



The Bulldog's Tale

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Two Bright and Early Optimists

When Brian Calaway and Leslie Kirkpatrick were called into Mr. Bourland's office Tuesday November 12, neither knew the reason. Optimists that they are, however, they were reasonably sure that it was because they did something right. To be sure, both Brian and Leslie had been nominated by their teachers as the two most outstanding seniors. Recognized for their optimistic involvement in activities, their optimism towards their own academic averages, and their leadership qualities, Brian and Leslie attended an early breakfast meeting the following Wednesday at the Holiday Inn in Big

Spring. It was the annual meeting of "The Optimist Club," where each year outstanding students from Big Spring, Sands, Forsan, and Coahoma are awarded attractive trophies. Four boys and four girls received trophies in all. When asked how she felt about receiving the award, Leslie was quick with her response: "Sleepy!" While 7:00 is an early time to receive an award, it certainly was the optimist in both Brian and Leslie that accepted the trophies graciously. In as much as all optimists look on the bright side of things, these two optimists certainly got out of bed bright and early.



Members of The Junior High Band

Fresh New Season

by Dee Jon Douglass

The Coahoma Bulldog basketball team is ready for a new start after coming off of a rough football season. The Bulldogs had a fair 1984-85 basketball season under first year head coach Kim Nichols. The Bulldogs were 11-18 on the year and 3-7 in district during the 84-

85 season. They plan to change their fifth place district standing of last year.

The Bulldogs have five returning lettermen from last year's squad. Also, they have five seniors coming up from last year's successful junior varsity team. In all, the Bulldogs

have nine seniors and three underclassmen possibly playing for them this year. Having only three days until their first competition, the Bulldogs weren't completely ready. You can be sure that they will be ready by time district rolls around.

Returning lettermen for the Bulldogs this year are:

Brian Calaway, a 6'1" guard and forward, is a four year letterman for the Bulldogs. He was the second leading scorer from last year and in the top ten for the district. Calaway averaged 14 points a game.

The main returning rebounder for the Bulldogs is 6'1" post player, Ben Neel. Neel is a two year letterman and a senior. Neel pulled down 148 rebounds for the Bulldogs last season.

Gary Vaughn, a 6'0" guard and forward, is one of the biggest thieves on the team. The senior returner had 36 steals for the Dogs last year. Vaughn is a two year letterman and also one of the leading assist men for the team.

Another rebounder for the Dogs is senior Dale Hodnett. The 6'0" two year letterman had 113 rebounds during last year's season. Hodnett also showed his scoring abilities by winning a game against Greenwood with a last second shot.

One of the returning underclassmen for the Dogs is 5'10" guard, Dee Jon Douglass. The two year letterman had one of the better free-throw averages from last year. The junior shot 61 percent from the line.

The five seniors coming off last year's junior varsity squad are: Gene Arguello, a very

quick point guard who was instrumental in the team's 19-4 season record. Arguello will be a key player for the Bulldogs this year.

Scott Earnest, a 6'1" senior, can handle the ball well enough to play a guard or a forward but has the height to play post. Earnest was a starter on last year's winning team and one of the leading scorers.

Guard, Rodney (Spud) Gee was a key performer on last year's junior varsity team. The senior is a key assist man for the Bulldogs and will help them put points on the board.

Senior guard, Louis Salazar, played a good deal on last year's squad but was held out for a while with back problems. Salazar will help out the Bulldogs a lot this year.

Injury plagued, Jody Reid probably won't see a lot of action this year due to injury. He injured his shoulder in football and still hasn't completely recovered.

There is one other underclassman that will be playing for the Bulldogs this season.

Junior post player, Jimmy King, is a 6'3" dunker. King played some varsity basketball last year but was set back to get more experience. King slammed two lay-ups in one game last year on the junior varsity. He will help the Dogs out a lot on the boards this year.

The Bulldogs have a real good chance at a district championship and a play off berth this year. The Dogs have a lot of hustle and will fight for a loose ball. Come on out and support the Bulldogs as they work for a District Championship.

