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Determination. It's the secret of success.
We saw it everywhere. Louisa Bias, the mother of the late Len Bias, told us about determination when she spoke of her fight to help "all her babies."
Barry Spanjaard spoke of his determination when he described the life of Holocaust camps.
The Career speakers, like Robert Stanton and Rosie Gonzalez, spoke about determination in setting goals for careers and sticking to them.
From actress Cher to tennis player Steffi Graf, we saw determination beat the odds, and the right attitude lead to success. Who would have expected it?
They say that the secret to success is persistence, and we've got a lot of persistence. Think about some of the events of the year.
We saw more participation in UIL events than seen in recent years, and many people placed in academic and athletic events, including Academic Decathlon, which is still relatively new to the school.
When other teams had forgotten the power of the varisty basketball team, they pulled a stunning win against Calallen, upsetting the district race.
Seniors Jason Lynum and Jack Jackson's persistence paid off as the two were named National Merit Semi-Finalists.
It was a year of changes: the first music department banquet, attended by over 350 people; more participation in community service projects, like the Christmas Angels, and winners like senior Liz Garcia at state track finals and Jennifer Jackson and Irma Lee at district tennis competition. circumstances.
With persistence and determination, anything seems possible.
SCYPHOMORE LARRY ROSAS hits a free throw during a junior varsity basketball game. The team played Calallen at home.

JEANNE CANTWELL AND CAROLYN FISH talk after a football game at Calallen. Cantwell’s son Will attended Calallen High School and played varsity football.

FEELING THE EFFECTS of “toxic chemical fumes,” sophomore Diana Price plays her role in the Mock Disaster Drill staged by Beeville Emergency Medical teams.

SENIOR TRACEY HELLER joins friends at the video area during graduation practice. The practice occurred the Saturday morning of the event.
THE SENIORS join hands for the Alma Mater at the final football pep rally for Senior Day. Traditionally, seniors join the football team on the stage for final moments after the battle Cry.

SENIOR BRIAN SPIKES looks at literature for Rice County College. Brian decided to go into the armed services.

BETH SHEP'S students join her for a Halloween costume party. The party included favors and games such as bobbing for apples.

SENIOR JAMES LANG works at McDonalds. Many of the business in town employed students through Distributive and Vocational Education programs.
FIRE DEPARTMENT members carry drama students into the ambulance during the Mock Disaster Drill. During the fake "disaster," a chemical truck collided with a bus full of students.

PARENTS watch the varsity basketball game at Houl Hall. Many of the players' families travelled to out-of-town games, such as this one.

TEEN PLAYERS choose ice cream from the ice cream truck at district tennis competition. Irene Lee and Jennifer Jackson placed at district tennis in doubles.

Cissy Dela Garza's brother shows his Trojan spirit at the final football game. The Trojans lost to Cibilo away from home.
SENIORS BELINDA OLIVARES AND MELISSA TORRES take advantage of the Bee County College Day program. The seniors learned about programs and scholarships the college offered.

DINO GUZMÁN AND ANDREA FUENTES complete a homework assignment in the library. Students used the library as a place to study and finish research and book reports.

BENJIE BLEW AND DARYL BEASLY talk during a break at Career Day, which offered chances to explore fields such as journalism, engineering, and, in this case, the armed forces.

RIAN GAONA completes work in the TEAM class. The class was held in the cafeteria due to overcrowding.

AS PART OF SECRET PALS, Kiko García offers Paula Dally a year-end gift of a wooden apple. The program matched Student Council members with teachers for holiday gifts.
BARRY SPANJRAARD, a Holocaust survivor, speaks to English classes in the hall. Spanjraard was invited by English teacher Eunice Bormensch. Grades Harrison.

A JOURNALIST from the Houston Post speaks at an assembly during Career Day. The journalists were delayed for almost two hours due to poor flying weather.

TEACHER KAREN MC GILLIKIN hands Principal Gerald Beyers food during a "Fat Friday." During Fat Fridays, teachers provided food for birthdays and celebrations.
Student Life Shows Student Success

High school is more than just classes. It's a chance to share and learn with your friends. From Western Week to graduation night, we learned how A C Jones was going to make a difference in our future, and it wasn't always because of our algebra class.

Our school life made this year a success. Western Week, Lorise Bias and the senior prom made this year memorable for all students. Memories are what success is all about, too.
Getting It Together
When You Don't Know Where You Put It

Getting ready for school or for fun can be a challenge for students that can't seem to get up in the morning.

How hard it is to get up seems to be related to how early most students set the alarm.

Most students wake up between 6 and 7 a.m. The snooze button may be hit as many as five times.

Rosalyn Barefield said, "I hit the snooze button about five times. I can't ever seem to get up." As for Ben Woods, he doesn't even think about the snooze button.

Usually if the alarm clock doesn't wake you up, that familiar voice floats up the stairs, said John Beltran. That voice, of course, is the infamous woman we all know: "Our Mom!"

Mothers, however, may not be morning people, either. Linda McKay, homemaking teacher, said, "My husband or daughters wake me up."

How do most students get themselves up and ready for school? They think about that girl or guy in Algebra or PE class. "To actually get out of bed, I have to think of the girls I'm going to see during the day," Beltran said. "Otherwise it's back to sleep."

"I just think about more sleep," Lupe Gonzales said.

The first thing to be done after stumbling out of bed is either washing up or getting dressed.

"I don't have any problems getting ready because when I hear the alarm clock, I just get up," freshman Kayla Thomas said. "It only takes me an hour to get dressed."

Some people don't take long at all. Tina Lerezo swears that sister Sonia takes only "fifteen minutes in the bathroom, twenty at tops."

As you can see waking up early is just something that a person has to deal with. Patricia Delos Santos

SENior BETSY SHAAR gets ready for a "night out with the girls" at the Senior Prom. She uses her makeup trick to avoid smudging her mascara.
SACING OUT ON THE BUS,
Carmina Longoria catches during a
journalism competition. Longoria
was an award winner at two major
contests.

FRESHMAN Sandra Laredo applies
makeup before school. Laredo takes
every fifteen minutes in the bathroom
each morning.

HELPING WITH HAIR, Allaine
Martinez helps Betsey Shaw prepare
for prom. "The girls attended the
prom in a manner they called
"solo."

BURIED BENEATH THE COVERS,
senior Michael Stauffer takes a few
extra minutes before heading to the
kitchen for breakfast. B. Stauffer

Getting Ready 11
When You've Got It, You Flaunt It For Everyone To See

YOUR PALMS ARE SWEATY, and your stomach is in knots. Maybe you're standing in front of the student body, ready to execute a cheer. You may be in the band hall, ready for chair tryouts. Perhaps you simply have a sheet of paper in front of you, ready to compete in district academic competition.

Everyone competes, whether it's for grades, a team win or a place in the All-State Choir. Competition takes an attitude of mental toughness, though, a willingness to go the extra mile and keep a positive attitude.

"When you go into competition, you act like you know what you're doing," All-State choir member James Martinez said. "You act like you're the best they're going to hear all day. You have to sell yourself. If you believe it, they'll believe it."

Senior DECA member Becky Merritt qualified for national competition in Salt Lake City, which involved role playing exercises and a written test. "The first year I competed, I was nervous," Merritt said, "but after that I knew what to expect. I didn't know the judges, and I knew I'd never see them again."

"I felt pretty good about competing," senior John Webb said. "I thought the UIL Number Sense test was too easy. That's what had me worried." The Number Sense test involved answering 80 math problems in 10 minutes without scratch paper. Webb answered approximately 30 and placed fourth.

Different types of competition can change a student's attitude. "I love playing ensembles," senior band member Renee Saenz said, "but I'm not too crazy about doing solos. The band people can be so competitive, and I'm just not the competitive type."

Talented students competed academically and athletically through contests and competitions. Although they didn't always win, they always made the effort.
THE DASTARDLY MONROE MUGGATROID
Taco Morgan tries to sweep Sweet Nelfie Lyz
Lamest off her feet in the melodrama "Dirty
Work at the Comedina."

PART OF A DUO: CHELLI EKNAUS performs
a dance routine to "Hotze" by the Pet Shop
Boys in the Fine Arts Showcase, which include
singing, dancing and drama.

KERRI MCKAY practices with choir director
Dan Zifflely. McKay was a region choir
member and received an "excellent" rating at
state solo and ensemble.

COMPETING IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS,
James Miletic is awarded his gold medal.
Miletich was one of five medal winners who
competed in the spring. L. Martinez

VOTED "MOST TALENTED" in the senior
class, Anna DeJoye performs a solo at
halftime. DeJoye received a superior rating
at state centrini.
When You Strive To Do Your Very Best In Class

YOU’VE TRIED the kitchen, the library and your friend’s car, right before the bell. When will you ever learn how to study?

Many students choose the library as the place to study. “It’s too noisy out on the patio,” junior Michael Chapa said. “The library’s quiet.”

The library can be extremely crowded during research papers, though. Library Assistant Cindy Rodriguez estimates that 350 students use the library each day during the heavier English assignments.

“Many students have group study for classes here,” Rodriguez said. “A couple of girls came in every day to read and discuss English assignments before class.”

Chapa may use the library, but he does admit, though, that he has crammed for a test during earlier classes. Studying at home “depends on what I have,” he said. “I may spend an hour a subject if it’s tough.”

Studying at home may occur in a variety of ways. “I study at home as long as there’s music playing,” sophomore Donald Gilstrap said. He said he may spend a half hour per subject.

Freshman Brenda Downes said she studies in a band hall practice room, while freshman Shane Clark can study “anywhere quiet.” Senior Benny Rodríguez said he studied in his car, and senior Lawrence Carranco said he had to be “locked in his room” to crack the books.

Some students admit that they don’t study at all. Freshman Tony Shaar said he didn’t study because his courses “just haven’t gotten tough enough yet.”

Many teachers worry that students are not using their time effectively. “My test results tell me that students don’t know how to study,” English teacher Dee Clark said. English teacher Dori King agreed and added that a study skills class would be a definite asset to the curriculum.
ERNEST LOYA consults a book in the library. Most English classes required a research project, and all students were required to cite sources for the projects and reports in classes. B. Staufer

SOPHOMORE TROY TURNER catches up on homework inside a locker bay. Many students have finished late assignments or forgotten book reports while waiting for the first bell to ring. The library was often full before school and during lunch. B. Staufer

WRITING THE SENIOR RESEARCH PAPER can be frustrating, the most difficult Senior English task. Many students spend hours in the library researching and rewriting. The librarians and volunteers offered evening library hours for all students. B. Staufer

LUNCH CAN PROVIDE an opportunity to socialize, or a chance to cram for a test in your next class. These students take the opportunity to finish an English assignment in the cafeteria during "B" lunch.
Finding a Style
All Your Own
In the Crowd

When it came to fashions, it was up to the individual, because so many had a style all their own.

This was a year for changes, especially in fashion. For one thing, you could certainly say "Black was back." Everybody who was anybody was wearing black. Black emphasized the the classy, trendier look for 1987-88 school year. The girls were looking for the more sophisticated look with men's suit jackets, silk scarfs and broaches to enhance their look.

Guys were into a casual look, which included the baggy jeans, such as Bugle Boy, Guess jeans or the ever tradition 501's. "More guys developed their individual styles and wore what they wanted to wear and not what everybody wanted them to wear," freshman Rubin Gonzales said.

"I cared about what I wore, but it was for myself. I wasn't out to please anyone else," junior Joe Gonzales said.

As for the hairstyles, they also changed. The girls went for the "full look." Many of the girls had perms. Long hair was in. Everybody was growing their hair out and the contest seemed to be "who could get their hair to be the fullest and still fit through the door," said Melyssa Zambrano.

As for the guys hair fashion, it was cutting their hair into short flat tops. "Flat tops came in because of football. Then it really started getting popular with all the guys," Danny Olivares said.

"My hair has always been the same except when I decided to bleach the sides of my hair. Otherwise I just go with the flow," said junior Thomas Fontenot.

So to the fashions, we say: Be your own person. Your fashions statement is one that only you can make. Jennifer Ramirez and Corinna Lengoria.
THE ATTIRE was casual for the graduation practices Saturday morning. Since the run-through was not regulated by the dress code, senior Laslie Chanter dressed in jeans and a T-shirt for the event.

SENIOR KELLY SOWELL and JUNIOR MICHELLE MARTINEZ, wearing the latest in trendy sunglasses, wait for rides at lunch. Swatch watches and fashion purses were also popular.

THE GRADUATION DANCE offered students the chance to show off their finest attire. Satin and short skirts were popular for females, while males were more conservative.

SOPHOMORE Dawn Romensbach arrives at the graduation ceremony. The ceremony, attended by family and friends, demanded attire more formal than regular school clothes.
When It's Time
To Let
The Good
Times Roll

Many people have different ideas about what a good party takes, but most agree that friends and music are a good start.

GOOD FRIENDS AND A GOOD TIME. At parties, we expect to have a great time, meet new people and relax with friends. It's a time to get away from school and work.

Some parties are more memorable than others. One student said that Spring Break was the best party. "We had a great time, meeting people from out of town. We sat around a campfire roasting marshmallows and getting a tan," she said.

Others kept the parties closer to home. "The best party I've ever been at was here three weeks ago," freshman Conrina Longoria said. "There a lot of people there, and a lot of guys."

For a good party, sophomore Rhea Jones looks for good dance music, lots of food, and his girlfriend at his side. "I haven't seen any really good parties in a while," Jones said.

Some ingredients are important for a good party. Students suggested having the party out in the country or on the beach. Others said any party with loud music and a lot of people would be a success.

"To make a party fun, I think I'd have a swimming pool and lots of people to talk to," Brian Evans said. "I would invite lots of people, have lots of food, maybe barbeque," Laurie Landin said. "We would have good music with lots of neat lights."

Landin said dancing, eating, laughing, playing games, door prizes and a well-decorated place make a party better. Chris McGraw said he enjoyed "talking to new people you haven't met before."

Talking about old times makes a party fun for Norma Jean Cruz. "I'd like to invite people who like to have fun," she said.

For many students, alcohol is not necessary for a good time. "I don't drink," Landin said. "There's no fun in getting busted at a party."
CHELSEA TAYLOR talks to senior Dee Evers, who invited her to the grad homecoming dance. "I wondered what the new year would be like without her," Taylor said.

Z-95's DANCING DALE works the crowd at the Homecoming Dance. Most students attended the event dressed casually.

JASON LYNUM leads a skit for the crowd at the music department banquet. Lynum was the winner of the Symphonic Band Award. / Lyrum

AS LEADER OF THE BAND, Craig Terry makes sure rehearsal runs smoothly with his various players of the Musical Notes. / Scott
When Your Best Times Are Right Here At Home

School events, even though we take them for granted, play an important role in the success of the school year. Few students will ever forget the stirring words of Lonise Bias, the thrill of the spirit stick at the pep rally or the pride of recognition at the banquets.

The assemblies proved to be an essential part of the year. Both Barry Spanjaard and Lonise Bias provided insight and wisdom to their audiences.

Bias' mission revolved around self-esteem and helping students recognize that drugs and sex are senseless. "As long as my babies need me, I'll be there to help," she said.

Spanjaard also offered insight into the senselessness of the Holocaust. "I'm here to inform you of what happened to me and millions of Jews so that it will not happen again," he said. Who could not help but be moved?

We also participated in Career Day, an event that sets the high school apart from many others in the state. The Career Day offered insight into careers in such diverse fields as banking and journalism, as well as engineering and military service.

Not that all of our school events were serious. Who could forget the Halloween costume contest, or the teachers who patrolled the hallways in costumes such as bats, witches, Aggies and bag ladies? It showed us a side of our teachers we never expected.

Spirit days and pep rallies also recognized the unusual, especially in the skills and contests. Cheerleaders and Student Council offered us a chance to find our way and to find "Mr. Irresistible."

With year's end, we were able to enjoy the banquets and celebrations of our various organizations. The music department banquet was a first. The Awards Night provided recognition for the achievements of students. Melysa Zambrano.
JERRY HUCKMAN leads the
students in their rendition of "He's So Fine" for the crowd at Annual
Entertainment. G. Harrison

SHOWING HER LONGBORN SPIRIT: Akhrum Gneiss Soffer wins
the Halloween costume contest dressed as a backward Aggie.

RICARDO JIMENEZ and Roland
Salazar enjoy the food at the annual
Spanish food festival, where
dishes, sippers, and tacos are
served.

THE SENIORS greet the teachers at
the volleyball net after a close
match. The teachers and seniors
split the games in the annual match.

ROSE GONZALES reminds the
students that they need to
concentrate on setting goals for the
future. Gonzales, a graduate, was a
speaker for Career Day.
The Trojans Explode
With Good Spirits

Although students were always willing to get crazy, the teachers were the big surprise, adding their efforts for the sake of school spirit.

One group that appeared again and again were the teachers. As many of the photos show, the teachers were willing to show their spirit in a variety of ways, from pep rallies to costume contests to skills.

Teachers joined in the fun by dressing up as cheerleaders and doing the infamous ‘duck dance,’ which required skill, energy, and a lack of inhibitions. “I did it because I think it’s good for teachers to get involved,” Eunice Bomenbach said.

Many students took pep rallies as a chance to back their own class. “The upcoming seniors have the most spirit,” junior Christal Lazenby said. “We’ve taken on the seniors at quite a few pep rallies, and I think we’re pretty friendly.”

Senior mascot Betsy Shaar said she didn’t think the classes had enough spirit. “People weren’t excited enough. Of course, on the sidelines, I gave them something to look at. You’ve got to embarrass them, make them want to go home,” Shaar said. Bridget Stauffer.
ADDING TO THE EXCITEMENT, Enice Bannenbach makes her appearance as a duck. She said that participation is an important part of being a teacher.

JRNIOR VARSITY basketball players Paul Siwick and Cheta Gomez cheer the varsity at Home Ruffle. The varsity unfortunately lost the game.

CHARLOTTE SHEPHERD participates in the Halloween costume contest in her rendition of a witch. She won the teachers' category.

A BLINDFOLDED GRACIE SOLIZ decorates Coach Mike Lucas with an assortment of lipstick, blush and eyeshadow during a pep rally.

ACTING AS A CHEERLEADER during the first pep rally, teacher Darlene Norrell participates in a cheer that centered around Paul Raves.
Keeping the Fun Close to Home For Your Free Time

Although it may seem we take a lot for granted, we'll have a lot to look forward to visiting here in the future.

LIKE MOST TOWNS, Beeville offers its share of local entertainment and events. Western Week is frequently recognized as an important local event, and Dies Y Siete offers us all a chance to share Spanish heritage.

How many of us haven't participated in watching the Miss Dies Y Siete pageant of visited the concerts or carnivals at the County Coliseum? Didn't we promise ourselves to stop eating after the first waffle cake at the booths and then eat some more? Weren't we all there when the Taylor Brothers played at Western Week? It was a chance to meet friends and neighbors. When we leave, it will be something to look forward to visiting.

Like some local towns, we have a decorated Christmas forest, a house tour, a local museum for art and some recognized landmarks. We also have our share of pastures and local ranches.

The name of Beeville is commonly recognized for a variety of reasons. We have a naval air base and a hunting ground. Nearby is a Vice President George Bush's house. We have weekend dances and a local Burger King. For many places we would be considered lucky.

But for those who are still skeptical, remember some of the good moments. The time you watched the Little League play basketball in the gym. The moment you marched in the Western Week parade or rode a float as a sweetheart or beau of a high school organization.

It may be small, but it is our home. Here's to the moments in the future when we can look back on Beeville and its many events that made it special.

AS A MEMBER OF THE cheer squad, Kersti Hoover marches through downtown at the Western Week parade. Hoover was picked to join the drill team.
KEEPING AN EYE on Tracey Eber, junior Susie Vera initiates a cheer for students at an April cheerleading clinic. The future cheerleaders also learned a routine.

THE GYM offered the Boys' Club an opportunity to compete in special basketball games. Competing teams of the Little Dribblers took the court.

