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Cover / News

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Soccer team finds success

The soccer team has finished their first successful season and soccer coach Joe Santoscoy is anticipating next year's play. This plus girl's track, baseball and Bryan Waters' award-winning column that this issue looks at boy's track and their downfall in the District and Regional Meets. This and more sports on pages 8,9 and 11.

What the Hec / Seniors know what I mean

I've got senioritis. You know what that is. You just don't want to do anything. It's known as spring fever to underclassmen.

I could talk about those dark stains in the student center (where the shelves used to be) but I don't want to.

I could thank the construction cluster for laying down those sidewalks, but I don't feel like doing it.

I could even say something sad about having to leave high school now that we're seniors.

Or maybe say something about how it really won't be all that bad, because we got a whole world out there waiting for us.

But I just don't feel like doing it.

Oh, I could congratulate the drama and choral departments for bringing us a couple of excellent stage

presentations.

I could also get totally outraged about the proposal set forth by Linus Wright to move our journalism department to Lincoln.

But I won't. I just don't feel like doing it.

Maybe something about how a senior teacher called seniors "useless" by this time of the year (see opposite page), or maybe something about us being the first four-year students to graduate from Skyline.

Hell, I could even talk about the Iranian situation and how World War III is just around the corner!

But I don't feel like doing it.

Instead, I think I'll just sit here and tell you (in type), that I've got a terrible case of senioritis, and I don't feel like commenting on anything.

DISD restricts teachers' civil rights

by Lisa Taylor

The U.S. Constitution guarantees all citizens the right to organize; however, DISD policy restricts this right for its teachers.

Presently teachers are fighting for Classroom Teachers of Dallas (CTD) association rights. Association rights are the rights of teachers to belong to an organization that represents the teachers' interest.

The DISD policy is unfair because, while it allows insurance company representatives to solicit teachers in lounges, it denies association representatives the right to meet with their members. Another discriminatory DISD policy is the one that allows teachers to have payroll deductions for their health insurance, the credit union and the United Way, but refuses teachers the right to have their association dues deducted from their pay checks.

Before 1977, teachers had the right to have their association dues deducted from their checks; however, this policy was abolished because, according to CTD Skyline representative, Joan Covici, "Estes just didn't want to make it

Relief felt by all

Lack of graduation facilities reason seniors get out early

by Robin Reed

Few seniors know the exact reason they get out of school two weeks early, but most are as relieved as the rest of the underclassmen and the senior teachers. The seniors last day is May 23 but the last week is full of senior activities such as the annual signing party, the continental breakfast and the senior picnic. As far as the seniors are concerned, they get out of school May 16. Exams are May 15 and 16.

The reason behind the early dismissal of seniors is due to the shortage of places to hold graduation ceremonies. All the high schools in Dallas, Duncanville, Plano, Richardson and other suburban school districts must vie for the three facilities large enough to hold graduation ceremonies: Fair Park, Memorial Auditorium and SMU.

The counselors must have all the grades in to know who is graduating. The seniors must be ranked, programs must be ordered, the valedictorian and salutatorian must be determined, all before graduation.

When seniors are dismissed, depends on when a school's graduation ceremony is scheduled.

It appears the release of the seniors two weeks early is a relief to all. Certainly, senior teachers don't seem to mind. They cram the two weeks of work the seniors would be missing into the last fortnight of school.

"The seniors are worthless by this time of year anyway. They act like they graduated six weeks ago," one teacher said.

It gives the juniors a chance to be in charge. They now become the oldest class in the school. They can assume the senior's place in the student center.

It's not that the seniors won't be missed, it's just that no one seems to complain about their early dismissal.

easy for teachers to speak up for their rights."

Giving teachers the opportunity to pay their dues without any worry or hassle greatly increases CTD membership. Without this opportunity, fewer teachers become members.

DISD has put CTD so far under the table that teachers are not even allowed to discuss anything concerning CTD or association rights with any teacher, or student, during school hours.

Mrs. Covici said, "Some schools really have it bad, but Mr. Guzick is really fair and understanding." Principal Frank Guzick has provided the teachers with a room in which to meet and discuss CTD; however, they must meet before 8:30 in the morning or after 4 p.m. This policy also decreases membership in CTD because many teachers don't like to come to school early or to stay after school.

Every teacher should have the right to join an association without being arbitrarily hampered. With its restrictions of association rights, DISD has, in essence, hampered this right.

Stranger in a messy land

Closed minds, eyes won't solve garbage problem

by Kendall Downs

The stranger picked his way carefully through the beer cans, Whataburger sacks, cigarette butts and paperwads littering the otherwise green lawn.

"I didn't realize how bad it was going to be!" he thought to himself.

The stranger walked down the hall to the newly-carpeted central meeting place. "What a pig sty!" he said aloud, but the people around him were too noisy to hear him.

The stranger finally found the office he was looking for.

As the supervisor greeted him, he noticed the grim look on his guest's face.

"Hello, I'm from the city sanitation office," the man began, "and I've been sent to inform you that Skyline High School has been condemned as an eyesore."

This may seem greatly overstated, but Skyline is suffering from an unnecessary pollution problem that could easily be relieved through simple awareness of the situation.

