

# Doing what is best

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**"I am for a solid basic educational program, I am for various extra-curricular activities." President Mr. Rudy C. Schubert**

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Many students failed to realize the importance of the Pasadena Independent School Board of Administration.

These men were responsible for establishing a set of standard rules and regulations conducive to a learning atmosphere.

The Board strived to improve the

school system, bettering academics and curriculum. "I am for a solid basic educational program, I am also for various extra-curricular activities that we presently have," explained Mr. Rudy Schubert, president of the school board.

This group of men, elected by Pasa-

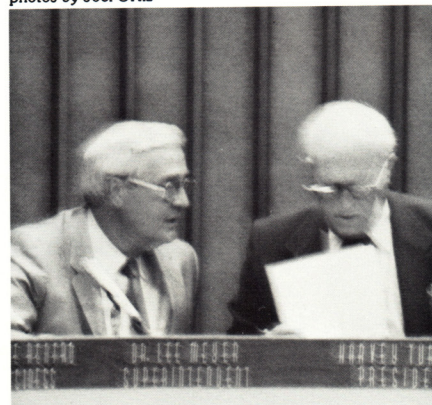
dena school patrons, met the third Thursday of each month to discuss new educational issues as well as school business. The board worked diligently to establish an ultimate education, and its product, the ultimate student.

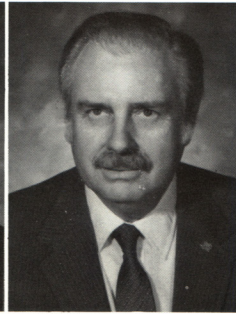
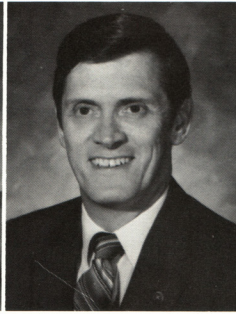
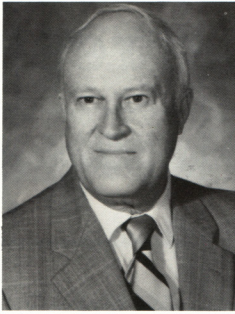
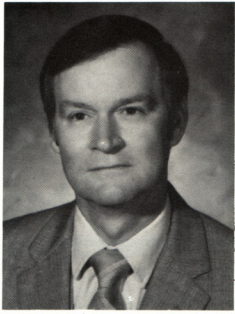
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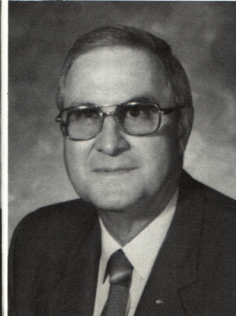
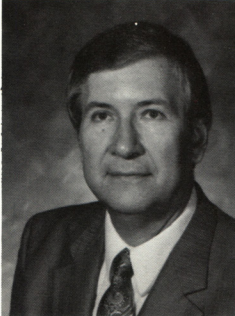
**Above:** Devoting their time to discuss educational issues, the school board officials review their proposals. **Far right:** Before discussing further information, Superintendent Dr. C. Lee Meyer and Vice-President Mr. Harvey Turner look over issues on the agenda. **Right:** Fielding a question from the audience Dr. B.J. Garner ponders the answer while other members look on.

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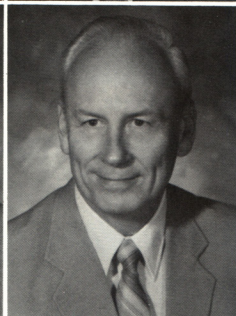
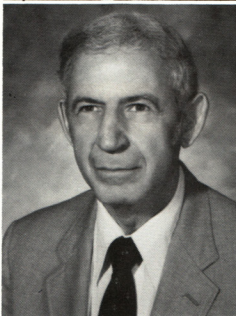




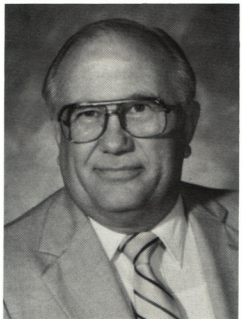
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Superintendent Service  
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**Above:** Listening to a discussion between a parent and a board member, president Mr. Rudy Schubert and Mr. Cecil Ghormley wait their turn as Secretary Mrs. Judy Risinger records the minutes. **Left:** Pausing to discuss among themselves, the school board members show signs of weariness.

# A cut above the rest

**"I think of myself as a dedicated educator."**

**Mr. James Barber**

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away . . .

The Rio Grande Valley; the past . . . James Barber born to a middle class family.

Fast forward: Kingsville, Texas — 1952 James Barber graduates from Texas A&M University. Not long after, he receives a coaching assignment in the Kingsville Public School System where he coaches track and football for five years. In 1957, he becomes one of the seven original coaches at South Houston. In 1967, he becomes assistant principal at San Jacinto Intermediate. Leaving in 1968, he becomes assistant principal at the newly completed Dobie

High School.

Cut to future: South Houston High School 1982. Mr. Hugh McGaugh, South Houston principal retires. Jumping to fill the void, Mr. James Barber returns to the school he had abandoned years earlier to fill the position.

"I didn't hesitate to take the job. I believed in this school and I'm not sorry for returning."

Considering his school the best in the district, Mr. Barber reflected, "The student body is the easiest to work with, and the parents are the most co-operative."

Mr. Barber felt that attitudes changed since he was first here. He also felt

that jobs and activities that drew from the school were the main reason that school spirit had declined. He felt that academic achievement was not what it once was, but considering the larger enrollment and the fact that South Houston was competing against more high schools, academic ranking was still one to be valued.

