"All for the Gators stand up and holler"

Pep rallies played an important part in strengthening school spirit during football season with the help of various groups and individuals. The cheerleaders organized the pep rallies and led the crowd in yells and chants. Music from the band accompanied the Flares and the Twirlers in their drill routines. The Blue Knights, a new addition to the pep rallies and football games, entertained the crowds with precision rifle routines. For an amusing sideline, clubs also performed skits. Another important part of the weekly pep rallies were the confident and reassuring speeches of both the players and coaches.

Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders participate in a pie-throwing skit.

"Pep rallies wouldn't be the same without you." Lori Stebbins and Laura Bohmler.

Riflemen add new entertainment to the pep rallies.

Flares display their talent to "Free Ride."

"This is supposed to be my solo." David Dalke and Eddie Devitt.

"Was I supposed to memorize this?" Rodney Rau and Mark Antley.

Big Al rocks to the rhythm with help from Gator Guards.

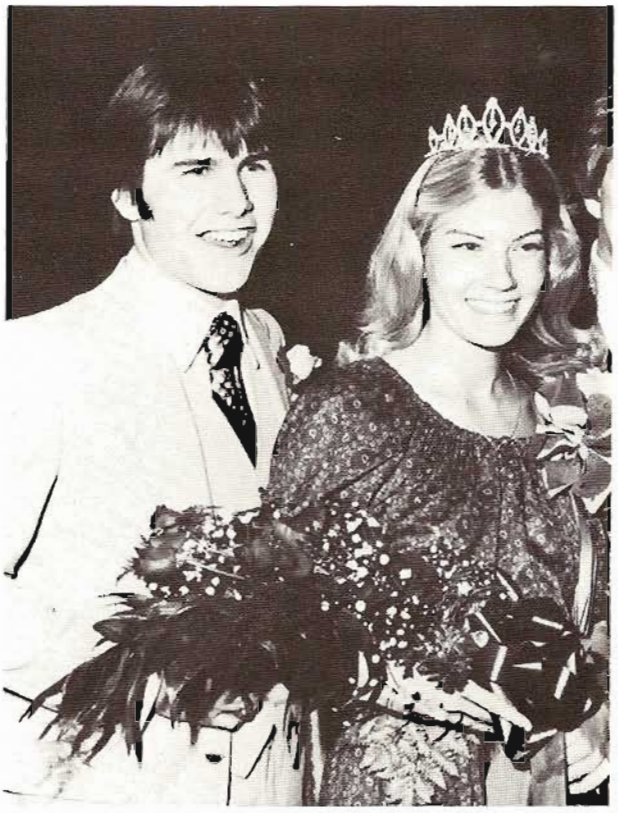
Carolyn Newman twirls with confidence.

"I've got spirit, yes I do," chants Sandra Bolton.

Homecoming Parade kicks off festivities

Beginning two days of Homecoming festivities, the third consecutive Homecoming Parade wound its way down Main Street Thursday afternoon, Nov. 12. With the ROTC leading, band, football players, clowns, and the float followed close behind. This year's float was titled "Shine on Gators."

The following night, the Gator football team played Ball High and won 10-7. During halftime, Julie Owens and Eddie Devitt were named Band Sweetheart and Band Beau. Linda Graves was crowned Homecoming Queen, and Pam Turner was the runner-up. Until 1 a.m., about 500 students attended the Homecoming Dance with Traffic Jam as the disc jockey.



"Who says we're too busy to stop and have our picture taken." Lynda Lovelady and Albert Gonzales

Linda Graves and her escort Mark LaFleur after Linda is crowned Homecoming Queen.

"We're going to a football game." Gator football team

"Julie, what do I do with this? Julie Owens and Eddie Devitt

Gator team captains escort the Football Sweetheart, Linda Graves, to the stadium. Linda Graves, Tim Gray, Steve Barkmann, Dean Lonsford, and Charles Barnett.

The "Shine on Gator" float moves down Main Street.

"Say, you sure look sharp tonight." Elreed Bellard, Pam Turner, Velma Hill, and Lannie Little

Pam Turner
Runner-up

Linda Graves
Homecoming Queen

Graves chosen Homecoming Queen

The student body chose Linda Graves for Homecoming Queen. Linda was an active participant in school activities. She was a member of the Spanish and Anchor Clubs, and was a photographer for the yearbook staff. Linda was also involved in Student Council, and was Sophomore Class Treasurer. She was chosen Freshman Lady-in-Waiting and was the pianist for the choir in her sophomore and senior years. Linda, too, was chosen as Football Sweetheart by the Varsity football players.

Julie Owens
Senior Attendant

Melanie Stafford
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Diane Stevens
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Cindy Rankin
Junior Princess

Annette Palmer
Sophomore
Duchess

Brigid Kranz
Freshman
Lady-in-Waiting

New Thespians perform in fall play

"You Can't Take It With You", a play directed by Ms. Donna Vickers, was presented in the auditorium Oct. 24, 26, and 28. The play was a comedy about a young lady and man falling in love despite the differences in their backgrounds and families. Traci Ray and Bertrand McHenry played the leading roles of Alice and Tony. Over 100 students participated in the cast and crew of the play, many of which were new to the drama program.

Chaos is brought to the stage.

"Maybe it was something he ate." Members of the cast Bertrand McHenry tells Traci Ray of his love.

"You know we don't let dead animals in the house." Michele Riley, Sara Garland, and members of the cast

Football players honored at banquet

The Football Banquet was held at the League City Civic Center Feb. 17 in honor of the football players. After the barbeque dinner, Ken Daabs, a coach at the University of Texas, spoke on reaching goals.

Those who received awards were Tim Gray, Most Valuable Player and Most Enthusiastic; Charles Barnett and Jeff Wyatt, Best Offensive Linemen; David DeLaRosa, Best Defensive Lineman; Phillip Irvin, Fighting Heart Award; and Bruce Brunner and Jim Devall, Good Sportsman Award. A drawing for the Mustang donated by McRee Ford was also held. The proceeds from this raffle established the Chili Whitfield Scholarship Fund.

Ken Daabs speaks on reaching goals.

"My name is going to be on that trophy, right Dad?" Tim Gray and Coach Teddy Gray

"A twinkle in our eyes led us to win these trophies." Paul Warren and Charles Barnett

Jim Devall and Bruce Brunner share the Sportsmanship Award.

"Did you see that, 'thing'?" GaryDibello and Allan Barron

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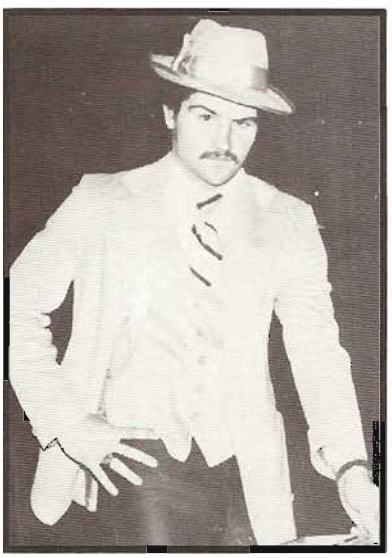

