Volleyball 1; Basketball 1; Track 2; Choir 3; Homecoming Queen.

Kim Winkler Varsity Tennis 4; Cheerleader 4; Ducks Against Drugs 3, Pres., Vice Pres.; Mu Alpha Theta 3, Vice Pres.; Frosh. Tres.; Class Rep. 3; NHS 3, Reporter; FTA 3; Latin Club 2; BPA 2, Tres.; Art Club; Student Senate 3; Danforth I Dare You Award; Bluebonnet Girls State-1988-Precinct Chairman; Young Texanne for September; Homecoming Princess; Young Life 4; Campaigners 4; Who's Who 4; District Girl Doubles Champions '87 and '88; Regional Girls Doubles 2nd place and State Qualifier '88; Lettered in Basketball, Track, and Tennis; DAR recipient; Class Goodfellow 3.

Frank Woods FFA 3; ICT 2; Auto Mechanics 1; Wildlife Management 1.

Kevin Yoeman DECA 2; Football 2; ME 2.



Realizing this is the long awaited day, Karen Kanak thinks back about some of her happiest high school days.



Returning to her seat after receiving her diploma, Cheryl Chapa reflects on the events of the evening.



Beginning that long walk that ended a part of our lives, some of us experienced a variety of emotions realizing we were closing a page in the history of our lives. Some of us already realized we would miss our friends at THS.



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Graduation





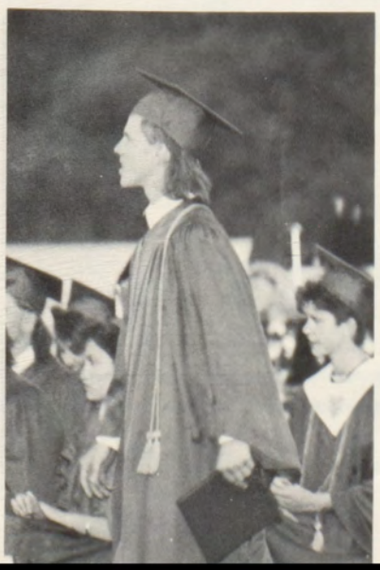








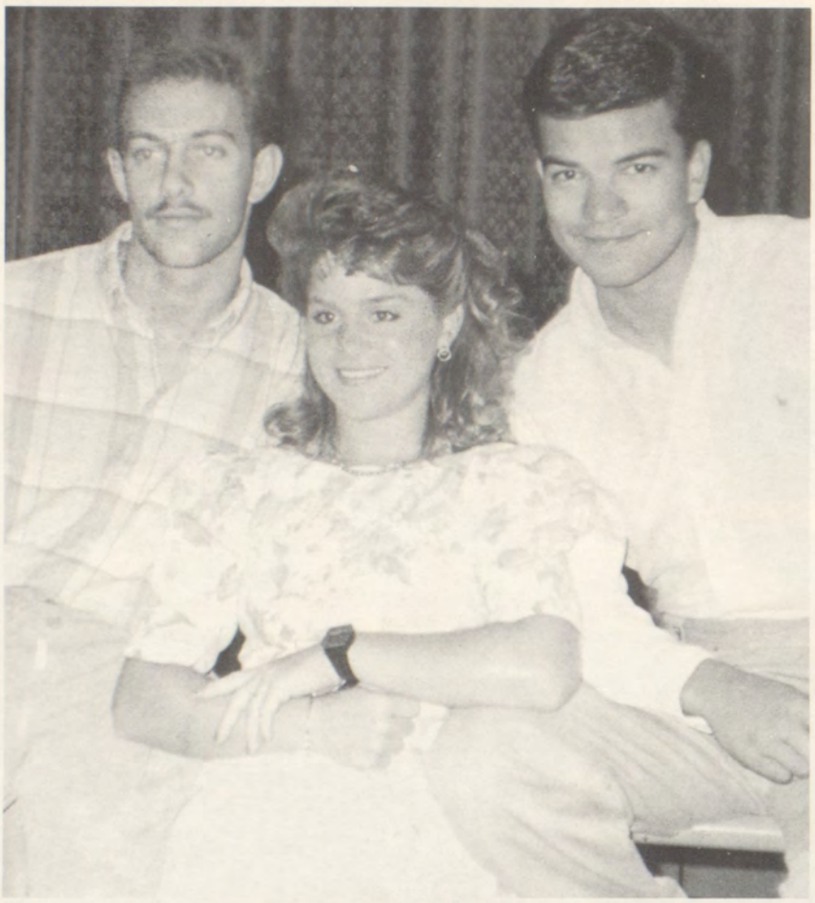








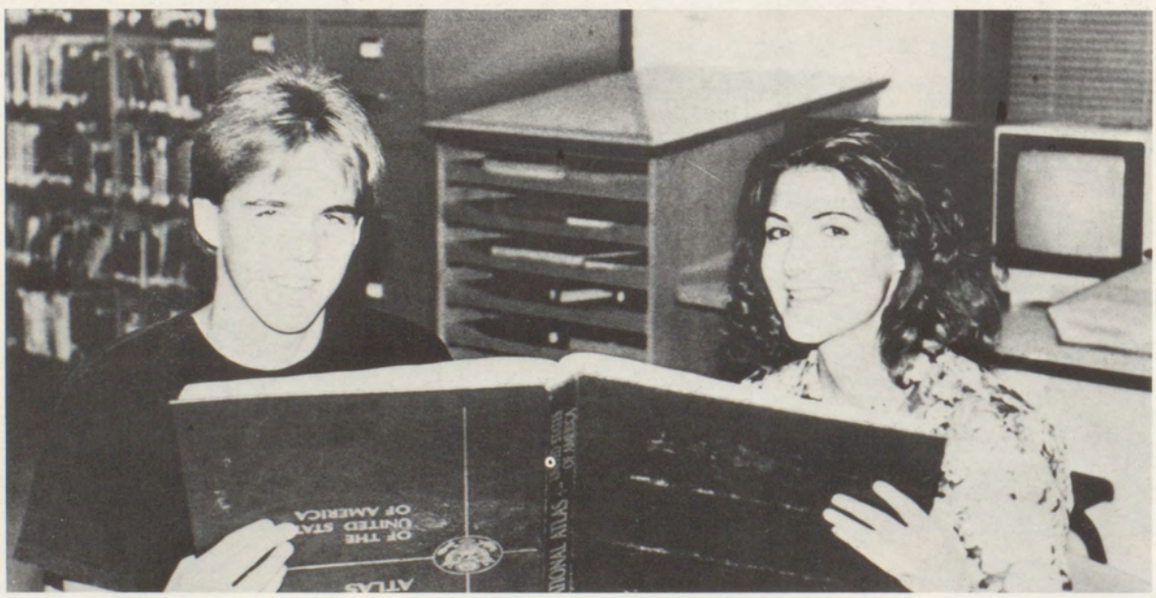
Miss. and Mr. THS — Shannon Rowley, Kim Winkler, Carl Larson



MOST HANDSOME — Trey Bachmayer, MOST BEAUTIFUL — June Simcik



MOST INTELLIGENT — Brandt Rydell and Jamie West



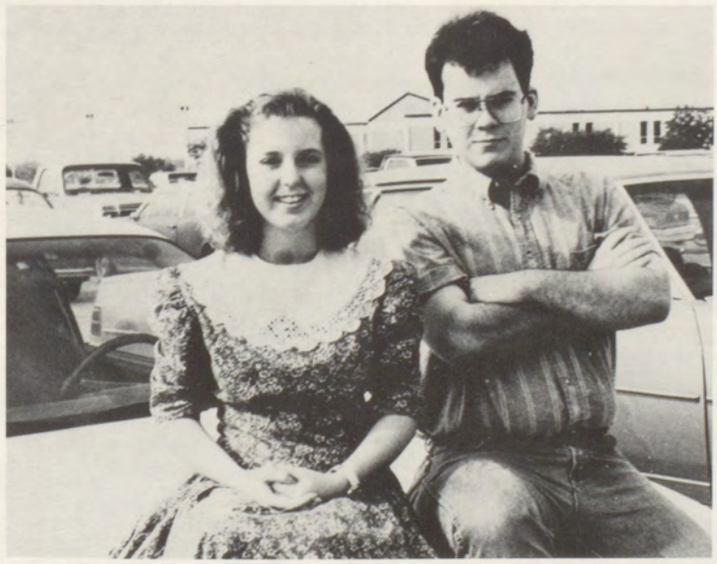
SENIOR



MOST FRIENDLY — Nicole Urbis and Shane Kostroun



MOST ATHLETIC — Todd Mucha and Regina Wright



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED — Jan Jackson and Chris Lee

BEST DRESSED — Julie Keese and Carl Tealer



FAVORITES



Beaming with pride, the recipients of scholarships at the commencement pose for a well-deserved picture. (Photo by Taylor Daily Press)

Rewarded Efforts

Throughout their four years at Taylor High, certain students seemed to go above and beyond all others in their pursuit of excellence. These students put in long hours studying, participated in various extracurricular activities, as well as being involved in community and church activities. Due to their efforts, these students were rewarded in the form of scholarships.

Many students' chief concerns are financing their college education. With the aid of scholarships, their years of involvement and hard work paid off at the end of their senior year. These much anticipated awards proved invaluable to these young scholars in their pursuit of a greater understanding of the universe.



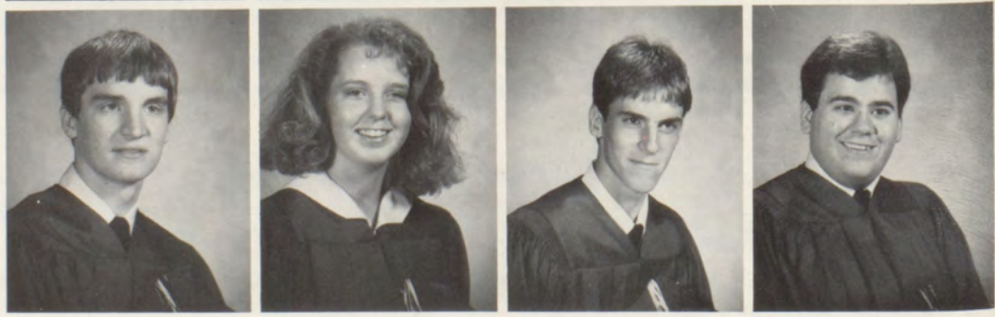
Russell Allen — Taylor Unit TSTA, Gay Lynn Brinkmeyer Memorial Scholarship
Adella Almazan — Fay T. Barnes, Kiwanis Valedictory, Hugg, Mu Alpha Theta, Latin Club, FTA
Trey Bachmayer — Williamson County A&M Mothers' Club, Melasky
Jason Ball — Angelo State(Athletic), VFW Voice of Democracy, Gernert



Steven Brasfield — VFW Voice of Democracy, Melasky
Cheryl Brown (picture not available) — B&M Tractor Parts
Susan Brummett — Joe Downs Memorial, Optimist Young Texanne, Hugg
Stacy Caplinger — Taylor Unit ATPE
Cheryl Chapa — THS Counselor's Choice



Chris Cook — Ranken Kennedy Memorial
Peggy Dominguez — Hugg, Spanish Club ,Cinnamon
Alexandra Garcia — Spanish Club, Sobotik Memorial
Mark Hluchan — Taylor Chamber of Commerce/Agricultural Award



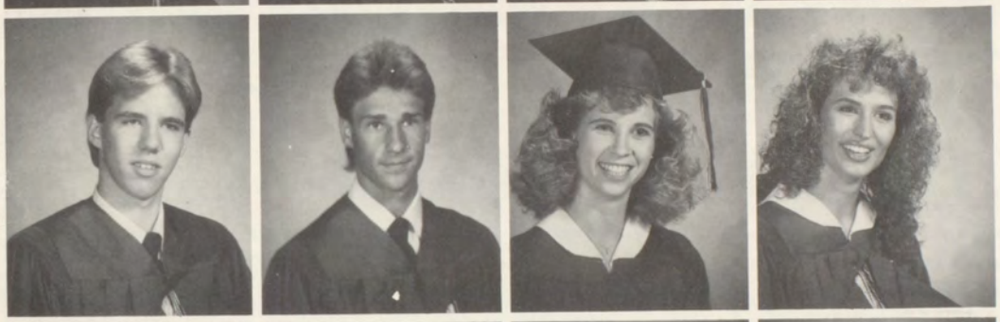
Andrew House — Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society
Jan Jackson — Future Teachers, Free Enterprise
Wade Krueger — Hugg, Melasky
Chris Lee — Gernert



Chad Marek — Hammack
Stephanie Martin — Texas Achievement Award(UT), Athletic Scholarship(UT) Unit TSTA
Aaron Maxwell — Optimist Young Texan, Brinkmeyer-Hobbs-Wade Memorial
Stephanie Mercado — THS Vocational, VFW Voice of Democracy, Forwood



Lesha Mohel — Taylor Noons Lion Club Scholarship
Todd Mucha — Kiwanis Bobby Wilks Memorial
Angela Perez — Texas Achievement Award (UT), Hugg, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, Melasky
Shannon Rowley — Cargill Foundation, U.S. Army Scholar/Athlete Award, Academic Scholarship(Huston-Tillotson), Ruth Schroeder Memorial



Brandt Rydell — Academic Excellence Award (University of Arkansas), Hugg, Governor's Recognition Award, National Honor Society, Melasky
Kent Safarik — Gernert
Carrie Schmidt — National Honor Society
June Simcik — THS Business Professionals of America



Jennifer Simmons — Hugg, Lorene Sobotik Scholarship, Governor's Recognition Award, Gernert
Jodi Snyder — Taylor Area Business Women's Scholarship, Ranken Kennedy Memorial
Jennifer Stafford — Taylor Unit TSTA, Spanish Club, E.S. Forwood
Jay Sutton — Melasky



Steven Thomas — Artis Caldwell Memorial Scholarship, Melasky
Anne Marie Torres — Spanish Club
Priscilla Turner — TAPS Scholarship (Mansfield Business School)
Nicole Urbis — THS Vocational, SPJST Scholarship(Round Rock)



Jamie West — National Merit Commended Student, President's Endowed Scholarship (A&M), Academic Scholarship (Austin College), Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, Hugg, Mu Alpha Theta, Melasky
Chandra White — Artis Caldwell Memorial Scholarship, Green
Kim Winkler — Fay T. Barnes Scholarship, Wal — Mart Scholarship, SPJST(Taylor), Williamson County A&M Mother's Club, Hugg, THS Scholar/Athlete, Miss THS
Regina Wright — Athletic Scholarship (Kilgore Junior College)
Carla Guardiola — Melasky



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Trey Bachmayer
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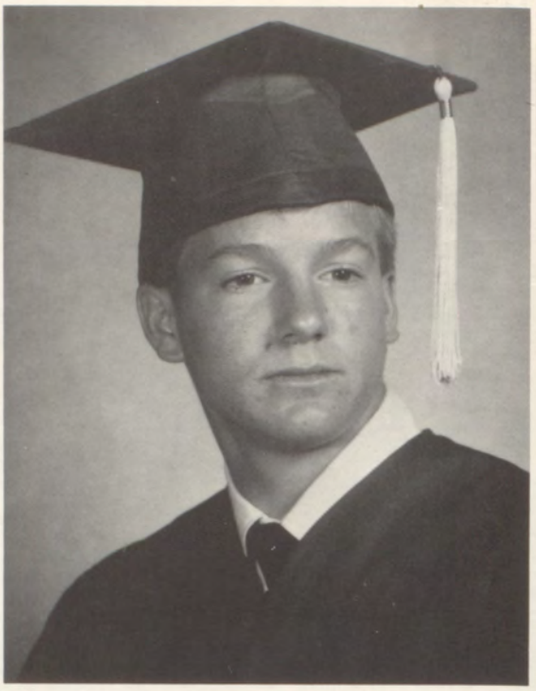


Wearing the Gold

Have you ever wondered what goes through the mind of the students as they wait to hear the names of the honor graduates called? Can you imagine the butterflies as they anticipate their names? Can you imagine the disappointment of missing it by a mere decimal point, or skimming by with only a tenth of a point? Surely this has to be a trying time for all interested parties.

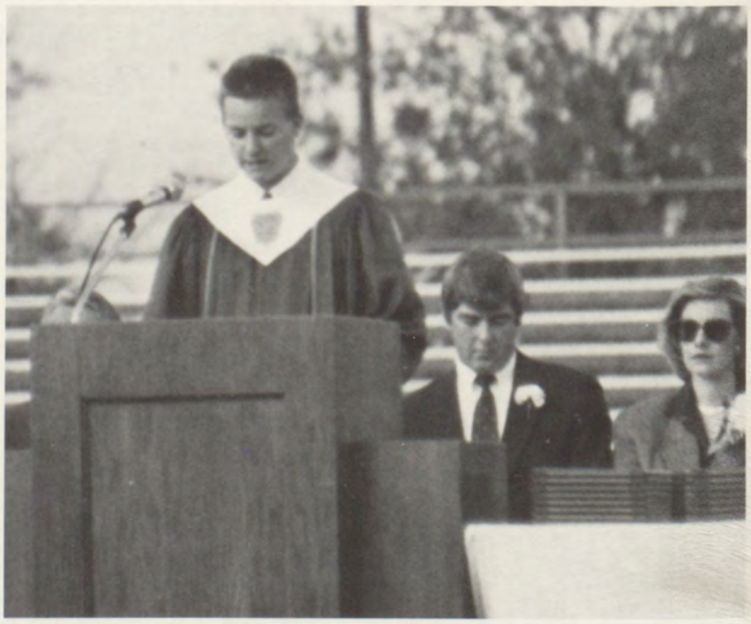
It is both a supreme and distinct honor to be recognized for academic achievement. This is what some fory-seven seniors earned through their impressive grade point averages, becoming Taylor High School's graduates of 1989.

It was no small achievement. Students had to post an eighty-nine point five average in order to be named an honor graduate. This meant striving further than all others in order to achieve that excellence expected of the wearers of the gold cords.

The honor graduates could be proud of their distinction as the best of Taylor High. Although many attempted to detract from the honor graduates due to their number, they could not take away from the accomplishments of each and every member of this elite group. They had earned the title "Honor Graduate."

Giving the Valedictory Address, Adella Almazon presents some interesting thoughts to leave with her classmates and others present at the ceremonies.

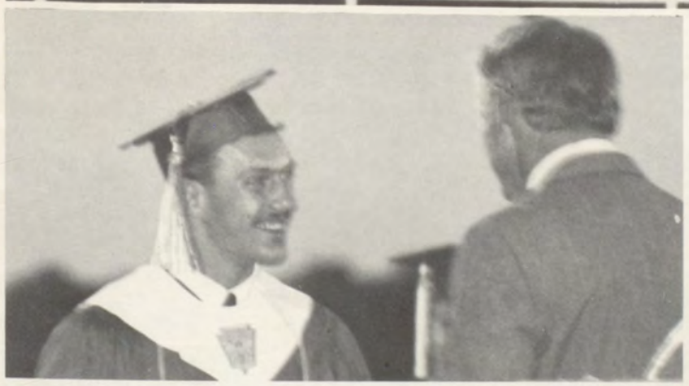




Choosing his words carefully, Trey Bachmayer tries to impart a few of his ideas about life to those who are listening to his speech.

1989 TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR GRADUATES — Top Row: Paul Schlesinger, Russell Allen, Wade Krueger, Chris Cook, Kent Safarik, Chris Lee, Chad Marek, Steven Brasfield, Jason Ball, Steven Thomas, Leland Newsome, Brandt Rydell, Mark Steger, Jay Sutton. Middle Row: Melissa Richter, Aaron Maxwell, Nicole Urbis, Kim Dykowski, Tammy Blahuta, Cheryl Brown, Carla Guardiola, Christina Ramirez, Chandra White, Shannon Rowley, Stephanie Mercado, Lesha Mohel, Susan Brummett, Jodi Snyder, Shannon Dlouhy, Trey Bachmayer. Bottom Row: Priscilla Turner, Kim Winkler, Jennifer Stafford, Jan Jackson, Susan Hubble, Carrie Schmidt, Stacy Caplinger, Kim Kruse, Angela Perez, Adella Almazan, Peggy Dominguez, Melissa Marx, Jamie West, Julie Keese, Jennifer Simmons, Todd Mucha, Andrew House. (Photo by Taylor Daily Press)





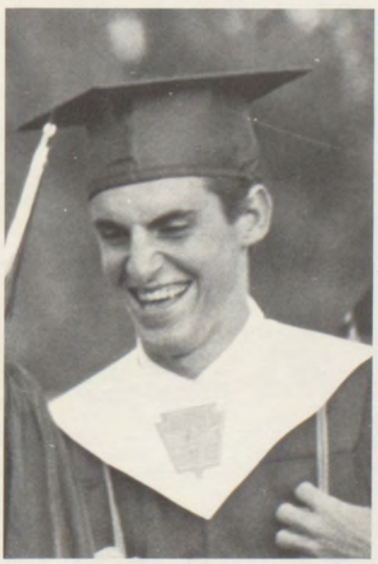
Smiling proudly about his accomplishments, Shannon Rowley accepts his diploma.



Thinking of Arkansas, Brandt Rydell accepts congratulations from Mr. Mc Makin.



Realizing this is a proud moment, Kent Safarik smiles a bashful smile as the camera catches this special time.



Receiving her diploma from school board president Shannon McMakin, *honor graduate Chandra White smiles jubilantly.*



Anticipating an outstanding future, Wade Krueger chuckles as he realizes this part is almost over.

CLASS



Heath Talley and Anna Flores

SOPHOMORE

Mark Jackson, Lisa Jefferson, and Shawn Rowley





Tonya Jefferson and Clayton Rhoades

JUNIOR

FAVORITES



Sandra Ancira and Jeffery Jansky

Jessica Ortiz and Will Manning

FRESHMAN



Valery Jackson and Stacy Gonzales



Rebecca Ackerman
Meggy Alderete
Monica Alderete
Robin Artieschoufsky
Timothy Bailey
Brittani Barron
Deandra Barron

Troy Bice
Gregory Broadnax
Alan Brown
John Buchanan
Fred Burrell
Christy Caldwell
Nicole Cantrell

Caesar Carranza
Chris Carrizales
Alma Castillo
Christie Chasak
Robert Collazo
Sheila Crow
David Daniel

Trevin Davis
Kirbi Dlouhy
Russell Dominguez
Quintin Dubec
Larry DuFrain
Gayle Elms
Darrell Espinoza

Sharon Fisher
Jason Fykas
Chris Frank

Eric Gage
James Gamez
Joel Gamez

Juan Garcia
Gracia Gardner
Edward Garza

Regina Gipson
Denise Gonzales



Trying to form a pyramid, David Daniel, Kelly Spiller, and Kevin Hurta have fun before club starts.



Gracia Gonzales
Terry Gordon
Angelia Hathaway
Ellen Hejl
Eilleen Hobart
Holly Hortenstine
Lisa Huff

Sharrah Huff
Kevin Hurta
Carla James
Amy Janke
Tonya Jefferson
Frederrick Johnson
Lori Jones

Willie Jones
Sandy Juranek
Keith Kahanek
Nichole Kallus
Michael King
Carolyn Koehler
Mark Kokes

Melissa Kolinek
Gidgt Lackland
Coleen Leschber
David Lloyd
Gail Lockhart
Tammy Loeve
Jeana Lopez

Soloman Lopez
Jay Luna
Monica Machu
Guadalupe Macias
Will Manning
Isidore Marak
Crystal Marx

Christie Mayer
Chrissy McCullough
Darby McLean
Shanna Michna
Darrell Mikulencak
Tammy Moeller
Nichole Mohel

Stacy Morales
Felix Moreno
Petra Moreno
Patricia Morin
Melissa Mott
LeAnn Mueller
Craig Naivar

Justin Newsom
Jeannee Ng
Kevin O'Connell
Soloman Olivarez
Matthew Ornelas
Jessica Ortiz
Barton Payne

Rick Pfeil
Shawn Pitts
Donna Rangel
Clayton Rhoades
Joshua Roberts
Esther Robles
Hector Rodriguez

Maggie Rodriguez
Sophia Rodriguez
Sharon Rosipal
Alicia Ruiz
Carlos Ruiz
Irene Ruiz
Scott Safarik

Angela Sanford
Eufemio Sanchez
Angela Sanford
Aaron Schochrock
Michael Shirk
Marcy Sladek
Kelly Spiller

Melanie Spurgeon
Sandra Stefek
Audrey Taylor
Edwin Taylor
Emily Taylor
Carla Terry
Phillip Tharp

Tanya Thomas
Brenda Torres
Jason Turner
Gilbert Valeaquez
Travis Volek
Becky Wiggins
Wendy Vrana

Melissa Williams
Stephanie Williams
Tina Woods
Gerald Wright
Paula Wvensche
Arthur Yanez
Elida Yanez

Gracie Yanez
Debbie Zachary
Margie Zavala
Lance Zepplin
Craig Zimmerhanzel



Finding time to make a young person happy, Will Manning signs an autograph for a young admirer.

Voicing his opinion of an issue in Honors English, Kelly Spiller gets ready to be a defense lawyer in a mock trial the class had.



Trying to prove they have muscles,too, Jessica ortiz and Tonya Jefferson play around to kill some time before the play-off game at Baylor Stadium.



Junior Survey

How do you fill about being a senior?
Great 73%
Sad to leave friends 9%
Glad to be on our own 9%
Other 12%

What are your plans after graduation?
College 40%
Jr. College 21%
Married 12%
Party 7%
Don't know 7%
Other 12%

Catching up on the latest happenings from a friend, Tammy Moeller listens intently as the other person relates all of the details of the day.





Just a few of us



Standing together, Quintin Dubec, Regina Wright, Adella Almazan, Trey Larson, Coty Tally, Chad Marek, and Emily Taylor make up The Jalapenos.



Hanging around, Aarron Maxwell, Melissa Elizondo, Wendy Vrana, Nikki Urbis, Jan Jackson, Dorothy Broadnax and Shaun Rowleyare the Purple People Eaters.



Working as a team, Craig Zimmerhanzel, Valori Morales, Jamie West, Lisa Jefferson, Julie Keese, Sheila Crow, and Trey Bachmayer represent The Blues Brothers.



Forming a pyramid, Erin Ruthven, LaTonya Ephrain, Wade Kruger, Stephanie Martin, Gerald Anderson, Aaron Schoenrock, and Kim Winkler represent their team, The Pink Chiquitas.



Posing as The Double Bubbles, Yvette Maruska, Martin Gonzales, Susan Brummett, Jennifer Stafford, Amy Sandoval, Darby McLean, and Danial Olivarezall sit together.

Leadership Conference



Talking to the students, Pam Pekar, L.D. Griffin, David Bates, and Pat Tone teach them about leadership.



Checking to see if the hamburgers are ready, Mike Caplinger, Trey Larson, Brandt Rydell and Daniel Olivarez are ready to eat.



Riding on the bus, students who attended the leadership trip are excited about getting there.



Acting out a skit, Solomon Olivarez and Naomi Pasemann enjoy their day off.



Enjoying their meal, Martin Gonzales, Erin Ruthven, Yvette Maruska, Trey Bachmayer, Danial Olivarez, Regina Wright, Stephanie Martin, and Quintin Dubec hurry to finish eating.



Melissa Alderete
Brian Aldridge
Johnny Aleman
Jesse Alvarado
Jessica Alvarado
Jason Bagby

Joel Beard
Bobbie Boelen
Misti Caesar
Frankie Camacho
Jessica Carranza
Teresa Chavana

Amy Click
Kelly Cemerek
Shelley Collins
Nicky Cortinas
Nicole David
Clayton Davisson

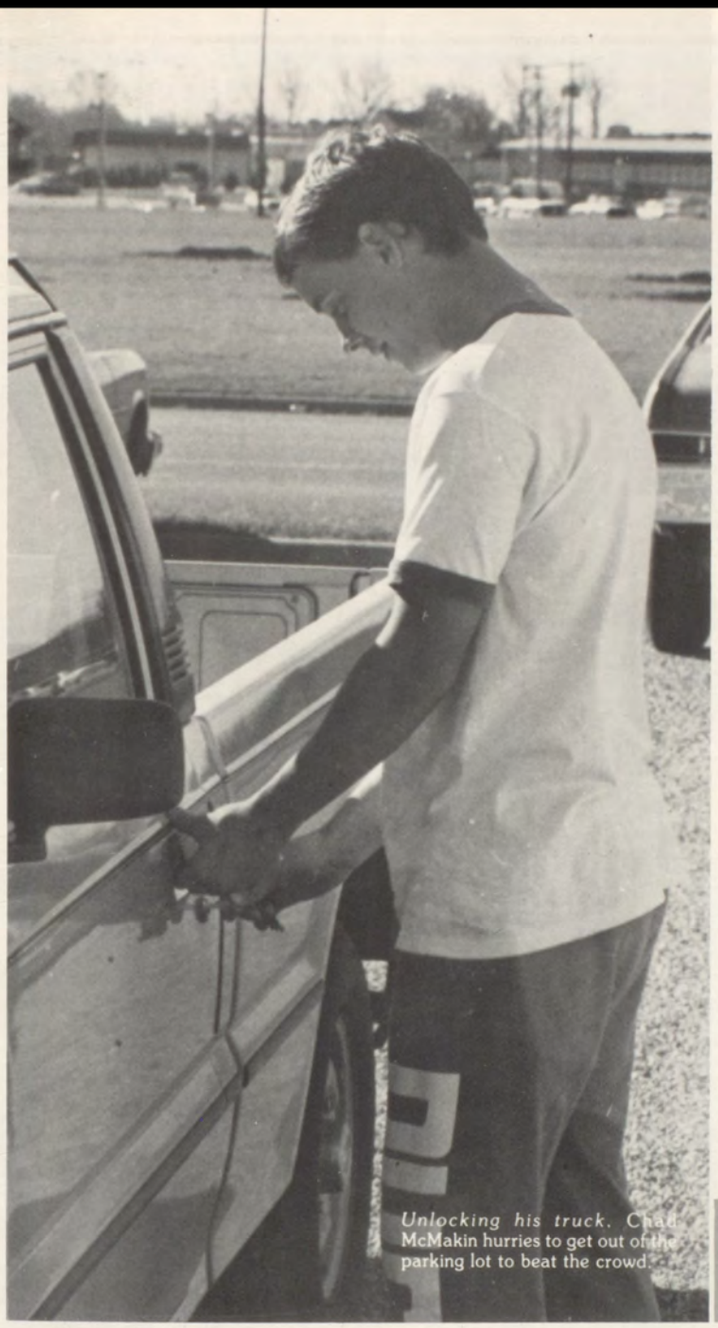
Jesse Delgado
Kevin Demps
Raymond Elizondo
Teri Engle
LaTonya Ephraim
Santos Espinosa

Sidney Felfe
Anna Flores
Cindy Flores
Lora Funderburgh
Oscar Gonzales
Cindy Gonzales

Victor Goad
Cal Gilbert
Juanita Garza
Amy Garza
Luis Garcia
Lisa Garcia
Hector Garcia

Carlos Garcia
Adam Garcia
Albert Garza
Amy Garza
Gordon Graham
Todd Grandjean

Molly Griffith
Sonya Harrison
Clay Haverland
Bobby Henderson
Eric Herron
Adria Hill



Unlocking his truck, Chad McMakin hurries to get out of the parking lot to beat the crowd.

SOPHOMORES MAKING THEIR STAND .

The Sophomores

Finally the day had come, my sixteenth birthday. I had waited for this day impatiently since I had completed my driver's ed class. All the long hours in classes and all the early summer morning hours spent driving finally seemed to pay off.

I found someone to pick me up and take me down town to the Department of Public Saftey, so I could take the test. I was so nervous I could hardly see straight. We went inside and met the officer who would be giving me the test. We walked out to the car and got in. I almost forgot to buckle my seat belt.



"I'm glad to be a sophomore because I can drive, and I don't have to depend on other people for a ride." Sophomore Todd Parsons.

Next he told me to start my car. For some reason I felt like I drove through the test in a daze. When we drove back to the department, he totaled up my points and looked at me with a expressionless face. He told me that they would be open next week, and I could come back.

With tears about to pour from my eyes, I walked back inside. Fixing to walk out the door, the officer called me back and asked me if I was going to take my picture. Why I asked? "I was just teasing you," he said. All of a sudden my tears dried up and a smile filled my face from ear to ear. Now I was free. Free to do almost anything I wanted, when I wanted. The dream I had since I could remember had finally come true. Now it was off to tell all my friends and pick them up for a offical ride. This was definitely what being a sophomore is all about.



Having no ride to lunch, Shaun Rowley, Luis Garcia, Nelson Irving, Matt Zeplin, and Dwayne Hyzak spend their lunch in the Student Center.



Watching where she backs her car, Misti Caesar, Nicole David, Yvette Maruska, and Lisa Jefferson hurry to beat the crowd to Pizza Hut at lunch.

Kim Hill
Kenneth Hines
Shelia Hopson
Shontavia Hornsby
Elizabeth House
Dwayne Hyzak
Nelson Irving



Mark Jackson
Lisa Jefferson
Bobby Jones
Candy Kallus
Diana Kidwell
Austin Kingsberry
David Koonce



Keli Krhovjak
Andres Leal
Clayton Leschber
Matthew Leschber
Sonia Lopez
Tracy Lundy
Shawn Mabry



Juan Macias
David Magana
Jason Manning
Yvette Maruska
Donna Massar
Miohu Matthews
Sherry Mays



Tim McFarlin
Chad McMakin
Stacy Mehevic
Dana Mohel
Joe Moldenhour
Zachary Morales
Melanie Moreno



Heidi Mott
Bo Mucha
Christina Murdock
Kathleen Nemec
Shannon Newsom



Talking over their next play, the sophomore girls make plans for the following plays.



Posing their final position, Sophomore Steppers Candy Kallus, Elishea Randle, Yvette Maruska, Stacy Mehevic, Misti Caesar, and Stephanie Roznovak do their best for the Spring Show.





Jessielyn Noel
Ralph Ortega
Mary Olguin
Lee Pachicano
Todd Parsons
Melissa Perez
Chelle Pitts

Marcus Pope
Spence Potter
Tonya Potts
Kevin Preuss
Kendall Prinz
Elisha Randale

Dora Reynaga
Tammy Riethmayer
Cherlita Robertson
Eric Rowe
Shaun Rowley
Stephanie Roznavok
Manny Ruiz

Bennie Sanchez
Patricia Salazar
DeAnna Sandoval
Bryan Schmidt
Charles Schnieder
Kristi Schiller
Debra Simien

Kevin Skrhak
Jason Sladek
Shawntell Smith
Craig Stenholm
J.T. Stone
Heath Talley
Jose Tapia

Tanique Taylor
Rose Tealer
Megan Tennill
Angela Terry
Donna Terry
Chad Urbis
Stephanie Volek

Eric Wagner
Alicia Williams
Steven Wolbrueck
Reyna Wolldridge
Lucille Wright
Javier Yanez
Matt Zeplin



Sitting down to rest after their warm up, Eric Wagnor, Hector Garcia, Eric Herron, and Todd Parsons get ready to watch the play-off game.



Waiting for the pep ralley to begin, Alfred Torres leans against the gym wall.

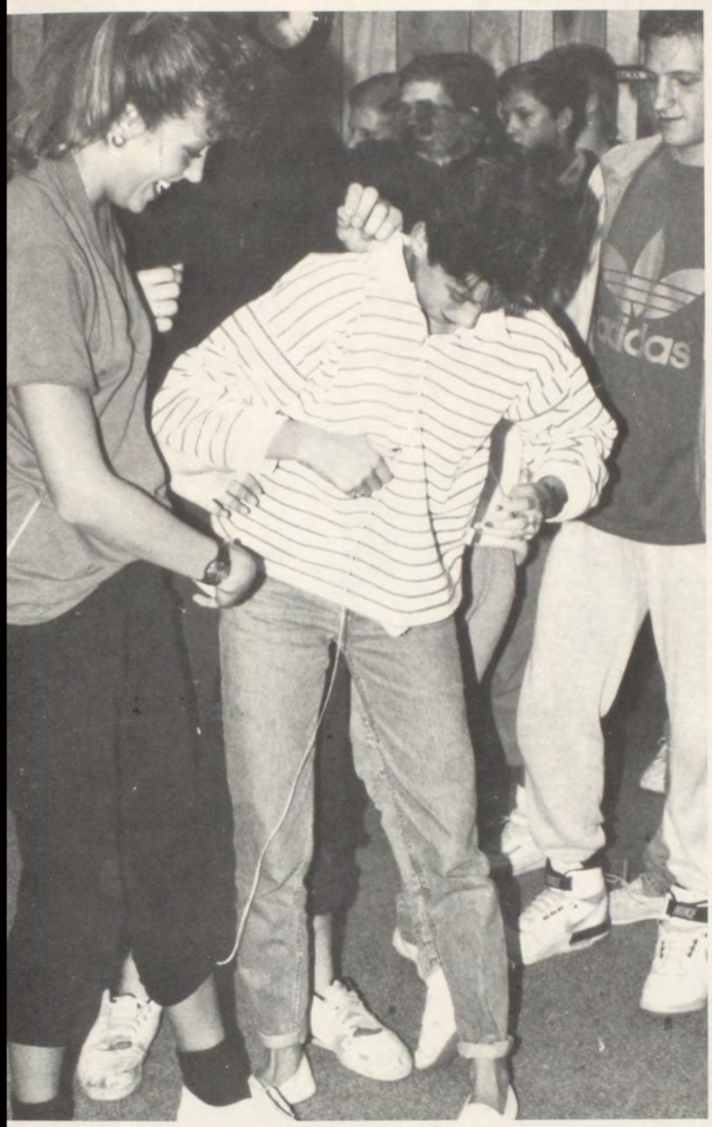




Cuddling to keep warm before the hayride, Keli Krhovjak, and Sonya Harrison wonder when it will finally start.

