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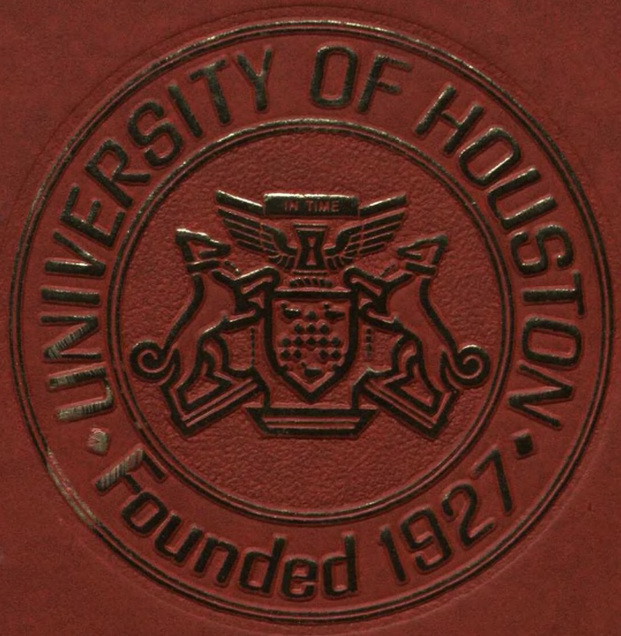

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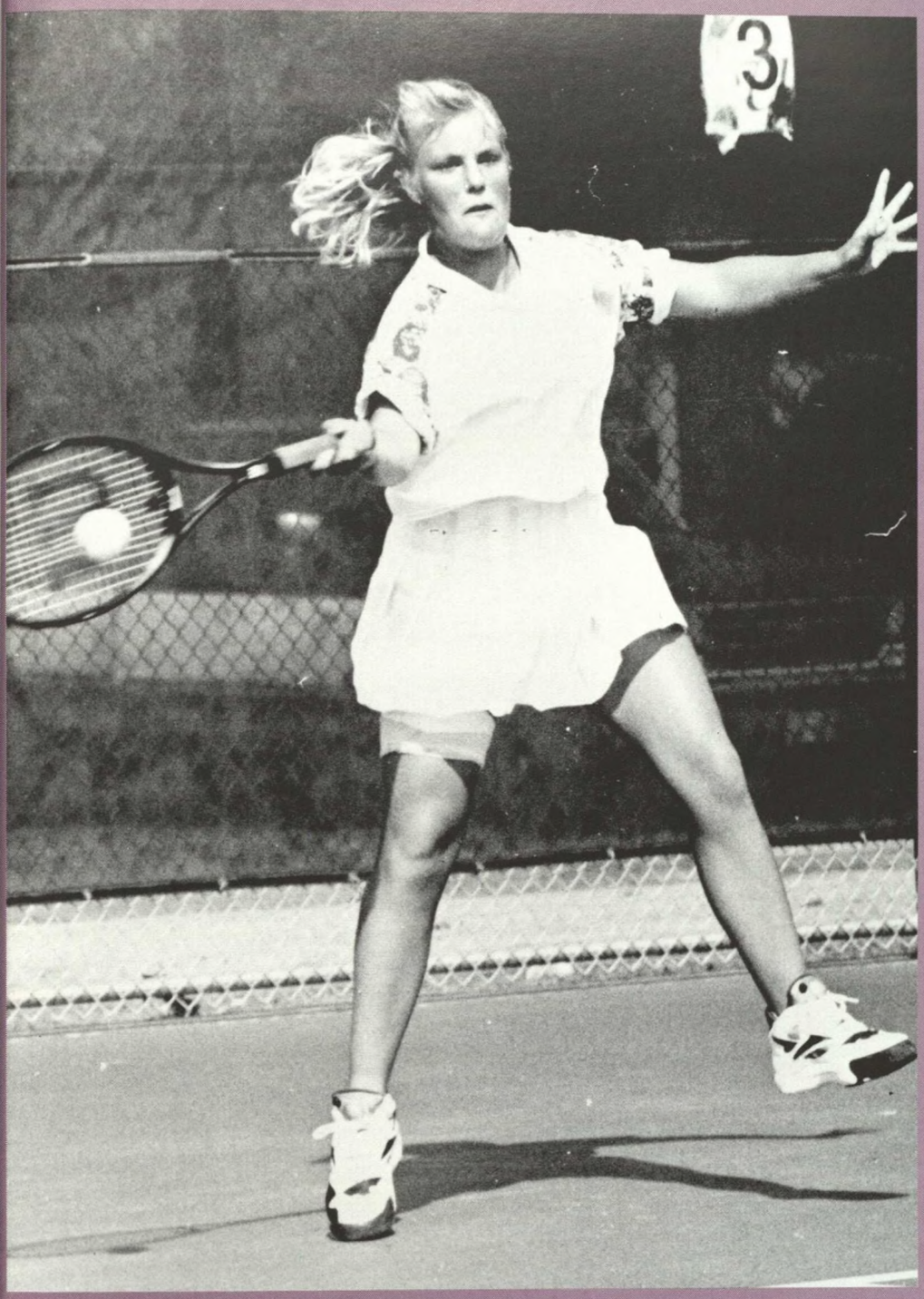

