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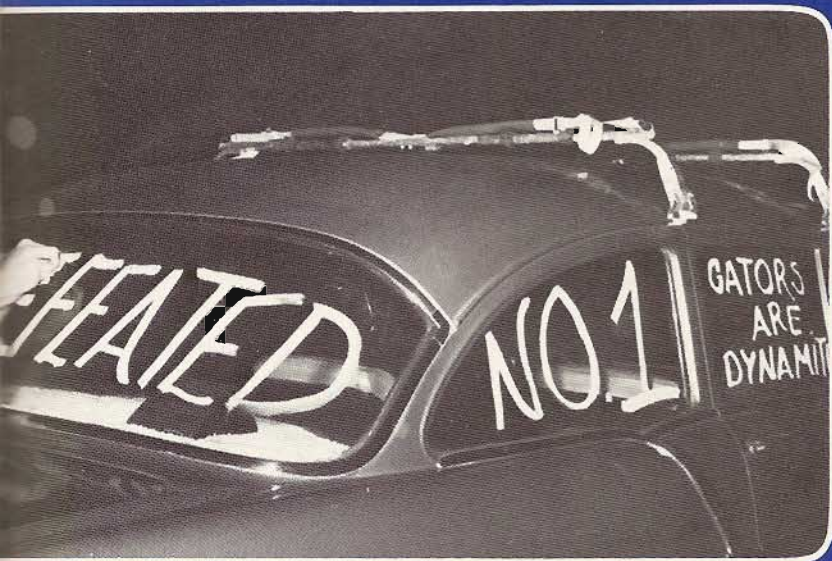
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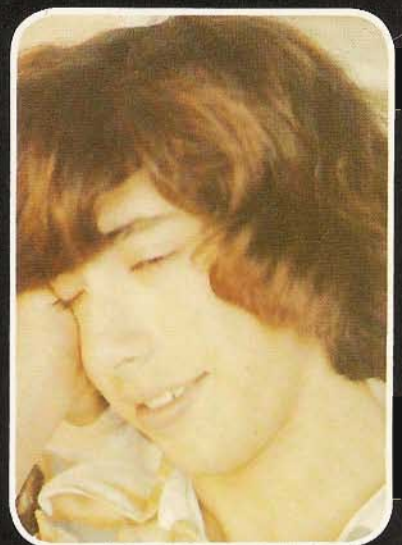
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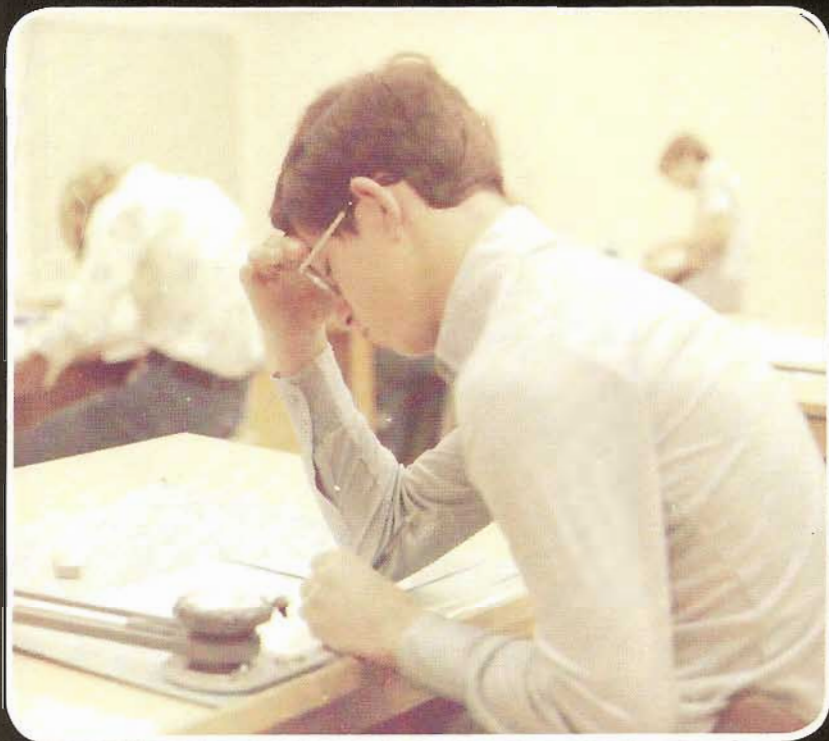




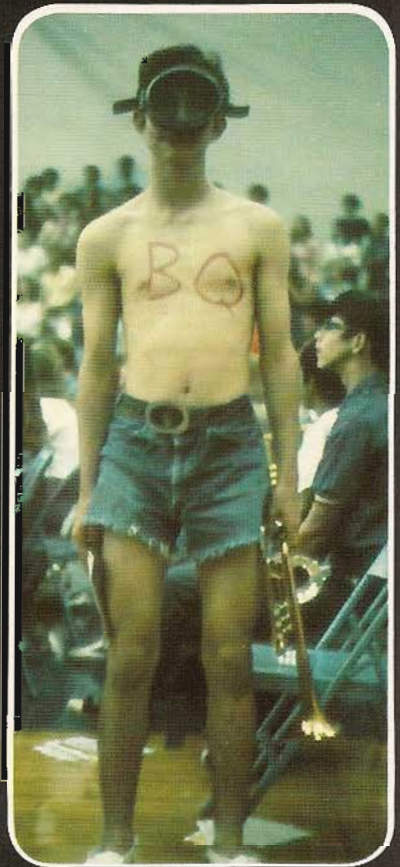
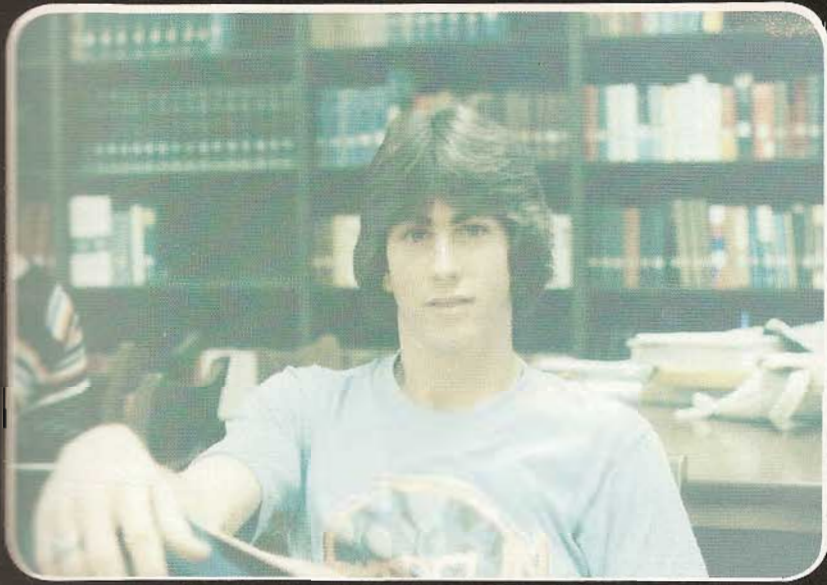
This year opened with many hopes and many fears. Hopes that under new principals, a new athletic director, and many other administrators and teachers, our school could become a more ideal place - a place of pride and togetherness. Hopes that by moving into 3-A we could compete more successfully in sports and literary events.

