

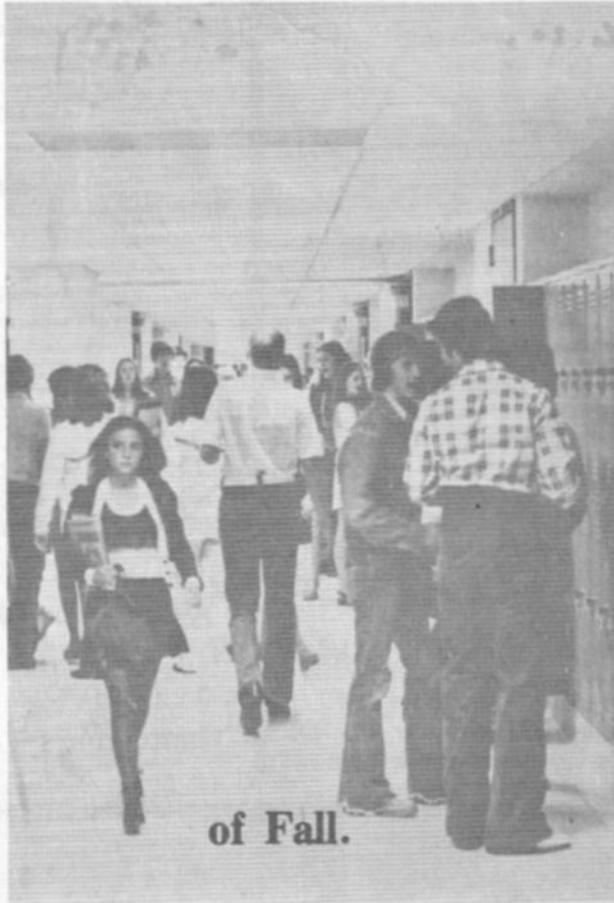
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**From the emptiness of Summer . . .**



**. . . To the abundance**



**of Fall.**

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People change from year to year, as things do. With the beginning of a new school year life changes from a slow summer pace to football and dance season.

Our inner lives change as we meet new people, experience different activities, grow older. As people grow older it becomes more important to be able to express their ideas. As a staff we would like to hear from you-the students, this year. We feel that you are important and have a right to express your feelings and opinions.

There are many ways to express oneself - poetry, short stories, comments on an editorial or news item. Perhaps just an interesting tidbit of information you would like to share. We welcome these and any other ways of communicating that you are talented with. Bring your material to C-6 before second period, or C-3 anytime after second period, or contact any staff member. Above all, let's get to know each other.

Thank You  
Alice Adams

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## Now comes Jerry

by GLENN HUGHES

"And so we leave in high hopes, in good spirits and in deep humility and with very much gratefulness in our hearts. We come from many faiths, we pray perhaps to different gods but really the same God in a sense. But I want to say for each and every one of you - not only will we always be grateful to you, always you will be in our hearts and in our prayers. Thank you very much."

These were the last White House words by the 37th President of the United States, Richard Milhouse Nixon, the only president ever to resign his office, on August 9 of this year. This was a scant two hours before the formal passage of presidential power to Mr. Gerald R. Ford.

In becoming the 38th President, Ford was quoted as saying "Our long national nightmare is over."

The amicable 62-year-old Michigan lawyer, raised from his Congressional leadership role to the vice-presidency only a little more than eight months ago, promised "my best efforts, cooperation, leadership and dedication to do what's good for America and good for the world." As quoted in the Dallas Morning News.

A former University of Michigan football player, who at 62 looks more like 50, faces many national problems. The number one problem is the economy. Since he is not likely to change many of the Nixon administration's basic economic policies, Ford has a

much better chance of getting them to work. Ford's relations with Congress should enable the President to work more smoothly with the House and the Senate in managing federal spending.

The new President favors such issues as revenue-sharing, a high-level of military spending, national health insurance and Nixon-style foreign policy. While he opposes busing, a tax cut now, economic controls and amnesty for draft evaders.

Although on August 20 he declared he was ready to "act promptly" on conditional amnesty for the youths who refused to fight in Southeast Asia.

Even though Ford is an excellent politician, he is still a family man. Being the oldest of four brothers, he grew up in rolling, wooded western Michigan. His parents always encouraged him and his brothers to excell in everything they attempted, be it Boy Scouts or football.

All three of his brothers still live in Grand Rapids, not far from the family home.

Ford married a fashion expert worker, the former Elizabeth Bloomer of Grand Rapids. They have four children, sons Michael, Jack, Steve and daughter Susan.

In a statement given by Ford the night following Richard Nixon's resignation announcement, "...And I pledge to you tonight, as I will pledge tomorrow and in the future, my best efforts in cooperation, leadership and dedication [for] what's good for America and good for the world."

**Inside Views****Rockefeller-****what type of guy is he?****Summer Decisions**

by RENEE MAREK

It's been a quiet, carefree summer for North Mesquite students. But for our country and government it has been a summer of many difficult decisions, beginning with the seemingly small incidence of Nixon handing over the Watergate tapes. The situation blew into a national dilemma when the contents were revealed, causing eventually the Thursday night, August 8, speech by Nixon who spoke on TV for the thirty-seventh time from his office. This was a time of happiness and sadness as all of America watched and listened to the former President of the United States resign. The following day, August 9, at approximately 12 noon, Ford was sworn in.

Subsequently, President Ford nominated Nelson Rockefeller for Vice President. This action has yet to be confirmed by Congress.

The country is going through a difficult period now. Not in the history of our country or government has a president resigned or has a new president and vice president been put into office simultaneously without the vote of the people. It is a time to stop and re-evaluate our democratic government and recognize the importance of voting our officials and even our next President into office.

by GLENN HUGHES

Nelson A. Rockefeller, who is he? Of course, he is President Gerald R. Ford's choice for Vice-President. But just who is he?

Being the offspring of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Abby Greene Aldrick Rockefeller, Nelson A. Rockefeller and his four brothers and one sister were born into one of the nation's wealthiest families.

Ironically, Nelson raised rabbits to supplement a 25 cents a week allowance. With parents with all that money, he had to raise rabbits for an additional allowance!

