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THIS YEAR'S faculty members at Diboll High School include (front) Jeri Ledford, aide; Sandra Ingram, music aide; and Susan Haltom, LLD. Second row: Betty Greer, principal's secretary; Garvis Baldree, home economics; Barbara Myers, English; Kay Gage, art. Third row: Cindy Maddox, home economics; Lois Clemens, math; Francis Gillam, EMR; Mary Ingram, counselor and Carol Drake, physical education. Back row: Tina Kellum, history and Spanish; Janice Cook, aide; Toni McCall, math; Ann English, commercial studies; Judy Williamson, business education; and Beverly Huntsinger, librarian.

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National Merit Scholarship Corporation of Evanston, Illinois, is releasing the names of 15,000 semifinalists in the competition for merit scholarships to be offered in 1981. The semifinalists named in every state represent the top half of one percent of the state's high school senior class.

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Over one million students enrolled in about 18,000 secondary schools nationwide entered the 1981 merit program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in 1979, when most participants were juniors. The semifinalists announced represent the highest scorers in each state. In addition to being honored publicly, semifinalists are identified to colleges and universities in the hope of increasing their educational opportunities.

Over 90 percent of these semifinalists are expected to advance to finalist standing by meeting further requirements — which include being fully endorsed and recommended for scholarships by their secondary school principals, by submitting records that confirm high academic standing, and substantiating their high qualifying test scores with equivalent scores on another examination. The highly able group of 14,000 finalists will be notified next February that they are competing for about 4,500 merit scholarships to be awarded and announced next spring.

At least 1,000 of the awards in 1981 will be nonrenewable national merit $1000 scholarships for which every finalist will be considered. The one-time "National" awards are allocated on a state representational basis in proportion to the state's number of graduating seniors; in addition, a number of awards are offered to finalists from schools in the District of Columbia, U.S. independent schools enrolling students from several states, u.s. commonwealths and territories, and schools abroad that enroll U.S. citizens.

READY FOR SEASON OPENER

FRIDAY NIGHT is the opening football game of 1980 as the Diboll Lumberjacks host the Livingston Lions at Lumberjack Stadium at 8 p.m. Making things brighter for the home fans will be the front line of the DHS Lumberjack Band, including (front) head majorette Gay Sample, drum major Sherri Smith and majorette Roslind Blount. In back are majorettes Dorren Holt, Carol Cooke, Laurel Hendrick and Karen Ingram. (Free Press Photo)



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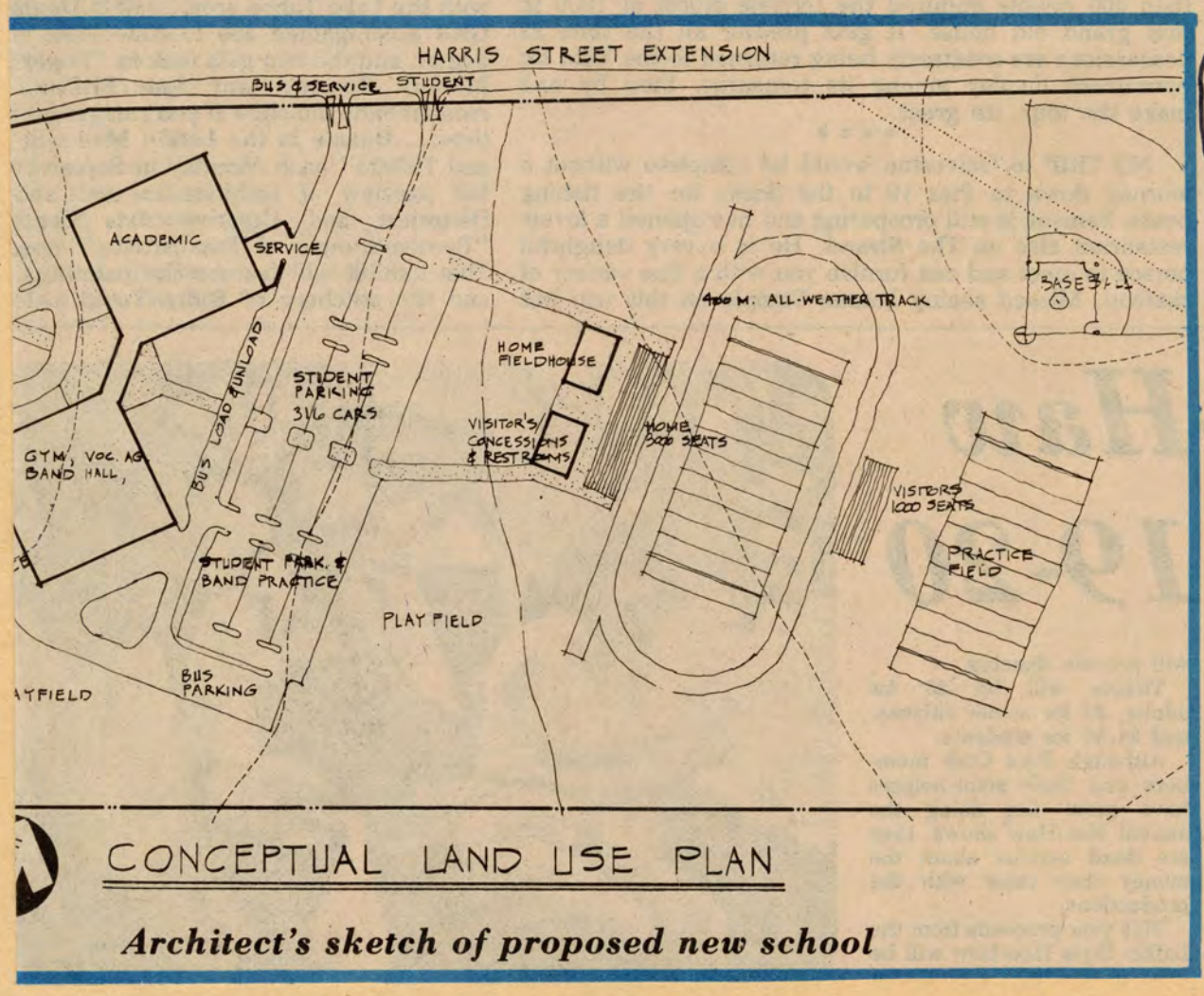
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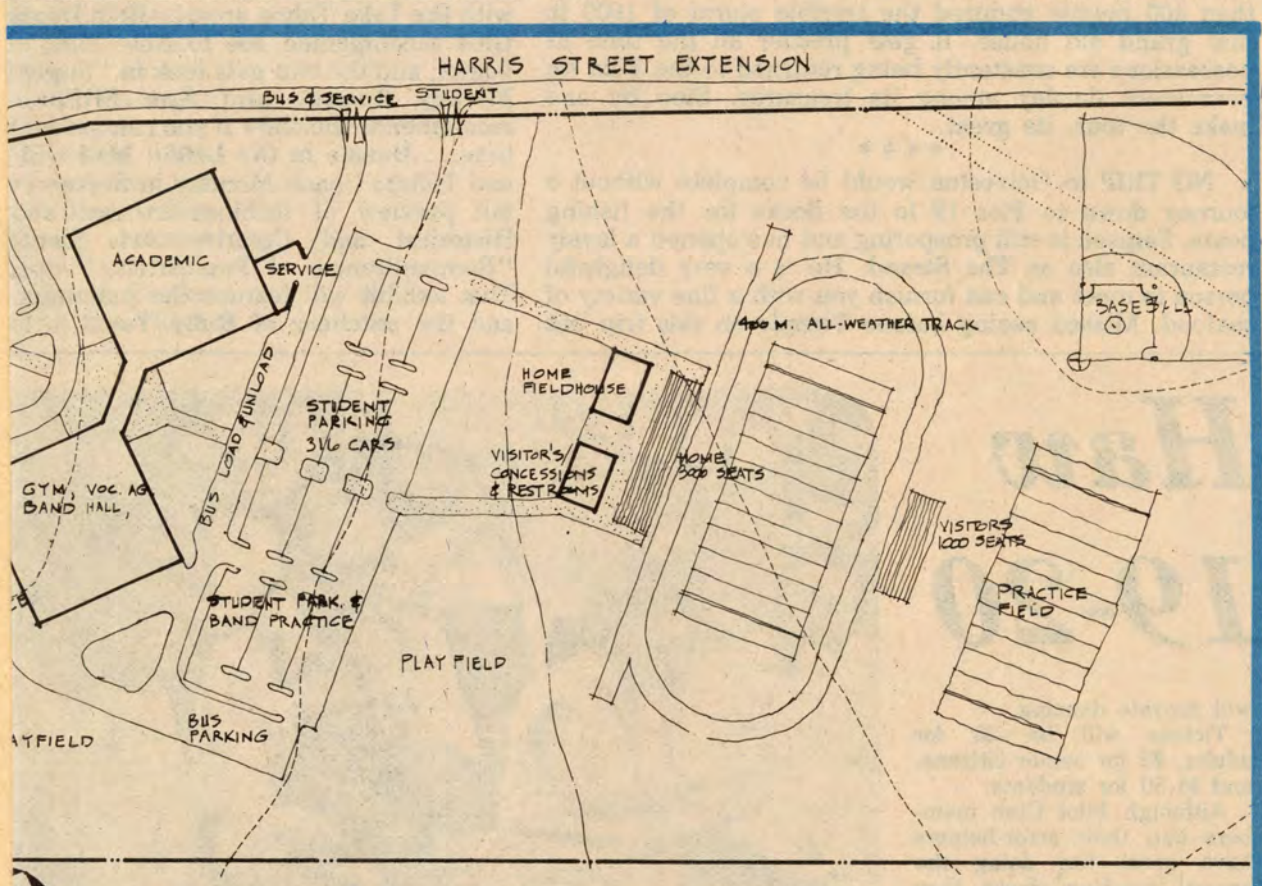
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The board will meet again to consider the revised plan at 4 p.m. Monday.

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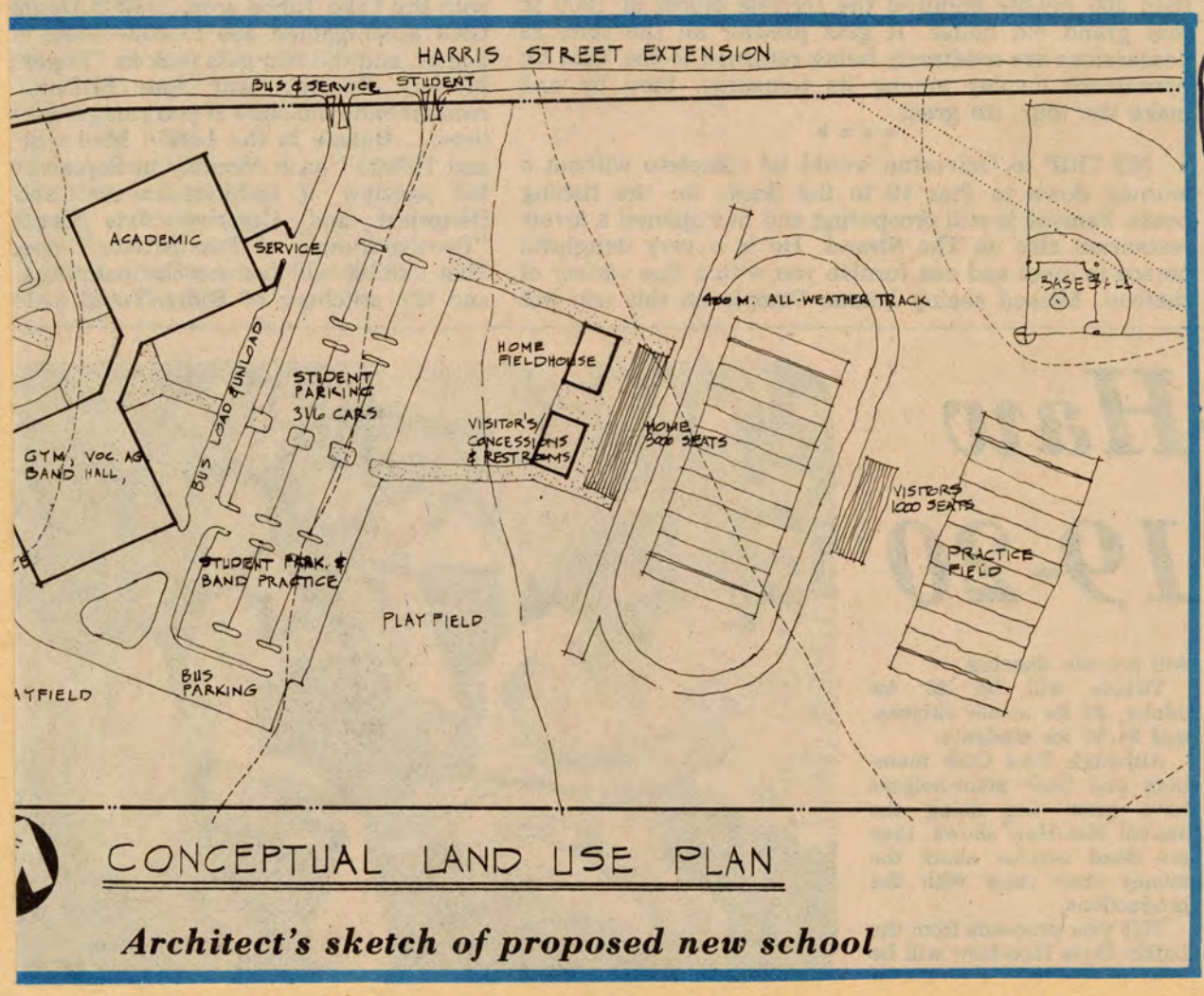
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Board meeting again Tuesday on school issue

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Those parties this week looked at whittled-down space requirements for the main academic building on the proposed new high school campus. Less square footage for circulation space and concurrent use of some circulation/lobby spaces to save money were also discussed.

Budget estimates drawn both by administrators and architects were compared and found to be very close on a plan designed to provide the basics, but in a quality fashion.

Supt. Don Robbins told board members that his talks with the high school administration and staff, architects and consultants is leading toward "something that will insure us a class high school project."

The modified plans will contain less square footage overall than the original plan, thanks to careful planning and the use of less circulation (hallway) space and the use of common spaces for the circulation area around the proposed cafetorium and gym, said Robbins.

Cost estimates on the trimmed down project run from $4,553,000 to $4,723,000 depending on the amount of space finally decided upon. The facility is designed to handle 650 students at the state recommended allowance of 110 square feet per student, said Robbins.

The latest plan also includes options which would allow the district to build either a regulation game gymnasium complete with seating for 1,000, or a practice/physical education only gym with no seating. Cost of the P.E. gym is $672,840 versus the $903,220 estimate for the game gym.

Also included in the options is a plan to delete construction of bleachers, fencing and lighting from the football-track complex. A full stadium is estimated to cost some $750,000, architect Ernest Grossman explained. A track and football practice field could be built for $350,000.

The practice field and track would be complemented by a 40 x 50 field house, and could be expanded to become a regular football stadium by adding seating, fencing and lighting at a later date, he said.

The $350,000 figure could even be less if the district opted for a cinder-type track instead of an all weather track. Cost of an all weather track is estimated at $120,000 while a cinder track would be less than half that amount.

Athletic facilities, including the game gym and complete football complex would total

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THAT TIME AGAIN

DIBOLL LUMBERJACKS got to step on the scales before being issued shoes and socks on Wednesday. Head Coach Bobby Baker is weighing Ricky Coleman while other Jacks waiting their turn are Glen Williams and David Perry. Coach Baker expects about 100 players to report for practice in pads next Monday, August 11.
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Board still studying new school

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$1,653,220, or some 35 percent of the total building project.

Trustee Stacy Cooke expressed concern at that figure, and said that he had seen a new P.E. gym at Evadale which was being built for about $180,000. Cooke cautioned against any extravagance during "hard times".

Robbins agreed. "We've got to show the people that whatever we do is not extravagant. We feel that these figures show the need...we're bulging at the seams — running out of physical space," said the superintendent.

As for the athletic complex factor, Robbins said that he has heard comments from the public both ways, with some voters apparently willing to vote negatively if the athletic facilities are not included in the bond issue.

Robbins reminded trustees that construction of the new high school complex "would relieve overcrowding all the way up the line," meaning that it would curb overcrowding at the elementary and junior high schools.

As far as passing a bond issue, Robbins noted that, "If the people who have children in school here decide it's what they want, they can pass the bond issue." There are enough non-taxpaying voters in the DISD to carry a bond issue regardless of how taxpayers vote, it was noted.

Trustees will study the latest plans over the weekend and will meet with other administrators and school board members at a San Antonio convention before returning to Diboll and the meeting Tuesday.

Diboll High School '80 Football Schedule

Sep.	5	Livingston *(Red Night)*	H	8:00
Sep.	12	Corrigan	T	8:00
Sep.	19	Groveton	T	8:00
Sep.	26	West Sabine *(Band Night)*	H	8:00
Oct.	3	Newton* *(Homecoming)*	H	7:30
Oct.	10	Open		
Oct.	17	Woodville*	T	7:30
Oct.	24	Hemphill* *(Parents Night)*	H	7:30
Oct.	31	San Augustine*	T	7:30
Nov.	7	Center*	H	7:30
Nov.	14	Kirbyville*	T	7:30

**District Games*

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COACHING STAFF at Diboll schools this season will be the same this year with the addition of Wayne Geeslin in junior high. In front are backfield coach Roland Bates; Wayne Geeslin, junior high; Johnny Brown, secondary; and Ken Lightfoot, offensive line coach. Standing are Lynn Johnston, defensive secondary and receivers; Billy Clegg, head junior high coach; Head Coach and Athletic Director Bobby Baker; and Karl Williams, assistant junior high coach.

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San Augustine rated as team to beat in 19-AAA

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STAYING ALIVE



INTENSIFIED WORKOUTS were being conducted by the Diboll Lumberjacks this week after they were knocked around by the Alto Yellowjackets in a scrimmage last week. Neither team scored but Head Coach **Bobby Baker said** [illegible] whipped on offe[illegible] Coach Rolan[illegible] Lumberjack [illegible] dummy.

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JACK PRIDE



DIBOLL SPLIT END Jimmy Teal (5) leaps to snag a pass as Groveton's Scott Mills (30) arrives late on the scene in last Friday's game in Groveton. Teal caught five passes for 64 yards but the Indians prevailed in the non-district game, 34-12. It was Groveton's third straight win while the Lumberjacks are 2-1 on the season.

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Indians gallop past Axmen again, 34-12



1980-81 LADYJACKS — Members of the Ladyjacks varsity volleyball team this year include (front row, left to right) Regina Miller, Connie Ward, Coach Carol Drake, Ethel Fowler and Deidra Johnson. Also (back row) Michelle Hall, Dessia Fowler, Dandra Teal and Natalie Johnson. The Ladyjacks will be in action beginning at 5:30 p.m. at W.F. Pate gym tonight, (Thursday) as the frosh, JV and varsity teams go against the Nacogdoches Dragons in a non-district tilt. (Free Press Photo)

Johnson scoots, Jacks boot West Sabine, 27-0

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DIBOLL JACK BACKERS put on its annual ice cream supper for Diboll athletes last Tuesday at the elementary cafeteria. Jack Backers and parents are urged to attend the event to visit with high school athletes and coaches.

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BAY BAY GIBSON (9) turns the corner for yardage against West Sabine in Diboll's 27-0 victory over the Tigers here last Friday. The fleet sophomore is beginning to add to Diboll's improving ground attack.

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DHS HOMECOMING QUEENS Marty Grantham and Connie Ward were presented at halftime Friday night and received roses and crowns from Cheryl Schmidt.



Miss Grantham (left) was escorted by Keith Nash and Miss Ward's escort was Leonard Gibson.
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JUNIOR DUCHESSES to the DHS homecoming this year were Carol Cooke (left) and Paula Bray. Their



escorts were Chris McGilvra and Arnold Turner.

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THE SOPHOMORE CLASS at DHS was represented at homecoming this year by duchesses Sandra Teal (left) and Allison Lazarine. They were escorted by Clifford Levias and Dale Carter.





CASSANDRA JACKSON (left) and Linda Wells represented the freshman class as DHS homecoming duchesses this year. They were escorted by Frank Mitchell and John Grissom.



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CHERYL SCHMIDT NEW QUEEN

CHERYL SCHMIDT (left) was named the 1980 Diboll Day Queen last Saturday after her division raised $43,975 in the five-way queen's race. Cheryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt, takes over from the 1978 queen, Suzanne Burkhalter (right). The queen's race raised a total of $125,869.15 and Diboll Booster Club President John Shepherd said Tuesday that the overall fund total had grown to $129,316.53. That excludes expenses for the big day, which should run less than $5,000. The new amount is of course a new record, surpassing the $107,000 raised in 1978.

