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Desegregation has gone far enough

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Dr. Estes and the school board are correct in their decision to take the desegregation order to the Supreme Court.

The one-race schools are being given too much attention that should otherwise go to stress high standards of education in the Dallas system.

The fifth circuit court of appeals, in trying to improve the system here, is focusing on racial quotas rather than high standards of education.

The travel time involved and the fact that students do not wish to be bused to other schools, as proved by the number of voluntarily transferred students throughout the system, would make further busing detrimental to the student lifestyle and attitude.

Rather than additional busing, action should be taken to set up and to equalize high quality education throughout Dallas.

Ways to do this are many. Some have already been suggested by the school board although they have not yet been adopted.

First, tests should be devised to insure that students attain a certain level of knowledge before they are given a diploma. The tests should be given to everyone on a yearly basis to insure a continual gain of knowledge.

Teacher quality is a must. Students should be pre- and post-tested to insure the teachers are upholding the standards set up by the system. Additionally the teachers should be tested prior to hiring to insure their quality in the first place.

Additional programs should be included in those schools thought to be lacking, in order to encourage student participation, to encourage transfers to that school, and to promote a positive attitude toward quality education.

Another way to improve education in the Dallas system would be to provide pay incentives to all teachers doing exceptional jobs.

Which is most important; racial balance in a school or the availability of quality education throughout?

Teresa Fallwell



opinion

Staff provides answers for graduation 'blues'

With nearly 1,000 seniors expected to graduate from Skyline this year, estimates for the time length of the ceremony range from between four and five hours. To prevent terminal boredom and deformation due to prolonged sitting, the Reflections staff has provided the following ideas: 1) to speed up the procedure, 2) to provide activities to keep both the participants and the on-lookers busy and 3) to help raise money to pay for the expense of graduation.

The first recommendation is to play "Pomp and Circumstance," the traditional graduation arrangement, up tempo and have those graduating march in and out double time. This would cut the entrance and exit time in half.

To speed up the handing out of the diplomas, an auc-

tioner should be hired. If this expense is too much, dummy diplomas could be folded into paper airplanes and thrown to the graduates. This would also give new insight into the traditional pitching of the diplomas at the end of the ceremony.

Skyline can raise money and solve the boredom problem by renting books, cards, monopoly and scrabble games. A band could play in the foyer for those interested in more active entertainment. The P.E. teachers and coaches could supervise callisthenics and perhaps, at the same time, find new talent.

Further suggestions to solve the above mentioned problems will be accepted in room 222 and forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Students organize speech tournament

Approximately 45 schools in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area will come to Skyline this Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 to participate in Skyline's annual speech tournament.

The tournament will be organized and run by Skyline students. This year's tournament differs from the past because debate will be offered for the first time.

Other categories in the tournament are:

Dramatic and humorous interpretation—the presentation by two or more characters of a play, story, or poem.

Oratory—the reading of an original memorized speech in which the student tries to persuade the audience to take a

certain stand.

Duet acting—The presentation of a play or story by two people.

Poetry—The reading of a poem by one person.

Prose—Short story reading.

Impromptu Speaking—Contestants are given five minutes to prepare a three to five minute speech from a humorous topic he draws.

Group improvisation—Teams of three people draw a humorous topic and are given five minutes to prepare a three to five minute presentation.

This year's tournament director is Victor Hall and sponsors are Sandy Lucaa and Doy Steele.



Lanora Brooks, Cowboy cheerleader semi-finalist.

VICA member goes to Nationals in June

Eddie Oteiza, Skyline junior, will advance to the United States Skill Olympics in Birmingham, Alabama in June.

Oteiza placed first in the Industrial Electronics division in the State Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) meet held April 7 and 8 in San Antonio, Texas.

Badgwell goes to state; 12 win in district meet

Thomas Badgwell advanced to state in science during the University Interscholastic League (UIL) contest at University of Texas on May 5.

He was the only student from Skyline to advance to state after winning the regional meet held on April 22 in Denton.

Twelve from Skyline won at the district meet held at Bryan Adams on April 8.

In the speech and debate competition Theodora Lee and Lisa Jones advanced to regionals in poetry interpretation, Joan Carver, won in the prose division, and Kenneth Martin and Keith Daniels won in debate.

Charles Windham won first place in headline writing and feature writing. William Trent took third place in editorial writing.

Steve Godal advanced to regionals in spelling and plain writing and David Wunsch in number sense.

The science cluster took the top three positions in district. Those winners were Thomas Badgwell, Steve Wilensky and Karen Ware.

update

Pride, Unity awards presented to students

Pride and Unity awards were presented to 156 students May 9. Pride awards are given annually to selected students for academic achievement in a specific area, and Unity awards are presented on the basis of outstanding activity in a club or organization.