The 50 or so janitors that work through the day to keep the building in as good a shape as possible cannot do it all alone.

The staff of all-day and all-evening janitors had to be recently increased because of the massive litter problem.

"Because Skyline stays open from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., there is no way to keep it completely free of pollution," commented Dwain Dawson, assistant principal in charge of facilities. "But the problem is now ridiculous. It is so easy to correct."

Skyline need not worry about being closed because of the pollution problem, but closed minds and closed eyes won't help the problem either.

1980-81 Senators chosen; officers in runoff

While the Presidential campaigns for the nation are taking place, campaigning for senate and class officers were taking place here.

Freshmen, sophomore and junior classes reported to their homerooms to elect the 1980-81 senate and senate officers, April 24.

The officer selection resulted in run-offs for all but coordinator of the senate. James Roberson was elected coordinator, having had no opponent. Michelle Bentley and Camelia Diggs were in a run-off for vice-coordinator. Others in run-offs for the senior class were Cody Gilbert and Christine Hall for class president, Connie Cook and Rhonda Gaines for vice-president and Sharon Bruton and Jeanna Nobles for secretary-treasurer.

The junior class president run-offs were between Micheal Mata and Michelle Ottmo. Lisa Durbin and Troy Furlough vied for vice-president and

Wendy Edwards and Sonji Sayles for secretary-treasurer.

Sophomore class president was between Susan Shinn and Mark Williams; vice-president between Kimberly Fisher and Tammy Neal and secretary-treasurer between Karen Littrell and Kelly Newton.

The run off election was held May 7. Results were not available at press time.

Newly elected senior senators are: Sarah Baker, Naja Burton, Karen Edwards, Rhonda Gaines, Cody Gilbert, Donna Harper, David Herring, April Jackson, Antionette Long, Jeanna Nobles and Edith Record.

Re-elected to the post were Sharron Bruton, Connie Cook, Leslie Fahrner, Twana Gray, Christine Hall, Robert Hensel, Michelle Jackson, Christal Jones, Kathy Roberts and Kevin Sneed.

First time elected senators are Craig Craft, Keith Daniels, Wendy Edwards, Leanne Fields, Jackie Jones, Karen Jones

and Terri Turner.

Re-elected to serve again are Kim Baker, Michelle Bentley, Charmane Booty, Cindy Brewer, Cami Cobb, Melissa Cupito, Cheryl Dodd, Lisa Durbin, Troy Furlough, Karen Jackson, Beth O'Dell, Michelle Ottmo, Sonji Sayles, Micheal Sterling, Yvonne Yanez.

Newly elected sophomore senators are Lynn Beall, Yolanda Brooks, Lauri Colacecchi, Nancy Crues, Darrin Davis, Tony Fazio, Kimberly Fisher, Claudia Hinds, Missy Hopkins, Cheryl Kennedy, Tammy Neal, Leavetta Sasser, Susan Shinn and Adrienne Sockwell.

Re-elected senators are Phil Fragapane, Shannon Frost, Stephanie Johnson, Karen Littrell, Lori Marchall, Lisa Marino, Kelly Newton, Regina Stephens and Mark Williams.

These senators will begin their term next fall.

Sidewalk to stop muddy tracks in student center

Muddy tracks and worn grass are some problems that will be solved upon the completion of a new sidewalk. The sidewalk, laid by the construction cluster, connects F-building to the main building near the cafeteria and student center.

Muddy feet have been a problem in the newly recarpeted center.

The construction of the sidewalk was started April 17 and is expected to be finished before the end of the school year.

"The kids are doing a super job with it, especially since they work on it only during their cluster time," said Dwain Dawson, director of facilities, about the construction students.

The sidewalk will be built around a tree. Benches will be added to create a nice setting.



Achievement tests revised to meet changing times

Approximately every 10 years DISD changes the achievement test to update and keep up with the changing times. Students who had taken the test this year were affected by this change. Previously, Dallas schools have taken the Iowa Test of Educational Development test; now students take the Test of Achievement Proficiency. Both tests are written by the same company, Houghton Mifflin.

Though the tests were revised, the material covered is basically the same, not any harder or easier. The scores, are compiled to form city and national percentile ranks. The individual scores also help counselors locate student weak points and get them the help they might need.

Skyline students generally do well city-wide and usually rank in the top five high schools in Dallas. Records of each student's scores will be in their counselor's office at the beginning of next year's school term.

Counselors encourage students to come in to see and discuss their scores.

Underway. Construction students prepare sidewalk for cement filling.

Cluster students to attend Olympics

Two students will participate in the Olympics this summer although not the ones in Moscow.

Eric Burger and Stephen O'Dell both won first place positions in the State VICA Speed Skill Contest held in Fort Worth. Eric won first place in industrial electronics. Stephen won first place in architectural drafting.

Eric and Stephen will go to Atlanta, Ga. this June for the U.S. Skills Olympics, accompanied by their instructors Howard Watts and Robert Batson.

Mike Mosby and Sylvester Chandler also placed in the state contest. Mike won third place in cabinet making and Sylvester won fourth place in heavy duty mechanics (diesel).