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Newton Eagles soar over Axmen, 55-12



DAVID EARL JOHNSON rushed for 119 yards but it wasn't enough to pull the Diboll Lumberjacks close to the Newton Eagles in Diboll's homecoming game last Friday. Newton scored a 55-12 victory in the first District 19-AAA game for both teams.
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Campus Time

By Cheryl Schmidt

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Mistakes fatal again

Woodville defeats Jacks, 23-7

Hemphill romps to 41-7 win over Jacks

By BRIAN MILLER



JV CHEERLEADERS — The Lumberjack junior varsity team has been getting support this year from their own cheerleading quartet. Leading the cheers for the JV this season are (left to right) Linda Wells, Cassandra Jackson, Tina Wolf and Robin Squyres.

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STATE HAY SHOW — Diboll High School provided facilities for preliminary judging in the 1980 State Hay Show last week. Pictured during the judging for physical quality are (left to right) Don Dorsett, agronomist with Texas A&M; John McKay, extension agent for Cherokee County; Dale Lovelace, area forage specialist from Dallas; DHS students Melvin Linton and Kerry Rains; and Charles Arnold, Angelina County extension agent. Final judging and the official hay show kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Lufkin Civic Center. The show features free exhibits and a program by Dr. Glynn Burns, developer of the Coastal Bermuda grass. The show features more than 200 entries from all over the state of Texas. Diboll FFA students helped coordinate the judging held last week for the show. (Free Press Photo)



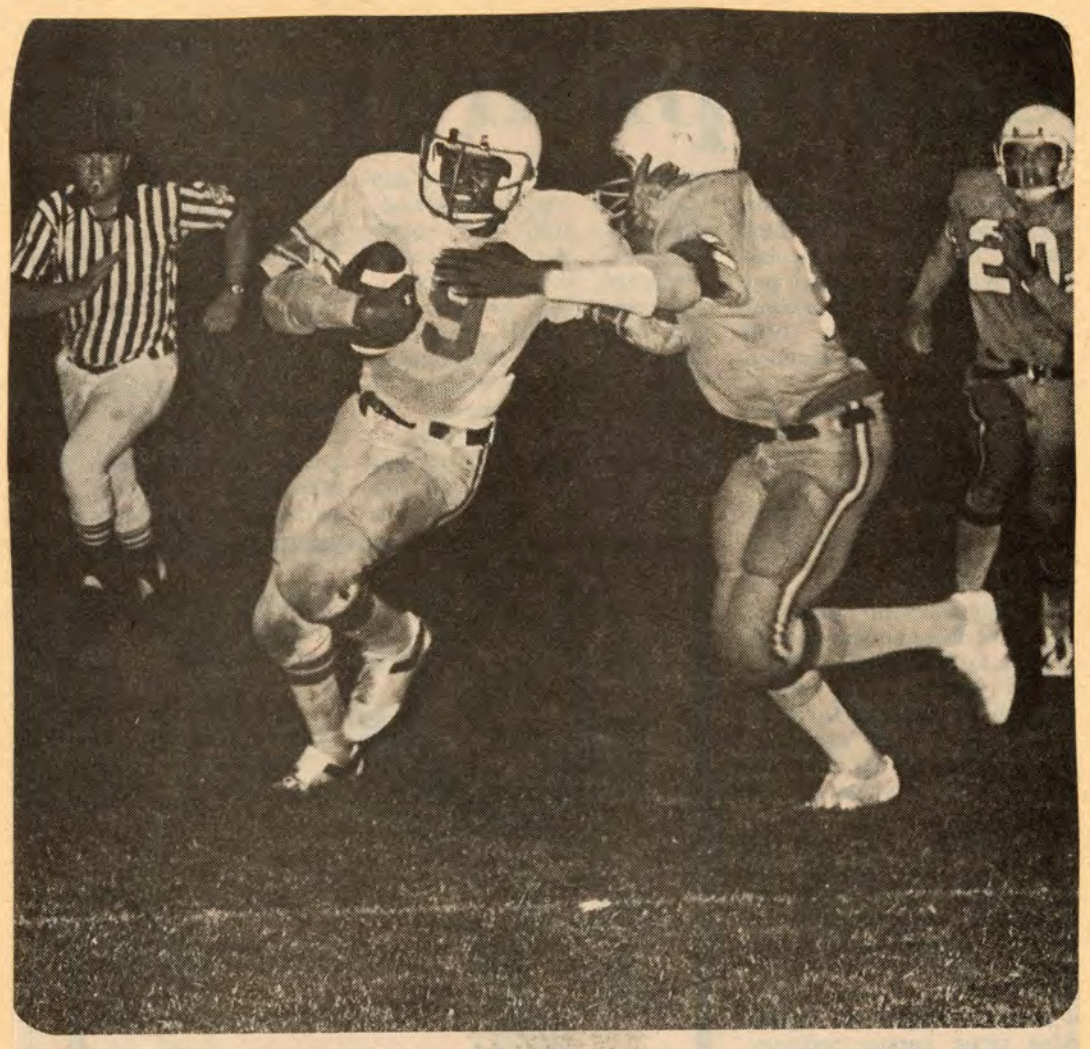
DIBOLL FFA MEMBERS Eddy Clark exhibited a Brangus and Andrea Pouland a Simmental in the beef heifer division of the East Texas Fair in Tyler earlier this month. All Diboll entries in the dairy and beef divisions won ribbons and placed high in their divisions.
(Photo by Jesse Bradford)



EARLY GOBLIN?

NO, IT REALLY ISN'T HALLOWEEN YET, but Melissa Albrecht and the rest of the DHS Lumberjack Band members had a ball after practice Monday night, having a good, old-fashioned water balloon and shaving soap fight. Director John Ingram sanctioned the horseplay to allow band members to loosen up after weeks of practice for marching and playing contests that are coming up.

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BAY BAY GIBSON (9) tries to elude a Woodville defender to get to the outside in last Friday's game. Gibson had to carry most of Diboll's ground attack for an injured David Johnson and gained 95 yards, but it wasn't enough as the Eagles handed the Lumberjacks their second straight district loss, 23-7.

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DHS SENIOR BAND MEMBERS honored at halftime of last Friday's football game were Barry Tate, Mark Holubec, Tammie Hicks, Tammie Halsey, Sherri Smith, Laura Douglas, Cheryl Schmidt, Daphnie Donahoe, Donna Wright, Gay Sample, Linda Carter, Sandra Blount and Rosalind Blount. (Free Press Photo)

Decision time on school said to be 'near at hand'

Diboll school trustees will meet again Monday with representatives of Temple Associates, architects for the proposed new Diboll High School to further discuss space utilization, materials and costs.

Superintendent Don Robbins told trustees this week that "the decision time is near at hand" on the proposed new high school and resulting bond issue.

The school board spent much of their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night trying to decide what course of action to pursue next on the proposed project.

"Do we just sit there with the plans as they are, go back and start over, or what?" asked trustee Nancy Holubec.

Board President Charles Havard at one point called on the board to make a decision on the project and the bond issue. "Let's do it tonight or forget it," he told board members.

Robbins cautioned against any quick decisions, however. "If we forget the bond issue, we've still got to come up with some method of solving our problems," said Robbins.

Robbins explained that it would require some $250,000 just to "take care of the status quo" as far as immediate needs are concerned regarding overcrowding and maintenance items.

Trustee Stacy Cooke said that "I don't feel that enough planning has been done yet, that's why I can't vote for it tonight." Cooke suggested that perhaps the best idea might be to look into expanding the elementary school campus onto adjacent property.

That would take care of the immediate overcrowding situation there, and in the meantime, said Cooke, the board could "look at the floor plan" for the new high school while planning for future needs. "We could try it that way for a two year period," he suggested.

Mrs. Holubec disagreed. "If we say we're going to back off and wait awhile, we'll drop it," she told the board. She expressed concern about future building costs, noting that in two years, the district might get only "half as much" for the same amount of dollars spent.

"We've got to proceed in that direction — otherwise we'll never get there, never make the decision, never let them (the voters) have their say," explained Mrs. Holubec. She added that "all I'm getting is positive reaction" towards the project and bond issue.

Cooke expressed concern about the growth patterns for the city in the future, wondering if the city does not increase in population what facilities would be needed. "Some say that Diboll isn't going to get any bigger," said Cooke.

Robbins reminded the board that overcrowding conditions exist now, in both the elementary school and, to a lesser extent, in the junior high. Trustees toured all three Diboll schools last week to get a firsthand look at facilities and conditions there.

Several board members also toured the Alto and Henderson schools recently. Both districts have new high schools. Trustees were unimpressed with the construction of Alto's new high school, but were pleased with what they saw at the Henderson facility.

The Henderson High School was designed by Lufkin architects Kent, Marsellos and Scott. Trustees discussed possibly hiring that Lufkin firm as a consulting architect on the high school project, but first decided to have another work session with primary architects Temple Associates.

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LADYJACK JV — Members of the Ladyjack junior varsity volleyball squad this year are (seated, left to right) Leslie Chandler, Sandra Mark and Sandy McCollum. Also (kneeling) Rhonda Teal, Connie Allen, Sylvia Mitchell and Debbie Groom. Also (standing) coach Carol Drake, Cedric Teal, Dianna Bane, Sonya Walker and Lisa Williams. The JV squad is 10-3 overall this year, 5-1 in district action. Final games of the season are set for 7 p.m. Friday here against Rusk and at 4 p.m. Monday here against Woodville.

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BIG WIN — The Diboll High School cheerleading squad really had something to cheer about last Friday night, as their Lumberjacks posted a 20-0 win over the Center Roughriders. Celebrating the victory were Kathy Terrell, Gwendy Hicks and Melissa Fairchild. The Jacks will be seeking to post a 5-5 season this week as they close out the year in Kirbyville against the Wildcats.

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November 13, 1980

THE DHS PEP SQUAD



During football season the spotlight is of course on the football team. But it wouldn't be the same without the music of the band or the cheers of the students and fans. Making sure that the Lumberjacks are getting the right spirit from the stands is the business of the pep squad, under the direction of Janice Cook.

Pep squad members this year at DHS include, top row: Natalie Johnson, Cheryl Gordon, Peggy Lewis, Teresa Stribling, Dessia Fowler, Brenda Ruby, Karen Carnley, Lisa Williams, Sonya Walker, Brenda Lambert, Kristi Hardin and Bennie Mask. Middle row: Dee Dee Johnson, Carlen Curry, Lamanda Hunt, Carla Havard, Denise Capps, Rashell Pressley, captain. Christy McCollum, captain, Connie Ward, Patsy Norris, G.G. Denman, Deborah Register, Trina Clevenger, Kathy Griggs and Colinda Franks. Front row: Pam McCartney, Sundra Mark, Jackie Gordon, Amanda Goldman, Janie Smith, Kim Fairchild, Diana Bain, Tina Evans, Naomi McNeil, Vicky Scarborough, Penny Tobias, Ronda Tindall. Not pictured are Cricket Cheatham and Ramona Thompson. (Free P[illegible]

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Meeting tonight on school bond issues

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Absentee balloting began this week on the proposed $5.5 million Diboll ISD school bond issue, and a public meeting and open house is set for 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Diboll Elementary School.

Absentee voting for the Dec. 2 election will continue daily, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the school administration building through Friday, Nov. 28. Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, Nov. 27. Any registered voter in the DISD is qualified to vote.

Thursday night school officials are sponsoring a tour of the facilities at Diboll Elementary School and a public meeting which will feature questions and answers about the proposed new high school and the effects it would have on the quality of education here.

Members of the school board, administrators and teachers will be available to answer questions from parents and voters interested in the upcoming bond election.

The proposed bond issue will finance construction of a new high school, to be located on Harris Street east of Devereaux. The high school complex would be built on a 42 acre tract and would include a football stadium with track facilities as well.

In addition, the funds from the issue would go toward renovating the present three schools in several needed areas.

The main reason for the bond issue, however, is to provide more space to relieve overcrowding conditions which now exist in the elementary school, and to a lesser extent in the junior high.

By building a new high school, the district will be able to shift junior high students to the present high school building. The junior high school could be then used as a "middle school" to handle the overflow from the elementary grades.

This would serve to relieve overcrowding all along the line, especially in the future, when it is expected that a greater percentage of students will be staying in school longer as the dropout rate decreases in the upper grades.

School Board President Charles Havard said in an interview this week that he is concerned that the "holding power" the schools have in the upper grades — that is the ability to keep students from dropping out — will put the district in a space bind within a few years at all three campuses unless something is done now.

"We just can't put another 30 or 40 kids on that campus (Diboll High School)," said Havard, who said that the proposed building plan is really a matter of "either spending money on something permanent that we can be proud of or something temporary (portable buildings) — and those things aren't cheap."

Even if a new high school were not needed, renovation work at the present campuses would be needed, and that would require funding over and above that which is now available in general tax revenues, said Havard.

As for the proposed

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Pair say school bonds justified

By MIKE CRIM
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EDITOR'S NOTE: With less than two weeks remaining before the Dec. 2 DISD bond election, school officials are soliciting support for the $5.5 million issue which would finance construction of a new high school for Diboll and would provide for renovation work at the present schools.

The main reason for building the new school is to relieve present overcrowding conditions at the elementary school, while improving facilities for Diboll High School and providing space for anticipated growth there and at Temple Junior High School.

Jim Dunlap, principal of Diboll Elementary School, and Mrs. Nancy Holubec, DISD trustee, agreed to share their views of the proposal with Free Press readers this week. Mrs. Holubec's remarks follow immediately.

"Our schools are the heart of our community. They touch the lives of everyone here whether they have a child in school at the present or just enjoy going to band concerts or football games.

"Our children are facing a different world than what we've had to face so far, and they need to prepare for it.

"Our high school is adequate in size now, but needs to add room for more programs. And anyone who has walked through the elementary campus knows the needs there.

"We believe that by building a new high school we will be solving the present space problems and some future problems as our students move through the grades toward graduation.

"We need to remember that all school taxes stay right here in the community. Our kids deserve this just as much as anyone else and I don't

campus, which now boasts more than 800 pupils. His comments follow.

"If the people accept this proposal, we can be especially proud of the fact that our children will benefit from the best learning facilities our community can provide. This additional campus will eliminate overcrowding at the elementary campus and meet our growth needs as we anticipate them at this time.

"Passage of this measure will provide expansion and flexibility in the high school curriculum by allowing the opportunity for more vocational and technical course openings which are not possible at the present time.

"Since Gov. Clements has designated education as the top priority of the upcoming legislative session, it is very likely that a full year, all day kindergarten program will

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receive serious consideration.

"If it is enacted into law, we could easily anticipate 70-90 more children enrolled in our school. This translates into another four portable classrooms at present pupil-teacher ratios.

"Enrollment on the K-4 elementary campus would approach 1,000 children by next fall.

"A building program is overdue at Diboll and it would be unfair to the taxpayers if we did not try to anticipate the long range needs as we interpret them.

"I would like very much to see the immediate need met with a new elementary campus. However, one must be realistic and look at the [illegible] picture and what is in the best interest of all the students. Present studies do show that the long range need is a new high school.

"Since every child in the Diboll ISD will be affected in a very profound way by this vote, I sincerely hope that each voter will carefully weigh all the facts, look at all the costs in both dollars and student need and cast an informed vote.

"We are a proud community and we expect excellence in our community services. Shouldn't we provide the best for our most precious community resource?"

School officials will be available to answer questions about the proposal and will give interested voters a tour of the elementary campus at a special open house-public meeting tonight (Thursday) beginning at 7 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria. The public is invited.

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football-track complex, Havard said that the board felt that the best thing to do was to include everyting in the bond issue package and do it all at one time, rather than build the track now and add bleachers and lighting later. That's because renovation work at the present facility would be needed — also at high cost.

The bottom line, according to the school board president, is that "other schools in our class are passing us by" in terms of facilities and programs. "Now is the time," he said "to solve the entire problem."

Board member Nancy Holubec agreed. "I don't think that we're going to gain anything by waiting," she said, adding that "Our kids deserve this just as much as anyone else."

Mrs. Holubec, a longtime supporter of new school facilities for Diboll, said that a new school and improvements to the present facilities will serve to improve educational opportunities for children

conditions at the elementary school," she explained.

It is the elementary school, of course which is the most seriously affected by the overcrowding conditions. Principal Jim Dunlap said that if enrollment increases because of an expected state mandate for full year kindergarten, the campus will have some 1,000 students next fall. That would mean adding another four portable classrooms just to handle that overflow.

Portable classrooms, which cost in the neighborhood of $50,000 each now dot all three campuses. The district now owns some 17 of this type of classroom, which is a relatively high maintenance item.

Officials are hoping that by passing the bond issue, voters will assure their children continued quality education in facilities which will be nent, rather than temporary. And although no solution is permanent, officials hope that by building now, they can take care of the anticipated needs for the district during the next 10-15 years.

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Coach Baker analyzes this frustrating season

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In a letter to The Free Press, this is how Coach Baker summarizes the season that ended last Friday:

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The athletes strive to gain strength from the weights and develop quickness from the agility drive. We did accomplish gaining some strength and quickness. But, in viewing the success of our football team this year, we missed incorporating two vital ingredients into our off-season program last year.

"The first ingredient that we did not incorporate and stress was having total dedication to our program. Dedication is a word that is often used in the wrong way. Our football players simply did not understand that hard work would spell success for the 1980 season. We went through the motions of acting like we were working hard without realizing the purpose of working hard. We had a basic goal last year and that goal was to be "district champions."

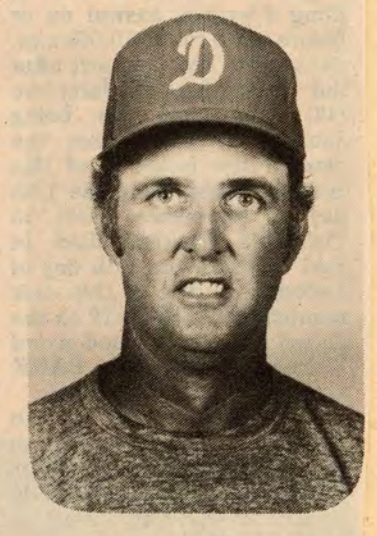
But, goals set in January without dedication do not mean very much until the end of November and then it is too late. Our first goal during off-season this year is to understand what dedication means.

"The second ingredient that was not stressed last year was determination. An athlete who is not determined to give his best at all times hurts the program in the end.

"We are going to build around the phrase, 'We Can Do Better' and be determined to mean it. Success will eventually come to the team that has the innate determination to do better than what is expected of them. We will strive to be better football players in 1981.

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Kirbyville up Jacks into tie



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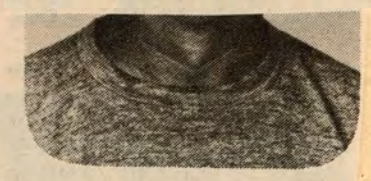
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Kirbyville upset throws Jacks into tie for cellar



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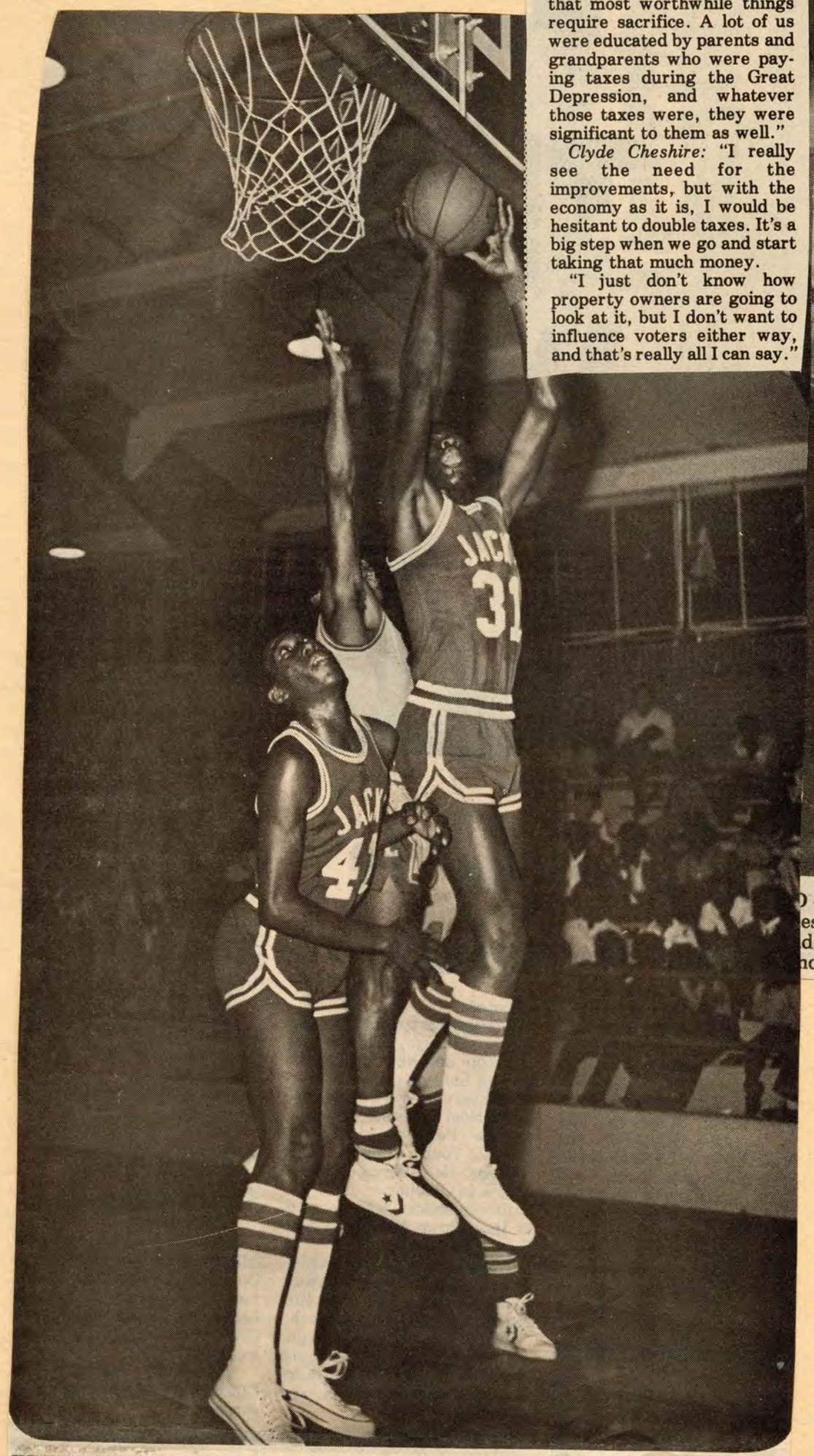
this way. Current economic conditions — particularly in the forest products industry — do not make people receptive to tax increases, especially when inflation is already having its 'taxing' effect on income.