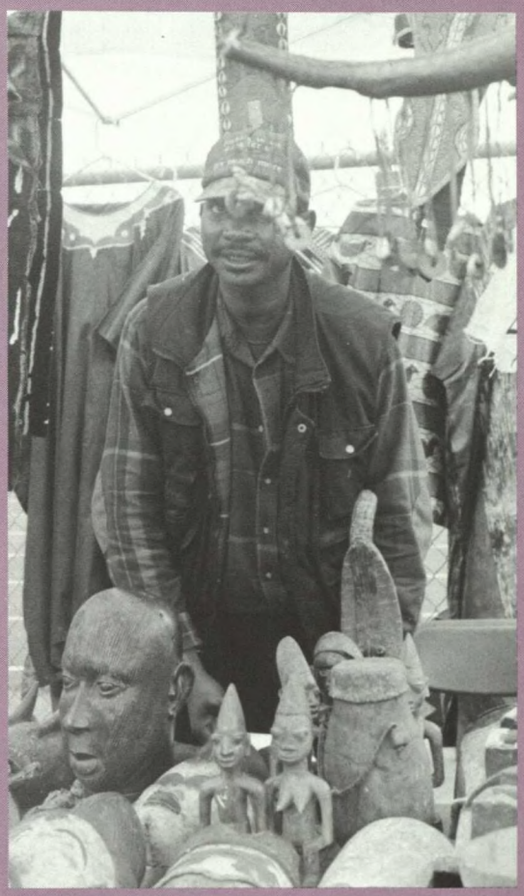

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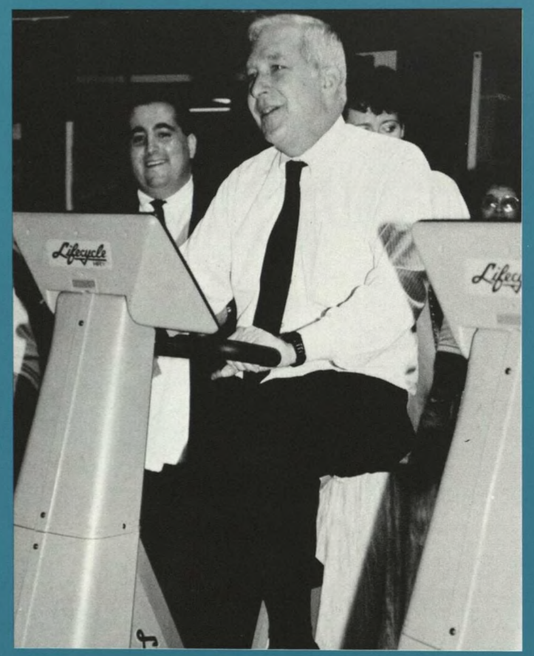
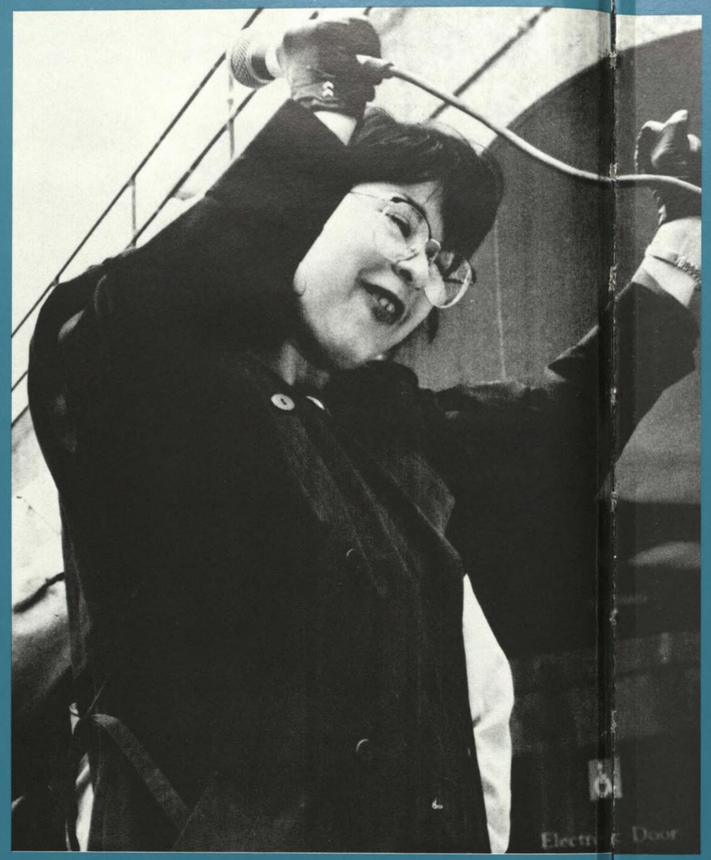
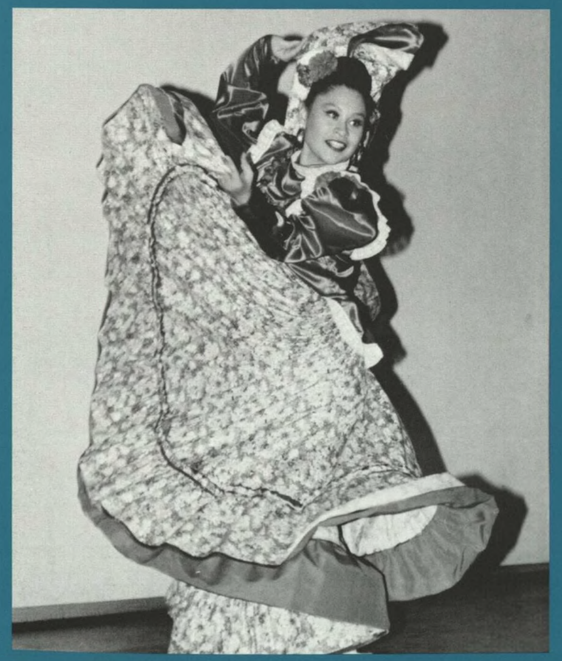
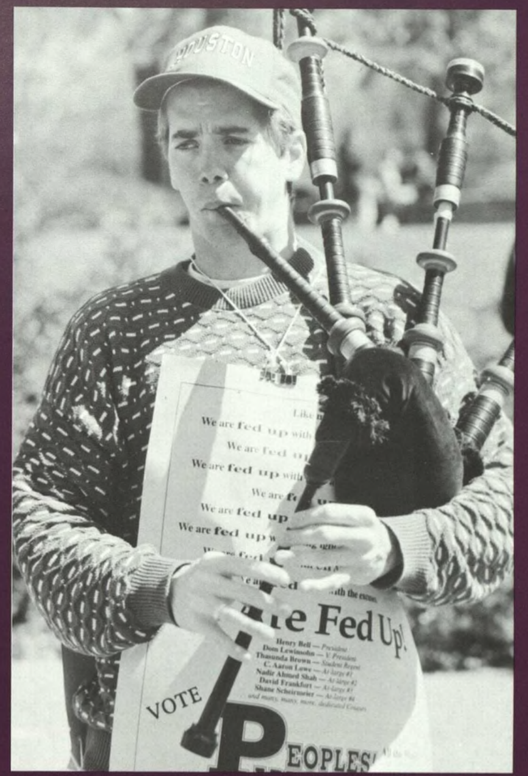
The focus of the total experience which we call going to college is the day-to-day relationship between the undergraduates as a person and the college as an institutional embodiment of other peoples purposes... *- John Sloan Dickey*

