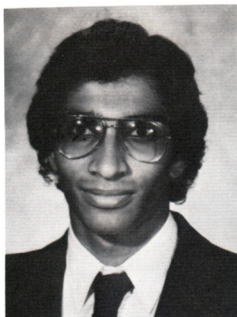
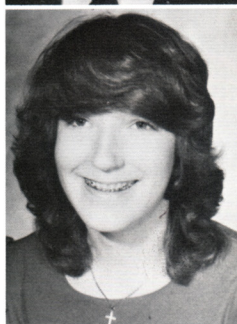


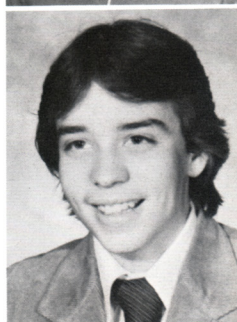
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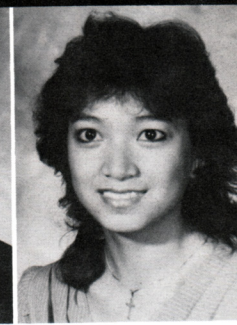
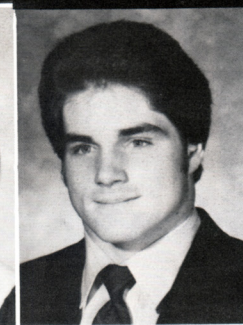
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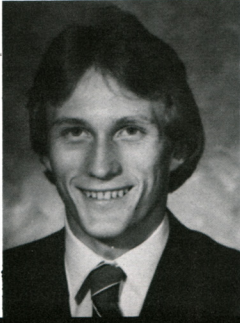


THE TWELETH YEAR PLAQUE

There was a terrible disease in the world that struck primarily high school students. This disease rendered the students unable to do schoolwork. Found most predominantly among high school seniors, this disease was called Senioritis.

Senior-i-tis (senyer-i-tis) n. a disease that attacks high school students. Seniors were attacked the most, and the attacks usually occurred towards the end of the school year. (adj. Se-nior-i-tic syn. schoolitis . . . lazy . . . I was sick . . . I was too busy . . . I forgot . . . who cares . . . let's go to the beach . . . wish school was over.)

The symptoms for senioritis included skipping school, sleeping in classes, sleeping at home when one should be sleeping in class, a tendency to go to the beach when one should be sleeping in class, just plain goofing off, and an attitude of who really cares why MacBeth killed the king.



Aronhalt, Toyia
Atkins, Paul
Austin, Cherie
Avery, Amy

It was a day in late April. The alarm rang and was then shut off. Seeing that it was going to be a great day, you went back to sleep. The next day, you showed up at school with a great tan; your excuse read "personal illness." Strike one up for Senioritis.

The disease usually struck in the second semester of the school year. For most seniors it was their last semester of high school and they wanted out.

You finished yawning and continued staring out of the window. Just as you were about to drift off into an imaginery world, your teacher

broke into your train of thought. She asked what you were doing and you mumbled a few answers. Not satisfied, she asked you to start reading from your literature book. Since you were not paying attention, you cannot find your place. Strike up another one for Senioritis.

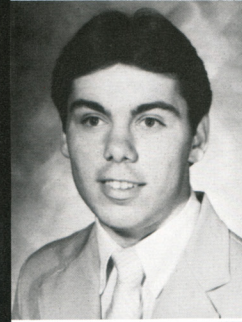
The last week of school approached along with all of the final exams. You struggled up to school and slept through class. The exams came and you flunked. Strick three and you were out.

There was only one known cure for Senioritis: Graduation!!

John Royal



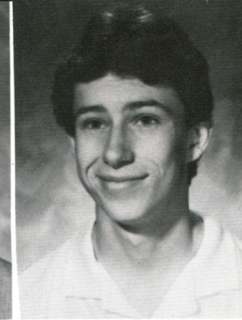
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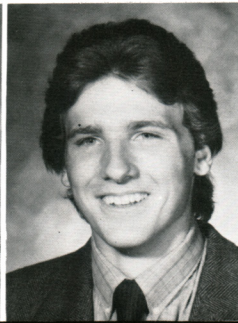


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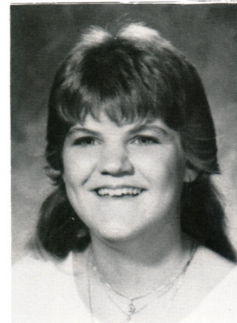
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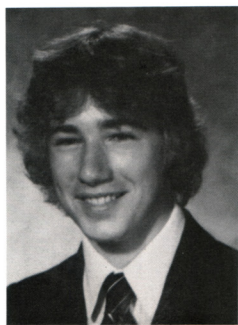
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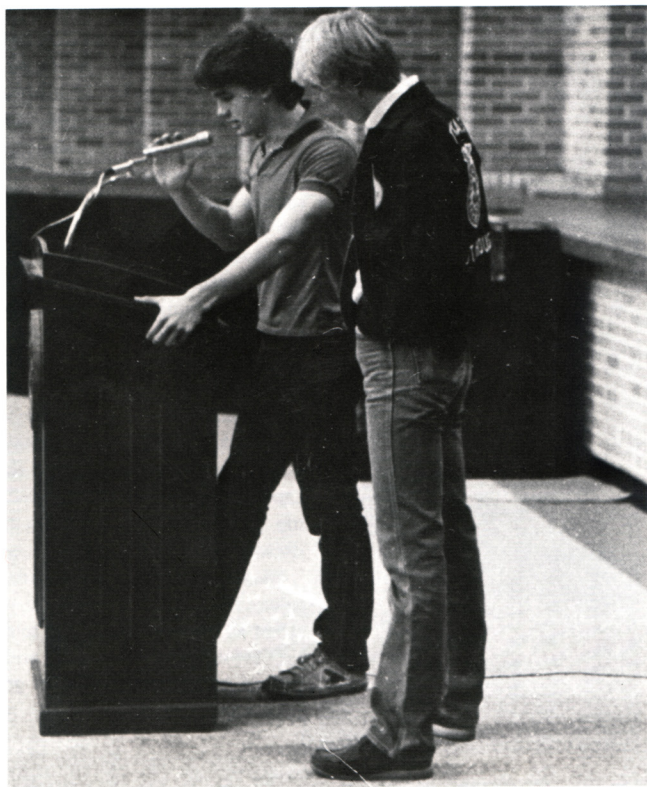
Being involved in school politics was a great honor, and senior Gary Tiller was thrilled to be elected Student Body Vice-President. Gary ran for this office because he felt he had a responsibility to exert his leadership abilities for the betterment of South Houston.

Gary's duties were to work with the Student Council and help organize the council's projects. He also assisted the Student Body President, David Hyden, in making committee appointments and planning meetings.

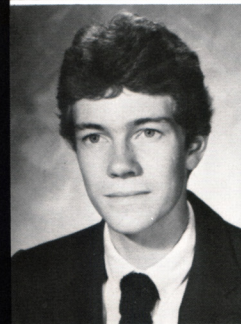
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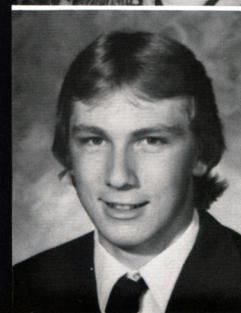
At the podium, seniors David Hyden and Gary Tiller run a Trojan Council meeting fulfilling their duties as Student Body President and Vice-President.



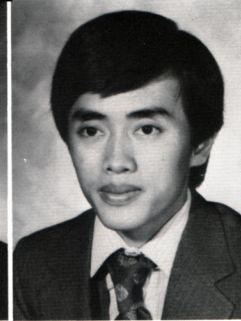
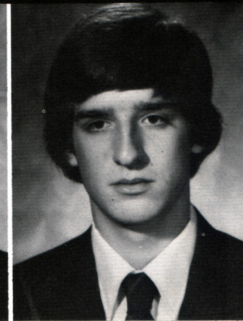
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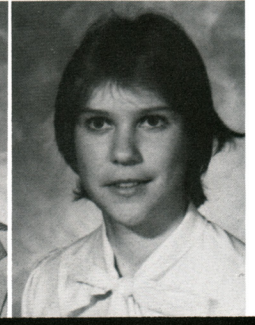
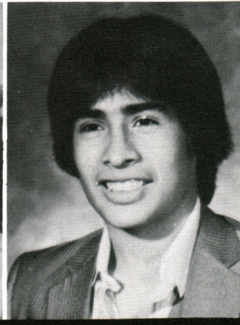
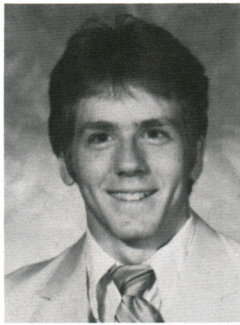


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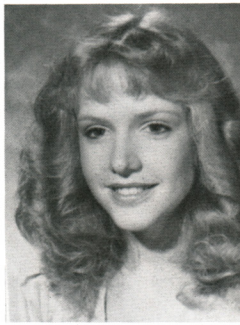