"However, as members of the board pointed out to me, we would be remiss in not informing the taxpayers of our growth problems and allowing them to speak to the matter by their own vote. To this I agreed and voted with the board to call for the bond election.

"History pretty well proves that most worthwhile things require sacrifice. A lot of us were educated by parents and grandparents who were paying taxes during the Great Depression, and whatever those taxes were, they were significant to them as well."

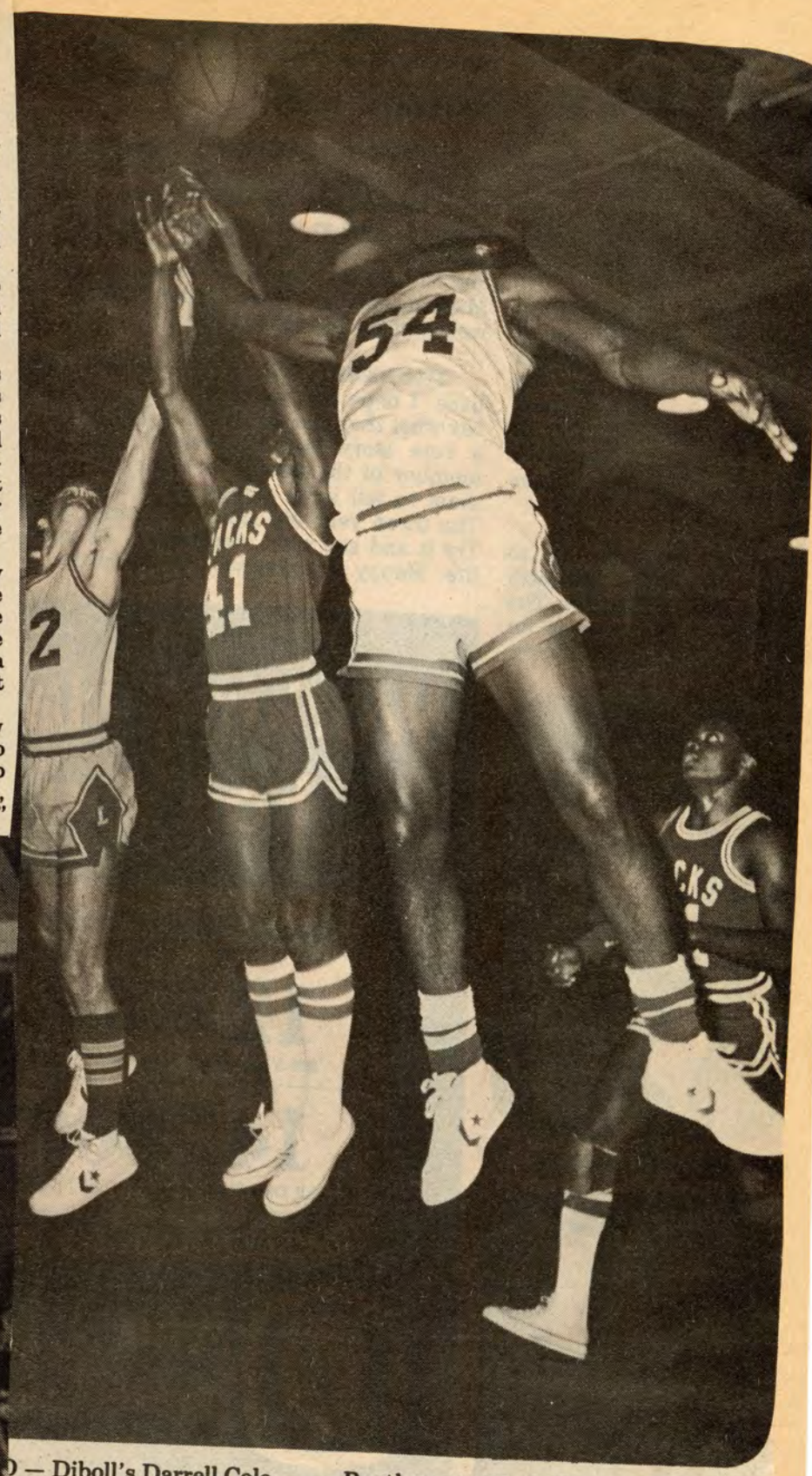
Clyde Cheshire: "I really see the need for the improvements, but with the economy as it is, I would be hesitant to double taxes. It's a big step when we go and start taking that much money.

"I just don't know how property owners are going to look at it, but I don't want to influence voters either way, and that's really all I can say."



EDWIN MITCHELL (31) goes to the bucket for two points as teammate Darrell Coleman (41) stands by for a rebound against Lufkin Monday night. The Panthers sacked the Jacks 65-48 to hand them their first loss of the season after three opening victories. Mitchell scored 19 points in the game and Coleman bucketed a dozen.

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— Diboll's Darrell Coles Lufkin's Keith Hend Larry Davis (54) for a nday's game won by the Panthers, 65-48, in Panther Gym. It was Diboll's first loss against three wins, while the Panthers are now 2-1 on the season.

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Jacks romp to easy wins over C-C, Memorial Hall

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, all A's: Peggy Lewis.

Freshmen, all A's and one B: Estevan Guerrero, Royce Hearne, Greg Krull, Kim Massingill, Jamie Miller, Frank Mitchell and Deborah Register.

Sophomores, all A's: Melissa Albrecht, Reginald Barnes, Susan Beene, Gina Donovan, Shannon Farrow, Andy Gossett, Karen Ingram and Aida Moreno.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Cherie Clark, Tina Evans, Jerry Handy and Martha Harris.

Juniors, all A's: Natalie Johnson and Jill Ward.

Juniors, all A's and one B: Sandra Linton, Cathy Scarborough and Nancy Wells.

Seniors, all A's: Marty Grantham, Bonnie Harris, Tammy Hicks, Christy McCollum, Brian Miller, Sherri Smith and Barry Tate.

Seniors, all A's except for one B: Michael Amason, Robby Cobb, Marvin Courtney, Sandy Eakin and Roy McCall.



DIBOLL'S ANDRE VINSON (33) tries to drive the baseline against Corrigan-Camden in a game won here last Friday by the Lumberjacks, 89-65. Vinson scored 11 points. Bay Bay Gibson led scoring in that game for the Jacks with 18 points.

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Panthers edge Jacks in a real cliffhanger, 58-55

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DIBOLL FFA CHAPTER members who have breeding heifers show off the ribbons and trophies they have won the past year. They include Dale Carter, Windell Capps, Eddy Clark, Andrea Pouland and Cary Cheshire. They will participate in the Houston Livestock Show and the Angelina Livestock Show.

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DIBOLL'S EDWIN MITCHELL (31) puts up a left-handed hook shot over Lufkin's Larry Davis (54) in Tuesday night's game here won by the Panthers, 58-55. Mitchell scored 12 points in the loss while Davis had the same number for the winning Panthers. Don Bronson's ten points in the fourth quarter propelled the Panthers to the win.

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PRESIDENT CHARLES METTLEN (right) and vice president Robby Cobb of the Diboll Chapter of Future Farmers of America last week presented a special trophy to this year's chapter sweetheart, Chery Schmidt.

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ANCHOR CLUB DONATION — Mrs. Sherry Roper (right), treasurer of the Volunteer Services Council of the Lufkin State School, accepts a check for $150 from Daphnie Donahoe, president of the Diboll High School Chapter of the Anchor Club. Standing beside Daphnie are Gwendy Hicks, vice president; Kathy Terrell, secretary; Gay Sample, treasurer; and Tammy Hicks, reporter. Anchor Club members at DHS raised the money to help buy Christmas gifts for residents of the Lufkin State School. The Anchor Club is an affiliate of the Pilot Club, International.

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TOP MUSICIANS in the Diboll Lumberjack Band have been accorded membership in two select groups this year. They are (left to right) Barry Tate, baritone, Four States Honor Band; Karen Ingram, flute, TMEA All Region Band; and Jamey Miller, clarinet, TMEA All Region Band. Members of the Four States Honor Band (Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma) are selected by a committee based on the student's musical resume and band director's recommendation. Members of the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) Band are chosen through a system of tryouts on the district and regional levels. Members of the Lumberjack Band are now preparing for UIL solo and ensemble competition and for the UIL concert and sight reading competition.

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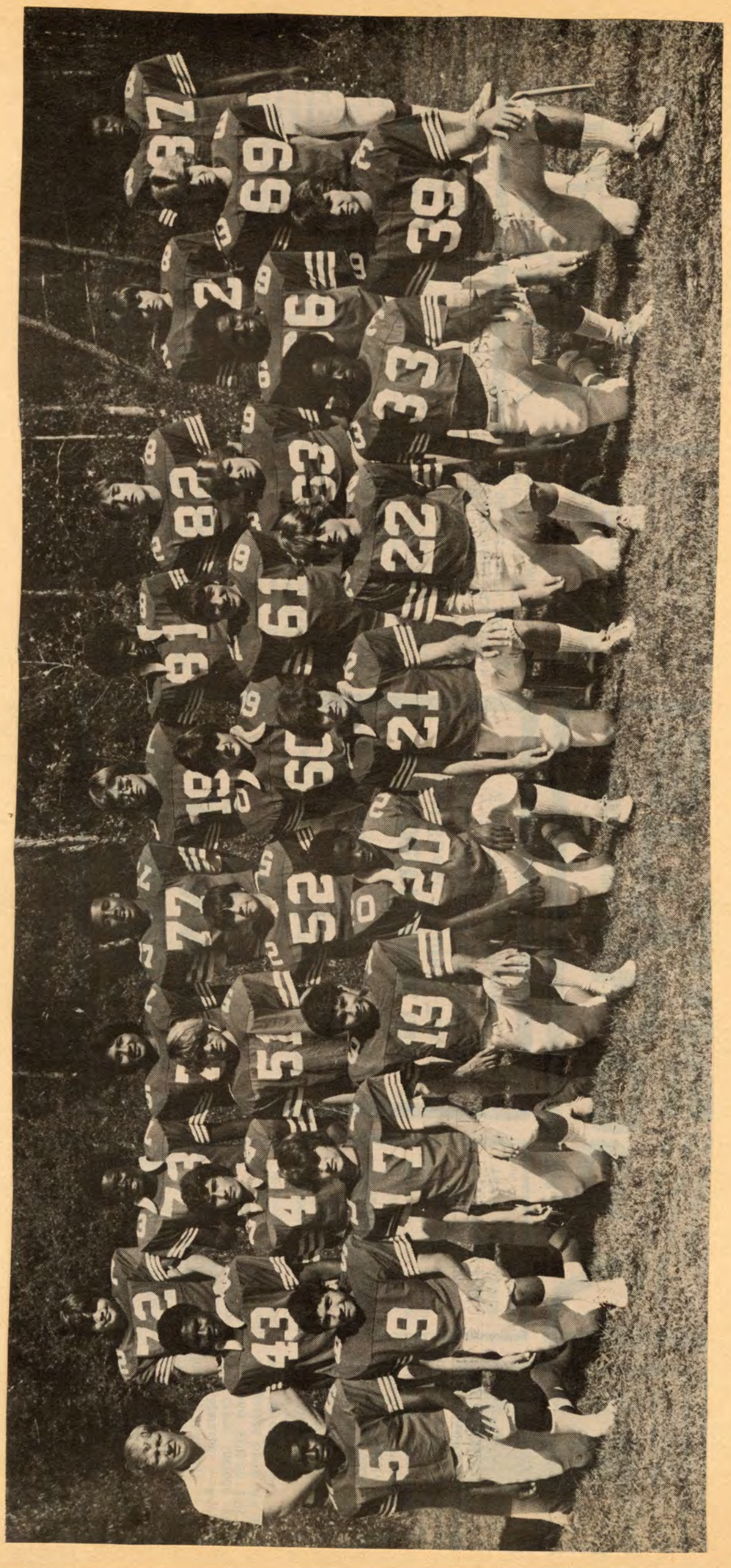
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Lumberjack Junior Varsity

The 1980 Lumberjack junior varsity consists of (standing, top row) David DeJesus, Winston Stribling, Ronnie Coleman, Lynn Stanford, Walter Levine, Keith Harper, Billy Alexander and Terry Glover. Middle row: Aaron Fenley, Rick Walsh, Stephen Mitchell, Rene Sandoval, Luis Caballero, Matt Amason, Jose Cruz and Tony Mettlen. Front row: Coach Johnny Brown, Michael Wyatt, Warren Franshaw, Charles Coleman, Mike Sheddan, Jerry Teal and Coach Lynn Johnston.

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Lumberjack Freshmen

Members of the Lumberjack freshman team for 1980 are (top row) Phillip Burnett, Reggie Davis, Jesse Garcia, Terry Moye, Morris Smith, Patrick Johnson, James Miller, Bubba Nevills and Ollie McKinney. Middle row: Coach Lynn Johnston, Joe McGhee, Raul Sandoval, James Smith, Tom Williams, Doug Clark, Eddy Clark, Johnny Perry, Jimmy Allen and Tony Allen. Front row: Robert Mitchell, Estevan Guerrero, Clay DuBose, Jose Hernandez, Jerry Johnson, Royce Hearne, Ted Cheavens, James Bray and John Grissom.

Wolves victors in 42-28 scoring sh

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DHS FRESHMEN — Members of the Diboll High School freshman volleyball team for the 1980 season are (kneeling, left to right) Karlen Curry, Cassandra Jackson, Amanda Hunt and Jeannie Riley. Standing are coach Carol Drake, Sandra Mitchell, Lola Canada, Peggie Lewis, Gretchen Walker and Ronda Tindell. The freshmen are 7-3 on the season, having dropped two games to Nacogdoches and one to the Rusk Eagles.

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OFFICERS for the 1980-81 Diboll High School Student Council are (seated, left to right) Cheryl Schmidt, president; Keith Nash, vice president; and Sharon Breazeale, secretary. Standing are Karen Ingram, treasurer; Monica Temple, reporter; Diana Cook, parliamentarian; and Angie Barlow, chaplain. (Free Press Photo)

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THE DHS PEP SQUAD



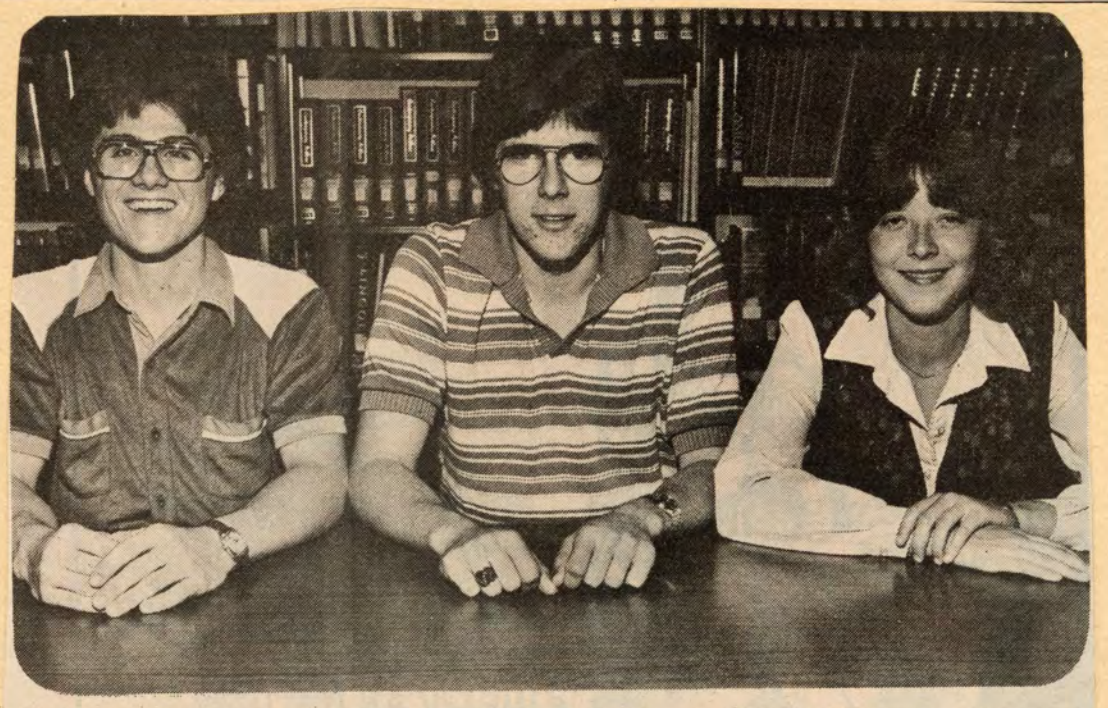
During football season the spotlight is of course on the football team. But it wouldn't be the same without the music of the band or the cheers of the students and fans. Making sure that the Lumberjacks are getting the right spirit from the stands is the business of the pep squad, under the direction of Janice Cook.

Pep squad members this year at DHS include, top row: Natalie Johnson, Cheryl Gordon, Peggy Lewis, Teresa Stribling, Dessia Fowler, Brenda Ruby, Karen Carnley, Lisa Williams, Sonya Walker, Brenda Lambert, Kristi Hardin and Bennie Mask. Middle row: Dee Dee Johnson, Carlen Curry, Lamanda Hunt, Carla Havard, Denise Capps, Rashell Pressley, captain. Christy McCollum, captain, Connie Ward, Patsy Norris, G.G. Denman, Deborah Register, Trina Clevenger, Kathy Griggs and Colinda Franks. Front row: Pam McCartney, Sundra Mark, Jackie Gordon, Amanda Goldman, Janie Smith, Kim Fairchild, Diana Bain, Tina Evans, Naomi McNeil, Vicky Scarborough, Penny Tobias, Ronda Tindall. Not pictured are Cricket Cheatham and Ramona Thompson. (Free Press Photo)

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NINTH GRADE squad for the Lumberjacks this season includes team members (front row) Tom Williams, Estevan Guerrero, Jerry Johnson, Carl Mettlen and Donald Alexander. Also (second row) Robert Mitchell, Ollie McKinney, James Teal, Patrick Johnson and Coach Lynn Johnston. (Free Press Photo)



HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS — Officers for the Diboll High School Chapter, National Honor Society include (left to right) Robby Cobb, president; Mark Holubec, vice president; and Sharon Breazeale, treasurer. Not pictured are Brian Miller, reporter; and Charles Mettlen, secretary. The National Honor Society is comprised of student who demonstrate academic excellence.

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Jacks rip Center, 67-39, meet Hudson on Friday

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DIBOLL'S JIMMY TEAL (25) brings the ball downcourt against Center in Tuesday night's game here won by the Lumberjacks, 67-39. Now 4-0 in district play, the Jacks tangle with Hudson at Hudson this Friday night.

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EDWIN MITCHELL (31) goes toward the basket with a shot in Diboll's 67-39 triumph over the Center Roughriders here Tuesday night. Teammate Darrell Coleman (41) is set for a possible rebound as Center's Chris Pilot (44) is brushed from the play. It was Diboll's fourth straight district win and sets up a showdown with the Hudson Hornets Friday night in Hudson.

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Hudson eases by Jacks again, 29-28



LUMBERJACK VARSITY — Members of the Diboll Lumberjack basketball squad for 1980-81 are (front row) Elton Gibson, Johnny Mitchell, Coach Johnny Brown, Keith Nash and Dorsey Scott. Also (second row) Andre Vinson, Michael Amason, Bay Bay Gibson and (third row) Leonard Gibson, Johnny McCloud, Edwin Mitchell, Darrell Coleman and Jimmy Teal.

