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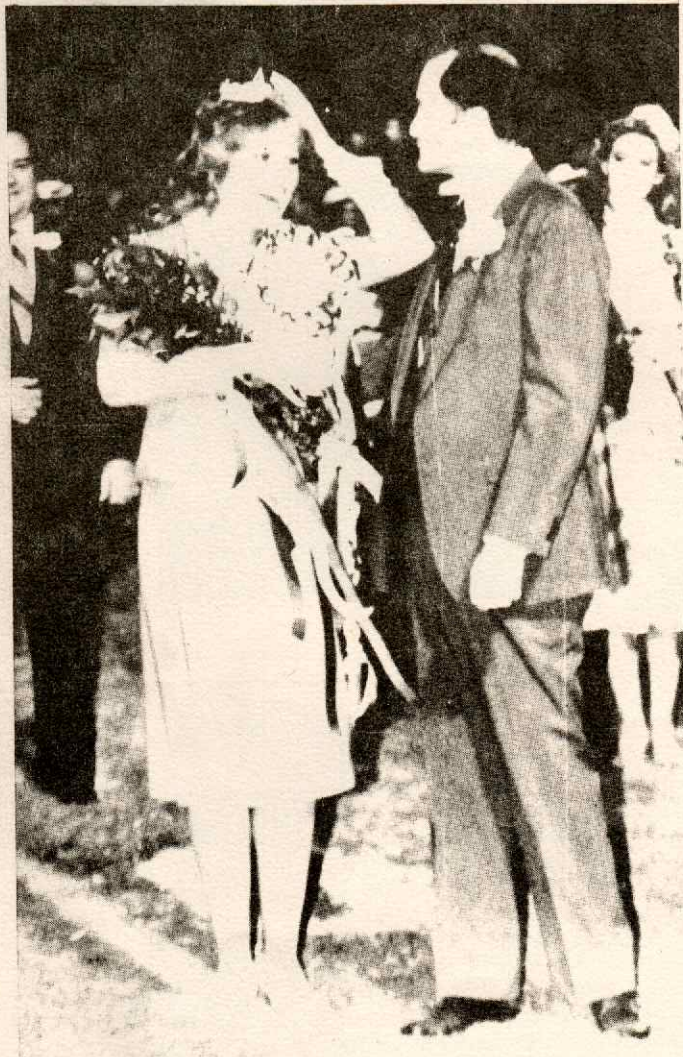


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CONLEY CROWNED CREEK QUEEN FOR 1981

On homecoming night, Ann Conley was elected our 1981 homecoming queen. Ann described her reaction when she was announced queen as surprise, happiness, yet a bit embarrassed. Ann was not only elected junior dutchess last year, but most beautiful also.

Ann, in her free time, enjoys to swim, dive, and play tennis. She is also involved in campaigners in Young Life.

Track is Ann's best sport. She has run varsity track all four high school years. She ran cross country her sophomore and junior years.

Ann, a green eyed blond, wants to attend Texas A&M University to pursue a teaching degree.

HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES



MARY BEAUCHAMP

Mary, a green eyed brunette, was one of seven senior candidates up for homecoming queen. Being an outdoors person, she enjoys skiing, camping and canoeing.

Mary is a ten year member of Girl Scouts. Sorry, she doesn't sell cookies! She is also in campainers, which is part of Younglife.

Mary belongs to many various organizations in school. She was an officer in the silverados for the last two years, and currently is Lt. colonel. She not only was the former secretary and vice president of student council, but a four year representative as well. Mary was also the freshman president. Being a member of National Honor Society and newspaper staff keeps her on her toes. Mary is recognized in Who's Who Among High School Students.

Having already been accepted to the University of Texas in Austin, Mary has her post graduation plans figured out. She plans to major in communications and hopes to pursue a career in television broadcasting.

Leah Kelley, a brown eyed brunette, was one of this year's nominees for homecoming queen. Cheerleading is one of many activities in which Leah participates. Leah has been a member of student council for the last two years. She was a drill team member for two years. Leah has been a member of National Honor Society for the last two years, and a class treasurer for the past three years.

Out of school, Leah is a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church. Enjoying the outdoors, Leah has been a camper for the last five years and a counselor at Camp Longhorn last year. Water skiing is also a favorite activity of hers. Leah enjoys many activities dealing with dance. She is a one year member of Northwest Dance Academy. Not only does she enjoy dance, but aerobic dance as well.

Leah's college plans are to attend the University of Texas or SMU in pursuit of a Geology degree.



LEAH KELLEY



JANICE CLAYTON

Janice Clayton was one of five blonds in this year's homecoming queen elections. Being very athletic, Janice has participated in track and freshmen and sophomore basketball. Janice played volleyball in her four years of high school. Two of those years, she was a varsity member of the state ranking team.

