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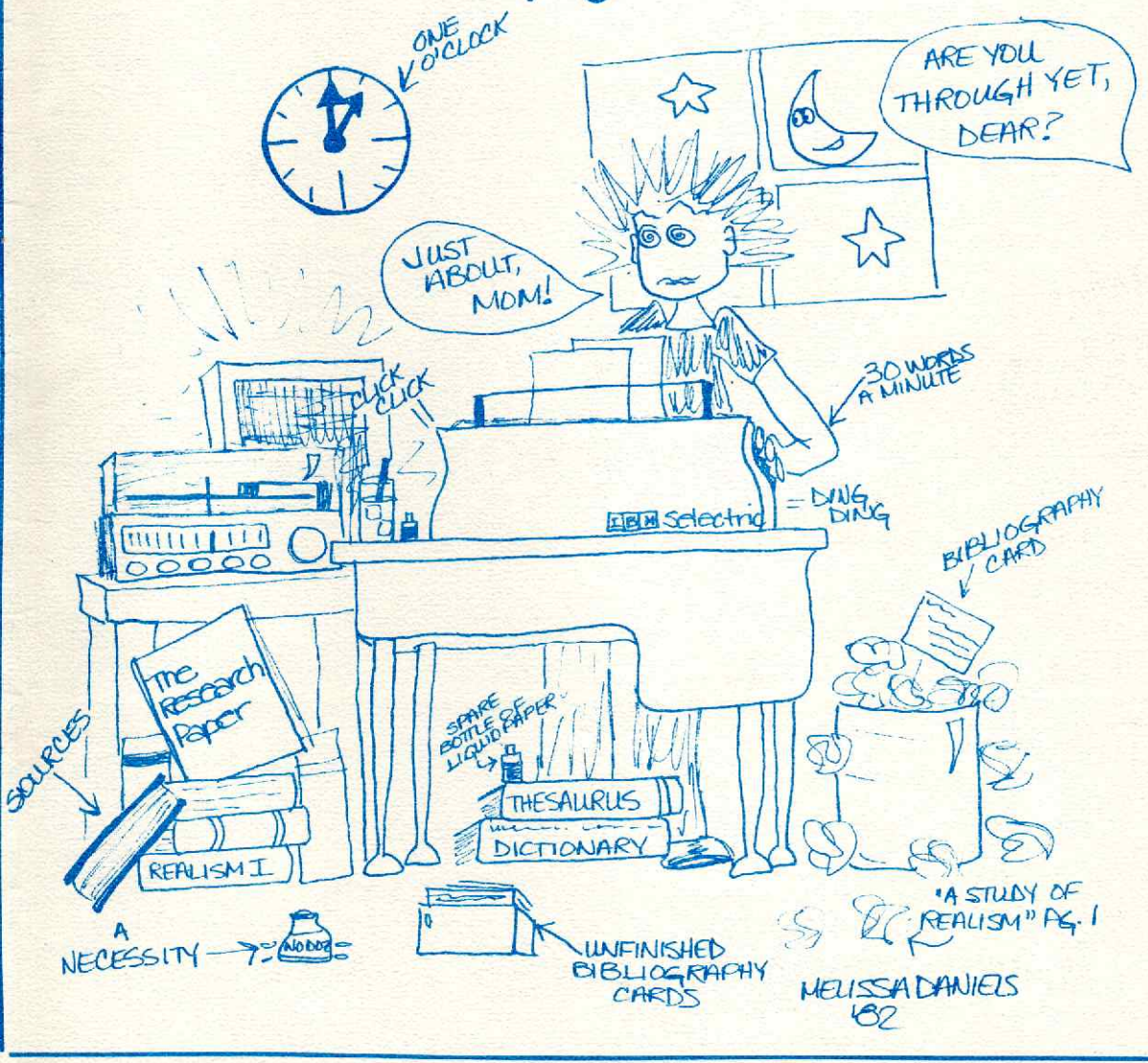
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I disagree with this year's parking arrangements because not only did I have to pay \$1.00 for a sticker, but I can't get a place to park unless I come to school 20 minutes early, and I don't! So I get stuck parking either across the street, in the mud; by the tennis courts, in the mud; or along Perry Road in the mud. Why don't we get more parking places now?

A petulant senior p.s. If the administration had 228's when they were our age, I bet they wouldn't want to park it in the mud.

Dear Petulant Senior:

New parking is on its way On Monday, February 22, the School Board voted on and approved plans for a new parking lot. According to Mr. Shelton, construction will begin within 60 days and should be com-

plete by the end of the Easter Holidays. The lot will cost the district \$120,000. Since the school will be expanded during the summer months and enrollment is expected to be 3,000, the parking was decided necessary and will, hopefully, alleviate some of the parking problem.

Editor,

I am writing in response to Senior Show-off try outs. I feel that they might have been slightly unfair. I feel that some people being in three acts or more is unfair when some do not even get to participate. I also do not agree on the method of selection. Each act should be judged individually and then after all are scored the best ones should be picked. I understand that the reason I didn't make show-offs is that "By the time I tried out they already had enough singing acts." I do realize that some acts had to be cut, but I think they should have been done so that

the most number of seniors could participate.

Susan Jonas

Dear Susan,

After talking to Mrs. Keblinger, the coordinator of the show-offs, I have learned that none of the acts were chosen until the very last day of try-outs. So, those that tried out on Tuesday had the equal chance to be chosen as those who tried out on Thursday. I agree that as many seniors as possible should be able to participate, but each act was judged by a panel of teachers and students. They scored each act individually, and the acts with the most points were chosen, based on talent and most of all originality. Perhaps there should be some limit on the number of acts a student can be in, but unfortunately, that will have to happen in future years.