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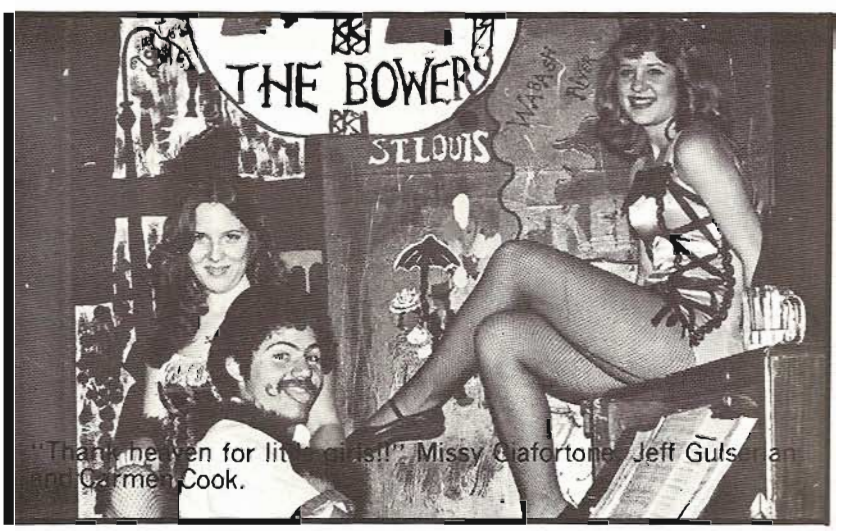

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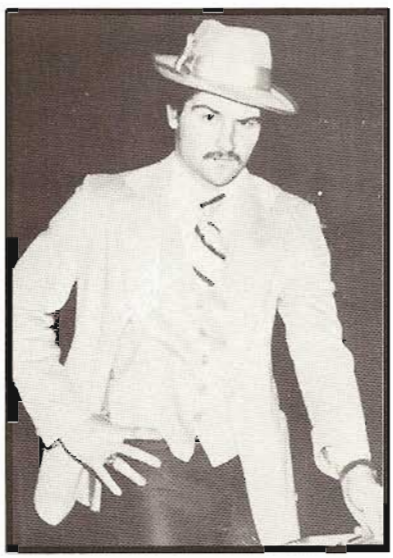

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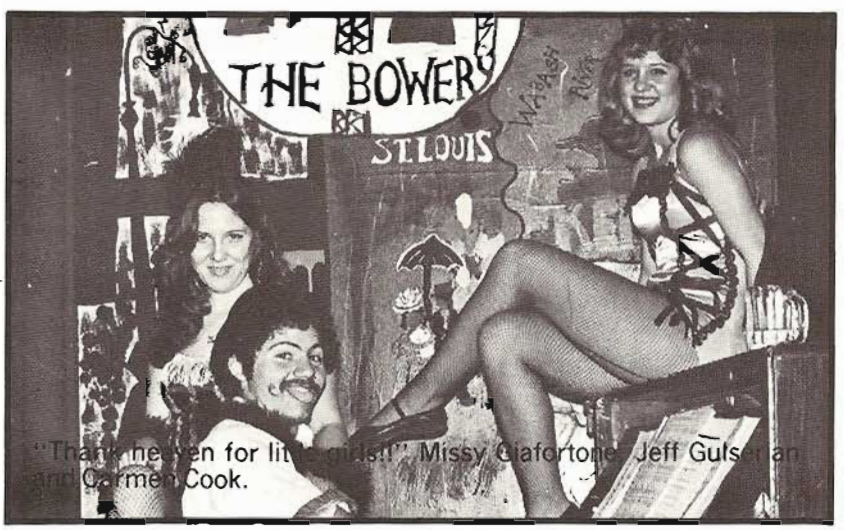

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Gong Show goes over big

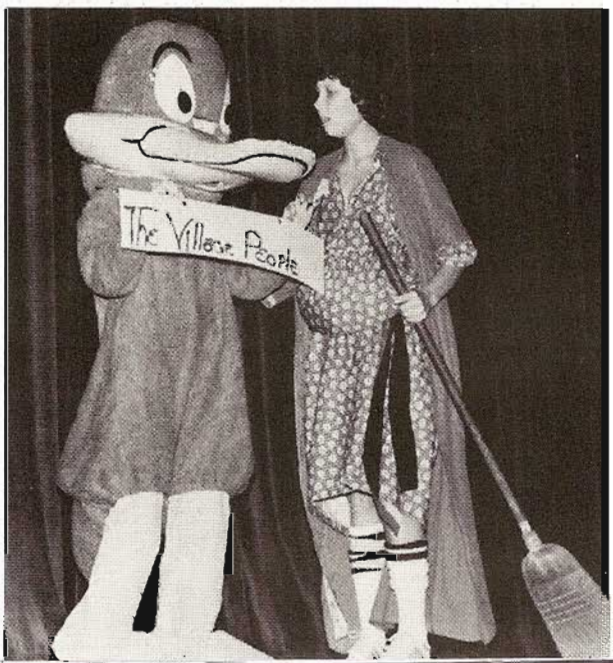
This year the Student Council sponsored two performances of the Gong Show. The judges, who were faculty and parents, had great fun in viewing the various talents of DHS students. Out of the 28 total acts, The Funkadelics placed first in the Thursday night performance and Robin Watts placed first Saturday night. About 800 people attended the shows which earned $800 for the Council.

The judges score the various contestants. Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Menotti, Miss Gray, Miss Christian, and Dr. Bourgeois.

Bruce Brunner, Joe Mechelay, James Menotti, Billy Trotta, Mike Cook, and Jerry Jackson portray the Village People, one of the hottest groups of the year.

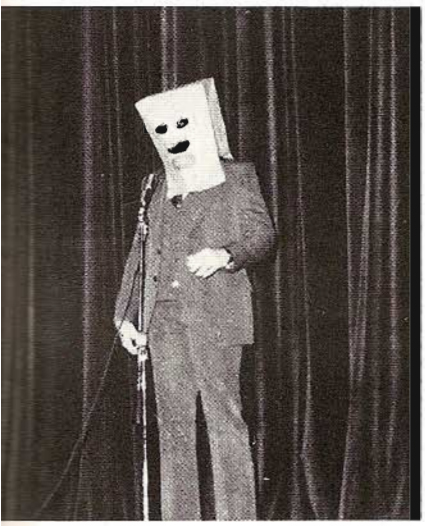
Otis Murry dances to "Hot Number."

Vikki Steed flirts with Big Bird.



"Put Another Log on the Fire," played and sung by Joe Mechelay and Kent Wooley, was a good example of the students' creativity used in producing the show.

Allan Baron and Carolyn Beard pantomime a robbery to win second place.



Alan Tidwell, the Unknown Comic, opens the show.

The Funkadelics, representing the Junior Class, won first place.

Matthew Campbell sets the pace of the show with his constant jokes.

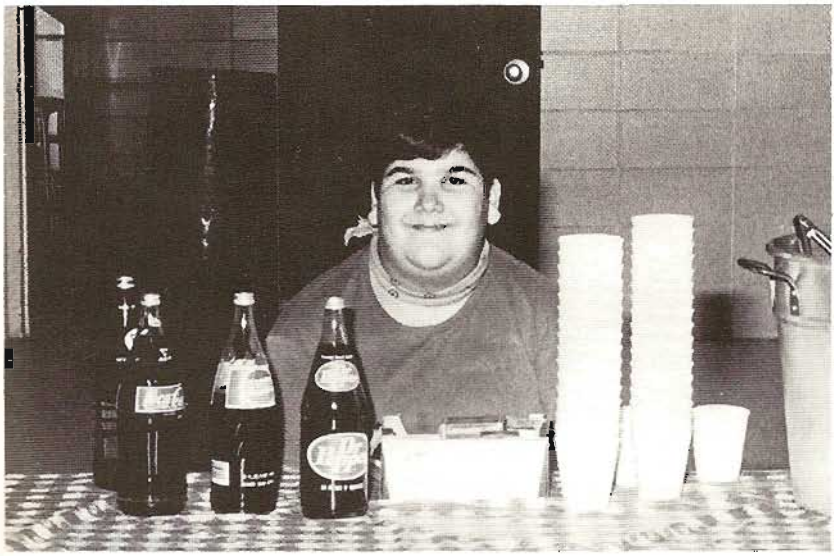
Council plans numerous activities for students

