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# ***Gator 1983***

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This beautiful scenic view of downtown Dickinson — at the corner of Highway 3 and 517 — was taken on a rainy January evening. The unusual glare of the car lights is caused from using a shutter speed of 70 seconds.

We all had our special places to go during the summer. Those who wanted to just get up and go somewhere, got up and went. Many spent their time shopping, going out to eat, watching soap operas, or working. Most of us spent at least one day a week at the beach, basking in the burning sunlight. Monday night at the drive-in, standing around at the station or the bridge, or playing video games at Polar Bear every night all came and went so fast. There was never a shortage of things to do. Dickinson has some very special places that will stay with us throughout our lives. The coming of the new school year provided us with new hang-outs and new classes — new places to be. Almost everyone had a certain part of the school to stand in before classes and underclassmen had a certain table they sat at every day at lunch.



## *Special Places*



**Left:** Junior **Cindy Marks** dreams about far away, exotic places.

**Right:** Sophomore **Holly Haney** in early days as a model.



Left: Juniors **Tracy Perry, Renee Reagan, Renee Dudley, Kristia Berry** and **Kristen Sandberg** are all practicing for the "Most Beautiful Smile" contest; who do you think will win?

Below: Senior **Duke Gay** and junior **Ronnie Barkmann** seem to be sleeping while standing up. Whoops! don't fall

Right: "Look out world, here we come." says seniors **Michelle Easley** and **Ray Peoples**.

We all remember those special moments and the ones during our high school years seem to be the most memorable. Each summer provides us with great fun, but school seems to bring about the most unforgettable times. Freshmen will always remember their first day of school and new students will always remember the first time they got lost. Homecoming and prom are always special moments, and juniors will never forget the day they got their senior rings. Graduation night provides memorable feelings. The classes and teachers themselves are also unforgettable. There is no doubt that DHS's unique style has provided and will provide us with special memories and moments.



## Special Moments

**Above:** Freshman **Charles Porras** thinks ahead to the future.

**Right:** Sophomore **Tracy Rotter** sets the trend at DHS with her simple newspaper and cardboard box attire.



**Top left:** The DHS Band Scum can't  
 but stick together. Sophomore  
**Gregory**, senior **Chris Howard**,  
 and junior **Bo Banowsky**.

**Above:** The DHS studs during one of  
 "those" moments. Seniors **Rodney**  
**Trawick**, **Robert Sanchez**, **David**  
**Pina** and **Paul Schnake**.

**Top right:** Senior **Shawn Bellard** is No.  
 2. The person who beat him up is No. 1.





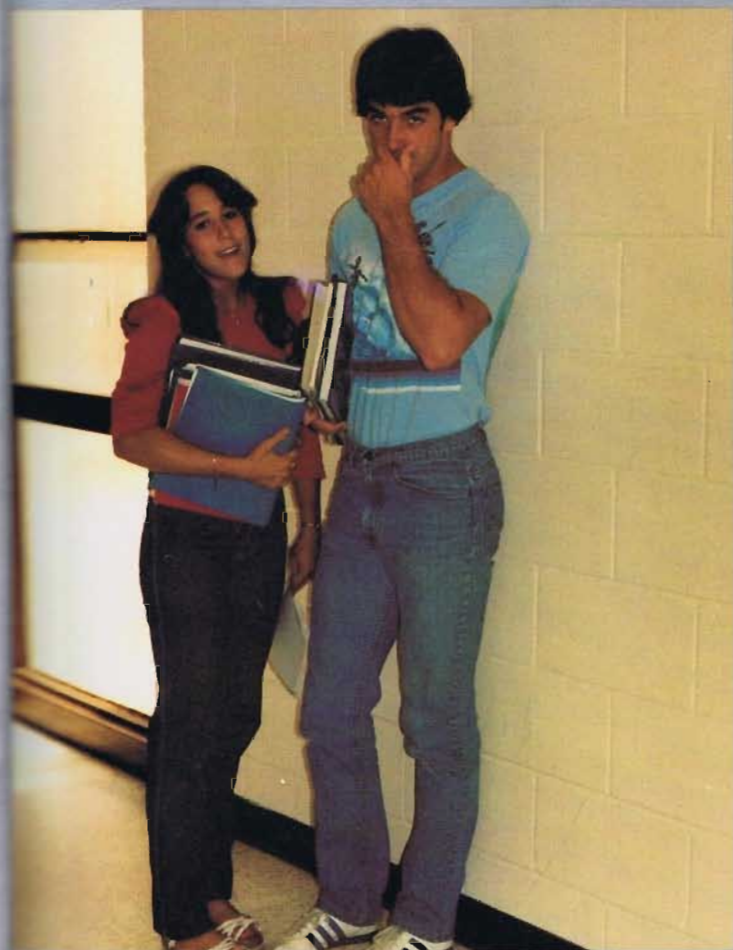
**Middle left:** Junior **Michael Clerc**, sophomore **Ken Williams**, and freshman **Scott Mader** do their imitation of Moe, Larry, and Curly — The Three Stooges.

**Left:** **Mrs. Harkreader** and junior **Willie Sharp** show that even teachers and students can have special friendships.

**Top:** Senior **Ileana Gonzalez**, sophomore **Stephanie Tackett**, and senior **Geisler** are all smiles and don't seem worried about the repeated bomb threats. **Above:** Freshman **Alisa Guerra** and **Stephanie Wells** experience a special moment between close friends.



Friends are the most important part of our lives, especially during our teen years. High school provides a special time to get close to those around us. Friends are those we can rely on in times of need, those we can talk to and trust, and those we can just go out with and have fun. Special places and special moments would not be if it were not for our friends. They will be what we cherish when we think of DHS and it's special style.



# Special Friends

**Top:** Seniors **Darryl Hill, Phillip Brown, Brian Hill,** and junior **Tony Martin** prove that working together as a team gets the job done.

**Above left:** Sophomore **Dana Chesak** and senior **Ed Lindsey** do not like their intimate conversation interrupted by a photographer.

**Above right:** Junior **Stacy Griffin** says "I just love getting my picture taken." Senior **Leslie Latimer** eyes the camera suspiciously.



Junior **Cynthia Jackson** remarks,  
"This cafeteria food is all right!"



A Dickinson merchant expresses appreciation for his town.



Sophomores **Bethany Fitch** and **Stephanie Tackett** pose as our local high school glamour girls, with fashion bag in tow.

The social lives of DHS students have always been important. Whether it is spending time at the beach during the summer, going out with friends on weekends, or celebrating special events, Dickinson students have never been at a loss for leisure activities. These leisure activities, the student life at DHS, provide students with the opportunity to flaunt their style.

# Student Life



## Giving DHS Their Best

Vincent Wydermyer and Melanie Brunner were elected as 1982-83 Mr. and Mrs. DHS. Both Melanie and Vincent are extremely deserving of their titles.

Vincent has been very active in sports for the past four years. He runs track and was on the freshman football team, JV football team for a year, and on Varsity for the past two years. He had an outstanding senior year in football. He made All District, first team offense and defense, All Greater Houston defense, was the Houston Post defensive player of the year, and received Honorable Mention All State defensive back. Vincent has also been active in ROTC for the past four years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Motton and has lived in Dickinson for thirteen years. Vincent has received a football scholarship to attend Texas Tech University.

Melanie has been very busy throughout her four years of high school. She was elected Elk's Teenager of the Month for September, and was a member of the Homecoming Court. She is the president of Student Council and the chairman of Presidents' Council. Melanie is a member of the Paramedical Club, Pan American Student Forum, JETS, Good Sportsmanship League, Concert Band and National Honor Society. She has also been a twirler for the past three years, and a yearbook photographer for two years; serving as head photographer her senior year. She is Anchor Club historian, and has been on the tennis team, volleyball team and played Powder Puff football her junior year. Melanie is the daughter of Lloyd and Josephine Brunner and has lived in Dickinson all of her life. She plans on attending Southwestern State University and majoring in pre-law.



**Vincent and Melanie** pose in the elegant home of **Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bond**.

# '83 Homecoming Queen

*"I was totally shocked."*

On October 29, 1982, Dawn Cook was named as 1982-83 Homecoming Queen. When Dawn heard she had won she said she couldn't believe it. "I thought someone else would get it. The thought never even crossed my mind that I would be elected." Dawn was a freshman cheerleader, and has been a varsity cheerleader for the past three years. She was on the basketball team, and has been involved in Student Council, Pan American Student Forum, and was on the yearbook staff her senior year. She was vice-president of her sophomore and senior classes, was voted Most Spirited her junior year, and was a finalist in the Youth of America Contest her senior year. Dawn is very proud and honored to serve as Homecoming Queen for the 1982-83 school year and will represent us well.



