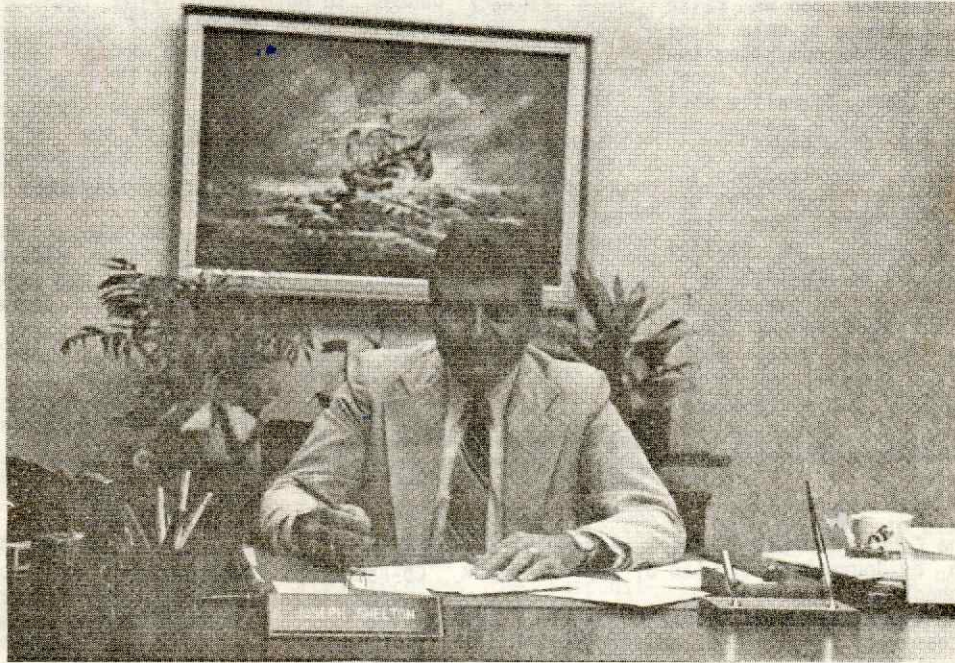


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STUDENTS SPEAK: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I would like to express my anger at the new pep rally times. I've talked to quite a few of the cheerleaders, band members, and Silveradoes who feel that 25 minutes is a ridiculously short time for a pep rally. The pep rally is supposed to be used to raise spirit, but how can we raise spirit if there is only time to file into the gym, play the fight song and school song, and then leave. I realize that that is a slightly exaggerated example but, students example but, many students including myself feel that because of the short time allowed, this year's pep rallies may prove to be unsuccessful.

Greg Simonsen

Dear Greg,
Last year our pep rallies lasted well over 30 minutes, and I realize that a ½ hour doesn't seem like enough time for a successful pep rally. But last year, we were not allowed to have spirit rallies every Friday before school. Also this year, we will have more victory dances to help support our athletic teams. Thirty minutes may be just the right amount of time for a pep rally. Besides, who wants to sit jammed together in the bleachers with the heat steadily rising for over 30 minutes? I remember several pep rallies last year that resembled a funeral. Very few people yelled or even clapped their hands. It's not the quantity of time that matters it's what you do with it.

The Editor

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

The first day of school always provides the upper-classmen of Cypress Creek a good laugh. Seeing the faces of lost freshmen always seem to amuse many who know their way around.

To change this situation, a freshmen orientation was held. The orientation was held August 18 in the Cy-Creek auditorium. Obviously, the incoming freshmen were out to change things, because approximately 1200 people attended.

The orientation included a tour of the school, a discussion of the new study skills policy, and meeting the faculty.

Music by the band opened the program. The drill team performed, and the freshmen were taught a cheer by the cheerleaders.

So, if you don't see as many lost freshmen this year, it could be because of the freshmen orientation.

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HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

by Libby Averyt

With the start of the new school year, comes a new addition to Cypress Creek. No, it's not Mr. Shelton, Coach Koening, or even the new Cosmotology wing. It's the new class of freshmen. Annually, articles are written about the incoming fish. Over and over they have been described as immature, childish, and the low level of the Cypress Creek social ladder. This year I decided not only to write about the freshmen and their peculiar habits, but the rest of us as well. The following is a brief summary of what this year contains for us all.

