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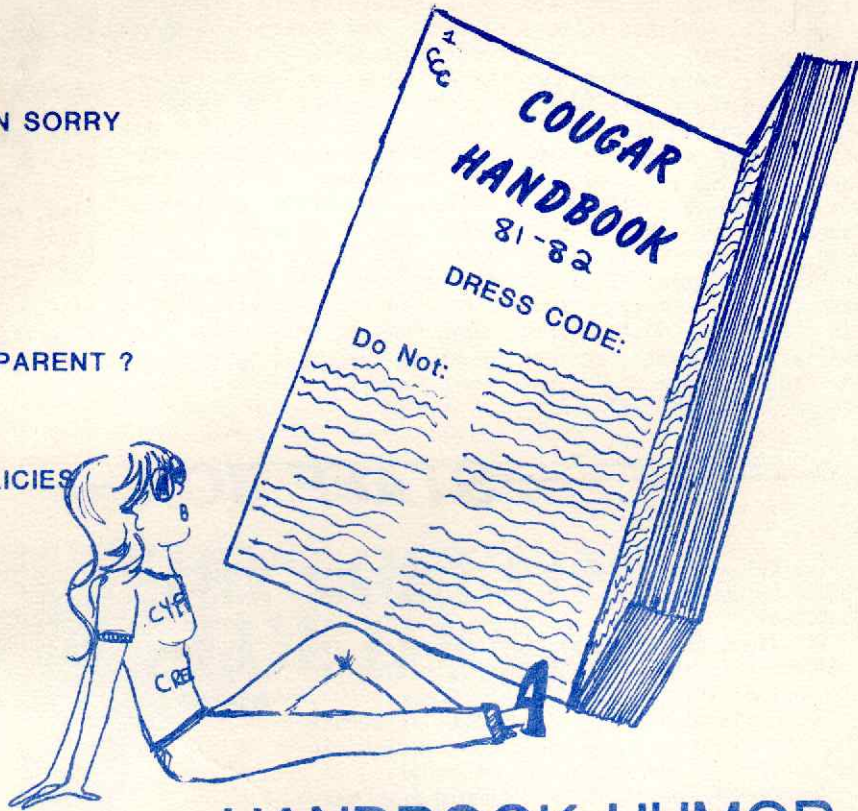
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EDITORIALS

by Libby Averyt

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Sex is a common topic among high school students. We talk about it along with our conversations of sports events, classes, and homework. But to most people, sex is a more important topic than those. Pep rallies, dances, and the morning announcements will end when high school ends but sex will continue to be a part of our lives.

Sex is, more often than not, considered a very important experience. It can be something more than a hurried encounter in the back seat of a car. To have sex or not is a person's own decision, and no one elses. To be pressured by your boyfriend, girlfriend, or peers can only make matters worse. The decision to become sexually active or not is a

private decision, and should only be made by one person.

These days more teenagers are becoming sexually involved. And where people are sexually active, pregnancies can occur. Even in a nice upper class high school such as Cypress Creek, mistakes can happen. According to research done by the Houston Solution Committee, 50% of all teenagers have had sexual intercourse. 30% of the sexually active girls give birth. One million teenagers become pregnant each year in the United States. 400 girls give birth every month in the Houston area, and it is not just in high school. 20% of 13 and 14 year olds are sexually active now. Five 12 year olds gave birth in Houston last year.

One of these statistics could be you or your girlfriend. To get more information on birth control, contact one of the many clinics in the Houston area. A pregnancy could change the lives of several people. According to the March of Dimes, nine out of ten teenage mothers who give birth keep their babies, and pregnancy is the most common reason for teenage girls dropping out of school. Three out of five pregnant teenage brides separate or divorce within six years after their marriage. Also, one third of all abortions in this country are for teenagers.

Sexual activity is a reality, however, you may get more than you bargained for-- for the rest of your life.

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Not Following our Policy

VIEWPOINT: HOUSTON'S NEW MAYOR

Although the Houston mayoral elections do not directly affect the residents of this area, I would like to give my feelings towards one aspect of the outcome. Kathy Whitmire is Houston's new mayor and much of the negative publicity surrounding her is the fact that she pulled most of the black and homosexual votes. By watching TV and just listening to people it seems as if getting the black and gay vote is

something less than admirable. Also the fact that she is a woman helped her get many of the female votes. No one seems to notice it was Ms. Whitmire's supporters that got off their lazy behinds and voted. Houston does not consist only of Caucasian, heterosexual men. All of the residents in the Houston area have an equal right to vote, and all the votes are equal no matter what race, creed, or sex. All of

by Libby Averyt
them are Houstonians and in an election, that should come first above all else. As the results show, a majority of Houston residents wanted Kathy Whitmire as their next mayor. It doesn't matter who they are as long as they are registered voters. It shouldn't make any difference "whose" vote she gets. She got the majority, and she won. That's called democracy.

AS THE CREEK CHURNS

The continuing satirical saga of an average Creeker

by Libby Averyt

Suzy, desperately trying to get over Johnny's transfer to another school, began throwing herself fully into her job as president of the Future Homemakers of America. The FHA badly needed money to pay for the club's activities, so Suzy organized a bake sale. All the club members brought their various cookies, cakes, and ever-popular rice-krispie

"things" and set up their bake sale in the commons. While Suzy sat at the table proceeding to sell her items, she was suddenly confronted by a tall man shoving a white piece of paper in her face. "Didn't you read the recent notice about fund-raisers? No more bake sales! They are too much competition for our cafeteria food. How do you expect us to

sell mystery meat, hamburger surprise, and our daily mashed potatoes?" A shaken Suzy gathered up her goodies and put them away. After returning to her lunch table she opened her sack lunch and began to eat. "Sorry, Suzy," said the same tall man, snatching her lunch bag, "no more lunches from home. It's too much competition."