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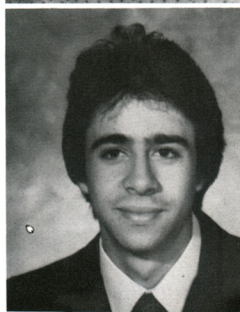
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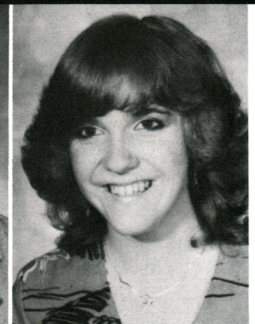
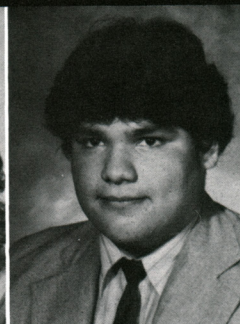
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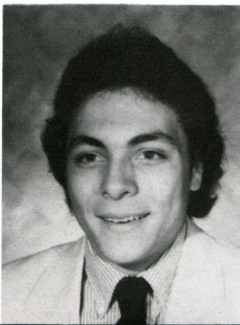
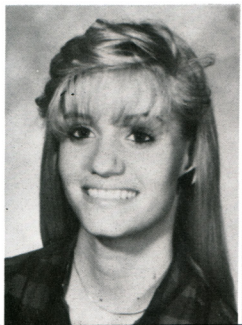


GOING FURTHER

As the end of the year approached, seniors were faced with the problem of what to do after graduation. Would the senior go to work, or would he go on to college? That decision was not too hard; however, because most of the seniors had already decided. No, the hard choice for most students was where they were going to go to college, and for most of the college bound students, the choice was difficult.

Senior Glen West spent most of his year trying to make a choice between Texas A&M and Baylor. He finally chose Baylor, "Because it is a good school and I liked their Law Enforcement division. Besides, my parents are paying for it so I decided, why not?"

Senior Craig Wagener had an easier decision. For him it was A&M all the way. "I wanted to major in computer science and I picked A&M because of their good reputation," he said.



Carlile, Kendall
Carrillo, Greg
Cash, Lynn
Castillo, Veronica

The choice was just as easy for Robert Richards who decided to go to Texas and major in engineering. "My sister goes there and it seemed like everybody had a happy attitude. It was Texas all the way."

Some students did not have much of a choice where to go. Billy Ellis chose San Jacinto Junior College, "Because they can't turn me down."

In the end, the choice between whether to attend Harold Farb University or Bro State proved to be too much for a few of the weak hearted. But for those who survived, nothing matched their joy when they saw that magical letter stating, "That I (president of school's name goes here), would like to welcome you to our school."

John Royal

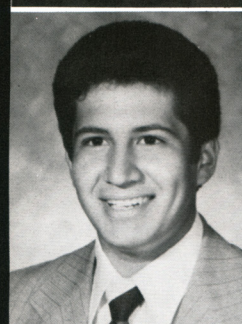
photo by Brian Walker



While deciding on what college to attend, senior Marjorie Evans thumbs through a University of Texas catalogue.



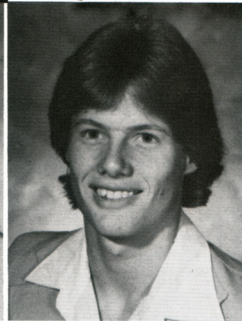
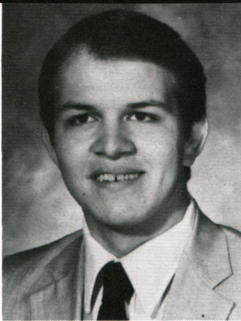
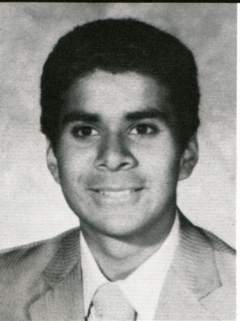
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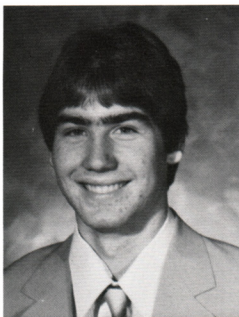
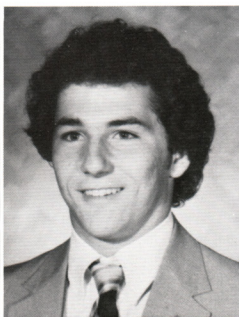


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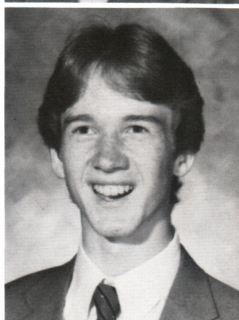
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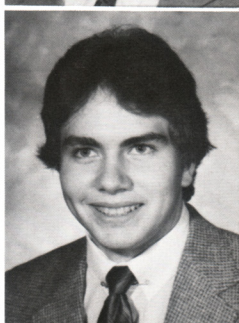
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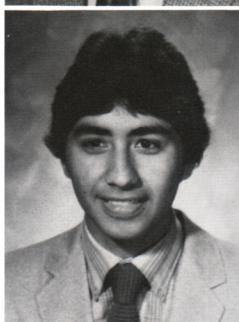
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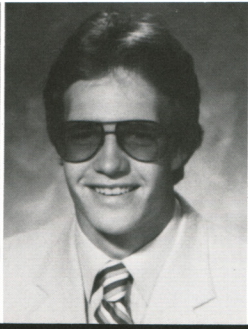
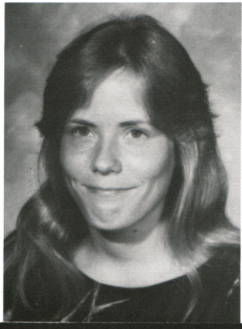
BEAUTY . . .

L O R I L O V E L Y

Senior Lori Prichard felt very honored being named one of the five Beauties of Troy. She said modestly that she was "Quite surprised."

Lori's job kept her busy but she still managed to find time to be involved in some school activities. She was in band and on the flag corps for two years, she was a homeroom representative for one year, and she was actively involved in VOE as a reporter. She was also nominated for Who's Who Among American High School Students. Lori planned to go to college and study to be a paralegal, or lawyer's assistant. Lori related that her favorite classes were taught by Mrs. Kathy Domescik. Lori's hobbies included aerobics, twirling, modeling, and going to the beach.

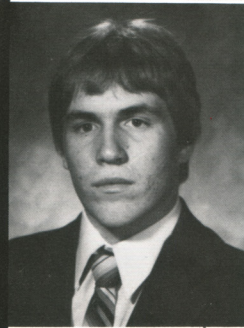
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Driver, Stephanie



During the Beauties of Troy Pageant, senior Lori Prichard anxiously awaits the announcement of the five winners.



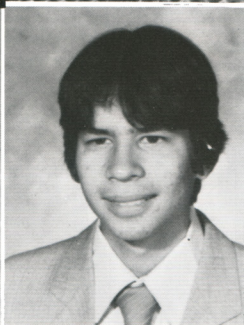
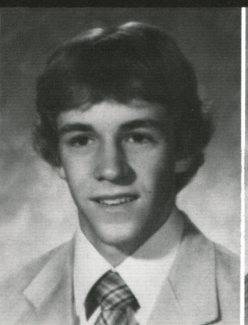
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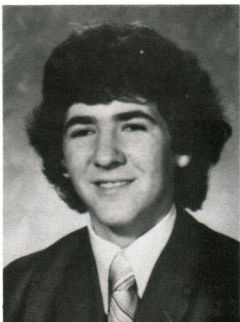
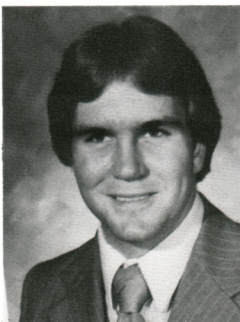
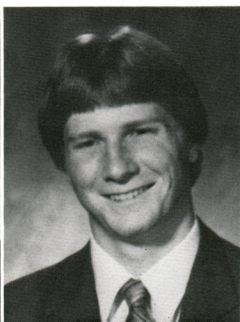
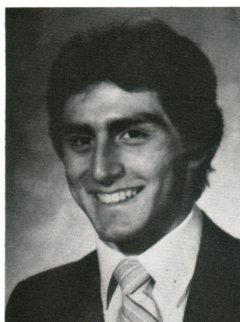


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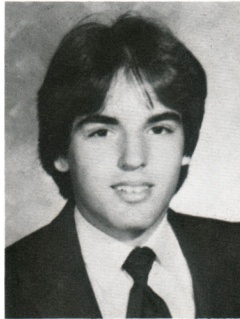


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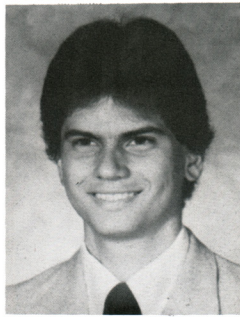
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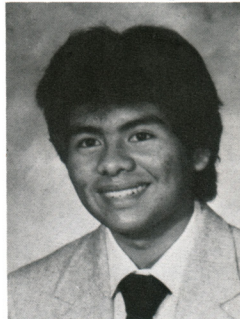
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Beauty . . .