2 Wesleyan Bound ?

by Mark A. Valco

Wesleyan bound? Two thousand dollars a year might not be enough to attract Lisa McCoy to Wesleyan University. Impressed by Lisa's academic average and her high SAT score, Wesleyan has put its bid in early for a most promising student. When asked how she felt about the \$2,000 scholarship, Lisa replied, "I was flattered, but I have been planning to go to San Angelo." When asked if San Angelo had awarded her a

scholarship too, Lisa answered, "No, but I like their business program." Lisa mentioned that her course plans were not entirely made, but that she is tilting towards a career in Accounting or Management. Obviously Lisa's grades at Coahoma High School, indicate that she has what it takes to succeed. Her management of activities, such as her editorship of the Annual, has given her valuable experience that will help her in the future.

Aware of Software

by Candy Joiner
& Kim Metcalf

Seventh and Eighth graders are receiving a head start on computer skills with the special instruction of Mrs. Parrish.

The economical world and even the private world are revolving around the bright new world of computers. Computers have worked their way into almost every facet of life. Realizing the need to keep up with this fast growing technology, Mrs. Parrish instructs a wide variety of practical activities that students will find useful as they become a part of the computer world.

One such activity is letter-writing. Assorted softwares allows for a number of programs, including letter-writing, schedule-making, report-making, and graphics. Student Eric Drewery finds graphics fascinating. Using the computer to draw is an art in itself.

Besides fun software, Mrs. Parrish teaches the students how to use a wide variety of educational softwares. Using the computer as a learning aid, students build upon their knowledge of english,

spelling, science, reading, and even spanish.

Some students recognize the computer as essential for their career goals. Don Wilson remarked, "It's 11 great. I'm probably gonna be a computer technician like my father." Eager to point out the practical applications of the computer course, Kevin Gilbert testified, "I think this class will help because I plan to drill wells when I grow up, and they use computers to do that now."

According to Mrs. Parrish, students not only learn many softwares but also learn computer terminology (which is a language in its own right), the history of the computer's development, as well as the latest in various computer crimes. In addition, students learn about many types of computers and their various uses. Most importantly, students are getting hands-on experience.

Impressed with how well her students are learning, Mrs. Parrish commented, "My students are interested and curious, and I'm constantly see column 3 ,top,this page

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surprised at how quickly they learn. I have to take night courses just to stay ahead of them."

Among the students who have computers at home are Ginger Atkinson and John Overton. About the course, John commented, "It's fun and easy. It helps me with my computer at home."

Other enthusiastic students include Sam Lenderman, Shelley Keenan, Melan-

ie Cobb, Scooter Tucker, and Stacey Rash.

Several of these students, together with 8th graders Brad Willis, Brandie McCutcheon, Kevin Gilbert, Laurie Lieb, Phillip Anderson, Don Wilson, Kevin Bryant, and Connie Ponder, will be entering the state computer literary contest in December for the 2nd year in a row.



READ "...A Pale Horse"

Number 6 on the best-sellers list for the months of October and November is Ride a Pale Horse by Helen MacInnes. Helen was born in Scotland. She graduated from the University College in London. She married Gilbert Highet in 1937. Mrs. MacInnes is known for her books. She has had her novels translated into 22 languages. Several have been adapted to films. Mrs. MacInnes is recognized as the "creator of remarkably acute and supremely exciting novels." The way she writes will thrill a reader as effectively as any movie in a theatre. In Ride A Pale Horse, Mrs. MacInnes outdoes herself. Mrs MacInnes has written 20 other novels and #21 is a killer.

The main character, Karne Cornell, is a journalist on the story of her lifetime. She had the charm, beauty, and talent to pull it off,

but it could cost her her life. She was originally working on a story on acid rain, when in her hands was placed an envelope. The envelope had the information that, if given to the wrong person, would start World War III. With the words "my life is in your hands" she was sent on a mission to "Ride the Pale Horse". This is a quote from the Bible, Revelation 6:8. With her life in jeopardy she takes it to the U. S. Devoting all her time to this envelope full of crime that the two supermachines would kill to try to get it for themselves. What was their in the envelope that could be so harsh? Terrorism, political assassination, espionage, and treason, the highest levels of crime the United States and Russia could ever commit. Both super madrines putting the other in a position to mark the beginning of W. W. III. Unless Ms. Cornell can stop it.



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To BRYAN

Merry Christmas to my husband, Bryan. The first Christmas together is the most special.

Love --your wife,Belinda



"NOT NOW TOM, I'M MAKING A DISC AND CHECKING IT TWICE."

2nd PLACE Essay

Below is the essay that won ANGIE JONES second place in the Miss Merry Christmas contest held last month:

'Tis not the weight of jewel or plate,
Or the fondle of silk and fur:
'Tis the spirit in which the gift is rich,
As the gifts of the wise ones were:
And we are not told whose gift was gold
Or whose was the gift of myrrh.