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Rally to

Save Your Child

November 16, 1981 was an eventful evening at Cypress Creek. Beth Weichman, Student Council safety chairman organized a successful "Rally to Save Your Child" at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The rally's purpose was to inform and alert parents and students of the high and rising number of auto deaths involving teenagers.

After a welcome from Student Council president Steve Socher, a startling, somewhat gruesome film was shown to grab the audience's attention and get the rally off the ground. Three men were invited to speak at the rally. The honorable judge H.N. McElroy was the first to speak. He gave an interesting and informative talk on his personal feelings and factual information on reckless driving. A volunteer ambulance driver was to speak next, but an emergency arose and he had to leave. Officer Jim Garrett of the Department of Safety Education addressed the audience with a short speech which gave several startling statistics. Officer Garrett showed a very interesting and informational film. The necessity for wearing seat belts and general safety awareness was stressed by both speakers. Mr. Shelton also addressed the audience showing his sincere concern for the students here at Cypress Creek.

Each man played a special role in conveying the importance of highway safety and bringing out the point that community involvement and concern could help prevent the increasing number of unnecessary deaths among teenagers.

Informational pamphlets on highway safety and the abuse of drugs and alcohol were handed out to those who attended. Refreshments were available in the commons giving everyone a chance to discuss what they had seen and heard. If the information given at the rally can save the life of at least one teenager its purpose will be fulfilled.

CCC

Hall of Fame

At the halftime of the nerve wracking Klien game, three former outstanding Creekers were entered in the newly formed Cougar Hall of Fame. Mike Dishart and Mark Peppercorn from the Class of '80 were admitted, as was Diane Doolittle from the Class of '81.

Present and former teachers and administrators nominated one student they felt best displayed what a Cypress Creek student should be. Their votes were then tallied and the three students were then selected.

This year has added yet another tradition to be followed in years to come.

Council Prepares for

Christmas

While most people are just getting over Thanksgiving, the Student Council has long since been preparing for Christmas. The Council is sponsoring a few activities that will help in boosting Christmas spirit. A door-decorating competition will be part of the holiday events. Each first period class is asked to decorate their door, and their room if they wish. Prizes will be awarded for "Most Original," "Best Theme," and "Best Over-All Door."

The Council will also sponsor the "Toys For Tots" drive that aids underprivileged children at Christmas. Students are asked to gather any old toys to help the drive become a success.

Also, the Student Council will be selling "Surprise" gifts that you buy and then deliver to your friends. The Student Council is working for you and they wish to make your last days at school before the holidays a little more enjoyable.

The Student Council wishes to congratulate the president, Steve Socher for being chosen "Delegate at Large" at the district Student Council meeting, Oct. 20, 1981. This position is a great honor, and will require a lot of hard work. Steve will be working with the executive board of district 13 student councils. Congratulations Steve!

PRESENTING...

"THE MAN WHO
CAME TO DINNER"



Date: December 10th & 11th

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Price: \$1.00 for students

\$2.00 for adults

Place: Cy-Creek Auditorium

Directed by: Cynthia Potter

IT'S A COMEDY!!!

Parking Problem Solved??

Parking has been a long-time problem here at Cypress Creek. At the October 26th school board meeting a vote was passed to expand the parking lot by 198 spaces to help remedy the crowded parking situation. New parking spaces will be located in front of the tennis courts, along side Perry Road and adjacent to the baseball field.

As soon as the money has been appropriated, construction will begin. The cost of the project has been estimated at \$115,000.00. Once construction begins the project will take two or three months to complete. Expansion of the parking lot will be finished by the end of this school year.

Century III Scholars

Hernandez, Averyt and Atkinson

Century III Leaders is an organization now in its seventh year. Backed by Shell Oil, Century III is an organization concerned with America's future. They offer scholarships to students who meet certain requirements. Contestants at school take a 50 minute current event test. They fill out a form listing school activities, leadership positions, community activities, and special recognition and awards. To determine the

winner, a panel of judges rate each candidate on the above mentioned areas. These points are added to a set number of points relating to the current events test. From our school, the winner was Andy Hernandez while Libby Averyt and Clark Atkinson were chosen as alternates. School winners go on to compete in state-wide competitions where two winners are chosen. These two winners receive \$1500 scholarships and all-expense-paid trips to the National Century III Leaders Conference in Williamsburg, Va. The two state alternates receive \$500 scholarships. At the Spuiner, a national winner is named and he/she will win a \$10,000 scholarship. We want to wish Andy the best of luck in his pursuit.

Band Impresses Judges

On a sunny Saturday afternoon, 160 people waited nervously for their chance to impress three different judges. These were the members of the Cypress Creek Marching Band, and they sure impressed the judges. Twenty 5-A bands competed in U.I.L. competition held November 7, and only 7 received a first division. Cypress Creek was one of those 7 top-rated bands. Under the direction of John Siebern and Fred Gallamore, the band opened their show to "Hang 'Em High." The popular Kenny Rogers' song "She Believes in Me," was their slow song this year. The flag and drum corp was featured in Bach's "Little Fugue in G Minor." Closing their show, the band performed "Beethoven's Ninth Symphony." The band is very proud of this accomplishment and hope they do as well next year.