FRESHMEN-As usual for the first semester the fish will be floundering around the halls of this maze they call Cypress Creek searching for their classes. They will be ridiculed and laughed at, at all times, especially at pep rallies. No matter how tall a freshman is, he will always be labeled as short. After the first of next year, they will begin to feel more at home. They will try to imitate the sophomores, not knowing sophomores are almost as bad as themselves. Towards Spring Break, they will think of themselves as almost sophomores, and look forward to the end of the year.

SOPHOMORES-These people will start to realize how nice it was to be a freshman. Sophomores are often over-looked and ignored. They feel insecure and unsure of themselves so they look for comfort. Mommy and Daddy have to continue to drive them places until that long-awaited sixteenth birthday arrives. Puppy love often hits the unsuspecting sophomore. They tend to

believe that love is hand-holding, notes, and ID bracelets. After they get their driver's license they usually run through about 10 boy-friends or girlfriends, realizing high school begins at age 16.

JUNIORS-They will start to gain some respect, as they are considered upperclassmen. Juniors usually find their one TRUE LOVE, and plan to get married and have babies as soon as they graduate from college. They begin to think about the future, but not too seriously, after all, they have another year to go. Your junior year is a fun year. You are fully into the high school scene, and you finally learn your way around the school. Unfortunately, juniors quickly learn the meaning of being grounded, detention hall, and homework.

SENIORS-I have always felt that a person's senior year has been highly over-rated. True, a senior gets privileges and finally begins getting treated as an adult, but he also receives the responsibilities. A senior must prepare for the future, and more or less, make decisions that will affect the rest of his life. Seniors begin to rea-

lize that maybe high school isn't all that bad. There is a certain security in high school that is found no place else. Once you become a senior you start to worry about the future. You become confused.

You want to grow up and finally become an adult, but you are not sure if you are ready to face the world.

All the grades in high school are unique. They all have their own experiences and memories. Every year you learn something new and different. There are several rough times but take it from a senior, you will someday look back on all your years at high school and realize there are too many good times to count.

VIEWPOINT:

PEP RALLIES

by Allyson Brase

Pep rallies this year may not hold as much spirit and excitement as in the past.

The decision to move the pep rallies from the morning to the afternoon, will definitely cut down on attendance, especially of seniors. Seventy five percent of the seniors have early release, and this does not include all of the students in work programs. All of these students will be leaving before the pep rallies begin.

Morning pep rallies have enabled everyone to attend, if they want to. The lack of people overall may not stand out, but the empty senior section definitely will.

HOMEROOM

NOTE:

If you think first period has been dragging on longer than usual, do not worry, it is not your imagination.

This year, instead of going to homeroom the few times it is necessary, ten minutes has been added to first period. The extra time is used for the morning announcements, and to handle the business of homeroom.

CCHS BAND :

OUR PRIDE IS SHOWING!

August has ended, and with it, so has summer vacation. For about 200 Cypress Creek students, however, vacation ended with July. These students are the members of the Cypress Creek Marching Band, which is directed by Mr. John Siebern. Mr. Siebern has been with the band for two years. He is assisted by Mr. Fred Gallamore, who has been at Cypress Creek for its entire four years. This year's band officers are: President-Patti Payne, Vice-President-Mike Forsythe, Treasurer-Brad Bebell, Secretary--Elizabeth Hill, and Historian---Doug Morse.

As usual, drum major competition was held in late May. Of the several students who tried out, two senior girls were chosen to lead the band. Patricia Malanaphy was chosen as head drum major, with Libby Averyt as assistant drum major. Patricia and Libby attended camp at East Texas State University and were awarded second runner-up in a competition of all attending drum majors.

Flag corp try-outs were also in late May. Sixteen girls were chosen to be on the corp. A clinician, Jeanne

Johnson, worked with the group for seven days. The girls on the corp elected Doris Greene as Colonel, with Kirsten Howard as Lt. Colonel, and Katey Lent as Major. Susan Marquart, band director at Bleyl, is their supervisor.

Early in August, the drum corp attended a three day clinic at Jersey Village H.S. with clinician Dr. Bob Houston of East Texas State University. The nineteen members of the corp elected senior Steve Talac as Captain and junior Kevin Coffey as Lt. Walter Black will manage the 1981-82 corp.

Sixty freshmen attended a week of lessons for new marchers at which many of the band's upperclassmen served as teachers. August 10th began rehearsals for the entire band each evening, with sectional rehearsals every other morning.

On Thursday, August 27th, the band hosted an ice-cream social for parents of band students and administration, where they performed their first half-time drill. The group worked diligently in order to be prepared for this performance, and prepared they were! Great performances can

be expected during this year's marching season.