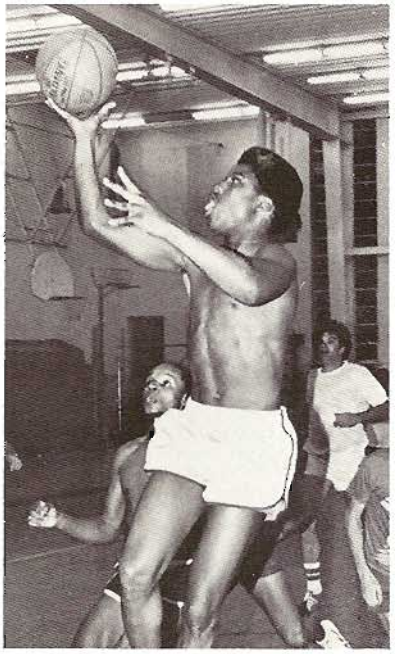
The Kick-Off Dance, the Christmas Dance, the Western Dance, the St. Patrick's Day Dance, and the Computer Dance were only a few of the many activities the Student Council sponsored this year. They sponsored activities for the third consecutive Homecoming Parade and the dance that followed the game. During lunch, voting took place on the Leg Contest with Craig Brown the winner. This was a contest where the students voted for the best looking leg of the Boy's Basketball team. The Student Council also conducted the Student-Faculty Basketball Game, where the faculty won by 6 points. Two Gong Shows were planned by the Council, both of which were sell outs. In May, Student Council sponsored the Powderpuff game.

"We're meaner than we look." Charlyn Janak, Sandy Kennedy, Laura Wiseman, and Gina Moore

Craig Brown has a "winning" leg.

"Ho, ho, ho, what would you like for Christmas, Santa?" Ken Chandler, Alan Tidwell, and David DeLaRosa





Laura Louviere poses with the "Baby Face" poster.

Eddie Devitt and Anita Curry dance to the beat of the music at the pre-powderpuff game.

"Anybody for a drink." Matthew Bulot

Nat Jones shoots for the goal in the Student-Faculty Basketball Game.

Charles Barnett, Coach Laughlin, and Matthew Campbell wait eagerly at the free throw line.

The junior drill team performs with precision.

Seniors defeat juniors 8-6 in Powderpuff

The junior and senior girls once again challenged each other in the annual Powderpuff Football Game. The juniors were the first to make a touchdown, which was made by Bridget Bookman, after a senior touchdown was called back. During halftime, the sophomore, junior and senior drill teams performed dances to popular songs. The seniors received "Best Performance." In the fourth quarter, senior Barbara Stubee ran for a touchdown and Greta Huling made the extra points. The final score was seniors 8 and juniors 6.

Senior Mary Ruiz carries the ball as teammates block.

Junior Catherine Thomas receives the hike from Paula LaFleur.

"Hot Legs!" Senior Drill Tea formance.

"Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, eat your heart out!" Mark Reagan.

The sophomores do their thing on the field.

receives first place for their per-

Catherine Thomas runs with the ball.

"I'm Henry the VIII, I am!" Doug Fuller.

LITERARY WINNERS: Mark Sandlin, first in debate; Pat Shuff and Jonathan Baron, third in debate; Pat Harrington, first in debate; Jeff Mayo, third in Persuasive Speaking; Grace Hodges, second in Shorthand; Amy Huber, second in Persuasive Speaking; Jeff Schnell, third in Newswriting; and Dawn Cannatella, first in Poetry Interpretation.

UIL play gives royal performance

The UIL One-Act Play, "Royal Gambit," was chosen as the alternate play in District competition. Vicki Steed and Doug Fuller were selected to the All-Star Cast and Terri Pina was named as Honorable Mention for her performance. Ms. Donna Vickers directed the play.

"Royal Gambit" is about Henry VIII, his six wives, and the emerging conscience of a new age.

CAST

Henry VIII . . . . . Doug Fuller

Katarina of Aragon . . . . . Vicki Steed

Anne Boleyn . . . . . Ruthi Engelke

Jane Seymore . . . . . Carolyn Beard

Anna of Cleves . . . . . Terri Pina

Kathryn Howard . . . . . Traci Ray

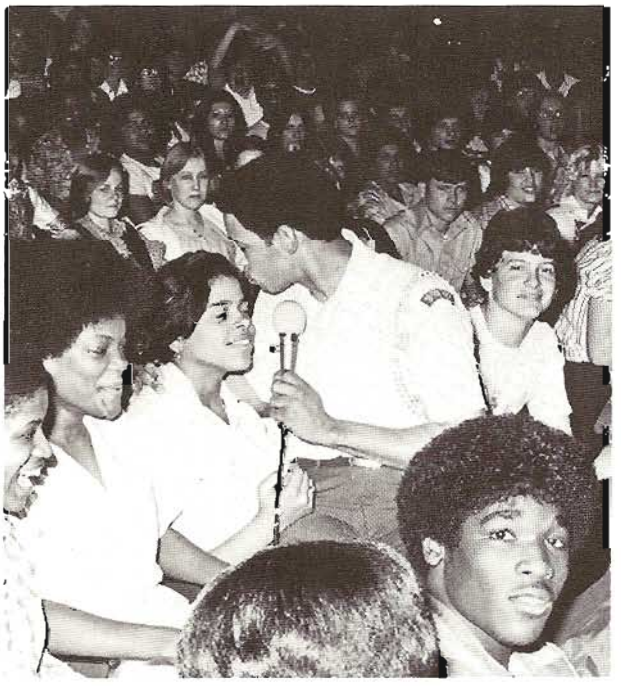
Kate Parr . . . . . Michelle Riley

Ken Chandler and Katy Park bring back memories in the yearbook assembly.

Assemblies get student body involved

There were three major assemblies this year that involved the entire school. The yearbook staff held an assembly to promote the sales of yearbooks. The assembly involved a class reunion skit and a slide show. The ROTC invited the Air Force Pop Rock Band who entertained the student body with pop music. The cheerleaders tried out before the student body in May. The students then elected the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads.

"Gators are hot!" Brigid Kranz and Tammy Swindell at cheerleader tryouts.



"I think I'm in love!" Belinda Compton receives a serenade during the Air Force Rock Assembly.

"Is this for me?" Max Duncan, president of band, and Mr. Don Owens.

Annual banquets are successful

The coming of summer vacation brought on the annual banquets of various clubs. At these banquets members of the clubs were recognized and honored for their contributions and activities, and there were the installations of officers. April 23, the Honor Society held their banquet in the high school cafeteria. The Anchor Club and the Vocational Co-Op Banquets were both held May 10. The Anchor Club Banquet was held at the Railroad Museum and the Vocational Banquet was held at the Golf Crest Country Club in Pearland. The Band Banquet was also held in the cafeteria on May 12. All the banquets were successful and enjoyed by everyone.

Jennifer Hedrick, escorted by Bobby Wallace, was named ROTC Sweetheart at the Cadet Ball.

Anchor Club president, Katy Park, welcomes members to the banquet.

Brenda Ramber, Donna Hurley, Kelly Fletcher and Lois Tucker enjoy their evening at the Vocational Banquet.

"What am I doing up here?" Mr. Gossett.