NHS Brains at Work

The Cypress Creek chapter of the National Honor Society has been hard at work this year. With the beginning of school, interested members began tutoring students in math, foreign language, science, and English. The Society also built a float, shaped as a brain, to show their spirit homecoming week. The Society is also making plans for future activities including the induction ceremony that will take place February 25. Their major fund-raiser this year will be selling Cypress Creek bumper stickers in the end of January. Officers this year are: President-Melissa Cox; Vice-President-Simone Mostert; Treasurer-Byron Newby; Secretary-Corrie Crowe. Sponsors this year are Mrs. Podsednik and Mrs. Parker.

EUROPE TRIP PLANNED

Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. P. Hamilton will be leading a non-school sponsored trip to London and France. The trip will begin on April the 2nd when they will fly non-stop on Pan-Am to London.

A total of nine days will be spent on the London-France trip. They will spend three days in London, three days in Paris, and two touring the French countryside.

Some of the many sights they will see are Mont St. Michel, Chartres Cathedral, Chambord Chateaux, Omaha Beach in France, and an overnight ferry ride from England to France.

As of now, seventeen students will go, and there are more vacancies available. For more information, please contact Mrs. Corbett.

COUGARS GO CLUBBING... A

SPANISH CLUB

Don't get surprised if you open your door to carollers this Christmas time and they sing to you in a foreign language. They would be members of the Spanish Club going on their annual carolling trip, which includes a trip to a Mexican restaurant afterwards. Some of the planned activities of the Spanish Club in upcoming months include a trip to Mexico over the Easter holidays, and a possible convention in February at San Antonio, if approved by the administration with other Spanish Clubs who belong to the Pan American Student Forum.

This is the first year that Cypress Creek's Spanish Club has been a member of the Pan American Student Forum. The reason it joined this organization was the eligibility of five \$1000 scholarships for members. To raise money for all these activities, the Spanish Club will sell candles in late November and early December. Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Winsinger, along with president Martha Fitzsimmons, Vice-President Brian Henry, Secretary Heather Johnson, Treasurer Todd Mauldin, and reporter Jan Fawcett, hope to make this a year to remember for the Spanish Club. If all their projects are as successful as the Progressive Dinner, held November 7, in which members ate various Spanish courses at different homes, the year will be a great one for them.

COUGAR AIDS

Promoting athletic spirit for all sports is what the Cougar Aids are all about. Many of the posters, locker decorations, and other forms of support are prepared by them. The club runs all year and membership is open to all.

S.P.A.R.K.S.

Short People Are Really Kinda Swell? No. Some Pigs Are Really Kinda Sloppy? No. What does S.P.A.R.K.S. stand for anyway? Special People Aiding Retarded Kids.

Sponsored by Mrs. Lau, S.P.A.R.K.S. was created last year during the spring when the Special Olympics were held. Members of S.P.A.R.K.S. now act as "buddies" to the kids participating and help them out in all ways possible this year. Unlike last year, they are officially recognized by the state.

Other major activities sponsored by S.P.A.R.K.S. are a Summer Day Camp, an Earl Campbell Day and on November 17, the club babysat for the Special Education Curriculum Fair.

The club has thirty-seven members, and welcomes any other interested people to join. If you wish to, see Mrs. Lau in the clinic, or Dione Marshall, Vice-President, or Michelle Frank, Historian. The meetings are after school from 3:00 to 4:00 at different district schools every time, because S. P. A. R. K. S. is a district wide club, and Michelle and Dione are district officers, with the others coming from Cy-Fair and Jersey Village.

LATIN CLUB

Sponsored by Mrs. Schreve the Latin club is off to a fine start this year. The club consists of 35 active members and its officers are: President Devin Borden; Vice-President-Charles Cross. Treasurer-John Knight; Betsy Schauer-Corresponding Secretary; Ellen Robertson--Recording Secretary; and Marissa Hwa--Historian.

They participated in the homecoming festivities, building a float with their very own "Homecoming Goddess. The members also had fun at Latin Club Halloween party at Charles Cross's house. Looking ahead the club plans to sell "Spice of Life" containers for their fund-raising project. If enough money is raised, the club plans to give away small scholarship to the most deserving senior taking Latin

SOCIOLOGY CLUB

The Sociology Club is a service organization whose main goal is to provide service for the needy. Working with elderly people, and volunteering in local hospitals, the sociology club provides services to people within the community. The officers of the sociology club include: president Chuck Adams, Vice-President Kris Bland, Seceretary Wendy Woods, and Treasurer Julie Lockwood. The sponsor of the club is Mrs. Hudspeth.

GERMAN CLUB

The German club started off the year by going to Oktoberfest at the Bavarian Gardens. Their next activity will be selling Advent calanders during the first week in December.

The recently appointed officers for this year include President - Chris Schreiber, Vice President - Rob Dudley, Secretary- Vicki Matava, Treasurer- Daniel Price, and projects co - chairmen Colleen Riley and Dennis Dawson. Their sponsor is Mrs. Weaver.

German club meetings are held bi-monthly, the second Wednesday of the month.

G... AT CY-CREEK

SIGMA RHO

Probably the most outstanding feature of Sigma Rho, known as the Science Research Club, is the fact that, unlike most clubs, this club "is not a social club," Stated club sponsor, Mrs. Jones.

Qualifications for this club, in it's 3rd year at Cy-Creek, entail mainly an interest in science related subjects and in actively researching these subjects, but, one must be devoted since active research consists of many long hours. While it is not imperative to be particularly expert in a certain field of science, most of the members do have strong, science-oriented backgrounds and the desires to pursue such careers.

