

by Kimberly Kubiak and Janie Thatcher
Editors

Standing in the midst of spectators, taunting with "Go Reagan" and "Who wants a wimp in the White House" stands Walter Mondale. 1984 is a presidential election year, and he is running against the ever popular Ronnie Reagan. American spirit is at a height due to Republican rhetoric, improved economy and of course, the summer olympics. The public seems to credit their new found patriotism to Reagan.

Ceaselessly campaigning Walter "Fritz" Mondale is doggedly chasing Reagan and is attempting to bring out faults in Reagan's policies while accentuating his own qualities. A further look at the political spectrum is revealed in students comments.

For Reagan:

"Good leadership should be able to continue..."
"Reagan is stable, he's done a good job. Let's face it, he has more experience."

For Mondale:

"It is time for a change of pace, it's also time to give the women a chance."
"I think Mondale and Ferraro should become the next President and Vice President of the United States."

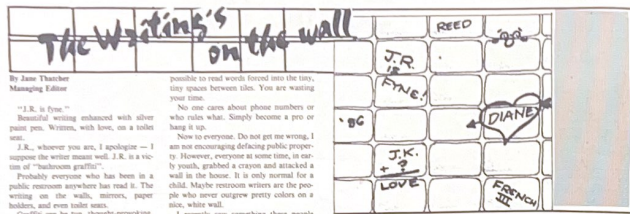
Do Not Know/Do Not Care:
"My primary candidate is David Letterman."
"Winnie the Pooh."

"I'm not eighteen yet so it doesn't matter to me until another year."

Quotes by Cougar seniors.

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By Jane Thatcher
Managing Editor

"J.R. is fine."

Beautiful writing enhanced with silver marker pens. Written, with love, on a toilet seat.
J.R., whoever you are, I apologize -- I suppose the writer meant well. J.R. is a victim of "hallroom graffiti."
Probably everyone who has been in a public restroom anywhere has read it. The writing on the walls, mirrors, paper holders, and even toilet seats.
Graffiti can be fun, thought-provoking, dumb, or disgusting. It is easy to recognize professional restroom writings from summer.

possible to read words forced into the tiny, tiny spaces between tiles. You are waiting your time.
No one cares about those numbers or who rules what. Simply become a poet or hang it up.
New to everyone. Do not get me wrong. I am not encouraging defacing public property. However, everyone at some time, in our youth, grabbed a crayon and attacked a wall in the house. It is only normal for a child. Maybe restroom writers are the people who never outgrew pretty colors on a six, white wall.
I recently saw something these people would enjoy: Wallpaper that actually encourages graffiti. It is designed as sheets of notebook paper. A dream come true, eh? Maybe chalk boards in restrooms would not be such a bad idea.
"When I am dead
Bury me deep
At my feet
Wrap me in hushings
Around my head
Rock-a-roll me
When I'm dead!"
Cypress Creek restroom wall 1984

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
This year's senior class has endured many setbacks over the years. It started with study skills for the first time in seventh grade and continued our freshman year. We were gassed pigs.

This year, our senior year, we suffered the greatest setback of all: no exemptions or early release. All of this happened without any privilege given to us in return. One privilege that most seniors would agree to is open campus.

Many students believe that the reason for not having open campus is that parents might be lazy to clean after lunch (they're not), but after talking with a school board member, I found out that the real reason is because of the responsibility the school district has for its students during school hours. One way to remedy this would be for the student eighteen or older sign an insurance waiver for this hour, or have your parents sign one. If this issue was to pass, the juniors would want it also. I feel that only seniors should have this

privilege since it would be the only privilege of any significance that we will receive because of house bill no. 72.

David Dealy
Please see related story on page 3.

Dear Editor,
Are missing a part of class to get flowers, exemptions, field trips, pep rallies, early release and extra assemblies really "NECESSITIES" of school? No, they are privileges given to us by the school administration. Please realize that as one time you had these privileges, whereas some school administrations did not view these privileges as a necessary element of education.
Sharon Dodd

I agree that many student activities are privileges. Our school is attempting to give us many more privileges. See editorial.

Compromises better Creek

by Kimberly Kahlke

The fact that many privileges have been revoked has been firmly established. This must be accepted. The state legislature is not going to change in time to help us this year.

After these changes, what is left to look forward to? Prom, Homecoming, a fine education, teachers who try to be understanding, a wide array of extracurricular activities and a student council and administration who are working to give us as many activities as possible.

Already last year a compromise was worked out to allow a homecoming parade. Our school time must be spent on academic tasks, so the parade will be held after school. We urge all teachers, students, parents and organizations to appreciate the work done for us and participate in what we do have, instead of complaining about what we will not receive.