THEATER ARTS students offered their talents for the mock disaster drill for emergency technicians. The "victims" were taken to various "accident" sites. D. Lamachan

PAULA BERNSEN and friend participate in the CRD walk, a walk through the community. The walk, sponsored by many churches, benefited the hungry. C. Harrison.
Support From the Home Front For All You Do

Parents can be your best support during the good times and the bad. Although you may suffer cares and restrictions, parents can also take away the rough edges of high school.

Parents can provide support during good times, such as the Senior Prom. Elizabeth Shaar said that she offers Betsy and friends “a shoulder to cry on.”

Parents can be an important part of any student’s success. Encouragement from home can make your time at school a lot easier.

Sherri and John Webb attended cross country meets and varsity basketball games, often out of town. “It means a lot to me,” senior John Webb said. “More than anything, it makes me try harder.”

Parents also offer emotional support. “I think I’ve been a good shoulder to lean on through the good and the bad,” Linda Shaar, mother of Mascot Betsy Shaar, said. “I’ve always encouraged Betsy to have confidence in herself.”

“If they hadn’t supported me, I don’t think I would have been involved at all,” senior Ky McKay said. “They’ve had to drive me place, attend a lot of activities … It hasn’t been easy all the time.”

“I think students like their parents there,” Linda McKay said. “I think it shows that they’re important to you.”

Parents are conscious of supporting academic activities as well as athletic or extra-curricular activities. "We did everything we could to support Stewart academically," Al Adair said. "We encouraged him in his courses and his outside activities." Stewart was an athlete, as well as a DECA member.

Ina Garcia supported her daughter Lori by attending track meets, but she considers every activity important. "I supported her 100 percent in each one. A parent’s attitude is important in the child's success," she said. "I wish parents could see the importance of being there."

Many students also had parents who worked at the high school. "It is much easier to support them when you’re right there with them," counselor Buddy Lynum said. "I didn’t see them any more than any other student, though."

Lynum, a former coach, can appreciate a parent’s presence at an event. "You don’t have a lot of representation at a tennis match," he said. "The kids loved it when parents would go."
BOoster club parents of varsity players Stewart Adams, Regan Scott, Gary Brooke, and John Webb attended the Fluar Bluff basketball game and other out-of-town games. The Booster Club decorated the gym for basketball season and sponsored a football allegame dance.

Board member Arnette Jackson hands a diploma to her son Jack Jackson, Jack, a medal-winning member of the Academic Decathlon team and a National Meet Finalist, was also valedictorian. He plans to attend UT.

For all families, graduation is a time for pictures. Relatives crowded around the Bee County Coliseum and arena, hoping for pictures of the sessions as they received their high school diplomas.

Junior varsity football mothers traveled to Cuero to watch the first football game of the season. Many parents thought nothing of long trips to watch their sons or daughters compete in various athletic events.

T. Loreda
Working You're Working For A Living

WORKING THIS YEAR was pretty hectic for me. Although I hate going back and thinking about it, I can say it was, at times, pretty miserable.

Take a typical evening. I usually didn't get out of Payless until late, and, as a result, I had little time to study, not to mention the ever-important sleep. My dad had to pull the sheets off the bed to get me up in the mornings!

Those of you who work probably understand the Second Period Crash, too. You're revving during that first hour, and then someone pulls the plug. You're thinking about sleeping on that nice, comfortable desk. You lean back, and, boom, you're out.

Of course, if you've had enough sleep, you're probably busy working on that algebra homework due next period. It's a no-win situation.

Of course, working and going to school does have its benefits. Working seemed to motivate me to work a little bit harder. If I could work on the job, maybe I could actually work a little on finishing that history.

Working also gives you a certain type of responsibility. Nothing's being handed out to me, so I'm more concerned about how I spend money. Not that I'm that much smarter, just more concerned. I'm an actual part of supporting myself.

The money is the best part. You can tell yourself, "I earned that!" Although some people quit their jobs because of school pressures, I think it's important to hang in there for both. You learn a lot about responsibility, and a lot about yourself.

Frank Guerrero
WAL MART was one employer for distributive education students. Students worked afternoons and evenings for credit.

STUDENTS attended a meeting to sell vacuum cleaners. Although not extremely popular, some students do sell items door to door.

LAURIE SMITH checks out customers at Stanleys. An Employee of the Month, Smith was a DECA member. D. Lemmon

EDDIE MALDONADO stocks the coolers at Stanleys. Other grocery stores which employ student help include Super S and HEB.
Fundraising Provides
for
Trips, Expenses

Fundraising could be considered a necessary evil for most organizations. To take trips or pay for expenses, many organizations contributed time and effort for money.

Choir members who attended Six Flags raised money by selling sausage, candy and other items. "Other choirs raised a lot of money to go, but I don't think our choir raised a lot," Chelsea Zimpel said.

Thespians sold popcorn and senior t-shirts with the list of the seniors. "We use our profits for all sorts of things," sponsor Cindi Allen said. "We use it to buy costumes and pay for sets and to pay for transportation and convention fees for the Thespian conferences."

Most of the organizations, including the junior class, will sponsor one of the varsity concession stands. Most organizations, such as FHA or DECA, are raising money for conventions and competitions.

Cheerleaders claim that, for the most part, they pay their own expenses. "We have fundraisers like the cheerleading clinic, but we pay most of our own costs," Roxanne Ramirez said. "After camp and our outfits and our football players, it does end up costing a lot."

The junior class must raise funds for the Senior Prom. "We've sold key chains and glasses," junior class president Chasid Lazenby said. "We had a bake sale, and parents donated funds. We have a lot of the juniors involved."

Many Key Club members claim that the barbeque fundraiser is their favorite event. "I really enjoy it," sophomore Shannon Finke said. "We have a good time together."

Sometimes fundraisers are successful, and at other times they are not. "We made good money off of the concession stand because of position of the varsity football game, but we didn't make a whole lot of money off of the t-shirts. I'm not sure why. I think the popcorn sold because it smelled so good."

So when you pick up that FHA cookie, or buy that pickle at the concession stand, or buy that senior t-shirt, you're helping someone succeed.
JOE GONZALES and Martha Maley handle the concession stand for the baseball game at ECC. FCA handled all baseball concessions.

MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S sell barbecue for their youth activities. Many students raised funds for outside activities, too.

DECA members wait for students to pick up their dating survey. DECA also handled the popcorn stand at football games.

ANGIE NELSON and Tony Ferguson held a bake sale for FCA. FCA was raising funds for Mrs. Landau Blair's visit.
Thank You For Being A Real Friend

When you care enough to give your very best — that's when you find time for friends. Friends help you through the good times and the bad.

She was about to leave town for college, perhaps never to see her friends again. A couple of days before she left, two accolades cruised by to pick her up and head out for dinner. "Meredith and Tracey made dinner, and we sat out on the balcony at Meredith's ranch," senior Betsy Shaar said. "We could see all the way to Corpus Christi. We were sitting there, talking and laughing about junior high, and it was really special."

Friends offered a chance to relax and have a good time. "They helped me loosen up the last semester and enjoy the last four or five months of school," senior Scott Streitman said. "We got together over the Christmas break to study for McTee's final, and we sat around and talked. It helped me realize that the time I spent with my friends was important," he said.

Friends are a way to let off steam. "I'd be bored without them," sophomore Tammy Young said. "We discuss all our common problems — parents, boys . . ."

"They're the ones there to support you," sophomore Jennifer Ramirez said. "They're there when you get into trouble."

Even an older sister can be a friend at times. "Ky will keep me on my work," freshman Kerri McKay said. "She pushes me along, and I'm always glad later."

"When I look for a friend, I like people that laugh," Shaar said. "Of course, I look for the usual qualities: loyalty, dependability, and no fakiness. We have a tendency to get crazy together, like throwing all my clothes off a balcony. I won't forget things like that," she said.
DEE ERVINSE siècle to help Charron Crisp unlash her watch chain before the graduation ceremony. "The two seniors had been friends for two years."

THE GRADUATION DANCE provided a place for friends to meet and celebrate the seniors' graduation. Graduates invited friends to the Coliseum dance by invitation only.

THE LEDGE OUTSIDE the sophomore locker bay offered many students the opportunity, like Lawrence and Gayle, to share notes and advice.

CHRISTAL LAZENBY and Tracey Filer share a moment during the graduation rehearsal. Christal, as junior class president, acted as usher for the program.

LISA TEGO and Lori Garza share a funny moment during Tego's slumber party. Tego invited friends to her summer birthday party.
Homecoming Sets Trojan Explosion

HOMECOMING WEEK set off a Trojan Explosion of spirit, including a decisive defeat of Tuloso-Midway in a hard-fought game. The week started with window painting downtown and included the stadium bonfire on Thursday night. The week was filled with activities, including Western Week, which occurred the same week. Organizations volunteered their time to help. The Student Council added to the week by painting car windows and tabulating the Homecoming Court votes. The drill team and band made special efforts with halftime.

The finale, the crowning of the Homecoming Court, included the crown of senior Allison Martinez as Homecoming Queen. The Homecoming Dance was held in the gym after the game.

FRESHMAN TEAM COACH CHARLES RUTH stands on the sidelines during a tough play. The game ended in a 27-10 Trojan victory. (Tina Lardiz)

SENIOR COURT NOMINEES stand in the stadium before the kickoff. All had been a member of a court in previous years. Head Cheerleader Tracy Ellis said that being a member of the court "made the year special." T. Ellis

FANS VIEW the clash from the sidelines. From the kickoff, the Trojans dominated the game with a strong defense. "I think the team worked well together," senior Tim Almas said. K. Maxver

SENIOR DRUM MAJOR Ky McKay holds the cymbal as sophomore Robin McWhorter and junior Kenny Boyer perform a drum cadence. The band performed a special halftime show for the audience. D. Onia
STUDENTS AND PARENTS crowd the junior stands during the Homecoming pep rally. Spirit includedthrowing confetti and screaming through the megaphones.

SOPHOMORES decorate the locker bay for the spirit competitions. The sophomore class officers coordinated the decorations for the lockers and hallway. L. Trejo

JUNIOR Mary Yanguille and the drill team perform at the Homecoming pep rally. Senior Lora Lee Smith said, "The drill team put in lots of time and effort, and it paid off."

DRUM MAJOR Ky McKay directs the band outside the stadium before the night bonfire. Participating in the bonfire is a traditional event for the 150 member band.

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN Cory Brekke pints Head Cheerleader Tracy Eder at the Homecoming pep rally. The team presented the varsity squad with mums. M. San Miguel

"Homecoming went pretty well. I think this year was more exciting because everyone participated and showed a lot of spirit." Sophomore Tommy Perez

"I think it was great that we won. Even though I was hurt on the sidelines, I was behind our team all the way."
Sophomore Chris Graeze
THE TROJANS make a gain on Tuloso-Midway. "It was good to see loyal fans support the team throughout the season, win or lose," senior Steven McBeayer said. K. Mezuer.

SOPHOMORE Jennifer Ramirez pine up streamers for fall decorations. Ramirez, sophomore class president, was also a junior varsity cheerleader. L. Ytojo.
Homecomings of the Past Offer Special Memories

Homecoming, for all schools, offers very special traditions. It is a moment when alumnas and students come together to celebrate the uniqueness of A C Jones High School. The tradition has changed, although the spirit has not. For instance, few graduates during the war years remember the Homecoming Court or Queen. "I think the big deal for us was the Annual Presentation," Jackie Krueger said. "We really didn't celebrate Homecoming so much."

Her brother, who graduated a decade later, remembers differently. "I remember the Homecoming Court and the Queen,"

Johnnie Hirst said. Hirst was a graduate of the late '50s.

Past yearbooks offer few clues to the traditions of Homecoming. Krueger, for instance, remembers the bonfire. Rose Cook, a graduate of the 1960s, remembers the court riding around the track on the hoods of convertibles, except "we really didn't have the whole track there. We only had the track in front of the home stands."

Of more recent note, the Homecoming of 1982 offered a spirit week which included an Orange Chip day, a mock funeral, the band marching through the halls to the strains of the fight song, and the bonfire and the dance, which was held at the Coliseum.

Spirit Week was in full force during the 1983 season, as students recognized Punk Day, '50s Day, Crazy Day, Lazy Day (complete with bathrobes and slippers) and Color Day.

Recent years have also offered students the chance to break barriers. With the 1986 season, we elected the first black Homecoming Queen, Connie Green. We added that to the many traditions that we still celebrate — the bonfire, pep rallies, spirit week and festivities that have always made Homecoming special.

“I felt the Homecoming week of ’87 was very exciting. For Key Club, we painted the town with our Trojan spirit. "Then, in football, each day of practice grew more intense. Everybody on the team wanted to beat Tulsos-Midway. We felt if we won, it would top off the week.”

Cory Brooke
Key Club President
Football Quarterback
Riding the cars into the stadium was fun. On the field, I was so nervous. All I could think was, "Is Jim (Smejkal) going to step on my dress?" or "Am I going to fall in these heels?" - Assenet Gonzales

I thought the whole evening was a lot of fun. The best part of Homecoming is being able to represent my class my senior year. Being part of the Court meant a lot to me." - Margareti Valdez

GALLOWAY PHOTOGRAPHY provided a variety of photographs for the Homecoming dance. Couples arrived under the arch to have their photograph taken. J. Rilanda

DRUMMER Kenny Boyer plays a cadence during the Homecoming game. The drummers attended a summer camp to prepare for football season. D. Ortiz

SENIOR Allison Martinez is crowned Homecoming Queen. "This was special because I was so close to all my friends this year," Martinez said. D. Ortiz

SENIORS Colin Short and Mystic Smith dance to the music of Z-93. Mike Rodriguez, a Treston graduate, was the disc jockey for the event. M. San Miguel

Homecoming is a special time at AC Jones, and everyone on the drill team had a great time being part of it. It's always a special time on campus. We're looking to an even bigger celebration next year." - Amy Streitman

The game was intense, just like it always is at Homecoming. I felt we really deserved to win in the end, and it was the highlight of the whole football season." - Terry Cock

"Since we hadn't had too many dances, there was really a crowd for Homecoming. The games were a lot of fun, and I enjoyed watching everybody get crazy." - Kathy Hanshaw

"I don't think Tuloso-Midway was expecting much from us. Watch out, Tuloso-Midway, you ain't seen spirit yet!" - Scotti Gray

"What I really remember is the football game. The crowd was really going wild near the end. The crowd was on its feet." - Hope Esparza

"I thought the bonfire was more spirited than it had been in the past. It meant a lot to me because you get closer to your friends when it's your senior year." - Allison Martinez
"Homecoming is important to me because everyone gathers together and gets down all night. It's like one big party, and I really enjoyed it." Jason Hardin

KEY CLUB members and cheerleaders painted the town using the Trojan colors to decorate windows of town businesses. C. Brooks

"Homecoming made the year more memorable. It was full of surprises, besides being a nerve-racking experience experience." Homecoming Court Member Shannon Finke

"I look forward to Homecoming because I think it is an enjoyable event that brings out the spirit in students, unlike any other school event." Monica Alaniz

TIM ALANIZ leads the Trojan varsity out of the gym after the Tuloso-Midway pep rally. Alaniz was named an All-District player for his work on the Trojan Squad. C. Brooks

MONICA BALDILLOZ prepares for the drill team halftime at Homecoming.

THE CHEERLEADERS make a traditional pyramid for the Homecoming pep rally. Mascot Betty Shaar stands behind the pyramid to catch Head Cheerleader Tracey Ester. C. Brooks

"It was a lot of things... thrilling, dazzling, colorful, and scary, too. I had sweaty palms and everything. You always worry if the other girls in the court will wear the same type or color of dress." Roxanne Salazar
TROJAN DEFENDERS make a powerful play during the kickoff. Fans were on their feet most of the game. K. Messer

FRESHMAN CLAUDIA ARLISOLA makes suggestions at drill team practice Homecoming week. Arlisola was named Freshman Princess of the Homecoming Court.

“Homecoming is a time when friends and alumni come together to express their school spirit and pride. It's always a special event for the school.” Dawn Bemersbach

“I look forward to Homecoming because it is a time when all of your friends, not to mention boyfriends, get closer together and just have a good time.” Darcy Long

ANGIE MOORE and Keri McKay sit in the stands during the Homecoming game. Socializing played a part in Homecoming as well as the football game.
Senior Court: Margaret Valdez, lady-in-waiting; Gracie Gonzales, lady-in-waiting; Meredith Wicker, lady-in-waiting; Allisen Martinez, Homecoming Queen; Asenjet Gonzalez, Princess; Tracey Etter, duchess.

Junior Court: Terri Gonzales, lady-in-waiting; Christal Lazenby, princess; Lori Garcia, lady-in-waiting; Susan Vara, duchess; Classy Dela Garza, lady-in-waiting.

Sophomore Court: Grey Lyn Prowse, lady-in-waiting; Laura May, lady-in-waiting; Shannon Finke, duchess; Jennifer Ramirez, princess; Roxanne Salazar, lady-in-waiting.

Freshman Court: Angela Olivares, lady-in-waiting; Wendy Gore, lady-in-waiting; Kayce Goynes, lady-in-waiting; Michelle Estrada, duchess; Claudia Arriola, princess.
Celebrating the Best of Times

"I WAS REALLY SCARED AND WORRIED," senior band president Renee Saenz said. "It was the first one we have ever done, but I thought that it gave some deserving recognition for people where they needed it."

Saenz was not talking about the requirements of graduation or a new marching show for contest. She's talking about the first Music Department Banquet, which included the recognition of seniors, good food, presentation of awards and an unforgettable parody of the music directors.

"We chose the Mexican fiesta theme, and I was very happy with it because it was easy to decorate," Rose Cook said. Cook and other Band Booster Club parents took proceeds from the region band tryouts to rent and decorate the Coliseum. The food was provided by band students, and the meat for the event was provided by the Booster Club.

The parodies were a definite highlight of the evening. "The skits were absolutely hysterical," band director Bill Cason said. "You would have to have been there."

According to all reports, entertainment included Craig "Carson" Terry, complete with skin cap, directing the band. James "Garcia" Martinez also joined the fun. Over 350 students and parents attended.

"I think it went very well," Cook said. "We're looking forward to repeating it next year."

The music department was not the only organization who had reason for celebrating. Organizations such as FFA and FHA have a long tradition of banquets. Top members and award winners are recognized at the events, and both banquets invite parents to attend the events. The sports department also provides a banquet, which recognizes its top athletes at the Athletic Banquet in May.

When it comes time to celebrating, it's obvious that the students know how to recognize the achievements.
MOTHERS GATHER for a photo session with the seniors at the graduation dance. The dance was sponsored by senior parents.

BAND DIRECTOR Bill Cason is overcome as he watches a "solo". Craig Terry leads a parody rehearsal of the band at the banquet. R. Soren

VOLLEYBALL COACH Pati Sorren presents the awards to her players at the Annual Athletic Banquet. Lenley Laechlin and Kelly Terwino were recognized at the event.

RAY BOMERSBACH is among the parents who volunteered to chaperone the prom. Sophomore daughter Daves was a server for the event.

BAND DIRECTOR Cason hugs Ronnie Saenz, the band president and the senior who suggested the possibility of a music department banquet. R. Soren
Twisting the Night Away With All Your Friends

Would you like to go back in time? How about “Twisting the Night Away” at the Junior-Senior Prom? Because of the junior spirit and an excellent band, the Junior-Senior Prom was considered a success.

“The Prom was a blast,” senior Dee Bernaise said. “I have to admit, the junior class is very, very energetic and full of spirit.” The juniors were in charge of raising funds and decorating for the prom theme.

“We sold key chains and glasses to prepare for the prom,” junior class president Christal Lazemby said. “We also had a bake sale, and parents donated money, too.” Over 30 volunteers put in a month and a half of preparation.

The band was also complimented. “The band was very good,” senior Azlee Hanson said. “I really enjoyed myself.”

Prom is a special time with friends, laughing, mingling, and dancing. You celebrate high school and the years ahead.

Along with dancing and visiting with friends, Ky McKay and Nieves Botello were crowned Prom Queen and King. “I was really excited about being crowned,” Botello said, “and after the excitement died down, I feel really good.”