This quote illustrates my feelings towards the Christmas tradition of gift-giving.

Too many times we give gifts out of a feeling of obligation. Embarrassed friends receiving gifts from me rush out to reciprocate, not because of the Christmas spirit but because of the gift itself.

As we reach into a jammed mailbox, we glance at the return addresses, only to find one return address that had not been included on our card list. Rushing home we scramble through the leftover cards, scribble our names and pop it into the mailbox, hoping the receiver will not discover he had been forgotten.

Remember that the real gift at Christmas was not a brightly wrapped package from Sakowitz, but a gift of life packaged in a bed of straw.

That gift of life has survived in spirit for over 2,000 years. It is in this spirit that all gifts should be given.

To SHONA DREWERY

Please give my Christmas greetings to my dorklike but very lovable cousin.

Merry Christmas MOM, DAD, JAMES, DEWAYNE and RICHARD. All our love, Bryan and Belinda Beck

Merry Christmas STEVE GRANDON --signed: "Me"

Merry Christmas to the World's greatest MOM and DAD. Merry Christmas also to TINA and MARSHALL. Love -- Keisha Roberts

To SHANNON WALLACE
Merry Christmas! Guess Who?

To CANDY

You're the nicest person in Coahoma High School I hope you have a Merry Christmas -- Scott

To YOU-KNOW-WHO
From YOU-KNOW-WHOM
Thanks for You-know-what, you-know-where, you-know-when. By the way: Merry Christmas.

To MELANIE COBB
I'm writing this to embarrass you. Merry Christmas! Hope you get lots of presents. signed: "Me"

To Kelly
I like you despite everything you've done to me, and I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Love--Your favorite sister

To ALLISON REDDING, MICHELLE CARLILE, and BRENDA KELLY
You have 4 secret admirers and we all love you. Merry Christmas! Ha! Ha!

To MRS. JOHNSON
(Season's Greetings)
Merry Christmas and may Santa not poison your Christmas Dinner

I wish MINGA a Happy Merry Christmas
Love, Andrea Cevallos

To GRANNY and GRANDAD
I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas. I love you very very very much. from: Krystal

Merry Christmas MOMMY, DADDY, REBECCA, and AMBER. I hope you have a nice time. I love you very very much. from Krystal

Happy Christmas, MOM and DAD! Christmas is when Jesus came to life. It's a special day. I love you! Love, Mandy K.

MERRY CHRISTMAS from your other half
Love, Coach Nichols

Merry Christmas to all the MAINTENANCE from: Carmen Herrera

To all the NORTH WING TEACHERS: Happy Holidays! from: Delia Salazar

To MR. BOURLAND, MR. BAER, BECKY, and GINA. Best wishes for you and yours. from: Delia & Carmen

Merry Christmas to EVERYBODY in the HIGH SCHOOL from: George

by Andy Weaver

The Coahoma Bulldog Band went to contest October 12, at Abilene. They received a division II. "The band did a very good job, and if the number of band members can grow, they have a very good chance for a I division next year," Mr. Goff said. They worked very hard this year for contest.

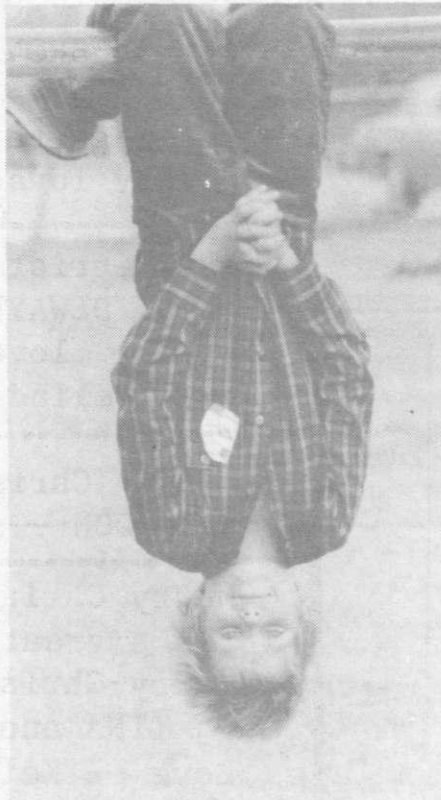
The band competed against many other bands. A list of the 3A bands and the rating each individual judge gave them, are as follows:

- A. Abilene Wylie (1,1,1)
- B. Coahoma High School

(1,2,1)

- C. Ballinger (3,3,2)
- D. Merkel (1,1,2)
- E. Breckinridge (2,2,2)
- F. Clyde (2,2,1)
- G. C-City (2,2,2)

The bands did a great job and deserve to be congratulated. We would like to recognize Mr. Goff and all the work he has been doing for the band. Also, we would recognize the Band Boosters. If it wasn't for the Band Boosters, the band could not be where it is today. Last but not least, we would like to congratulate Mr. Harris on a job well done announcing the halftime shows.



by ANDY WEAVER, BELINDA BECK, and JACOB RUIZ H.B.72 -- A House Divided

A survey was conducted at Runnels and Coahoma Junior High to determine the reaction of students and teachers to House Bill 72. Students and teachers were given a questionnaire asking five specific questions. Among the questions asked to the students were:

1. Do you feel your teachers should have to take competency tests in order to teach? Why?
2. Have you noticed a change in school activities and teachers since the house bill took effect? List and explain some of these changes.
3. Do these changes affect the way you feel about school? Tell how they affect you.
4. How have you adjusted to these changes? In what way?
5. How would you change school if you had the power to do so, in order to benefit everyone in your school?

The questions that were asked to teachers are as follows:

1. Have you realized a change in students' attitudes?
2. Do you feel that some of these new rules and laws might be reformed in the near future, because of public opinion?
3. Have you changed your teaching habits?
4. Have students been losing interest in school and have grades begun

hurting because of some of the changes?

5. How has it affected your athletic program?

6. How do you feel about the competency tests?

In answer to the question whether or not teachers should take competency tests, reactions were both interesting and mixed. A Coahoma teacher, Mr. Valco stated, "They do not scare me. I am amused at how many teachers are intimidated by it." The Runnels band director said, "I do not feel it will be beneficial in weeding out good teachers; a poor teacher can pass the test and still be certified."

Runnels' student Marc Schwarz commented, "How can we expect students to know the basic elements if our teachers don't?" Theresa Johnson, a student from Runnels, in congruence with Marc Schwarz replied, "Yes, because we have to take tests to pass school, so they should have to pass the test to teach." A Coahoma teacher, Coach Mike Conley, stated, "I feel the competency test is a waste of six million dollars of the taxpayers' money."

Coach Tony Truelove's feelings about the competency test are, "Ridiculous! Do doctors take one after they've been in the business for years? If they deal with people's lives and are not tested

for competency, how can our insane state government justify testing teachers? I think it is insulting and degrading."

Monica Gonzales, a student at Coahoma replied, "No, it has nothing to do with their teaching or work."

Coahoma student Robin Musser said, "Tests can't tell whether they can get through to a kid or not." Twila Pounds, a student from Runnels, stated, "Yes, if they take the test and pass it will prove they have the ability to teach."

Runnels' principal Mr. Henery replied, "The competency tests are a waste of time."

A poll was taken and printed in the Abilene paper by Dr. James Dyer. The Texas Poll was conducted by the Public Policy Resources Laboratory at Texas A&M University for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. The poll showed that Texans favor the "No-pass, no play" rule 3 to 1. One-thousand adults were asked if they agreed with the new state requirements that bars students from participation in parts and other extracurricular activities unless they achieve a passing grade of 70 in all classes.

Seventy percent of the people agreed with it while 25% felt it should be less restrictive and 5% had no opinion. The poll did not show how many of those 70%

were parents of children going to Texas schools.

Students were asked if they have noticed a change in school activities and teachers since this house bill took affect. The students' answers were very similar. Coahoma's Brandy Taylor said, "Yes, teachers are rushed to teach us everything, so we don't remember anything."

Monica Gonzales, also of Coahoma, replied, "Yes, the teachers are tense, impatient, worried, hurried, and tired. They are just not nice anymore, there is too much pressure on them. The students are against each other more than ever; it's war."

Theresa Johnson, from Runnels, commented, "Yes, we get a lot more homework and there is no time for school activities." Kristy Coats, of Runnels, said, "Yes, there are a lot less students in sports like, football and basketball."

Students were asked if the changes have affected the way they feel about school, and how. Kenda McCormick, of Runnels, commented, "Yes, because school just isn't fun anymore." Chris Somers said, "all the kids have been coming down on each other, and the kids are the ones that have to take it for five days a week."

