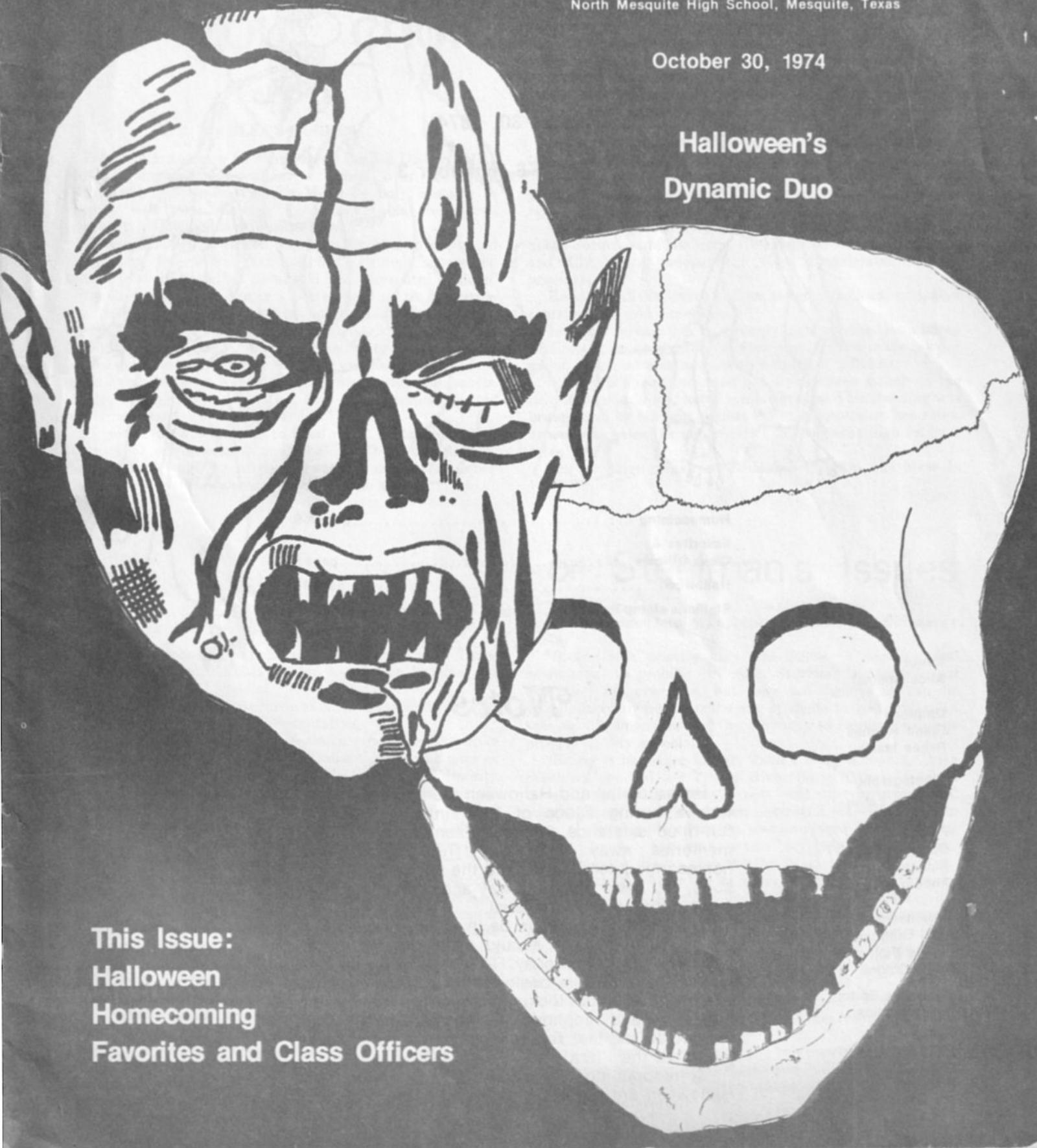


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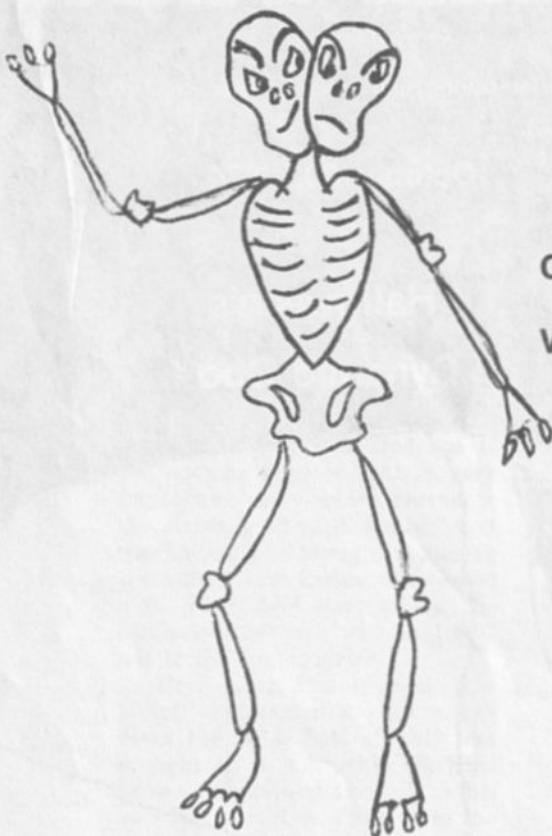
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Notes

Homecoming and Halloween are two events that turn a boring space of time into an exciting, fun-filled existence. All ready seniors are storing memories away such as "This is my last homecoming ceremony", and the words of that old song, "I'll never pass this way again" become more meaningful to the individual.

Yet life cannot always be lived on memories of the past, instead we should make dreams of the future our food for today. That is why as autumn blooms fully seniors begin taking college entrance exams, juniors start looking forward to Thanksgiving holidays, and sophomores and freshmen look forward to the last football games and after-game jaunts to the Pizza Inn.

Corresponding stories of Homecoming and Halloween are found on pages 8, 9 and 10.

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OPINIONS

It's your choice -

By GLENN HUGHES

Democratic nominee for Congress in the 5th District, Mike McKool, was elected without a runoff over too good Democratic opponents. Veteran McKool's only obstacle in keeping him from reaching Congress is his Republican opponent Alan Steelman, in office now.