In the second division of the VICA contest, there were three first place winners. These students, however, will not go to the nationals. In the Technical Information Contest, Rickie McDowell won first place in photography, Brad Witherspoon won first place in cabinet making and Lisa Lewis won first place in plastics fabrication.

Other students who placed in the Technical Information division were Kay Schweers with a fourth place in commercial art. Charles Miller won second place in photography and Lynne Byars won third place in Photography. Robert Armstrong won second place in vocational electronics. Curtis Williams won fourth place in plastics fabrication.

Tropical styles theme for annual fashion show

Sensational bright summer looks with a burst of blooms highlighted "The Western Vacation Hawaiian Caribbean Look" at this year's annual fashion show.

The show, a by invitation only event, was held May 13 during school hours in the auditorium. They showed various summer styles and upcoming trends designed and made by students in the fashion design cluster.

Mike Jamerson and Fred Stewart, professional cosmetologists, helped with hair styling and make-up. Kim Dawson Modeling Agency advised them on how to present the show.

Cover Story

Mystery of 8-foot pipes solved

Wondered what those huge concrete pipes laying around the school are for?

These pipes will be laid from the new reservoir and pump station being constructed on Jim Miller to the east side water purification plant located near I-20. Through the pipes, purified water taken from Lake Ray Hubbard will be transported to the reservoir.

The 96-inch diameter pipeline will run approximately 200 feet on the school

campus, down Chariot to Wimbelton Way, where it will run in front of the school. From there, the line will run down Forney to Buckner.

Chisolm Trail Construction Company is in charge of the pipeline project. Work near Skyline will begin in June and should be completed before school starts so students and staff shouldn't be inconvenienced by the torn up streets and property. The completion date for the entire project is December, 1981.

Lack of interest prompts demise of Senior Pub

"Really, it was unorganized from the beginning," said Pub Staff member Hector Cantu. "If we would have had a class period to work on it, we could have done it."

The Forney Road Pub, which seemed to have troubles from the start, has been cancelled due to lack of interest among staff members. The Pub got off to a late and shaky start after it was shelved at the beginning of the year also due to lack of interest. After a few concerned students got it off the ground, the small staff met in the mornings. However, it wasn't too long until many students either dropped out or just quit attending the meetings.

The staff soon melted down to just editors Keren Ware and Liddy Bllingham and a few other faithfuls. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough. They were unable to make printing deadlines so that the book could be distributed before seniors.

Price increase due for school lunches

Regardless of what you think about the quality of the lunches served in the cafeteria- you may be paying more for them next year.

In an effort to balance the budget for 1981, President Carter has proposed \$500 million cut in the child nutrition programs such as the lunch, breakfast and child care programs. This budget cut would hopefully control increases in federal spending.

Skyline currently receives 33.5 cents from the federal government for every school lunch and, with inflation adjustments done twice a year, subsidies continue to rise.

The proposed plan would reduce the 33.5 cent subsidy by 5 cents and schools would receive inflation adjustments only once a year.

According to Merle Haggerty of the School Programs Division, Department of Agriculture, the price of school lunches would rise at least two more cents with the inflation adjustments occurring only once a year.

Under another proposal, lower income families would find it more difficult for their children to receive free lunches. At this time, an average family of four, with an annual income of \$8,940 or less may obtain free lunches for their children. But, if the new proposal is put into effect, the average family would have to earn \$7,150 or less in order to participate in the free lunch program.

Haggerty, expressing his feelings about the proposal, said, "I don't think they should cut from the needy, but they should cut the subsidy from your upper income middle-class people that don't need it."

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Administrators find successful remedy for school bus discipline problems

Back in February, discipline problems on DISD buses reached their peak. In an effort to combat the problem, administrators decided to "crackdown" on the students causing trouble. As it turns out, not only was their plan a simple one, but it has been highly successful as well.

"We just made students aware that we've had school bus discipline referrals for a long time. Once they found this out, they settled down and since then we've had few problems," said Mary Jo Lester, Skyline bus dispatcher.

Ms. Lester said that disruptive behavior on school buses seems to go in cycles.

"In February, it just got too bad, not only at Skyline but at other schools as well. So we warned them about these referrals. We don't like using them except as a last resort, because it often results in a student being kicked off their bus. We don't want that to happen," added Ms. Lester.

Typical problems that a bus driver might face, according to Ms. Lester, are blaring radios, profanity and students sticking their arms or heads out of the windows.

Stricter absentee policy anticipated

While no decision has been made yet concerning the DISD's absentee policy when the semester system is reinstated this fall, one can be fairly sure it will be tighter than this year's required 75 per cent. A number of reasons exist for the making of stricter absence rules.

First of all, public schools receive money from the state based on average daily attendance. The higher the attendance, the more money the school system will receive.

Second, when the three day exemption rule allowed students to miss final exams, attendance was high, and according to Principal Frank Guzick, attendance declined when the rule was abolished.

Student achievement also suffers with lowered attendance. As administrators have stressed many times, a student cannot learn if he is not in school.

Other school districts in Texas have also adopted a "get-tough" attitude. In the Houston ISD, six unexcused absences in a semester constitutes automatic failure.