Organized to be of service, Sigma Rho assists students with their projects for science fairs and symposiums by taking them to college libraries, writing for information and materials, and financing of their projects through the sales of plants from the greenhouse they operate. Work on a project first begins with literary research on a specific topic, then formulating a problem to be solved by organizing experiments, and collecting and compiling data in culmination of a written paper. Some projects underway include a fuel-cell, chemistry reactions and biochemistry topics.

Contributing to the uniqueness of Sigma Rho is the fact that they have had no formal meetings yet. However, officers have been elected resulting in Byron Newby as President, Karen Hultman as Secretary and Craig Nesbit as Treasurer. Plans concerning future meetings of this ten member club include speakers coming at least one night per month to speak on scientific subjects.

(More Clubs Next Issue)

Sigma Rho will exhibit their work this year at symposiums, where students will answer questions involving their projects as posed by other students, and during science fairs.

NEWCOMERS CLUB

Although the newcomers club was started last year, they weren't really recognized until recently. They elected officers this year for the first time and have gotten their members and activities organized.

The main goal of the club is to make new students feel welcome. Members of the club show new students around the school and take them places on the weekend to help them get acquainted with the area.

Officers for this year are: President - Laura Macek, Vice President - Susan Fezler, Treasurer - Kim Darin, Secretary - James McGuire and Historian - Diane Taylor. For anyone interested in joining the club, meetings are held every two weeks alternating between Wednesday and Thursday.

GAMERS' CLUB

If you enjoy strategy and skill which is full of excitement, give Gamers' Club a try; you will love the great games that you play, and the people you meet while you're playing them.

The Gamers' Club has started another ner fascinating year. In its second year of existence, the Gamers' Club combines intrigue with excitement. Such games as Dungeons and Dragons or KAOS, are often

played in this club. Many of its members also like computers. The president of the Gamers' Club last year was Kelly Miller. This year they have not as yet elected officers for the club.

FRENCH CLUB

Despite the fact that the French club is one of the largest at Cy-Creek, consisting of 45 members, it remains as its' official name, Le Cercle de Francais, partly states, a circle of friends.

Members can be seen attired in green and white, their clubs colors, baseball shirts with club mascot, Snoopy, wearing a mustache and beret. Obviously this social club is centered around the expression of French culture through various means such as speaking French and, of course, sampling the cuisine as true gourmets. Membership is mainly composed of French students or students already fluent in the language.

The goal of Le Cercle de Francais, who believe they are one of the most active and organized clubs, is to plan and partake in at least one activity per month. Mardi Gras is to be celebrated by dressing up in French costume, trips to museums are planned, and a possible rendez-vous with New Orleans. There will be the traditional banquet to honor outstanding foreign language students also.

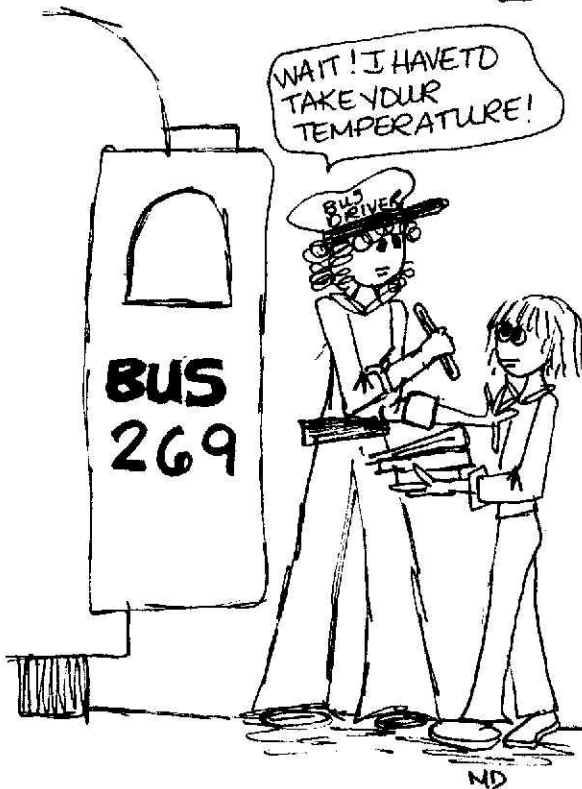
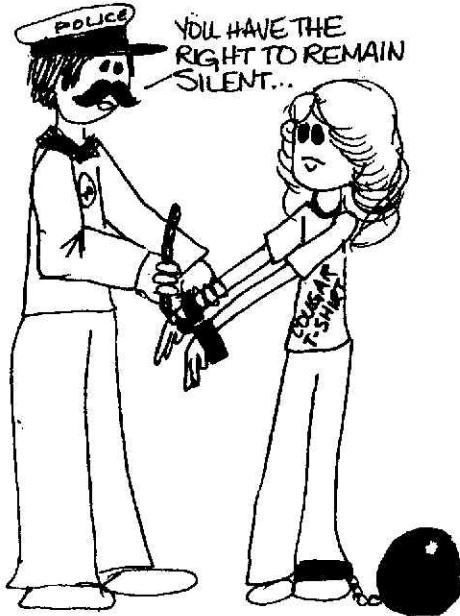
Officers of this long established club include President Eileen Hewett, Vice-President Barbra Mathews, Treasurer Mary Beht Rowan, Secretary Patty Payne, Parliamentarian

Dwain Poage and, Historian Liz Hill. Club sponsor is Mrs. Davis.

For November a progressive dinner is planned during which participants will travel from one house to another eating one course at each of four houses.

HANDBOOK HUMOR . . .