Awards were given to the following students:

PRIDE AWARDS

Kenneth Ghormley
Kim Burns
Lois White
Dale Brown
Darron Kemp
Quinn Jenkins
Steve Bobalik
Doug Garrett
David Kindsey
Erin Kelly
Shiree Bables
Denise Wiseman
Valerie Edwards
Charles Windham
Jon Taylor
Charles B. Hanna
J.B. Jones
Allan Shiffer
Miriam Delgado
Jeffery Smith
Frank Burns
Kerry Ford
Craig Fryar
Donna McGary
Steven Wilensky
Lynn Hardin
Vertis Sowell
Chip Johnson
Victor Hall
Demetra Reed
Alan Prachyl
Danny Harris

Stephen Brandt
Yvonne Nolan
Venessa Wilson
Stanley Chubbuck
Kenneth Smith
Clifford Boyce
Terry Dobson
Robbie Richardson
Edwardo Oteiza
Adriane Bluiitt
Karen Allen
Larry King
Sara Flores
Brian Joyce
Mary Cook
Carl T. Wibbenmeyer
Arnold Bennett
Gary Chalton
Thomas Badgwell
James Johnson
Alfred Gray
Charles Bowden
Orvel Jernigan
Robert Easley
Jerry Kelly
Tina Jackson
Keith Westmoreland
Kenneth Martin
Karen Lawrence
Jeffery Parks
Charlie Jefferson

UNITY AWARDS

Thadios Adams
Warren Jones
Virgil Anglin
David Frank
Richard Roelke
Joe B. Young, Jr.
Paula Romberg
Regina Gray
Davey Griffis
Steve O'Dell
Bryan Trubey
James Jackson
Frank King
Mel Hider
Sharmane Plouche
Diane Wright
Ara Hall
Lisa Brandenberger
Lonnie Teal
Cathy Tamez
Billy Wedgeworth
Bradley Cole
Edith Record
Sheryl Cook
Kandi White
Mark Stromberg
Dorothy McDonald
Susan Flynn
Nelson Murray
Gene Landry
Elizabeth Wise
Russell Barrett
Alfreda King
Cathy Mitchell
Sheri Keele
Denise Wiseman
Tony Macalik
Larry Johnson
Wade Davis
Leslie Millinder
Wanda Shelley
Teresa Fallwell
John York
Edwin Johnson
Emmett Moore

Reginald Daniels
Mark Minor
Mike McGann
Ann Mayrath
Sy Westmoreland
Earl Abbott
Sheryl Cook
Billy Reden
Phillip Ireton
Abel Vega
Steven Whiteside
Mark Hollowell
Joseph Wyble
Nancy J. Harlin
Jackie Jordan
Cynthia Kirven
Doretha Lemuel
Karen Alexander
Valerie Edwards
Kayren Harris
Larry King
Ernest Land
Tim Gustafson
Paul Bowser
Tracy Moses
Quinn Jenkins
Alma Haegeman
Stephen Gentzler
Cynthia Evetts
Al Rampy
Rickie Rush
Melinda Thompson
Laurie Moore
James White
Rickie Rush
Michael Sneed
Blake Hall
Sheryl Montly
Julie Fulton
Christie Hurst
Bill Centera
Paula Romberg
Dennis Joy
Joe Garvin
Eric Guerrero

Cowboy cheerleader semifinalist in Man

Skyline senior Lanora Brooks is one of the 150 Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader semi-finalists. Lanora is a student in the Man and his Environment cluster.

Six Flags offers students summer jobs

Six Flags Over Texas, the leading metroplex employer of young people, is presently accepting job applications for the 1978 season.

Applicants must apply in person at the personnel office, located in the administration building on the park's west side. The office will be open weekly from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The minimum age requirement for park hosts and hostesses is 16. Though many seasonal jobs are filled by high school and college students, there is no maximum age limitation, as proven by the park's oldest seasonal employee, nearing age 90.

"We have included a substantial wage increase for hosts and hostesses employed in 1978," the park's General Manager, Dan Howells stated. "In addition to higher base pay, a new bonus program will be initiated."

When hosts and hostesses are not making paper flowers, dipping ice cream, or operating rides, they are often involved in park-sponsored, recreational activities.

"We feel that Six Flags hosts and hostesses gain additional benefits as well," Howells continued. "Working at the park gives young people an opportunity to gain invaluable, practical experience in the business world."

The staff will work weekends until the end of May when Six Flags resumes daily operation. As the season peaks in mid-summer, the seasonal staff will increase to approximately 2,400 persons.

NHS chosen to conduct Madison's induction

Skyline's National Honor Society (NHS) has been chosen to conduct the NHS induction ceremony at Madison High School. Madison, which was recently converted to a high school, chose Skyline to help them reinstate their honor society.

