

# CONNECTION

## Nude knees Students enjoy shorts

by Sherri Marsh

Imagine it: a hot, sweltering afternoon -- the sun's rays are burning into your skin. A light breeze is blowing and waves of heat cross the horizon. Suddenly, a mirage appears -- a pair of shorts.

Student recently began wearing shorts against the district policy as the number of shorts appearing in the halls increased with the temperature. Principal, Joe Shelton, announced that the policy would be strictly enforced.

"I was very proud when they [students] obeyed after I first made the announcement," Shelton said. "We had no problems with students trying to wear shorts after that."

According to Shelton, after a

week of the students obeying the new rule, he felt a reward was entitled.

"It's getting close to the end of school, so I talked to other principals, superintendents in the district, the Student Council, and the Student Advisory, and I decided to give the students another chance," Shelton said.

An announcement was made that shorts reaching the top of the knee were allowed. Biking shorts are not acceptable. Student Council members gave a "style show" during all lunches, April 14, showing what shorts would be acceptable, not acceptable, or questionable.

"A lot of students bend over to check the length of their shorts, so when they straighten up, the shorts are actually too

short," Shelton said. "They [students] need to get a parent or a friend to check the length before arriving at school."

A question was also raised about the length of mini skirts. According to Shelton, mini skirts should be worn at a "presentable length."

Although some students do not care whether or not shorts are allowed, most of them enjoy the privilege.

"I don't really care. I guess I like it," junior Tim Cancila said.

"I like it because you can be comfortable while you think," senior Starr Shephard said.

Shelton feels this is like his last gift to the high school. "I wanted to give something to the students since I'm leaving Cy-Creek to let them know I was totally for the student body."



Seniors Jerry Aulppa, Tanja Thompson, and Chris Teague enjoy the new shorts policy. Photo by Susan Stevens.

## From Cook to Creek, Aragon is here

by Tini Tran

Twenty eight years ago, a young social worker was asked to be a substitute teacher for one day. She agreed and found that she loved teaching. One week later, she was hired as a full-time teacher. Now, that teacher, Jan Aragon is preparing to be the new principal of Cypress Creek next year.

"Dr. Karl Bleyl, who was principal of Cy-Fair at the time, convinced me to sub for one day. I had never planned on being a teacher, but I really loved it. With a teacher shortage going on, I was hired after one week," Principal Jan Aragon said.

Since that time, Ms. Aragon has progressed through several areas of education as well as

administration in the Cy-Fair Independent School District. She has taught English, social studies, and world history. Her administrative positions include: being an assistant and associate principal at Cy-Fair, principal of Dean Jr. High, and she is presently the principal at Cook Jr. High.

"Since Cook opened three years ago, I have been able to have the nice experience of setting traditions there. Only seventh and eighth graders attend Cook, so the normal friction between the sixth graders and the other students just hasn't been there. The management experience has been good for me," Principal Aragon said.

Coming from a junior high to a high school is a big change for anyone, but Ms. Aragon feels that it will be an improvement.

"It will be nice to have a relationship with the students as an equal. In junior high, that doesn't happen. There will be a lot more problems, but different kinds of problems. High school kids don't run or push or shove," she said.

In preparation for her new position, Ms. Aragon has spent

the last several Mondays of March and April visiting with the students and teachers here at Cy-Creek. She has also been meeting with each of the teachers on an individual basis.

"The reception has been wonderful. Everyone has been extremely warm and friendly. My goal is to make school more enjoyable for teachers and students. I also want the students to appreciate and benefit from the fine educational programs that are offered here," Ms.

Aragon said.

From what she has experienced at Cy-Creek, Ms. Aragon says that she is looking forward to the change, although her appointment was a surprise.

"I wasn't involved in his (Mr. Thornton's) decision. When I was asked by the superintendent, it came as a complete surprise. I didn't seek to move, but I'm convinced that when opportunity comes, it's meant to be," she said.



Former principal of Cook Jr. High Jan Aragon will soon call Creek home. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Aragon.

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# OPINION

## OFF THE WALL

By Alex Ruskell

Forgive my cynicism, but I'm not too sure about the belated change in the school dress code that is now allowing students to wear shorts that reach to the knee. For some reason, I have the suspicion that this is going to be the ace that the administration will be trying to hold over the student body's head for the rest of the year.

This feeling is not just some paranoid delusion on my part because it has happened before. For example, last year we were graciously given "Tie to Wear Shorts" with promises of more such merry days to come, and there was much rejoicing on all sides. But, lo-and-behold, a food fight occurred! Obviously because here knees lead to teenage hoagieism (as do long hair and extrajugals! The privilege was repealed and we never heard of it again. Though blamed on abhorreded eatables, the food fight was actually started



By a person wearing PANTS! I know, I watched him start.)

Actually, I don't understand all of the controversy on the wearing of shorts to school. I really don't think that someone in shorts (or long hair and extrajugals!) will take away from the intensity of my studies. Skirts are much more likely to distract than shorts, and skirts have been allowed for ages. Considering we do live in a swamp with the chery climate of Hell during the Spring and Summer months, I think shorts make a logical and nice change. Sweating my way to school in pants does not make much sense to

## GUEST COLUMN

Editor's Note: Mrs. Jan Aragon, currently principal of Creek Junior High will be the new principal of Cy-Creek.

I want to thank Mr. Shelton and the staff and students of Cypress Creek High School for making me feel so welcome at the school. During my Monday visits in April, I have really enjoyed visiting with many of you. I look forward to more time to do that before the end of the year.

