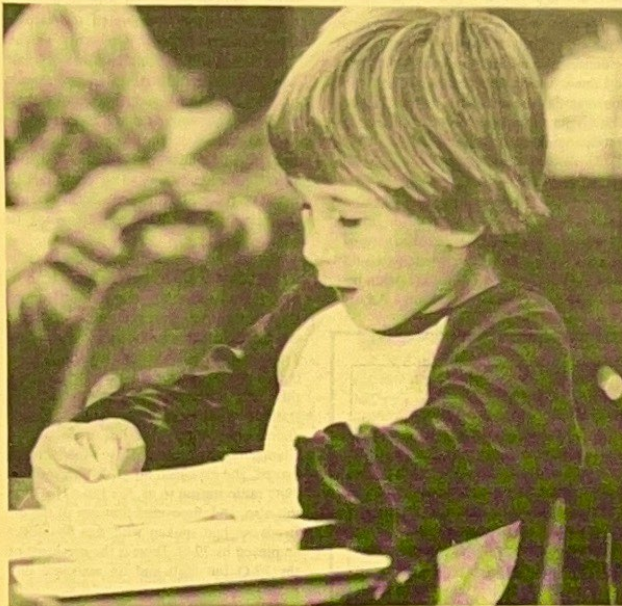


CYPRESS CREEK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

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Spirits haven't flown

"Spirits can be interpreted in many ways," co-sponsor Mrs. Joy Preble said of the literary magazine's name, "such as school spirit, or with a deeper meaning—in a poetic or literary sense." *Spirits* was the name chosen by last year's staff and according to co-sponsor Mrs. Deborah Wasser it seems to describe the enthusiastic attitude of this year's staff. The magazine, which will be sold in late April and early May, contains a variety of literary forms interposed with photographs and graphics. "We try to obtain a sampling of various students' works," Mrs. Wasser explained. Students may submit their original art-

work, photography, prose, or poetry to their English teacher or to the literary magazine sponsors, Mrs. Wasser and Mrs. Preble.

The literary magazine staff for 1982-83 is: Susan Mannina, editor-in-chief; Melissa Daniels, assistant editor; Terri Williams, prose editor; Jimmy Delahanty, assistant prose editor; Lisa Riffle, poetry editor; Lisa Toth, assistant poetry editor; Leslie Blair, art editor.

The staff encourages students to contribute to *Spirits* and welcomes new members to their meetings which are held two Thursdays a month after school.

Would you work for below minimum wage?

By Todd Savage

The year 1982 has been one in which unemployment rose to over ten percent—the highest level since post World War II. While Houston and on a smaller scale, even Cypress-Creek High School, have escaped the worst effects of this national problem, President Reagan is considering a proposal that may eventually affect students at Cy-Creek. A council of cabinet members has presented eight proposals to the President for consideration, including one which may allow employers to pay teenagers lower than the current minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour.

There have been many suggestions in the past for a "subminimum wage" but these proposals have always been strongly opposed by organized labor. Upon learning that such a proposal was under consideration, Rex Hardesty, spokesman for the 15 million-member AFL-CIO was quoted as saying, "It makes no sense to discriminate against one class of people, whether you do it because of their race, their religion or their age."

The administration feels that employment of young people could be increased if the federal government authorizes

employers to pay them less than the minimum wage allowed by federal law. Supporters of the proposal believe such a measure would create more jobs for teenagers while others argue that many adults would lose their jobs to them. "Are employers going to fire mothers and fathers to hire children?" Jim O'Toole, management professor at the University of Southern California, said in *Newsweek* magazine (March 30, 1981) commenting on a similar bill that was introduced in Congress last year. That bill would have allowed employers to pay only 75 percent of the minimum wage or \$2.51 an hour for the first six months of employment.

Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes has said that Reagan is not likely to seek action on the proposals in the lame-duck session of Congress and will probably wait until the next Congress convenes in January. Speakes did not identify the subminimum wage, which is often referred to as the "youth differential," as an option given to the President, but said the administration is considering another option in which the federal government might subsidize employers as an inducement to hire young workers.

The spirit of Christmas

By Allyson Brase

All over the world the problems of society build up leaving people with a dim outlook on life. They're either out of a job or so busy with their job, that they don't have time to enjoy life's little simplicities. December comes, bringing Christmas and an even more hectic schedule. There are presents to buy, trees to decorate and a million other little things to do. Only the children are immune to the hustle and bustle of Christmas. To them, Christmas means one thing—Santa Claus. Instead of worrying about how much they have to do before Christmas, children concentrate on writing their letter to old St. Nick in hopes of finding everything they want under the tree.