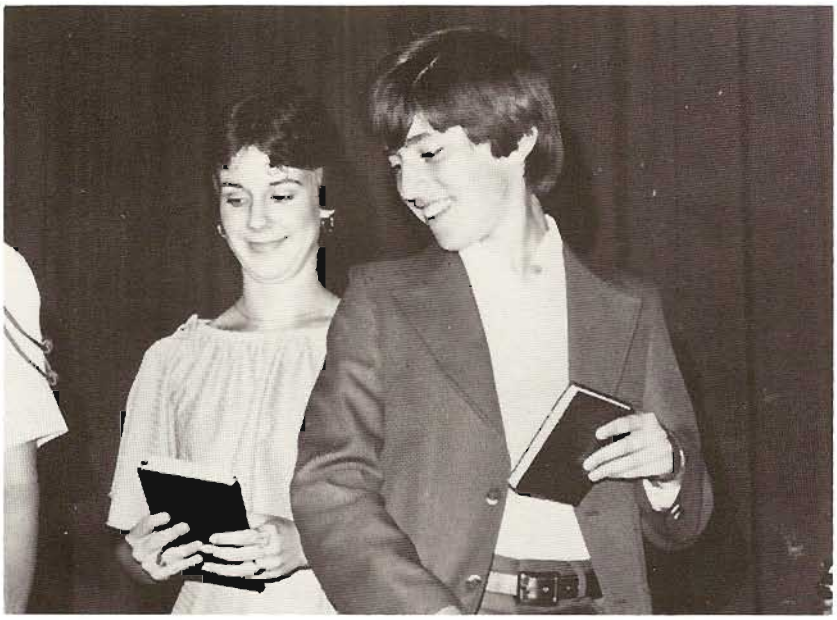
Honor Society president, Max Duncan, speaks on leadership.

Students receive scholarships on Awards Night

Approximately 97 students received awards and scholarships at Awards Night May 22. Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude students were also announced. Max Duncan, the top-ranked boy, received Best All-Around Musician, the Moody Honor Scholars, Moody Foundation Scholarship, PSAT/NMSQT Commended Student and the Texas Education Agency Scholarship. Max and Dennis Jenkins, second ranked student, shared the Texas Council of Church Related College Scholarship. Dennis was also awarded the Optimist Club Scholarship. The top-ranked girl, Patti Bramer received the Cora Paulse Baylor University Scholarship, and the Texas Council of Church Related Colleges.

Mary Ann Castro received the Anchor Club Scholarship. The Class of '79 Scholarship was awarded to Jim Devall and Brenda Linn. The Curtis Platt Memorial Scholarship was received by Katy Park. Receiving awards on Athletic ability were Barbara Ross, Nancy Van Ramshort, Matthew Campbell, Julius Brisco, and Tim Gray.

Julie Bourgeois and Jonathan Baron receive the American Youth Foundation Awards.



Ken Chandler leaves stage after receiving the Good Citizenship Award.

Max Duncan is named top-ranked boy in the Senior Class.

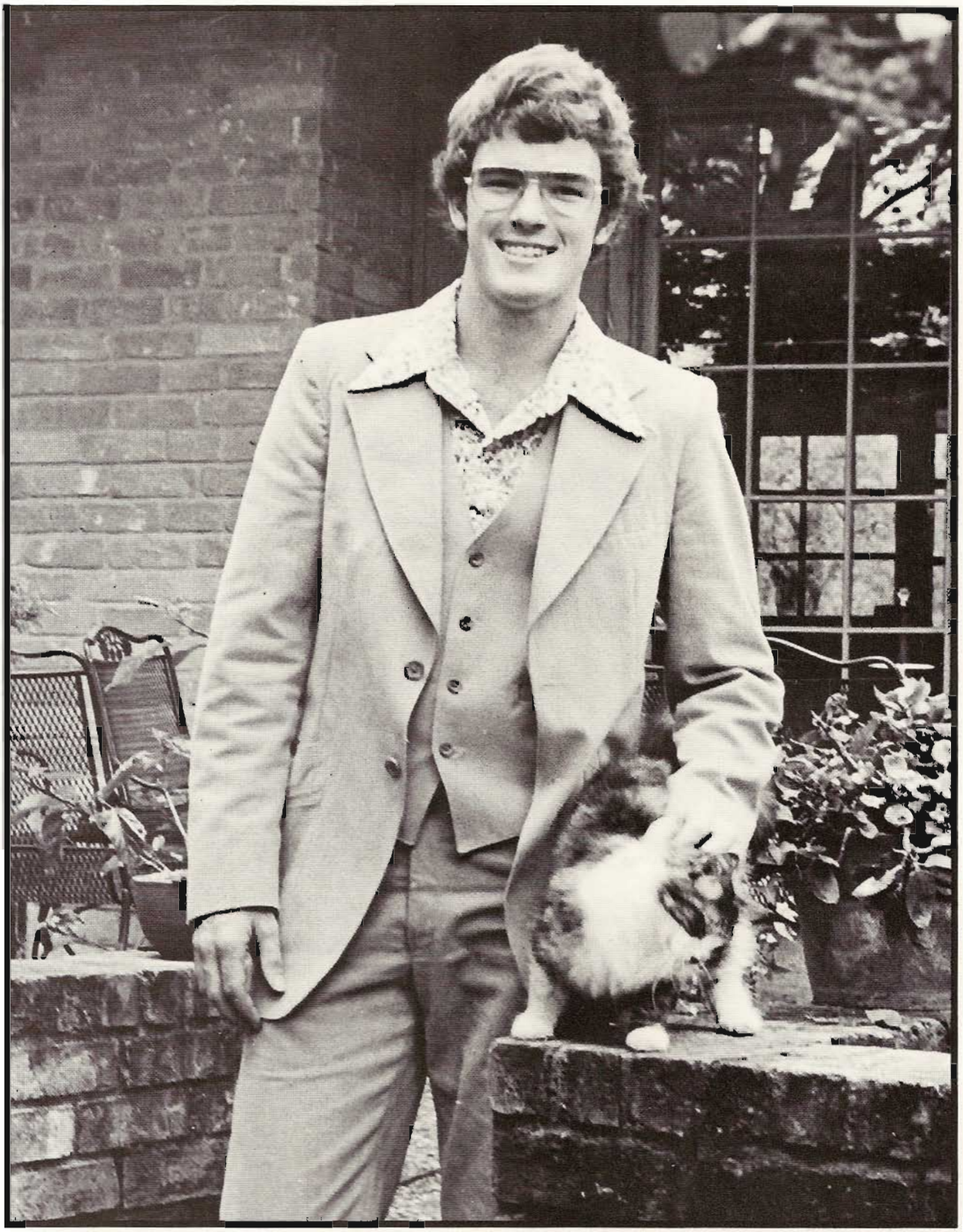
"Tim, I know that you're stronger than that!" Tim Gray receives an athletic scholarship from Coach Farris.

"Does it bite?" Jerry Jackson receives the DAR Good Citizen Award from Mr. Skelly.

Jim Devall is awarded the Chili Whitfield Athletic Award from Chili.

"I know those steps were here a minute ago." Patti Bramer, who received the Top-Ranked Girl Award, is escorted by James Holley.

"Aha! I fooled them." Katy Park is awarded the Stephen F. Austin State University Achievement Scholarship.