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Out-to-lunch doesn't merit approval

by Kimberly Kahlke

It has become apparent that seniors have lost many privileges. Because exemptions were something earned, an incentive to attend class and make good grades, it seems that it would be taken away along with privileges. The band of "time on task" is to spend more time in school and in class. Well, exemptions are a part of the past so it is the idea of earning the privilege of open campus lunches for seniors. When this was proposed, it sparked favor from students.
It sounds good on paper, but in practice

there are many difficulties. Although the Texas Tort Immunities protects the school district from negligence suits, the district has an "ethical responsibility" to protect the student, according to Mr. Thornton, deputy superintendent of schools.
The community is where the effects of this would be felt, therefore it would take their approval to get this idea passed.
"It is a proven fact that parents do not want students leaving school for lunch," said Mr. Joe Shelton, principal of Cypress Creek.
"Merchants would object due to vandalism," Mr. Thornton said.

Safety is another major problem. Students lose track of time," Mr. Shelton said.
Students would also be late to class after lunch.
"You cannot anticipate problems. Students lose track of time," Mr. Shelton said.
This idea would cause many problems and would it solve anything? No. It would be impossible to allow certain seniors to leave school.

"A student could load his car with others or leave his car to another student," Mr. Shelton said.
It has been shown that seniors leaving school for lunch will not be supported by the school district, the principal, parents of students or local merchants. It would cause many problems and solve none, but would student morale be improved?
"No, it would cause resentment by students if only seniors were allowed to leave, it's inconsistent," Mr. Shelton said.
In a closer examination of the idea of seniors to earn the right to leave school for lunch it becomes obvious that it would not work.

News-makers

Student Ad sales began this past week and will continue until Nov. 1. These ads will be placed in the back of the yearbook and will be fun to look at in a few years. Each block sells for \$10 and you will be able to submit original artwork, photos, or just a simple message. The Cougar Pride Yearbook staff encourages everyone to buy one. Keep your favorite memories of Cypress Creek forever, buy an ad!

The Southwest Region of Civil Air Patrol was selected as the overall best at the first annual National Search and Rescue Competition at Whismar Air Force base. The competition was held in Missouri on the weekend of September 3rd. Cadet Sergeant Chris Dicks, both seniors, were members of the Jersey Village High School CAP unit ground team which was judged the best overall in the nation.
According to Vetter, their CAP group spent two busy months preparing for competition.
"It was a great honor to go there," said Vetter. "We learned a lot."

They will select a good sport each week from an extracurricular activity. This year's officers are Robin Searles, president; Troy Manning, vice president; Missy Bisher, secretary; and Todd Moore, treasurer.

Starting in October, the Cosmetology seniors will be giving haircuts for \$3, oil manicures for \$2.75, perms for \$18.50, and a blowdry and style for \$3. Call for an after-school appointment.
On October 23 the 6 all-district cheer members will try out for all region cheer. These students are Sandy Elder, Carla Fraga, Mark Perez, Chris Tupper, Robin Wiesenberg and Craig Young.

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"It's easy to criticize dirty river...challenge to clean it up" H. Ross Perot cleans up the Creek

By Lisa Tuth
Staff Writer

He probably wouldn't win a popularity contest in Cypress Creek, or in any Texas public school for that matter, but in many others this man is a hero. Dallas computer king, Henry Ross Perot, is very different from the stereotypical "bad guy" that many teachers label him as being.

The 54-year-old Perot has worked with Texas Governor Mark White to upgrade public education through legislative reform. This project, however, is not clearly his greatest accomplishment in date. Perot rose from near poverty to become a self-made millionaire.

board member of Perot's Electronic Data Systems, Inc., observed, "Ross has an extraordinary instinct to go out and recruit things. He is also shrewd businessman, but I think his instinct to recruit is greater."

The "instinct" has caused Perot to embark on quite a few philanthropic ventures in his spare time. While most other millionaires were probably out sunning themselves on the decks of their yachts, this inspired and energetic go-getter was looking for people to help. In 1969 he spent \$2 million to fix Christmas gifts to prisoners of war in North Vietnam. Although this plan ultimately failed, Perot did help by making it a company priority to hire Vietnam veterans.

In 1979 Perot directed a commando team that penetrated deep into Khmer's Iron and rescued two of his company's employees from a prison housing 12,000. "A businessman has a duty to his employees, his company, and his country," says Perot.

Today he heads the citizens' committee waging war on drugs, and successfully persuaded Texas legislators to pass six tough anti-drug laws, which are the toughest of any state in the nation.

Perhaps what falls closest to home than any of Perot's other accomplishments, however, is his crusade for the reformation of education in our own state and country. According to Perot, "The United States can be anything it wants to be. But we must teach our children that the freedom we take for granted can be fragile. We must teach that they have obligations to their country; that the country is not a magic box to serve them."

"We now expect life to be an extraordinary good to us that we must be paid \$20 an hour for a job that you could train a monkey to do or we think the world is being unfair. The real issue is that, if you give a kid to the world, the world will give a lot to you."



Perot is shown here in a suit and tie, looking directly at the camera.

Debate, international events momentous to Model UN

Are you interested in international events? Do you enjoy debate? If so, maybe you should be a member of the Model UN.