The *Cougar Connection* staff recently made a field trip to visit the kindergartners at Hancock Elementary School and was immediately caught up in the magic and joy only a child can bring to Christmas. All of the children had, of course, heard of Santa Claus and were already anticipating his

visit. With the help of staff members they sat down to write letter to Santa and tell him everything their hearts desired.

Pac-men and smurfs seemed to be the big thing this year with an occasional Barbie doll or G.I. Joe thrown in. However, underneath all the commercial values T.V. had instilled in them, some excited children still ask for things only Santa could deliver. Casey and Jacob, two of the more candid children, summed up their wants with, "A Toys R Us Store." I only hope Santa can fit that one down the chimney. Puppies were popular as were baby brothers and sisters. One child even wanted a live blue smurf in a box. It looks like Santa's got his work cut out for him. Before closing their letter, each child made sure to add, "Hi to Rudolph and Mrs. Santa," or "Have a nice trip."

After sharing in the excitement of the children, it's impossible not to view the rest of the day without a happy outlook. Maybe if we could all become children again, just for one day, Christmas would retain its true meaning.

Photo by Gretchen Spitzer

An excited Hancock kindergarten student decides what he wants from Santa.

Office Supplies

By Jan Fawcett

Are you thinking to yourself what does office supplies have to do with OEA? Well, OEA is the Office Education Association in which students work in offices. The Officers of their club for the 1982-83 school year are President—Jaquie Williams, Vice-President—Carol Wolfe, Secretary—Kelly Gilbert, Treasurer—Kathy Maggard, and two junior representatives—Cathy Hielschier and Melissa Friday. Only seniors can be officers, but they allow two junior representatives.

The club's goals for the year are to promote health, safety, public relations, community understanding, service projects,

career development and student recruitment. Do you remember the mum you received on Homecoming? The club, as part of their public relations, sponsored the mum sale at school by Cedar Point Florist.

To start off the Christmas spirit, the OEA Club sold Christmas items such as candles in decorated cans, Gold "C" Coupon books, stuffed animals, and stained glass figures.

In the future, the club will be having self-improvement speakers. These speakers will appear at least once a month. They attended a field trip on November 18th to IBM. When asked about the purpose of the trip, Mrs. Dennison, the OEA sponsor responded, "It familiarized the students with what word processing is and gave themselves exposure to the equipment."

Could you survive?

By Lisa Toth

What would it be like to be the last survivor after a nuclear war? Just ask a sophomore Horizons English student at Cypress Creek.

During November and December the five Horizons classes studied a unit on the nuclear age. Along with doing a research paper on an angle of nuclear energy, they read science fiction novels and had a nuclear physicist come to speak on the subject. "Like all projects," said Mrs. McKeller, Horizons English teacher, "the purpose was to spark some interest in various fields, develop research techniques and to suggest a possible study for next year." According to Mrs. McKeller, quite a few students were interested. "I think the unit set some students to thinking about current events that they might not have otherwise considered."

One essay question the students answered during their study on the nuclear age had to do with being the last survivor in a world destroyed by nuclear war. "Many students answered with a positive view on the situation," said Mrs. McKeller. "Most wanted to stay alive as long possible, which I found very interesting, but you never know how they would feel if the situation really occurred."

Cypress Creek Cougar Varsity Basketball Schedule 82-83

Dec. 16-17-18	Cy-Fair I.S.D.	Tourn.	H.
Dec. 21	Spring	H	7:30
Dec. 31	Waltrip	H	2:00
Jan. 4	Stinley	H	7:30
Jan. 7	Aldine Nimitz	T	7:30
Jan. 14	Jersey Village	T	7:30
Jan. 18	Klein Forest	T	7:30
Jan. 21	Katy	H	7:30
Jan. 25	Klein	T	7:30
Jan. 28	Cy-Fair	H	7:30
Feb. 1	Jersey Village	H	7:30
Feb. 4	Klein Forest	H	7:30
Feb. 8	Katy	T	7:30
Feb. 11	Klein	H	7:30
Feb. 15	Cy-Fair	T	7:30

*District 15-AAAAA Games

Connection Commentary

Do you have confidence?

By Melissa Daniels

With the new year quickly approaching, Americans will be looking to their leaders for guidance with old problems. But do we have confidence in our nation's leaders? Only twenty percent of the United States' population shows great confidence in those running our government according to a Harris' survey (Houston Post, Sunday, November 28, 1982). This is a decrease from past years, in which the highest percentage, thirty-one percent, occurred during the 1977 Carter administration.