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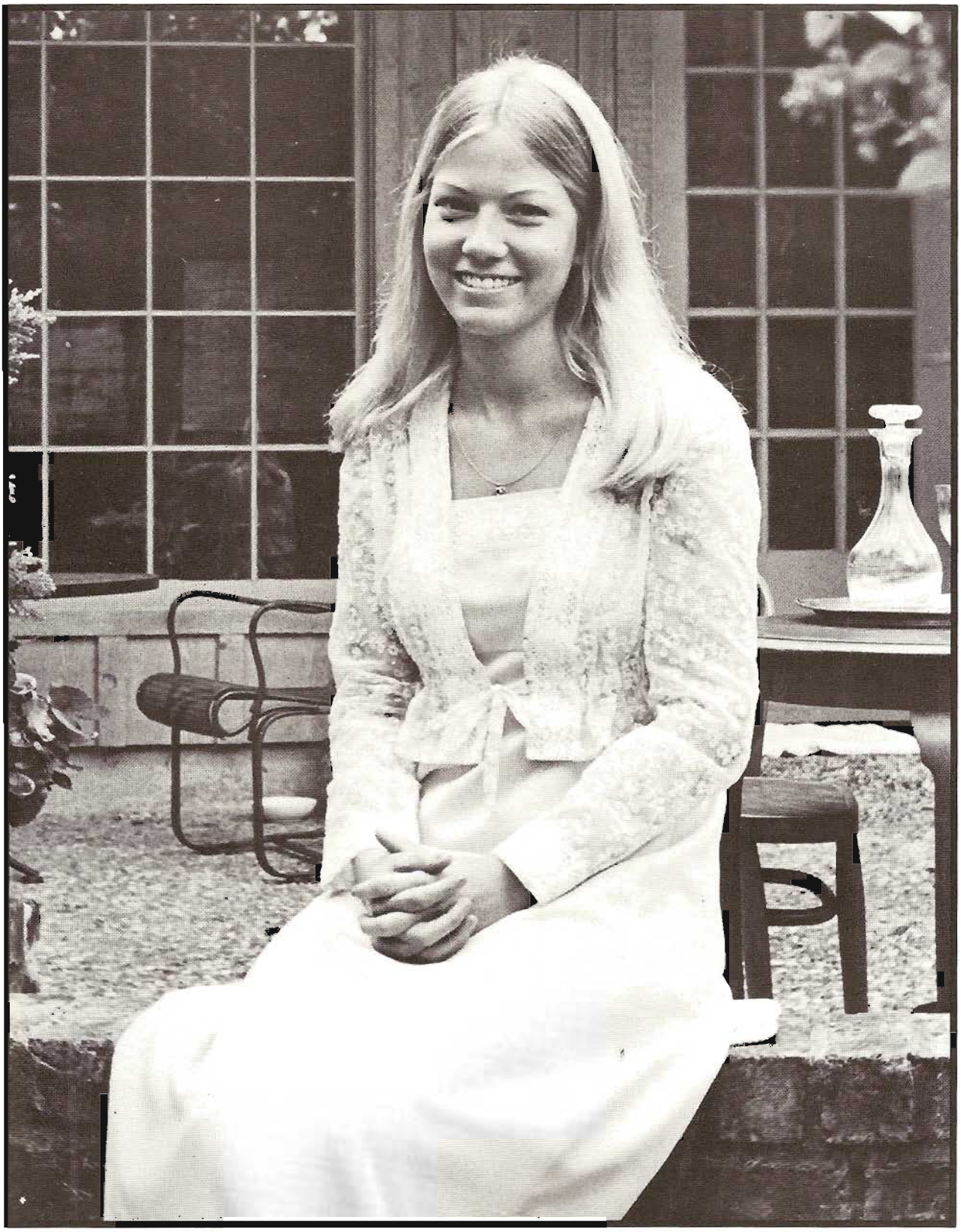


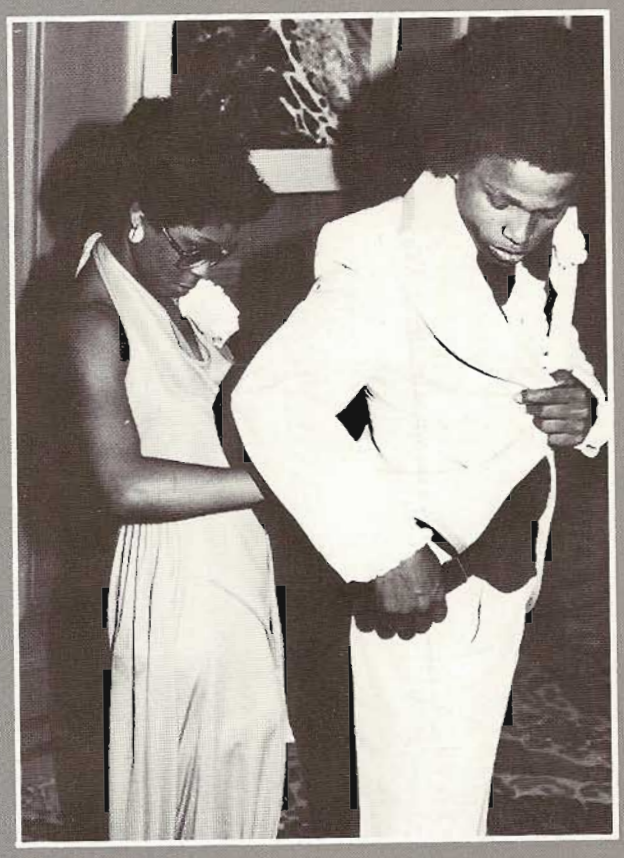
Miss DHS

Linda Graves

Prom ends year of big events for seniors

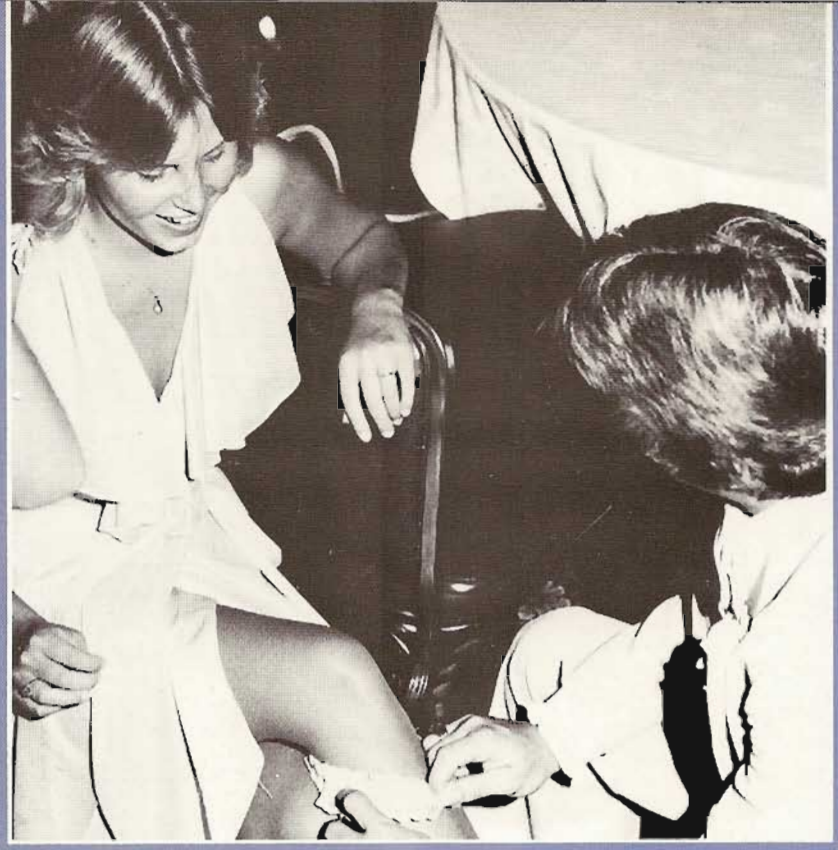
On May 19, Seniors and their dates arrived at 8 p.m. in the Houston Oaks Ballroom to eat and dance the night away. Tickets were $5 per person, and almost 420 people attended. The menu consisted of breast of chicken, with mushroom sauce, potatoes, broccoli, niblet corn, tossed green salad, and chocolate mousse. The band Dialogg provided music until 1 a.m.

Melanie Stafford and date chat with Mrs. Bennett while waiting to have their picture taken.



"Now let's see . . . this goes like this . . . and . . ." Jackie Oliver and Dana Edwards

"He's my dancing man!" Kelly Henry and Charles Boland



Following tradition, Joe Daues takes the garter off Missy Jack's leg.