The Editor

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AS THE CREEK CHURNS

An editorial statement of the continuing saga
of the trials and tribulations of an average Creeker

Libby Averyt
by Libby Averyt

On her way to school one morning, Suzy stopped at the local convenience store and purchased some notebook paper for her classes. Returning to her car, she found out it wouldn't start. Consequently, Suzy had to ask the next available customer to jump start her car. After 15 minutes, the car was on its merry way.

Pulling into the parking lot, Suzy found no place to park and had to squeeze in on the last row. Suzy ran out of her car and hurried into school. Entering the cafeteria Suzy heard the "ranch-hands", rounding up the stragglers who were potential tardy victims.

Just as Suzy entered the hallway doors, she looked at the clock just as it moved to 7:45. All of the doors viciously slammed shut breaking two of Suzy's fingers in the process. In intense pain, Suzy hurried to her locker only to find bars and a padlock preventing her from getting her needed books. Suddenly she heard the barking of dogs tracking down the LATE ARRIVALS. Suzy ran down the halls as the dogs drew nearer and nearer, closely followed by Mr. Springsteen. The german shepherds cornered a terrified Suzy in a stairwell, while Mr. Springsteen wrote out a detention hall slip. "Suzy," he

said, "being tardy is something we won't stand for. You have broken our rules and you will report to detention hall this afternoon at 2:45. I don't care what your excuse is!"

That afternoon a very disillusioned Suzy reported to detention hall, which was held in the auditorium due to the masses of people who had been caught in the new tardy policy. After her hour and a half of boredom, Suzy trudged to the parking lot only to find her car gone. "Sorry, Suzy," said the security guard, "Your car was illegally parked, so we had to tow it away." Quietly, Suzy began to cry.

HOW TIME SLIPS AWAY

by Libby Averyt

Time seems to be something that has disappeared lately. Where has it gone? For instance, I received a phone call the other day from my favorite boy:

"Let's go out sometime," said Richard.

"Great," I said, "When?"

"How about this weekend?" he said.

"Sorry. I've got to work on Boss questions."

"Next weekend?"

"Nope. I've got to work."

"March 6th?"

"I'm going to the rodeo."

"March 19th?"

"Sorry, the newspaper staff is going to Austin that weekend."

"The next weekend?"

"Uhh, let me look . . . Nope, I've got Senior Show-off rehearsals."

"How about sometime over Spring Break?"

"No I'll be out of town."

"Well, surely you are

free the next weekend."

"No, that's Senior Show-offs."

"How about the last weekend in April. No, never mind. UIL band contest is that weekend."

"Oh, yeah."

"How about May 21st?"

"Richard . . . that is prom."

"Oh, yeah."

"Well . . ."

"Maybe we can go out after graduation."

"Okay, we'll see. Well, thanks for calling."

"Yeah, I'll talk to you later."

"Bye."

I hung up the phone feeling very disillusioned. What was to become of my social life? My life is planned for the next three months. If you find my time floating around some place, please give it back. I can't seem to find it.



DON'T GET RAPED... START TO THINK

By Carol Montgomery

Addressing the subject of rape prevention, Detective Ginger Quinn spoke at Cy-Creek Monday the 15th of February.

Professionally trained with 80 hours in college credits, Detective Quinn has worked at the Sheriffs Department with the subject of rape for four years. Beginning with, "Nothing I say will be the answer for everything," she continued with the mythical rape prevention methods commonly believed in by many persons. Some of these include punching the rapist in the eye with keys, jabbing the assailant with your elbow, attempting to cause a loss of breath, and stomping on the foot of the rapist with the heel of your shoe.

All of these methods, according to Quinn, do not disable the rapist for an effective period of time and will usually only succeed in caus-

ing him to become angry since, as Quinn said, "Rapists are not stupid and catch on." Mace is also not very effective unless it happens to be aimed in the proper direction and ready to spray at the time of the attack. However, Quinn stressed that it is not wrong to fight back, but to remember that if the tactic you use "doesn't help you, then make sure it does not hurt you."

Understanding the psychology of a rapist is the key to dealing with an attack. Eighty-seven percent of all rapists are classified in the category of the possessive aggressive rapist, who feel subservient to women in general, and thus, is threatened by his lower position which contradicts the macho image he sees himself in. In these cases rape isn't steemed from a need to fulfill sexual denial, but a need to raise himself by

lowering and degrading women. In the words of Quinn, "Sexual assault gratifies non-sexual needs." Hence, crying and begging only compensate the rapists basic motive and desired superiority.

Since the majority of all rapes are psychologically motivated Quinns suggestion, to "use your head for a way out of the situation," is understandable. If, after accessing the situation and determining there is not any way physically possible of removal from it, the employ of mental tactics can be considered. The main objective in preventing the rape is to lower oneself in the eyes of the rapist; for example, boosting his ego or revolting and disgusting him through such methods as vomiting or nose-picking.

However, in some cases the only recourse is not to do anything, such as in an ex-

treme case of the rapist being armed with a gun. "You will survive, hundreds of victims have," stated Quinn. The Houston Area Rape Center is one of the many services that offer counselling for victims of rape. Unfortunately for those trying to apprehend rapists, only 40% of all rapes are reported; therefore, a rapist often rapes 15-20 times before, and if, he is caught. It is vital not to destroy scene evidence by reporting a rape to the police since a blood sample and hair analysis aid tremendously in the search for the rapist.

"Think, don't be paranoid, but be alert to suspicious people and situations," Quinn summed up in conclusion of her presentation.

ANOTHER ARGUMENT WON

By Phil McDivitt

Our Debate Team is having another successful year at Cypress Creek. Four members from our debate squad participated in the Friendswood Forensic Tournament in late January.