Franklin D. Roosevelt first appointed Rockefeller coordinator of inter-American affairs in the State Department in 1940. Then after other government jobs, he served in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

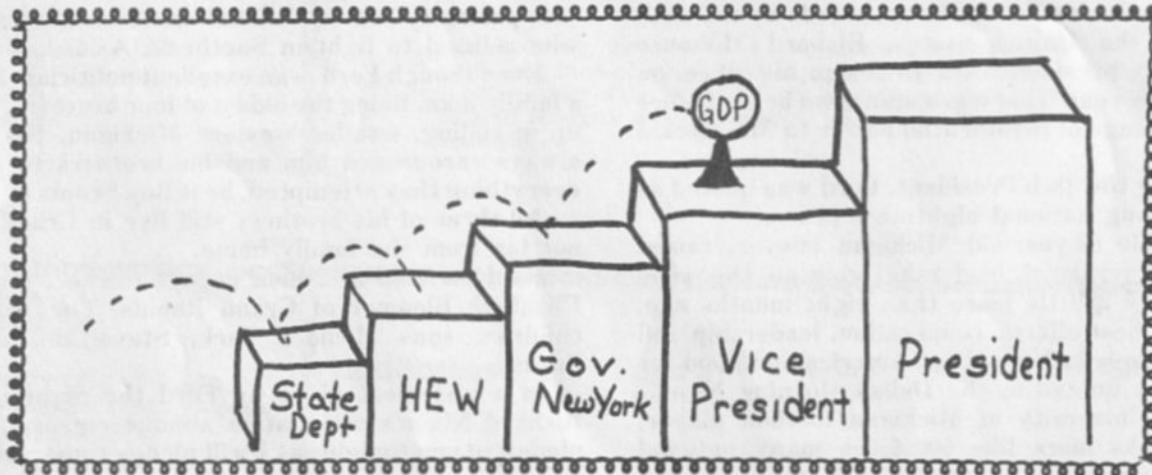
In 1958 he ran for governor of New York, which he won. Also, Rockefeller won re-election in 1962, 1966, and 1970.

In his strongest presidential bid, Rockefeller lost the GOP presidential nomination to Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona. In 1968, Richard Nixon captured the nomination which Rockefeller was also seeking.

He always had his eye on the No. 1 position, but now he is settling for second best.

"The vice-president is standby equipment. I don't think I'm cut out to be a No. 2 type of guy," Rockefeller was once quoted as saying.

But now he believes that after all he just might be "a No. 2 type of guy."



The ball stops bouncing at Vice-President for Nelson A. Rockefeller.

## New music assistant

Mrs. Connie Hamrick has joined North Mesquite's staff of band directors. She is assistant to Mr. W.A. Tony Anderson and works mainly with the Varsity Band.

Mrs. Hamrick works at North Mesquite during first and second periods. She supervises the majorettes and works with the second band during second period. She assists Mr. Reinsch at McDonald during third period. Mrs. Hamrick also teaches private lessons to many of the woodwind students during after-school hours.

Mrs. Hamrick graduated from East Texas with a degree in Music Education. She's married to Mr. Don Hamrick who directs the concert band. They have a daughter, age 1. Mrs. Hamrick comments that "In the near future we hope to have four performing groups at North Mesquite."

## New Advisor

The newest addition to the administrative staff is Mr. Weldon Strain. He is the assistant principal in charge of instruction.

"In a layman's words I'm a Teacher Supervisor," says Mr. Strain. "My goal is to have the best faculty in the Mesquite school district, which will in turn give us the strongest student body."

Mr. Strain's main duties will be working with teachers. He will aid them in any problems they have in instruction, auto visual aids, or daily lesson plans.

Mr. Strain graduated from East Texas. He has worked as a head football coach for 24 years. He is married and has a daughter, who is also married. Mr. Strain has taught at Spring Hill, Longview, Forney, and more recently Agnew Middle School.

The friendly administrator is very interested in North Mesquite to have a better student body.



"Plan A" teachers are Miss Candace Han, Mrs. Clarice Jordan, and Mrs. Mary Webb.

## New concepts in "Plan A"

by Dawn Whitney

For the first time at North Mesquite, a new concept of special education called "Plan A" is being offered to students who need it. Involved in the Program are students who, because of prolonged illness or individual problems, have fallen behind in their normal classroom workload.

The Texas Education Agency, sponsoring "Plan A" program, "strives to make the educational experience relate specifically to the needs of each individual. It precludes isolating some students from their peers and from the day to day competitive experiences that all must face in the adult world of tomorrow. Its aim is to provide an educational opportunity with the ultimate goal of individual self-sufficiency." The plan is the result of two years of research and planning.

The three North Mesquite teachers involved in this program are Mrs. Clarice Jordan, Mrs. Mary Ann Webb, and Mrs. Candace Han.

The program is divided into two units - Resource and Vocational

Training. The Resource unit is for students 14 and 15 years of age. The students are phased into regular classrooms after being in "Plan A" and a resource teacher helps them to carry on a normal workload.

The Vocational unit trains students, ages 16-21, for trades such as Landscaping, Taxidermy, Maintenance, Food Services, Nurses Aides, Beauticians, Barbers, Plumbing, Bricklaying, and Automobile and Motorcycle Mechanics. The students earn not only salaries, but also may earn credits towards graduation.

Mrs. Jordan states one of the goals of "Plan A" is "to give exceptional students the same chances as other students. In past years, there was no way to get them into regular classes. This is possible with "Plan A." It will help them to achieve their own potential, whatever it is."

## EVENTS

## Band officers chosen

One of the Varsity Band's first projects was to elect officers for the 1974-75 school year. Brian Grizzard will be president, with Tommy Amador as vice-president. Secretary will be Kelly Hatfield and Cindy Angelo was elected treasurer. Chosen as reporter was Marilyn Nolley.

Military officers are Captains David Prasifka and Ted Spillman, Lieutenants Hank Jones and David Rickerson.

Mr. Weldon Minnich will assist Conductor Sallie Banks with the orchestra this year. A concert is tentatively planned for October 10 in the auditorium.

## Math Club

Fifteen rookies, along with 12 regular members make up the Slide Rule and Number Sense Club this year. The club meets everyday during homeroom and practices for competition. They had five Saturday-morning meets last year and went to district and regional competition.