"Let's see what the rest of this place looks like." Marian Webb and date

Date, Jeff Guleserian, Craig Hall, Pam Turner, Terri Pina, Alan Izard, Vicki Steed, and Mark Sandlin pose for a picture.

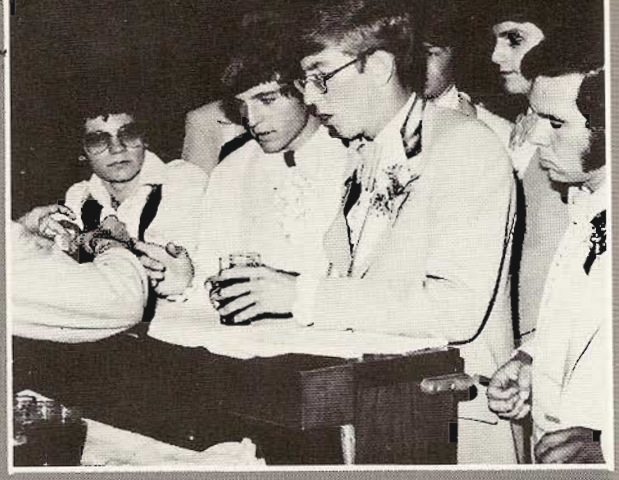
"I've got the music in me." Carmen Cook

"What else can you put in this drink?" Pat Crowley, Craig White, and Mike Cook.

After finishing their salad, Bobby Hoke, date, Daryl Johanson, date, Bobby Wallace, and Denise Daughty pose for a picture.

"No Dennis, not now." Dennis Jenkins and Rebecca Brauer.

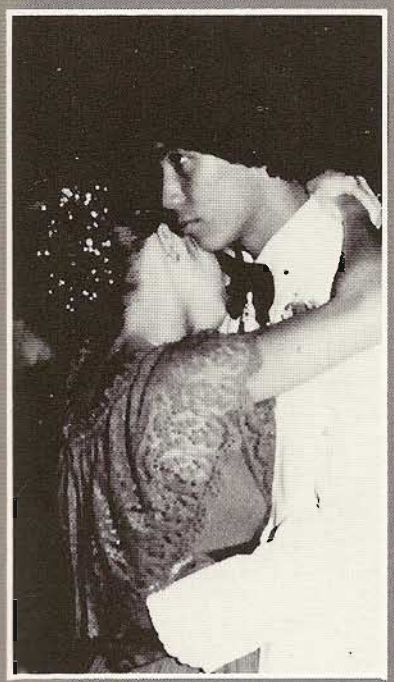
Ron Lorenz munches out on chicken.



Marty Puffer, Lisa Diehl, Lisa Martin, Mark LaFleur, John Presley, Susan Hays, Reed Fritz, and Jana Smith take out time for a picture.

Prom held at Houston Oaks

"One . . . Two . . . Bull . . ."



"We are family."

Chester McMillon and Anita Sheehan dance to the music of Dialogg.

"If he forgot the tickets this will be the last time we go out." Donna Whelan and Mike Quimby

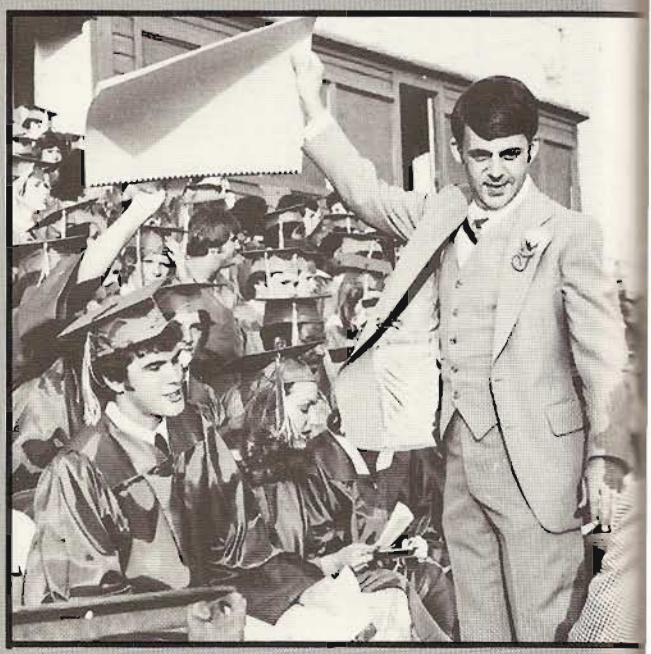
Rusty Baty bids farewell to his classmates.

The Senior Class gets last minute instructions.

DHS graduates 307

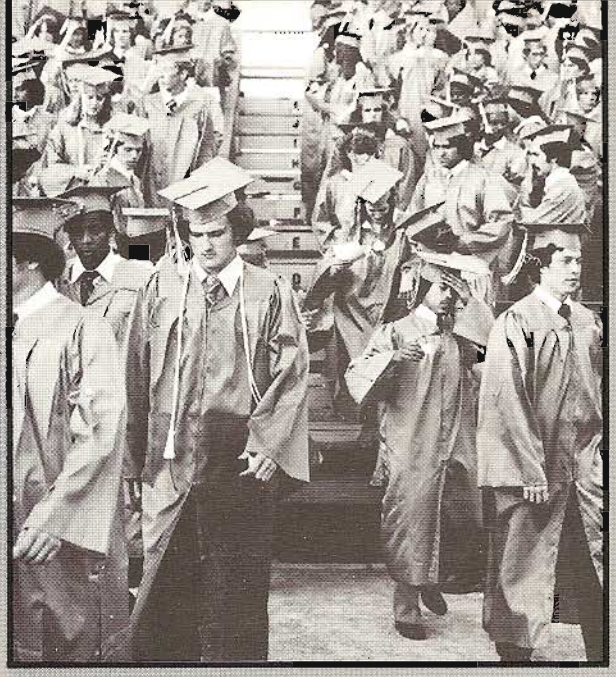
307 seniors were graduated May 28 at Commencement exercises in Sam Vitanza Stadium. The senior girls carried the class flower, the white rose, as they left the stands to take that final march around the track led by their class sponsors.

Gary Dibello, the speaker, delivered a light-hearted speech, and the honor graduates were recognized. A recording of "Long and Winding Road," the class song, was played. When the last graduate crossed the stage to receive her diploma, the class rose in unison and let out a cry of relief, joy and finality.



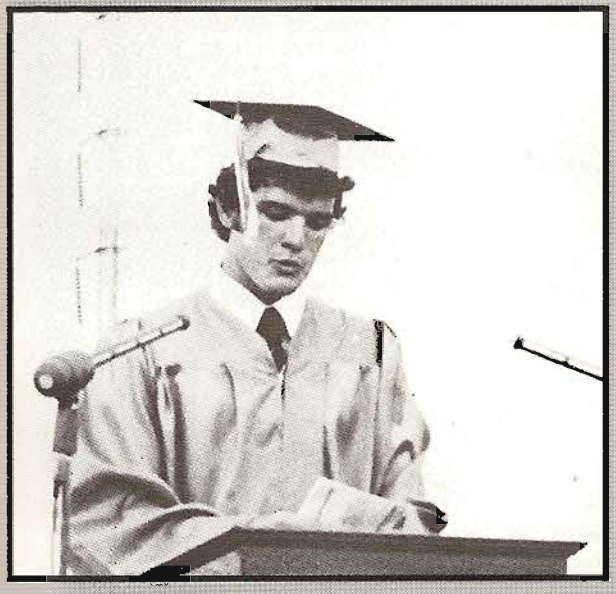
Ken Chandler gets a last minute tan with help of Mr. Proctor, head senior sponsor.