In Richmond, Texas Lamar Consolidated ISD, teachers got tired of attempting to separate genuine excuses from false ones and adopted a plan that allows a student 10 absences, excused or unexcused, before he or she is given an F for a course.

Tickets to be sold for Origin assembly

The yearly annual assembly will take place this year on Monday, May 19. A slide presentation will be featured that will reveal this year's theme and cover for the **Origin**, as well as the announcement of class favorites and those selected by the faculty as Who's Who.

The only deviation from last year's procedure is that there will be 500 tickets sold at \$1. To buy a ticket one must show a receipt proving he has purchased a yearbook. When buying the ticket, the receipt will be stamped so each person can buy only one ticket.

The books themselves will be distributed later in the day during a sixth period homeroom. If students are tardy to homeroom they will have to wait until the following day to receive their books. Students who do not pick-up their books in homeroom should do so in room 223 that week.

Unsold books will be sold for \$25 a piece in room 223 after May 19.

12 staff members to leave Skyline

Many faces that students and staff members have come to know over the years, will sadly be missing from the halls of Skyline as the new school year starts this August.

Leaving are George Acuff, math geometry and Algebra I teacher and Karla Key, world history teacher. Dr Acuff has another job in Houston and is marrying Miss Key. CDC building trades instructor Cyril Stephens is also leaving. Thurman Reese, biology teacher, is quitting teaching for a higher paying position with Texas Instruments.

Retiring from the teaching profession are HOCT instructor Rowena McAlister, counselor Vera Hayden and English Coordinator Jim Lloyd.

Mr. Lloyd cites the need to spend more time with his children and grandchildren who live in Austin, as his reason to retire.

Also leaving Skyline are five custodians: W.H. Willis, R.L. Carder, L.E. Rector, C.H. Longino and Pete Morrow.

Morrow has also given more to Skyline than most. He served as Rodeo Club sponsor for several years before the district decided only faculty members could sponsor clubs.

Girl's relay team looks for state win

by Donna Smith

The girl's 400-meter sprint relay team has a chance to become the first from Skyline to become state champions.

They qualified for the state meet after running a winning time of 48.02 seconds in the regional meet. Included in those teams they beat were last year's state champions in the 400 relay, Trimble Tech.

Three of the members from last year's relay team, which placed fifth in state, are on this year's team: Michelle Massey, Elissia Fountain and Cornelia Sheppard. Anchoring the relay is the newest team member, Tammy Patterson.

Although the team posted their fastest time ever in the regional meet, which was very close to the state record, an injury to Fountain may hurt their chances to win state.

Fountain pulled a groin muscle during practice the week after the regional meet. She is treating her leg with ice packs and has begun to participate in light

workouts. According to trainer Eddie Lane and Coach Mary Thomas, if her leg continues to heal and if no injuries reoccur, she will be able to run in the state meet.

If Fountain isn't ready to go, Shirley Jeffers will run in her place.

Sheppard, the only senior on the team, said, "We will win if we run like we did in regionals and if our hand-offs are good."

In competition that is as tough as state, the exchanges from one runner to the next is the most important part of the relay. It is here where the race is either won or lost.

Although the Raiders were disappointed by the fact that only the relay team qualified for state, they are looking forward to next year with all 10 qualifiers from the regional meet returning, except Sheppard.



Millender

by Bryan Waters

It would seem that Donnie Millender enjoys pitching against the Bryan

Adams Cougars when the season is on the line. For BA, though, it is indeed a different story. They will tell you that, when they get over the heartache, or when their eyes dry, whichever comes first.

For the second year in a row, Millender shut out the neighboring rivals in the District 11-AAAA East Zone Championship game, April 29. Millender's performance this year was even better than last year's, as the veteran fireballer allowed just two hits and one walk, behind a sparkling defense, for a 5 to 0 Skyline victory.

"We got lucky tonight," reflected Millender following the game. "They hit some balls right at us."

Millender was right about that—BA hit pop ups, slow rollers and easy fly balls right at the Skyline Defense. The Cougars only hit, in fact, one ball hard all night—a fifth inning single. Their other hit, which came in the third inning, was a cheap infield job.

It was a different story for Skyline. They racked up eight hits, off two BA pitchers—starter Gleen Caperton and reliever Ronnie Robinson—including three extra basers. The big blow came in



Tape breaker. Sprinter Michelle Massey finished first in the 200-meter preliminary dash at the District 11-AAAA Meet April 3.



Rise from cellar earns team respect

by Steve Rogers

After years of banging around the cellar, the boys' soccer team has finally gained some respect by combining a 4-4 record for the past season.

This year's .500 level of play seems an extraordinary affair when one glances at records of the past couple of years. Going 0-8 last year and 1-7 the year before, the team certainly did not merit, or receive, any admiration from the student body.

The difference this year? For starters, having a coach who had experience in soccer was a big plus. Taking nothing away from Coach Gary Newsome, who is certainly to be commended for respond-

End of a threat. Fullback Ron Hernandez clears the ball out of Skyline's end to stop a Bryan Adams threat as goalie Thao Vvong watches.

comes through in clutch

ers blank Bryan Adams, 5-0

the sixth inning off Robinson when third baseman Tripp Marable, a consistent .200 hitter over the last two seasons and the last man in the order, powered a three-run homer over the left field fence for the final 5 to 0 margin.