The two teams who were in the event had a combined record of six wins and three losses with the team of Murry

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and Price, who advanced to the quarterfinals. Two students reached the finals in individual events; Roger Murry won fifth place in Humorous Interpretation, and Chris Foreman won first place in Men's Extemporaneous Speaking. He therefore qualified for the State Meet. These four students, who participated in the tournament alone, won sixth place overall in sweepstakes points out of 39 schools who participated.

VENI, VIDI, VICI

It's that time of the year again when many clubs and organizations participate in various scholastic contests. Ross Sterling High School in Baytown was this year's host to the Latin contest. Fifteen schools competed on February 6th for different awards. Cypress Creek was represented by eleven Latin students, all of whom finished in the top ten in various categories.

Stephanie Greer won second prize in "Art-Color," Charles Cross placed 5th in "Vocabulary-Second year," and Jane Tsoi placed fourth in "Grammar." Devin Borden came away with three awards:

third place in "Mythology" a third place in "Decathlon", and a fourth place in "Art-Black and White." By their accomplishments, these students have proved that Latin is not dead.

GERMAN CLUB CONTEST

The German students attended a contest at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The competition took place on February 13, and our German students landed a third place sweepstakes.

Students competed in various individual and group e-

vents. As a result of the San Marcos contest, 25 students are qualified for state competition which will be held March 17th at Crockett High School in Austin.

SENIOR SWEETHEARTS

Valentines Day has come and gone leaving behind wilted flowers, empty pockets and broken hearts. Something better left behind was the new tradition of the Senior Sweetheart couple. Seniors were given the chance to nominate their favorites in their government class a week prior to the dance. The seniors nominations included: Tammy Collins and Mark Gillock, Shannon May and Diana Jones, Tim Niermeyer and Cindy Jones, Libby Averyt and Rick Stout, Terry Wolke and Lori Caldwell and Linda Hackler and Mike Deshazier. The winners, who were announced at the dance Friday night, were Linda Hackler and Mike Deshazier. The Connection staff would like to congratulate them.

FFA SHOWS THEIR STUFF

The Cypress Creek FFA chapter held its fifth annual Livestock Show and Auction on February 12 and 13 at the Cy-Fair show barn on Telge road.

140 animals, consisting of steers, heifers, gilts, barrows, lambs, fryer rabbits, breeding rabbits, broilers, and turkeys, were exhibited. Over 15 people won grand and reserve champion awards.

Showmanship trophies were awarded to Bill Tilger (lambs) Thornton Thomas (hogs), and Brian See (steers). The clean pen award was won by Paul Kowalik.

All of the students did a fine job showing their animals and each one helped to make the show and sale successful. Congratulations to all of the students for a job well done!

2ND ANNUAL POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL CLASSIC

Friday
March 19



Sophomore
Junior
Senior
Freshman

Mud Wrestling
???
Come
and See!

VIEWPOINT:

ABORTION PLANS HATCHED

"A right to abortion is not secured by this Constitution. The Congress and the several states shall have the concurrent power to restrict or prohibit abortions, provided that the law of the state which is more restrictive than the law of Congress shall govern."

Printed above is the Hatch Amendment, a proposed constitutional amendment which has advanced through Senate committee and will be reported onto the Senate floor as soon as possible. This amendment is supportive of the "New Federalism" Reagan has endorsed which transfers most of the legislative power to the individual states.

The Hatch Amendment is considered to be a forerunner to Sen. Jesse Helms' "life begins at conception" bill. The right-to-life faction has also announced plans for a bill that could prohibit all abortions, including those which endanger the life of the mother, those which prevent the birth of babies with severe birth defects, and even those which terminate rape-induced pregnancies. Next on their list is a plan to outlaw all contraceptives.

A number of Cy - Creek students expressed

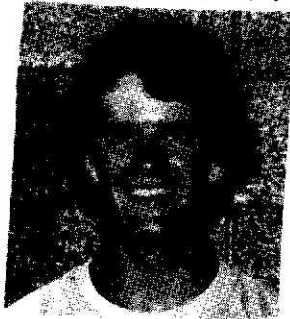
the opinion, "don't worry about it, it'll never pass." That is the opinion the pro-life faction is counting on. While the real majority sits back thinking, "how ridiculous," the "Moral Majority" is pushing its legislation through. Several students also seem to think that there is nothing to worry about since both of our senators have a record of voting against anti-abortion legislation. There is something to worry about, though. Senator John Tower is firmly committed to states' rights legislation and has said he will vote in favor of states' rights abortion bills.

Now is the time to fight back! If you believe an individual's right to choose abortion or not should be protected, fight back NOW, before the anti-abortionists advance even farther! Get involved! The problem won't go away if we close our eyes! Write your two U.S. Senators at the following addresses:

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SMOOTH TALKERS TEST

By Mark Eichelberger

You have just come to pick up your date Jane Jones. Jane is not ready, so you must step in to talk to her mother while she gets dressed. Test your skill in this smooth talker test to see how you do. Good luck!

1. Jane's mother answers the door, the first thing you say is:

- a) "Oh, you must be Jane's grandmother."
- b) "Tell what's her name to get down here! I've been honking the horn for fifteen minutes!"
- c) "Where is that lucky daughter of yours? It's not often a girl like her gets to go out with me!"

2. Mrs. Jones invites you in for a seat. She then asks "How old are you" and "Where do you live." Thus, you reply:

- a) "You forgot to read me my rights."
- b) "Now I see where Jane gets her nosiness."
- c) "Why, are you interested too?"