Seniors and juniors alike admired the added touches of satins, tails, and limousines. After the prom, most attended private parties, breakfasts, and ate dinner at local restaurants.

“After Prom I dropped by Sonic for a burger before I went home,” senior Anna De Hoyos said.

“After the Prom, Sandra Arredondo and I went out to eat at the Golden Corral,” junior Juan Amaro said.

Students also cruised the streets and hit the beaches. “Before the Prom, we ate at the Country Club,” senior Bridget Stauffer said. “Afterward, we cruised to the beach.”

Mylissa Zambrano
SENIOR NIUVES BOTEILLO is
crowned Prom King. Boteille was
also a football player who was voted
Most Spiritful by the seniors. Prom
Queen was Ily McKay.

STEVEN WALLER and Jean Finch
take a break during the dance. Many
couples matched the color of their
costumes, hair and flowers for the
event.

MARLA MONTEZ and her date fill
out the forms for pictures at the
Prom. The theme of the decorations
was “Twirling the Night Away.”

RICHARD GALLOWAY poses
couples for the Prom pictures. The
decorations included record signers,
halloffers and a vintage jukebox.

ANDREA FUENTES and Ruby Loya
decorate for the event. Sponsor Ruth
Ashworth was in charge of
decorating the Coliseum.

JUNIOR MARY YZAGUIRRE and
date George Salazar dance at the
Prom. The music for the Prom was
provided by The System.
ANNA DE HOYOS was an outstanding band member who received the Semper Fidelis Award, as well as the Jazz Band Award. De Hoyos was also a trumpet soloist during football season.

SENIOR NIEVES BOTELLO was voted Most Sported by his peers at the Annual Entertainment. Botello was also a football player.

VOCT WINNERS DISPLAY their ribbons from regional competition. The sponsor for the group is Jackie Ashlar.
STACEY RENDON, Greshel Boyer and Jodie Gibbon practice the presentation of flags during the rehearsal for the graduation ceremony.

ROSEMARY ARREDONDO and Ron Baladino listen to valedictorian Jack Jackson as he makes his speech during the ceremony.

[DRIVING HANDS] the senior cheerleaders and mascot lead the crowd at the Coliseum in the Alma Mater for the last time.

AS JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS, Susan Vare and Travis Titus pass out programs at the graduation ceremony, which was held at the Coliseum arena.

DURING THE FINAL moments of the ceremony, seniors toss their hats into the air, trying to avoid hitting one of their neighbors.
Sports Winners Announced

At the sports banquet in the Coliseum on May 3, award winners in the various sports were announced. Sports awards have been handed out as far back as the early '70s, according to Principal Gerald Boyer.

For many students, it is the greatest honor they can receive in a sport. All sports, from tennis to golf to football are recognized for achievement. Unsung heroes are recognized by coaches and parents.

SEN GARZA rounds second base during a game early in the season. Garza was recognized in basketball as well as baseball.

BASEBALL PLAYERS work out before the season opener. The teams played their games at Bee County Collage.

JUNIOR VARITY has hopes of district victory, which were dashed in their last game against Calallen.

PLAYERS join in the Alma Mater at the pep rally. Team members such as Kirk Denbo and Daniel Elder were season standouts.

GOLF WINNERS: Michael Martinez and John Gutierrez. Not Pictured: Bryce Castillo
Sports Banquet Award Winners

Volleyball Award Winners Lesley Lanchlin and Angie Nelson

Boys Basketball Winners Kirk Dembo, Cory Brooks, Jon Swajkot and Michael Brady

Boys Track Johnny Longoria and Gary Garcia

Baseball Ricardo Jimenez and Ben Garza

Girls Track Lori Garcia and Jeremy Huyer Bender

Football Johnny Longoria, Daniel Rider, Trevor Fridolf, Tim Alaniz and Nieve Boetto
Looking Onward to the Future And Beyond

Graduation was a time of excitement and nervousness among the 173 graduates of the class of 1988. Changes awaited the seniors who accepted their diplomas.

Graduation was a time of joy and sadness among the 173 seniors who walked across the stage to accept diplomas for the four years of hard work.

"It really doesn't hit you as you're going through it," salutatorian Scott Streitman said. "About two in the morning we were eating breakfast, and I suddenly realized what we were going to do."

Graduation means a time of transition, and Kristen Knaier, future Trinity freshman, looked forward to graduation. "I was ready to get through with high school," Knaier said. "I was ready for a change."

Other students weren't quite as confident. "I was scared and nervous," Mich Aguirre said. "At that moment I wasn't sure if I was ready for it."

Graduation was definitely an ending to a long four years. "I was thoroughly excited," Tracey Ehrle said. "It was a load off my shoulders after all that time and work."

The ceremony was a brief 45 minutes. After speeches by Class President Allison Martinez, Valedictorian Jack Jackson, and AFS student Jodie Gibbes, the seniors filed across the stage to accept their diplomas from school board members.

The senior cheerleaders and mascot led the crowd in the alma mater. "I almost missed it," senior mascot Besy Sharr said. "I was so caught in watching everything, I almost missed getting up."
STEWART ADAIR AND CORY BROOKS pose before entering the Coliseum arena. Parents decorated for the dance while the students waited.

Valedictorian Jack Jackson delivers his address to the audience. Jack was an active member of Chorale and Academic Decathlon.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS Dr. Tom Stark and Arlette Jackson watch to distribute diplomas to students before the ceremony begins.

Principal Gerald Noyer runs the practice for graduation. The run through seated the students in order and answered questions.
Short Courses in Academics

Academics, of course, is the reason why we're here, although it's not always the most pleasant part of high school. Through book reports and laboratory experiments, from lectures to planning our own corporations, it's not always easy.

Talk about not being easy... Think about English. For most of us that includes books and plays like Julius Caesar and The Scarlet Letter. It can also include the study of social issues like the Holocaust (Don't Fence Me In) or the future (Fahrenheit 451).

If that's not enough, we also have science and math, which includes the study of formulas, percentages and finding the values of the unknown. Sometimes we even create the unknown.

From planes to theorems, we go to physical education, or choir, or health or a variety of required courses, such as Economics and Government. It definitely can be tough.

Look at a course like Choir: it seems easy, but it's not. "We had to learn to sight read, which was something I'd never done before, and we had to learn how to train our voices," freshman Jason Hardin said. "The most important thing we learned, though, was how to work together. You learn to work with people you wouldn't know any other place."

So maybe that's the secret of our success in academics. Obviously students like National Merit Semi-Finalists Jack Jackson and Jason Lynum have learned to succeed.

For most of us, each day offers students a chance to succeed.
TEACHER HARRIET LAMM helps junior Jeanette Canaday during an algebra tutorial after school. "I got a little hostile," Canaday said. "Sometimes I just didn't understand the problems."
What Happens Before the First Bell Rings?

"Why do you want to go to school before 8:00? What do you do before school?"

I have been going undercover for the past six months, and I have uncovered some startling facts on what has been going on here before 8:15. The most startling of all the 80's teen socializes, yes, they socialize. They talk, in particular, about family life, girls and boys, what movie they saw last night, what time the party is, who to go out with, what they did the night before, where are they going to lunch, what they did at the Bon Jovi concert, who has got the fastest car, what they are going to do when they go to (Corpus Christi, Houston), and, most important, Spring Break.

What are my answers to these questions? She doesn't like you. That movie was ridiculous. My car is faster than your car. Padre Staples is the place to go for clothes.

Today's teen has already found out that school is a place to recuperate from the activities the previous weekend and also a place of learning. By now the teenager has found out, the hard way, about detention, OCS and the necessity of going to the library early to finish a research paper.

But, as the 8:15 bell rings, we return to the business of class and learning.
**Teacher Survey: What is the strangest excuse you have heard for tardies?**

"I was attacked by three terrorists in the restroom, but I'm okay now." Spanish teacher Viola Moreno

"I thought it was Saturday." Physics teacher Russell Joy

"Parts fell off my car." Auto Mechanics teacher Kenneth Cypert

"I went to the grocery store." Band Director Bill Cason

"My mother threw my alarm clock away by accident." Biology teacher Karen Mc Quilkin

SECURITY GUARD TOMMY HENSLEY patrols the parking lot. Many students remained in their cars until the bell rang.

FRIENDS also choose the library as a place where they can exchange stories and talk about parties.

STUDENTS sometimes pick up magazines to read until the bell rings. The library is also open during lunch.
S the day off right T A R T I N G

Although the hour may seem early, first period classes have been far from asleep.

Ruth Ashmore's economics class was too busy completing work to consider a morning nap. Besides forming class corporations, the students were also learning about the value of money and following current events on economic trends.

Economic policy can also show the reality of poverty. One student said that he had learned that too many people are in poverty that will probably never be helped.

Journalism also follows current events and recent trends. Although the class does cover writing elements, teacher Kimberly Reeves stresses that events can shape the way we view the world.

Computer Math, certainly on technology's edge to the future, concentrates on learning programming. Perhaps it may not be as bad as Clint Ray's claim that the class consists of "13,000,569 programs in two days."

Speech also has a tendency to keep the students on their toes. Stage fright has no place in the classroom, and the students enjoyed prepared speeches in front of their peers. Debate was the favorite topic for the students. Many claimed it was their only chance at "legalized fighting."

Patrice Delos Santos

Russell Langmen is "decorated" by Clint Allen during a Theater Arts class. Allen was demonstrating stage makeup.

Biology was an important course for students. Students completed dissections and worked with microscopes. Physical Science students visited during Junior's Health class.

Physical Science offers students the chance to study various sciences.
What is Your Favorite Subject?

"Band, because we're in a relaxed atmosphere, and it's fun performing for other people."
Paula Bernsen, 10

"I like algebra best because it's challenging, and it requires all your attention."
Kris Garcia, 9

English, because I like to read, and the skills in English are easier for me to do.
Cheryl Elligan, 10

Theater Arts, because we never have homework in it, and it's always interesting."
Pamela Zepeda, 9
Second Period

F your best talents F I N D I N G

Classes during second period offered students a chance to take and risk and develop their talents, such as art, typing, drivers education and English.

Students in English complete various projects, including research papers, group work, interviews, panel discussions and individual enrichment projects. In freshman English, students enjoy the mythology unit the most. "They really enjoy the unit because they can see that it has a practical application," Zelma Strickland said.

Art also gave students skills that had a practical application. Students complete projects which were used in a BCC competition, and they provided art projects for the Fine Arts Showcase. Students were versatile; they worked in painting, drawing, clay, and three-dimensional designs.

Another practical skill students learned was typing. Typing II used computers and learned to write various business letters and form letters.

Students often spend extra time practicing their skills. All students have horror stories about driver's education. As one student admitted, "I'm glad the teacher was there with the brake, or I wouldn't be here today." The same student admitted that she, too, had had moments of terror.

TONI GREEN completes classwork. Teachers used a variety of work, including group work, lecture, book work and other projects.

STUDENTS work together on extra credit projects in art class. The various projects were up to the individual students.

BIOLOGY STUDENTS experiment with snakes and other animals. Most of the animals are usually dead, though, and dissected.
What do you like about your teachers?

"Their willingness to help us after school." Sally Sugarek, 10

"When they spend time with you, explaining things to you as if you are a person and not some animal or machine." Gina Durbin, 10

"They're understanding and will listen to dumb excuses." Marianne Silber, 10

"Some of them really know how to get me interested in the subject we're discussing." Mary Perez, 9

"Their ability to put up with me." Kathy Hanshaw
Third Period

Making the Day Count

Some classes were so much fun that it didn't seem like the activities were any work at all. Child Development worked directly with children, and the students appreciated the relaxed atmosphere. Senior Melissa Delgado confessed that the highlight of the class was "making kids snacks like purple cups. Great!"

The class also taught some important lessons. "I learned that getting pregnant and having a baby as a teen is not a good idea, considering the cost and how my life would change in the future," senior Debbie Vera said.

In Spanish II, learning a language can be creative, with games that involve Spanish bingo, a Spanish fiesta, and other learning activities.

The activities add to a good learning atmosphere. "Nobody's perfect," senior Maribel Sanchez said. "If you make a mistake speaking Spanish, it's okay."

Many students also had personal interest in the class. "I didn't want to forget the first language I ever learned," senior Anna DeHayes said.

In Trig, the lessons turned to logic, covering topics such as the practical use of the velocity of ships and planes.

"Because I am a Navy brat, I like to be fully prepared to answer questions about the Navy," Scott Graw said. "I am grateful that Mrs. McClintock explains the lessons as well as she does."

The two-hour class can also be a lot of work. Senior Joe Goracek said the homework helped him "get better acquainted with my calculator."

"It's tough," teacher Cherry McClintock said. "In the spring, they have two math classes, and it's just plain hard work. They have to really enjoy math to enjoy the class."

Thinking logically teaches students many lessons. "We learned to think hard, work hard, and never give up," junior Mariana Past said.

Choir members practice gestures for the different notes in a song. "We learned how to sightread and sing together," Jason Martin said.
Do your parents put pressure on you to succeed academically?

"Depends. They threaten to take away my cable."
Kathy Hanishaw, 10

"Yes, to try my best or die."
Sally Sugarek, 10

"No, my parents don't pressure me, but they know that I know that they want me to be the best I can be."
Tony Rivas

"Yes, they want me to be somebody."
Lisa Trejo, 9

"Yes. Quote, 'You'll never get into a good college.'"
Jason Hardin, 9

"Yes, they want me to be the first girl in our family to graduate from college. They remind me all the time."
Carmina Longoria, 9

"No, I put pressure on myself because I know I can do well, plus, I'm the one that's going to college, not them."
Julie Lynum, 11

"No, because I know if I succeed now, I will succeed in the future."
Art Arredondo

STUDENTS LEARN in the TEAMS class, which was scheduled to meet in the cafeteria until a room was found.

TRIGONOMETRY, a two hour class, was taught by Cherry McClintock. Most students found the class very stimulating, though long.
Fourth Period

Making the Right Moves

While some students were enjoying lunch, others were hard at work in classes as varied as agriculture and band, physical education and office education.

Jackie Arthur’s Office Education class, which also sponsored the group OEA, taught skills in computers, office skills and office management. Students were placed in office settings such as school district offices, where they learned how offices were run.

“I have really enjoyed learning business and office skills,” Debbie Ruiz said. “I’ve learned a lot about secretarial procedures.”

Ag Coop classes studied various aspects of agriculture, which could be anything from welding to shaving sheep. “I enjoy the experience you can get working with animals,” Alisha Lernley said.

Many students were sweating away at band rehearsals during fourth period lunch. “Marching band is a lot of hard work,” sophomore Rhea Jones said. “It all pays off in a good show at the end of the week.”

One of the highlights of marching season is the senior show, which the seniors design and teach. The show usually proves that the seniors have talent as well as a sense of humor.

At the end of the marching season, the band is placed in fourth or fifth period concert bands.

Other students completed their exercise in the physical education classes. PE included sports such as volleyball, flag football, ping pong and bowling. “I really enjoyed bowling the most,” sophomore Tina Leeordo said. “We got on the bus and went down to the Fun Center, and the coaches drove the bus.”

Junior Larry Duffy, in Mrs. Pollock’s English class, studied The Scarlet Letter and Huckleberry Finn.

SHEILA LEE, a senior and NFA’s team manager, demonstrated skills for the TEAMS test. The students were studying the English portion of the test.
Why are teachers known as “hard” or “easy” graders?

"Because that is what the students tell other students about a certain teacher. You will know if all you do is show up to class and get an 'A'."  
Mythia Rouze, 10

"It depends on what class it is..." Melissa García, 9

"Some teachers are known this way because they know when a student understands, and when he doesn’t, and they take this into consideration when grading." Rosario Salazar, 10

"What kind of work they give." David Dullase, 10

"Hard grades will give you work that goes up to your ears. Easy teachers will give you work just to kill the period." Benny Rodríguez, 11

"Hard teachers make you earn the grade and learn. Easy teachers let you get the grades without effort." Kevin Nelson, 10

"Hard teachers love to give you homework." Sirrusse Wright, 9
Skills are rarely ever confined to paper. Whether it's a presentation in English class, a performance in drama, or a project in woodshop, the tasks in high school can be challenging.

Woodshop taught students how to deal with wood, including using power tools. "We could build what we wanted, and we were not constantly being watched," David Rodriguez said. "This gave us more confidence."

Much of that confidence resulted in projects that qualified for state competition. Projects in oak tables, roll-top desks, display cases, sewing cabinets and sofa beds placed in the Area Contest at Bee County College.

"I learned how to use the tools and construct furniture," Richard Weston said. "I didn't know much about it until I took this class."

Auto Shop also allowed the students to learn long-term skills. "I learned how to work on the transfer case in my piece of junk Jeep," Ty Felton said.

Besides repairing their own cars, students admitted to other advantages. "I like test driving the car after you finish the work," Mark Delgado said.

Lessons in the class included the basics, as well as the ignition system and other electronic fixtures. The class not only learned the repairs, but also how and why the car runs. "Engine operation was the most interesting lesson," junior Trey Holubec said, "because it gave me a basic knowledge of what is going on in the engine while it's running."

"The funniest story was when Trey mistook the transmission fluid for motor oil, and he drained the wrong plug," Delgado said.

Auto Mechanics also placed students in area competition.

STUDENTS make items in the Wright's Woodshop class. The class made items such as bookcases, cutting boards and gun racks.

LYZ LATSON and Shawn Reagan did the gym for detention. Students were handed detentions for tardiness and not signing out.

EMILIO MONTEZ handled a car in Auto Mechanics. Monteza said the best part of the class was learning about car electrical systems.
**Teacher Survey: Do teachers play favorites?**

"Yes, because they are human (most of them), and it's natural to like some students more than others."  *Dr. Ray Tucker*

"Yes, it is human nature to favor students who work harder than other students in your class."  *Bill Cason*

"Not intentionally, although there are some students whose attitudes make it easier to work with them."  *Paula Duffy*

"Yes, because certain students possess personalities that are humorous and demand your attention. They make more noise, and 'the squeaky wheel gets the grease.'"  *Karen McQuillen*

"Do we change grades for certain students because we like them? No, I don't think so, but I think we're more understanding if we know that students have a sincere interest in our class."  *Kimberly Reeves*
Sixth period offered students a chance to explore beyond the obvious. In classes such as Health, US History, Biology II and CVAE Mechanics, students were actively involved in the learning experience, participating in class projects which applied the knowledge of the classes.

For instance, Reagan Jordan's US History class takes an active approach to history. It's not unusual to see Jordan pacing the room, involved in the lecture, sometimes even on the floor to make a point about history. Student participation in an old fashioned Christmas, make decorations for the room and look at history with an eye to the future.

In Biology II, students used hands-on experience. "I think doing dissections really helped," Sherry Atherton said. "When we did experiments in class, it really brought points home." Biology II students also went to the beach for a field trip.

In Linney's CVAE Mechanics, students build projects for contest while they learn welding trades and repair of small engines. Each year, students participate in state contests.

In Beemer's Health class, students learned about nutrition, mental health, first aid and other practical topics. As a required course, Health is probably one of the most practical courses a student can take.

LINNEY'S MECHANICS take part in class projects. Students were consistent winners in state contests every year.
What kind of help do you get on homework?

"I am able to understand the subject when I go over it with my friends in the class." Cissy Dela Garza, 11

"My dad helps me with science because he works in that field." Mike Hoover, 11

"My parents help me at home." Claudia Rodriguez, 9

"My mother helps me with Algebra." Ben Latson, 11

"My parents expect me to take the responsibility for homework. They think I'll learn more if I do it on my own." Denise Lundschen, 9

"None, I help my parents with my brother's homework." Corinna Longoria, 9
Seventh period never lacked classes that taught personal skills that would be useful in the future.

For instance, the Homemaking class offered a variety of lessons. Many of the students claimed that the lessons on relationships were extremely useful. Monica Alaniz claimed that she learned how to "deal with my feelings and communicate with others."

Others claimed that the different meals would be useful, although Richard McRae admitted that he took the class "because of the girls."

Junior Honors English also provided some insights for students. "I like the class because we aren't scared to express our views," Carri Bremer said.