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Lumberjacks dump Hemphill, Newton

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THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACK junior varsity team is having a fine season under Coach Ken Lightfoot. Members of the team are (front row) Billy Alexander, Stephon Mitchell, Jerry Teal, Reginald Barnes, Andy Gossett and Bobby Fenley. Second row: Doug Glover Greg Lazarine, Michael Wyatt, Kevin Hurley and Robert Taylor. In back are manager Mark Turney and Coach Ken Lightfoot. (Free Press Photo

Jacks blast Central, then defeat Wolves

Best in history

JV runs record to 24-5

The Lumberjack junior varsity zipped to a 51-41 win over the Hudson JV here Tuesday night to run its season record to 24-5, which may be a modern record for junior varisty teams here.

The Jacks of Coach Ken Lightfoot took a 12-5 first quarter lead as Doug Glover jumped out with three buckets to lead the attack.

Glover really went to work in the second quarter as he scored ten more points and the Jacks held a 27-10 lead at the half.

Glover's scoring was cut down in the second half as Hudson outscored the locals 13-9 in the third quarter to cut Diboll's lead to 36-23 after three quarters. The teams played on even terms in the final quarter as Hudson scored 16 to Diboll's 15.

Glover still wound up with 21 points on the night. Bobby Fenley scored 12, Greg Lazarine hit eight, and Kevin Hurley and Michael Wyatt five each.

Murphy led Hudson with 22 points.

Diboll had a wide edge from the field, hitting 22 field goals to 14 for Hudson, but the Hornets hit on 11 of 17 free throws while Diboll was hitting seven of ten.

The Lumberjack reserves had their hands full at Center last Friday but finally prevailed by a 55-52 score.

The Jacks led in the first quarter by 18-11 and by 40-23 at the half. Hudson cut the margin in the third period by outscoring the Jacks 13-3 in that frame to make it 43-36 Diboll after three quarters.

Jacks take first place lead again

The Diboll Lumberjacks stand alone atop District 19-AAA in the second round of play with a 5-0 record, but the Hemphill Hornets are just a notch behind with a 4-0 mark after Diboll beat Hudson 50-45 here Tuesday in double overtime.

Diboll locks horns with Hemphill in Hemphill next Tuesday, but there could also be a change in the standings after the two Hornet teams, Hudson and Hemphill, do battle this Friday at Hudson.

Hemphill had all it could handle Tuesday night in beating Center, 75-66.

In other games Tuesday, Woodville knocked off winless Central, 66-55, and San Augustine eased past Kirbyville, 81-79. Newton was open.

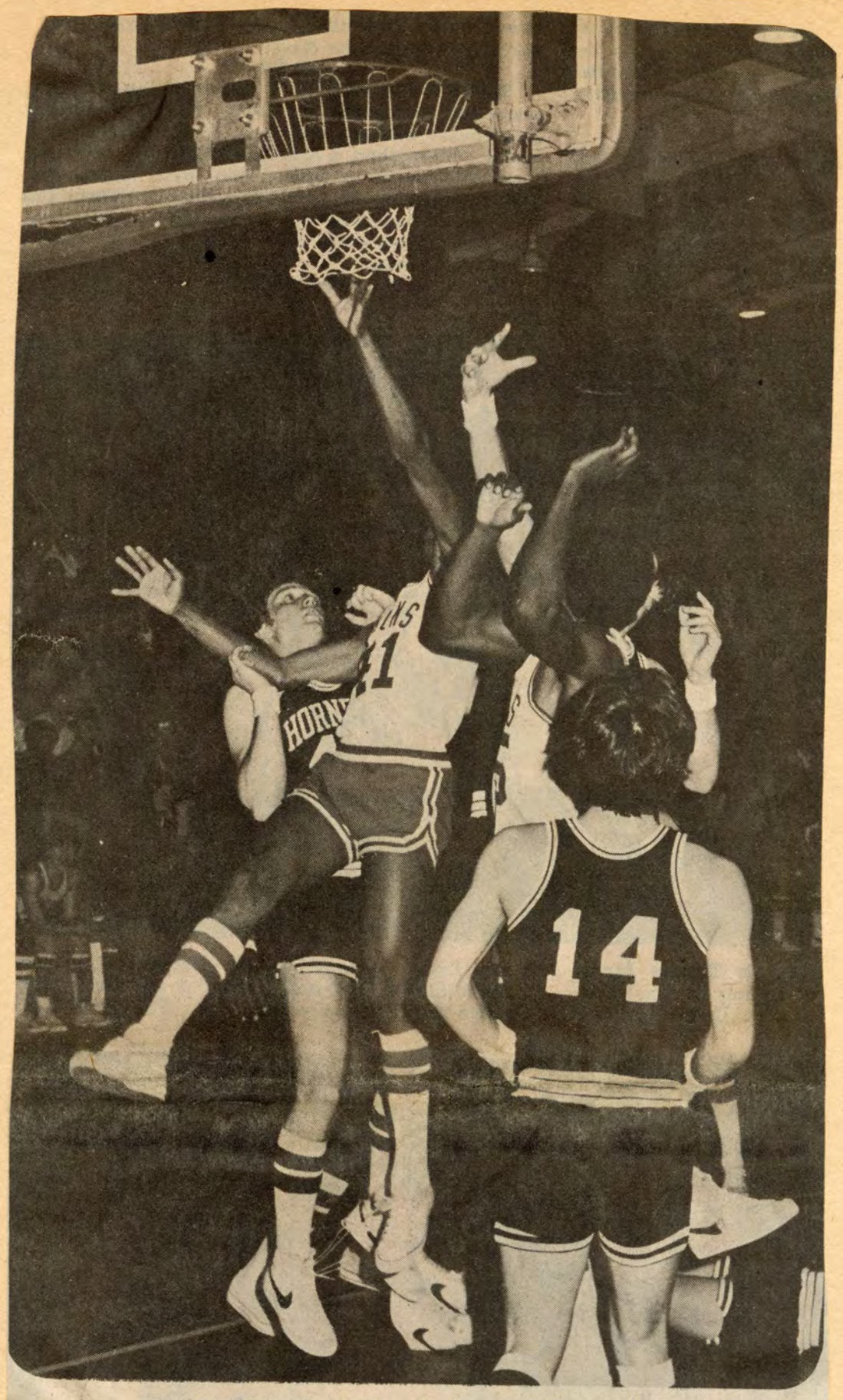
The standings after Tuesday's games:

Diboll	5-0
Hemphill	4-0
Hudson	3-1
San Augustine	3-2
Woodville	2-3
Newton	1-3
Center	1-3
Kirbyville	1-4
Central	0-4

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KEVIN HURLEY (51) and a teammate battle Hudson players in the junior varsity game here Tuesday night. The Diboll JV won, 51-41, to run its record to 24-5 on the season, believed to be the best JV mark ever racked up by Diboll. (Free Press Photo)



JACKS EASE BY HORNETS

DIBOLL'S DARRELL COLEMAN (41) battles for a rebound in Tuesday night's game with Hudson here which the Lumberjacks finally won in double overtime, 50-45. Hemphill and Hudson square off Friday, then Diboll takes on Hemphill next Tuesday in two games that should produce the second round winner.

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JACKS TAKE HUDSON 50-45

IN DOUBLE OT

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GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS — The Anthony Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution this week announced its annual Good Citizen Award recipients. Mrs. Milton Hickman (left) made the presentations to young women representing area high schools. Those receiving awards were (left to right) Nancy Jumper, Lufkin High; Sherri Smith, Diboll High; Lisa Richardson, Hudson High; Tammy Allen, Central High and Paula Horton, Huntington High. Not pictured is Sheryl Byrd, representing Wells High School. Awardees were selected by the DAR group on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

(Free Press Photo)

Pop Rich to retire

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Doyne (Pop) Rich, business manager for the Diboll ISD, announced his retirement this week after having worked 17 years for the DISD.

Rich, who will turn 62 June 15, asked the school board to release him from the final year of his two year contract effective June 30. Rich has a total of 25 years of public service work here and out of state.

School trustees, meeting in an abbreviated regular session Tuesday night, voted to extend contracts for five other DISD employees to give them two year contracts. Included in that action were Ervin DuBose of the central administration staff, high school principal Bill Greer, junior high principal James Porter, elementary school principal Jim Dunlap and head coach and athletic director Bobby Baker.

In other business Tuesday, trustees:

Jacks edge Wildcats in overtime, 69-65

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Johnson, Glover, Teal bolster Jack tracksters

By BRIAN MILLER

The Diboll Lumberjack track team is getting geared up for this year's competition, with its nucleus several returnees from regional competition last year.

Coach Bobby Baker has high hopes for his squad and is high on the two players who ran so well in last year's regional meet, David Johnson and Doug Glover.

"David Johnson placed third at region in both the 400 meter dash, which he ran in 49.6, and in the long jump, where he jumped 22'-10"," says Coach Baker.

Returning with Johnson is Doug Glover, who finished third in the 800 meter dash at region.

"Doug has the third fastest time in the state for the 800 meters last year," says Coach Baker. "This year we will enter him in that event as well as the long jump and the mile relay."

Also returning from last year's team is Jimmy Teal, who won the long jump at the district meet and who will also compete in the sprint relay this year.

Other returnees from last year include Gerald Ligon, who placed in the 1600 meter run at district and will compete in the 800 meter dash this year; Wesley Saxton, who provided points at the district meet in the discus and who will also throw the shot; and Bay Bay Gibson, who ran in the mile relay at region last year. He will also compete in the 400 meter dash this year.

Others whom Baker feels could contribute to the success of this year's track team are Charles Coleman in the two mile run, Warren Fransaw in the mile run, Andy Parrish in the mile run, Andre Vinson in the 400 meter dash and mile relay, Stephen Mitchell in the 400 meter dash and mile relay, Ronnie Coleman in the shot, Aaron Fenley in discus, Clay DuBose in discus, and Jody Cook in the high hurdles and 330 intermediate hurdles.

Coach Baker expects this year's team to be strong in the 400 meter dash, 800 meter dash, 400 meter relay, 1600 meter relay, long jump, shot put and discus throw events. However, he does not feel the team is a contender for the district title because of too many openings to fill in field and sprint events.

Coach Baker has seen hard work and good attitude from his men so far and he has high hopes for the team.

important for us before district this year will be at Bryan and Nacogdoches. We hope to be in district form in those meets. In the other meets we will experiment and move people around," says the coach.

Thirty people have come out for track this year and all are capable of competing on the varsity level. There will also be two junior varsity meets this year, in Kirbyville and Woodville.

Coach Baker is concerned about conditions that the track team will practice under. "We're limited to working on the practice field during the week. Lufkin lets us work on their track on Saturday. We can occasionally work out on the tracks in Corrigan.

"I'm hoping that in the near future we will see the need for a track at DHS," Coach Baker said.



WESLEY SAXTON gets set to heave the discus under the watchful eye of Coach Lynn Johnston and several other members of the Lumberjack track and field team.

Coach Bobby Baker predicts a number of outstanding individual performances this season from his track and field team. (Free Press Photo)

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Jacks nip Hemphill



JIMMY TEAL shoots then rebounds in this action from Diboll's 46-44 win over Hemphill Tuesday night. The Lumberjacks equaled Diboll's all-time victory record at 27 with the win and stand alone atop 19-AAA with a 6-0 mark.

(Photo by Alvin Fasske)



THE LUMBERJACKS' Jimmy Teal Wednesday signed a letter of intent to attend Texas A&M University. The talented wide receiver has been sought by a number of schools in the Southwest Conference and elsewhere as one of the state's premier pass catchers. DHS Coach Bobby Baker and Jimmy's mother beam at the signing. Teal has been an outstanding athlete at DHS in basketball and is the Jacks' second leading scorer this season. But A&M is looking for Teal to give them needed speed and pass catching ability in football. He is the second Lumberjack to sign with A&M in two years. Ricky Kyle will be a sophomore there this season.

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'Jackpot

Diboll thumps Hudson for loop title

By BRIAN OLIVER
News Sports Correspondent

NACOGDOCHES — Now that they've finally shaken off all the Hornets, the Diboll Lumberjacks will try to concentrate on their bi-district game Tuesday night.

For the second straight night, Diboll had to swat off a band of Hornets as the 'Jacks downed archrival Hudson, 55-48, here Friday night in the Nacogdoches High School Gym for the District 19-AAA championship.

On Thursday, Diboll had to play the Hemphill Hornets, and the Lumberjacks raced to a 52-35 victory, setting up Friday night's clash with Hudson.

Friday night's win gave Diboll a 31-7 season mark — each new win is a school record — while Hudson finished a remarkable year with a 24-6 slate. Hudson came in ranked ninth in the state.

Diboll will face the Warren Warriors in bi-district action on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Jasper High School Gym. Diboll will be designated as the home team and its fans will sit on the side of the gym behind the scoring table.

Friday night's district title game was one in which Diboll mounted an early lead and Hudson was forced to play catch-up all game long.

The Lumberjacks jumped on the lead early in the game and never trailed although Hudson managed to tie the game in the first quarter, 10-10. As it turned out, this would be the closest the Hornets would get.

Some hot shooting by four of the 'Jacks starters edged them out to a 14-12 first-quarter lead.

Substitutions for Diboll proved they could handle pressure as they came on strong, paced by six second-quarter points by Elton Gibson to take a 31-23 halftime lead.

Both teams came out rather cold in the third quarter. Diboll outscored Hudson, 8-6 to take a 39-29 lead.

But both teams came out ready in the final frame as Hudson tried to play catch-up.

Larry DuBose was the offense for the Hornets in the final period as he pumped in 13 of Hudson's 19 points in the fourth quarter.

Darrell Coleman and Jimmy Teal, who had been shut down much of the game, combined for 12 of the 'Jacks 16 fourth-quarter points to pace Diboll to victory.

Diboll was 9 for 12 at the free throw line for

See Free throw, page 4B.

Rivalry upped game's value, coaches agree

NACOGDOCHES — Diboll Lumberjack Coach Johnny Brown looked like he stepped directly into the gym from the Sears catalog, wearing a neatly tailored three-piece suit — minus the coat during the heat of the competition Friday night as his troops battled Hudson for the district championship in 19-AAA.

But Brown's preppy appearance, nor the ear-to-ear grin which came after his 'Jacks took the title, told the complete story. A pair of bloodshot eyes and a somewhat drained look on his face also were present.

"I don't know what to say," the young-

See Axemen gave, page 4B.

February 26, 1981

Bates optimistic about Jacks' baseball chances

By BRIAN MILLER

As the 1981 baseball season approaches, DHS Coach Roland Bates predicts competitive play from his team, and they will need it to meet a tough, demanding schedule.

"We have 37 people out for baseball this year," says Coach Bates. "We will carry 15 or 16 on the varsity and the others will play on the JV team."

Varsity players returning from last year are Kent Havard, pitcher-outfielder; Bruce Jordan, catcher; Harold Bell, pitcher-outfielder; Roy McCall, pitcher; Steve Childress, third baseman; Bobby Fenley, pitcher-shortstop; Michael Amason, second baseman; and Rudy Esteves, pitcher.

Other players expected to play for the varsity this season include David Johnson, outfielder; Lynn Williams, first base; Gary Dover, outfield and first base; Jimmy Mettlen, outfield; and Kevin Hurley, first base.

Coach Bates believes that the baseball program has improved over the past five years, as this is probably the largest number of players to come out for baseball.

According to Bates this year's non-district schedules includes many of the larger schools in this area. "We will play a lot of tough teams, but I feel we will be competitive and play well," he says. "I feel we will see a lot of strong competition in our baseball tournament here. Last year we finished second but this year we hope to win it."

The Diboll FCA Tournament, held March 12, 13 and 14 will include Center, San Augustine, Hemphill, West Sabine, Trinity and the Jasper JV. This tournament, along with the rest of the non-district schedule should provide the Jacks with a firm base for the district race, which Coach Bates predicts will be close.

"Our zone includes San Augustine, Center, Central and Hudson, and everyone in our zone is going to be good. Our opponents have many good players returning this year and no one team will be able to dominate," Bates believes.

Coach Bates will also work with the junior varsity, which he feels will also be a good one.

"We have a good group of freshmen coming in and our players seem to be interested in learning baseball. We will have a difficult schedule for the JV also, which will give them experience, but I expect them to win more than they lose," he said.

Probable JV players include Jose Cruz at third base, Clay DuBose at short and pitching, Patrick Johnson at short and pitching, Greg Lazarine catching, Randy Barkley catching, David Fenley, Jerry Johnson and Michael Wyatt at first, Jesse Johnson and Robert Garcia at second, and Reggie Davis, Tony Allen, Doug Clark, Eddy Clark, Walter Levine and Joe McGhee in the outfield.

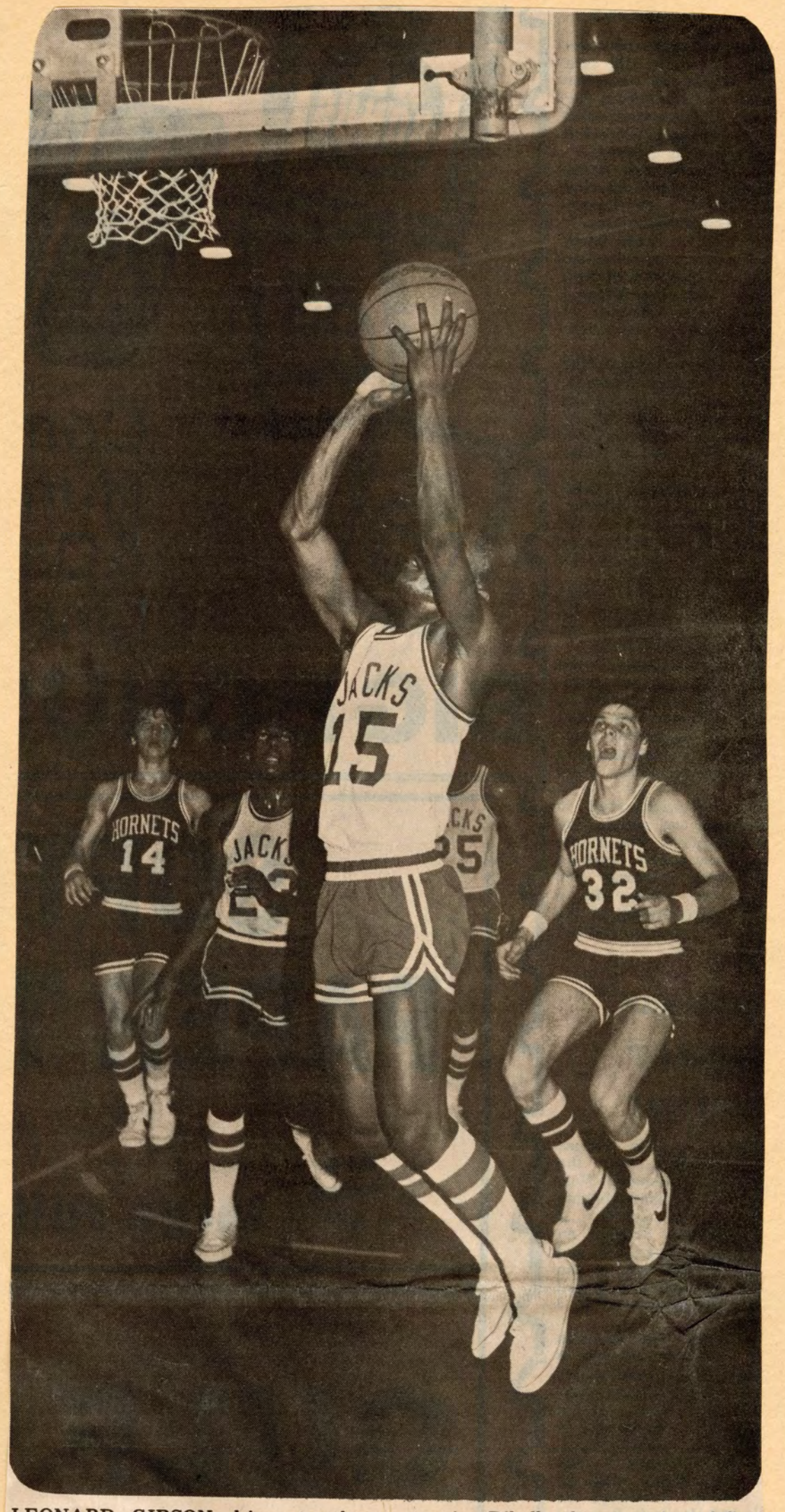
Diboll High School 1981 Baseball Schedule

March			
2	LufkinJV	H	5:00
5	Center	H	3:30
6	Jasper	H	4:30
9	Lufkin JV	T	4:00
9	Wells JV	H	4:00
10	Livingston	T	7:00
10	Livingston	H	5:30
12-13-14	Diboll FCA Tourney		
16	Jasper*	H	4:30
17	Colmesneil*	T	3:30
19-20-21	Livingston Tourney		
31	Corrigan*	T	3:00
April			
1	Nacogdoches	H	4:00
3	Woodville*	H	4:00
7	Nacog. JV	T	4:00
	DISTRICT 21-AA		
April			
9	Center	T	3:45
14	Central	H	7:00
16	SanAugustine	H	7:00
21	Hudson	H	7:00
24	OPEN		
28	Center	H	
30	Central	T	7:00
May			
5	SanAugustine	T	7:00
7	Hudson	T	7:00

*Both JV and Varsity games.