Last year's president, Howard McNeil, also went to state competition in both Number Sense and Slide Rule. The students get no credits for their work but can earn trophies at meets. The sponsor is Mr. Ramiro Sanchez.

## Les Choisis

Les Choisis - the French Club - will be kept busy with the activities Sponsor Linda Duckett has planned for this year. Included are a French-style picnic, a French-style breakfast party, and a cheese-tasting party.

During Christmas an ice-skating party, a hayride, and going Christmas caroling are planned.

Other activities are celebrating Mardi Gras with a dance and costume party, going to the French Symposium in Dallas or San Antonio, having a party where only guys do the cooking, and having a travel agent speak to them.

## Debate hosts tournament

The Debate Department is hosting a debate tournament on September 20 and 21. This is the first tournament ever to have taken place at North Mesquite. The department is inviting 60 high schools to participate.

The activities will start Friday and end in time for the students to attend that night's football game. Events will continue Saturday with an awards assembly climaxing the tournament.

"North Mesquite Speech and Debate students will run the contest," states Mrs. Debbie Chapman, the speech instructor. "Their duties will include being timekeeper, pro-

viding refreshments, and helping students from other schools find their way around our campus. Judges will be qualified teachers and ex-debate students." Tournament director is Debbie Vest.

The contest will present the speech department with a double advantage. One will be to make money, so that our own debaters and speech students can attend other tournaments. The second will be to provide experience for new students. Mrs. Chapman invites anyone who is interested in debate to come and observe the tournament.

## Hodge Podge

### Stage Band

Stage Band Director Paul Davis said, "I feel that this year the stage band will be better than ever because of the experienced upper-classmen plus the influx of talented freshman. All in all, the stage band will have a busy and exciting season in the year to come."

Starting in December, they will play at all-district basketball games. They will also play at pep rallies, festivals, student body programs, and give a concert in the spring.

### OEA

Members of the Office Education Association plan to sell candy as a fund-raising project this year.

OEA is comprised of girls in Vocational Office Education, which plans on having an employee and employer banquet this year.

Officers for OEA will be elected soon and an outstanding VOE student will be chosen at the end of the year, says Sponsor Jill Sloan.

### Choir officers elected

Acappella choir officers have had three meetings for discussing the 1974-75 school year. President is Steve Ewton and vice-presidents are 1st - Garry Eoff and 2nd - Lee Pate. Kay Hundley is secretary, and historian is Donna Avon. Librarians are Adrian McDonald and Donna Webb. Reporters are Robin Root and Keith Burnan and Walter Morris is Treasurer. Garry Eoff and Deanna Longshore will be in charge of the choirs' outfits.

### VICA

"Achievement" is the theme of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America for this year. VICA is the national organization for students in trade, industrial, technical, and health education.

Mr. Norman McLaren, VICA sponsor, plans to have the first meeting on the first "B" day. Some plans for VICA this year include going to Skyline Park in March for the District Skill Speed Test Convention and attending the statewide convention in Houston in April.

# Bits N Pieces

## Enchilada scholarship

Senior Jan Kirchmeyer never dreamed she'd get a scholarship through an enchilada-eating contest, but she did.

Jan is a member of Junior Achievement and got her scholarship through a contest sponsored by Mariano's Mexican Restaurant and Jones and Lake Real Estate paid for it.

The scholarship is for an 8-week business course at the Caruth Institute at SMU and worth \$250.

Jan is an active member of Junior Achievement, which she describes as "a business education program where high school students get together and run their own mini-business. They sell stock, elect officers, a board of directors, produce and sell a product, pay salaries and wages, and in the end liquidate the company and pay off the stockholders." Jan continues, "I urge everyone to join JA. It provides you with a business knowledge for your future and helps you to get a job after graduation. It's a lot of fun, too."

Other JA activities include picnics, dances, and a 36-hour movie-watching marathon in December.

Now you can believe the student who stops you on the street and asks, "Want to eat enchiladas for a worthy cause?"

## Homeroom olympics

Homeroom is not one of the most popular classes of the school day, but thanks to Mr. Lester Fowler, many students will be getting a change from their regular schedule.

Mr. Fowler has put together what he calls "Homeroom Olympics." The events are boys' and girls' sprint relays and boys' and girls' egg-throwing. Five different homerooms with students of all ages will compete every Friday for gag prizes and the fun of it.

Mr. Fowler says his "Homeroom Olympics" is "a good activity for the kids once a week and will encourage athletic participation."

## Teachers teaching teachers

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a teacher? Well, North Mesquite teachers who were students of years past may not have asked themselves that question, but that's where they ended up.

Coaches Rusty Talbot and Mike Jenkins are now teaching American History together, but have known each other since Coach Jenkins' school days at McKinney High School. There Coach Talbot supervised Coach Jenkins in football and basketball and says of it, "He always did everything he was told."

Mr. Raymond McFaul is now teaching with two of his Kemp High School teachers, Coach Gus Hernandez and Mr. Bill Stanglin. Coach Hernandez supervised him at football while Mr. Stanglin taught him Plane Geometry. They both agree that he was a good student.

## Enrollment rises

With an addition of 812 freshmen, North Mesquite's enrollment has risen to 2,538 students as compared to 2,385 at the same time last year.

In addition to the freshmen, approximately 250 students have arrived from other school districts.

This means that approximately 1,062 new students will be taking the place of the 757 who graduated or left last year.

## Fowler Father

English Teacher Lester Fowler and his wife Diane are the happy parents of a baby boy born August 8. They have named him Scott Alexander.

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North Mesquite new faculty are as follows: front row — Mrs. Shirley Goolsby, Mrs. Linda Stephens, Mrs. Kay Parks, Miss Pam Leonard, and Mrs. Ellen Cook; second row — Mrs. Lorraine Mitchell, Mrs. Marjorie Wilson, Miss Constance Vinson, and Mrs. Joe Ann Voskamp; and back row — Coach Brent Thorne, Mr. Mike Allen, Mr. Raymond McFaul, Coach Gary Halliday, Coach Clell Tarbet, Mr. John Klien, and Mr. Weldon Strain.

The new teachers to North Mesquite recall their teenage days. The photos on page 9 are of these teachers when they were in high school. How many can you name? See page 14 for list of names.