As is always true, some bad times accompanied the good. Every year, the band has had to endure humiliating, insulting, and demeaning remarks yelled from cars passing during practice, and this year was no exception. The worst part of all this is that most of the cutting remarks are yelled by Cy-Creek students. It seems a pity that a school with as much pride as we have cannot respect the hard work these students are doing. Try to imagine a pep rally without the band. It is a vital part of school functions and deserves some respect from those it performs for.

For the most part, the good times outweighed the bad and this year's students enjoyed most of the hours spent marching. Through diligent work and dedication, the 1981-82 Cougar Marching Band promises to be a group worthy of the school's respect and admiration.

YEARBOOKS

The 1980-81 Cougar Pride has arrived. Any student who purchased a yearbook and has not yet received one may pick it up in room B-214. Leftover yearbooks will be sold for \$18.00. Anyone wishing to buy one must go to B-214 to be put on a waiting list.

AFS: Bringing The World Closer Together

The American Field Service chapter for our school (AFS) has planned a busy year. Returning to us from overseas are five members. They will be speaking about their adventures abroad at a later date-Welcome home, y'all! Visiting our halls this year we have two new faces-Monika Mar-

schall from Austria, and from Australia we have Andrew O'Sullivan. Be sure and give them a friendly Texas welcome!

To keep up their good work, AFS needs to locate host families for both long and short term exchange students. Any families interested in an enriching learning experience

by hosting a foreign student in their home should call Chris Foreman at 469-3238.

The deadline for going abroad is Oct. 10. Anyone interested in joining AFS or going abroad should also call Chris at the above number.

Cheerleaders Prepare For New Year

Varsity cheerleaders for this year are: Seniors; head cheerleader Linda Hackler, Leah Kelley, Janice Clayton and Diana Jones, juniors; Julie Lockwood and Jennifer Douglas.

These girls attended a DCA cheerleading camp in Pasadena at the beginning of August. The squad practiced through out the summer preparing for camp. While at camp the girls cheered in three competitions and received three blue ribbons.

All the varsity cheerleaders would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Ms. Kay Schaff for acting as their sponsor at camp. Linda said the girls are all "fired up and ready" for a fantastic football season and a successful year.

Junior Varsity cheerleaders were also very active this summer. They attended camp at Sam Houston State University and received superior ribbons in every competition they participated in. Twice during the week the JV squad was awarded the spirit stick. At the end of the week they

were given the spirit stick to bring home to Cypress Creek.

This year's Junior Varsity squad consists of four Juniors and 4 sophomores who are: Co-head cheerleaders Allison Drake and Amy Woerhmann, Jamie Serafin, Camille Gillespie, Karen Alt, Helen Heldring Jenan Hijazi and Libby Layton.

Allison said the girls had a great time at camp and are anxious to get the year off to a great start.

SILVERADO SUMMER

This summer proved to be very busy for the Silverados. At the beginning of the summer the officers went to a special officer camp at Southwest Texas State University and received a first place rating in competition.

The first two weeks of July the Silverados spent their time practicing for line camp, held at Kilgore Junior College July 13-17. While at camp the girls received three superior ratings on routines they prepared and brought from home.

Laurie Eaton received a personal award for the best essay on "What qualities should a line member possess?"

Throughout the week all the drill teams tried to accumulate enough points, in various competition, to receive a sweepstakes award. The Silverados were one of five drill teams, out of 20, to achieve the honor of sweepstakes.

After camp the girls had a few weeks to rest before starting summer practice at Cypress Creek on August tenth. Drill team members worked out

every weekday, sometimes twice a day learning and perfecting their football season routines.

The Silverados have worked extremely hard this summer and are looking forward to a very exciting and successful year.

UNDERSTANDING

F.F.A.

by Anne DeJole

There are many students at Cypress Creek who do not understand what the Future Farmers of America is all about. The FFA is a national organization of young men and women preparing for agricultural occupations. FFA members believe in leadership, citizenship, and patriotism.