Marable said he was just trying to protect the plate in his home run situation, when Skyline had men on first and third with two outs and a slim 2 to 0 lead. "I just wanted to make contact and hit the ball," he said. He probably didn't expect what he got.

Marable's shot provided a little more breathing room for Millender, although it probably wouldn't have mattered, because he was breezing along, almost untouchable. His only trouble came in the fifth inning when the Cougars got men on first and third with one out.

It didn't take long for Millender to end the threat.

He got the next hitter on a pop up to second baseman Alan Cannon, for the second out. The final out came on a hanging line drive to centerfielder Keith Miller.

"In that situation," explained Millender, talking of the jam, "I pitch them inside and try to get them topop the ball up. Or I go for a strikeout."

Things could have gone differently for the Raiders had it not been for some

spectacular, and errorless, defense, especially by first baseman Scott Lawton. The left hander made two outstanding plays in the fourth inning. On the first one he came off the bag, after a wild throw by Marable, to reach down and tag out a sliding Darren Loy. The next hitter, Richie Santa Cruz, reached out and slapped a soft line drive headed to right field, but Lawton leaped high and pulled it down. In disgust, Santa Cruz threw his helmet against the fence and was ejected.

Skyline had better luck with their hitting. Miller and leftfielder Scott Wissman each picked up two hits. Wissman also knocked in two runs with a sacrifice fly and a fourth inning single. Rightfielder Ralph Clouse notched a triple off the left field fence in the fourth and catcher Kyle Beavart hit a double in the fifth.

But it was Millender who stole the show. With Beavart calling the pitches (Millender **never** shakes him off), BA never got untracked at the plate. As Beavart put it, "As long as Donnie stays ahead (on the count), we can keep 'em guessing."

Now, Bryan Adams will be guessing which Kleenex factory to go to .

ing to the call of duty, but Joe Santoscoy, the current coach, came to Skyline with seven years of previous coaching experience at the junior high level. Though actually an industrial arts teacher, Santoscoy volunteered to take over the winless team when he was hired by Skyline this past summer.

"Soccer has never had a place at Skyline," said Santoscoy at the beginning of the season. He also saw that the morale among the players was not what it should have been and surmised that, "When your morale goes down, you're in trouble. You go a year or more without any wins and winning is the only thing that will help a team." Seeing this, he promptly set a seasonal goal of four wins, which seemed at the time to be very high. With wins over Lincoln, Samuell, Woodrow Wilson and Spruce, the team accomplished the feat they set out to do.

Along with wins came a higher sense of pride among the players who began to work together under the direction and leadership of five seniors on the team: Blair Cox, Simon Arenas, Michael Cantu, Paul Kennedy and Jimmy Stephenson in the front line. The players were stationed across the playing field so the underclassmen players would be able to receive guidance from the more experienced seniors.

"The attitude has been real good," said Santoscoy. "I was proud to be associated with this group of guys. They never embarrassed their coach by getting into fights and acting unsportsmanlike the whole year. They conducted themselves like gentlemen on the field and displayed pride in themselves and in their school."

As for next year, Santoscoy hopes to drum up some interest and perhaps see 80 boys show up for try-outs. This last year 40 showed, which was a small number compared to the 150 that tried out at neighboring Bryan Adams.

Fan support is also needed since most, if not all, of the spectators this season were parents. The first-year coach hopes to alleviate the problem by building interest through an assembly at the beginning of the season.

Whatever the plans for next year, the team certainly has a good year to fall back on — finally. "They've earned their jackets this year," the coach commented.

Hopefully, you weren't one of the unlucky ones who bet on the Skyline track team to win the District 11-AAAA Championship. Because if you did, your money is probably long gone, kinda like if you invested in a bundle of "Ayatollah Khomeini For President" posters.

Instead, your money was last seen in the hands of the local bookie, who was last seen in Hawaii or Acapulco or some tropical vacation paradise. Of course, it could have been *you* on that vacation, if only the tracksters could have come through to win district, were supposed to.

But it was not to be. In fact, the Raiders didn't even win *second place*. They settled for third, which, no doubt, was not what they deserved, taking into account their copious talent. They were the heavy favorites, as much as an Arkansas farmhand would be in a greased pig contest with a bunch of city-slickers.

Anyway, their third place trophy and 85 points registered themmmmm bbehind Spruce (107) and Thomas Jefferson (94). The setback broke a two-year string of district championships, and was the worst finish by Skyline since 1977, when they finished fourth.

The reason for the miserable showing can be attributed, according to Coach Joel Ezar, to "The Big Head" syndrome. The Big Head is a disease which affects those who begin to think they are unbeatable and better than everybody else. The Big Head was, Ezar admitted early in the season, the only obstacle in their path to a district championship.

At the district meet April 17-18, they stumbled badly.

"I'll put it on the kids. They got the big head," said Ezar, in another of his understatements. "When you get the big head, you get beat."