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LEONARD GIBSON drives to the basket for a layup as Hudson Hornets Terry Free (14) and Greg Dotson (32) lose pursuit. Diboll beat Hudson 50-45 here Tuesday night in double overtime to give Diboll sole possession of first place in 19-AAA with a 5-0 record. Hemphill is in second at 4-0 and Hudson trails at 4-1.

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The Lufkin (Texas) News, Sunday, March 29, 1981

Diboll coaches may be out

By DARRELL DENNY
Lufkin News Writer

DIBOLL — Two Diboll High School coaches acknowledged Saturday that they have been told their contracts for the 1981-82 school year will not be renewed when the school board meets Tuesday night.

Johnny Brown, varsity basketball coach, said his contract will not be renewed because of his dating and subsequent engagement to a senior cheerleader.

Roland Bates, varsity baseball coach, told the Lufkin News that superiors have declined to recommend his contract be renewed because of several rumors including one linking him to a high school girl. Bates said the rumors are false.

Brown said Diboll High School Principal Bill Greer was going to recommend that Brown's contract not be renewed.

Bates said Greer was going to give a favorable recommendation but that athletic director Bobby Baker was going to recommend Bates contract not be renewed.

Diboll Supt. Don Robbins and trustees Clyde Cheshire and John Ralph Pouland declined to comment on what action trustees will take Tuesday.

The school board agenda includes the annual reviewing of the district's teachers, coaches and support personnel contracts.

"You're asking me to comment on something that will be in executive session under personnel," Robbins said. "I can't do that."

High school principal Bill Greer was unavailable for comment.

Brown said he is engaged to senior cheerleader Marty Grantham. He said the two have been dating since Miss Grantham's junior year and plan to be married in June.

Brown said that he checked with Baker and Greer before he

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Contracts in question

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started dating Miss Grantham, and avoided contact with her during school hours.

"I've never tried to hide it," Brown said. "I checked with everybody and they all said to keep it professional in school. We've done that."

Mrs. Dale Grantham, mother of Marty, said Brown met with herself and her husband before dating Marty.

"Back about a year ago, he (Brown) came to us and told us how he felt about her," Mrs. Grantham said. "We want people to know he was and is sincere."

Brown said he wanted his contract renewed to "clear her (Marty's) name," even though he said he will resign and move to Beaumont no matter what the school board's decision.

Bates said rumors linking him to a high school girl were false.

"None of that is true," Bates said of the anonymous letter circulated among school officials and news media in the fall of 1980. "When people got this letter, people believed it. I've been attacked along with Coach Brown and it's been some sick person."

One school employee said Bates said he would consider legal action if his contract is not rehired.

Bates acknowledged that if his contract wasn't renewed he was "going to look into" civil action. "Yea, I've been mistreated," he said. "I've been more than mistreated."

Trustee Pouland declined to comment on any specific discussion about the coaches but said, "Maybe it's been discussed a little, but nothing's been done."

"We'll just have to wait until Tuesday and see," Pouland said.

Diboll's basketball team set a school record for wins this year in winning the District 19-AAA championship.

Diboll's baseball team is currently 10-5 on the year.

Bates said he and Brown have been coaching in Diboll three years.

Diboll's trustees to discuss coaches

DIBOLL — School trustees will meet tonight to review the contracts of the district's teachers and support personnel, including the contracts of two coaches who have said they have been told they will not be rehired.

Johnny Brown, varsity basketball coach, and Roland Bates, varsity baseball coach, said Saturday that separate superiors have declined to recommend their contracts be renewed.

Brown said Diboll High School Principal Bill Greer was going to recommend that Brown not be rehired because of his dating and subsequent engagement to a senior girl in the high school.

Bates said athletic director Bobby Baker was going to recommend Bates' contract not be renewed because of rumors including one linking him to a high school girl. Bates said the rumors are false.

Diboll Superintendent Don Robbins said two trustees have declined to comment on what action might be taken in executive session on the two men's contracts.

The school board will also meet in executive session to discuss "the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property," although further description of the property was not given.

Trustees will also consider buying a bus and will appoint their tax board of equalization.

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Two Diboll coaches not rehired

By DARRELL DENNY
Lufkin News Writer

DIBOLL — About 100 persons waited through a 2½-hour executive session Tuesday night to hear school trustees vote unanimously not to renew the contracts of two Diboll High School coaches.

Trustees after the meeting would give not reason for their action in not rehiring varsity basketball coach Johnny Brown and varsity baseball coach Roland Bates.

"We didn't expect to gain renewal of our contracts because several board members had told me their minds were made up," Brown said after the meeting.

Brown said Saturday his contract would not be renewed be- of his dating and subse- engagement to a high school cheerleader, Marty Grantham.

Bates said Saturday his contract would not be renewed because a number of rumors, including one about an incident with a high school girl. Brown said the rumors are false.

However, Bates said today the main reasons he wasn't rehired were, "Coaching philosophy and differences in how to discipline young athletes."

Bates said he allows more "freedom of speech" to his team and has "a more liberal philosophy" as far as discipline is concerned than athletic director Bobby Baker.

Trustees went into executive session after hearing over an hour of testimony from persons supporting and opposing the contract renewals.

"Why condemn two people for falling in love," Marty's mother Dale told trustees. "I don't fault him, in any way for falling in love with my daughter."

"They (trustees) say that's not going to be the issue, but that is the issue," she said. "He's a good coach."

In support of Bates, Geneva Jordan said, "We think he's a good coach and a good man and we think he deserves to stay here."

However Leve Ellison said, "The moral and teaching ability is what I'm concerned with. Not the coaching."

Superintendent Don Robbins would not comment on the trustees' action, saying, "You heard the vote. It speaks for itself."

Trustee Stacy Cook said after the meeting "there was no discussion" about whether to vote unanimously on the contracts.

Both coaches said they will seek other coaching jobs. Brown, who said he plans to wed Diboll senior Marty Grantham in June, said he will move to the Beaumont area.

"Of course, I'll try to stay in coaching," Brown said. "If not, I've got some other things lined up."

Bates said he wanted to continue coaching in the East Texas area.

In other action, trustees appointed William B. Fulmer III, Haywood Quarles and Joe Gage to the tax board of equalization.

Trustees also set a meeting for 4 p.m. Monday to canvass election returns from Saturday and tabled action on a bus purchase.

Diboll coach is suspended

In a special Sunday meeting, trustees of the Diboll Independent School District voted to suspend varsity baseball coach Roland Bates with pay for the remainder of the school year.

Board president Nancy Holubec said the board convened in a closed meeting to discuss the suspension, and later in open meeting voted unanimously to take the action.

She declined to give a reason for the suspension, saying that Bates has ten days to file a reply and request a hearing if he wishes to contest the decision.

Bates said Monday that he has not been informed of the reason for the suspension, but he plans to appeal.

"I feel like I haven't done anything wrong," he said.

The contracts of Bates and varsity basketball coach Johnny Brown were not renewed at the March 31 meeting of the Diboll school board.

Before that meeting, Bates said his firing was due to rumors circulating about his conduct, one of which involved an incident with a high school girl.

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Diboll coach suspended

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Bates said the rumors were false.

After the meeting, however, Bates said his dismissal was due to a philosophical difference with the board concerning discipline and "freedom of speech."

Coach Johnny Brown was not involved in Sunday's action by the board.

Mrs. Holubec said Bates will be given written notification of the reason for his suspension, and if he does not reply or ask for a hearing, the board will meet again to take permanent action on the matter.

Bates said, however, he plans "to use the appeal process," for the suspension, although he does not intend to contest his firing.

"I don't plan on staying in coaching or teaching," he said, "although I'm sure this has nothing to do with my coaching ability or my teaching ability. I've always been evaluated highly."

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The Lufkin (Texas) News, Tuesday, April 7, 1981 Page 3

Marriage to cost coach his job

Love fouls out at Diboll

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

DIBOLL, Texas (AP) — Coach Johnny Brown and cheerleader Marty Grantham shared the sidelines this year as Diboll High School compiled the best basketball record in school history.

Now they plan to share the rest of their lives together, a life that starts with a search for a new job for Brown.

The school board in this East Texas timber town of 5,000 fired Brown, and he said it's because he plans to marry Miss Grantham on June 26.

The 31-year-old coach and 17-year-old senior cheerleader fell in love during her junior year. Brown said Monday they never tried to hide it. He told his bosses and she told the cheerleader sponsor.

"We bent over backwards to ignore each other during school hours," he said.

He also told Miss Grantham's parents, and they tried to help him keep his job.

"Why condemn two people for falling in love?" Dale Grantham, the cheerleader's mother, told the school board.

The board, however, voted last Thursday not to renew Brown's contract. They acted on Athletic Director Bobby Baker's claim that Brown "failed to maintain a certain degree of professionalism."

Brown said Monday he planned to resign even if his contract had been renewed.

"It's best for the school and her and everyone," he said in a telephone interview from his fiancee's home.

There was never any talk of breaking up with Miss Grantham, he said.

"We decided we are going to make the best of it. All things work out for the best ... maybe in the future," he said.

Diboll School Superintendent Don Robbins said "there were no accusations made" specifically relating to the engagement. However, residents of this town 100 miles north of Houston knew the story.

Supporters of the coach showed up for the hearing.

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Terry Grantham, Marty's father, said, "He visited Marty at our home for three or four months and we got to know Johnny well. We then decided that they could date."

"I don't fault him for falling in love with my daughter and he has been a good teacher and an excellent coach," said Mrs. Grantham.

Miss Grantham plans to enter Lamar University in Beaumont as a freshman next fall. Brown said he would look for a coaching job in that area.

Waco Tribune-Herald Tuesday, April 7, 1981 ★

Coach Fired for Dating Cheerleader

DIBOLL (AP) — They loved Johnny Brown for coaching the Diboll Lumberjacks basketball team to their best-ever season. They fired him for falling in love with a cheerleader at the high school.

"Why condemn two people for falling in love?" says the mother of the 17-year-old cheerleader who is engaged to Brown, 31.

Brown and Marty Grantham have been dating since March 1980, during her junior year at the East Texas school. Now, after Brown coached the 'Jacks to a 31-8 season, school officials have decided not to renew his contract for next year.

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Waco Tribune-Herald Wednesday, April 8, 1981

Fired Coach Seeks Job Near Fiancee

From Staff and Wire Reports

DIBOLL — Former Wacoan Johnny Brown is looking for a coaching job to be close to the 17-year-old Diboll cheerleader he was dating when he was fired as the basketball coach for this East Texas school.

Despite coaching the Diboll Lumberjacks to their best-ever season, 31-8, Brown — who attended Waco public schools and Baylor University before coaching at Lake Air Junior High from 1974 to 1976 — will not have his contract renewed.

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Dallas Times Herald

Sunday, April 12, 1981



— Photo courtesy Diboll Free Press

Marty Grantham, at the top of the Diboll High School cheerleading pyramid, and basketball coach Johnnie Brown tried to keep their courtship as quiet and private as possible, but it still generated whispered rumors and the ire of the town's school board. Romance hasn't been easy for . . .

The cheerleader and the coach



— Staff photo by Barron Ludlum

By SUSAN STEWART

Staff Writer

DIBOLL — If life is like a basketball game, Diboll High School Lumberjacks coach Johnnie Brown has committed his last personal foul. He did this by falling in love with a cheerleader. Brown, 31, and Diboll senior Marty Grantham, 17, plan a big church wedding soon after she graduates in May. Then Brown will be looking for employment elsewhere, because the Diboll School Board last week voted unanimously not to renew his contract for the upcoming school year.

It's not the first time Coach Brown has fouled up. The Baylor graduate admits he has tangled with his administrative superiors several times in the past three years over basketball issues. Some say that's the reason he's leaving, but for most people in this East Texas town of 5,000, Johnnie Brown's coaching methods are of no interest at all compared to his love life.

It was the coach's love life that brought 100 Dibollians to the meeting where the board voted to let him go, a meeting made public at the request of Terry and Dale Grantham, parents of the bride-to-be. The Granthams, who have sent three daughters through Diboll High School and are big supporters of the basketball team, wanted a chance to clear the air and tell everybody in town that they are crazy about their daughter's fiancee and feel she has nothing to be ashamed of.

Their plan backfired. Instead of extinguishing the rumors, the public meeting only fanned the flames of gossip. The local papers ran stories with headlines like "Love Fouls Out at Diboll." The wire services picked it up, and by early last week Mrs. Grantham — who coincidentally works as a secretary at the local junior high school — so resented all the publicity she refused to allow her daughter to say anything about the romance or to have her picture taken.

But in Diboll this is big news, the hottest story since eight Lumberjacks football players were temporarily suspended last fall for smoking marijuana. Diboll is proud of its young people, and takes their infractions seriously. But

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No 'happily ever after' in Diboll

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still, some people can't understand what all the fuss is about.

"I think it's kind of a bizarre way for us to get in the paper," said Gwendy Hicks, who is a cheerleader with Marty Grantham. "Diboll's famous now, but not for winning the district (District 19 AAA basketball championship, with a record of 31-8), but for the coach dating the student."

Among the 470 students, opinion about the romance is mixed, Gwendy said. "Some of the kids got upset because they didn't think it was any of the school board's business. Then some thought he's a dirty old man and shouldn't have been doing this, that he got his just rewards."

Among townspeople, the biggest question seems to be: Why drag all this out in the open by holding a public hearing? Or, as a local fireman at the Dairy Queen remarked one evening last week, "Why shut the gate after the cow's out?"

The cow is definitely out. School board member Charles Havard was president of the board when the meeting was held to discuss Brown, and when fellow board members suggested he run for a second term during last Monday's annual election, he declined. "I said I've had enough. Somebody else take some phone calls.

"This thing's been blown up all out of proportion," Havard said. "Of course, Diboll's morals are different than they would be in a larger town. If this happened in a big city, you wouldn't even notice it. But here, something like this gets blown up, everybody starts saying 'Shame, shame.'"

There is precious little about this romance that is shameful, according to its participants. From the accounts of the groom and his future in-laws, this is a chaste, well-chaperoned match made in some teen novel heaven, suitably subtitled, "Marty Meets Her Coach." Here is how it all began.

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If Johnnie Brown was going to fall in love and lose his job over any girl at Diboll High School, it would have to be Marty Grantham, who has been "it" at Diboll for as long as anybody can remember. A four-year cheerleader. Homecoming Duchess for three years and Queen this year. Good grades. Class Favorite. Upstanding family. Fine morals. "She's as nice a girl as you'd want to meet," her classmates say. "A real sweet girl."

When Coach Brown came to Diboll almost three years ago, Marty was only 15. But she was an outstanding 15-year-old, and a very attractive one as well. These qualities were not wasted on the new coach, who was then 28.

"She was a sophomore, but she was the biggest name in school," Brown said. He sounded like one of Marty's classmates when he talked about her. "Her morals were terrific, she made straight As, she didn't *run for* anything, but she won all the elections just the same, you know? I guess it was infatuation. I put her on a pedestal."

Like many of her girlfriends, Marty put the cute blonde coach on a pedestal. "You know how when a new guy comes to school everybody thinks he's cute?" she said. "Well, I sort of had a crush on him."

(So did a lot of other girls at Diboll, with the result that there was some jealousy, some resentment of Marty when the relationship became public knowledge. And some rumors. All jealousy, no truth to them, says Mrs. Grantham.)

Beyond mutual crushes, Coach Brown and cheerleader Marty shared nothing but friendly "good mornings" in the hall. [illegible]

any of those establishments, everybody in town will know within an hour.

"We didn't go to any school functions together, either. And even after we won a basketball game, when the other cheerleaders would run up and hug me, she wouldn't." said Brown. "Once in a while we double-dated with Mr. and Mrs. Grantham, because they felt so sorry for us, having to stay at home all the time. We'd go out to eat or to Tyler to a show."

Early last fall, the couple grew incautious. They went to a Mexican restaurant in Nacogdoches *alone*. Another teacher happened to be there, and spotted them. Shortly thereafter, a jealous girl confronted Marty with the rumors at a football game. The couple decided to go public, at least as far as the school board was concerned.

They had already talked to Marty's cheerleader sponsor and to Bobby Baker, the school's athletic director, about their relationship. In October they notified the school board. Brown says now he tried to be as honest as possible about the romance, and he never received any indication that it would put his job in jeopardy.

That's not quite the case, Baker said. "We did talk about it. As for my saying, 'Go ahead,' no ma'am. We just sat and talked about the problems that could arise. I go by the way the good Lord directs me. The things we talked about were simply the problems that could arise."

Aside from talking to their superiors, the couple acted as a model of decency during school hours. Nobody knew they were in love. "They didn't make a scene at school or nothing," said Tammy Hicks, a student and a waitress at the Dairy Queen.

They still don't, Brown said, even though their engagement is well-known. "Before (going public) we might walk right by each other and not speak," he said. "Now, she'll say good morning to me."

It was all strictly above-board, though discreet, Mrs. Grantham emphasized. "I'm not real liberal (as a mother) or real strict," she said, "but I know decency."

Despite all this decency, Brown lost his job. The reason the board gave was failure to exhibit "a certain degree of professionalism." Charles Havard defended the board's action. "We've made no accusations. Texas law says we don't have to give a reason (for non-renewal of a contract) or hold a public hearing, but we did."

Under Texas law, Brown cannot appeal the board decision. He doesn't really want to, after all the publicity.

Marty is still probably the most popular girl at Diboll High, and Coach Brown is popular enough that most of his players resent losing him. "He's a good coach, and it's his life," said Andy Gossett, a guard on the junior varsity team.

Now the Granthams are just hoping the whole thing will blow over soon. Mrs. Grantham isn't worried about her daughter's marrying so young. "I married out of high school, too," she said. "When she and Johnnie decided, we knew he'd take care of her."

After her graduation, Marty will enroll in Lamar College to study dental technology; if Johnnie doesn't find a coaching job near the Beaumont school, he will work for an oil field research company. He said finding Marty has been worth the trouble.

"Neither one of us planned for it to happen this way, but it did. I'd trade 400 coaching jobs for one young lady like Marty."

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Pop Rich

We first met Doyne (Pop) Rich when he and a half dozen other people were literally running Temple Associates Inc. when it was in its early years. As their chief estimator, he and his comrades worked 16 hour days and weekends to help build that young company into what it is today.

Pop of course has been the business manager and tax assessor-collector for the Diboll Independent School District for the past 17 years. Until fairly recently, he also supervised all school plant maintenance, ran the lunchrooms, tended to school bus maintenance and bus routes, and even taught courses in higher math when nobody else was available.

Diboll's tax rolls were in desperate need of attention when Pop joined DISD. He started immediately getting property on the rolls that had never been taxed. And in succeeding years, his old eagle eye has missed very few improvements that called for an increase in tax appraisal.

This sort of efficiency naturally irates taxpayers. It isn't uncommon to hear people moan "Damn! You can't put up a new board that that durn Pop Rich doesn't see it and raise your taxes!"

But it is far better, we are convinced, that tax assessor-collectors keep up with property appraisals, raising them a little at a time rather than laying back for ten years or so and then hitting property owners with a whopping increase. Right now the cities of Houston and Dallas are faced with taxpayer revolt because property hasn't been reappraised in 25 years. We'll take the steady increases instead of the unbearable once-in-a-lifetime jolts.

Pop has gotten himself into some personality conflicts for one reason or another with some taxpayers over the years, but we suspect his error was in protocol more so than any desire to be unfair or pushy. After all, tax collectors never have been the most likely people to win popularity contests.

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Board catching flak on band members' credits

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll school trustees voted 4-2 Monday to eliminate grade average credit in high school band, homemaking co-op and agriculture co-op, effective for the 1980-81 school term.

The action by the school board means that while a student enrolled in those classes will receive credit for taking the course, the grades earned will not be counted in the student's four year academic grade average.

The policy change is the result of parents of a DHS student petitioning the board, asking that grades for physical education classes be counted into the four year academic grade average.

Physical education courses, while required by state law, were not counted into a student's grade point average.

Previously, band, homemaking co-op and agriculture co-op could be taken in lieu of HPE courses to satisfy state requirements. Grades for those courses, unlike those for HPE courses were counted toward a student's overall grade average.

Terry and Dale Grantham, parents of DHS senior Marty Grantham, asked board members at a meeting last week to modify that policy by allowing physical education class grades to count.

Mrs. Dale Grantham told school board members at a meeting last week that "children in band have the edge" in four year grade averages, which are often used to determine scholarship eligibility.

Mrs. Grantham argued that the schools should either count both HPE and those courses which may be substituted for HPE, or should not count either. Her daughter, Marty, told the board that "I am being penalized because I had no desire to be in band — penalized because I'm not a musician."

Supt. Don Robbins told trustees Monday that a survey of area schools produced evidence that most schools do not count HPE into four year grade averages. The decision to do so is strictly local option, said Robbins.

But board member Clyde Cheshire said that any course of study which the school requires should be counted into the four year grade average.

Charles Havard, board president, said that, "We should either count PE or not count band."