Talking over their next play Kim Hill, Misti Caesar, Tereas Chavana, Shaun Rowely, Reyna Wooldridge, and Jessica Carranza plot against the freshman team.

aughing together, Misti Ceasar, and Nicole David have a good time sharing llowship at a club meeting.



Sophomore Survey

What has been the biggest change between your freshman and sophomore years?

— More friends 24%
— The way you are treated 21%
— Having a licence 17%
— Classes are eaiser 9%
— More responsibility 7%
— Classes are harder 6%
— Going off campus for lunch 5%
— Grades 5%
— Just being known as a sophomore 3%
— Other 3%



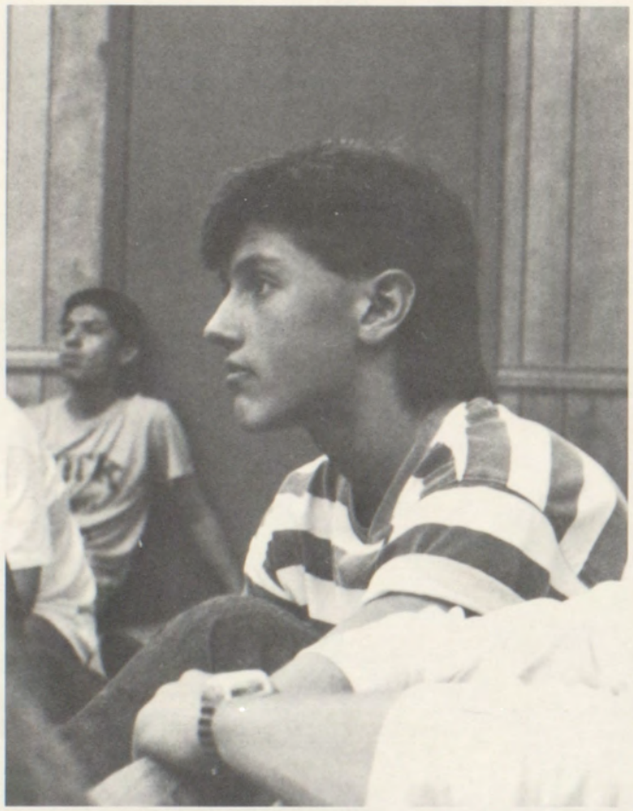


Trying to get untangled, David Koonce, Kevin Pruess, and Todd Grandjean enjoy the fun and games.

Sharing the newest gossip, Yvette Maruska and Candy Kallus talk between classes.

Conversing with a classmate, Heidi Zimmerhanzel enjoys the company of fellow freshman.

Staring blankly into space, Dale Moehnke ponders the direction his life is taking in this, his first year at Taylor High.







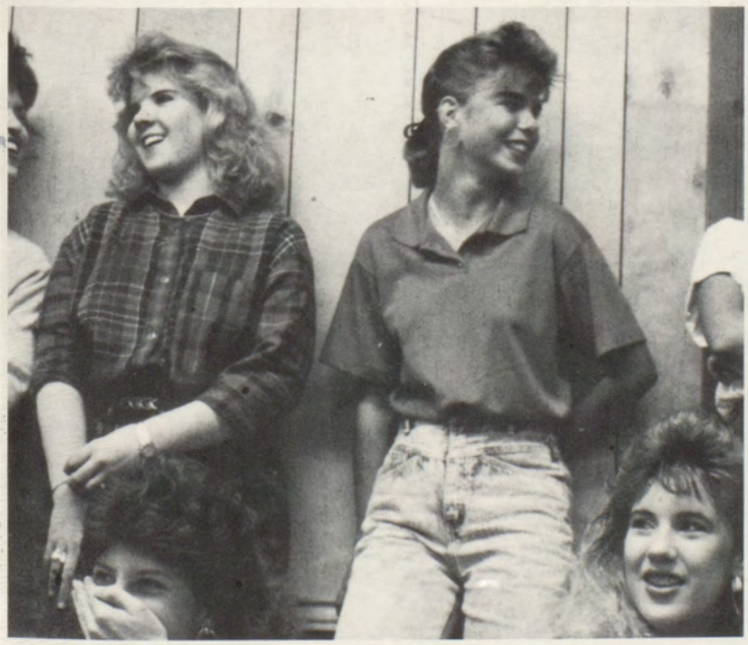
Gazing out on their surroundings, sophomore Adria Hill and Shelly McAlpine prepare to greet a frien



Laughing hysterically, Lynn McShea relishes the liveliness of the Young Life assembly.



Enthralled by the teacher's lecture, Amy Stalmach listens intently to comprehend all the information for tomorrow's quiz.





Cracking up over the skit of the evening, Emily Sutton and Paula Johnson enjoy the splendors of Young Life.

Turning to Cody Talley at a meeting, Laura Faught comments on the presentation.

Brave New World

With the ringing of the 8:35 bell on September 1st, a new era started for the class of '92. "240" anxious freshmen struggled with such crises as stubborn locks and lost classrooms in our alien environment. We were far from the comforts of the middle schools and junior highs from whence we came. No longer the dominating eighth graders we once were, we sought to find our niche in these new surroundings.

We were easily discernible, huddled in our little groups, wandering wide-eyed through the hall ways, with an apprehension and uncertainty known all too well to the upperclassmen. But that awkwardness and feeling of uneasiness soon passed. We fell into the daily routine of high school and blended into the collective student body. We became familiar with the geography of the school, and the building didn't seem quite so large. Classes were not as impossible as we had anticipated, and the teachers proved to be understanding and dedicated to the growth of each individual student. We became more at ease with the upperclassmen. We had found acceptance in the vast scheme of things at THS.



Demonstrating his admirable determination, Chris Robinson continues about his daily routine despite a leg injury.



Grinning diabolically, Dale Moehnke partakes in the festivities with classmate Mark Schroeder.



Covering her ears to muffle the sounds of exploding balloons, Jennifer Hejl seeks comfort from Amy Stalmach at a Young Life meeting.



Grading their papers carefully, Shelly McAlpine and Bobby Martin listen intently to the teacher's explanation of the previous night's homework.



Robert Ackerman
Bob Aderhold
Jason Aguilar
Rebecca Alderete
Sonia Alderete
Trini Alderete
Laura Alleman

Sandra Ancira
Eric Anstey
David Aniola
Gabriel Arrendondo
Darren Baker
Oscar Banda
Thomas Barruch

Donell Bearden
Melissa Blaha
Benell Blakely
Joe Brandyburg
Beverly Branson
Ted Brinkmeyer
Angela Brown

Tony Brown
Cindy Callahan
Lee Canales
Jenavie Carmona
Tyrone Carr
David Carrizales
Jonathan Carrizales

Candice Carter
Frances Carter
Richie Charles
Charles Clark
Eddie Collazo
Athena Cortinas
Robby Crabb

George Cummings
Shannon Cummings
Joseph Dickerson
Brandy Dillenbeck
Shawn Dlouhy
Eugene Dominguez
Patricia Dominguez

Lisa Elms
Thomas Engle
Joe Esquivel
Lisa Farr
Laura Faught
Kimberly Faykus
Eleanor Flores

Brandi Fuessel
Robin Gamble
Veronica Garcia
Gloria Garza
John Garza
Mike Garza
Misha Gault

Stacy Gilchrest
Daniel Gonzales
Nicole Gonzales
Stacy Gonzales
Octavia Gray
Lance Haag
Rodney Hall

Stephanie Hall
Michelle Hamann
April Hannes
Kimberly Hanson
Hosetter Hargrove
Maurice Harris
Halle Hawkins

Tom Hays
Jennifer Hejl
Eric Henry
Manuel Hernandez
Juan Herrera
Juanita Herrera
Edwin Hill

Jody Hoden
Zach Horne
John Houshtalins
Jason House
Larry Hyder
Greg Hyzak
Marvin Jackson

Valerie Jackson
Jeffrey Jansky
Chris Johle
Kenneth Johnson
Keith Johnson
Lavonne Johnson
Paula Johnson

Shawn Jonas
Jason Kautz
Keithon Kerley
Aaron Kernell
Yolanda Kernell
Tammy Konarsky
Chris Kuempel

Jonathan Lee
Eric Lener
Tammy Limmer
James Lopez
Leroy Lopez
Lucinda Lopez
Keith Macuk

Charlie Majors
Bobby Martin
Nicole Martinez
Kristy Mayer
Shelly McAlpine
Cove McCormick
Amy McLean



















Smiling congenially for the camera, Tanya Mott pauses in the hallway between classes.



Freshmen Survey

What do you like most about Taylor High School?

— Open Campus/Freedom 59%
— People 19%
— Athletics 7%
— Choice of Classes 3%
— Clubs and Organizations 3%
— Other 9%

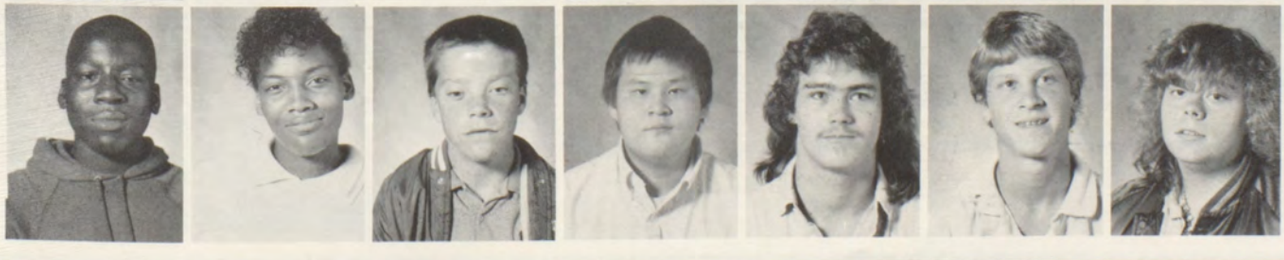
What do you like least about Taylor High School?

— Schoolwork 18%
— Faculty 12%
— Schoolday Too Long 12%
— No Vending Machines 5%
— Tests 5%
— Other 48%

Paying heed to a scripture reading, Stacy Gilchrest and Shannon Taylor another aspect of Young Life.







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Lynn
Diane
Janet
Michae
Millice
Felix M

Dale M
Darren
Mark N
Leroy
Chris N
Michae
Shelly

Derryl
Tammy
Wesley
Alex N
Carl O
Allen C
Christy

Cindy Olguin
Socorro Ortega
Robert Patterson
Kristen Pitts
Michelle Polasek
Susan Posey
Stephanie Rangel

Steven Reyes
Judy Rivera
Troy Robbins
Chris Robinson
Anita Rodgers
Carla Rojas
Keisha Ross

Dawn Ruemke
Erin Ruethven
Jason Rydell
Bret Safarik
Fernando Salazar
John Salazar
Sandra Sanchez

Tim Sandoval
Victoria Sarmiento
Stacy Satterfield
Johnny Savedra
Mona Schneider
Shawn Schoener
Mark Schroeder

Robert Scruggs
Tony Segura
Michael Sembritsky

Barry Simions
Danielle Smith
Chris Solis

Trekechela Sorrels
Yvonne Soto
Amy Stalmach

Joe Stuchly
Ronnie Strait
Terry Stefek



Getting tangled up with Aaron Schoenrock in a game, Amy McLean enjoys a challenge.



Emily Sutton
Cody Talley
Tracy Talley
Chris Tate
Shannon Taylor
Sharon Taylor
Micah Teeple

Sonya Terry
Staci Thomas
Jason Tomancak
Alfred Torres
Andrea Torres
Irma Torres
Becky Turner

Jessica Urbanek
Lisa Valdez
Odie Vanecek
Chris Vega
Jennifer Walden
Stacy Ward
Adam Watson

Kim White
Chad Widmer
Sherri Winh
Angela Ybarra
Heidi Zimmerhanzel



Paying close attention to the teacher's explanation of geometric theorems, Jason Rydell increases his knowledge of mathematics.

Most likely to become president of the United States
Shannon Rowley
Runners up — Andy House and Brandt Rydell

Most likely to become valedictorian at Texas A&M
Jamie West
Runners up — Trey Bachmeyer and Kim Winkler

Most likely to be the first married after graduation
Carrie Schmidt and Michael Townsend
Runners up — Tammy Blahuta and Kelly Kaderka; Julie Hargrove and Gene Caldwell

Most likely to star as a TV talk show host
Shane Costrum
Runners up — Aaron Maxwell and Jenny Simmons

Most likely to appear on "Bleeps, Bloops and Blunders"
Valori Morales
Runners up — Barbara Brueckner and Shannon Morales

Most likely to join the circus and fall off of the tightrope
Aaron Maxwell
Runners up — Nickel Baker and Lesha Mohel

Most likely to become the next Ty Cobb
Kevin Brooks
Runners up — Todd Mucha and Trey Bachmeyer

Class Clown
Steven Brasfield
Runners up — Trey Larson and Aaron Maxwell

Most likely to sit in the Super S parking lot for the rest of their life
Kelly Kaderka
Runners up — Tino Torres and Nickel Baker

Most likely to become a famous rock star
Sidney Bucanek
Runners up — Frank Woods and Brandt Rydell

Most likely to move farthest away after graduation
Nickel Baker
Runners up — Clif Owen and Toby Branson

Most likely to graduate and then come back to be principal of THS
Shannon Rowley
Runners up — Wade Krueger and Brandt Rydell

Most likely to star in a movie with Arnold Schwarzenegger
Ron Randig
Runners up — Mark Steger and Chad Marek

Most likely to become a dancer on Broadway
Amy Sandoval
Runners up — Melissa Elizondo and Kim Kruse

Most likely to become a Laker Cheerleader
Nikki Urbis
Runners up — Kim Winkler and Trey Larson

Most likely to become a famous surgeon
Chris Lee
Runners up — Paul Schlessinger and Aaron Maxwell

Most likely to become a famous fashion designer
Julie Keese
Runners up — Amy Sandoval and Carl Tealer

Most likely to become Ms. Universe
June Simcik
Runners up — Stacy Caplinger and Kim Winkler

? ?

Senior "Futures"

?

Remember When . . .
(fill in your own)

Rachel Burklow
David Bates
Susan Betak
Maureen Brown
Ernest Carter
Johnny Cole
Kathleen Cole

John Crow
Beth Foley
Jeannie Hill
Dan Holman
Mary Kalbaugh
Joan Krhovjak
Sid Krhovjak

Doug Kuhl
Harold Kurtz
Eddy Lankford
Barbara Leschber
Odessa Mackey
Priscilla Parsons
Naomi Pasemann

Pam Peckar
Dara Pelham
H.K. Petty
Charles Pool
Danny Potts
Jannette Potts
Dixie Ross

David Rucker
Kaye Schaefer
Dixie Seaquist
Gary Shaver
Jeanne Sherry
Eddie Spiller
Carol Sutton

Marilyn Tennill
Pat Tone
Bill Townsend

Jalane Tucek
Gail Whittaker
Debbie Young

Dannie Volek
Donna Woodard
Pat Rogers



Horsing around in the halls, Coach Jones shows us his athletic ability by hanging on the door. Although teaching is a heavy responsibility, all of us have to take time to still have fun.

Tending to his daily responsibilities, Mr. Bates enjoys the feeling of Christmas joy.



Showing her Christmas spirit, Mrs. Parsons poses for a picture with good old St. Nick during the Mallard Christmas party at Magic Time Machine. (Surprise Mrs. Parsons!)



Discussing their strategies for the game; Coach Schroeder, Mr. Lankford, and Mr Tone watch the pep ralley.





Recuperating from the strenuous activities she participated in at the Leadership Conference, Mrs. Pasemann rests her eyes between bursts of energy.

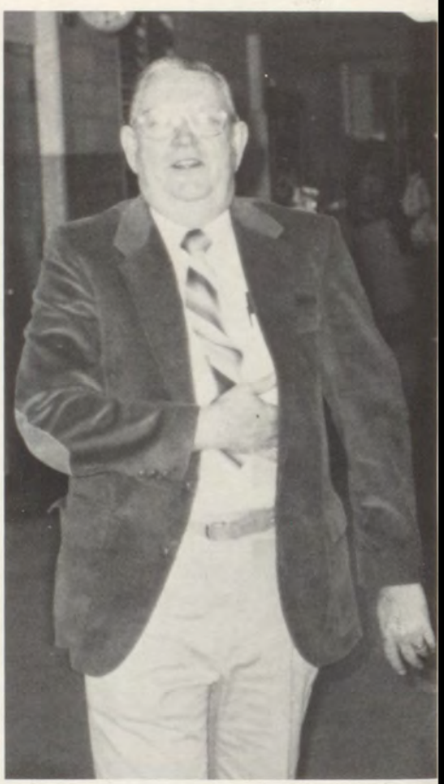
Where Would We Be Without Them?

A school is a complex organization, and we sometimes fail to thank the people who are responsibile for all of the good things that happen. Of course, it all starts with the school board and administrators. But, the part we are most familiar with is the section here at our campus, our own administrators, counselors, and faculty. Where would we be without them? These are the people who keep the school going. They do everything from arranging schedules and finding scholarships to giving us extra help on complex school work or even those dreaded TEAMS. They usually enjoy their jobs even though we sometimes make it hard for them to do so. They are the ones who go out of their way to make sure we are doing well, both in school and out, and if by some weird chance we aren't, they are there to listen to our excuses and then try to help us. I'm sure that at times we get on their nerves just as they sometimes get on ours, but when it comes down to it, we really do care about each other. They all have their own specific jobs, but they're all trying to make our time at Taylor High School a memorable one.

Showing off her students' skills at preparing Mexican food, Rosa Delgado and her students await the arrival of parents on Parents Night.



Posing for the camera, Charles Pool smiles as he is walking through the halls.





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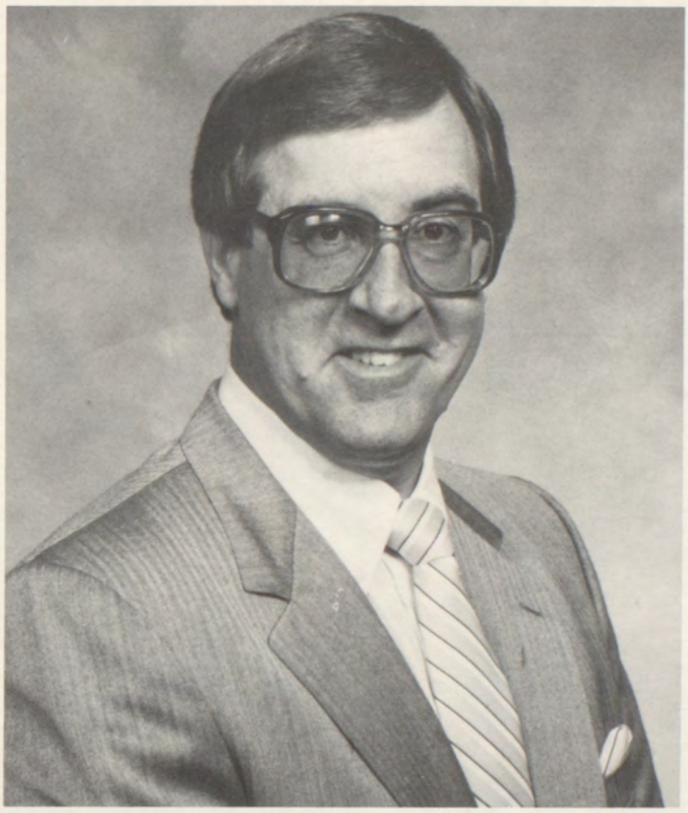
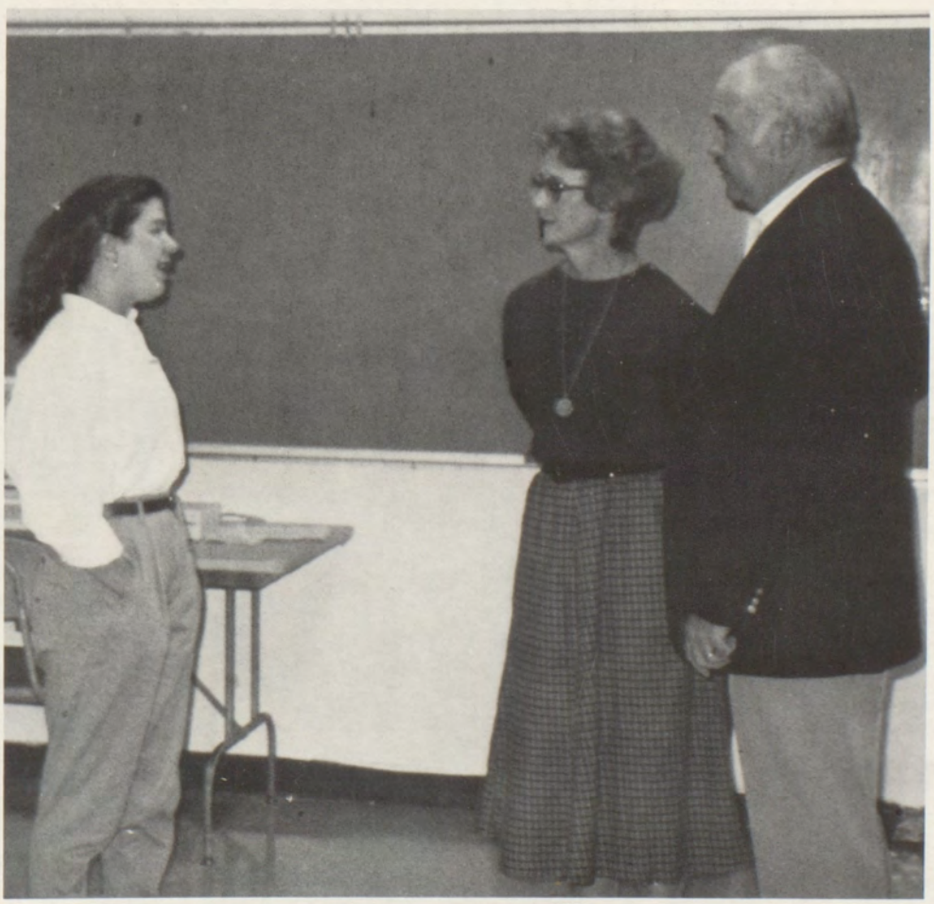
Having a small party after Parents Night, Diane Robbins, Harold Kurtz, Shirley Manning, Tommy Wyche and Gail Whittaker discuss the day.



Superintendent — Mike Caplinger

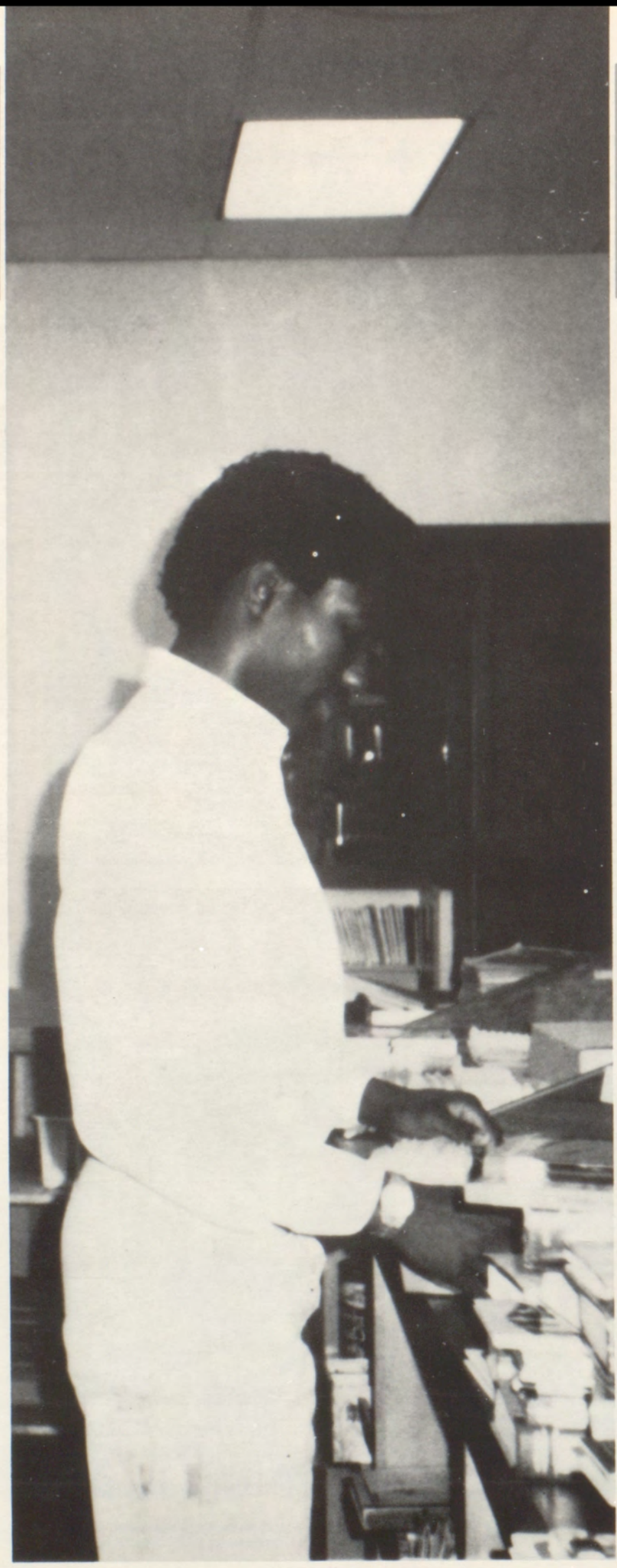




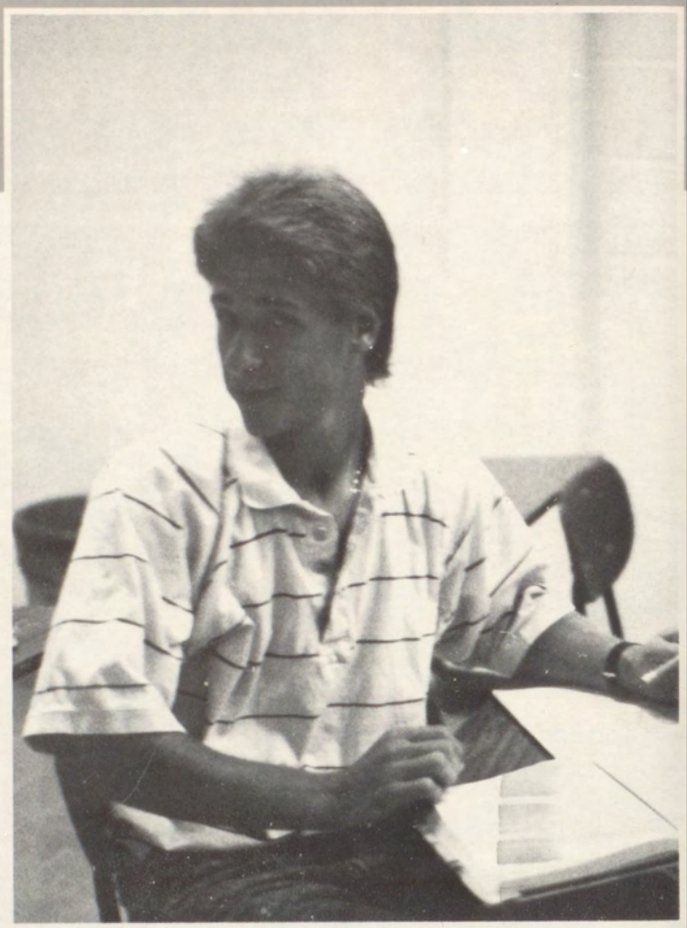


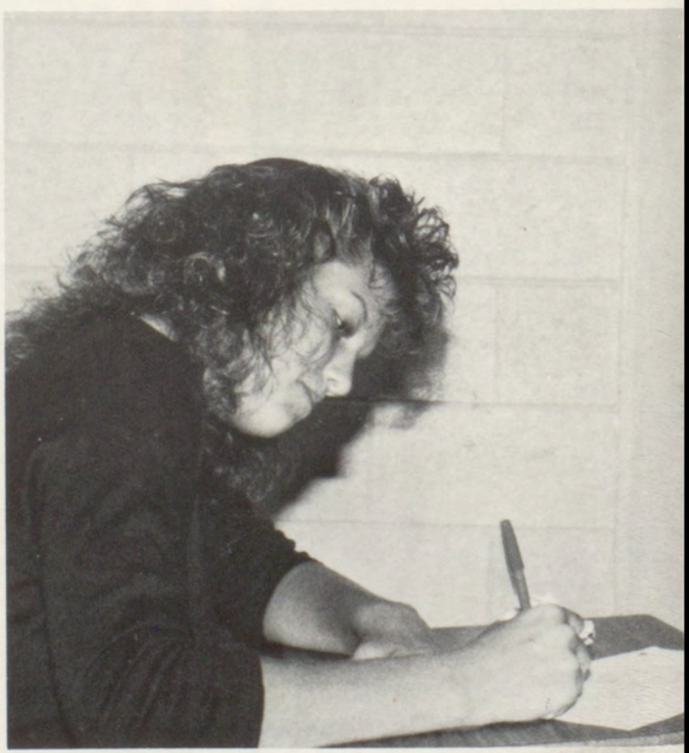
Heading toward the office after visiting on Parents Night, Jalene Tucek and her son think it is time to head for home.

Visiting with parents , Dixie Ross, this year's THS Teacher of the Year seems to enjoy her job as a teacher. Dixie put in many extra long hours at THS making sure that our students were ready to face TEAMS, SAT, college math , and life in general. Congratulations, Mrs. Ross!



Looking at the card file, Carl Tealer enjoys being a library aide.





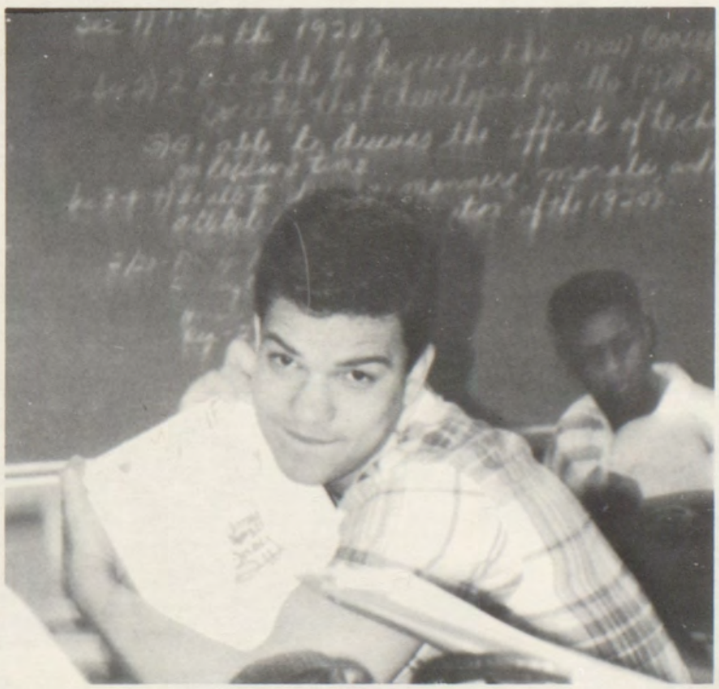
Finishing his pre-calculus homework, Kent Safarik finds the work a little difficult.

Taking a test, Yvette Maruska concentrates on her Latin.

Making The Grade







Improving their mathematical skills, Mrs. Manning's MOCE class works diligently.

Looking through a yearbook magazine, Wendy Vrana gets tips for the Mallard.

Hugging his government book, Carl Larson loves to spend his spare time studying.

Agonizing Investigation

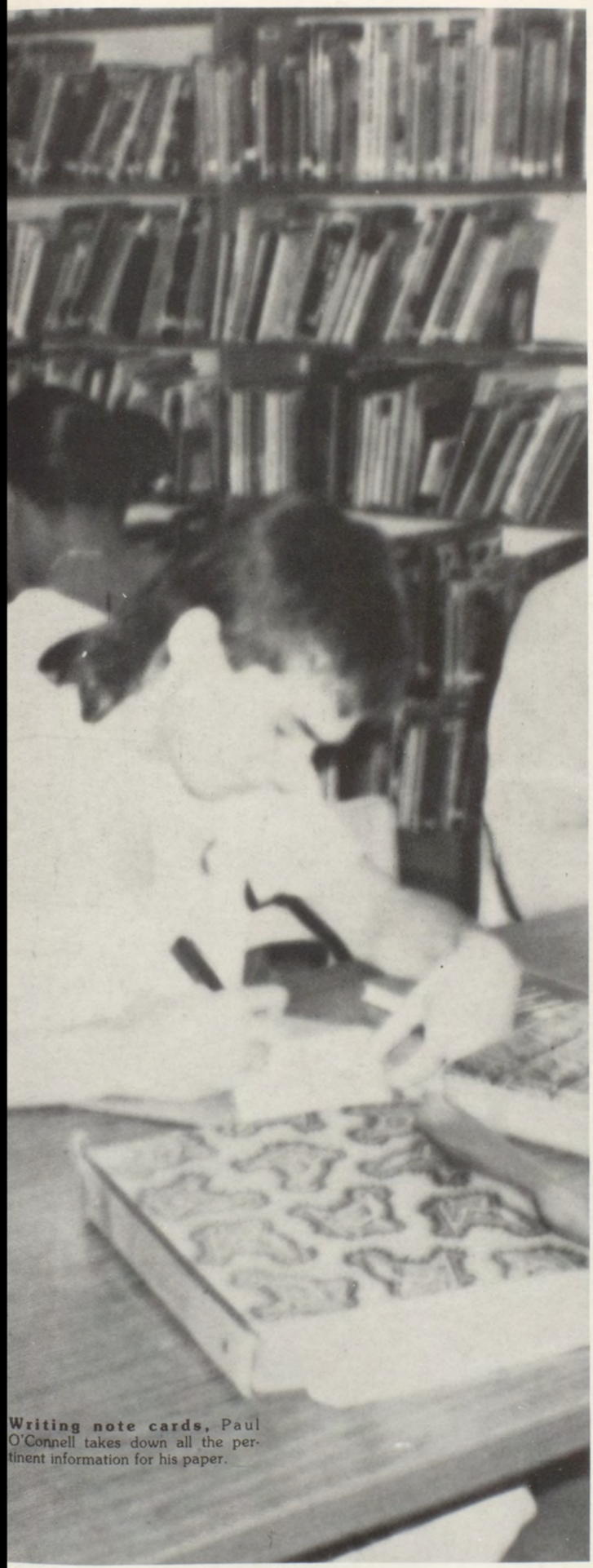
As I put the finishing touches on my research paper over F. Scott Fitzgerald, I felt a sense of relief and pride. All through high school, this had been the research paper I had anticipated; I knew that this would be the last one of my high school career. Thank heavens, it was time to turn it in. It had taken a good six weeks. Now I could breathe. My only hope was that the teacher would think it was as good as I believed it to be. I gave it a final look as I put all of it into the brown envelope. There were bibliography cards, note cards, the rough draft and the final copy. It looked in order. I relaxed.

All this research had begun many years prior, but the junior and senior papers were considered the longer, more complete works. Therefore, juniors knew to prepare for lots of hard work and sleepless nights. Whether you were in an English class or World History, you were required to do a paper according to the teacher's requirements. Juniors were able to pick from a variety of topics like abortion, teenage suicide, aids and dreams; seniors, on the other hand, had to use major authors such as Shakespeare, Melville, and various others. No matter what our topic, each of us had to meet a deadline. Usually these papers took several weeks — two to three weeks in the library to find sources and take notes and then another week or two to do the rough draft and final copy. We did peer evaluations, self-evaluations and revisions before the final copy was typed. Since most of the grades for a six weeks came from parts of these papers, this meant they played a major part in our grade. Although this put a lot pressure on us, we were able to feel a sense of accomplishment. We knew that we had learned a lot and that we would use this valuable information again.