During those visits, I have been told over and over again how great the Cypress Creek students are. What a nice reputation to have with your teachers and classmates! I hope that you feel that way about yourselves and that you enjoy both the learning and activities at school.

I have also been told that the teachers at Cypress Creek are very capable and want to help students succeed both in and after high school. I know that teachers teach because they not only love their subject but also love kids. I hope you see this every day in your classes.

Being the new principal of Cypress Creek is very exciting to me, and I will depend greatly on one of you to teach me what it means to be a Cypress Creek Cougar.

But, there is still a lot that has remained unresolved about the dress code (you know what it is, I don't need to tell you). Though thousands of excuses have been made as to why students cannot be allowed to dress as they please (such as increased apathy, vandalism, distraction, and my all-time favorite, I didn't make the rules, I just enforce them).

I think it is about time for the Student Council or the All-Stars

to push for change, for if they don't what's the point of having these groups besides dances and lock-out? I realize efforts have been made, but just keep the pressure! Not being an idealist, I understand that these statements will in all probability just cause a few of the larger members of these groups to get mad, but at least if they get mad they might get mad enough to get something done.

We will see.

## FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

8:15-10:05	3rd Period Class	Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
10:10-10:45	4th Period Class	<b>Friday, June 2</b>
A LUNCH	English	<b>GRADES 9-11:</b>
Regular A Lunch	7:35-9:30	1st Period EXAM
4th Period Class	9:40-11:30	Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
11:20-11:25	10:50-11:25	<b>GRADE 12:</b>
B LUNCH	Social Studies	Senior Breakfast - Commons 7:35 a.m.
Regular B Lunch	5th Period EXAM	Graduation Rehearsal - Gym 9:00 a.m.
5th Period Class	12:05-1:50	Issue Caps and Gowns 10:00 a.m.
6th Period Class	1:55-3:35	<b>Monday, June 3</b>
3rd Period EXAM	9:40-11:30	Teacher Workday In-Building
<b>Thursday, June 3</b>	Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday, June 4</b>
<b>GRADES 9-12:</b>	3rd Period EXAM	Commencement 4:30 p.m.
1st Period Class	7:35-9:30	Spring Branch Coliseum
2nd Period EXAM	9:40-11:30	

# OPINION

After eight years,

## Shelton leaves Creek a better school

Editor's Note: Mr. Joseph Shelton, principal of Cy-Creek for eight years will be moving to a new position in the Cy-Fair I.S.D. Administration as the Personnel Director for Support Staff.



Seniors: Mandy Hummer, Shelton, Mr. Steve Steverson, and David Flynn.

It seems as though it was only yesterday that I was appointed principal of Cypress Creek High School. That summer evening in 1981 was one of the greatest and happiest days of my life, one that I will never forget as long as I live! Many things went through my mind that evening when the superintendent, Mr. Labay, called to inform me that I had been approved by the Board of Education to be the next principal of Cy-Creek. I felt there could be no greater honor than to be named principal of one of the best high schools in our area. It was such an exhilarating feeling, and that feeling has lasted for the duration of my eight year tenure.

When I assumed my responsibilities as principal, Cy-Creek was still in an infancy stage. The school was only four years old, and there had only been two graduating classes. There was a consensus of opinion that few traditions had been established, and the students seemed to lack a sense of identity and belonging. There was little evidence of school pride and spirit.

My primary objective was to counter these feelings of fragmentation and to instill in the students a sense of pride and belonging in their school. I had many conferences with students, teachers and parents to pinpoint troubled areas and to solicit their help in working toward solutions to our problems. In addition, I wanted the students to know me and to know that I cared about them and supported all of their efforts — academic, athletic, and extracurricular. I made special efforts to be visible at all activities on and off campus. Also, in order to be in tune with

titles. The band and drill team are award-winning groups, and their contribution to school spirit is immeasurable. These young men and women are dedicated and give many hours of their time to represent our school. I am also aware of and value the contributions made by other groups such as National Honor Society, Student Council, and class activities.

Through a conscientious effort, our teaching staff has developed into a strong, competitive, professional staff. They are a multi-talented group, are student-centered, and use their expertise to train and to grade our students. They, too, have been recognized for their outstanding contributions. I have instituted the program to honor staff members of the Month. Our staff is instrumental in effecting change and in helping to write new programs and curriculum. Members of our staff have been selected as recipients of the Grant and the Fulbright Exchange Fellowship.

I have initiated and supported other projects and programs which have helped to make Cypress Creek the school it is today. Foremost among them is the establishment of class donations for the improvement of the school. The gifts to the school include the following: campus beautification, the bronze school seal in the foyer,

the cougar on the front of the building and the cougar pins on the Perry Road side, the Cougar Banner, Cougar mascot, Cypress Creek seal in the auditorium, the electronic message board, and the Cypress Creek entrance mat. All of these serve as visual reminders of the pride we have in our school. Other traditions initiated during my tenure as principal include Project Graduation, All-Stars, WIPS (parent volunteers), drag program, open forum, and the participation of teachers in the graduation ceremony.

Now, the challenge I had to provide the type of leadership to secure a quality education for you is coming to a close. However, I wish to challenge you to do your best to avoid to refuse to accept mediocrity. Take pride in yourself, your home, and your school. Respect, communicate and confide in your parents because no one else loves you as they do. Give a little of yourself to others. Cherish your freedom and your heritage as Americans and be willing to preserve them at all costs.

I wish each of you happiness and success in your life. If ever you need me, I will be there for you. While I will no longer be at Cypress Creek, I will always be a Cougar.