The Vocational Agriculture FFA program at Cypress Creek has an enrollment of approximately one-hundred and fifty members. Throughout the year, these students will learn to feed and care for animals such as steers, hogs, lambs, chickens, rabbits, and turkeys. In addition, they will also learn to weld, and to work with various shop machinery. Classroom

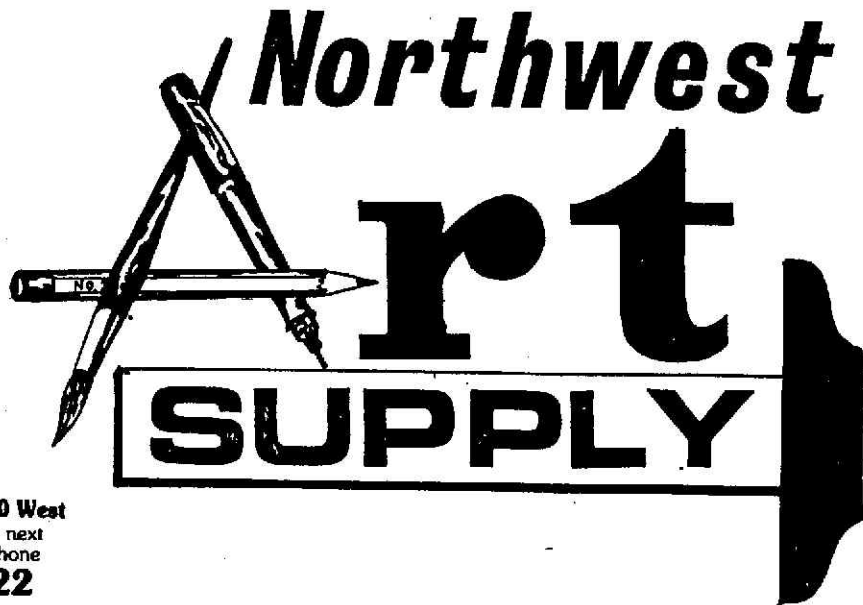
work includes FFA background, breeds of animals, types of grasses and soils, and mainly Leadership.

The student has a chance to test his/her leadership ability through leadership teams and/or judging teams. Leadership teams include Senior and Junior Parliamentary, Senior and Junior Skills, Quiz team, Radio team, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Judging teams include Meat Judging, Poultry Judging, Dairy and Dairy Products, Livestock Judging, Land and Pasture, Farm Business Management, and Horse Judging. For the past two years, the Cypress Creek FFA has walked away with the Sweepstakes award at the District Leadership Contests. Various teams have also proceeded to area and state level competition

both in Leadership and in Judging.

The Cypress Creek FFA takes great pride in its members. CC FFA is truly a very successful chapter. Hopefully, more and more students at Cypress Creek will learn to accept and appreciate the FFA and all it has done.

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Silverwho? oh ado's

BOBCAT FIGHT DIES TONIGHT!!!!

Win one for the Baker!

The Nord...The next Rex Reed?

The Creek is on the rise.

We yearn for Burns!

Hi Princes Donna-M.D,

I wish the phone would stop ringing!!!

I'm Mad At Eddie

EEEEEEEE Wally!

Take Me to the Symphony Rick

Libby Said;"UGLY"

Cy-Fair Horses TO CY-CREEK PORSCHEs

I miss the class of '81!!

Cougar Band is going strong!

I love half-time!!!

LOVE STINKS!!

CREEK FLOODED WITH NEW STAFF

Principal—Joe Shelton

Every new school year brings with it many changes. One of the most significant changes is our new principal, Mr. Joseph Shelton.

Mr. Shelton comes to us with twenty-one years of teaching and administrative experience. He worked as a coach for 11 years in Houston Independent School District with football, basketball, and baseball. Mr. Shelton then transferred to Channelview High School, where he served three years as Assistant Principal. His next administrative position was as Assistant Principal at C.E. King Senior High School in the Sheldon Independent School District. His most recent position was Associate Principal at Cypress-Fairbanks High School.

Mr. Shelton graduated from Jefferson Davis High School. He worked for his Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees at Sam Houston State University.

He enjoys all outdoor sports, including hunting, fishing, and downhill snow-skiing.

Mr. Shelton's wife is a senior counselor at Jersey Village High School. Both of his children graduated from Cy-Fair High School. His oldest is a senior at Sul Ross, and his younger daughter is a junior at UT Medical School.

Many changes can be expected from the new administration, although few are major. Mr. Shelton's prime concern is to establish more contact between the administration and the students. He plans to organize a Student Advisory Committee so that students who are not involved in school activities can also have a voice. Mr. Shelton is interested in building more pride and tradition and making our four years in high school a truly worthwhile experience. He stresses his willingness to listen to any of the students at any time and said he wants the student body to know that "we (the administration) care what they think and respect their opinion."