Reading over Hamlet, Susan Brummett looks for more information to complete her research paper on Shakespeare.



Writing note cards, Paul O'Connell takes down all the pertinent information for his paper.

Helping Jennifer Stafford, Chris Lee looks up information on her topic.







Making sure everything is in order, Lisa Huff and Carla James keep track of information they receive in the library.

Reading an article about the 1920's, Ron Randig researches the era that Fitzgerald wrote about in his novels.

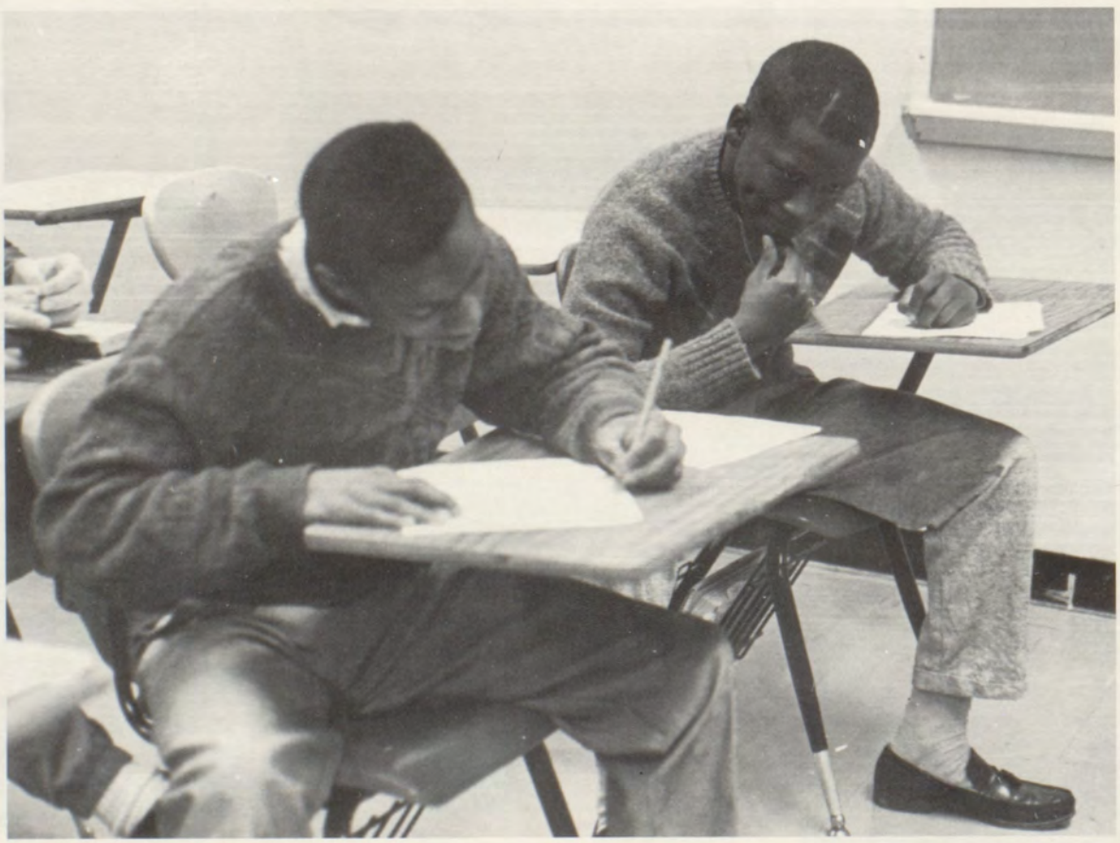
Testing Our Knowledge

As I walked through the door of my Algebra II class, my stomach tied into knots once again. Even though I made good grades, the course kept me on my toes, and I knew that this would be an intense 55 minutes. I loved the challenge most days, but I knew that I did not want to let my average drop even a point in this class.

The toughest part of school for some people was taking tests, and no matter how much we studied, they always seemed to be difficult. Even though tests didn't always rank high on our list, we realized we needed to take them in order to learn the material we were asked to remember. Therefore, every time we walked into class, we felt the realization of the "no pass, no play" rule for our extra curricular activities. We also knew that some of our organizations required excellent academic grades.

But, tests that we took at least once or twice a week weren't the hardest things that we had to accomplish. The actual studying was also difficult. First, we had to find time to study after school hours, even though we were in extra-curricular activities or had jobs. And, we had to figure out the fine technique of mastering study skills. For the first time, some of us realized that we really did not know how to study to keep up our average. For those of us on our way to college, this realization was frightening. Were all those stories that college freshmen and teachers told us really true?

Although we made a few mistakes along the way, most of us managed to accomplish the scores that we needed to obtain to stay in the sports or organizations that we had chosen. Class rank? That, too, most of us accomplished, whether we had set our goal for 1 or 100.





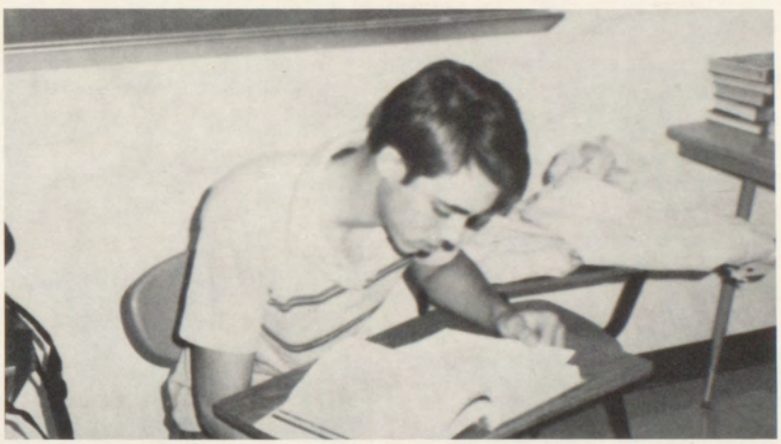
Reviewing the notes that were taken in class, Tony Brown, and Rodney Hall make sure that they study for the test.



Making sure that his work is done, Scott Safarik reviews his notes.

Working diligently on the assignment, these two ladies find this a way to earn an excellent grade for the test.







Looking over his notes, Paul Schlesinger prepares to take the test that will be given.

Being exhausted from taking a test, Sofia Alderete rests her head on the desk.

Working To Our Full Potential

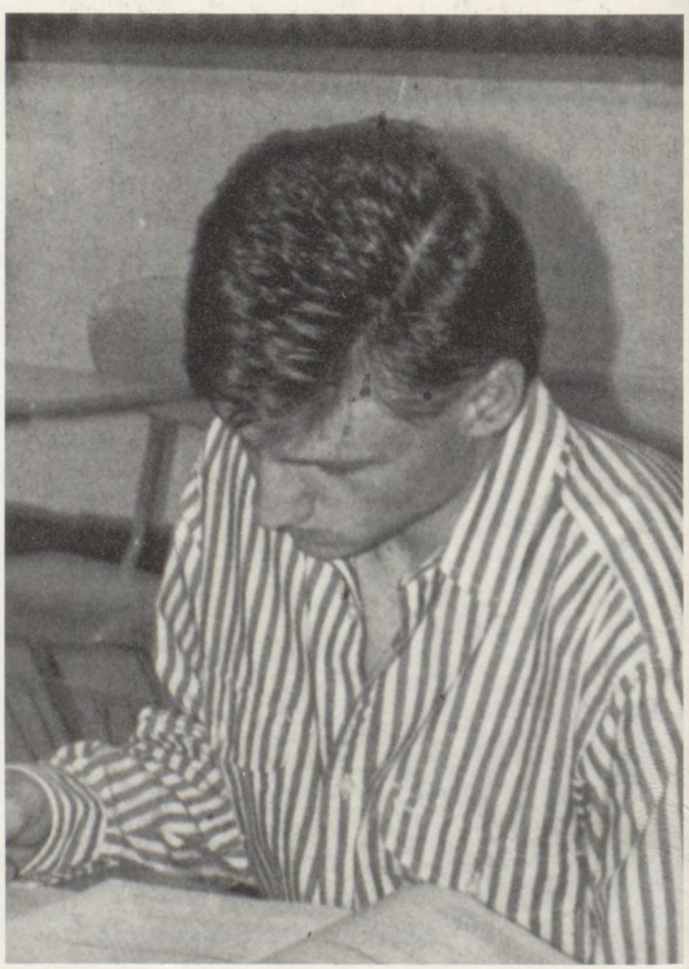
Many students took challenging classes to explore our own ablities, but we realized that college courses would be far more complicated than the classes that we had experienced. Therefore, we prepared for further education by taking the most difficult classes. We had to develop a technique of self-governing; this was a requirement for the process of studying. Independent studies, teacher's lectures, and the fellow students' ideas all assisted in our understanding of these classes. One class that some college bound students were involved in was Mrs. Sherry's Physics II class. Investigations of physics that govern our lives were studied and researched. Another advanced class was Pre-Calculus, taught by Mrs. Sharron Hill. The course was divided into two sections of study. The first semester introduced trigonometry and the second semester, Pre-Calculus. English Go classes were offered where various writing and thinking skills were frequently put to use. These classes were taught by Mrs. Burklow, Mrs. Cole, Ms. Parsons and Mrs. Foley. All these classes gave us a strong basis to fall back on as we entered higher levels of education; we were now prepared and ready to face the obstacles ahead of us.



Paul Schesinger, Wade Krueger, Jodi Snyder, Susan Brummett, Aaron Maxwell, and Jamie West are all in the Physics II class.



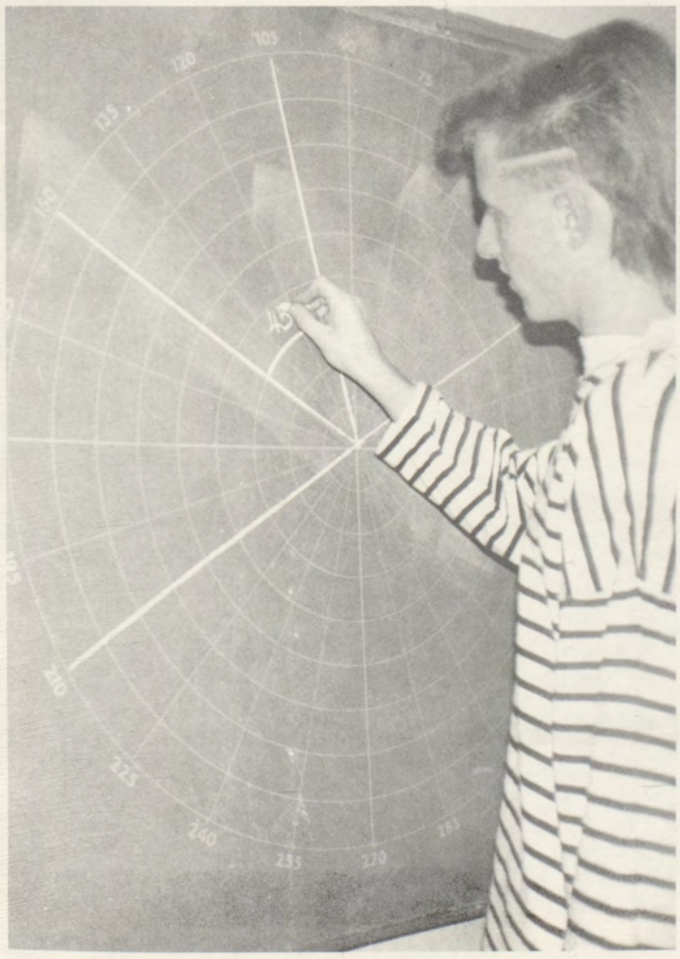
Working on an assignment in Pre-Calculus, junior Travis Volek applies his mathematical concepts while solving the difficult problems.

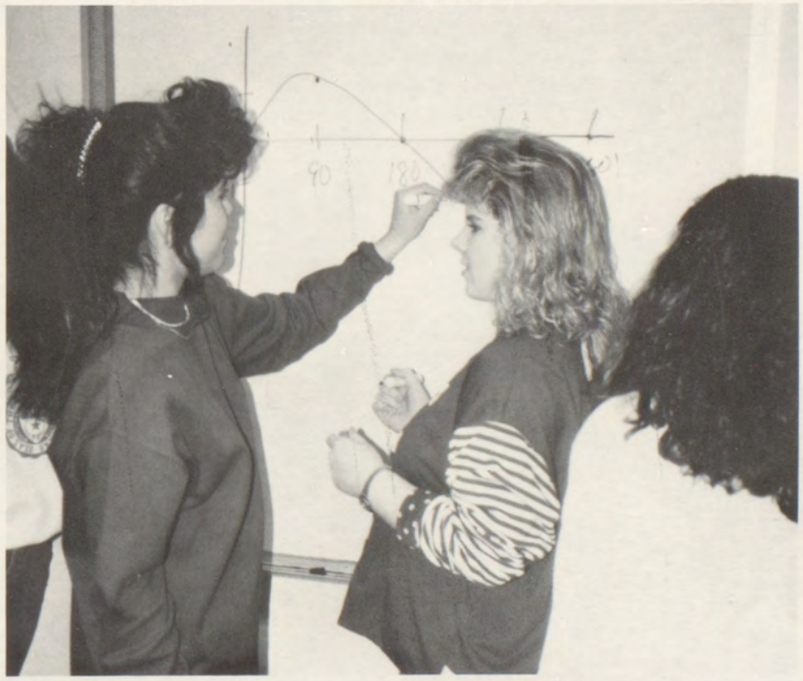




Showing interest in Ms. Parsons' lecture, Nicole Mohel, Crystal Marx, Clayton Rhoades, and David Daniel attentively listen to their latest English Go lesson.







Reviewing the sine graph, Angela Perez, Carla Guardiola, Holly Hortenstine, and Peggy Dominguez practice before a Pre-Calculus test.

Graphing vectors on a polar graph, Pre-Calculus student, Mark Kokes, calculates an angle.

Grouping together around the Hamlet Cliff's Notes, Brandt Rydell, Paul Schesinger, Chris Lee, and Jay Sutton quickly prepare for a quiz.

Computers All Around Us

We were living in a time of rapid growing technology and computers were becoming more and more a part of our everyday lives. Computers were everywhere and their uses were numerous. As their presence grew within our school, we gained knowledge of these machines. There were classes that dealt directly with computers such as Computer Math and Word Processing.

Computer Math, taught by Ken Cooper, focused mainly on the use of BASIC (Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) language. The course covered the history of computers, how to solve mathematical problems on the computer, and how to design math related programs.

Word processing, instructed by Jeannie Hill, taught students to type documents, business letters, and personal letters through the use of computers.

Computers were found to be of great assistance in other unrelated areas such as the typing of school publications, keeping records in the library and the office, and even for student information in the counseling center.

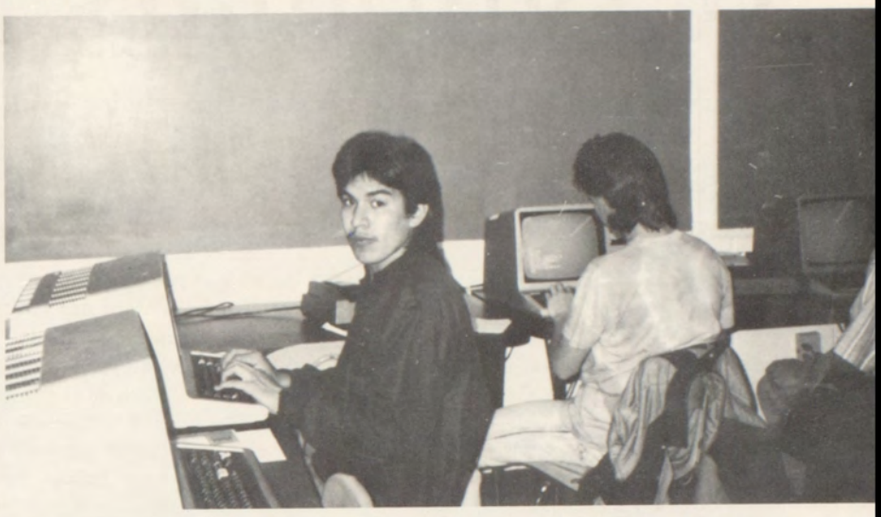
As the computers became more accessible our knowledge grew and we found them to be a great convenience. Their use has become so common that for most of us, life without computers is practically unthinkable.



Typing a letter in Word Processing, Marci Alvarado concentrates on her accuracy.

Typing accurately, Bradley Hanson shows the usefulness of computers in other courses as he works in his vocational class.

Programming in Computer Math class, Jay Luna tries to calculate the correct results before the deadline.







Editing the Cotton Boll, Emily Taylor and Sheila Crow demonstrate the importance of computers in other courses.

Correcting his grammar mistakes, Gene Caldwell works to complete his assignment in Word Processing.



Perusing a copy of "Taking the SAT," Jodi Snyder hopes her review of analogies will enable her to increase her scores on the standardized test.

Standardized Headache

Every senior must one day confront the stark realization of the impendence of post high school education. It is a universal truth, and seniors at Taylor High School were no exception.

This is not to say we had not seen it coming. There had been ample warning in the emergence of the seemingly limitless amounts of standardized tests we had taken. SAT's. ACT's. Achievement tests. TASP's. Blending together, they had become a blur of vocabulary words, analogies, reading comprehension, and mathematics, just to name a few.

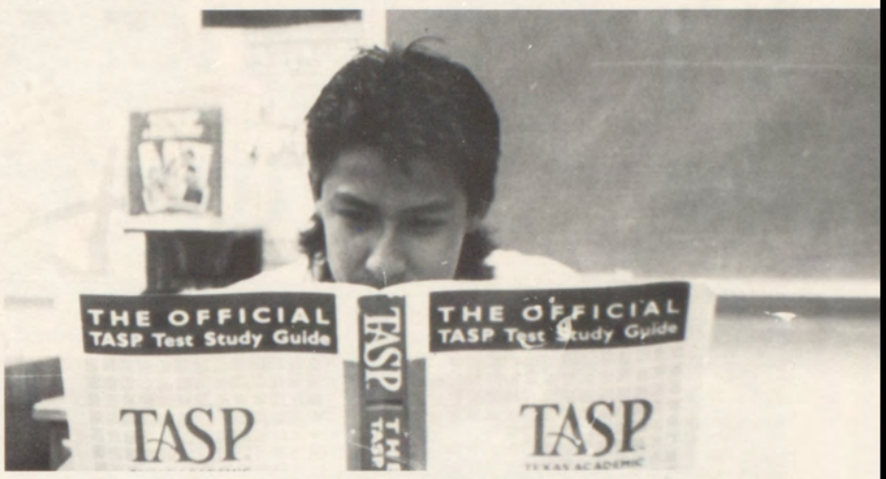
We had all agonized over these examinations required by many colleges and universities for admittance. Waking up early on Saturday mornings, spending long hours confined in a silent testing room, reading words, but not comprehending them, bubbling in ovals with number two pencils. These had become all well-known experiences to us. The monotony and frustration of these tests had caused them to be regarded with contempt and scorn.

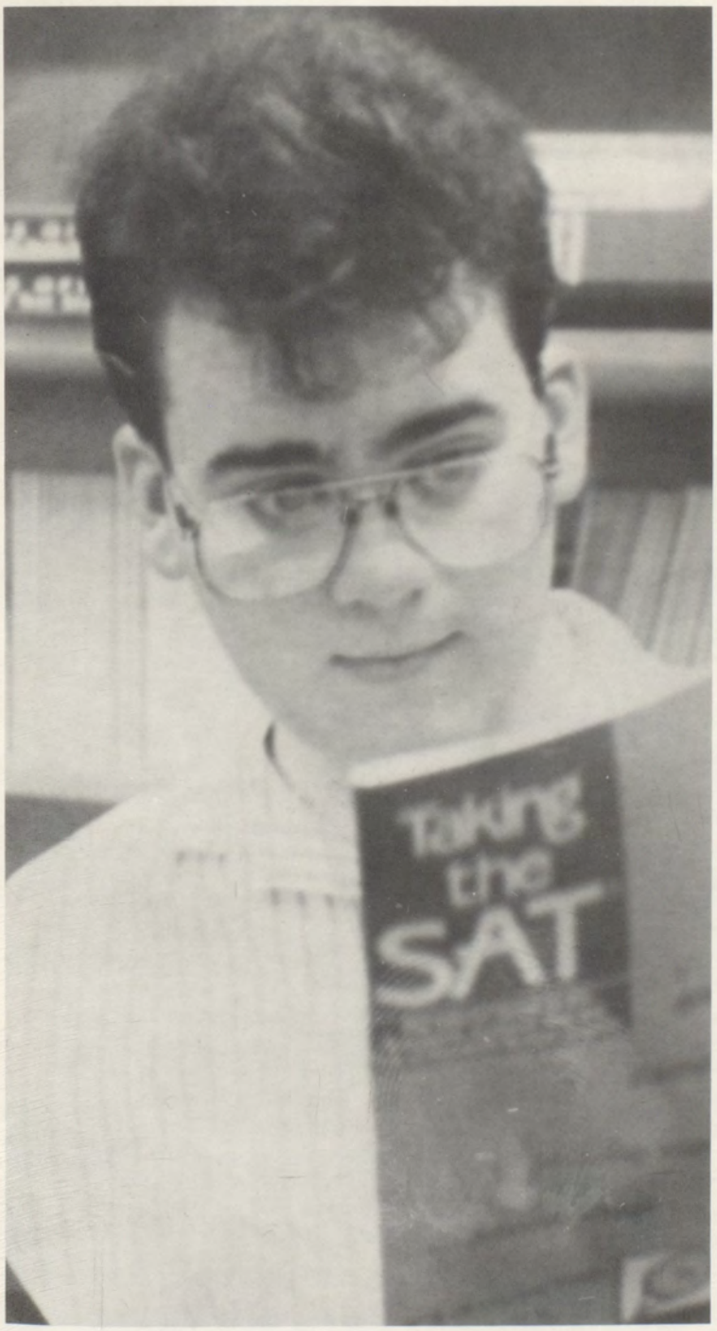
However, almost all of us had had to take them and we had survived. It all paid off in the end, as we were accepted into our respective institutions of higher learning. The frustration and headaches we experienced in preparing and taking these tests was soon relieved. We could look back and relish our accomplishment, scoffing at the poor souls who had to suffer through these tests next year. Taking these standardized tests was well worth the effort, but we would definitely not do it again. We had other worries ahead of us.



Preparing for the A.C.T., Russell Allen looks over some material that will be helpful to him while taking the test.

Analyzing TASP math problems, Jason Valdez acquaints himself with sample questions.







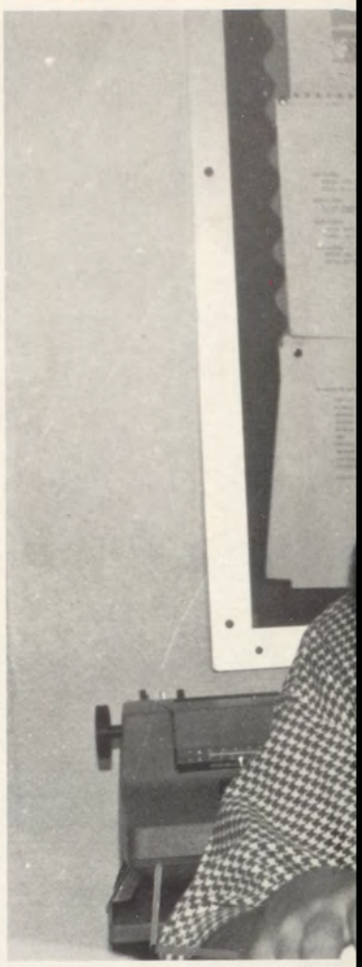


Studying for Achievement Tests, Jamie West sharpens her test taking skills.

Reading test dates from the back of his S.A.T. booklet, Chris Lee decides on which date he will take the test.

Reviewing for his Achievement Test, Wade Krueger agonizes over pages and pages of reading section examples.

Experiencing the Future



As freshmen we considered high school a place to come and pass the time. We came to school, took the tests they gave, hopefully passed and got a step closer to our primary goal as freshmen, to one day be seniors. As we passed the time, however, we began to realize the higher purpose of our educations. There was life after high school, and we were going to experience it much sooner than we had imagined. This awareness came to many of us as juniors and had hit us full force by the time we were seniors. Decisions we made now were going to affect the rest of our lives, and we wanted to consider every alternative. Many of us planned on going to college, and others planned on starting careers immediately after graduation, but no matter what our immediate plans were, one day we would all have to choose a career in some particular field of interest. We knew the time to start planning was now.

Fortunately, many occupational and vocational courses were offered to us as juniors and seniors. Many of us took advantage of available programs such as ICT, VOE, HECE, DECA, BPA. These programs gave students the oppurtunity to explore careers and gain work experience in a variety of fields ranging from homemaking to office jobs and technical careers.

They also taught many students how to manage their time between work and school and how to be more responsible.

We were fortunate to have the oppurtunity to be involved in these courses and programs.They played a very important part in planning our futures.

Improving their vocational skills, Susan Hubble and Susan Brummett participate in the high school work program.

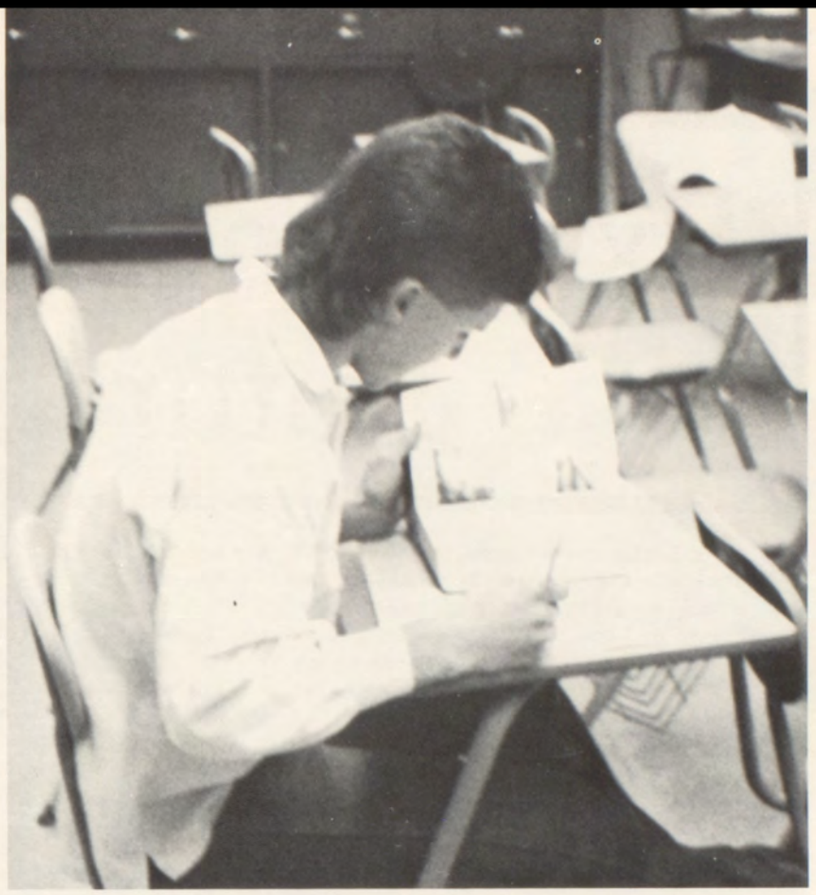


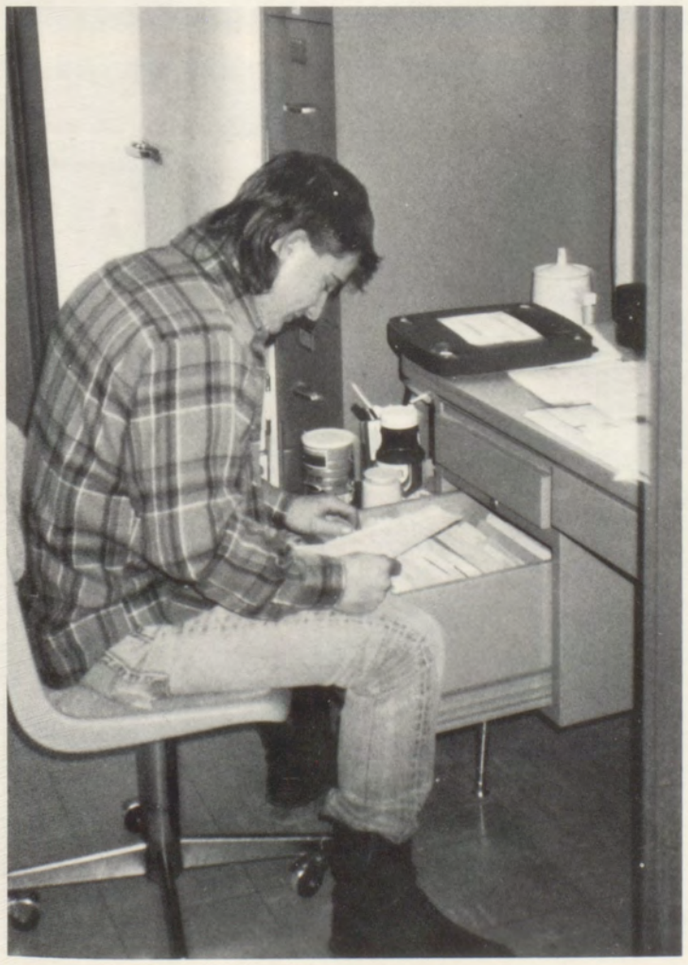
Doing calculations on an adding machine, Nikki Urbis works hard during her VOE class.





Punching up the number of the Central Office (or so she says), Kim Winkler displays her superb and ever-quickening secretarial skills.



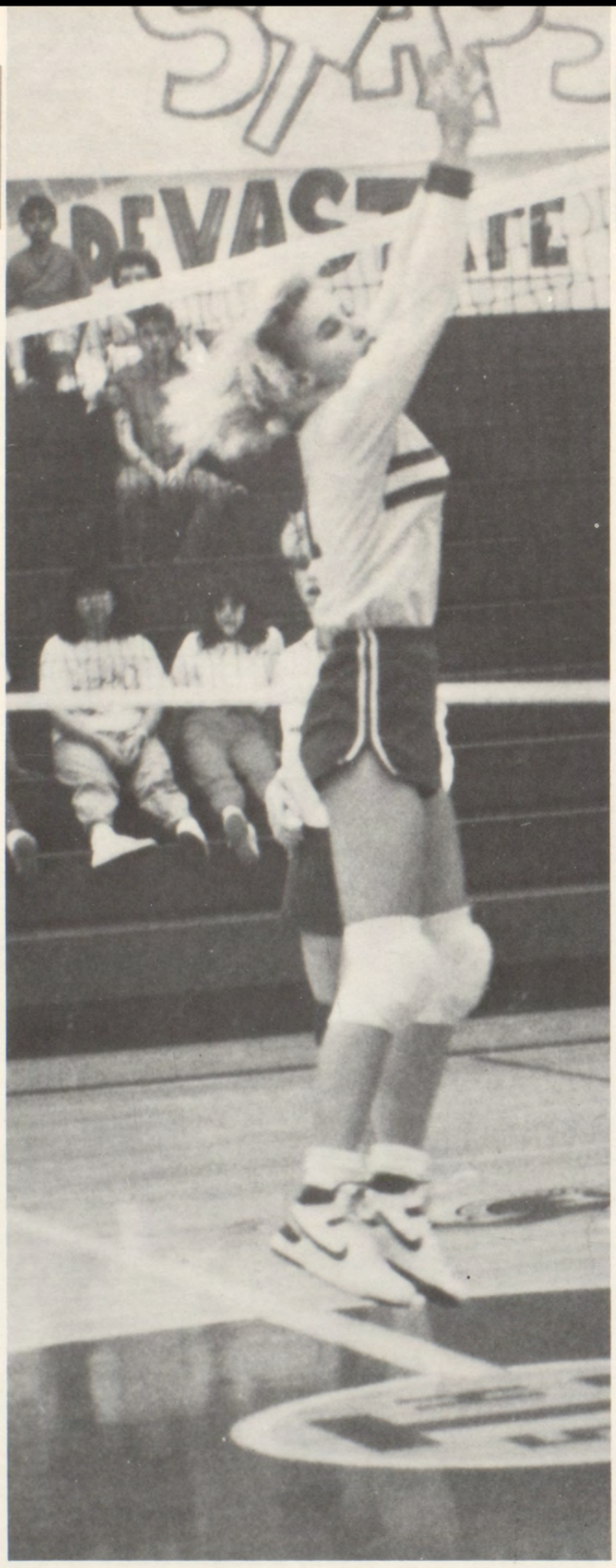




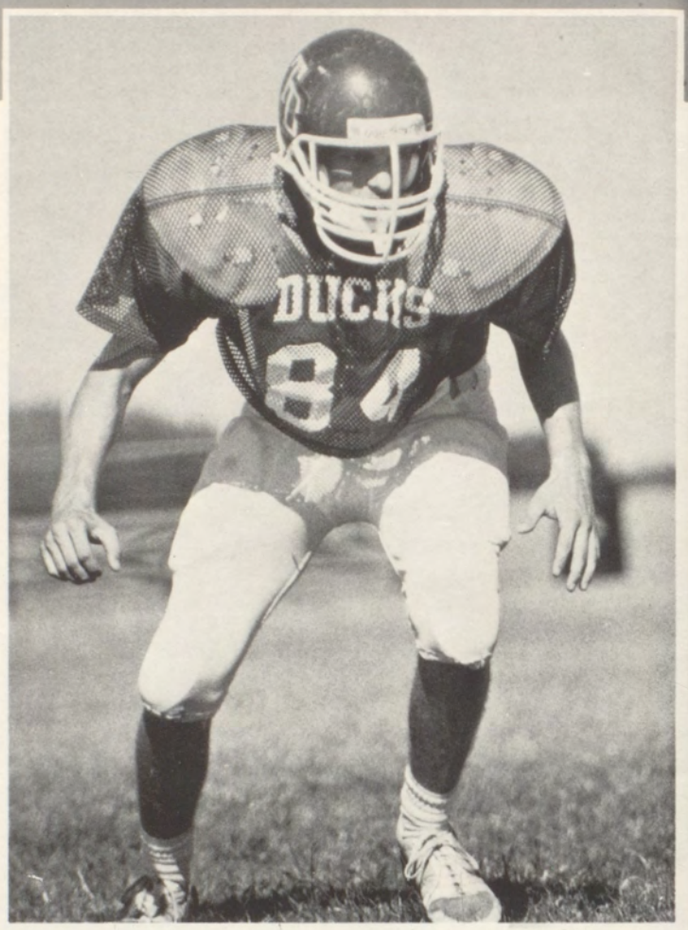
Typing figures into the adding machine, Susan Hehman dilligently works in her VOE class.

Looking through files in his ICT class, Kelly Kaderka participates in the high school half day work program.

Working studiously, Shannon Dlouhy takes part in the first period ICT class.



Preparing for a tackle, Ironman Leland Newsom awaits the oncoming ball-carrier.