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Our United States Constitution insures freedom of the press. Because of this, journalists can often "poke fun" at different people or situations. The following is written that sort of way with no intent of harming anyone. It is purely a satirical view of the Cypress Creek HANDBOOK.

Flipping through the pages of our HANDBOOK, I discovered a few rather humorous items. Under Fire and Catastrophe Drills there was this:

"3 Bells--March out in orderly manner."

That will be quite difficult for many students because only 160 people have learned how to march. Why not say "walk" and leave the marching to the band?

In the section describing Identification Cards it says:

"Each student will have his ID card made during the first few days of school. The ID card must be carried at all times by the student while at school."

I guess this rule is sort of useless right now since we don't have ID cards. It's a good thing we don't ever need them or we would be up the creek without a paddle.

Under the topic of Excused Absences, it reads:

"Student must bring a note to the principal from the parent one week prior to leaving. This note must be signed by the principal then shown to each teacher before a student will be permitted to receive any homework. All homework is due the day the student returns home from the trip."

That will be very hard in classes such as Trig or Physics for it is virtually impossible for a teacher to teach a student 2-weeks work in a week. And, of course every student wants to spend his vacation doing homework. Who wants to go skiing anyway?

In regard to discipline it says: "Discipline in our school is based on 'facts of life.'"

It goes on to explain which fact of life they are talking about, and it is obviously not the "fact of life" we were all thinking about.

D JUSTICE FOR ALL?

By Libby Averyt

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The dress code is full of some unusual statements:
"Socks are to be worn at all times."
"T-shirts and sweatshirts are unacceptable for girls."
If we are going to live by the HANDBOOK, I guess that means we can't wear our Cougar T-shirts anymore.

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The rules about the bus have a few eye-catchers also:
"Avoid loud talking, laughter, and unnecessary confusion."

I understand the loud talking and confusion, but laughter? You expect 50 freshmen and sophomores to sit next to each other and not laugh? You've got to be kidding.

"There must be absolute quiet while approaching a railroad crossing stop."

This is a state law, and although it makes sense, I've never seen it enforced.

"Students with fever (1000 or more) are not permitted to ride the school bus."

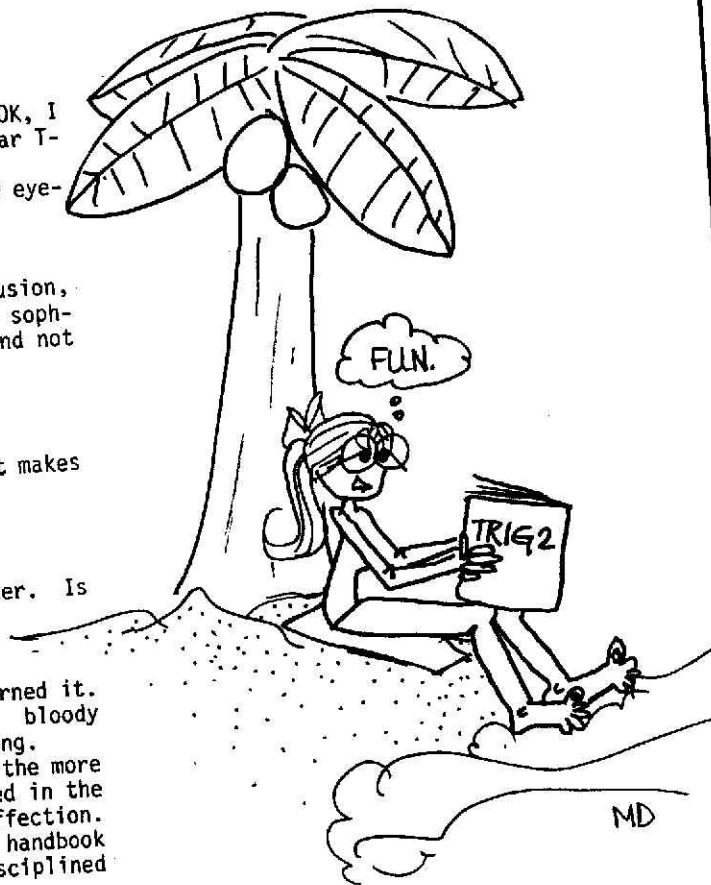
My bus driver never carried a thermometer. Is that a new added feature?

"Be alert to the danger signal from the driver."

What is the danger signal? I never learned it. I suppose when the driver screams bloody murder, that's a sign something is wrong.

I have just pointed out a few of the more peculiar rules. One thing not mentioned in the HANDBOOK concerns Public Display of Affection. Although there is nothing in the handbook about it, many students have been disciplined for it.

I must admit, I couldn't have written the HANDBOOK any better myself, and I realize I am being picky, but it's all in good fun, and the majority of the rules are excellent and written well. I must commend the authors for doing as fine a job as they did. It must be difficult making and enforcing rules for snotty brats such as myself.

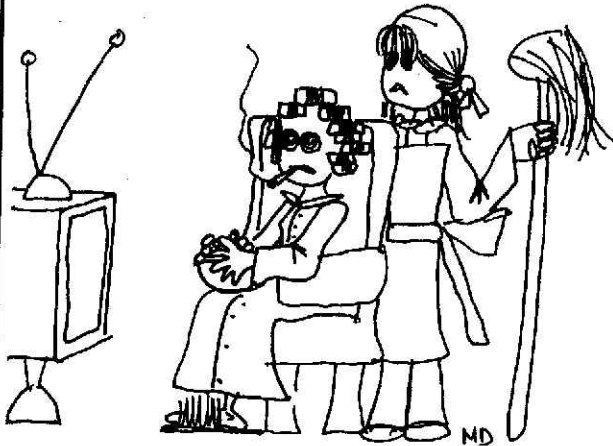


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ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO BE A PARENT ?