Outgoing board member Stacy Cooke made the motion that neither HPE nor waiver eligible course substitutes be counted into the final grade average, and that was the motion approved by the majority of the board.

Only board members Milford Ruby and Mrs. Nancy Holubec voted against changing policy. "Even if it is changed, it shouldn't be retroactive," said Mrs. Holubec.

Diboll High School band director John Ingram has already voiced his objections to the change in policy, and board members have received calls from parents of band members, questioning the change.

Both Havard and Mrs. Holubec said that they expect that the matter will come back to the board for further consideration at a future date.

In other business, the board:

• Canvassed election totals and officially seated winners Darwin (Bo) Smith, James Rhone and Milford Ruby. The board was reorganized and Mrs. Holubec elected president, Rhone vice president, and Ruby secretary.

DHS will host 19-3A band tryouts, clinics

The Diboll High School Lumberjack Band will play host to the District 19-3A band tryouts, clinic and concert this week, beginning with tryouts Thursday afternoon.

John Ingram, Lumberjack Band director, said that White Oak band director Val Rose will serve as clinician for the All-District Band.

Band members from District 19-3A bands selected for all-district honors will rehearse a program beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday.

A concert, open to the public free of charge, will follow the day long clinic at 7:30 p.m. in the W.F. Pate Gymnasium.

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NEW MEMBERS of the Diboll Chapter of the National Honor Society were inducted Monday night. They are (all seated) Melissa Albrecht, Tina Evans, Angela Gordon, Gina Donovan, Sherri Smith, Shannon Farrow, Susan Beene and Karen Ingram. Standing are other members of the chapter, Shannon Capps, Nancy Wells, Jill Ward, Sharon Breazeale, Bobby Fenley, Mark Holubec, Brian Miller, Robby Cobb, Michael Amason, Roy McCall and Charles Mettlen. Students must maintain an 85 average throughout high school and display other qualities of character and leadership to qualify for the NHS. Local sponsors of the honor society are Mrs. Mary Ingram and Bob McCurry.

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Coaches contracts won't be renewed

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll High School coaches Johnny Brown and Roland Bates will not return to duty with the DISD next school term.

School trustees here Tuesday night voted unanimously in favor of not renewing contracts for either man for the 1981-82 school year.

The decision was based on the recommendation of athletic director Bobby Baker, DHS principal Bill Greer and DISD Supt. Don Robbins, said board president Charles Havard.

Baker said that although he felt that both coaches had "done a good job as coaches", each had "failed to maintain a certain degree of professionalism" as teachers and that is what he based his decision on.

Brown, who has been the subject of controversy since he began dating, and later became engaged to a DHS cheerleader, said that he was not surprised at the decision of the school board.

"The verdict doesn't surprise me at all, because we had talked to several of the school board members before the meeting and they indicated that this was the route that they were going to take," said Brown. "All is not lost, because by resignation was going to be in their hands even if they had accepted the (contract) renewal," he continued.

Bates, who had come under fire for his alleged use of profanity in classroom situations, had no comment on the board's decision.

"I don't want to comment on the situation because it would just serve to hurt other people, and I don't want that to happen," said Bates, who added that he, like Brown, also was planning to resign his post with the DISD.

Some 60-70 persons attended the board meeting Tuesday night — many of whom voiced support for the two coaches. The board heard from Brown and persons supporting him in an open session lasting approximately 40 minutes. Bates had his hearing in a 90 minute closed session with the board.

Neither man would say whether he planned further action in the matter, but Robbins explained that, under state law, there is no appeal process for non-renewal of a term contract.

"The two were not recommended by their superiors... there were no accusations made by the board," said Robbins. Robbins added that both will be allowed to finish the terms of their present one year contract.

No reason for the action was given by the administration or by the school board, and no such justification is needed under state law, according to Robbins. "We didn't really have to grant them a hearing," said Robbins.

In the open hearing that was afforded Brown, several members of the audience spoke out in support of the coach.

"I think that it is a sad affair if his contract is not renewed on the basis of who he chooses to marry," said JoAnn Ivey. "If he has not done his job, then his contract should not be renewed, but it should not be based on his personal life," she added.

Robbins explained that "generally speaking, a person's private life is his own affair as long as it doesn't interfere with his job performance."

Bronson Jordan said that he felt that the board should make its judgment on the basis of coaching ability. "What they do in their own time is their own business,"

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Granthams defend their future son-in-law Brown

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

"Why condemn two people for falling in love?"

That's what Mrs. Dale Grantham wanted to know from Diboll ISD trustees who listened to her defense of Diboll High School basketball coach Johnny Brown at a contract hearing Tuesday night.

Mrs. Grantham, who claims that her teenage daughter's relationship with future son-in-law Brown cost the coach his job here, said that she was at the meeting to "set the record straight", and to correct any misconception the public might have about the situation.

Marty Grantham, a 17-year-old senior student at DHS and a varsity cheerleader, has been engaged to marry Brown, 31, for several months. They have been dating since March, 1980.

"I'm not saying that this is the reason for his dismissal," she told the board, "but I think it is."

Board members, by state law, do not have to give a reason for not renewing a teacher's term contract, and they did not do so Tuesday. "There were no accusations made," said Supt. Don Robbins.

Robbins said that the administration granted the hearing on the matter as a courtesy to Brown and to coach Roland Bates, whose contract the board also chose not to renew.

"We realized that it was a sticky situation when we first learned of their relationship," Mrs. Grantham explained to the board. "But whatever Johnny has done, he's done with our approval since last March."

Her husband, Terry agreed. "If this is the one thing that you've held against Johnny — you thought it wasn't right — well, it was right," said Grantham.

Grantham recounted how Brown had come to the parents last year, told them how he felt about their daughter, and asked their permission to date her.

"He visited Marty at our home for three or four months and we got to know Johnny well," Grantham explained. "We then decided that they could date," he added. "I don't know what else you could have against him," said Grantham.

Mrs. Grantham told the board that, "What I'm judging him on is his reputation from last March when he came to me and told me that he loved my daughter."

"There's sort of a code of ethics that students don't fraternize with teachers — which I can understand — but why condemn two people for falling in love?" she asked.

"I don't fault him for falling in love with my daughter and he has been a good teacher and an excellent coach," said Mrs. Grantham.

Brown stated that he and Miss Grantham had conducted themselves "professionally" at all times while on

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he told the school board.

Levy Ellison said that "morality and teaching ability is what I'm concerned about." Marie Hicks said that her daughter, who is a cheerleader at DHS, was not aware that Brown and cheerleader Marty Grantham were even dating. "I have heard of jokes or stories of a slightly off-color nature being told in the classroom (by Bates) and I do not approve," she added.

"What she says is hearsay and rumor," Bates countered. "What she says is immoral, I may not consider immoral," said Bates. "You're not going to govern my morality or any one elses out there on the field...I don't know what she is talking about," he continued.

Bates said that he was requesting a closed session with the board because "I've not had the time nor had any accusations presented to me. I feel like I've done an admirable job, and have never been told by my superiors that I wasn't going to be rehired," Bates explained.

Brown said that he felt that his contract should have been renewed because he had done nothing wrong.

Brown stated that he believed that the reason for his dismissal was based on his relationship with Miss Grantham, and the fact that some people objected on the basis of impropriety.

Brown related to the board how he had conducted himself in the situation — from first informing the Grantham family, his coaching superior and Miss Grantham's cheerleading squad supervisor — to keeping the relationship "on a professional basis" during school hours.

"We bent over backwards to ignore each other during school hours," Brown explained.

Brown asked the board to renew his contract, after which, he explained, he would resign in order to seek employment near Beaumont. His fiance will be enrolled at Lamar University in the fall.

Both Miss Grantham's parents spoke out in favor of Brown, and commended him on the manner in which he conducted his relationship with their daughter.

"The point is that he wants his contract renewed and he wants a letter of recommendation," said Terry Grantham. "I think you should give him one — I think you should reconsider."

Mrs. Dale Grantham later said that, "The choice not to renew Johnny Brown's contract was unfair and in no way could they or would they show cause for the decision, other than the relationship between Coach Brown and my daughter. Our conscience is clear. Is theirs?"

Board president Charles Havard said that he had no regrets about the unanimous decision of the board, which was based, he reiterated, on the recommendation of each man's superior, and not on any unsubstantiated accusations.

Brown coached the DHS basketball team to a district title this season. His team set a school record with its 31-8 mark.

Bates is credited by many with rejuvenating the baseball program at DHS. His Lumberjack team stands at 10-6 so far this season.

Granthams defend future son-in-law

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campus, and that they had "bent over backwards" to ignore each other while at school.

Both Brown's superior, athletic director Bobby Baker, and Miss Grantham's cheerleader supervisor, Janice Cook, had been notified about the situation, as had been high school principal Bill Greer.

"We were told that our private life was our own business, and we were advised to keep it professional at school," said Brown.

Brown told the school board members that there was "nothing sordid...immoral... or wrong with the relationship at any time."

"We're not defending our name, because it doesn't need defending," said Mrs. Grantham, who reiterated that most of the dates that Brown and Miss Grantham had were supervised by her and her husband.

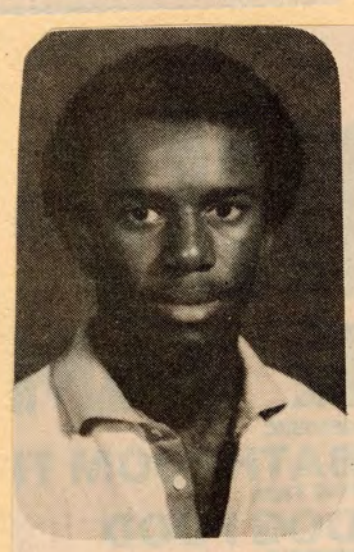
Grantham appealed to the school board to give Brown a one year renewal on his contract and a recommendation, so that he might resign his position with a clear record.

Trustees did not buy the argument, however, and voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of Greer, Baker and Robbins that the contract for Brown not be renewed.

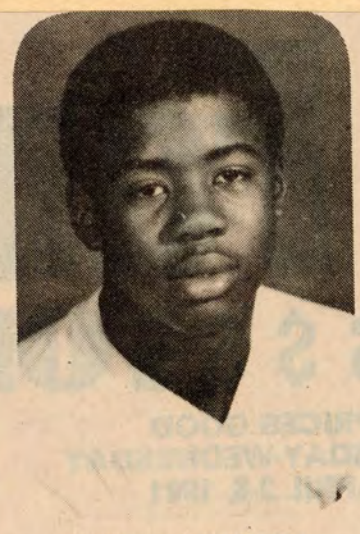
School board president Charles Havard said that the board never heard any accusations against either Brown or Bates, and acted strictly on the recommendation that the contracts not be renewed because of reasons dealing with a "lack of professionalism" by the coaches.

Brown, who said he expected the decision handed down by the board, said that he had planned to resign in any case, but was disappointed that the board chose not to renew his contract.

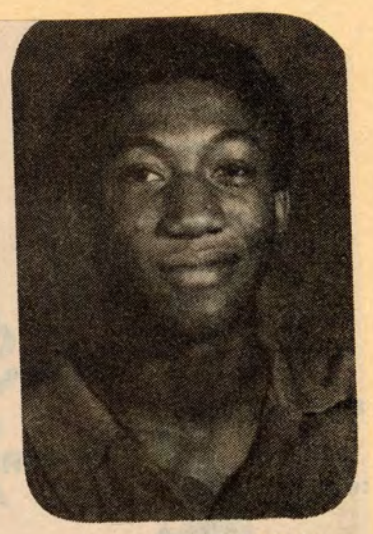
Neither Brown nor Bates is expected to challenge the ruling handed down by the board.



JIMMY TEAL



EDWIN MITCHELL



DARRELL COLEMAN

Jimmy Teal MVP in District 19-AAA

Diboll's Jimmy Teal was selected the most valuable player in District 19-AAA basketball this season as he paced his Lumberjacks to the district title.

Teal and Edwin Mitchell were first team selections to the 19-AAA all district team, along with Hudson's Greg Dotson and Larry DuBose, Hemphill's Glenn White, Davis Foster of Center, Kyle Brazil of Woodville, Kirbyville's Andy Johnson and Anthony Byerly of Newton.

On the second team are Diboll's Darrell Coleman, Hemphill's Richard Parks and Raymond Joubert, Kirbyville's Scotty Levias.

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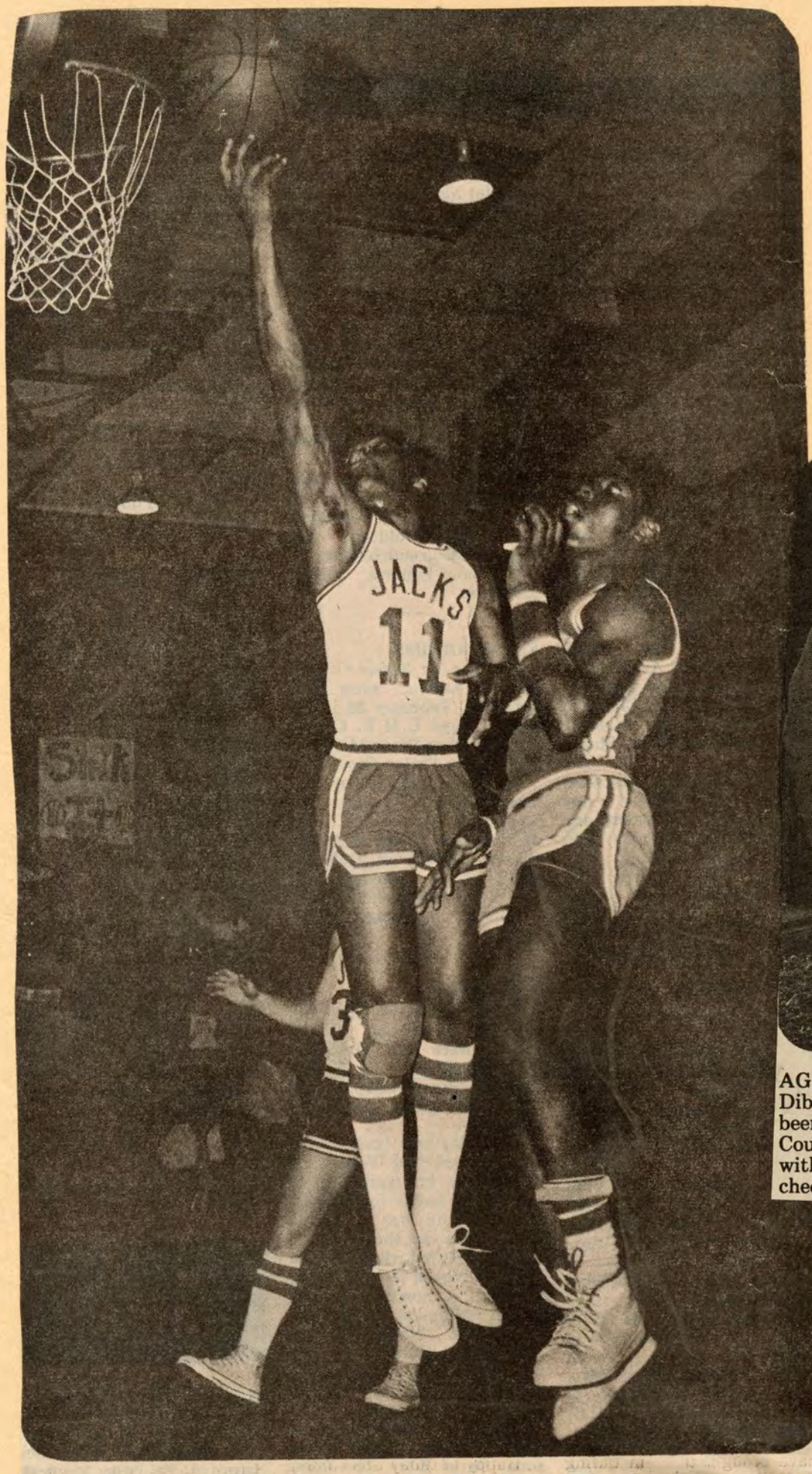


THE DIBOLL FFA Chapter Farmer teams won first place in the Pasture and Land Judging contests held April 1. They also produced the high point individual in both events and the Diboll Greenhand teams won second place in their division in both events. The contests are sponsored annually by the Upper Neches Soil & Water Conservation District. The first place pasture judging team members are (top photo) Chapter Adviser Bob McCurry, Charles Mettlen, Peyton Thompson, Marvin Courtney, and Richard Capps, high point. The first place land judging team was composed of Adviser McCurry, Randy Barkley; Vicki Scarborough, high point; Colinda Franks, Mark Rush and Howard Victery of the Upper Neches District.

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Jacks whack Central, go on to playoffs Thursday

Brown's crew sets new season record of 29-7



BAY BAY GIBSON (11) won this rebound battle in Diboll's 74-47 victory over Newton here Friday. The Lumberjacks beat Central Tuesday night, 64-54, to capture the second round title. They go into a playoff with Hemphill and Hudson this Thursday to determine the first round winner and district winner. The Lumberjacks wound up regular season play with a 29-7 record overall and 15-1 in district.

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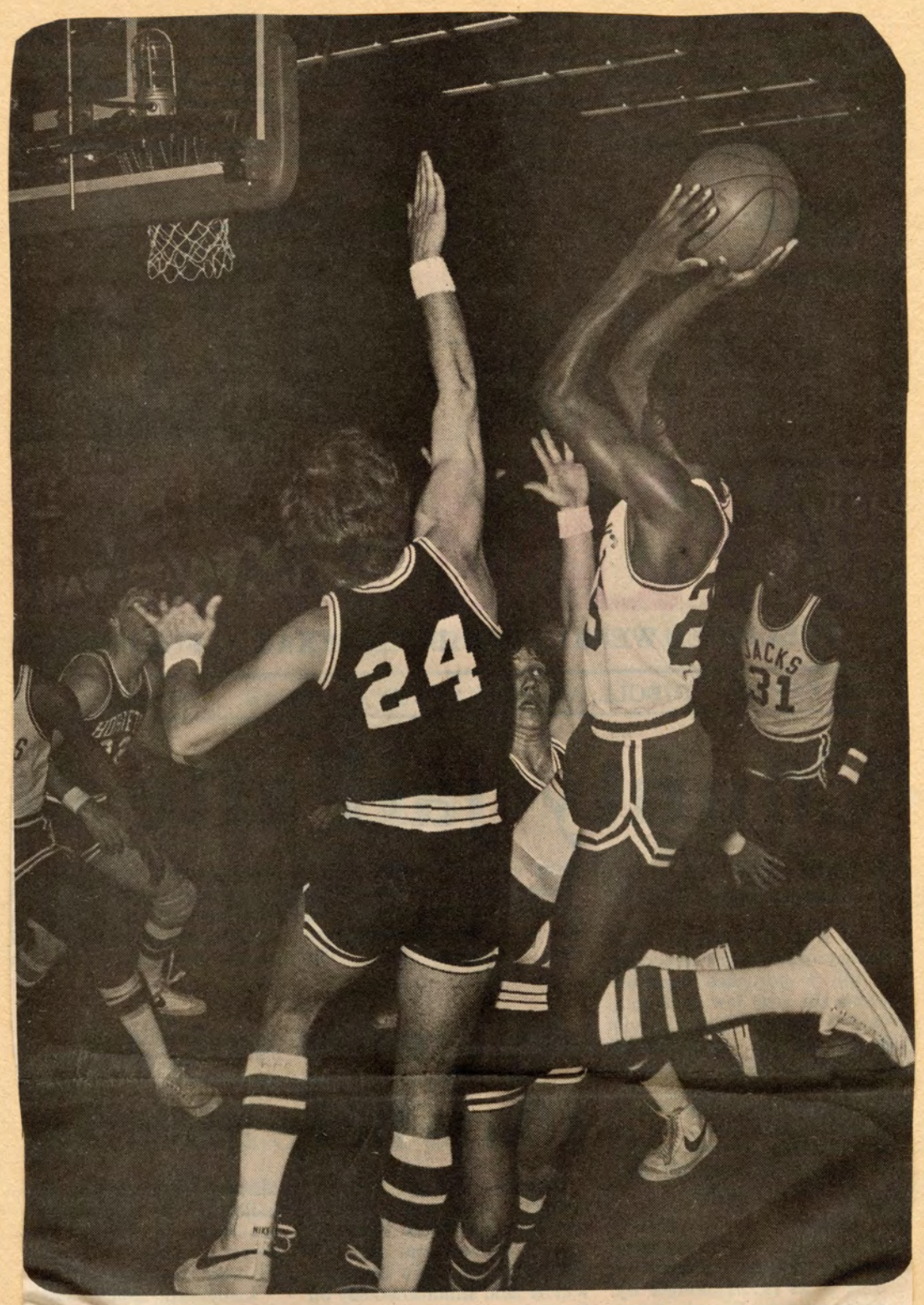
AG SCHOLARSHIP — Robby Cobb, Diboll High School FFA student, has been awarded this year's Angelina County Go-Texan Scholarship. Pictured with Robby as he accepts the $1,500 check are his agriculture teacher Bob McCurry (left) and Johnny Jackson, local chairman of the Go-Texan Committee. Robby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Cobb of Diboll, will attend Texas A&M University.