The students portray the role of delegates to four committees. Each committee discusses a topic. The four topics this year are international debt, Cyprus, access to international waterways, and the rights of religious minorities.

To prepare for their roles, the students must research their topics. After thorough research, they must write resolutions to debate on.

In the committees, students debate on the resolutions of the topics. They meet as a general assembly to pass these resolutions.

"Some advantages students get out of Model UN are a better insight to international problems, they get to discuss issues with peers, and it is fun. Also, a lot of polishing and compromising goes on," sponsors Mrs. Chancelor said.

The Houston meeting, at the University of Houston, and the New York meeting will both be held on the weekend of April 11-13.

There is also a Model Security Council an International Court of Justice.

Any interested student should talk to Mrs. Merthin Chancelor or Mrs. Merthin, co-sponsors, as soon as possible.

Teacher rides across country "I faced rain, snow, cold, hunger, fatigue, and the hill itself and lost."

by Greg Pettit
Sports Writer

"Whatever happened to T.J. Johnson," you ask. That famous tri-iron guy who planned to cycle across the country last summer?

Well, he's back! After nine weeks and two days of stiff pedaling, Mr. Johnson completed his trek from Seattle, Washington to Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Johnson began with five other cyclists on May 29, but completed his trip alone on August 1. The first person dropped out and began hitchhiking on the third day of the trip because of bad knees. After passing the Rocky Mountain, another member dropped out, followed by a third member just two days later. Johnson was surprised by this because they were just getting to the Plains.

"I didn't expect any trouble at all," Johnson said, "because I was determined to finish the trip no matter what."

Later in the tour, Johnson split up with the remaining two so he could travel on a more northern trail to Massachusetts.

Johnson met many interesting people on the way to the Atlantic. Several people offered him food, places to sleep, and even gave him rides when his bike was unrideable. One group of men in a diner were so excited



Johnson gains fame

by his trip they paid for his breakfast. The trip had several unique points about it also. Not many can say they waded across the Mississippi.

Unfortunately for Johnson, not every part of the tour was interesting. For instance, "Eastern Montana was a drag!" One confidence-inspiring fact of this state is that Montana puts white crosses at the

locations of highway deaths, "so for 800 miles I was always reminded of people being killed by cars," he said.

Another had aspect of the journey was having to cross two mountain ranges, the Cascade and the Rockies.

"The first day was the most miserable day of my life," Johnson said. "On the third day of the trip I had to ride

Cascade Mountain west of Seattle," he said.

The primary teacher felt he was in decent condition for the trip, but not good enough.

"I faced rain, snow, cold, hunger, fatigue, and the hill itself and lost," Johnson said of the Cascade.

Johnson ended up walking his bike for 2 1/2 miles until he was picked up by some motorists. After meeting personal defeat in the Cascade, Johnson was determined not to meet the same fate in the Rockies. He didn't, Johnson completed the rest of his trip without giving in.

"When the trip was over, Johnson had learned many things. I learned that after a hard day no one was going to come up, put me on the back, and offer me a meal and a place to sleep (though I never stopped hoping, but I also learned that I could take care of myself and that had times or good times wouldn't last too long for me to endure. I am much more self-reliant than I was before the trip," he said.

As for doing it again next summer, Johnson answered with an emphatic, "yes!" He is currently planning a coast-to-coast of California, but is open to change.

Skating's a summer activity for Tracy Davis

With an average temperature of approximately 68°, Houston seems more like a place for baseball, hot dogs, and apple pie than ice skating. Despite the obvious drawbacks in climate, senior Tracy Davis is an ice skater for the Woodland Skating Team.

Her skating workouts are two to three hours long, but it takes her forty-five minutes to get to the rink. Davis' workouts consist of an hour and a half of freestyle skating, forty-five minutes to an hour of school figures, and fifteen to thirty minutes of dance.

In the future, Davis wants to become a coach. She is getting some experience in teaching right now because she is an assistant coach, giving her a professional status. She plans to use her teaching experience to help her pay her way through college.

Davis started skating at about the age of six.

"My parents took me skating when I was little, but I didn't get serious about it until 10 or 11 because I wasn't too sure about it," Davis commented.

Skating takes up much of her time, and she is in the lead. How does she have time for both activities and academics?

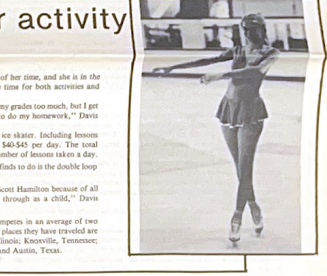
"Skating doesn't affect my grades too much, but I get home late and then have to do my homework," Davis said.

It's not cheap to be an ice skater. Including lessons and ice time, the cost is \$40-\$45 per day. The total amount depends on the number of lessons taken a day.

The hardest thing Davis finds to do is the double loop jump.

"My favorite skater is Scott Hamilton because of all of the hardships he went through as a child," Davis said.