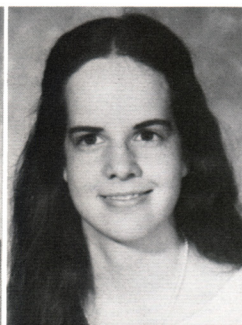
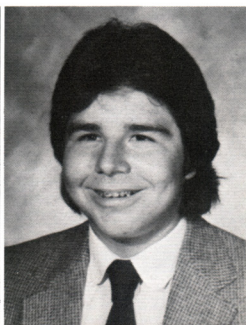
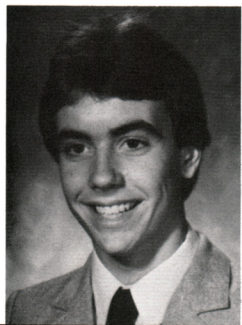
M A R V E L O U S M I C H E L L E

When named a Beauty of Troy, Michelle Garcia could do nothing but giggle and say, "I was real excited."

Michelle also held such titles as Cinco de Mayo queen, cheerleader of the week, and Secretary of the Spanish Club. She participated in cheerleading for two years, FHA for one, Spanish Club for three, and volleyball for two. She was also homeroom representative for four years.

Michelle wanted to be a computer operator. She planned to attend San Jacinto Junior College for one year and then to continue her studies at the University of Houston.

Michelle said she learned a great deal in Mrs. Kathy Domescik's Child Development class, but her favorite class was cheerleading. "It taught me how to be responsible and gave me a chance to be a leader and a follower at the same time. It made me realize how im-



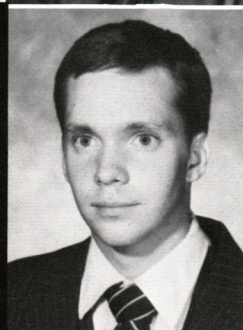
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Evans, Marjorie
Ewert, Cheryl

portant the closeness of a squad has to be to make things work. I love all the people that have been on the two different squads with me."

Shannon Brinegar



After being named Beauty of Troy, senior Michelle Garcia receives a congratulatory hug from a fellow contestant.



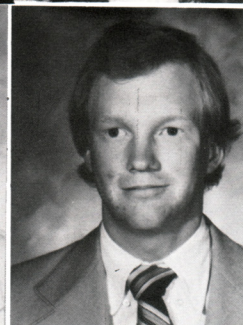
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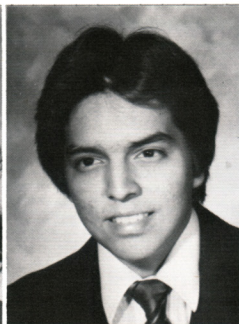


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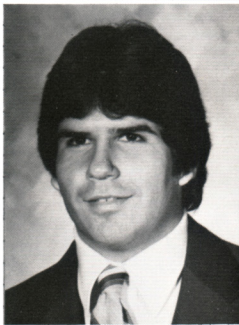


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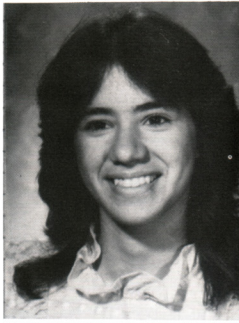
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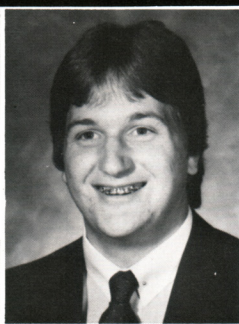
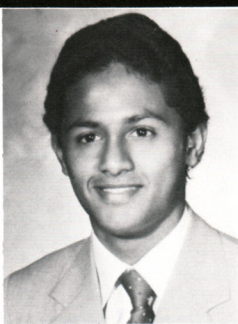
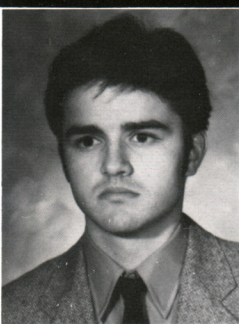
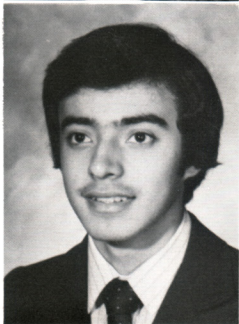
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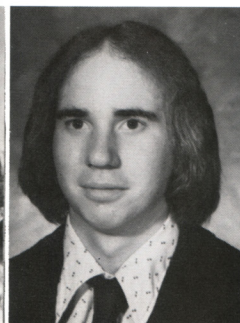
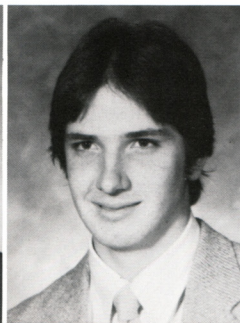
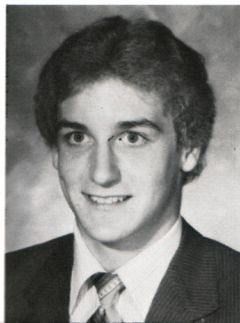
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BEAUTY...

S P A R K L I N G S H E L L Y

Shelly Callon was thrilled about being one of the few who could hold the admirable title "Beauty of Troy." This was an honor that added to her list of achievements. Her main involvement was in choir. She was in A capella Choir for four years, Chamber Choir for three and Company Eight for three years. She held two choir offices: head of Company Eight and treasurer of the entire choir. Other school activities included serving as homeroom representative for four years and being elected as Junior Rotarian, Who's Who and Semper Donantes. Shelly planned to go to Baylor University and major in special education. It made sense that Mrs. Kathy Domesick's Child Development class was her favorite since her goals included working with mentally, physically, and handicapped children to help them better cope with life. Her hobbies included swimming, water skiing, and doing artwork and crafts.



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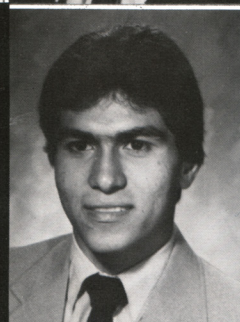
"Choir has taught me self discipline and has given me a sense of responsibility. I've learned how

to be a leader and work well with others."

Shannon Brinegar



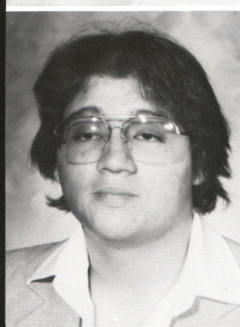
Senior Shelly Callon displays the beauty and poise which gained her the title of Beauty of Troy.



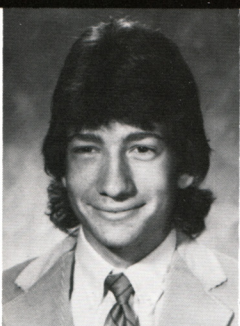
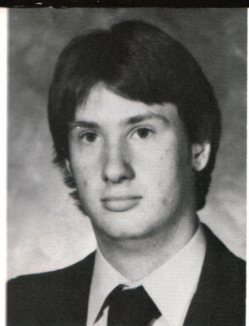
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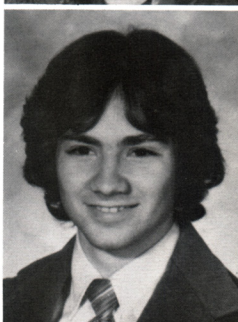
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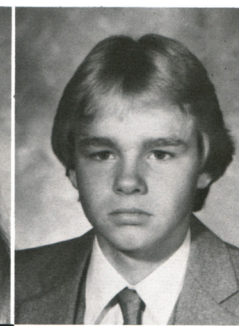
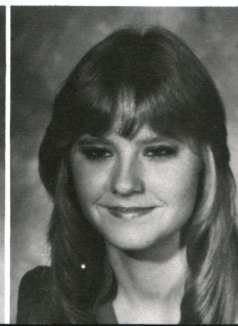
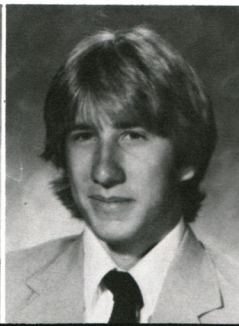
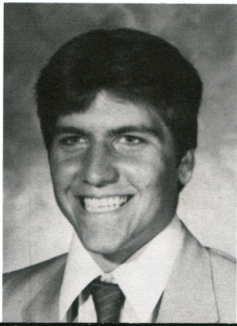
Beauty . . .

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Rebecca Reid was "shocked" about being announced as one of the winners of South Houston's beauty pageant.

She said that she felt uncomfortable with her interview, but obviously, it had not turned out the way she thought. Rebecca had reached this point in many pageants and was even named "Most Photogenic." "It was an experience being in a pageant with friends. I thought all of them looked beautiful. It was so nice seeing them dressed up and looking gorgeous," she said.

In school, her main interest was in Distributive Education. This was to help her out with her job that took up much of her time. "D.E. has meant the world to me. I know that my future will be more because of it. Mrs. Hickman has taught me what I need to know to succeed with my job and in life," Rebecca explained.



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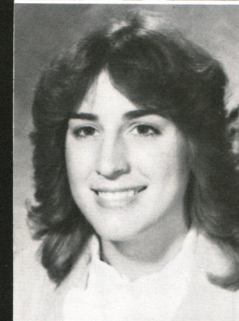
She planned to further her education in college and major in fashion. She would like to be either a fashion merchandiser or a model. When not working, Rebecca found

time to watch television, go out of town, or argue with her little brother.

Shannon Brinegar



Awaiting the judges decision, senior Rebecca Reid smiles at the audience.