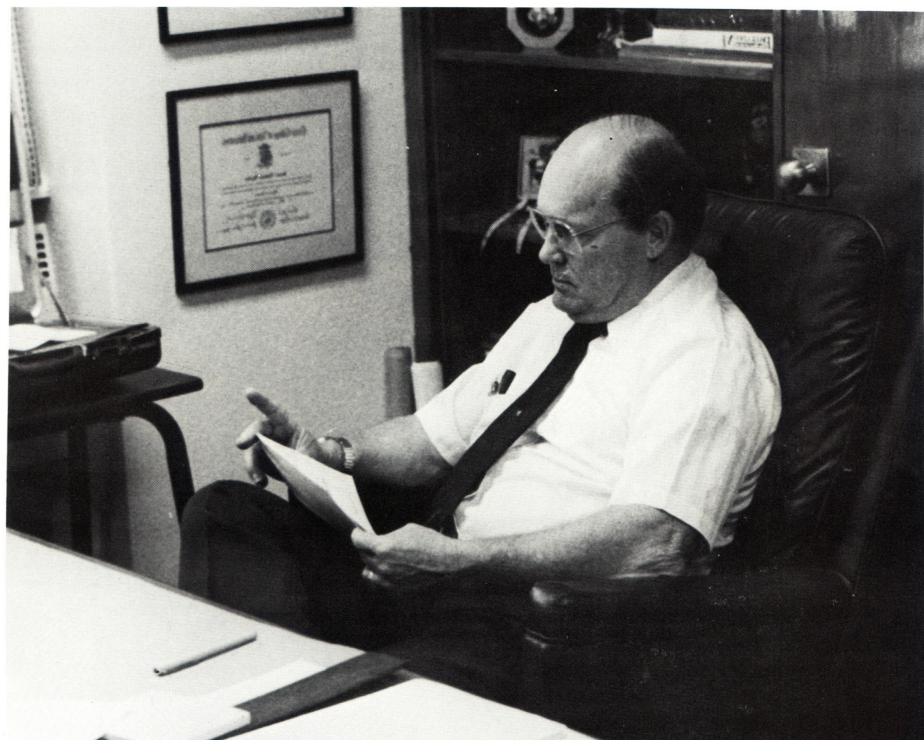
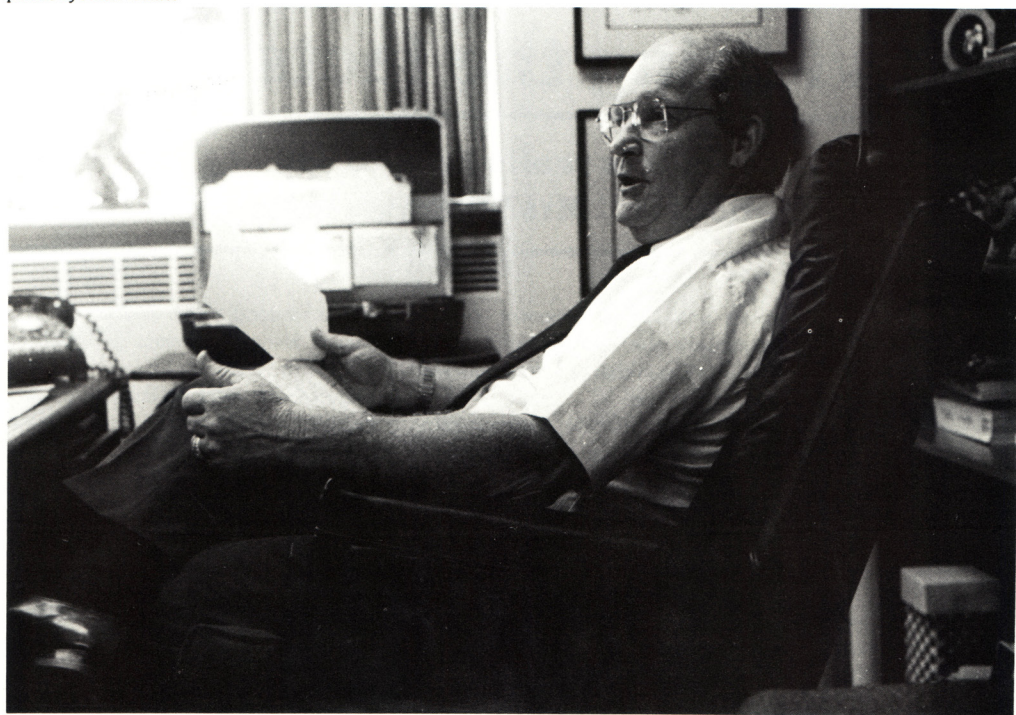
Summing it all up Mr. Barber stated, "I think of myself as a dedicated educator, but there is always room for improvement and I need to stay current. As educators, we exist for the students; they are the bottom line."

**John Royal**



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During Open House, Mr. Barber visited with parents in his office.



**Above:** With an authoritative glance, Principal Mr. James Barber pauses from his routine. **Left:** Hard at work, Mr. James Barber, principal, reviews some paperwork.

# Reviewing the facts

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**"I like my job. It is really hard to say what is best about it." Mrs. Jeanne Henson**

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Although they were noted mainly for their duties as disciplinarians, the associate and assistant principals fulfilled many other obligations.

Mr. Don Carter, associate principal, was in charge of junior and senior boys. In addition, he was responsible for the science, health, and physical education departments. Photography and R.O.T.C. classes were included in Mr. Carter's obligations.

Mr. Jeffery Ford, assistant principal, was accountable for the vocational trades classes. In addition, the mathe-

matics and law enforcement departments were also his responsibility. Mr. Ford was also in charge of freshman and sophomore boys.

Mrs. Anita Delafield, assistant principal, was in charge of freshman and sophomore girls. In addition, she was responsible for the co-op programs, drill team, social studies, and foreign language departments; also the orchestra, and resource classes.

Senior activities such as the senior prom, Beauties of Troy Pageant, and activities for Senior Day were just a few

of the responsibilities charged to Mrs. Jeanne Henson, assistant principal. In addition, the choral, band, cheerleaders, drama, journalism, art, English, and business departments were her obligations.

"I like my job. It is really hard to say what is best about it," pondered Mrs. Henson.

Whether acting as disciplinarians or administrators at school functions, they were extremely important to the management and operation of South Houston High.

**Barbara Spears**

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Assistant principal, Mr. Don Carter, answers one of the many questions which he encounters daily.

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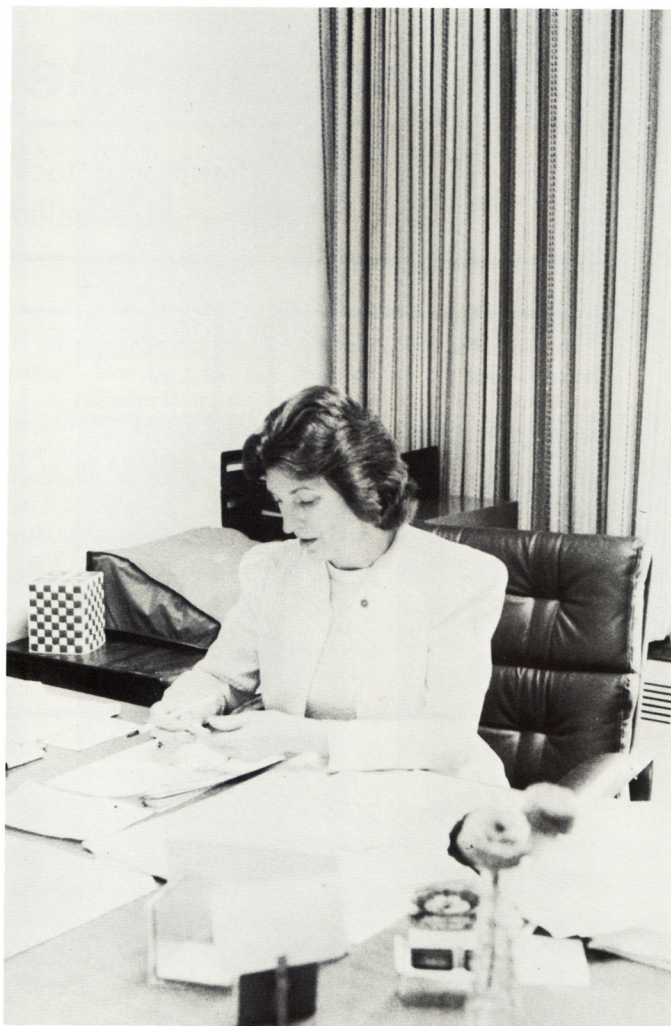


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**Top left:** Trying to eliminate some of her paperwork, Mrs. Jeanne Henson labors diligently at her desk. **Above:** During a busy day, Mrs. Anita Delafield works on one of the many duties that are required every day. **Left:** While in his office, Mr. Jeffrey Ford speaks with a student.