3. Fifteen minutes have passed and Jane still hasn't come down, so you say:

- a) "She better hurry up, that bar closes in an hour."
- b) "It doesn't take that long to stuff her bra, does it?"
- c) "Don't worry, Jane's worth waiting another 30 seconds for."

4. Mrs. Jones brings you a tray of her best hors d'oevers, you say:

- a) "Sorry, I'm allergic to cat food."
- b) "Don't I get a last request before I eat this."
- c) "No thanks, I'm a better lover on an empty stomach."

5. Mrs. Jones, disgusted from your previous remarks, asks where you plan to take her daughter. Desperate to make a better impression, you reply:

- a) "Oh, I thought we'd save some gas and hit Makeout Point."
- b) "Cruise around and challenge some people to drag races."
- c) remind her of the old saying "Curiosity killed the cat."

6. Mrs. Jones leaves the room to get an aspirin. While you wait, Jane finally glides down the steps in her finest dress. You then reply:

- a) "Oh, you must have misunderstood, we aren't going to a costume party."
- b) "Jane, you are one of the few girls I know who can get away with wearing so much make-up."
- c) "Wow, the Salvation Army is giving out better dresses every year."

7. As you are leaving, you see Mrs. Jones crying in hysterics on the couch. To calm her down, you say:

- a) "Don't worry Mrs. Jones, I'll drive safely, especially since I don't have a driver's license yet!"
- b) "Don't worry Mrs. Jones, I'll make sure she sends a postcard!"
- c) "Mrs. Jones, I'm a little broke. Can I borrow \$30?"



SENIORS PICKS

Once again the Cypress Creek seniors have voted on their class motto, colors, flower, and song. In case you didn't hear Linda and Steve announce the results, here they are:

Colors: Silver and Blue
Flower: White Rose
Song: "Time for Me to Fly"-REO Speedwagon
Motto: The class of '82 made it through
In five long years of silver and blue

Crime at Cy-Creek . . .

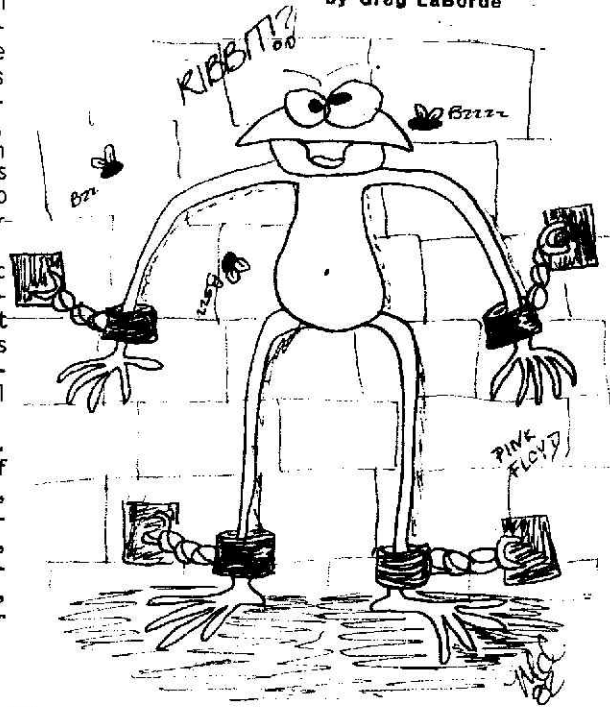
FROG-NAPPED!!!

by Greg LaBorde

Monday, February 8, 1982: A date which will live on infamously in the annuals of Cypress Creek Senior High School. Hermit the frog, a harmless and innocent creature, was abducted from his home in Mrs. Linda Chancellor's government classroom. One week later, Mrs. Chancellor received the first ransom note. It asked for \$100.00 in unmarked bills for the safe return of the frog. It also threatened torture and possible incineration if the conditions were not met.

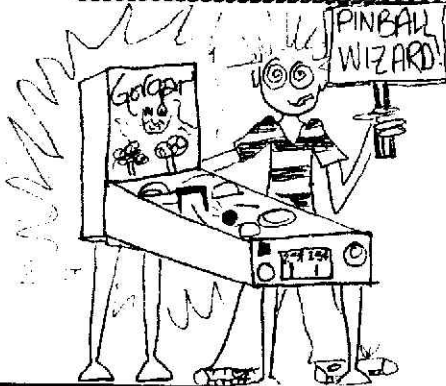
On Wednesday, February 24, 1982, a second note was received. This one contained a picture of Hermit, trussed up and gagged. It warned Mrs. Chancellor that the kidnapers were not joking. They would not accept Monopoly money as payment. They wanted the real green stuff.

Everyone anxiously awaits news of Hermit. His absence from the classroom takes all of the fun out of Frog-Gootball, Frog-Frisbee, and Frog-Golf. Any information concerning Hermit can be submitted to the Cougar Connection, no questions asked. Mrs. Chancellor is offering a reward for the return of Hermit alive, and in the event of his demise, no quarter will be given.



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A DECLARATION OF ACADEMICS

by Michael Machinchick

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for a student to choose between studying for an incredibly difficult, forthcoming physics test and a complex, confusing, impractical, time-wasting Elementary Analysis assignment, the student forementioned faces a problem. Does he do every single stupid problem of the E.A. assignment, only to lose precious study time that could be used to prepare him for the next day's physics test? Or does he spend the seven hours refreshing his brain cells and reviewing old, friendly, warm physics material that will in a way become his only friend for the night? Naturally, any half-wit with peanut shells and banana skins in his head would choose the latter. But does the student gamble on the chance that his kind, loving, warm-hearted teacher will not give one of those nasty old pop quizzes? The student weighs the odds mentally:

"Well, Mrs. Grammer wouldn't do that. She knows we have an extremely important physics test tomorrow. Out of the goodness of her heart (and the student thinks that there is quite a bit of that) she'll take that into consideration tomorrow." And the student closes his crummy E.A. book for the last time that night.

