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~ artwork by  
Tom Garisty ~

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Is it necessary that every letter containing an opinion sent to the newspaper be answered by your high-handed opinions? Hasn't it ever crossed your mind that some students may just want to express an opinion to the student body or administration without getting your biased opinion? There is a question as to whether the editor is expressing his true opinions or not. Is the editor taking the defense of the administration only for personal gain? After reading this newspaper for the past two years, it is difficult to believe that every editor believes solely in the opinions of the administration. It will be interesting to see how this letter will be answered.

signed,  
A TRUE OPINION

Dear OPINION,

When letters are addressed "Dear Editor", I will make

it my business to answer them with my opinions, no matter how "high-handed" they may seem. That's my job. I do not expect you to agree with me, nor I with you. If a student would like to express his opinions, he may do so, without addressing his letter to the editor. As to the question of the validity of my opinions, I can only speak for myself, not for the other editors of the past two years. I have only responded to one letter this year and that was in the last paper. In that case I did agree with the administration, but I assure you, I do not always. There is no way to prove the authenticity of my opinions, and I will not bother to even try. As for personal gain, most of that comes from responding to letters as trivial as yours.

Libby Averyt  
The Editor

Dear Cougars,

To date your warm reception of the administration and your continued adaptability to

changes have been most welcome. You have demonstrated growing pride in your school and in yourselves, and the community has responded by offering countless compliments to all of us.

In addition, we appreciate the fact that many of you have used our "open door" policy to discuss your concerns - one of which has been "dress up days." Since not all of you, however, have had the opportunity to know first hand the position we have taken, we would like to address the issue with you. Dress up days should be: Reflections of unity rather than divisiveness; Indicators of both school pride and self pride rather than slovenliness; Exercises in orderly conduct rather than misbehavior. When proposed dress up days have satisfied these considerations, we have wholeheartedly supported them. We will continue to do so in the interest of school spirit.

Sincerely,  
The Administration

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# CC Commons: *A Unique Dining Experience*

A clean commons area is something that virtually does not exist at Cypress Creek. The students have been asked all year to pick up their trash, but still the garbage seems to find its way to the tables and floors. We have yet to come up with a perfect solution, but the Connection staff came up with the following possibilities:

1. Have rolling carts at the end of the rows to put trays

on. That way students won't have to go as far to put up trays and they will have longer to eat.

2. Supply the cafeteria with more chairs. Students are afraid they will lose their chair if they get up to throw away their trash. Consequently they leave the trash on the tables.

3. Have assigned seats at lunch. Don't make it mandatory for them to sit at the place

they are assigned, just make them responsible of that table. If they don't sit at the table, they have to go back to their assigned table and make sure it is clean at the end of lunch.

These are just suggestions, and although some may seem harsh, we need to do something. There is really no excuse for leaving trash on your table or on the floor. We're supposed to be maturing young adults--not pigs.

## What solutions can you offer to help keep the Commons clean?



"1. Have more trash cans closer to tables. 2. More super vision."-Steve Gibson-Soph.



"Install a camera in the middle of the commons so it will watch all the students. For those who don't dispose of their trash, they get zapped from the camera."-Renee McGill Jr.



"The first thing that needs to be done is make the students want to keep it clean. If they don't care, there is no hope. Maybe some kind of contest should be held where the award is something everyone would really like to have. Also if teachers and principles watch when lunch is over and if they see someone leaving a messy table, they can track them down and make them go back and clean it."-Robin Horton-Jr.



"1. Just pick up after yourself. 2. If you see someone else making a mess, tell someone of authority. This is our commons. I think we should keep it clean along with having pride in it. We should want to do it."-Angie Pahde-Soph.



"If a senior leaves trash, possibly have it effect their exemptions. Others can get possible D-Hall.-John Makely Sr.

# STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Student Council activities began before school started this year with a Faculty Breakfast and a "Wash the Teachers' Windshields Day." The Council also gave a free "Car Wash" behind McDonald's and raised approximately \$700.00 through sponsors.

The first project during school was the Back to School dance. The dance was a great success. Other activities so far this year include: the Aluminum Can Drive, the weekly trivia question and the safety lock check.

Presently all plans for Homecoming are approved and underway! Homecoming week will include: "Nerd Day", a mummifying contest, "Whipped Falcon Day," spirit chain contest, and a parade complete with an outdoor pep rally.