By Allyson Brase and Melissa Daniels



Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a parent? Not much, you might say! Well, you're probably right, but there are a few character traits you must have. To see if you qualify, try this quiz.

- If your child wants to go somewhere and says, " But everybody else is going! " Would you
 - Let them go.
 - Let them go but make them be home by 9:30.
 - Refuse to let them go saying "If everyone else jumped off a cliff, would you jump too?"
- If your child is 15 minutes late would you
 - Not worry, they probably just got hung up.
 - Call the police.
 - Make funeral arrangements because if they aren't already dead, they will be when they get home.
- If your child has a big weekend planned do you
 - Give them \$50 and say "Be home for breakfast."
 - Give them 50¢ and claim that was all you needed when you were a kid.
 - Refuse to let him go saying that he needs to spend some time with his family.
- Would your child refer to you as
 - Anything he wants, just be glad he talks to you.
 - Mother.
 - Mommie Dearest

- Is your favorite game
 - Quarters.
 - Monopoly.
 - 20 questions.
- Can you be mean, heartless and cruel for reason whatsoever?
- Can you ground a child for poor grade without feeling guilty even though your's were worse in school?
- Can you gripe for infinite amounts of time over irrelevant things such as coming in late and having a dirty room?
- Could you make your child clean the house while you sit idly by watching General Hospital?
- For amusement, do you kick dogs and other helpless creatures?

SCORING

2 points for each A answer
5 points for each B answer
10 points for each C answer
yes - 10 points
no - 2 points

0-30 Forget it! You're too generous, kind, and forgiving to be a parent.

31-65 You're almost there, but you've got to keep working on meanness.

66-100 Great! You'll make an excellent parent and you're almost qualified to a teacher!



MD

COUGAR CHOIR CROONS CLEARLY

The Cypress Creek Choir has begun another exciting singing year, behind Ms. Mathis, the choir director. They have put on and are planning to put on several shows this year.

Our choir has already done a night performance with the Bleyl Junior High Choir, and are planning to put on their annual Pop Show; there are rumors that the choir will perform the musical "Oklahoma" this year. As Christmas rolls around, the choir will be performing many Christmas concerts. Last year they performed on Channel 39.

The choir is raising money presently, in hope of taking a trip to a Dude Ranch. They have sold soft-suades, and are selling fruit cakes now. The choir will also go to U.I.L. contest this spring, which will consist of solo and ensemble.

There are two classes of choir, second period is regular choir and fourth period is the chorale choir. Many of the choir students take private voice lessons during and after school. These lessons make the choir great to listen to, so join with them in having an exciting and fun year.

A JOURNEY TO HOUSTON

by Melissa Daniels

JOURNEY: The roar of a crowd, the smell of Columbian favorites, the roll of a drum-you know you're at a concert. People dancing in the aisles and some lurking in dark corners, waiting to grab your T-shirt. Journey came to the Summit November 5 and 6, with Loverboy opening for them. Both groups put on a fantastic show, with Journey's Steve Perry exhibiting boundless energy onstage and their new keyboardist, Jonathan Cain showing the audience his immense talent. Cain and Perry, together with Neal Schon, Steve Smith and Ross Valory (who looked totally different without his beard) made this a show not to miss.

SEGAR ALBUM: QUITE AN EXCEPTION

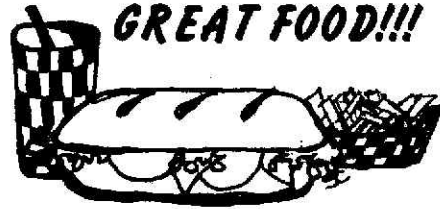
by Phil McDivitt

NINE TONIGHT: Bob Segar and the Silver Bullet Band- How can you describe an album which contains everything? The answer to that question might be exciting, powerpacked or excellent. All these words describe Segar's latest album.

NINE TONIGHT is a live album that was taped in Detroit and Boston. Live albums have been stereotyped as bad recordings or that the audience has wrecked all the songs. This live album is a definite exception. Segar sings his songs exactly as they were recorded and the crowd doesn't loudly participate. **NINE TONIGHT** contains Segar's greatest hits ("Hollywood Nights," "Mainstreet," "Old Time Rock-n-roll," "Against The Wind," etc.) and his latest popular songs "Tryin To Live My Life Without You" and the title cut. **NINE TONIGHT** is a musical work of art for those of us who are Bob Segar fans.

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So Fine-(R)- Ryan O'Neal's latest comedy love-story deserves an Academy Award nomination-for "The Dumbest Movie of the Decade." This silly and nonsensical plot sails along using bigger-than-life characters to emphasize its own stupidity. The only asset to this show is that pidity. The only asset to this show is that it shows a little cheesecake, which doesn't appeal much to females. Although there are funny lines, don't waste \$3.50 on a view of see-through jeans.

Halloween II-(R)- This horror movie follow-up on the original Halloween I was even more gory and graphic. The killer, Micheal Myers, survives a two-story fall and a bullet wound, escaping to stalk his next victim. Laurie Stroud, the protagonist, played brilliantly by Jaime

Lee Curtis, is hospitalized for her injury in the final conflict of Halloween I. Through out seven graphic murders, Myers remains unharmed in a somewhat unrealistic hospital. The climax brings an interesting twist to the most unbelievable plot; and, although some scenes were a little overdone, the overall effect is satisfactory.