## New teachers remember when . . .

### Mrs. Shirley Goolsby

Back when Elvis was in his heyday and Fabian was stomping the beaches, the Lettermen were harmonizing and teenagers spent their leisure time sipping soda at the local fountain; Mrs. Goolsby was in the middle of it all, her favorites being: Elvis, the Beach Boys, the Four Seasons, and the Righteous Brothers, while idolizing Paul Newman.

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"I was involved and usually an officer in every club and activity in the school; with the one exception of the Athletic Club. Which only boys could join," says Mrs. Shirley Goolsby.

Mrs. Goolsby has recently graduated from East Texas University, and is teaching for her first year. She had previously attended East Texas and majored in Home Economics, with special emphasis on Interior Design.

She chose North Mesquite primarily because of the friendly atmosphere, and the general attitude of concern that is projected by the faculty members and students.

Mrs. Goolsby, the home and family living teacher has been married three years to Mr. Richard Goolsby, who is also a teacher.

### Mrs. Marjorie Wilson

Mrs. Marjorie Wilson is a new addition to the English Department. She teaches Latin and English II. Mrs. Wilson taught at Corpus Christi Carroll High School for three years and now is working on her fourth year at North Mesquite. She was graduated from the University of Texas in Austin and now has been married for one year.

In high school Mrs. Wilson spent most of her spare time with her boyfriend, parents, and going to the football games. She listened to KBOX (before it turned country and western) and KLIF. Her favorite song was "House of the Rising Sun" and she liked Elvis and the Animals.

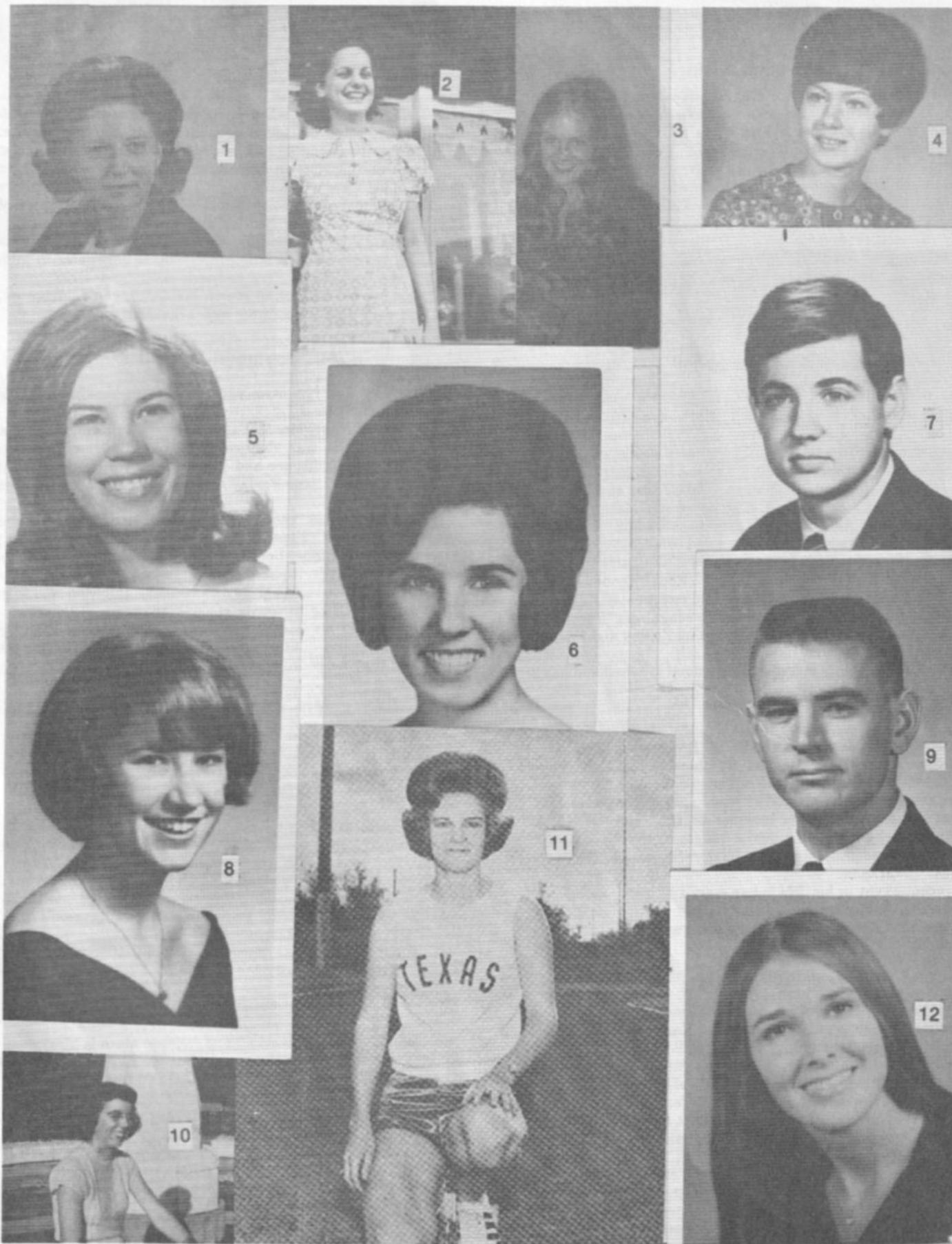
In asking her opinion of North Mesquite she said, "I like the dress code here; at the other school they wore just about anything." She also commented, "The students are nice and polite."

### Miss Pam Leonard

Miss Pam Leonard started her career in teaching this year at North Mesquite. "I like it," was her reply when asked what she thought of this school. She was raised in Dallas and says she has always liked the Mesquite area.

Miss Leonard was graduated from North Texas State University and she teaches homemaking I and II. KBOX used to be her favorite radio station, but that was still when it played rock and roll and her favorite group were the Beach Boys.

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### Mr. John Klein

One new member of the English department, Mr. John Klein claims that in high school he was and that he still is a "Beatle fan." His favorite Friday night activities consisted of football games and going to Kips.

Mr. Klein was very active in Bryan Adams High School. He was Spanish club president, and a member of student council, art and action club, and key club. Mr. Klein was also on the Senior Pub Staff, which published a book about seniors.