Some of the lesser changes include having the snack-bar open in the mornings before school and in the afternoons after the busses leave for students who must stay after school, and a display of new student's photographs so that they can be recognized and welcomed. A drape with the Cougar monogram on it is being made to hang in the Commons. There are also plans to fix the cougar and to establish a Cougar Hall of Fame for outstanding graduates of each graduating class. Suggestions for possible candidates are welcome, and may be submitted to Mrs. Kahla's office.

Mr. Shelton's goal is for each student to get involved. He would like to have everyone involved in some extracurricular activity. He feels that, above all, he is here for the students, and strives to maintain a curriculum and policy in their best interests.

The only problem Mr. Shelton foresees is the parking situation. This year, the teachers have assigned spaces, but the students will still have to fight the crowds for a decent spot. He does not think that the problem will be taken care of immediately, and suggestions for solving the problem are welcome.

Joe Shelton brings with him some new and exciting traditions and policies. He wants his student body to understand his policies and to participate in the traditions. This year will be the best year ever for Cypress Creek, especially since we have Mr. Shelton's guidance and assistance.

Jim Wells—Assistant Principal

This year at Cypress Creek, Mr. Jim Wells is no longer called Coach Wells, because of his new role as assistant principal. As part of the administrative change, Mr. Wells moved out of the English department and into the Assistant Principal's office. He will also no longer be coaching in order to devote more time to his new position.

After five years at Spring Branch High School, Mr. Wells moved to Cypress Creek in 1979. He has had a very successful coaching career. To him, coaching was important but now it has been set aside because of his new position as assistant principal.

He will be in charge of the audio visual materials, clubs and organizations, and school budget, as well as the ninth grade.

Mr. Wells feels comfortable at Cypress Creek because he is familiar with the environment and the students. He would like to institute a positive school climate in which teachers enjoy teaching and students enjoy learning with full cooperation.

Mr. Wells' toughest adjustment so far is keeping up with the small duties in his busy schedule. Mr. Wells likes a challenge and he has his work cut out for him this year. Mr. Wells feels this will be a good year for faculty and students alike in this school year.

Judy Kahla—Associate Principal

"It's our school, too!" says new associate principal Judy Kahla, part of a recent phenomenon at Cy-Creek--visible principals. Mrs. Kahla believes that a principal should visit classes, get to know students and teachers instead of staying in an office all day.

Not that Mrs. Kahla doesn't have her share of paperwork. A few of her duties as associate (not assistant) principal are: to monitor the lesson plans of teachers, research student's curriculum, evaluate school tests, and occasionally discipline a student.

For a tough, busy job like this, qualifications are needed, and Mrs. Kahla has plenty. She has been in the Cy-Fair school district for ten years. Teaching English at Cy-Fair, and later Department Head at Jersey Village. Cy-Creek is not an unfamiliar name to her because her son Byron, 19, was a member of Cy-Creek's first graduating class.

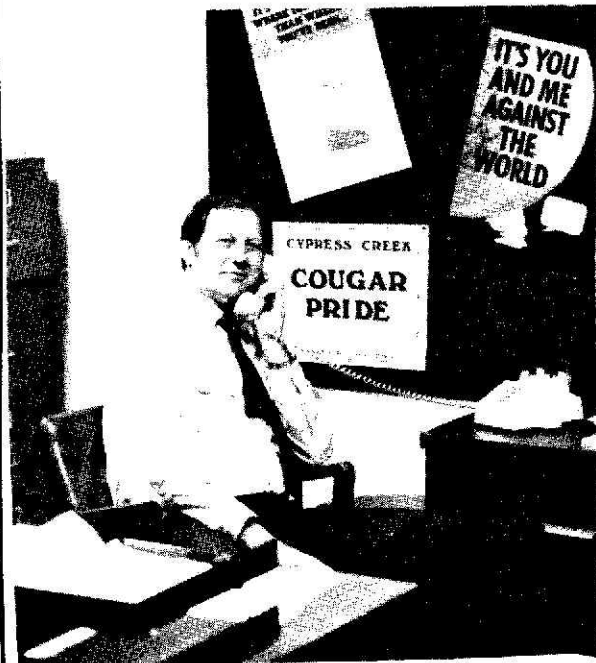
Along with her son Byron, Mrs. Kahla has a husband, Harold, and a 20 year old son. She likes classical and country western music, and her taste in food includes everything.

Junior counselor Mrs. Keener, who is a former neighbor of Mrs. Kahla, says she is a very friendly and sweet lady.