Meanwhile, as we leave our hero studying hard for his physics test, his teacher begins to think:

"Aha! A physics test tomorrow! I'll fix the little saps!" She puts down her half-eaten Nestle' \$100,000 bar and her autographed copy of The Preppy Handbook and goes over to her crystal ball.

"Let's see here. Hmmm . . . Mike Machinchick! Not doing his assignment! And Jason! Oh my, my, my! We must fix their wagons, musn't we? I'll teach them to put physics before math! HA HA HA HA HA HA!"

We return to our hero, now on the verge of falling asleep while reading Fundamental Concepts of Modern Physics. The time is 2:27 a.m. Thud! His head hits the desk and he falls into a dream world of numbers and formulas.

Mysteriously, at 6:00 a.m., our hero is awakened (perhaps some doing of The Great Einstein in the Sky). He does some last minute reviewing, grabs a breakfast bar, and begins his journey to what some call "school". (That's right, he didn't even take a shower! Yuk!).

The student walks into his math class at approximately 10:54 a.m., and sees people reading those ugly books. He wonders what is going on, but since his brain cells are being reserved for the physics test, he does not care.

After the teacher has explained the day's assignment, and the student (our hero) has had a very tough battle with his heavy eyelids, the most feared words in the entire galaxy are heard throughout the classroom: QUIZ TIME!

Our hero and his sidekick, Bob (some know him as "the other polak" or "Jaysen"), begin to sweat and shake.

"Mike?" his sidekick says with a cracked voice.

"Yeah Bob?" our hero replies calmly.

"Looks like she got us. The only question is, HOW?"

"Definitely black magic."

"B-b-b-lack m-m-m-m-magic?"

"Yupper. Must have been one of those balls."

"Basketballs?"

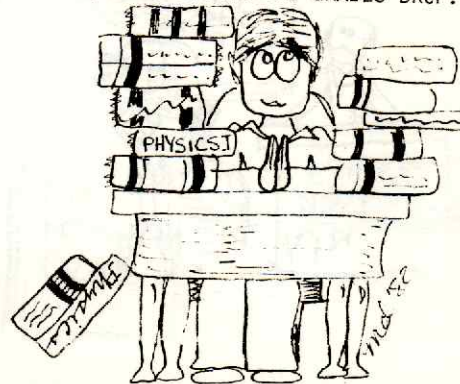
"No, you idiot! Crystal balls!"

As the last numerical figure is written on the board, our team of Polaks begin. The teacher takes a hard look at them and says, "Fail, you gravy-sucking pigs! And anyone who uses mental telepathy is GOIN' DOWN!"

Shudder, shudder.

She walks back to her throne and settles back with a Nestle's \$100,000 bar and chapter 14 of The Official Preppy Handbook. "That oughta do it for this six weeks. What can I do to them next six weeks? I know--three dimensional vectors!"

To make an extremely long story short, our hero went on to get one of the highest grades on the physics test and unfortunately, one of the lowest on his E.A. quiz. The student was overwhelmed with mental anguish when the sorceress told him his "grade." Since then, he has become burnt-out, depressed, discouraged, and his six weeks grade has been put in jeopardy. Will our hero triumph in his battle against black magic? Will his sidekick, Bob ever lay a scratch in third gear again? Tune in next six weeks, same time, same place, for the next episode of: AS THE GRADES DROP.



JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE

My neck aches and my eyesight is bleary. My fingers are blistered and there are great discolored gunks of liquid paper encrusted underneath what's left of my nails. Some new dread disease? Not quite. I'd say this affliction is most similar to the plague. Not quite as deadly, but most painful. What in the world am I talking about? Yes folks none other than the RESEARCH PAPER. (groan, hiss, boo)

You probably didn't guess that, but I realize that your little mind is still in shock after this most abrasive horror. If you're an underclassman (yes juniors, this includes you!) you cannot know this agony, but never fear, your time will come.



So, you say, what's so bad about this research paper? (and if you're saying that either you're a freshman or have just undergone a frontal lobotomy!) In case you happen to fall into either of these categories, I'll tell you why the writing of one of these inhumane documents is so much fun. First of all there is the:

TOPIC ASSIGNATION

I've never figured out where they come up with the winners they offer. No matter which topic you get, everybody else's will be easier, and don't try trading because the one you get will be even worse. Give it up--you can't win at this point.

GATHERING OF INFORMATION

Fun, fun, fun. This is the part where one gets to haul oneself downtown to gather books from the library. They ought to teach a self-defense course before sending us down there. Have you any idea how dangerous downtown Houston is? Especially if you're lost. But that's another story entirely. When one decides to travel to the jungle of downtown be sure to have not only a map to help you get there, but also a map to get home. Dad neglected to tell me that the streets are all one way. I was in Beaumont before I remembered I lived in North West Houston. (Thanks, Dad!) Anyhow, if one is so lucky as to reach this repository of knowledge, one is faced with the actual finding of anything even remotely related to your subject. The best bet is to ask the nearest, most attractive member of the opposite sex. Even if you don't find your information, you will have spent your afternoon constructively. If all else fails, you could try screaming "Fire, fire!" Then maybe you'll find that one necessary book some peeb has been hoarding. Or then again, maybe you'll get to spend the night in the Harris County jail. Once you have gathered the many thousands of books pertinent to your subject, you can attempt to get home with them. If you have survived thus far, don't worry, the next step will kill you.

NOTE TAKING

At the beginning of this project, teachers often smile and ask you to bring in 50 of what is known as INDEX CARDS. (Don't believe them--you'll need at least 3,000 of the little buggers). I never knew that such a small piece of paper could inflict so much agony. (and I ain't talking paper cuts, folks).