Davis' skating team competes in an average of two competitions a year. Some places they have traveled are Dallas, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; Knoxville, Tennessee; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Austin, Texas.



Tracy Davis is an ice skater for the Woodland Skating Team.

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Four More Years?

by David Morales
Staff Writer

The latest issue present with everyone is the upcoming election. The big question is the re-election of the incumbent, Will President Reagan win another four years of office? Something that should help decide whether or not he deserves the title again is the accomplishments of his first term. Is it worth continuing his leadership another four years? Perhaps an insight into this man will help decide that question.

Ronald Wilson Reagan was born February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois. He was educated in Illinois and graduated from Eureka College in 1932, with a degree in economics and sociology.

He proceeded to become a sports broadcaster, editor, and would later be seen in fifty feature-length motion pictures. From movies he moved into television as production supervisor and host of "General Electric Theatre." In 1964, he was host of the television series "Death Valley Days."

In 1966 he became Governor of California by a sweeping victory. In 1970 he was elected to a second term then went on to become a member of the Presidential Commission investigating the CIA.

In November of 1970 he announced his candidacy for the 1976 Republican presidential nomination. He lost narrowly, but still managed to move ahead and took his nomination again in 1980. He was nominated unanimously on the first ballot. On November 4, 1980, Ronald Reagan became the 40th President of the United States.

Now, four years later, we are faced with yet another election. President Reagan is in the running for re-election to the Presidency as the Republican party's nominee. Looking over his record the past three-and-one-half years gives us an insight as to what four more years will bring. Inflation has been cut from 12.4% in 1980 to 3.2% and is still falling. In 1983, four million more people found jobs, bringing employment to its highest level in history. The country is well on its way to the goal of eight million more jobs by the end of 1989.

His leadership has obtained a bi-partisan agreement that will save the Social Security system well into the next century and perhaps even further. His defense program has revitalized the U.S. margin of safety by allowing military pay increases, modernization of the U.S. strategic triad, and improved

He has established a more stable and peaceful relationship with the Soviet Union by pursuing common interests such as avoidance of war and the reduction of arms and tensions generally. He recently met with Soviet representative Andrei Gromyko as an example of this.

He also took action to protect U.S. citizens and respond to the request made by seven Caribbean democracies for help in restoring democracy in Grenada. This successfully ended a pro-Soviet-Cuban dictatorship and exposed military and subversive cooperation with the Soviet bloc and Cuba.

As the election draws nearer, platforms have been announced by both parties as to their position on certain key issues.

The Republicans plan to limit the federal role in education, restoring power to state and local governments. They support merit pay for teachers. The GOP opposes mandatory busing of students to achieve racial desegregation and they advocate tuition tax credits and vouchers to give parents more choice where their children are educated.

On the issue of school prayer, the Republicans favor the right to voluntary school prayer.

The Democratic party endorses adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment and they support equal pay for work of comparable worth. The Republicans, on the other hand, mention that all Republicans "are free to work individually for women's progress" and demand that there be "no inhibition" of women's rights to "full opportunity and advancement within this society." Republicans also oppose concept of equal pay for work of "comparable worth."

Abortion separates the Democrats and Republicans most completely. Democrats propose a pro-choice position, recognizing "reproductive freedom as a fundamental human right." They oppose a constitutional amendment banning abortion. The Republicans support a constitutional amendment banning abortion and support the appointment of federal judges who oppose abortion.

The Republican party opposes any gun control, defending "the constitutional right to keep and bear arms."

Republicans oppose mandatory taxpayer financing of political campaigns and recommend abolishing the Federal Election Commission. Its platform action aimed at Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro. Republicans vow support for "fair and consistent application" of financial disclosure laws and support for "full disclosure" by all high officials and candidates of their own finances and the holdings of "spouses or dependents."

At a glance, these are the major issues confronting both nominees. The ideas differ also in the areas of defense and foreign policy. President Reagan and the entire Republican party are prepared to face the challenges in the next four years. In any case, depending on your selection Democrat or Republican cast your vote.

As Reagan says, "After all our struggles to restore America, to revive confidence in our country, hope for our future, after all our hard-won victories earned through the patience and courage of every citizen, we cannot, must not, and will not turn back. We will finish our job."

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Democratic election fight

by Robyn Gray
Staff Writer

The heavyweight bout for the most prestigious political title has begun. The two contenders, with their back-ups, continue to push and brawl over the four-year reign as President. In this corner of the ring, representing the Democrats, is "Fritz," Mondale, assisted by Geraldine Ferraro. The Democratic platform urges "involvement and participation and action by more people in more government decisions — not only at the finish, but from the start."

Attempting to continue the Democratic impulse, Mondale fights for the seat in the Oval Office.

The candidate was successful as a young age. Mondale was appointed Attorney General of Minnesota only four years out of the University of Minnesota. He continued that job until 1964, at which time Mondale took over Hubert Humphrey's seat in senate. After refusing to be George McGovern's running mate in 1972, Mondale then accepted the nomination to run with Jimmy Carter as Vice-President in 1976.