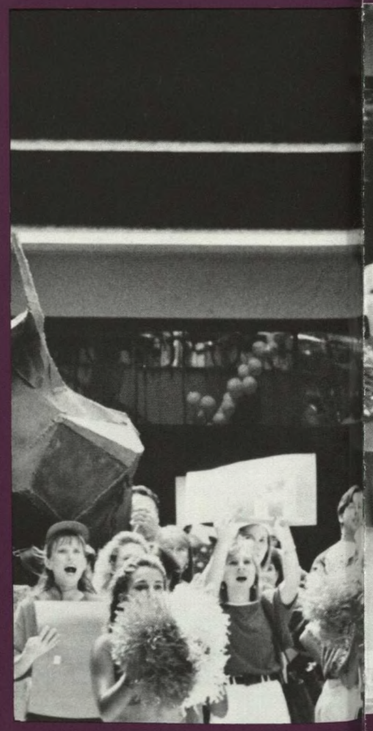


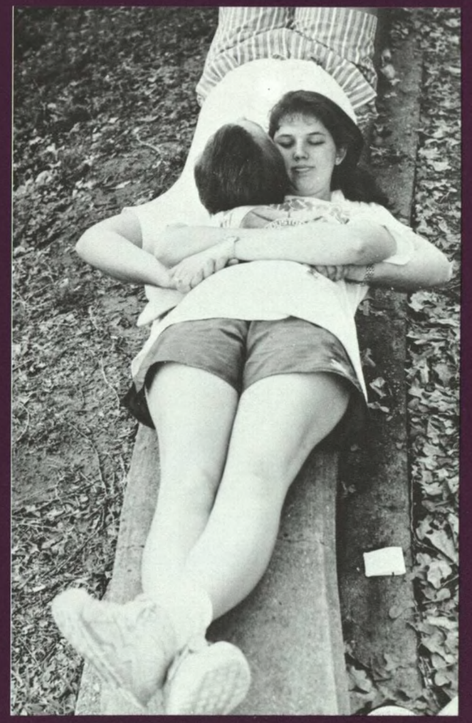




...There is an unspeakable pleasure attending the life of a student... -Oliver Goldsmith







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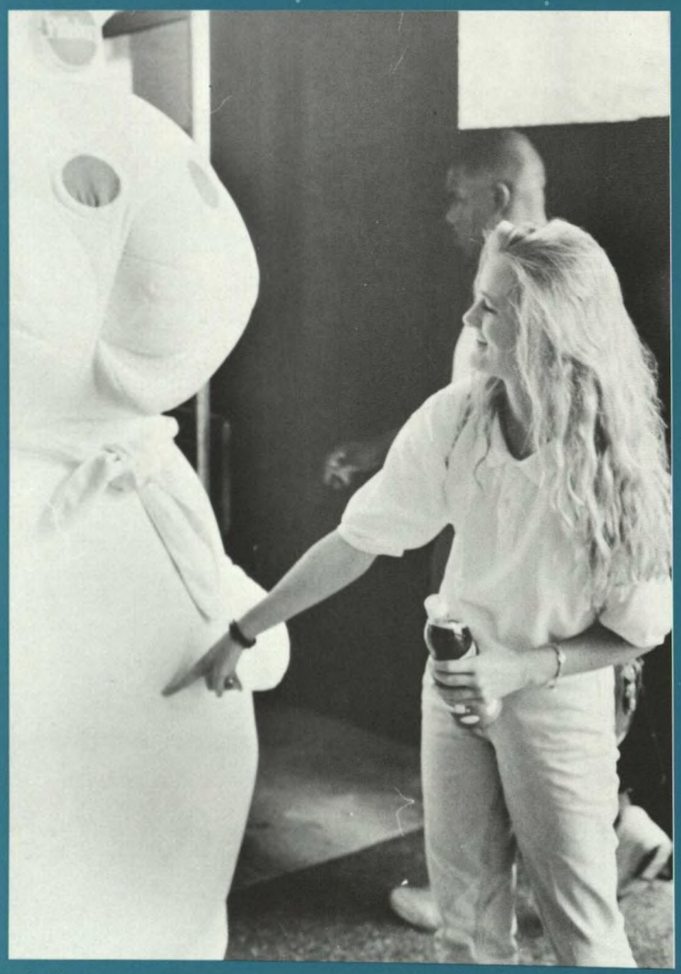