# Setting the standards

"I enjoy contact with people."  
Mrs. Sallie Bonner

A part of the faculty that was rarely recognized for its hard work was the office staff. At SoHo, these people were considered absolutely necessary. Mrs. Karon Rusch, attendance clerk with Mrs. Melba Wilson and Mrs. Betty Swick, said, "I enjoy being around the young people."

Receptionist, Mrs. Sallie Bonner, said, "I enjoy contact with people."

The counselors' secretary, Mrs. Frances Hoefar said she enjoyed, "Working with the nice people that I am with." Like Mrs. Rusch, Mrs. D. J. Sandel enjoyed, "Working with the kids."

These staff members did everything from keeping track of every student in the school to typing and filing for the principal or the assistant principals.

This hard working troop of ladies managed to keep things running smoothly despite hectic situations that arose daily.

**Shelley Howie**

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**Above:** At her desk, Mrs. Sallie Bonner does one of her many daily tasks. **Right:** In the attendance office, Mrs. Karon Rusch listens attentively to a student's question.





**Sallie Bonner**  
Receptionist



**Karen Stephens**  
Principal's Secretary



**D. J. Sandel**  
Assistant Principal's Secretary



**Bette Ramsey**  
Registrar



**Frances Hoefar**  
Counselors' Secretary



**Karon Rusch**  
Attendance Clerk



**Melba Wilson**  
Attendance Clerk



**Betty Swick**  
Attendance Clerk



**Jo Ann Tanner**  
Bookkeeper



**Right:** While pausing from her typing, Mrs. Francis Hoefar listens to a student.

# Who always has time?

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**“Mrs. Neves is a wonderful friend who is always there to give advice.” junior Georgiana Davis**

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A very special lady at SoHo made chaotic junior life more bearable. The special lady was class counselor, Mrs. Myra Neves.

She previously instructed the drill team at Galena Park High School. She also worked as an English and Creative Writing teacher at Queens Intermediate before transferring to South Houston in 1980 to work as a counselor. She began as freshman counselor, guiding students

through the new life of high school as she herself learned the “ropes” of being new. On working with high school students Mrs. Neves explained, “Even with all of the publicity about how poorly students are doing in school, I have faith in them and feel they are the best.”

Joining some of SoHo’s female students in creating a girls’ pep squad, Mrs. Neves became one of the squad’s sponsors. “Nobody could ask for a better

counselor. She is understanding, caring and is a loving person. Mrs. Neves is a wonderful friend who is always there to give advice or just to listen to your problems,” said junior Georgiana Davis.

This quality made her more than just another counselor. It made her a very special lady!!!

**Barbara Spears**

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Conferring with Mr. J.T. Lyday, freshman counselor Mrs. Georgia Erwin discusses scheduling for the next year.

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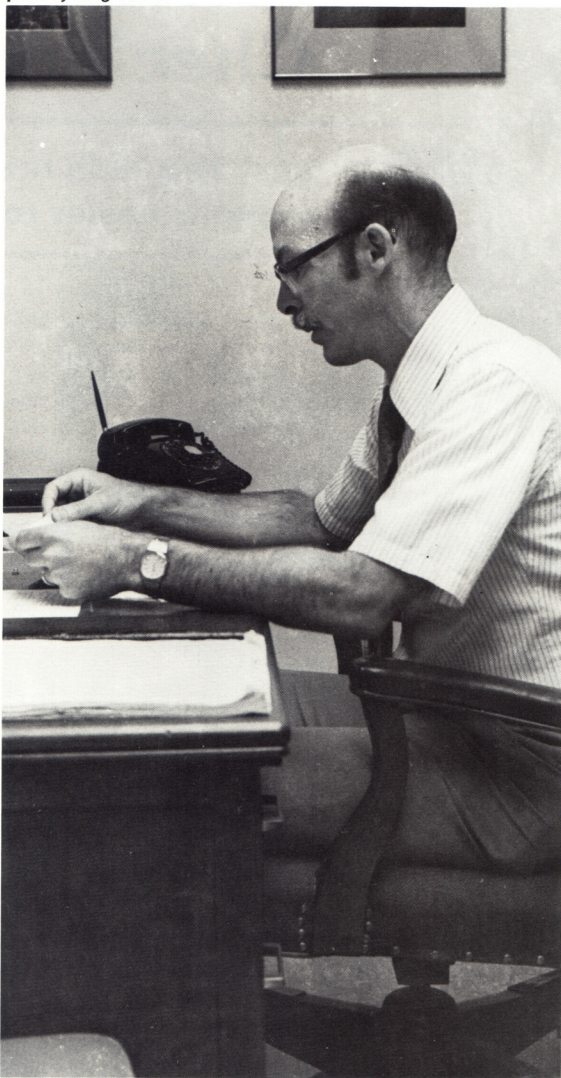
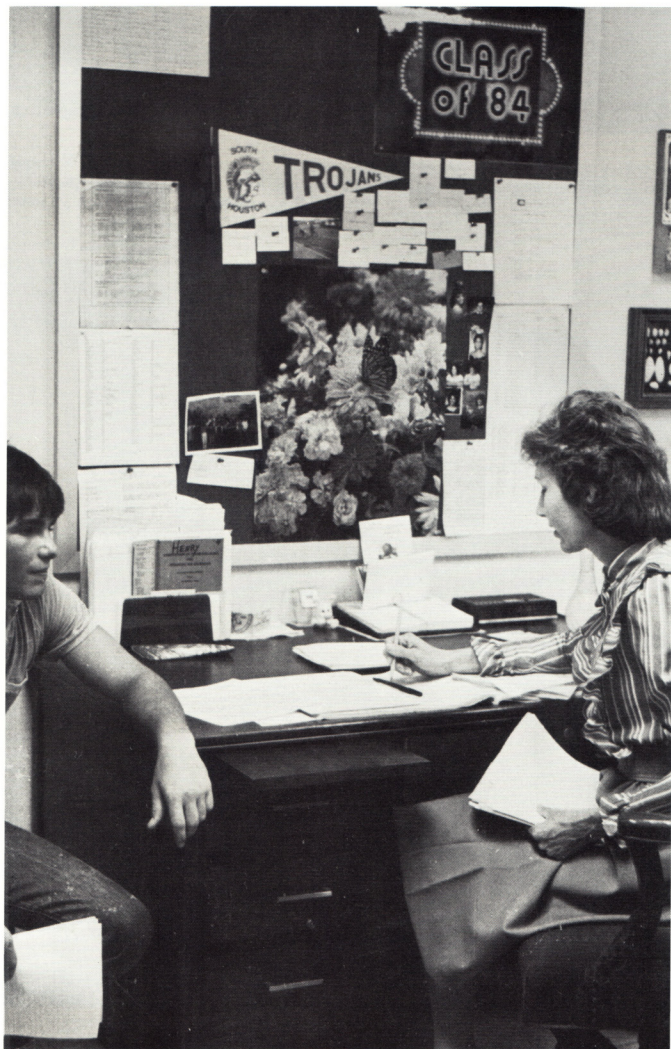


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**Top left:** While speaking with junior counselor, Mrs. Myra Neeves, junior Kim Besselman, gets advice concerning her schedule. **Above:** Looking over a student's schedule, sophomore counselor Mr. Dan Radar plans to send for students to discuss next year's schedule. **Left:** Assisting senior Dennie Teer, senior counselor Mrs. Sandra Henry helps him prepare for college.