"The small number of students was also a big plus. We're working in a more relaxed and supportive atmosphere," Leanne Pratt said.

"One thing about our class is that it's not monotonous," Sherry Atherton said. "Class discussion is usually lively and intelligent, and because of our class size, we've gotten to know each other and our teacher."

Atherton said the different projects in the class, including a 1920s fashion show and video shooting, as well as career presentations, had made the learning "colorful."

Advanced Theater Arts also provided useful skills. Improvisation, a class movie, and creating characters have all been part of the class.

"The class movie taught us that movies involve a lot more than people realize," Shawn Reagan said.

Most of the students agreed that the class helped them overcome shyness in front of a group. "You learn how to let yourself be your own person in front of people you don't even know," Nora Cook said.

"I enjoyed working with a lot of talented classmates, and Miss Allen's great," Betsy Shaar said.

LAURA LEE dreams for the Roaring Twenties during a project in the honors English class. Students appreciated the challenge of honors classes.
What do you like about your teachers?

"Easy to get along with." Cissy DeLa Garza, 11

"Being considerate." Daisy Loya, 10

"Some of them can relate to real problems and understand them." Roxanne Salazar, 10

"I like teachers that try and help as much as they possibly can." Jimmy Tapia, 9

"Teachers are okay, but they're human, just like we are. Some students seem to expect their teachers to be perfect." Thomas Fontenot, 11

"They tell stories or jokes." Norma Proffitt, 11
After School

After the Bell Rings

School ends at 3:15 every weekday. While most students usually depart from school, still other students stay to complete a variety of activities, whether it's tutorials, class meetings or extracurricular activities.

"I see most of my students in tutorials near test time and the end of the six weeks," Paula Duffy said. Duffy has seen as many as 30 juniors in one afternoon, but the number is usually only a handful, depending on the material.

Athletes spend about a minimum of two hours to a maximum of four hours in practice. Practice for football goes on for at least three hours and sometimes longer. This is all part of hard work put into a sport, and the dedication that is required. Many athletes will be training year-round for off-season requirements and multiple sports.

"This is all part of preparing for games and knowing what to do before the game. It doesn't seem useful at the time of practicing, but it surely pays off during the game," one sophomore said.

Basketball also lasts about three hours. Baseball lasts the same. Most players play football also. They go to off-season for an hour and then baseball or track for an additional two.

Most of the time athletes start going through the motions. They may try and miss practice or some of it. During practice the coaches expect 100% of the players. Players who loaf off or take short cuts will be sitting the bench.

Many organizations meet at night like FCA, Key Club, Debate, and the play casts. Late meetings and rehearsals are all part of being involved at school and showing your talents.
Teacher Survey: What has been your best experience teaching?

"The one-on-one with students. I enjoy their sense of humor and brightness. Learning makes you more inquisitive and even the slowest, unmotivated student can be moved by their own curiosity." Karen McQuilkin

"Meeting all my students and having them tell me about the job they got from having my class." Kenneth Cypert

"The day we had a bomb threat, and they let all the students go home." Russell Joy
The Long And Winding Road
In Athletics

It seemed to be an almost win or win situation in many of the sports teams. The football team almost won against Chalener in a game that had the stands on their feet, and the basketball team did win, in a last minute nail-biter. The cross country team came close to a win at regional, and Carl Garcia placed seventh in the state meet in the 400 meter.

For most the athletes, the thought was never to give up, to always give a little bit more. As the cross country runner crossed the last mile of terrain, and the Kirk Denbo took his last dunk during pre-game warm-up, we knew we wanted success, and sometimes, we got it.

The comment from most of the teams on their season? They said to look out for next year.
CC Teams Show Mental Toughness

"To succeed in sports, I think you have to be hungry for it," Coach Darryl Beasley said. Obviously, the Cross Country team was hungry to succeed.

Team practice began long before most students were awake, often at 6 a.m. "I had a good time with it," senior John Webb said. "It was a lot of work, and we hated waking up early during the summer. We started the same day as football practice."

The team ran three to eight miles each day to work out for the six meets. Beasley said a good attitude helped with workouts. "The team was always positive," Beasley said. "They always seemed like they were enjoying themselves."

The advantages of cross country, as opposed to track, involve running on different terrain. "They may not see the same thing twice. You're never bored," Beasley said. "Running cross country really spoils it for track," frosh Spencer Wayne said. "Your meets are shorter, and it's more interesting to run."

Beasley praised Wayne as a runner who was "mentally tough." "You have to be mentally tough to succeed," Beasley said. "Even when you can't seem to go on, you just keep running."

Wayne attributes his early success to harvesting. "Cross Country's right after harvest, and harvest is pretty tough," Wayne said. "I don't really think about it."

Sophomore Lupe Vidaurre advanced to regional for the second time. Beasley expects him to "be hungry" for state next year. "This year I think I was lucky," Vidaurre said. "I really didn't practice too hard. Next year I plan to go to state."

Beasley hopes to solve inconsistencies in the runners next season. "I never knew what to expect," he said.
Cross Country Team Front Row: Lavette Campos, Susan McCullum, Shannon Tidwell, Tiffany Favaro, Shannon Campbell, Valinda Jolls
Second Row: Manager David Rodriguez, Sean Durcan, Kristi Delley, James Ashburn, James West, Logan Vlasov, John Webb, Adriana Olvera, Spencer Wayne, and Coach Darryl Beasley

BEAVERTON AND FLOUR BLUFF RUNNERS console each other during a tough meet. The district meet was run at Clackamas. S. Webb
Volleyball Works on Teamwork

Although the varsity volleyball team did not have a strong season, it did provide the players with a good experience.

"It was a good season because we learned how to play as a team," senior Sherri Delpain said. "Our strongest competition was G-P because they worked as a team, and they were disciplined. With their junior high sports program, they have more experience."

Coach Larry Lollar admitted that a lack of experience did hurt the team.

"Compared to the other teams, they didn't have a whole lot of experience," Lollar said. "When it came to the crucial point in the game, we just didn't do it. We had our share of close games."

"We had potential, but we just fell apart when we got frustrated," junior Kelly Trevino said. "We gave away a lot of our games. We just didn't hold together as a team."

The team did win its last game. "We had a lot of pressure among the teammates, but we worked together and won the last game," senior Alisha Lemley said. Lemley was a second-year player.

TEAM MEMBERS serve during a match. Many of the volleyball team members were also members of other sports teams.
Senior Mattie Ozenchuk cheers on a teammate during the last game of the season. Most games were played on Saturday mornings.
Teams Begin Without Needed Experience

The biggest problem faced by the volleyball program is, like many other sports, we lack junior high competition. For many of the players, their first season of volleyball play is their first time on court, outside of a physical education program.

Although the junior varsity and freshman volleyball teams lacked experience, the players are expected to pick up in the next season. Players are expected to pick up fundamentals and work toward more team unity on and off the court.

"I expect them to do well in the next few years if they keep playing," coach Larry Lollar said. "For the freshmen, this was their first year of organized volleyball, and they showed real potential." Although the team had few wins, they did manage some strong games near the end of the season.

"We should manage some more wins as we play," Lollar said.

"It was fun to learn a new sport," freshman Lisa Belaw said. "I think we could have been a better team with more experience."

"It wasn't really difficult," freshman Kayce Goyne said.

"There was more to it than I thought, though. There were a lot of little things to watch for during the game."
Freshman Squad: Front Row: Sally Garcia, Kris Garcia, Jovetl Flores

JV Squad: Front Row: Risa Serrano, Leti Gonzalez, Cecilia Cavazos
Second Row: Lynette Ralston, Demasha Gonzalez, Pat Martinez, Jessica Martinez
Third Row: Coach Larry Lollar, Jerriya DeRouen, Berika Rodgers, Hope Esparrza, Marianne Silver, Sandra Lopez, Amy Moody, Coach Patti Roveer

TEAM MEMBERS wait for the Wildcats to return the volleyball during a match. Strong players for freshmen included Lisa Below.
Varsity Cheerleaders

Squad Takes Time, Dedication

Being a cheerleader is not all fun and games; it takes dedication, responsibility, practice, and all the squad’s free time. You start practicing early in the summer and you never stop.

Although I’ve never regretted being part of the cheerleading squads, cheerleading can be thankless. It’s rarely as glamorous as most students expect. You have to be able to take criticism and practice until you drop. Homework often has to wait until after the stands empty at a football or basketball game. Grade averages also have to be kept high to stay on the squad. Cheerleaders must maintain an 80 average to stay on the squad.

Some people ask why we participate. It’s obviously a lot of work, but the answer is simple. Letting the fans know that you care, win or lose, means a lot. When you cheer, you know you’re doing something worthwhile.

Jennifer Ramirez

COACH TONY FERGUSON signs the spirit stick, a highlight of pep rallies. T: Lorena

SENIOR MASCOT Betsy Shaar helps participate at the February cheerleading clinic. The junior clinic, one of two, is a big handout for the squad.

HEAD CHEERLEADER Tracey Erler leads the crowd with the alma mater during the pep rally. Erler was also a member of the Homecoming Court. T: Lorena

Betsy Shaar

Cissy DeLaGarza

Lori Garcia

Susan Vara

Christal Lazenby
DURING THE HOMECOMING pep rally, Junior Cherry De la Garza performs a 'jump'. The cheerleaders performed at football and basketball games.

Allison Martinez

Asennet Gonzales
JV Cheerleaders

Squad Does Double Duty

Cheering for the freshman and junior varsity teams challenged the junior varsity cheerleading squad during the year. The cheerleaders supported the team by performing at games, pep rallies, and through the sale of spirit ribbons during football season. Although the squad lost four members, the cheerleaders felt the season was a success. Even an accident with a pyramid did not dim the squad's enthusiasm, although the squad did cut down on stunts.

"This year was a great year for our junior varsity squad," sophomore Grey Lyn Prowse said. "We all worked together and put forth a lot of effort. Having eight cheerleaders worked well. In fact, it made the year a lot more enjoyable."

Cheering through hours of games could be grueling, although sophomore Jennifer Ramirez said the squad pulled together. The squad would often divide the work at games so that the members could take breaks to rest or study.

"We had a terrific year," Ramirez said. "We got along well, which helped a lot, and we used teamwork. Even though it got tough sometimes, we hung in there and gave it 100 percent."

SHARING THE EMOTIONAL football loss, the squad listen to Coach Terry Edroda's reflections on the season. The JV team almost clinched the district title.
Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: Seated are seniors Romane Shakar and Tammy Young. Seated is sophomore Jennifer Ramirez, and standing is sophomore Shannon Finke. The squad supported the team this year through a variety of activities. They also attended a special summer camp. Fundraisers included selling ribbons and a Junior Cheerleading Clinic.

SHANNON FINKE AND ROXANNE
SALAZAR drove a golf cart in the Western Week parade, which occurred Homecoming Western Homecoming Week. Varsity Cheerleader Allieen Matthews was crowned Homecoming Queen this evening before.

HOMECOMING WEEK proved to be a driving force for the junior varsity cheerleading squad. What looks like sadness is really a case of exhaustion for the junior varsity squad.
Varsity Football

Season Disappointing to All

Unfortunately, disappointing was probably the word to describe the season. Despite strong athletes and coaching, the team finished with a 4-6 record.

"It should have been a better season because of the fine athletes we had," senior Carlos Rivas said. Team members such as Kirk Dembo and Tim Alaric were standouts on the team.

"I felt we could have been better," Coach Jack Narrell said. "We had a chance to win games, but we didn't.

Two games the team probably should have won were Rockport-Fulton and Flour Bluff, which were lost after strong starts by the team.

The early season set the tempo for the team. After a strong win against Moody, disappointing losses against Miller and state-bound Cuero followed. Sports reporter Art Garcia said that he felt that Rockport-Fulton was the turning point. "When we couldn't pull a win against them, I think the momentum for the season was lost," Garcia said.

The Trojans grabbed a Homecoming win against Tuloso-Midway, and Calallen was intense, but the losses outnumbered the wins.

UNNERVED BY THE gain of a Calallen touchdown, senior Tim Alaric takes a break. Alaric was named to the All-South Texas Team as a defensive tackle.

DURING THE BEVILE-CALALEN GAME, the defense looks forward to pulling the play. The team usually ran out of a 3-2 defensive alignment.

DURING AN INTENSE EFFORT against the Wildcats, Wildcat backfielder Walker breaks into the Bevile secondary for a long gain.
COACH NARRELL DISCUSSES the
CAllen return with Fullback Bernard
Bennett. Bennett was an Honorable
Mention to the All District team.
Teams Share Growth Despite Losses

Sweeping up the team's performance and development, Coach Lane said, "We had a good backfield, two good quarterbacks, and a couple of good running backs. Our season was pretty good."

According to Dave Beasley who coached with Tony Hernandez and Tony Ferguson, "What kept the team together was games. Perhaps the only thing that showed JV didn't have much strength," he said.

According to tight end Jesse Villarreal, also stemmed by Coach Lane, "The team wrenched was in the low. I'll never forget the first five plays of the season, but the team didn't have much strength," he said.

The junior varsity challenged the Vikings in the final season game, which killed playoff hopes.

Players take the field as the freshmen play a rough match.

Freshman Football

Frost scoreboard

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Moody | 6-6
Miller | 6-44
Cuero | 0-24
Rockport-Fulton | 6-8
Robstown | 20-0
Tuloso-Midway | 0-20
Gregory-Portland | 7-40
Port Lavaca | 12-26
Flour Bluff | 6-7
Calallen | 16-36

Jv/Freshman Football
COACH LARRY LOLLAR acted as a team trainer and specialist on injuries, such as sprained muscles. Here he helps Parish Mitchell during a junior varsity football game.
Trojans Find Victory Too Late

The varsity basketball team began to cook when the season began to end. In the last game, a stunning defeat over Calallen, the team upset the district race for champion.

Although the Trojans did not compete in the district playoffs, they had the last laugh as other teams struggled for the top spot. The team beat Calallen twice.

The coaches and players attributed the season's difficulties to a lack of consistency. “We could have done a lot better,” senior John Webb said. “We had good coaching, but we just didn’t pull together as a team.”

“The best part of the season was throwing the teams into a four-way playoff by beating Calallen twice,” Webb said.

“Basically, it was a long season,” Coach Mike Luce said. “The win against Calallen was a good motivation for the team. Beating Calallen was something we had never done before.”

Coach Luce said the strengths of the team were being well-prepared going into the game. “We attacked the different types of defenses we were going to face. We worked against the other team,” Luce said.
JUNIOR MICHAEL BRADY takes the ball against Mark Acton of Cali. The game resulted in an upset which sent the district into a four-way playoff.

JUNIOR KIRK DEMBO elegantly dunks during a pre-game warm up. "Upper Hull. Dembo dunks at every game until the referees take the court."
Strong Starts End in Disappointments

What should have been strong seasons ended in disappointment, as the basketball teams brought home unexpected losses. JV Coach Gary Epps said, "We started the year off fairly strong."

Epps attributed the lack of momentum to moving the players between the squads. "We were unsure about who we were pulling up and down on the teams. It really hurt the JV season."

Many of the losses were by large margins, sometimes as high as 30 points, such as the George West matches. The team also had close games with teams such as Calhoun and Rockport-Fulton, where they lost by a single point. "It wasn't a really happy season," Epps said. "We didn't win a whole lot of games." Epps said strong players included Ben Garza, who played well offensively. He said that the freshman will add strength to the next JV squad. Player Jay Jackson said that the freshman squad suffered from a lack of consistency. "We had times where we could play like a real team," Jackson said. "We had too many conflicting personalities, though, and that made the season turn sour."

Both teams are looking forward to stronger seasons in the future. Luis Antonio Capatti

JAY JACKSON makes a strong play downcourt during a freshman game. Tony Ferguson was the coach.

JV Scoreboard

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Liane Mahoney, Second Row:
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Freshman John Seltran

Freshman John Seltran dribbles downcourt during the game for Parent's Night. The freshman took third place in the 7th-8th grade and Allen tournaments. T. Lopresti
Team Attitude Helps Build Varsity Season

Team attitude helped the girls varsity basketball team through a rough season. "We had a lot of things off the court that influenced our season in a negative way," Coach Mark Johnson said.

Player Andrea Puentes agreed. "Problems between a couple of players didn't give anybody else confidence."

Johnson credits the team with working hard and good attitudes. "For the first time since I've been here, we had a good point guard that could handle the ball," Johnson said. "We were inconsistent, but the girls worked hard. We need to keep working to fine-tune those skills."

Lesley Laechlin was a strong player. "Lesley played close to flawless ball," Johnson said. Laechlin was named to the All-District team.

Freshman Lisa Belew also showed talent on the court. "She's a good player because she works at it, and she's made that commitment to work more."

"It was hard to play varsity," Belew said, "because I wasn't with the people I'd played with before, and it was a new routine with new plays."

The soundest defeat during the season came at the hands of Calallen. "We always go out there with the attitude that we can beat them," Puentes said, "but Calallen has always been good. They have a tradition."

"It's hard for them to visualize a win against Calallen," Johnson said. "Calallen has a sound basketball team, and they've got 15 years of winning. That's hard to break."

Although the season was lackluster, the team did play an exciting game against Fort Lavaca Calhoun, knocking the team out of the playoffs.

SONYA LEWIS waits to rebound the ball during a key Wildcat game. The team knocked Fort Lavadia out of the playoffs.

KELLY TREVINO guards the basket as Angie Nelson jumps for a shot against the Cotton Pickers. The team won the game 47-45.
JV Girls Lead Records In Wins

Port Lavaca Calhoun
We’re leading by approximately 30 points in the third quarter. Only four girls are on the court. After another five minutes, only three remain, and then only two in the last two minutes.

Only in the last 50 seconds of the game does Calhoun catch up.

“Even with only ten seconds, I thought we still had a chance to win,” Coach Darryl Beasley said. With the entire Calhoun team on the court, the two Trojans were still getting the points.

They lost by one point.
The best basketball record belonged to the junior varsity girls, and Coach Darryl Beasley attributed this to “real aggressiveness. The girls made up for mistakes by hustling,” Beasley said.

“Killer instincts,” according the Beasley, saw the team through close games. The team tied for second in district, and Beasley said that the team was clearly competitive in every game. “We thought we should have won most of them,” Beasley said. “We had little things here and there that we should have corrected.”

Beasley expects to tighten up on defense next season. “If you can’t stop them, you’re never going to win,” he said.
Banner Varsity Basketball Flirt
Row: Linda, Florence, Bernice
Rodriguez, Regina, Brown, Shannon
Campbell, Senior: Rob, Cheryl
Ellison, Ruby, Devine, Norma Cruz
Cindy Gonzalez, and Coach Darryl Beasley.

TEAM MEMBERS wait for game play to begin. The junior varisty had the best record of all the basketball teams.
Track Gains Members, Spirit

A larger team and more unity improved the track team's performance. "The biggest thing was that there were more people out," coach Robert DeLaRosa said. The girls' team has added 20 members since DeLaRosa began coaching, and team members said that they liked the added support.

"People cared about track more this year," senior Shannon Todd said. "They showed up for practice and they had a more positive attitude."

"Everyone cared a lot," junior Lori Garcia said. First-year team member Andrea Fuentes valued the encouragement. "Before you went out, the runners were always telling you, 'Go get 'em' and 'You can do it!'" she said. Fuentes placed fifth in district.

The team really did spark when senior Betty Shutt admitted to being a distraction during practice. "Coach DeLaRosa would get out there and tell the team, 'We're here to work today,'" said Shutt. "I don't care what Betty does today, I don't care what she says. Don't even look at her. Don't even listen to her." Shutt said.

Obviously, the work paid off. On the girls' team, junior Lori Garcia advanced to state. "I wasn't expecting her to go that far," DeLaRosa said. About two weeks before district, I started to get the idea that there might be a chance.

Garcia, who has been running since seventh grade, admitted that she had planned to make the state meet after a disappointing season last year. She said she had put her mind to it and worked, pacing the football field and running in the morning with her coach.