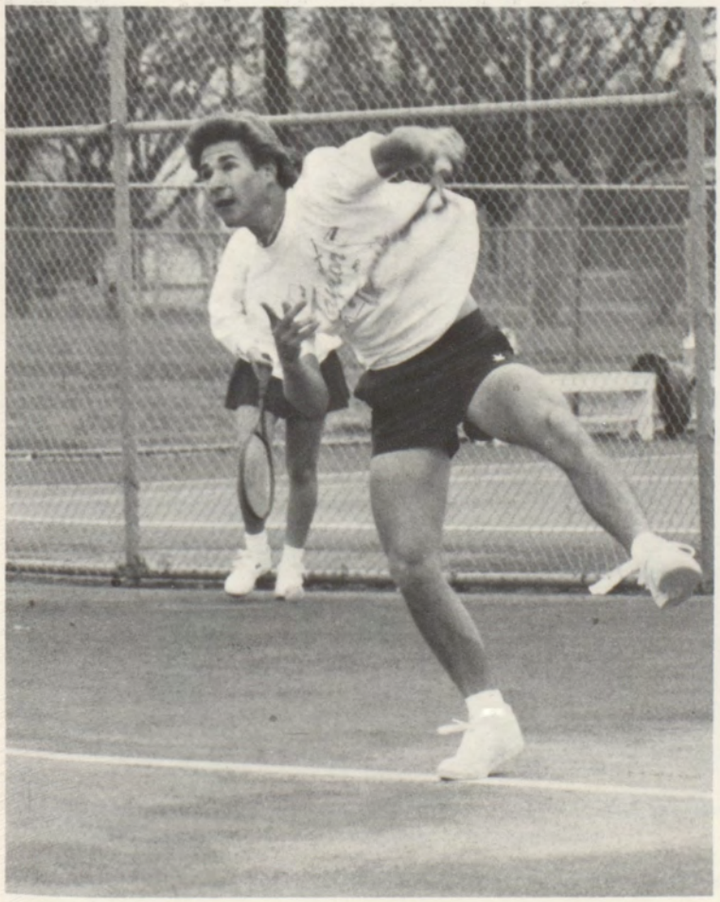


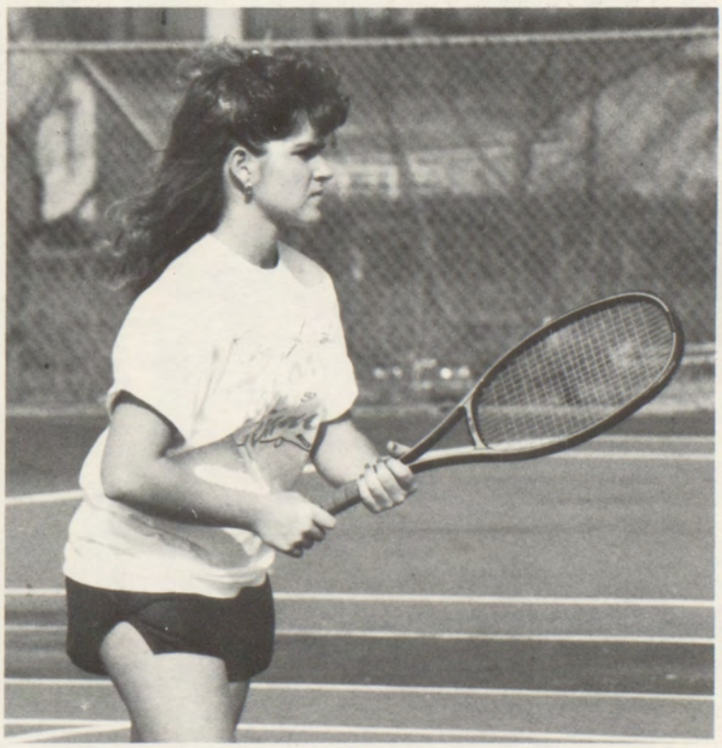
Anticipating the ball, Lisa Jefferson and LaTonia Ephraim wait patiently as it is volleyed back over the net.

Taking a chance, Lisa Elms, jumps to meet the ball as it flies her direction.

Making an Impact







Giving some last minute advice, Coach Klar informs her team of the tactics that will be employed in the night's game.

Using his own personal techniques, Kent Safarik really gets into his game.

Watching for the oncoming ball, Kim Winkler is ready to take on the challenge the game of tennis presents to her.

While Adrenalin Raced

As the bus rolled into Baylor Stadium, adrenalin raced through our bodies. In our minds, we went over and over the plays we had worked on for this event. We tried to relax a bit before the game, but we were all keyed up and ready to hit someone or go out for that needed pass. Finally, the time came for us to warm up. This helped relieve some of the tension that had been building up, but the adrenalin continued. We were oblivious to the large crowd of people who had come to watch us. It wasn't that we didn't appreciate our fans, but we had the game on our mind. After what seemed an eternity, the game started. After a while, we were ahead of our opponents, but the injuries started. Our muscles ached and our bodies were tired, but we were determined to give this play-off game our all. We were the District Champs and this was the third year that the Ducks had gone to the play-offs. Those of us who were seniors had seen seventeen wins and four losses during our junior and senior years, and some of us had been to all three play-off games. We were proud of our accomplishments. As the game progressed, it became evident that this would be our last game of the season, but as always, we would fight to the last.

Later as the results were given to name All District players, we once again were reminded that we had some really outstanding players. Jerrod Sanford, Steven Parades, and Randall Fischer were named to the offensive team, while Randy Stiba, Mark Steger, and Chad Marek were named to the defensive team. Jason Ball proved to be outstanding both ways and was named to both All District teams. We were extremely proud of these guys, but we also realized that we had some excellent players who had not made the teams. In our eyes, they were all special. They would always be "The Champs."



Pursuing the quarterback, Ron Randig makes a tackle against the Midway Panthers.



Applying pressure to a Cleburne quarterback, Chad Marek and Todd Mucha complete their obligations to the team.



Running straight ahead, Michael Townsend finds an opening and takes advantage of it.



Fighting off a defender, Jerrod Sanford tries for a first down at a non-district game against Bastrop.

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Varsity Players **Front row:** Jason House (manager), Chris Frank, Donovan Wilson, Jerrod Sanford, Allen Brown, David Melendrez, Gene Caldwell, Todd Mucha, Brian Schmidt (manager). **Second row:** Arron Maxwell (manager), Russell Dominguez, Carl Tealer, Mark Jackson, Shawn Harris, Craig Naiver, Leonard Tellis, Shannon Morales, Shannon Rowley, Chad Widmer (manager). **Third row:** Paul Schlesinger (manager), Michael Townsend, Soloman Olivarez, Matthew Ornelas, Randall Fischer, Jason Jansky, Randy Stiba, Will Manning, Toby Branson, Chris Cook, Chad Lincoln (manager). **Fourth row:** Chad Marek, Willie Jones, Greg Broadnax, Clayton Rhoades, Steven Parades, Jason Ball, Michael Shirk, Leland Newsom, Ron Randig, Gerald Anderson.

Varsity Scores

Austin Travis	0-7
Rockdale	35-0
Bastrop	13-0
Austin McCallum	28-7
San Antonio Edgewood	48-21
Pflugerville	42-19
Waco University	14-0
Leander	27-10
Belton	7-7
Waco Midway	7-6
Cleburne	10-14



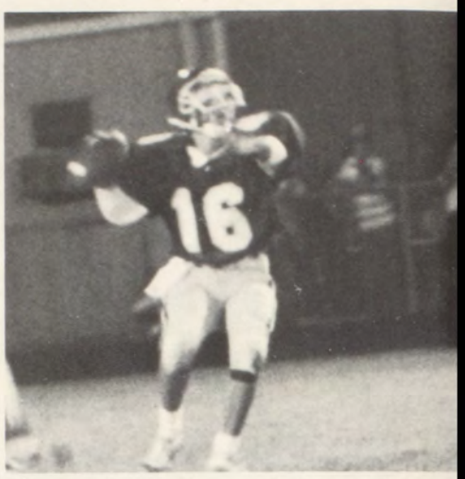
Shutting their opponents down, Shannon Morales, Chad Marek, and Jason Ball keep Waco University from getting the first down.

Dreaming of Playoffs

For those of us who were freshmen, our long awaited time to play high school football had finally come. Somehow we lived through those long, crueling two a day practices during the hot summer. It wasn't easy, but we were determined to try to look like the older more experienced guys. Our year got off to a slow, steady start, but as the year progressed, we picked up momentum and worked exceptionally well as a team. This teamwork paid off as we ended the the season as District Champs. It was an exciting time as we showed the coaches and the fans what we were made of. We were very proud and excited because we knew that this meant if we continued to work together and improve, we would be dyamite by the time we made the varsity team. We were already looking forward to those far away playoff games.

For the JV team it was a year of transition, and even though we weren't District Champs, we were very proud of our team. We did quite well in our season, winning six games and losing three. We knew that we had to be content with our lot as several of our key players were needed on the varsity team and moved up to help in that area. As the season finished, we anxiously looked forward to next year and the possiblity of playing varsity ball. We were determined to work out and stay in the best possible physical condition. We wanted to be ready for August and those next two a day practices!

Looking downfield for a receiver, Chad McMak prepares to throw a long pass in hopes of getting s points for his team.

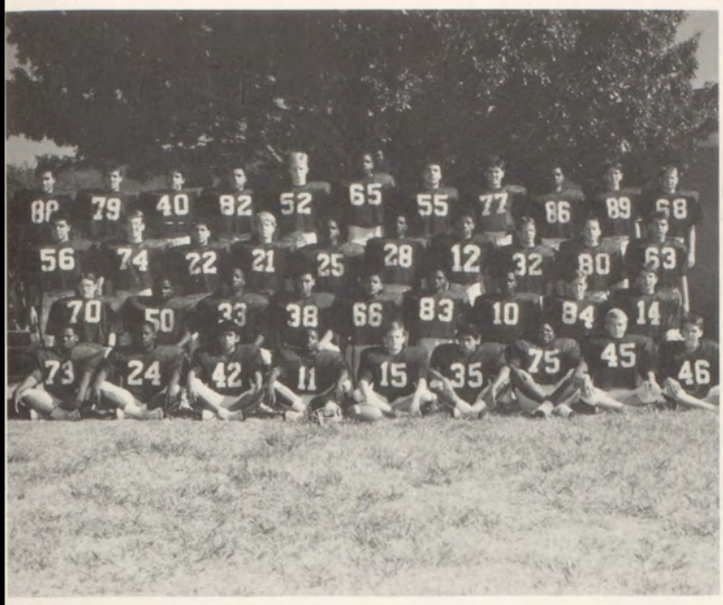




Using all his strength, Eugene Dominguez pushes his way to block an opponent.



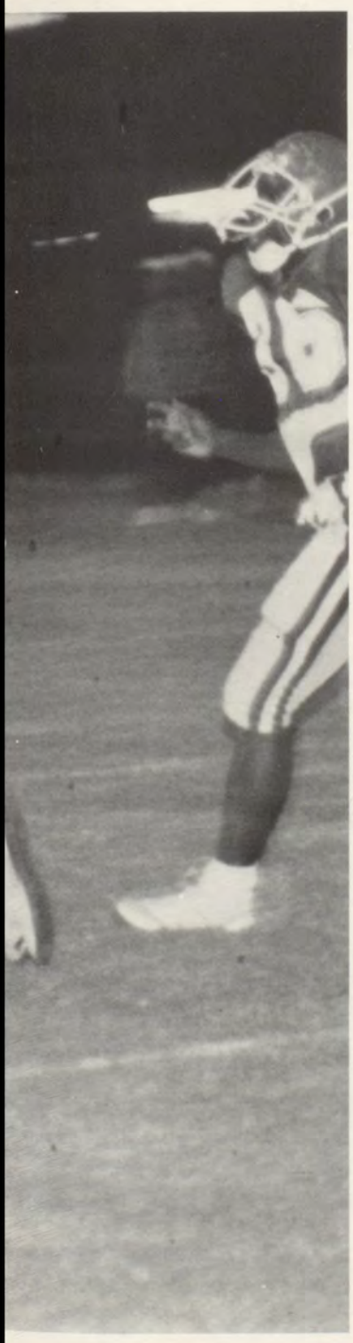
Trying to tackle a Waco Midway player, Austin Kingsbery and Brian Aldrige try to knock him over before scoring a touchdown.



Freshmen Team: First Row: Joesph Dickerson, Joesph Brandyburg, Johnny Savedra, Tony Brown, Bobby Martin, Leroy Moreno, Tyrone Carr, Robert Scruggs, Trey Majors. Second Row: Chris Johle, James Ross, Marvin Jackson, Adam Watson, Manuel Hernandez, Edwin Hill, Rodney Hall, Eric Anstey, Mark Schroeder. Third Row: John Salazar, John Garza, Eugene Dominguez, Allen Ochoa, Chris Robinson, Maurice Harris, Valery Jackson, Michael Morris, Mike Hirstius, James Larson. Fourth Row: Daniel Gonzales, Lance Haag, Albert Vasquez, Eddie Collazo, Richie Charles, Stacy Thomas, Lee Canales, Dale Moehnke, Cove McCormick, George Cummings

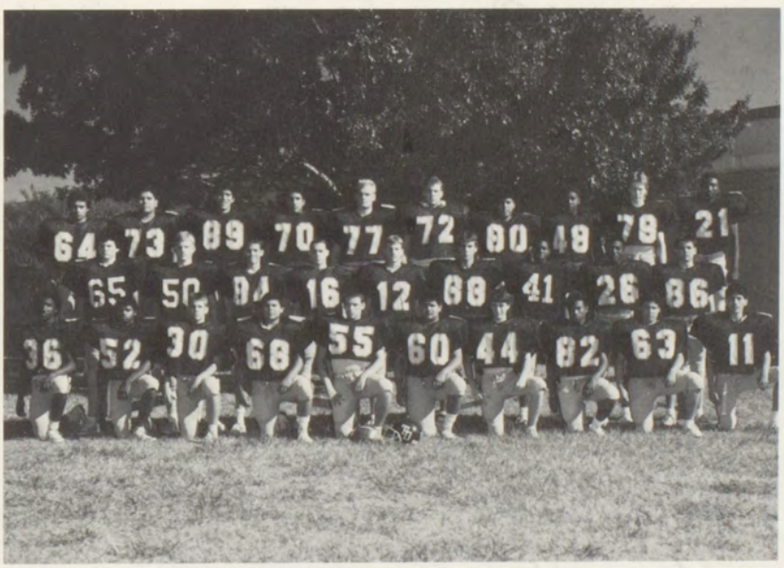


Dropping back to cover a pass, Todd Parsons and Tim McFarlin watch intently as the ball leaves the quarterback's hands.





Anticipating a punt, Manuel Hernandez, Christopher Robinson, John Garza, and Rodney Hall watch anxiously as the ball hurls through the air.



JV Players are: **Front row:** Brian Aldrige, David Lloyd, Dwayne Hyzak, David Magana, Todd Parsons, Jessie Delgado, Austin Kingsbery, James Jenkins, Hector Garcia, Raymond Elizondo. **Second row:** Shawn Mabry, Eric Rowe, David Koonce, Chad McMakin, Heath Talley, Eric Herron, Charles Clark, Kevin Demps, Oscar Gonzales. **Third row:** Concepcio Moreno, Johnny Aleman, Javier Yanez, Robert Collazo, Eric Wagnor, Bo Mucha, Mark Nunez, Tim Moore, Rick Pheil, Tim McFarlin.

Freshmen Scores

Austin Travis	6-16
Rockdale	20-6
Bastrop	15-26
Austin McCallum	22-6
Pflugerville	14-12
Waco University	39-24
Leander	44-14
Belton	16-8
Midway	33-28
District Champs	

JV Scores

Austin Travis	20-0
Rockdale	21-0
Bastrop	19-0
Austin McCallum	20-6
San Marcos	45-0
Pflugerville	6-21
Leander	20-8
Belton	3-8
Waco Midway	14-23

VOLLEYBALL

Champions One and All!

The 1988-1989 season for the Lady Duck volleyball teams were that of many accomplishments. Not only were our Varsity Lady Ducks the Area Champions, but the Junior Varsity won second in District and the newcoming Freshmen proved they knew what they were doing by placing as Co-Champions in District. Topping off this memorable year included: Coming in first in our pool at the Frauleen Tournament by beating New Braunfels, Georgetown and McCallum and beating Leander at home which was the most intense match that both teams had played all year. The Lady Ducks became District Champions. Then they became Bi-District Champions after beating Cleburne. Later they advanced to Area-Champions after beating Crowley. And at last, playing Pecos, they became defending State Champions in Regionals.

As a result of the Lady Ducks outstanding teamwork and athletic ability were awarded: Stephanie Martin — Co-Most Valuable Players, First Team All-District, All Centex Volleyball Team Hor University of Texas Volleyball Scholar Recipiant. Regina Wright — First Team District. Angela Perez — Second Team District. the teams under the leadership Coach Liz Klar, who was voted Coach of Year and Coach Polley lead them to an pressive season. "Coach Polley and I are pr to have coached the young ladies and proud of all our accomplishments." Coach Klar.

Preparing to meet the ball, Sharrah Huff plans to bump the ball for a set while Stephanie Martin assists her.





Bumping the ba Regina Gipson e erts all he strength to reac the ball.



Becoming a Lady Longhorn, Stephanie Martin signs a contract with the National Champion University of Texas Volleyball team. Stephanie placed as Co-MVP in the District Center Team this season.



Watching for the ball, Angela Perez anticipates bumping the ball to th opponent. Angela placed in the Second Team All District this season.



Varsity Lady Duck Volleyball members: **Front row:** Sharrah Huff, Carla James, Angela Perez, Bettie Frederick. **Second row:** Regina Gipson, Regina Wright, Coach Liz Klar, Stephanie Martin, Lisa Huff.

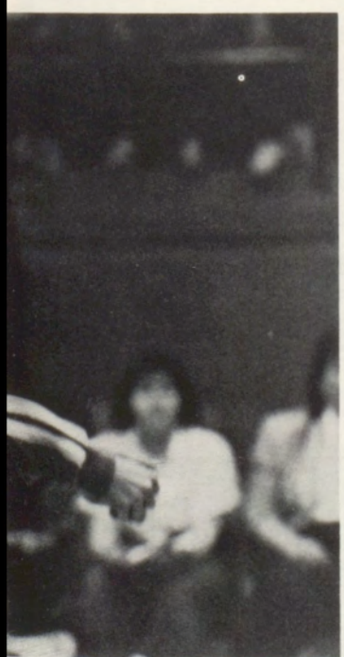
Varsity Scores

Pflugerville	9-15, 15-11, 15-3
Waco University	15-8, 15-0
Leander	13-15, 7-15
Belton	15-5, 15-8
Waco Midway	15-5, 15-5
Pflugerville	15-5, 15-11
Waco University	15-1, 15-1
Leander	15-13, 16-14
Belton	15-7, 15-6
Waco Midway	15-9, 14-16, 15-3
Cleburne	12-15, 15-9, 15-2
Bi-District Champions	
Crowley	15-4, 12-15, 15-2
Area Champions	
Pecos	17-15, 5-15, 11-15
Regional Finalist	
Temple Tournament: Third Place	

Season Record: 25-8

District Record: 9-1
"District Champions"

Tipping the ball, Regina Wright jumps to block the ball. Regina placed for the First Team All District for the 1988-89 season.

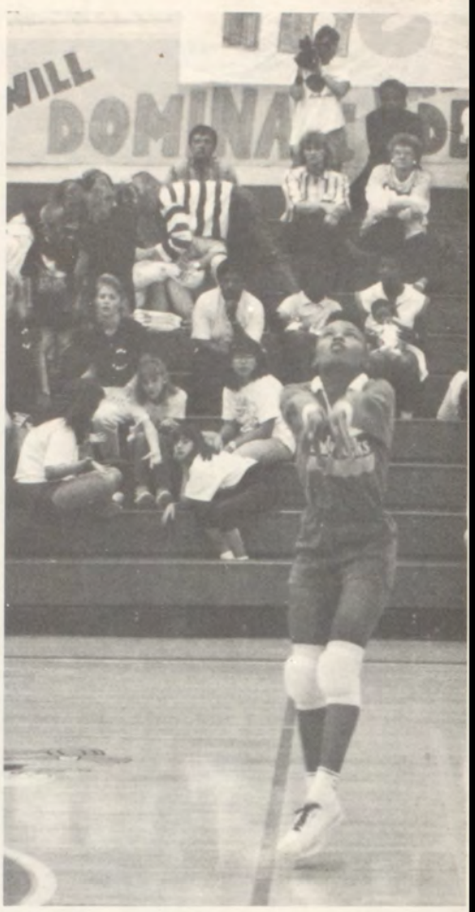




Jumping for a spike, Dawn Ruehnke and Lucille Wright use teamwork to pass the ball, while Beverly Branson waits in case the ball is returned quickly by the opponent.

Preparing for a set, Lisa Jefferson keeps a careful eye on the ball. The Junior Varsity Lady Ducks placed second in district for the 1988-89 season.



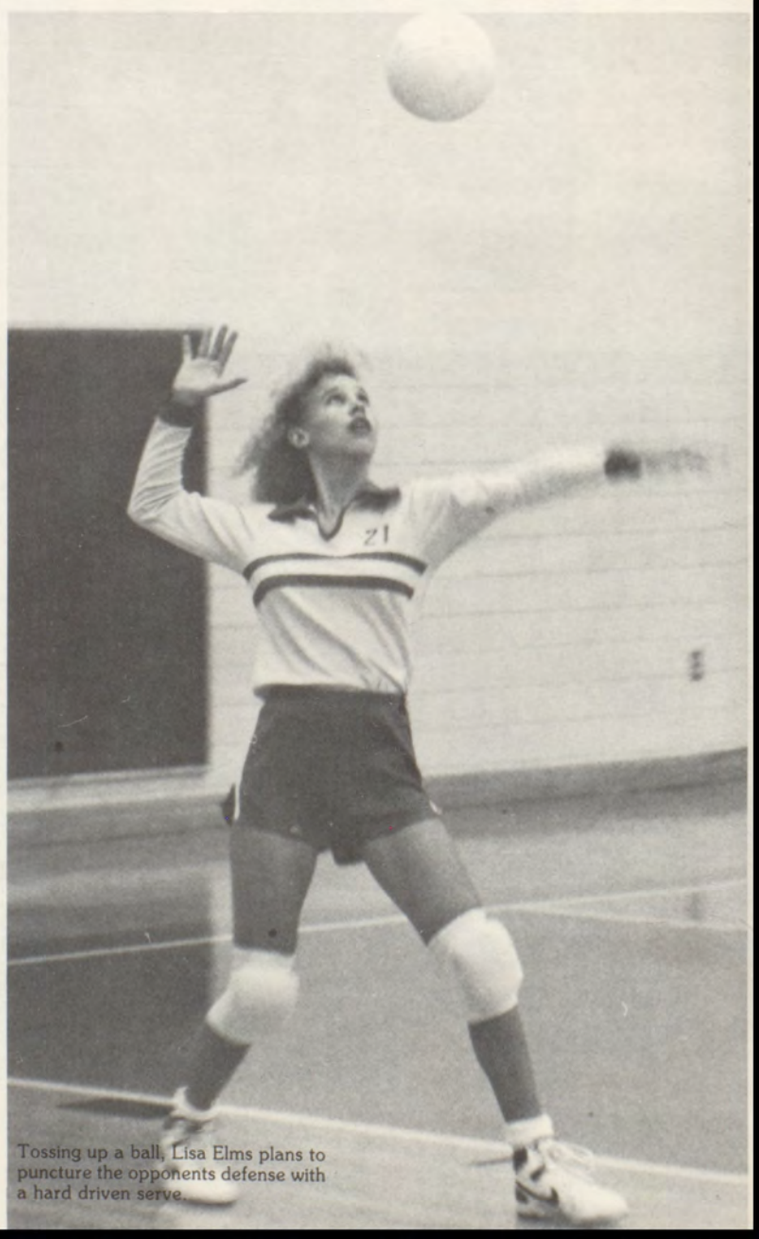




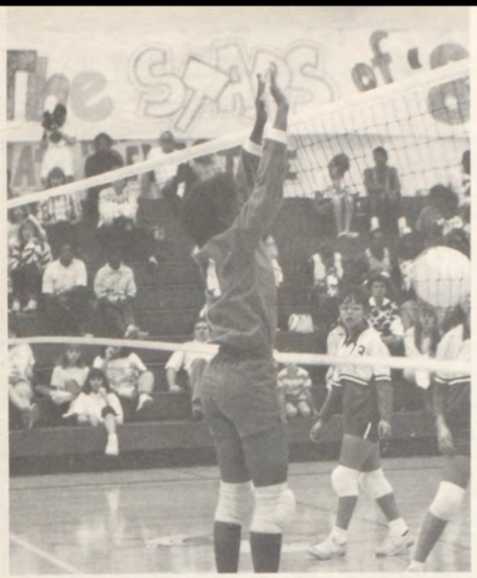
Freshman Lady Duck Volleyball members: **Front row:** Erin Ruthevan, Octavia Gray, Hosetter Hargrove, Rebecca Alderete, Jenavie Carmona, Lisa Farr, Laura Faught, Paula Johnson, Trekeshelia Sorrels. **Second row:** LaKentra McNeal, Cody Talley, Stacy Gilchrist, Lisa Elms.. **Third row:** Amy McLean, Lynn McShea (manager),Shanon Taylor (manager),Peggy Dominguez (manager),Patricia Dominguez.



Junior Varsity Lady Duck Volleyball members: **Front row:** Shawntell Smith, Lisa Jefferson.. **Second row:** Beverly Branson, Shontavia Hornsby, Tonya Potts, LaTonya Ephraim, Lucille Wright.. **Third row:** Angela Stanford (manager),Gracia Gardner (manager), Dana Mohel, Coach Cindy Polley, Michelle Hamann, Peggy Dominguez (manager),Dawn Ruehnke.



Tossing up a ball, Lisa Elms plans to puncture the opponents defense with a hard driven serve.







Guarding the net, Lucille Wright blocks the pass that is attempted by the opposing team.

Setting up for a play, Erin Ruthevan and Hosetter Hargrove watch intently for the serve to pass the net.

Reaching high, Tonya Potts tips the ball over the net.

Waiting for the serve, Rebecca Alderete and Patricia Dominguez watch patiently so that the set can be carried out. The freshman volleyball team placed as "Co-Champions" in district this season.





Freshman Scores

Pflugerville	16-14, 10-15, 15-10
Waco University	6-15, 15-3, 15-2
Leander	15-5, 16-14
Belton	13-15, 15-11, 15-5
Waco Midway	12-15, 16-14, 15-9
Pflugerville	15-9,10-15, 2-15
Waco University	15-0, 15-13
Leander	15-12, 15-9
Belton	15-10, 9-15, 15-13
Waco Midway	9-15, 15-13, 15-8

Season Record: 17-3
District Record: 9-1
"Co-Champions"
Leander Tournament: Consolation

Junior Varsity Scores

Pflugerville	15-6, 16-4
Leander	3-15, 12-15
Belton	15-9, 15-11
Waco Midway	15-5, 3-15, 15-13
Pflugerville	13-15, 15-6, 15-13
Leander	16-14, 10-15, 3-15
Belton	15-10, 15-12
Waco Midway	15-10, 13-15, 10-15

Season Record: 13-8
District Record: 5-3
Second Place
Temple Tournament: Consolation

Blocking a driven spike, Cody Talley stops the ball from penetrating further into the Taylor's side.

TRUE CHAMPIONS

It was not a spectacular year for the Taylor Boys' Basketball teams by any means. We didn't post any awesome records, no undefeated teams. But that did not take away from our accomplishments.

The success of a team cannot be measured by a mere won-loss record. It goes much deeper than that.

Although we all exhibited the intensity and pride that enabled us to be victors in our own right.

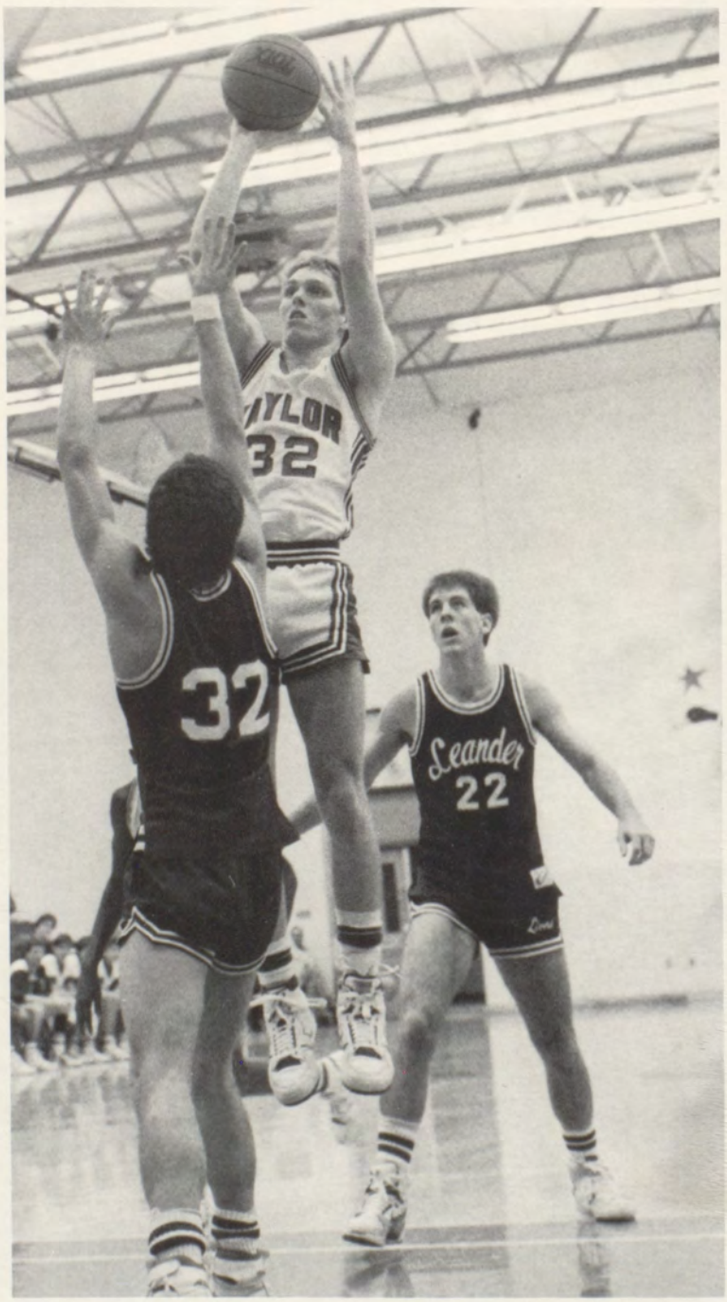
Theis year the Varsity surpassed preseason expectations by almost doubling the total wins of the previous season. However, we failed to win one District game. Many of these contests were decided by the slightest of margins. But we never gave up, always giving one hundred and ten percent. With this satisfaction of knowing we exhausted all of our energies on the court, we were truly champions.

So another page was turned, another season was over for the Taylor Basketball Ducks. But improvement in the program wa apparent, and a bright future lay ahead. And with a promising group of talented underclassmen with another season behind them, the basketball program seems off on the right foot. The perseverance, intensity, and dedication they displayed will ensure them title of "True Champions" no matter how many games they win.

Going for the basket, Leland Newsome concentrates on the shot while blocking out his opponent's aggressiveness.



Dribbling down the court, Todd Mucha looks for a possible pass to put them ahead by a two point margin.



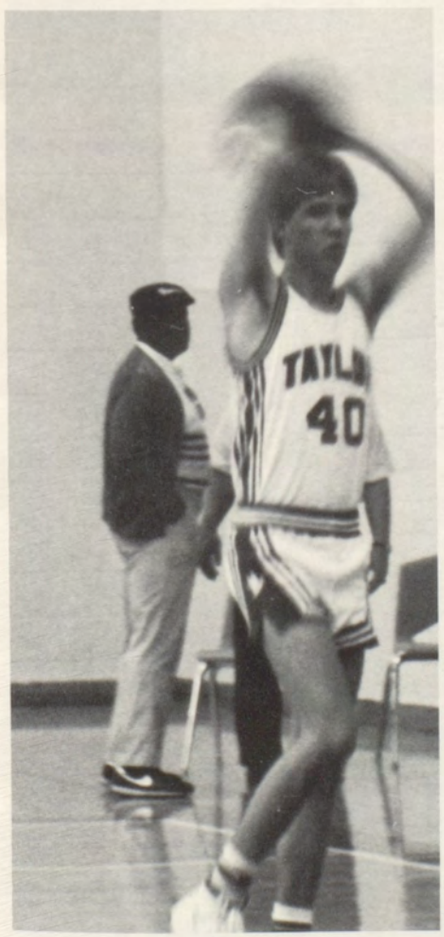


Members of the 1988-89 Varsity Basketball Team — Back row: Trey Bachmeyer, Toby Branson, Greg Broadnax, Darby McLean, Brandt Rydell, Michael Shirk, Leland Newsome, Fred Burrell, Russell Allen, and Todd Mucha. Front row: Manager Patrick Saterfield, Coach Johnny Cole, and Manager Chad Widmer.

1988-89 Varsity Basketball

Scores not available

Passing the ball with the utmost precision, Brandt Rydell uses teamwork to try to get the extra points needed to achieve that elusive victory.

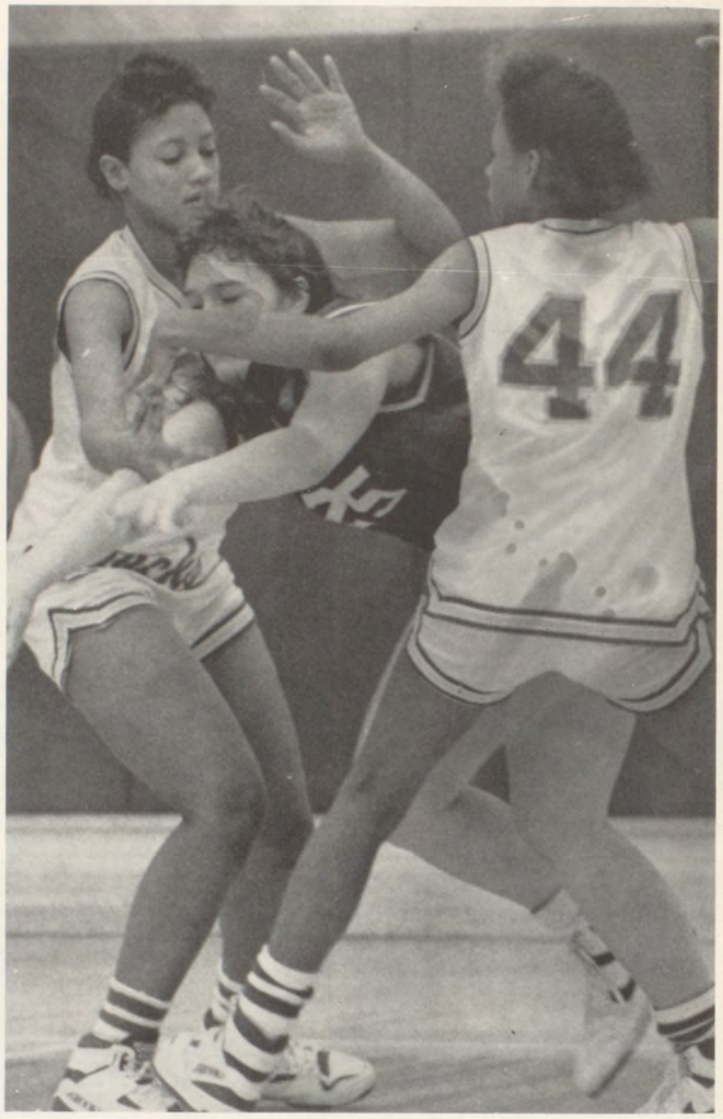




Blocking their opponent's shot, Michael Shirk and Greg Broadnax provide a good defensive barrier for the Ducks.

Thinking over her next move, Regina Wright shows the crowd how the Taylor Ducks dominate the floor.





Blocking their oppenent, Regina Gipson and Lucille Wright use teamwork to win the game.