Being very careful to follow exact procedure as prescribed in the infamous BLUE BOOK that you lost two years ago, one begins this

SAFE... THE RESEARCH PAPER

by Salley Coleman

most arduous task. One must thumb through the towering stack of books page by page searching for some bit of relevant information. Give it up, you'll never find any. And if you happen to find something, it will be repeated at least 35 times. Here again, you can't win. So just make up some stuff. Use lots of long words. Hold on--just a few more steps to go and then you can die in peace! By now, your English teacher has given up any semblance of humanity and sadistically orders you to:

ARRANGE YOUR NOTE CARDS AND BEGIN WRITING

Congratulations! You've made it this far!

You should be able to handle most any crisis now. Almost. (know how to make a senior cry? Hide his note cards!) One is probably in a rather unbalanced emotional state, so I suggest moving out until this step is finished. You may find that most of your time is spent staring aimlessly at thick text, none of which makes any sense to you. You will find that you are constantly counting and re-counting note cards ever fearful of losing even one of these little "building blocks".

(A note to parents: extreme delicacy and sensitivity must be displayed to this most wretched of creatures. Your senior child will soon recover. Also, any offers of typing a paper are very helpful to the speedy recovery of the patient).

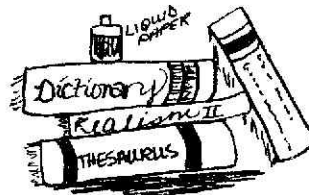
Your paper is finally assembled. I'm impressed. Your long weeks of work are finally showing. Now comes the task of writing. You must prepare for extreme mental duress during this period. Often you will feel that none of your note cards are right for a certain spot or that one is MISSING. (Caution: Manslaughter is not justifiable by the frenzy of research paper, no matter how insane you happened to feel at the moment). Just begin writing now. The ideas will flow. (kind of like your tears) Be sure to stand up and walk around every 5 or 6 hours, though. It's dangerous to cut off circulation for longer than that. What's that you say? You have terrible hand-cramps? No problem--just change hands. (See--there's a way around everything!) You have now arrived at the final step. It is the:

TYPING OF THE FINAL DRAFT

Sounds good, but it's also scary. (who me? I've never touched a typewriter before! Are you sure they don't bite?) If one is smart (not to mention rich) one may have it professionally typed for a mere fee of \$100. If one is even richer, one may purchase a research paper done last year. (Cheater, cheater)

For the rest of you poor cretins comes the task of typing. Remember the machine usually works better when plugged in. Actually typing is not so bad. Just be sure and have oh say, 10 or so packs of erasable bond paper & about 30 or 40 bottles of liquid paper. No problem. So, get typing, moron. You do not have all day. But you do have all night. I finally passes out at about 2:30. That's a.m. not p.m. And if you're saying, "Well, Sal, it was your own fault. You could have finished it earlier, and not waited till the last minute" I'd like to personally hurt you. Very badly, with a large board. Keep typing, cretin. It's getting late. Well, now you're finished. Do you feel a sense of accomplishment? No? Neither did I. I think complete exhaustion is more the word for it. Hey--don't worry. You have a whole day of rest before your six weeks finals start.

Best of luck to you who have not attempted this feat. (ha ha) And, by the way, if your subject just happens to be Charles Dickens next year, well... (I'm always happy to receive large bundles of cash. VISA or MASTER-CHARGE accepted.)

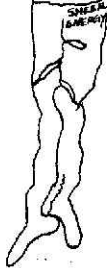


THE ONLY REASON YOU BOUGHT THIS PAPER . . .

TOM TALKS TRIVIA

by Tom Garrity

"OH, NO! NOT ANOTHER RUN!
I'M ON PAIR 7 ALREADY!!"



"WELL, I AM 5'36" TALL,
BUT I'M STILL ONLY
IN THE 137
MINORITY!!"



triv i a (triv e) n., pl. Unimportant or insignificant facts, matters, or information; trifles.

For all you females who worry about what the other female is doing. The Runnings Press Almanac did its homework just for you. The average American woman stands 5 foot, 3.6 inches tall, marries at 21, has a child sixteen to twenty-five months later, has two or three children, all before age 39. Women go to the doctors about six to seven times a year. Almost half of you ladies wear the same tops and bottoms, and 13 percent wear larger bottoms than tops. And if that is not enough, the average career woman buys 22 pair of panty hose a year, versus 9 pair for the average college girl.



Scientists have a field day when it comes to trivia. The next time you sneeze 85,000,000 bacteria along with 4,600 misc. particles are projected at a speed of 152 feet a second. When it comes to the bones, one cubic inch can withstand a two-ton force, while if all your muscles pulled in one direction, you could lift 25 tons. For those of you that are on the hefty side, you might be interested in this, every pound of excess fat requires an extra 200 miles of capillaries.

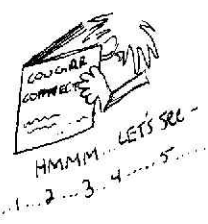
This fact might choke some people. Last year the Neckware Association reported the sale of over 135 million ties. 65% of those were bought by women as gifts for men.

Dogs, cats, and television seem to be popular in the United States. After all, one out of every ten households in America owns a dog. One in eight owns a cat, while one in ten owns both. Americans are evidently generous to their pets. Why not; this past year owners bought over 2.5 billion dollars worth of commercial pet food, not to mention all of the left-overs and tablescraps they receive. When it comes to television, 98% of the homes in America has one; what are 2% of the homes missing without their 19 inch screen? The typical kindergartener watches about 30 hours of television per week. By the time they graduate from high school, over 15,000 hours of television and 350,000 commercials have been seen.