McKool strongly criticized Steelman for co-sponsoring and voting for a federal land plan use bill. "I strongly oppose the federal land plan use bill because I feel Mesquite, Garland, Seagoville, and Dallas are in a better position to determine land use within and near their boundaries than Washington," he was quoted as saying recently in the Garland Daily News.

On the national scene, McKool termed ex-president Nixon's pardon by President Ford a "terrible mistake." It's hard to understand President Ford's actions when he told the senate hearing during his confirmation that the American people would not stand for such a pardon."

"I personally was opposed to Ford's first mistake - that of amnesty for war deserters - and coupled with Nixon's pardon, Ford will have a difficult job dealing with the country's number one problem of the economy," McKool also said.

McKool's

His major campaign issues are for the people.

He will fight skyrocketing high cost of living like he fought tax on groceries.

McKool operates major oil companies manipulating huge profits now like he fought high auto insurance rates a few years ago.

He is also against forced busing, and he is for increased Social Security and Medicare. He also is for making FBI, IRS, and CIA more independent from presidential political pressure.

He is for full disclosure and limitation of political campaign contributions and expenses.

In other areas, he is strongly against the Republican administration's suggestion of a ten cent increase in the tax per gallon of gasoline as a means to help fight inflation.

McKool is a moderate, and has always been strong on the side of the middle and lower income groups. This standing was brought out by his fight against the high auto insurance rates, against the sales tax on groceries, and against high interest rates.

His campaign slogan is "To Help Clean Up The Mess In Washington."

or Steelman's Issues

By RENEE MAREK

"Steelman follows his own line" states the Dallas Times Herald. Alan Steelman today is the Republican Nominee for Congress in the 5th District.

Elected in 1972, Alan Steelman at 32, is the second youngest member of the House of Representatives.

Prior to his election, Alan Steelman served as Executive Director of the Republican Party of Dallas County, and later as Executive Director of the President's Council on Minority Business Enterprise. He has also been active in a wide variety of civic and cultural affairs.

Alan Steelman earned a bachelors degree in Political Science from Baylor University and a masters degree from Southern Methodist University.

"The solution to inflation is not to wage and price controls but bringing the Federal budget into balance," claims Alan Steelman. He is opposed to wage and price control because of the economic status of the Federal government. To cope with this problem Steelman proposed balancing the budget and sponsored a bill requiring legislative confirmation for officers of the Office of Management and Budget. Steelman is for consumer protection and voted for the creation of a new Consumer Protection Agency, to help control inflation.

"We must look at other means of supplying energy." Alan Steelman supported the establishment of an independent Energy Research and Development Administration. He urged the expansion of mass transit facilities as a means of conserving energy. He was against the idea of gas rationing,

instead he favored foreign imports which could help the energy crisis.

"Busing is a priority item and I favor a constitutional amendment to prohibit it." Alan Steelman supports equal education for everyone, but does not believe it can be accomplished by busing or forcing students to go to different schools. Steelman states, "The only way to resolve busing is provide quality schools."

"Bigger is no longer better. Quality is what counts." Alan Steelman opposed the Trinity River Barge Canal. It would have turned Dallas into a port and the environmental surroundings would have been destroyed. Steelman was in favor of cleaning the river, but was convinced it was a wrong project to do. Steelman wants to help preserve the environment of Dallas, not destroy it.

"Congress must now use its power. We cannot give anymore to the executive." Alan Steelman believes the Presidency has grown to have too much power. He also believes the image of the public officials needs to be improved to restore the confidence of the people. To regain confidence, three areas require reform: (1) Individual rights (2) Election Reform and (3) Financial Disclosure.

"I want the people to be assured they have a Congressman they can talk to." Alan Steelman wants to represent the people of Dallas.

Alan Steelman states his goals as "my own hope is that I will be judged on the basis of my record and fulfilling my campaign promise in 1972 to be a full-time Congressman who cared for the people's interests."

You are what you eat

By DAWN WHITNEY

Chances are that at one time or another you've heard some pretty wild tales about the North Mesquite lunchroom. Tales of men in greasy clothes carrying barking sacks in the back door and walking out with cartons of cigarettes - of what happens to the biology class leftovers - of why an exterminator is never needed to get rid of cockroaches and mice - and everyone has their own idea of what a chicken fried steak is made of.

For those of you who have doubts about what goes on behind the doors of the school kitchen, look for yourself. You'll see a modern, all-electric, award-winning kitchen with 17 ladies in clean white uniforms busily preparing around 1500 meals a day.

The kitchen is divided into different departments, such as the pastry, salad, and meat departments, and each worker is given a specific item to work on.

Mrs. Mary Sliger is the head of the kitchen, and has taken college courses in the fields of nutrition, quality cooking, and menu planning. She asks that students make comments about what they like and don't like about the food served in the lunchroom.

The amount of food used by the kitchen each day varies, but some examples of how much is needed to satisfy a school's appetite are as

follows: 60 to 70 pounds of flour is used each day for making bread alone.

Each week 200 to 250 pounds of sugar is used in preparing various dishes.

150 pounds of french fries are served each day, 300 pounds when they are on the lunchplate.

Iced tea is made by the gallon - 40 gallons each day, not to mention the beans cooked 12 gallons at a time.

Remarkably, the best-selling item of the kitchen is the chicken-fried steak, with 300 to 360 sold each day.

Cooking food in such large quantities is a big job and keeps the lunchroom ladies busy most of the day, with little time to think about

their next task - washing dishes.

Not connected to the lunchline, the snack bar is a completely different unit from the school-kitchen. The food is not bought in commodities as it is in the lunchroom, and only four ladies work in it. Approximately 950 students are served each day and the biggest selling item is the hamburger.

Mrs. Mary Ferguson is head of the snack bar and has worked in school lunchrooms for 18 years. She said she really prefers working in the snack bar to the kitchen, and when asked why, she gave a normal reason - "too many pots and pans!"

Preparing over 2,400 meals a day is a big job for these 21 ladies to handle, but they manage to do it and still keep smiles on their faces.