It must be understood that the *entire* team didn't get the disease. Surely, if this would have happened, then Skyline would have finished last, with nary a point, on account of they wouldn't have

showed up at all, because they couldn't have gotten on the team bus, with such swollen heads, you understand.

Instead of the whole squad, Ezar pointed out with an awfully harsh pointer, his two top hurdlers as those who were most afflicted with disease: Donnie James and Carl Sheffield.

Entering the district gathering, Sheffield was ranked number one in Texas in the 110-meter high hurdles, and James was classified fourth in same. Of course, when you have such talent, then a 1-2 finish in such a small meet as a district affair is practically given to you. I mean, you usually don't even take off your warmups while sprinting down the track reading a magazine. Further, the duo was ranked seventh and eight in the 300-meter hurdles, and this, too, practically insures a 1-2 finish, although maybe this time you remove your warmups.

In other events, Skyline was about the same as the other teams, except the high jump, where they were very strong, with Phillip Hollie and Basil Brown. So, in order to win, it was imperative that the hurdlers do their job.

Which they didn't.

Out of 36 possible points, Sheffield and James picked up only 15. Pulling out a trusty calculator, it is seen that the difference would give Skyline 106 points. Which, minus the points Spruce received in the two hurdle races, would have vaulted Skyline into first place.

"It's just one of those things you can't explain. Spruce and TJ busted us in the hurdles. We hadn't been beaten all year. That split our team apart. It split Carl and Donnie apart. They just snuck up on us. Those two events killedled us," said Ezar.

Sheffield's best time in the 120-meters had been 13.44. He ran a very respectable 13.65 in district, but it wasn't good enough to beat TJ's Reyna Thompson (13.59). James' best time had been 13.5, but he ran a 14.41, which dropped him to fifth. In the 300-meters, Sheffield finished third and James fifth.

By virtue of his second place standing, Sheffield qualified for the Regional Meet April 25-26 in Denton. Also qualifying were Hollie and Brown in the high jump. Hollie claimed first with 6 feet 3¾ inches. Brown was second with 6 feet 2

inches.

"Denton is the toughest region in the state," said Ezar. "If we get out of there, then we win it all."

For the three qualifiers, Denton probably won't be a place to pack up the wife and kids and remember the good old days.

Hollie and Brown were not in the same class as the other competitors, but they're only juniors, Ezar pointed out. But Sheffield's was a different story. He finished fifth with a clocking of 14.5. And his coach had some thoughts on Sheffield's performance:

"Would you be cocky? Would your head be swelled? Would you wear sunglasses when you never have before? The best in the state and he loses it."

Sheffield was leading the race until the fifth hurdle. "I knicked the fifth hurdle and stumbled," said Sheffield as he painfully described the race. "That's when they caught and passed me. I was ahead coming out of the blocks."

It was a disappointing to Sheffield's season. He said "It was the track. It was different than the ones in Dallas. Also the hurdles were made different, out of fiberglass. The ones here are wood. I think that's why when I hit it, it messed me up. The track wasn't to my advantage."

But he claims he didn't have the Big Head. He said nervousness was his downfall. "This was the first time this year I was nervous. I put a lot of pressure on myself. I really wanted to carry on Coach Ezar's tradition of winning state. (Skyline has had two state champions the last two years— Larry Johnson in the 880 run in 1978 and Paul Bratloff in the pole vault in 1979.) I really thought I had a good chance to win state."

Sheffield felt he may have choked. He said, "That's a good word for it. I guess that's what people would say."

Whatever the end results, Ezar was happy with this year's team. They captured third in the City meet, losing to Roosevelt and South Oak Cliff. That was their best showing ever in that affair.

"This was the best team I've ever had," he said. "We won early but we didn't at the end, and that's where it counts."

Carl Sheffield will vouch for that.



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Romantics' debut rides New Wave

by Greg Hutmacher

Here's an album that, although being primarily new wave, is also appealing to just about anyone who appreciates basic rock and roll. It's the Romantics' debut album.

Upon hearing their early Beatles' style music, you can't help but enjoy the pleasing melodies. The beat is simple, the vocals smooth and harmonizing, and there are no philosophical messages in the lyrics to boggle the mind. It's a prime example of what rock and roll should be: music just-for-the-fun-of-it. The listeners are compelled to get on their feet and dance.

The vocals follow the true Ray Davies style of the British Invasion and there is little overdubbing involved.

Don't let the label of early British pop scare you away. This music has all the quality of the '80's blended in with the style of the old days that gives it an interesting texture. The result is the music trend for the next decade of rock.

The first track on side two, *What I Like About You*, is one of the best on the album. It's relatively simple yet very ap-



pealing, carrying a fast beat that invites dancing (an art that has become almost extinct in rock and roll).

The third track on the same side, *Till I See You Again*, is a little slower than the rest. It's more of the type that a guy likes to play when his girl is in the car.

There are no major electronics involved on the entire album. The electric guitars use only slight distortion that

gives them the effect of an overheated tube amp.

Anyone who saw the Romantics at the Wintergarden when they backed up the Ramones will have to agree that their music is what rock and roll is all about, pure and simple music for the fun of it. The album comes with some of my highest recommendations whether you're into blood and guts rock and roll or top 40. You'll love it.