The Student Council is working very hard to make this "a year to remember." The council is striving to start some traditions and would appreciate the support, participation and ideas of the whole student body.

# EXCHANGING IDEAS

By Mark Milligan

Every year, the American Field Service has students from other countries visit Cypress Creek. This year, two students honor Cy Creek with their presence. Andrew O'Sullivan from Moree, Australia and Monica Marschall from Tulln, Austria look, and except for a slight accent, speak like an average Cy Creek senior.

I spoke with Andrew and Monica about living in Houston. Andrew says that he enjoys the people at "the Creek" and he also enjoys the change in atmosphere. He doesn't understand why people say American schools are easier. He thinks they are the same as Australian schools; however, Andrew is taking four "K" classes including Chemistry I, English IV, Biology I and Calculus. (phew!) Government and American History are also crammed in there somewhere!

Monica, who is 18 and has graduated from school,

says that the lifestyles here are very different than those in Austria. Along with German, the national language, Austrian school kids are required to take eight years of English

Both agree that people in their homeland are closer to each other. Both also live in smaller communities.

We would like to welcome Monica and Andrew to Cypress Creek and hope their stay is a pleasant one.

# PROM MONEY

## NO PROB!

Raising money for a prom is not as difficult as they say, as our senior class recently found out. The class of 1982 just finished their major fund-raising project: magazine and record sales. Each student's goal was to sell at least 7 subscriptions or records. Their goal was to raise \$40,000. Their final total was \$47,767, with the seniors receiving around \$20,000 of profit. Many prizes were offered

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# HIGHER STANDARDS

Attention Juniors and Seniors : if you are interested in attending The University of Texas or Texas A and M University, then make note of these entrance requirement changes :

### U.T.

Class rank	SAT score	ACT score
Top quarter	ANY SCORE	ANY SCORE
2nd quarter	1100	27
3rd quarter	1100	27
4th quarter	1100	27

### A&M

Top quarter	800	NOT ACCEPTED
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2nd quarter	950	NOT ACCEPTED
3rd quarter	1050	NOT ACCEPTED
4th quarter	1200	NOT ACCEPTED

These are the only changes that our counselors are aware of at this time, but they highly recommend that all Seniors check into the entrance requirements for any college they are interested in attending. provisional summer programs will be offered at many colleges. Any further information or changes will be posted in all Senior English areas. Mr. Hermsdorf wants to remind all Seniors that their grades are still very important and in borderline cases could make a difference of being accepted or not being accepted to a university.

# FFA: Going Strong

The Cypress Creek FFA held their annual Sweetheart election on Tuesday, September 22. The voting was done by the ag members during class. Nominees included: Sharon Twardowski, Shelley Sims, Pam Hargrave, Terri Phillips, Kathy Robinson, and Tracey Mertink.

Pam Hargrave was elected as the 1981-82 chapter sweetheart. Pam is a junior here at Cypress Creek, and she is enrolled in her second year of vocational agriculture. Last year as a Greenhand, Pam was a member of the quiz team. This year, she was elected as Historian for the ag chapter. Pam is raising a lamb again this year for her project.

Pam will be representing the Cypress Creek FFA at the 1981 District Sweetheart competition in October. Good Luck Pam!

Black pants, white colored shirts, blue ties and scarves, and green hands were worn by several students on October 13. Why? Because the FFA was officially initiating its first year members, better known as Greenhands.

There are several requirements a greenhand must meet in order to receive his/her first year degree pin, and one of these requirements is initiation. After initiation, FFA welcomed 47 new members to the Cypress Creek Chapter. FFA is going strong!

# COLLEGE NIGHT

By Melissa Daniels

U.T. or A. and M.? Rice technical institutes. Colleges or South West Texas State? In state or out of state? When faced with all these questions another one comes to mind--why go to college at all? But wait! It's not that confusing! Not, at least, if you went to College Night.

Cy-Creek's annual College Night was held October 13 from 7:00--9:00, and Juniors and Seniors, both, with their parents, were invited to attend. It's purpose was to answer questions about different colleges (both in Texas, and in other states) and help stud-

ents decide which college to attend. A week before College Night, Juniors and Seniors received forms in their English classes asking them to fill in their three favorite colleges. The counselors then assigned everyone to a 30 minute session of the colleges they chose. Those who didn't have three colleges were invited to browse through the Commons, and pick up brochures and pamphlets from the colleges which were set up there.