Drama to present light comedy

By ALICE ADAMS

What is an "All-American Kiss" given by an "All-American Boy"? Especially when the boy is portrayed as an Elvis Presley type rock-singer!

"Bye-Bye Birdie" tells the story of a rock-and-roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army. The story line revolves around the good-byes of friends and fans. The viewpoint of the play is satirical but not malicious. A musical written

about the 1950's, it gives an insight into the everyday life that is very much a part of America.

Conrad Birdie, the main character, will be depicted by Norris Harrington in the drama department's production on December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Other leading actors will be Tommy McNeely as Albert Peterson; Anna Janecka as Rose Alvarez; Cindy Herring as

Kim MacAfee; Donna Holt as Mrs. MacAfee; Brad White as Mr. MacAfee; Katie Riggens as Mae Peterson; and Gary Carter as Hugo Peabody. Student directors are Karen Pirkle and John Marshall.

"Ticket sales will be starting around November 15," states Drama Teacher Mike Wolf.

Advance tickets will be \$1.50 for students, and \$2 for adults. At the door all seats will cost \$2.50.

Class favorites, officers elected

Mr. and Miss NMHS



Buster Cotton

All School Favorites

Sheri Sharp
WestbrookPhil
WestbrookPam
Burkhalter

Senior Favorites



Mike Gideon



Janice Izzarelli

Senior Class Officers



Keith Fulenwider

Pam Potter
Favorites

Lisa Browning

Glen Allen
SophomoreSheri Rhea
Class Officers

Jan Duffer



Terry Davis

Tony Hollifield
Favorites

Mary Garner



Steve Roushey



Sandi Izzarelli



Kathy Patton

Favorites

Freshman

Class Officers

Fernando
Villafara

Terry Malone



Byron McCoy



Diana Truesdale



Ruth Hernandez

Favorites and officers for 1974-1975 have been elected.

The freshman class chose for their favorites Terri Malone and Fernando Villafara.

Sophomore favorites who have been chosen are Tony Hollifield and Mary Garner. Tony is a Junior Varsity quarterback and Mary is a Junior Varsity cheerleader. Tony is also an FCA member.

This year's junior favorites are Terry Davis and Jan Duffer. Terry is number 43 on the Varsity football

team, and Jan gives her time to the Pacesetters.

The senior class favorites are Mike Gideon and Janice Izzarelli. Mike is number 32 on the Varsity football team and Janice is a lieutenant for the Pacesetters and is a FHA member. Mike is a FCA member.

This year's all school favorites are Phil Westbrook and Pam Burkhalter. Both are involved in Varsity activities. Pam is a cheerleader, and Phil is a football player.

He is number 63 and an FCA member.

Miss NMHS this year is Sherry Sharp. Sherry is a member of the Pacesetters, also.

Mr. NMHS is Buster Cotton. Buster is number 66 on the Varsity football team and is a member of the FCA.

This year's officers for NMHS were also elected.

The freshmen officers are Byron cont. on page 14

Bits N Pieces

Jail "break"

Approximately 150 Business Law Students discovered things about law that you can't learn on television as they visited the Dallas County Courthouse and jail October 3.

Students were taken on a tour through the jail, and were able to watch actual criminal trials in progress. Some saw testimony being given in a child molesting case, while others viewed lawyers giving their closing statements in a murder case.

Many of the students were very surprised to see what actually happened in a courthouse, and comments made were:

James Hendrix - "I was surprised and overwhelmed by the difference of a real court and of one on television."

Susan Jordan - "I was really shocked when I went into the trial of the little girl, but it was a good experience. We found out that things like that really happen, and it's not just on T.V."

Kim Martin - "I was very impressed by what goes on in a courtroom. I had a very good time and if it would be possible, I would take Business Law again next year so I could go again."

Gary Denton - "The trials weren't at all like the ones on TV, and it really surprised me. I now know what to expect if I have to go to court."

Tina Rabon - "Now I know I never want to go to jail or be on trial for anything."

Teresa Adams - "It made you realize all the things that can happen right by where you live, and not even know it."

Lee Harris - "It gave me a wider viewpoint on today's law. The experience was one I'll never forget."

Most of the students agree that it was a very interesting trip, and one comment made by almost every student was that they wished they could have stayed longer or go back again.



Homemaking students teach

Does anyone know what kind of sound a cow makes? How many know what 9×6 is? What kind of animals are there on a farm?

These are some of the questions asked by our Homemaking 3 class when they taught at the Tosch Elementary kindergarten class. They began on September 23 and concluded on October 9. They went to the school in groups of three. While one taught, the other two observed. The nine girls that taught were Pam Bredmeyer, Bonnie Byers, Sharon Caldwell, Anita Chenault, Lisa Fickel, Tammy Groves, Vivian Massey, Connie Miller, and Gail Moore.

When asked if she enjoyed teaching, Gail Moore replied, "It's an experience everyone should have."

Bonnie Byers said, "I didn't know that children that age knew so much. Some of the five year olds could count to 100."

Connie Miller stated, "Teaching kindergarten is a new experience."

Mrs. Lynell Prater, sponsor, explained, "The girls all acquired skills to deal with children in a learning situation. It provided opportunities for the girls to get first-hand experience related to children."



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Members inducted

Twenty-two seniors, 31 juniors, and 71 sophomores were inducted into the National Honor Society October 17.

The ceremony began with NMS officers speaking on each of the four qualities inductees are chosen by: leadership, character, service, and scholarship. President Keith Fullenwider spoke on leadership, Mary Powell, vice-president, spoke on character; Secretary Paula Miller spoke on service; and Lynne Campbell, treasurer, spoke on scholarship.

Each of the 127 inductees registered their name, lit a candle, and then promised to obey the NHS code.

Concert scheduled

Music is an outstanding field with many opportunities for reward and recognition, but one must be willing to work. Two events were scheduled for choir members to recognize their efforts.

On October 26, twenty-four students from North Mesquite competed in the auditorium for All-Region choir. Those selected will go on to area tryouts and then to state. Results will be announced later.

Mr. Jim Casey, choral director, has included a fall concert in upcoming events.