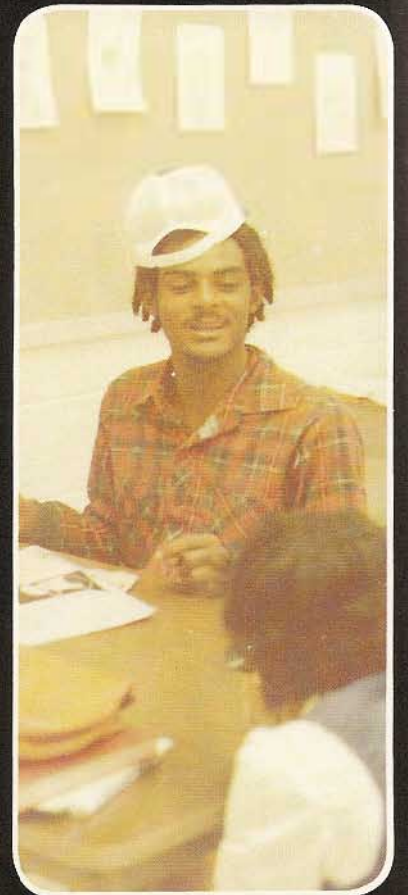


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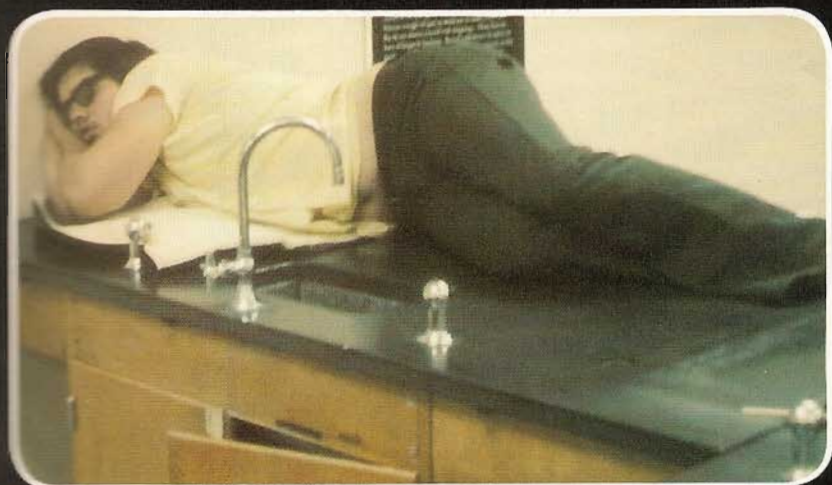


Opposing these hopes were also fears - fears of change. We feared that our school would not progress, but would instead take a step backwards. Fears that we would not measure up to our own expectations.





But as each day unfolded, the fears began to melt away and our hopes were one by one realized. With the realization of our hopes, DHS became a living, vibrant place - a place where coaches shaved their heads, where students chanted in the halls, where teachers made learning almost fun, and all were proud to say, "I'm from Dickinson High School."





ACTIVITIES



"Confetti, balloons, and signs. What for? Oh, yea, so we can win the spirit stick."

"How come those Seniors are wearing hats, and the juniors are doing the can-can? We have to get into the act next week."

"450 people at the Kickoff Dance. I don't believe it."

"Hey, we're going to have a float for Homecoming . . . and a parade, too!"

"He asked me to Homecoming! . . . Gee, these mums sure are expensive."

"I knew she'd make Homecoming Queen."

"Let's try out for the play. What's it about? . . . About a guy married to a ghost?"

"A dozen carnations? . . . But I thought they broke up."

"Elvis is still alive and well . . . at the 50's Day Dance."

"What's that? Barbecue, baked beans, potato salad, and cake . . . Sounds like a banquet to me."

"I don't know about this Powderpuff team. They're having an awful time running a floater slot right, fake G.P. right, run or pass left."

"Are you going to go see that crazy bunch of seniors put on that play about a mad woman?"

"But your tux has to be purple. All the couples match at that special night at the Warwick."

"I thought I'd feel something special when I turned that tassel on May 27. And ya know what? I DID!!!"

Valarie McCain exhibits her view of the "average" Exporter.

"Get on the good foot!"



Spirit explodes at pep rallies

Every Friday in the Boy's Gym a spirited student body showed what the football pep rallies were all about. An admiring observer could not have known that the student body was not required to attend this exciting event. The stands were crammed with spirited fans who hoped for a sure win. While the band played the school song, the cheerleaders, Pep Squad, and student body yelled cries of victory. The Gators could not have had such a victorious season without the spirit that the pep rallies provided.



Varsity Cheerleaders motivate spirit with their actions.

Kari Moore and Patty Carroll demonstrate their twirling techniques at the pep rallies.





Dance kicks off winning season

The memorable football victory over Hitchcock was celebrated with a Kick-Off Dance which was one of the most heavily attended dances in the history of DHS in which 450 students attended. The Student Council provided a variety of records for music, which the students enjoyed, and refreshments. The students showed the tired, but happy, football players that they were very proud of them and their winning season.



Mark Sanders and Rebecca Thompson play follow the leader.

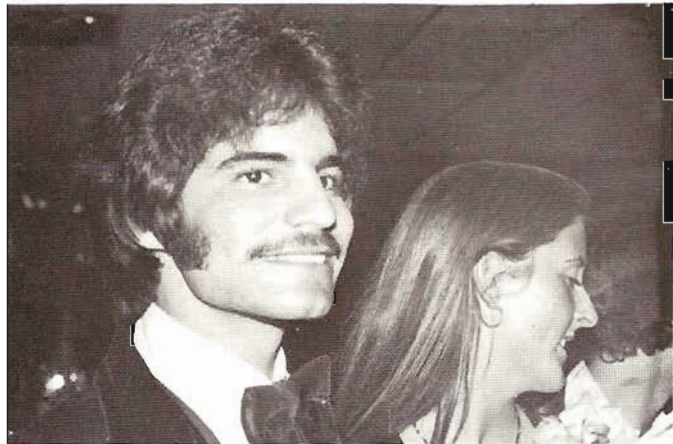
"Maybe I ought to dance with a taller girl." Greg Williams and Anna Aquilar.

Loretta Young, Babyette Ford, and Patricia Joseph say, "Right on!"



Dance, parade, top off Homecoming week

The students, as well as other Dickinsonians, revived an old tradition, the Homecoming Parade, November 11. The parade featured the Homecoming Court who waved from cars decorated by the class they represented. Dickinsonians crowded the streets as the ROTC led the parade, followed by the Band and Twirlers. The impressive Student Council float dominated the festive atmosphere, and the undefeated District 14-AAA champs rode on a large trailer. After the game, girls in mums and long dresses, and guys in suits crowded into the cafeteria for the Homecoming Dance led by disc jockey, Matt Quinn.



"Can't we even dance in peace?" Mike Flanagan and JerryAnn Mitchiner

"Looking good!" Jim Crowley

"They decorated this car just for me!" Melynda Tucker

Anthony Chapple adds finishing touches to the Homecoming float.



Gator float sails on through parade.



"Gee, isn't he terrific!" Ken Chandler and Cindy Pullium

"Hi, Daddy!" Cathy Creasy and Audre Medlock

"Shake your Bootie." D.H.S. twirlers



Audre Medlock takes crown

1976 was remembered and symbolized by our Homecoming Queen. The student body had to make a most difficult decision in choosing her. Although the five finalists were all attractive, Audre Medlock came out on top. Audre is an active girl, who participated in volleyball for four years, and was named to the second string All-District team. Besides volleyball, she was selected Freshman, Sophomore, J.V., and Varsity cheerleader, and Who's Who in cheerleading. Audre has been singled out by her classmates as Freshman Lady-in-Waiting and Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Class Favorite.



Homecoming Court

Lee Schnake



Patty Carroll



Cathy Creasy



Gayle Caskey
Runner-Up



Elaine Adams
Junior Princess



Melynda Tucker
Sophomore
Duchess



Savannah Jenkins
Freshman Lady-
in-Waiting

Ghosts invade stage

Ghosts? You had better believe it! But only for three performances in "Blithe Spirit," the hilarious multi-act farce presented to sell-out crowds October 19-21. Ron Hamner, portraying a frustrated novelist named Charles Condomine, found himself plagued with the return of his dead wife, Elvira, played by Cheryl Nichols. Adding to the ever-mounting confusion, Ruth, played by Amy Stanford, was killed and also returns to haunt her bewildered spouse. Mr. Stallings directed the play.