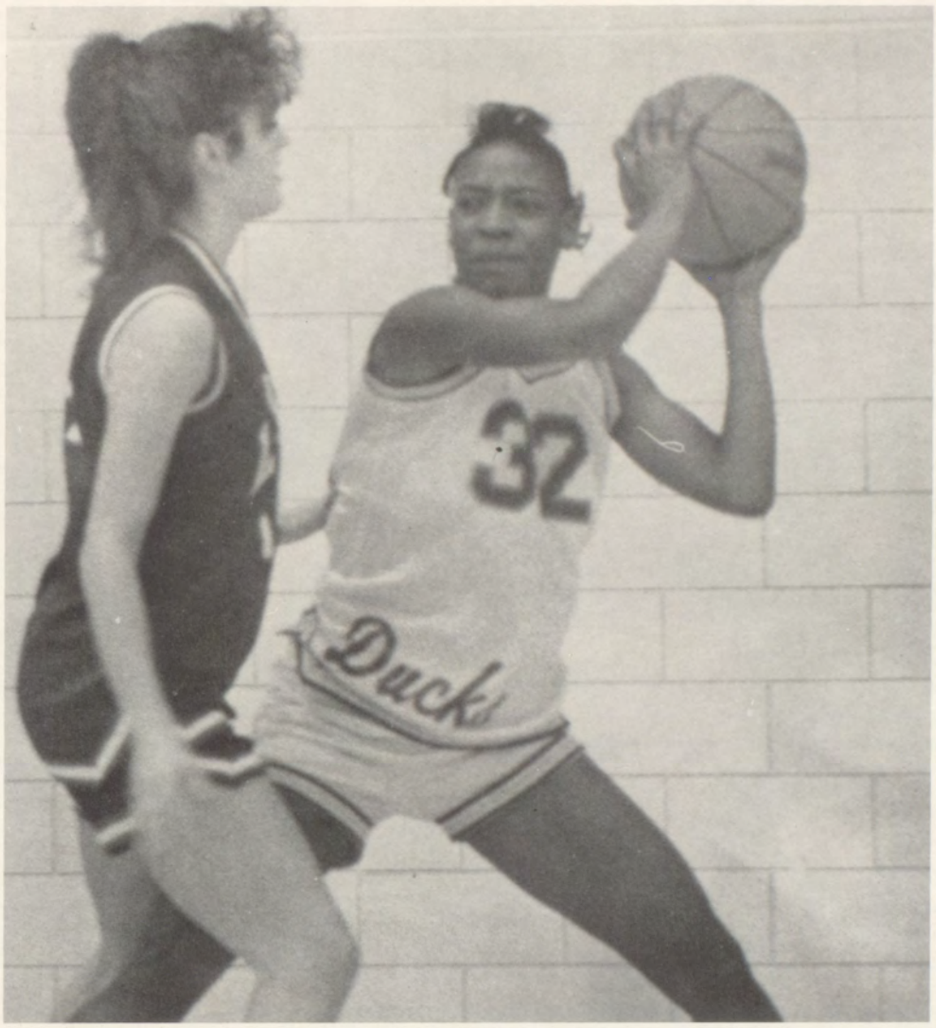
Making Their Mark

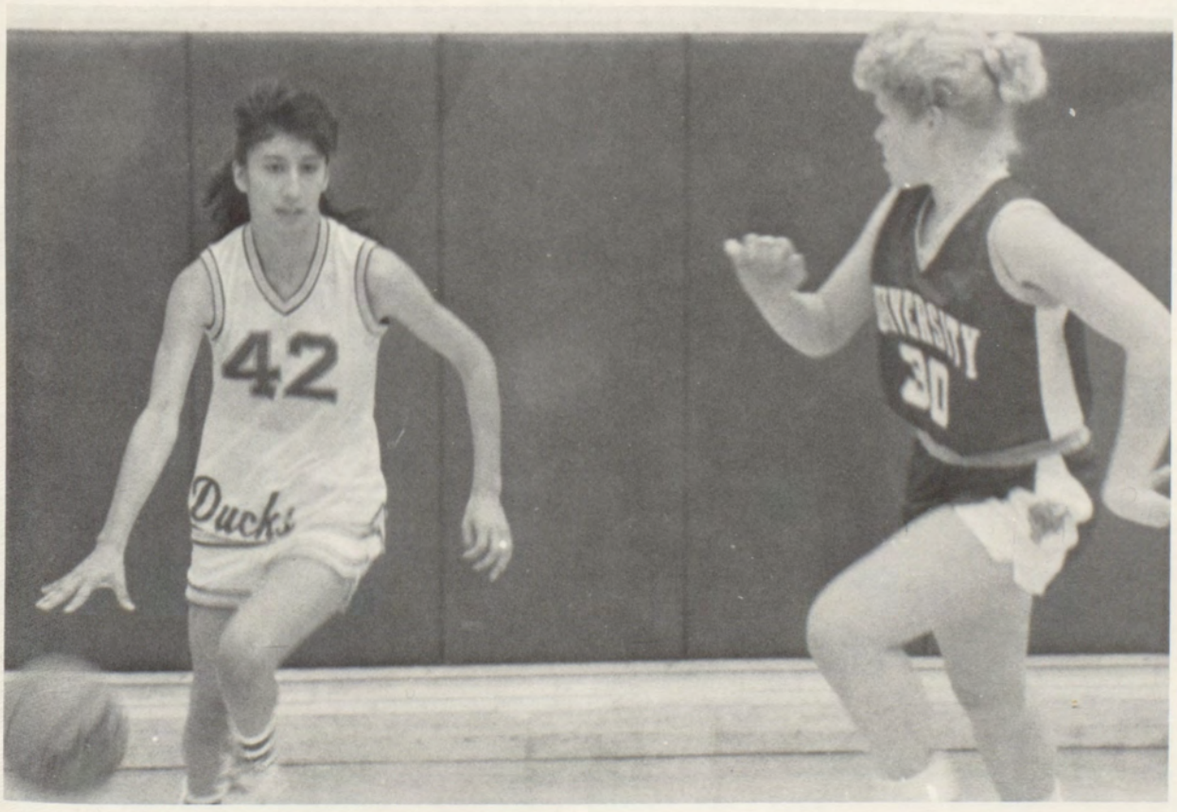
As your athletic season rolls around, you always wonder if you will be able to leave your mark in history. The Lady Ducks knew they had a remarkable past to live up to, but it was a year of great accomplishment for the Lady Duck Basketball Team. The Lady Ducks picked up where they left off the previous season, proving they were a force to be reckoned with. Due to outstanding team play and a winning attitude, the girl's varsity team compiled an outstanding season.

Although the Lady Ducks failed to make it to the playoffs, (finishing third in District behind two of the better teams in the State), they showed their class in their tenacity and gutty play. Ranked in the top twenty in class 4A for the majority of the season, the girls were regarded by all to be one of the best teams around. Their success was due in no small part to the high scoring offensive machine, Regina Wright. Her incredible play and scoring capabilities coupled with the overall team unity provided for positive chemistry on the court.

The 1988-89 Basketball season was full of success and disappointment for the Lady Duck cagers. Although a playoff berth eluded them, they nonetheless put together an incredible season that will be difficult to follow in years to come. This was just one of the many ways that the atheletic department made their mark in the sports field. The Lady Ducks truly made a big ripple in their area.

Looking for someone to pass the ball to, Bettie Frederick trys to keep the ball away from her pushy opponent.





Running down the court, Angela Perez keeps a safe distance from her opponent .

Team pictures and scores not available.





Members of the Freshman team are:BACK ROW: Keith Macuk, Darren Moeller, Shannon Cummings, Eugene Doninguez, Joe Brandyburg, Greg Hyzak. FRONT ROW: Mark Morales, Bobby Martin, Jonny Savedra, Rodney Hall, Jason Tomancak.

1989 Freshman Team

Scores not available

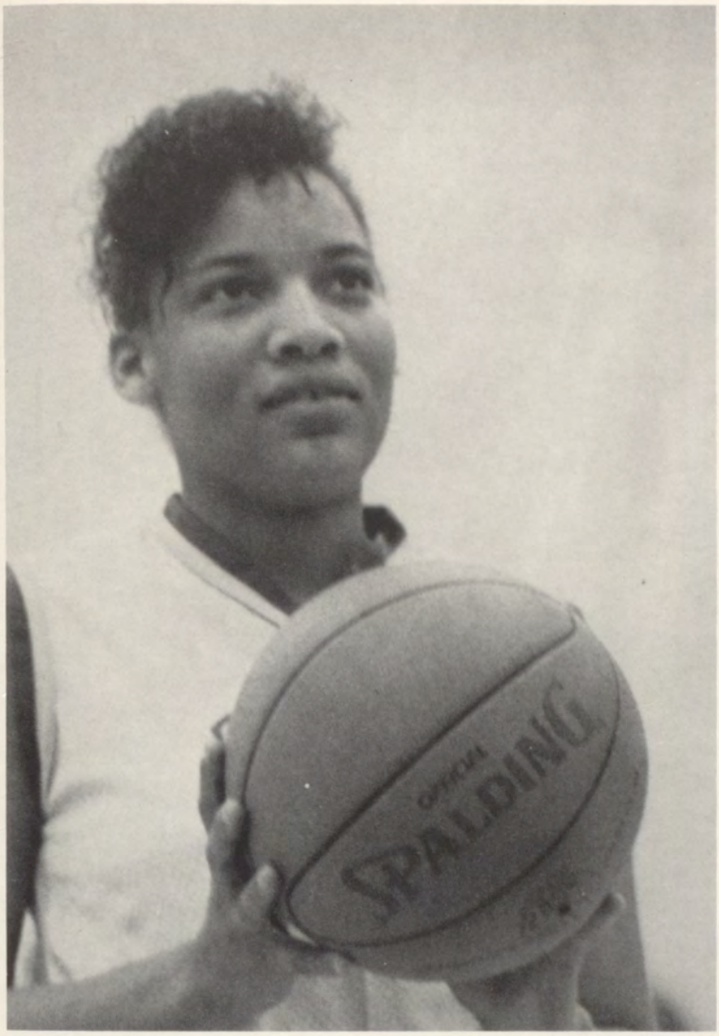
Looking To The Future

1989 JV Basketball Team

Scores not available



Members of the 1989 JV team are: BACK ROW: Marvin Jackson, Louis Garcia, Valery Jackson, Jeffrey Jansky. FRONT ROW: Kenny Cmerik, Jason Rydell, Sterling Simms, Darrell Mikulencak, Mark Kokes.



Concentrating on a free throw, Tammy Nealy uses her skills to make the important basket.

Practicing his shot, Marvin Jackson spends his extra time trying to improve his game.



1989 JV Girls Basketball Team



Members of the 1989 Basketball Team are: BACK ROW: Peggy Dominguez, Cindy Polley, Lakintra McNeil, Lisa White, Angela Terry, Stacey Satterfield, Dawn Ruemke, Liz Klar, Shannon Taylor. MIDDLE ROW: Octavia Gray, Rebecca Alderete, Beverly Branson. FRONT ROW: Tammy Nealy, Patricia Dominguez, Hosettee Hargrove, Michelle Hamann.

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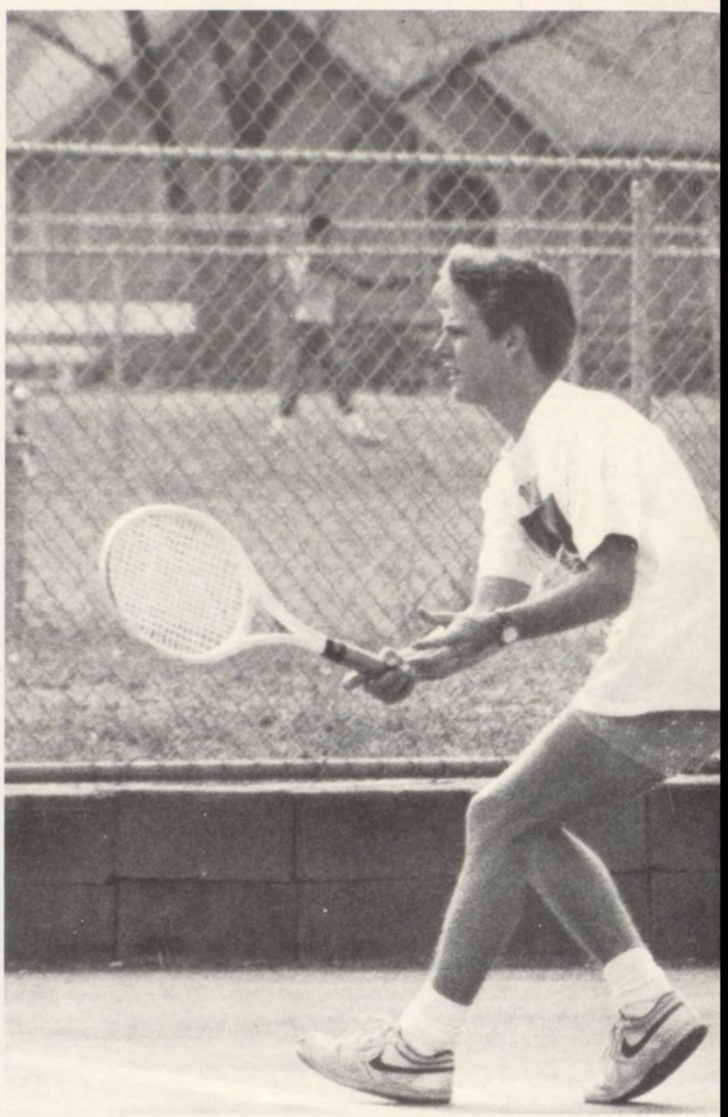
Waiting for the ball, Mark Morales smiles at the serve he just made.





Running for the ball, Barton Payne stretches to return a volley.

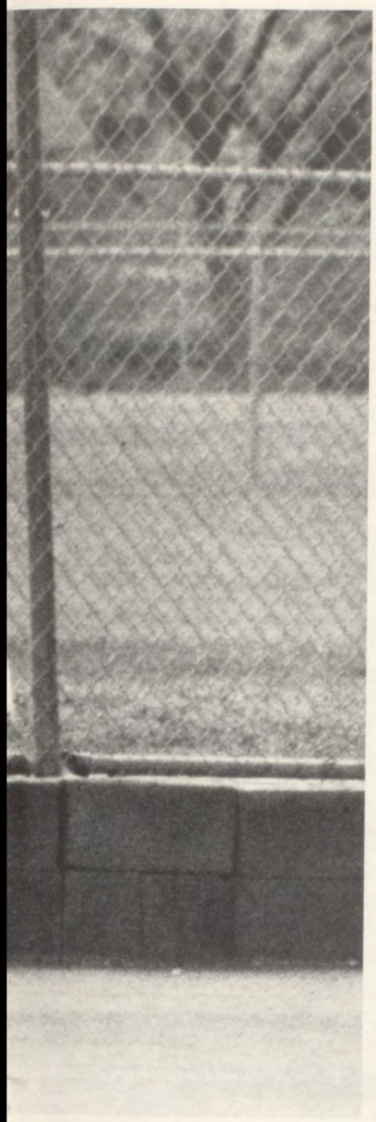
Hitting the ball, Heidi Zimmerhanzel returns the volley to her opponent.

Running to return the ball, Cheryl Chapa shows true determination.

DUCK TENNIS



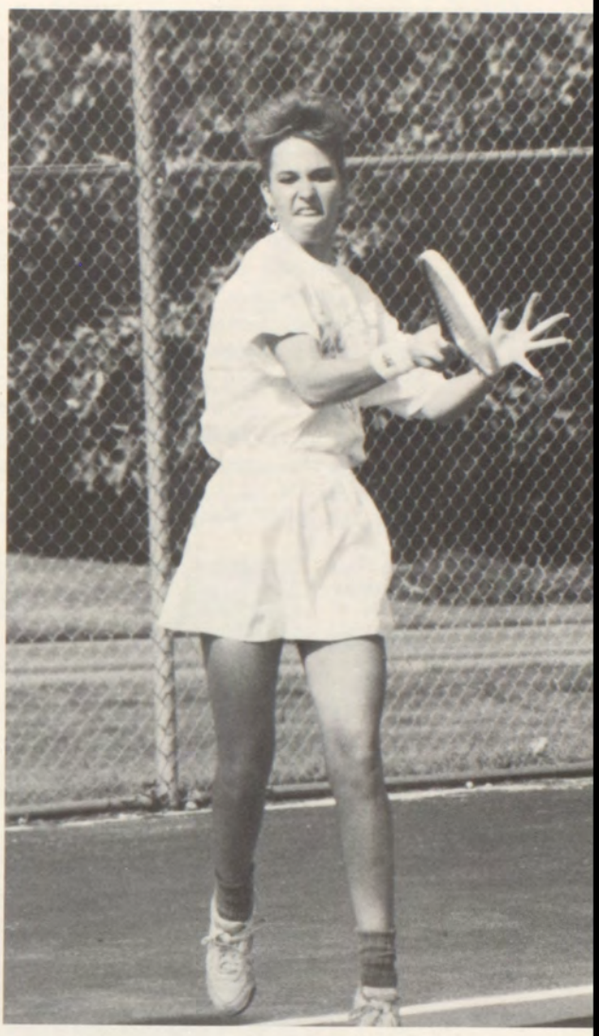




Smiling for the camera, David Daniel stretches for the ball.



Returning a volley, Keli Khrovjak shows us a determined face.





Front row — Melissa Blaha, Shelly McAlpine, Patricia Dominguez, Stephanie Volek, Jennifer Hejl, Heidi Zimmerhanzel, Chrissy McCullough
Back Row — Bret Safarik, David Ariola, Kelly Cemerik, Sidney Felfe, Todd Grandgene, C.W. Schnieder, Jonathan Carrizales, Keith MaCuk, Mark Morales.

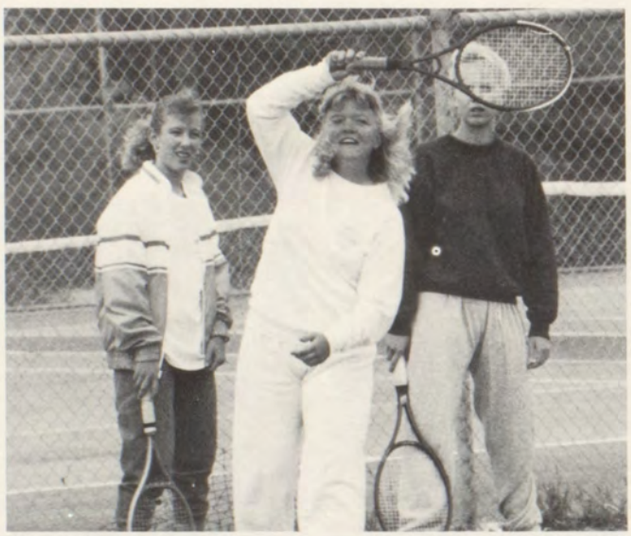
J.V. Scores

Taylor Optimist — 2nd
Georgetown Inv.-3rd
Taylor April Fools-1st
District-1st

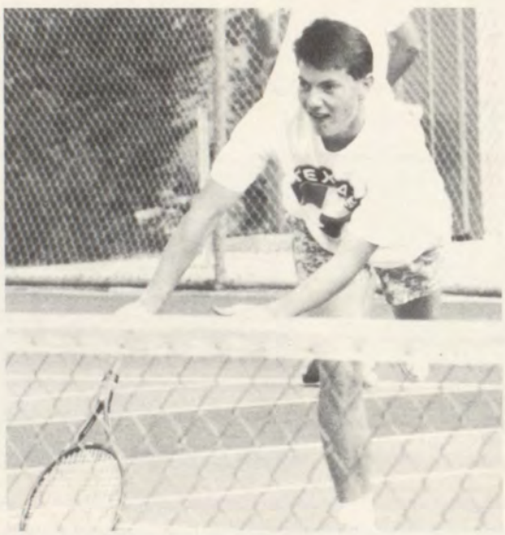
More Than Ability

Duck Tennis Duck Tennis Duck Tennis Duck

Anyone who knows anything about THS knows that one of the major sports around here is tennis. For many years, the school has produced outstanding tennis players and set outstanding records. It was not difficult then to understand then that if you wanted to leave your mark at THS, tennis was a good option. But, if anyone thought that all it took was the ablity to play tennis to be on Coach Bolh's tennis team, he or she was surely mistaken. From the beginning of the season, team members dedicated a major part of their lives to playing tennis, not because they had to but for the reason that they wanted to be the best that they could possibly be. Realizing that hard work was ahead of them, they constantly prepared themselves for achieving team goals as well as individual goals. These many hours of practice definitely paid off in the long run. During the fall season, team tennis placed second in district and advanced to regionals. In the spring, individuals who placed first and second headed for regionals. These six people, Kent Safarik, David Daniel, Kim Winkler, Kelli Krhovjak, Nicole David, and Deandra Barron, did an outstanding job all year long. Overall, the tennis team had an outstanding record. They placed anywhere from first to fourth in each tournament and did a great job in representing Taylor High School.



Returning the serve, Stephanie Volek strives to establish new strategies.



Stepping forwar to maintain the vo ley, Kevin Hurt stretches and pr pares for the r turn.



Preparing to hit the ball, Nicole David and Deandra Barron practice playing doubles.



Making a smashing return, Sidney Felfe keeps his eyes on the ball.



The 1988-1989 Taylor High School Varsity tennis team.

Varsity Scores

District Team Tennis-2nd

Taylor Optimist Tournament-2nd

Georgetown Spring Invitation-4th

Corpus Christi Invitational-2nd

Taylor April Fool's Day Tournament-1st

District Individual Tournment-2nd

Keeping her eyes on the ball, Kim Winkler concentrates on making a strong return.





Swinging For More

It is said that each of us has our unique talents and abilities. It is also true that not all of us enjoy only contact sports. For many of us, sports meant a relaxing afternoon out in the fresh air and sunshine either walking or riding around a golf course taking out our frustrations of the day out on a hard, white (sometimes pink) golf ball.

Membership in the Taylor High School golf team had grown. It seemed that word had spread of the terrific times we had had last year. We went to many tournaments, and although the team did not receive first place, the members of the team experienced competion that improved their strategy skills. Our coach, Danny Potts, also helped in assisting us in our form and understanding of the game. We spent many long, hot hours at the Taylor Country Club.

Practicing after school with our coach and with each other was not only an enjoyable experience, but also a learning one. Even though we may not have seemed to be that successful in tournaments, we now understood the concepts of the sport. Along wi these concepts, our enjoyment and intere in golf had grown, and we had learned ju one more way of having good, clean fu And for some of us, this too might help out the business world where many big decisio and deals are made out on the course over friendly game.

Stretching for distance, Jamie West prepares to tee-o

Being observed by fellow teammates, Russell Dominguez practices his powerful swing.





Golf teammates Brian Schmidt, Todd Parsons, David Carrizales, Will Manning, Zach Horne, Russell Dominguez, Kelly Spiller, and Wade Krueger discuss the finer points of golf.





Back Row: Todd Parsons, David Carrizales, Russell Dominquez, Zach Horne, Wade Krueger, Will Manning, Kelly Spiller, and Brian Schmidt. Front Row: Kim Winkler, Dana Mohel, Valori Morales, and Jamie West.

Golf Team

Scores Not Available

Preparing to drive the ball several yards, Dana Mohel raises her club for perfection.





Beginning his practiced swing, Will Manning raises his club.

A VERY GOOD YEAR

TRACK TRACK TRACK TRACK TRACK

It was an extremely successful year for boys track at Taylor High. Although the year began with numerous question marks, by April the Varsity Boys track team was a proven champion.

We competed well at all of our meets, even though we didn't win all of them. Our season began in Waco at the Midway Relays. From there we went to Belton, Rockdale, Brownwood, the Cotton Boll Relays in Taylor, Belton again, the South Austin Relays at Burger Center, and the District Meet in Pflugerville.

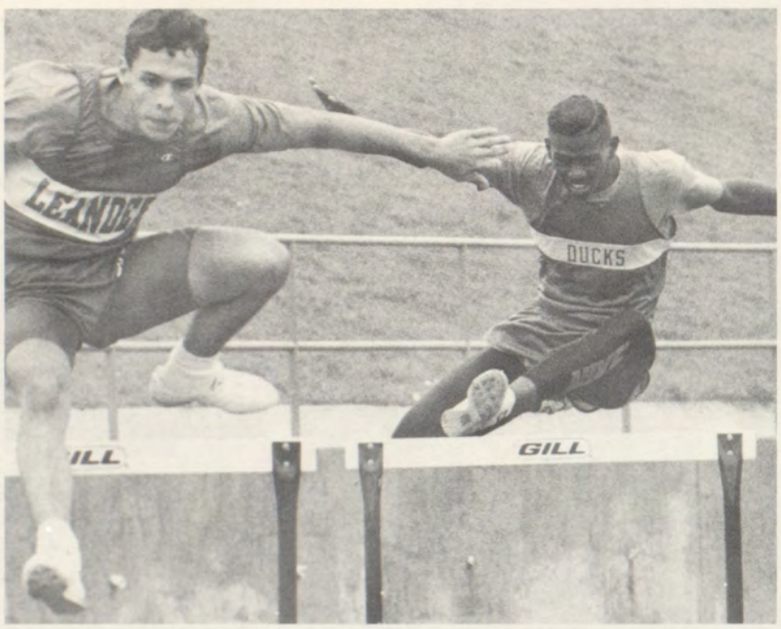
The District Meet was crucial. We knew we had a shot to send many of our athletes on to regionals, and we knew we had a shot at the District crown. A District championship had eluded us for years. Our team was strong, but we had to have everyone contribute their best efforts in order to have a chance.

That is exactly what we got. With a strong showing in almost every event, including an unexpected nineteen points in field events, we won the District championship.

It was a year of accomplishment, a year of setting and achieving our goals. And with our hard work and effort, we had a year we could take extreme in due to our intensity and will to win.

Getting psyched up for the race, Justin Newsome prepares for the sound of the gun to start the event.

Striving to make it over the hurdle, Greg Broadnax hopes to get ahead of everyone else by the end of the race.







Celebrating their District championship, members of the track team entusiastically accept their trophy with the utmost pride.





1988-89 Varsity Track team members
Back row: Sean Harris, Luis Garcia, Michael Shirk, Brandt Rydell, and Darby McLean. Front row: Brian Aldrigde, Frankie Camacho, Shannon Rowley, Solomon Olivarez, Justin Newsome, and Terry Stefek.

1988-89 Track Finishes

Midway Relays 2nd JV & 4th Var.
Rockdale Relays 1st JV & 3rd Var.
Brownwood Relays 3rd JV & 6th Var.
Cotton Boll Relays 1st JV & 1st Var.
Belton Relays 1st JV & 3rd Var.
South Austin Relays 1st JV & 1st Var.
District 1st Frosh. & 1st JV & 1st Var.

Regional Qualifiers: Shannon Rowley(110 & 300 Hurdles & 1600 Relay), Greg Broadnax(300 Hurdles & 1600 Relay), Donovan Wilson(800 Meters & 1600 Relay), Solomon Olivarez(800 Meters), and Kevin Demps(1600 Relay.

Trying to get ahead of the pack, Jerrod Sanford and Willie Jones strive for a first place finish at District.





Hurdling for a regional berth, Shannon Rowley pushes himself for the shot at competing in Brownwood.

Ahead Of The Rest . . .

Raving Success

The girls track team personified hard work and dedication during their 1989 season. Although the team was not blessed with all the talent it had seen in years past, it did possess the will to compete, to excel, to test the moral fiber of each of its participants.

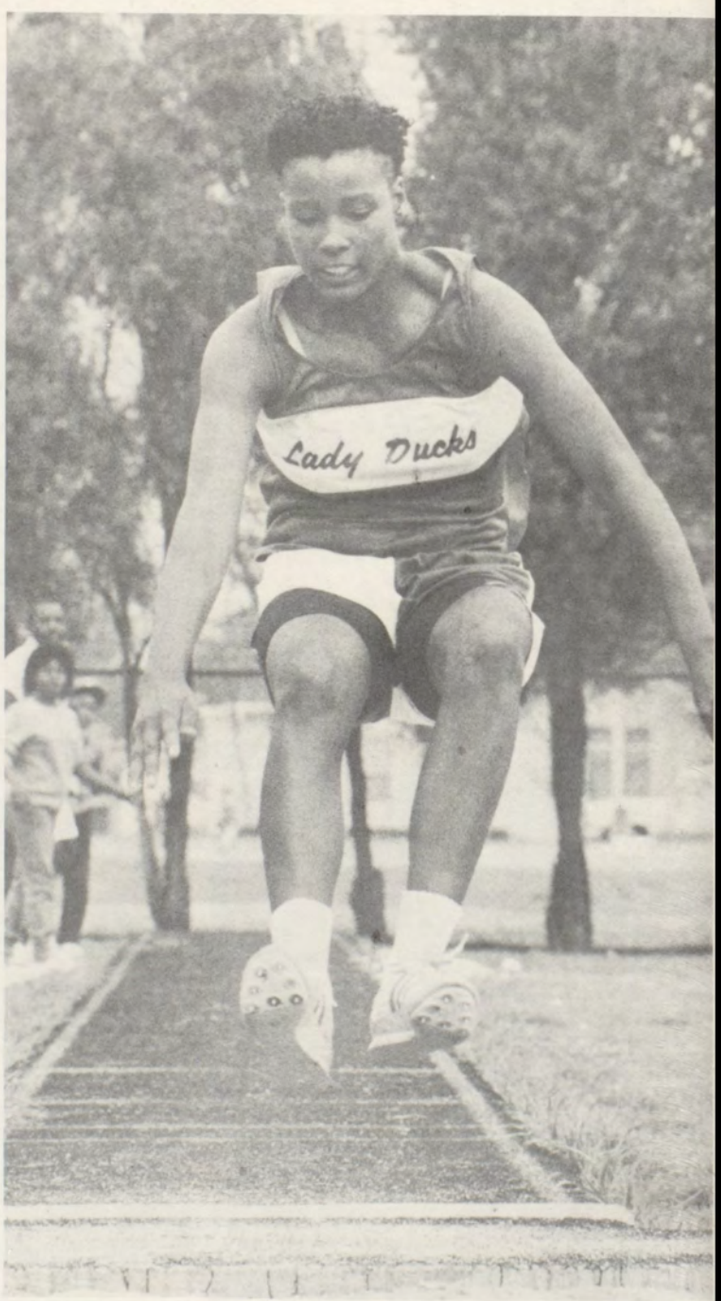
It was these qualities that allowed the track team to strive for success, to thirst for that ultimate victory. The girls track team was able to realize its goals in 1989 because its members were achievers. Above all else, we always kept our sights on the best, no matter what. As long as we performed to our fullest potential, we could take satisfaction in our accomplishments.

Success can never be measured in terms of how fast a time is, how far or how high a jump is, or how long a throw is. Rather, success is achieved through giving your all and never regreting or second guessing. The Taylor High School girl's track team was a success, for it consisted of achievers.

Trying to jump the farthest possible, Regina Wright shows spectators what an amazing athlete she is. Regina has done an outstanding job this year with her athletic talents and abilities.



Stretching for an upcoming event, Lucille Wright and a fellow teammate try to overcome the cold so that they will be ready for their race.





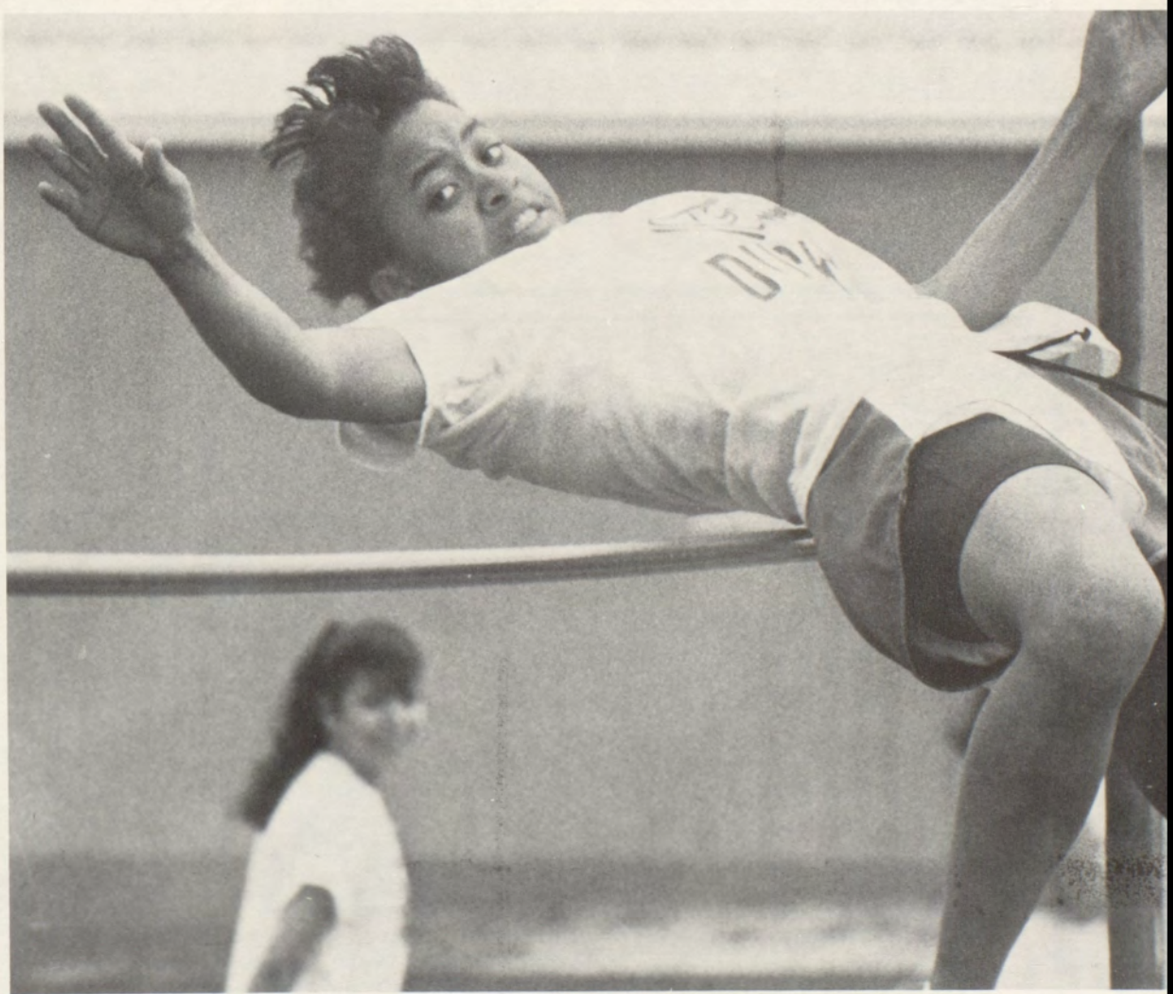
Members of the 1989 JV Track Team are: BACK ROW: Lakintra McNeil, Lisa White, Stacy Satterfield, Emily Sutton, Beverly Branson, Angela Terry. FRONT ROW: Donna Terry, Sonya Terry, Lynn McShea.

JV Track

Scores Not available

Stopping to talk in the hall, Lakintra McNeil and Stacey Satterfield stop to discuss the upcoming track meet.





Hoping to clear the next height, LaTonya Ephriam challenges herself to win her event.



Varsity Members Are: FIRST ROW:Tommy Williams, Manny Ruiz, Chris Frank, Derek Gonzales, Allen Brown. SECOND ROW:Matt Zeplin, Todd Mucha, Kevin Brooks, Trey Bachmayer, Russell Dominguez. THIRD ROW:Travis Volek, Mark Hluchan, Mark Nunez, Craig Naivar, Coach Doug Kuhl.

VARSITY SCORES

Pflugerville	7-10
Waco University	12-2
Leander	2-9
Belton	10-5
Waco Midway	6-2
Pflugerville	7-8
Waco University	6-0
Leander	5-7
Belton	7-8
Waco Midway	9-10

A WINNING EFFORT

Teamwork Counts



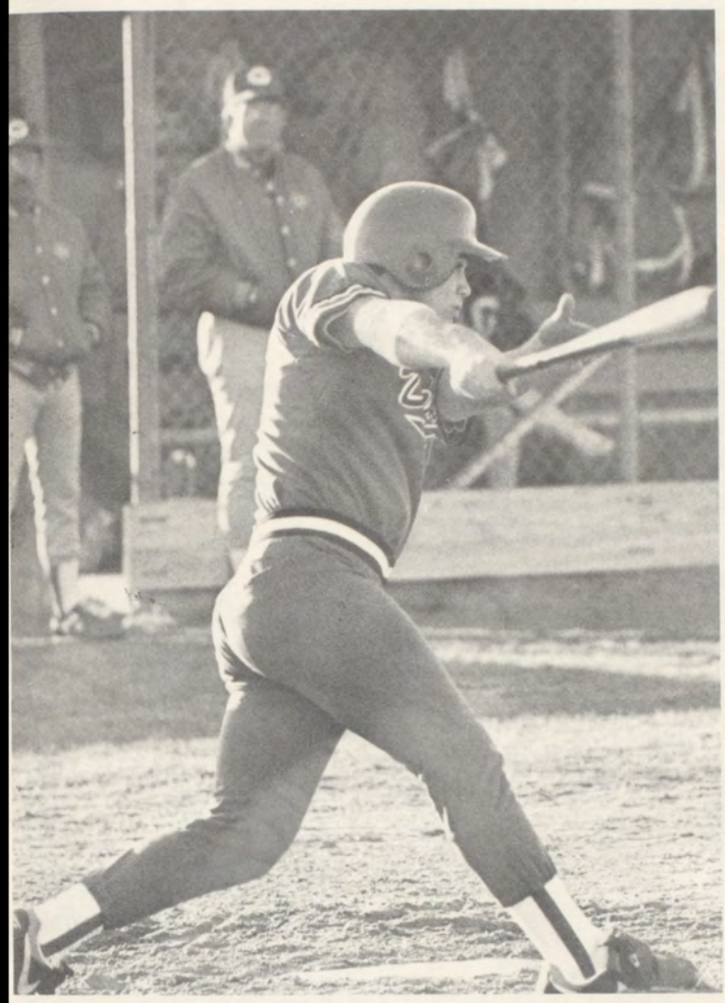
This year was quite an unusual one for the Duck Baseball team. If it wasn't rain that the team was faced with, it was an injured player. With pride and endurance the team stuck together and played to their greatest potential.

