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DHS catches the spirit

Students, teachers send holiday greetings

By MARY CLARK

It's that time of year again when everyone is rushing around trying to find that Perfect Gift for those they love. However, some took time out of their busy schedule to give their friends some Holiday wishes to them. Here a just a few...

Mew,
Merry Christmas to you and your car. I've had a great year so far. More fun on the way definitely. I love you!
The Car Thief

Mrs. Myers,
Have a great Christmas — Don't do anything we wouldn't do!
Guess What Class?

Coach Drake,
Have a Merry Christmas!
Your Future Tennis Star

Wayne,
Merry Christmas!
Cheri

PreCal,
Hope everyone gets what they want for Christmas and maybe even what they want from the class! (no offense Mrs. C.)
Anonymous

Robert Washington,
Hope your Christmas is filled with many sweet things.
A Girl Who Has Had
Many Fantasies of You & I

I want to wish a safe and Merry Christmas to Kevin, Robert, Chris, Cullen, Todd, Jerry, Keith, Sonny, Spanky and Clint. Don't drink and drive!!
Anonymous

Mrs. Ingram,
Merry Christmas!
D'Anne Fox

I want to wish Pam, Angie, Shanna, Heidi, JoAnna, Kim S., Robin, Scott S., Lisa, Cullen, Kevin, Susan, Leticia, Mary, Tina, Natalie and Jenn, a very wonderful Christmas! Thanks for being my great friends!
Merry Christmas!
Laura Lou

To my little sister, Sonia, a very Merry Christmas. And to my husband Warner, lots of love.
Toshia

Liz R.,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I also wish you the best in your Senior year!
Juan Valdez

Candi S.,
Have a very Merry Christmas and stay out of the cantina at Casa Ole!!
A Friend

Merry Christmas to the class of 1990!
Love, Laura Lou

I want to wish Nancy and Irma a Merry Christmas!
Elizabeth

Toshia,
To a great sis, hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Sonia

Merry Christmas,
Mrs. Baldree!
Your secret pal (Anchor Club)

Jen. C.,
Thanks for being my friend. Wish you could stay!! Merry Christmas!!
Tessie

Todd,
To a great guy! I hope you have a wonderful Christmas!
Sonia

To the Ladyjacks BKB Team,
We've got a great start on this season and I'm proud to be on the same team with you all! Let's keep on winning!
#45

I want to wish Deborah, Melinda, Roger, Mary, Tessie, Robert Wells, Maxine, Melissa and Melinda Grissom, and Darnell a Merry Christmas!! Don't party too hard!
D'Anne

Chris,
Merry Christmas! I love you!
Deborah

Merry Christmas to the class of 1988!
D'Anne

D'Anne and Melinda, Merry Christmas! To my best friends!!
Deborah

Merry Christmas Flag Corp!!
Deborah

I want to wish Elizabeth and Irma a very happy Christmas!
Your lifelong friend,
Nancy

I want to wish all my friends, my parents, and my sister a Merry Christmas!!
Love,
Chuck Mann

James Hodsen,
Have a very Merry Christmas you sexy guy!
????

Kimmy,
Merry Christmas to a very sweet person! P.S. Don't party too hard!
Love Ya Lots!
Laura Lou

Scott Stewart,
Merry Christmas to a very sweet and special friend!
Friends Always,
Laura Lou

Merry Christmas, Mrs. Cordell.
Love, Laura Lou

Chasity,
Merry Christmas to a very sweet friend!
Love Ya! Laura Lou

Merry Christmas, Jason.
Love, Chasity

Merry Christmas, Coach Farris from D'Anne & Deborah

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MRS. INGRAM and Mrs. Farris put the finishing touches on the student council's Christmas tree located in the main building. It stands as a symbol of the Christmas spirit here at DHS. The student council is also sponsoring a food drive and is encouraging everyone to bring their canned goods and non-perishable food items to be distributed among the needy by a local church.

(AX Photo by Craig Yates)

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Merry Christmas to all!!!



ALC becomes jail for several students

DHS Alternative Learning Center is usually called ALC. It is a place where students at our school are sent when they need to be corrected. It is really like a jail, and in fact, most students call it "jail."

When you are in ALC, you can not get up or talk. You cannot lay your head down on the desk. The teachers pile homework on you, and you have to write at all times. If you do not follow the rules or do not follow the teachers' instructions, you will get additional days in jail.

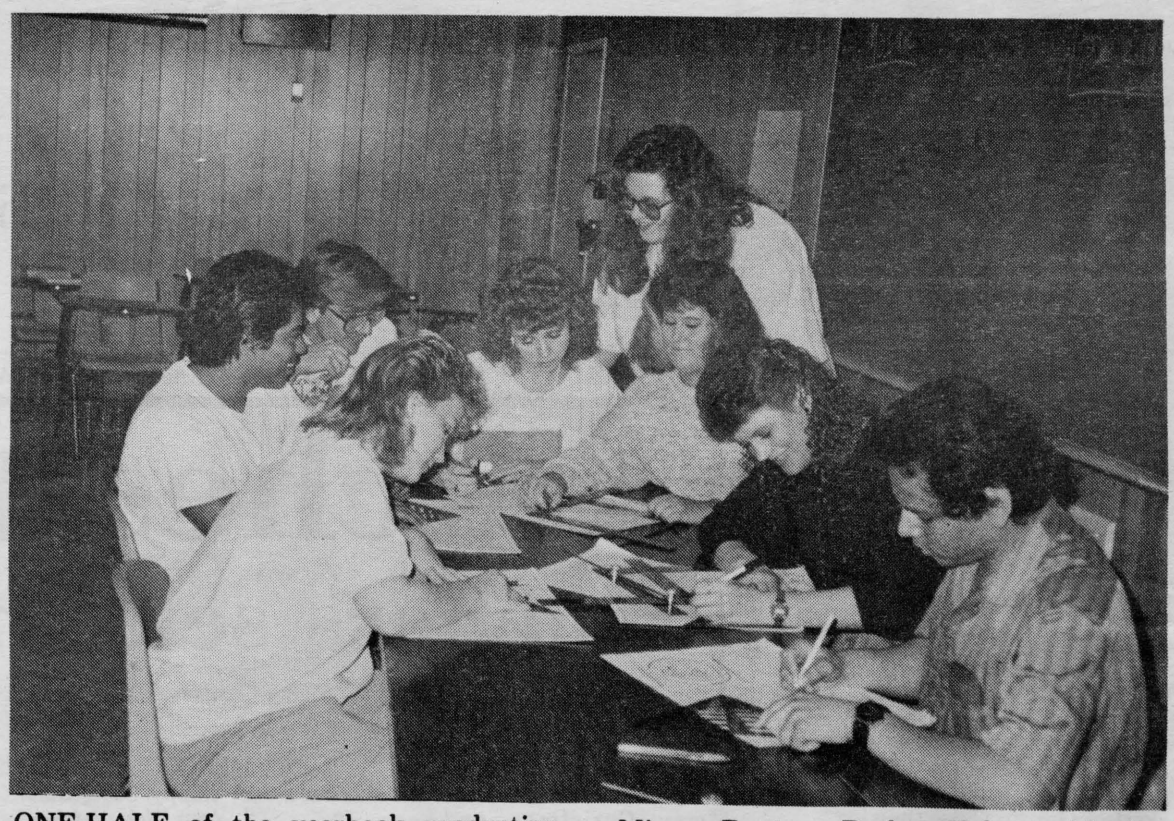
Students who have been in ALC say it is really boring and the days are long. You get so tired and you want to lay your head down and go rest, but you can't.