JUDY KAHLA

Jack Worthington—Assistant Principal



JACK WORTHINGTON

There are many new faces this year at Cypress Creek, one of which is Mr. Jack Worthington, former Spring High School basketball coach.

Mr. Worthington is the new Assistant Principal in charge of juniors. This year, he will also be in charge of school parking and the building.

Mr. Worthington does not have any immediate plans for Cypress Creek, though he wants to make our school even better than it is, in the future.

Mr. Worthington has coached or been an Assistant Principal for the past 21 years in various high schools. While he was a head coach, he led nine of his basketball teams to district titles, including last year's Spring team. This year he will not be coaching any sports.

Mr. Worthington graduated from South West Texas State University, and was on their national championship basketball team in 1960. He was a senior that year and started at guard.

He also has many hobbies, including hunting, fishing, and skiing.

Mr. Worthington has a daughter, who is a cheerleader at Westville High. His son is playing basketball at the University of Texas, and was a two year all-star in high school. His wife is a teacher at Bamei Middle School.

HOUSTON'S SUMMER JAM

by Tom Garrity

Houston concert goers were treated fairly this past summer with a handful of some decent shows.

The major acts started near the end of June and were part of, 101, KLOL's Summer Concert Series. First band up was Houston's Point Blank (American Excess) with Canadian rockers April Wine (Nature of the Beast), and yes; the "Wine" was here the past spring playing back-up for Molly Hatchet. Next up were the dead heads! The Grateful Dead came alive for what was rumored to be the last "Dead" tour. The Eagles lead guitarist, Joe Walsh (There Goes the Neighborhood), stormed into the Summit with a promising Australian band Cold Chisel. The Jefferson Starship (Modern Times) landed next with 38-Special (Wild Eyed Southern Boys). Then for the first time in Houston the 4th annual Texas World Music Festival (which the Cougar Connection announced first in our last issue). This year's Jam

featured Blue Oyster Cult (Fire of Unknown Origin), R.E.O. Speedwagon (High Infidelity) Heart, Foghat, and The Rockets.

Heavy metal hit Houston June 7, with a blast of winter as Ozzy, The Blizzard of Ozz, Osbourne, former lead singer of Black Sabbath, blew out the coliseum with Motorhead. The metal continued with Judas Priest and Iron Maiden, but for some reason Humble Pie declined due to illnesses.

Other acts appearing as part of the Sprite Summer Concert Series include The Kinks and The Joe Perry Project; Not to mention Sprite's a pre-concert schedule which include Triumph,* Frank Marino and Mahogany,* Rush,* Tubes,* Forlegner,* Billy Squire,* Pat Benatar,* Little River Band,* Poco,* The Pretenders,* Tom Petty,* Van Halen,* and Whitford St. Holmes,*

*Still to come

ASHBY TALKS TO TEACHERS

While most of us were enjoying the last week of summer vacation, our teachers were at school for inservice. They attended meetings and prepared for the school year. The highlight of the week was a lecture given by Lynn Ashby, well-known Houston Post columnist.

Mr. Ashby opened his speech with several jokes, saying our auditorium reminded him of a "giant mousekateer hat." His speech revolved around the fact that no one reads anymore. He pointed out several reasons for this. First of all, apathy. No one cares. Everything is so big, and the citizens feel helpless. They don't feel the urge to be well informed anymore. Secondly, TV news has taken the place of newspapers. People can now watch the news. Ashby felt the real reason that people are reading less is because of lack of time. Adults in Houston leave the house at 6:00 a.m. to get to work on time, and don't return

until 6:00 p.m. They don't have time to read. Plus young people are busier with Drill Team, Band, sports, etc. Often students don't get home until 5:00 or 6:00. Because of this, the sales of newspapers fell by one million copies between 1973-1976. There was a 7% dip by 1972 of people who read daily newspapers.

Since newspapers and magazines are competing with television, they are becoming easier to read, consequently we learn less. Mr. Ashby was very entertaining, but through his humor you could recognize the seriousness of the matter. We are becoming a bunch of illiterates. Mr. Ashby closed his speech by putting his faith in our teachers to help save us. But to be successful it is we, the students, who must work hardest. We must take responsibility for ourselves, and not always take the easy way out. True, it is easier to sit down and watch the news instead of read it, but it's not always better especially in the long run.