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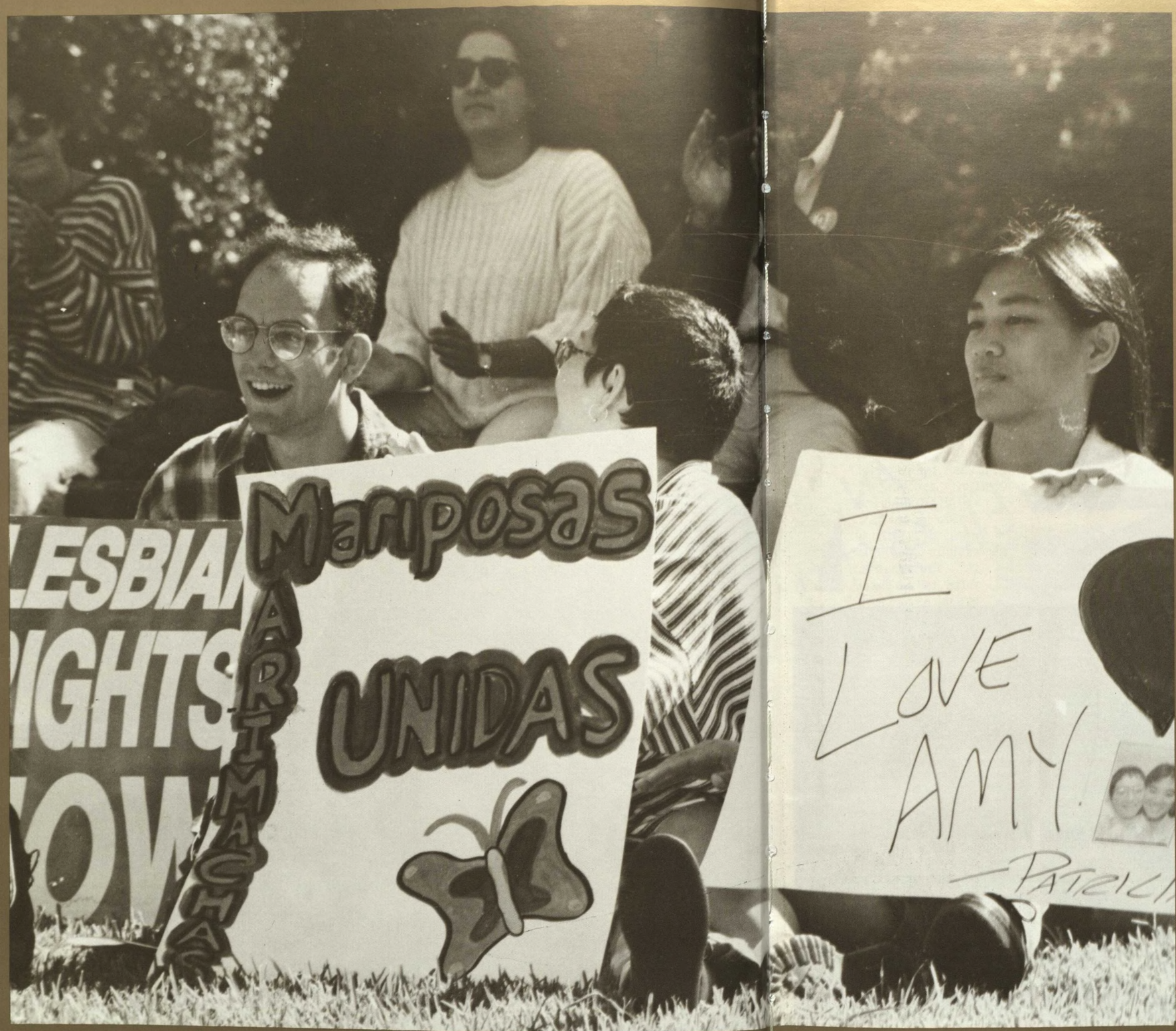
Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