**Above:** Dawn has proudly been a varsity cheerleader for three years.

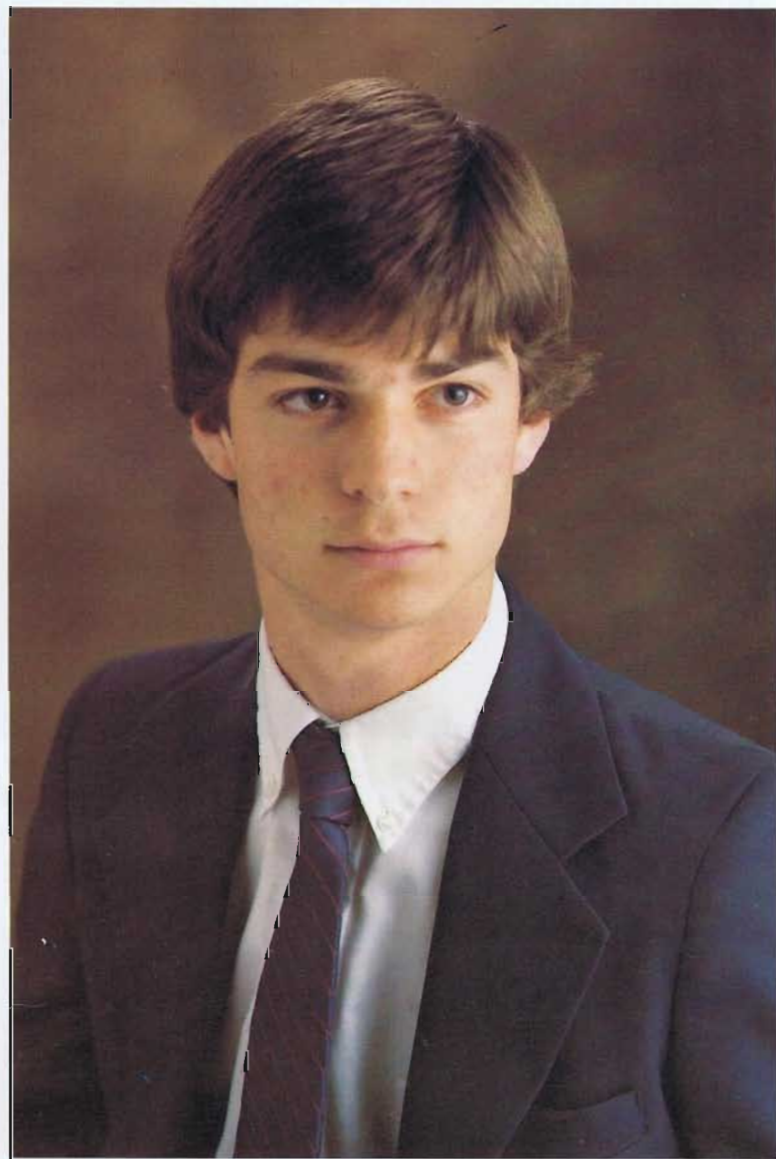
**Above right:** Our 1982-83 Homecoming Queen.

**Right:** Dawn and Ms. Hamm work on Spanish material.





Jane Graves



Joe Rubio

## Graves and Rubio: Proud representatives

Jane Graves was elected 1982-83 Homecoming Queen Runner-Up. Jane has been very active in school activities all four years of high school. She was a freshman cheerleader and has been a varsity cheerleader for the past three years. She has also been on the tennis team for four years and was a member of the yearbook staff her senior year. Jane is the daughter of Ray and Martha Graves. She has been a resident of Dickinson since birth and attended McAdams Junior High prior to DHS.

Joe Rubio was elected 1982-83 Homecoming Court Jester. Joe has also been very active in high school activities. He has participated in speech and debate for three years and is a member of the soccer team. Joe is the editor of the Dickin-Sun this year. He is the son of Joe and Anne Rubio. He was born in El Paso and moved to Dickinson during his junior high years. Joe attended Shrine of the True Cross prior to DHS.



# Honors and Traditions . . .



**Melissa Bott**  
Attendant



**Melanie Brunner**  
Attendant



**Patti Lipoma**  
Attendant





**Teresa Rodriguez**  
Junior Princess



**Donna Catron**  
Sophomore Dutchess



**Gina Brunner**  
Freshman Lady-In-Waiting

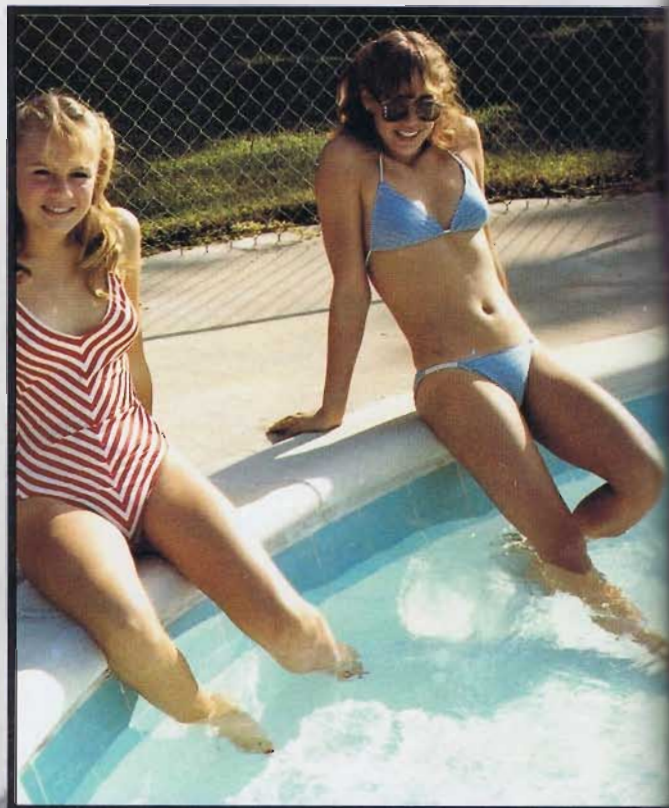


**Far left:** The junior truck overflows with spirit and enthusiasm.

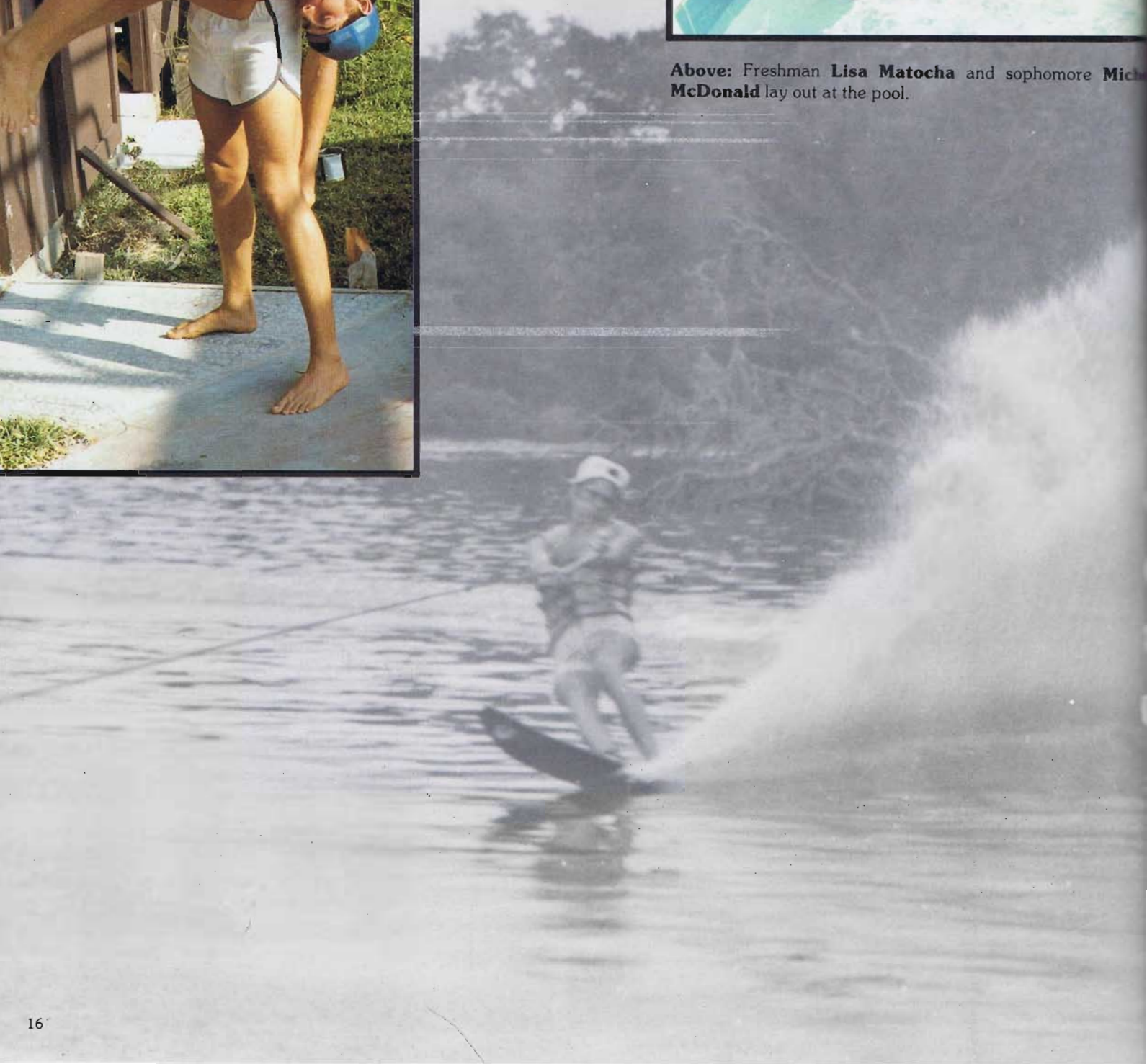
**Left:** Don't bother sending in the clowns, we're already here! Sophomores **Beth Mowry**, **Cathi George**, junior **Mary Clerc** and sophomore **Tammy Brown**.