NEW FACES

Along with our new principal, coaches, and assistant principals, Cypress Creek has also received several new teachers this year. The Connection would like to welcome the following new faces to our school: Macy Bell, Helen Black Frances Davis, Linda Dawson, Donna Gerbitz, Rhonda Glasscock, Nate Gordon, Donna Gullett, Phyllis Hamilton, Deborah Jaehne, Karen King, Susan Krueger, Claudia McKeller, Antoinette McVay, Andy Malone, Judy Middleton, Patricia Michael, Janette Reamer, Barbara Rogers, Carolyn Schwartz, Lucille Schreve, Darrell Wood, Karen Boling, Sharon Zerbe, Nancy Ballard, Edwin Collings, Linda Chancellor, Mary McCrady Carol Thompson, Bonnie Gronlund, Patricia Conrey, Vicki Collins, Larry Cooper, Douglas Hirsch, Denise Knight, Michael Arisco.

We hope that these new teachers will soon become acquainted with our school, and the rest of us will give them our full cooperation.

LET'S GO TO...

the MOVIES

TARZAN OF THE APES (R) "The Best of the Flesh" would have to be the subtitle for "Tarzan of the Apes," because of its two stars, Bo Derek and Miles O'Keefe. Although the plot is rather dull there is one major conflict, when Tarzan and Jane first meet there is an expected communication gap between Jane, an educated female and Tarzan, the yelling Ape Man. However the two work out the gap with ease and it certainly was not by picking up fig leaves together, either. This reporter's final comment is that Bo has no mo' to show.

ARTHUR (PG) Dudley Moore, of "10" fame, really outdoes himself in this comedy-cum-love-story, about a spoiled playboy. The spectacular one-liners keep the audience roaring while the fairy tale plot keeps it interested. Liza Minnelli co-stars as his true love, but alas, Moore cannot marry her because she is not of his class and social standing. Instead, he is forced into betrothal with someone suitable. Of course, everything works out, and everyone lives happily ever after.

COMIN' AT YA (R) Back from the fifties the three dimensional (3-D) films are back for yet another try to literally freak out audiences across the nation. The title of this flick is exactly what happens, everything comes right at ya! Everything from bats and rats to flaming arrows and gold coins. However, the dialogue of this film must have been written by a mime, but then again what can one expect from a strictly visual film. This reporter suggests to go for the special effects only. Furthermore, when you purchase your ticket, you get a set of sunglasses free!

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK (PG) Thrills, chills, action, and adventure can be found in this movie. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" contains plenty of action-packed adventures in which the hero narrowly escapes death as he struggles to find the Lost Ark of the Covenant, which contains the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, before the Nazi archeologists. This is an excellent movie for people of every age. Even though it gets a little far-fetched at times, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" is very entertaining.

HEAVY METAL (R)- A glowing green ball relates six tales of evil to a little girl who it captures. The plot is disjointed and rather pointless, but the animation is excellent. If you have two hours and four dollars to waste, then by all means see it.

ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK (R) Rated R only because of the vulgar language. This futuristic story is set in New York City. The entire city is a walled top security system. Kurt Russell, better known for his Walt Disney films, plays the part of a rough criminal, trying to save the President. Casting Russell for the tough guy part was pretty risky, seeing as his image is anything but mean and tough. The movie as a whole is good but not excellent.

STRIPES (R) Bill Murray escapes unemployment, crime, and heart-break by enlisting in the Army to lead a band of misfits who become improbable heroes with a nuclear Winnebago. Also with Harold Ramis and SCTV's John Candy.

MISCLASSIFIEDS...

Welcome, newcomers!

REDRUM

I'm sorry, Mrs. Torrence.

I've been looking for love in all the wrong places.

Long live Grover.

Kirsten is a fireman's daughter. . .

Just Another Wall In The Hall

It's ten seconds before the bell rings for 3rd period. You round the corner of the art wing to get to class and run into a sign that says: "Stop! This is not a hall!"

If anyone has been by the "new, improved" art wing, they

have noticed that it is closed off. This slows traffic and causes an inconvenience and a nuisance for students with lockers on one side and classes on the other.

Instead of cutting through the teaching theater or jam-

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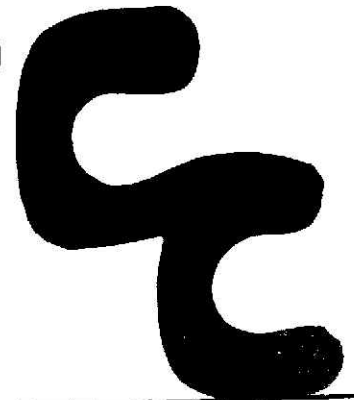
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VOLLEYBALL: SET WITH NEW COACH

August 10th brought an early end to summer for ten girls. The sounds of bouncing balls and "set, set!" echoed throughout the gym as varsity volleyball season began.