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Principal Joe Shelton, Chairman David Flynn, and Mr. Joseph Shelton. Shelton was the former ranking back, visited last February to provide good wishes. Photo by David Wilkinson.

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# NEWS

## CLUB BRIEFS

### AFS

AFS has accomplished many things this year. They hosted a Houston Area Meeting, a St. Valentine's Carnival sale, and a chocolate Easter bunny sale. They had a one week exchange

with ten clubs in Easton Redding, Connecticut over Spring Break. The exchange students have had additional visits planned and will do talks around town.

### BAND

THE BAND has participated in many activities this year. Competitions included UIL Marching Contest where they received an overall rating of a second division, and UIL concert and sightreading contest, where symphonic band received a second division in concert and a first division in sightreading. Concert band also received a second division in concert and a first division in sightreading. The band also competed in the Blinn Marching Festival.

### FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America, FBLA, is a club for students enrolled in business classes at Cypress Creek. They acquired a membership of 110 students this year. Officers were elected in September to serve for the entire school year. Some of the activities this year included meetings at Mr. Gatti's with speakers from Foley's and North Harris County College Dept. of Small Business Administration. Also, Mr. Oltman, one of our coaches, spoke on the

freedom we have in America. The service project for the year was collecting toys for needy children plus a cash donation with which Price of Peace Catholic Church distributed goods to those in need. In March, 18 members attended the State Leadership Conference at the Adam's Mark Hotel here in Houston. Cypress Creek won second place in the state for greatest increase in membership.

### FFA

The FFA started the year in the mid-summer when the new officers attended the State FFA Convention. This year's officers included: President, Michael Demmy; Vice President, Matt Zibicki; Secretary, Lisa James; Treasurer, Wes Kelly; Student Advisor, Tolly Robinson; Reporter, Carlette Roberts; Sentinel, Chris Jurgens; and Historian, Alan Shores. The members received their show projects in late summer or early fall. The members may enter their animals to show at

### HOSA

HOSA chose this year to help a local community project. They chose to help Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) in various ways. They have collected "Cans for NAM," helped with the food drive, and have

done volunteer work. NAM helps people in our community who are down on their luck. HOSA has also gone to contests, had bake sales, taken many field trips, and held two blood drives.

### JETS

JETS has enjoyed many activities this year. In October, they attended the A&M Career Day to learn about various math, science, and engineering opportunities. They had a guest speaker, Harvey Gold, on petroleum engineering at UI. They have administered the National Eng-

neering Aptitude Search Test this year. Participating in the JETS Teams tests at A&M on March 10, senior Albert Chang won second in Computer Fundamentals. The team came in 10th engineering place out of 34 other schools.

### MODEL UN

Model UN participated in the Houston Area Model United Nations conference on April 6, 7, and 8. The students represented Guyana and the Republic of Ireland. The topics included torture & detention, trade barriers, multinational pollution, air safety, the role of women, and restructuring the U.N.

Senior Tim Tran was recognized by the Secretariat for her outstanding accomplishments in representing Guyana on the International Court of Justice. Model UN raised over \$300 during their Easter Greeting deliveries to first period. The money will be used to finance a trip to National High School Model UN in New York City next year. Ms. Linda Chancellor invites anyone interested in problem solving and public speaking and dealing with international problems to join Model United Nations.

### NFL

NFL started out the year by hosting the National Debate Clinic from Baylor University. They have competed in many different tournaments since then, and have done well at all of them. They will travel to

Austin on May 4-6 for UIL. May 11 will be the NFL banquet. May 12-13 will be the new Topic Tournament at Spring Woods and finally, NFL will travel to Golden, Colorado for NFL Nationals.

### SPANISH

The Spanish Club has had quite a few activities this year, such as a picnic at Meyer Park, dinner at a Mexican restaurant and a food drive during the Christmas holidays. As a fundraiser, the club sold international cookbooks and Christmas tree ornaments.

The latest activity was a bowling party with the Latin Club. The members hope to get in one more bowling activity before the end of the semester. At the end of the school year, the club traditionally does with a big picnic where they eat, play games, and break pinatas.

## CALENDAR

- MAY
  - 1 SAT tutorial C214 Varsity baseball vs. Bryan, 7:00 p.m. (here)
  - 2 Musical in Auditorium, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
  - 3 Cougars for Christ, Sr. Commons, 2:35 p.m. Recreational Volleyball, 2:30-4:30 p.m. SAT Tutorial
  - 3 Musical Showoffs dress rehearsal, 5:10 p.m.
  - 4 Sr. Showoffs Auditorium FCA TTT, 7:00-7:30 p.m.
  - 5 Sr. Showoffs Auditorium SAT Testing
  - 6 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. AP Test TTB, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CFC TTT, 6:45 p.m.
  - AP Test TTB, 12:30-5:00 p.m.
  - Awards Night Auditorium TTA & TTB, 7:30 p.m.
  - 10 National Honor Society, TTC, 2:45-3:15 p.m.
  - AFS TTA, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
  - AP Test TTB, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. NFL Meeting A115, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
  - 11 Musical Performance, Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
  - 12 FCA TTT, 7:00-7:30 p.m. Musical Performance, Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
  - AP Test TTB, 12:30-5:00 p.m.
  - AP Test TTB, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
  - AP Test TTB, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
  - Faculty Recognition & Social, Home Ec., 2:45-3:30 p.m.
  - Band Spring Concert, Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
  - CFC TTT, 6:45 p.m.
  - AP Test TTB, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
  - Ma Alpha Theta, TTC, 2:45-3:30 p.m.
  - AP Test TTB, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
  - Bonus Appreciation Week, Home Ec., 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
  - Spring Banquet, Commons, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
  - 18 FCA TTT, 7:00-7:30 p.m.
  - AP Test TTB, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
  - 19 AP Test TTB, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
  - Senior Prom, Wyndham Hotel, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
  - 23 CTC TTT, 6:45 a.m.
  - Orchestra Concert, TTC, 7:30 p.m.
  - JUNE
    - 4 Graduation SB Coliseum, 4:30 p.m.
    - Project Graduation, CCHS, 10:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m.