"Did you see what I saw?" John Coutrado, Elaine Adams, Amy Stanford, and Ron Hamner.

"Take two aspirin, drink plenty of liquids, and go to bed." Ron Hamner, Michelle Riley and Sandra Bookman.

Sandra Bookman shows her inner emotions.

"What a nag!" Cheryl Nichols and Amy Stanford



Banquet honors 14-AAA champs

"We could have danced all night." Joan Reumont and Greg McKenzie

The Football Banquet climaxed a season of hard work and honored the undefeated District 14-AAA champs. The Clear Creek Civic Center was decorated with the jerseys and helmets of every football player, and large photographs of the team in action were displayed. After a meal of barbecue, Gil Steinke, coach at Texas A&I, spoke on College recruiting. Coach Ted Gray then presented awards to these outstanding players: Outstanding Offensive Lineman - Jeff Yates, Outstanding Offensive Back - Jeff LaFleur, Fighting Heart Award - Ernest Spriggins, Most Enthusiastic Gator - Greg Phillips, Outstanding Defensive Lineman - Larry Tipton, Outstanding Defensive Back - Greg McKenzie, The Optimist Club "Fighting Gator," Sportsmanship Award - David Ruiz, Gator Booster Club Most Valuable Player - Donnie Little. For the first time, the banquet was ended with a dance.



Gil Stienke is the guest speaker.

"We'd like to thank our parents, who made winning this award possible." Jeff LaFleur and Donnie Little.

Ernest Spriggins receives the "Fighting Gator" Award from Coach Gray.

Good times return in 50's Day activities

Students relived the 50's February 25. Boys with greased hair, tight t-shirts, and sunglasses strolled through the halls. Long skirts, bobby socks, and high pony tails were the girls' specialities. While walking down the hall, one expected to bump into Chubby Checker or the Fonz. This day of nostalgia was ended with a Sock Hop, which was attended by over 200 people.

"I saved the last dance for you."
Eddie Hogan and Pam Barnett.

"Hey, Babe. How about going to the levy in my '50 Chevy?"
Bart Dye and Tina Domangue.

"It was good enough for mother."
Patty Carroll

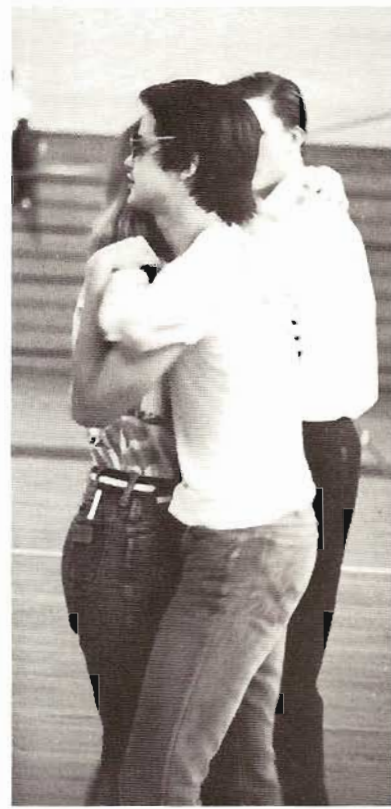


"Not now Johnny, my feet hurt."
Johnny Aguilar and Sharon Martin.



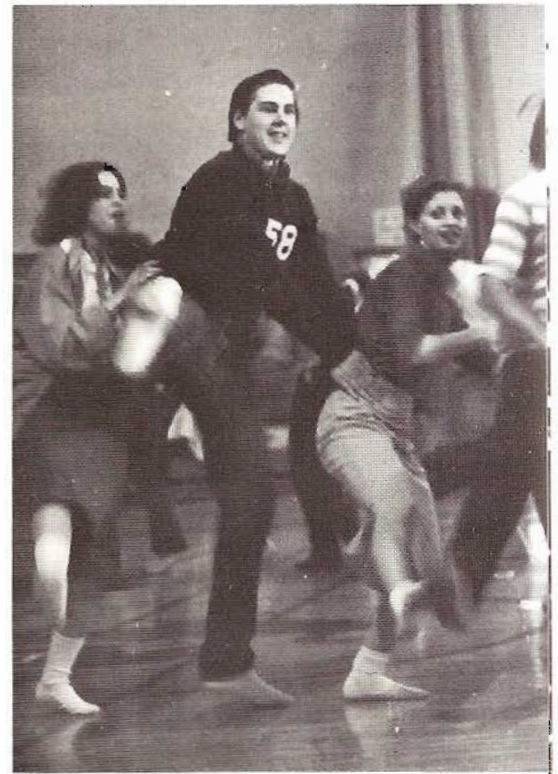


"Standing in the corner watching all the girls go by." Doug Williams.



"Lay your head on my shoulder." Jeff Martin and Barbara Stubee.

"One, two, buckle my shoe." Mary Beth Gentry, Gary Considine, Kelly Sandel.



Students dance the Cotton-Eyed Joe.



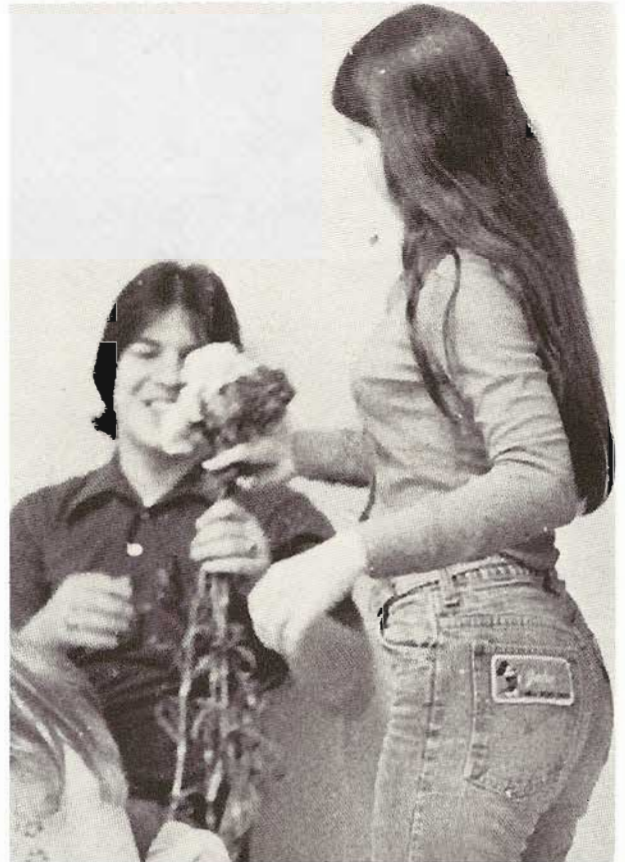
A carnation is a gift of love

"Don't be a stupid, buy your cupid a carnation," said the Anchor Club, who held their annual Carnation Sale February 1-11. Sweethearts, teachers, and friends were often delighted and surprised with the unexpected flowers. The carnations were sent anonymously to first period classes, and many never discovered who cared enough to send the very best. The club sold \$1287 in carnations and earned \$512 which will go towards scholarships to members and non-members.



"I knew I got three but what's this fourth one?" Brad Cardenas and Sharon Martian

"Does anybody want to Flamingo?" Jerry Woodard



Janice Metcalf was chosen to be the 1977 ROTC Sweetheart.



C/Maj. Pat Gorrell and Terry Pina boogie to the music.