**Above:** Building Trades exhibit their feelings towards the Clear Lake Falcons with their creative float.

**Below:** Senior **Alan McKee**, equipped with a mask, carries senior **Jay Hill** to safety.



**Above:** Freshman **Lisa Matocha** and sophomore **Michael McDonald** lay out at the pool.



## . . . **Must Be Summer!**

"Weather's great, want to go to the beach?" . . . "Guess who I saw skiing down on the bayou?" . . . "Did you see last week's movie at the drive-in?" . . . "Polar Bear again!"

Going to the beach with friends usually starts a summer day. On Monday nights, everyone heads to the drive-in movie for "dollar night." The cost is only a \$1.50 and you can watch movies like "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," "Cheech and Chong Up In Smoke," and "Rocky III." Any other night of the week though, everyone congregates at the "Bridge," "Polar Bear," the "Spot," or the "Station." At Polar Bear, everyone packs themselves into the video game room trying to see who can get the highest score on "Donkey Kong" or "Pac Man". However at the Bridge, Station and the Spot, everyone just sits around, drinks their "milk" and talks. Many groups of people grab their tubes and cruz to New Braunfels to shoot the rapids. The summer months are not only for fun. Jobs are necessary during the summer months, so that there will be money coming in to spend. Many people worked up at Baybrook Mall this summer. Others worked in Dickinson at Polar Bear, Gerland's, the bank, McDonalds, and other places. Most everyone started out at minimum wage of \$3.35. There are even students involved in certain organizations who spend much of their time working hard at school and at camps during the summer.



Seniors **Slater Sauer, Alan McKee, Warren Siteed, Jay Siteed, Eddie Mechelay** and **Jeff Hautanen** at the movie at the drive-in on a Monday night.

# Just Between You and Me

Dating is part of many students lives. There are many different kinds of dates. Couples that are in the dining mood go to places like Louis on the Lake, Pier House, Shang Hai Reds or Happy Buddha. A couple with less expensive tastes could go to Steak-n-Ale, Red Lobster, Monterrey House, Jalepeno Tree, Filling Station or even McDonalds. Of course there is more to dating than going to places to eat. Couples go to Baybrook Mall, Alameda Mall or Loews and catch a movie for about \$8 a couple. You can also take your date to play putt-putt golf, race go-carts or go bowling. Not all dates are in the evening. Some dates can be going to the beach, the pool or on a picnic. With the price of food and movies rising, it is not unusual to find a girl helping to pay. Another way couples lower the cost is by not going anywhere, but just staying home and watching television.

**Bottom Left:** Some couples spend a Saturday afternoon playing golf, but senior **Ed Lindsey** and sophomore **Dana Chesak** seem to be parking in their golf cart.

**Bottom Right:** Seniors **Becky Wright** and **Steve Hicks** go for lunch at The Kettle.

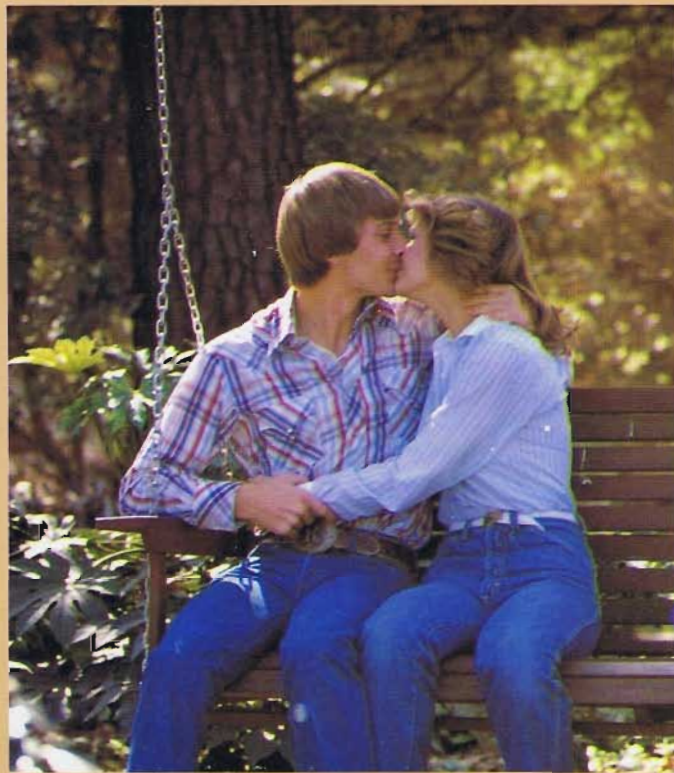
Senior **David McLemore** and freshman **Kelly Brown** go to Baybrook to see a movie.





**Left:** Senior **Tracy Scott** and junior **Darrell Victoria** spend their Sunday in the park.

**Below:** A date does not have to be fancy or expensive to be fun. Seniors **Kevin Kettler** and **Maria Seaholm** have fun in a park swing.



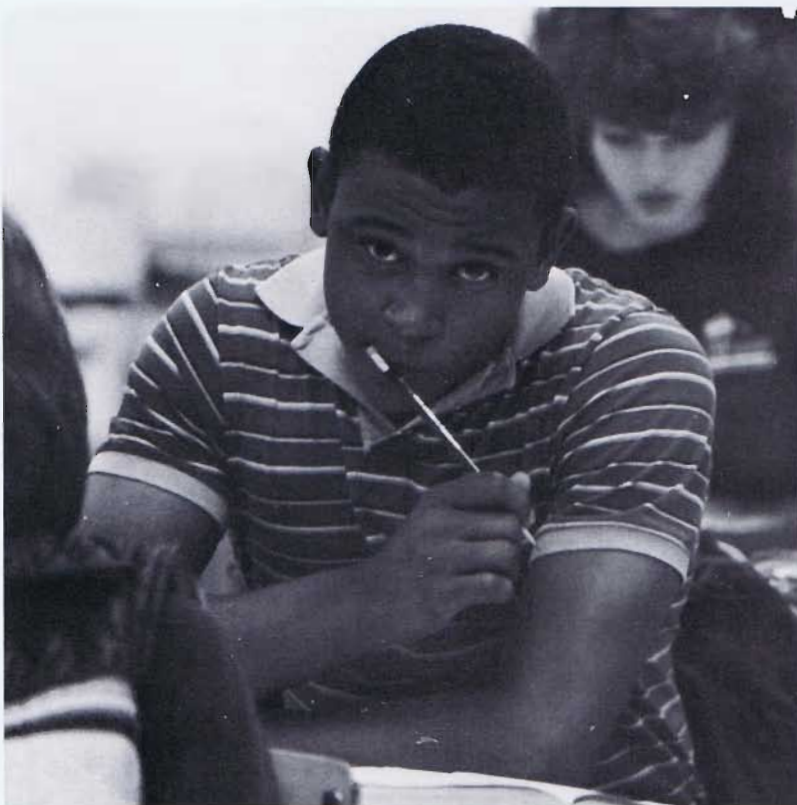
Senior **Jay Hill** and junior **Cheryl Taeuber** enjoy an evening at the Bayou House.

# WHO STUDIES?

*"I would like to, but I have homework tonight. Let me see, do I have: 1st English — yea, those 20 pages she assigned before the bell rang; 2nd math — a test tomorrow that I don't understand at all; 3rd history — nope; 4th basketball — no, but I do have practice till 5 p.m.; 5th art — draw a sketch of my dog; and 6th health — nope . . . oh I almost forgot, I have to make a chart on all the bones of the body."*

Everyday students go through a ritual of remembering what homework, if any, they have that evening. Students' study habits at home are somewhat interesting. They range from the stereo blasting at full volume to a vacuum-sealed room. Some students enjoy a snack while studying, and some enjoy having a friend to study with. Studying in class is usually definitely more difficult. Students find the normal routine (teacher lectures, students read, and then proceed to complete an assignment) drastically boring. Therefore, many kids spice-up classroom life with just a little excitement . . . Some pass notes to fellow classmates, other bring magazines or games like Rubik's cube and many even catch up on much-needed sleep. Between all the disturbances in studying, many students still manage to accumulate a certain amount of knowledge, for at one time or another each student at DHS must pay his dues so that he may graduate.

**Right:** Sophomore **Tawana Compton** is the only one having a good time in class.



**Above:** No one can ever keep their mind on their work and sophomore **Donald Peterson** proves it.

**Right:** Some classes may be boring enough to sleep in, but junior **Vernon Henson** and **Eddie Mechelay** are really under hypnosis.