# NEWS

## Seniors highly rewarded

by Sherri Marsh

Eight Cypress Creek High School students were recently chosen to be National Merit Scholarship Finalists. "There were more students chosen this year than in past years," senior counselor Mrs. Donna Shrake said. The finalists are: Janice Bala, Dennis Bibe, Stephanie Dilling, Robin Kelley, Anthony Sparth, Karen Rice, Tim Tran and Russell White.

In order to be finalists, the students take the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) during their junior year of high school, and if their selection index is a 193 or higher, they have the opportunity to become National Merit Semi-finalists. "Each state can only have so many finalists and semi-finalists," Mrs. Shrake said. "The number is derived from the

states' population."

In order to become a finalist, the semi-finalists are required to send a transcript, letters of recommendation, and a written essay to the National Merit Scholarship Committee.

Students who are chosen usually find out at the end of the senior year. "I kind of dragged on for so long that I didn't expect to be named a finalist," Stephanie Dilling said.

National Merit Scholarship Finalists receive full tuition to the college of their choice for the first year. According to Mrs. Shrake, most colleges will renew the scholarship if the student has kept his/her grades up. "I was really excited about it because it meant scholarship money," Anthony Sparth said. "It's like recognition for something you didn't know you had"

## Project Grad planned

by Diana Davis

You have heard about it. You have talked about it. Now, seniors, it's time for you to experience it. It's time for Project Graduation.

"The idea has been really well received by the seniors, about 90% surveyed said they would attend," Co-Chairman of the event, Viva Lee Renors said. "We want to make a different type of party. One like they've never been to before, and one they'll have fun at."

The fun planned includes a casino-like atmosphere, starting with valet parking by the teachers. There will be a casino set

up in the girl's gym, bingo, ping-pong, movies, dancing, and an auction. "We're hoping to have horse-race movies to bet on, a fortune teller, caricature artists, and a possible psych-throwing-at-teachers booth," Chairman Betsy Ward said. The theme is "Don't Worry Be Happy" and there are many ways to win what is called "Don't Worry currency," to buy pizza and ice cream. There will also be a drawing and many chances to win donated prizes, luggage, a savings account, and an autographed basketball.

Students are asked to help with decorations. A group for this purpose meets every Thursday in the commons.

"Students are asked for any input they can give. They are asked to contact us with any suggestions," Mrs. Ward said. Only Cypress Creek seniors are allowed to attend. They need to bring photo-identification, and are expected to dress comfortably. The party begins at 10:00 p.m. June 4, the doors are locked at 11:00 p.m., and the party ends at 5:00 a.m. on June 5. It is drug and alcohol free, and any senior must leave before five the next morning their parents will be called.

## And yet another senior test

by Elaine Flint

Any student that chooses to enter a state college in the fall of 1989 or thereafter is now required to be tested for reading, writing, and mathematics skills.

Students take computerized, senior counselor Bobby Warner said. "If our kids make acceptable grades and master basic skills, that should be sufficient."

There are two ways of being exempt from the test. First of all, any student with at least three college-level credit hours accumulated prior to the fall of 1989. Also, a student enrolled

in a certificate program which doesn't require more or more semester hours of academic courses.

The TASP test is a component of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP). There are two fundamental purposes to this program. The first purpose is to assess the basic skill level of students entering colleges or universities. The second purpose is to help students who need to develop fundamental skills.

The test will allow colleges to seek out students who need remedial assistance. The test results will not be used for admission purposes. The test dates that have been scheduled are March 4, June 10, July 29, and September 30. The tentative fee will be \$34.

The students are so interested in being accepted that they aren't saying much about it," Mrs. Warner said. "They're not thrilled about it, but they are going to do it. Since they can take it during the fall semester of 1989, most students will probably leave it until

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# FEATURES

## On your mark, get set, it's prom time

By Drew Jenkins

Every Spring, as the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, high school students begin to feel the excitement of the end of another school year. For seniors, however, this time is especially exciting. Along with the pleasant thoughts of graduation, its festivities and getting on with life, there are accompanying feelings of apprehension. These feelings are caused by a single major event—the prom.

From a guy's point of view, the whole idea of the prom is rather frightening. The initial fear is the thought of finding a date. Most guys are hit by this at about the same time, usually right after Spring Break. From then on, each day, more and more respectable would-be dates are taken, which begins to cause a growing panic.

"Once all the guys start getting their dates, you decide that it's time to take action," says Jack Edmund said.

After taking the big plunge, and a date is found without too many repetitions, the horrifying thoughts of making all of the arrangements begin to set in. Transportation is the first order of business, to reserve whatever type of vehicle you plan to go in. Then, what other couples to go with, and what to do after the prom needs to be figured out. All of these need to be planned with great care, to make sure that nothing goes wrong.

From a female's point of view, there are several scary thoughts as well. As with the guys, the girls start with the date situation as well. For the kind-hearted girl, the thought of being asked by someone she is not interested in is particularly scary. This is because she will not have the heart to say no, thus leading to a boring night for her and her date. Some girls, however, worry about not being asked at all. Therefore, they take the initiative and ask for a date.