Teachers sit you in a small desk with the sides up. The desk sides are up so that you can not see anything else but your work on the desk.

Before the day is over you feel like you know every little thing on the desk, since you have sat there all day long.

ALC is really not a fun place to be. Some people say they like ALC, but I cannot believe them. It is a horrible place to be all day for three days. I would not go again unless I deserve it. I think I would rather take licks than suffer all day.

—By Jennifer Hendrick



ONE-HALF of the yearbook production staff. Pictured here are Cris Morin, Emilio Hernandez, Jesse Medina, Michelle Drake, Shanna Cowart, Natalie Minton, Diane Adkison and Tony Sarmiento. Not pictured: Missy Baxter, Becky Hebert, Maxine Willmon, Shawna Bowman, Deborah Hannah, Christi Dear, Cindy Curry, D'Anne Fox and Chuck Murphy. Yearbooks are still on sale. (AX Staff Photo)

Adviser names annual staff

By CINDY CURRY

Ms. Perkins has announced the editors for the 1987-88 Lumberjack yearbook.

Editors for this year are: D'Anne Fox and Shanna Cowart, co-editors; Shawna Bowman, layout editor and artist; Cindy Curry and Becky Hebert, copy editors; Diane Adkison and Chuck Murphy, co-sports editors; Emilio Hernandez, assistant sports editor.

Also, Christi Dear, classes editor; Cris Morin, assistant classes editor; Deborah Hannah, activities editor; Maxine Willmon, assistant activities editor; Michelle Drake and Diane Adkison, writers.

Also, Jesse Medina, proofreader; Melissa Baxter, administration editor; Natalie Minton, special projects editor; Tony Sarmiento and Ms. Perkins, photographers; Diane Adkison, fill-in photographer.

Local police substitute at DHS

By JIMMY MADDOX

Substituting a class every now and then works out as a perfect 'second job' for four employees of the Diboll Police Department.

These four are police officers Ricky Conner and Kent Havard, Thelma Scott, a dispatcher and Guy Anthony who is certified as an officer but works as a dispatcher until an opening of an officer job comes up.

"It helps you to have more confidence in yourself...it's not easy though, you find good ones and the bad ones...I really do enjoy it though," Ms. Scott said.

"It helps you if you know a kid from school and you get a call on him or her, you can have better information on that person," Officer Conner said. "I do like the job."

"I've never really wanted to talk in front of a class...but it's something I think will help me in my future work," Mr. Anthony said.

Most, however, seemed to agree that money plays a key factor to it. The officers and dispatcher work an eight hour shift from day to day and sometimes night to night.

During the weeks of October and November when DHS teacher Judy Williamson was in the hospital, Mr. Anthony substituted for three and a half weeks. This was pretty rough on him because he works as the "graveyard" dispatcher from 11 p.m.-7 a.m. Just one hour of free time and then he had to be at the high school at 8 a.m. and did not get off until 3:10 p.m. You might say these people "work hard for the money."

Ag program changes

By JENNI WILLIAMS

The DHS agriculture program format will change for the 1988-89 school year after a decision was made over the summer.

The new format will include several selections for semester courses instead of the usual full year term.

Some of the 25 choices that Mr. Bradford and Mr. Washington, F.F.A. sponsors and agriculture teachers, will be able to choose to teach are: semester wood working, semester welding, semester motors, equestrian science, wildlife science, food technology and economics.

Agriculture Cooperative will still be the same, while Ag I, II, III and IV will be replaced by semester courses.

Mr. Bradford feels the choice not to have a project in the first semester will not affect the attendance at the livestock show, for the student chooses if he wants to show.

Mr. Bradford also feels that this year will be productive.

Seniors plan winter dance

By NANCY ZAPATA

A "Snowflake Masquerade Ball" is being planned by the senior class. It will be a semi-formal dance on December 19 at the Catholic Center in Diboll.

Many seniors are working hard on the winter scenery to help make the dance a success. The senior sponsors are Mr. Garr and Ms. Foley. The decorations are being handled by Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Maxwell and the dance committee.

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DHS Class of 1990 will graduate first

By MISSY BAXTER and ANDY ARCHER

The one question frequently asked around campus is "Who will be the first to graduate from the new high school?" According to Superintendent Jim Dunlap, the Diboll High senior class of 1990 will be the class to hold the honor.

Plans for the new DHS are going fairly well, Mr. Dunlap said. He said that construction workers should start marking the trees that are to be left standing as soon as possible. Workers are also expected to clear the land soon. Mr. Dunlap confirmed that groundbreaking ceremonies are set for the first week of March. Construction for the new campus should be completed around the fall of 1989.

Estimated cost of the new school is $4,149,000. This does not include bridge reconstruction and rerouting of Harris Street.

"The modern look" is the design planned for the new campus. This look includes no windows in the classrooms. Each classroom will seat 25-30 students with space for enlargement.

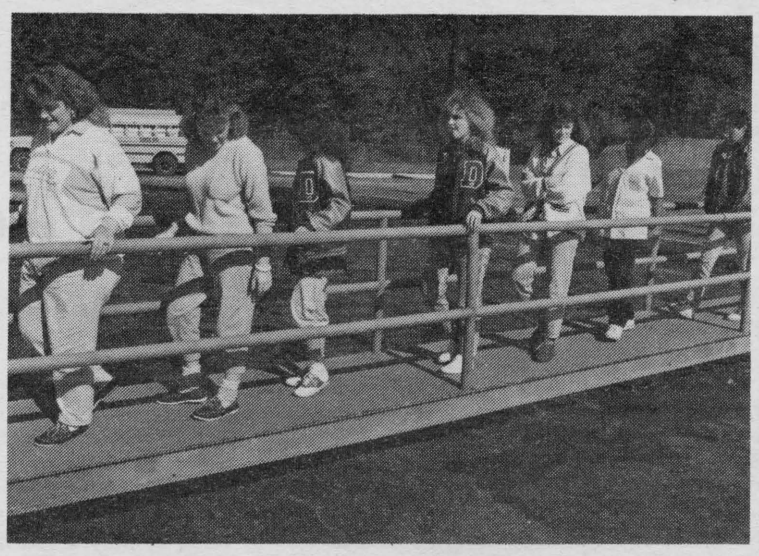
For those interested in indoor sports, a new gymnasium will be constructed. New features include glass backboards and a wooden floor. The finished gym will seat about 1,200. There will be four dressing areas, one for basketball, boys athletics, girls dressing room and a coaches dressing room.

Biology students will also enjoy large new lab facilities. These labs will provide necessary materials to enhance state requirements for lab hours.

Never again will you have to worry about starving in line, with what Mr. Dunlap called, the new "scramble system." This cafeteria system will be able to serve 300 students in about five minutes. This system will include areas for varying tastes, from four different bars. Twenty-five students at once will be allowed to make a selection choosing from those bars. These students will also exit at once allowing 25 more to enter. As they exit, they will pay at a cash register.

Every student needs change, and the school's organization has helped ease this problem. Change and absentee slips will be given through a window in the office. Parking for students will be in the rear while the front will be occupied by teachers parking in the bus unloading zone.

There will be three practice fields on the new campus including one for band, baseball and one for those "Angry Red Lumberjacks!"