ROTC gives awards at Military Ball

The Texas 83rd AFJROTC Cadet Squadron held its fourth annual Military Ball April 22 at the League City Civic Center. Highlights of the evening were the presentation of AFJROTC Awards to a large group of cadets, and the announcement that C/SSSgt. Janice Metcalf had been selected as Squadron Sweetheart. C/Maj. Laura Childs was presented the Air Force Association Award for distinguished service to the Cadet Corps. The cadets in their formal attire enjoyed an evening of dancing to the music of "DRY ICE."



C/MSgt. Steven Pyle and C/Maj. Laura Childs pose for the camera.

Seniors present 'The Madwoman of Chaillot'

Coming together in a united effort the Class of 1977 presented their Senior Play, "The Mad Woman of Chaillot," with the help of senior sponsors, director Ron Proctor, and countless students and townspeople.

This two-act play, written by Jean Giradoux, was an often comical, as well as sad story about an eccentric woman and her followers' successful attempt to keep their individuality in our industrialized society. Cathy Creasy and Mark Martelli played the lead roles, while Carol Tidwell assisted as student director, and Henry Parson worked as stage manager. The proceeds of the play, which amounted to \$1374, were used to alleviate Prom expenses, and provide money for a Senior scholarship.

The juggler entertains the patrons of the Chez Francis. Mark Simmons.



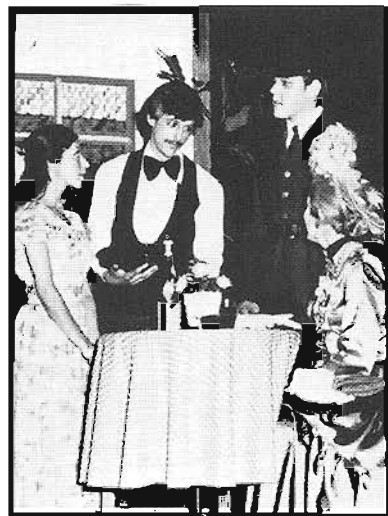
Cathy Creasy portrays the mad-woman of Chaillot.

"What do ya mean you don't like my rubber boots?" Terry Royer.

"Really darling, must I always repeat myself?" Lucy Kranz and Cathy Creasy.



Pierre and Irma make a go at their love before it is too late. Louis Riley and Jerry Ann Mitchner.



"And did you hear the one about . . . ?" Stella Moya, Johnny Aguilar, Gary Considine, and Cathy Creasy.



Cathy Creasy and the vagabonds discuss life with Louis Riley.



"Hey, Babe, isn't it against the law for two legs to loiter on a park bench?" Babe White and Johnny Aguilar.

"I thought I told you to move those legs!" Gary Considine and Cathy Creasy.

The Ragpicker defends the wealthy of the world. Mark Martelli.

"I don't know what's wrong with him; he just sits and stares at the table for hours." Louis Riley, Greg Williams, Cathy Creasy, and Jerry Ann Mitchner.

Constance pets Dickey. Teresa Brauer.

Seniors slip past juniors

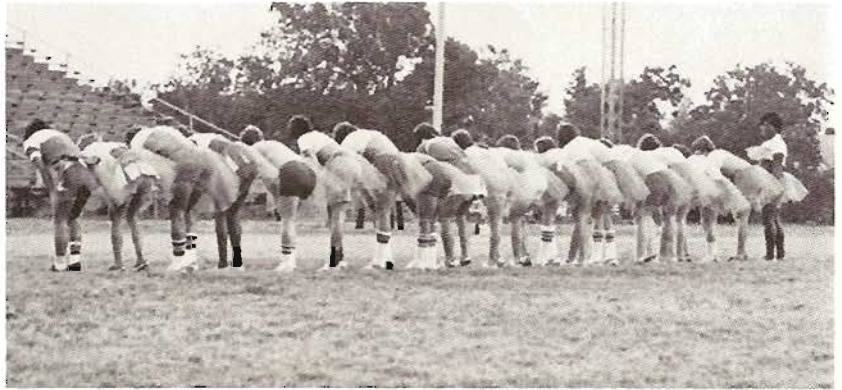
The junior and senior girls practiced many hours for the Powderpuff Football Game, May 5. At half-time, the score was 0-6 in favor of the juniors. In the beginning of the fourth quarter, the seniors scrambled for a touchdown and two extra points, making the final score 8-6. The senior, junior, and sophomore boys all participated in the halftime drill team competition. The seniors won best routine, the juniors best costumes, and the sophomores best precision.

"Shake your booty!"

Juniors rejoice over their touchdown.

"What do ya' mean, a C or a D?" Doug Williams

"Ain't we fine!" Greg Dues, Johnny Aguilar, Greg Phillips, Tommy Barrett, Deryl Cleveland, Billy Sparks, and Robert Cook.



Banquets 'wrap up' year



Many awards were given at annual banquets this spring. Groups such as the Vocational and Foreign Language Departments, Band, and Honor Society attended. The Vocational Department Banquet was held March 31 at Gulf Crest Country Club in Pearland. Awards were given to outstanding Vocational students. The Foreign Language Department Banquet was held in the school cafeteria where Spanish, French, and German foods were served. The Band held their banquet on April 29; Mr. Don Owens spoke and gave the award for outstanding musician to Mark Gracey. On April 25 the Honor Society held their banquet, where new members were initiated. Finally, to cap the year, May 22 the Thespian Society enjoyed a swimming banquet, during which awards were presented.

Mrs. Dickey presents Ventura Martinez with the outstanding VOE student award.



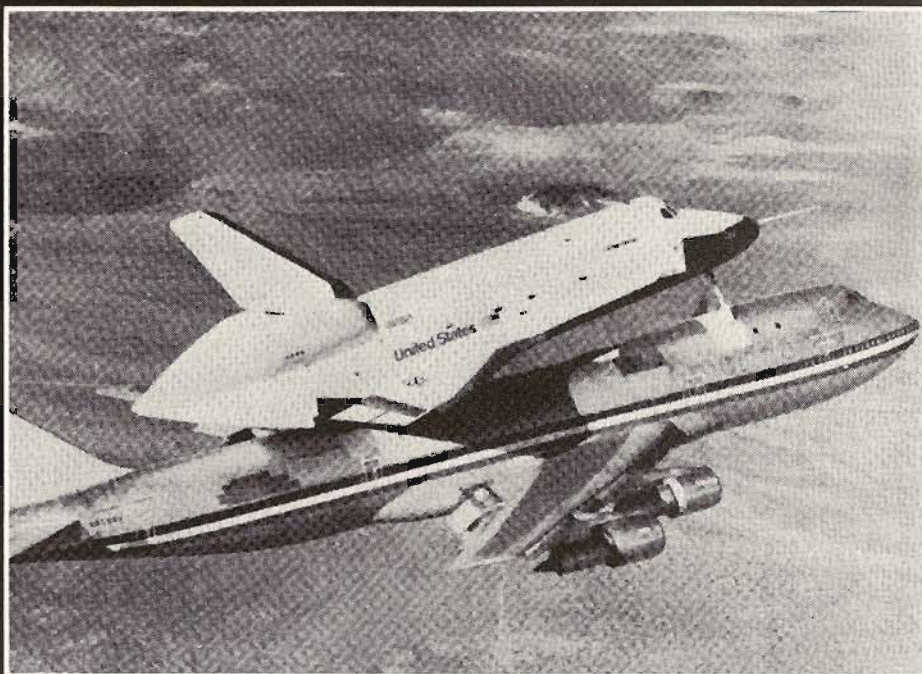
Johnny Aguilar is given the outstanding ICT student award by Mr. Dickey.



"What do you mean 'would I move my purse over'?" Ron Hamner at the Honor Society Banquet.

The fierce struggle for recluse Howard Hughes' millions continues after he dies without leaving a will.

The space shuttle, which will transport astronauts to outer space colonies, is tested during its maiden flight.