One final bit of trivial. Do you know how many words are in this story? You probably don't care, but there are 372.



"OH, WHY DID I HAVE TO
BE ONE IN TEN??"



by Tom Garrity



☆☆ MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES ☆☆

JUST BEFORE DAWN (R) Another popular horror flick with a surprisingly decent plot. Five young adults go camping in the mountains only to be stalked by a pair of overweight, blood-thirsty twins. The murder scenes are more realistic than most movies, consequently this one is scarier. Recommended for those who enjoy intense fright. Take a friend to hang on to.

THE BEAST WITHIN (R) This horrifying shocker's plot leaves much to be desired. But the putrefaction of the final thirty minutes will keep you glued to your seat (if you're not already bonded to the vinyl by coke and chocolate). Some of the most suspenseful moments are just that: suspenseful moments. Many chances for action are missed. The blood and gore, however, are very good and the star's hideous metamorphosis makes this movie O.K.

PRIVATE LESSONS (R) How many 15 year old guys do you know that have been seduced by a 30 year old woman? Not many? Well, in this movie, a wealthy guy learns the facts of life first hand from his housekeeper (actually the chauffeur's concubine) in order for her to blackmail him. However, after an "encounter" between Philly, the 15 year old, and his teacher. She has a change of heart and the movie has a funny happy ending. The movie is hilarious and gets five stars!

ON GOLDEN POND-PG-A dark comedy of love and fear. Henry Fonda, an old man absorbed with the fear of dying, and Kathrine Hepburn, his loving and vital wife, both play their parts with a great deal of intensity, and perhaps insight. The story also reveals how the pain and neglect a person feels as a child can keep them from ever becoming close to the parent who made them feel unappreciated. Jane Fonda plays the hurt and angry child. "On Golden Pond" makes you laugh and cry. The film's most outstanding feature is its ability to make its viewers reflect on their own relationships. Although there is a certain amount of gutter language, this movie is a special experience for all to see.

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CINDERELLA (G) Or do I mean Gee!!! A classic Disney, with the old standard "Happily ever after" ending. O.K. if you don't have a party to go to or can't get a date. The back up characters might even have you laughing. A must for those of you who have never seen a 2 hour animated film. If you want to go but have a reputation to protect, then take the neighbor's kids.

I LOVE ROCK-N-ROLL

By Allyson Brase with a little help from "The Kid"

Making a strong followup to her debut album, Bad Reputation, Joan Jett exhibits her unique skills again with the release of her newest album, I Love Rock and Roll. With her strongly revised versions of "Little Drummer Boy," and Tommy James and the Shondells classic, "Crimson and Clover," plus the hardrocking title track, she has climbed to the top of the charts in a surprisingly short time. Formerly with the Runaways, Joan Jett has rapidly made a name for herself in the few years she has been on her own. Both of her albums are highly recommended.

MISCLASSIFIEDS.....

Hi Todd V. and Steve W. from guess who?
The year of the big M!

Anne loves green

Valerie and Renee are psycho.

Becky loves M.D.

Hi Lauri Beth, from Mark.

Jim's a Peeb.

Photographer John is a flasher.

Cindy loves Eric S.

Please don't lock me in Mary!!!

John Denver smokes mustard leaves.
He does not!
Smile if you feel like graduating.

Take a ride on heavy metal.

People say I'm crazy, but I'm in demand.



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REWARD OFFERED for any information concerning THE FROG. Contact Linda Chancellor, government teacher.

I wuvums you!

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Hello, Greg, Tricia, Kirsten, Becky, John, Doug, Annie, Devin, Melissa, David, and of course, Richard.

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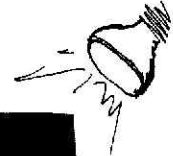
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\$2.00 for students

SPRING FASHION SHOW



Jeannie Wagner shows the latest style

Dressed in spring clothes from Sakowitz, some of our own Cypress Creek students became models for the day. During second period on February 4th, students were encouraged to the fashion show held in the auditorium. The show was emceed by Forrest Thompson and Randy Melton, and a slide show was presented to inform students about Home Economics. The fashion show was a tribute to National Vocational Education week, held February 8th through the 15th.

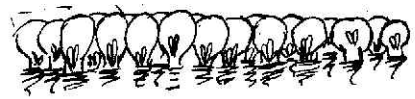


Boogie Kretschmer is not in his usual attire



Steve Perry struts his stuff

Pictured top left and bottom left is Jeannie Wagner. With her at the bottom left is senior Steve Perry. Above, is Tina Simmank and senior Billy Kretschmer. All models did an outstanding job for the Home Economics department.



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GIRLS CONCLUDE RECORD SEASON

The girls basketball teams ended their 1982 season with outstanding records. The varsity squad went 16-12 for the season and 5-3 for both rounds of district. Their district losses were to rivals Cy-Fair, Jersey Village, Westfield, and a fluke game against Spring. The teams three seniors Liz Grant, Dana Revelle and Susan Serafin led the Cougars along with strong support from Lenoir Gillam, Anne Benson, Devra White, Marquitta Love, Nyla Jacobs, Terre Potsavich, Debbie Zajac, and Val Wayhan. Next year, the girls should have a strong team with all but the three seniors returning. Liz Grant and Dana Revelle are continuing their career in basketball as they are candidates for college scholarships.

The JV team had an excellent season finishing 21-9 overall, and 6-2, and 5-3 in district play. They also took two second place trophies from the Cy-Fair and Mc Arthur tournaments. Holly Evans was the high point scorer and rebounding leader, while Mindi Jeserski guided the offense at the point position. Coach Lenker expressed that, "This is Cy Creeks best JV record, and these girls will be a definite asset to our varsity program and should be able to fill the vacated spots."