Janice attends the same church as fellow nominee Leah Kelley. Both are members of John Wesley United Methodist Church. In her free time, she enjoys swimming and playing golf.

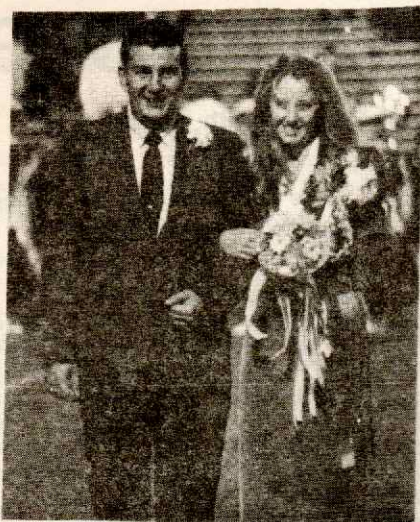
Her college plans are to attend Stephen F. Austin University in hopes of obtaining a computer science degree.

SUSAN McARTHY

Susan McArthy was one of our seven home-coming queen nominees. Susan's job limits her school activities, but she enjoys supporting the school by attending football games.

Out of school, Susan is active in Girl Scouts. She participates in service projects for her subdivision, and enjoys working with children during the summer at her neighborhood pool. Tennis, sailing, and water sports are enjoyed by her in her free time.

Susan, a blue eyed blond, is planning to attend the University of Texas. She hopes to pursue a major in public relations, which is a sequence of journalism.



JOYCE MURRAY

Standing 5 foot 6" is blond haired, blue eyed Joyce Murray. Joyce is one out of three girl scouts in this year's nominees for home-coming queen. Joyce too, does not sell cookies or wear a green uniform. She enjoys the outdoors and likes to swim, water ski, camp, and canoe with fellow nominee, Mary Beauchamp.

Joyce is active in student council and has been the class secretary for three years. She is also a member of National Honor Society.

Looking ahead, Joyce's family is moving to Florida after graduation. Consequently, she will attend the University of Florida to pursue a business degree.



SUSAN LADNIER

Susan Ladnier was one of this year's home-coming queen nominees. She has blond hair, light green eyes, and stands five feet four.

Susan was a member of the popular club, Cougars for Christ, last year. She also enjoys photography. Liking outdoor activities, she enjoys water skiing, sunbathing, and taking pictures.

Susan plans to attend Sam Houston State University. She will leave Cypress Creek after graduation in pursuit of a major in Journalism and photography.



VICTORY CAPS WEEK LONG

Homecoming 1981 was celebrated with all the pomp and circumstance that surrounds such a festive occasion. This year various contests and events were a major contribution in boosting the excitement of the week. During those seven days our spirit showed proudly, as it has so often.

Juniors are Mummified

Homecoming week was kicked-off with the annual Mummifying Contest. It held Monday, October 19 between second and third periods. After the toilet paper was wrapped and the judges finished judging, the results were clear--the Junior class had wiped out their competition.

The first round of wrapping was won (barely) by the Sophomores, whose piercing shrieks nearly burst the upper classmen's eardrums. Juniors showed their creativity when their "Jr." statue which won them the second round. Then, although the Seniors made a great last minute rendition of the "Blob," in the wrap-off, they couldn't win because they had not won a qualifying round. The Juniors triumphed over their opponents. (The judges had probably had their eardrums burst, and so didn't care to look at the Sophomores' feeble wrapping attempt. And so, the first day of the Homecoming week ended with the Juniors ahead in the trophy race, the Sophomores a close second, Seniors third, and the Freshmen as always, bringing up the rear.

Whipped Falcons Amuse Students

Cypress Creek's first Whipped Falcon day proved to be a successful one, as it earned \$924 for the student council.

Prospective Shipped Falcons were auctioned Wednesday to students and teachers alike. Steve Polotko and Dee Clinch were sold for \$41 and Randy Melton went for \$40 to become the day's top sellers.

Several falcons appeared in peculiar costumes while obeying their masters orders. Most slaves were made to perform menial tasks such as carrying their owner to class, carrying their books or crawling around on the floor.

Whipped Falcon day added a mood of joviality to the homecoming festivities.

Creek Flooded with Nerds

Nerd - (nurd) n. - one who persists in being uncool; dressing outdated; Nerdish (adj.); Nerdy

Golly, gee whiz and jeeppers, Nerd day, how keen! Well, Wednesday, Oct. 21 was Nerd day, and the nerds were coming out of the walls. Charlie brown lunch kits, funny-looking ties and hats, "high-water" pants, and your father's old sneakers were the fashion of the day. The one day of the year that the kids tried to look like teachers, and the teachers tried to look like they were kids again. (just kidding, teachers)

Clark Atkinson should have received the "Dork of the day" award while Janice Clayton should have been awarded the "Most likely to not grow up" award. The most nerdy teacher had to be Mrs. Wasser even though our own Mrs. Blackmon finished a close second. Beth Clevenger, a senior, should also be commended for her nerdish outfit. Special recognition should be given to Mr. Wood who, even though dressed normal, still looked like a nerd. Thank you and good afternoon.