Mr. Klein attended East Texas State University. He has been teaching for five years and is now teaching English II. His comment on North Mesquite and its student body is "fantastic."

### Mrs. Lorraine Mitchell

One new addition to the Math Department is Mrs. Lorraine Mitchell. She teaches Freshman Math and Junior-Senior Physics.

Mrs. Mitchell attended East Texas for 5 years and mostly took courses of math and physics. She has been teaching for 3 years. Mrs. Mitchell taught 2 years at East Texas and one year at Rockwall High School and now at North Mesquite. She commented that the North Mesquite students are "well behaved."

During Mrs. Mitchell's high school days she participated in many clubs such as the Spanish Club, National Honor Society, math club, choir and office assistant. She commented, "I was a real Beatle fan;" and one of her favorite songs was "Puppet on a String." Some of her favorite pastimes on Friday nights were going to the movies and dates.

Today she is happily married to Raymond Mitchell and has 2 boys.

### Mrs. Linda Stephens

"I remember listening to Elvis Presley on Saturday afternoons," recalls Mrs. Linda Stephens. "We also drove around the Dairy Bar and the square on Friday nights."

Mrs. Stephens participated in such activities as band and student council. She was a member of the National Honor Society and worked on the senior play.

Mrs. Stephens graduated from Baylor. She taught for three years in Texarkana.

A recent event in her life is her marriage to Mr. Stephens four weeks before school began. Commenting on North Mesquite, she states, "I like it very well, especially the dress and manners of the students."

### Mrs. Janice Turner

Mrs. Janice Turner, a new addition to the English Department, who grew up in Wichita, Kansas; reminisces of much time spent listening to Andy Williams, Engelbert Humperdink, Elvis Presley, and the Righteous Brothers. There also are a few fading memories of Paul Newman.

Friday nights would find the young B-Team cheerleader and Pep Club treasurer at a football game or at the local Pizza Hut. Mrs. Turner was also involved in the French Club and Debate Team.

She has been married a year and eight months to Mr. Mike Turner who is presently a Plan A counselor.

Mrs. Turner is a graduate of Tarleton High School in Stevensville, then attended Abilene Christian College where she majored in English.

As a first year teacher at North Mesquite, one of the most notable qualities she has noticed is the "higher standards."

### Miss Constance Vinson

"I was very active when I was in high school," says Miss Connie Katherine Vinson, a new addition to North Mesquite. She was on the annual staff, band, art, library and counselor assistant and Drama. In her senior year she won the Drama award of her class which she said, "There were only 600 seniors and 142 graduates." She listened to KGBO in Waco and some of her favorites were the Beatles and Beach Boys.

This graduate from Southwestern University is working on her first year in the teaching profession. In college as in high school she was very active in band, choir, and sociology.

In asking her opinion of North Mesquite, she commented, "It is a very fine school and well organized."

### Mr. Raymond McFaul

Teaching for his first year at North Mesquite is Mr. Raymond McFaul.

Born in El Paso, Mr. McFaul graduated in Kemp, Texas as valedictorian. He was vice president of his senior class, and president his sophomore and junior year. He participated in football and track; and Friday nights would find him dating or skating.

Mr. McFaul likes "easy listening music," but during his teen years he listened primarily to Elvis Presley, Mac Davis, Sly and the Family Stone, Bet Midler; and thoroughly enjoyed the performance Little Richard would give.

He liked to see things grow and his early ambition was to go into law, which he seriously considered.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in 1967 at University of Texas at Austin. Later he attended North Texas for his masters that he received in 1972.

### Mrs. Joe Ann Voskamp

"I was never a Frankie Sinatra fan," states Mrs. Jo Ann Voskamp, while remembering her teenage days. Surprisingly though, her favorite song was "Deep Purple." Mrs. Voskamp also enjoyed a Saturday night radio program called "Hit Parade."

In high school at Eagle Lake, Texas, she was active in band. Friday nights were spent mostly at football games. She also worked on a column which was printed in a weekly newspaper.

As an adult, Mrs. Voskamp attended Baylor University. She teaches Chemistry and Physical Science and has been teaching for 14 years. Mrs. Voskamp has been married for 31 years and has three married children.

Commenting on North Mesquite and the student body she says, "I like it, especially the students."

### Mrs. Ellen Cook

A new addition to Algebra I and Related Math is Mrs. Ellen Cook. This is her first year to teach. She received her Bachelor degree from Meredith Business College and her masters from North Texas University. Mrs. Cook has been married for twenty years and has three daughters.

"I sold hot dogs for the junior class at the Friday night football games," she reminisced. She also went to basketball games and went ice skating. Mrs. Cook was in the National Honor Society, she was also the Associate Editor of the annual and class treasurer.

In her opinion of North Mesquite, she said she likes it, she added, "I like the students, too."

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# The Spirit People

Among the many changes at North Mesquite this year is a new cheerleading coach named Sue Murrey. Mrs. Murrey has been a biology teacher here for several years, but she wanted a change from the classroom.

From biology to cheerleading is a big jump (pardon the phrase), but Mrs. Murrey is not unprepared for the job she has taken. She was the cheerleaders' sponsor at Kaufman Junior High and has taught physical education in Kaufman and Abilene.

How is she getting along so far? In her own words, "I love it. It's fantastic." Varsity Cheerleader Debbie Sasser comments, "Mrs. Murrey organizes everything for us and watches us at practice. She gets involved in everything."

This summer, Mrs. Murrey traveled with the Freshman cheerleaders to SMU where they earned superior and excellent ratings and a spirit stick.

The Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders traveled to Sam Houston University and also achieved several honors. The J.V. squad was one of four out of 82 nominated for highest honors and won a spirit stick. The Varsity team won a spirit stick and competed with 85 other teams to win the Dr. Pepper Award, enabling them to compete nationally later on this year.



This year's Varsity Cheerleaders are front row: Lynn Campbell, Mary Powell, Pam McGee, Rita Hodges, Pam Potter; back row: Pam Burkhalter, Valerie Sheffield, Pam Baxter, Debbie Sasser, Traci Talley.