The big night: A chance to spend big bucks

by Risa Anderson

So you want to go all out for your senior prom. Why not? It will probably be the most important evening of your high school years. So why not be a little extravagant?

For those of you who are financially stable and can afford to be picky, you might be making plans to rent a limousine. Aaron Limousine Service of Dallas rents their chauffeur driven limos for \$35 an hour. They come complete with ice well, color TV and glass window divider.

Most of you might decide you're not that extravagant after discovering that you could end up shelling out over \$150 just for transportation to the prom. And this is before you've eaten. So you might consider sharing the cost with maybe one or two other couples.

Food is another expense you have to consider. First of all, where can you go where you won't seem strangely attired in

formal wear? (after all being stared at by a whole restaurant full of casually dressed people waiting in line for their Quarter Pounders, could be a bit embarrassing.) Needless to say Sonic or McDonalds might not be a good idea, at least not until you've shed your tux and formal. Once again if your money seems to be burning a hole in your pocket May 17, you might want to direct your tole's French restaurant, Le Entrecote. The food reportedly marvelous and the \$30 per plate you can spend is guaranteed to stop that burning. For those who are somewhat more economical, Reunion Tower is probably your best bet. The dinner menu runs from \$9 to \$15 and for the latter price you can get a New York Strip steak, french bread, potatoes and other vegetables. The revolving restaurant has a beautiful evening view of Dallas and an observation deck just above.

After you've consumed that expen-

sive dinner then danced it all off at the prom... what then? Some rumors have it that there will be a few parties here and there. Maybe you can indulge yourself in one of those until 7 a.m. After all, you can afford to be extravagant. You a senior!

Editor's Note

It was inadvertently omitted that the art work which accompanied the **All That Jazz** review in the March issue of **Reflections** was done by commercial art student Leslie Locklear.

now showing

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM

THE MOVIE BASED ON THE TWISTED LEGEND OF Dr. Hunter S. Thompson

by Hector Cantu

Warning! This movie is not for everyone! Movie-goers under the age of 18 (who have no memory of flower children, hippies, the early Nixon era and the Superbowl of 1972) will surely have a rough time decoding the humor of Universal's latest comedy release, **Where The Buffalo Roam**.

Saturday Night Live regular Bill Murray stars in his second movie since the semi-successful **Meatballs**, released two summers ago. That movie was aimed at the younger movie going audiences. In **Where The Buffalo Roam**, Murray and producer/director Art Linson take on a subject totally alien to younger audiences. Don't go see **Where The Buffalo Roam** expecting to see something in the slapstick, farce-like style of **Meatballs**.

Instead, be prepared to see a comedy set in the late 60's and early 70's. Be prepared to see "the movie based on the twisted legend of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson," as the ad promotion claims.

Dr. Thompson, played by Murray, is a reporter for *Blast* magazine, a magazine published by young anti-war liberals during the Vietnam war period. The movie follows Dr. Thompson through various unrelated exploits, which is the main fault of the movie: no plot. The film is a series of sketches that rely mostly on the audiences knowledge of the late 60's and early 70's. There are some traditional comedy scenes that do get plenty of laughs (the beginning and the end), but these scenes are few and far between.

Yet, while the film does not yield those huge belly laughs one might expect, it does contain some of the more original comedy material to be released in recent years. The trouble is, the original parts of the movie lack something that would make **Where The Buffalo Roam** a uproarious funny comedy.

To sum it up, if your under 18, the film won't make that much sense overall. If you do go, take along an older brother or sister, if you have one. They will probably enjoy the movie more and maybe they can explain it to you. As is, Murray's fine acting is again the victim of a mediocre script.

Maybe Murray's whole concept of the film is revealed in the closing line of the movie when he says, "It still isn't weird enough for me."



the Black Stallion

by Lyle Henderson

The Black Stallion is not just a children's film, despite its G rating.

The United Artist movie is an adaptation from the children's classic **The Black Stallion** by Walter Farley. The film centers around a small boy, Alec Ramsay, whose love for the black horse helped him tame, train and eventually race the horse in the Belmont Stakes.

Many factors go into making this movie great, one being the cinematography. Using very little dialogue to convey the story to the audience, the filmmakers ingeniously use natural settings to capture the viewers' interest. A small child, a wild stallion, rocky cliffs and a calm ocean combine with pastel coloration to make a mellow fantasy. This is exactly what the film is, a mellow fantasy.

Throughout the movie the viewer is kept in awe at the sensitivity of man to nature and nature to man.

Being patient and gentle, Alec is able to coax the horse into trusting him. The simplicity of the relationship's beginning is not only astounding but also breathtaking.

The two major characters in the picture, Kelly Reno, the little boy, and Micky Rooney, the old man who trained Alec to race, were good choices for the parts. Kelly is a seemingly shy, innocent, yet intelligent kid. He, in many ways, resembles the all-American boy: adventurous and enthusiastic. Mickey Rooney is an old man who has retired from horse racing. In this character, Mickey Rooney portrays the old man in a spellbinding way. The boy is able to brighten the life of the man by bringing to him memories he once was a part of: horse racing. Together, with the black stallion, they are able to race in the Belmont Stakes.