Boogens (R) A wild tale about a cave monster Boogens is just a bit too far out. The shots are taken in a sleepy Colorado town in the winter, and the only thing good about the movie were camera shots of the outdoors. The monster isn't seen until the end of the movie and after the audience finally gets a view of the "Boogens" it probably wishes it hadn't. On a scale of 1 to 10 this flick doesn't even make the scale.



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FUND RAISING GUIDELINES SET

by Tom Garrity and Kireten Howard

Attention all clubs and organizations: if you were planning to sell candy canes during Christmas, have a bake sale in the spring, sponsor a dance-a-thon or walk-a-thon, or any pledge-sponsored event ... It's time to go back to the old drawing board!

A letter from the Central Administration and distributed by Assistant Principal, Jim Wells, on November 6, stated the following:

1) There will not be any candy sold on campus.

2) Bake sales are not to be allowed because "they compete with school food services."

3) The raising of money by pledge-sponsored events (bike-a-thon, dance-a-thon etc.) is prohibited.

4) The selling of personal items (Tupperware, jewelry, etc.) sold by school personnel, or their relatives, to clubs & organizations for fund raising is to be avoided."

5) Before a representative or vendor may enter a school building, he must obtain clearance from Mr. Norman Cunningham in the Central Administration office.

Mr. Wells stated that the causes for the elimination of all candy and bake sales are for a number of reasons. First of all, "the buying, selling, and eating of candy is a distraction and disrupts classes, not to mention the vandalism that occurs when the students smear or stick candy on the walls, windows, and floors." Furthermore, the sales are in violation of the Competitive Food Law, which states that no items containing sugar will be sold during or before the end of last lunch. This practice comes from the Child Nutrition Act, passed during the Carter administration (and might also be the reason for our daily mashed potatoes). Although it

is no longer a Federal law to prohibit all candy sales, Mr. Shelton made the decision to continue that practice. Since neither of the other high schools in our district allow it, either, the School Board convened and passed a district rule that candy not be sold. Any violation of the Competitive Food Law could, however, result in the cutting of the federal funds which provide free or discounted lunch programs to qualifying students, although those funds will probably be discontinued by the Reagan Administration, anyway.

The School Board is also trying to discourage all district personnel, or their relatives, from selling items such as Tupperware and jewelry. Addressing this point, Mr. Wells said that selling the items "is a conflict of interests." The Board evidently feels that a school employee cannot sell personal items and still be

able to do his job as effectively as if he were not selling any items at all. Also, if the product sold is defective, it is a reflection on the employee, department, school and the school district.

Mr. Wells explained the prohibition of pledge events, also. The main reason for discontinuance is that the School Board and individual administrations wish to "avoid misrepresentation." The administration feels that pledge-sponsored events indicate involvement with the March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and other national organizations. Reasonably enough, they wish to avoid any conflicts that could ensue.

The only reason given for the clearance of vendors and/or representatives is to "protect" clubs and organizations from fraud and losing money.

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Runners Fare Well at Regionals

The girls varsity cross country teams ended their successful season at the regional meet Nov. 6. Regionals were held at San Jacinto Jr. College, and the girls placed 5th overall out of 32 schools. Individually, Wendy Weber placed tenth and qualified for the state meet, while Cindy Brawley was eleventh, just seconds behind. Rounding off the varsity squad were Melissa Friday, Kim Daly, Lisa Wallace, Beth Baker, and Leslie Grove.

Jon Warren also did well at the regional meet by placing fourth, and individually qualified for state.

At the district meet held Oct. 30 at Mc Cullough, the girls varsity squad took second place to Mc Cullough, three points behind. The j.v. team composed of: Lisa Christoph, Janette Hinzl; Lisa Schaffer, Jessica Wine, Evelyn Zohlen, and Laurie Halliday won the district championship.

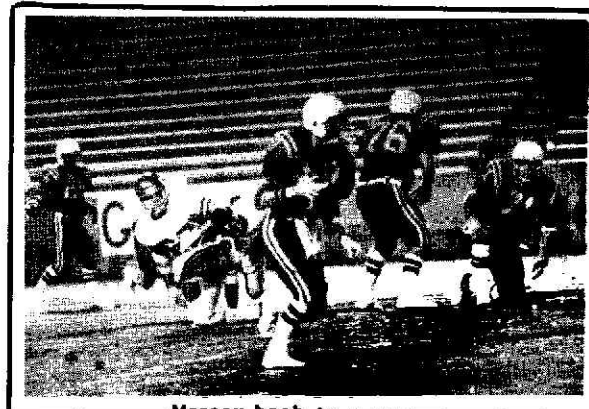
Jon Warren, Mark Cooper, and Kevin Friday ran varsity at the district meet, with Jon claiming third place. The j.v. team placed fifth as they were led by Noel Manning, Barry Sims, Kevin Hill, Stewart Angst and Steve Krueser.

At the state meet, Wendy Weber placed 49 out of 150 runners. And Jon Warren took 4th out of 136.

Over the season, the girls varsity did exceptionally well by placing in the top three in all but three of their meets.



Warren claims 4th at State Meet



Moreau back to pass

SWIMMERS TIDAL WAVE OVER KLIEN

by Mark Eichelberger

Many embarrassed Klien swimmers drowned in the Creek on Nov. 12 in the first varsity meet of the season. The stands were full of supporters cheering the swimmers on to their swamping victory. The boys scored a 187-105 over Klien, and girls, 167-118. The Cougars clean swept many events, and looked even stronger than last year.