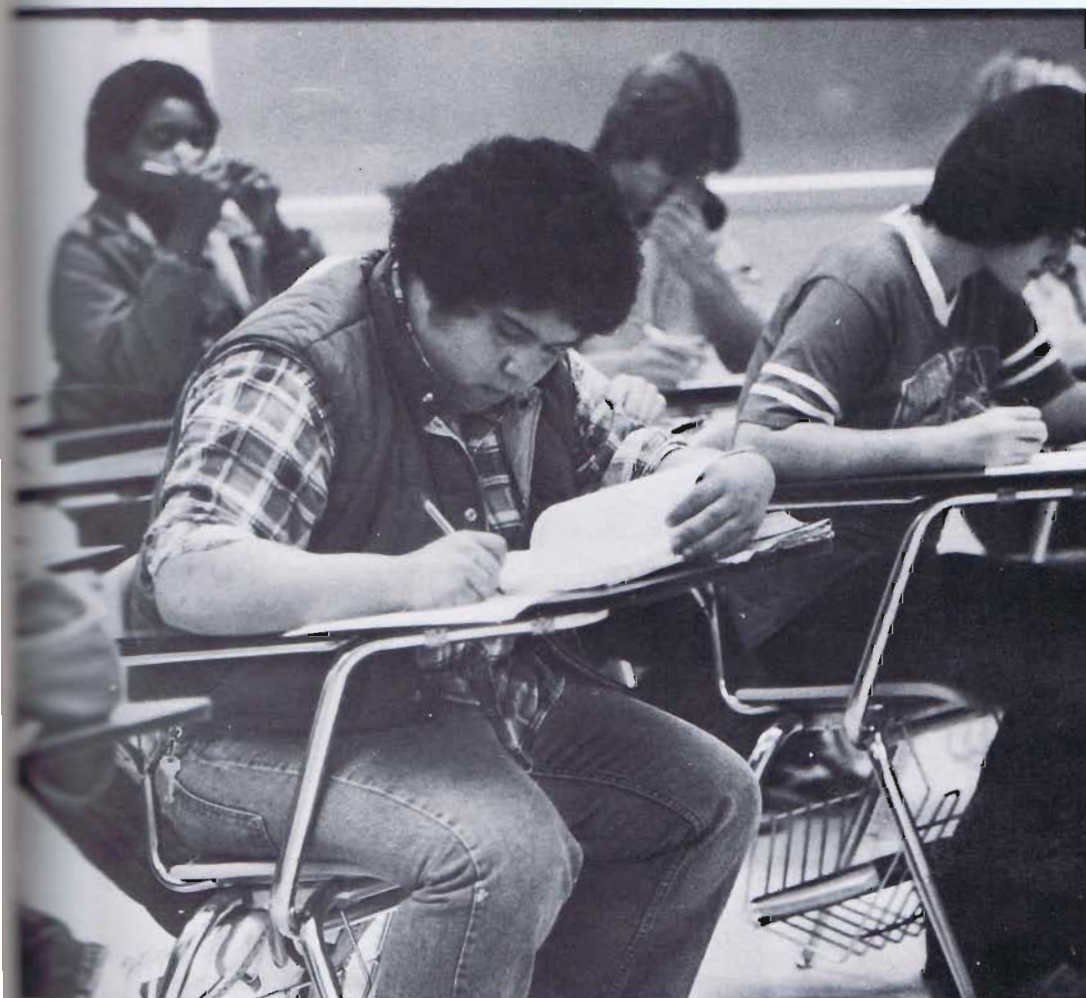




**Left:** Who me? Junior **Joyce Burroughs** uses a calculator to do her Algebra assignment.



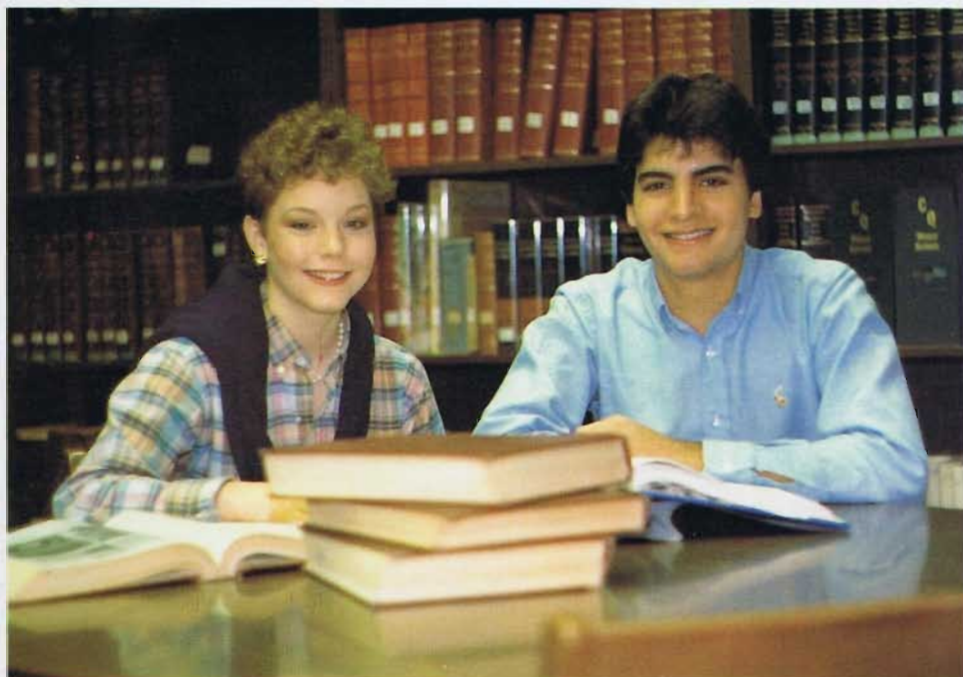
**Above:** Studying gives sophomore **John Cobb** the itches.



**Left:** Senior **Domingo Torres** is a good example of hard working student.



Freshman **Mimi Millican** models the fad of new wave clothes complete with pink tights, a mini dress and green tinted hair.



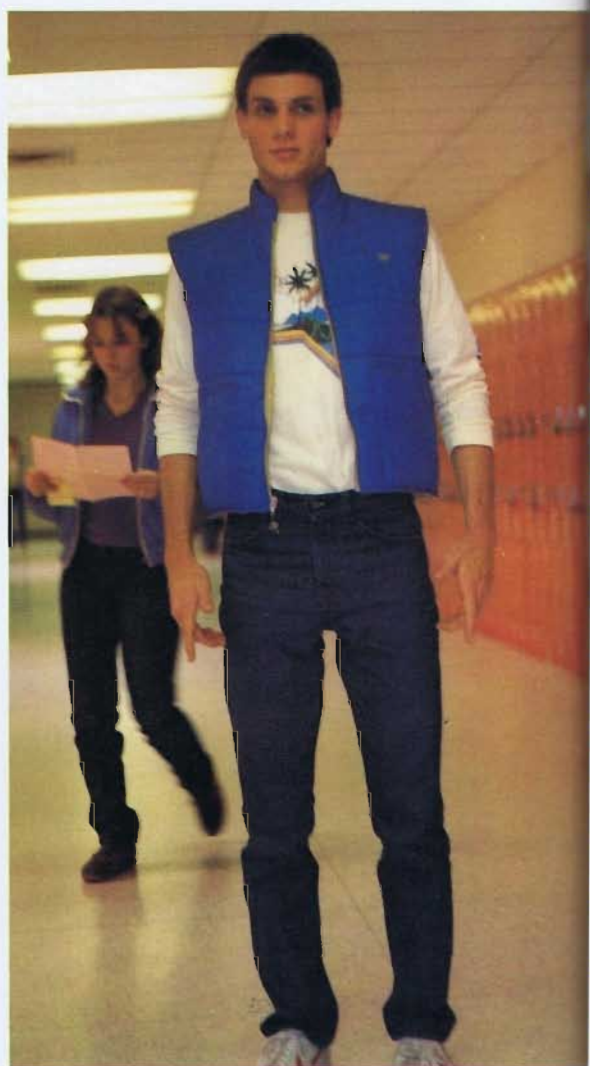
Sophomore **Courtney Hegman** and senior **Tim Maldonado** are two of the few preps in D.H.S.

DHS Fashion . . .

## *Just Be Yourself!*

What comes between you and your cash? Calvin's, Bass, polos or maybe leather? The latest fashion seems to be punk, which means short hair, black low boots, leather and the Clash. The DHS halls are full of polos, checkered shirts, kicker boots and blue jeans. Some of the more daring girls and guys wear leather and T-shirts with the sleeves cut off. You can always spot the "socials" in their black Gloria Vanderbilts, casual sweaters or Oxford shirts with Nikes. The guys fashions at DHS are levis, OP t-shirts and Nikes, or Levis, kicker boots and checkered shirts. The girl's clothes varied from ruffled shirts and mini skirts to "The Who" concert shirts and jeans. Low heels are in along with different kinds of corduroy clothes. Another fad that is around is new wave, which is not punk, yet the clothes are basically the same. Whatever is in the magazines as "fashion" is not necessarily in at DHS; we wear whatever we want.

Senior **Ted Kosel** is the epitome of a DHS guy in his OP shirt and vest with Nikes and jeans.





**Left:** Seniors **Brenda Witte**, junior **David Rhone** and senior **Patti Lipoma** show that DHS has class.

**Below:** Juniors **Randy Pittman**, **Pat Batey**, **John Harvey** and **Joey Mitchener** are true kickers.



# Food Fight!

Students at DHS enjoy lunch more than any other time during the school day. Lunch offers a break from classes, where students can relax and get away from school work. Most underclassmen enjoy the fine dining of the lunchroom cafeteria, which is famous for it's coney's and carrot-n-raisin salad. Students get a kick out of joking about how old it is, how many times it's been recycled into a mush surprise, or just exactly what they're desperately trying to digest. The privileged seniors, and a few sneaky juniors, enjoy the benefits of leaving campus for lunch. After three years, seniors finally get a decent lunch from Menotti's, Sonic, Dairy Queen or Ron's. This is great except for spending \$3 to \$4 a day on food, using the gas to get there and most importantly, the time factor. After practically inhaling their food, seniors get to play "drag strip" across town from McDonalds, screech into the parking lot, sprint to class without their books, and exclaim "Tardy again!"