On the boys' team, Johnny Longoria advanced to regionals in the 100 meter. Coach Jil Lankford also named Gary Carrozzi as a standout in the pole vault. He said that the track team members were definitely up and that the team was "pretty strong. They did a good job."

WAITING FOR AFTERNOON TRACK EVENTS: Varsity team members sit on the field at Callallen. Often, team members would wait hours to compete in the track and field events, such as this last district contest.

ANDREA FUENTES rounds the bend in the district competition. Track members stood on the sidelines to cheer her in the finish.
Tony Roberts speaks to Coach Hamilton during a meet. Many times runners had teammate between races.

Track competition often required help from the managers, who accompanied the teams. The managers were also attending practices.
Tennis

Team Courts Success Again

The fans don't crowd the stands, and the students don't crowd the stands for pep rallies for this team. They are, however, the most successful sport we have, and they continue to have the top record of all the school athletic teams.

"Overall, we had a very successful year, and we are the only varsity team to have a winning record," coach Mitch Luna said. The team continued a four-year winning streak with a 10-3 overall record.

"Although we didn't do as well as the year before, we still managed to keep up the Trojan tennis spirit," sophomore Dawn Bomersbach said.

The award for most valuable player went to the freshman doubles team of Jennifer Jackson and Irma Lee. The team won the competition while placing first in freshman doubles at district competition at Calahan.

"It was a lot of work, but it really paid off in the end," Lee said. "I hope we can do just as well when we come back next year, and keep supporting each other."

Lee and Jackson credit their success to working hard every day and taking lessons on the side with Coach Luna.

Although the team does not get as much attention as other sports, they do have a great deal of support. "We don't usually get much attention," Bomersbach said, "so we make up for it by being there for our teammates and cheering them on. We usually have a lot of fun, whether we win or lose."

Other strong players included junior Tom Daniel, who was awarded the Most Improved Player Award, and senior Clint Ray, who was awarded the team's Hustle Award at the Athletic Banquet in May.


Senior Varsity: Clay Martin, Scott McKinnon, Rick Lundeberg, Glen Boyer, Clark Welder, Darke Dallas, and Jennifer Jackson.
JASON LYNUM catches a snack during a break in the district tennis match. Lynam was also a band member and National Merit Semifinalist.

JUNIOR JULI LYNUM stretches a serve during practice. The players practiced at the college tennis courts also. / Photo


HEIDI HOLMES prepares to serve in the district singles tennis match at Cadleman.
Inexperience, Facilities Hurt Golf

The terms relating to golf seem foreign — par, put, boogey and birdie. The sport of golf, though, can be serious business for teams.

The team, considered "very promising" by coach Mike Belstein, and the competition consisted of tournaments almost every season of the school year. Before tournaments, the team practiced on the driving range of the Country Club, playing a round and practicing chipping and putting.

Of the fourteen players, senior Scott Streitman has placed consistently on local and state level. Sophomore Bryce Carrillo and freshmen Michael Martinez and John Gutierrez also placed well in competition.

Coach Belstein expects a strong returning team, commenting that the players' weaknesses this year lay in the chipping and putting, which Belstein blamed on the practice facilities.

Although tournament play could have been better, the team did win the local tournament, and junior varsity received fourth at district. "We could have won district if they had played to their potential," Belstein said.

Inner-team competition for tournament play strengthened the team, but the youth was a setback. Belstein was surprised at the strong district finish, despite the lack of experience.

Belstein looks to a more competitive edge in the future.

Ralph Gonzalez

Senior Scott Streitman consults with the Tyler Golf coach at the district tournament. Streitman went to the state golf tournament as a freshman.

Considering the last hole of the course, junior Scott Tidio checks his line before finishing the district golf tournament at Caldwell.
GREG BRIDGES and DAVID MUMME talk to CoachWelles at the district tournament.

SENIOR BART WILSON practices his shots after his competition. The golf tournament lasted two days.

Golf Team: First Row: John Gutierrez, Doug Flock, Scott Steffman, Scott Trlica; Bart Wilson and David Mumme; Second Row: Coach, Mike Bedoino, Michael Mattener, Ryon Crotoski, Randall Sinnen, Greg Bridges, Dennis Moot; John Steffman, Jack Higdon and Shad Higdon.
Baseball Hurt by Inexperience

Both baseball teams only picked up four wins on regular-season play. The coaches attributed this to a variety of reasons.

The junior varsity had a fair season, winning four games and losing 13. In two of the victories, the Trojans blew away Tuloso-Midway 27-9 and 13-2.

JV did experience thrills against Gregory-Portland, where they rallied back in the bottom of the eighth to beat them 5-4.

Will the Trojans be back competitively next year? Coach Charles Ruth thinks so.

“They have a lot of talent, but they need to concentrate on what needs to be done,” Ruth said.

On the other hand, the varsity record was 4-16, beating TM Calallen, Corpus Christi Academy and St. Mary’s.

“We had a young team,” Coach Tony Heredia said. “We had one senior, and the leaders were sophomores and juniors.

We would have four or five good innings, and then our inexperience would come out.”

Heredia said, “We would make some errors and lose the grip of the ball game, and then we’d lose.”

“At the end of the season, it was just picking up,” Ben Garza said. “It was too late, though. We just gave up, really.”

Garza sighed the final win against Calallen as the highlight of the season.

Coach Heredia said that since the team had talent, they should do better next year.

“A lot of the guys have a year of experience, and next year should pay off,” he said. Richard Zezere
## JV Scoreboard

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**BEN GARZA** slides safely into second base in a game against Port Lavaca. Garza was named an outstanding member of the team.

**TIGHE COTILE** and Coach Heredia practice hitting after school. The team used the field adjacent to the football practice field.

**AGAINST PORT LAVACA** Joe Garcia prepares to steal second base or return to first. Garcia was a varsity player.
The Secret of Success
In Organizations

We join organizations for a variety of reasons. Some of us are looking for friends to meet; some are looking of way to complete; some are looking for a way to serve the school and community.

And our organizations offered us more than ever before. The National Honor Society took a more active role in service projects this year. The Cheer Squad took steps to improve their program by requiring all cheerleaders to be a member of Cheer Squad or Drill Team. The Debate squad brought home trophies. The FFA and FFA competed well at the county livestock show.

There's no denying the fact that most of the successful students on campus were involved in more than one program, and often in three or four different groups. Campus leaders like Ky McKay and Jason Lyma were involved in different aspects of campus life — academically and athletically.

Some of our students were true standouts in organizations this year. James Martinez made All State Choir, and Russell Langbein was named to the District's All State Play Cast. Jack Jackson and Stuart Narowitz brought home medals from Academic Decathlon competition.

The secret to success seems to be staying involved and concerned with the activities that occur on campus. Our most successful students were leaders, not followers.
"FHA helps you prepare for the future."

Jeanette Gonzales

From state and regional meetings to a Valentine's Day party at Moreno School to eating New Zealand biscuits, the Future Homemakers of America were never slow.

Highlights of the year included a mother-daughter banquet at the Golden Corral. "We had a program and the mothers got to see what the girls were doing," sponsor Donna Guckian said.

FHA is much more than cooking. Many of the members learned about family-related and social issues. At state convention in Fort Worth, the members covered topics such as AIDS and other current events. "We took four girls to state convention, and it was a very good meetings with excellent speakers and entertainment," sponsor Linda McKay said.

"I really enjoyed the company of other FHA'ers at convention," Jeanette Gonzales said. "FHA helps you prepare for the future."

Club meetings included programs on date rape, makeovers, and holiday parties. Jodie Gibbes, the AFJ exchange student, attended one meetings and shared recipes from New Zealand and her scrapbook and slides. The club also competed in the Junior Livestock and Homemakers Show at the Coliseum, where Laura Lee was as candidate for Queen.

One point Gonzales would like to make is that FHA is not restricted to females. "FHA is not only for girls. Guys are quite numerous in other towns. For instance, the FHA national president is a guy, and so far has done a great job with the programs."

However, in Beeville, we have trouble getting the guys to join. Either they believe it's only for girls, or they don't do anything. We'd like to encourage guys to attend and maybe join the club.

FHA members present cookies to the students at Monona School. The cookies were a fundraiser for the club. G. Harrison

ROBIN SMIGLIK and Laura Kay Jones run the meeting, which was the Christmas party. The club had monthly meetings. D. Laxa

SPONSOR Donna Gackian decorates the Christmas tree in the Homemaking room. The club had banquets, parties, and meetings for members.

Cheer Squad, Drill Team
Add Spirit, Talent
To School Events

"The Cheer Squad was very successful and did a great job," sponsor Pina Perez said. Changes made the group successful, including a new rule that freshmen had to take cheer squad or drill team in order to try out for cheerleader. This brought more girls into the group.

Of the 24 members involved, most were freshmen hoping to try out for the cheerleading squad. They were very supportive of changes in the name from "Pep Squad" to "Cheer Squad," and of the new uniforms the members were to events.

I entered the Cheer Squad because I knew it was a lot of fun, and I wanted to try out for cheerleader," freshman Patricia Dellos Santos said. Wendy Gailher added that she "wanted to learn new things and give some spirit to the school."

The Cheer Squad learned cheers, chants and dances and performed at football games and pep rallies. They have also travelled to out of town varsity games with the cheerleaders.

The group worked as a team and was willing to learn, which made the year successful.

The drill team also improved. "The drill team showed more ability, and the girls really wanted to show their talent," sponsor Patti Smith said.

The 20 members practiced up to 12 hours a week and performed at pep rallies, football games and went to competition in Kansas City.

"I think we were most successful at Kansas City," Smith said. "We had to show our spirit and talent in front of 20 different schools, which did make the girls a little shaky."

Many girls entered for the same reasons they chose Cheer Squad. "Most girls entered for the preparation it gives them for cheerleading," Smith said. "It really does help."

Members, who have been year-round, got several compliments from the student body and faculty over the year. "It does take hard hours of practice, but in the end, after all you've learned, the sweat is worth it," Chelsea Taylor said.
CHEER SQUAD MEMBERS Kim Acklie and Janice Reedley sit in the stands at one of the varsity football games. Many members joined the squad so they could try out for cheerleader.

DRILL TEAM members perform at the Clovis football game halftime. Team members attended summer workshops and spring competition to improve their skills. D. Ortiz.

ON THEIR FEET for a touchdown, the Cheer Squad members show their enthusiasm for the Clovis-Portland game.

Cheer Squad Front Row: Laine Schrullaken, second row: Maribel Gonzales, Emily Ramos.
Elda Lopez, Margo Galian, Melissa Moran.
Loiselle Dubois, Kim Acklie, Teresa Lewis and
Carol Gonzales.
Third Row: Kortney Hoover.
Fourth Row: Neeta DeLa Cruz, Brenda Gonzales and Kathy Garcia.
Fifth Row: Melissa Cantiano, Mary Perez, Patricia Delos Santos, Cathy Black, Melissa Garcia, Lori
McBirney and Wendy Gallivan.
Right: Linda Rull, Angela Clavoro and Rosanne Ramirez.
Poorboy Players and Thespians Complete All Their Dirty Work at the Crossroads

Thirty people participated in Poorboy Players, who accepted all applicants with an interest in theater arts. In the meetings, the Players discussed the various workdays, fundraisers and productions of the drama department.

"Our most important accomplishment was letting the school board see what we are doing so we can get the facilities that we need," junior Doug Holcomb said.

Much of the money they raised, including funds from the senior t-shirts, went back into the yearly productions, which included the melodrama "Dirty Work at the Crossroads," and the One Acts play "I Never Saw Another Butterfly."

"Finally, we saw everybody working together as a family to get something accomplished," Holcomb said. The Players competed regularly in contests throughout the year. "Contests were a way to watch other schools perform and compare our performances to theirs," junior Thomas Fontenot said. "The fun part was on the way back, we would always stop at Whataburger, and people would ask us why we were so loud, and we would tell them, 'We are drama students!'"

The Poorboy Players are an open group, the Thespians are an honorary organization. Many of the students who work on regular play productions are initiated into the Thespians. "I just wish more students would get more involved," sponsor Cindi Allen said. Allen restarted the Thespian chapter locally.

Drama Officers: Lizia Liasos, Charme Cripps, Darwina Horshy, Kelly Sowell, Doug Holcomb and Marissa Parr.

DECA and VICA Offer Students Skills for the Future

DECA and VICA both offered students skills that they could use in the future. DECA works with students who want to have a career in retail operations, which can include anything from salesmanship to marketing. Sponsor Frank Moran said the jobs included "anything that has to do with dealing with people."

Senior Colin Short worked at Walmart. "It's a job I've enjoyed," he said. "It's given me some good work experience."

Other jobs included businesses such as Beall's, HEB, Stanley's, and the Navy Exchange.

Students also participated in contests. Senior Becky Merritt qualified for national DECA competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, where over 8000 students competed in a timed test and role-playing situations. The role plays involved any type of work situation, including selling or marketing.

Merritt competed on the regional and state level before qualifying for national competition. "It got a lot harder, especially the role plays," Merritt said. "You have five minutes to practice, and then you do it. You had to be in control."

"When Becky went to nationals, it was very rewarding," Moran said. "I like to see the kids excel, especially when I know what they can do."

Moran sees the class as an opportunity to build the students' self-esteem. "I strive to help the students believe in themselves," Moran said. Short, who plans to go into advertising, said competition had helped him. "I competed in an advertising event, and I was glad to have the experience of what I intended to study in college."

Local merchants are supportive of the DECA program. "We both learn something," Youngland owner Susan Smith said. "She teaches me things that help me be a better owner. At a smaller shop like ours, you get to learn everything from vacuuming the floors to pricing."

VICA, an organization devoted to automobile repair, was not as active as sponsor Kenneth Cyper had hoped. "We had a lot of kids with other commitments," Cyper said. "I'd like to see the organization more active in the future."

Through the automotive repair classes, students did learn a great deal about cars. The class offered to repair cars for school staff at low prices. "We learned a lot about overhauling engines," senior Emilio Montes said. "We also concentrated on the electronics in the cars."

MECHANICS in Auto Mechanics class practice their skills under the dashboard. The class included repaneling electrical wiring problems.

DECA SPONSOR FRANK MORHAN and REBECCA MERRITT enjoy skiing at Snowbird Lodge Resort during the National DECA competition.

AS PART OF FUNDRAISING, DECA and VICA members offer computer compatibility charts for students for Valentine's Day.

VICA: Sponsor Kenneth Cypert, Assistant Carlos, Buddy Gezvras, Ty Stover, Jason Green, Alan Bridge, Tammy Dilley, and Mark Delgado.

Officers: Jason Green, Buddy Gezvras, Tammy Dilley, and Mark Delgado.
"A lot can be gained from FFA, but you have to have your heart in the right place."
Sponsor Pat Seals

FFA, Circle B Offer Students Chance for Teamwork

Future Farmers of America and Circle B offered students practical experience working with animals and agriculture.

FFA consistently produces winners among its members, according to sponsor Pat Seals. Members have received scholarships for as much as $10,000.

The chapter had, for the first time, formed committees to deal with the various goals and objectives of the organization.

A lot can be gained from joining FFA, but you have to have your heart in the right place," Seals said. Participation included livestock shows, leadership contests, livestock trading contest, district, state and national events, as well as many other club opportunities, such as the annual barbeque.

"FFA meant a lot to me since I've chosen a career that centers around agriculture," senior Kyl McKay said. "I gained a lot of knowledge and a lot of support."

Banquet speaker Wil Galloway commented that FFA always had the best barbeque a banquet could offer.

In the future, new agriculture curriculum will be implemented. The curriculum will broaden the scope of the agriculture course to include areas such as floral design, wildlife management, horse management, and agricultural mechanics.

Vice President Scott Trlica said, "I don't think FFA did as much as it could have this year. I hope we do more next year."

Circle B offered a chance to share ideas about rodeo competition.

"We were a team working together and bringing ideas together as a club," senior Alisha Lemley said. Lemley said the club exchanged ideas to better their roping and riding style.

"Everybody gives criticism," Lemley said. "It's just like a family."

Circle B also put on a local rodeo. "It gives you a chance to do something extra," freshman Lisa Belew said. "You get to go out and do something different." Belew has been barrel racing since seventh grade.

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PRESIDENT RANDY PICKETT and Scott Holmoe talk during the meal at the FFA Banquet. Both students were officers.

WESLEY HENESLEY tucks up his hems at a meet in Refugio. Contestants competed at meets throughout the year and into the summer.

HENESLEY, as well as other Circle B members, competed in events such as barrel racing and roping at various meets.
Groups such as VOCCT and VOCT, as well as VOE/ OEA, offered students a chance to practice skills in the office and with welding and other materials.

VOCT dealt with office procedures, especially in the area of printing. "Most of what we did dealt with putting school programs together," senior Priscilla Montez said. "I really enjoyed the graduation program."

For the first year, VOCCT placed a student as a state winner. Priscilla Montez, one of two state qualifiers, placed second in typing and filing.

"I enjoyed the competition," Montez said. "It definitely was exciting. You really got to see who was the best in their work."

Sponsor Diana Salazar was very pleased with the results. "I only took two students, so I was ecstatic," Salazar said. Over 800 students participated in the competition.

"I hope for more participation," Salazar said. "but we lost a lot of students to grades. One of our major objectives was to get all those regional qualifiers to pass their classes."

Salazar named leadership and self-confidence as two attributes the students gain from the club. VOE/OEA also offered opportunities in business skills. "We learned business and office skills," senior Debbie Ruiz said. "I've learned a lot of secretarial procedures. I don't think I could have gotten the kind of training I've gotten from Mrs. Arthur." Ruiz worked in the school offices.

Senior Michelle Aguirre gained a permanent job from her experience. She had worked at the school district's Central Supply and continues to work there. "VOE was great because we learned a lot on the job," Aguirre said. "Getting a credit for it made it even better."

OEA goals included more student participation. Debbie Ruiz stated that "a student should join this organization because we are people that share the same kind of interest in business practices."

VOCT members who competed in state competition: Hector Velasquez, Mark Cano, Richard Cantu, Johnny Santana and Dennis Bujnoch. 
VOCATIONAL class members practice skills such as welding in their third period class. Jack Libson's class produces consistent award winners.

STATE participants for VOCT included Priscilla Morane, Chris Andrade and Donna Aguirre, who was also president of the organization.

STUDENTS prepare projects for Woodshop in Mann's vocational class. Students were taught proper procedures, such as wearing goggles when cutting wood.

Winners in VOCT contest competed in contests such as word processing, filing, typing and calculator applications.
Band's Year Shows Increase In Achievement

"It was a good year for the band," director Bill Cason said. "We had a lot of kids and a lot of success with the small ensembles and individual and group competition."

The marching band included 140 marching to "Putting It All Together," "Drum Machine," and "Send in the Clowns."

"I was very pleased, Cason said. "They did a good job with the music."

For the seniors, the last game was an emotional moment. "I had a hard time marching the last game," senior Jason Lynum said. "It's a family atmosphere in band, and when you're marching the last game, it's almost like you're already going off to college."

The band also participated in Dius Y Siez, Western Week and pep rallies. Although the year included many of the traditional events, Band President Renee Saenz said there were definite advantages to the year.

"We had a lot more communication between the members and the band directors," senior Renee Saenz said. "We had a lot of student input, and they let us do a lot, like the senior show (during marching season)."

Spring included sightreading and concert contest. "I think the music was entertaining both to the band and to the audience," Cason said.

Many students considered the Music Banquet to be the highlight of the year.

"I thought the banquet gave a lot of recognition to the people who deserved it," Saenz said. She admitted that the band skit, which included junior Craig Terry as Bill Cason, was almost totally improvised the night of the banquet. "We were practicing, and it just wasn't coming through," Saenz said. "Most of it was improvised that night, and I may be biased, but I think it was the best part of the banquet."

"We did a lot this year, and we had a lot of success," Cason said.
BAND DIRECTOR David Gavera instructs THB band students David Miller and Anthony Sanchez on the patriotic theme show.