"He doesn't just sit around and say, oh, now it's time for me to go campaigning. He's always campaigning," Joan Mondale said about her husband.

Joining Mondale on the ticket will be native New Yorker Geraldine Ferraro. At an eight-year-old child, Ferraro was devastated when her Italian-immigrant father died and her mother was forced to get a job in the Bronx, exchanging bonds on dress. However, Ferraro recovered from asthma, which was the result of the tragedy, and went on to get scholarships to both Marymount School in Tarrytown, N.Y., and Marymount College in Manhattan.

While teaching second- and fourth-grade classes, Ferraro attended night law classes with the financial help of her mother. Despite her marriage to John Zaccaro, Ferraro uses her maiden name as a gesture of gratitude to her mother. Later, her four years as New York Assistant Prosecutor left Ferraro "emotionally drained but politically invigorated." She said that momentum to get into Congress.

In her run for vice-presidency, Ferraro was tested by the sticky financial situation at the very controversial start of her campaign. However, reporters and 77% of the voters were satisfied by the way Ferraro handled the situation, according to a Time poll.

"I'm truly most concerned about one thing, and that's beating Ronald Reagan. If a woman on the ticket would make a stronger ticket, I'm willing to do it," Ferraro says.

The most publicized is the issue of religion and politics. "The founding fathers spelled it out in great detail and what they spelled out was the separation of church and state," Mondale said summing up the Democratic side of the debate. According to the constitution, the government shall make no laws establishing religion or prohibiting religion in any way.

Mondale, the son of a Methodist minister, says Reagan is "trying to transform policy debates into theological disputes," but also said, "In America, faith is personal and honest, and uncorrupted by political influence."

Second, the national economy proves to be important to the Democrats, who intend to confront and resolve the federal deficit.

Raising taxes is a must, according to the Democrats. They claim they will raise taxes more fairly. For example, the Democrats plan to increase taxes for large companies and individuals with a yearly income of \$60,000 or more.

"We will renege defense expenditures, create a tax system that is both adequate and fair, control skyrocketing health costs without sacrificing quality of care," the Democratic party platform asserts.

Finally, the Democrats endorse a nuclear arms freeze, annual summit meetings with Soviet leaders, and advanced arms control.

After unifying the party, the next question now is if the Mondale-Ferraro couple has a chance of winning.

According to a Newweek VIP poll, 16% of those questioned felt Mondale had an excellent chance of beating Reagan in their state. 34% felt Mondale had a good chance, 44% felt he had only a fair chance, and 15% felt he had a poor chance of beating Reagan.

The Democrats have only 6 states which they are sure to win, but they are close to Reagan in Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Also, because of Ferraro, the Democrats hope to take California because of the state's "friendly" nature.

However, no Democrat has won the presidency without capturing Texas, and in the latest poll, Reagan was leading by 15%.

Mondale should also capture Michigan, which was hard hit by the economy, but he is behind Reagan there, too.

The Mondale-Ferraro duo brings in votes from minorities like blacks, Jews, and women. However, since Reagan carries the majority of the middle-class votes, the Democrats would need a record turn out at the polls; at least 100 million voters. (In 1980, there were only 86.5 million voters.)

Whatever wins, the Democrats put it best when they say, "We need a President who sees the world as it is, in all of its complexity, its dangers and its potential, who's been tested by experience, who's read and remembers history, who will reduce the risk of nuclear war, who sees force as a last resort and not as a first resort."

Students voice opinions

This year, a 48-year-old, freented blonde may change the history of America. Geraldine Ferraro, who is running for vice president on the Democratic ticket has created quite a stir among the nation. Creek students have formed their own decision.

"I think it's great for a woman to finally run for a high political position," sophomore Miss Schmitt said.

The majority of the students feel the same way, for example, junior Ralph Hillon said, "Even though I would vote for Reagan if I could, I think that Ferraro should run for vice president because we need a woman's as well as a man's view of the democracy in the United States and the world."

Some, however, feel as does senior Chris Plausier, "I don't like the side she's on, but if she was on Reagan's side, I'd vote for her."

"Her party doesn't have very good policies. If she were running with the Republicans she would get into the White House," freshman Karl Joergel says.

Then, there are those who feel that "Mondale could've chosen a more qualified vice-president. I would hope no one would kill Mondale, if they made it to the White House," said senior Amy O'Connell.

"She's doing it for all the wrong reasons, because she's too concerned with promoting women's lib instead of concentrating on her job," sophomore Greg Mayne believes.

Also, there are those who totally oppose having a woman in high position. "I would rather have a man, I don't think a woman could handle it," sophomore Chinty Clark says.

"If Mondale and Ferraro are elected, I'll be ashamed of the country. Ferraro doesn't take a stand on abortion, and they are always pointing out Reagan's faults," sophomore Amy Arnold says.