–Mark Twain

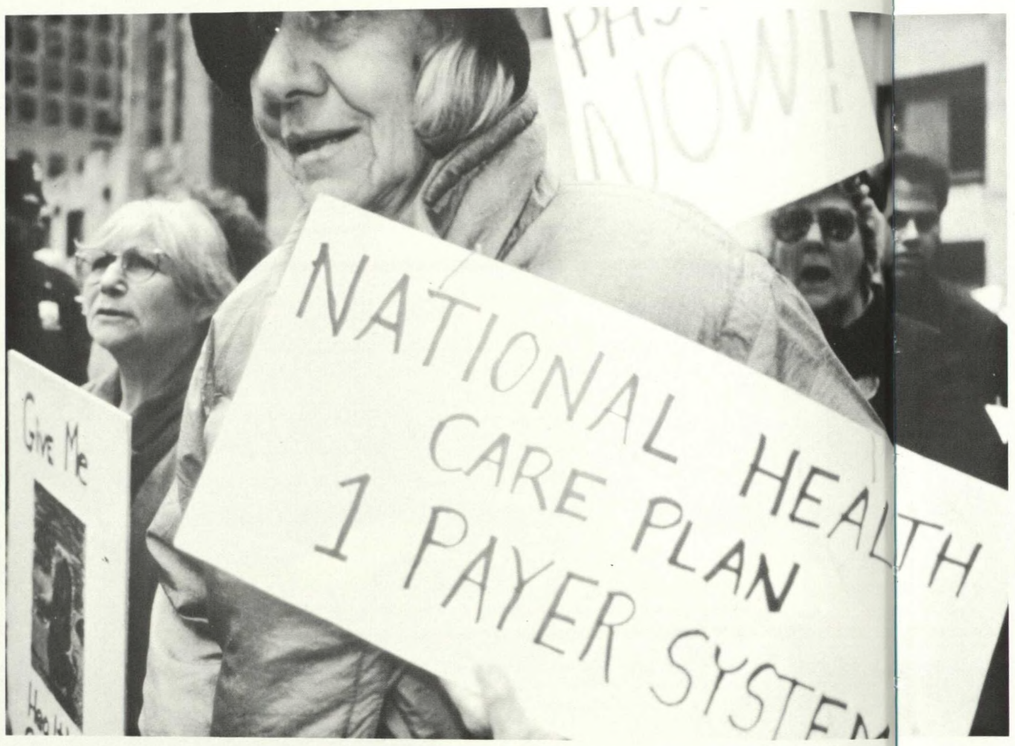


The richness of our lives, creative and receptive, depends on how closely we identify ourselves with the struggles and problems, individual and social, as well as with the hopes and ideals of the age in which we live. *–Anita Block*

The Issues

The Clinton Administration

Facing the foreign front, while floundering with domestic policy



As for the previous five United States Presidents, Bill Clinton seemed to be more active and successful in foreign affairs than in his domestic policy. With a session of Congress ending and Congressional races heating up, Clinton was not able to pull most of his desire legislation through Congress with a presidential approval rating ranging from 40 percent to 33 percent.

If one were to look solely at the positive aspects of the Clinton administration, one would see much more activity compared to his actions at home. The year started out with rumors of North Korea possession a nuclear power plant able to construct nuclear weapons that would have been a direct violation of international law. After a lot of hot air and big treats (North Korea treaten war if the U.S. and the U.N. post economic sanctions against North Korea), President Clinton sent former President Jimmy Carter in an effort to bring the crisis to a peaceful resolution. Long time North Korean stalinist-dictator, King Il Sung, passed away during the talks but with the help of Secretary of State Warren Christorpher, the North Koreans agreed to shut the plant down.

However, this did not end United States' troubles North Korea. In early December, a miltary jet plane was flying over North Korea in a routine practice drill when North Korean shot it down killing one pilot, and capturing another. North Korea claiming the jet was spying over it territory threaten the very nuclear aggreement it made earlier. After over eleven days of intense negociations between the United States of North Korea and an internal fight between the North Korea government and the N.K. army, North Korea finally release the pilot after Christmas. The United States issued a "regret about the incident" and offered to set up "future sessions of North Korea" to avoid futher events.