Being a young team, we found ourselves practicing harder than we did in the past. After receiving the title of Bi-district champs last year, we had a lot to live up to this year. We had to prove to our fans in school and in the community that we could be the best no matter what the circumstances were.

District play began with Pflugerville and Leander being our biggest opponents. We gave it all we had and ended up having a 4-6 overall district record. This might not have been what we had hoped for but the amount of effort we gave surpassed all defeat. We knew we played our best and our fans were there to support us no matter what. This only encouraged us to come back next year with a winning attitude and the experience to be the best.



Discussing pitching strategy, Coach Doug Kuhl gives Travis Volek a few pointers during a game against Waco Midway.



Unloading a solo homer over the right field fence, Todd Mucha gives the Ducks a lead in the first game of a doubleheader with Georgetown.



Moving out of the way, Trey Bachmayer avoids being hit by an inside pitch.



Crossing home plate after a two-run homer, Kevin Brooks prepares for a handshake from next batter Tommy Williams and other teammates.



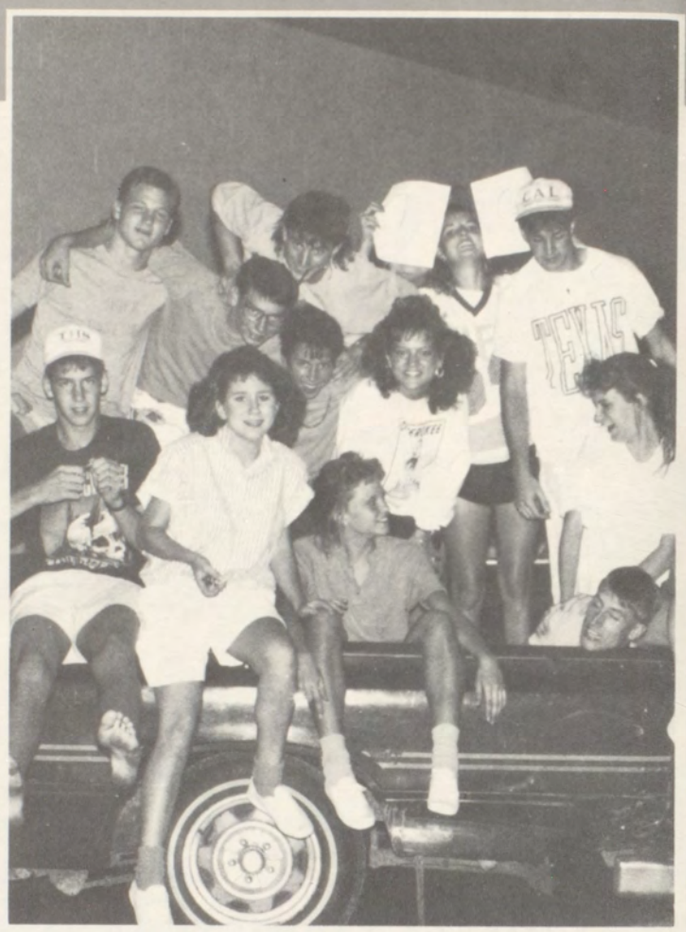
JV Members Are: FIRST ROW:Austin Kingsbury, Keith Richardson, Bobby Martin, Darren Moeller, Mark Schroeder.SECOND ROW:Chad McMakin, David Magana, Eddie Collazo, Adam Watson, Eugene Dominguez.THIRD ROW:Jeffrey Jansky, Lance Haag, Robert Collazo, Joe Moldenhour, Valery Jackson, Coach David Rucker.

JV SCORES

Pflugerville	8-7
Leander	7-2
Belton	6-4
Waco Midway	1-9
Leander	3-2
Pflugerville	4-8



Waiting to show his pig ,Scott Komamdosky leans against a fence to watch the stock show.





Packing in the back of a truck are a group of Young Life members headed for the after Young Life hang-out, "Hardees"

Preparing the Cotton Boll, Nicole Kallus and June Simcick draw up a lay out.

Making a Difference







Showing their stuff, the Taylor Flags do one of their many great routines.

Cheering on the team, The Taylor Hi-Steppers chant along with the rest of the students.

Acting out the parts of "The Christmas Carol", Chris Lee and Aaron Maxwell give their all for the Speech and Drama Club.

Having More Than One Family

All of us realize the importance of having a family — someone to love and care for you. We all need to know there is someone we can count on to listen and try to understand — someone to share the good times and the bad. Well, everyone at Taylor High School was blessed with more than one family. You see we all had our natural families, but we also had our Duck families. These families were started for various reasons, but one of the most important ones was so that we could get to know each other better. Spending time with fellow students and teachers on a relaxed basis was the point in having these families. Duck families helped people communicate with others, and we felt free to discuss any problems we seemed to have. Duck families were assigned to different parents, who were our teachers at school. And, once you received your parent, he or she was yours throughout your school career.

Like normal families, our tasks,included helping to clean up the campus and keeping the school as clean as possible. This helped us to learn to take pride in our school.

When we were in Duck families, we felt a sense of caring from every member in the group. Every time we got together, we never felt left out. In some ways, just kmowing you had someone or a family to turn to, made it a lot easier.

Taking a little time out from Duck family, Benell Blakely and Kimberly Faykus talk about the work that needs to be done.



Asking Ms. Young for some information, Kevin Demps and Mark Jackson try to find a way to help the others in the family.





Going over some papers for Duck family, Tammy Blahuta and Valori Morales-discuss what to do next.



Considering some news announced in Duck family, Amy Janke discusses her views on the subject.



Waiting for the others to enter the class, Soloman Lopez and Ms. Rosa Delgado discuss the agenda for the day.

Finding some time to talk over a few problems, Gene Caldwell and Sharrah Huff find a solution for the problem.





Discussing some Duck family news, Diana Kidwell, Rodney Hall, and Wendy Vrana visit in the hall between classes.

Finding Out About A New Culture

German is one of the three foreign languages offered at Taylor High School, and German is the newest language introduced into the school system. The size of the classes, however, have increased each year, and this year there were even two German classes.

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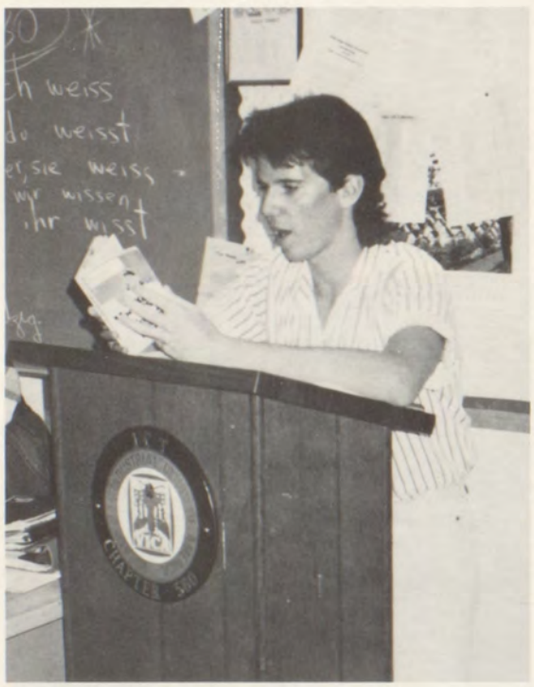




German Club: Front row: Donna Terry, Donna Massar, Christine Chasak, Frances Carter, Tonya Potts.. Second row: Betty Jackson, Sophia Rodriguez, Rebecca Ackerman, Julie Hargrove,Petra Moreno, Shelley McAlpine.. Third row: Jennifer Hejl, Austin Kingsbery, Carla Terry, Kevin O'Connell, C.W. Schneider, Isador Marek, Heidi Zimmerhanzel.. Back row: Kelly Cmerek, Jason Manning, Sidney Felfe, Aaron Schoenrock, Justin Newsom, Todd Grandjean, Shelley Collins, Mark Jackson.



Bringing a meeting to order, Aaron Schoenrock president of German club discusses club activities and plans for their field trip to Schlitterbahn.

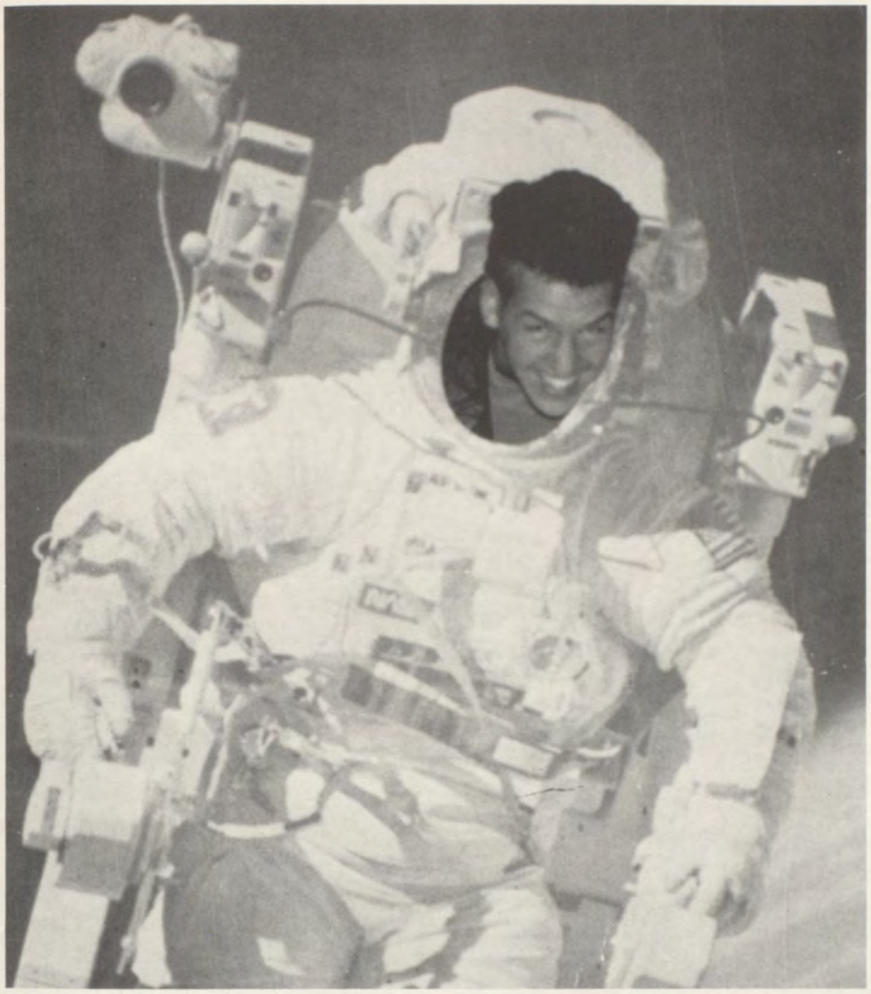


Listening to new club business, Frances Carter, Jason Manning and C.W. Schneider find out details about going to a German restuarant in Austin.

Going over classwork, Mrs. Jackson helps Isador Marek with his translations for German class.

Raising Our Goals

Clowning around. Steven Brasfield poses as an astronaut during the field trip to NASA, Houston.

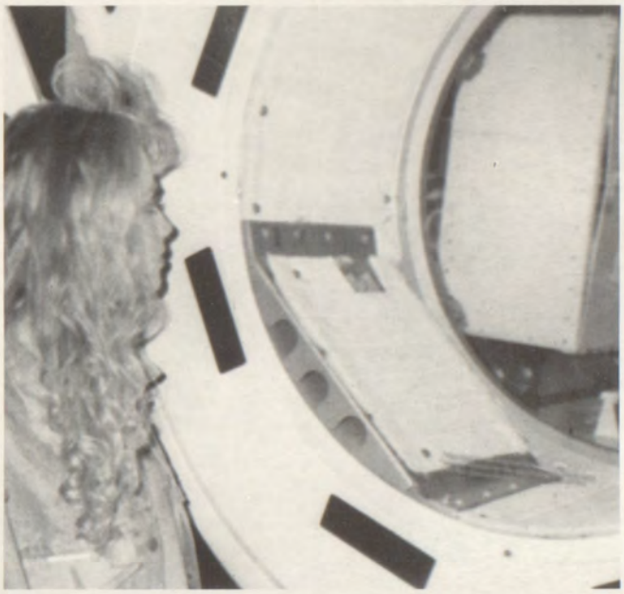


Mu Alpha Theta was one of the many interesting clubs to join this year. To join Mu Alpha Theta, the student must be taking a math course and showing a certain talent in mathematics. This year Mu Alpha Theta raised the math average to ninety. That meant that any new members were to initially have a ninety average and maintain that ninety average throughout the year.

Also, this year Mu Alpha Theta members tutored TEAMS math. This gave students preparing for the test time to study and the opportunity to get through troubling problems that the student might be having.

Also Mu Alpha Theta had the chance to travel to Houston to see the many exhibits at NASA. Not only was it an educational experience to see actual NASA astronauts and equipment, but it was a lot of fun.

To raise money for a scholarship, Mu Alpha Theta sold candy; that was very popular with the students.
The scholarship was intended to be awarded to a graduating member of Mu Alpha Theta.



Looking at an astronaut exhibit, Tammy Blahuta finds interesting details in the displays at NASA.

Raising money for scholarships, Jamie West sells candy to Chad Marek. Mu Alpha Theta's goal is to award a scholarship to a graduating senior.





Mu Alpha Theta : **Front row:** Jan Jackson, Christina Ramirez, Adella Almazan, Holly Hortenstine, Donna Massar, Midhu Matthews, Melanie Spurgeon, Stephanie Volek, Stephanie Roznovak, Tammy Moeller, Tammmy, Dixie Ross.. **Second row:** Peggy Dominguez, Angela Perez, Tammy Blahuta, Julie Keese, Nikki Urbis, Shannon Rowley, Gracia Gardner, Sharon Rosipal, Rebecca Ackerman, Jamie West, Ellen Hejl, Molly Griffith.. **Third row:** Kim Dykowski, Austin Kingsbery, Kelly Cmerek, C.W. Schneider, Mark Steger, Sidney Felfe, Paul Schlesinger, Nicole Mohel, Russell Dominguez, Jodi Snyder, Monica Machu, Lesha Mohel, Susan Brummett.. **Back row:** Wade Krueger, Will Manning, Travis Volek, Mark Kokes, Darby McLean, Clayton Rhoades, Brandt Rydell, Steven Brasfield, Aaron Schoenrock. David Daniel, Jason Manning, Isador Marek, Trey Bachmeyer, Shelly Collins.

We've Got The Best In Us

As steppers we found out that it wasn't just having the title but also having the dedication and perserverance we needed in order to look the best that we could. The summer before school started, we knew that September was fast coming around, and it was time to start preparing for football season. Learning the weekly routines and practicing to perfect them took many strenuous hours. And at the same time, we each had to keep our grades up so we could participate. It wasn't unusual for us to have to stay up to midnight in order to get everything done. And of course, we always had to look our best the next day in order to keep up our image.

As each game passed and then each day , we realized it was getting closer and closer to contest. Each year we participated in contest which took place in Houston this year. We tried to come up with different and neat ideas. As we thought about those ideas, we just knew we deserved an award. We weren't disappointed; the hi-steppers were awarded all I's in jazz and hi-kick routine. Because of these awards, we brought home a trophy which we deserved and showed off to everyone.

No matter what we had accomplished; no matter how the weather was when we performed; you could always expect the steppers to perform and know that they were doing and being the best they could be.



1988-'89 Steppers are: **Front row:** Officers:Kim Kruse(1st Lt.),Christy Caldwell (2nd Lt.),Melissa Elizondo (Captain), Amy Sandoval(Co-Captain),Wendy Vrana(2nd Lt.. **Second row:** Christie Volek, Sonia Lopez, Stephanie Roznovak, Christy Mayer, Nichole Kallus. **Third row:** Stacy Mehevec, Candy Kallus, Yvette Maruska, Sandra Stefek, Petra Moreno. **Fourth row:** Nichole Mohel, Shanna Michna, Misti Caesar, Marcy Sladek, Monica Machu, Kim Dykowski. (Picture courtesy of The Taylor Daily Press.)



Practicing after school hours, Marcy Sladek, Christy Volek, Sonia Lopez try their hardest to look their best.



Taking a water break after practicing, Wendy Vrana, Kim Kruse, and Christy Caldwell take a few minutes to catch their breath.



Hitting their ending position, Stephanie Roznovak, and Nikki Kallus show off their routine.

Perfecting routines for contest , Amy Sandoval and Wendy Vrana perform to a jazz routine.





Ending their perfect routine, Rebecca Ackerman, Christy Mayer, Sandra Stefeck, Marcy Sladek, Christy Volek, Amy Sandoval, Misti Caesar, Stephanie Roznovak, Nichole Mohel, Kim Dykowski,and Melissa Elizondo perform their high kick routine for contest.



Getting ready for their high kick routine, Sandra Stefek puts her shoes on before it starts.

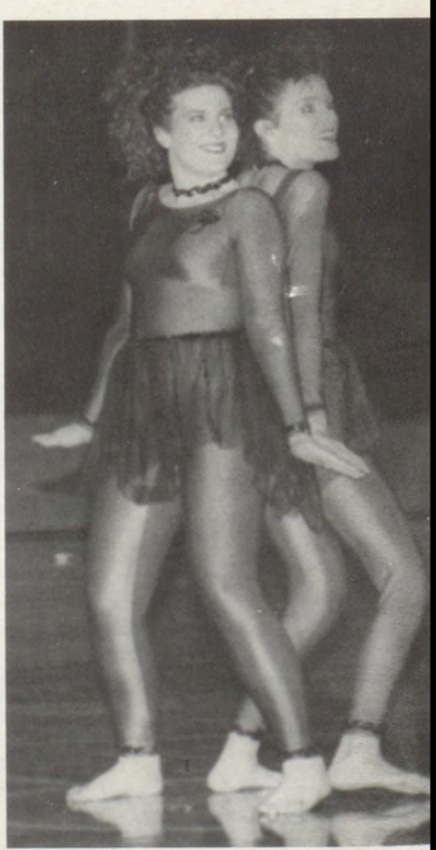
Simply Irresistible



After the events of football seaso faded in our memories, our thought turned to contest and the annual Sprin Show. Even though we knew we ha delighted many with our performances this was our unique time to shine b oursleves. We knew that this meant man long, tedious hours and many sacrificie of our too little free time, but most of u knew the benefits.

Contest went well, as it normally dic And then, the preparation for Sprin Show started. We decided on "Simpl Irresistible" as our theme. We worke hard. We enjoyed showing off our rou tines and costumes to the audience, an we knew that our family and friends wer there to support us even if we mad mistakes. The entire night was excitin and was filled with pride, tears, and hap piness for all of us. For the seniors thi was our last performance, and we knev that we had to perform our best. Th newest members were introduced durin Spring Show, and they had a chance t show off their talent in front of the au dience. We realized that we were the bes and that no one could ever change that

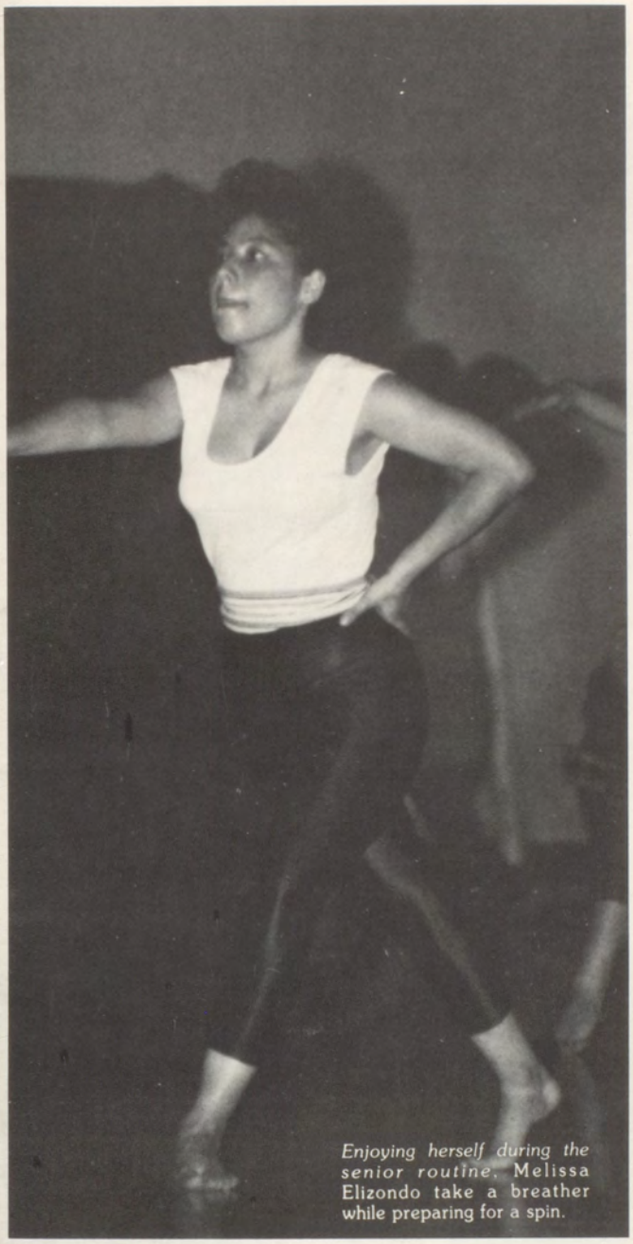




Dancing to the beat of the music, Nikki Kallus an her sister Candy Kallus entertain the crowd.

Participating in the spring show, Dwaynè Hyzak, Lee Canales, Mark Jackson and Marvin Jackson dance to "It takes Two" by Raw Bass.

Performing their contest routine, Kim Kruse and Wendy Vrana show off their talent.

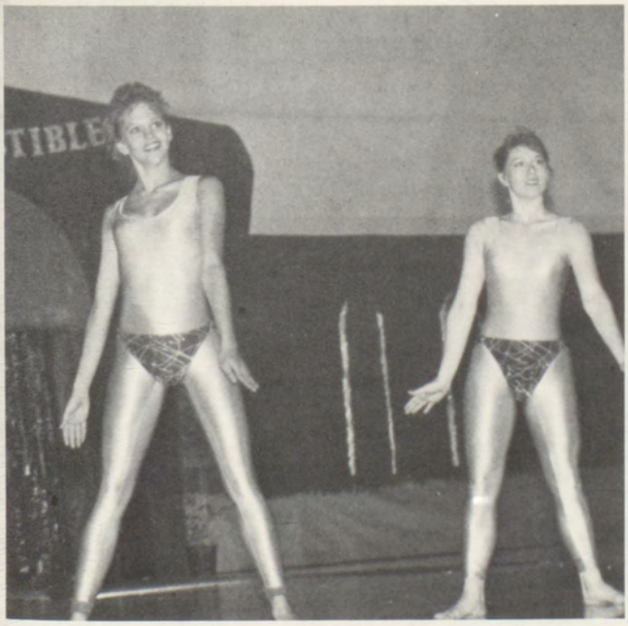


Enjoying herself during the senior routine, Melissa Elizondo take a breather while preparing for a spin.



Using cameras as a prop, Yvette Maruska and Misti Caesar take pictures of the audience.





Imitating the Robert Palmer video, Seniors Christie Volek, Kim Kruse, Amy Sandoval and Kim Dykowski move to the theme song "Simply Irresistible."



Entertaining the crowd, Marcy Sladek and Christy Mayer hold their position while they wait for the ripple.

Perfecting their award winning jazz routine is the 1988-89 Hi-Steppers.

ENDING ON A GOOD NOTE

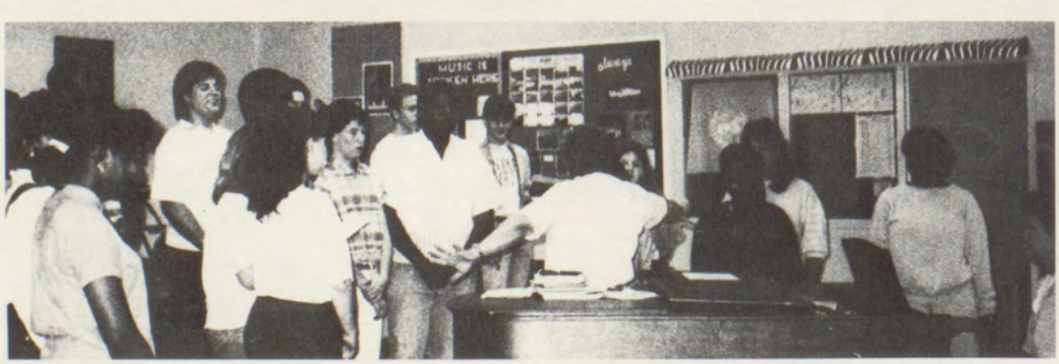
Hard work and determination can make any group successful. The THS Choir proved this. With a year full of activities to keep them busy, the choir worked together to make every performance one of their best.

To start the year, the choir perfomed for the Kiwanis Club and SPJST. Also, an initiation was held for all new members; each new member was a slave for an old one. All took a break afterwards with a party at Mr. Gattis. When Christmas rolled around, the choir and the THS Band combined to perform a program entitled "The Joy of Music". A Christmas banquet was held later for all members at Mr. Nabhan's home.

In the spring, the choir received a good rating at UIL while soloists Michael King, Scott Safarik, and Tim Baily all advanced to state in the solo and ensemble division. "This year the choir had the best male section it's had in a long time," junior choir member Tim Bailey stated.

The year ended with a very successful production of "Peace Child". Choir members were joined by Speech and Drama members, Middle School and St. Mary's students to bring the public an evening of singing, dancing and acting. A lot of work went into making this possible, and everyone who took part should be well commended.





Singing to the best of their ability, Scott Safarik and John Posey are an assest to the male section.

Practicing for "Peace Child", members of choir show their enthusiasm in making the program a success.



Singing a solo, Gail Lockhart rehearses during class time.



Officers for the Choir are: Secretary,Anna Flores; Librarian,Sonya Harrison; Vice President, Angela Jackson; President, Jennifer Stafford; Historian, John Posey; Librarian,Scott Safarik; and Parliamentarian, Tim Bailey.

Making final preparations for Baccalaureate service, members go over final details with Mr. Jim Nabhan and Mrs. Nancy Seals.





Choir Members are: Front Row:Anna Flores, Jennifer Stafford, Chandra White. Second Row:Lavita Kerley, Kim White, Angela Jackson, Danielle Cline, Sonya Harrison. Third Row:Alvina Sullivan, Ron Schaefer, Michah Teeple, Scott Safarik, John Posey, Maggie Rodriquez. Fourth Row: Angela Brown, Dean Harris, Michael King, Tim Bailey, Steven Thomas, Kim Hill, and director Jim Nabhan.



Discussing plans for the year, Mr. Nabhan informs his class of what performances they will be involved in thoughout the school year.



Combining her talent with the rest of the group, this choir member realizes the importance of team work.

Making A Difference

Since we all had such a full, busy week, we didn't have much time for extra activities. But out of all the clubs and organizations we had to choose from, Young Life seemed to be on everyone's list of activities as a favorite outside activity.

Every Monday night on our way to the First Taylor National Bank where we met, we didn't know what to expect. Whether it was sending spoons with string tied to them through our clothes, a scavenger hunt, or the annual ice cream olympics, we always had a great time. For some of us, this was one of the few times we could relax and be ourselves during the week, and we made the most of it. We laughed; we sang and basically just let loose for a while.

However, Young Life was not only fun and games. It was a time to share fellowship with our friends, and most of all, learn about more about Christ.

Likewise, some of us were lucky enough to spend one of the best weeks of our lives skiing in Colorado or climbing mountains at Frontier Ranch with Young Life. Students worked hard and saved anticipating these activities. And for some, the ski trip was a favorite Christmas gift from the family.

For those of us who were even more interested in learning more about Christ, there was Campaigners, which met on Thursday nights. These were smaller, more intimate groups who shared their ideas and learned from each other and their leaders.

"Young Life is a great organization. It gives me a chance to get away from my school work and spend time with my friends. I think that everyone should get involved," said Junior David Daniel.

Because of Young Life, many of us learned a lot about Christ, ourselves, and each other. This was why it was such a favorite.



Leading the crowd in a song, David Daniel and Clayton Rhoades have some fun with their friends.



Lighting Aaron Maxwell's candle, Young Life leader Coach Rodney Bohls shows everyone what Christmas is really about at the last club of 1988.



Laughing along with the crowd , Kim Winkler and Steven Brasfield sing their part in the song.



Putting a spoon down her shirt, Molly Griffith laughs at one of the games played at Young Life.

After being eliminated, Gracia Gardner and Peggy Dominguez chat while watching the others still in the game.







Singing along with the crowd, Colleen Leschber, Amy Janke, Shannon Morales, and Kelly Kaderka enjoy each others company .

Feeling kind of silly, Amy McLean and Melanie Spurgeon laugh as their partners put their noses to their feet.

A CLASS ACT



Putting on quite a performance. Aaron Maxwell and Crystal Marx delight their audience with their skills.

This year was an exciting and varied one for the Speech and Drama Department. In the fall we put on the annual Homecoming Assembly, which was a big hit with the Exes. At Christmas, we staged a unique version of Dickens' *A Christmas Caro* l, with club president Aaron Maxwell starring as Scrooge. A large cast was incorporated into this show; we found it to be a lot of fun, but rather difficult to organize. In the spring, work began on the UIL One-Act Play, which was *The Trip to Bountiful* , by Horton Foote.

Besides all this hard work, we also had plenty of fun, attending a performance of *Noises Off* in Austin. We also attended the State One-Act Plays. Once during the year, a clown came to talk to us at school. Some of our members participated in the presentation of *Peace Child,* a musical about children bringing peace to the world. All in all, this year kept us busy, but the enjoyment we got out of it was well worth the hard work we put into it.

Getting Scrooge to be thankful should have been easy for Chris Lee due to his extraordinary performance.





Joining the Christmas party, David Daniel and Emily Taylor come on stage just on que.



Speech and Drama Officers are **Front row:** Crystal Marx, Aaron Maxwell. **Second row:** Gracia Gardner, Melanie Spurgeon.









Getting into character, Jennie Simmons and David Carrizales exhibit their acting talents.

Members of the One Act play *A Trip to Bountiful* are: Jason Manning, Aaron Maxwell, Jenny Simmons, Melanie Spurgeon, Michael King, Gracia Gardner, and Chad Marek.

Members of the Speech and Drama club are: First Row:Alisha Randall, Adella Almazon, Peggy Dominguez, Patricia Dominguez, Melanie Spurgeon, Holly Hortenstine, Deanna Sandoval, Haley Hawkins. Second Row:Aaron Maxwell, Gracia Gardner, Shawntell Smith, Monica Kinlow, Elizabeth House, Nicole Mohel, Shaun Rowley, Belinda Dominguez, Amy McLean. Third Row:Larry Caldwell, David Carrizales, Sharon Rosipal, Chris Lee, Andrew House, Kelly Spiller, Crystal Marx, Ellen Hejl, Rebecca Ackerman, Becky Turner, Shannon Rowley. Fourth Row:Isodore Marek, Russell Allen, Travis Volek, Chad Marek, David Daniel, Aaron Schoenrock, Clayton Rhoades, Stephanie Martin, Kevin O'Connell, Chad Widmer, Jason Manning, and sponsor Dan Volek.

Enjoying the art of performing, these actors and actresses put their all into creating a certain mood for the drama.

AND WE DIDN'T
SKIP SKIP SKIP SKIP SKIP SKIP

The 1988-89 school year was a very successful one for the Taylor High School National Honor Society. This prestigious organization proved once again why it had earned the respect of student, faculty, and community alike. It was not just due to the assemblage of bright, young people who composed it, but rather, the service projects it carried out and its willingness to help others.

The National Honor Society kept up its yearly tradition of playing Santa to local retirement home residents. The small, practical gifts brought warm smiles to the faces of their recipients.

Also, during the Christmas holidays, N.H.S. made a sizable donation of canned goods to the Taylor Volunteer Fire Department's "Red Santa" program. Our contributions helped to feed numerous needy families in the Taylor area.

With these two service projects, the National Honor Society, in our little way, kept the Christmas spirit alive, and we were proud to be a part of it.

In April, seventeen new members were inducted into the honor society. They arrived just in time to join in on our major fundraiser of the year. The proceeds from a chicken fried steak dinner, catered by the Taylor Cafe, enabled us to present scholarships to two very deserving senior members of N.H.S.

During May, as the year wound down, N.H.S. took a day off to kick back, relax, and socialize with fellow honor societies in our district. We journeyed to Lake Georgetown to participate in a district-wide N.H.S. picnic. It was a day of fun and games as well as a day to meet with other members of our national organization. Again this year, it rained, but we braved the ominous weather and by the time we reached the lake, the sun was trying to peek through. But, we didn't skip out on this fun-filled event!

It was truly a successful year for N.H.S.. We set our goals early on and achieved them. It was a fun and exciting year, full of accomplishment. And yet again, it was proven that the National Honor Society is, and will continue to be, a first-rate and highly respected club as long as it never loses sight of its primary resposibility as a service organization.



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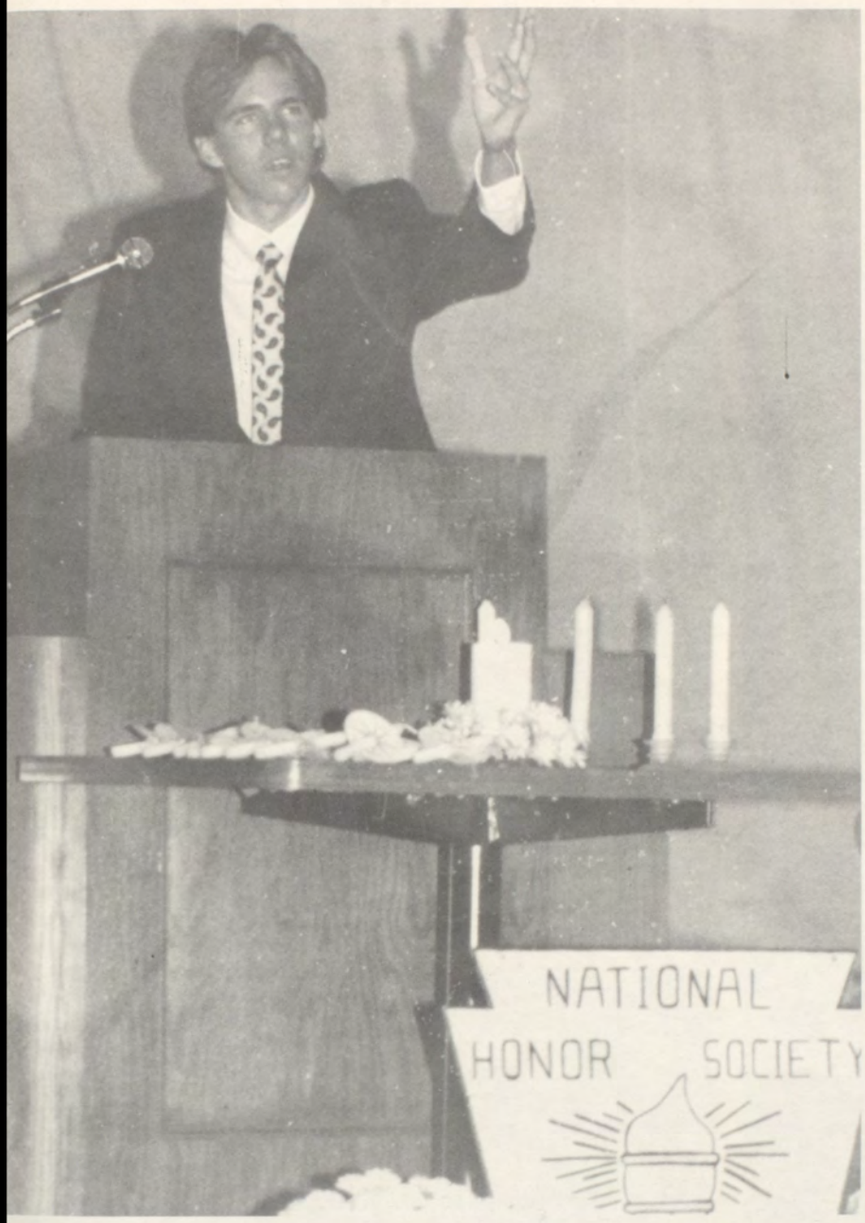
Top Row:Will Manning, Darby McLean, Clayton Rhoades, David Daniel, Nicole Mohel.Middle Row:Russell Dominguez, Sheila Crow, Sharon Rosipal, Gracia Gardner, Crystal Marx.Bottom Row:Holly Hortenstine, Melanie Spurgeon, Ellen Hejl, Denise Gonzales, Priscilla Parsons.