# Checking out the library

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The atmosphere as one entered the doors leading into the Learning Resource Center (LRC) was a quiet and studious one.

Students were scattered around the room quietly flipping through magazines, reading books or browsing through the bookshelves. The library had been more than a place to merely check out books. In addition to the 20,000 volumes of books, there were televisions, video recorders, filmstrip

projectors and cassette recorders that could be used in the library. “Our summer school students tell students from other schools that SoHo’s library is the very best,” commented librarian Mrs. Billie Haley.

During class time students were often found working on research papers. “This was very helpful while I was working on my research paper,” said junior John May.

Before school, a congregation of

Chess Club members could often be found concentrating over the intricate game while other students came to the LRC to take advantage of the free National Honor Society tutoring services. “The NHS tutoring service made difficult assignments easier to understand,” reflected junior Carlos DeLeon.

“The library has been a convenient spot for study and research,” reflected junior Dana Johnson.

**Barbara Spears**

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Before school, students come into the library and study.

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**Right:** Mrs. Frances Bush types up overdue book notices. **Above:** Working on getting the books reshelfed, Mrs. Ruth Ford organizes checkout cards. **Below:** Searching for research paper material, senior De Ann Hammond pours through the files.

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# Fulfilling the terms

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**“We work to give the students who take our courses saleable skills in the world.” Captain Charles Butler**

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Did you have complaints about MacBeth? Were you disappointed with a tape you heard in German? Was your disgust with F.O.M. hard to contain? More often than not, you kept your feelings to yourself or else you competed in a shouting match with your teacher. However, you could have taken your complaint to a department head the person who supplied the teachers with materials and who coordinated different concepts into one deceptively simple plan that the teachers followed.

Some were hired as department heads, some were asked, some succeeded fellow department heads, some rotated with other teachers, some were the only ones in their departments, and some just had the staying power. Whatever the reason, they accepted the

position and buckled down to the work of keeping South Houston the ultimate high school.

On how department heads directly affected the students, Captain Charles Butler, head of NJROTC, responded, “I try to help high school students become responsible and mature citizens of their community.”

Mr. Don Craig, head of Voc., Coops., and Industrial Arts, backed up Captain Butler’s sentiments, “We work . . . to give the students who take our courses saleable skills in the world . . .”

Department heads also dealt with problems in the state of education. Most department heads felt that overcrowded classrooms and lack of interest were the main reasons for the poor state of education.

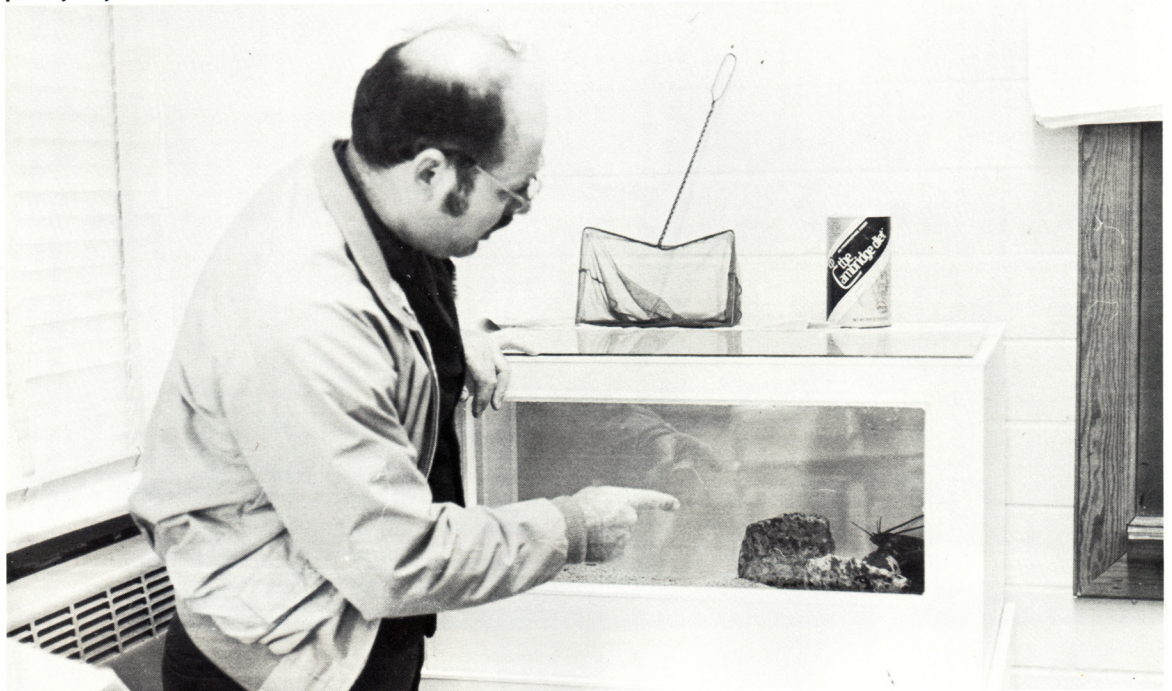
As for solutions, the teachers expressed belief in having higher emphasis placed on the basics, along with better pay for teachers. Mr. Nathan Veatch, head of the Science Department, felt that compulsory education should be ended.

As for the students, Miss Donna Haney, Drama Department head said, “They are okay as far as I’m concerned,” and Mrs. Barbara Lee, English Department head, “Loves them.”

Mr. Thomas Swan, Social Studies Department head, summed it all up when he said, “Except for a few Harold Farbs, I think they are exceptional and I don’t know how I would make it through the day without them.”

**John Royal**

photo by Tanya Snowden



Explaining how the unknown creature adapts to the beach, Mr. Nathan Veatch points to a glass front box.

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**Top left:** As Mr. Don Craig reviews the papers from his Industrial Arts class, he gives pointers for their next composition. **Middle left:** Planning a Drama Club meeting, Miss Donna Haney and junior Linda Hall discuss upcoming projects. **Bottom left:** Contemplating the anxiety of his students, Mr. Tom Swan grins as he tells students about a pop quiz. **Below:** Writing diligently, Captain Charles Butler reports about the activities of the ROTC. **Bottom right:** Teaching her British Literature class, Mrs. Barbara Lee talks about MacBeth.