Mrs. Murrey admits that she does miss teaching biology, but has set her goal for this year as "to instill as much spirit in the school as possible."

With her eagerness and energy, Mrs. Murrey may well achieve her goal, but she still concedes "it's a real challenge."

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Working together as a team, all ten majorettes won first place in Team Twirling at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

The majorettes line-up is as follows: Melanie Roden, Head Majorette; Pat West; Cindy Phelps; Donna Miller; Debbie Duke; Donna Duke; Debbie Waites; Valerie Robertson; Debbie Trower; and Sylvia Clouse.

These majorettes entered many events and won many awards. In solo events Melanie Roden won first; Cindy Phelps was second; third place was taken by Debbie Trower and Donna Miller. Valerie Robertson and Debbie Waites took third place in a duet.

Also in team twirling, Melanie Roden, Pat West, Debbie Duke and Cindy Phelps won second.

Head Majorette, Melanie Roden, was chosen as the Outstanding Twirler in Texas by the UIL association in Austin.



This year's varsity majorettes are front row: Donna Duke, Debbie Trower, Melanie Roden, Valerie Robertson, and Debbie Waites; back row: Cindy Phelps, Debbie Duke, Donna Miller, Pat West, and Sylvia Clouse.

# Sharps and Flats

by RICHARD PRADARITS and PAUL NEELEY

The crowd was getting anxious, Texas Stadium was in the middle of the longest stage change of the night after a couple of tight sets by Marshall Tucker and Joe Walsh.

Then with the cry of "The South Will Rise Again" The Allman Brothers Band took to the stage with a powerful surge of light and sound. Just like audiences have come to expect, those good 'ole southern boys from Macon, Georgia proceeded to take the roof off of Texas Stadium with the first of their two hour sets.

The main force behind The Allman Brothers Band, and hero of the evening is ace guitarist Richard Betts. But even while Betts was playing to the near-sellout crowd at Texas Stadium, his solo album was being packaged and launched to the waiting public.

If Betts cooked on that hot summer night, he comes through steaming on his new album. Originally to be titled "Richard Forrest Betts," the title was later changed to "Highway Call."

Backed by an obscure group of musicians except for a fellow brother Chuck Leavell on piano, Betts has put together one of the better bands that one could ever hope to hear. The production job is as great as the musician's work. The album is produced by Betts and Johny Sandlin, long time friend of the Allmans, and Capricorn Records (which was built around the Allmans). Sandlin also played bass on the record. After

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stepping from the shadow of Duane Allman after his untimely motorcycle wreck on a Macon street, Betts has risen to international prominence as a result of his revolutionary style which is a mixture of southern music and rock. This style can best be exemplified on his songs "Blue Sky," "Jessica," and "Ramblin' Man."

The first thought after hearing the first song "Long Time Gone," is that this has got to be the most polished album ever.

Betts had planned to include Stephen Grappelli in the album, who was a long time side-kick of jazz great Django Reinhardt with Grappelli on guitar and Betts on slide, dobro, and electric guitar, but apparently gave up that idea, in favor of Vassar Clements tasty violin work. Clements proves himself to be an outstanding musician on both his great harmony work and his solos. After hearing the entire record though, one feels that Betts could have shown a bit more variety as he did on "Eat a Peach" or "Brothers and Sisters."

The record is so tightly arranged that it loses some of its spontaneity what with all the perfect harmonies and all. However, Betts' confidence in his singing, playing, and songwriting does an excellent job of overcoming this drawback, if it can be called that.

Betts' singing and songwriting are getting better all the time and he has proven himself a seasoned musician and a polished performer. Not a bad job for an 'ole southern boy.

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## **Key Notes**

### Dallasite to cut record

by RICHARD PRADARITS and PAUL NEELEY

Pat McGuire is a local Dallas musician, and has played for the Blue Knights, The Southern Distributer, The Shades of Contrast, and Joy. Pat's future plans include joining a progressive country showband, and possibly cutting a record of his original material.

PE. How old were you when you first played?

PAT. "I started playing guitar, when I was 12."

PE. And your first group was the Blue Knights?

PAT. "Right, but I didn't start playing the organ until The Southern Distributer. I played all top forty until the Shades of Contrast which did anything popular, like Beatles and Doors material. It was designed so everyone would enjoy it, from 14 year olds to the older audiences.

PE. Then came Joy?

PAT. "Right. That was another Top 40 band, top 40 and rock, we played a lot of Allman Brothers because it was the lead guitarist's favorite. We also did a lot of blues."

PE. Have you ever played with anyone who made it to the "big time"?

PAT. "I've played with Willis Allen Ramsey at a Coffee shop. He wrote "Muskrat Love" for America."

PE. What is Ramsey doing lately?

PAT. "He's putting in a 16 track recording studio in the Austin area, he's also writing for a lot of people in Austin."

PE. "Music in Dallas is definitely going to country rock, the Austin sound.

PE. Like some of the Allman Brothers recent material?

PAT. There's nothing wrong with country music, if it's good enough for Dicky Betts, it's good enough for anyone, right?

PE. Right. Who are your early influences, and all time favorite people and groups?

PAT. "Ray Mazerick, Paul McCartney, and the Doors. My all time favorite has to be the Beatles, and my favorite group that is still recording is Lynyrd Skynyrd. Their Dallas concert was technically perfect. The balance and performance was beautiful."

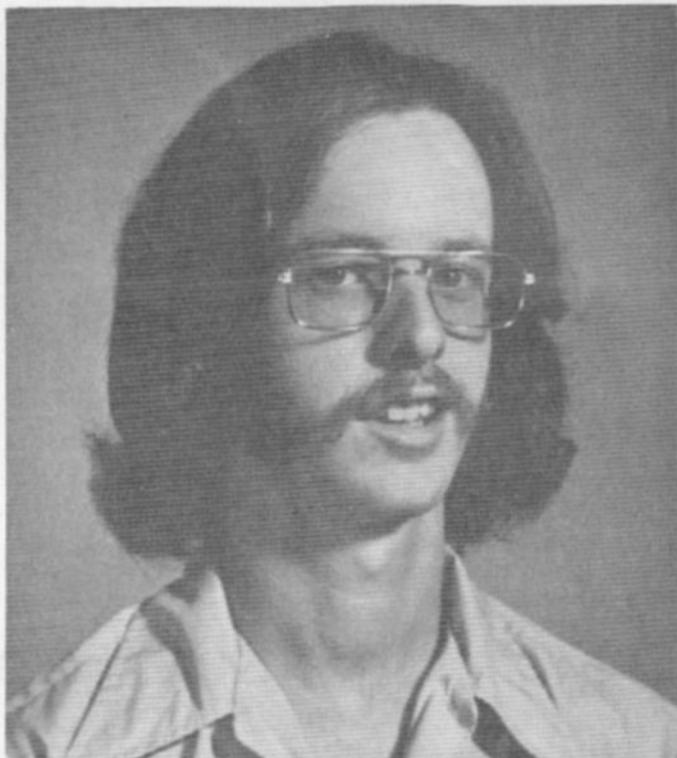
PE. What are your future plans?