What about at Cypress Creek? Do you have confidence in the people heading your student government and organizations? Or do you feel they are doing a poor job? Consider this look at all the trophies, ribbons,

and awards displayed in our trophy cases. These were won by the effort of Cy-Creek students working as a team with their leaders to achieve success. We have a long list of winning student-leader combinations working together to reach their goals. Why should we doubt them now?

The next time you feel as if you've elected a fool, sit and think. Perhaps they don't realize what you have discovered and need to be informed. They are people too and are the reason why they occupy that position. You elected these people. Keep informed and find out what you can do to help.

After all, you've elected these leaders as your representatives and the way they work reflects upon your student life and activities.

What happened?

Cougar Connection

I am writing about an article that was in the last issue of the Cougar Connection. I am very disturbed that the writer, Allison Braze, could print something about someone else, in this case, accusing Dapper Dave of being a fraud without sufficient evidence. I know for a fact he works there, so I think you should contact 79-Q again, if you ever did the first time. I think a letter stating the truth, Dapper Dave is not a fraud, should be sufficient.

Sincerely,

Tom Thompson (Freshman)

Dear Tom,

Apparently you were misinformed. When I ran Dapper Dave's letter, two different officials at the '79 radio station had informed my features editor, Allison

Braze, that a "Dapper Dave" was not employed at that station. When Dave's phone name we did not know at the time) delivered his letter, he did so anonymously, signing it only "Dapper Dave, 790, the Zoo." Upon receiving this letter, Allison who has four year journalism experience attempted to discover Dave's last name, and if he truly was affiliated with the station. The first official Allison called said that he had never heard of "Dapper Dave," and he knew of no one by that name employed by 79-Q. At this time, the rest of the staff was trying to make the upcoming deadline and also find out who Dave actually was so we could talk to him. As you now know, we are going to print.

The second time Allison called 79-Q to verify Dave's letter, she talked with a woman who said not only did a "Dapper Dave" not work there, the station did not employ high school students. So actually Tom, it was 79-Q who did the misinforming, not the Cougar Connection. During this time, we also tried listening to the radio station, but never heard a "Dapper Dave" announcing. When the last issue of the Connection came out, Dave finally responded, and explained his affiliations with the 79-Q radio station to us. We ran a check on this also, and discovered that one of the officials we had spoken with was no longer employed by 79-Q. Dave is an associate disc jockey.

To avoid further confusion, the Connection will only accept letters signed with identifiable student names. I will be glad to answer any further questions privately.

Sincerely,

Editor-in-Chief
*The names are documented and will be made public by request.

Letting their Light Shine

"It seems to me that we're bright this year," says Chuck Adam, speaking for Cougar for Christ of which he is vice president. The club began its third year in September and now has approximately fifty participants at every weekly meeting.

The 1982-83 officers are President Tom Elkins, Vice President Chuck Adam, and Secretary Mary Kay Hoffman. The club meets weekly and had guest speakers such as Harley Davis, a KISS disc jockey; Jan Keller, housewife; Mark Surfs, a youth minister from Evangelical Temple; Dave Collins, the area director of Young Life; and Claude Choate, last year's president. Club participants also enjoyed a picnic on October 15 at Spring Creek Park according to Chuck Adam.

Other activities included a caroling party and giving Christmas cards to the senior class, while plans are in the making for the forming of an activities committee.

"Our goal for this year," says Chuck Adam, "is to reach the students and teachers on a level that they're comfortable with. We hope to let Christ shine through us and have a radiance that is noticeable."

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Features

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

King with the creeps

If you've ever looked at the horror story come book, *Crepuscula*, then you'll know in advance the style of Stephen King's first movie, *Crepuscula*. Besides writing *Crepuscula's* screenplay, King also makes his acting debut as a "country humpin'" type farmer who transforms into a giant after touching a meteor. For both King's sake and ours, hopefully he will stick with his writing. His character is laughable, but so is his portrayal.

In spite of its faults, *Crepuscula* is a good horror movie. Guys should take a dare and go see this movie. It's not too bloody, just scary enough to scare her out of her seat (and into yours).