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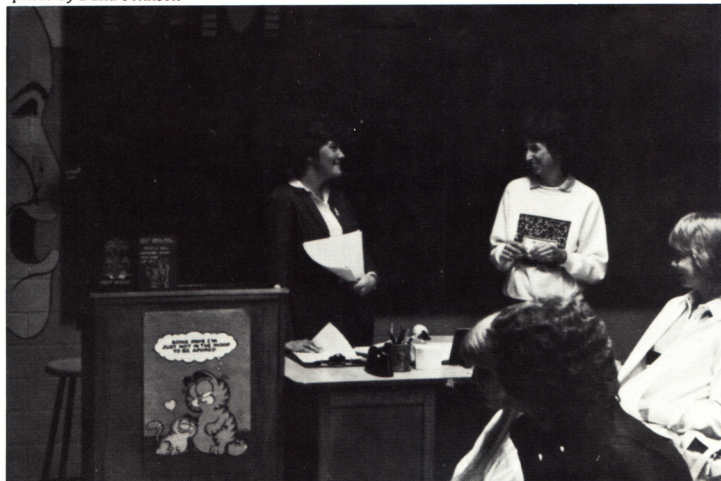


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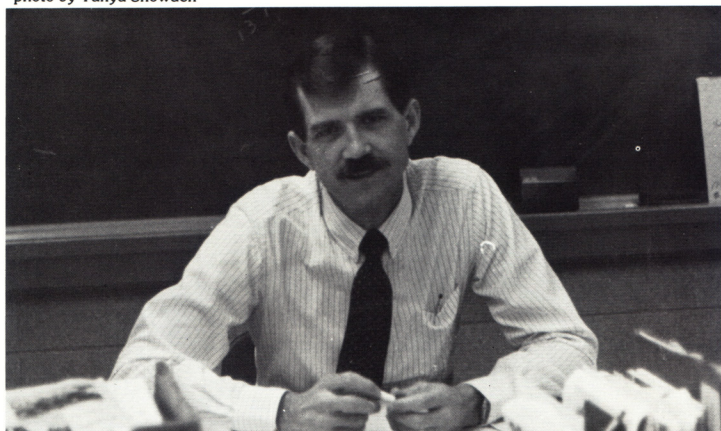


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# High school fever!

“Mrs. O’Neill and Mrs. Hall are easy to get along with.” senior Amy Dunn

When enrolling in school for the first time, one of the first places a new student encountered was the clinic. One had to get eyes, ears, and shot records checked before receiving a schedule.

Whether one was a new student, sick, or injured as he went through the clinic door he was greeted by the smiles of Mrs. Mary O’Neill, school nurse, and

Mrs. Belle Hall, her assistant.

An average of 75 ill or injured students went to the clinic each day. “But,” added Mrs. O’Neill, “The clinic is not just a place for people to come when they are sick. We also help students with personal, emotional, and sometimes even social problems.”

One may also have noticed the senior clinic assistants.

There was at least one in the clinic every period. These students requested to work in the clinic, and then were chosen by the senior counselor and Mrs. O’Neill.

Senior Amy Dunn said, “I really enjoy working in the clinic. Mrs. O’Neill and Mrs. Hall are easy to get along with.”

**Lisa Zoshak**



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During a discussion between parent and student, Mrs. Mary O’Neill advises sophomore George Higgins on having his shoulder X-rayed.

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**Top Left:** Lending a helping hand to a suffering student, Mrs. O'Neill displays her talents in the field of nursing. **Above:** While in the clinic, senior Robert Long observes Mrs. Mary O'Neill in action. **Bottom Left:** At the front desk, Mrs. Belle Hall demonstrates the process of checking a student into the clinic to clinic aide, senior Amy Dunn.

# The future unfolding

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**“After collecting information, I realized how much of an impact college had on my future.” junior Benjy Saldaña**

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Do I really have to score 1300 on the SAT? Do you offer a degree in Economics? These and many other similar questions were answered for prospective college students during the 1983 Pasadena Independent School District's College Night.

The annual College Night, held at Dobie High School on November 2, provided invaluable information to the area high school students. Colleges from Cambridge to Corsicana, each offering

academic programs as varied as their locale, sent representatives and counselors to discuss their respective school. More than 50 colleges, technical, military, and medical schools were represented. Questions concerning enrollment requirements, costs, and scholarships were on the evening's agenda. “College night was very informative. I learned the little things about college, such as the bad parking situations at large colleges and the fact that

Rice has no maximum or minimum SAT score,” commented junior Greg Bowie. “After collecting information and listening to college representatives speak, I realized how much of an impact college had on my future,” said junior Benjy Saldaña.

In all, students walked away with an armful of literature they were to ponder over in the fourthcoming spring semester!

**Joaquin Casamayor**

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**Right:** Making plans for the future is serious business, but sophomore Shelley Howie breaks the tension by joking with junior Lisa Zoshak about enrolling in an “all boys” college.

**Left:** Sophomore Shelley Howie points out some of the benefits of college life to junior Lisa Zoshak while sophomores Cynthia Damian and Valerie Stockie and junior Kim Kneblak look on.

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Looking through one of the many college brochures set out on college night, sophomore Valerie Stockie compares the advantages of one college to another.

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Deciding which college to attend is a major decision in life, so junior Kim Knebl takes her time and weighs the pros and cons of each college.

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While leafing through pamphlets students make early preparations for their future.

# Sensational substitute

**"I enjoyed school when I was growing up and I thought it would be an interesting occupation." Mrs. Jill Veatch**

A familiar face seen around South Houston High School had been Mrs. Jill Veatch, a favorite substitute teacher. "If I had my choice of substitutes, Mrs. Veatch would be the one I'd choose. She's a great teacher," said sophomore Shelley Howie.

Mrs. Veatch went to Cypress Fairbanks High School and then graduated from University of Houston. She wanted to be a teacher because, "I enjoyed school when I was growing up and I thought it would be an interesting occupation. Also, because I value education highly and I wanted to be part of an ex-

citing and important process in young peoples' lives."

Mrs. Veatch was a full time teacher for four years at Deer Park Junior High School, teaching sixth grade Geography. She became a substitute because she wanted to spend more time with her family, but she seriously thought of returning to full-time teaching when her daughter was in college.

Mrs. Veatch really enjoyed the students. She was glad to get to know them. She watched them grow and change as they went through their four high school years. She felt, "It is impor-

tant for young people to know that there are other adults besides the parents that value them."

"I like to become friends with the students as long as it does not invade the privacy of either one of us," explained Mrs. Veatch.

"As a teacher I really hope I have let some students know that I appreciate them as an individual — with their own set of ideas, dreams, and problems," concluded Mrs. Veatch.