A new coach started the year off. The team is now headed by Ms. Linda Dawson, an eight year veteran from California. The varsity volleyball team consists of: seniors: Janice Clayton (captain), Kathy Hoepfl, Cindy Jones, Matresa Nell (captain); juniors: Becky Bryan, Kerry Irvine, Devra White, and sophomores: Jayne Coleman, Holly Evans, and Debby Zajack.

Ms. Dawson has set an optimistic pace for the year. Conroe was their first district game, but they bounced back from that disappointing loss to soundly beat Jersey Village in two games. Spring was another loss, but it just builds up the spirit for the game against Cy-Fair, Tuesday, September 15. Upcoming games include McCullough on Sept. 17 and Klein Forest on Sept. 22. So come out and support our lady Coogs!



Coach Dawson nets an offender.

Fish Win Deer Park Tourney

The girls freshman volleyball team started out their season by winning first place in the Deer Park Tournament. The tourney was held August 28-29 with eight area teams participating.

For their first opponents the Cougars played Clear Creek and won that match with scores of 13-15, 15-9, and 15-13. They then advanced on to play

165A rival Conroe and won in two games 17-15, 15-10.

The Coogs final opponents were the Memorial Mustangs and they were dropped 7-15, 15-6, 15-1.

For their district opener the freshman again defeated Conroe 15-0, 12-15, and 15-0. And also defeated Jersey Village 15-1, 15-9 in their second district game.

RAIDERS DOWN JV

The Cypress Creek Junior Varsity football team suffered a disappointing 14-8 loss to the Northbrook Raiders. Coached by Andy Malone this year, the J.V. Cougars expect another winning season. Last year they were 4-3-3.

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Runners Take Third at McCullough

Cross Country season has begun and Cy-Creeks lady Cougars are on the run. The team began workouts Aug. 3 and competed in their first meet Sept. 5 at McCullough.

In the varsity division Wendy Weber led the Cougars placing sixth followed by Cindy Brawley tenth, Melissa Friday nineteenth, and Janette Hinzle, Lisa Wallace, Lisa Christoph, and Denise Gerमतakis following close behind. In the j.v. division Beth Baker took 6th place followed by Leslie Grove, Kim Daly, Lisa Schaffer, Evelyn Zolen, and Jessica Wine.

Both squads took third

place in their divisions and beat every other district team.

The teams new coach Mrs. Tony McVay is a runner at heart and also teaches junior English. When asked of an opinion of her teams performance, she expressed that " Our team is looking very strong and we should be a top district contender.

The teams remaining meets include Pasadena Sept. 11, Lamar Consolidated Sept. 19, the University of Houston Sept. 25, Cy-Fair Track Club Oct. 3, La Marque Invitational Oct. 10, Conroe Oct. 16, Clear Lake Oct. 24, district Oct. 31, regionals, and state.



Evelyn Zolen strides the two mile course.

"STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN"

by Paul Bradley

As the 1981 football season begins, high standards have been set for new head coach Les Koenning. As tradition speaks, Koenning has made a custom of winning. He has had two very successful Campaigns at Memorial High School and Rice University.

Since Koenning has arrived with such credentials expectations are great. "I've always had a winning team and new people expect Cy-Creek to be a winner, but you can't be a winner over night, it takes time." Said Koenning.

So as the building process begins, one major obstacle stands in the way: the '1981' season. Since building a winner takes time, what is expected now? "Well, things have been tough, we've had three starting players injured already, but with the odds against us, the competitive spirit is there," said Koenning.

Coming off an embarrassing 0-9-1 record in '80 the Cougars are rated "in the cellar." With a fairly impressive first half the Cougars lost momentum as Northbrook squeezed by with a 26-7 victory. The Raiders got on the board first with a 56 yard run by Johnny Champaigne. to take a 6-0 lead. The Cougars followed next with a touchdown to take a 7 to 6 lead. At this point it was all Northbrook, who scored three more times.

Though this was a tough loss to swallow, the Cougars did show signs of improvement. The touchdown scored Saturday night equalled the total number of touchdowns in 1980'.

Now that the Stairway is being built thoughts of a winning football team have arrived at Cypress Creek!



Kim Daly practices hurdling techniques at the McCullough meet.

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