Current officers, Mike McCollough, president; Paula Romberg, vice-president; Elizabeth Wise, secretary; and members, Charles Turner and Larry Johnson were selected to organize the ceremony.

Recently the new officers for 1978-79 were elected. They are Chip Hunt, president; Sherry Roe, vice-president; and Becky Liken, secretary.

The preliminaries, made up of 1,000 contestants, were held at Texas Stadium.

Lanora, dressed in shorts and halter top, was asked by the judges to tell something about her background, was asked to walk for the judges, and to dance for thirty seconds to a popular hit song.

The girls auditioned in groups of four. "The ages of the contestants ranged from 18 to 29. Some were housewives, secretaries, models, and of course, students," Lanora said.

The three main qualities that the judges looked for in the contestant were: projection, coordination, and appearance.

Lanora added, "The judges are mostly interested in how well you stand out in a crowd, which is why projection is really a principle quality."

The 150 semi-finalists competed in the finals on May 6. Those chosen as finalist will then compete for the 36 Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders.

The contest is sponsored by radio station KVIL.

Origin delivery, assembly planned

The 1978 Origin will be presented in an assembly to be held on second period Monday, May 22. The purpose of the assembly is to present the class favorites, the Who's Who students, and to give the staff and student body a glimpse of their annual. In the assembly, the dedicatee of the annual will be presented to the students, along with the announcement of the theme.

Presidents and Vice-Presidents of all clubs and organizations will be invited to the assembly. Also the Senate, the Career Leadership Council, and all faculty members are invited. The annual will be delivered in homeroom that afternoon.

New officers to attend convention in Florida

Newly elected Key Club president and vice-president, Steve Stodghill and Greg Cox will attend an international Key Club convention in Miami Beach July 2-5.

Other new officers are: Grady Catt-erall, secretary; Sam Allen, treasurer; and Jerry Fazio, sheriff.

Members of the Key Club attended national convention May 5-7 at the new Hyatt Regency Hotel where Mayor Bob Folsom was a guest speaker.

The workshop trained new officers and gave them experience to help run the club.

One of the major purposes of the Key Clubs is to help with voluntary organizations. Fund-raising projects which are a part of this club include donating money to the March of Dimes, Multiple Sclerosis, and others.

The major goal of the Key Club is to work with charities, and to help yourself while helping others.

The Skyline Key Club ranks in the top 20 clubs among 260 clubs in the Texas-Oklahoma district.

A fund raising project is being sponsored by the Key Club to raise money for members who can't afford the workshops.

Skyline art work receives awards

Four Skyline students are winners in the University of Dallas Art Show held April 9-22. Their works were selected from work submitted by Dallas students.

Petra Goldmann and Ricky Worthman won with pencil studies while Scott Russell's winning entry was a sculpture. Orvel Jernigan's water color and ink study also won.

These winners are also to be competing in the Scholastic Art Show, now in progress at El Centro College. The winners of this competition will receive ribbons and their works will be displayed.

Following this show will be the Dallas Art Education Association Scholastic competition, open only to seniors. Each competitor must have 12 to 15 pieces of art work. Winners will be awarded scholarships to the schools of their choice, May 13 in the downtown Sanger Harris auditorium.

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DECA student goes to nationals

Senior Debbie Summers was one of sixteen state winners and has advanced to nationals in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) competition.

Debbie arrived in Washington May 7 and will be concluding her competition in Finance and Credit May 12.

Each competitor takes a written competency exam over their field, and the winners are judged on the accuracy of their responses.

Debbie advanced to the national competition by winning first place in the area competition in Irving, and then placing in the top sixteen in state finals.

In addition, three Skyline DECA students, Robert Easley, Lannette Barron, and Debbie Summers, were honored in DECA's annual Employer-Employee Banquet. The banquet is held each year to express appreciation to the employers of DECA students.

Art classes to hold sale

Skyline's art classes will hold their annual art sale May 11 and 12.

Art objects made throughout the year will be sold.

Three art classes, those of Ms. Williams, Mr. Ashley, and Ms. Burnley, will be participating. The art for sale will represent the work of well over 200 students.

Objects up for sale will include both two dimensional and three dimensional objects, ranging from rugs to ceramic sculptures, pottery and watercolor paintings. Prices range from \$.75 to \$.25.

Out of the money earned from the sale, 80 per cent goes to the student artist and 20 per cent goes to the art department, to supplement the departmental budget.

Last year the sale made \$400, according to Ms. Williams.

A preview of the objects was held in the lunchroom last week during the performances of My Fair Lady.

Each art student is required to submit nine items for the art sale, three each quarter. All of these items, however, are not selected for the sale. The art teachers select only the best items.