**Right:** Seniors **Carol Sulak, Brenda Witte, Dee Cucchia, Kim Crowder, Lisa Kirby** and **Kelli Considine** say, "Munch out at Menotti's!"

**Below:** Senior **Brenda Blank** is the only one off beat as seniors **Leda Rodriguez, Melissa Fulford, Eric Taylor, Maria Seaholm,** and **Rena Maroul** all try to eat in rhythm at Ron's Krispy Fried Chicken.





Juniors **Anne Crowley** and **Kelley Hart** contemplate whether or not to eat the cafeteria food.



Junior **Lynn Jaggars** says, "I knew I should have bought the hamburger instead."



Sophomores **John Cobb** and **Tommy Gillis** say "We love our cafeteria food, yum yum!"



## *Wasn't that a Party?*

Everyone looks forward to the weekend. There is no doubt about it, nearly everyone is in a good mood on a Friday because they know it will soon be the weekend and that means some fun, relaxation and a little partying.

During the fall, Friday nights were of course spent at the football games while on Saturday nights people sometimes had parties. The case was not always so. When there is no special event or parties, one can find DHS students at some of the local hangouts. Polar Bear attracts a crowd as well as the Station. The Bridge has always been one of the most popular hangouts in Dickinson. During the winter, it was popular to travel down Humble Camp Road to the Spot and sit around a fire. Of course there are the usual movies, concerts, the rodeo and bowling.

DHS students enjoy their weekends and so they should. During school it is a break in the week to get away from problems and have a little fun. So DHS, have a good weekend.

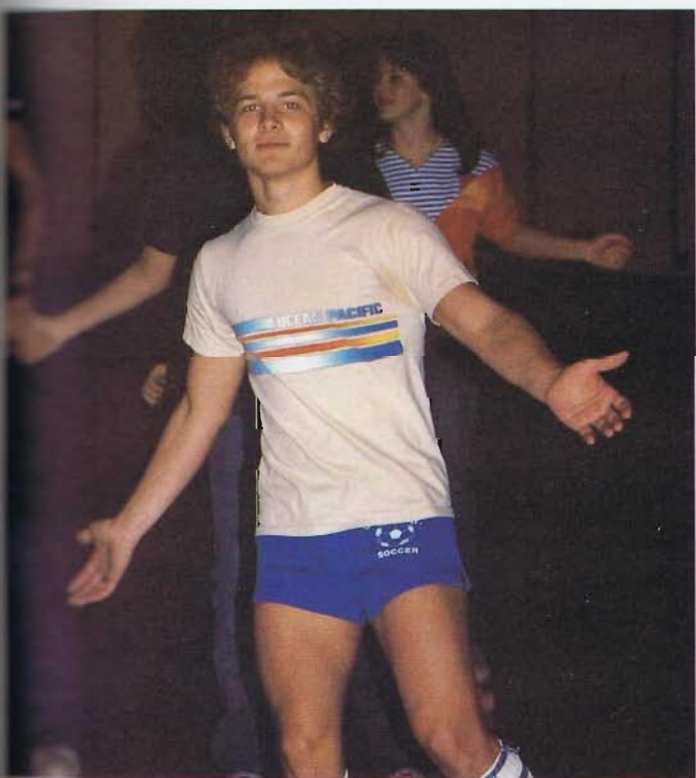
**Above:** Sophomore **Leanne Shoemaker** says, "Chris, I can't believe you just said that about that guy!" Junior **Chris Taylor** eyes a guy as sophomore **Brooke Clements** just laughs about it.

**Right:** "I can play this game with my eyes closed," says junior **David Modlin**.

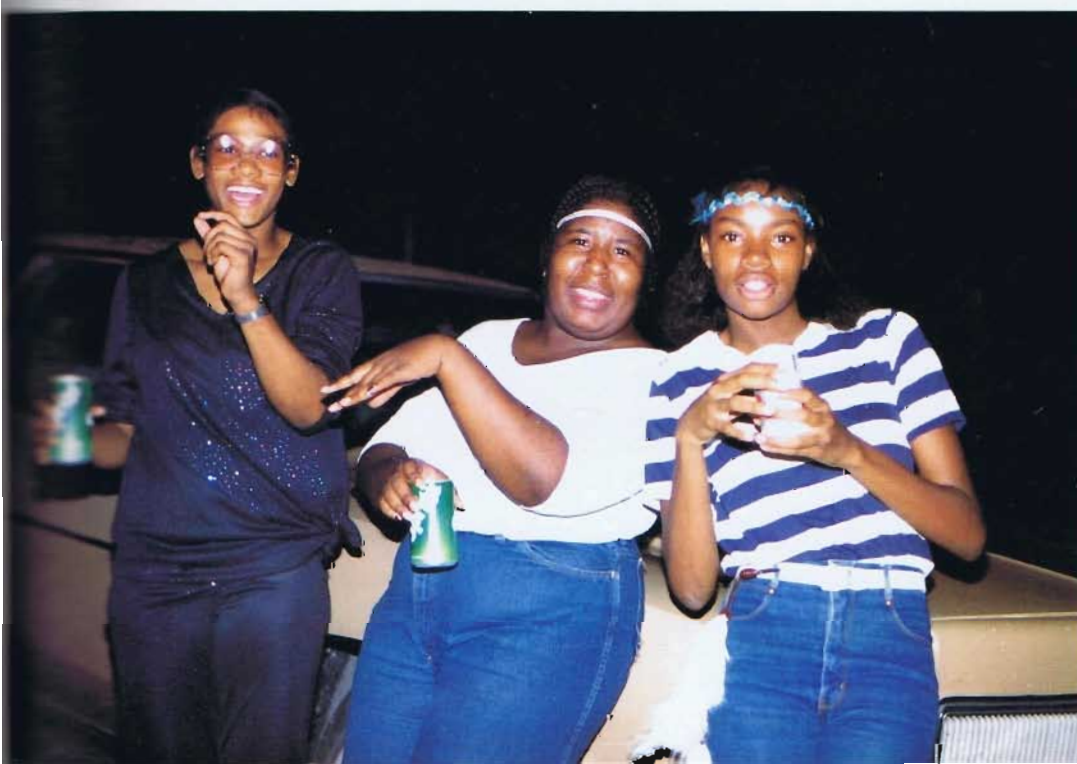




**Left:** Sophomore **Casey Vance** and freshman **Johnny Zunk**, spend their weekend time playing foosball.  
**Middle left:** I went all the way around with my pants falling down says sophomore **Tim Gillis**.



**Above:** Typical freshmen, **Laura White**, **Kelly Brown**, **Gina Brunner** and **Michelle Nesselhauf** wait for their parents to pick them up from Polar Bear.  
**Left:** Yeah baby, a pinch is all it takes says seniors **Amy Ross** and **Nanette Davidson**. **Anne Spriggins** agree.



# DHS Jam!

What is a DHS Jam? It is a jumping, clapping, screaming and mostly no cheer; the kind that brings the Gator crowd to its feet at 2:20 every fall Friday afternoon. The gym shakes and rumbles from the sounds and the air pulsates with energy. The band, the twirlers, the cheerleaders, the color guard and the student body unite in support of the blue and white. The band breaks into the school song as the Gator team walks single file into the commotion. The walls of the gym are covered with signs supporting our Gators, who sit calmly and coolly in their chairs overlooking their devoted fans. The cheerleaders lead the crowd into different cheers until it is time to introduce the captains of the week who each tell the crowd how they're going to run over the opposing team. After a few more cheers to get the fans rowdy, the three twirlers come out for a minute or two, and then step aside for the colorguard to perform. At each pep rally a skit is acted out. This year everything from punk rock to musicals. The cheerleaders were part of skits. The finale of each pep rally is finding out which class is capable of screaming, stomping, and clapping the loudest to win the "spirit stick," which was won by the bombastic juniors the most. The pep rallies end with the school song and the exit of the players. The main reason for our DHS jams are to get the Gator team really fired up to GATEWAY night long!

Stevie Wonder leads the Gator team on a spirit march. Seniors **Ed Linsey**, **Teddy Boggs**, **Shawn Bellard** and **Stephen Holmes**.

Seniors **Katherine Wells** and **Kristi Baker** are too, too cool.





Flags strut their stuff at the pep rallies.



Conductor **Russell Pulliam** leads his faithful tribe of band scums.