This movie is for family enjoyment. Every member of your family will find something. Whether it be the story line, the dramatic, bombastic music or the astonishing cinematography, every heart will find a special place for it. Surely to move emotions, the movie is well worth seeing. A movie such as this one has been long in coming and hopefully not the last of its kind.

Opening May 21:

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REUNION ARENA

by Lyle Henderson

No matter if it's a rock concert, a professional sporting event or the circus, Reunion Arena is the site for Dallas' indoor entertainment.

The quarter of a million dollar building covers 175,000 square feet with 30,000 square feet of floor space. Seating capacity in the complex is 19,000-plus, depending on the event. Reunion Arena is one of the largest complexes of its kind in the Southwest. And with its arrival, Dallas will no longer be by-passed by world-class events.

The arena officially opened April 28 with dedication ceremonies hosted by sports personality Brad Sham, followed by a free tour open to the public.

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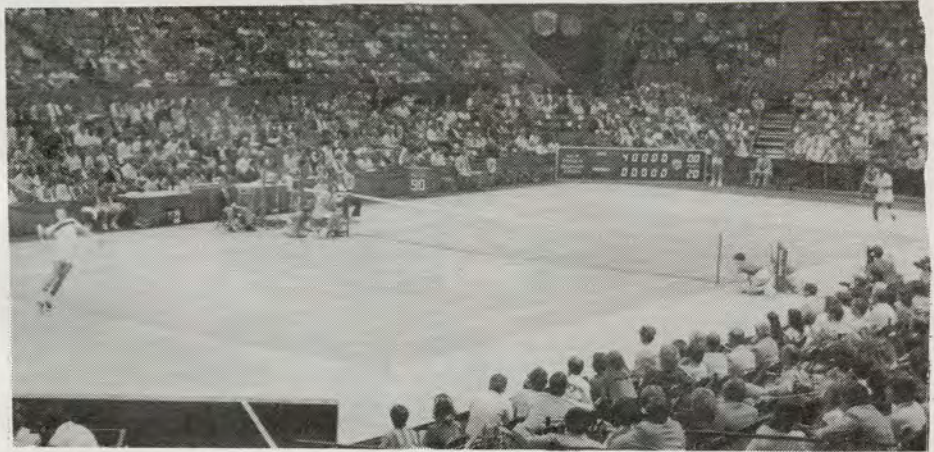
The massive concrete, steel and glass structure was designed with the latest technology and techniques to bring the best in entertainment to every spectator. They claim not a single seat has a blocked view. Lighting, sound and TV facilities are designed for easy adaptation to the needs of everyone — both performers and audiences.

Concession foods will be offered at 14 centers throughout the building. Visitors will be pleased to know that most of the prices are considerably lower than the prices at Texas Stadium. The menu will range from nachos to shrimp baskets. The most expensive food item is, of course, the shrimp basket at 75 cents. All stands do not have the same menu.

For persons over 18, the arena has four bars serving regular cocktails, frozen cocktails and draft beer.

Future improvements for the arena is the installation of 28 closed-circuit TV monitors. Monitors will be placed around concession stands and bars to cater to the visitor who would hate to miss anything while buying refreshments.

Kicking off the grand opening event at Reunion Arena was the World Championship Tennis finals, played before the largest crowd ever. Soon to come will be



Grand opening. WCT finals was the opening attraction at Reunion Arena.

concerts by Kenny Rogers and Dottie West, Charlie Pride and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and many other big names in the recording industry.

A shuttle bus system has been set up to travel between the Dallas Convention Center and the Arena. The bus service

will also make stops on Young, Lamar, Memorial, Griffin and Jackson Streets. The shuttles will operate before and after all events.

For information on Reunion Arena scheduling or directions to the facility, call 670-4014.

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

Seniors question future life

by Angie Bryant

If you're one of those seniors who is undecided about your future, relax. It's only natural.

Everyone faces a new dimension in life after graduation. You may ponder many questions: Will I attend college? What will be my major? What type of college will I attend? These and other questions may cause you to wonder whether or not you're ready for the outside world.

Career Counselor Maude Small said that, on the average one half of the graduating seniors go to community colleges to stay close to home, 25 per cent to state colleges and only a few, 10 to 12 go out of state.

After the decision is made on the college you think suits you best, most people think the next step will be choosing a major. While it is wise to choose your major early, your freshman and sophomore years are usually filled with basic courses required for most majors. Deciding early, however, allows

you to take courses relating to your major and helps you decide if it's still what you want to do.

Burt Nadler, Career Counselor at SMU, explains that most students don't worry about a major until their junior year, so you have time to think about it. Many students change majors one or more times before they graduate if they find the major too difficult or not what they wanted.

In a survey taken among 45 seniors, 99 per cent said they would go to college. Seventy seven per cent were sure what they wanted to become; however 52 per cent didn't know what their major would be. Most students plan to attend college for four years, but a few planned to go a year or two longer to get a masters degree.

Maybe all the decisions seniors must make are frightening. It's nice to know the decision you make now isn't irrevocable and that many others are confused and uncertain, too.

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