Senators, class officers elected

Elections for the 1978-1979 Student Senators and Class Officers were held April 27. The results of class officer elections are as follows: Senior class president, Roger Campbell; vice president, a runoff between Becky Liken and Paula Daniels; secretary-treasurer, a runoff between Paula Brodie and Dawn Morin; Junior class president, a runoff between Jerry Fazio and Lisa Taylor; vice-president, a runoff between David Benavides and Robbin Kernes; secretary-treasurer, Lisa Hogue.

The Sophomore class president will be James Edward Roberson; vice-president, a runoff between Tracy Devine and Gene Wilson; secretary-treasurer, a runoff between Christine Hall and Dianne Flynn.

The results to the runoff elections were not available at press time.

The newly elected senators are:

Senior Class

Clark Baker
Leslie Boone
Lisa Brandenberger
Danny Branum
Paula Brodie
Cheryl Cobb
Paula Daniels
Keith Dodd
Lori Grant
Chip Hunt
Yolanda Kennedy

Lisa Kuntz
Becky Liken
Leah Matthews
Dawn Morin
Tina Nobles
Beverly Reed
Kathy Rhodes
Jhomon Sanders
Charles Verdun
Tonya Warren
Shari Petty

Junior Class

Jolie Bartholf
David Benavides
Angela Bryant
Kamalia Cotton
Jerry Fazio
Shannon Jones
Yvonne Keith
Libby McKee
Raymond Rodgers
Cyndi Lopez

Angela Bedford
Belinda Bratcher
Ruth Christian
Les Durbin
E. Lyle Henderson
Yvette Keith
Sharon Kennedy
Tracy Moses
Lisa Taylor

Sophomore Class

Melva Balli
Tracy Devine
Rhonda Gaines
Anna Hess
Penny King
Scott Porter
Kyle Self
Pam Teal
Paula Wheeler
Gene Wilson

Cyndi Bennett
Camellia Diggs
Christine Hall
April Jackson
Becky Marek
James E. Roberson
Kevin Sneed
Pam Wheeler
Kammi White
Susie Singler

Band to submit tape for contest

The Symphonic band has been invited to submit a taped performance in a National Tape Contest.

The band competed at W.T. White receiving four first division superior ratings and the invitation to submit a tape for the contest. They will be competing against other bands all across the nation.

The band was commended for their playing, sight reading, articulation and accuracy.

The judges from several Texas colleges and universities were complimentary noting their "great musicianship and musical maturity."

Further competition at the Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo netted the symphonic and jazz bands superior ratings.

The competition held April 27-29, against 67 other bands brought the symphonic band, directed by Al Cardenas, one of four first division ratings.

Jim McDaniel's jazz band competed against 29 bands and received one of five superior ratings given.



Spanish students to visit Mexico this summer

Cathy Grandstaff, Foreign Language cluster student, will take a trip to Mexico City and live with a Spanish-speaking family June 5-17. Cathy said the purpose of taking the trip is "to understand the Spanish people and language better." Cathy will also be taking an extra excursion for a weekend to tour museums and see the pyramids and ruins in Mexico City.

Lori Grant, Alma Haegman, Lori Knight, Charles Windham, and Spanish teacher, Gail Wittenstein are also planning to attend the trip to Saltillo, Mexico. They will not only have opportunities to take classes in the Spanish language, but classes in dancing, folk songs, and cultural programs will be offered. Mrs. Watson has previously visited Saltillo, and says it is an "ideal spot for absorbing the Mexican culture."

Big D: the Sights and Sounds

As the long school year draws to a close, students ponder how to spend their free time over summer vacation. For those who do not have a job lined up, as well as for those who do, most summer activities share a common complaint—they're too expensive. Yet, unknown to many are the cheap thrills abundant in Dallas. For the price of a little initiative, discover Dallas.

Fair Park is an inexpensive place to start. The price of admission to the Museum Of Fine Arts, the Aquarium, and the Museum of Natural History amounts to what it costs to open the door and walk in. All facilities are open weekdays and offer a variety of interesting, educational, and often times, beautiful exhibits. For the more adventurous is the Kimbell Art Museum in Ft. Worth, one of the finest museums in the state. Many of the museums are presenting programs specially pertaining to the interests of young people. Check with each museum for more information.

Fair Park itself is a lovely spot for a summer picnic. Other picnic possibilities include Thanksgiving Square, Turtle Creek, Lakeside Park, Old City Park and the Zoo. At Thanksgiving Square, a moderately large watergarden gushes cool water on a hot afternoon and the Chapel of Thanksgiving provides a peaceful sanctuary amid the hurry of

downtown. The Square is a sunny place to enjoy lunch on the green. There is no charge for admission and the Square is open until 5 p.m. weekdays.

Try a picnic lunch at Turtle Creek in the Oak Lawn section of the city or at prestigious Lakeside Park in Highland Park. During early summer, many of the unusually abundant azaleas are still in bloom and both locations are alive with color and activity.