KY MCKAY and JEANETTE GONZALES lead the Homecoming pep rally. McKay, the senior drum major, was a member of Chorale, Debate and FFA, as well as Prom Queen. T. Everts

MICHAEL MARTIN, section leader, plays in the last concert of the year. Martin was elected to be the next president of the band.
SOPHOMORE SCOTT MCKENZIE leads the saxophone section. A jazz band member, McKenzie also plays tennis.

CARRIE MCKINNIE, VANESSA MOYA, JILL LYNN and LAURA LEE wait to perform for the concert. Keyya was one of the band soloists.

AT THE BANQUET: Stacey Bandera and Renee Suenz present the band with a scrapbook, which Suenz compiled for the band.

JAMES MAROON plays timpani on "Newcastle March." "I remember the concert because I had just gotten a cast off of my leg," Maroon said.

BAND MEMBERS practice the patriotic show which is performed every year. Junior high band students also participate.
Journalism Staffs
Add Experience
At Competitions

This year was a year of change in publications in many areas.

"I think we did more of a variety of things this year than we ever have before," adviser Kimberly Reeves said. "We attended the state journalism contest in Austin, and we also travelled to Kingsville, Corpus Christi, and Woodiboro to compete."

Corinna Longoria placed fifth in Feature Writing at the Calallen meet and third in the Texas A&I competition.

"I was ecstatic with my win," Longoria said. "It was overwhelming because schools like G-P were there. They have big reputations, and I was happy to place so high with that kind of competition."

Pamela Zepeda placed sixth in Editorial at the Calallen meet, and Richard Zowie placed first in Editorial at Woodiboro. Rubin Gonzales picked up fifth in Headline Writing at the district meet.

"I wasn't really nervous," Gonzales said. "I felt good. I knew I was going to win. I felt the power of the moment."

Although the staffs had to deal with a darkroom fire in March which destroyed negatives and equipment, they had some advantages through attending conferences and conventions. Contests and workshops enhanced the staffs and future staff members. "We incorporated a lot of student ideas into the yearbook," editor Dee Emmons said. "We included senior credits for the first time in a while, and the book itself is bigger. I think it'll look a whole lot nicer."

The future staff members attended a conference in Austin. "It was really interesting," freshman Levi Fernandez said. "We got a lot out of the sessions for next year."

The staff members exchanged ideas with other staffs whenever possible. "The best part of journalism is the people you meet," photographer Tina Loredo said. "You can go out to a football game and meet other photographers. We're always exchanging information, like, 'We do it this way...or We have that set up that way.' We're always exchanging information."

Kathy Prater

Member of: ILPC Zuill and Scroll

WINNERS of area journalism contests were Rubin Gonzales and Corinna Longoria. Other winners included Pamela Zepeda and Richard Zowie.
WORKING WITH COPY, freshman Jason Hardin completes an assignment for the yearbook. Hardin was a first-year journalism student. J. Ricard

SOPHOMORE DAISY LOYA completes a poster for the Annual Entertainment, the fundraiser for the yearbook. Loya was named the Outstanding Journalism One student.

FUTURE YEARBOOK STAFF MEMBER Lesti Fernandez surveys the “Texas in Texas” at the ILPC conference in Austin. The staff members also toured the Capitol and went ice skating.

Yearbook Staff
First Row: Maribel
Sara Miguel, Fidget Stirling, and Angie
Kirkby
Second Row: Dee Stricklin, Tasha
Allie Treni Dillon, and Steven Alvarez.
"When they come in as freshmen we start working hard. All that experience paid off."
Director
Don Zidlicky

More Seniors Add to Success of Choir, Trip

The choir's highlights this year included hard work in the area of contest, concerts and fundraising. Under the direction of director Don Zidlicky, the choir had achieved a superior rating in sight reading and an excellent rating in concert.

When they come in as freshmen, we start working hard," Zidlicky said. "All that experience paid off." He credits a large number of experienced seniors and juniors with the choir's success.

Chorale also placed singers in district, regional, and state contests. James Martinez was named to the All-State choir. "I've wanted this since I was a freshman," Martinez said, "and it was a feeling of success to see the work pay off."

The choir concentrated on the areas of music theory and technique, which have been expressed through their prepared performances, from classical to modern popular pieces. For the first time, membership topped 100 in four different choirs.

Chorale has performed for various community activities such as Veteran's Day, flag raisings, and assemblies as well as concerts. Barry Spanjaard, a guest speaker, commented that James Martinez's singing was so exceptional that he should be performing professionally.

Chorale has always held high goals. This year's goal was to raise $12000 for a trip to Six Flags in Dallas.

The trip was more disappointing than expected. Late buses, no buses, changing buses and bad weather made the Dallas trip a gruelling experience. Choir members, however, did admit that the trip did have highlights, such as water gun fights, throwing people into the pool and long games of Uno.

"The trip was a letdown," Martinez said, "but spending time with each other was pretty neat." I would have pulled my hair out, except for the kids super behavior," Zidlicky said, "I couldn't ask for better behavior."

The group also spent a day at Six Flags, where members admitted that they bought "junky souveniers."

"I'm well pleased with the choir, and I look forward to next year," director Don Zidlicky said.

Faustina Capati

Chorale Officers: Casey Dela Garza and Crystal Smith; Managers: Jack Jackson, Treasurer; Ky McKay, Vice-President; Mariana Past, President; and not pictured: Sheila Taylor, Secretary.

Chorale First Row: Mary Yoshino, Debbie Rodriguez, Kelly Sowell, Mariana Past, Jesus Wright, Traye Martinez, Casey Dela Garza, Ruby Loya.
SENIOR JAMES MARTINEZ sings at the Fine Arts Festival. Martinez was an All-State choir member.

PRACTICING SIGHTREADING for contest, Clay DeLaGrazza looks over "She's Like The Swallow" during a choir concert. D. Loya

SENIOR JASON LYNUM grabs an extra donut during breakfast. The choir was on their trip to perform at Six Flags. C. Allen

Acapella Choir First Row: Jake Cantrall and Michael Moore; Second Row: Kerri McKay, Svena Bess, Carol Garcia, Lisa Boyer; Terri Lewis, Kayce Gaynor, Krona Yasenia; Third Row: La Medina, Chelsea Zimpel, Kenny Clem, Danny Moore, Lisa Felever, Kathy Black, and Liz Larsen.
The Choir had a wonderful year. It started with 15 students making the All-District Choir, and 13 singing in the All-Region Choir. Among the Y3, two advanced to All-State Tryouts, where James Martinez was selected.

The Choir's next task was to raise money for the spring trip to Six Flags. The trip did not start off well because the buses were three hours late, but they were on their way.

Their first stop was San Marco, where the host choir had a dance prepared. After a short night's sleep they performed for the host choir, where Jenny Bender made a smashing debut as a gospel choir director.

After traveling all afternoon they arrived at the hotel to receive a good night's rest. The day was spent in the famous park where after they traveled all thru the night back to good old ACJ.

Solo and Ensemble contest was a big success with 15 receiving a superior rating and 10 advancing to state competition, where there were four medalists. In choir competition the choir received an excellent rating in concert, and a superior rating in sight-reading.

Rounding down the year was the annual spring concert where the choir performed songs from the past and present. The year was very competitive, but with next year's senior class doubling we'll see what happens. Doug Holcomb
DIRECTOR DON ZIDICKY directs the choir during a simulated frightening situation. The choir reads "She's Like the Swallow."

WILLSON NG and Cissy Dela Carza do the jitterbug while the choir does backup during a concert.

CHORUS MEMBERS join voices for the concert selections for chorus. The choirs were broken into four separate groups.

Treble Choir First Row: Wendy Baca, Gina Trella, Becky Mendez Secong Row: Anwil Valdez, Kamml Hoover, Definitely Garcia, Consuelo Benavidez, Marissa Canchola Third Row: Grace Cano, Cheryl Gilbert, Beatrice DelRosque, Rhonda Dwonawycz, Donna Ackerman, Wendy Galander.

Officers: Wendy Baca, Beatrice DelRosque, Marissa Canchola, Consuelo Benavidez, Anna Valdez, and Rhonda Dwonawycz.
Debate, Decathlon
Stay Cool
Under Fire

Debate, a UIL sponsored extra-curricular activity, involves a good sense of logic, calm reasoning, and an ability to stay cool under fire. A strong squad placed two teams at district competition after months of preparation and competition.

Juniors Mariana Past and Karolyn Smith placed fourth in district competition, while seniors Ky McKay and junior Sherry Atherton took fifth. Both teams mastered the finer points of debate, which included argumentation, reasoning, logic, critical thinking, organization and persuasive speaking.

"Debate was a learning experience," Past said. "We had a lot of tough competition, and it was the first year for lots of people in it. We hope to be stronger next year."

Preparation begins in early summer at a camp and continues throughout the year. There are about eight students in this activity," sponsor Grace Soliz said. Even though the team is not large in numbers, Soliz considers them "the cream of the crop."

Debate requires reasoning in an organized manner, such as lawyers do, on a one particular case topic each year. This year's topic revolved around political stability in Latin America. Preparation requires being bright and current with world events. "They have to be quick on their feet," sponsor Grace Soliz said. The team will spend hours researching the finer points of a case, anticipating points and objections of the other team.

"I learned about topics I never knew existed," senior Ky McKay said.

Academic Decathlon also dealt with learning about special topics. The additional of a Humanities class helped the team prepare for competition.

"The Humanities class made us an all-around better team," senior David Clifton said.

The class covered topics such as consumer economics, fine arts, literature, math, and the Super Quiz subject of aviation.

Team members Jack Jackson and Stuart Narowitz picked up wins at the regional meet in January.

Vicy Perales and David Clifton
DEBATE SPONSOR: Grade Selig addresses a classroom of students who are considering joining debate. Selig was joined by squad members.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON sponsored a reception at the Methodist Church which potential members and alumni attended.

MICHAEL MARTIN prepares to speak to potential debaters. Martin was also a band and National Honor Society member. / R. Marve

Changes in NHS, Council
Add to Service
In School, Community

Recent changes improved the National Honor Society. For the first time, the 12 seniors and 11 juniors participated in service projects, including the Christmas tree display at the library and the Vineyard Christmas Angels. "I think it was the best year we've had in a long time," senior President Scott Streitman said.

"We hadn't done service projects before," sponsor Cherry McClintock said. "Our members have done service in other organizations, but this is the first year they've done service as a group."

"I'm glad we were able to do service projects," senior Kristen Kraker said. "It showed that NHS is an active organization, and we're willing to get involved."

Streitman credits last year's president and the sponsor with improving the organization. "Mrs. McClintock coordinated us and got the ball rolling early in the year. We met more often, and we got started earlier in the year," he said.

NHS recognizes students with the qualities of leadership, scholarship, service, and character. "These students don't seem to get enough recognition," McClintock said. "Athletics seems to overshadow everything else."

Streitman hopes the organization is even more active with service next year. "I think service was something good for us to do," he said. "We want to make NHS something special in the school."

Lisa Trejo

"Student Council was hectic this year but fun," President Stacey Rendon said. "It was hectic because of all the new people and a new sponsor!"

Council projects included candy sales and bake sales, as well as serving breakfast to teachers and administrators, sponsoring a class spirit competition, and decorating the locker bays. They also sponsored a "Mr. Irresistible" contest.

The primary purpose is to involve students in the everyday business of the school and hopefully boost school morale or spirit," sponsor Penny Manly said.

Many of the project ideas were taken from summer workshops, mid-winter convention and state convention in Austin. They also traded ideas with other schools.

Traditional Student Council events were also observed. The organization sponsored the Homecoming Dance, painted cars for Homecoming, and participated in Western Week. "We tried to make Student Council the backbone of the school this year and for years to come," Manly said.

Secret Pals, a project where Student Council members adopted a teacher, was also a success.

"This year's Council involved themselves wherever the need arose, from putting up letters on the marquee to baking desserts for the teachers during In-Service," Manly said.

Officers: President Scott Streitman, Vice President Kristen Kraker, Treasurer Charles Stafford, and Secretary Steve Angeleri. Not pictured: Secretaries and Sweethearts Melissa Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBERS send Stacey Rendon balloons as a “thank you” for her work as president of the student body.

SENIOR Scott Stevemna leads the NHS meeting where they discuss the agenda for the Awards Night ceremony for initiates.

SPONSOR PENNY MANLY and President Stacey Rendon discuss the requirements of office with students who are interested in running for Student Council positions.


SERVING AT AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL are President Stacey Rendon and Vice President Jackli Rodella.
"My sister suggested we go out 'cruising'... After driving around aimlessly for a couple of hours, I was beginning to wonder if we were ever going to get there." Jodie Gibbs

AFS and FCA Bring Special Guests To Visit

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a fellowship and devotional group dedicated to building athletes spiritually and also giving something back to the community.

"The FCA helps you to become a better Christian," junior Jason Tindel said. One of the ways the FCA demonstrated their Christian attitudes was through sponsoring one of the year's biggest events.

Lori Mae Blas, mother of the late basketball star Len Bias, spoke to a crowded auditorium during a March assembly. She said that her purpose was not to eulogize Bias, but to help "her babies" avoid the same drug abuse.

Bias has spoken nationally and internationally. FCA planning began in the fall and included numerous fundraisers. "We raised the money by selling M&Ms and having car washes," junior Vice President Travis Tindel said.

Bias' visit was clearly worth the effort. As Bias spoke, pasting the stage, her voice rising and falling as she stressed strong self-esteem and motivation, the crowd was clearly moved. After the speech, students crowded around her, hugging and kissing her. Obviously, her straightforward approach to drugs, alcohol, sex and teen crime hit home with many students.

"I think Bias' speech helped and influenced the students who worked hard and influence," junior Kirk Gibson said. "She was a motivational and had a lot of good points. Her speech was well put."

The American Field Service is designed to help students understand, meet and become friends with students from other countries through the AFS exchange program.

Junior Kirk Towsen joined AFS "to find out about other people and their cultures and compare them to our own." Freshman Jennifer Jackson agreed, and said she intended to "extend my knowledge of foreign countries." Jackson will host next year's exchange student.

Senior Jodie Gibbs was the exchange student from New Zealand. Junior Cami Sennett participated in the summer exchange program, visiting Australia.

"I think the best part was the feed of the people," Gibbs said, "and, of course, the hardest part was the heat. When I left New Zealand, it was 40 degrees, and when I got off the plane here, it was 116."

Gibbs was surprised how easy it was to enjoy a new high school. "It was easy to fit in here. I was expecting to get homesick, but I really wasn't." Gibbs' involvement in the program included a number of speeches at local professional and school groups. She also spoke at the graduation ceremony about her experiences, such as cooking. "My sister suggested that we go out 'cruising' and I said sure," Gibbs said. "After driving around aimlessly for a couple of hours, I was beginning to wonder if we were ever going to get there." Richard Zowie and Robert Williamson

Senior Jodie Gibbs accepts her diploma from Lou Adele May. Gibbs was the AFS exchange student from New Zealand.
EXCHANGE STUDENT Jodie Gibbons opens gifts she received at the AFS Christmas party at President Les Adle's May's house.

PRESIDENT Melissa Kimbrough leads an FCA meeting where arrangements for Mrs. Leslie Riss' visit are made.

CAMIL BREMER, Jodie Gibbons, and Kelligh Smith play pool with visiting Italian exchange student Alex Cavaretta, G. Harrison.

JOE GONZALES sells concessions at the FCA concession stand. The club handed all baseball game concessions.

JODIE GIBBINS watches a relay varsity football game with Kevin McKay. Gibbons said the weather was a big adjustment. David Oritz.


"I enjoyed sending cards to the nursing home. It really made us feel good."

Adrienne Olivares

Key Club and S Club both offered service to the community and the school.

Key Club concentrated on building the leadership and service potential of students. The year was especially successful in expanding the club's service potential.

The club worked with projects such as the Vinyard's Christmas Angels, the Mediterranean Nursing Home, Homecoming and Public Education Week. They also participated in Western Week and Christmas caroling in local neighborhoods.

"I think the best project was the spring barbeque," sophomore Shannon Finke said, "because we raised a lot of money, and it was fun with everyone working and cutting up together."

"I think an important part of Key Club is that we're part of a larger, international service organization," sponsor Kimberly Reeves said. "It was so encouraging to have people from other clubs like Victoria tell us how impressed they are with our potential."

The club also offered social opportunities for members. A fall ice cream social introduced prospects to the club, and the club had a formal candlelight initiation for parents and students.

The club, part of an international service group sponsored by Kiwanis, attended weekly Kiwanis conventions, regional training conferences and a Texas-Oklahoma convention in Oklahoma City.

The officers included President Cory Brooke, Vice President Clint Ray; Secretary Scott Trlica; Treasurer Leslie Delesso; and Sergeant-At-Arms Travis Tindall.

The S Club was also working to build the community. The group, consisting of 15 active members, participated in a variety of service projects.

The club participated in collecting money for the Vinyard. At Christmas, the club made decorations for the local nursing homes and decorated the "Dashin Through South Texas" tree for the Christmas Tree Forest.

"I enjoyed sending the Valentines Day cards to the nursing home," junior Adrienne Olivares said. "They sent us a thank you note, and it really gave us a good feeling."

Also involved in school activities, the members painted football run through signs and served refreshments at the Open House. Involved in fundraising, they worked the concession stands at the football games. Some of the money went to the Ronald McDonald House in Corpus Christi.

The highlight of the year was chaperoning the VEH class at SeaWorld. Claudia Arriola and Melissa Garcia.
NEW FRESHMAN prospects sign up for projects at the spring social, where Key Club members provided refreshments and information about the club.

S CLUB MEMBERS met in sponsor Mary Aman's room for meetings, where they discussed projects such as nursing home visits.

KELLEIGH SMITH, Angie Hoverman, and Leslie Chapman wait for the plane after Key Club convention in Oklahoma City.

VSH class members visited Sea World with the S Club soon after it opened. They enjoyed the dolphin show the most.

S Club: Front Row: Tina Hindojos, Monica Hindojos, Patty Fernandez, Adrienne Oliver; Claudia Arriola, Sandy Rodriguez Second Row: Laura Garcia, Matti Mertac, Donna Aquino, Laura Landeen; Sponsor Mary Aman
How People
Make the Difference

When it comes right down to what success, you have to consider the people involved. People make the difference in success, and the people at A C Jones are certainly destined to succeed.

For one thing, we’re a school of differences. We have Navy brats and long-time residents, kickers and hard rockers, the friendly and the quiet ... Our differences are our strength, because everyone at A C Jones brings something to the formula of our success, and its always changing.

Not that we’ll be happy to see the seniors leave, but they move on to their new lives, and we add a few more to our numbers. Our numbers of success.

STUDENT COUNCIL president Sherry Rendon accepts a graduation gift from the members of the Student Council. Michael Memo is handing her the bill.
Senior Successes

Award Winners

AWARD WINNERS IN Special Olympic pose for photos during the senior graduation reception.

SENIOR BECKY MERRITT waits for the announcements at the National DECA contest in Salt Lake City.

SENIOR JASON LYNAM risks his way to fame as he competes to win a Sunbird of Samara. Lynum loves, but his vision will be remembered.

140 Award Winners
ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS were presented on Awards Night and included Alan O'Neill.

RENEE SAENZ and Anna DeHayes pose with their band awards which were presented at Awards Night. Saenz was also the president of the band.