The soldiers here it

Mish is definitely not the word you would use to describe the play MASH. MASH was based on the everyday life of a soldier during war. The play was presented November 22 and 23. Bill Lowery, as Hawkeye, and Beth Slauson, as Margaret presented their characters exquisitely to a tee. The other cast members did just as well. Mr. Miller, the drama teacher, felt very confident about the cast production. She commented, "Over half the cast consisted of beginning drama students, so I felt

that the overall actions were quite adequate for the experience level." The scenery of the play was put together just as well as the acting of the cast. This together helped to create an overall success. The credits seem to agree, as an extremely large amount of people attended. The play created an atmosphere in which the attendees showed laughter, sadness, depression, or excitement. As a result, the cast enjoyed presenting the play and apparently the audience enjoyed watching it.

What's up, Doc?

The Medical Careers Club is an active club at Cypress Creek. The elected officers for the 1982-83 school year include Dionne Marshall, president; Michelle Franks, vice president; Susan Buchanan, secretary; and Mike Cox, treasurer.

The club's activity for October was guest speaker Mary Ann Anderson from Houston Baptist University, who spoke to the club about the nursing profession. During November, the club was on the move. November 18th they had a booth assembled in the North Oaks Mall area for the Great American Smokers' which took place November 18th. The purpose was to try and encourage smokers to stop for at least one day. Also, November 23rd, they went to the Houston Baptist University to attend a career workshop. Dionne Marshall said, "This was just one of our field trips that we have planned, however, we are still undecided about our second field trip. Our possibilities are going with Biology II to see open heart surgery, seeing a baby being born, which may be difficult to arrange; or to see, imagine this, an autopsy!"

Finally, to end the 1982 year in December the club will be sponsoring the Senior Blood Drive. The Medical Careers Club would like students of Cypress Creek to roll up your sleeves and give blood generously.

Marching to Success

"We're one big family," says Elizabeth Hill, head drum major of Cy-Creek's band. With about 140 students involved this year, the band has high goals and is working hard to reach them.

Cy-Creek's band program is made up of three major groups, the symphonic, concert, and color bands. The program also includes a flag corps with fifteen members and a drum corps with fourteen. Parents of band students have the chance to get involved by participating in the Band Boosters Club. The two responsibilities of the organization are to improve the morale of the band and to raise money. So far this year they have held various fundraisers such as the sale of pencils, candles, songs, wrapping paper and a car wash. As Mr. Seibers, band director, says, they are nowhere near the end of raising funds. Future fundraisers and Band Booster activities include a garage sale, bake sale, candle and soap raffle, slave sale, a spaghetti or chili supper, and various inventories at area stores.

This year's band officers are President Mike Forsythe, Vice President John Knight, Secretary Susan Polardolo, Treasurer Katy Lem and Historian Julie Johnson. Drum majors are Elizabeth Hill and Susan Simon. Band directors are Mr. Seibers and Mr. Gallanore.

So far this year Cy-Creek's band members have competed in the Blinn Marching Competition on October 30 and UIL Overall and at UIL accomplished their goal to score straight ones—a first in the history of Cy-Creek's band. On April 8 and 9, after raising \$70,000 for the trip, Cy-Creek's band will go to Washington, D.C. to perform in the Cherry Blossom Parade and possibly represent the entire state of Texas. Band concerts for this year are the December 16 Christmas show and a planned spring show on May 19. "The shows are

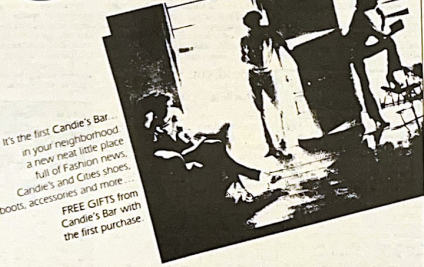
far superior," says Mr. Seibers of this year's band. "We have a lot of creative energy and, like a football team, need guidance in what they've been practicing since the end of summer by practicing every weekend after school."



Photo by Eric McNamee
"It's a lot of fun and hard work," says Elizabeth Hill, drum major.

"Even though we got off to a weak start I think we're finishing strong," adds Mr. Seibers. "Our most improvement this year is the enthusiasm and good attitude we have, and if you have enthusiasm you can overcome any physical setback." Band is a great place for a freshman to start off, where he is accepted by the peers," says Elizabeth Hill. "Our band is a great family. The people are really special here."