Once they have a date, many girls fear that their parents will not let them stay out as long as they want.

"I'm so worried that they'll make

you come in earlier than you want, which is pretty embarrassing," says Lisa Kang said. The most horrifying aspect of a girl's prom night deals with something that they have no control over: The thought of arriving at the prom with a beautiful and expensive dress on, and noticing another girl who is wearing one exactly like it, sends chills up most female's spines.

"Having a twin at prom would be the worst!" senior Michelle Olivinski said. Most people know that prom is a tremendous expense. No one knows it better than seniors and their dates. The fear of spending all of their money is one that is shared by guys and girls alike.

Generally, guys have the most expenses. Tickets this year are \$40 each. That's \$80 just to get in the door. (That is, if they didn't wait enough magazines.) Transportation costs start at around \$350 and go up. Taxes start at about \$50, but quickly rises as more accessories are ordered. The total bill will increase even more if you have a condo rented for one or two nights.

"I'll hadn't have been so lazy at the beginning of the year, I would be in a better situation now," says Rick Hogan said. The ladies, if they play their cards right, will have only one expense. This, by no means, is a small expense. From dresses can cost anywhere from \$250 and up. Usually, the most popular ones will be more expensive. Some girls have their dresses made, but that is not too cheap either.

"I think the money even out when the girl buys her dress," says Leslie Warford said.

The prom is supposed to be the celebration to top off the senior year. One does wonder though, is it really worth all of the hassle and expense that is put into it? The memories of this occasion are supposed to last a lifetime. But, if those memories include the entire process, then there are certain parts that some hope they will soon forget.



## Mom's Day recognition

By Jennifer Brooks

Once a year in May a very special group of people receive a large round of applause for a job well done. Who makes up this group of selfless, self-sacrificing, and truly wonderful people? Moms, of course! This is the day for mother-worshipping falls on the 14th of May, so be sure to mark this date (in permanent ink!) on your calendar. Why, you might ask, do we set aside a day for someone who constantly tells us what to do, how to do it, and when to do it? Simple—their mom!

Your mother is probably the first person to remind you of how much trouble she has gone to just for you, but more than likely she's being rather modest. If you concentrate really hard I'm positive you can remember all those times when

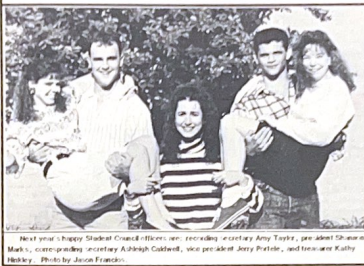
good 'ol mom helped you out of a tough situation or two. For example, who gladly (?) typed up your research papers before you learned how to type? Who chauffeured you and your friends around town before you got your license? And who always stayed up with you the night before a major project was due? No one other than mom! I would be making a very big mistake if I made no mention of how helpful a mother can be when a person is sick. Everyone can remember at least one time when mom stayed with them while they were sick and sure they were dying. It was mostly likely Mom who convinced them otherwise, and who carefully nursed them back to the world of the living. Without moms around, I have a sneaking suspicion that many of us would never quite recover from a cold.

Any of the times that she embarrassed you in front of your friends can be easily forgotten and forgiven when you recall the times that she gave up her own free time to help you out of a jam, or just to be with you. And remember the time you forgot her birthday and you made her a gift out of the odds and ends in your room? Remember how happy she was when she opened your gift? It's because of these memories, and hundreds of others like them, that we set aside a day to recognize Mom.

When you mentally step back and observe your mom, it's easy to see why Mother's Day was created, and why it's so important. This is the time you can thank her for everything that she's done for you. And Dads, do not despair! Your day in the spotlight comes on June 18th.

# FEATURES

## 1989 Student Council officers



Next year, 1989 Student Council officers are: president, Amy Taylor, vice president, John Mark, secretary, A. Hugh Caldwell, treasurer, Jerry Peltier, and treasurer, Lisa Kang. Photo by Jason Francis.

## Houston Festival honors France

By Tim Tam

Arriving with brightly colored tents, cultural art exhibits, and the traditional fare, the International Festival kicked off its ten-day stay in downtown Houston with French flash and flair.

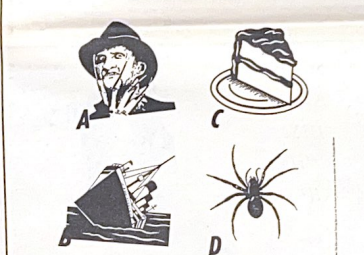
In conjunction with the French Bicentennial, the festival centered its theme around France this year. Through the efforts of the Paris-based Theatre de l'Ursule, City Hall Plaza was transformed into a typical French village complete with sidewalk cafes, wandering musicians, and street performers. Surrounded by "barndos" with French customs agents, this area was one of the hot spots of the festival.

The highlight of the 10-day festival was the extravagant performance of the Flying Bastille. Performed by the Theatre de l'Ursule, it was a recreation of the historic

events that led up to the French Revolution. With the use of music, drama, pyrotechnics, giant marionettes and two cranes, the performance was a spectacular tribute to France. The zany, irreverent, rude and playful show was typical of the troupe's repertoire.

Besides the French village, there were eight other outdoor stages, including the Texas Stage, Cajon Blues Stage, Koby Stage, Latin Stage, and Rock and Roll Stage, that hosted 2500 group and individual performances simultaneously throughout the 10 days.