VOCET MEMBERS INCLUDED Donald Grelet, Mark Caso, Ronald Casado, Mike Arricks and Ohr (not Gerard Hector Vilasquez and Mitchell Arredondo.)
Senior Successes

ERNISSE, DEB — Band 9; Yearbook Editor 13.
GIBBES, JUDIE — Key Club 10; Band 11; Student Council 12; FCA 13; APS Exchange Student 12; VHS History Medal 12.
GONZALEZ, ALEXNET — DeL Tone 9; Cheesemaid 10,11,12; Choir 9,10,11,12; Key Club 10,12; FCA 11,12; Homecoming Court; Lady-In-Waiting 11; Mureen 12; Math Club Honors 11.
GONZALEZ, CRACH — Cheesemaid 9,10,11,12; Homecoming Court; Princess 9, Duchess 10,11, Lady-In-Waiting 12; Class Favorite 9; PECA 12.
JACKSON, JILL — Valiantianian; Choir 9,10,11,12; Choir; Directors 10,11,12; Orchestra 12; Choral Treasurers 12,13; Honor 11; Academic Distinction 11,12,13; Gold Medal 13; Essay 12; Scholastic and Charms Senior, Fourth 11; Choral Medal 9,10; Honor Tug & Flag II Medal 11; National Honor Society 11,12; National Math Scholarship Finalist; English IV Honors Medal 12; Economics Medal 13; Elementary Analytical Medal 12; Faculty-Selected Citizenship Award.
KELLEY, TRACY — Basketball 9,10,11,12; Volleyball 9,10,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Athlete 9,10,11,12; Golf 9,10,11,12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Student Council 12.
LANGDON, LINDSAY — National Honor Society 10,10,11,12; Varsity Volleyball 10,10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; All-American Honorable Mention 10,11,12; All-District Second Team 10,12; All-District First Team 11,12; Track 9,10,11,12; Staff 12; Academic Distinction 11,12,13; GRAND President 9,10; Art Club 9,10; All-District Choir 10; ACHS Choir 10.
LITTERY, KIM — Home/Family Living Medal 12; LEAL, ROBERT — Class Favorite 9; Football 9; Newspaper 11,12,13; Yearbook System Editor 13; Cross Country 10; Track 9,10; Office Duplication 9,10; LEXNER, ALICE — Band 9,10,11,12; D Anthony Secretary and Club Sponsor 11,12; CIRCLE 8 Officer 11; Track 12; Student Council 12; Varsity Volleyball 12; Academic Distinction 12; LINDEN, HEIDI — Band 9,10,11,12; Choir 11; Student Council 11; Chemistry 11; Varsity Basketball 10,11,12; National Honor Society 11,12.
LYNDEN, JASON — Marching Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Band 9,10,11,12; Senior Choir 11,12; Ballads 12; Tennis 9,10,11,12; Football 11; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Academic Distinction 12; National Math Finalist 12; All-District Band 11,12; JAZZ Drummer 12; Choir Solo & Ensemble 10,11,12; Choir Solo & Ensemble 11,12; Symphonic Band Medal 11,12; Faculty-Selected Band All-Annual 12.
Award Winners

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
Women present their annual scholarship in a May ceremony.

FOOTBALL PLAYER LAWRENCE
Carcano was presented with Best Personality at Annual Entertainment.


STEVEN ESTRADA WAS a winner at Awards Night in Art. Awards Night was presented in May.
STUDENTS WHOSE SOLOS advanced to state solo and ensemble contest pose for the Bee Picasuke photographer. Band directors are Bill Casen and David Garso.


SENIORS KY MCKAY and Jason Lymann are presented with the Masonic Lodge awards. Both were involved in variety of activities, including band.


Award Winners
Senior Successes

MARTINEZ, ALLISON — Newspaper Staff 11,12; Cheerleader 10,11,12; Homecoming Queen 12; All-Campus Favorite 12.

MARTINEZ, JAMES — Choir 9,10,11,12; Musical 9,11; All-District Choir 9,10,11,12; All-Region 9,10,11,12; All-Area 10,11,12; All-State 12; Balladiers Beau 10,11,12; Acapella Beau 9; Choir Medal 12

MCBRAYER, STEVEN — Basketball 9; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Beau 12; Cross Country 10,11,12; Lab Management Medal 12

MCKAY, KY — Band 9,10,11,12; Choir 10,11,12; Balladiers 11,12; All-District Choir 11,12; All-Region Choir 11,12; Student Council 11,12; FFA 9,10,11,12; AFS 12; Debate Club 12; Prom Queen; Rotary Award; Drum Major; National Choral Award 12; Faculty-Selected Best All-Around

MERRITT, BECKY — DECA, Vice President; 11, President 12; Marketing Ed E Medal 12

MOLINA, BRANDON — Band 9,10,11,12
Senior Successes

PEREZ, JJ — Football 9,10,11,12; Track 10,11
FCA 11
RAY, CLINT — Tennis 9,10,11,12; FFA 10,11,12; Key Club 10,11,12; Vice President 12; Most Handsome
RENDON, STACEY — Class Reporter 10,11,12; Band 9,10,11; Treasurer 12; Student Council Parliamentarian 10,11; President 12; Vice President 13
RODEA, JACQUE — Band 9,10,11,12; All-District Band 11,12; State Solo & Ensemble 11; Student Council 9,10,11,12; Clark 11; Vice President 12; UIL Typing 12
SAENZ, RENEE — Band 9,10,11,12; Newspaper 10,11; National Honor Society 11,12; JAZZ Band 11,12; UIL District Typing 12; Spanish II Medal 12; John Houston Souls Award 12
SANMIGUEL, MAEWEB — Pep Squad 10; FHA 11; Pacemaker Players 11,12; Thespian 11,12; Yearbook 10,11; Sweetheart 12; Photographer 9,10,11,12
SHAAR, BETTY — Choir 9,10; Choral Treasurer 9; Musical 9,11; Student Council 9; Drill Team 9; Track 11,12; Volleyball 11; Masquer 12; Thespian 12; FCA 12; Marlee Gonzales 12; Faculty-Selected School Spirit; Most Humorous
SMITH, JEM — Key Club 10,11; Senior Rep 12; Basketball 9,10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Who's Who
SMITH, LAURIE — Volleyball 11; Football and Baseball Manager 11; DECA Vice President 12; Marlee Gonzales 12
SMITH, ORA — Flag Corps 9,10; Drill Team 12; FHA 9,10; Marlee Gonzales 12
SOLO, BELINDA — Band 9; Yearbook 10; VOTE 11; Vice President 12; Cross Country 12; Track 12
SOWELL, KELLY — Choir 9,10,11,12; Drama 11,12; Thespian 11,12; President and Sweetheart 12; Drill Team 12
STAFFORD, CHARLES — Cross Country 12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Treasurer 12; Computer Math Medal 12
STAUDER, BRIDGET — Yearbook 11,12; Drill Team 11
STREETMAN, SCOTT — Golf Team 11,12; National Honor Society 11,12; President 12; Analytic Geometry Medal 12; ROTC 12; Rotary Club Award 12
TERRILL, ROXALIND — Band 9,10; Color Guard 11,12; FHA 11,12
TINDOL, SHANNON — Track 9,12; News Reporter 11; Color Guard 11; Newspaper Sports Editor 11,12; Cross Country 12; FCA Reporter 12
TORRES, MELISSA — Drill Team 9,10,11,12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Sweetheart 12; Faculty-Selected Leadership 12
VAZQUEZ, MARGARET — Cheerleader 9,12; Homecoming Court Lady-in-Waiting 9,12; Class Vice President 10,11,12
VICKERS, CURTIS — Band 9,10,11,12; All-District Band 12; Jazz Band 11,12; Golf 10,11
VICTOR, DIANE — FHA 12; Baseball 10,11,12
Award Winners in Contests


UIL REGIONAL WINNERS included Jackie Rodiles in typing and Anna Cook in Accounting. The coach was Jerry Livingston.

WINNERS OF THE VICA contest display their winning projects for the Bob Pickett.
CHOR OFFICERS KY McKinley, Jack Jackson, and Marissa Post display the choir award for concert and sightreading contest.

VOCCT winners pose for the newspaper. The sponsor of the group is Diana Saldana.
Autographs
Underclassmen
Gibbes Brings New Zealand Experience to School

Jodie Gibbes, a 17-year-old senior, is from rural New Zealand. She went to Palmerston North Girls High School. She says our schools bigger with more kids. She said the only big difference is that there are boys at this school. Even though she is thousands of miles from home, she said, “I was surprised how easy it was to fit in here.”

Jodie has many of the same interests as many Beaville students. She likes to play piano and flute and also go out with friends. Her favorite subject is English, and she said she likes easy rock like the New Zealand group Crowded House. She likes Chinese food, which is as popular in New Zealand as Mexican food to her.

She lived with her family, the Tindalls, which included an older sister Kristen and a younger brother Travis. “I really didn’t get homesick that often,” she said.

Living in Beaville was not without its difficulties. Although English is her native language, she did find some barriers. “You use words like ‘kiwi’ for fruit,” she told the FHA meeting. “In New Zealand, the kiwi is the national bird. I couldn’t understand why people here would want to eat a bird.”

Besides school groups, she has also spoke to local civic group meetings and high school classes which she enjoyed. She visited groups such as the Rosetta Club and Kiwanis Club, providing a slide show and discussion of New Zealand and her experiences.

Jodie is a seasoned traveler. Other than New Zealand and U.S., she’s been to four continents. She said she has visited Australia and Japan, but she wouldn’t want to live there. She said the weather, often over 100 degrees, was difficult to adjust to. Craig Terry
The Perfect High School Party

I always pictured the perfect high school party as the one in the movie "Sixteen Candles." You know the one—tons of people running around a big, luxurious house with lots of food and the stereo blasting the latest tunes. All while the parents are out of town, of course.

Not all parties are like that, of course. Some parties can get pretty crazy, though. At one slumber party I attended, a girl had her intimate apparel tied to a local flagpole while she slept. She never forgave us, and we never stopped laughing about it.

Not all parties are fun. Of course, the one party you weren't invited to last Friday night is the one guaranteed to change the universe. I think the "No one thought to invite me" syndrome happens to all of us once in a while.

The best thing about parties, though, is that they give you a chance to relax and enjoy good company. You have time to be yourself and have fun with your friends. It's the best alternative to books, detention and any of the after-school activities we attend.

So when it comes time to remember all those good times I had in high school, I'll remember my algebra quizzes, the football games, and some great parties. Jennifer Ramirez
Senior Class Officers

Senior Class Officers: Treasurer Laurie Campos, President Allison Martinez, Vice President Cory Brooke, and Secretary Stacy Rendon.
Best Tardy Excuse

"It seems like every time I try to get to class, someone stops me in the hall."
Reagan Scott

Other excuses...

"I fell down."
Jennifer Ramirez, 10

"My car didn't start."
Benny Rodriguez, 12

"I couldn't find my book."
Margo Gaitan, 9

"My locker jammed."
Jennifer Ricard, 9

"I got sick and went home at lunch."
Lawrence Carranco, 12

"I had a doctor's appointment."
Melyssa Zambrano, 10
Junior Class Favorites

JUNIOR FAVORITE CHESTAL LAZENBY, a cheerleader, was junior class president, a student council representative and a member of FCA. She enjoys dancing, jet skiing, cheerleading and being with her friends.

"I like the faculty support at school," Lazensity said, "The people are crazy and fun to be with here.

JUNIOR FAVORITE TRAVIS TINDOL, a varsity football, basketball, track and baseball player, was also a member of FCA, APS, Key Club, Student Council, and was Junior Class Vice President.

"I like the people here at school," Tindol said.
Bright Ideas:
What Can We Do To Improve the School?

"Our school needs more and better eating facilities. I believe we should have a closed campus during the lunch periods, and an open campus the rest of the day. Our school also needs more discipline."
Mary Ford

"I believe we should offer college preparatory courses which may be helpful to further the education of those planning to attend college. For example, courses in introductory psychology, business and possibly a course in cosmetology. Such prep courses will help the student get an idea of their future careers."
Gina Benavides

"Purchase new books for the library and increase the size of the library to accommodate more books and students. I would also like to see additional library time in the mornings."
Jason Gatt

"I think the school should build at least four more tennis courts and put lights up for them."
Kenny Boyer

"We need to build a new gym floor. This may improve the basketball playing and practicing. With the improvement in skills, more games would be won, and we could attract a larger crowd to our facility."
Michael Brady

"I think the restrooms need to be equipped for the handicapped because the only available one is near the senior locker bay."
Janet Bruce

"My idea for improving the school is to have an SAT program teaching you how to take the test."
Tiffany Fisaro
Sophomore Favorites

SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITE Jennifer Ramirez, a cheerleader, was a member of Key Club, Sophomore Class president, and involved in journalism. She enjoys bike riding, dancing, and having fun with her friends.

"I like the people at A C Jones and the way students get into the activities the school has to offer," she said. "It's important, and not all schools are like that."

SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITE Chris Gomez is a football and basketball player who enjoys weightlifting and fishing. "I like the coaches and the people here at school," he said.

DelBosque, Beatrice 10
DelBosque, Ernest 9
DelBosque, Geneva 10
Delcan, Billy 10
Delcan, Michael 9

DelSanto, Andrea 11
DelSanto, Ken 11
DelSanto, Patricia 9
Dewbo, Kirk 11
Dewsoo, Leslie 11

Dicker, Cindy 10
Dierksen, Michael 9
Dierker, David 10
Dominguez, Albert 9
Dominguez, Angie 9

Dominguez, Joe 10
Dominguez, Linda 9
Dowd, TJ 11
Dworeck, Brenda 9
Dusen, Chris 11

Dusen, Sean 10
Dvorak, Neal 9
Dvorak, Adam 10
Dunbar, Regina 10
Dworzycki, Rhianda 10
Sophomore Class Officers

Class officers included Vice President Jennifer Fairchild, President Jennifer Ramirez and Treasurer Valerie Saggio.
Junior Class Officers

President: Cheryl Laurenby
Vice President: Travis Tindle
Treasurer: Terry Elmlinder
Secretary: Jessica Gonzalez
Reporter: Susan Vara

Fick, Doug 10
Fisker, Marlene 10
Fish, Brent 10
Flores, Brenda 9
Flores, Cristina 10

Flores, Linda 10
Freeman, Thomas 11
Ford, Dustin 9
Ford, Mary 11
Franco, Derek 11

Franco, Gilbert 11
Frasier, Teresa 11
Frederick, Janelle 10
Freeman, Michelle 11
Fuentes, Andrea 11

Galbreath, Tyree 10
Gage, L. M. 11
Garner, Margaret 9
Garth, Wendy 9
Galindo, Denise 11

Galvan, Jeannie 10
Galvan, John 11
Galvan, Norma 9
Garcia, Belinda 9
Garcia, Celina 9

Fink-Garcia 183
Garcia, Charlie 10
Garcia, Danny 9
Garcia, David 9
Garcia, David 9
Garcia, Gaetano 9
Garcia, Gary 11
Garcia, Jason 11
Garcia, Joanne 11
Garcia, Johnny 11
Garcia, Joe 10
Garcia, Kiki 9
Garcia, Larry 10
Garcia, Laura 11
Garcia, Lori 11
Garcia, Matt 9
Garcia, Melissa 9
Garcia, Raymundo 11
Garcia, Reinaldo 10
Garcia, Sally 9
Garcia, Sandy 11
Gazza, Ben 10
Gazza, Chelsea 9
Gazza, Dolores 9
Gazza, Eileen 11

Who's Who Honorees

Who's Who were awarded at the Annual Entertainment. The Who’s Who were James Martinez, Melissa Torres, Stacey Saive, Jack Jackson, Tracey Einar, Cory Brosius, Jim Semjek, Jason Lynam, Lenny Leachlin, and Stewart Adair.
Survey Question:
What Do You Look For in A Date?

"She needs to have a nice personality and be very caring. She needs to have a great attitude. She really doesn't have to be beautiful, just as long as I feel nice being with her. The way we get along really counts on our relationship is going to turn out. And she needs to care about everything we do together. That's what really counts."
Kevin McKenna

"In a boyfriend, I look for a sweet, cute guy with a nice attitude, loyalty and honesty. It needs to be someone I can trust to be true, too."
Sandy Moreno

"In a girlfriend, I look for her to be pretty, nice and smart. On a date, I look to go out and have fun. I don't want to go out with someone boring."
Eric Valdez

She should be good looking, nice and really caring."
Kriss Paty
Freshman Officers

Fresh Officers: Vice President Glen Boyer, President Claudia Arriola and Treasurer Joey Salinas.
Name That Teacher

Answers on Page 170.

Gonzalez, Wendy 9
Gonzalez, Javier 11
Goyanes, B.J. 9
Goyanes, Kayvee 9
Graham, Calvin 9

Gray, Devine 11
Gray, Sean 10
Green, James 10
Green, Todd 9
Graywacker, Laura 9

Guerra, Dena 11
Guerra, Stella 10
Guerrero, Frank 11
Guerrero, Joe 10
Guerrero, Linda 9

Guerrero, Robbie 9
Guiterrez, Albert 10
Guiterrez, Dave 11
Guiterrez, Greg 10
Guiterrez, John 9

Guiterrez, Marissa 9
Guiterrez, Pamela 9
Guiterrez, Renee 11
Guiterrez, Robert 11
Hahn, Brady 11
Tryouts test future Trojanettes

My hands were clammy and my stomach was turning cartwheels. Only minutes from now I would be trying out for the drill team. I had given up on the relative comfort and security of band life to dance in front of hundreds of people at football games. At times I was sure I was doing the right thing.

Right before I went out to perform, after practicing the routine a hundred times in my mind, I remembered a piece of advice a friend gave me. "Be confident," she said. "Make them believe that they need you!"

The more I thought about her words, the more I understood what she meant. It gave me the confidence to stand in front of the judges, although inside I was quaking.

As I stood in front of the judges, I smiled and did my best. Running through a routine I could probably dance backwards, I soon forgot the judges and relaxed completely. We had worked over two weeks to learn the jazz routine, the high kick routine and the entrance and exit.

We had to wait over two hours for the results. My stomach was in knots, and I paced constantly, wishing I had brought anything that might occupy my mind. I held my number in my hand. If we made it, the director would call the number we had pinned to us as we danced in the gym.

The feeling of hearing my number called was fantastic. I screamed and ran to the middle of the gym to meet the rest of the dance team. We cried and congratulated each other, happy that the waiting was over. I knew all the hard work had been worth it. Pamela Zepeda
Freshman Favorites

FRESHMAN FAVORITE Claudia Arrisola was a member of the drill team and a Student Council representative. She enjoyed the Student Council project of decorating the locker bays. "It made us work hard, and it was a lot of fun," Arrisola said.

FRESHMAN FAVORITE Joey Salinas a freshman football player and vice president of the freshman class.

Hinojosa, Monica 10
Hedlund, Doug 11
Hollend, Alida 10
Hohn, Heidi 11
Holman, Lianne 11

Holubec, Chanty 11
Holubec, Nathan 9
Holubec, Troy 11
Hoover, Kortni 9
Hoover, Mike 11

Hoover, Dawna 11
Hoover, Dale 11
Hosinski, Christian 10
Hoveness, Angie 10
Huerta, Pete 10

Hughes, Karyn 10
Hughes, John 9
Hunt, John 9
Huny, Brian 9
Husser, Keith 11

Hyer, Jeremy 11
Hynarski, John 11
Ibarra, Juan 10
Jackson, Jay 9
Jackson, Jeff 11

Hinojosa-Jackson 169
All-Campus Favorite

Tim Alaniz was voted All-Campus favorite by his peers. A varsity football player, Tim said he enjoyed girls, athletics, sports and weightlifting. He said, "The people are friendly here at AC, Jones, and I enjoy partying with my friends." Tim accepted a football scholarship.

Faculty sponsored awards were presented at Awards Night. The following students were honored:
Manuela Furtado and Jack Jackson (Cherishably, Newswat Adair and
Lancay Eshkol) (Athletics): Travis
Tindall and Melanie Torres
(Leadership) and Jean Lynne and
Kyl McKay (All Around Best).

Larson, Lisa 9
Larson, Christal 11
Leach, David 9
Lee, Irene 9
Lee, Laura 11

Lemus, Michelle 11
Lemus, Kristel 10
Lewitz, Sonya 11
Lewitz, Teresa 10
Lewitz, Michelle 11

LeWidt, Earl 11
Longoria, Carol 9
Longoria, Candera 9
Longoria, Danny 10
Longoria, Dennis 9

Longoria, Hector 10
Longoria, John 11
Lopez, Elda 9
Lopez, Lorena 10
Lopez, Ophie 9

Lopez, Orlando 9
Lopez, Sammy 10
Lopez, Sandra 11
Lopez, Tammy 9
Spanjaard Offers Memories of the Holocaust

In the auditorium, hundreds of students sat, mesmerized. Barry Spanjaard, a Holocaust survivor, captured the imagination of students who had never seen Germany, Nazis or the tragedy of the Holocaust.