Whatever happens, "I think it's good that a woman was chosen. A woman is capable of leading a country, take for example, Margaret Thatcher," government teacher Mrs. Linda Chappell says. "I will bring about changes in the nomination process. It reflects the shifting population, who are the voters, toward minority candidates. It will also bring a change in the decision-making process," Chappell concluded.

Popularity vs. Politics

by Laurie Nimsberger
Staff Writer

Many students might think of student council as a club only for the "popular crowd" to join, thus, they can talk in all of the meetings and save money on phone bills — this causes parents to urge their children to join. Some may think that the organization is total politics. Popularity vs. politics — who wins?

"They really work for the betterment of the school," Mrs. Schaff, sponsor of student council, said.

Decreasing for dances, promoting school spirit by organizing activities, going to conventions to prove what a great organization the school has for a student council, and the list goes on. Student council has many duties that most students don't even know about.

"The student council helps to promote school spirit and plans fun and exciting activities that we can all take part in," senior David Fischer said.

First of all, the freshmen are the ones known to run for popularity reasons, according to Schaff. By the time they are seniors, juniors or even sophomores, service to the school is more in mind. This usually comes about after one realizes how much dedication, time and hard work is really involved with being a member.

According to Schaff, the student council can affect the study body. "They work closely with the administration."

"I think the student council is politics although I did vote for only the people I knew who would do well," junior Sheila Ryan said.

"Anyone could run if they wanted to,"

Despite "popularity" tag Student Council members work to better school

Schaff said. She claims that anyone who has a good campaign can win the election. "It's all popularity. High school people aren't politicians," sophomore Jason Emata said.

Validity of the election is carefully guarded.

If too many ballots are received, appearing from nowhere, a re-vote is issued.

Town leaders distribute the ballots and this makes for less people having to handle the ballots.

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Mystic mischief makers become abrupt reality

by Chelsea Cavelli
Staff Writer

Mention the word "Halloween" and automatically your mind craves vivid pictures of ghouls, goblins, bats, witches, and, last but not least, bloodthirsty killers and evil-doers. Are these pictures simply images in one's mind?

Not according to Becky Holt, paralegal at Patrick Galley Law Firm, who has witnessed many types of crime related to the Halloween holiday. She said that most of the crimes committed during this season involve child abuse and, in some cases, vandalism. "Child victims are not solely those involved. The majority of crimes during this time are related to traffic problems and practical jokes or pranks that end up causing serious damage to children, also."

Captain Berchers, District Commander of the Cypress-Fairbanks area said the crime police department particularly watch for are criminal mischief or pranks. These include window breaking, the slashing of tires, and the use of permanent paint, among others. Berchers did claim that there would definitely be increased patrols on duty. He anticipates no man-power problem during this season but advised parents and

children.

"Get involved in organized activities through churches, high schools, junior high schools, and carnivals," Berchers said.

Holt also agreed with Berchers, saying she tries to plan something exciting for her own children as an alternative to trick-or-treating. She believes that the crimes are getting worse with each year that passes.

"It's really a shame that the true spirit of Halloween isn't there anymore and that people continually worry about the bad things that happen," junior Terri Marlin said. Marlin's Halloween is, however, very different today than when she was younger.

She claims that then, Halloween wasn't as much of a threat and now more kids are focusing on costume parties and haunted houses than trick-or-treating.

"I think it's a rotten shame that you can't go out on Halloween and have a good time without worrying about the far-fetched things in horror movies ending up a reality," junior Michelle Zimmerman said.

Holt believes it is not the holiday itself that brings out this adverse behavior.

"I think it's the time we live in and our ability to overlook a human being capable of putting razor blades in candy for a child to eat," Holt said.

Seniors earn first-rate prom

by Michele Millington
Staff Writer

The class of '85 started off the year as any other senior class-selling magazines. The two week sale raised \$5,564.92.

Tickets to the prom at the Adams Mark Hotel will be \$30. Despite threats to the magazine sale, the class will have a successful prom.

"Many people worked very hard to make the magazine sale a success. A well-done team seemed to be most people's motivation."

"I sold magazines for the prom and so we could have a good prom," senior Tammy Langford said.

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Lauper tops Riot feels the noise

By David Morales
Staff Writer

I doubt about it — the music business is back. Thanks to superstars like Michael Jackson, Bruce "The Boss" Springsteen, and Duran Duran, the records are selling and that makes people happy. Especially the record people. The sudden rush is probably due to acts that otherwise would not have been heard: performers like Corey Hart, the Stray Cats, Ratt, Twisted Sister. Even the commercialization of Van Halen and Michael Jackson maybe attributed to the video. Many people attribute this success to the popularity of that great four minute mini-movie, otherwise known as the "video."

Lauper Riot heads our direction with their head banging fans. They formed in 1977 with Kevin Dullow and guitarist Randy Rhoads the first members. They enjoyed little success and the band broke up in 1979. Dullow went on to revive the band with bassist Rudy Sarzo, who had experience playing with Ozzy Osbourne on *Son of a Bitch*. With the addition of guitarist Carlos Cavazo and drummer Frankie Banali, who was known for pounding the skin on Billy Idol's hit "Money, Money."