BIOLOGY II students view untreated water at the Diboll Water Treatment Plant. The students left to right are Missy Goins, Candi Glasgow, Kim Havard, Wendy Gossett, Sheri Capps, Martin Chevez and Juan Reyes. (AX Staff Photo)

Most to Navy

Graduates join military

By ALAN CAMPBELL

Many DHS students are looking for a future in the military, mostly because of the individual or family benefits. The military offers a great variety of jobs and skills to both men and women.

They give you the opportunity to choose your own profession and give you the necessary education you need.

In a survey of Angelina County, the Army recruited 35 men and two women last year. In Diboll five of the 35 men were recruited. The Navy recruited 40 men and one woman. Two of the men were from Diboll. The Marines, which is one of the most popular, recruited 37 men, nine of which were from Diboll.

Sgt. Rick Yznaga said there were no women to enter the Marines from Angelina County. "The tests and boot camp are tougher for women to pass," Sgt. Yznage said.

Chuck Mann, one of the nine future Marines to be recruited from Diboll, will leave for boot camp on August 22, 1988. He has signed up for four years in the infantry.

"I want to be one of the few, the proud," Chuck said.

Chuck added that he wants to make a career of the Marine Corps and later become a recruiter.

Biology II visits plant

By BECKY HEBERT

Mr. Alsbrook's fifth and sixth period Biology II classes got a chance to view firsthand how our local water is treated when the classes visited the Diboll Water Treatment Plant recently.

The students were led on a tour of the plant which allowed them to see the different processes water goes through in order for bacteria to break down waste products. The students went during their fifth and sixth period classes.

The experience made the students realize just how much goes into treating water and made them more aware of modern technology and how it affects everyone's lives.

Jan. 14-15

Mid-term exams set

By LESLIE KILGORE

Mid-term exams are just around the corner. They are scheduled to be taken on January 14-15, 1988.

Due to Texas State Board of Education policy, all students are required to take the exams. The policy, which was issued November 9, 1984, states that "A student shall not be exempted from taking a final examination in any class in which any other student is required to take a final examination."

Before the adoption of the policy, students could be exempted from taking the exams by meeting specific requirements. If a student had a 70 average, he could have no absences and be exempt. A student with an 80 average could have one absence, and a student with a 90 average could have two absences and still be exempt.

Unfortunately, we do not enjoy that comfort anymore.

MID-TERM EXAMINATION SCHEDULE
1988

Thursday, January 14, 1988

8:15 to 10:15	1st Period
10:15 to 12:15	2nd Period
12:15 to 1:10	Lunch
1:10 to 3:10	3rd Period

Friday, January 15, 1988

8:15 to 10:15	4th Period
10:15 to 12:15	5th Period
12:15 to 1:10	Lunch
1:10 to 3:10	6th Period



GREER'S GRAPES

MR. BILL GREER, the "Head Raisin" at DHS and his Raisinettes dance to "Heard It Through the Grapevine", at the Newton pep rally. (AX Photo)

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Lumberjacks win bi-district football

Many old records fall by wayside

By JUDD CAPPS

The DHS football team had a winning season.

The Lumberjacks ended their season on November 20 losing to the Newton Eagles 42-14.

The Jacks' 1987 record was 8-4 for the season winning a bi-district championship against the Crockett Bulldogs. Diboll compiled a 3-2 record in non-district play and 4-1 in district capturing second place behind Corrigan.

Some outstanding records were set by the Jacks this season. Senior fullback Joel Gordon rushed for 20 touchdowns, breaking a 17 touchdown record set by Nick Trout back in 1969.

Diboll also gained 206 first downs breaking the 1970 record to 179 downs. In addition, the Jacks scored 380 points this year to capture the 348 points record set in 1969.

Diboll also set a season mark with 4,018 total yards for the season.

Heach Coach Russell Roberts was pleased with the teams' performance for the year but would have liked to play a few more weeks. He said all of the coaches agree that off season this year will determine how well the Lumberjacks will be next year. Coach Roberts said he likes Diboll and hopes to be here for a long time.

Although the season didn't go quite as planned, the team accomplished some of their goals. The Lumberjack team was a closely knit group with every player contributing an important part. The team set some fine records, and hopefully started a great football program.

Basketball underway

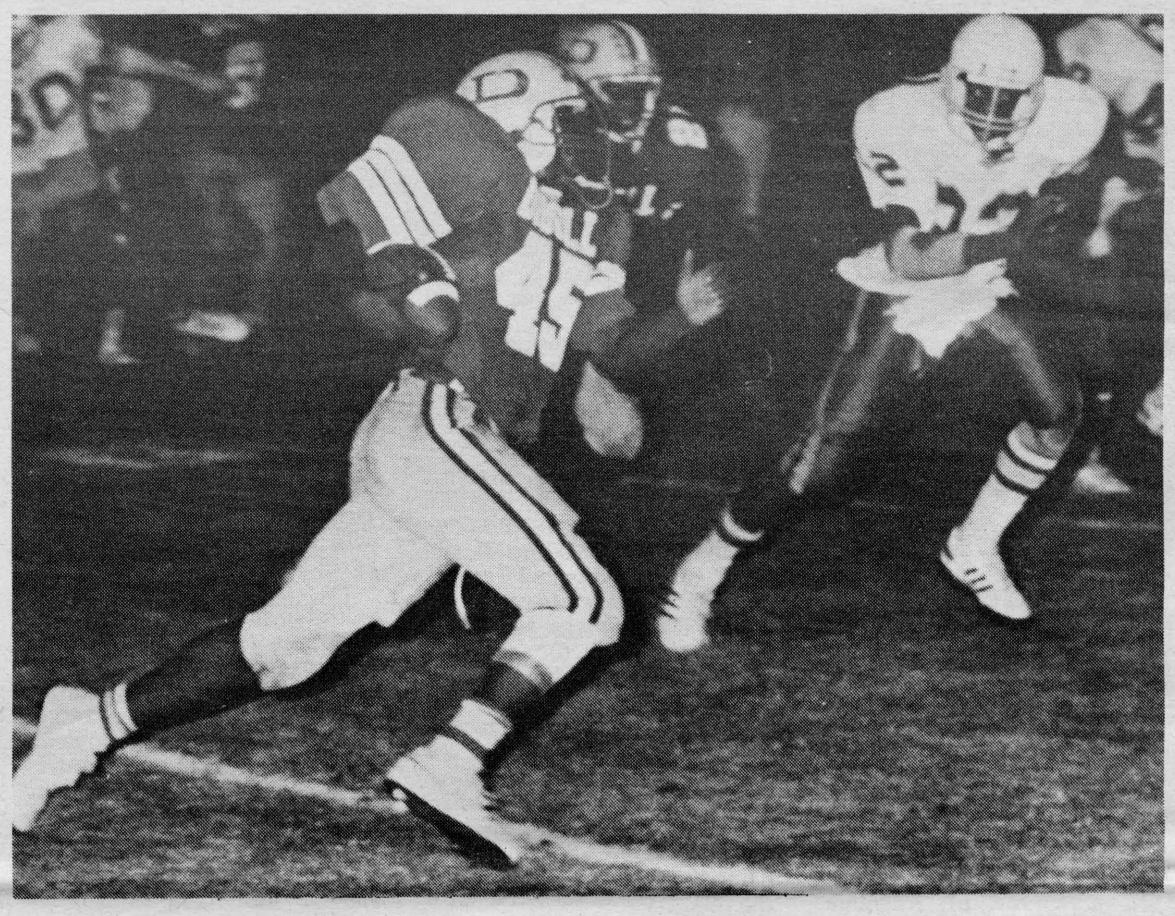
By CLAY ELDRIDGE

The Diboll Lumberjacks basketball season is under way. "Because of the football season, we were slow starting, but we are making up ground now," Coach Wimberly said.