Since it was a city-sponsored celebration, the Houston Grand Opera, the Albee Theatre, the Houston Symphony, the Society for Performing Arts, and local art museums all conducted corresponding events and exhibits in honor of the Houston International Festival.



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## Living Hell--Randall's style

By Ric Swenson

There comes a time in every teenager's life when he or she must leave behind their cozy homes, sleep depending on their parents for a weekly income and join the ranks of the employed. It is not an easy process. Some start off with baby steps -- for instance, mowing neighborhood lawns. Other take one giant step into the highly competitive, dog-eat-dog world of working at a major supermarket chain like yours truly and many others at Creek. Now the supermarket, or grocery store if you will, offers a variety of positions that hold absolutely no chance for advancement. Among the jobs available meeting this criteria are checker, stocker, service center employee, coffee shop or counter booth worker. A sacker, or one who works for minimal pay in minimal time, has to be everyone else. Oh sure, tip money is good and co-workers offer a chance to make new friends, but the negatives far outweigh the positives. Let's take a look into the draw-backs of sacking groceries, shall we? And please take into consideration I do not wish to be fired. I had a deadline over my head and this idea just popped up.

**Paper or plastic?** I feel, as do my cohorts, that those plastic bags offered to the customer at checkout are the single worst thing to happen to the sacking business during my tenure. As we, the sackers, greet the customers, especially those who have purchased two baskets of groceries totaling in excess of \$400, we ask, "Paper or plastic?" What we want to say is, "Please pick paper or lose your eggs." You have not experi-

enced Hades until you've sacked an enormous load of groceries in plastic bags.

**Automatic trucks.** Actually, these trucks, the ones that are not claimed but supposed to be a great way to punish a pain-in-the-neck customer. There are two ways to go about accomplishing this. First, if the customer then bread crushes and how all sackers crush bread everytime she shops in the store, sack a bag of groceries full, place the bread on top and place the sack in the center of the truck. As you "tap" the trunk shut and the gears set in, you can hear the trunk "automatically" crush the bread, a slow and painful death for Mrs. Bread's. The second torture is much easier and a lot less confusing. Simply slam the trunk shut immediately after the consumer warns you not to, and listen to the trunk grand slam.

**Spot mopping.** At my store, (a great store, by the way, where I have worked although I will probably lose my job now), each sacker is assigned a job to do besides sack. You might say, a job away from the job. Spot mopping involves carrying a five pound mop around with a roll of paper towels looking for spots on the floor. I'm not kidding, it is the stupidest thing ever. By the way, did I mention how much I love all my store managers?

**The 3 1/2 or 5 1/2 hour shift.** To receive one break, an employee must work four hours. To receive a lunch or dinner break, one must work six hours. So to work 3 1/2 hours and receive no break or to work 5 1/2 hours and not have a break long enough to refuel is the most trying, tiring shift ever. It really gets to you to hear those hunger spells



set in while sacking \$100 worth of food.

**Forgetting where they park.** Oh sure, everyone needs some exercise, but it's useless to load a sacker all over the parking lot looking for the palatial Oldsmobile. The following situation usually occurs. Sacker and consumer go down one lane presumably heading to the car where hopefully a tip awaits. The shopper steps, lunks around, and then embarrassing-ly says, "I was in the store so long I forgot where I parked!"

**That's always fun, "nose socks."**

**Future shoppers.** Or kids as they are known in the industry. Parents, please tell your children not to push those miniature, metal baskets around. One of these in the hands of a future shopper is like a steering wheel in the hands of a drunk -- DEADLY! Every kid will eventually run his basket into the ankle of a sacker at top speed, resulting in the child losing teeth.

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Looking 'nasty' in his and cameraband, sophomore Shane Azzopoli made choice between junior Teri Schweitzer and sophomore Rodney Andrews.



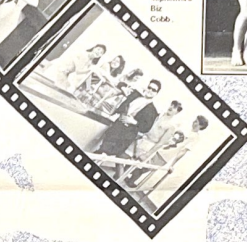
Startled by junior Pete Davis, flustered of madman, junior Adriane Rick's look for composure to hide.



Obviously frightened, junior Amy Wakefield and sophomore Cyndi Casanova cover from the menacing charade of senior Bob Shea.

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A sexy girl attracts the attention of freshman car, Jessica Hayes, junior Rosemary Tiken, and sophomore Big Cobb.



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- Bob Shea
- Adriane Rick
- Terri Schweitzer
- Rosemary Tiken
- Jeff Wilton
- Amy Wakefield
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# FEATURES

## Diet days are here again

by Juli Komer

A twinkle here, a ding dang there, here an inch, there an inch, everywhere an inch inch. Stomping back, eating what ever you wanted and not worrying about the bloated skin fad—this was all a part of the winter. No cars, no worries, but now with summer around the corner, the pressure is on. All those twinkles and ding dangs removed during the winter months, conveniently hidden beneath 20 layers of clothing, now sit, reluctant to leave their cozy surroundings. So let the hustle begin.

Over winter, no one cared a great deal about the foods they ate. They simply ate, without realizing the grim consequences. Now, though, everyone is trying desperately to get a ship-shape for summer. Once a Big Mac, now a salad, rice cakes instead of the oh-so-satisfying chocolate bar, and water, blined as it is, replaces a quick soft drink on the go. Although your taste buds might not appreciate it, your figure sure does. And as a mom said once, a moment on the lips, forever on the hips.