Posting outstanding performances were Phillip Bacon and Lane Stricklin, who both broke their own school records.

JV SWIMS TO SUCCESS

The Junior Varsity swimmers didn't spend their Halloween egging or partying, but gliding through the water to victory at the Klien Invitational. Freshmen David Matl and Mary Taylor were the Creek's outstanding performers of the meet. The final score saw the Cy-Creek girls first, and boys, third.

Even though the meet was strictly for Junior Varsity swimmers, many of the times were of varsity status. Newcomers David Matl and Darci Springer were the only three

time winners from Cypress Creek.

Matl won the 100 fly and assisted both medley and free relays to victory. Springer won the 50 free and both relays. Very noteworthy is double winner Mary Taylor.

Taylor swam to victory in the 100 fly and medley relay. Other first place winners were Laura Joynes, Suzy James, Tammy Hemphill, Ingrid Insinger, and JoAnne Sepulveda. Adam Schmidt, Kevin Bryan, Steve Hunt, Bryan Blanchard and David Sutton also placed first.

81-82 CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS SEASON FLIES HIGH

by Tom Garrity and

"Compared to past years we've really had a successful season", states senior John Herring.

"I think a little more credit should go to Coach Koenning and his staff."

With a turn-around from 0-9-1 Koenning has led the Cougars once more into contention.

The Cougars started the '81 season with two pre-season losses, but as district play began the Cougars rebounded to win three straight. The next week they fell prey to Conroe, who led from the opening kickoff. The next two weeks consisted of Jersey Village and Spring Westfield, who seemed no match for our Cougars. The season ended with two tough losses to Klein and McCullough.

"We all wish we could of had a 10-0 season, but we'll take this season. We've really done better than anybody anticipated," claims senior Herring.

After coming off a humiliating 0-9-1 season, many critics picked this 81-82 varsity spud to do just a little bit, but not much, better than last year's embarrassment. Then Mr. Koenning came. Head coach of the state champion Memorial Mustangs and offensive coordinator of the Rice Owls, Les Koenning took control of the Cougars. Other additions included: Norman Cobb (Cobb and Koenning had coached together before), and the new Cy-Creek principal, Mr. Joe Shelton. With the largest rebuilding task in district 16-5A they wasted no time with their new reign.

Les Koenning did all and more of what was expected of him. When hired at the beginning of the season, says Her-

ring, "He's a real leader and we've really appreciated all he's done for us."

Girls Basketball Schedule

Nov. 30	West Orange Stark T.
Dec. 7	Spring* (District) T.
Dec. 10,11,12	Barbers Hill Tourney
Dec. 14	Jersey Village* H.
Dec. 17	Conroe* T.
Dec. 21	Klein* H.
Dec. 29,30	Laporte Tourney
Jan. 2	Klein Forest *T.
Jan. 4	Cy-Fair H.*
Jan. 11	McCullough *T.
Jan. 14	Westfield *H.
Jan. 18	Spring * H.
Jan. 21	Jersey Village* T.
Jan. 25	Conroe* H.
Jan. 28	Klein* T.
Feb. 1	Klein Forest H.*

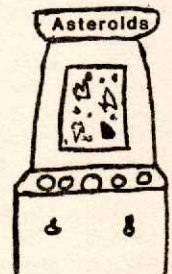


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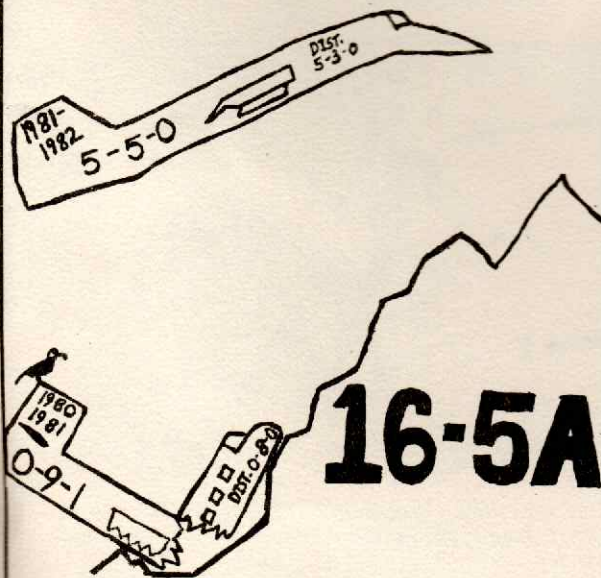
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...ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

The varsity volleyball team ended an amazing season by finalizing 7-9 in district competition and finishing 9-15 overall. "The prospects for next year are good" says Coach Dawson. The team will lose only three players to graduation and will return with six experienced players. The team would like to say goodbye to the following graduating seniors and thank them for a good season --Janice Clayton, Kathy Hoephel, and Matresia Neel--good luck, girls!

Cypress Creek's junior varsity volleyball team is also something to be proud of. The girls finished the year with a third place in district. Their record stands as 17-10 overall and a great 10-6 in district. The girls would like to thank their coach Mrs. Lowery for all her hard work. Good job, girls!

Coach Debby Yahne led the freshmen girls volleyball team through a winning season. The highlights of the season were a 2nd on the district tournament

and a 1st in the Deer Park tournament. The girls worked hard and ended with 10-6 in district and a 20-9 overall. Best of luck next year and thanks for a great freshmen season!



The American Cancer Society held their annual Great American Smokeout November 19. Mrs. Keblinger and her friend the skelton pose for the camera to voice their opposition to smoking.