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Warren edges Jacks in bi-district

Coach Brown's Jacks end season with an impressive 31-8 record



DIBOLL'S JIMMY TEAL sets for a jumper against Hudson in the Lumberjacks' 55-48 victory that gave them the 19-AAA championship Friday in Nacogdoches. The Jacks lost their bi-district game to Warren Tuesday night, 62-55, to end their season at 31-8, a school record. (Photo by Charles Havard)

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COLLEGE BOUND — Students from Diboll High School were among those attending the recent college/career conference held at Stephen F. Austin State University. Shown here conversing with J.R. Wright, left, associate director of admissions at SFA, are Michael Amason, Sherri Smith and Laura Douglas. The three Diboll seniors were among more than 500 area students who attended the conference. (SFA Photo)



ROBBY COBB of Diboll was presented a $1,500 Area Go-Texan Scholarship during Angelina County Night festivities at the Astrodome in Houston. Houston Livestock Show President Allen Carruth made the presentation to Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Cobb of Diboll. Looking on at right are Charles Arnold, Go-Texan Ambassador, and Diboll agriculture teacher Jesse Bradford.



WENDELL CAPPS of Diboll was awarded fifth place in the Grand Champion Dairy Heifer Scramble at the Dairy Calf Scramble Awards Banquet of the 1981 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Wendell received the award in recognition for outstanding participation in the scramble program. Pictured left to right are Jesse Bradford, Diboll agriculture teacher; Wendell Capps, and John L. Loftis of Lofco, calf sponsor.

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TOP BAND AWARD

LUMBERJACK BAND drum major Sherri Smith (left) and band president Gay Sample were proud to display the trophy that the band won at the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight Reading Contest last week. The Diboll band took home a first division (superior) rating in the sight reading contest, which requires the band to perform a musical score that they have never played previously with only a few minutes rehearsal time.

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Johnson, Glover race to Orangefield victories

Ladyjacks third at Orangefield



LADYJACK TRACKSTERS — The DHS Ladyjack track team will travel to Corrigan next week to compete in their second track meet of the season, after having placed third in the Orangefield meet last weekend. Members of the team include (left to right) front row: Anita Coleman, Bobbie Attaway, Triena Malnar, Ronda Tindell, Karlen Curry, Karen Barkley, Sandra Mendoza, Yolanda Compean and Connie Allen. Kneeling on the second row are Sandra Teal, Sandra Blount, Sylvia Mitchell, Diane Rogers, Dessia Fowler, Alma Scott, Gretchen Walker, Peggie Lewis and Sandra Mitchell. Standing on the third row are Cynthia Levine, Ethyl Fowler, Martha Harris, managers Cheryl Gordon, Pam McCartney and Connie Ward, and head coach Carol Drake.

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Diboll boy's steer brings him $8,480



GRAND CHAMPION STEER

BRYAN HATTHORN of the Diboll FFA Chapter showed the grand champion steer at Tuesday's Angelina County Junior Livestock Show. Texas National Bank paid $8 a pound or $8,480 for the 1,060-pound steer. TNB's R.M. Shumaker and Larry Risinger were on hand to make the purchase, and Jerry Rowland (at right) helped with the trophies and flowers. It is the first grand champion steer award for the Diboll FFA. Hatthorn purchased the calf from John Ralph Pouland of Diboll, who was named for the county breeder award.

(Cameracraft Photo)

Sale nets new record $100,321

Bryan Hatthorn of the Diboll FFA Chapter displayed the grand champion steer in the 1981 Angelina County Junior Livestock Show Tuesday as the successful show brought in a record $100,321.50 at the sale.

The $100,321.50 is easily a new record for the sale. Last year's record of $88,786.83 surpassed the first big record of $80,000 set back in 1979.

Steers which last year brought $1.25 to $1.30 per pound at the sale averaged as much as $1.45 per pound this year, excluding the real premium prices paid for the champion and reserve champion.

Hatthorn's Brahman-Simmental cross steer was worth $8,480 or $8 a pound to the buyer, Texas National Bank, which has purchased the grand champion at sky-high prices in recent years.

The $8,840 paid by Texas National this year is more than the $5,857 it paid last year for the champion but less than the record $9,045 it paid it 1979.

Hatthorn's steer also was the highest placed calf in the county. He purchased the calf from John Ralph Pouland of Diboll, who received the county breeder award. His steer also registered the second highest gain of all entered in the show.

Hatthorn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce George of Diboll.

The reserve grand champion was shown by Carl Ray Polk of Lufkin. His 898 pound steer brought $3.80 for a total of $3,412.40 and was purchased by R.H. Duncan Construction Co.

This was the Diboll FFA's first grand champion at the annual show, although a Diboll 4-H member showed the grand champion year before last.

Andy Gossett of Diboll had the grand champion rabbit fryer pen, bought by First Bank & Trust for $310.

Grand champion hog belonged to Kelly Dawn Pigg of Lufkin 4-H and was purchased by Texas National Bank for $561 or $2.55 per pound.

The heavier reserve champ hog owned by Suzanne Yates of Lufkin 4-H brought $2.20 a pound or $583 from East Texas Metal Buildings.

The grand champion lamb owned by Doug Yates of 4-H was purchased by Texas National Bank for $550.

The reserve champion lamb was owned by Kim Selman of the 4-H and was purchased by Home Savings & Loan for $325.

The grand champion chickens were owned by Richard Watkins of Lufkin 4-H and Tinsley's Fried Chicken paid a whopping $690.

Diboll FFA'ers bring back $28,256 in prizes

Diboll FFA members fared extremely well in Tuesday's Junior Livestock Show as their entries brought in a total of $28,256 to its members.

The Diboll chapter placed three of the top four steers in the sale, had the grand champion steer, the grand champion rabbits and placed third in four different other categories.

Bryan Hatthorn of course had the grand champion steer which brought $8 a pound. Andy Gossett's grand champion rabbit fryer pen brought $310 from the buyer, First Bank & Trust.

Thirteen of the 16 Diboll steers won blue ribbons.

In the Brahman cross, Hatthorn of course was first and Melvin Linton was second.

In the Charolais class, Gary Dover was third, Jimmy Mettlen won a blue ribbon and Bubba Nevills a red.

In the English cross, Floyd Reese was third and Bruce Jordan was fourth.

In the Hereford class, Payton Thompson scored a third, Terry Glover a fourth, and Roger Reese got a red ribbon.

Keith Morris had a red ribbon in the Angus class.

In the other cross class, Cary Cheshire was second, Eddy Clark was third, Andrea Pouland was fifth, Randy Barkley had a blue and Kevin Hurley a red.

All blue ribbon steers made the sale.

In the heavyweight white hog division, Eddie Clark had a first place and Ron Turner a third.

In the lightweight black hog class, Morris Smith scored a first.

In the medium weight white hog class, J.W. Mettlen Jr. was third.

All those hogs made the sale. Not in the sale but winning blue ribbons were Cary Rains and Andy Gossett, while red ribbon winners were Bobby Turner, Robby Cobb and Dennis Kilgore.

Vickie Scarborough's lamb placed third in the show and brought $380 at sale.

In the breeding division, Andrea Pouland had the champion other cross female and reserve champion of all breeds in the show with her Simmental.

Eddy Clark got a blue ribbon with his Brangus and a blue for his Brahman cow.

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QUALIFIED FOR STATE — Nine members of the Diboll High School Band have qualified for participation in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest this year. Those attending the contest in Austin will be (kneeling, left to right) Lori Lee, Gina Donovan and Laura Douglas. Also (standing) Karen Ingram, Jamey Miller, Melissa Albrecht, Monica Reeves and Sherri Smith. Not pictured is Barry Tate. All of these students are attending the May state contest by virtue of their First Division (superior) rating on Class I solos or ensembles at regional U.I.L. contests.

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Team can't participate in Family Affair event

DHS Head Coach and Athletic Director Bobby Baker said this week that a planned tribute to the DHS basketball team at The Family Affair this weekend is in violation of University Interscholastic League rules and cannot be accepted.

"As much as we appreciate this gesture toward our school and basketball team, such events are not allowed by the UIL and our players cannot participate in it," he said.

"I know that people in the community want to show their appreciation to our teams, but all such events must be cleared through our athletic department to ensure that they do not conflict with state rules which could jeopardize our eligibility in the future," he said.

"This year has been a very successful year for our basketball team. Several Diboll people have been very gracious in wanting to do something for the players just as a way of saying thank you for giving us a good season.

"But, the players are bound by UIL regulations that restrict them from receiving awards that are given by people in the community. To some people, this sounds like a terrible set of rules, but all athletes who want to maintain their eligibility must abide by these rules. Coaches are also restricted from receiving awards that extend beyond a $200 limit.

"The players of the basketball team can receive a $4 minor award and/or may receive a $32 major award, if this is their first major award received. The minor award is generaly a certificate with the major award being a jacket.

"I am asking that you give consideration to the UIL regulations and contact the athletic department at Diboll High for additional information pertaining to these restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation."

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LADYJACK GOLFERS — Diboll High School's Ladyjack Golf Team finished third in their own 1981 Ladyjack Invitational Tournament Monday. The ladies finished with a team total of 477. Crockett High School finished on top with a 393, while Jasper High School took second place honors with a 417. Members of the Ladyjack squad for this season are (seated, left to right) Tina Wolf and Karla Havard. Also, (standing) Robin Squyres, Denise Capps and Brenda Ruby.

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Ladyjack track team corrals district title

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DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL captured the 19-AAA district golf championship Monday by defeating Center over 36 holes of play. Kneeling are Barry Tate, the medalist with rounds of 77-74; Chris McGilvra, who tied for runnerup medalist at 75-83; and Greg Krull, who shot 96-99. Standing are Phillip Burnett, 107-110; Ted Cheavens, 116-95; Coach Jerry Gartman; and Kenneth Baldwin, 99-106. Diboll's team total of 709 bested Center's 718. The Jacks will next go to region at Brenham. (Free Press Photo)

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Band credit ruling rescinded by board

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll School Trustees Tuesday night approved recision of a board action taken two weeks ago which had eliminated grade average credit given in band, agriculture co-op and home economics co-op.

Board president Nancy Holubec asked for a motion to recall the original decision after explaining that "two board members misunderstood" the intent of the action taken two weeks ago and wanted to reconsider.

The recall passed by a margin of 4-2, with trustees Holubec, Milford Ruby, James Rhone and Charles Havard voting for the recall and trustees Clyde Cheshire and Darwin (Bo) Smith voting against the measure.

The board members who had said that they misunderstood the original action were Rhone and John R. Pouland, who was not present at the meeting Tuesday.

One trustee questioned the manner in which the recision was made. "It seems to me like I've missed a board meeting," said Smith. "It appears that some of this was established before the meeting was started," he charged.

The decision made Tuesday calls for the grading system to remain as it was before the board action two weeks ago which changed policy on giving four year grade credit to those subjects which are allowed as substitutes for the state required physical education courses.

Although credit is given for taking physical education courses, no grades earned in those courses are counted into a student's four year average, which is used to determine class rank among other things.

The action taken by the board two weeks ago would have also removed grade average credit from the band, agriculture co-op and homemaking co-op courses. That action came as the result of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grantham's request to the board that their daughter's physical education grades be counted into her four year scholastic average.

That decision was also passed by a 4-2 margin, with Mrs. Holubec and Ruby voting against the change.

The board conducted its business with a full house in attendance Tuesday night, and many of those who attended were parents of band students.

John Ingram, band director at Diboll High School, appealed to the board to change their decision of two weeks ago, noting that a study done by a national music educator's group showed that students enrolled in band programs showed improved grades in all classroom work.

"That is because of the self-discipline necessary...and because of that, a student will raise his level of general scholastic ability," Ingram

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Band ruling rescinded

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argued. He added that the students' band grades were their reward and to take that away would be unfair.

"We have a strenuous grading program, and to take away their scholastic grades is not fair to them, taking away what little reward they get," said Ingram.

Mrs. Dale Grantham, whose original request had prompted the board to make the policy change said that it was not her intent to have band grades eliminated from the four year average process. "Let the band grades be counted, but let the P.E. grades count also," she told trustees.

Trustee Darwin Smith, who eventually voted against the recision, said that he would favor counting all subjects, including P.E., into the four year average. "The easiest way out of this is to count whatever a student takes," said Smith.

Smith had the support of P.E. coach Johnny Brown, who said that the vote to change the board's decision of two weeks ago was unfair. "It looks as if the vote is being railroaded," said Brown.

Trustee James Rhone, one of the board members who claimed that he misunderstood the original motion voted on two weeks ago, said that at that time he was "not aware that we were cutting out grades this year, and I don't think that we should penalize the band students."

Mrs. Holubec pointed out that "this is the opinion of Mr. Pouland also". Pouland was not present at the meeting.

"There is still room for discussion — for change," said Mrs. Holubec.

That discussion will likely be conducted among committee members who have or will be appointed to study the situation and report to the board for action prior to the beginning of the fall term.

Members of the committee include Mrs. Holubec (ex-officio), Supt. Don Robbins, DHS principal Bill Greer, DHS counselor Mary Ingram, trustees Rhone and Ruby and two classroom teachers to be named at a later date.

Results of that discussion will have no bearing on this year's four year averaging procedure. Band, agriculture co-op and homemaking co-op grades will be counted as usual. P.E. grades will not be figured into the four year average.

Coach asks for hearing

Diboll School Board was to have conducted a public hearing Wednesday night concerning the suspension of DHS baseball coach Roland Bates.

The meeting was set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, after the Free Press' deadline.

Bates was suspended by the board some two weeks ago after an alleged violation of school policy.

His contract was not renewed for the 1981-82 school term anyway, an action taken by the board earlier this month.

Bates was given ten days to ask for a hearing, either public or in closed session with the board.

Had Bates not appealed, the board presumably would have acted to make the suspension a permanent termination.

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To cost $154,000

More classrooms ok'd

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

The Diboll ISD will have to spend some $154,000 for nine new classrooms before the beginning of the fall school term, school officials have predicted.

In a report to the school board Tuesday night, Supt. Don Robbins said that because of continued growth and overcrowding conditions, two new classrooms are needed at the elementary school campus, three at the junior high school and four at the senior high.

One double unit for the elementary campus is estimated to cost some $31,000. One double and a single for the junior high campus will run about $48,000, and a quad unit for Diboll High School will cost the district about $75,000.

Trustees voted Tuesday to authorize the administration to prepare specifications on the buildings, which are of the portable type now in use on all three campuses.

Robbins said that it may be possible for the district to lease-purchase the buildings to avoid having to pay for them in one lump sum. It is also possible, he told trustees, that the district might get some help from the T.L.L. Temple Foundation.

The Temple Foundation provided funds for four classrooms several years ago, Robbins explained. He added that whatever the board does about the classroom situation, must be done prior to the opening of school in August so that the buildings will be ready for occupancy.

Diboll ISD voters defeated a bond issue last year which would have financed construction of a new high school and allowed the junior high to move to the present high school campus. That move, in turn, would have freed the present junior high for use as a middle school, relieving the overcrowding conditions now plaguing the elementary campus.

Voters nixed the $5.5 million school bond issue proposal last Dec. 2 by a 4-1 margin. Prime cause of the failure was tagged to a proposed 87 percent tax increase which would have been needed.

School board members said after that election that they were still convinced that permanent facilities are needed for the district. A facilities study committee was formed at that time, but no definite plans have been presented since.

Robbins reported to the board that school population is down some 15 students since last month, about normal for this time of year. The district lost six students

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Jacks fourth in district, seven advance to region

By BRIAN MILLER

The Diboll Lumberjack track team finished fourth in the District 19 AAA meet at Center with 93½ points. The Center Roughriders won the meet with 142 points, followed by the Woodville Eagles with 98½ points and the Newton Eagles with 98 points.

The Jacks had two first place finishes at the meet, and along with the second place finishes, both will advance to the regional track meet starting this Friday at Brenham. Charles Coleman won the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:22.18, and Doug Glover won the 800 meter dash in a time of 1:57.75.

Jimmy Teal finished second in both the long jump with a distance of 21'-5", and the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.99 seconds. David Johnson finished second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 49.33 seconds.

The 1600 meter relay team of Dorsey Scott, Doug Glover, Stephen Mitchell and David Johnson will also advance to regional with a second place finish in a time of 3:27.55.

Also placing at the district meet was Gerald Ligon, with a third place finish in the 3200 meter run in a time of 10:28.69. Finishing fourth were Jimmy Teal in the high jump at 6'-0", Stephen Mitchell in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:04.50, and Charles Coleman in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:55.05.

David Johnson took fifth place in the long jump with a distance of 20'-8½". Also finishing fifth was Wesley Saxton in the discus with a throw of 125'-6".

Kevin Hurley finished sixth in the high jump, clearing 5'-10". Estevan Guerrero took a sixth place finish in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:15.39. Jimmy Teal finished sixth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.33 seconds. Also taking sixth was Gerald Ligon, who had a time of 4:57.05 in the 1600 meter run.

Spring band concert Monday

The Diboll High School band department will present its annual spring concert on Monday evening, May 4 at 7 p.m. in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

Admission is free and the program will last about one hour.

The program will feature music from the beginner band, the seventh grade band, the eighth grade band and the high school band.

It is a traditon of the music department to follow a theme for its spring concerts and this year the theme is "Country and Western".

In keeping with the theme the Band Boosters will give away a handmade quilt, a $25 gift certificate from the golf course pro shop, and some lucky person will win their very own armadillo.

"So come holler with us during the Cotton Eyed Joe and sit back and relax to the easy listening of Kenny Rogers," says Band Director John Ingram.

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Center roughs up Lumberjacks, 6-4

By BRIAN MILLER

Despite allowing only a single hit, the Diboll Lumberjacks lost 6-4 to the Center Roughriders Tuesday in their final home game. The Jacks' district record now falls at 2-3 and upcoming games against Central, San Augustine and Hudson are all on the road.

Starting pitcher Bobby Fenley pitched a perfect game for the Jacks until the sixth inning, but Diboll suffered from a lack of hitting during the game.

Kent Havard scored the first run of the game in the first inning after getting a base with a single and stealing second. A double by Gary Dover drove Havard home. Bruce Jordan also got a hit in the first inning with a single down the third base line.

There was no score in the second or third innings, nor were there any hits during that period. In the fourth inning, Diboll got its second run. Steve Childress walked to open the bottom of the fourth, and be advanced to third on a single by Kevin Hurley. Michael Amason laid down a sacrifice bunt to drive Childress home, but Diboll could get no other runs in the inning.

The fifth inning was also scoreless and hitless, but in the sixth inning the Roughriders finally began their attack. Ronnie Youngblood, the Center leadoff batter, walked and stole second. Two sacrifice bunts drove Youngblood in for Center's first run. The next batter, Davis Foster, also walked, and he stole second, third and finally home plate when a pitch from Fenley bounced high in the air.

Diboll regained its lead in the bottom of the sixth, however, when Steve Childress walked and later came home on a double by Michael Amason. No other runs were scored by Diboll in the sixth however, so the score was 3-2 when the seventh inning began.

David Hennigan, the Center leadoff batter, got the Roughriders' only hit in the game, a single. Mike Nichols hit the ball directly to Michael Amason, the Diboll second baseman, for a perfect double play opportunity, but the throw to shortstop Rudy Esteves was behind Esteves and could not be handled. Hennigan advanced to third base on the play, while Nichols reached second. Mark Massey, the next Center batter, again hit the ball to Amason, but the throw to first was bad, and Hennigan and Nichols came home while Massey went to second.

A third error came when Robbie Hudspeth hit the ball, allowing Massey to score and sending Hudspeth all the way to third base on the play. The next batter walked, but Center got its sixth run when Randy Brown laid down a sacrifice bunt to drive Hudspeth home.

Diboll was able to score a final run in the seventh inning, but not rally to win. Rudy Esteves hit a single which was followed up by another Kent Havard single. Bobby Fenley flied out to left field, but Esteves came home when a fly ball hit by Gary Dover was dropped by the Center centerfield. Diboll could not bring Havard or Dover home, however, as Bruce Jordan and Steve Childress both popped out to leave Center with the 6-4 district victory.

End of the line

Wolves, Hornets brush off Jacks



THE DHS LUMBERJACK baseball team completed its season last week with a 10-13 record. Members of the team are (front) Roy McCall, Michael Wyatt, Kent Havard, Steve Childress, Clay DuBose and Bobby Fenley. Standing are Gary Dover, Kevin Hurley, Bruce Jordan, Jimmy Mettlen, Rudy Esteves, Michael Amason and Coach Lynn Johnston. (Free Press Photo)

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LUMBERJACKS TO REGIONALS — Seven members of the DHS Lumberjack track team will travel to Brenham Friday to compete in the regional preliminaries and finals at Blinn College. Representing the Jacks are (front row, from left) Charles Coleman, 3,200 meter run; Doug Glover, 800 m dash, 1,600 m relay; David Johnson, 400 m dash, 1,600 m relay; and Dorsey Scott, 1,600 m relay. Standing are (from left) Jimmy Teal, 100 m dash, long jump; Stephan Mitchell, 1,600 m relay; Gerald Ligon, 1,600 m relay and coach Bobby Baker.