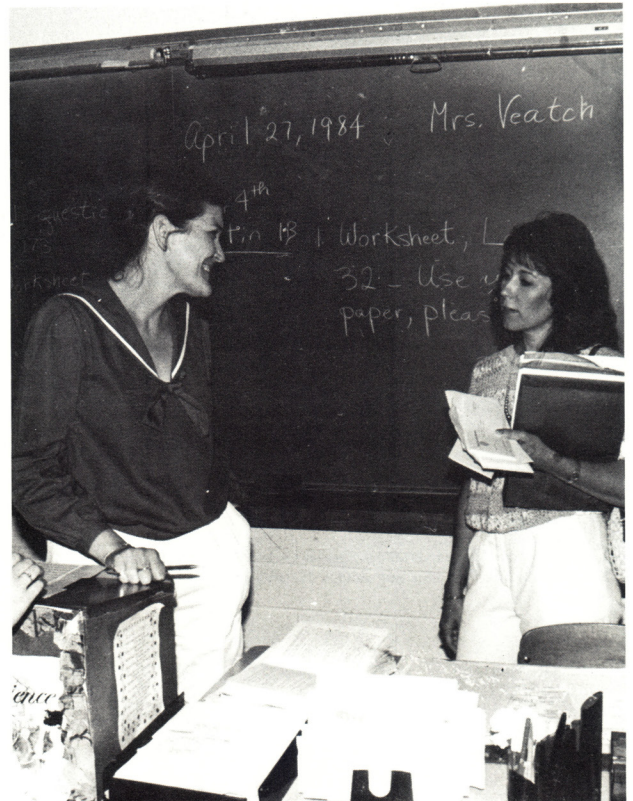
**Rhonda Millin**



**Above:** While substituting for a World History class, Mrs. Jill Veatch attentively listens to a student's question concerning the day's lesson.

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**Below:** While conversing with Child Development teacher, Mrs. Kathy Domescik, Mrs. Jill Veatch, welcomes a break from her teaching.





**Mrs. Marsha Bagley, B.S.,**  
M.A., Geometry, Intro. Algebra  
**Mrs. Betty Baker, B.S.,**  
Geometry, Algebra  
**Miss Janet Barnett, B.A.,**  
M.A., English, American History  
**Mrs. Peggy Blackmon, B.S.,**  
English

**Mrs. Rosita Boening, B.A.,**  
German, Latin  
**Mrs. Martha Brockman,**  
R.N., B.S.N., M.Ed., Health  
Occupations  
**Mr. Charles Butler, ROTC**  
**Mr. Harold Cantwell, B.S.,**  
M.S., Electricity

**Miss Marsha Carlisle,**  
B.M.Ed., Choir  
**Mr. Greg Clary, B.S.,** General  
Business, American History,  
Basketball  
**Mr. Don Craig, B.S., M.Ed.,**  
CVAE  
**Mr. Jimmy Crane, B.S.,** World  
History, Intro. Algebra

**Mrs. Madge Crumpler, A.A.,**  
B.A., Journalism, Cheerleaders,  
Publications Sponsor  
**Mrs. Kathy Dittmar, B.A.T.,**  
Art, English  
**Mrs. Kathy Domesick, B.S.,**  
H.Ed., Child Development,  
Homemaking  
**Mrs. Georgette Dredge,**  
B.A., M.S., Resource Science,  
Law, Geography

**Mrs. Hazel Elsea, B.S.,**  
Shorthand, Accounting  
**Miss Ruth Ford, B.A., M.A.,**  
Librarian  
**Miss Debbie Fuchs, B.S.,**  
M.A., Health, Physical  
Education  
**Mr. Mike Gardner, B.S.,**  
Health, FOM, Baseball

# Coon — a teacher and a friend

**“I enjoy some of the theoretical questions students ask.” Mrs. Barbara Coon**

In the midst of public debate concerning inadequacies in our present scholastic system, it was refreshing to note that members of South Houston's faculty upheld the character that was often disassociated with them. Such a member of our faculty was Mrs. Barbara Coon. Her sincere concern over students both in and out of the classroom won her the respect and friendship of her pupils.

While busy teaching Physics and Algebra classes, Mrs. Coon found time to sponsor two organizations: Mu Alpha Theta and the Junior Engineering

Technical Society (JETS). Her duties included taking students to math and science tournaments, bringing guest speakers to club meetings, as well as coordinating the annual JETS trip to Texas A&M University. One of her future goal plans included trying to begin a tutorial service with the MAT students.

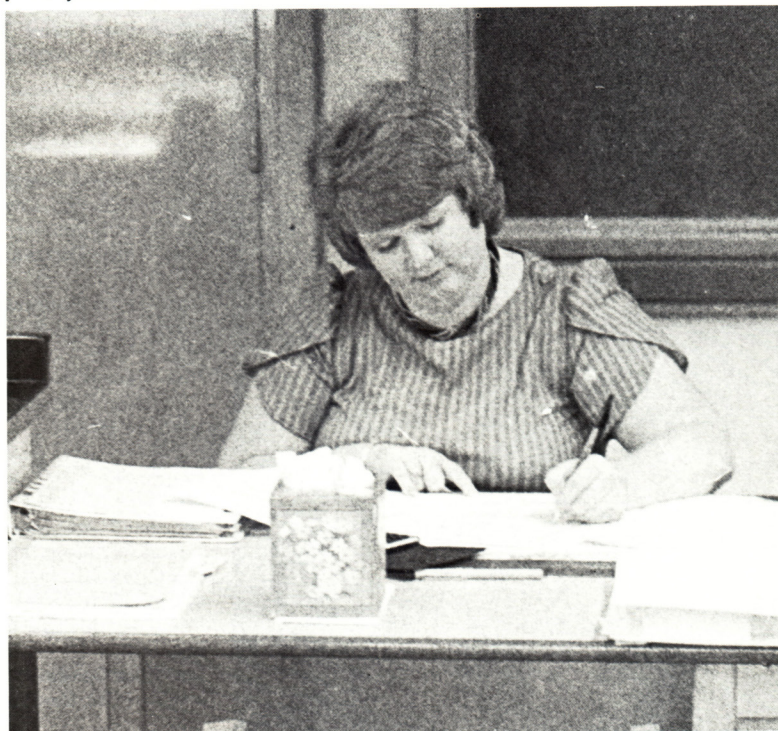
Mrs. Coon enjoyed, “Getting to know my students and becoming a part of their lives.” She felt a way of accomplishing this was to attend the extra-curricular activities in which her students participated.

This included going to school musical productions, athletic events, and other school functions. “To see the students excel in other areas,” as she remarked. In response to the question of what she likes about teaching, Mrs. Coon simply replied, “I enjoy some of the theoretical questions students ask.”

Possessing the qualities of an excellent educator, the teaching profession and South Houston High proudly claimed Mrs. Coon as one of their own.

**Joaquin Casamayor**

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**Left:** During her conference period, Mrs. Barbara Coon chooses to grade papers. **Above:** Taking valuable class time, Mrs. Barbara Coon answers a question.