The Dallas Zoo is an interesting and fun place for a picnic date. Adult admission to the Zoo costs only 50 cents while children are admitted free. Relive childhood memories or create some new ones at the Zoo—the animals love visitors.

For \$1.50, visit Old City Park and learn a little bit about early pioneer history in Dallas. Old City contains many vintage houses from the days gone by.

Downtown, goin' downtown, or so goes the song. Downtown Dallas has had a facelift and she never looked better. Of course, the newest addition to the skyline is the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Reunion Tower. The site has been described as a new landmark, something with which Dallas will be easily identified. The view is breathtaking (literally) and Dallas never looked like this before.

While you're downtown, visit One Main Place and browse through the variety of shops in the underground concourse. It costs nothing to browse and the underground passageway is a wonder to those who've never been there.

Also downtown is the new Dallas City Hall. The City Hall is located directly across the street from the Convention Center (remember that? That's where they used to have all the concerts) and is easily identifiable by its angular design. It is rumored that Mayor Folsom was displeased that the City Hall is not shown in opening footage of the TV series *Dallas*, so go support your mayor. Remember, your taxes paid for the structure. The City Hall's appeal has been slightly over-shadowed by the opening of Reunion Tower, though not deservedly so. The City Hall is a fine example of modern architecture. Tours are offered for no charge and the public may attend city council meetings at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

While you're still downtown, check out the Justice Building (otherwise known as the jail). It costs nothing to observe the court system at work.

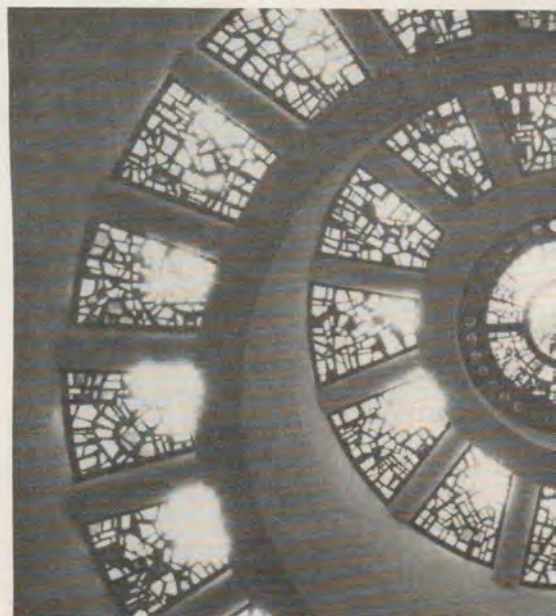
The Dallas Transit System's sight-seeing tour runs daily. For a little of nothing, look at Dallas comfortably from behind an air-conditioned window.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra has scheduled free summer park concerts at various locations. Times and exact locations will be announced.

Buddy magazine promises more free summer activities though nothing definite has been announced. Last year, *Buddy* brought rock & roll back to Lee Park with a series of Freddie King memorial concerts. Radio Station KZEW-FM sponsors "Zoo Free Sundays" at various Dallas area clubs for those 18-years-old or older. Admission is free to see name music acts. *Buddy* also sponsors "Buddy Sundays" at some of the same clubs.

For the more civilized are the Quadrangle at Turtle Creek, Olla Podrida, and European Crossroads. Each shopping center offers a variety of specialty shops set in an atmosphere of Old World charm. Again, it costs nothing to browse.

Tours are offered by General Motors and Texas Stadium to special interest



Spiral stained glass ceiling at

groups. It is best to call all locations and make reservations before setting out.

The Park department sponsors activities for the young and the young-at-heart at virtually all neighborhood recreation centers. All activities are free of charge and range in variety from softball to the performing arts. Each recreation center can provide specific details.

Don't forget that the Public Library also sponsors youth-oriented activities including films, exhibits, and courses. The branch nearest you should be contacted for details about upcoming events.

Theaters such as the Lakewood and the Big Town Cinema offer second-run feature films for \$1. at all times and most theaters have matinees when first-run features are only \$1.50 to \$2.50 instead of the usual \$3.75. The Esquire shows special midnight movies for \$1. Some colleges show features for free while others charge a minimal fee. Usually, these films aren't advertised, so it is a good idea to investigate personally.

Juneteenth, Shakespeare in The Park, tours, concerts, and for 25 cents, a view of Dallas from atop the First National Bank building are all waiting. There is a cure for the "summertime blues" and it starts with knowing what to do. Take a few of these suggestions and build from them. It's better than watching *Andy Griffith* reruns anyway.