Along with the crazed dieting techniques, everyone is going nuts joining health clubs. More and more people can be seen running, jogging and bicycling. Although crash diets are pretty common, it's just as easy to jog a mile and coincidentally, a lot healthier. Too. Personally, the only thing I don't understand is how people can finish

an hour-long workout and then take a trip to McDonald's for the greasy special of the day. Well, for all the trouble, pain and agony that everyone is planning to go through, I wish you the best of luck, but just think, when the beach calls—instead of running in the opposite direction, you can plunge right in.

## Consequences of sun time

by Nikki Bel

With summer right around the corner, tanning has become the focus for many people, but the American Cancer Society and the Texas Dermatological have launched a statewide awareness campaign that will educate the public about the risks of tanning, namely skin cancer.

Scheduled to begin in May, and last throughout the summer, the project will hold a free cancer screening in various statewide locations. May 20 Using posters, billboards, print ads and television services, the campaign will center around the theme of "Don't Get Burned."

The goal of the project is to increase the public awareness about

skin cancer prevention, and as a result, motivate individuals to change their behavior in the interest of skin cancer prevention. Austin Chairman of the American Cancer Society William M. Ramsdell, M.D., said, "Public knowledge plays an important part in the prevention and early detection of skin cancer. With over half a million cases annually, this form of cancer is no longer a small threat."

"Most alarming, though, is the increased incidence of malignant melanomas. Cases of malignant melanomas, a serious form of cancer, have increased 1000% since the 1930's," Ramsdell said. The American Cancer Society estimates that skin cancer will

claim over 8,200 victims this year alone, 6,000 people from malignant melanoma.

Some guidelines to follow are below:

- Use sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15 during all outdoor activities and avoid sunburns altogether.
- Avoid direct exposure to the sun between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. by staying inside or by wearing a hat and protective clothing.
- Avoid tanning salons altogether because they provide intensive exposure to harmful ultraviolet rays.

The best way to prevent the harmful effects of skin cancer is to prevent it before it happens.

## Potato surplus a result of T.V. generation

by Gretchen Holt

There are also some other possibilities to resort to. Soap operas seem to be highly ranked in viewing choices. "It's like a different part of your life that you get attached to," Kristi Gouder, another avid soap fan, said. Though boredom is a legitimate excuse for T.V. viewing, others have more eccentric reasons.

"Next to books, the television is my fulfillment in knowledge and entertainment," sophomore Shane Antrpa said. "It broadens my horizons with such emotions as laughter, sadness, and a smile upon my face."

Fortunately, not everyone is affected by the television syndrome. "I watch less T.V. in the summer because I hope I have better things to do," sophomore John Logan said. "I like to find more productive things to do with my time that require more mental stimulation than sitting in front of a box with pictures," junior Jennifer Robb said.

Whichever category you're in, the television fanatic, at least you know that viewing options are endless. Shows range from 24-hour-a-day MTV to game shows, to cable movies, or to whatever else might be desired. Just turn on the remote control.



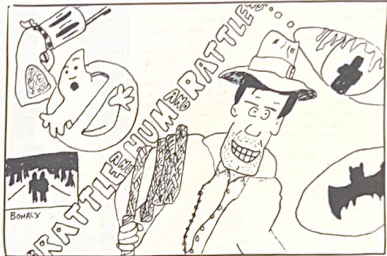
# ENTERTAINMENT

## Plenty of action at theatres this summer

by Kevin Dowling

Well, summer is fast approaching, and that means one of many things: the annual boom in the movie market. Yes, the long months between the Christmas holidays and summer vacation wherein the movie market gets itself into a slump are about to come to an end. Last summer, the theaters ran rampant with comedy content, but this year, the most publicized movie releases are mostly action oriented.

First and most anticipated of the summer movie releases is *Batman*, a modernized version of the comic book hero, who also made a comeback in that industry this year. *Batman* looks like it will be less campy, such as in the series from the '60s, and more stylish imagery, as can be seen from the previews already playing the theaters. It promises to at least be a cut hit, if nothing else. Two other heroes will be making a



returns to the theaters this summer. Indiana Jones and James Bond. The third in the Indiana Jones series is titled *The Last Crusade*, and little is known about it except that Sean Connery will play Jones' legendary father. Timothy Dalton will be in his second Bond movie, *Licence to Kill*. Dalton added a great deal of character to James Bond in the last film, which relied more on plot and action rather than impressive gadgets for thrills. However, despite these impending hits looming over the summer horizon, one—a comedy, no less—threatens to sweep the box offices this summer. It is the long-promised sequel to the 1984 smash *Ghostbusters*.

However, should none of these movies catch your fancy, or should you be looking just to rest and watch at your leisure, all the hits from the Christmas season should be making their way to video by the time summer rolls around.

those long-absent kinds of movies. They key factor of *Naked Gun* is that it does not restrain itself by taking itself seriously. It simply throws out all semblance of dignity and plot, and the result is, miraculously, hilarious.

*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*—a sleek, winksomely which perfectly contrasts with *Naked Gun*. What makes this movie so funny is not so much the characters themselves, but sheer enjoyment at seeing how they constantly try to outwit each other. It also builds good suspense, keeping the audience waiting for the twist ending they know is coming.

The last of these movies is chosen purely for personal reasons. *U2 Rattle and Hum*. I realize this might be unfair, but the sheer magnitude of the movie is, in itself, enough to enchant anyone who even remotely likes U2. The film moves in one fluid motion; it always keeps the eyes moving across the screen, and never lets you pause to catch your breath. From the first moment of the movie to the last, you will simply forget your surroundings, and, only when the credits finish rolling do you remember where you are.