**Mrs. Ella Gauthier, B.S.,**  
Intro., Algebra, Geometry  
**Mr. Sargent Gerstle, A.A.,**  
B.S., M.S., Intro. Chemistry,  
Chemistry  
**Mrs. Barbara Gorman, B.A.,**  
World History BAS Government  
**Miss Donna Haney, B.A.,**  
Drama, Speech

**Mrs. Marcellina Harrell,**  
B.A., Spanish  
**Mrs. Barbara Harris, B.A.,**  
M.A., Developmental Reading,  
BAS Reading, English  
**Mrs. Billie Hayley, B.B.A.,**  
M.L.S., Library Assistant  
**Mrs. Alice Marie**  
**Hejtmank, B.S.,** Physical  
Science

**Mrs. Sandra Henry, B.S.,**  
M.Ed., Counselor  
**Miss Jill Hickman, B.A.,**  
Marketing and Distributive  
Education  
**Mrs. Julia Jay, B.A., M.A.,**  
English  
**Miss Nan Kimball, B.S.,**  
English, J.V. Basketball

**Mr. Thomas Loftus, Comp.**  
Art, Art  
**Mrs. LeAnn Lyczany, B.S.,**  
M.S., Resource English, Math  
**Mrs. Dixie Mauney, B.S.,**  
M.S., Vocational Office  
Education  
**Mrs. Debbie McNabb, B.A.,**  
Biology, Intro. Chemistry, Intro.  
Physics

**Mr. Larry Mitchell, B.S.,**  
Health, Physical Science, P.E.  
**Mrs. Betty Munz, B.S.,**  
Algebra, Computer Math  
**Mrs. Mary O'Neill, R.N.,**  
Nurse  
**Miss Majorie Paben, B.S.,**  
M.A., Physical Education

# Parental involvement

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**“This gave parents a chance to meet the teachers that their kids always talked about.” junior David Riddle**

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To celebrate Texas Public Schools Week, South Houston High School held a Parents' Night on March 6.

As parents gathered in the auditorium, teachers opened their rooms and assembled demonstrations.

Mr. Barber opened the program with a few introductions and a brief speech

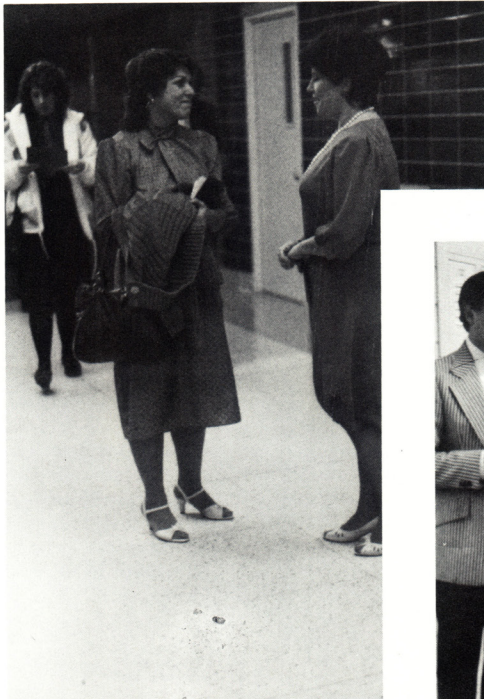
concerning House Bill 246 and its affect on education. Then parents were dismissed to visit with teachers and to walk around the building.

“This gave parents a chance to meet the teachers that their kids always talked about,” commented junior David Riddle.

The idea of the Open House was to involve parents in their child's education and to muster support.

Junior Barbara Spears explained, “The Open House gave parents the opportunity to display their interest in the student's daily routine and activities.”

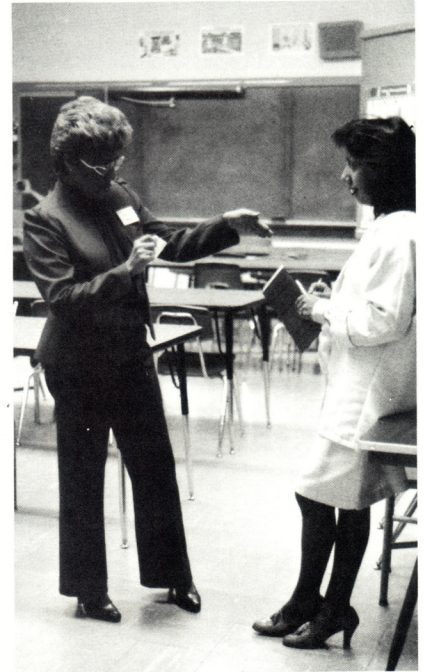
**Georgiana Davis**



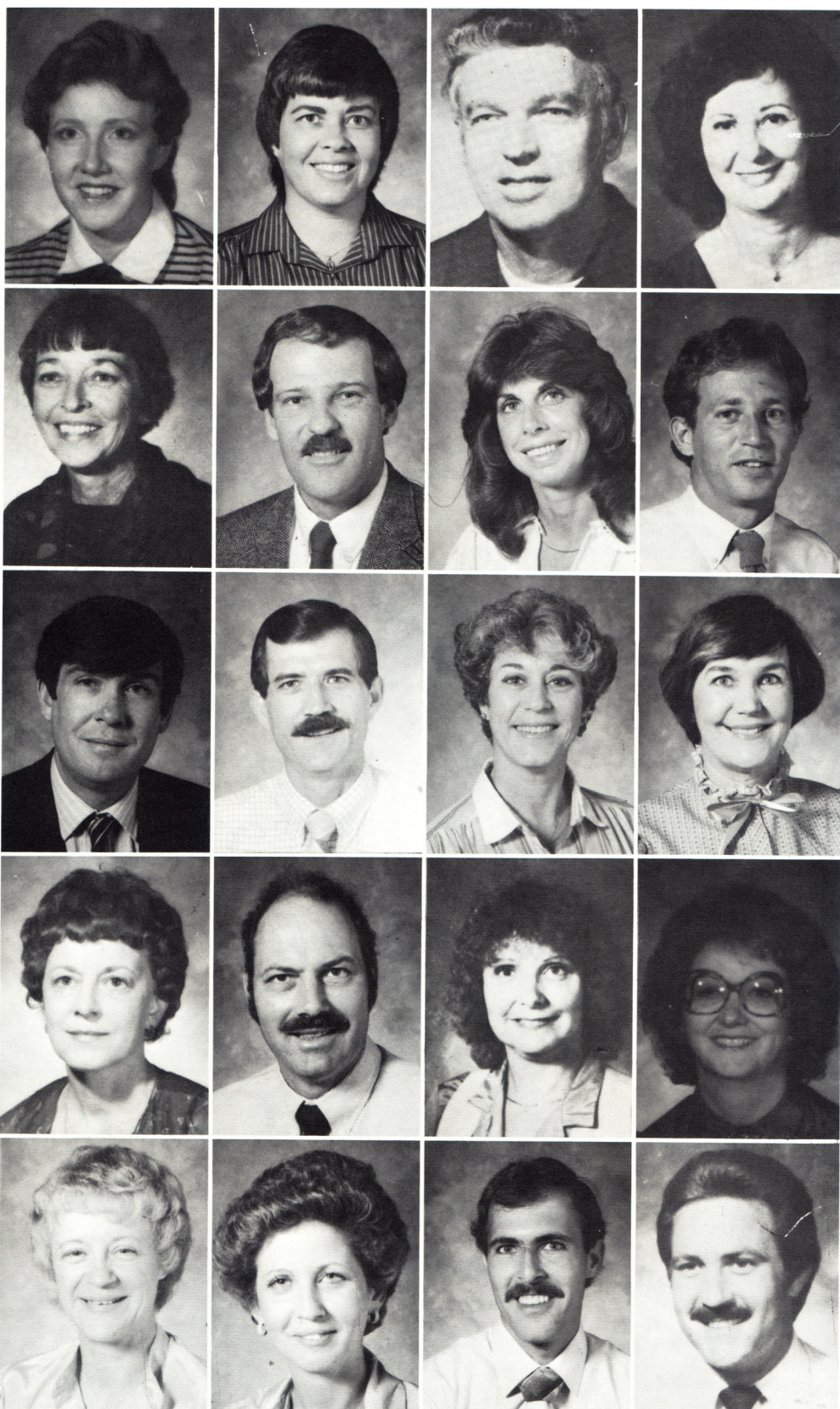
Pleasantly conversing with a parent, Mrs. Glenda Pewthers enjoys discussing students with their parents.