The basketball program, ending an excellent year, has no returning starters from last year's team. The lettermen from that team are Fred Fowler, Sherlon Canada and Darrell Ligon.

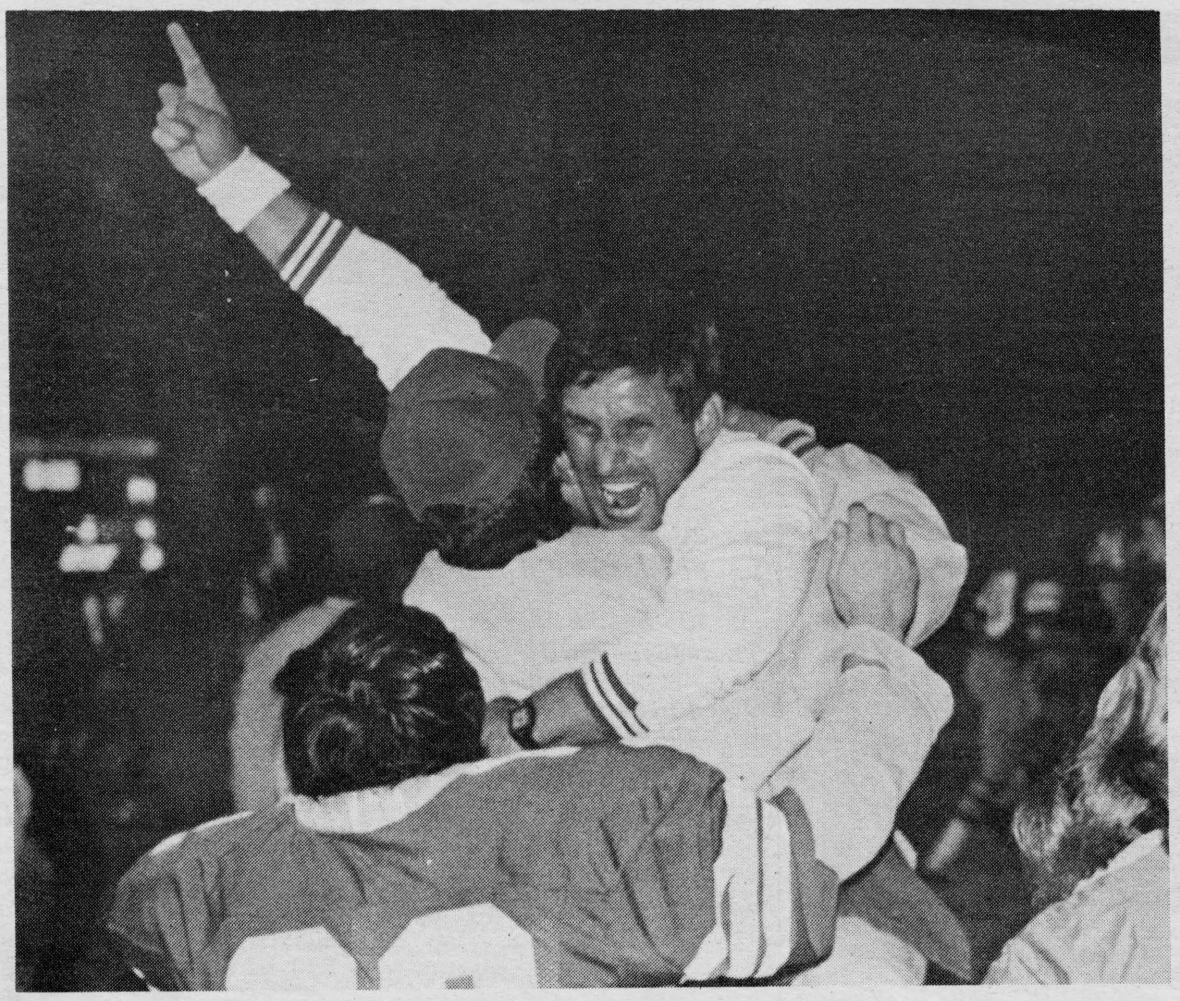
The Jacks lost two men because of poor grades, but the students are expected to be back at the end of the six weeks.

"If the team comes together and keeps improving, then they will be a district contender," Coach Wimberly said.



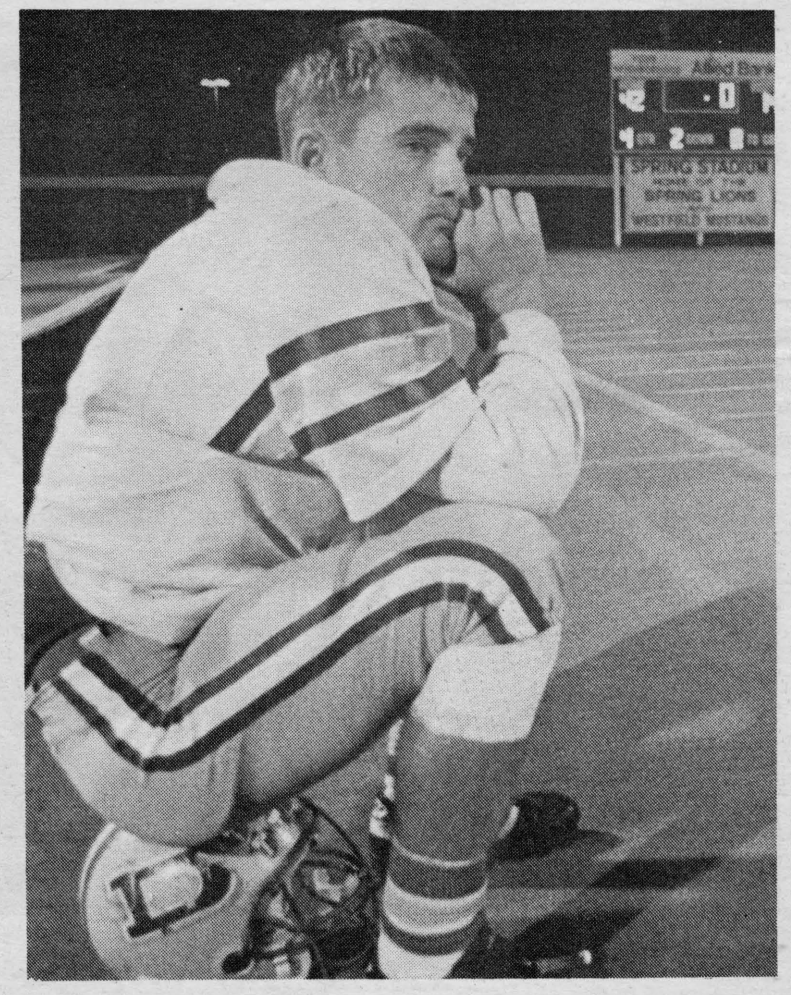
JACKS GIVE 100 PERCENT

PETE HUNT cuts the corner of the Crockett defense in bi-district action as the Jacks won 21-14.
(AX Photo by Craig Yates)



EXCITEMENT REIGNS

COACH ROBERTS hugs COACH FARRIS after the Jacks' victory over the Crockett Bulldogs in bi-district action. The Jacks won 21-14. (AX Photo by Andy Archer)



CHUCK MANN watches on while the final seconds tick away in area action as the Jacks received their final loss of the season. The Jacks lost to the Newton Eagles 42-14.
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DHS BOWHUNTER

JUNIOR BOBBY Blanton shows the style he used in killing his four point buck near Crockett.
(AX Photo by Andy Archer)

Deer hunters abound at DHS

By CHUCK MANN

Bow hunting is a sport gaining popularity with DHS students and junior Bobby Blanton showed his bow hunting skills after bow season started by killing a four-point buck at a distance of 30 feet with his Martin-Lynx compound bow.