Addressing the audience at the initiation ceremony, president Brandt Rydell expounds on the qualities sought in an N.H.S. member.

Brooding over his duties, usher Chris Lee leads the candidates for membership down the aisle.







unging about casually, Isidore Marek, Kel- Spiller, and Dwayne Hyzak brandish their wly acquired N.H.S. tags.



Lighting an initiation candle, Todd Parsons accepts the responsibility of becoming an NHS member as president Brandt Rydell watches.

New NHS members listen carefully as their officers discuss the responsibilities of membership.

Helping Teachers

FTA members, as usual, were easy to recognize. We were the ones who handed you those lovely carnations on Valentines Day. This year many members attended both district and state conventions. In order to attend these conventions, however, we had to acquire a certain number of points. Some of us got these by helping our teachers grade papers. Because of this, we sometimes had more than the usual workload of homework. In addition to gaining points by grading papers, we also aided the teachers in numerous other ways. After all, most of us were in FTA because we were interested in the teaching profession.

Let's not forget the great sponsors, Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. Miller. Their hard work was what kept the organization on its feet. They put together numerous meetings and kept everybody busy and on the right track.



Waiting to get her room number, Jan Jackson stands in the lobby of the hotel while attending the state convention.



Attending a speech at state convention, many Taylor students, as well as students from other towns, listen to their speaker.





Preparing an order, FTA sponsor Kaye Schaefer shows us her dedication to the club.

Hanging around the room at state convention Peggy Dominguez, Angela Perez, and Ruby Diaz think about the trip home.



Giving some advice to Susan Brummett, Martha Miller shows concern for her students.

FTA MEMBERS. Front Row:Martha Miller, Anna Flores, Melanie Spurgeon, Becky Wiggins, Donna Massar, Tammy Moeller, Midhu Matthews, Jeannie Ng, Jan Jackson, Ruby Diaz, Peggy Dominguez, Kaye Schaefer. 2nd row: Adella Almazon, Stephanie Volek, Sharon Rosipal, LeAnn Mueller, Nikki Urbis, Tammy Blahuta, Elizabeth Guttierez, Susan Brummett, Jamie West, Dana Mohel, Angela Perez, Julie Keese. 3rd Row: Chrissy McCullough, Gracia Gardner, Yvette Maruska, Deandra Barron, Megan Tennil, Stacy Caplinger, Shelly Collins, Monica Machu, Keli Khrovjak, Shaun Rowley, Holly Hortenstine. Back Row: Chad McMakin, Wendy Vrana, Shannon Rowley, Regina Ortega, Misti Ceasar, Jason Manning, Stephanie Martin, Darby McLean, Wade Krueger, Brandt Rydell, Kim Hill, Alexandria Garcia, Kim Winkler.





Joking around, a few FTA members pose for the camera.



Officers: Brandt Rydell, Wade Kruger , Jan Jackson, David Daniel, Darby McLean, Adella Amazon, Melanie Spurgeon

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Caring For The Land

One of the nicest parts about high school was the wide variety of options in the curriculum. No matter what our interests, it seemed there was something for everyone. For those of us who liked working with livestock, plants or the land, there were ag courses, a variety of them. We could learn horticulture, agriculture, welding or animal science.

Some of us learned the importance of careful planning and management, crop rotation, nutrition, and how to produce the best crops and livestock.

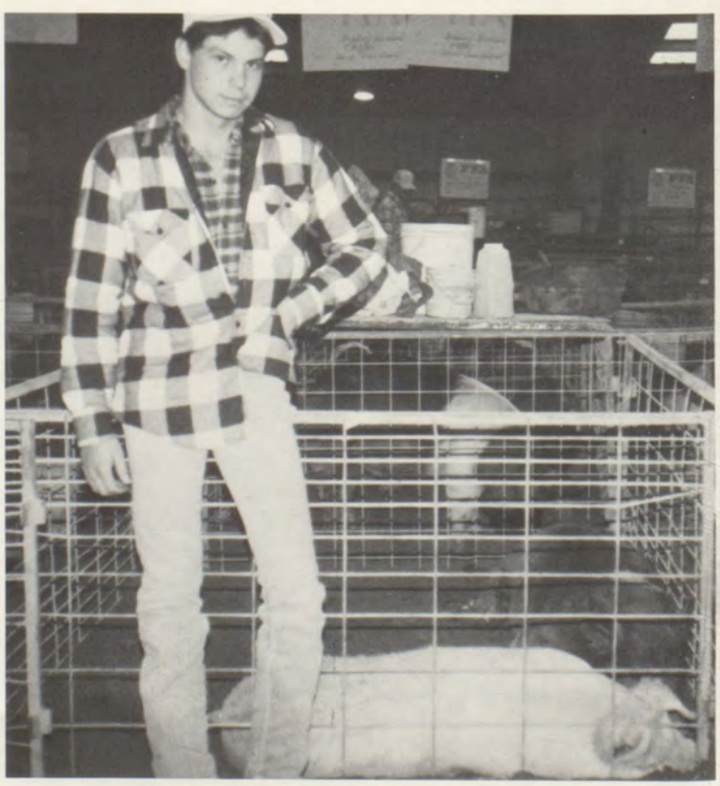
Some of us decided to show animals in the various contests, the most important being the Williamson County Livestock Show. This proved to be a lot of hard work and took numerous tedious hours of preparation in addition to the money involved. After animals were properly groomed and nourished, they were proudly shown. Even if the animals didn't win, we were still proud of the contribution we were making to the world of agriculture, and many of us looked forward to a career in the agricultural field.



Members of FFA are first row: Emerson Brister, Clayton Leschber, Michael Sobrinsky, Sharon Taylor, Paula Wuensche, Craig Zimmerhanzel, Carla Guardiola, Don Bearden, Sandra Stefek, Billy Synatzske, Harold Kurtz. Second row:Brian Fitzgerald, Craig Stenholm, Ted Brinkmeyer, Trey Ripple, Troy Cervenka, Cal Gilbert, Kevin Skrhak, Christy McCullough. Third row:Kevin Preuss, Darrell Espinoza, Kenneth Hines, Randy Stiba, Brian Hesylmeyer, Leroy Gonzales, Melissa Mott. Fourth row:Ron Fontenot, Terry Stefek,Bo Mucha, Mark Hluchan, Douglas Bengston, Bradley Hanson, Eric Rowe, Scott Komandosky, and Justin Newsom.



Planting trees in front of the high school, Sponsor Emerson Brister demonstrates certain techniques to his horticulture class.



Showing off his prize-winning pig, Bradley Hanson is an active member of FFA.

Preparing a meal, John Michael Juarez cooks for a grade in Foods class.



Another popular organization was HERO (Home Economics Organization). This club was for all of those interested in homemaking careers or in being able to survive without the benefit of someone else to cook, sew or shop for us. In these classes, we learned a variety of skills including nutrition, sewing, cooking, and budgeting. We realized that no matter what profession we chose, one of our major careers would involve homemaking skills. After all, we would all have to cook, keep house, buy food and manage money — even the guys! These were skills we would use whether we started out in an apartment in college or setting up our own household. One might call these classes for "The survival of the fittest." We all had to survive our own care one of these days.

Working on the sewing machine, Leroy Gonzales makes a shirt for sewing class. Many guys realized the usefulness of being able to take care of themselves.





Sewing pieces of material together, Carla James puts the final touches on the outfit she is making in sewing class.



Members of HERO are:(First Row)Stephanie Mercado, Dorothy Broadnax, Tonya Jackson, Madeline Hernandez, Lorraine Price, Becky Ortiz. (Second Row):Jerry Kidwell, Tanisha Tisby, Tremesa Jones, Paul Stanford, Gracie Gonzales. (Third Row):Bobbie Nickerson, Sharon Fisher, Fred Burrell, Michael Juarez, Valencia Henry, and Angela Jackson.

Experience For Future Success



Having breakfast, BPA members,Stephanie Martin, Regina Ortega, and Chandra Whitehave a relaxing conversation.

Many of us were eager to experience taste of the real world. We understoo that in the real world it would be a drast change from our regular school surroun ings and activities. Therefore, Busine Professionals of America was the answ for some of us to prepare for our futur We worked part time and learned mar important skills at our place of emplo ment as well as at school. We felt that th experience was a step into the workin world. Learning certain tasks for our em ployers as well as for ourselves, we fe we would have an advantage when came time to go into this new enviro ment on a permanent basis. Because w could work, our knowledge and skills fo secretarial work were extremely im proved, and we knew this would co tribute to our future success. Knowin that the real world was a working worl we were able to improve our chance survival by participating in this orga ization. And, for some of us, this tem porary employment during school woul lead to a permanent job.



Being recognized, these BPA outstanding students attended the skill's competition.



Listening to Mrs. Leschber, Ruby Diaz, and Sus Hehmantake mental notes about proper procedur in their working place.



Walking downtown in Austin during a field trip, Barbara Leschber, Susan Brummett, Susan Hubble, Ruby Diaz, Carrie Schmidt, and Donna Magana pose for a quick picture.



Discussing a class assignment, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Donna Magana, and Stepanie Hewttydecide the proper secretarial skills.





The BPA officers are Kim Winkler, Jenny Simmons, Melissa Elizondo, Barbara Brueckner, Shannon Britton, and June Simcik.



First row: Pat Rogers, Barbara Leschber, Jenny Simmons, Kim Winkler, June Simcik, Barbara Brueckner, Melissa Elizondo, Shannon Britton, Jeannie Hill, Shirley Manning Second row: Gracie Gonzales, Denise Gonzales, Jessica Ortiz, Sophia Alderete, Ruby Diaz, Ellen Hejl, Chandra White, Petra Moreno, Barbara Collazo, Sandy Harrington Third row: Susan Hehman, Marci Alvaravo, Donna Rangel, Donna Magana, Christine Chasak, Cheryl Brown, Temple Mc Cormick, Nikki Urbis, Susan Hubble, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Sonya Neitsch, Annie Crayton Fourth row: Carrie Schmidt, Stacy Capliner, Christy Caldwell, Amy Janke, Gracia Gardner, Chris Lee, Larry Caldwell, Amy Sandoval, Aline, Susan Brummett Fifth row: Wendy Vrana, Kim Kruse, Colleen Leschber, Karan Kanak, Crystal Marx, Misty Mayers, Nicole Mohel, Melissa Mott, Steven Thomas, Tanisha Tisby, Carolyn Hunt, Regina Ortega

Trying not to get wet, Sophia Alderete and Donna Magana get under an umbrella during the field trip.

A Working Combination

Schools have changed in many ways in the last decade or so, but one of the most positive changes has come through a varied curriculum. For example, work programs have become a major part of the school curriculum since all students are not planning to go to college, and even some of those who are need to have a trade in order to help pay some of the extravagant expenses faced by college students. These programs help students learn many things other than their trade, however. They teach students to take orders and accept responsibility.

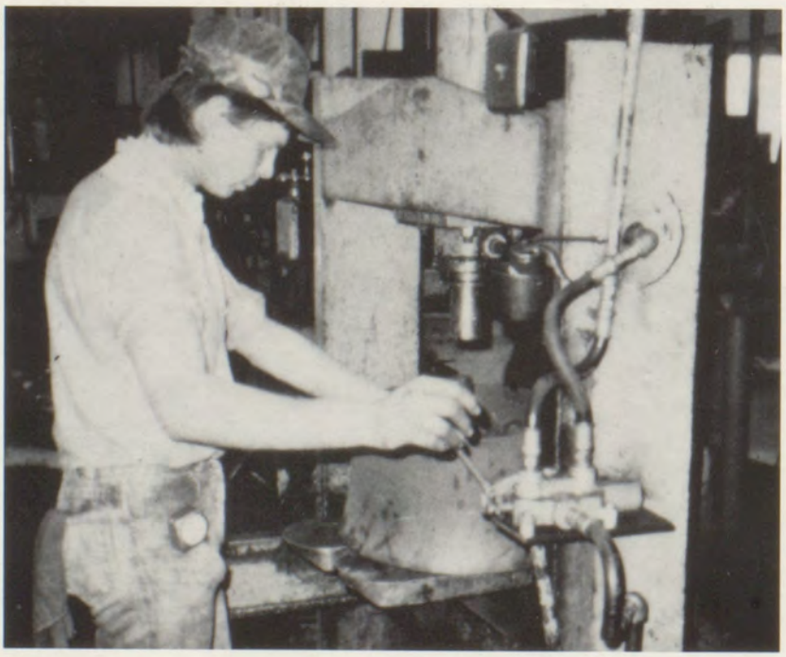
The ICT program, one of these options, offered young men an experience in the working world through first hand experience in their choice of occupation. Working, attending classes, and participating in other activities made a hectic, yet fulfilled, day for these students. Holding down a job was usually adaquate responsibility for most people; yet ICT students faced the challenging experience of learning a trade as well.

With the extra money from their jobs, many of them are able to afford such things as cars and motorcycles. Most schools don't offer programs like this one. I'm sure if you asked any of these guys, they would be glad to tell you that they are proud of this program and their school.

Front Row: Kevin Bogan, Fidencio Jackson, Johnny Reyna, Hector Rodriguez, Raymond Herrera, Chris Moya, Kelly Kaderka, Joel Gamez.
Middle Row: Frank Woods, Leroy Gonzales, Randy Stiba, Doug Bengston, Brian Heselmeyer, Jason Turner, Sidney Buchanek, Clif Owens.
Back row: Ron Fontenot, Scott Komandosky, Nathan pez, Brian Roepke, Arthur Yanez, Bradley Hanson, S Safarik, Tommy Wyche.



Working diligently, Bradley Hanson concentrates on what he is doing in order to perfect the skills he is learning on the job.





Selling cars for Wheels Fantastic, Brian Roepke smiles while standing in front of one the trucks on his father's lot.

Learning and Earning



Helping a customer, Priscilla Reynagatends to the cash registor at Golden Fried Chicken.

Many students at Taylor High began to think about their future this year. Would they need more money to go to college? Should they start looking for a career for after they graduate? The DECA program offered these students the chance to get experience in a field or just to earn some extra money for the future. These jobs also offered a way to gain experience and knowledge in a field for the rest of their lives.

This program was also beneficial for business owners. Many of them, because of the economic crunch, couldn't afford to hire a full-time employee but were able to use a part-time student. The sponsor, Mrs. Miller, made this all possible. Without her setting up interviews for them, the students wouldn't have known where to start. DECA students were looking ahead to the future.



Taking out groceries, Kevin Brooks pushes the cart to a customer's car.



Front Row: Moppy Miller, Barbara Martinez, Connie Alderete, Lori Turner, Jolie Hester.
2nd Row: April Wittington, Christie Mayer, Robyn Artieschoufsky, Lyssa Weaver, Pricilla Reynaga.
3rd Row: Danielle Cline, Carolyn Koehler, Regina Ortega, Kim Patterson, Sandra Stefek, Irene Ruiz.
Back Row: Kevin Brooks, Kevin Yeoman, Trey Ripple, Randall Fisher, Chris Castro.



Pumping gas for Exxon, Randy Skrhak takes a few moments to smile for the camera.

Serving Vital Functions

Although most Taylor High School students were unfamiliar with Student Senate and its many functions, the organization was constantly involved within the school. For instance, before every football game, Student Senate representatives exchanged pleasantries and gifts of goodwill with opposing schools at midfield. Also, Student Senate was responsible for many of the elections held on campus.

Student Senate organized the pre-Christmas holiday party for the entire school. Another activity it had a hand in was the election of the Homecoming queen.

The incoming freshmen of Taylor High were given a grand tour of the high school by Student Senate members. This service helped to familiarize the eighth graders with their future learning environment. It also aided in assuaging some of their fears and anxieties about high school.

Student Senate is comprised of elected officials of the Student Senate and presidents of all the clubs and organizations at Taylor High School. Other members include each class' respective representatives.



Top Row: Jamie West, Trey Bachmayer, David Daniel, Darby McLean, Brandt Rydell, Mark Jackson, Eugene Dominguez Third Row: Shelly McAlpine, Aaron Maxwell, Jenny Simmons, Todd Parsons, Valori Morales, Darren Moeller Second Row: Dianne Robbins, Dana Mohel, Kim Winkler, Shaun Rowley, Nicole Urbis, Erin Ruthven, June Simcik, Jeannie Hill Bottom Row: Anna Flores, Jan Jackson, Lisa Jefferson, Trekishela Sorrels, Sandra Ancira, Jennifer Stafford, Carrie Schmidt



Waiting patiently for freshmen orientation to conclude so that they may lead the eighth graders on a tour of the school, Clayton Rhoades, David Daniel, Jan Jackson, and Crystal Marx converse to pass the time.



Top Row: David Daniel, Brandt Rydell, Aaron Maxwell
Bottom Row: Jan Jackson, June Simcik, Valori Morales



Pledging her allegiance to the flag, Student Senate president Jan Jackson kicks off yet another assembly.

Tallying election results, Jamie West performs a vital function for the Student Senate.





Casting his vote in a Student Senate-sponsored election, Wade Krueger entrusts his ballot to Senate member June Simcik.



Discussing election procedure, Student Senate member Shelly McAlpine instructs Molly Griffith on how to fill out a ballot.

Getting To Know Our Neighbors

Experiencing a foreign culture for the first time is part of what it truly means to be human. By learning more about others, we in turn find out more about ourselves. Spanish offers students a chance to immerse themselves in Hispanic language and cultural heritage.

"I enjoyed being Spanish Club president because it gave me a chance to experience the enrichment of the Spanish culture," said Jennifer Stafford.

The Spanish Club members were involved in various activities this year. Some of these related to the Spanish culture. For instance, they went to eat out at a Spanish restaurant in Austin called Serranos during the Christmas season and also during the spring of the year. Everyone enjoyed the food and learned something as well.

They also held fundraisers during the year such as, a volleyball tournament sponsoring men's teams.

In addition, the Spanish Club had a booth at the Halloween Spooktakular downtown. They sold soda water and watched the festivities while making some money.

For the Seniors, Spanish Club awarded five scholarships during graduation. The Seniors who were awarded these scholarships were the following: Peggy Dominquez, Alexandria Garcia, Angela Perez, Jennifer Stafford and Anne Marie Torres.





Spanish Club **Front row:** Peggy Dominguez, Anna Flores, Jan Jackson, Denise Gonzales, Stephanie Rengel, Teresa Chavana, Jessica Alvarado, Rosie Menchaka.. **Second row:** Lisa Garcia, Jessica Ortiz, Elizabeth Gutierez, Jennifer Stafford, Judy Rivera, Candy Kallus, Angela Perez, Robert Patterson, Jessica Carranza, Rosa Delgado.. **Third row:** Stephanie Volek, Nikki Kallus, Belinda Dominguez, Gracia Gardner, Keith Richardson, Gracie Yanez, Stacy Mehevec, Molly Griffith, Madeline Hernandez, Patricia Salazar.. **Back row:** James Gamez, Russell Dominguez, Emily Sutton, Matthew Ornales, Johnny Aleman, Michael King, Thomas Engle, Alexandra Garcia, Adria Hill, Nikki Cortinas.



Taking time from eating, Spanish Club members and parents pose for a picture while eating at a Spanish restaurant in Austin.



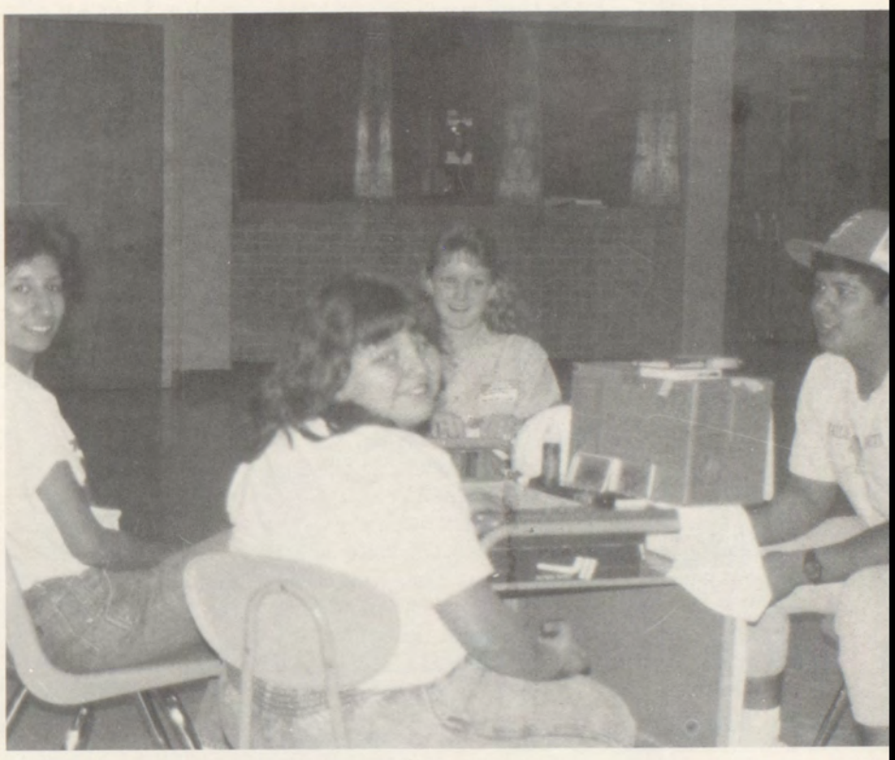
Discussing club business, Jennifer Stafford, Alexandra Garcia and Peggy Dominguez gather for a meeting in the morning.

Making finishing touches, Adria Hill, Candy Kallus, Angela Perez, Cindy Gonzales, Patricia Salazar and Nikki Cortinas create a winning banner for Homecoming week.



Choosing what to eat, Jessica Alvarado helps finish the food left over from the volleyball game refreshment booth.

Taking tickets, Angela Perez, Jennifer Stafford, and Russell Dominguez sit by the entrance at the volleyball game sponsored by the Spanish Club.





The Spanish Club Officers are : **Front row:** Peggy Dominguez and Angela Perez **Back row:** Gracia Gardner, Jennifer Stafford and Alexandra Garcia.



Working in the refreshment booth, Jessica Ortiz and Stephanie Rengal help raise money for the Spanish Club.

MASTERS OF THE LANGUAGE

One of the most exciting organizations on campus is Latin Club. This club is always doing something.If the LATIN club wasn't busy with the Ides of March exhibit, then they were busy with some other form of studying Latin. This group seemed to have many interesting ways of learning their subject material. They did not have their annual slave day this year, but they did have their banquet, and everyone still had a good time. Some even went swimming at the home of Yvette Maruska. All in all, it probably turned out to be a better day for those new Latin Club members who had anticipated the worst possible treatment from their slave owners.

Of course, the club sang for the upcoming freshmen at the freshmen orientation. Hopefully these guys realized just how much fun Latin could be and would join us next year.

But,the most exciting thing the club did this year was to make a trip to Dallas to see the Ramses the Great Exhibit. They loaded up on a school bus with several sponsors, including Mrs. Rhoades, Mrs. Tennill, Ms. Parsons, and Mrs. Schaefer. They headed for the Fair Grounds via Six Flags. After a few minutes of excitement at being lost, they finally found their way. Everyone enjoyed the unique exhibits, and we really got to see parts of Dallas we never expected to see. On the way home, Taco Bell was on the mind of those who were famished. They looked long and hard but finally had to settle for a stop that gave a choice of several eating places. Everyone still seemed to enjoy their food, but not near as much as they had the baked goodies from West earlier in the day. Boy, those Bohemians really know how to cook. I guess that's what you call learning a variety of cultures — eating Bohemian, Mexican, American, Italian food on a Latin Club trip!



Resting for a while at the banquet, Mrs.Schaefer and Crystal Marxpose for a picture.



Watching others swim, these Latin Club students have fun talking and catching up on the happenings of the day.



Looking over the Latin projects are, Kim Hill and Labrea Henly.

Officers are: (Row 1)Megan Tennill, Coleen Leschber, Holly Hortenstine. (Row 2) Deandra Barron, Yvette Maruska, and LeAnn Mueller.

Members of Latin Club are:(Row 1)Lisa Jefferson, Elisha Randle,LeAnn Mueller, Brittani Barron, Tammy Moeller, Stephanie Roznovak, Melanie Spurgeon, Holly Hortenstine, Jeannee Ng, Stacy Ward, Kaye Schaefer (advisor). (Row 2) Yvette Maruska, Nicole David, Crystal Marx, Monica Machu, Todd Parsons, Chrissy McCullough, Kili Krohovjak, Megan Tennill, Dana Mohel.(Row 3) Dwayne Hyzak, Shannon Rowley, Larry DuFrain, Will Manning, John Posey, Melissa Mott, Regina Ortega, Shaun Rowely. (Row 4) Coleen Leschber, Deandra Barron, Travis Volek, Mark Kokes, Clayton Rhoades, Misti Ceasar, Rick Phile, Kim Hill, and Chad McMakin.











Taking time to have some fun , Mrs. Schaefer's forth period class pose for a pitcure.

Dicussing the exhibit ,Matt Zeplin, Lucille Wright, and Sonya Harrison learn about Rome.

Standing in a circle ,Shaun Rowley, Nichole David, and Mrs. Schaefer talk about what they saw on their field trip.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Anyone who has ever tried it will te you that putting together a school news paper is not an easy task. Members of th Cotton Boll staff and sponsor Donn Woodard will agree. This year, the staf produced nine issues of the Cotton Bo keeping students well informed with o the many happenings at THS.

In April Cotton Boll received th Award of Achievement in Journalism pre sented by the Interscholastic League fo their newspaper. An individual award also went to junior Sheila Crow for plac ing first in editorials. This advanced he to regional UIL competition. She placed also placed fifth in feature writing at dis trict. The staff and Mrs. Woodard were real proud of her accomplishments. Oth er staff members attended contest and did quite well also.

Throughout the year members took time out to enjoy themselves a little. In December they attended a Christmas party at The Magic Time Machine while in April many went on a trip to Sea World. A banquet in May marked the end of a successful year for the staff who should be commended for a job well done!



Making corrections on a layout, Deanna Sandoval and Barton Payne work together to make the Journalism I issue of the Cottonboll the best it can be.

Working diligently, Barton Payne shows much responsibility in completing his assignment.



Typing an assignment, Deanna Sandoval works hard during class.

Getting her equiptment out of the shelve, Amy Click prepares to develop a role of film.









Working on the computer, June Simcik andEmily Taylor make corrections before the paper is ready to be printed



Meeting her deadline, Sheila Crow types her stories for the next issue of the Cotton Boll into the computer.

Members of Cotton Boll are: First Row:Nikki Kallus, June Simcik, Elisha Randall, Chandra White, Teri Engle, Stephanie Roznovak, Christine Chasak.
Second Row:Stacy Mehevec, Carla Guardiola, Deanna Sandoval, Candy Kallus, Emily Taylor, Michael Miller, Valori Morales.
Third Row:Andrew House, Lisa Williams, Adria Hill, Trevin Davis, Sheila Crow, Amy Click, Kristy Shiller, Shaun Rowley, sponsor:Donna Woodard.

Finishing her assignment for class, Kristy Shiller hurries before the bell rings.

WORKING HARD AND DILIGENTLY

The Mallard Staff is one of the most important organizations at T.H.S. Without this staff, there would be no yearbooks; there would be be no way of remembering all those good and bad times we had to go through during our high school days. There would be faces we would remember, but there would be no way of putting a name with that face. Having a yearbook, we can also look back and see the different organizations and activities we were once involved with during these years.

The year is never an easy one. Not only is the time schedule hectic, but often people forget that we are only learning and doing the best we can at this job. As the year progresses, we get better, but too often, pictures need to be taken before we "master" the technique or they don't come out or someone sabatoges them. Then there are those times that deadlines prevent retaking desired pictures or getting more informatin, and we have to go with whatever we have. There are 700+ students in this school, and we are expected to know each one of them by a picture. And, of course, we mustn't forget our computer which sometimes wipes out all the things we've spent hours putting in. We all have to learn our job, and for some of us this is a continuing process, trying to juggle an already hectic schedule with numerous jobs that sometimes aren't even our responsibility but the work of someone else who has decided it is not important. Unlike other classes, if one person fails to do an "A" job on an assignment, it shows, and we all suffer. We do the best we can, but we know that we are just amateurs and we make mistakes. Luckily most people understand, but there are always those who despite the situation expect perfection. It's a hard and sometimes thankless job, but we care that as many of our school experiences are captured as possible.



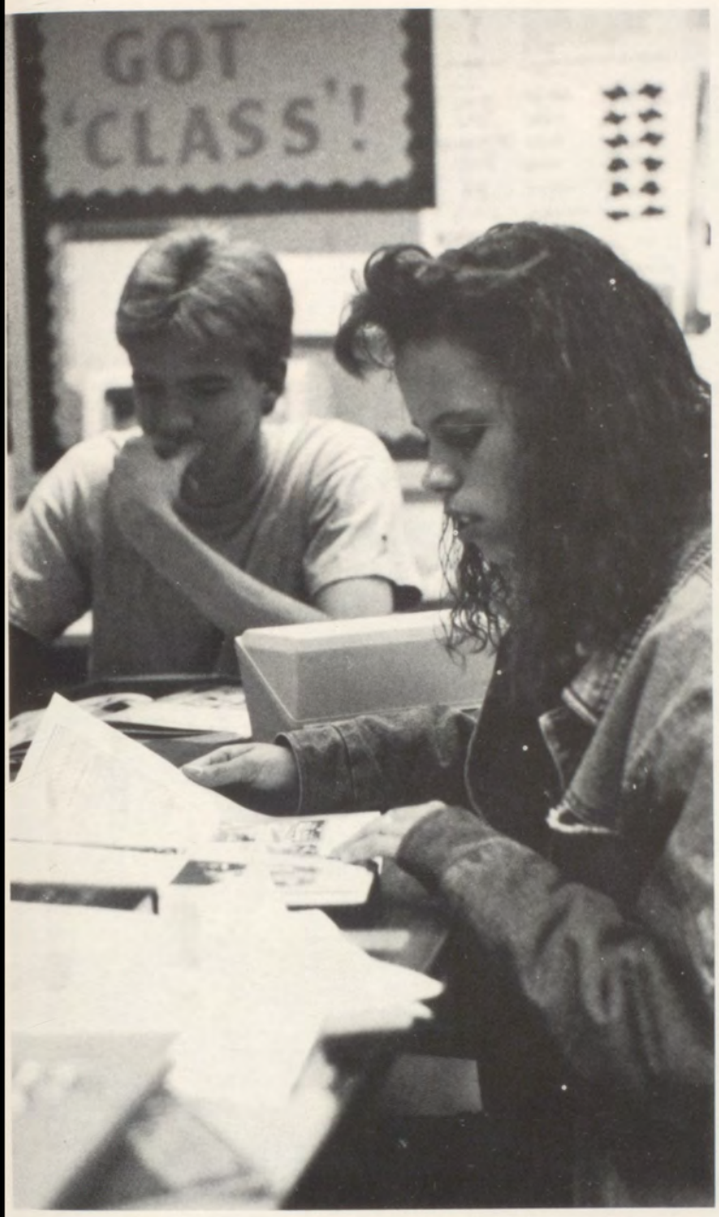
Loading film in her camera, LeAnn Mueller prepares for upcoming shots. Photographers always pray that their photos will turn out. LeAnn's did almost 100% of the time.



Taking time to get a needed hug from a teddy bear, Christy Caldwell makes one of the many necessary trips to pick up supplies at Walmart.



Discussing the book from last year, Ron Randig, and Kent Safarik recognize some familiar faces. Ron and Kent had few moments to sit and relax during the deadline season; both spent many extra hours trying to help others get their needed pix, and they were always needed "today!"



Mallard Staff:(Row 1)(Advisor)Priscilla Parsons, Tammy Blahuta, Chelle Pitts, Lisa Garcia, Julie Keese.(Row 2)Kim Dykowski, Wendy Vrana, Christy Caldwell, LeAnn Mueller, Stacy Caplinger.(Row 3) Chris Lee, Amy Sandoval, Christie Volek, Amy Jsnke, Kent Safarik.(Row 4)Ron Randig, Brandt Rydell, Shawn Mabry, and David Daniel. (Not pitcured Marcy Sladek.)







Thinking about their next spread, Brandt Rydell and Chelle Pitts try to come up with new ideas for the yearbook. It is always hard to think of a new way to cover the same things.

Editors are:(Row 1)Kim Dykowski, David Daniel, Chris Lee, Brandt Rydell(Row 2)Christy Caldwell, Wendy Vrana, Amy Sandoval,and Julie Keese. Due to an overload, Ron Randig and Kent Safarik were later named co-photo editors.

Flipping through the new shipment of yearbooks, Marcy Sladek and Julie Keese make sure there are no defects. Going through that many books takes a while.

Healthy Alternatives

With the increasing dangers of alcohol and drugs in our society, a new organization had become a major part of our campus a few years back. And, in just a few short years, Ducks Against Drugs had become one of the largest groups at Taylor High. Increasingly involved in student activities, D.A.D. proved that it had much to contribute to student life.

The primary goal of D.A.D. was to provide students with healthy alternatives to substance use. By sponsoring various activities throughout the year, D.A.D. showed T.H.S. students how to have a good time without drugs or alcohol. After all, none of us wanted to lose any of our friends to these killers, and we already knew first-hand of their potential dangers. All of our lives had been touched by someone under the influence, and it was too painful.

In September, D.A.D. sponsored a Homecoming dance along with an after-game party following a gridiron contest. On Oct.4th, a traveling band, "The Edge", performed an in-school show and an evening concert. Their shows were interspersed with various messages to warn students of the dangers of drugs.

On Oct. 29th, 50 members ventured to Austin for "A Celebration for a Drug-Free Texas" sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Texans' War on Drugs, and the U.S. Attorney's Offices.

During Nov., Ducks Against Drugs sponsored a movie night, complete with pizza. Also, a Mexican food dinner served as a major fund raiser.

A Christmas party was held at the Taylor Country Club. This was an extremely formal affair. And, before the Christmas holidays, Ducks Against Drugs reminded the student body of the danger of drinking and driving with the tying of red ribbons on the cars of students and faculty. Ribbons were also placed on every locker in the school.

As prom season rolled around, D.A.D. members hung posters throughout the school cautioning students of the dangers of drinking and driving.

D.A.D. members rewarded themselves with a field trip to Six Flags in May. It was a well deserved break, for these Ducks had had a very busy year.



One of the best and busiest organizations on campus — the 1989-90 Taylor High School Ducks Against Drugs Members



Top Row:Megan Tennill, Adria Hill, Chris Lee, David Daniel, Darby McLean Middle Row:Becky Turner, Melanie Spurgeon, Jennifer Stafford, Molly Griffith, Heidi Zimmerhanzel Bottom Row:Holly Hortenstine, Peggy Dominguez, Kim Winkler

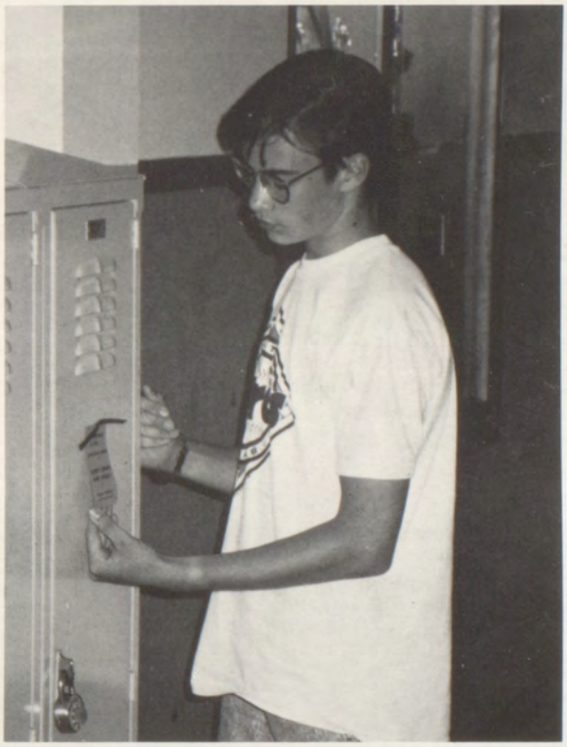


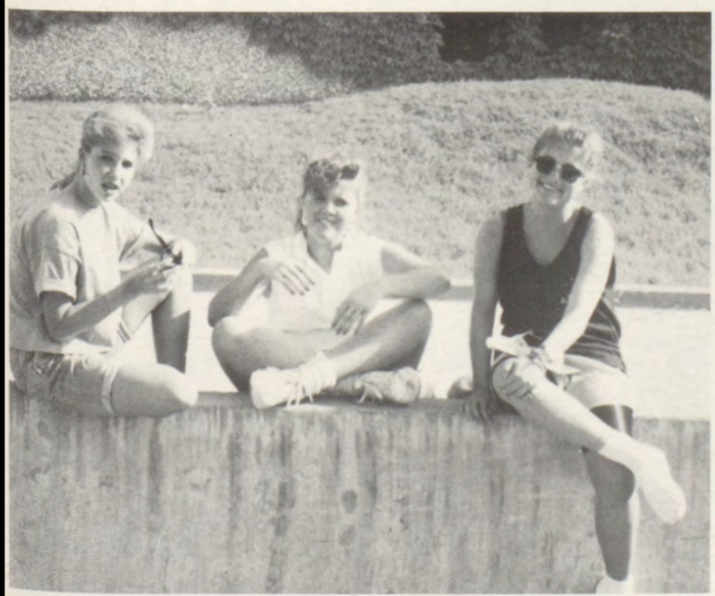
Tying red ribbons on the cars of Taylor High students, David Daniel and Molly Griffith remind people not to drink and drive over the Christmas holidays.