*Super Stars
make news
in 1977*



Farrah Fawcett-Majors, star of television's "Charlie's Angels," reaches instant acclaim as America's newest sex symbol.



Jimmy Carter flashes his famous 'grin and gives the victory sign after being elected President of the United States.

Kunta Kinte comes alive to millions of television viewers in *ROOTS*, a stirring story about the struggle of a black slave for freedom.



ROCKY, written by its star, Sylvester Stallone, wins several Academy Awards, namely Best Picture of 1976.



Bumbling, stumbling comic Chevy Chase stuns America by leaving "Saturday Night Live" for greener pastures.

"Elizabeth the Queen" gives royal performance

The UIL One-Act Play, "Elizabeth the Queen," began with lines on paper. It finished, if at all, with real lives exhibited on three glorious stages.

The moments in between moved from laughter to tears, from frustration to victory. Certainly the cast and crew of this year's play experienced it all, the boredom, the exhilaration, the measles, the tedious hours of work, the nervous tensions, but most of all, the love they felt for each other.

"Elizabeth" succeeded in capturing two first place trophies, one at Zone, and one at District. Although the cast did not fair quite as well at the Regional contest, they all believed the UIL motto that "there are no losers in educational competition."

Amy Stanford, who was awarded Best Actress at District, Zone and Regional competition, portrayed Elizabeth.



"What do you mean you don't like my necklace?" Ken Chandler, Terry Kern, and Gary Dibello.

"Look, only one foot!" John Courado plays the Fool.



Ron Hamner, who played Essex, was awarded All-Star Cast in District competition, Best Actor in Zone competition, and Honorable Mention in Regional competition.

"If you don't get your hand off of my arm . . .!"
Bart Dye and Ron Hamner.

"And then she . . ." Vicki Steed, John Coutrado, Rose Miklojchak, Laura Withrow and Amy Stanford.

"Don't worry; he'll get over it." John Coutrado, Amy Stanford, and Brenda Biondo.

LITERARY WINNERS: Mary Gracey - Readywriting; Amy Stanford - Editorial; Ron Hamner - Poetry Interpretation; Laura Childs - Spelling and Plain-writing; and Jonathon Baron - Persuasive Speech.

"Ah, remember the good 'ole days!" Pam Barnett and Ron Hamner in the yearbook assembly.

Assemblies provide break in day

Assemblies were a new experience for students this year, and served as a relief from the day-by-day schedule. In October, the Yearbook Staff presented a slide show and a skit to help promote sales for the yearbook. The rock group Dove, along with guest speaker Richard Hogue, presented a concert of original songs during two assemblies in March. In May, a drug dog was introduced to students at an assembly. Kassyn, the dog, found drugs that were hidden on stage. Other speakers at assemblies included a man from the armed service program, and an advertising agent telling about his occupation.



Dove presents a concert in the auditorium to the student body.

Kassyn waits for his master to give him the signal.

Social Studies

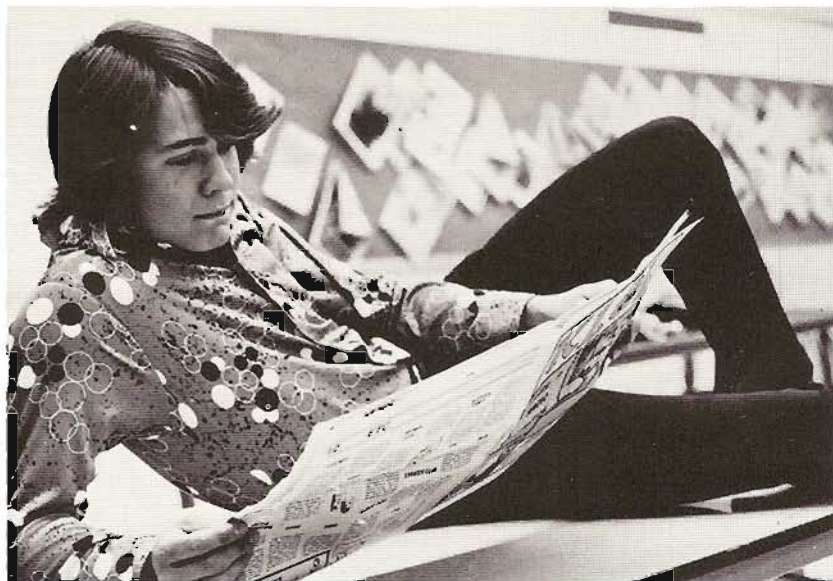
Chris Molloy



Outstanding students named Who's Who

Seventeen seniors were selected by Department Heads to receive the honor of Who's Who. These students made outstanding contributions in a particular field, and were chosen on the basis of grades, attitude and extracurricular activities.

Journalism — Louis Riley



English — Sharon Bickel



***Business —
Connie Cook***

Who's Who

Foreign

Language

Sue Whittington

Home

Economics

Kay Mulkey



ROTC — Jaime Jaramillo

Math — Cathy Creasy

Art — Teresa Braeuer



Boys Athletic — Gilbert Veasey



Music — Mark Gracey
Drama — Ron Hamner
Science — Sharon Bickel
***Vocational — Dayna
Dues, Laura Ross, Lenore
Primm, Carolyn McCarty***



Audre Medlock

Miss DHS



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Henry Westmoreland

Mr. DHS

"You rented a what?" Mike Lambert and Dayna Dues.



"Ticket? You mean we need a ticket?!" Chris Molloy, Class President, and Mr. Ron Proctor, sponsor.



"You can't even beat me with both hands!" Jim Citek and Lee Schnake.

"Boy, was that a good melon boat!" Yvette Bimage, Jay Kern, Vanessa Devault, Tim Scott, Bridget Bookman, and Aaron Timmons.

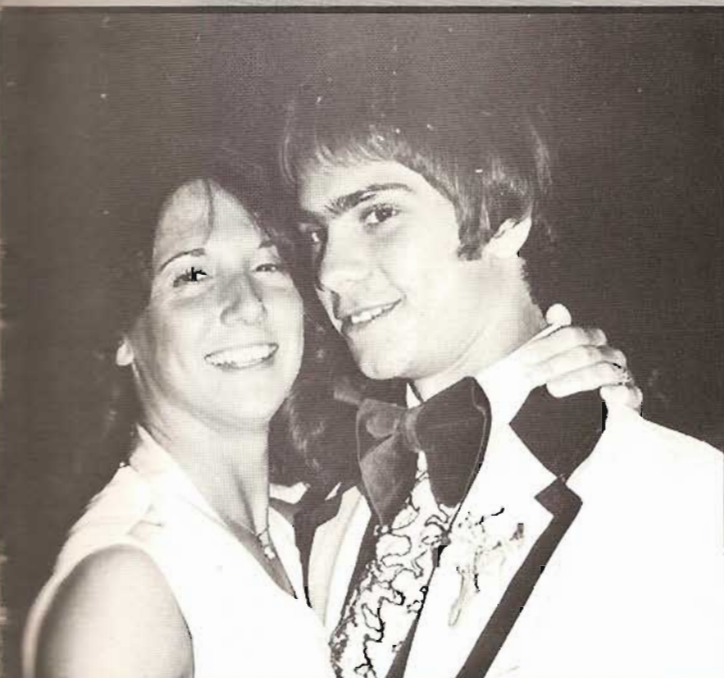
"Whatcha got there Henry?" Michelle Fannin and Henry Westmoreland.

Prom highlights senior year

The Warwick Hotel was the scene for the 1977 Senior Prom. May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Seniors, dates, and sponsors dined on roast beef, au gratin potatoes, green beans and dessert.

Disc jockey Ron Foster talked a lot and played various kinds of music. Highlights of the dance were a teacher dance contest, and the Cotton-Eyed Joe accompanied by yells of "bull-com."