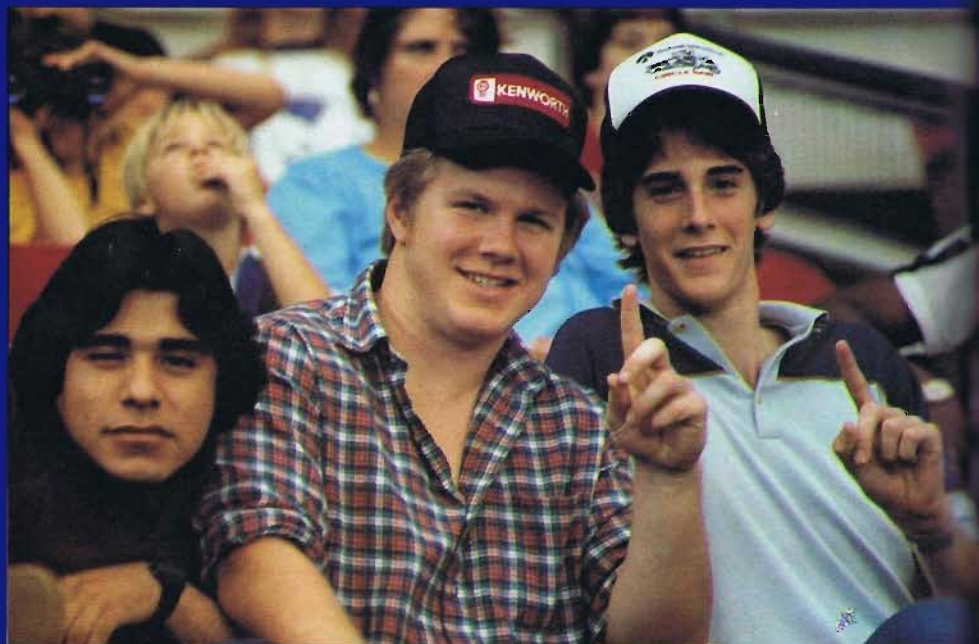


# Home In The Dome



## Gators are True Champions

At home in the Dome. That's what Dickinson was this football season. Not just the football team or the band, but all DHS students as well as the Dickinson community. They were all there for one reason, to watch the Gators win. For three straight weeks the Dickinson Gators made an appearance in the Astrodome and the first two times brought away an area and regional championship. As underdogs both times, the Gators showed Port Arthur Jefferson and Yates that they meant business by beating the highly ranked teams. The band performed so well that they were asked to perform at the upcoming Houston Oiler game. The Gators were well on their way to a state championship when they played the Westbrook Bruins in the state quarterfinals. Anything that could have happened did happen on that crazy afternoon. Unfortunately the ball bounced Westbrook's way as the Bruins won 49:30 and went on to win the Class 5A state championship. Despite the loss, the Dickinson Gators proved that they were true champions through their regional championship and the support of the high school and community.



**Top:** Juan Puentes #64 and Adam Falcon #67 tackle a Yates ball carrier as Darrell Bellard #75 and Waylon Bellard #30 move in to assist.

**Middle:** Seniors Robert Sanchez, Rod Clements and John Spillane say that Gators are number one.

**Bottom:** The concern about the score can be seen in the faces of varsity cheerleaders Dawn Cook, Jane Graves, Katherine Wells and Kristi Baker.



**Left: Coach Farris** walks the sideline and watches the Gator team with their first Dome victory

**Below: The DHS band** and their award winning performance

**Bottom: Bobby LaFleur #10** blocks for **Vincent Wydermyer #44** in the win over Yates High School



# Walking and Talking

Everyone at DHS looks forward to lunch and the short seven minutes between each class. After the bell rings to let out classes, the halls fill up with students. Students spend their time in the halls differently. Some gossip and some talk about their memorable weekend. Many students attempt to make it to their lockers through the maze of people. But the common activity in the halls is walking and talking. Students leave their classrooms and usually meet up with someone or a group of people, and talk about homework, friends, enemies, who's dating who, teachers, or the upcoming weekend. Our halls also help show our spirit. During football season the walls and lockers are full of signs, ribbons, and balloons helping to show our spirit. No matter how you use the halls, they are more than just a pathway to each classroom.

**Below:** Senior **Brooke Colditz** and sophomore **Haley Wisdom** are trying to catch a ride to the beach.  
**Bottom Right:** "Are things really that bad?" Junior **Kathy Null**.

"My hall pass? Well, I must have dropped it right down the hall Jones," says junior **Rochon Hall**.





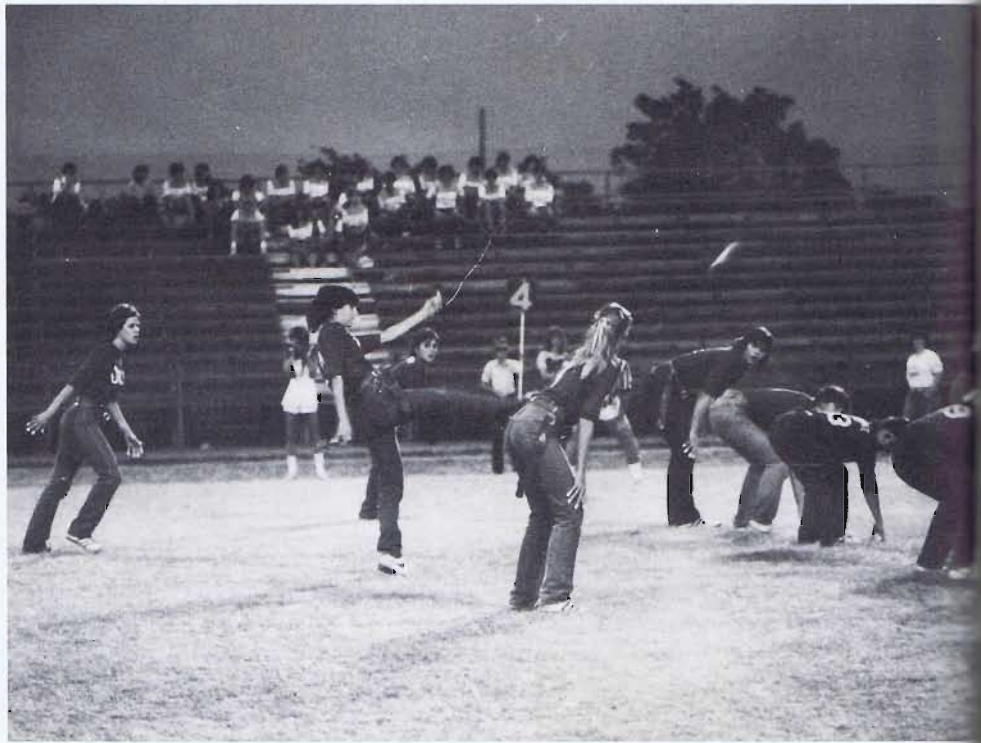
**Left:** "It's amazing how small a person can write a whole page of cheat notes!" says junior **Tracy Gonzales**, while juniors **Terry Janak**, **Monica Holley** and senior **James Whitt** watch.

**Below:** "Is there really film in that camera?" asks sophomore **Eddy Steinkuehler**.



**Above:** Good place for your books Marvin! Sophomore **Marvin Peace** believes that he has found the answer to his homework problems.

**Left:** Senior **Sherry Hance** has that paranoid feeling.



**Right:** The senior Jak's punting team in action.

**Below:** The winning senior drill team show off their spirit.



## The Game Still Goes On JAKS 14 ROUGHRIDERS 6

With much persuasion, new rules, and paid officials, the annual Powderpuff game brought laughter into football game on Friday night, May 14. Traditionally the juniors are kicked shrewdly by the seniors. This year the senior drill team, the JAKettes, narrowly defeated the Freshman Perfect Tens with the Phi Wamma Bamma Sophomores next, and last in line were the Easy Riding Juniors. Nothing changes a Dickinson evening like this mixed up game when the girls play the football, while the guy cheerleaders cheer them on. After the show is over, the victorious seniors, and even the relieved juniors, go out and celebrate.



**Left:** Freshman drill team reconstructs the Eiffel Tower.  
**Below:** Keith Kelley tops off a cheer for the Jaks.



**Middle:** Carol Sulak leads the senior running attack as Jane Graves blocks for her.  
**Left:** Juniors scramble from the awesome senior defense.



# ONE CLASSY NIGHT

Prom began at the beginning of the week with the excitement of preparing for prom night. Many people were nervous about making sure they had their garters or making sure they had the right tux. Once Friday, April 15, came around everything was set for a fun and relaxing evening. The evening started with pre-prom parties at friends houses. At six o'clock everyone arrived at the Sheraton Houston where prom was held. The menu consisted of fresh green salad, sliced roast top sirloin beef, sauce bordelaise, au gratin potatoes, string bean amadine, and ice cream. After dinner, couples danced to a variety of music played by a DJ, Chris Allen of KILE. After prom there were several breakfasts given by the parents of some senior students. Finally as the evening came to a close, many traveled to Galveston to have a terrific time with friends.

**Right:** "I can't believe my date has eyes for a teacher!" says **Tina Lambert** as **Mike McMillon** and **Ms. Hamm** talk. **Below:** **Rod Clements** and **David Trotta** show off their dates, **Tammy Gossett** and **Leslie Latimer**.