Fish Swim to Victory

Hall decorating was also included in the contest for most spirited class during Homecoming week. Each class was assigned a certain hall to decorate in whatever way they felt was appropriate. The seniors were assigned the English hall; the juniors, the government hall; the sophomores, the math hall and the freshmen had the foreign language hall.

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, & seniors alike showed their spirit by each doing an exceptional job of decorating. The freshmen won the contest with their very original hallway of "fish". The sophomores' was a hallway of rainbows and fantasy. The junior decorations proved that they are "moving up." The seniors who were disqualified wanted everyone to know that "Seniors Rule!"

Long hours of decorating and tremendous participation in the hall decorating contest proved once again how much spirit was shown during homecoming week.

HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

Adding to the festivities during Homecoming week was the ongoing spirit chain contest sponsored, as all events were, by the Student Council.

Up until the 2:30p.m. October 23 deadline the lengths of the chains fluctuated greatly with one class taking the lead only to be surpassed by another. However, the Senior class emerged victorious when the winner was announced during the pep rally on Friday, October 23. Although, the contest was close as the Juniors and Sophomores followed not far behind.

After \$200 was taken out for expenses, the class of '82 received \$1800. "The Senior class will apply the money toward the prom and a gift for the school," stated Ms. Keblinger, Senior class sponsor.

Spending the largest amount of money on spirit chains, sold for 5¢ each, was Senior Bill Paape, who contributed \$50 to his class. Though, the average amount of money spent per student was about \$1.

Spirit chains made their debut at Cypress Creek last year in order to encourage student participation in spirit oriented activities. Many other schools also have contests involving paper chains and there is even a world record for the longest chain. Writings on the links ranged from spirited sentiments to favorite rock groups.

The links were purchased at lunch or from any Student Council member and returned to them later to be stapled and counted. Furthermore, each individual link was stamped with an identifying mark to prevent unofficial links from being misused.

Floating Down the Creek

Hundreds of small screaming children chattering with cold and long lines of stopped cars marked the entrance of the very first Cypress Creek Homecoming Parade.

What was so special? Well, the band, cheerleaders, and drill team were all there, but a remarkable addition was the line of vehicles straining to pull oddly shaped and colorful trailers-The very first Cy-Creek parade had its very first floats!

There were twelve floats in all, ranging from a futuristic brain by the National Honor Society to a prehistoric beauty contest by the cosmotology department. Other floats were sponsored by FFA, Latin club, FHA, Student Council, and the senior, junior and sophomore classes. Best Overall float was awarded to the

sophomore class, Best in class was the Junior class float and Cosmotology won the Most Original Award.

What was behind these mammoth structures? "Chicken wire, scrap wood, paper mache and hope," said Reggie Parman, chairperson of all the homecoming festivities. "Each organization was given one month to build their float. They could draw one hundred dollars maximum from their club funds, but any donations of money or materials could be accepted.

"We hope the idea of floats will become a tradition," said Reggie. "It was a lot of fun and hard work."

Don't Rain on Our Parade

The final event of homecoming week was a parade sponsored by the student council. The Silverados, band and cheerleaders, along with the floats, began the parade at 8:00 on Balcrest. Reggie Parman, chairman for homecoming, made arrangements with the Bleyl and Matzke principals so that their students could see the parade. After going by Matzke and Bleyl, the parade continued down Grant Road and back to Cypress Creek, students filled the stands of the Junior Varsity football field to watch as the floats moved around the track. The pep rally was then moved into the gym, due to rain. The Silverado officers performed their halftime routine, followed by a cheer by both the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders.

It was a cold and wet pep rally, but the weather didn't dampen anyone's spirit.

Just Freeze, and Boogie

The Dance, following the game, greeted cold graduates and students with various types of decorations. The couples wall was a first and went over well with couples names on footballs surrounding the Cougar logo. This dance was also the first dance this year to be extended to 1:00 a.m.

Through all the tough competition of the week, the junior class rose victoriously over the other classes, clinching the title of, "Most Overall Spirited Class." Homecoming proved successful this year, as we started something we have long been looking for. We've started a tradition.

Coogs Pluck 16th Ranked Falcons

Going along with the homecoming activities, the Cougar gridgers scored an impressive victory over Jersey Village 16-7.

Jersey Village, the area's 16th ranked 5A team, only crossed midfield once, and obtained a mere 110 yards offensively. The Falcons only score came with 10:10 left from a pass interception and a 13 yard pass from quarterback Kevin Richards to end Al Pawelek.