Not only large colleges attended, but several smaller schools and junior colleges were present, along with representatives from the Army, Air Force, Navy, and several

came from as far away as U.S.C. and Yale and as close as the University of Houston and North Harris County Junior College were present. All in all, about 75 institutes attended, and a good time was had by all.



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as incentive. Eight people sold 45 subscriptions and won TV sets. Steve Woodrow won tickets to the Rolling Stones concert in a drawing. Winning ski trips to Taos, New Mexico were Wendy Weber and Sandy Cooper. Mark Cooper brought in the most money and will receive free limousine service to and from the prom. The seniors are well on their way to a great prom at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

# Art Students Display Their Talents

By Allyson Brass

This year there is a record number of students involved in art. Some of the projects the students are working on include craft weaving, dimensional design paintings, art history and creating images from pinhole cameras. Old walls have been taken down and new ones put up to provide the extra space needed. Besides their regular activities in class, this year's senior stu-

dents will be presenting two one-man exhibitions of portfolio work in the library each month. The first participants will be Todd Mason, Keith Dastun, Kerry Hilton and Russell Richter.

The art department also sponsors a Fine Arts Club. Officers for this year are Keith Dastun--President, Rita Dobbs--Vice President and Becky Tyler---Secretary / Treasurer.

Membership meetings are the first Wednesday of every month and regular meetings are held the third Monday of each month. This year's first activity is a field trip to three Houston galleries to celebrate Picasso's centennial. Other activities scheduled will include a trip to the Renaissance Festival.

# Lights, Camera, ACTION !!!

**BLUE LAGOON (R)** Re-released. Starring Christopher Atkins and Brooke Shields. This movie is suitable for teeny-boppers who enjoy living in a dream world. The plot (if that's what you want to call it) was not even close to being believable. The lovely photography was the only buoy that kept this movie from sinking.

**ENDLESS LOVE (R)** About a 17-year-old boy's obsession with a 15-year-old girl. (Brooke Shields) This movie raises many questions concerning morality including: permissive upbringing, effects of parental neglect, hypocrisy of parents, and open relations between parents and children. There is a great deal of nudity in "Endless Love" but nothing tacky can be found in this movie. Because of its controversial issues "Endless Love" is better suited for those in their late teens. Most high-school students would find this movie embarrassing in mixed company; not a good choice for a date or family outing.

**THE FOUR SEASONS (PG)** When three middle-class, middle-aged couples vacation together four times a year, they come to realize that loving each other is easier than spending a lot of time together. "The Four Seasons" is a good-humored and insightful exploration of friendship and its aggravations. Each person in the group of six goes through their own type of change, which keeps the movie moving along a funny, sometimes painful path. "The Four Seasons" is an excellent film, probably one of the year's finest, and is suitable and entertaining for any audience.



## Records On Review

by Tom Garrity

**The Who: Hooligans (MCA)** any fifteenth album released by any group should be a best of album, and Hooligans is no exception. The album containing the groups music from "I Can See For Miles" (1965) to "Who Are You" (1978), Hooligans is a definite musical history of The

Who and is a must for anyone who has been waiting for a 'best of' Who album. Three songs never before released on an album and found only on the back of a few Who singles, "Join Together", "Let's See Action" and "Relay" are also featured. Hooligans is made up from Who albums My Generation, Meaty, Beaty, Big and Bouncy, Live at Leeds, Who By Numbers, Quadrophenia, Who's Next, and Who Are You.

**ONLY WHEN I LAUGH (R)** Kristy McNichol plays a 14-year-old girl who has been living with her divorced father and persuades her alcoholic mother (Marsha Mason), who has just returned home from a rehabilitation center, to let her come live with her. The movie, written by Neil Simon, is a funny and often touching story of the relationship between mother and daughter. Because divorce and alcoholism are common problems in today's society, "Only When I Laugh" is a very thought-provoking film. Aside from a few four letter words, the movie is good clean entertainment for anyone 12-years-old or above.