Marc Schwartz, of Runnels, replied, "Perhaps the school seems more like

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a prison when these rules are followed to the letter, but in some ways they are good for the students." "Most students dislike the changes because of all the extra homework." Theresa Johnson of Runnels, commented, "As soon, as you get home all you have to do is homework, and it makes me dread coming to school."

Terri Ball, of Coahoma, said, "It makes me not want to come to school." Melinda Mitchell, also of Coahoma, replied, "I used to like school. Now I hate it."

When these reforms were made they were supposedly aimed at higher education. Instead, these reforms have had an adverse effect on the attitudes of students.

Students were asked how they have adjusted to the changes in the school. Marc Schwartz, of Runnels, replied, "I have had to spend more time on my homework each night." Mark Barber said, "I have not adjusted to them yet."

Coahoma student Monica Gonzales stated, "I'm still bumping into walls." Most students have still found themselves unadjusted to these changes. This author wonders if "adjustment" is possible at all when something simply does not work.

There have been many changes in the school systems, but it is obvious that there needs to be a few more changes. Students were asked how they would change school if they had the power to do so. Runnels student Kenda McCormick replied, "I wouldn't have people in extracurricular activities suspended for such a length of time, maybe just for one or two weeks."

Runnels student Theresa Johnson said, "I would have homework only twice a week and I would give the kids a chance to do it in class." A student at Runnels, Marc Schwartz, commented, "I think most of these rules are good for the kids." After our analysis of students' responses, the general consensus seems to be that most of the changes made are not bad; they are just too severe.

As you know, teachers play a big part in school activity and they also notice a change in students when there is a change made. When asked if they noticed a change in student attitudes, here were their remarks: "Only a few. Most students seem to be continuing on with the same level of work as in the past" says the band director at Runnels. Commented one faculty member, "It seems they still don't believe they have to make a 70 or fail. They still expect to float along. Sports minded students seem to be the only students particularly concerned."

Switching to Coahoma the answers differ some but are about the same. According to Mrs. Wynn, a grammar teacher at Coahoma, "Most of the students are really trying harder to master their skills." On the other hand, Mr. Truelove says, "It is

punishment and it's not working. I believe there is a higher level of anxiety and stress." So as you can see there are different points of view on this subject and you will keep seeing opinions of this sort as you read along.

"Most definitely," was the reply of another teacher, Mr. Valco, when asked if he feels that new rules and laws might be reformed in the near future because of public opinion. "For as long as there are educators," Mr. Valco continued, "there will be reforms. Students are being made guinea-pigs of." This author agrees that students are no longer being taught; they are just part of some kind of experiment. Being a student I also feel these changes have hurt my opinion toward how I feel about school.

There is also another side to look at in trying to see if there will be changes. "There isn't enough public interest to pressure the Legislature." If this is so, then letting the public know what is going on would help change many rules.

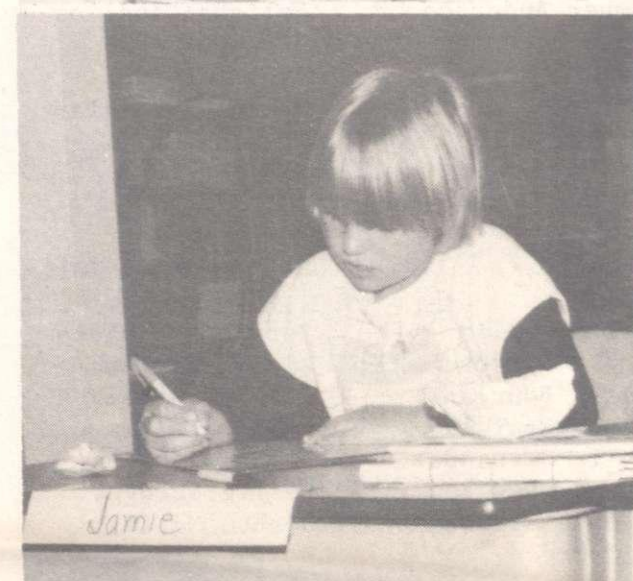
Coahoma also has opinions on this. "I don't see how you can deny the rights of individuals and the public not to do something about it," demanded Mr. Truelove. Students who are not in extra-curricular activities are just moving along unaffected. Mrs. Wynn believes there should be rules for students who aren't in extra-curricular activities. This is nowhere close to being fair."