This is the choral department's first concert, and will be presented on November 12, in the North Mesquite Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The program will include the A Capella and Belle Ensemble choirs, with Mr. Casey, director, and the Freshman Mixed Choir with Miss Low, director. Tickets may be purchased from any choir member at 50¢ for students and \$1 for adults.

New section leaders for the '74-'75 school year have been chosen. They are Garry Eoff, bass; Walter Morris, baritone; Zane Shipman, second tenor; Brad White, first tenor; Vicki Tumulty, second alto; Pam Seal, first alto; Jana Runnels, second soprano; and Cindy Herring, first soprano.

FFA names queen

Pam Tekell, a senior, has been chosen as the Future Farmers of America Sweetheart. Pam will go on to compete with area and state sweethearts for the national title.

Pam works at Best Products and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tekell.

A member of the rodeo team, she participates in barrel racing, goat tying, and horseback riding. Pam is also a member of VOE.

Another outstanding Future Farmers of America member is David Pilgrim. David placed fourth for his exhibit at the State Fair of Texas. David was competing against commercial breeders from all parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and other states.

His Hereford bull is 18-21 months old and competed in the open show.

David is a junior and on the rodeo team, also. He works at Sabrine Equipment Company. He works half of the day, five days a week.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pilgrim and lives at Route 2 in Sunnyvale.

David is planning on showing two animals in next year's show.

Baby boom

The baby business is booming as previous North Mesquite teachers have proven.

Mrs. Ruth Newhouse gave birth to Jeffery David on September 21. He weighed approximately six pounds and four ounces.

Mrs. Carol McFarling gave birth to her first child, Amy Suzanne on October 4. She weighed eight pounds and seven ounces.

For three years, Mrs. Lois Meinert had been waiting to adopt a baby. On October 9, she was given the pleasure of a new baby boy, Patrick William.

Mrs. Perry will give birth to her first child in February.

North Mesquite is certainly doing its part in keeping the population going.

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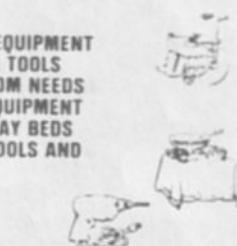
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Pam Potter, escorted by her father, walks across the field at Hanby Stadium to receive her crown as Homecoming Queen on October 18.

Sherrie Sharp



Homecoming '74

Homecoming is one of the busiest times of the year - with the selling of mums, special spirit ribbons, and the selection of Queen and sweethearts - and to many it is one of the most exciting.

For four girls, Pam Potter, Sherrie Sharp, Mary Powell, and Kelly Hatfield, it was special in that they were officially honored Homecoming Queen, Miss NMHS, Football Sweetheart, and Band Sweetheart.

Activities started at 7:30 p.m. as the four girls were driven around the football field in cars supplied by Town East Ford. Then the prayer was given and the national anthem and school song were sung. The girls were then crowned by their fathers as the band played "Yesterday." Red roses were presented to the girls on behalf of the cheerleaders.

Not exactly a novice at receiving honors, Pam Potter reigned as **Homecoming Queen**. Pam is a senior and has been a cheerleader for five years. She is very active at North Mesquite and has served on the student council, was her freshman class favorite, vice-president of her sophomore and junior classes, and was chosen as an all-school favorite twice.

As Homecoming Queen, Pam was in the State Fair Parade and attended a luncheon given by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Pam has lived in Mesquite all of her life and after graduation plans on attending Eastfield College and then hopes to work with deaf or mentally retarded children.

Kelly Hatfield, chosen by the Big Blue to represent them as this year's **Band Sweetheart**, has many varied interests. She is a member of both the band and choir and enjoys water skiing, horseback riding, swimming, and go-cart racing.

Kelly became interested in music when she was in fifth grade, and now plays the tenor saxophone in the Varsity and Stage Bands. After graduation she plans on continuing her musical education by majoring in some form of music at either Florida Christian College or Stephen F. Austin University.

A member of the band for four years, Kelly was also chosen as the band's secretary. She says about being chosen as sweetheart, "I was really happy, excited, and honored to be chosen to represent the band."

The Stallion Batallion chose **Anna Jackson** as their Sweetheart this year. Anna says, "I was totally shocked because I didn't expect it." Her duties include being Chaplain and keeping the scrapbook. Anna was crowned by Wayne Barnett, president of the Stallion Batallion at the Homecoming pep rally.

Besides being involved with the Stallion Batallion, Anna's activities include being a member of the A Cappella Choir and the Thespian Club. She enjoys sewing, any kind of crafts, dancing, and singing.

After graduation Anna hopes to go to Richland College where she will major in theater arts and pursue an acting career.

Mary Powell should hold the honor of Football Sweetheart very well, because she says of herself, "I'm a sports nut - completely!"

Mary has been a cheerleader for two years and is president of girl's FCA, vice-president of the National Honor Society, a member of Future Teachers of America and FHA, and was chosen as her junior class favorite. She enjoys all sports, especially swimming and skiing, and practices karate.

Mary has lived in Dallas all of her life and after graduation plans on attending Eastfield and becoming a teacher.

The student body chose **Sherrie Sharp** to represent them as **Miss North Mesquite High School**.

Sherrie has been a Pacesetter for two years and dancing plays a major part in her life. In her spare time she teaches dancing and twirling to children. She also enjoys watching football and baseball.

As a sophomore, Sherrie was a J.V. cheerleader and was elected secretary of her junior class.

Sherrie plans to attend college and become a secretary, and continue performing by being on a college drill team.



Kelly Hatfield



Anna Janecka



Mary Powell

THE CIRCLE

By DON RICHERSON

"Man, this is without a doubt the biggest one I've ever seen," said Krad Barstoon.

"It's also the biggest one we've ever had to carry," replied Alfred, the Penguin. Not that Alfred was really a penguin but everybody called him this because Alfred was strange and he liked it.

"Hey, watch it," I scolded, "Don't you know that if we bruise this, they won't let us in."

We had been told by our small circle of friends that since we broke the old one last year we could find a new one this year or else. No one was sure what "...or else..." was supposed to be, but it is rumored that old members make up the sofa which no one uses any more except for an ashtray.

"Come on, we've got to pick it up higher," Alfred grunted.

"Man," said Krad, "if we carried this pumpkin two miles across that field for nothing I think I'll turn Christian! Man, just four more

inches and we could get it on the truck. What is it the circle has about pumpkins picked at midnight anyway?"