PAT. "I plan to go on the road nation wide."

PE. Do you plan to be a session musician, or stay within the group context?

PAT. "I plan to stay with a group and possibly cut a record of my original material."

Pat McGuire will either become a musician of national prominence, or will remain an unknown talent. Either way he will remain a musician of outstanding caliber.



Pat McGuire, local Dallas Musician.

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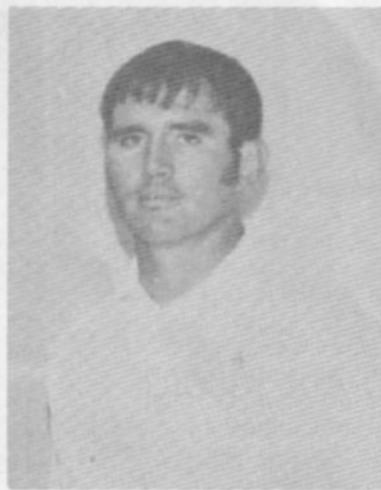
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## New coaches show spirit

by JESSIE WHITE

North Mesquite has added several new faces this year to the coaching staff. The new track coach Brent Thorne, a graduate of Grand Prairie High School and the University of Texas at Austin has been track coach at Bishop Lynch for 5 years. While he is not busy with

track he is teaching World History.

Gary Halliday coach of the freshman football team, was an assistant at Vanston Middle School and head football coach at McDonald Middle School.

He attended and was graduated from Mesquite High School along with East Texas State. He teaches Biology, P.E., and Health. Coach

Halliday also stated that he likes coaching and working with young men.

Another new coach is Clell Tarbett who was graduated from Shamrock High School and Baylor University. He was at McDonald for two years. Coach Tarbett is not only a football coach but he is the freshman basketball coach as well.



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Teacher's names from pg 9 are as follows:

1. Mrs. Linda Stephens
2. Mrs. Joe Ann Voskamp
3. Mrs. Janice Turner
4. Mrs. Shirley Goolsby
5. Miss Constance Vinson
6. Mrs. Lorraine Mitchell
7. Mr. John Klien
8. Mrs. Majorie Wilson
9. Mr. Raymond McFaul
10. Mrs. Ellen Cook
11. Mrs. Kay Parks
12. Miss Pam Leonard



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## Predicting the Outcomes

	Randy Fleming	Marty McLendon	Jessie White
Dallas-Atlanta	D-9	D-6	D-4
Wash.-N.Y. Giants	NY-8	NY-1	NY-3
St. Louis-Phil.	SL-10	SL-4	P-2
Chicago-Detroit	D-6	D-5	D-4
Green Bay-Minn.	M-13	M-6	M-11
L.A.-Denver	LA-17	LA-6	LA-13
New Orleans-S. Fran.	SF-3	SF-1	NO-3
Balt.-Pitt.	P-10	P-9	P-8
Buffalo-Oak.	O-16	O-4	O-12
Miami-New Eng.	M-10	M-3	M-17
N.Y. Jets-K.C.	KC-7	KC-4	KC-1
Cinn.-Cleveland	Ci-9	Ci-7	Ci-3
San Diego-Houston	H-10	H-3	H-4
U.S.C.-Arkansas	USC-16	USC-14	USC-17
Baylor-O.U.	OU-21	OU-23	OU-27
L.S.U.-Colorado	LSU-9	Even	LSU-11
S.M.U.-N.T.S.U.	SMU-13	SMU-7	SMU-8
Texas-Boston Col.	T-17	T-13	T-24
Texas Tech-Iowa St.	TT-3	TT-2	TT-15
T.C.U.-U.T.A.	TCU-7	TCU-16	T-1
Texas A&M-Clemson	A&M-9	A&M-8	A&M-17
North Mesquite-Skyline	NM-6	NM-2	NM-5

## NORTH MESQUITE VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 6	Bryan Adams (T)	7:30
Sept. 13	Skyline (H)	8:00
Sept. 20	South Garland (H)	8:00
Sept. 27	North Garland (H)	8:00
Oct. 4	Richardson (T)	8:00
Oct. 11	Garland (T)	8:00
Oct. 18	Pearce (Homecoming)	8:00
Oct. 25	Lake Highlands (T)	8:00
Nov. 1	Wilmer-Hutchins (H)	8:00
Nov. 8	OPEN	
Nov. 15	Mesquite (T)	8:00

Picking a district champ isn't going to be an easy chore, as any of the nine teams have a shot at winning the title, however Wilmer-Hutchins, Richardson, Garland, and Mesquite are the likely ones to battle for the first place finish.

A new district and a new season; those two things best describe 8-AAAA this year.

## The Sports Scene

by MARTY McLENDON

If you thought District 8-AAAA was tough last year, just wait until you see it this year. An addition of five teams, and removal of three, could make it perhaps the toughest district in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex.

Yes, it's true that 8-AAAA was considered one of the top notch districts last season, but with the new district set-up it may even be a notch or two better than before. Even though three tough teams were lost, the five that are going to replace them may be just a little stronger. The newcomers list includes highly rated Wilmer-Hutchins that moves from a 3A to 4A District, top-acclaimed Richardson, who comes in from 13-AAAA, along with North Garland, Richardson Pearce, and Lake Highlands, all of which could be considered top title contenders.