Blanton said that all he could see was part of the deer. At the time he shot, he could only see the top of the deer's back, and he knew that this was the only shot he had.

He said that he didn't know if he could hit the deer, but drew back the bow, aimed carefully and released the arrow, killing the deer in its tracks.

The four-pointer was killed on a private hunting lease near Crockett.

Several other DHS students have bagged deer this deer season.

Barry Morin, a sophomore, killed a spike on private land. Jason Cook got his eight-point hunting in the Old Tower Hunting Club. Bradly Morris and Phillip Camp also downed eight-pointers.

Albert Morado bagged a seven-pointer hunting in Ryan Lake Hunting Club. Dennis Mewborn killed a six-pointer off Farm Road 1818.

Coach Stifle and Ms. Perkins, the new journalism teacher, killed six-pointers. Ms. Perkins killed her buck on a private hunting lease on opening day. She also killed a doe.

Jimmy Fisher, Mark McGaughey, Willie Smith and Scott Eldridge all killed a doe this year.

Baseball season to begin

By TODD WRIGHT

If you can believe it, the Diboll Lumberjack baseball season is upon us. The Jacks will be practicing sometime after the mid-semester.

The season will open the latter part of February against Trinity for both Varsity and Junior Varsity. Going into this season as the Bi-District champions, DHS hopes to extend its 21 wins and go into the playoffs.

Coach Farris said he believes that Diboll along with San Augustine, Central and Huntington will be picked to be at the top.

"The reason," Farris said, "I feel that along with us (Diboll) and the rest of the teams have most of our players returning." To be competitive at the top, some holes in the team's starting lineup will have to be filled.

"We need a shortstop, second baseman, center fielder and another pitcher," Coach Farris said. These positions became vacant due to graduation last year, he said.

Pitching and defense will be the key to how far any team goes and the Lumberjacks "had it" last year. The Jacks pitching compiled a team ERA of 2.53. Returning to lead the pitching core is Senior Chuck Murphy whose nine wins were second on the team last year (9 wins, 2.05 ERA and 58 strikeouts). Junior Robert Compean (with limited pitching duties) is expected to join Murphy in the rotation. The other half of the pitcher-catcher battery is senior catcher, Judd Capps. Capps threw out 50 percent of the baserunners who attempted to steal against him.

The defense also turned in 21 double plays helping to stop the opposition. The double plays seem to come whenever the Jacks needed one most during last season.

A big thing to improve on this year would be the hitting. The hitting last year was poor at times although Diboll did manage to hit .261 for the year.

"Our hitting needs to improve for this year. I would like to see more homeruns going out of the yard with the addition of more team speed," Coach Farris said. There were a total of three homeruns hit with two coming from Judd Capps.

Superstitions haunt DHS

By CRAIG YATES

Have you ever caught yourself looking for heads up pennies, watching out for black cats or even avoiding ladders?

In a recent interview with some DHS coaches, it turns out that some of them are more superstitious than athletes.

Coach Russell Roberts said he has a "jillion" superstitions, some of them secret. He said that eight of the 12 years he has spent as a coach, he has worn the same pair of socks on game nights, then jokingly commented that he "washes them after each season."

He said he never puts on a jacket until he feels the game is won, and he said he also looks for heads up pennies (or any money). Coach Russell added that he prepares for each game in the same way, but after the games start that he had no further superstitions.

Basketball Coach Wimberly said that in the 1986-87 season while he coached his team to 17 straight wins, he wore the same yellow shirt.

Though Coach Wimberly said he goes through the same preparations on each game day he claims it is more from habit than anything else. "I think I'm superstitious about superstitions," Coach Wimberly said.

Ladyjacks play well

The Ladyjack basketball team has started its second season on the right foot. As of December 1, varsity held a record of 2-1 while junior varsity's record was 1-2.

The 1987-88 varsity players are Tessie Austin, Meechie Alexander, Judy Coleman, Theresa Durham, Sonia Hathorn, Erica Joshua, Clemmie Mann, Sonia Rios and Lillie Taylor.

Junior varsity players are Sarah Blount, Faye Finley, Natisha Gordon, Terri Hampton, Tina Roberts, Marvetta Rhone, Zenova Scott, Melinda Walls, Trina Walls and Vanessa Waters.

This year is going well for the Ladyjacks. According to JV coach Gene Curtis, "The girls have learned a lot from their past experience."

Tennis teams to rebuild in '88

By CRAIG YATES

After three years of being the best tennis team in the district, what can you do? In the minds of most tennis players, all you should do is "do it again!"

Even so, Coach Carol Drake admits 1988 will be a rebuilding year with only seven of 14 varsity players returning for play.

The girl players returning are senior Liz Ingram, junior Sherri Capps and sophomore Jamie Fenley. Joining the squad this year and helping the girls will be senior Tessie Austin.

For the boys returning are junior Craig Yates, junior Todd Baker, junior David Garza and sophomore Felipe "Minnow" Hernandez. Backing up the boys are junior Myrton Thompson, sophomore Chad Henson, sophomore Phillip Gage, sophomore Mark McGaughey and freshman Rosharn Moye.

When asked how she thought her team would rank, Coach Drake replied that she has some good team players left because they got some outstanding experience when they went to regionals last year.

While most of the team members have been hitting balls for a while, official practices are expected to start late this month.

Coach Drake said she strongly encourages students interested in tennis to sign up for the team. Practices for beginning players will start in the spring.

Some of the possible tennis tournaments for the team will be Crockett, Spurger, Silsbee, Woodville, Warren and at Stephen F. Austin State University. A scrimmage match with Rusk could come as early as the first week in March. Diboll could also be the host city of the district meet.



THE 1987-88 Varsity Ladyjacks are (back, left to right) Meechie Alexander, Lillie Taylor, Tessie Austin, Errica Joshua, Sonia Hathorn, Coach Ken Lightfoot. Kneeling are Teresa Durham, Judy Coleman, Sonia Rios, Christi Dear and Clemmie Mann. (AX Photo)

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From 3:10-4:15 p.m.

Tutorial program helps grades

By JIMMY MADDOX

Want to improve your grades? Are your grades too low? Tutoring after school may be a key to improving your grades.

Tutoring individual students, which was set up by the State of Texas under House Bill 72, is held after school Monday through Thursday. It is held in the library from 3:10 to 4:15 p.m.

Some of the teachers who help out are Ms. Clemons, Mr. Helm, Ms. Meyers, Ms. Vance and many others.

It is a program to help students with more difficult subjects. About 10-15 students attend each day, many for help in math courses.