"You mean you've been on the circle for a year now and you don't know that yet," I yelled as a mighty surge of power brought on by anger propelled me to lift the pumpkin and lay it gently in the truck unassisted. As I collapsed to the ground, I meekly said, "you tell him, Alfred."

Alfred smiled and an evil glow came over his eyes which shone through his mirror-lensed sunglasses. He put his knife back in the pocket of his black raincoat which drug the ground. He began to explain to Krad, "Well, you see Krad, the old circle was originally composed of 13 members and whenever someone wanted to enter into it a member had to pass on to become part of the sofa. Anyway he would get a pumpkin and all 14 would sit down and begin to eat the pumpkin's innards until someone choked to death. It's really very beautiful."

"Just 13?" asked an astonished Krad.

"Why, last year's estimate says there's at least 38,000 members in the U.S. today."

"Popularity, don't you know," I explained. Krad still looked puzzled. "Listen, when the straights quit burning witches and throwing rocks at anything that wasn't a registered conservative it just naturally caught on."

"Oh," said Krad.

"Let's move out," ordered Alfred. We all piled into the cab of the pickup, but nobody had closed the tail gate and Alfred got out to close it mumbling something about missing the new whips they were bringing in this year.

I drove carefully because I didn't

want to damage the huge orange orb in the back of the truck. It was an uneventful drive, and we were soon surrounded by fellow members of the circle all praising the pumpkin.

We led the way into the house. Krad was shaking badly because he had only been here two or three times before on a ceremonial night. Alfred and I were scared too, but only because we knew this was not going to be like past ceremonies. For this was contest night.

We'd been settled down for an hour drinking a clean liquid with a greenish purple tint. I had learned not to ask what it was because the last time I did I threw up, much to the delight of my compatriots.

"Well, Krad, what do you think of it so far?" I asked.

"Huh," he replied.

"The ceremony?"

"Yeah, man, it's all right." He gave a nervous look around the room.

All of a sudden a huge wind shook the house and it blew all the candles out. When they were fired up again, we noticed seven figures clad in black robes lining the north wall of the room. The contest had begun.

Everyone except for 13 of us left the room. Alfred, the Penguin, was already at the south wall. Krad

walked over to join him with a vacant look that I'd never seen in his eyes before and then suddenly it hit me. Krad wasn't supposed to be here, but it was too late to replace him.

"Greetings from your distant cousins of the worship of sin," said one of the black robes.

Krad was mumbling.

"Greetings, dog scum." Alfred laughed.

Krad had begun shaking.

Suddenly a thick, black smoke rolled at us and it took so much concentration on our part to keep it from overwhelming us that the two on the left end passed out due to mental exhaustion. However, only five of them were still standing.

"Aggrrrrrr!" screamed Krad, as he grabbed Alfred's hatchet and made a wild dash across the room. He tripped on the floor tapestry.

The elder of our circle appeared, sensing that something was wrong, he asked. "Why has the contest been interrupted? Never mind I already know. All of you but Krad Barstoon must go!"

His words echoed in my mind the next night while Alfred and I were cleaning the house. Krad was supposed to help, but we couldn't find him.

"Would you look at this," Alfred bellowed, "someone kicked a hole in the pumpkin."

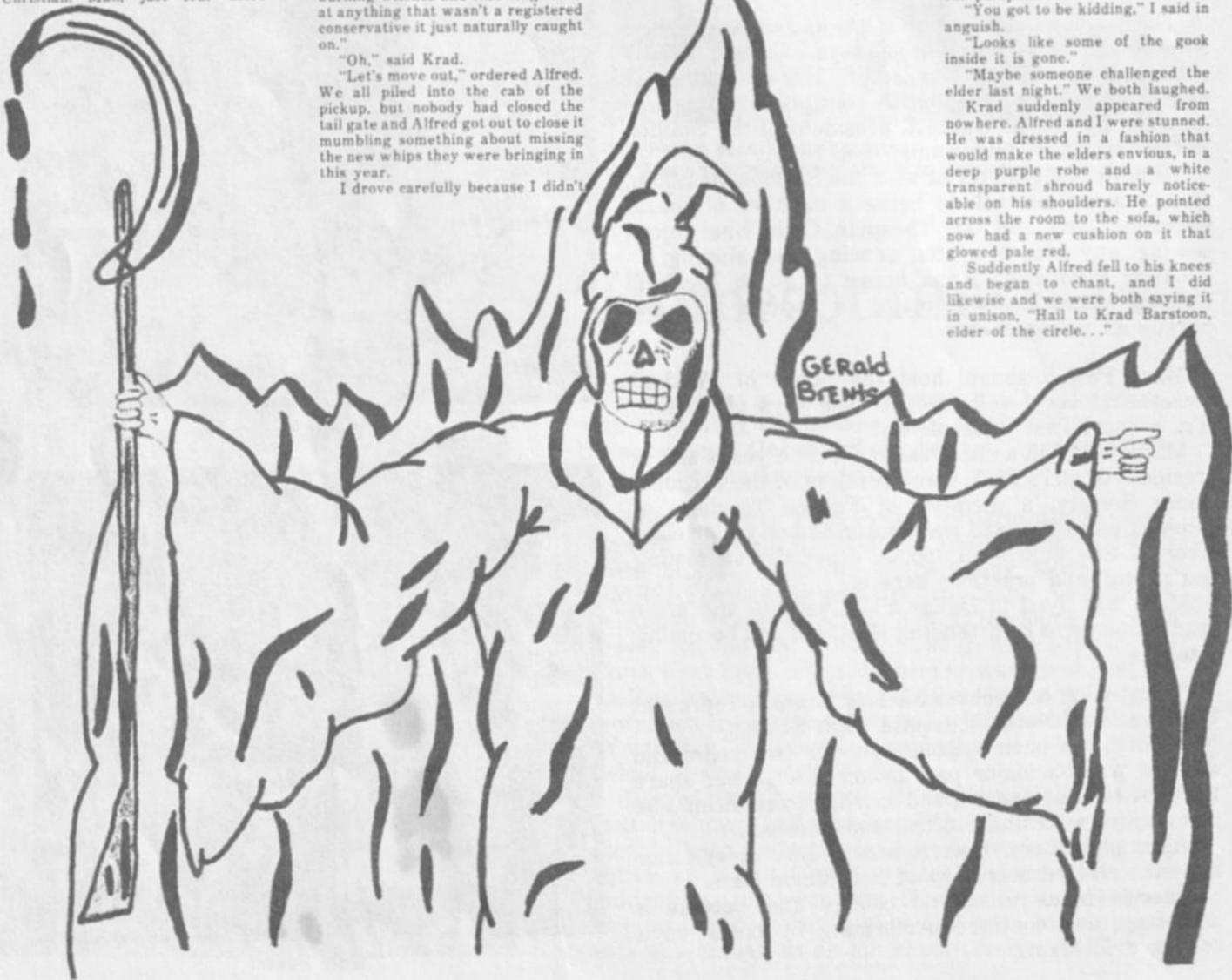
"You got to be kidding," I said in anguish.