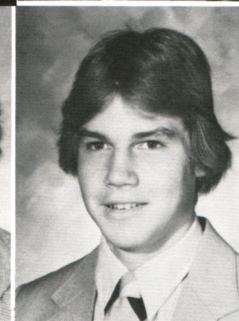
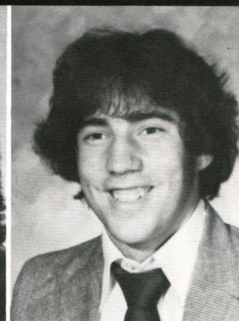
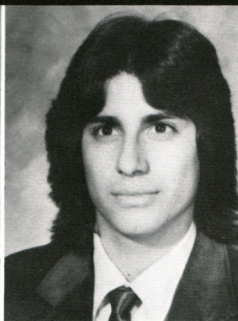
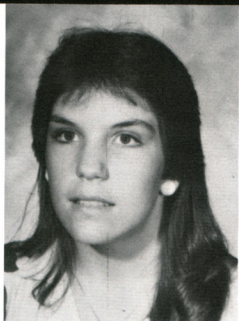
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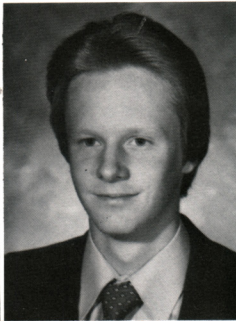
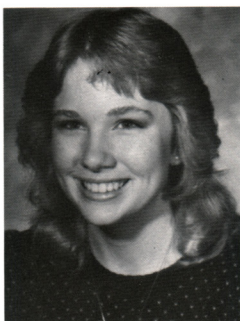


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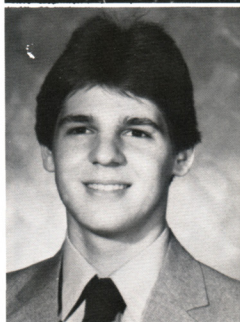


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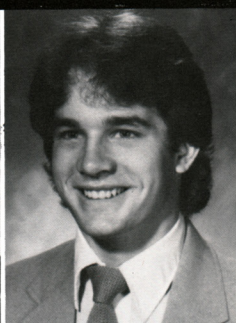
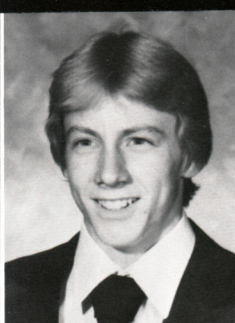
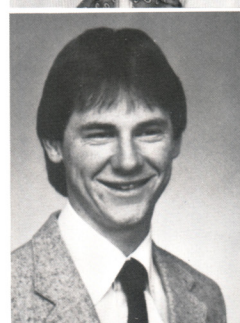
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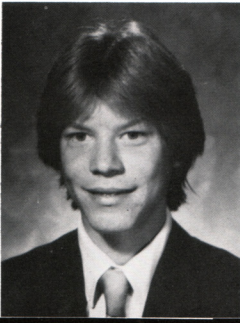
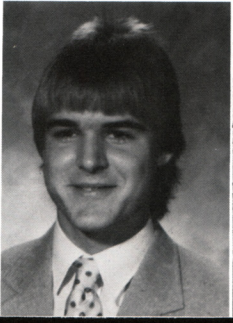
R E C U R R I T E S F A V O R I T E S

Among the many things that seniors had to do during their last year was the choosing of one girl and one guy to represent their class as favorites. After the ballots were counted, it was Julie Glorioso and Kevin Craft who grabbed the honored spotlight.

"I thought it was a great honor and it was a perfect way to end my four years at SoHo," said Julie.

Besides having the honor of class favorite, Julie had the honor of being in Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society. She was also a member of Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS), co-head cheerleader, and a finalist for Homecoming Queen. In addition, Julie served on the Good Sportsmanship League and was a member of the *Palladium* staff.

"I don't believe it! I think it is wonderful. I enjoy knowing my friends are behind me," said Kevin.



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Kevin was captain of the Trojan varsity football team, vice-president of Law Enforcement, and was chosen as Mr. South Houston.

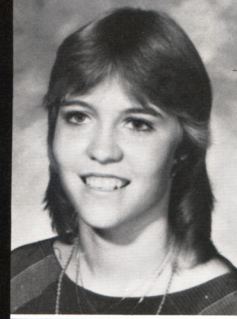
sonalities and I felt that they made many contributions to their school and classmates," concluded senior Jessica Williams.

"I voted for Julie and Kevin because they have great per-

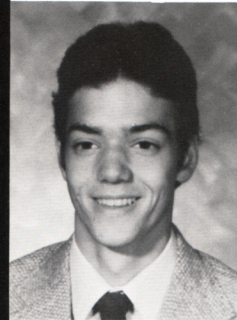
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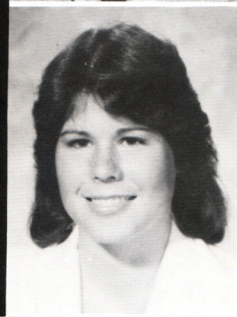
During Senior Day, seniors Kevin Craft and Julie Glorioso pose as class favorites.



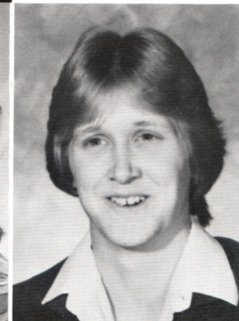
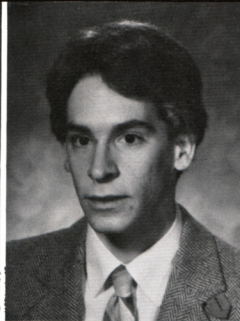
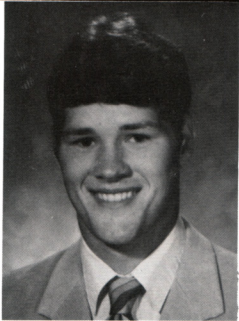
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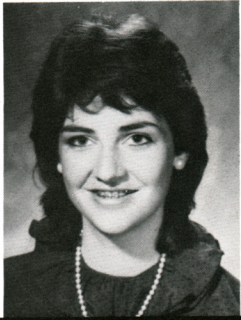


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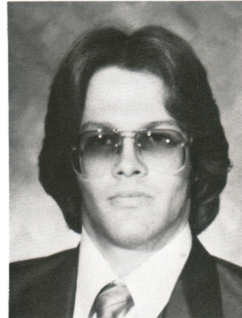
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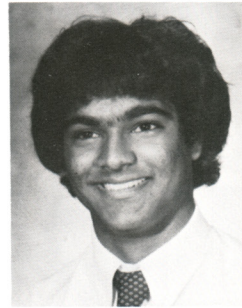
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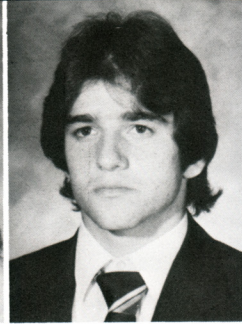
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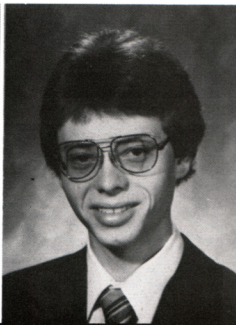
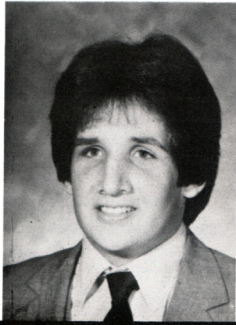


THE RITES OF SPRING BREAK

Every year there seemed to be a "holiday" that was looked toward, perhaps more so than Easter, Thanksgiving, and some others combined. This "holiday" — wait, ritual was a better word for it — was Spring Break.

It came around in March of each year along with a Hollywood movie or two that set the pace; last year it was *Where the Boys Are* in '84. For those interested in history, the movie that started it all was *Where the Boys Are* back in the '50's. The boys went to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and ever since then Lauderdale hasn't been the same. During "break," thousands of college students crowded the Lauderdale beaches during the day, hung around the strip, and some slept in their cars at night; it was perfectly crazy!

Although Spring Break was more fervently practiced by college students, some SoHo students got into the act. Junior John Abraham went to Dallas for three days. "I went to Six Flags, the Water Gardens, and partying with my cousins," said John. Seniors Christi and Tina Serpico went to San



Kristof, Kent
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photo by Joaquin Casamayor

Stately yachts and the beautiful Brichell Key on Miami's Biscayne Bay are seen from the Four Ambassadors Tower No. 2.

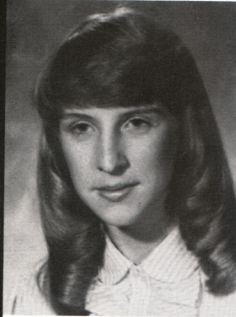
Diego with the R.O.T.C. As Tina related, "We went to Disneyland, Seaworld, the beach, and naval stations."

Some students even went on trips that were somewhat of a gamble. Senior James Richardson went to Las Vegas with his mother and stayed for five days. This writer headed for the south Florida sun-

shine, stayed in the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale area for a week and did the usual beach-going and partying.

Whether time was spent traveling to a resort, a family vacation spot, or just relaxing at home, Spring Break was certainly a welcomed time away from school.