**SHOCK TREATMENT (PG)** This movie should be rated "RC" for "really confusing." Created from the makers of the Rocky Horror Picture Show, Shock Treatment is a mixture of Grease, The Price is Right, Love Story, and The Twilight Zone. Not only will the average movie-goer be confused, but angered for paying five dollars to see it. Don't try to figure out the plot, because there isn't one. Shock Treatment is only good for couples who like a good excuse not to watch the movie.

**MOMMIE DEAREST (R)**- This heartwrenching account of actress Joan Crawford's adoption of Christina definitely means an Academy Award nomination for Faye Dunaway. Her portrayal of the temperamental actress is so realistic that the viewer has trouble realizing it's not really Joan Crawford. The young Christina is also stunning, which is surprising considering her age. The film is so realistic and overwhelming that the entire audience leaves the theater feeling emotionally spent.

**John Denver: Some Days are Diamonds (RCA)** After winning the RCA artist of the year, John Denver wasted no time in releasing his latest album; Some Days are Diamonds. This is Denver's first album that detects a change from his easy listening ballads to a definite country twang. It's no doubt to all you C&W fans that the title track is definitely country. The rest of the album has a number of ballads such as "San Francisco Mabel Jay", "Easy on Easy Street", "The Cowboy and the Lady" as well as "Gravel on the Ground." Although only two of the songs on the album are written by Denver, John states, "I only sing the songs I wrote or songs someone else did that I wish I wrote!"

## Records on Review con't

Journey: Escape (Columbia) The tale of the Journey Beatle continues from it's Evolution, Departure, Capture and now Escape. Escape from what? who knows? Nevertheless Journey's new album has hit the charts with quite an impact. Of the ten songs on Escape, six have made it into the top 40, which include the title track, "Open Arms", "Stone In Love", and "Who's Crying now", just to name a few. This album has music for all types, except for those who like Country and Disco. Escape is another well done album by Journey.

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# HALLOWEEN TRIVIA

by Kirsten Howard

Halloween has many different meanings. To some, it means the opportunity to trick-or-treat; to others, it means the chance to have an orange and black party to bob for apples and have fortunes read. In ancient times, Halloween was very different from the holiday we enjoy today.

Halloween comes from the Celtic festival of Samhain, the Celtic lord of death. Samhain was honored on New Year's Eve (the Celtic New Year was Nov. 1) because this time marked the season of cold, darkness and decay. Naturally, this day became associated with human death. The Celts believed that Samhain allowed the dead to return to their earthly homes on this night (thus the legend of ghosts and witches.) Druids (Celtic priests & teachers) ordered that hearth fires remain unlit and built huge bonfires of sacred oak branches. While many commoners wore costumes of animal heads and skins, animals, crops, and perhaps even humans were sacrificed to ward off the evil spirits. In A. D. 43, the Roman rule began, and the Celtic festival of Samhain was combined with the Roman Feralis festival to honor the dead and a Roman festival to honor Pomona, goddess of fruit and trees. It is believed that bobbing for apples became associated with Halloween due to this festival. In A. D. 800's the church established All Saint's Day Nov. 1 so that the people could continue to celebrate the festivals they had enjoyed prior to Christianity. The mass said on that sacred holiday was called "Allhallowmas". From that time before All Saint's Day (Oct. 31) became All Hallow e'en (eve) which, in Modern English, is Halloween.

Surprisingly enough, few nations celebrate Halloween as we do. In Ireland, a large parade

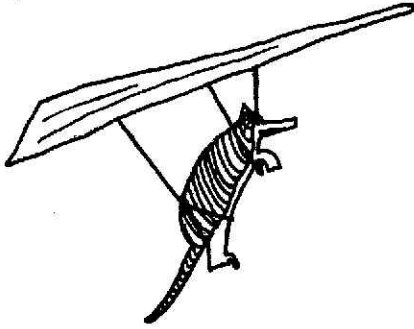
assembles and begs for food in honor of their God, Muck Olla. In Scotland, a parade of torch-carrying citizens wanders through the towns lighting fires on the hills to drive away witches and evil spirits. Welsh people each mark a stone and toss it into a large bonfire. If a person's stone is missing in the morning, the person can expect to die within the year. In England, Halloween is often called Nutcracker Night or Snap Apple Night because it is customary for the family to sit around the fire, telling stories and eating apples and nuts. In the U.S.A., Halloween was not celebrated until the 1800's because of our early religious beliefs. Our customs include dressing up to trick-or-treat, bobbing for apples, telling ghost stories, and having our fortunes told.