Prom tickets cost seven dollars due to the large amount of money raised by the class through magazine subscription sales.



"We could have danced all night!" Gayle Caskey and Jeff LaFluer.

Everybody get in the picture. Kathy Peeples, David Ruiz, Julianna Guyer, Thomas Kosel, Kelly Townsend, Bert Schroeder, Rebecca Smoak, and Larry Tipton.

"Naw, we ain't jumpin' the broom!" Jay Kern and Yvette Himage.

"Who needs etiquette when ya' have my style!" Jerry Woodard.

"Caught you, Smiley!" Mike Simmons and Pam Barnett.

Tim Kowis practices proper manners.

"Looks just like me!" Brad Cardenas and Diane Huber.

"Stop that Billy!" Diane Farmillette and Billy Ginn.



Kathy Peeples, David Ruiz, Cathy Creasy, Keith Neshyba, Kathy Garban and date, Vanessa Devault, and Tim Scott pose on the staircase.

Victor Baker twinkles at Greg Phillips.



Lori Gregory and Jamie Stansfield strike the traditional pose.



"Get down!" Tim Scott.

Rick Baty, Kim Costello, Clark Jarret, Mark Simmons, and Karen Parson do the Cotton-Eyed Joe.

Scholarships and Awards

Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship	Suanne McNeel
American Legion Scholarships	Ward Northcutt and Richard Westerlage
American Legion Auxiliary Nursing Scholarships	Dana Devall and Dayna Dues
American Legion Youth Awards	Boys - John Frenzel and Chris Molloy Girls - Mara Winick and Cathy Creasy
American Youth Foundation Awards	Chris Molloy and Mara Winick
Anchor Club Scholarships	Karen Reumont, Jerry Ann Mitchiner and Pam Fredericksen
Association of Distinguished Young Americans Award	Audre Medlock
Athletic Scholarships	Kathy Garban, Earnest Spriggins, Larry Tipton and Gilbert Veasey
Austin College Trustee Merit Scholarship	Sharon Bickel
Band Scholarships	Deidre Tomkins, Mark Duncan, and John Frenzel
Baylor University - Virginia Graves Ogilive Scholarship	Diane Huber
Betty Crocker Family Living Award	David Moncebaiz
Boys' and Girls' State Awards	Anthony Chapple and Joe Gregory Joan Reumont and Diane Robinson
Class of 1977 Scholarship	Carol Tidwell
Clinton M. Wolston III Class of '55 Scholarship	Jim Crowley
COM Choir Scholarships	John Armstrong and Jan Johanson
DAR Good Citizen Award	Cathy Creasy
Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarships	Beverly Stephens
Dickinson Education Association Scholarship	Terry Skinner
Dickinson Educational Secretaries Association Scholarship	Pam Barnett
Dickinson Theatre Arts Scholarship	Ron Hamner
DISD Food Service Scholarship	John Ginn
Disurict IV FTA Scholarship	Beverly Stephens
FHA Scholarship	Kae Mulkey
FTA Scholarship	Jan Johanson
Foreign Language Scholarship	Sue Whittington
Galveston County Memorial Hospital Auxillary Scholarship	Dana Devall
Girls Athletic Association Scholarships	Michelle Gray and Cheryl Howard
Houston Grocery Manufacturers Representatives Association Scholarship	Sherry Pierce
Jerry Ziegler Distributive Education Scholarships	Vera Perkins and Sherry Pierce
Lamar University Debate Scholarships	Aaron Timmons
Lincoln Technical Institute Automotive Technology Scholarship	Scott Boyd
Lon Morris Academic Scholarship	Rebecca Thompson
Mainland Memorial Cemetery Scholarship	Aaron Timmons
Marathon Oil Company Scholar Award	Mary Kay Dyes
Mathematics Award	Camellia Pratt
National Merit Foundation Awards	Sharon Bickel, Cathy Creasy, Ron Hamner, Allison Louis, Isabelle Ludlow, Louis Riley, Mark Sanders and Sue Whittington
Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship	Vera Perkins
Operation Close Up Award	Paterick Gorrell
Optimist Club	David Ruiz
Pilot Club - Ann Tacquard Paramedical Scholarship	Dayna Dues
Pilot Club Freedom Foundation Award	Donna Hunt
Presbyterian Church, Raymond Gillis Scholarship	Lawanda Black
Rotary Club Scholarship	Christy McCarty
Select Club Scholarships	Vanessa DeVault, Debra Colbert, Shirley Holmes, Elnita Henderson and Debra Williams
St. Mary's University Scholar in Residence Scholarship	Lucy Kranz
Texas A&M Academic Excellence Scholarships	Paterick Gorrell and Cathy Creasy
Texas Chemical Council Award	Cathy Creasy
Texas Christian University Academic Achievement Scholarship	Chris Molloy
Trinity University Scholarships	Louis Riley and Mary Kay Dyes
U.S. Military Academy Appointment and Texas A&M NROTC Scholarship	Martin Morales
Texas Education Agency Honors Scholarship	Cathy Creasy
Texas Council of Church Related Colleges Scholarships	Cathy Creasy and Thomas Kosel



Moody Scholars

Honor Scholars -----Cathy Creasy and Sue Whittington
 Moody Scholars -----Tommy Barrett, Robert Coffman,
 Paterick Gorrell, Ron Hamner, Donald Higbee, Thomas Kosel, Mary
 Ludlow, Stella Moya, Carol Tidwell, Rebecca Thompson.

Martin Morales receives a standing ovation when it was announced that he had been awarded an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy and Texas A&M University.

Senior sponsor Ron Proctor gives Carol Tidwell the Class of 1977 Scholarship.

Rebecca Thompson receives the Drafting Select Scholar award from Mr. Cecil Henry.



Awards Night honors 93

At Awards Night ceremonies May 17 in the auditorium, parents, students, faculty and friends gathered to see 93 students receive 78 awards and scholarships, which amounted to approximately \$140,000. At the conclusion of the evening, honor graduates, and the top ranking boy, Thomas Kosel, and top ranking girl, Cathy Creasy, were announced.

Select Scholars

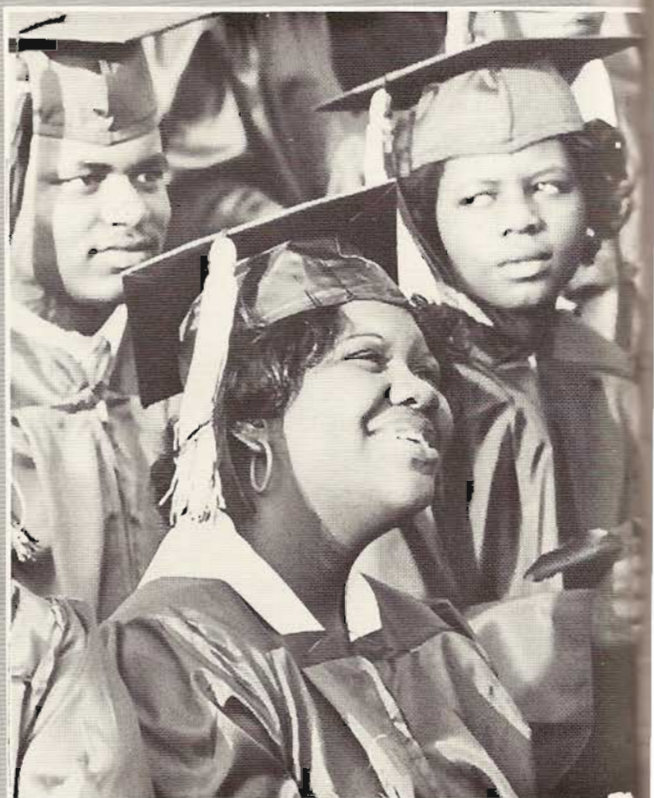
Woodworking -----Scott Boyd
 Metalworking-----Robert Cucchia
 Drafting -----Rebecca Thompson
 Homemaking-----Kay Mulkey
 ICT -----Jimmy Morgan
 VOE-----Ventura Martinez
 HOCT -----Susan Williams
 DE-----Sherry Pierce
 Journalism -----Louis Riley
 Business-----Connie Cook
 Art-----Mara Winick
 Choral Music -----Karen Hughes
 Band -----Mark Gracey



Graduates have jubilant Commencement

It was not a typical Commencement Exercise, but then the Class of 1977 was not a typical class either. At 7:30 p.m. May 27 the graduates assembled at Sam Vitanza Stadium for that long walk around the track to their seats on the field. After introductions, the invocation, and a short welcome address by Class President Chris Milloy, Ron Hamner gave a light-hearted characterization of the Class of 1977. When the last graduate received her diploma, caps were thrown into the air accompanied by cheers from the class. With eyes wet from joy and sadness, the graduates filed off of the field.