Susan Bolton anticipates her future before beginning Commencement.



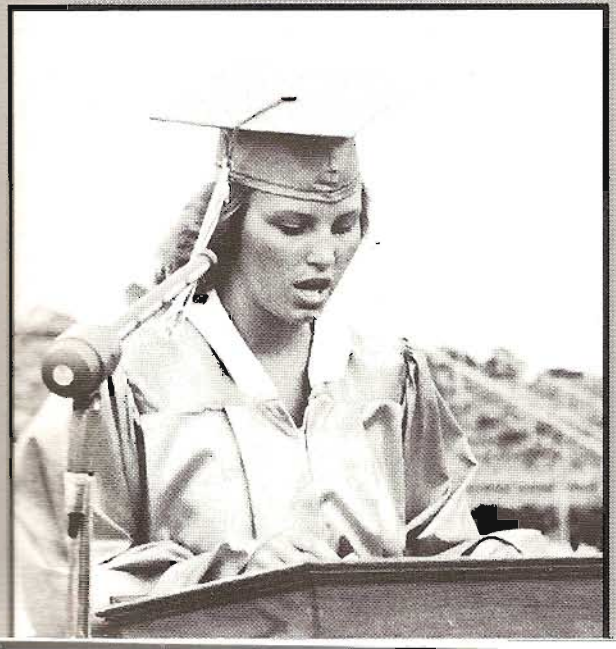
"These gowns aren't my idea of comfort." Members of the Senior Class leave the stands for the walk.

Seniors practice their smile while waiting to begin the traditional march.

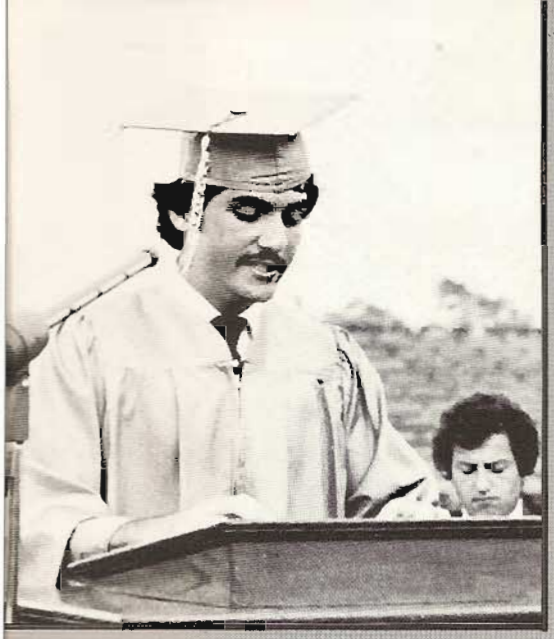


"Welcome to the Class of 1979's Commencement exercises . . ." Ken Chandler gives the Welcome Address.

Seniors make their entrance as the band plays "March Processional."



Missy Jack recites a poem composed by the members of a senior English class.



Gary Dibello delivers the Commencement Address.

The class song, "Long and Winding Road", brings back memories of the years to the seniors.

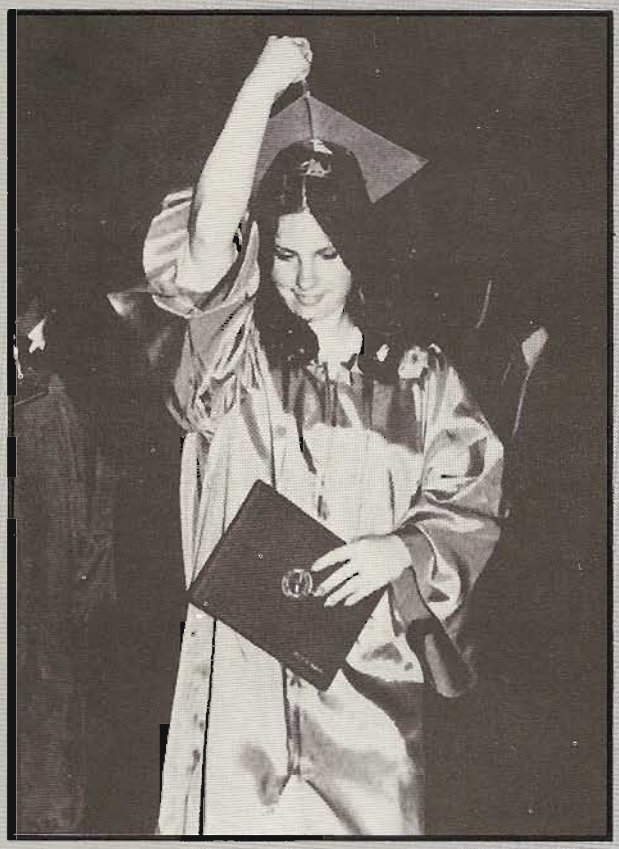
Seniors wait their turn to receive their diplomas.

Mark LaFleur receives his diploma from Mr. Paul LaFleur.

Jeff Mayo receives recognition for Magna Cum Laude honors.

Mr. David Clark, President of the Board of Education, gives Carolyn Jenkins her diploma.

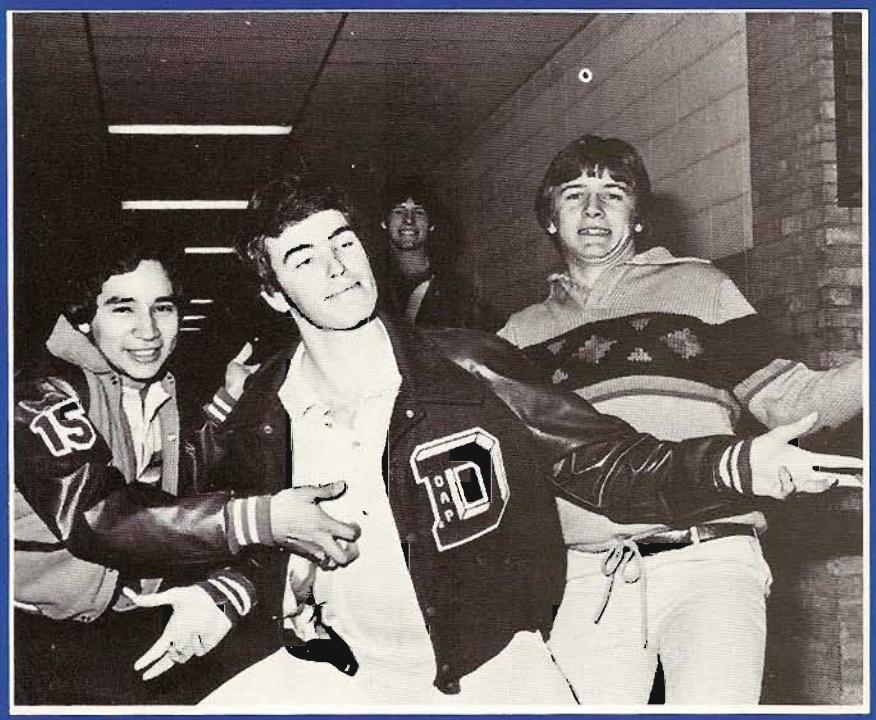
Dolly Parsons makes the traditional turn of the tassle.