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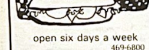


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- a. A college is a young or undeveloped university. TRUE FALSE
- b. A university usually contains several colleges and graduate schools. TRUE FALSE
- c. Colleges are small while universities are large. TRUE FALSE
- d. Colleges are small while universities are large. TRUE FALSE

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Sports

Cougar roll to early victories



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Varsity Cougs on the road again to Belton on December 9th

Lady Cougars begin new season

By Claire Ronemus

"We have good chance at making the playoffs this year," says girls varsity basketball coach Betty Maaskant. The team is preparing for their upcoming season and now have 2-1 record.

The Lady Cougars will have a tough pre-season before their first district game on January 6 against Jersey Village. According to Debbie Zajac, varsity player, the district title will, "...most likely be between us and Cy-Fair. It better be!" When asked for her

pre-season prediction on their outcome Debbie said, "I think we have a good chance at winning district if we will be hungry enough."

The 1982-83 varsity lineup are seniors Devra White, Valerie Wayhan, Karen Hillegeist, Nyla Jacobs, and Ann Benson. Junior members of the varsity team are Lenour Gilliam, Holly Evans, Marquitta Love, Terre Potsavich, Jennie Ferrara, Kathleen Harlow, and Debbie Zajac.

The winning tradition of boy's basketball at Cypress Creek is continuing this year as the Cougar basketball teams have compiled an overall record of 16-6, including a 6-1 record by the varsity.

Eisenhower first fell victim to a tough Cougar defense on November 23 as Cypress Creek downed them 48-38. Craig Britton hit 16 points for the Cougars and Gary McGuire dominated the backboards with 14 rebounds and 13 points.

The Cougars then faced Aldine High School in the Summit before the November 26th Rockets Chicago Bulls game. The Cougars hung tough and won the game 48-45 behind the play of Gary McGuire. McGuire scored and rebounded in double figures for the second time as in previous games, leading the Cougars with 16 points and 18 rebounds. McGuire also made two steals and blocked three shots for Cougar victory. Junior Luis Garza also performed well hitting 14 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The third Cougar victory came on the road November 30 against MacArthur. Though the Cougars were down by two points at halftime, they came back to win 58-55. Gary McGuire was dominating on the boards, pulling down 20 rebounds and scoring 19 points. Luis Garza contributed 15 points to lead the Cougars to their third straight victory of the young season.

The Cougars participated in the Clear Lake Tournament on December 2, 3, and 4. They won three games and lost only one game as they finished in third place.

The question of experience was answered very quickly during this season. The

Cougars were "...looking for senior leadership and experience" from returning lettermen Britton, McGuire, and Allen; they found it. A good example of this is Gary McGuire. McGuire is averaging 16 points and 17 rebounds a game after the first three games.

The Junior Varsity team under the direction of Coach Nate Gordon has jumped out to an early 2-0 record, defeating MacArthur and Eisenhower. "If we play to our capabilities, we should win every tournament this year," commented junior guard John Savardi.

Teeing off

The varsity boy's golf team was in the process of tryouts throughout the month of December, which will end sometime before Christmas vacation. The team will consist of thirteen boys. The lettermen of last year will be returning to the 82-83 team. These members are Joe Cordera, Kendall Allen, Mike Fitzgerald, and Bert Guynes.

After the team is chosen, they will get back into the swing of playing golf again and practicing for their tournaments. They will start participating in tournaments in early February. "We should be pretty close to one or two in the district," said Coach Blume when asked the question of how his team looks for the upcoming season.

Ad Libs

Due to lay-out problems in the second issue of the Cougar Connection, two of the ad libs were run together. The ad libs were bought separately and should not have been run together. The Connection apologizes to Sherri Proctor and Pat Gunther. Tanya Parmley loves rats and mice. Jill and Patricia need to learn how to ice skate. All my love to my favorite teddy bear-MB Hey Doug C.-MAAAAAA from BOB (pippi) Hey Elise ya want a mountain dew? Or a smile!

The guys at Texas ASM are so cute!!! Sharisse and Scott-just friends? Sometimes Biology bugs me! Hey Mary L! How is AF? Swimmers are #1!!!! Doug Frick-Don't even ask Jon Alderink is a Jailbird! Mrs. Henderson is a great teacher-From MN Curt Gunther is a dill-Party with 7 cases Kim is a super squirrel & Farlee, well... Sorry ya'll! Joanne is a French fry and Pam is an onion ring CLF-I want another PN-Je t'aime-JEO

F O & D, DD, & EM, YUS. From US All the way to state-girls B-Ball let's go Mannel! Noree Likes B.B.T.'s. Is J.V. really No. 1 Holly? David, I'll always love ya-Soon we'll be in Hawaii Well MD Can I join the McClique. too? From CR

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