"Looks like some of the gook inside it is gone."

"Maybe someone challenged the elder last night." We both laughed.

Krad suddenly appeared from nowhere. Alfred and I were stunned. He was dressed in a fashion that would make the elders envious, in a deep purple robe and a white transparent shroud barely noticeable on his shoulders. He pointed across the room to the sofa, which now had a new cushion on it that glowed pale red.

Suddenly Alfred fell to his knees and began to chant, and I did likewise and we were both saying it in unison, "Hail to Krad Barstoon, elder of the circle..."



Jethro Tull-War Child

by RICHARD PRADARITS and PAUL NEELEY

"Would you like another cup of tea, dear?" "No, no, I'd better go - I shan't be late for the office." So begins "War Child", the new album by Jethro Tull.

It's not just one entire song like "Passion Play", but neither is it quite like "Benefit" or "Aqualung". Instead, it's 10 different songs arranged somewhat similar to "Thick As a Brick".

In November, 1973, Ian Anderson, the leader and founder of Jethro Tull, told "Rolling Stone" that he planned to make a film - "arty, but slick and Hollywood . . . in the tradition of 'The Sound of Music'" - to be titled "War Child." He also said that there would be a soundtrack album; plus, some of the music would be featured on a regular Tull album. Apparently, this is it.

Here's to you on Halloween

As ghosts and goblins reappear

Lunging from the past,

Laying on the path.

Open are the spooky doors,

Within which you will go.

Every hour that passes by,

Ever slim the chances are, that

Next Halloween won't be half as bad.

by Karen Collins

The first song, "War Child", deals with children playing soldier and army, asking listeners to consider if perhaps adult-life wars are just children playing with bigger and deadlier guns.

"Will you join my explosion . . .
No armistice day
Each night I'll die in my contentment,
and lie in your grave."

"Queen and Country" is a cry of despair about life in Tull's native England. It comments on giving "presents to the government so they can have their social whirl . . . They build schools . . . with spoils of battles won, again letting Anderson's anti-war tendencies show through.

Martin Barre, Tull's premier guitarist, is showcased on the next tune, "Back-Door Angels". The lyrics make no sense whatsoever to the listener, but Barre aptly fingers his fiery solos during the instrumental breaks between verses.

The last song on side 1, "SeaLion", is semi-autobiographical. It alludes to the life of rock musicians as being a carnival (Tull itself has been described as an "insanity-plagued cosmic circus with Anderson as the demented ringmaster"). "And you balance your world on the tip of your nose like a SeaLion with a ball, at the carnival . . . There is no business like the show we're in . . . The same performance, in the same old way; It's the same old story to this Passion Play", relates Anderson.

"Skating Away on the Thin Ice of the New Day", which starts off side 2, also deals in terms of self, "Do you ever get the feeling . . . that everybody's on stage and it seems like . . . You're the only person sitting in the audience?"

The next cut, "Bungle in the Jungle," is a whimsical good-time rocker which says, "Let's Bungle in the Jungle - well that's all right by me. I'm a tiger when I want love, but I'm a snake if we disagree."

"Only Solitaire" is Anderson's way of getting back at critics. It sounds like the beginning of "Thick As A Brick" - a gentle tune reminiscent of "Nursie."

"The Tired Hoorah" is a reprise of "War Child", with its Scottish bag-pipe-sounding accordian deftly played by John Evan, and lilting melody, the orchestra is also used to fine effect.

The end of the album, "Two Fingers", strongly resembles portions of "Passion Play" in its odd but hard-rocking time signature of 7/4 and its obscure lyrics about death: "And as you join the Good Ship Earth, and you mingle with the dust - You'd better leave your underpants . . . With someone you can trust."

It's good that Anderson has finally gotten out of the "concept-style" album format such as "Thick As A Brick", but it's still a far cry from the original jazz-blues set-up that brought Jethro Tull to national prominence. A perfect album, no; but certainly a step in the right direction.

Sharps and Flats

Success in rock n' roll

By RICHARD PRADERITS

Money and music are two words which have the same meaning in America today. Or to put it bluntly, money and rock music.

A couple of years ago in Houston, \$2 would have been paid for the cover charge to see Jerry Feji Walker or Michael Murphy working a club from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. Today people pay anywhere from \$10 to \$16 to attend one of their "picnics."

"The Texas Blues Band" from Houston more commonly known as ZZ Top who once played gigs from the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico and back, and appeared as the opening act on many concerts, have already played their only Texas appearance this year. The event was billed as "ZZ Top's first Annual Texas Sized Rompin' Stompin' Barndance and Bar-B-Q." The tickets were a mere \$8 a piece.

The Allman Brothers Band once had to collect bottles to keep the band going and even had to borrow their fare to cross the Golden Gate Bridge to play an engagement at San Francisco's Fillmore East. This is the same band which recently played to a near-sellout crowd at Texas Stadium. The

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NM Cross Country places high in meets

By SHARON CRABTREE

Although they remain undefeated in 4A, North Mesquite placed second at the Southwest Cross country meet Saturday, October 19, at TCU in Fort Worth. Houston Strake Jesuit, 3A, was first with 40 points, thus spoiling the perfect first place winning streak of the team.