Discussing different teaching techniques, Mr. Tom Hancock, visiting Pasadena High School principal, and Mr. Ashton Taylor, meet during Open House.



Explaining some of her teaching techniques, Mrs. Martha Brockman speaks with a parent concerning the HOE program.



**Miss Chris Pringle**, B.S., HECE  
**Miss Sally Schott**, B.M.,  
 M.M.Ed., Choir, Advanced Music  
**Mr. Douglas Scott**, B.S., M.Ed.,  
 Physical Education  
**Mrs. Sue Shelton**, B.B.A., Office  
 Machines, Typing

**Mrs. June Sledge**, B.S., M.A.,  
 English  
**Mr. Alan Smith**, B.A., M.A.,  
 Resource Math  
**Mrs. Meg Sodon**, B.S., English  
**Mr. Andy Stewart**, B.S., English,  
 Football, Basketball

**Mr. Mark Stubbs**, B.A., M.A.,  
 English, American History  
**Mr. Thomas Swan**, B.A., M.A.,  
 Government  
**Mrs. Carol Taylor**, B.A., English  
**Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor**, B.A.,  
 French, E.S.L.

**Mrs. Gwen Taylor**, B.A., M.A.,  
 English  
**Mr. Nathan Veatch**, B.S., M.E.,  
 Biology, Marine Biology  
**Mrs. Mary Jane Wasylak**, B.S.,  
 Accounting, General Business,  
 Intro. Algebra  
**Mrs. Carol Weston**, B.Ed., B.S.,  
 Biology

**Mrs. Patricia Westwood**, B.A.,  
 M.E., English  
**Mrs. Randa Wheat**, B.S., English  
**Mr. Bryan White**, B.S., Math,  
 Tennis  
**Mr. John White**, B.A., Sociology,  
 World History

# Special lady bids farewell

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**“Her students respect and like her in a subject that is generally considered hard.” Mrs. Barbara Lee**

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“She gives to others very quietly.”

“She radiates to others.”

“She is a very gracious lady.”

“To know her is to love her.”

These were just a few comments received by faculty and students when asked about Mrs. Dorothy Williams, head of the Math Department. Mrs. Williams, after 23 years of service at South Houston, retired in January of 1984.

Mrs. Williams received her Bachelor

of Arts degree from Texas Women's University. Since then, she had taken courses at San Jacinto Junior College, Sam Houston State University, and University of Houston. When she first started at SoHo 23 years ago, she taught all business math. The second year, she taught all algebra. “Then, the year Dobie was built, was when I became head of the Math Department,” remembered Mrs. Williams.

At the turn of the century, the French novelist Anatole France wrote, “All changes have their melancholy; for what we leave behind us is a part of ourselves.” Mrs. Williams will be missed by both students and faculty for the 23 years of smiles she added to the halls of South Houston and the generosity that she shared with everyone she met.

**Mike Kastensmidt  
David Estes**

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After 23 years of successful teaching, Mrs. Dorothy Williams shows off some of the gifts she receives at her retirement party while family members look on.

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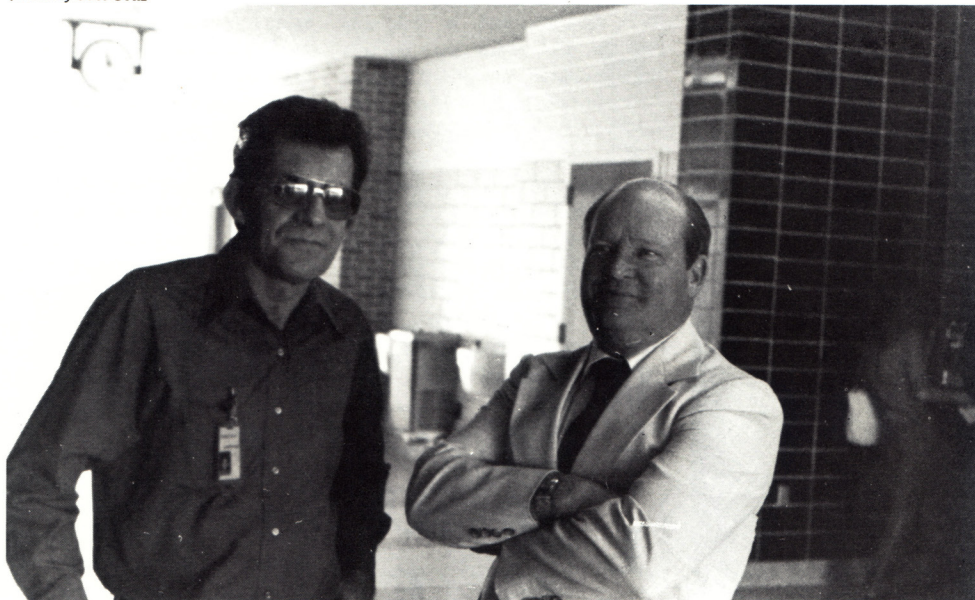


Mr. Barber presents a gift of crystal glass to the retiring Mrs. Williams.



**Mrs. Dorothy Williams**,  
B.A., Trigonometry, Algebra  
**Mrs. Kitty Wilson**, B.A.  
Chemistry, Physics  
**Mrs. Betty Wippert**, B.A.,  
English  
**Mrs. Kathy Zografos**, B.S.,  
English, Home and Family  
Living, Child Development

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**Left:** Congratulating Mr.  
Wilton Thibodeaux on the  
cleanliness of the building,  
Principal Mr. James Mr.  
Barber smiles.

**Left:** Between classes custo-  
dians, Linda Elizondo and  
Margarita Villanueva, keep  
the halls swept clean.

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