All of the places have one custom in common: the Jack-o'-lantern. This custom originated in Ireland. People there had carved out beets, potatoes, and turnips to use as lanterns. Legend has it that an Irishman named Jack could not be admitted to Heaven because he was a miser, nor could he be admitted to Hell because he had played tricks on the devil. Since neither place would house him, he had to carry his lantern and walk on earth on Judgment Day. When this practice came to America, it was limited to pumpkins.

So, this year, when you're taking your little brother or sister trick-or-treating (or perhaps going yourself?) or giving out candy, think of the Pagan Celts who gave you this holiday, and when you're carving your Jack-o'-lantern, think of poor Jack, the miser who'd played tricks on the Devil and offended God.

# ARMADILLO

by Tom Garrity



What participates in races throughout the nation (including the Alympics), has a soft hairy belly, and weighs up to 15 pounds? No, not little elfs one sees on Saturday nights. But if you said *Dasypus novemcinctus* you are correct, and most likely studying small bony mammals of America; it's the armadillo.

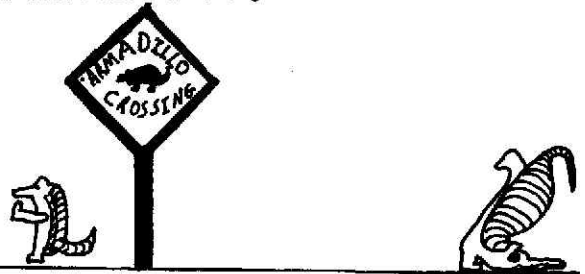
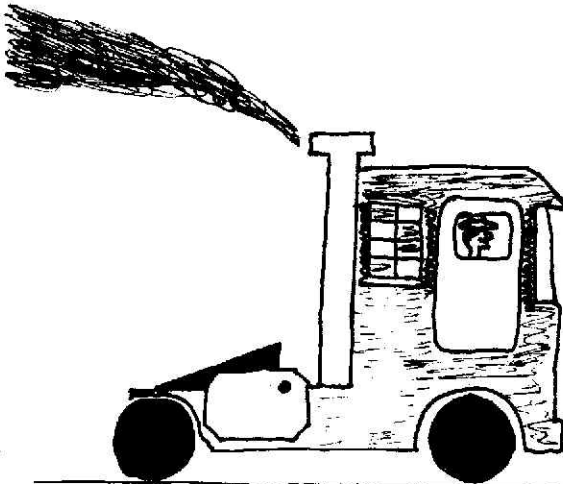
Known now as the official mascot of Texas the armadillo has been given many titles and associations from the Hoover Hog, Texas Turkey The Texas Tank and Possum on the half shell to "Big Blue" who rips open Lone Star trucks and stores, drinking the Texas beer.

From armadillo jeans, armadillo records, armadillo airlines to armadillo weddings and beauty contests would Texans praise an animal for its odd shape that has survived over 200 million years.

Aside from Lone Star beer another organization out to make sure the armadillo is around for another 200 million years is the New Braunfels Armadillo Association (NBAA). With a motto like "to protect and promote the armadillo" the NBAA is not a joke.

Among the many activities put on by the NBAA, state wide armadillo races preceded with the annual Armadillo Alympics are the most renowned function of the NBAA. Originating from town festivals, armadillo racing has been named the National sport of Texas. Racing in places from the Galleria, the Hyatt Regency Hotel, State Fairs, Chili cook-offs, Frontier Days and shopping centers to the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. The winners from these NBAA races advance every August to a 56 acre site, just outside of New Braunfels, Texas for the annual Armadillo Alympics.

For all you greenhorns out there here are some tips on care for the armadillo:  
a. Fill a box with dirt and hay. Make sure improvised home is about the same temperature as a small hole in the ground.





# RACING

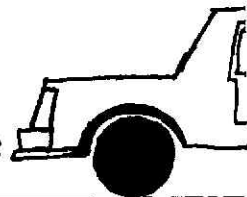
## ARMADILLO CARE TIPS (cont.)