"Hurry up! They're leaving." Mara Winick.



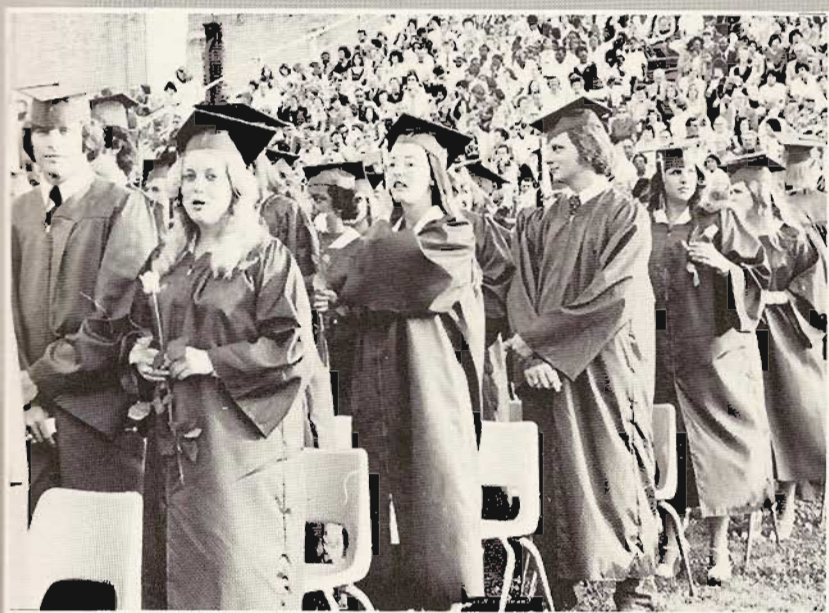
"Just think. It's finally here."
Ives Bailey.

Graduates take their last steps out
of high school.

Senior sponsors and graduates
pause before beginning the pro-
cessional.



"This is it!"

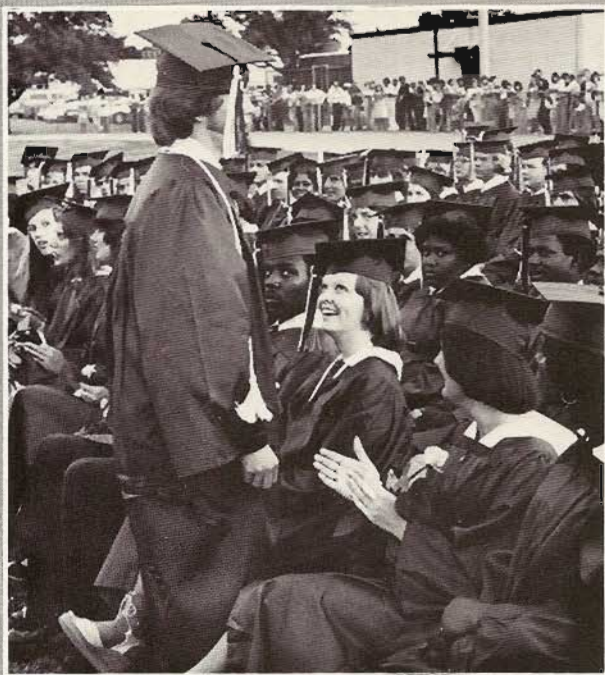


LaWanda Black gives the invocation.



Seniors restlessly wait for everyone to be seated.

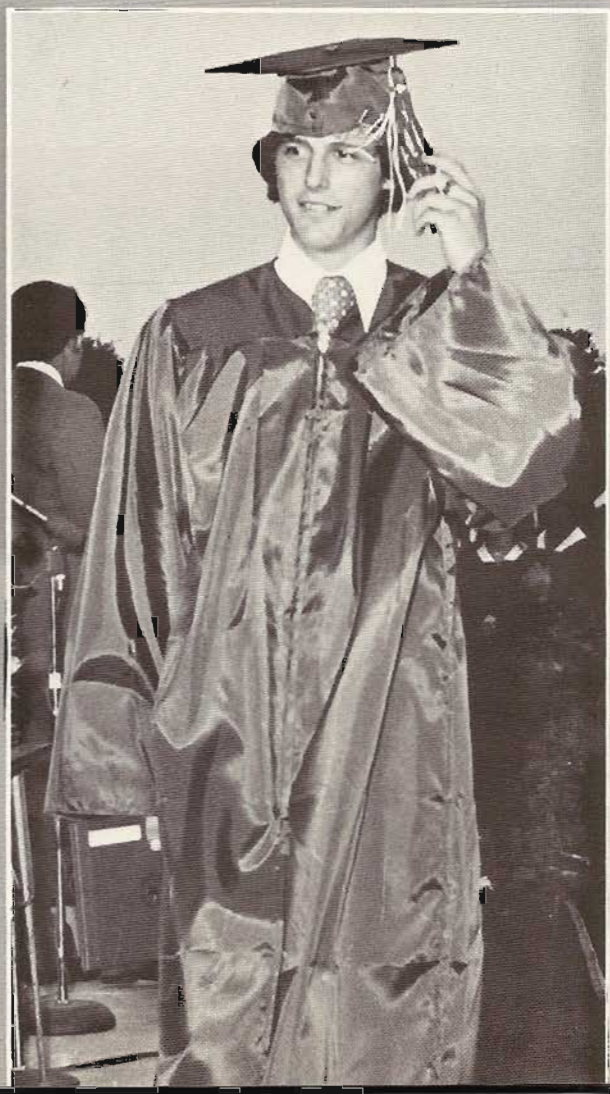
Chris Molloy, Senior Class President, gives the welcome address.



Pam Barnett flashes a smile at Tommy Barrett as the honor graduates are announced.

Ron Hamner brings back happy memories of past years in his Commencement speech.

"It's all in the wrist action!" Johnny Aguilar.





Seniors await the presentation of diplomas.



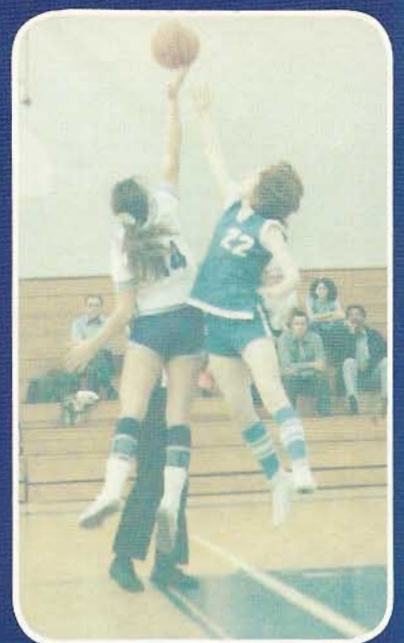
David Moncebiaz skips back to his seat after receiving his diploma.