Houston Strake Jesuit recruits runners from all over the Houston area. They were first in state last year 3-A. North Mesquite was 4th in state 4-A. The 3-A division consists of schools that have small enrollments or are Catholic.

North Mesquite placed second over R.L. Turner by 40 points. Total points were Strake Jesuit, 41 points; N.M., 70; and R.L. Turner, 110 points.

Girls Cross-Country are undefeated, also, in 4-A. Pam Burkhalter placed fifth, at this same meet. The girls team placed first and brought

home a fine trophy.

A record was set by Cross-Country runners of North Mesquite at the North Mesquite-Mesquite meet at White Rock Lake. In a seven and half mile relay with a five man team, they covered the distance in a record setting time of 37:06. Runners were Mike DoRemus; Henery Demers; Lou Hulcy; Rob Ford; and Greg Lautenslager placing first in the same meet.

In the same meet, Varsity-Jr. Varsity two miler, Mitch Contreras placed 12th against over 200 top varsity competitors. Others in the top 30 were Terry Allen and Steve Elwonger.

Steve Peyton grabbed first in the freshman race, October 12. In the girls' open mile, Pam Burkhalter placed third.

In those divisions, no team was awarded a trophy, but the girls would have had the first place trophy.

October 5, the Stallions "harries" placed again first at the Western Hills meet at TCU. In Varsity and Jr. Varsity and freshmen placed second. Three north Mesquite runners placed in the top ten.

Upcoming Cross-Country meets are as follows:

Nov. 2 - St. Marks at White Rock SMU course.

Nov. 9 - Jesuit at Dallas Jesuit.

Nov. 16 - District meet at White Rock SMU course.

Nov. 23 - Regional at Arlington.

Dec. 7 - State at Austin.

To support a winning cross-country team, students can attend these events beginning at 10 a.m. the next five Saturday mornings. As in all sports, attendance and support is needed by the team and will be appreciated.

Roundballers prepare

By TOM GREEN

Roosevelt will be the first team the North Mesquite Basketball Team will meet November 18 to kick off basketball season.

Roosevelt was a major contender for the 11-4A district last year. They were stopped by South Oak Cliff who beat them out for the district in one game, 103-102. South Oak Cliff later went on into the State Finals and were beaten by Houston Cashmere.

The North Mesquite basketball team coached by Ronald Powell, should have a team competing with the very best of teams. They have five returning seniors, one returning junior, and seven juniors coming up from the Junior Varsity who won the Junior Varsity district last year. All this potential talent should put North Mesquite as one of the top teams in the area.

This year's players are Mike Nelson, David Crumpton, Greg Haddock, Van Ogden, David Beane, Mark Davis, Robert Boley, Sheril Crumpton, Tom Green, Bucky Oakley, Joey Flores, George Severs and Matt Hernandez.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE NORTH MESQUITE STALLIONS 1974-75

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov. 18	Roosevelt	Here
Nov. 19	Waxahachie	Here
Nov. 21,22,23	Bekker Pearce Var. Tournament	There
Nov. 21,22,23	Highland Park J.V. Tournament	There
Nov. 25	Waxahachie	There
Nov. 30	Denton	There
Dec. 3	Plano	There
Dec. 10	Garland	There
*Dec. 12	Lake Highlands	Here
Dec. 12,14	DeSoto J.V. Tournament	There
Dec. 12,13,14	Denton J.V. Tournament	There
*Dec. 17	Pearce	There
Dec. 19,20,21	Pepsi-Cola Tournament	There
Dec. 26,28,30	Dr. Pepper Tournament	There
*Jan. 4	Wilmer Hutchins	Here
*Jan. 7	South Garland	There
*Jan. 10	Richardson	Here
*Jan. 14	Mesquite	There
*Jan. 17	North Garland	Here
*Jan. 21	Garland	Here
*Jan. 24	Lake Highlands	There
*Jan. 28	Pearce	There
*Jan. 31	Bye	Here
*Feb. 4	Wilmer Hutchins	There
*Feb. 7	South Garland	Here
*Feb. 11	Richardson	There
*Feb. 14	Mesquite	Here
*Feb. 18	North Garland	There

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Golfers capture trophy

Sporting a huge trophy, the North Mesquite golf team, coached by Charles Tabor, took first place against Lake Arlington, October 7. Gene Aube was the co-medalist with 71 points.

In the two other tournaments, Grand Prairie, September 27 and Mesquite, October 16, the Stallions were in the top ten winning teams. Gene Aube again received an honor as medalist and co-medalist. The golf team has a perfect record in match playoffs. They were victorious over Mesquite and South Garland, opponents which North Mesquite played twice each.

This year's team members are Gene Aube, Gary Day, Duane Lancaster, Larry Mosher and Glenn Newberry.

Tennis team takes trophy

The tennis team journeyed to the Berkner tennis tournament October 11-12 and returned with a second place trophy only a half point behind the first place team, Plano.

Upcoming matches in the near future for the North Mesquite tennis team are with Thomas Jefferson October 22, Sunset, October 24, Pierce November 5, and again with Sunset November 14, announced Coach James Brinkley.

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McCoy, president; Diane Truesdale, vice president; Ruth Hernandez, secretary.

Sophomore officers are Steve Roushey, president; Sandi Izzarelli, vice president; and Kathy Patton, secretary.

Juniors representing offices are Glen Allen, president; Sherri Rhea, vice president; and Jan Duffer, secretary.

And last but not least are the senior officers - Keith Fulenwider, president; Pam Potter, vice president; and Lisa Browning, secretary.

JV's split wins, losses

Having their ups and downs this season, the JV football team, sometimes two teams, sometimes one united team, look to the two remaining games to even up their won-loss column for the year.

Wilmer-Hutchins is the team to beat tomorrow, followed by an open November 7 and the finale with Mesquite's JV November 14 at Hanby.

The junior varsity season opened September 25. On this date JV #1 defeated Bowie High School of Arlington 19-18. On the other hand JV #2 fell to Bryan Adams 20-0.

The following Thursday, September 12, both Junior Varsity teams fell to the junior varsity teams from Skyline.

On September 19, JV #1 fell to South Garland 27-7 while JV #2 defeated the Yellow Jackets from Denison 13-6.