Increasing student awareness, Kim Winkler posts a reminder not to drink and drive during prom season.

Taping a "Don't Drink And Drive" notice on a classmate's locker, Zach Horne partakes in D.A.D.'s holiday season project to prevent students and faculty from driving while intoxicated.





Lounging about casually, Keli Khrovjak, Megan Tennill, and Erin Ruthven enjoy the Ducks Against Drugs field trip to Six Flags.



Showing off their recent acquisition, Gary Sanchez, Priscilla Turner, Steven Chavana, and Elizabeth Guiterrez bask in the glory of their triumphs.

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UIL-University Interscholastic League planning started off early in the year. Getting the sponsors and particpants together for meetings and pratices took a while. The excitement officially began at a practice meet which was held at First Baptist Church on March 9. Contestents were ranked and then all were treated to a lunch of pizza at Gatti's. After this, everyone was ready for the District meet at Waco. Placing at this meet were Deanna Sandoval, 6th in informal speaking; Andy House, 6th in persuassive speaking; Nicole Mohel, 6th in accounting; Chris Lee, 4th in literary criticism; Adella Almazan, 2nd in spelling; Shelia Crow, 1st in editorials and 5th in feature writing and Gracia Gardner, 1st in accounting. Shelia, Adella, and Gracia also attended Regional Competition. Coming back with a 3rd in accounting, Gracia Gardner qualified for State Competition. We were very proud of all the participants this year, and we are looking forward to a bigger group of challengers next year.



Looking at the results that are posted on the wall, Eddy Lankford and Adella Almazon find out she has placed 2nd in spelling.

Winners at the district are: Chris Lee, Adella Almazon, Sheila Crow, Gracia Gardner, Deanna Sandoval, Andrew House, and Nicole Mohel.

ON OUR WAY



Discussing the thrill of the contest, Priscilla Parsons and Stacy Caplinger walk around the halls of the junior college discussing the Ready Writing competition.



Reviewing in her accounting book, Gracia Gardner and Pat Rogers plan strategies for the next meet.



Listening to music, Angela Perez uses her time wisely by catching up on school work at the UIL district meet.

CHEERLEADERS

cheering toward victory

Cheerleader tryouts were a little unique at THS this year due to the small number of students who sought these positions. However, the tension of trying out was still very real. As usual, everyone was required to try out before unbiased judges, but this time, we did not have to try out before the student body. Head cheerleaders were selected by votes received through Duck families.

The work the rest of the year, however, had remained the same; practices were required to learn the cheers, and as usual, muscles got sore and bodies got tired. Of course, the nerverousness and fear of mistakes continued. We knew though that if we wanted to be cheerleader, this was really just the start of a lot of hard work. Painting signs and finding unique things to keep the student body's attention wasn't an easy task. Likewise, finding the energy required to jump and perform in front of everyone and bolster the school's spirit was often difficult, and football season wasn't the end of our duties; volleyball, basketball, and baseball were still to come. "Being a cheerleader involved more; we had to be with the team all the way. We had to share the joy of winning and the disappointment of losing," said Jeana Lopez.

Perseverance, dedication, planning, and preparation, were all qualities of being a good cheerleader.



Stretching before the football game at Baylor, are manager Jennifer Stafford, and cheerleaders Nikki Urbis, Dana Mohel, Jessica Ortiz, Tonya Jefferson, Jeana Lopez, and Candice Carter.



The varsity cheerleaders: Nikki Urbis, Jeana Lopez, Martin Gonzales, Valori Morales, Carla James, Kim Winkler, Tonya Jefferson, Jessica Ortiz, Carl Larson.



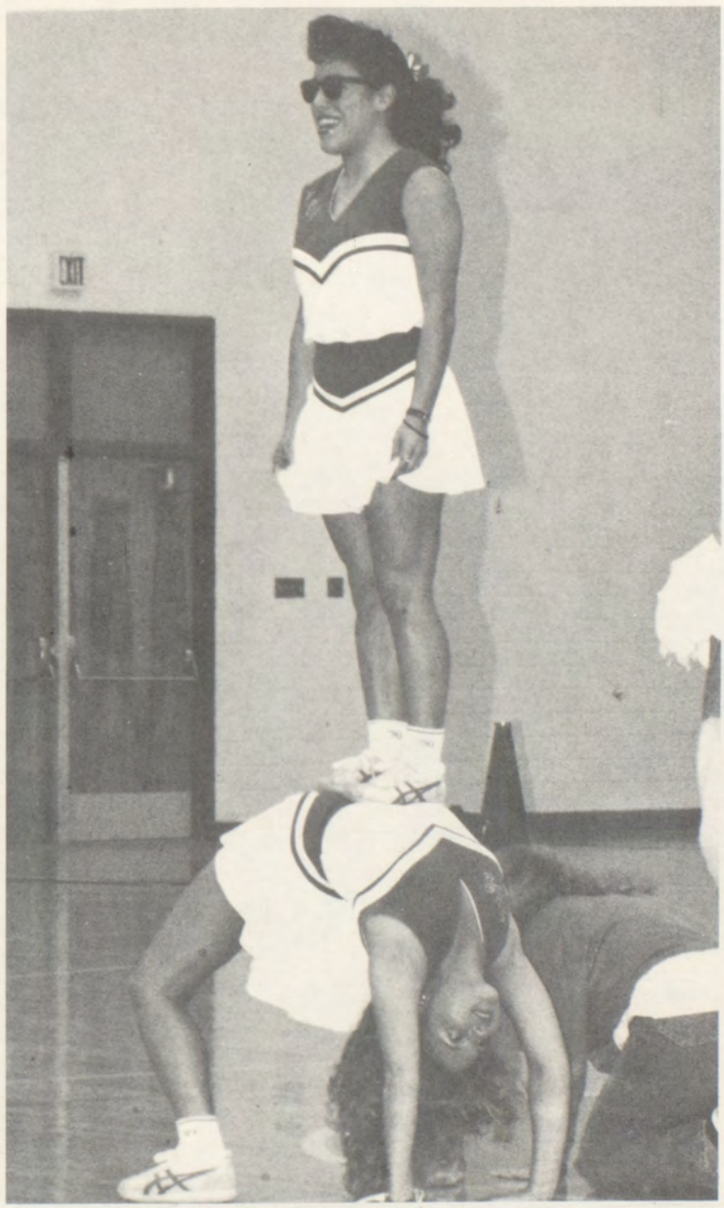
The JV cheerleaders: Beverly Branson, Jessica Carranza, Tonya Potts, Dana Mohel, Anna Flores, Lisa Jefferson, Candice Carter, Keisha Ross, Andera Torres.



Throwing Carla James into the air is Carl Larson, and Martin Gonzales at Homecoming, while Nikki Urbis finishes the cheer in front.

Building a pyramid to arouse the crowd at the pep rally are the JV cheerleaders.







reparing a pryamid at the morning pep rally, Nikki Urbis, Kim Winkler, Tonya efferson, Carl Larson, Carla James, Jessica Ortiz, and Jeana Lopez pose carefully.

Performing a unique stunt, Jessica Ortiz stands on Nikki Urbis, with the help of manager Jennifer Stafford in the back.

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For band members, there were many changes this year. For instance, the new Band Director, H.K. Petty brought with him a new enthusiasm. Therefore, the band spread this enthusiasm to the student body during the games and pep-rallies.

During the year band was very active; they participated in a marching contest at Reagan High School. Also, they performed at a concert at McCallum High School in Austin.

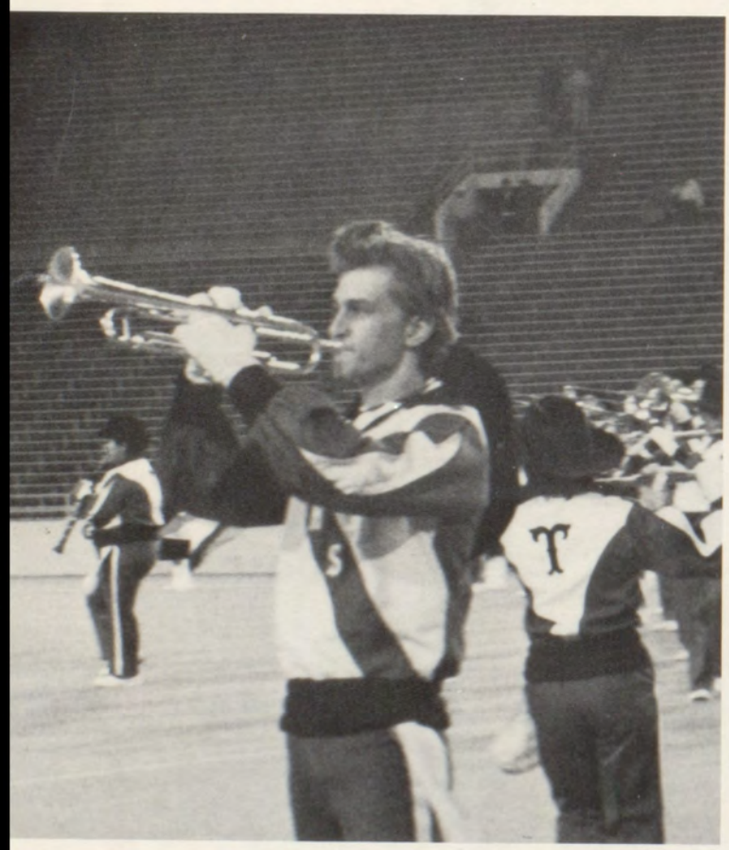
As a fund raiser, the band sold magazines for their trip to San Antonio and other activities throughout the year. Additionally, this year they had a Mexican dinner to raise money, instead of their annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Throughout the year, band members looked forward to their yearly trip. This year they ventured to San Antonio to attend the Yellow Rose Festival. There, they had the opportunity to pl at a concert and afterwards visit Sea World.

The band was also treated to a Chicken Fri Steak Dinner at their Band Banquet. Followed the dinner, an awards ceremony took place a then a dance later that night.

For many students band was an important pa of their high school years. Susan Brummett sa "It was a valuable learning experience. I learn a skill that takes more than just time to learn, b the effort and the ability to concentrate". Sus was Drum Major.

"I made a lot of friends that I probably wou not have had I not been in band," answere Lesha Mohel.



Performing to his utmost, Ronald Schaefer plays during the playoff game's halftime.



Looking over the notes in her folio, Juanita Garcia takes the time to perfect her memory of the music.

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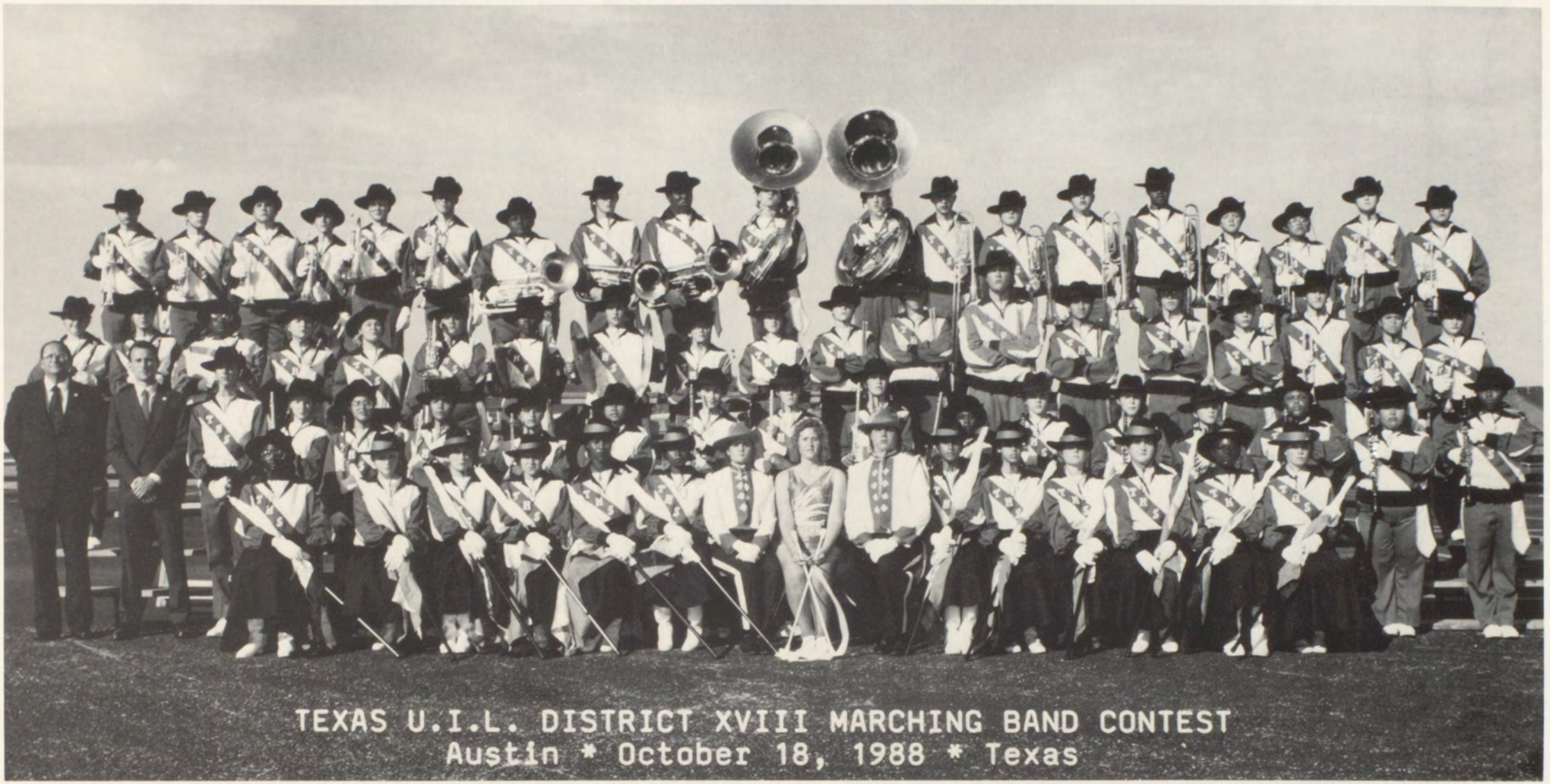









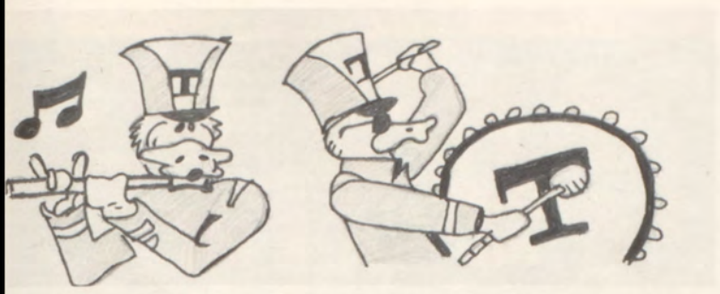



Trumpet Section members: Front Row:Scott Safarik, Thomas Engle, Jodi Hodon, Alex Ng . Back Row:Jodi Snyder, Stephanie Volek, Ronald Schaefer, Yolanda Kernell, Brandy Dillenbeck, Christen Pitts.

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Clarinet Section members: Front Row: Cherilta Robertson, Anita Rogers, Jennifer Walden, Sheila Crow, Ann Crayton. Back Row: Donna Massar, Jackie Dickerson, Lynn McShea, Stephanie Rengal, Amy McLean.











Crashing, banging and booming! Maggie Rodriguez, Michael Miller and Scott Lutz, members of the percussion, let themselves to be heard during a pep-rally.

Playing for the halftime audience, Scott Safarik displays excellent marching skills.

Filling the pavillion with victory music, Drum Major Susan Brummett, Shelley Moehoelen and Judy Rivera play during the Homecoming pep-rally.



Marching to a Christmas tune, band members Sheila Crow, Christen Pitts, Jodi Hodon and David Ariola perform at the Christmas parade.

Adding to the Homecoming spirit, Barbara Martinez participates in a Flags performance during the pep-rally.







Showing what they've got, band members arouse the student body gathered at the pep-rally.

Practice makes perfect! Band Director, H.K. Petty, Susan Brummett, Jodi Snyder, Stephanie Volek, Jodi Hodon, Christen Pitts, Maggie Rodriguez, Quinton Dubec, Ken Johnson, and Jon Wimp rehearse at the football field for the game that night.


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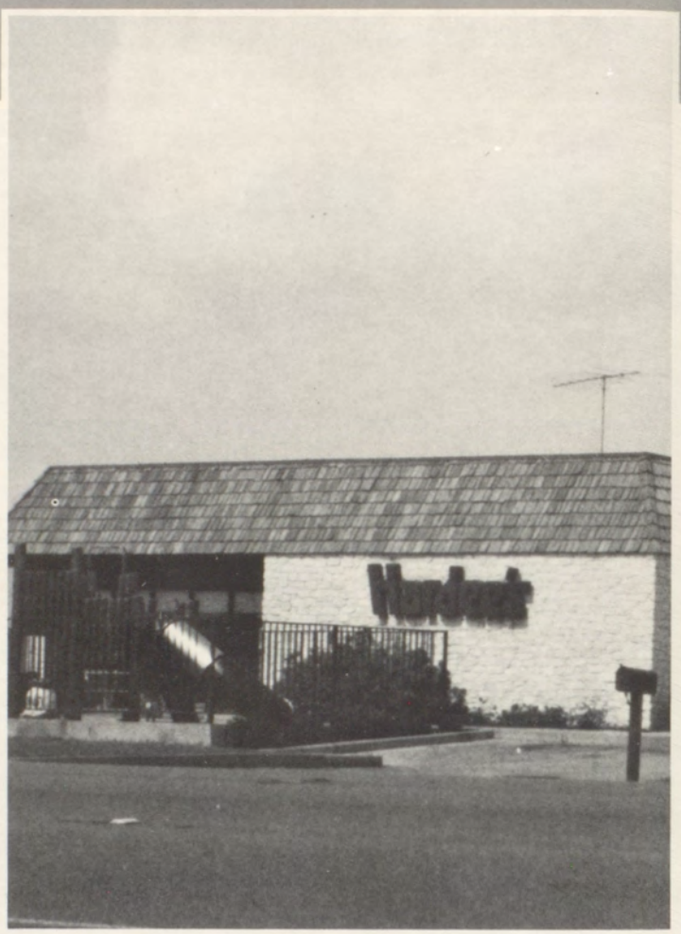



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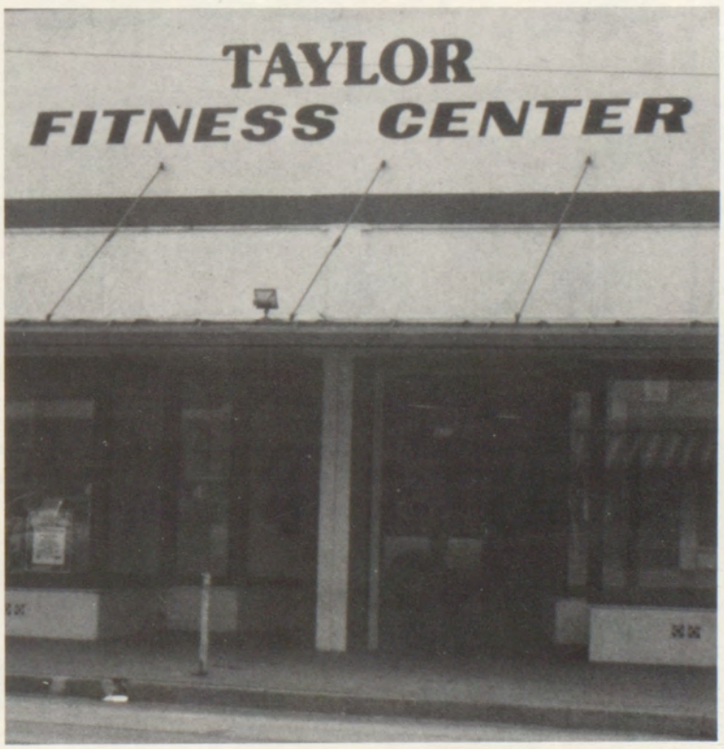

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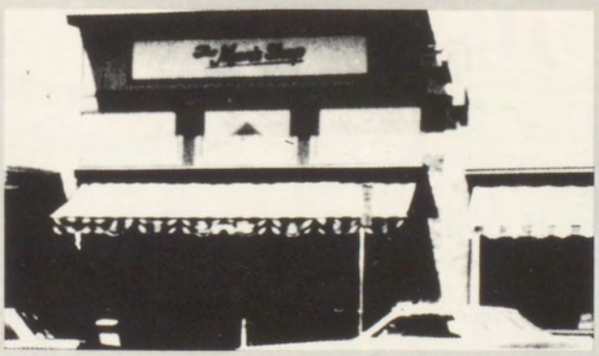

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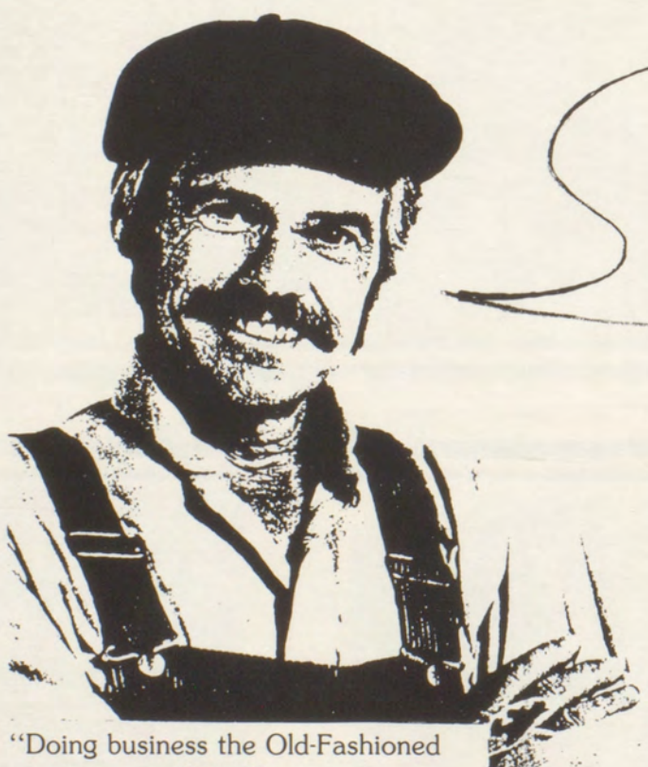

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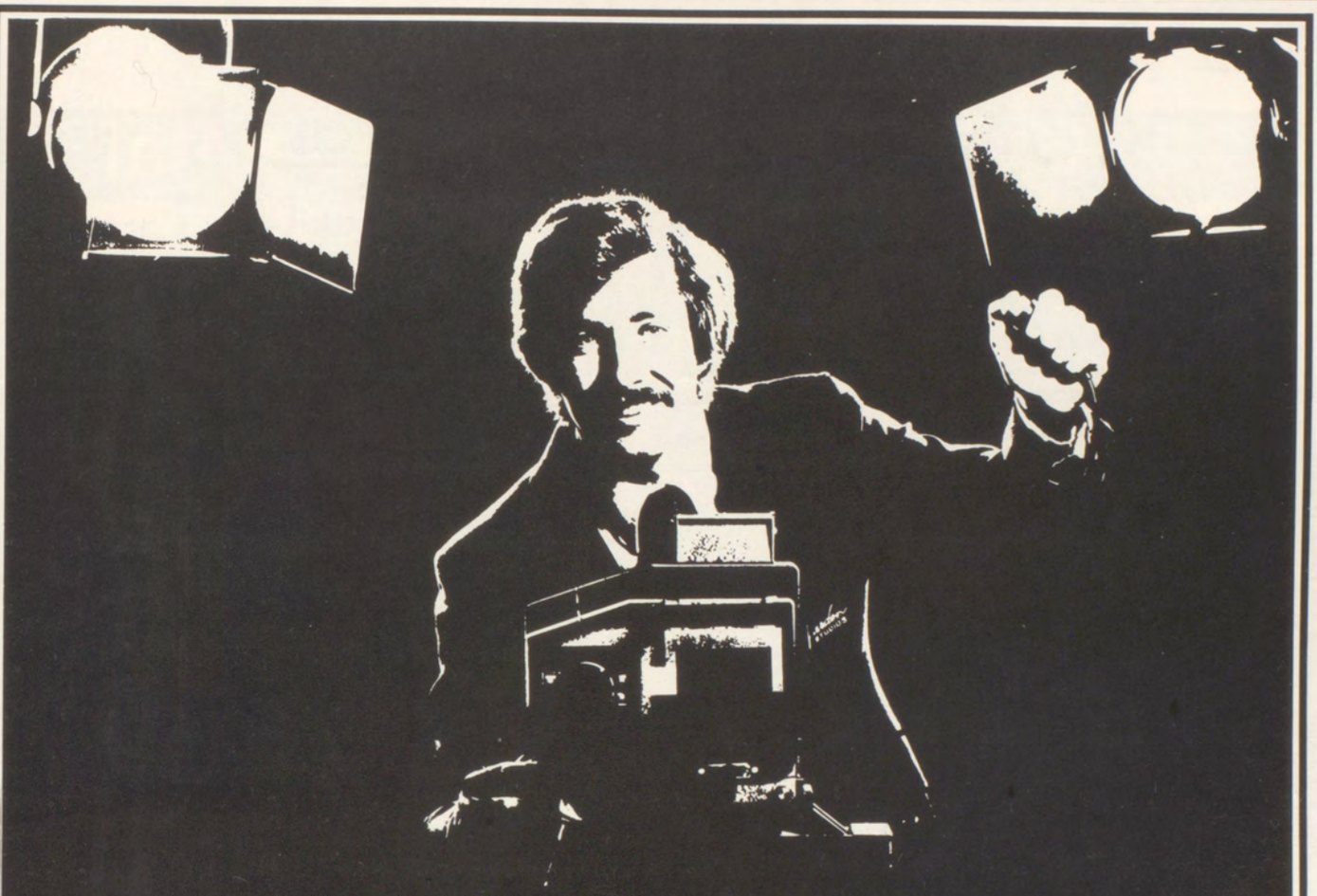

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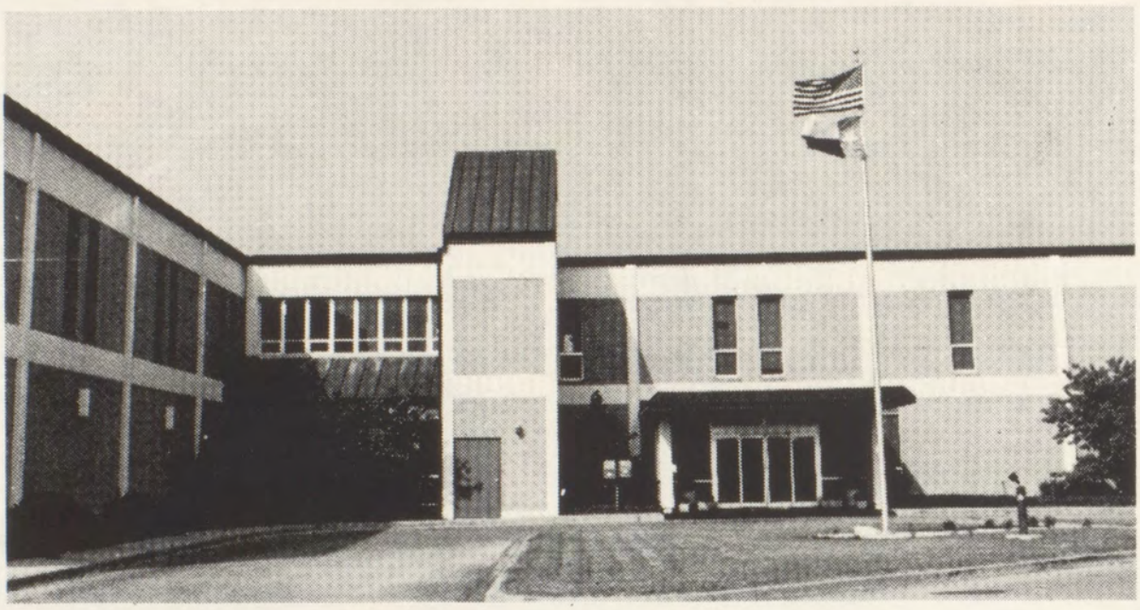

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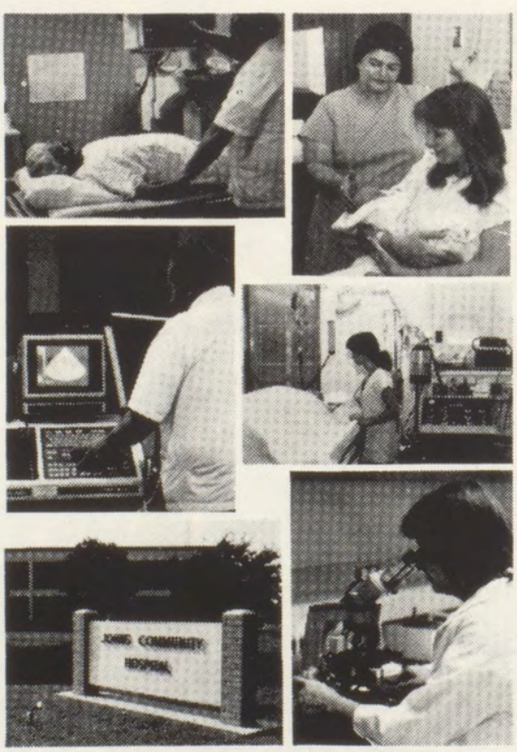

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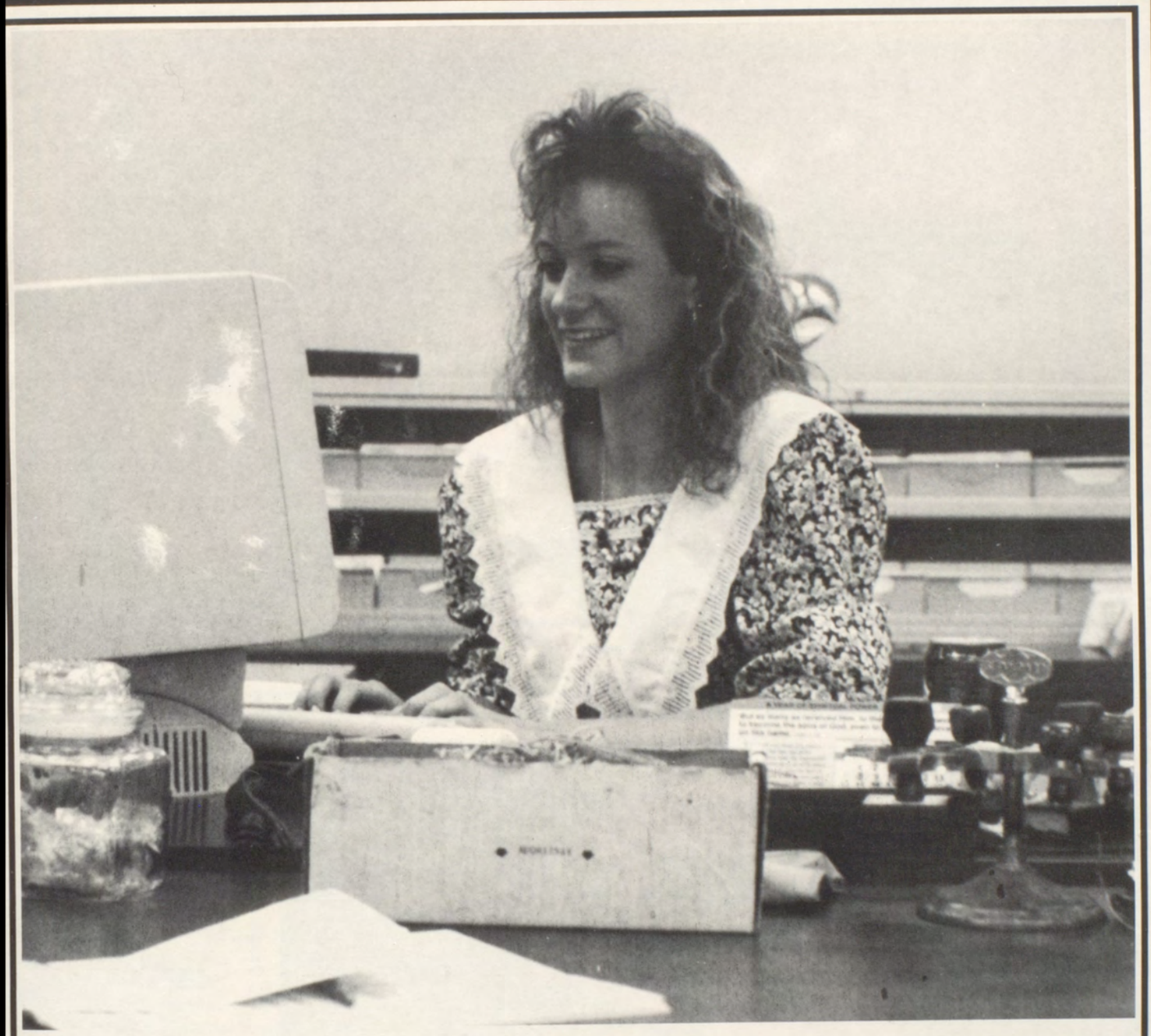

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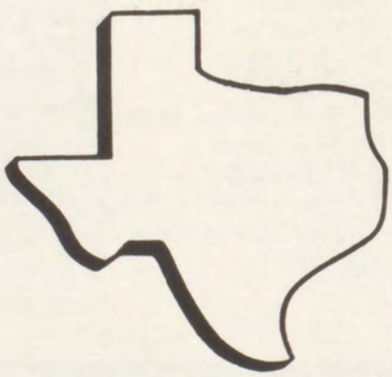

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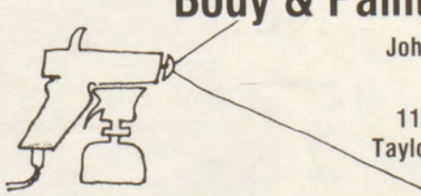

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Last Reflections

So, this is it. The End. Finis. Boy, it came quickly. Now that it's over, I look back and remeber so much I wanted to do. I'm sure most of my friends felt the same way at graduation. Sure, it was nice thinking I finally made it through all those courses and teachers, but in reality, I was a bit apprehensive about the future. At least before, I had kind of known what to expect. Oh well, I am looking forward to the future and all those new experiences. After all, the world is mine. I can become whatever I choose. You know, this is kind of nice; the idea that I am the creator of my future. And, after all, I know that I have had good training and that someone cared about me. I shall always look back happily on those days and carry their memory with me always. It won't be the place I'll miss. A place is just a place. But the people, I will miss.

See you around.

Waiting for the bell, Barbara Brueckner and Carl Larson show their different reactions to coming to school in the morning.





Taking a team picture, Gerald Anderson, Kim Winkler, Aaron Schoenrock, Stephanie Martin, Erin Ruthevan, LaTonya Ephraim and Wade Krueger pose during a leadership picnic. Teams were picked to compete at games and contests.



Don't forget Rivera's! Solomon Olivarez and Sharon Rosipal eat at Rivera's during lunch. It was the most popular eating place for students during the school year.





Rushing before the bell rings, Gerald Wright gets some books for his next class.

We Made a Splash.