The only exception to the above movies is *Rain Man*, which should only be making its way to the dollar cinemas when summer arrives. This movie is, simply put, the best of the entire school year, and it deserved every Oscar it received. For those who have not seen it

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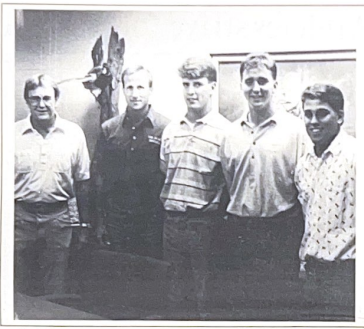
# SPORTS

## Baskin, Ellstrom, and Hickman earn San Jac baseball scholarships

By Stefan Goudbold

Reaction Hickman, Rick Ellstrom, and C. L. Baskin will not be heading separate ways when they finish out their high-school baseball careers. All three signed with San Jacinto, which has one of the top (if not the best) junior college baseball programs in the country. San Jac has won an unprecedented three National Titles in the last five years. Last year they were runner-up after winning all the marbles in '85, '86, and '87. And again this year they are currently ranked as one of the top JUCO (junior college) teams in the nation. San Jacinto assistant coach, Kyle Van Hook, said Baskin will hopefully fill a vacant left-handed pitcher's spot next year when this year's seniors graduate. Likewise with Hickman and Ellstrom, because

of the large number of seniors on this year's team, both Ellstrom and Hickman can possibly expect a lot of action as freshmen next year. "It's going to be very exciting," said Hickman. "We all decided on San Jac together and we plan to room together." Other Creek athletes who have earned scholarships are: KEVIN LOVE - football, full back, Southern Methodist University; DENNIS ALIFF - football, tight end, Westport; JEAN PAUL HEBERT - golf, University of Texas; SANDY HAMBY - golf, University of Alabama; SHEILA MORGAN - volleyball, Texas A & M; STEVE DAVIS - track, 1600 M, long distance, Texas A & M.



Varsity baseball coach Harold Pollard and five Jackies Assistant baseball coach Kyle Van Hook, look on as seniors C. L. Baskin, Reaction Hickman and Rick Ellstrom prepare to sign their letters of intent. Photo by Stefan Goudbold

# SPORTS

## Golf team ends at Regionals Hamby goes on to State

by Renee Renfrow

The girls golf team placed second in the District tournament at Bryan on April 4. Being 10 strokes behind after nine holes, the team mounted a charge to come back and get second by six shots. During the regular season the team finished third twice and placed fourth twice in their tournaments. The team came in third with a total of 994 in the Dallas High School tournament at Quail Valley. The team came in third again in the Sam Rayburn High School tournament at Champions. In Cy-Creek's own tournament at Champions the team came in fourth place. The Klean High School tournament at Raveneaux again gave the team a fourth place finish. Senior Sandy Hamby seemed pleased with how the

season ended up despite its shaky start. "I think our season went well considering we started out with three players and we recruited four more," Sandy said. "Now we are on our way to Regionals!"

Sandy had an excellent season winning the first three tournaments of the season to make up her seven total wins of the season. She won the first three tournaments of the season at Quail Valley, Champions, and Pasadena Municipal. She then won the McCullough tournament with a 41 at the Woodlands, which was shortened to nine holes due to inclement weather. Her final first place finish of the regular season came at Raveneaux Country Club in the Klean High School tournament with a 75. Sandy also won the District



Senior Anna Hamby attempts to overcome a bunker during the Regional tournament in Dallas. Photo by Coach Hamby

tournament with an 18-hole total of 77 and she was also the only person to shoot in the 70's in cold and windy conditions.

"Things really went well for me this season," she said, "I worked really hard and reached most of my goals."

The team traveled to Regionals on April 24-25 in Dallas. Sandy placed 2nd in individual competition with scores of 78 and 84 for a 162 total.

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## Boys finish 1st, District

by Renee Renfrow

The boys golf team won the District golf tournament at Brazos Golf Club in Bryan to advance them to Regionals April 24-25 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Dallas. Senior Jean-Paul Hebert took first place individual with a 78 and was the only person in the whole field to shoot in the 70's. The boys team did not place at Regionals.

Boys golf enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in two years with two wins and two runner-up finishes. Winning District put the finishing touches on their excellent season. The team started their season with a first place finish at Pecan Grove Plantation with a 322 total. They again took first place at Sweetwater Country Club. Their second place finishes came

at Heathstone Country Club in the Cy-Fair I.S.D. tournament and at River Plantation in the Conroe High School tournament.

"After winning our first two tournaments, we realized we were capable of winning anytime," Jean-Paul said. "The season went well and we finished off by winning District," he added.

Jean-Paul had an excellent season with many top three finishes. At Sweetwater Country Club he took first place with a 75. In the Cy-Fair I.S.D. tournament he won second place with a 74 at Heathstone Country Club. At River Plantation he won second place with a 74 in the Conroe High School tournament. "I feel very pleased with the way I played," Jean-Paul said. "This is the best high school golf season I have had in my high school career."

## Tennis ends with upset

by Chris Ramey

The varsity tennis team played in the District tournament April 6-8 but none of the team members were able to advance to Regionals.

In the last part of the regular season, the team participated in the Spring Branch I.S.D. tournament March 3-4. Junior John Shankles lost in the semi-finals of "A" singles to the second seed, Freshman Jill Reynolds lost in the semi-finals of "A" singles to the first seed.

On March 10-11 the team played in the Cy-Fair tournament. Senior Holly Hall and Junior Ann Corrigan came in second place in "B" girls doubles. Junior John Shankles lost in the semi-finals.

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