Though school has changed, many teachers still have not changed the way they teach. Runnels has not changed their teaching skills. It is this writer's opinion that a teacher will not change unless he is forced to. For instance, Mrs. Wynn says, "I have done more pre and posttesting to make sure the students are mastering their skills." In agreement with Mrs. Wynn, Mr. Valco says, "Yes, I pay more attention to essential elements and demand more from all of my students, for fear that I'll be blamed for what they refuse to learn."

On the other hand, the teachers at Runnels have not really changed. One reply was, "Not really. I still try to teach, but I was already doing that. There is more paperwork and the essential elements dictate more curriculum, which kills weak students." This writer asks the question, why face these changes if teachers are not going to change all the way?

Even though these changes have affected the school, the athletic program has been the hardest hit. Twenty-five percent of the athletes have failed at least one course. To be sure, athletes should be encouraged to pass, but cancelling sports for an entire six weeks does not seem to be the answer. The consequence has been

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Elementary--
LOOKING GOOD!!

A-A/B Honor Roll

KINDERGARTEN A Honor Roll

Shana Earnest	Renea Rister	Amy Clark
Jeremiah Nobles	Jeremy Wallace	Julian Olivas
Jason Davila	James Ussery	Royce Overton
Eric Randall	Jessie Prater	Steven Prater
Josh Kidd	Amy Bennett	Kelli O'Daniel
DeAnna Allen	Allison West	Sarah Ross
Denise Guinn	Jeremy Meeks	Cassie Bumgarner
Mykel Colgrove	Charlie Harmon	Riley Hipp
Jason McCain	Blake Mitchell	Erica Partlow
Krista Stanislaus	Tara Sterling	Derick Truesdale
Brook Dix	Justin White	Allen Dunlap
Rebecca Choate	Johnathan Barr	Amalia Armendarez
Cash Berry		

A/B Honor Roll

Keith Rich	Shawn Reid	Jeremy Arguello
Audrey Griffin	Robert Mitchell	Ricardo Rodriguez
Jacelyn Ponder	Jessica Hernandez	Brice Born
Amber Anderson	Felisha Cevallos	Charlie Rambie
Anthony Gonzales	Jeremy Paige	Jackie DeLeon
Tassha Grummit	Regi Roberts	Nicki Winn
Diana Hale	Heather McGinley	Kacy Hooker
Shayna Price	Shawn Rye	Jerry Mann
Tiffany Downing	Amy Ward	Cynthia Ramsey
Richard Robertson		Justin Gamble

FIRST GRADE A Honor Roll

Josh Geeslin	Tabatha McIntosh	Emily Sanders
Tonia Sparks	Alyssa Taylor	Meeghan York
Rusty Bourland	Michael Brooks	Sloan Cathey
Jamie Daniels	Bethany Dickey	Tori Elmore
Julie Hernandez	Krista Johnson	Autumn Kelley
Brandy Logsdon	Leslie Scroggs	Craig Milliken
Andrea Gipson	Joshua Nalley	Brandy Brown
Kim Green	Holly Holm	Sarah Melot
Erid Ashinhurst	Joshua Davila	Neoma Nobles
Dale Stephens	Sondra Stiles	

FIRST GRADE A/B Honor Roll

Kori Caffey	Greg Greer	Matt Fontana
James Clark	Michael Cregar	Tuff Metcalf
Alfredo Olivas	Charles Stroud	Alisha Thompson
Stephanie Thompson	Brenda Austin	Aaron Barr
Ashlee Burcham	Judd Cathey	Jamie Dunlap
Rodney Gressett	Terra Harbour	Mike Mansfield
Stephanie Stone	Jessica Wallace	Robb Walker
Marshall Wright	Shawn Arms	Jim Coker
Craig Curry	Isaac Martinez	Heath Rice
Heath Elair	Devin Brock	Stacey Gibbs
Jeff Nichols	Barkley Robinson	William Tucker
Aaron Weaver	Star Hankins	Jamie Piper
Chris Posey	Jennifer McWilliams	Melissa Rose
Jimmy Smith		Melody Trimble

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To ANTHONY
You decorate my tree, baby.
Merry Christmas--Nancy

Merry Christmas DOGS

To STACEY FOWLER
Merry Christmas from your
good friend--Lillian

Merry Christmas Jerk(TREY)