Chapel of Thanksgiving

Reunion lights the skies

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a UFO! Just what is that big round thing hovering over downtown Dallas? If, by chance, a passing motorist happens to be startled by the presence of that lighted orb over the city some night, then it is a safe bet that our passing motorist is either a weary out-of-towner, an alarmed drunk, or an obstinate Ft. Worth resident. Who doesn't know about Reunion? One of the aforementioned creatures.

Reunion Tower made her official debut April 15 with a day of special festivities culminating in a spectacular lightshow and fireworks display later in the evening. Reunion Tower, for the uninitiated, is part of the new Hyatt Regency Hotel located just off Stemmons Freeway on the outer edge of downtown. The hotel opened some weeks after the Tower, though with less fanfare than its tall partner. While city fathers happily wring their hands as their plan for the revitalization of downtown pushes ahead, the staff at Reunion prepare for the barrage of tourism in the months to come. Yet, all agree that the eagerness with which Reunion has been received signifies a new era of growth and progress of Dallas.

Reunion, is, in actuality, three complexes—the Tower, the hotel, and the old Union Train Terminal. Reunion is named for the train terminal with which the hotel will be connected via underground tunnels. The terminal project, when completed, will connect the hotel with the train terminal which in turn, will house a variety of shops and stores. Reunion is also named for the French settlement of *La Reunion* founded in 1854 on the present site of the hotel. The settlement failed, but gave a foothold for John Neely Bryan to found the settlement of Dallas some twenty years later. The theme of history is maintained throughout the hotel from the time tunnel entrance to the meeting and banquet rooms named for historical figures from Dallas' past. The hotel is a unique blend of old and new.

From the outside, looking skyward, Reunion is impressive. From atop the Tower overlooking the city, Reunion is awe-inspiring. It's definitely not for acrophobics. Yet, upon boarding one of

the lightning speed elevators (it takes 1:08 to reach the top with no butterfly stomach at all), there is a sense of profound giddiness mixed with good old Dallasite pride. Someone commented that yes, from atop the tower, you can see Ft. Worth. Yes, but the question is, *can Ft. Worth see us?* It may be a little expensive, you argue, but it's still likeable. After all, what commodity was ever any good that didn't have commercial appeal? They sell plastic Alamos in San Antonio, don't they?

The tower itself is divided into three levels. The top level consists of the cocktail lounge, the Middle level of the restaurant, Antares (named for the brightest star in the Scorpio system), and the third level is the observation deck. The lounge and the restaurant revolve in opposite directions at 180 degrees in 45 minutes though it can be speeded up to 30 minutes. Two miles of aluminum piping encircles the globe and the lights are made of krypton, lasting up to 11 years before they are to be replaced. Three and one half hours of programming is needed for a minute and a half of light show. On a regular night, of use, however, the krypton bulbs cost the hotel about 7 dollars. Oh, yes, the Tower is windtested at 120 miles per hour. What a nice place to watch our next tornado.

Plush is an understatement in describing The Regency. The Regency itself is a force to be reckoned with. A lobby waterfall that originates from a river on the second level falls into a pool in the lobby. Elevators carry passengers 12 floors on the inside of the hotel while the rest of the view is of the outside world. For anyone who saw *High Anxiety*, the Regency is similar to the hotel in that movie, though on a less grander scale. There is a disco with a lighted dance floor, several restaurants, and 25 banquet facilities. Three huge ballrooms, including the magnificent Reunion Ballroom, grace the hotel. 50 employees keep the ship running smoothly. Oh, in case anyone asks, The Regency is surfaced with 6.5 acres of mirrored glass.

All that glitters is not gold; it could be silver. Viva la Reunion!

Alice Hawk

Suicide: A matter of life or death

"I can't imagine anything being bad enough for me to take my life."

"Me either."

But obviously some people can.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people between the ages of 15 and 24, outnumbered only by accidents and homicide. Over 4,000 young people commit suicide every year. Perhaps you or someone you know has thought about it or even attempted it.

Eric was always pessimistic. He hadn't seemed to have had a positive thought in his 17 years. He had few friends and even they frequently deserted him. His parents were average, they never seemed to let him alone. It was easier to stay gone than to go home to their nagging. His teachers expected too much of him. And to top things off, he never seemed to be able to save enough money to buy that elusive car.

Eric is back in school now. He was only out a week after his attempted overdose. It didn't solve any of his problems, but it did make his parents aware that he had problems. He doesn't have to face them alone any more.

The most common cause of suicide among young people is depression, alcohol and drug abuse also play a large role. School pressures, parental conflicts and personal relationships cause much of the depression that leads to suicide.

Phillip seemed happy enough. He was a senior, a fairly good football player, popular, and had good grades—so good in fact that he had a chance at valedictorian or salutatorian. And that meant a college scholarship. All he had to do was keep straight A's that final quarter.

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No one understood when Phillip shot himself. Phillip didn't die, either. But he's blind now. He solved his problem.