- b. Make sure that you clean the box daily or a wretched smell will run you out of house and home.
- c. Feed your pet daily with Texan cuisine of worms, flies and bugs. (usually found in the backyard or in your kitchen at night.)
- d. Maintain an armadillo's privacy by not watching or staring at it.
- e. Do not startle the dillo under any circumstances or it will jump about four feet in the air and probably not speak to you for two weeks.
- f. Keep dillo in dark places.



## TIPS FOR ARMADILLO OWNERS

- a. Wear rubber boots, that can be cleaned easily, when walking into its room.
- b. If one decides to enter the dillos room at night bring a flashlight and your rubber boots
- c. Limit its phone calls.
- d. Take him jogging during the winter and swimming during the summer.
- e. An armadillo is extremely self-conscious about its blindness. So don't imitate him by walking into a room with a white cane and sunglasses.
- f. Never stroke his belly, but if you do be prepared to clean-up quite a mess!
- g. Due to popular belief an armadillo does not like having his or her nails manicured.
- h. Owners don't pedicure your dillo.



# STUDENTS HONORED BY NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program are (L to R) Robert Lyons, Jenny Allen, and Greg LaBorde. Not pictured is Jim Riely, who graduated last year.



Students who were commended by the National Merit Scholarship Program are (L to R) Susan Pirzchalski, Susan LaGronge, Linda O'Brien, Bill Paape, Devin Borden, Paul Banks, and Brian Koontz.

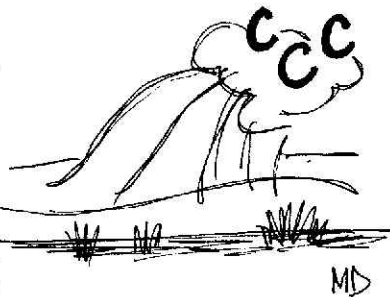
## "AS THE CREEK CHURNS"

A continuing satirical saga of the trials and tribulations of an average Creeker

by Libby Averyt

Arm-in-arm Johnny and Suzy strolled down the hallways of their alma-mater. As they rounded a corner they were confronted with a flashing red sign-"Hold hands--not shoulders!" Startled by the message, Johnny and Suzy dropped their arms, and continued on. Before going their separate ways John pecked Suzy on the cheek only to be interrupted by ten teachers, (all wearing "Couple Control" t-shirts) glaring at the innocent students. Later during his history class Johnny was called to THE OFFICE. "Johnny," started the well-known administrator, "through the use of our hidden cameras, we have discovered that you and Suzy have broken several

of our PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION rules. In view of this we are transferring you to another high school." Tune in next issue ...



## Freshmen Officers

Freshman Class Officers elections were held September to determine who will lead the Class of 1985 this year.

Tracy Kiest was elected President, Heidi Houk is the Vice-President. The Secretary is Sharyn Smith and Monica Neuman is the Treasurer.

Congratulations to the new Freshman officers from the Cougar Connection.

# Arsenic in the Candy Apple

by Melissa Daniels and Phil McDivitt

Why are the parents of the Cypress Creek lower classmen nervously pacing the floor awaiting their children's safe arrival on the night of October 31? The reason: Halloween is a dangerous night.

The number of trick or treat related accidents has grown enormously over the past five years. Every Halloween more and more children are taken to the hospital from poisonings, car wrecks, hit-and-run accidents and other occurrences, caused by careless drivers and psychopaths.

A little known fact discovered by these reporters is that vendors sell more eggs around Halloween than any other season (except Easter). Egging is great fun until you discover your egg has hit the wrong person. Then this becomes a dangerous sport when you try to drive away and hit 800 little trick or treaters who are in your way, or leaping over a six foot fence only to find a vicious dog, who hasn't had his dinner awaiting your arrival. Only after the ambulance arrives to pick up your mutilated body, do you see the large red and black sign saying "Beware of Dog," or realize the bumps you hit were really small

trick or treaters. This could easily get you in trouble with Mom and Dad or the Police, so try to confine your egging urges to a skillet in the morning.

Drinking while driving is never very safe; however, some people think it's fun and okay to do on Halloween. The police just won't understand your excuse for speeding, hitting trick or treaters, or other inanimate objects is, "I only had one or two drinks at Marks's Halloween party, and I was just trying to make it home before my curfew." Drinking and driving should never be mixed, especially on Halloween.