The Denton Broncos, Highland Park Scotties, and R.L. Turner Lions were all removed from 8-AAAA and placed in new districts. R.L. Turner and Denton will find new homes in 13-AAAA, while Highland Park will join forces with 7-AAAA.

The South Garland Colonels are the reigning Co-champs of District 8-AAAA, along with North Mesquite. They supported a 9-1 record going into bi-district play only having lost to Mesquite. That wasn't enough however as the Mighty Texans from Arlington Sam Houston quickly halted the Colonels playoff surge.

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### Mrs. Kay Parks

"The Beatles were a big thing when I was growing up," recalls Mrs. Kay Parks. She also remembers The Righteous Brothers and Peter and Gordon.

Track was Mrs. Parks main activity during her high school years at Abilene, Texas. "Weekends were spent traveling to different cities and towns in Texas for meets." In her later years of school their team traveled around the United States. Each year they spent a week in Mexico City. "The school was cooperative about letting us out of classes for these trips," says Mrs. Parks.

Mrs. Parks, who had hope of going into the nursing profession, attended Baylor University for a year. Changing her career, she was graduated from Hardin Simmons University with a double major in English and Physical Education. Mrs. Parks' husband is a senior at Dallas Baptist College. He is going into the nursing profession. "At least one of us made it," comments Mrs. Parks.

"I changed schools primarily in hopes of helping with the track team," says Mrs. Parks. "North Mesquite has a good girls' track team."

# Stallions stop Cougars, take 19-9 victory in close game

by MARTY McLENDON

An eagerness was in the air Friday, fans from both Bryan Adams and North Mesquite awaited the appearance of the two rivals. Most eyes were focused on the field house door waiting for the players to blast out of the door and head for the astroturf playing surface of Forester Field.

Then just for an instance there was almost complete silence, and at that exact time the doors flew open and the teams made their way to the field. A ring of cheers instantly filled the air.

Seconds later everything was set, North Mesquite was ready to receive the kickoff. Then the Stallions took the ball, but not for long, as Gary Lacey threw a pass slightly behind Richard Brown that was picked off by the Cougars Hampton Miller who rambled to the North Mesquite 28. It didn't take long for Bryan Adams to score, as with 3:51 left in the first quarter. Derrick

Smith popped over from two yards out, the extra point attempt was wide of its mark, and Bryan Adams took a 6-0 lead.

This obviously upset the Stallions as they came right back with a 64 yard drive, which was topped by a 28 yard run by Stallion tailback, Steve Dailey. The scoring play itself came on a two yard burst up the middle by Larry Jones; Steve Ewton kicked the extra point and the Stallions took a 7-6 advantage.

Bryan Adams again took the ball early in the second quarter, and began a drive that looked like sure success for the Cougars. Yet, only partial success was gained as Bryan Adams had to kick a field goal after having their drive halted at the North Mesquite 16. This gave the Cougars back the lead 9-7.

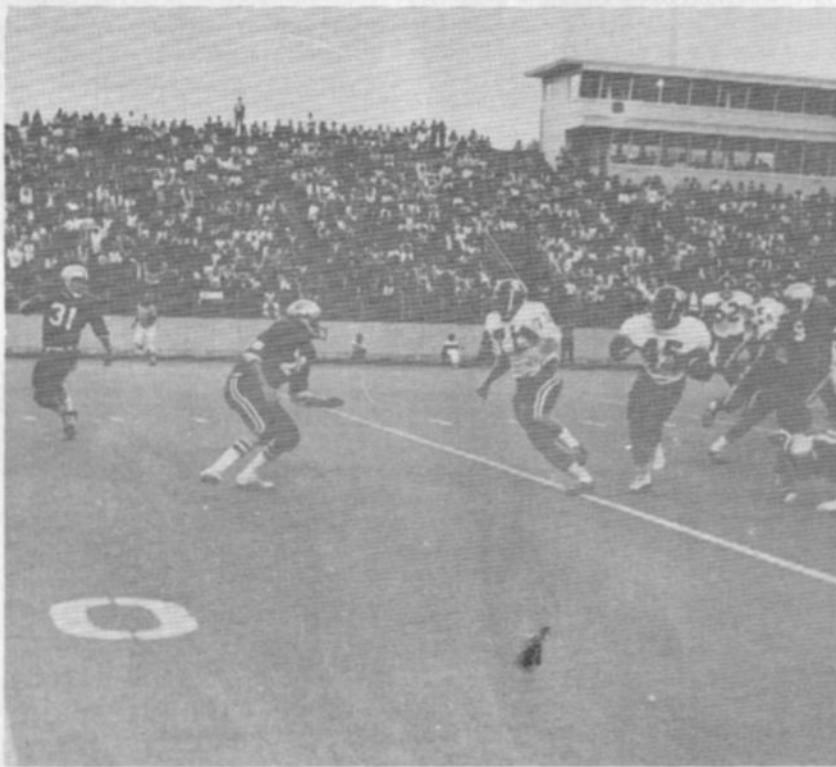
What may have been the turning point of the game came in the third quarter when North Mesquite's Don Wafford picked off a Charlie Yoachum pass and ran to the Cougar 15. Steve Ewton eventually

kicked a field goal and the Stallions again pulled back in front 10-9. Another field goal in the fourth by Ewton, this one being 40 yards, gave North Mesquite a 13-9 lead.

The finale of the Stallion scoring came later in the fourth quarter on a two yard touchdown plunge by Larry Jones. The scoring play was set up by a 26 yard pass from Lacey to Richard Brown. Steve Ewton's extra point attempt was blocked and the Stallions took the victory 19-9.

The outstanding running back for North Mesquite was Steve Dailey who rushed for 135 yards on 24 carries. Gary Lacey did quite a job at the quarterback position, even though he only completed one pass, he ran the ground game with near perfection. Safety, Terry Davis played an outstanding game at that position. He broke up several key passes along with some fantastic coverage. Other top defensive players were David Jennings, Don Wafford, and Ted Small. Some of the outstanding offensive players were Richard Brown and Mike West.

The next North Mesquite start will be next Friday night against another Dallas foe, the Skyline Raiders, at Hanby Stadium starting at 8 p.m.



Steve Dailey (45) breaks up the middle on one of his many carries. He rushed for 135 yards on 24 carries during the game.

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