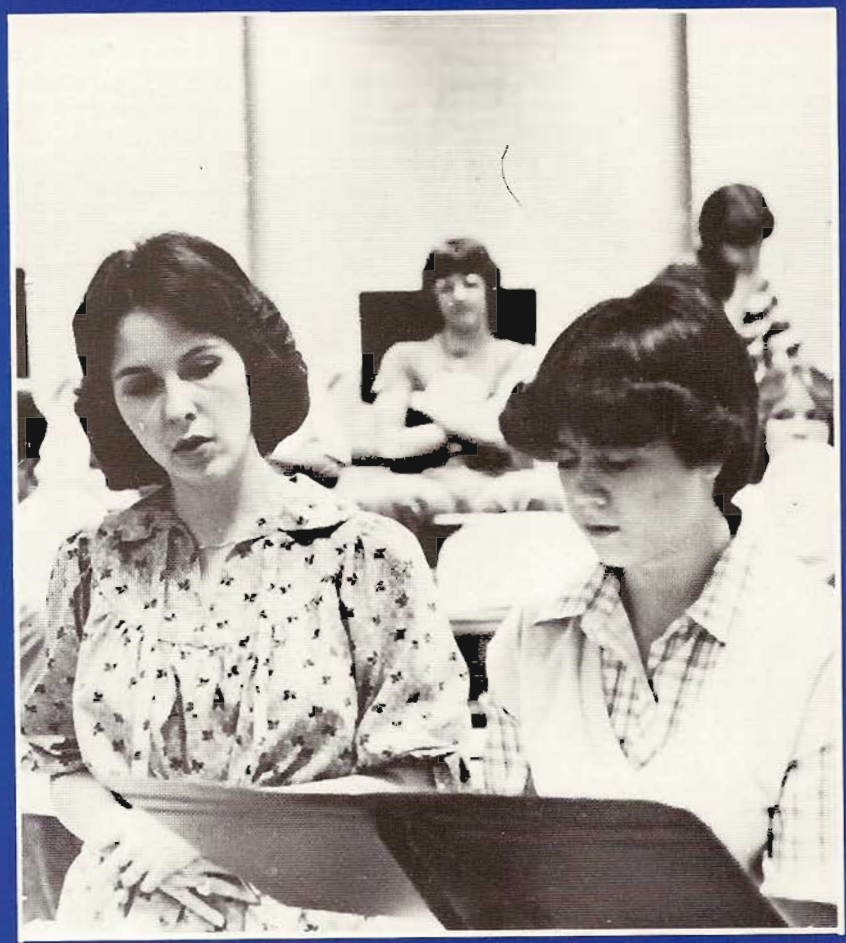


May 28 ends it all for seniors

"We're free at last!" yell the seniors as they leave the exercise.

The Seniors of '79 cheer after the last senior receives her diploma.





ORGANIZA-TIONS

n. (or gan i za shuns) — any organized whole. (DHS 1. groups of people with something in common. 2. way for everyone to get involved. 3. fun, serious; large, small; active, lazy; work, play; time-consuming, no time. b. people who are these things. 4. bake sales, parties, meetings, contests, trips. 5. that which prevents you from *ever being bored.)*

FIRST ROW: Amy Huber, Laura Louviere, Melanie Stafford, Lynda Lovelady, Barbara Swindell. SECOND ROW: Billy Trotta, Lynda Oak, Ginny Creasy, Tammie Theobald, Gina Chesak, Dawn Gensheimer, Sophia Bonario, Anita Curry, Amy Louviere, Lezli Spruiell, Phillip Barber, Mr. Richard Brown — sponsor. THIRD ROW: Alma Olszewski, Kathy Brewer, Julie Bourgeois, Elizabeth Robinson, Sam Newman, Charlotte Barnett, Paul Garlinghouse, Janet Jackson, Joan Kranz, James Menotti, Lezlie Bowen, Brigid Kranz, Gigi Chandler. FOURTH ROW: Carolyn Newman, Doreen Farmilette, Kari Gensler, Joe Mechelay, Steve Mosqueda, Chris Cox, Bruce Brunner, Henry Jackson, Michael Stafford, Katy Park, Michelle Riley, Linda Graves. FIFTH ROW: Alan Tidwell, Arturo Gonzalez, Lannie Little, Ken Chandler, Eric Gensheimer, Bennie Henderson, Dennis Cook, Dwayne Holmes, Jerry Jackson, David DeLaRosa.

Student Council works overtime

The Student Council was headed by active and imaginative officers who succeeded in organizing a record number of activities for the student body. They sponsored all school dances, the Homecoming Parade, the burning of the "D", and float building during Homecoming week. They also sponsored Powderpuff, Teacher Appreciation Days, the Christmas Tea, and the New Student Tea. The last big event of the year for the Council was the Gong Show which was a huge success.

OFFICERS — FRONT ROW: Laura Louviere, Recording Secretary; Amy Huber, First Vice-President; Malanie Stafford, President; Lynda Lovelady, Second Vice-President; Barbara Swindell, Corresponding Secretary.

Rodney Rau and Doreen Farmilette put finishing touches on float.

"Now this is how it is done." Arturo Gonzalez, Lynda Lovelady, Paul Garlinglouse, and Phillip Barber make float flowers.

FIRST ROW: Nancy Hoover, Estella Gomez, James Holly. SECOND ROW: Dominique Bahringer, T. L. O'Neal, Dawn Cannatella, Alan Tidwell. THIRD ROW: Penny Wahlquist, Debbie Smith, Blair Rowell, Donna Whelan, Helen Rigby, Jerry Jackson, Melanie McFarland, Mary James, Linda Porter, Cindy Kirklighter.

Peer Counselors relate to students

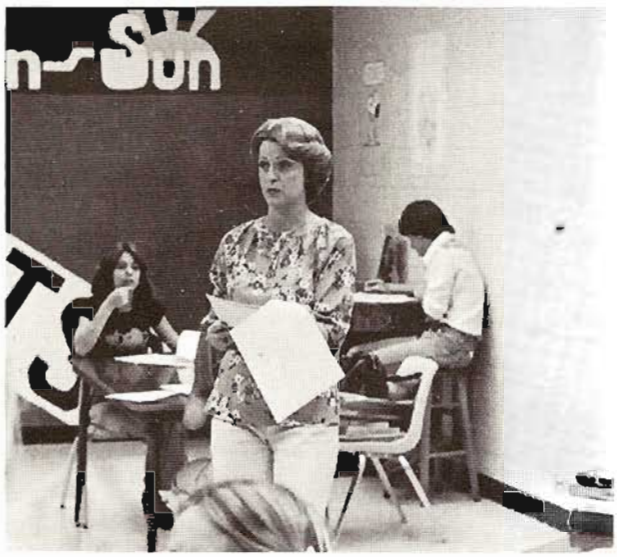
Peer Counselors is a group of students organized to help other students with any problems they might have. These fully-trained students devoted their spare time to counsel.

Yearbook staff works year-round

Day in, day out, the goal of the yearbook staff was to get their copy and pages completed before the deadline. Pictures were taken, ads were sold, interviews were conducted and pages were typed all in the effort to provide the student body with a quality yearbook. More times than not, the last few days before a deadline were a mad frinzy. The GATOR received the highest award, the Award of Distinguished Merit from ILPC.

Cheryl Hart and Karen Bell fight over the use of the contact book.

Mrs. Clayton tires to bring a point over to the class.



"I don't care what she says, I'm not redoing my pages!" Dale Dibello.

FRONT ROW: Lynda Clayton — Sponsor, Ken Chandler. SECOND ROW: Lana Holmes, Cathy Clayton — Group Editor, Carol Taeuber, Cheryl Hart, Lisa Gregory — Group Editor, Mary Ann Castro — Group Editor, Frank Farmilette. THIRD ROW: Dale Dibello, Mary Brady — Business Editor, Dean Lonsford, Tim Gray, Katy Park — Editor-in-Chief, Mark LaFleur — Group Editor, Karen Bell. FOURTH ROW: Linda Phillips.

Mrs. Clayton and Cathy Clayton discuss which pictures will fit the best on her pages.

Mark LaFleur contemplates his copy.