In the Carribeans, Cuba and Haiti were once again in the news. An aging Fidel Castro facing new breeded opposition and economic hardships at home, began allowing dissatified citizens to leave the Communist island for a Florida distination. For April to September, close to 17,000 refugees fleed to Florida in ef-

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Top Photo This Page: National health care legislation, President Clinton's grandest legislative goal of the year, failed to come to a vote in Congress in the final months of 1994. The legislation would have guaranteed medical to all Americans. It staggered under the weight of withereing attacks from Republicans and insurance interests for many months. President Clinton and other Democrats immediatley said they would try to bring health care legislation back to life next year.

Top Photo Opposite Page: After years of sparring between the Huitus and the Tutsi minority in the African country of Rwanda, a peace accord was signed in 1993. But more than a million refugees were forced to flee to Zaire and other neighboring countries a year later after the victory of the mainly Tutsi Rwanda Patriotic Front. Disease killed thousand of refugees in several camps. But the United Nations said massacres left more than 500,000 dead.

Bottom Photo Opposite Page: Haiti was is an island of poverty and discontent. President Jeanbertrand Aristide was elected president in late 1990. But less than a year later he was arrested by the military and expelled from the country. Coup leader Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras assumed presidential powers and declared the army to be in charge. A negotiating team sent by President Bill Clinton. lead by former President Jimmy Carter, struck a deal with Gen. Cedras that included United Sates troops to occupy the island and Mr. Aristide was returned to power.

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forts to escape Cuba. Responding to the crisis with the intention of avoiding a Mariel II, President Clinton ordered the ending of a three decade old policy granting recent political refugees from Cuba automatic political asylum. Instead, Clinton ordered the Navy to start detaining refugees and relocating them at United States Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. After many round about debates with Cuba officials in New York, both sides agreed on a compromised which consisted of United States allowing more legal immigration from Cuba if Castro agreed to patrol his borders in a more strict fashion.

In Haiti, President Clinton took a more aggressive stance. With an elect president inmore than three years in exhile, President Clinton treatened the miltary controled Haitian government (lead by Genernal Cedras) with an all out U.S. invasion. This came after an enomous flow of refuegees, as with Cuba, fleeing dangerously to the United States. The move the scare Haiti with an invasion was not a very popular one among the public and among former Secretary of State James Baker, who told ABC news that, "The U.S. has no vital interest in Haiti ... to risk American lives over." This coinsided with an NBC poll taken during the crisis that asserted that over half of those poll believe that the president was acting out of desperation to boost up his approval rating. Nonetheless, President Aristide return to his rightfull position and democracy was restored in Haiti.

The world saw continued fighting in Bosnia as both NATO and UN peace keeping forces failed to hault the blood shed. The United States, not really wanting to get involve, only issued statements calling for cease fires that tended to last a short time. Former President Jimmy Carter again, went to Bosnia to negociate the last cease fire of the year which ended in a hopeful note. However, small battles still took place, which many believe were caused by Bosnian Serb forces. The civil war was in its third year and showing no signs of ending soon.

No matter what the one's opinion was on how President Bill Clinton handled himself in foreign affairs, all could agree it was an interestomg year. The first year of NAFTA and the election of Nelson Mandela as President in South Africa reminded the world that there was still hope in parts of the world. However, because of President Clinton's indecisiveness in foreign affairs, a political cartoonist Newsweek summed up Clinton's FP by showing him speaking speaking in Germany saying "Ich Bin Ein Beginner!"

Russell Contreas

Top Photo Left: Although a referendum for independence from Yugoslavia was passed in 1992, war and desperation continued to be part of life in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Ethnic Serbs' opposition sparked fierce fighting. But as 1994 drew to a close, the fighting continued and negotiations on a peace plan made slow progress.
Top Photo Right: After 46 years as enemies, Israel and Jordan made peace and all but ended the threat of another war between the Jewish state and its Arab neighbor. With President Bill Clinton presiding at a White House Mideast Peace ceremony, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan met in public for the first time, shook hands and signed "The Washington Declaration" that announced: "the long conflict between the two states is now coming to an end. In this spirit the state of belligerency between Isreal and Jordan has been terminated."
Bottom Photo: President Clinton signed a $30 billion Crime Bill. The Huge law banned the manufacture, sale and possession of 19 specific types of assault-type weapons. It allowed the death penalty for 60 additional federal crimes, including drive-by shooting and carjacking deaths. As for the money, the law authorizes billions of dollars over six years to build prisons and hire more police.