**Duke Gay and Ronda Cooger** enjoy themselves at pre-prom party.



**Kevin Marble, Steve Nye and Gerald Browne** finish off their third bowls of ice cream.



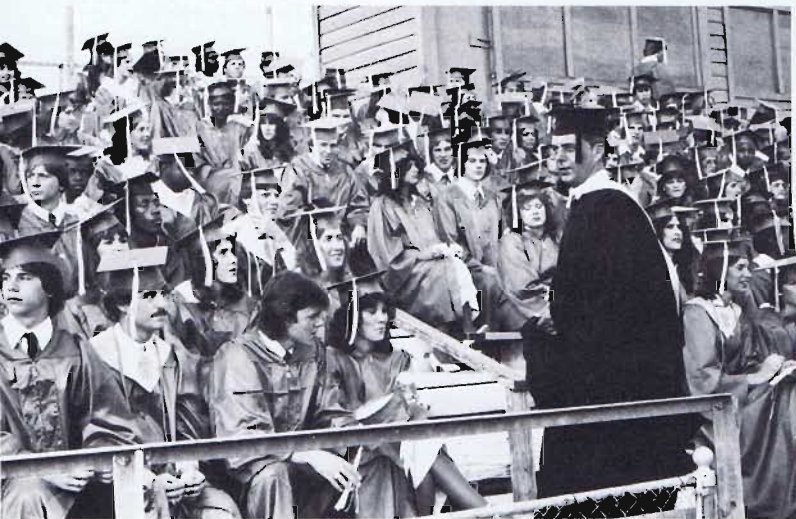
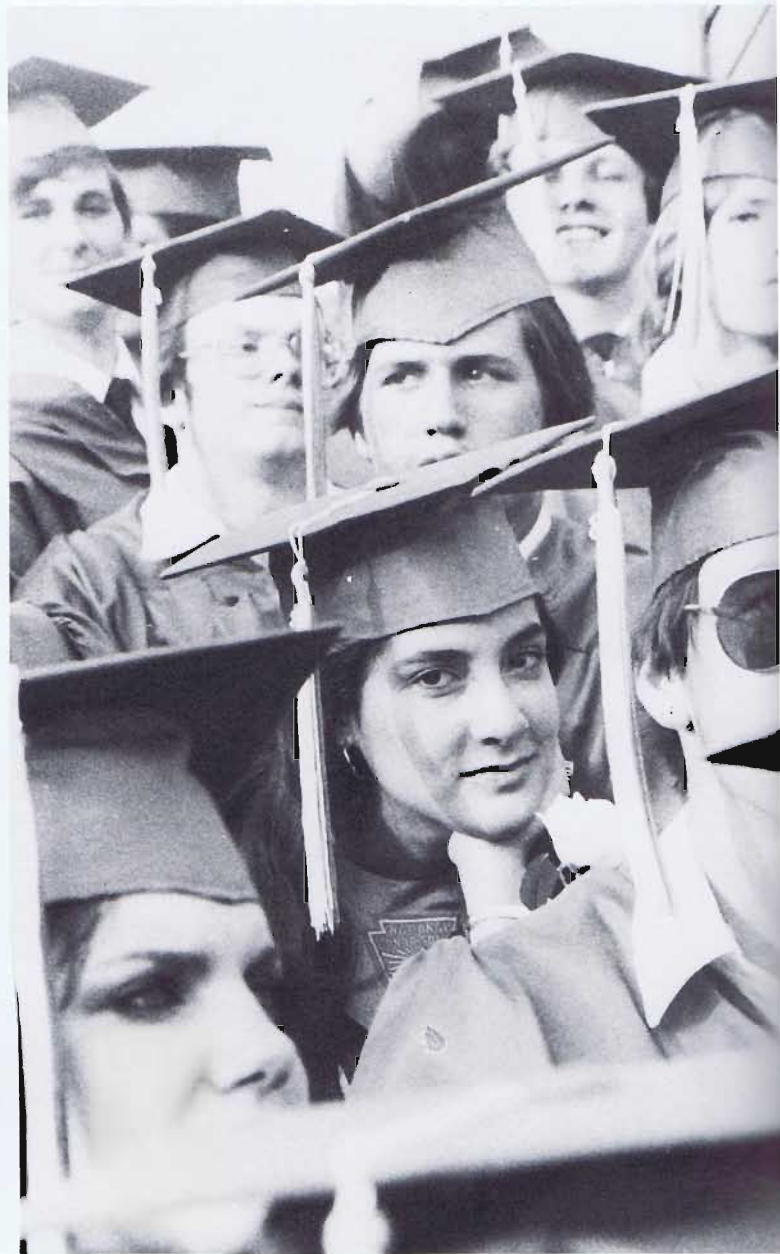
"I wonder when the music will start so we can boogie," says **Emma Jaramillo**.



# A Smile and a Tear

How do you spell relief? "G-R-A-D-U-A-T-I-O-N," exclaims 281 graduating seniors at Sam Vitanza Stadium on May 23, 1983. This was exciting and sad at the same time. Graduation brings about the kind of emotions not seen very often in most people. As the class motto said, "The moment is only temporary, but the memory lasts forever," the memories of our high school years will never die. The senior women carried a white rose, the class flower, and the entire stadium fell silent when "Dream On", the class song, was played. As the class united for the last time, they realized that this was it, the end of their high school days.

**Right:** "Looks like I finally made it," thinks **Ileana Gonzales**.



**Above:** **Mr. Proctor** tries to keep the anxious graduates under control. **Right:** "Hey, that's my seat your in!" yells **Michelle Boyd**.



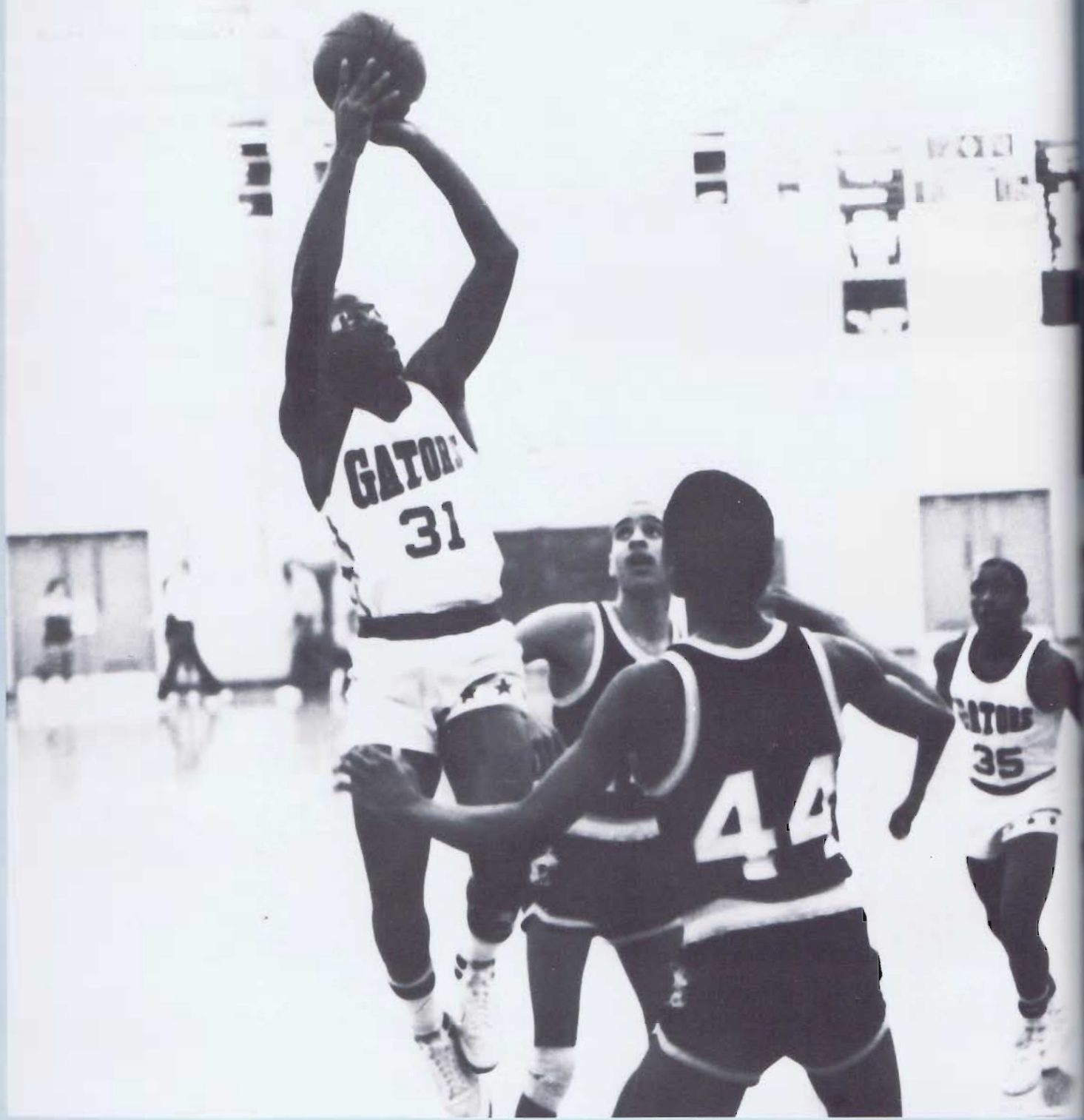


**Left: Ronnie Blank, Brenda Blank, Marsha Russell, Leda Rodriguez, Melissa Fulford, and Ingrad Sebastian** stop to take a picture before they begin the traditional march.



**Above:** The proud class of '83 stands together one last time before they graduate.

**Left:** "Oooh what a feeling!" thinks **Kevin Marble** as he gets another congratulating hug.



Junior **Clark Murphy** #31 jumps over the LaMarque defender for two points.



Sophomore **Sabina Jones** #3 spikes with all her might.



**DHS** has always been proud of their Gator teams. The players give 100% of their time and energy with one thing in mind, which is winning. Not only do they bring pride to the student body, but to the entire community as well. Winning, pride, and spirit make up the Gator's style.

# Sports

Senior **Eric Taylor** #21 goes in for the goal as senior **Joe Rubio** #15 helps out.



# So Close to Having It All

The potent Gator option in action. **Bobby LaFleur #10** pitches to **Vincent Wydermyer #44** as **Stephen Holmes #24** blocks.

So close. One team, one game, perhaps even one play stood between Dickinson High School and Class 5-A state championship. After 79 points of wild and exciting action, the Westbrook Bruins went on to win the game 49-30 and capture the state championship weeks later.