(Free Press Photo)



OFF TO STATE MEET — Diboll's hopes for state trophies in track will ride the heels of Doug Glover in the 800 meter run and David Earl Johnson in the 400 meters this Friday night in Austin. Glover's best time was 1:54.7 at the region meet where he finished second. Johnson's best time of 49.0 was also good for second at region. Each will be in a field with seven other runners — the best in Texas in Class 3A — for the finals Friday.

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Glover, Johnson qualify for state meet

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Johnson, Glover capture fourth places at Austin

By BRIAN MILLER

At the state track meet in Austin last Friday, Lumberjacks Doug Glover and David Johnson earned fourth place finishes in their events.

Glover ran the 800 meter dash with a time of 1:55.1. According to Coach Bobby Baker this was not an exceptional time for Glover, who tripped in the last part of the race and fell behind.

The incident almost disqualified him, but he was allowed to keep his place behind winner Bradley Peveto of Orangefield, who earned his second straight track title with a time of 1:53.5.

David Earl Johnson ran the 400 meter dash in 49.3. He completed the race in a photo finish which required the judges' ruling to give him fourth place rather than third.

The winner of the race, Anthony Ketchum of Woodville, set a new national record in the event with a time of 45.5 seconds. Ketchum also won the 200 meter dash and the long jump.

Refugio was the state meet winner with 40 points.

Coach Baker was proud of the performances of his men at the state meet saying, "I thought both men did a good job for their first time at the state meet. They got a chance to see what type competition is at the meet. There is an atmosphere at the meet that can't be described except by those who have been there."

"The state meet is what the team works for all year. But all of our track teams, the boys, girls and junior varsity, competed very well all year, winning many honors for the school."

Baker commended Coach Carol Drake for her work with the district-winning girls track team, though it was composed chiefly of freshmen and sophomores.

"Our whole track program is the type we've been striving to build at DHS. Our boys track team finished high in the district meet. We were the only team in our district, except for Newton, which sent people to the state meet.

He said he anticipates another successful track team next year.

"I feel we will have a strong track program next year and I feel that the working of the track program will complement other sports. Track complements football and basketball for boys and volleyball for girls, so it is valuable to the entire athletic program.

"The number one ingredient for a strong track program is to have a track, so we are hoping that in the near future the town of Diboll will see the need for a track," Baker said.



DOUG GLOVER won a fourth
and David Johnson a fourth in th
3-A division at last week's state

Havard top Jack hitter, Jordan best with RBI's

None of the Diboll Lumberjack baseball players could maintain a .300 batting average, perhaps partially reflecting the team's 10-13 finish that ended with a six game losing streak.

Kent Havard came nearest the .300 plateau with a season mark of .290 and a district average of .375.

Michael Amason hit .289 on the season and finished at .292 in district play. Bobby Fenley hit at a good .348 clip in district but was .233 on the season.

Other season averages: Rudy Esteves, .244; Kevin Hurley, .235; Gary Dover, .222; Steve Childress, .204; Bruce Jordan, .169; David Johnson, .163; Lynn Williams, .132; Jimmy Mettlen, .083; Harold Bell, 333 (only three AB's); Clay DuBose, .188.

District averages had Havard at .375, Fenley at .348 and others: Michael Amason, .292; Steve Childress, .263; Bruce Jordan, .250; Kevin Hurley, .235; David Johnson, .231; Gary Dover, .185; Rudy Esteves, .182.

Also, Lynn Williams, .154; and Clay DuBose, .273.

In district play the Lumberjacks obviously hit the ball better than they did on a season average, likely because they encountered some larger, tougher teams in non-district play, and better pitching.

The Jacks had a .247 team average in district, compared to .275 for their opponents.

On the season they hit just .208, compared to .247 for all their opponents.

Interestingly, the hitters with the best RBI production did not have the best averages.

On the season, Bruce Jordan batted in the most runs, 15, though he carried a .169 average.

Gary Dover with a .222 average knocked in 13 runs, Lynn Williams at .132 and Steve Childress with .204 had 11 RBI's each. Bobby Fenley knocked in ten to round out the players with ten or more RBI's.

Thus, Jordan's 11 hits in 65 at-bats produced 15 runs. Havard's 18 hits in 62 AB's produced eight runs, although he scored 27 runs.

Kent Havard had a 4-5 record on the mound for the Lumberjacks, Bobby Fenley went 3-4, Roy McCall was 2-3, Rudy Esteves was 0-1 and Harold Bell was 1-0.

In district play, Havard had a 1-3 record pitching, Bobby Fenley was 1-2 and Roy McCall was 0-1.

Kent Havard did set one record for the 1981 Lumberjacks: His 49 stolen bases in the 23 game season breaks the old record of 45 set by Wayne Stephens back in 1967. Havard averaged just over two stolen bases per game on the season.

Havard's base stealing paid off in runs. His 27 runs scored outdistanced anyone else.

Kevin Hurley, a sophomore, and Clay DuBose, a freshman, hit Diboll's only two homeruns of the season, both coming in district play.

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76 seniors candidates for diplomas Tuesday

Graduation exercises for the 1981 senior class at Diboll High School will be held next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

There are 76 members of this year's senior class, ten fewer than the record 86 of last year's class.

Charles Mettlen is scheduled to give the invocation at Tuesday's ceremonies. Vice Principal Alex Alexander will give a scripture reading and Supt. Donald E. Robbins will introduce the speaker, senior class member Mark Holubec.

School board president Mrs. Nancy Holubec will present diplomas, as the class is presented by Principal Bill Greer. Robbins will also present special awards.

Rosalind Blount will give the benediction. The processional and recessional will be by Doreen Holt.

Members of this year's class are:

Michael Ray Amason, Ewell Lane Bass, Rosalind Denise Blount, Sandra Leigh Blount, John Dee Bowman, Angela Regina Capps, Keith David Capps and Richard Maurice Capps.

Also, Judy Diane Carrier, Linda Diane Carter, Eric Lee Chandler, Cary Edward Cheshire, Robert Steven Childress, Jeff E. Childs, Curtis Lloyd Clemens, Hugh Robert Cobb and Darrell Wayne Coleman.

Also, Rickey Lynn Coleman, Marvin Louis Courtney, Daphnie Dianne Donahoe, Laura Kathleen Douglas, Sandra Dee Eakin, Raul Esteves and Micheal Lynn Fasske.

Also, Rosa Nelia Flores, Ethel Lee Fowler, Leonard Charles Gibson, Angela Nell Gordon, James Glen Grandgeorge, Madelene Marlene Grantham and Kelley Dione Gray.

Also, Dionicio Guerrero Jimenez, Tammie Jo Halsey, Bonnie Sue Harris, Charles Kent Havard, Tammara Lynn Hicks, Harold Mark Holubec and Bruce Lamar Jordan.

Also, Lonnie Ray Kilgore, Brenda Lee Lambert, Martin Vike Lewis, Gerald Lynn Ligon, Bennie Vee Mask, Roy Dempsey McCall, Christy Ann McCollum, Kevin Lee McCollum, George Cavazos Mendoza and Anna Beth Mettlen.

Also, Charles Ray Mettlen Jr., Brian Rogers Miller, Johnny Earl Mitchell, William Keith Nash, Patsy Diane Norris, Alvin Wayne Parish, Sheila Louise Parr, David Glenn Perry and Tammy Renee Porter.

Also, Henry Quinney Jr., Keith Edward Rains, Charlie Ray Rhodes, Gay Elizabeth Sample, Machel Lawrence Scarborough, Dorsey Ray Scott, Cheryl Rene Schmidt, Sherri Lynn Smith and Jeffery Stribling.

Also, Barry Wayne Tate, Jimmy Dewayne Teal, Kathy Ilene Terrell, Ronald Henry Turner, Connie Yvette Ward, Baron Carl Wheeler, James Tad Wheeler, James Lynn Williams, Jo Lynn Williams and Donna Gay Wright.



BOOKMARK DESIGNERS — Diboll High School art students recently competed in a bookmark design contest. Winners were (seated, left to right) first, Ted Cheavens; second, Arthur Hernandez and third, Gerald Ligon. Also (standing) fourth, Shannon Capps; and honorable mention winners Susan Taylor, Flor Garcia and Ricardo Rosales. The winning entry by Cheavens will be used as the official bookmark for the T.L.L. Temple Library Summer Reading Program which gets under way soon. (Free Press Photo)

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TAKING AIM ON SUMMER

MR. AND MISS DHS for 1981, Angela Gordon and Jimmy Teal, were among 76 Diboll High seniors who received diplomas Tuesday night. Now they're planning on a little summertime fun before having to hit the books again at college this fall. Angela, a National Honor Society member and one of the top 20 DHS grads this year will attend Angelina College. Jimmy, a standout with the football Lumberjacks, will attend Texas A&M University on an athletic scholarship.

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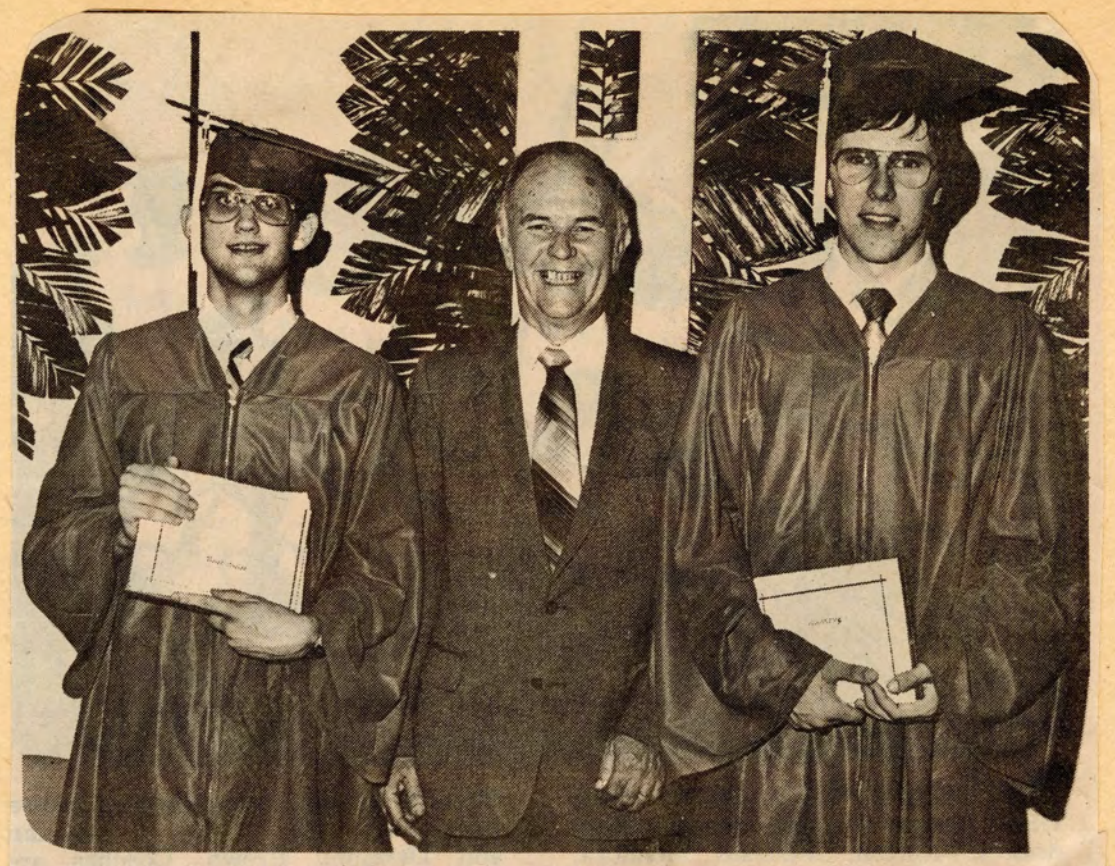
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TOP TWENTY SENIORS AT DHS

THESE 20 STUDENTS maintained four year grade averages of 90 and above at DHS. They are (front) valedictorian Brian Miller, 97.93; salutatorian Mark Holubec, 95.65; Barry Tate, 94.85; Sherri Smith, 94.46; Michael Amason, 94.42; Marty Grantham, 93.93; Roy McCall, 93.23; Robby Cobb, 92.82; Cheryl Schmidt, 92.61 and Charles Mettlen, 92.37. In back are Tammy Renee Porter, 92.06; Tammie Halsey, 92.06; Angela Gordon, 91.66; Angela Capps, 91.48; Christy McCollum, 91.35; Donna Wright, 91.33; Sandy Eakin, 91.30; Tammy Hicks, 91.27; Bonnie Harris, 91.00; and Laura Douglas, 90.74. (Free Press Photo)

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TOP RANKING STUDENTS

VALEDICTORIAN Brian Miller (left) and salutatorian Mark Holubec received congratulations from DHS Principal Bill Greer after graduation ceremonies here Tuesday. Miller finished with a four year average of 97.93 and Holubec with a 95.65. Both will be attending Texas A&M University. Seventy-six seniors received diplomas and 20 of those had four year grade averages of 90 and above.

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Miller, Holubec lead '81 graduating class

Brian Miller with a 97.93 average and Mark Holubec with a 95.65 four year average were the top ranking students in the 1981 DHS class of 76 which graduated Tuesday night at Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

Brian Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Miller, and Mark Holubec is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Holubec Jr. Both students are headed for Texas A&M.

Twenty-six percent of the class, or 20 students, maintained four year grade averages of above 90.

The other top-ranked students behind Miller and Holubec were Barry Tate, 94.85; Sherri Smith, 94.46; Michael Amason, 94.42; and Marty Grantham, 93.93.

Also, Roy McCall, 93.23; Robby Cobb, 92.82; Cheryl Schmidt, 92.61; Charles Mettlen, 92.37; Tammie Halsey, 92.06; and Tammy Renee Porter, 92.06.

Also, Angela Gordon, 91.66; Angela Capps, 91.48; Christy McCollum, 91.35; Donna Wright, 91.33; Sandy Eakin, 91.30; Tammy Hicks, 91.27; Bonnie Harris, 91.00; and Laura Douglas, 90.74.

Valedictorian Brian Miller's scholarships included one to a church related college, Star Student Award, National Merit Scholarship by Time-Life, and a President's Endowed Scholarship to Texas A&M.

Salutatorian Mark Holubec received a scholarship to a church related college.

The high ranking girl, Sherri Smith, will receive a scholarship from the Southland Division of St. Regis.

Jimmy Teal will receive a football scholarship to Texas A&M.

Dionicio Guerrero and George Mendoza receive scholarships to Las Javenes Unidas.

Kent Havard, Bruce Jordan and Mike Fasske will receive technical scholarships to Angelina College from Lufkin Industries.

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Donna Wright gets the Diboll Pilot Club scholarship and Robby Cobb has received the Go-Texan Scholarship from the Houston Stock Show & Rodeo.

Keith Nash receives a scholarship to Blinn Junior College.

Michael Amason will receive a Temple Foundation scholarship to SFA.

Tammy Hicks was awarded a cheerleader scholarship to Angelina College, and Bonnie Harris receives a four year scholarship from Lufkin Industries.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS in the DHS graduating class included (front) Keith Nash, Blinn Junior College; Sherri Smith, church related colleges, St. Regis; Michael Amason, Temple Foundation to SFA; Bruce Jordan, technical scholarship to Angelina College from Lufkin Industries; Mike Fasske, technical scholarship to AC from Lufkin Industries; Tammy Hicks, cheerleader scholarship to AC; and Bonnie Harris, Lufkin Industries four year scholarship. In back: Mark Holubec, church related college; Brian Miller, Star Student Award, National Merit Scholarship Time-Life, President's Endowed Scholarship to Texas A&M; Jimmy Teal, football scholarship to Texas A&M; Dionicio Guerrero, Las Javenes Unidas; Donna Wright, Diboll Pilot Club; Robby Cobb, Houston Fat Stock Show Go-Texan and Marvin Baker agriculture scholarship; George Mendoza, Las Javenes Unidas; and Kent Havard, technical scholarship to AC from Lufkin Industries.

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AWARD WINNER — A two-year, $1,200 Angelina College scholarship was presented to Bonnie Sue Harris of Diboll High School during graduation ceremonies Tuesday night by the Lufkin Industries Foundation. Miss Harris is the daughter of Robert Harris, Route 1, Box 458, Diboll. Her father has been employed in the utility maintenance department of Lufkin Industries since 1962. The foundation will award 15 college scholarships totaling $50,400 to graduating high school seniors this year. Sons and daughters of Lufkin Industries employees win the scholarships on the basis of academic achievement, character and citizenship.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — Los Jovenes Unidos, a local service organization, awarded three scholarships to DHS graduates this year. Receiving awards were Dionicio Guererro, George Mendoza and Miguel Molina. Pictured with the awardees are Juanita Malanders (left), sponsor, and Leticia Silguero, president. Dionicio plans to attend Sam Houston State University, while George will attend Texas A&I and Miguel has plans to attend Angelina College.

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PILOT SCHOLARSHIP — The Pilot Club of Diboll awarded its $400 scholarship this year to Donna Wright, who plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University this fall. Pictured with Miss Wright are 1980-81 president, and Bre 1980-81 education area le Pilot Club.

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DIBOLL FFA STUDENTS will be attending a forestry shortcourse this week at Wilkes Lodge. The Texas Forestry Association is conducting the course, sponsored locally by Temple-Eastex and the Diboll Garden Club. Attending the week-long course are (left to right) Jeff Bearden, Kevin Smith, Rodney Willis, Tracy Thompson, Ronnie Kilgore, Bryan Klimpt, Kathy Parish, Tonia Pearson and JoAnna Linton.

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10-YEAR PINS — staff members who received ten year service pins last week included (left to right) Elmer Kimbrough, Jim Dunlap, Jesse Bradford, Johnnie Mae Dixon, Linda Dunlap, Ida Maples and Dale Grantham. Teachers were honored at a special luncheon Friday. (Free Press Photo)



SERVICE AWARDS were given to Diboll ISD employees last week. Among those receiving awards were DHS principal Bill Greer, 30 years; Mrs. Cindy Maddox, 20 years; and Temple Junior School principal James Porter, 15 years.

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THE WILBUR F. PATE awards were presented last Thursday to Connie Ward and Jimmy Teal. The awards are presented annually in memory of the late Diboll superintendent to those male and female students who are outstanding in more than one sport and who exhibit high scholastic and leadership qualities. Awards were presented at the Jack Backers banquet, where former DHS star athlete Jay Wyatt delivered the guest address. (Free Press Photo)



JIMMY TEAL was selected the most valuable offensive basketball player of the season and Dorsey Scott the most valuable defensive player. The awards were presented at the athletic banquet last Thursday sponsored by the Diboll Jack Backers.

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Basketball coach named

By MIKE CRIM
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DISD trustees selected a new high school basketball coach, hired an additional women's coach for Diboll High and named an assistant band director for the high school and junior school band programs at their meeting last Thursday.

Mark Wimberly, 26, was named as the new basketball coach for Diboll High School. The 26 year old Athens native coached at 3-A Bishop High School last year, and has previously coached at Alto High School.

Wimberly holds a B.S. degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, from which he was graduated in 1977. He will replace Johnny Brown, whose contract was not renewed by the school board for 1981-82.

Sylvia Graham, 27, will also be joining the coaching staff at DHS next term. The 1975 graduate of Tarleton State University holds a B.S. degree, and has had teaching experience in Shepherd. She presently resides in Nacogdoches.

School officials said that the expanding women's athletics program at DHS made hiring an additional women's coach necessary.

Becky Shelton, 26, will be the new band director for the Temple Junior School band. She will assist band director John Ingram with the high school program as well as working with the beginner band.

Miss Shelton is a 1977 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, and holds a B.F.A. degree. She has been working part-time with the Diboll music program this year, while also working in Diboll for the Temple-Eastex legal department.

In other business at last Thursday's regular and at a Monday special meeting, trustees —

•Approved the 1981-82 athletic department budget as submitted by head coach and athletic director Bobby Baker. Total amount for the program this year is set at $60,076.30, as opposed to last year's $57,144. Fewer capital outlay expenses for the athletics program are expected this year, however.

•Discussed the possibility of leasing the Lufkin Civic Center, or another air-conditioned facility, for DHS graduation exercises. No action was taken, pending further study.

•Approved policy changes for bilingual and grievance sections of the school handbook.

•Okayed the summer driver education program. The program involves some 100 students, and uses two cars leased on a three month basis from Clifton-Duke Chevrolet of Corrigan. Oscar Kennedy and Ken Lightfoot will be instructors.

•Approved participation in the Region VII Media Services program.

• Authorized advertisements for bids on fleet insurance, bank depository, workmen's compensation insurance, classroom furniture and a replacement light pole for the high school football stadium.



THESE LUMBERJACKS were presented special awards in football at the annual Jack Backers athletic banquet last Thursday. Jimmy Teal was named the most valuable player in football, Steve Childress was named the most valuable defensive player and David Johnson the most valuable offensive player. (Free Press Photo)