To ROSIE PALMER
Merry Christmas to you and
your five sisters!
from: Lori Rodman

To KIM
I hope you have a very Merry
Christmas and a great New
Year --Love, Danny

Merry Christmas KIM. Have a
happy holiday.From: Jacob

Merry Christmas to KIM and
KELSI -- Love, Ken

Merry Christmas & Happy New
Year to MICHELLE.
Love, Darrell

To DANNY
To a really special person.
Hope your Christmas is as
nice as you. Happy Holidays.
Kim

To MRS. CONLEY
Merry Christmas and Happy
Anniversary -- from the real
Santa Claus

Dear JUNIOR HIGH FACULTY,
Thank you for all your help
and cooperation. We hope
you all have a Merry Christ-
mas, including you, Mrs.
McEndree. Love,Kim and Candy

Merry Christmas to my best
friend, RAY URANGA, who has
always been there for me.

Thanks, Merlinda

Merry Christmas to the best
NIECE and NEPHEW, Jennifer
and Tuff. Love ya', Kim

To "F.S."
Hope you have a Merry Christ-
mas and that you get all that
you ask for-- Mr. Bourland.

To "D.B."
I want to wish you a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year. May next year be
even better than this year.
signed: L.B.

To Jerry and Will
Knowing you love me is the
greatest gift of all.

To SCOTT
You're a very sweet guy and
I hope your Christmas turns
out to be the best one ever!
Happy Holidays--Candy

To JODY
Your friendship is a gift
in itself. I hope you have
a fantastic Christmas and
a great New Year!--Candy

To J.P.
Have a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year, hopefully
with me, because I love
you. Signed: "Me"

Merry Christmas to DANA and
MELISSA; you're both very
special. From your friend,
Belinda.God bless you both.

To Wyuett
To the nicest and sweetest
girlfriend a guy ever had.
Love always--Gilbert

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for those students to try even less harder, since they know that their sports season is entirely taken away from them.

A Coach from Runnels said, "It kept thirty boys from finishing the football season. The girls suffered less." Coach Mike Conley remarked, "The loss of athletes for a six week period hurts both the program and the athlete." It is this writer's opinion that other methods could be used to help the athlete pass.

School used to be a time you would want to remember. But now kids are trying hard to forget the sour experience of being removed from a team they were once proud members of. The people who have fashioned these reforms cannot realize the full consequences of what they have done.

Students have already begun dropping out of school. Surely this could not have been the intention of the writers of House Bill 72?

Admittedly, there are some good changes; however, the bad far outweighs the good. The majority of the public does not really know what is going on, nor do they seem to care. Those who do not care are probably the adults who do not at present have children attending public schools. Those parents who care, know and understand the stress that has been placed on their children who aspire to be good athletes.

19 December 1985

Try A Blizzard

Try Blizzard

15 Flavors

\$1.39 & \$1.79

.99 Royal Treats

After 5pm

Dine In



Take Out

Faster Service

Call Ahead

394-4283

10 AM to 9 PM

Student's Prayer

Now I lay me down to study;
I hope that I don't go nutty.
If I fail to learn this junk.
I hope that I won't flunk;
But if I do, don't pity me at all,
Just lay my bones in the Study Hall.
Tell my teacher I've done my best,
Then pile my books upon my chest.
Now I lay me down to rest
I hope I'll pass tomorrow's test.
Should I die before I wake
It's one less test I'll have to take.

We invite our readers once again to try their skills with the second in our series of FIND-THE-NAME. Names have been selected this time from the elementary school. See how many you can find.

A N D E R S O N A R D S R S T U R K X V W
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L F R N W N C O B Z L T Q C W X N C R S L
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for a job well done!

To all the CLUBS, SPORTS,
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Merry Merry Merry Christmas
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To MRS. SPELL
I hope Santa brings you and
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Have a wonderful time; play
in the snow and don't overeat.
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Merry Christmas, Corey. I hope
you have a happy new year. See
ya' around. I just wanted to
wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Melissa M.

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To my sweet sister. Just
wanted to say Merry Christmas!
Love, Your favorite and
only sister.

To COACH TRUELOVE
Merry Christmas, from Santa

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ATHLETIC COACH AND ENGLISH
TEACHER! From: Mandi, Kristi,
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Kim, and Stephan

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Although we don't show it,
we love and respect you very
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Merry Christmas! May you have
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Merry Christmas and I love
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