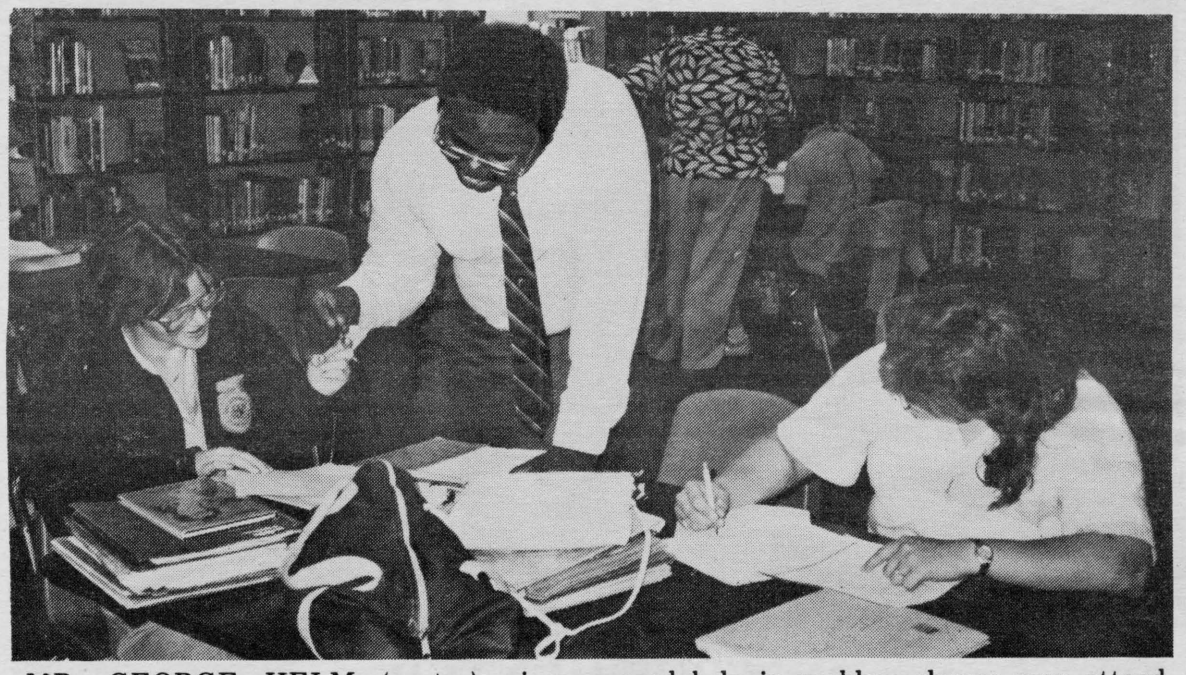
"Tutoring is helping to get additional practice on their assignments to understand them better..." DHS math teacher George Helm said.

"It helps with homework," junior Susan Sloan said.

"I believe that everyone that comes to be tutored is inspired to greater heights," said DHS freshman Rosharn Moye.

In general, many said that tutoring helps a great deal, "especially if you're in sports," Nicolas Castillja, DHS junior explained. Some students reported it is good for individual help.

Tutoring will help in all main subjects which include math, science, English and history. Helm said that "tutoring will allow the student to have time for another approach or method of learning a concept."



MR. GEORGE HELM (center) gives tutorial help to Alison Thompson (left) and Angela Barkley. The ladies are being tutored in mathematics. Students who need help in problem classes may attend tutorial four days a week from 3:10-4:15 p.m.

(AX Photo by Jimmy Maddox)

Seniors unhappy about errors on '88 shirts

By BECKY HEBERT

DHS seniors were anything but happy when the senior shirts finally arrived because there were some printing errors made on the shirts.

The senior names, which should have been printed in cursive type, were printed in regular type, and some senior names were not printed dark enough to be read.

In addition, "Diboll High School" was not printed anywhere on the shirts.

Ms. Foley, senior sponsor, returned the shirts to the Varsity Bookstore in Nacogdoches. The store printed "Diboll High" on the left sleeve of the shirts.

But in order to have the name printed correctly, the shirts would have to be reprinted, Ms. Foley said. Because that would have taken more time and more money, seniors decided to settle for having their names printed in regular type.



THE 1988 SENIOR shirts were not printed according to instructions. Varsity Bookstore in Nacogdoches took the shirts back and wrote "Diboll High" down the sleeve, but the regular typeface to print everyone's name was not changed to cursive because it would have caused too much expense.

(AX Photo)

Adviser names paper staff

By JENNI WILLIAMS

The new AX staff was assigned to their jobs last week. Ms. Sue Perkins appointed the students to their duties.

The editors are Melissa Baxter and Becky Hebert. They will work together to lead the students.

Editors for each page were also appointed. For page two, the editor will be Mandy Spencer. Page three editor will be Jimmy Maddox, while page four editor is Craig Yates. Page five, the sports page, will be edited by Chuck Mann and Judd Capps. The editor of page six will be Jennifer Hendrick, and the editor of page seven will be Leslie Kilgore. Nancy Zapata will be page eight editor.

Craig Yates is head photographer, while Alan Campbell and Andy Archer will assist him.

Mary Clark and Jenni Williams are copy editors, and Jason Connor is assistant copy editor.

The reporters for the AX are Andy Archer, Melissa Baxter, Sarah Blount, Alan Campbell, Mary Clark, Jason Connor, Shelley Fisher, Becky Hebert, Jimmy Maddox, Juan Reyes, Jenni Williams and Todd Wright.

The next edition of The AX will be published in early February.

ALC for serious offenders

By JENNIFER HENDRICK

Alternative Learning Center is a correctional place for students who fail to attend Detention Center after school, and for fighting on school campus. Some of the students that are in ALC are sent there for having alcoholic beverages on campus. It is for the students who have serious offenses.

There are two instructors who take turns watching the students, Coach Stifle and Mr. Murphy.

Both of the instructors explained the process students have to go through, and the rules they have to follow in ALC.

When the students arrive at school they come directly to the ALC room, or the office. Students are confined to one area, and cannot talk to anyone or get up out of their seat unless the instructor gives them permission. The students may not go in the halls at anytime. Lunches are brought to them. There are bathroom breaks during the day. The teachers assign the students homework and if they finish before they are supposed to leave, they will be assigned more homework. Students cannot be released until their assignments are finished. When students are assigned to ALC, they usually are assigned for three days.

If the student fails to obey the rules, they will be assigned additional days.

"ALC is real good. It keeps students who have a problem in line, and still gives them the opportunity for an education," Coach Stifle said.

Coach Stifle also said that there are one to nine people a day in ALC, and there have been students in there since the third day of school.

"ALC is a necessity and it is good for the educational process," Mr. Murphy said.

Mr. Murphy said there is a higher percentage of males than females in ALC.

He also said he would not object to any of his kids being in ALC if they needed it.

Both of the instructors said that ALC is an educational process and it is good as far as education is concerned. "It teaches students to behave, to be more disciplined and corrects some poor attitude problems," they said in agreement.