Laura Childs receives her diploma from a School member.

Mr. Adrien Drouilhet, Mr. Richard Brown and Mr. David Clark distribute diplomas.

"Right on brother!" Tim Scott and Wade Moore.





SPORTS



"I hear those football guys are really working hard. Maybe it will pay off this year."

"We won! We won! I knew we could!"

"Did you know that we had the number one defense and offense in the district?"

"The coaches shaved their heads?"

"I'm from Dickinson High School. You know we're the undefeated 14-AAA Champs."

"Those volleyball girls always win District. How do they do it?"

"Of course, we have a basketball team. They even won the Dickinson Holiday Tournament."

"The Cross Country boys run, and run, and run . . . and then they win district, regionals, and go to state."

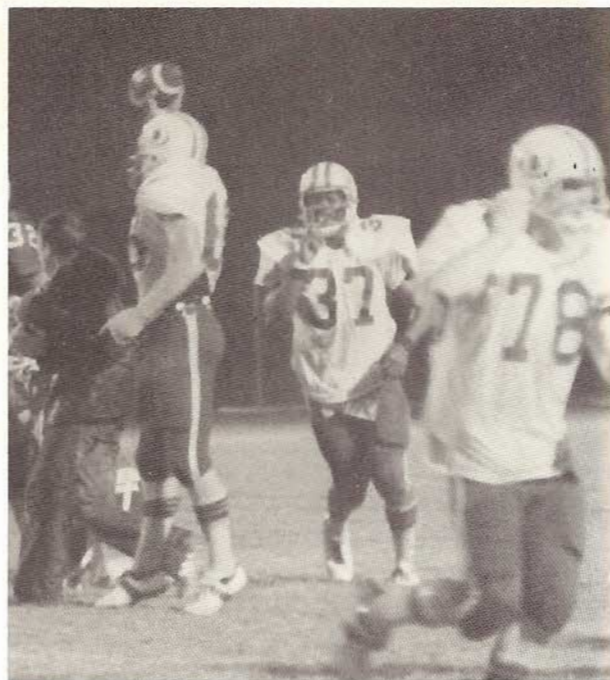
"Our girls won what place in the basketball tournament? Times sure are changing."

"Our track teams don't just run. They vault, leap, put, throw, hurdle and jump their way to championships."

"He has what kind of batting average? That's unbelievable!"

Varsity takes District 14-AAA crown with undefeated mark

The Gators entered the 1976 football season picked to finish seventh in the ten team district. However, by mid-season and the defeat of powerhouse Brazosport, it was evident that the Gators were on their way to their first District title in 11 years. Under the guidance of Head Coach Ted Gray, a renewed enthusiasm, and reclassification to AAA, the Gators swept the District title with an unprecedented undefeated record.

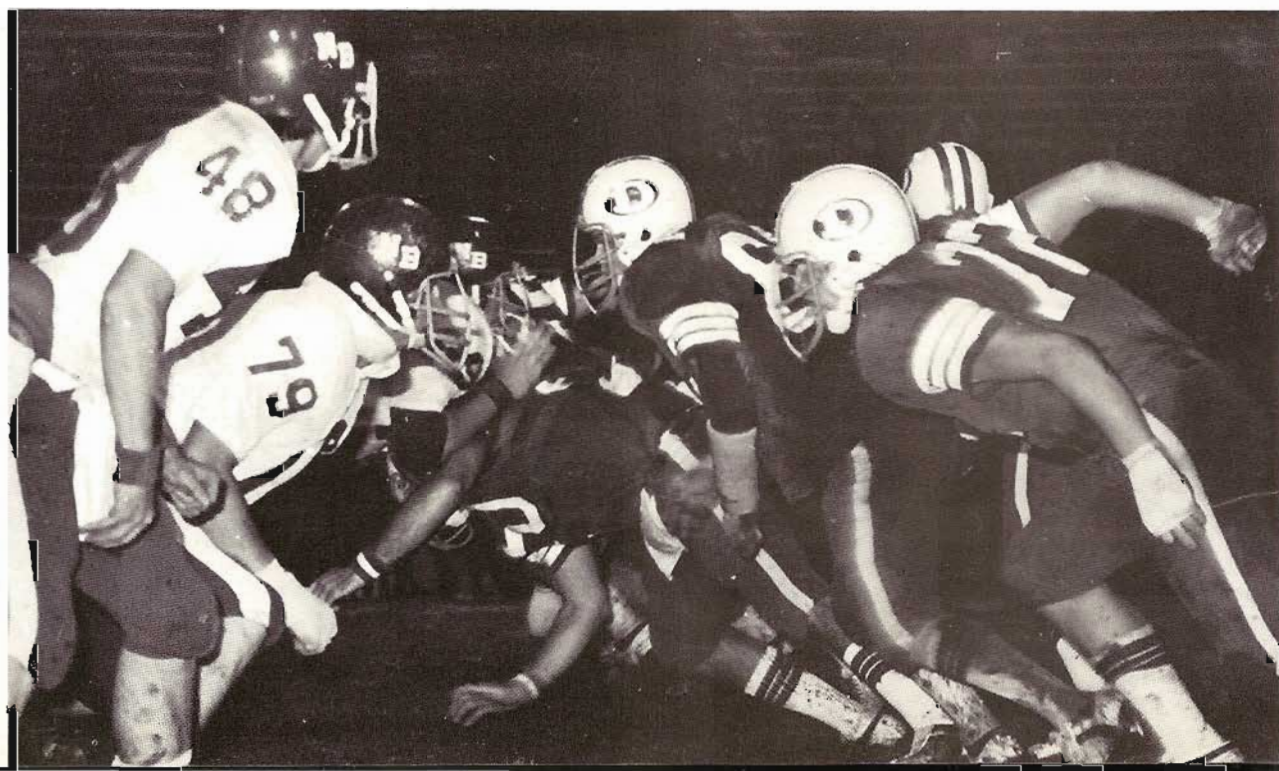


Greg Phillips (66) makes a fumble recovery against Rice, while Doyle Peterson (37) and Larry Tipton (78) come off the field.

Chris Molloy (65) and Gilbert Veasey (75) show their jubilation while Sonny Caldwell (10) holds the ball high in the air after scoring the winning touchdown against Brazosport.



Gator offensive line fires off the ball against New Braunfels.

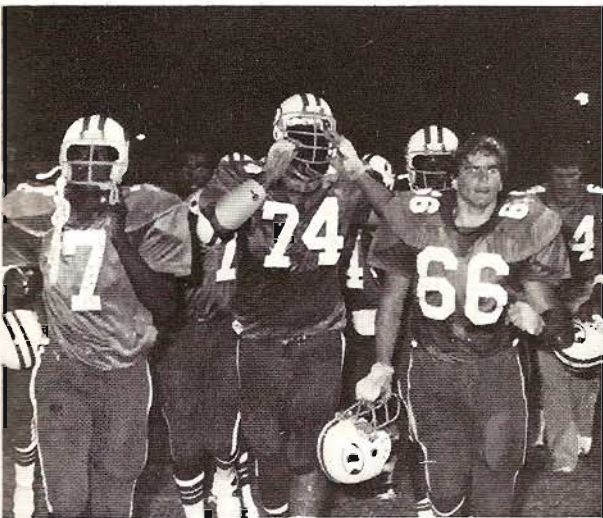




The hours of practice paid off in 42 extra points and two field goals for Dennis David.

Chris Molloy gives his backs some running room against Hitchcock.

Jeff Lafleur (22) scores the final touchdown in the 30-19 win over Columbia.



Earnest Spriggins (7), John Frenzel (74) and Greg Phillips (66) lead the Gator defense off the field.

Donnie Little (1) trots through the scattered Rice defense for still another score.