Seniors **Emmett Murphy** #9 and **Ray Peoples** #21 put the hit on the Yates fullback.



**Coach Farris** breathes a sigh of relief as senior fullback **Brian Rollins** walks off the field uninjured.



Senior **Emmett Murphy** #9 dumps Westbrook's quarterback as senior **Eddie Mechelay** #83 drops back to defend the pass.

The Gators had a great year with an overall 10-4 record. They began their non-district season with a win over Beaumont French but lost their next two non-district games to Bay City and Bryan. After winning their first six district games, they were defeated by LaMarque in the last game of district play.

This was the Gators second consecutive 24-5A crown. They defeated Dobie for the second year in a row for the bi-district title.

After the win over Dobie, they went on to beat number 1 ranked Port Arthur Jefferson for the area crown with a score of 20-6. The Gators ended their winning season as regional champs with their 7-6 win over Yates.

Head Coach Dub Farris said that he was satisfied with the effort the players put out, but he was disappointed that they didn't win the state championship. "I thought this

team was very unselfish and had a tremendous team concept," Coach Farris said. He also said that these boys never embarrassed the school or the community. "They had a lot of class," Farris said.

Assistant Coach Guy Rudwick said that the success of the season was due to extreme leadership of seniors who showed extraordinary discipline and leadership even when they were not winning.

Senior **Bobby LaFleur** #10 throws past the Yates defense.



Senior **Stephen Holmes** #24 runs in the open field.



The fine blocking of the Gator offensive line keeps out Westbrook's defense for **Stephen Holmes**

| Gators |                 | Opp. |
|--------|-----------------|------|
| 15     | Beaumont French | 14   |
| 7      | Bay City        | 14   |
| 17     | Bryan           | 26   |
| 23     | Ball High       | 6    |
| 41     | Clear Creek     | 7    |
| 56     | Pearland        | 0    |
| 24     | LaPorte         | 21   |
| 20     | Texas City      | 0    |
| 21     | Clear Lake      | 7    |
| 14     | LaMarque        | 23   |
|        | Bi-District     |      |
| 35     | Dobie           | 8    |
|        | Area            |      |
| 20     | P.A. Jefferson  | 6    |
|        | Regional        |      |
| 7      | Yates           | 6    |
|        | Quarter Finals  |      |
| 30     | Westbrook       | 49   |

ALL DISTRICT HONORS

First Team Offense  
 Jay Hill — Tight end  
 Calvin Whitfield — Tackle  
 Paul Schnake — Guard  
 Brian Rollins — Fullback  
 Stephen Holmes — Running Back  
 Vincent Wydermyer — Running Back  
 Bobby LaFleur — Quarterback

First Team Defense  
 Emmett Murphy — Defensive end  
 Waylon Ballard — Defensive Tackle  
 Brian Rollins — Linebacker  
 Vincent Wydermyer — Cornerback

Second Team Offense  
 Kevin Muegge  
 Second Team Defense  
 Kevin Muegge  
 Ray Peoples

Honorable Mention Selections  
 Keith Kelley  
 Eddie Mechelay  
 Adam Falcon  
 Cletis Lee  
 Rotnei Anderson  
 Coach of the Year: Dub Farris



**Middle left:** Dub Cook, Chris Rubio, Scott Fuller, Mike Clerc. **Bottom:** Donald Fry  
**Middle right:** Tim Wacker, Sam Mims, Jerry Harkreader, Jim Loerwald, Guy Rudwick, Dub Farris — head coach.

**Top row:** Slater Sauer, Ted Bogott, Vincent Wydermyer, Ken Heckman, Rotnei Anderson, Calvin Whitfield, L. D. Morrison, Emmett Murphy, Rod Clements.  
**Third row:** Ed Lindsey, Teague Bledsoe, Kevin Kettler, Jeff Hautanen, Jay Hill, Vernon Hennessy, Eddie Mechelay, David Hogan, Adam Falcon, Stephen Holmes.  
**Second row:** Dexter Hill, Rochon Hall, James Wyatt, Andie Ardy, Paul Schnake, Kevin Muegge, Alan McKee, Tom Butler, Brian Rollins, Wilbert Lawson.  
**Bottom row:** James Thomas, Juan Puentes, Ray Cibulski, Calvin Jenkins, Scott Menotti, Keith Kelley, David Pina, Chris Eubanks, Ray Peoples, Bobby LaFleur.





**Top:** Joey Chandler, Gordon Johnson, Kent Neubauer, Terry Robinson, Pat Beadles, Junious Wydermyer, Michael Savoie, Troy Spriggins, Darrell Bellard.

**Middle:** Todd Gupton, Matthew Mitchell, Darrin Bock, Paul Hudson, Teddy Armstrong, Donald Peterson, Kevin Perkins, Troy Cox, Dennis Davis.

**Bottom:** Felix Rodriguez, Jaime Rios, Ronald Gaines, Harlan Chatman, Marc Schooley, Brian Anderson, Robbie Rojas, Creg Martin, Greg Bimage.

| Gators | Opp         |
|--------|-------------|
| 33     | Ball High   |
| 6      | Bay City    |
| 27     | Ball High   |
| 49     | Clear Creek |
| 44     | Pearland    |
| 27     | LaPorte     |
| 41     | Texas City  |
| 6      | Clear Lake  |
| 14     | La Marque   |

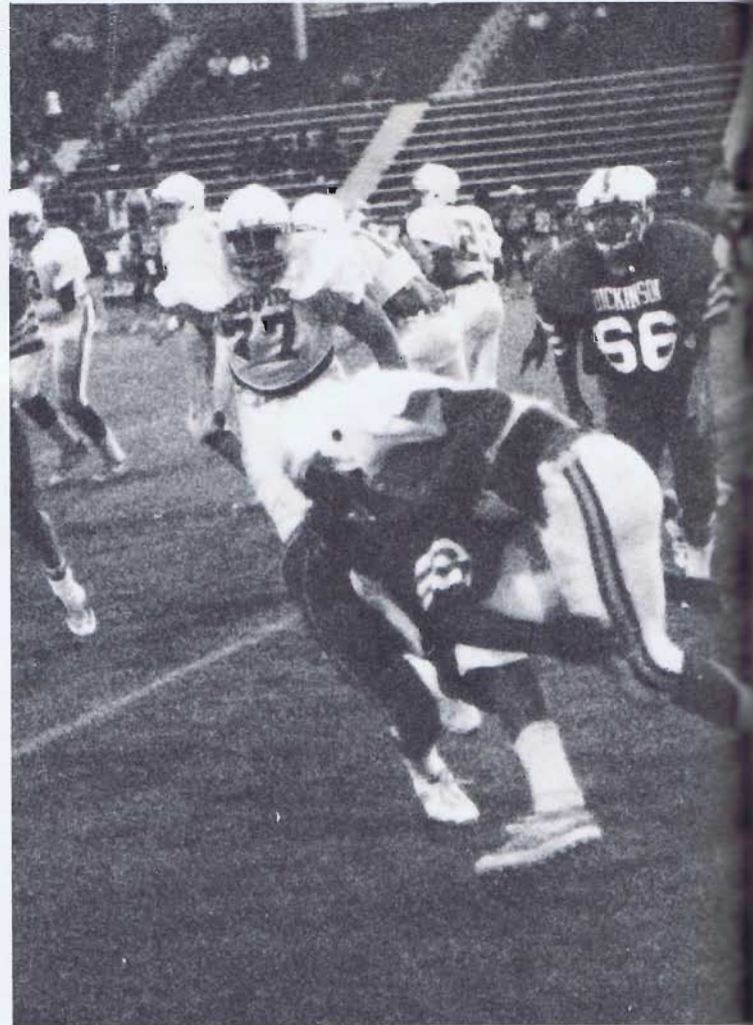
## UNTIL THE END

The junior varsity had a successful season with a 5-2 district record and a 6-3 season record. The team started their season off by shutting out Ball High with a score of 33 to 0. After a loss to Bay City in a non-district game, they went on to win the next five district games with a combined score of 188 to 0. They lost their final two games in district play to Clear Lake and LaMarque and placed third in district.

Head Coach Dale Westmoreland said that the junior varsity had a really good year and was proud of their outcome. Coach Jim Stewart said that the team worked hard from the first day of practice to the last game.

The defense had five district shutouts and were only scored on by two teams in district. Coach Gary Comer said the leading defensive players were Scott Dela Houssaye, Robie Rojas, Ronald Gaines, Doug Peterson, David Rhone and Dennis Davis. He said that offensively Pat Beadles, Troy Cox, Todd Gupton and Kent Neubauer played very well.

Comer also said that the players should make a real contribution to next year's varsity. He feels that many of the players will be counted on to fill the shoes of those graduating seniors. Coach Gary Causey said that the JV players are champions and Dickinson High School has a lot to look forward to from them.



The Gator defense crushes a Galveston Ball runner.



Sophomore **Junious Wydermyer** #63, sophomore **Dennis Davis** #5, junior **Scott DelaHoussaye** #62 and sophomore **Terry Roberson** #72 anticipate their opponent's next move.  
**Gary Comer, Jim Stewart, Gary Causey and Dale Westmoreland.**



Junior **Troy Cox** #21 sprints for a touchdown.



Sophomore **Pat Beadles** #10 throws to one of his receivers as the line holds back the defense.