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Lauper grew up in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in New York. Her parents divorced when she was five and her mother supported the three children by working as a waitress. Lauper quit school because of the pressure around her.

"I always thought I was no good," she says. "I went to so many different schools and flunked out of everything. I was a delinquent, a street kid."

She worked with her first band performing Beatle music at the age of eleven. She formed Blue Angel in 1977 with saxophonist and keyboard player John Teri. Their first album, released in 1980, brought about their first tour through Germany, opening for Joe Jackson. The group broke up in 1982 after the band decided that they were going nowhere. Lauper decided to go solo and landed a contract under her own name.

She relies heavily on video and takes it

very personally. As she says, "The video *(Girls Just Want To Have Fun)* is an artist's video, not a video with an artist in it." One of the unusual aspects of her videos is the use of Lauper's personal friends, everyone from Lauper's mother to her boyfriend/manager David Wolff to long-time advisor and friend Capt. Lou Albano to her dog (she had a dog at the beginning of "Girls" and you'll see it). Cindy Lauper appears at the Summit in Houston on October 10.

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I video notes heavy play "key" videos now hitting the airwaves are: Van Halen's "Hot For Teacher," Sammy Hagar's "I Can't Drive 55," Rick Springfield's latest "Big Till You Drop," and The Fixx's "Are We Over?" Other video notes check new ones by Iron Maiden, Scorpions, and Prince. Congrats to the MTV people on their awards program — this is definitely a tradition to uphold!

Be sure to notice new material from Ratt, Wham!, Billy Squier, and the latest from Ronnie James Dio.



Quiet Riot update: Bruce Springsteen "Turkey day" More news later on this guy. Culture Club arrives, finally. Inside reports indicate their upcoming shows - Prince, Iron Maiden, and Triumph. It seems as if Triumph is out touring their latest LP released on the RCA label. Yes, perhaps the two made up after their dispute last year. One final concert note - the glow is coming! More later...

If you'd like to see a feature on your favorite group or artist, or if you have any questions or comments on concerts, videos, records, trivia or what you had for dinner last week, just drop me a line by the newspaper office (B 214). I'll do my best to get it in.

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Encounter shaky district start Coogs face trials and tribulations

By Ross Johnson
Sports Writer

Football season has once again arrived at the Creek, and with it some of the most cherished memories. Football season brings the fun out in school. Dances after the games, Homecoming, Friday night socials at the gym. Students, parents, young and old all gather to cheer on the Coogs.

This year Coogs possibly have more to cheer about. The team received a high Houston-area rating by both the Chronicle and the Post newspapers. Despite these compliments they have encountered a shaky start.

The Coogs opened their district season at Klein Stadium against the first varsity football team ever fielded by Klein Oak Panthers. The game was to be a grueling contest fought down to the final seconds on the clock.

The Panthers were the first to produce a touchdown. After the puntish touchdown, Coogs Gary Greenage responded on a kickoff return, deep into Panther territory. Quarterback Todd Moore connected several plays later with George Dietrich for a 35-yard pass for the touchdown, to put the game at 7-0.

During the middle of the second quarter, the Panthers had established an aggressive offensive drive. Just when it looked like the Panthers were going to score, Todd Kidd came into the picture and intercepted a pass at the Coogs' own 40-yard line. With 2:29 left in the second quarter, Moore rifled a touchdown pass.

On the field, the receiver did not have his feet in bounds. The Coogs had to settle for a Klein field goal and a 10-6 lead. During the third quarter, Coogs Jeff Bryant put on Klein Oak's offensive drive with a quarterback sack which resulted in a fumble recovery by Colby Harris. Almost immediately, Klein Oak recovered with a 63-yard gain. The Panthers scored on the middle and completed the two-point conversion during the 4th, to make the score 10-14.

A halfback pass from Tony Trent to Gary Greenage set up the ball on the 30-yard line. Moore followed that three plays later with a touchdown pass to Troy Manning. Unfortunately, Krenik's cover-

tion try was no good, leaving the Coogs with a 16-14 lead.

Later in the quarter, the Panthers established an offensive drive for 16 plays which covered 68 yards and resulted in a field goal that left only 30 seconds for the Coogs to gain salvation. All Coogs receivers were sent long, as Moore threw an incomplete pass. The Coogs return, the clock proved too much as time expired, leaving Klein Oak with a 17-16 upset.

The first foe faced was Northbrook. Under the direction of head coach Len Koenning, the Coogs have displayed moments of championship quality but have lacked consistency. This was the case for the season opener in which we tied 10-10, narrowly escaping an opening game loss.

The Coogs edged by defeat with the help of the Northbrook place kicker when he missed a field goal in the closing seconds.