Joaquin Casamayor



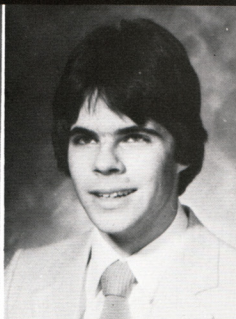
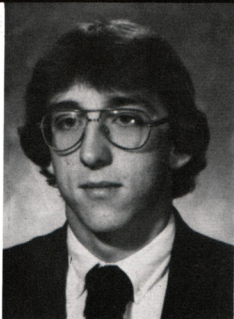
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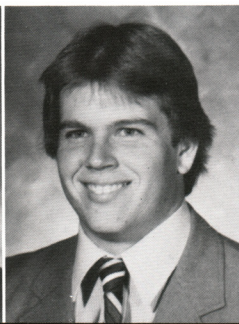
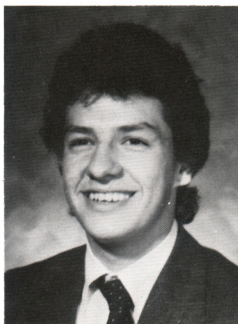


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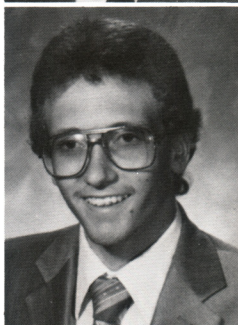


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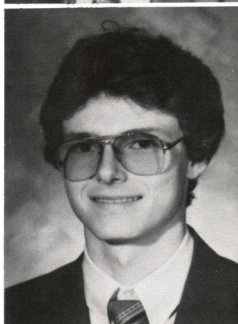
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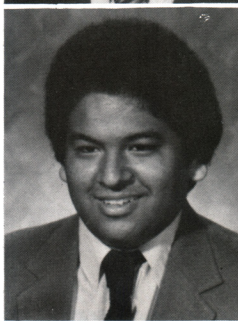
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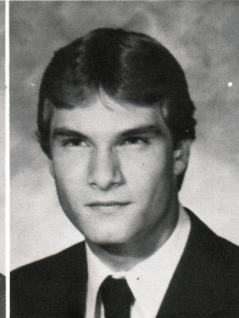
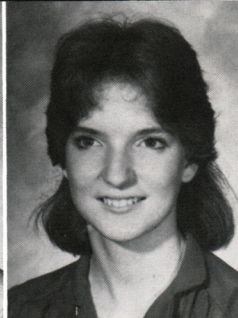
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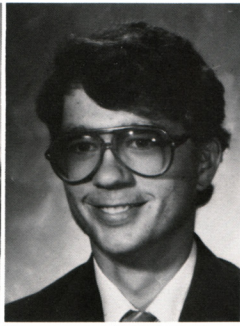
GETTING A HEAD START

At the end of the first semester eight seniors chose to graduate early. Some chose to return for the spring commencement exercises while others were content with accepting their diploma in the winter.

Those who elected to begin their lives out of high school earlier than their peers included Merrill Doyle, Rodney Harris, Raymond Jones, Michael Jones, Anthony Pray, Gaye Don Tyler, Jimmy Wells, and Glen Yauch.

Most seniors enjoyed being out of school. As Glen Yauch expressed, "I graduated early because I was ready to get out of high school and into the working world."

Some seniors had mixed emotions concerning graduating early. Gaye Don Tyler commented, "I enjoy being out of school although I miss all the activities and some of my friends."

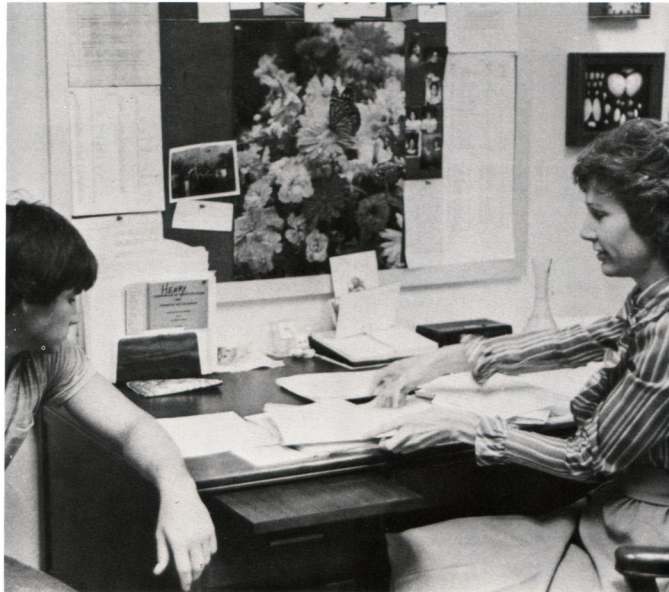


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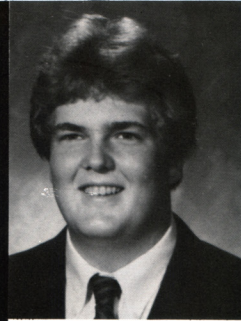
There were a few words of advice which the early grads wished to give to those who were considering following in their footsteps. They stressed taking a long look at one's options and future plans.

After doing this, the few early grads chose to step out of the ranks of their peers, seeing a better life for them out of high school.

Linda Hall



Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of graduating early, senior counselor Mrs. Sandra Henry advises senior Dannie Teer.



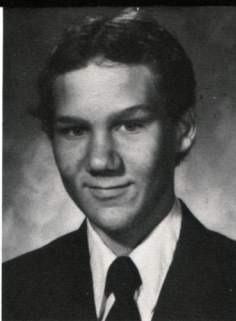
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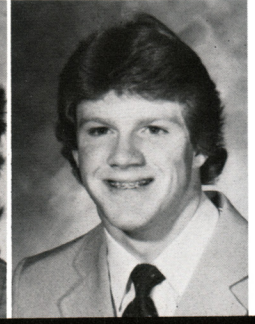


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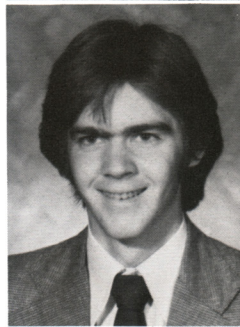


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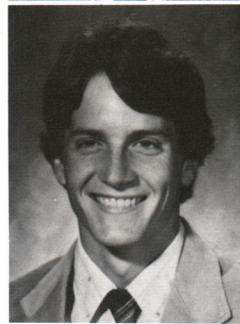
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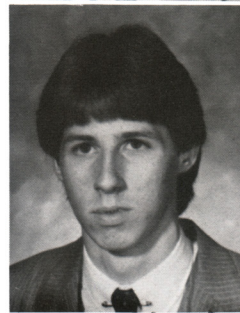
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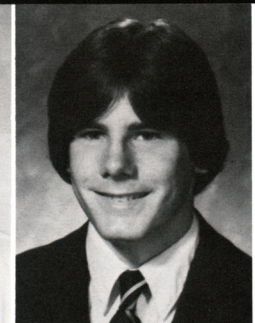
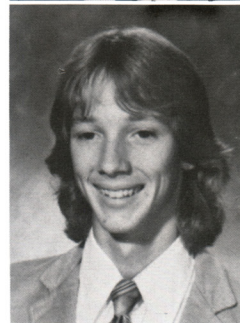
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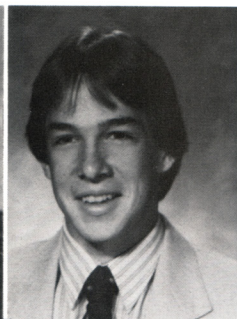
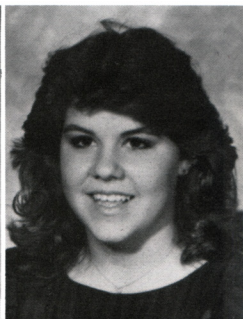
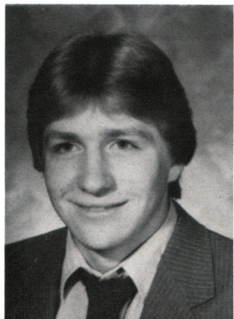
Beauty . . .

J U B I L A N T J E S S I C A

"I was astonished," exclaimed an overjoyed senior, Jessica Williams, on being chosen one of SoHo's Beauties of Troy.

Jessica had been involved in many activities during her high school years. She was on the tennis team her first two years, a junior varsity cheerleader during her junior year, and a very active member of Christ-on-Campus. Jessica also helped with the forming of the girls' pep squad, G.O.S.H. She further involved herself in school politics by serving as sophomore class president, and junior class historian and was also index editor of the *Palladium* staff.

She planned to continue her life by going to college in Louisiana. Marriage was also a top priority in her future plans as she and her fiancé, Kenny, selected a spring wedding date.



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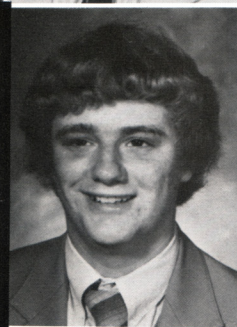
At the pageant on February 18, Jessica shared, "I was very very nervous, but I think that praying helped give me more confidence."

She concluded, "I was really glad that I was chosen."