Most suicide attempts aren't successful. Only one out of 10 usually succeeds. The suicide attempt may not be serious. The act itself is a cry for help. Unfortunately, though the attempt is not serious, it is sometimes successful.

Suicide is rarely a spur of the moment decision. But unfortunately most people don't recognize the symptoms. They cannot accept the fact that their daughter or son or student or friend could ever take their own life.

Too often people are so ashamed of the fact that they are considering suicide that they won't go for help.

There are more than 200 suicide prevention centers and crisis hotlines across the country. There are many in Dallas. Any one of which offers confidential counselling to anyone considering suicide.

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Paul Evans to wrestle in national championship



Paul Evans sizes up opponent.

In his first year of wrestling, Paul Evans, a junior at Skyline, has qualified for the United States Federation Wrestling Tournament. The contest will be held in City, Iowa during the last week of July.

To reach nationals, Paul had to first compete in a state match at R.L. Turner. The first three winners in each weight division could go on to nationals. Paul placed second to qualify.

Wrestling is a new sport at Skyline this year. Coach Larry Karl was pleased with his first season. He pointed out that wrestling can be a good conditioning sport for all athletes.

Paul sees many similarities between football and wrestling workouts. He said, "It (wrestling) helps to keep me in top physical condition."

Paul agreed that wrestlers were not as prone to injury as competitors in other contact sports. "It's not as dangerous as football because there's a referee right there."

During the high school wrestling season, Paul placed fourth in regionals allowing him to go to the state meet as an alternate. Paul has improved steadily this year and hopes to return to state his



Paul Evans prepares to roll opponent.

senior year. "Next year," he promised, "I'll go all the way to statè."

Paul thinks he has a better chance of receiving a wrestling scholarship than one in football. Because wrestling is a relatively new sport to most area high schools, Paul feels that the competition he'll face next year will be tougher than the past season.

He attributed his success to Coach Karl and the wrestling team for their support this season. "I couldn't have achieved what I have without the help of Coach Karl and the team."

sports

Golf places sixth in district match

The golf team missed the boat at the district match April 17-18 receiving a sixth place.

The tournament, played at the Tennyson Memorial and L.B. Houston golf course was split into two 18 hole rounds, each played at one of the courses. The scores were combined and the winning score was a 132 for Hillcrest.

However Skyline won third in the Round Robin or season play with a six and two record. They finished behind Woodrow Wilson and Hillcrest.

The A team playing for Skyline was Wade Davis, senior; Todd Hall, junior; Joe Kreck, senior; Parish Medley, junior; and Chris Miles, senior.

If they were slow this year, next year they hope to make up for it with players such as Todd Hall, a returning letterman who had the best team score of 162 and tied for fifth place in the two day tournament.

As with many sports this year, weather has been cited as the cause for much of the unreadiness.

Girls' track team breaks years of Lincoln dominance

The girls' track team has broken the dominance Lincoln had the last five years. The Raiders won the 11-AAAA girls' championship. By placing in every event, the Raiders won the title over Lincoln by a score of 135 to 132.

In the triple jump, Cornelia Sheppard placed first and Wanda Shelley finished second. Elissia Fountain finished fifth in the long jump. Dana Johnson placed fourth in the high jump and Terry Thompson placed fifth.

In the discus, Christy Hurst and Laura Tucker finished third and fourth respectively.

First and second belonged to the Raiders in the shot put as Laura Tucker finished first and Christi Hearst second.

For the first time in the history of girls' track, the Lincoln Tigers were defeated in a sprint during a district meet. Skyline won the Sprint Medley with Wanda Shelley, Elissia Fountain, Cornelia Sheppard and Donna Andrews.

In the 880-yard-dash, Jackie Henderson placed sixth, Bridgette Hill finished second in the 440.

The Raiders dominated the hurdles with Elissia Fountain, Terry Thompson, Cornelia Sheppard finishing first, third, and fourth respectively.

The 880 relay team finished second with LaShon Nedd, Bridgette Hill, Donna Andrews, and Wanda Shelley participating.

The mile relay team came in third with Donna Andrews, Elissia Fountain, Bridgette Hill and Wanda Shelley running. In the 100-yard-dash, LaShon Nedd placed fourth.

In the regional meet, the Raiders did not fair as well as no one qualified for the state meet.

The team is coached by Mary Thomas.



Amy Knight serves in a singles match.

Knight wins second in district tennis

The tennis team has finished all of its district play. The team finished fourth in the city tournament, and it also made a good showing in district.

Amy Knight, girls' singles player, finished second in district behind first seeded Cindy Hill of Bryan Adams. Amy had some stiff competition, including the second seed, but she managed to make it to the finals which qualified her for the regional tournament.

Although the team is through with regular season play, some area tournaments have been arranged to give the players practice for next year.