The November first edition of many newspapers are filled with stories of kids being poisoned by their Halloween candy. Small razor blades are easily inserted in apples or other fruit, and candy is easily laced with arsenic and other poisons. Many hospitals will X-ray or examine your Halloween treats to check for these poisons or razor blades. For more information call the Houston Poison Control Center at 654-1707 or Ben Taub Hospital at 791-7070.

## VAN HALEN: CONCERT REVIEW

by Renee McGill

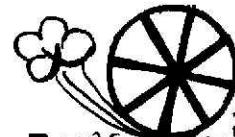


For those who are heavy metal fans, Van Halen was a concert not to be missed. Van Halen (lead singer David Lee Roth, guitarist Eddie Van Halen, bassist Michael Anthony, and drummer Alex Van Halen) displayed an awesome performance that kept the audience mesmerized from beginning to end. The sound was bewitching and vicious; it engulfed the crowd beyond belief. It was an extremely wild and energetic show, including the sacrifice of Eddie Van Halen's guitar during Running With The Devil. Roth added to the excitement by mooning the Coliseum proclaiming, "This is for the critics!"

To back up the talent, a well executed light show was exhibited along with excellent stage movements. The concert was very well planned and mastered. There is one thing to mention about the audience, Van Halen had them in the palm of their hands.

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R. S. knows that L. A. is a fireman's daughter.

Mark E. sweats chlorine.

D.S. misses W.C.

Lynn alias A.J.

I think the ditch was worth at least 500.

M.B. is a great statistician.

Mark and Allyson hate Mr. M's.

S.C. does not like punk rock!

Hey Kevin C.- not just one but two!!!

I can help you with that!

Wally has great taste in the opposite gender.

Heavy sarcasm is wasted on you.

Quit banging on the wall, Pink Floyd's great!

A wonderful 2-sum, Niermeyers, all my love to you both. Always, Obe.

D.G. takes notes.

D.G. is a clumsy colonel.

B.H. loves German Shepherds

Kirsten is a scrounge.

Sing, Greg, Sing!

I love mustard crayolas.

B.B I love your grapes, K.H.

Y'all, shut up!!!!

Shelli loves El Torito!

Cindy, drive a little less crazy! I don't want to loose you. Love, Obe.

M.K. gives out autographs!

FRUMP, We love you. M.M. & K.H.

Kirsten is the perfect hostess!

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## "A TOUCH OF CLASS"

by Paul Bradley

"That ol' Bobcat Fight has to end sometime" junior Al Oveido said. And end it did as the Cougars romped to a 16-13 victory over Cy-Fair.

"You could tell from the opening kickoff; we were out for blood." freshman Derek Spitzer said. "The team was as fired up as I've ever seen them."

This wasn't make-up for victory alone, revenge and pride were also factors. On September 17, the eve of the game, Cy-Fair vandals were suspected of spray-painting our school. Come game time, this would not be overlooked by the Cougar football team.

Pride was a major contributor to the outcome of the game. Since the building of the Creek in '77, the Bobcats have been our traditional rivals.

From the opening kickoff to the final seconds, the Cougars had a "Never Say Die" attitude. "We told ourselves we were gonna fight from start to finish, no matter what the consequences," Oveido said.

Cy-Fair was the first to get on the board, with a touchdown in the second quarter. After missing the extra point, the Creek returned the favor with a score on their next drive. Mike Hamilton capped the drive with runs of 8, 10, 12 and 16 yards.



After the Cougars scored once, they seemed to want more, coming back in the second half to make two more scores. The first score came on an 11 yard pass by senior Jeff Moreau. The next score was followed with a field goal by Oveido. The Bobcats drove to score once more, and tried to score again, but the aggressive defense led by senior Tim Little, rose to the occasion to help the Cougars retain the lead and preserve a most impressive victory!

## Tennis Teams Chosen

Tryouts for the tennis team were held Sept. 12-21 and the following athletes will be challenging for positions on the varsity ladder.

The girls varsity team includes Dawn Parkhurst, Amber Urban, Jenny Hagaman, Liz Hagaman, Kelly Folk, Jaime Suderman, Karen Malinowski, Katy Wiles, Tammy McClanahan, Lorraine Grandinetti, Tracy Kiest, Page Campbell, Jo Anne Polarolo, Patti Castellanti, Liz Richard and Lora Perkins. Freshman netters are Karin Bauer, Jan Fawcett, Karen Makely, Laura Liles, Louisa Oyenguren, Lisa Toth, Sally Schroeder, Katy Mc Enroe, Robin Kaufman, Julie Peterson, and Amy Rader.