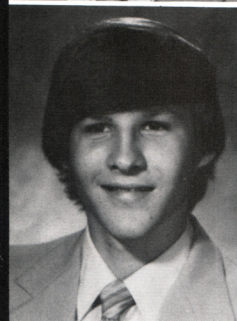
Rhonda Millin



As one of the Beauties of Troy semi-finalists, senior Jessica Williams pauses in front of the judges.



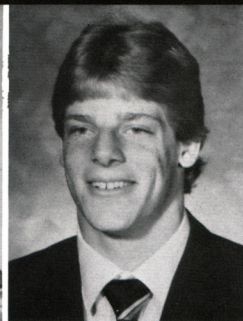
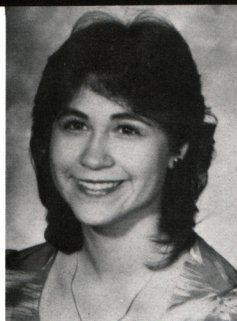
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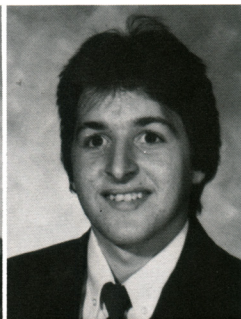
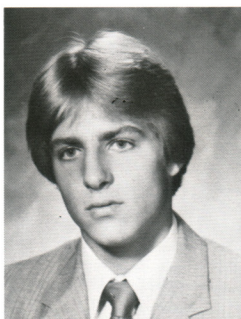


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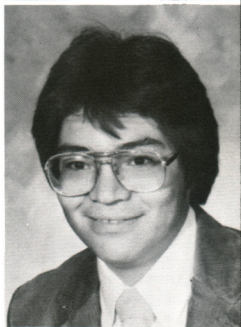


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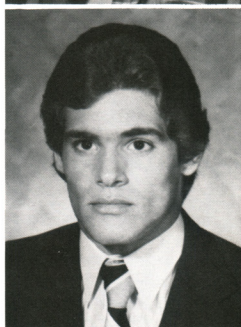
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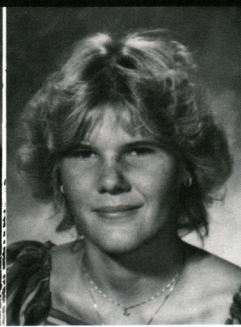
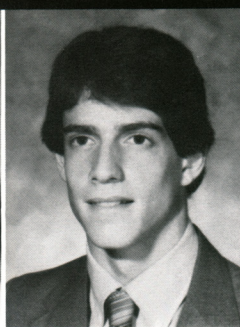
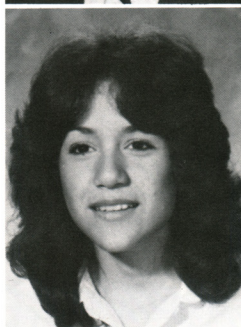
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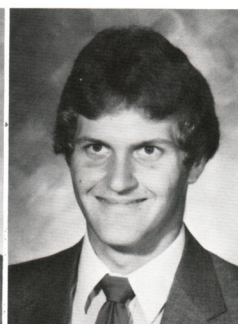
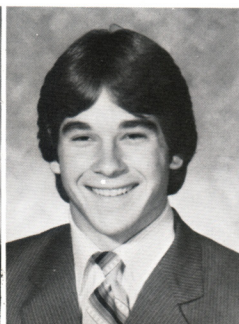
STONE ALL ATHLETE NAMED PISD

Based on his outstanding performances in football, basketball, and in baseball, senior Steve Stone was named by the *Pasadena News Citizen* as PISD Male Athlete of the Year.

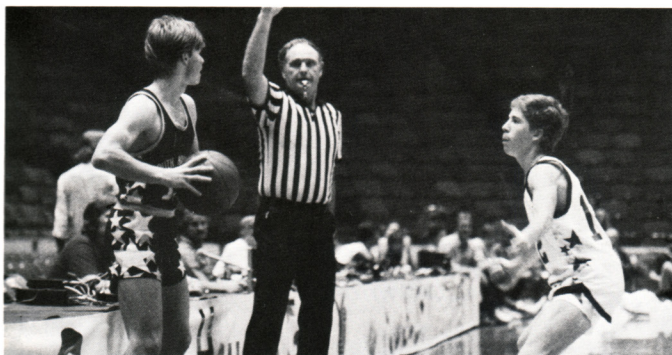
In football, Steve engineered the Trojan varsity football team to a 5-5 season. At 5'8", he was third among district rushers and fourth among district passers. Because of his efforts, Steve was selected by Pasadena area coaches as an honorable mention All-District recipient.

On the basketball court Steve found his size to be a problem, but he made up for it by outthrusting his opponents. Playing as a guard, Steve finished with a scoring record of 5.5 and netted 2.9 rebounds. With these stats he was named to the Second Team All-PISD by the *Citizen*.

Perhaps his strongest and most favorite of all was baseball. After spending his junior year at second base, Steve returned to the varsity baseball team as catcher. Unlike football, and basketball, size seemed to be no problem at his position. "I felt comfortable there (behind



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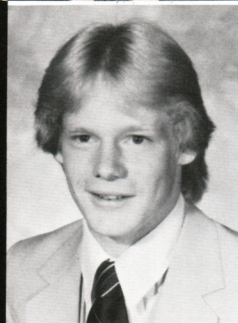
On the basketball court, senior Steve Stone provides leadership as well as his athletic abilities as he excelled as the All-P.I.S.D. Male Athlete of the year.

the plate). A smaller guy has more mobility and is quicker than a big guy. It was never a problem for me." As proof of his confidence Steve hit his way to fourth place among PISD hitters with a .381, was third in hits among PISD players with 16, and tied for sixth in runs batted in with ten. These contributions landed him the selection by the Citizen as First-Team All-Star.

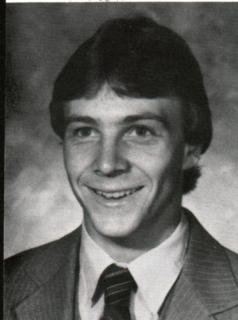
Sports had been a very impor-

tant part of Steve Stone's high school career and would play an important part of his future. Selecting TCU as the college of his choice, Steve planned to continue playing baseball; however, leaving high school proved to be a big step and left Steve with mixed emotions. "You want to get out of high school, but it would be fun to stay in high school your whole life," he concluded.

Shannon Brinegar



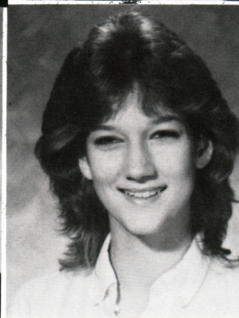
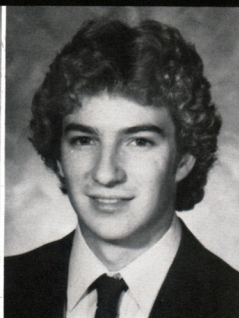
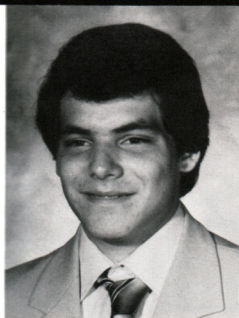
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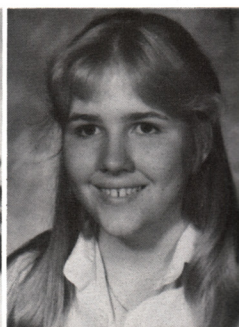
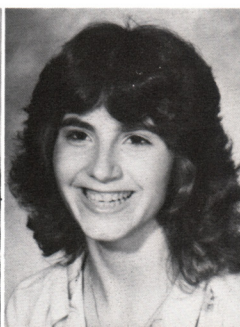
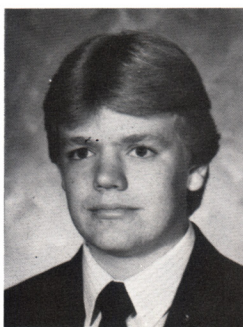


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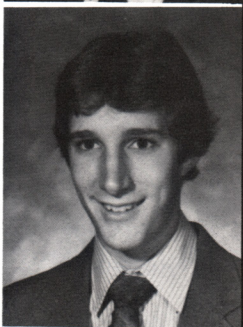


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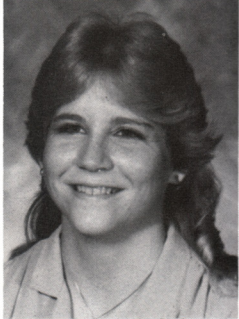
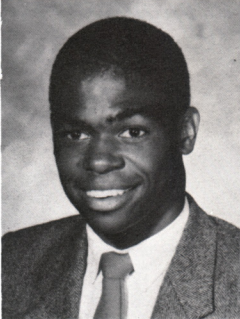
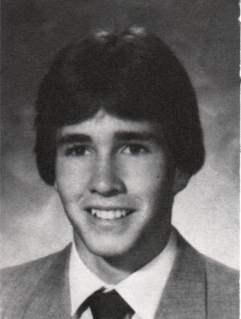
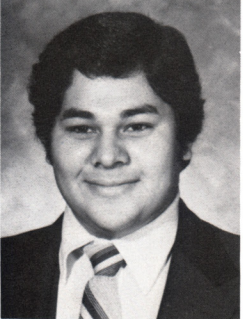
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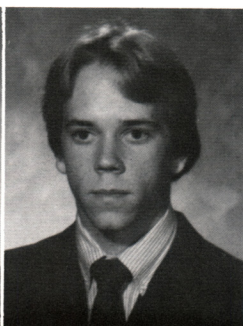
PAYING THE PRICE

For one to make their final year of school complete and memorable, a senior had to spend quite a few extra dollars. Clubs, trips, dances, and other expenses such as band, cheerleading, and being on the drill team could set one back financially hundreds, possibly thousands of dollars. But despite all these monetary expenditures, being a senior could run one's school budget up by as much as \$600.