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Christmas comes to DHS

Juan Reyes,
A beautiful guy with a wonderful personality! I hope you have a fantastic Christmas, and that all your hopes of the New Year come true. And I know they will.
I Love You!
Remember "The Grin"

To the 5th period Psychology class.
Merry Christmas
Coach Stifle

To Teresa, Delonda, Evette, Lillie, Mrs. Foley, and Mr. Garr.
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!
Meechie

To Jason, Meechie, Lillie, Delonda, Weezie, Tammie, Marcie, Judy, Mr. Garr, Mrs. Foley and Coach Stifle.
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!
Love, Evette

To Angie,
Thanks for being there for me! Merry Christmas!
Love, your friend always,
Becca

To Shawna and Dani,
Merry Christmas to two great friends.
Becca

To Susan,
Have a Merry Christmas!
Friends Always, Shanna

Trudy,
Have fun this Christmas! You'll win overall!
CGL

"Super Lou,"
I hope you have a great holiday! I'll be thinking of you while you are gone. I'm looking forward to starting off the new year with you! Be careful, and take care of the one person that means the world to me — YOU!
Merry Chritmas Baby!
"Pookie"

I want to wish Jason Smith a Merry Christmas!
Love, Jennifer

I want to wish all my friends, and my ugly brother a Merry Christmas. May everyone have the best Christmas ever.
Love, Clay

Merry Christmas to All of My Friends!
Love Ya, Missy

Merry Christmas to The Class of 1990!
Love, Jenni

I want to wish Kim, Mandy, Maxine, Mary, Leanene, Missy, Phillip, Darnell, Troy, Chuck Mann, Chuck Murphy, Brent and others a very Merry Christmas!!!
Love, Jennifer Hendrick

Merry Christmas to the bestest friend in the world! Have a Great Year Melissa Goins!
Love, Missy Baxter

Angie —
Have a Merry Christmas!
Your Friend Forever, JAF

Trudy, Rhonda, Kay, Cheri, Regina, Debrah H., Debrah B., Robyn, & Mark — Have a Happy Holiday!
JAF

Aunt Mac,
Have a very Merry Christmas. But be careful with the velcro! Merry Christmas 3rd period Annual.
From D'Anne & Deborah

Wendy,
Hope you have a Merry Christmas! Maybe you'll get your club!
Friends Always, Deborah

To all My Friends, Merry Christmas!
Kim Havard

Christmas Wish
I want to wish all of my friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope that you all will have a safe holiday. I also want to wish my brother in the Antartic a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I hope he has a nice holiday.
Love, Candy Taylor

Merry Christmas to My parents! I love you both very much!
Love, Goober!

Merry Christmas to all the golfers. I hope that all of our dreams come true. Just remember to work hard and maybe we will succeed.
Rob

A very "Happy Ho-Ho" to all the Varsity and J.V. cheerleaders and peppers!
Santa Sponsor

Merry Christmas, Steven!!
From your favorite sister,
Deborah

Lee J.,
I've really enjoyed this year with all the good times we've had and I know that there will be lots more next year and so on! Have a VERY Merry Christmas! Love Ya!
Forever and Always, Denise

To the best looking Men on DHS campus! Coach Stifle and Coach Farris!! Have a Merry Christmas!
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Mr. Haney,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!
Your Secret Pal

Sonia Rios,
Happy Holidays!
LOVE, Mi Hija

Mr. Dial,
Feliz Navidad!!
Your Secret Pal (Anchor Club)

Memo,
Hey cuz. Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!
Love Ya! Ari

Merry Christmas to whoever it may concern!
Judd

I want to wish all of my friends a Merry Christmas!
Love, Jason

Merry Christmas to the Journalism Class and the class of 88! Also to all of the special people who have made these past few years interesting!! (Jessica & Amanda)
Love Always, Shelley

I want to wish Sheri Sheridan, Mandy Spencer, and Tina Roberts, and all my other good friends a Merry Christmas!!
Love, Andy

I want to wish Shanna Cowart a very Merry Christmas. Thanks for being there when I needed you!!
Love, Susan

I want to wish all my friends a safe and Merry Christmas!
Love, Kevin

Merry Christmas to Trena, Staci, Melinda, Marci, Teresa, Darnell, and Robert!!!
I Love You All!!
Leanene Garr

Merry Christmas to all my friends!! (You know who you are!)
Melinda Walls

Merry Christmas to all my friends!! Be good and don't drive drunk!
Darnell

Merry Christmas to the BKB team and to all of my friends!!
Love Ya! Staci

I want to wish Kevin Kegler a very safe and Merry Christmas! Take good care of yourself! Always take God with you wherever you go!
I Love You! Marcie Turner

I wish Prentice Jones a safe and Merry Christmas! "I love you!!"
Teresa Durham

Angela F.,
Have a peachy Christmas!
Tessie

To all of you — the best! And Merry Christmas, too!
Ms. P.

Learn to cook, sew

Male students take home economics

By JUAN REYES

The number of boys in homemaking classes average about 40-50% of the total number of students who are taking homemaking this year, and many of them find that it is not necessarily an easy subject.

According to Mrs. Maddox, who has been the homemaking teacher for 28 years, the number of students in homemaking steadily increases every year. Last year she had 96 students and this year, there are 108 of which 48-50% are boys.

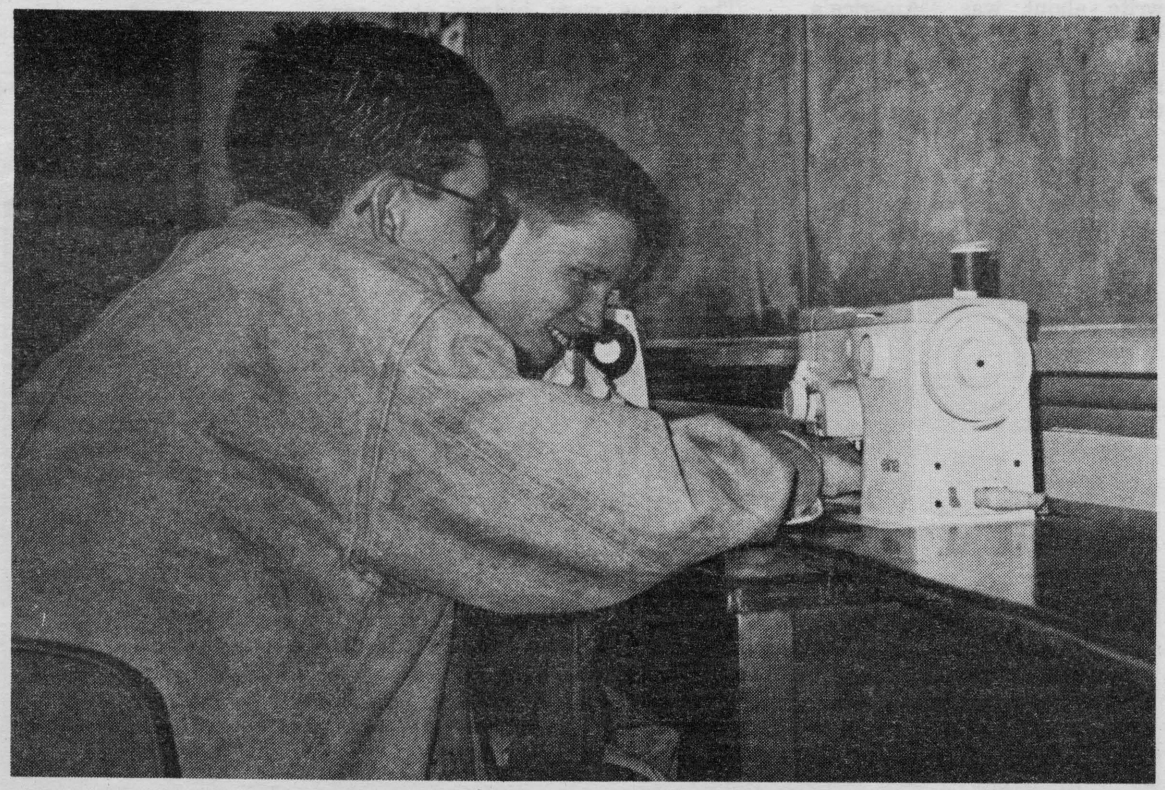
There are mostly freshman students in all the classes and the next largest number of students are sophomores and juniors with fewer seniors in the classes. Most seniors that take homemaking are in Mrs. Baldree's class who also has been teaching the class for 17 years. Mrs. Baldree teaches those who have the working program H.E.C.E., where the students go to school for one-half day. Most of these students are seniors.