The R.L. Turner Lions were the victims of an onslaught by JV #2,

13-0 on September 26.

October 3 found the Stallions junior varsity united to meet the Eagles junior varsity from Richardson High School. The Eagles squeaked it out by the score of 7-6. The Stallion score came on a one foot plunge by Warren Lee.

The Garland Owls J.V. upended the Stallions 14-7 on October 10. The North Mesquite score came on a 16 yard gallop by Warren Lee.

The following week the junior varsity again split up. Junior varsity #1 defeated the Mustangs from Pearce 18-6 while the J.V. #2 tangled with Bowie High School varsity and was defeated.

Coached by Ben Robertson, Ronnie Pardun, Terry Warren, and Ed Johnson the team will have played 14 games by the end of the season, with 7 losses, 4 wins and 3 to play at this writing.



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Stallions invade Owls nest with 7-0 victory

By JESSIE WHITE

Breaking their losing streak the North Mesquite Stallions ruined the Garland Owls' Homecoming by defeating them 7-0 October 11 at Williams Stadium.

The victory put the Stallions back in the district race with a 2-2 record in district. Garland fell to 1-3 in district play.

After the Garland Homecoming half-time show, North Mesquite kicked off to the Owls and later halted them. Garland then punted to the Stallion 20 where the ball was whistled dead. Then the Stallions started their six minute drive which

proved to be the only score of the game.

The scoring play itself came on a one yard plunge by tailback Steve Dailey. Steve Ewton added the extra point and the game ended at 7-0. The Owls had their chances to score but the Stallion defense rose to the occasion.

The Sports Scene

By MARTY McLENDON

The North Mesquite Stallions and Mesquite Skeeters have played some pretty tough games since their cross town rivalry started five years ago; and this year's battle isn't expected to be any different as both teams are well respected throughout the state.

Since the rivalry started, the Stallions have a 3-1 edge in the series. Last year North Mesquite held off a strong second half surge by the Skeeters and pulled out the victory 24-19. As for all games these two teams have played, the support was tremendous. There didn't appear to be any vacant seats in the stands and even the end zone was packed.

This year's Stallion team is somewhat different than that of last year's team which ended the season with a 9-1 record and a co-championship with South Garland. But, most of last year's starters graduated and this year's team is basically made up of juniors.

On the other hand the Skeeters didn't lose as many starters as North Mesquite did. This is probably the basis of their success so far this season. In fact, quite a number of sportswriters throughout Texas are predicting they will be in the Top 10 in the state before long.

There are a lot of big rivalries across the Lone Star State, such as the ones between Wichita Falls and Wichita Falls Rider; and also Odessa and Odessa Permian. But, when you think about it you sometimes wonder if its as big a rivalry as the one right here in Mesquite.

Previous scores are 1973-Stallions 24, Skeeters 19; 1972-Stallions 18, Skeeters 28; 1971-Stallions 14, Skeeters 13; 1970-Stallions 15-Skeeters 14.

Stallion Statistics

Score by quarters:				
North Mesquite	0	0	7	0
Garland	0	0	0	0

NM-Steve Dailey, one yard run with 5:26 remaining in the third quarter. Steve Ewton added extra point.

Stallion rushers - Jay Glover had 87 yards on 15 carries; Larry Jones totaled 64 yards on 12 carries; and Greg Harper and Steve Dailey added 31 yards each on nine carries a piece.

Stallion passing - Gary Lace, three of eight for 60 yards.

Stallion receivers - Richard Brown caught one pass for 23 yards and Jay Glover had two for 36 yards.

Stallion punting - Bodie Jones punted six times for a 27 yard average.

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Stallions delight Homecoming crowd with 24-6 victory

By MARTY McLENDON

Before a large homecoming crowd at Hanby Stadium, Friday, October 18, the North Mesquite Stallions soundly defeated the Mustangs from J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, 24-6.

The Stallions went into this game as six point underdogs to Pearce. But, if you hadn't known that, you would have never believed it.

North Mesquite blasted out in the opening quarter with a very impressive drive which moved to the Mustang 20 yard line before it was halted. This brought in kicking specialist, Steve Ewton who booted a 36 yard field goal giving the Stallions a 3-0 lead with still 6:07 left in the first quarter.

After this, Pearce took the kickoff and started a quick march down the field. But, all this was brought to a halt when Richard Brown intercepted the ball at his own four yard line. From here the Stallions started an impressive 17

play, 96 yard drive.

The scoring play itself was a 12 yard pass from quarterback Gary Lacey to wide receiver Richard Brown. Steve Ewton's extra point attempt was good and the Stallions led 10-0.

Pearce again took the ball and appeared to be moving once again. But, this was all brought to an abrupt stop when North Mesquite's Perry Stephenson fell on a Mustang fumble. This brought an end to the first half of play with the Stallions holding a 10-0 lead.

The Stallion took the second half kickoff but were unable to mount a drive and were forced to turn the ball over to Pearce. From here Pearce took the ball and once again began their drive. But Lady Luck seemed to be on North Mesquite's side once again as Keith Fulenwider picked off a Carl Grulich pass and ran it to the North Mesquite 41. The Stallions again failed to ignite a drive and ended up punting.

Then the Stallion defense toughened, as Pearce was unable to move

the ball, then Len Denton intercepted a pass and rambled to the Mustang 7 yard line. From the 2 yard line, tailback Steve Dailey popped into the end zone for the touchdown. Steve Ewton added the extra point and North Mesquite led 17-0 with 2:27 left in the third quarter.

The finale of the Stallion scoring was on a one yard run by fullback Larry Jones. It was set up on a fumble recovery by Don Wafford. Steve Ewton converted the extra point and the North Mesquite scoring ended at 24 points.

The only score Pearce managed to get on the board was a five yard run by Steve Robertson with 4:58 left in the game. The two point conversion failed and the final score stood at 24-6 in favor of the Stallions.

The leading rusher for North Mesquite was quarterback Gary Lacey, who rushed for 74 yards on 14 carries. He was followed by Jay Glover who rushed for 60 yards on 15 carries.



Gary Lacey (11) is back to pass in the action against Pearce. Also in the picture are Greg Harper (31), Steve Dailey (45), Bodie Jones (83), and Alan Rose (54).

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