Coach George Acuff believes he will have a good team for the next two years with six returning sophomores. These players are: Kenneth Ghormley, Kenneth Raines, Mark Moon, Elida Hernandez, Amy Knight, and Julie Fulton. He also hopes to have support from new members.

Baseball team hopes for playoff spot

With one game remaining the varsity baseball team still had an opportunity to win zone. At presstime, the Raiders were 7-4 in district just one game behind B.A. (8-3) and half game in back of second place Spruce (8-4).

A scheduled game between Skyline and B.A. was rained out prolonging a long season. If the Raiders beat B.A. the East Zone will end in a three way tie. Coach Hughes expected to have a close race from the first week of the season. "The district is so evenly matched that four teams in our zone are equal," Hughes said.

After a slow start this season, Skyline managed to win three of their last four district games including a 6-3 win over defending city champ T.J. All of the Raiders' four district losses were one run affairs. While the B.A. game is the last scheduled game this season, a victory would insure an extension to the playoffs.

Football teams practice for 1978

With less than a month left in school, the football teams continued with practice in preparation of the 1978 football season.

Football? Baseball just started and they are planning for a season which doesn't start for another five months.

Head Football Coach "Red" McCullum felt that although the team had been practicing, it was too early to judge their progress. McCullum mentioned a shortage of returning players but the B-team, which won city this year, should be able to help.

6 football players win scholarships

Six Skyline students have been awarded athletic scholarships. They are: Bobby Moses (Tulane University, New Orleans); Peter Roos, Blake Hall, Keith Westmoreland (Henderson Junior College, Athens); and Anthony Durham and Cedrick Robinson (Taft Junior College, Taft, California).

Moses, who won the Defensive Lineman award this football season, will play football at Tulane. Roos won the all-district Defensive Back Award this season. Hall was named the Offensive Player of the Year and gained over 1,000 yards this season. In addition to his football skills, Hall keeps a high grade point average.

Keith Westmoreland was the All-District Offensive Tackle and won the Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award. He, too, has an excellent academic record. Anthony Durham, who was all-district at Skyline his junior year, will play fullback and middle guard at Taft Junior College. Cedrick Robinson played wingback and flanker and scored in seven of the 10 football games Skyline played this season.

1978 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
Sept. 8	Garland	Forester
Sept. 15	N. Mesquite	Memorial
Sept. 22	Spruce	Forester
Sept. 29	Woodrow Wilson	Forester
Oct. 6	W.T. White	Forester
Oct. 13	Thomas Jefferson	Loos
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Nov. 10	Bryan Adams	Forester



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Sophomore track wins second place in district play

The sophomore track team received a lot of attention this season as they finished the best season ever, by finishing second to Bryan Adams in the 11-AAAA sophomore division.

During the season, the Raiders participated in the five meets. "The guys worked very hard this year," said Coach Joel Ezar.

In the Kimball Relays, finishing first, the Raiders dominated the meet.

The following week, Skyline finished a strong second in the city meet.

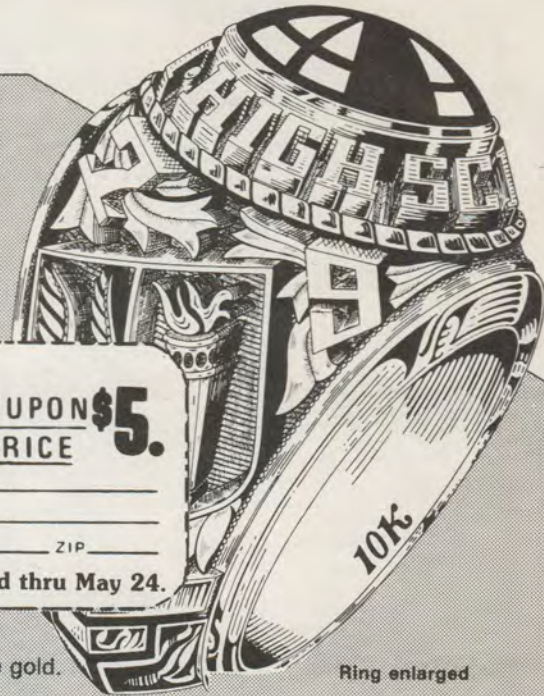
The Raiders dominated both the low and the high hurdles, as Carl Sheffield placed first and Donnie James placed second in the 120 high hurdles. In the 330 low hurdles Donnie James and Carl Sheffield finished first and second respectively.

The Raiders also fared well in the one mile run, as Robert Vela placed first and Tim Clark finished third. The Mile Relay team came in second.

Skyline closed out the season finishing second in the district meet. The 440 relay team placed fifth.

In the 880 race, Skyline's Larry Shaw and Tracy Salters placed third and fifth respectively.

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