"High School" sounds frightening for most of the students coming from Junior High. They want to make the first year easy and so they take homemaking.

"They come here to have an easy grade, they don't do their work, and then they fail," Mrs. Maddox said. Junior Lance Sims likes cooking because they get to eat what they cook, and they can cook anything they want. "If you do your work you don't have to worry about failing. It's an easy grade only if you do your work," Lance said.

Senior Emilio Hernandez said he agrees about the cooking being the favorite part of homemaking. All agree that valuable skills are acquired that are applied at home. Mrs. Baldree hopes that some will consider homemaking as a future vocation. This is, of course, most likely with the girls, she said.

Boys will probably apply their cooking skills if they marry someone that simply has a bad taste for cooking, or if the wife gets angry and there is no dinner, Mrs. Baldree said.



NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY

THOMAS HELM and Lance Sims practice their sewing skills. There are many things to learn in home economics, such as cooking, and the students also learn "life skills."

(AX Photo by Juan Reyes)

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Scheduled for Feb.

ACT, SAT tests set for college bound

By MANDY SPENCER

Two of the most important tests a student will ever take is the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and the ACT (American College Testing Assessment).

The ACT Assessment, which consists of four academic tests that measure educational development and a detailed questionnaire that collects information relevant to educational and career planning, is recommended or required by more than 2,700 postsecondary institutions and scholarship programs.

Most students take the ACT Assessment during junior year or early in senior year, so their results will be available in time for use in planning for postsecondary education and careers.

Many of the colleges require one of these two tests and some require students to take both of them. A student who is interested in attending college must write to the desired school and ask about its own requirements.

The guidance office has the information and forms students need to register for the ACT Assessment. ACT also provides free copies of the booklet, **Preparing for the ACT Assessment**, which contains information about getting ready for the examination, plus a complete practice test.

The ACT is a multiple choice test that mainly measures your knowledge in areas such as English usage, mathematics, social studies, general and natural science reading.

The SAT is a three hour multiple choice test. It tests the students verbal and mathematical skills. Most students said the SAT is the more difficult of the two tests.

The basic registration fee for the assessment is $10.50. Late registration will be accepted for an additional $10.00 late handling fee. For 1987-88, ACT has established this test date schedule:

Test date, February 27, 1988; registration deadline, January 29, 1988; late registration deadline, February 16, 1988.

Test date, April 16, 1988; registration deadline, March 18, 1988; late registration deadline, April 5, 1988.

Test date, June 11, 1988; registration deadline, May 13, 1988; late registration deadline, May 31, 1988.

It takes about three hours to complete the four ACT examinations in English, math, social studies and natural sciences. The assessment also includes a two-part questionnaire that students complete at home when they register. It focuses on interests, academic and nonacademic accomplishments, and vocational and educational plans and needs.

Colleges use information from the ACT Assessment for academic advising, admissions counseling, course sectioning and placement, student services, and institutional research. ACT Assessment reports are sent to students, their high school counselors, and the institutions and agencies the student specifies.

The ACT Assessment is a major service of The American College Testing Program, which has national headquarters in Iowa City, Iowa.

For more information about the ACT Assessment, see Mrs. Ingram.

In an interview wiht the DHS counselor, Mary Ingram said that many students feel that the ACT is the easier of the two tests.

Last year 18 students from Diboll High School took the SAT, while an average of 39 students took the ACT.

The composite score of the test ranges from four to 32. The national average is around 17. Students in Texas have an average score of 16.

"The average composite score for Diboll High School is slightly below the state average," Mrs. Ingram said.

Student who took the tests later in their junior year tended to do much better on the tests Mrs. Ingram said.

There are many sample books and sample tests available to students who wish to prepare themselves for the upcoming tests.

Drug dog visits DHS

By NANCY ZAPATA

"Caine" (the nickname for cocaine), the drug dog visited the Diboll High campus on November 11 and November 20. The dog did alert on a few students' lockers and cars both times he was here. Alert means that the dog smelled some kind of substance. The dog searched the whole campus.

Mr. Greer, DHS principal, said that the message is getting across that drugs are not wanted on the campus.

Lufkin Police Sgt. Alton Lenderman handled "Caine" but the same dog or dog handler will not always be used. When the dog "alerts" on a locker or car, the dog smells the residue from the substance. This is called the "cigar box effect."

For example, if your car has been exposed to cigarette or marijuana smoke over the weekend, the drug dog will smell it and the dog will alert the handler and the principal to the substance's residue.

According to Jim Dunlap, DISD superintendent, the school board's intent for the use of a drug dog is to prevent drugs on campus, therefore, preventing non-users from being exposed to drugs.

Biology dept. gets new equipment

By JASON CONNER

The Biology Department at Diboll High School is taking a major step in upgrading its equipment this school year.

New equipment will be available for biology students by mid-term. Mr. Alsbrook said that the Biology Department has to participate in a 40 percent lab investigation, required by the Texas Education Agency. Mr. Alsbrook said he feels that his students can reach this requirement with this new equipment, and that more "hands-on" experience will bring grades up. The equipment cost nearly $6,100, which will come from the Science Department's budget and the Diboll ISD.

Some of the equipment includes a preserved shark and cat, a blood typing kit, a human skeleton, dissecting pans, slide sets and five 100x microscopes.

DHS PRIDE



Coach Farris invents new game

By CLAY ELDRIDGE

Coach Farris has invented a new game called footgolf.

The game is played on a regulation football field. The object of the game is to kick the football from goal post to goal post in four kicks which is a par.

If a person understands the game of golf, they can understand footgolf. In this game, the players not only have to be able to kick the ball far, but also have to be accurate.

The inventor of the game is also the best. Coach Farris was a punter for Stone County, Mississippi and then moved on to punt for Gulf Coast Junior College, the 1971 National Junior College champions.

Players include Clay Eldridge, Judd Capps, Troy Maxwell, Coach Stifle, Coach Farris, Coach Lightfoot, Ricky Conner, Doby Dear, Coach Roberts and Chuck Mann.

Three students win VFW writing award

By JENNI WILLIAMS

"Voice of Democracy," a contest sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary, was held November 16, and three DHS students won major awards. The contest was to receive student feedback on what liberty and heritage means personally.

The theme students were to write about was "America's Liberty — Our Heritage."

Students in grades 10-12 were able to tape their entry that was three to five minutes long.

"The students were great," man said. "The papers were real good."

Elizabeth Ingram received first place; Joe Smart, second; and Jenni Williams, third. Elizabeth will continue on to the district competition.

Last year was the first time Diboll students entered the contest. Twelve students entered last year, while 23 students completed tapes this year.

The tapes were judged at Dixon Furniture in Diboll by Felton Burt, Dick Dixon, Nan Miller, Alan Miller and Odessa Wallace on November 13.

Mrs. Rush said the content and enthusiasm was better than last year. She also said that Elizabeth's speaking abilities were good because of her previous experience in contests.

"So many students were more or less informative rather than inspirational," Mrs. Rush said.

Elizabeth made a tape at K-Fox radio station that was sent to district competition. About 20 other tapes will be judged along with Elizabeth's tape.

The district winner will continue to regionals, then state competition and finally national competition. For each step that the students complete, cash awards are given.



STUDENTS WHO won the Diboll VFW "Voice of Democracy" contest are (left to right) sophomore Joe Smart, second place; senior Elizabeth Ingram, first place; and sophomore Jenni Williams, third place.
(AX Photo by Craig Yates)