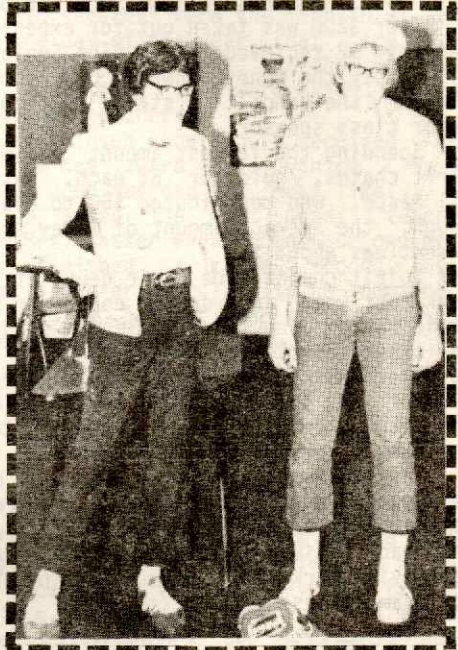
The Cougars rallied for 63 rushing yards and 98 passing, compliments of quarterback Scotty Lee. Mike Hamilton started the excitement as he bolted 45 yards on the opening kickoff Yet Creek scored first, right before half time, as Scotty Lee capped a 46 yard drive, by executing a 2 yd. run across the line. This score was set up by a 22 yard pass from Lee to Brian Walters. Al Olveido kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 at the half.

The Cougars picked up an easy 2 pts. as the Falcons center sent the ball sailing over the quarterbacks head and into the end zone. Creek scored again with 3:54 left, as Bryan Walters caught Lee's pass for 12 yards on fourth down.

This win boosted the Cougars season record to 4-3, and 4-1 in district, their only district loss being to Conroe.



Mr. Jackson displays his excellant taste for ties.



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MORE THAN A FEELING

For many, Homecoming is more than just a fun-filled week of zany events and extra privileges. For the graduating class of 1981, it is the opportunity to renew friendships with those who are still students at CCHS, and see some old classmates that they haven't seen since leaving for college. Graduates visited their alma mater and reminisced over old times. Commonly seen on Friday night were seniors hugging and chatting and realizing how much they have changed as they talk to friends of their high school days. For some, it is a happy occasion, one at which they are pleased to renew old ties and elated to realize they are no longer living the sheltered life of a high school student. For others, it is a sad occasion, one that makes them realize how much they miss their old friends and how much they miss the relative simplicity of high school life. Although this reunion is a little sad, almost everyone enjoys the renewal of old friendships and the obvious envy high school students shower upon them.



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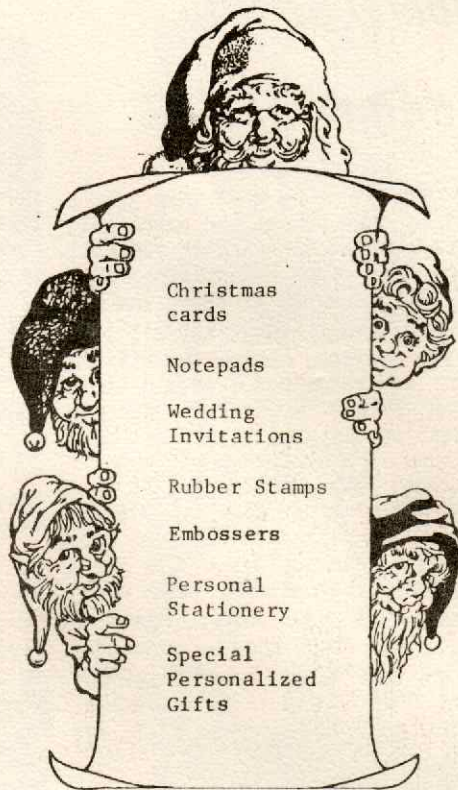
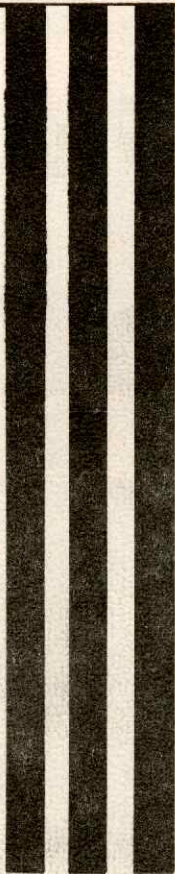
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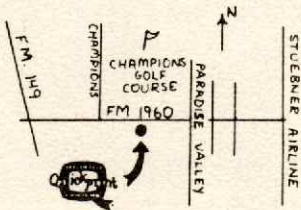


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