Before the '83-'84 school year started, many members of the class of '84 were spending up to \$100 or more on senior pictures. Panoramic and homeroom pictures sent students back to mommy asking for another \$6 and \$2.50. And, of course, if one wanted the privilege and were one of the lucky 15 in homeroom, one needed another \$20 for a parking sticker.

And, what was this? After being informed three times that it was the last chance to buy a *Palladium*, the average senior became sentimental and decided to spend \$30 on a yearbook.

As spring arrived so did senioritis and the itch to graduate. Of course, with little Johnny graduating, Uncle



Kiesgaard, Lori
Roach, Harold
Roberson, Heather
Roberts, Kelli



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Getting a head start on their senior year of spending money, juniors order their class rings.

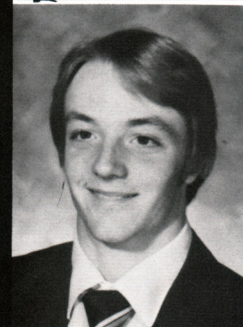
Bob and Aunt Melba in Peoria had to know and what better way than with graduation announcements. A good \$80 assured that all relatives knew about wanted money and gifts. When the big night did come another \$13 made sure that one looked spiffy in a red cap and gown.

Perhaps the biggest expense was prom. The only required expense was the \$40 for the tickets, but few

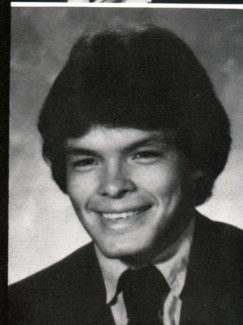
chose the base price. For starters, a tux usually ran the guy approximately \$70. A rent car was at least \$80. Flowers required between \$10 and \$30. Weekend plans for prom could run between \$50 and \$300. But, in the end it was all worth it, right?

Even though being a senior meant spending just a little more money, it was worth every last cent.

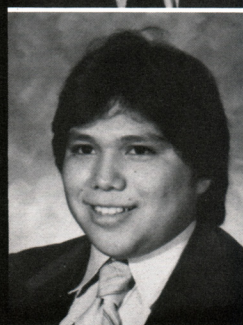
Billy Ellis



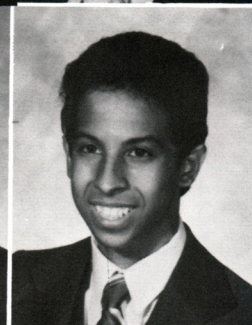
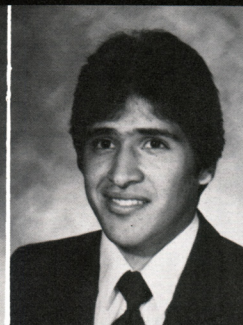
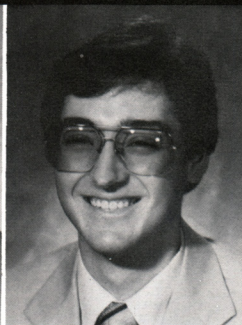
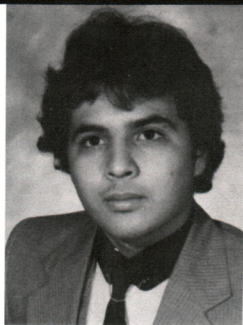
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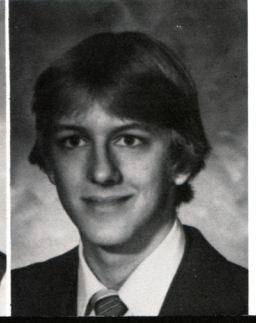
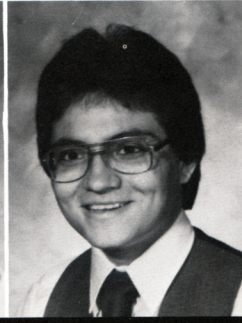
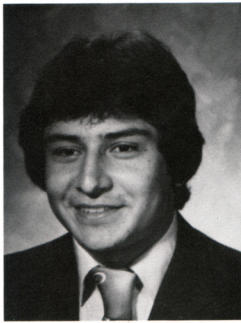


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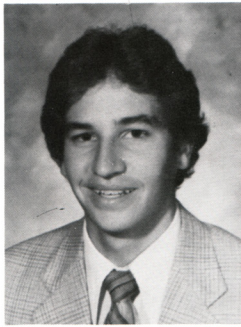


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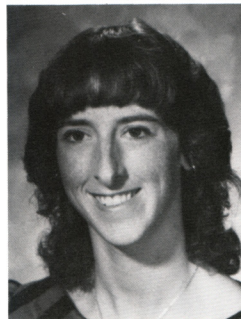
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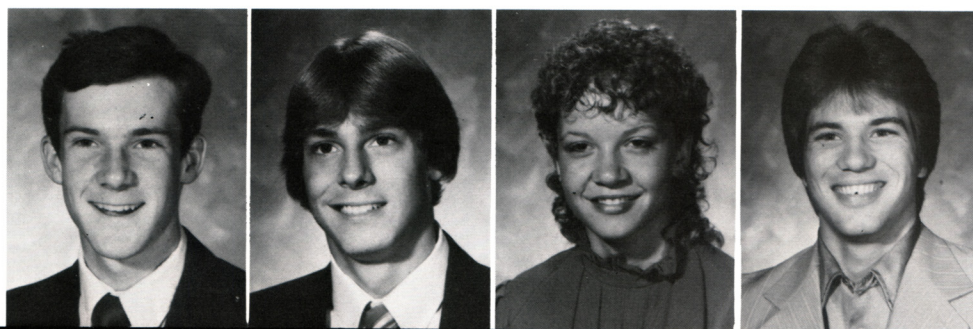
PREPARATIONS FOR PROM PROBLEMATICAL

One of the most enjoyable, if not the most traumatic experiences for a high school student was prom.

With the potential for little things to go wrong and make prom night a disaster, many students went to great lengths and expensive planning to avoid any problems.

Among the preparations was the usual tux rental, ladies' dress purchases, transportation, and accommodations for the weekend.

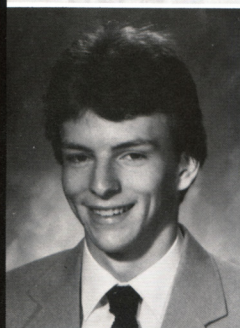
"After receiving a tux that was our fourth choice, David Estes and I decided to drive over to the warehouse on Main and Kirby to get our first choice. After about ten gallons of gas, ten phone calls, and ten hours of wondering if we were



Shelburne, David
Shepard, James
Shindler, Joda
Simmons, James



Smith, Elizabeth



Smith, Steve



Snowden, Tanya

going to have a tux, we finally got home just in time to leave," explained senior Billy Ellis.

Also, the students had to encounter long lines at school to buy tickets at \$40 per couple. "Who's at your table," or "Is there room for one more couple?" seemed to be the talk of the school for a week.

"I searched and searched for weeks before prom. Finally, after giving up the search, I fell upon a newly opened dress shop. The moment I walked in, my eyes spotted the exact dress I had in mind," remarked junior Dana Johnson on her search for a suitable prom gown.

Yet another worry for prom

goers was car rental. Foirst, one had to check which agencies rented to someone under 21-years-old. Secondly, students had to drag their reluctant parent to the Avis counter. Sporty cars and ragtops were the ones in the highest demand. Some even opted for limousine service. Either way, it often ran into the three digit figure.

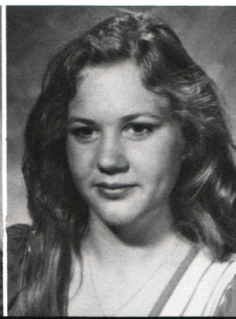
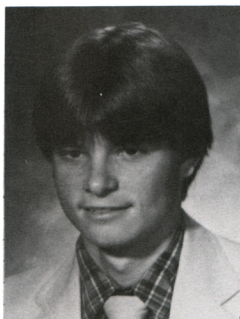
After all the madness, most generally agreed that everything was worth its cost and effort. "Prom is something you'll remember for the rest of your life. It should be the best time ever," reflected senior Charlie Puga.