Physically, Spanjaard was not a dashing hero. He was heavyset, middle-aged, with a tendency to thinning hair.

After joking with the audience, Spanjaard was suddenly serious, his accented voice heavy with meaning. He stood in front of the podium, gesturing. "I am not here asking for your pity," he said. "I'm only here to inform you of what happened to myself and millions of Jews so that it will not happen again." Born in New York City, Spanjaard moved to Germany as a young boy. "When we moved to Germany, there was some talk of a man named Hitler, but we thought nothing of it," he said regretfully. At the age of 13, he was taken by the German soldiers and sent to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. "The only reason I was not killed was because of my US citizenship," he said.

He described the life in a concentration camp. "The other children and I would sit around for hours talking about food and swallowing hard, as if to pretend it was in our mouths," he said. He also explained that he was luckier than most because he was in a concentration camp where he was not separated from his family and where extermination was not the goal. Spanjaard lived in the concentration camp for two years. Upon his release, his father announced that he could die in peace, knowing his family was safe.

Barry and his mother were unable to attend the funeral because of their scheduled return to the United States. "I will never get over the loss of my father," Spanjaard said. "As an adult, losing him still bothers me."

At the end of his lecture, Spanjaard spoke about his book Don't Fence Me In. He teases and jokes with the audience, obviously at ease, and he admits that his sense of humor helped him survive.

"I think my sense of humor is one of the things that kept me alive," he said. "God gave me that gift. If it wasn't for that, I wouldn't be here today." Jennifer Ramirez
National Merit Finalists

National Merit finalists were seniors Jack Jackson, who was the class valedictorian, and Jason Lynn, who was voted Best All Around by the faculty at Awards Night. Both will attend the University of Texas at Austin.

Martinez, Gerald 9
Martinez, Hector 11
Martinez, Henry 11
Martinez, James 9
Martinez, Jed 10

Martinez, John 10
Martinez, Lili 9
Martinez, Michael 9
Martinez, Michelle 11
Martinez, Mike 9

Martinez, Nino 9
Martinez, Patricia 11
Martinez, Ramon 9
Massara, Deb 10
Massengale, Laurie 11

Mata, Elizabeth 9
Matsushige, Michelle 10
May, Laura 10
McBryde, Richard 9
McElhinney, Lori 9

McGrew, Chela 10
McKay, Kerri 9
McMasters, Robin 10
Medina, David 9
Medina, Chuck 11
Student Survey

Students were surveyed on DATING and SOCIAL EVENTS, and the following were their responses:

Where do you go on dates?
- Movie: 20%
- Cruising: 32%
- Parties: 43%
- Other: 10%

Did you like your first date?
- Yes: 57%
- No: 43%

What kind of music do you listen to?
- Rock music: 85%
- Country: 15%

Favorite songs and groups mentioned:
- "One More Try" George Michael
- Whitesnake and the Jets
- Michael Jackson and Madonna
- "Always and Forever" Randy Travis
- Reba McEntire
- George Strait

Were the social events successful this year?
- No: 7%
- Could have been better: 23%
- Average: 35%
- Good: 35%

Recommendations for Next Year:
- "More crazy dress up days. I really liked those a lot."
- "We didn't have enough dances. We need more next year."
- "Students need a place to go other than the parking lot of the school. We need our own place."

Medina Michelle 9
Mendez: Fat 10
Mendoza, Joe 11
Mendoza, Norma 9
Merlo, Romani 9

Mikos, James 9
Milligan, Alicia 10
Milligan, Lyanne 9
Minano, Mary 10
Montemayor, Tina 9

Montes, Melanie 11
Moore, Derrick 9
Morales, Cyril 10
Moreno, Anna 9
Moreno, Sandy 9

Moreno, Michael 9
Moreno, Orlando 11
Moya, Vanessa 11
Muzak, Tiffany 11
Marez, Jerilee 11

Nelson, Angie 11
Ng Wilson 11
Nienhuis, Steven 9
Olvera, Diana 11
Olivares, Adrienne 11

Medina-Olivares
Special Olympic Medal Winners

Top medal winners at Special Olympics were Lisa Capgu, James Miller, Lorena Lopez and Laura Sadhavan (not pictured). Team coaches in the picture are Richard Weingartner, Rose Tomce, and Luigita Martinez.

Olivarez, Angela 9
Olivarez, Danny 11
Olivarez, Joe 9
Ortiz, Becky 9
Ortiz, Christopher 10

Ortiz, David 9
Ortiz, Sherry 9
Pazola, Delina 9
Pazola, Shaye 9
Parker, Greg 9

Pascual, Melinda 9
Patz, Mariana 11
Patz, Kim 10
Paiz, Jeffrey Michael 11
Pavlik, Becky 10

Pearson, Allen 10
Pendegraph, Joanie 10
Pena, Adelicia 9
Pena, Angela 9
Perez, Chris 9

Perez, Adolf 9
Perez, Frank 11
Perez, Gerald 9
Perez, Jaimie 10
Perez, John 9
Allison Martinez was voted All Campus Favorite by her peers. Martinez was senior class president, a varsity cheerleader and Homecoming Queen. She was also a member of FCA and Key Club.

She enjoyed A.C. Jones High School because of her close friends and the friendly students. "The people are nice, and the faculty supports the students with fundraisers and pep rallies, and I think that's neat," she said.
New Kid on the Block

Being the new kid on the block can be great, but being the new kid on the block twice is a real bummer.

Luckily for me, the second time around was better. The first time I moved to Beaville, it was junior high, eighth grade, and I can't say I made that much of a splash. That's not really so surprising, is it? Being a Navy town, Beaville is used to students coming and going.

I moved away, and now I've returned. I may not be president of the Key Club or head cheerleader, but I'm having a good year. My locker is still intact. I've finished most of my English assignments. My tennis game is looking up, and maybe I'll make varsity next year.

Some things never change, no matter where you go. Teachers are slavedrivers, and summer break is not Club Med, although there could be a certain charm to slaving away in the hot sun. And even though Math is only had one main hallway, we're still all here for the same reasons, with the same classes and the same boyfriends.

Teachers try to scare you into thinking differently, though. One told us the first day, 'I'm ugly, impossible, and you will have homework every night.'

That really wasn't so different from Math.

So, being the new kid on the block really isn't so hard. In fact, some of it is just typical of being in high school. Of course, with all the questions, I feel like I've been a freshman twice.

Kathy Hanshaw

The trials of being the "new kid" in school
Honor Society Initiates

At the Awards Night, sophomores and juniors were tapped to be part of the National Honor Society. The initiates included, in front row: Kaitleigh Smith, Leslie Chapman, Rob Wagner, Scott McManus, Dawn Bennish, Gina DiNatale, and Kimberly Sawyer. Second row included: Scott Grey, Patricia Bremner, Amy Strainan, Amy Robinson, Adrianna Damone, Michael Todd, and Mark Valdez.
Life's one big act for ex-student

There are some people who live in small towns with one complaint: "Nothing and nobody ever happens in this town!" That isn't necessarily true. Refugio, Texas is the birthplace of famous pitcher Nolan Ryan. Actress Farrah Fawcett is from Corpus Christi and journalist-turned-actor Scott Beasley graduated from Beeville in 1976.

After graduation, Scott, the brother of Darry Beasley, attended Bee County College and transferred to the University of Texas, where he studied journalism.

According to Scott, there's one important requirement to getting a good job:

"If you want a well-paying job," Beasley said, "get a good educational background."

Hoping to publish, Scott wrote articles on entertainment. His first article, about buying a rare record, was bought by Gold Mine magazine for $75.

Hoping to further his career, Beasley put in his applications at Motown Records. His qualifications—a journalism degree—got him a job in the mailroom.

Eventually, he worked in public relations, promoting artists such as Stevie Wonder, Lionel Richie and a small unknown band called DaLenge.

In public relations, Beasley planned parties, met famous people and attended publicity events such as the American Music Awards, where he met the then unknown Whoopi Goldberg and the Motown Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration.

Beasley said he remembered sitting in the second row of the Motown event, close enough to see the entertainers such as the Jackson Five.

"I was thinking, 'Michael, you're wearing too much make-up!''' Beasley said.

Eventually, Beasley moved from a career in public relations to acting. Because of his dance experience on American Bandstand and his knowledge of the business, Beasley was able to break into small roles on Cagney & Lacey, St. Elsewhere and Small Town, USA.

Presently, Beasley works on the syndicated show Thrill, a show about a second company. He has a small role which requires under five lines for each episode.

In the future, Beasley hopes to break into films and larger roles on television series.

GRADUATE SCOTT B. BEASLEY, who got his start on American Bandstand, signs autographs during a Journalism class interview.

Rodriguez, Yvette 11
Rodriguez, Cynthia 9
Rosales, Melissa 9
Rosa, Larry 11
Rosa, Michael 9

Rothschild, Lisa 10
Rubio, Lorraine 9
Ruiz, Janet 9
Ruiz, Linda 9
Ruiz, Lynnette 11

Ruiz, Sonia 9
Sachse, Lane 10
Salazar, Brinque 9
Salazar, Eugene 9
Salazar, Johnnie Ann 9

Salazar, Raquel 10
Salazar, Roland 10
Salazar, Rosante 10
Salazar, Ruby 10
Salazar, Scott 10

Salazar, Vincent 9
Salinas, Joey 9
Salinas, Melissa 9
Salinas, Melissa 9
Sáinz, Sharon 11
Band Offers Challenge to Dedicated

Some people tend to think that band is all fun and games. Well, this is not true. We do have a lot of fun, of course, but we also have a lot of work to go along with it. Most of the work, or at least most of the sweating, tends to go on during marching season.

Marching band starts in August, long before the rest of the Free World (Other Students Who Are Not in Extracurricular Activities) hits the front doors of the school. The band goes out to practice every week day for hours to practice and prepare for the games. The seniors get impatient, and the drum majors get tough, but we manage.

The band performs at each game. They usually have a different show ready each week to entertain the fans during halftime—the time when many head for the concession stands. The out-of-town trips are always interesting, if that word could describe all the antics on the charter buses. All conditioning is a change after all that practice.

The marching band is divided into three different concert bands for the spring. Tryouts can be tense, and they happen during class, where the students must play music for the directors and everyone else.

The spring is filled with solo and ensemble, competition and concerts. The band directors pick some entertaining pieces to perform.

What do you have to do in a group that is filled with activities, fun, bus rides and sweating? You have to dedicate yourself to giving more than 100%, and you guarantee your directors that you intend to work hard. After a year in band, I can definitely say it was worth it.

Cortney Langoria
Survey Question
Where is your favorite place to eat?

Cap'n Ricks in Port Aransas
Don Juans or Pizza Hut
Don Juans, Golden Corral or Pizza Hut
Burger King
Home
I can eat anywhere
That Palace place downtown
The Front Porch, but only late at night
Living It Up with "Up With People"

Hosting an "Up With People" cast member can be fun, but grueling. Between performances and rehearsals, the cast members barely have time to socialize.

Our guest, Gwyn, was one of the friendliest and most open-minded people I had ever met. She said she had become accustomed to entering a stranger's home on each city of the tour. She spends a lot of her time living out of a suitcase.

She was from British Columbia, Canada, and she admitted that life in the United States seems to be similar. "You would be amazed if you knew of all the trouble that Canada has that is similar to the United States," she said over dinner.

Gwyn enjoyed touring the United States, and she has paid her expenses as an "Up With People" cast member. Cast members are from all over the world, and her tour cast, one of five casts that tour, will also tour Finland and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet tour was a first for an international tour of this nature. It took many years of negotiations for the "Up With People" organization to make the goodwill gesture. The cast was excited about the prospect of making international news with their tour of the Soviet Union, including the capital city of Leningrad and other major cities such as Stalingrad.

The "Up With People" cast make great international ambassadors. The troop members spend time discussing international issues and problems, and I enjoyed the chance to discuss the world with them. David Delisle
Dangers of College Life

Sure, it seems perfect at first. College outside Beeville is the chance to be away from home, make your own rules and run your own life. It seems too good to be true, but there can be disadvantages and advantages.

For instance, you do have moments when you wish you had “good ole mom and dad” around — like when you need to get up for an 8 o’clock class. When you don’t feel like cooking, or when you forget your keys or doing your laundry. Not to mention the unlimited money supply. As Ray Wolder said, “I missed all the comforts of home . . . so now I’m back home.”

Also, you don’t really have any good excuse for not going out with someone. You just can’t say, “No, I have a curfew on weekends. I really need to study for that test.” It just doesn’t sound right.

After high school, the term “responsibility” should be remembered. All your teachers will remind you of the word, as well as your parents and even your “significant other.”

It can be tough growing up, turning in term papers and getting to class on time — no tardies.

As Marie Chambless admits, being at college can be tough. “For one thing, in high school I knew more people.” You can get lost in all that responsibility.

And, as Marie admits, you make your own rules. “When you get to college, you pay for what you want to take. You get what you ask for.”

Patricia De Los Santos

Vara, Susan 11
Vasquez, Andy 9
Vela, Rudy 9
Velasquez, Gracie 10
Velasquez, Hector 10

Velez, Carlos 10
Vickery, Carrie 10
Villa, Laura 10
Villard, Danny 10
Villard, Jeannine 9

Villard, Jesse 9
Villaglas, Dorothy 9
Villaglas, Robert 9
Wallace, Tyrone 9
Ward, Kimberly 11

Warr, Spencer 9
Welder, Clerk 10
West, Valeria 9
Weston, Richard 9
Widenos, Donnie 9

Williams, Cindy 11
Williams, Jennie 9
Wilson, Ben 9
Wingert, Rob 10
Wine, Danny 9
Sachtleban Shines in Gym

Lanie Sachtleban has something to be excited about. She is a gymnast who has competed at the state level for Special Olympics. Sachtleban is a dedicated athlete. A winner of ribbons and medals, she practices every day for competition, which occurs in the late spring. "She stays excited about it," mother Carol Sachtleban said.

She became involved with gymnastics because her sister was taking gymnastics at the college. Lanie was so enthusiastic that she now practices at a gym in Portland, where she develops competitive routines for area and state competition.

Competition is exactly like any gymnastics competition, which involves all gymnastics apparatus, including parallel bars, balance beam and vault, as well as compulsory exercises on the floor.

"Once we started, we realized everything that was involved," Sachtleban said. "We had to find a place with a lot of room where we could prepare."

Lanie will continue to compete in the future.
Faculty and Staff


Allen, Christi
Sports/Health Arts
Art: lacrosse
FOE/Office Education
Barn, Joy
Counselor
Bleman, Mike
Main Entry

Boemer, Patty
Math
Sowards, Darice
English
Stovman, Sandy
Math Assistant
Bridge, Judy
Nurse Assistant

Barnes, Monica
Math
Casero, Bill
Bryan
Carrera, Sandy
English Assistant
Clark, Dee
English

Craibe, Ellie
Math
Cyr, Kenneth
VICA/Auto Mechanics
DeLeon, Bingo
OCS
DeWeese, Bob
Art

Duffy, Paula
AFS/English
Englom, Cindy
Special Education Aide
Eggs, Gary
PE/Field Hockey/Basketball
Fallon, Angie
FHA/Homemaking

Gayle, Robert
Hillery
Garcia, David C
Tour
Gonzales, Angie
TEAMS Assistant
Guerreno, Adam
Special Education Aide

Faculty 188
Lynum Calls the Shots

Buddy Lynum's beginnings as a sports announcer were less than auspicious. "A guy asked me to sub for him, and he never came back," Lynum said. "I'm still doing it."

Lynum has been announcing since 1971. He has lived through chicken coop and 41-game losing streaks. "I love it. I know all the young men, and I like to watch the games. I feel comfortable on the microphone."

The end of the infamous 41-game losing streak was a highlight of his career. "We were at home, and everyone went nuts," Lynum said.

Another highlight was beating Gregory-Portland, a legendary powerhouse in the district. "We were watching history in the making," Lynum said.

Lynum spent many of his early games in the Chicken Coop, before the press box was built. A floor was built on top of the bleachers, and Lynum called the games, although the front of the coop was covered with chicken wire.

Lynum has also announced baseball games since the team moved to Hunter Field four years ago. His Spike Jones music, played between the innings, has made him famous. Other coaches have requested copies of the music.

"I think we have wonderful fans," Lynum said. "Even when we were losing, we always filled the north side of the stadium."
Year Offers Success

"We offered the secret of success this year — determination and persistence. As we performed the tasks of the classroom, the on-the-court and competition, we showed we were trying to reach our potential, and we didn’t intend to give up.

We weren’t always the first one across the finish line, but others set up and took notice. "It was really great when we worked as a team," volleyball player Sherri DePauw said. "It was a good season because we learned how to work as a team.

"When you know what you’re up against, you work together," drum major Ky McKay said. "We were willing to help each other out."

Maybe Mariana Pasto said it best. "I think our first year in debate was a learning experience. We had a lot of tough competition, and we know we’re going to be stronger next year."

So watch out.

GRADUATE NAOMI DESENCE waits while the others scatter the outs of the Coliseum after the graduation ceremony.

CAREER DAY SPEAKER MIKE MARSHALL of First National Bank speaks to Past Smith at a reception before the event.

WARMING UP for competition, Chris Duman and Ragun Seth stretch out at the district track meet.

GETTING READY for the Senior Prom, Betsey Sharr puts her hair before her guests arrive. This dress was a gift from her mother.
TIGHT END JUNIOR OSCAR ARISMENDI's hand on the scoreboard as the game nears the end of the season.

CARLOS RIVAS and Lawrence Carrasco's final game, assignments in the library before school. (Both) seniors were football players.

SCHOOL BOARD members, Superintendent Harold Ryanside, and Principal Donald Broyer stand for the Abate Family at the end of the graduation ceremony.

FRESHMAN TIGE COTTELE listens to the keynote speaker for the Career Day. The Career Day is funded by Albert Dr. Bermundi.
SECURITY GUARD: Tommy Hershey patrols the freshman and junior varsity football games. Hershey attended most school events.

COACH MIKE LUCE speaks to the freshman football team after a disappointing loss. Many team members were first-year players.

SCOTT MCKENZIE, a junior varsity squad member, watches Jennifer Jackson and Inna Lee win their match at the district tennis competition.

THESPIAN OFFICERS Kelly Sowell, Carol Brenner, Thomas Pashnot, and Doug Holcomb read the ceremony for Initiates.
DAISY LOYA eats at Frischlickers in Austin. Loya and other students attended the Interim/Student Press League conference.

SOPHOMORES compete in races at a pep rally. The team lost a game after they couldn’t thread the string through their clothes.

SPECIAL OLYMPIANS are honored at the area Special Olympics meet. The athletes are coached by teachers and aides for the March meet.

ANGIE KIEFER attends class dressed for the Halloween costume contest. Students and teachers competed during lunch.
Leanne Pruett listens to sponsor Cherry McClintock during an National Honor Society meeting. Pruett was also a member of the band.

Coach Mitch Luna talks to a parent during a match. Parents were strong supporters of the tennis team during the season.

Jimmy Lewis, Alafia Lemey, Kim Laskowske, and Roselle Langhein pose while they wait for the graduation ceremony to begin.

Queen Ky McKay and Penny King perform a dance. Both called the Homer, voted by the junior class, a big surprise.
STUDENT DANCE at the graduation dinner held by the Coliseum. Seniors invited guests to attend the event.

THE COUNSELING OFFICE poses as matching California Raisins for Halloween. Buddy Lyman said, "I know I tell really funny stories."

SENIORS BERNARD BENNETT and Ben Adcock stand on the sidelines at the Gregory-Portland game. The family lost the game.

JOHN DULLEY, Derek Dobre and Bill Dwyer stand in line to enter the graduation ceremony. Dulley was voted Most Beautiful by seniors.

SHERLEY YOUNG teaches the TEAM class in the cafeteria. Young began teaching the class to improve test scores in the spring.
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Classes Begin........................................May 31

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Registration........................................July 6-10
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