After the shaky Northbrook start, the Coogs were to face Nimitz, a tough competition every year. Comparing the two teams, head coach Len Koenning commented, "In comparative scores, I felt our program was in better shape. They're in a rebuilding stage, and their coaching staff had done an excellent job in preparing that team."

Coach Koenning took our defensive secondary needs some work, with the offense, which he hopes will become more of an option team.

"We must improve with each game for it to be consistent," he said.

The Coogs finished an unimpressive season for victory against Nimitz. The defense was remarkable. Several key offensive plays were made, one in which Scott Lambeth sacked the quarterback which resulted in a Coog recovery for good field position.

Offensively, the Coogs moved the ball well. Quarterback Todd Moore threw a fluster pass to George Dietrich who scrambled in to the end zone for the touchdown. David Krenik added the extra point with his field goal. Gary Greenage electrified the fans early in the second half when he broke loose on a kickoff return, cut up field and out sprinted the lone runner for the 69-yard touchdown. Krenik again added the one point conversion.



Coogs prepare to position on the nimitz offense. They went on to win 12-14. Photo by John Rompelt.

Possibly the Coogs had picked up their momentum after the Nimitz victory and were ready and willing to make a stronger showing. Mother Nature decided to participate in the battle between the Coogs and Spring Branch at Cy-Fair Stadium.

The attack from both teams was primarily from the ground, although both quarterbacks did go to the air on several occasions. Both teams displayed good effort on the wet, slippery astro-turf, which is like trying to gain traction on ice with topsiders.

The Coogs received their first score of the night from Tony Trent. The running back, who rushed for 97 yards on 19 carries, was impressive and added the first-period touchdown.

After the half, the Coogs raged on for 49 yards and a fourth-period touchdown by Scott Woods. After Spring Branch had taken down the quarterback for a third-period safety. The Coogs came out victorious with a 12-6-2 win, extending their record to 2-0-1.

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Fan support would help Volleyball team struggles for consistency as district play continues



Jane Hester, Michelle Matrone, Tracy and Meredith look on in their ready position as their eyes are intently focused on the ball in hopes of predicting its next direction. Photo by Julie Wooty

Pep Rallies reinstated under new name

By Ross Johnson, Sports Editor

After five weeks of school and one pep rally, we will now be receiving spirit rallies every Friday on the day of the football game. These spirit rallies will begin at 2:00 and end at 2:30. The band will not be released earlier nor will the Silverdome perform as long as they have in the past.

The driving force behind these spirit rallies is to enable the students to enjoy and support their teams. We will have two full-length pep rallies. One for the Klein game, and one for the Homecoming game. Maybe these efforts will be able to generate the much needed optimism and support of the students. It's not fun to play football or perform when nobody shows up at the game. While reviewing past state football champions, there was one strikingly parallel item. The big winners all had tremendous support from the students.

The volleyball season is well under way and the Coogs are leading the pack. The varsity team began the season undefeated until September 25, when Katy Taylor broke their four game winning streak. Katy Taylor played much stronger than expected considering this is their first year in the 3A league.

Couch Jabre has a very positive feeling about this year's team. "The team is really working hard and beginning to play up to the caliber they are able to," Jabre said. Ranked eighth in the state, the Coogs are continuously trying to improve themselves. "We really need to work on our defense and speed," Jabre commented.

Through the tournaments and pre-season games, the team encountered a few surprises. Klein Oak's serve were much better than expected, reinforcing the need for a twifter defense.

One threat this year will be Cy-Fair. They have been strong competition for the past three years, yet we defeated them last season. On October 2, the Coogs met their arch-rival in three very exciting, high scoring games. Although we lost, we gave them a tough run for their money. In the last tournament played by the varsity team, we placed third. Also during the tournament, Shary Smith was awarded All-Tournament Player out of 14 players from 24 teams.

The only disappointment for the volleyballers is the fans. There are none. All the players agree that the lack of fans really affects their playing. Most of the people who do attend are parents, which isn't very fulfilling, since very few students ever get involved.

Overall, the team has good cooperation and is working hard to make this one of the best seasons ever for the Coogs.

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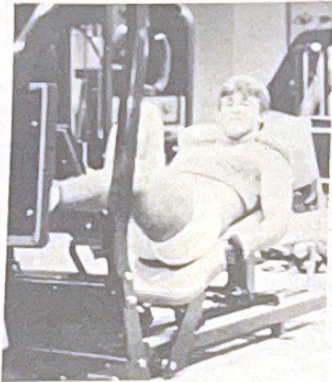
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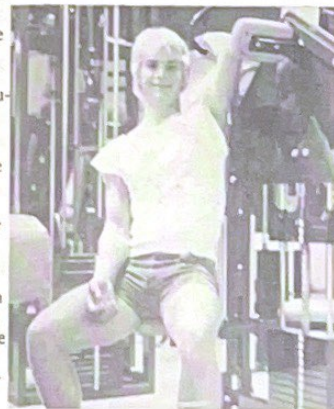
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