The "fish" coached by Miss Jaehne had an outstanding season, claiming the district championship with an unblemished 16-0 record. Their season record was 24-4 and they took first place at their own freshman tournament, second at the St. Agnes tourney, and third at Clear Lake. Melissa Canan was the high point girl.

Baseball Hits Home

Returning from a co-district championship during the '81 season the varsity Cougar baseball team looks strong again this year. Tim Niermeyer, Mike Chamberlain, Evan Dorries, Freddie Pedrique, Mike Reese, Kyle Stanley, Mark McNulty, Mike DeShazier, Greg Stein, Jim Cupit, and Scotty Lee will again be members of the team, while the rest are not definite as yet.

The season opener was March 1st, when the Coogs beat Katy 6-3, and 4-1. Although the games were open for attendance, not many fans were there to watch the victory. The Cougars play Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th against Nederland there, and district play begins March 19th.

Come see the Cougars play (in their new satin jackets) in Nederland Friday. If they have the great fan support the other Cougar varsity teams have, we're sure they can go even further than they did last year.

Robin Serafin the leading rebounder, Jennifer Lynn the best defensive player, and Kim Geishler and Robin Serafin being the two with the most games of being high point scorer. Members of the freshman team were Melissa Canan, Sheri Contestabile, Katherine Cooper, Ciana Ferguson, Rachel Ferrara, Kim Geishler, Debbie Greer, Janet Joseph, Kim Koenning, Dawn Longwell, Missy Loring, Jennifer Lynn, Stacy Riddle, Robin Serafin, Shary Smith, Tiffany Steen and Katherine Yargas.

With these outstanding records, and many returning letterman, the Cougars will be tough competitors in their new district next year.



Robin Serafin dribbles out of traffic

Cagers Swish Season

by Robin Horton

Another breathtaking Cougar basketball game ended the Cypress Creek season in a bi-district battle against Bryan Vikings March 2.

Cougars fought long and hard for a victory, but when the buzzer sounded at the end of the game, the scoreboard showed a sad 57-51 defeat for Cypress Creek.

"We played as hard as we could," Steve Baker commented. "We had our chance at the end of the game, but we couldn't get anything to go our way. They just got a couple of good breaks. But we had a successful season."

The game kept the fans on the edge of their seats as neither team seldom led by more than five points. The Vikings owned a one point lead at halftime and came back with full power, building a seven point advantage. Cougars fought back and closed the gap to one but were unable to score those winning two points.



David Matl files at Kingwood

Aqua Jocks Nail Area Competition

Coming into the home stretch of their season are the swimmers. Westfield and Westchester proved to be no competition for the Cougars with both boys and girls swamping their foes.

TISCA State Invitational was filled with competition from all over the state. Unbelievably fast times were clocked, many of which were swam by the mighty Cougars. Leading the way with outstanding performances were Ann Ryan, Stephanie Denton, Shelli Bohn, and Phillip Bacon. The final score saw the girls, second and the boys, a controversial third. This being because one swimmer was disqualified, questionably. The ruling swayed back and forth three separate times. The boys lost to second place by two points and the disqualification was worth nine points.

The Creek demolished Kingwood in their last dual meet of the season. The boys swamped their opponents 186-98 as the girls 186-99

SWIMMERS SWAMP DISTRICT

Showing no mercy, the swimmers swamped all competition without any problem. Out of nine teams, the boys scored 112 points to earn them their first district title. The top four teams were:

Cypress Creek	112
Westfield	43
Cy-Fair	39
Spring	32

The boys point earnings were so strong that if the next three team's points were combined they would only outscore the CC boys 114-112. Boys qualifying for Regionals were John Bowman, David Haynes, Graham Mitchell, Mike

Bohrer, David Matl, Steve Baker, Raul Sepulveda, Phillip Bacon, Charles Blanchard, Lane Strickland, John Cichon, Dennis Dawson, Mark Eichelberger, Brad Trotter, and Kevin Bryan.

The girls defended their district title by earning an overwhelming 96 points to runner up McCullough's 56 points. Regional qualifiers for the girls were Suzy James, Beth Landry, Kim Laubach, Darcie Springer, Ann Ryan, Tammy Hemphill, Stephanie Denton, Mary Taylor, Sandra Goeking, Jennifer Judkins, Donna Hadfield, Michelle Post and Tammy Thomas.

COOGS REACH 30 WINS

Cypress Creek Cougar Basketball has reached new height in excellence this year. The varsity boys team has had their first thirty win season in the school's brief history.

The Cougars 30-6 on the season won the 16-5A Championship by defeating Jersey Village in a one game playoff 48-45. The Cougars were first half district champs with an 8-0 record and placed second behind Jersey Village with a 7-1 record in the second half of district. This tie forced the one game playoff with Jer-

sey Village.

The Cougar Cagers were involved in four tournaments over their 36 game season. They placed first in the Klein Varsity Tournament, as Dee Clinch was named tournament M. V.P. and Steve Baker was also placed on the All Tournament team. The Cougars placed third in the Clear Lake Tournament. They beat state ranked Austin Reagan and Pasadena Dobie during the competition. The Varsity Coogs also participated in the Cy-Fair Tournament where they placed third.



Devra White scores against McCullough.



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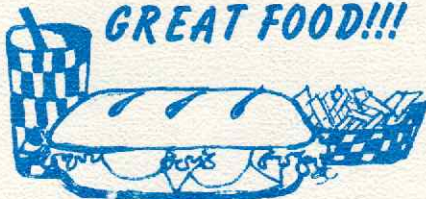
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