Joaquin Casamayor



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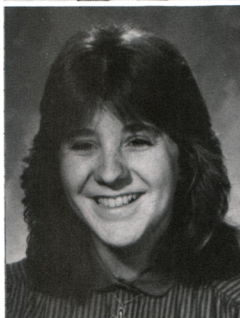
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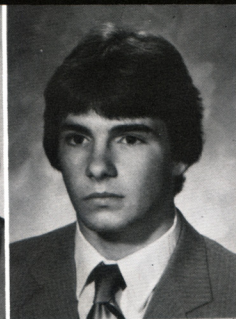
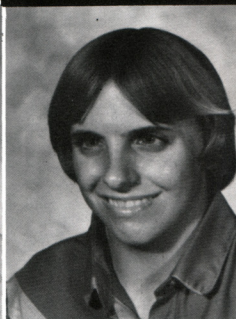
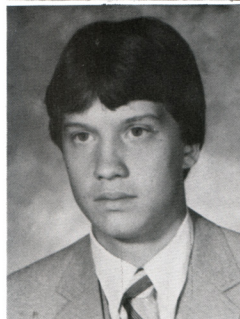
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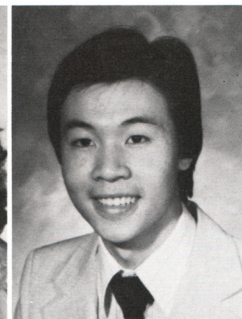
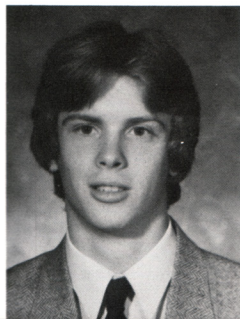
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B R I N G I N G H E C T O R T O L I F E

Keeping alive a 26-year-old tradition of the South Houston Trojan mascot Hector was junior James McSpadden. "I think it is a great honor because I know many other people would like to represent Hector. I really feel proud to represent the school. I felt great whenever the announcer introduced me at the games," said James.

James's physique and appearance made the perfect presentation of a mighty fighting Trojan. Though the fiberglass Hector was back after receiving some necessary repairs, James added something special as he actually brought Hector to life. Being Hector put James in certain situations he would not have faced as an everyday spirited Trojan fan. Unlike most who attended the games, all eyes were on James. "At first, I was really embarrassed, but later it didn't bother me at all. Once in a while some people kidded me about it, but I took it as a joke," he said.

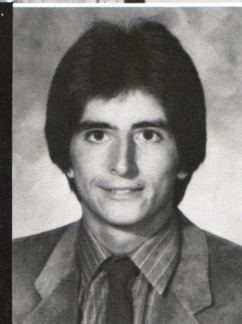


Thigpen, Mark
Thomas, Karen
Tijerina, Vienda
Tran, Nghia

James was always well received by the opposing fans. There was something about a live mascot that attracted the attention and interest of most people. One of the most asked questions of James concerned his costume apparel. His answered simply, "OP shorts and a South Houston t-shirt."

Whether in his Trojan costume or his basketball uniform, James was a representative of school spirit. "If I'm asked to be Hector again I'll look forward to it. Being Hector, I've gotten to know a lot more people and have made many friends."

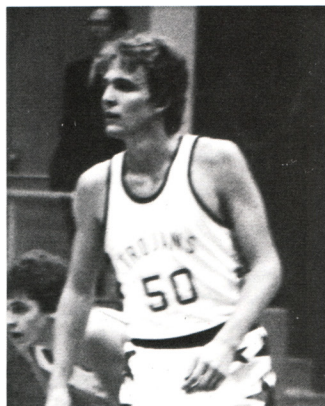
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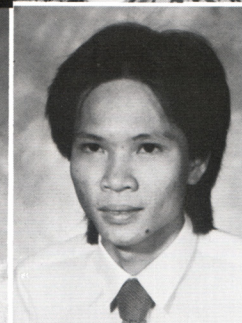
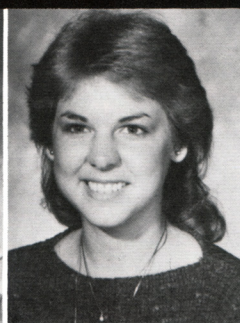
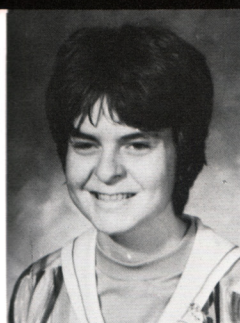
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Not only does James McSpadden support SoHo from the sidelines but he also contributes as a key player on the Varsity Basketball team.

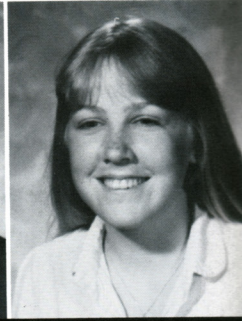
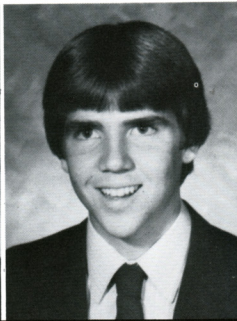
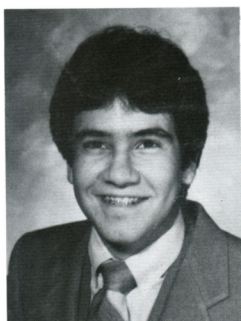


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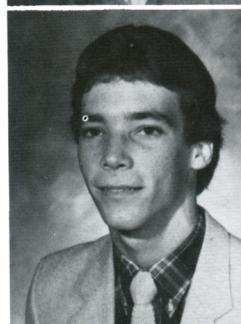


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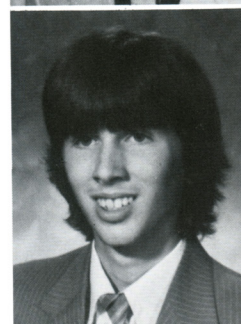
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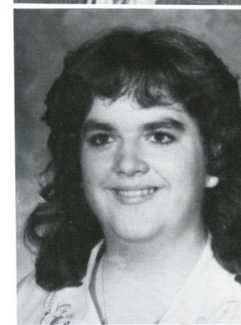
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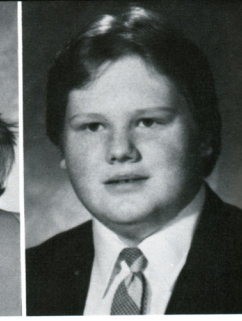
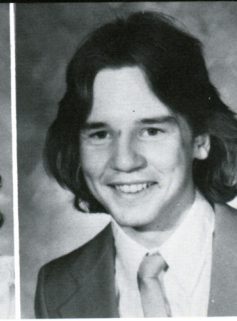
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THRILLER '84

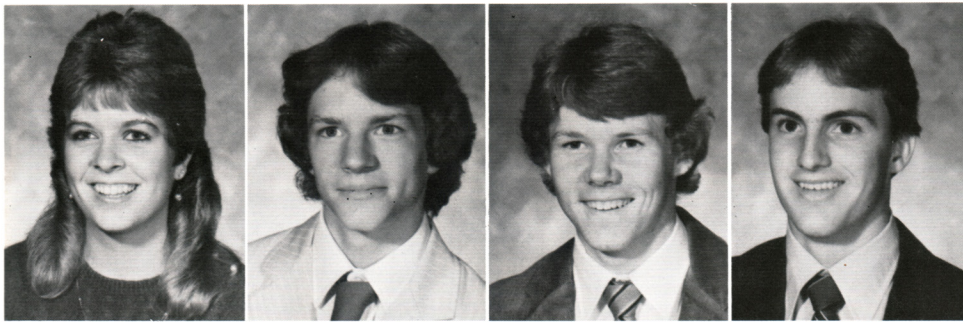
The talk of not only the town, but the entire world in 1983-84 was Michael Jackson. At 25, he had written, danced and sung himself to unequalled radio and television exposure.

With such hits as "Thriller," "Beat It," and "Billie Jean," Michael had people of all ages singing, dancing, and more importantly, buying his records. By March of 1984, Epic Records reported selling 30 million copies and those figures would continue to rise.

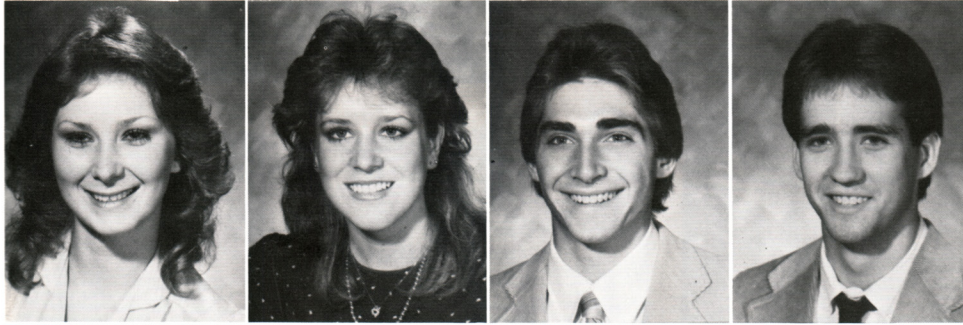
This svelte young man with black curls and piercing wide brown eyes not only made, set, and broke all kinds of records, but he also set fashion trends. Wearing leather jackets, white socks, black shiny shoes, and the glittering sequined glove, Michael created a lucrative market for hungry merchants.

His influence dictated the dress, style, and dance of many SoHo students. Junior Chris Hernandez said, "I really like the way Michael dresses. Somedays, I dress like him . . . when I feel like it."

With all his fame and wealth, Michael remained warm and family-centered.



Wells, Melissa
Wenzel, John
Wenzler, Richard
West, Glenn



White, Lisa
Whitworth, Regina
Willenborg, Steve
Willhite, Phillip



Williams, Beckie
Williams, Jessica
Wilson, Dawn
Woodburn, Melissa



York, Kenny
Ysaurre, Angie
Zavala, Angie
Zeestraten, Tom



At the Grammy Awards, Michael Jackson blows a kiss to the girls in the balcony while sisters Maureen, Janet, and La Toya beam.

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