The boys varsity members are Chip Leighton, Ronald Ngiam, Paul Sanders, Tarik Hijazi, Chris Suess, Chris Cabcianca, Jim Miller, Joe Ficarra, Ron Stapleton, Tom Elkins, Fabian Pollo, Eric Bliss, Steve Peltier, Todd Charron, Noel Wallace, and David Stuart. The freshman team consists of George Alderink, Paul Menzel, Derrick Aguren, Mark Awe, Brian Gray, Jim Rergritz, Tommy Gary, Clay Mc Donald, David Dealy Rick Sloan, Jon Buchanan, and Ross Johnson.

Mrs. Linden expressed that this years squad is much stronger than last years, with five state ranked players and loads of freshman talent.

The teams first tournament was the Fall Festival Oct. 16-17, at the Houston Tennis Center.

## CC Wins at Lamar

The girl's varsity cross country team took 1st place at the Lamar Consolidated Invitational Sept. 19th. The team had 52 points, far ahead of second place Victoria.

Wendy Weber and Cindy Brawley paced the Cougars placing first and second with Sophomore Melissa Friday following close behind in ninth. Melissa was followed by Freshman Kim Daly eighteenth, Beth Baker twenty second, Lisa Wallace twenty fifth, and Leslie Grove forty first. The girls did excellent out of a 90 member race.

In the j.v. division Lisa Christoph placed sixth, Lisa Schaffer fourteenth, Jessica Wine fifteenth and Evelyn Zohlen twenty second out of a 60 member field.

The boys varsity team also competed at Lamar, and Jon Warren took a spectacular second place finish out of 153 runners. Warren was followed by Kevin Friday, Mark Cooper, Noel Manning, and Kevin Hill.

The teams next meet was held at the University of Houston and Melissa Friday ran a superb race placing eighth out of 150 competitors. She was followed by Cindy Brawley in seventeenth, Kim Daly, Beth Baker, Lisa Wallace, and Lisa Christoph.

In the j.v. division Janette Hinzel came in 22nd followed by Lisa Schaffer and Evelyn Zohlen.

Mrs. McVay expressed that she is very proud of her team and that they are steadily improving.



Coach Mc Vay anxiously awaits the race to begin.

The cross country teams travelled to La Marque Oct. 10, with the girls team taking second, and the boys third.

Jon Warren led the boys taking third place, and he was followed by Mark Cooper tenth, Barry Finn twentieth, Kevin Hill, Noel Manning, Kevin Friday, and Stewart Angst.

Cindy Brawley led the lady Coogs by taking third, and she was followed by Melissa Friday fifth, Kim Daly fifteenth, Leslie Grove Lisa Schaffer, Jessica Wine, Janette Hinzel, and Lisa Christoph. Evelyn Zohlen also did well, placing in the j.v. division. The girls did exceptionally well as three regular varsity members did not run due to illness.

The teams next meet was held Oct. 17 at Conroe.

## NO HORSES IN THE WATER

by Mark Eichelberger

Splashing to a 3-3 record, the Cypress Creek water polo team has encountered many close games. The team, which consists of various swim team members, has been practicing since early September and shows great improvement with every game.

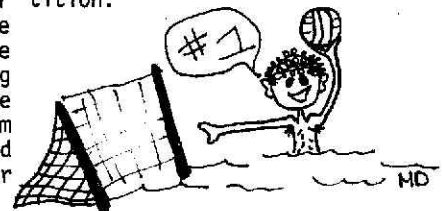
Being ranked very high in the state in swimming, the Cougars hold an advantage over their opponents in speed.

There is a girls team also. The girls had one prac-

tice before their first game. On Sept. 22, they scrimmaged the Deer Park girls team, who ranked fifth in the state last year. The Cougar girls shocked both themselves and Deer Park by challenging the former state team. The final score saw Deer Park Overcoming the upstart and quite promising Cougar girls team 9-6. The teams will begin their swim season in early October, and complete water polo October 15.

Closing the season on October 15, the water polo teams ended with a 4-3 record.

Congratulations to both teams and good luck in the swimming and diving competition.



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