POINT / COUNTERPOINT

Symbol of History or Symbol of Pain

My great great great-grandfather fought in the Civil War on the Confederate side. He believed so much in the southern ways that he left his family for two-plus years to fight for what he believed in. What he believed in was states rights. He didn't want a federal government telling him what he should do with his land. This is what he believed in and this is part of my heritage.

True the Civil War was fought over slavery, but it was not totally fought in the name of slavery. My great great great grandfather did not feel that a federal government would best serve his needs. True he also thought that slaves should be treated as property. But this part of my heritage I have fought with my entire life and just take it that I can not change the past.

The conferderate flag was part of this culture. It was a part of culture that half of the country believed in. Justy like the star of David is representative of the Jewish culture, the confederate flag is part of my culture.

Many African Americans feel that to raise the confederate flag is offensive. Whether or not it is offensive it is part of my heritage and therefore should be representative of southern history.

Now the Klu Klux Klan wave this as a symbol of racism. They have totally taken this symbol of southern history out of context. I do not stand behind their beliefs of racism, but I feel that there is no shame in the confederate flag.

I feel that if the KKK did not use this flag as one of their symbols of racism, then it would be accepted as part of history. I do not wave it or wear the confederate flag as a symbol that defines who I am, but I do accept it and cherish it as my culture.

Sure the South has had its dark days but people are forgetting that a new south has risen, where blacks and whites do not have to recognize each other by the color of their skin but they can both together celebrate their southern heritage.

-Shyla Tompkins

Dominique Dawes won the gold medal and the U.S. National Title in gymnastics this year. She executed an almost flawless routine in front of an enthusiastic crowd, seasoned judges... and the Confederate Flag.

Seeing that flag in the background as an African American woman performed in a national, not Southern, competition was a slap in the face of many African Americans. Despite the claims that the Confederate Flag represents Southern pride and tradition, for a multitude of African Americans it means nothing of the sort. To us, it symbolizes a time when our ancestors were continuously and ruthlessly robbed- of their dignity, of their rights, of their lives and sometimes, even of their very souls.

I am Southern- by birth, by style, by attitude. I was born in Louisiana and have lived there all my life. I am proud of the genteel ways that exist down here, of the friendliness of my neighbors, of the slower pace of our lives. All these are aspects of the "Southern Tradition" that we hear so much about, something we can all identify with. So how can a flag that was used to keep a whole race of people enslaved, a people that comprised a significant part of the South, be representative of anything but hatred?

Supporters of the Confederate Flag claim that it was not a banner for slavery, but a symbol for preserving states' rights. It's strange how easy it is for them to forget that one of those states' rights that was to be defended was the right of the South to continue its inhumane institiution of slavery.

As a Southerner, I feel no pride when I see that horrible flag. In fact, that symbol of racism and degradation can usually be found at Ku Klux Klan rallies and anywhere bigots gather to bemoan the fact that people of color might actually be given a fair chance. And yet, it is not the KKK or bigots who worry me. Their positions are made clear. It is the clean-cut, young, white Southern men who stand behind that flag and claim Southern pride. These young men aren't necessarily racist, but often just ignorant- or uncaring- of what the Confederate Flag means to a whole race of people. It is this ignorance that allows misunderstandings and hatred to be perpetuated from generation to generation.

So why do we make such a big deal about the Confederate Flag, an emblem of "Southern pride," a sign of the "glory days" of the South long gone? Because that is not what that flag represents. It represents the endless pain, the incessant tears of my people. It represents a time when we were no more than property. It represents centuries of humiliation and heartbreak, brainwashing and body-breaking, unheard cries and ignored suffering. It symbolizes an era when "man's inhumanity to man" reached its pinnacle. So each time I and millions of African Americans see that flag and we shudder or frown or shake our heads, please don't say that you don't understand why we can't let the past go. The strength it took to overcome that past helps define us. The chains that held us in that past still entrap us. The pain of that past still holds us. And the symbols that allowed that past to be so brutal- symbols like the Confederate Flag- still haunt s us.

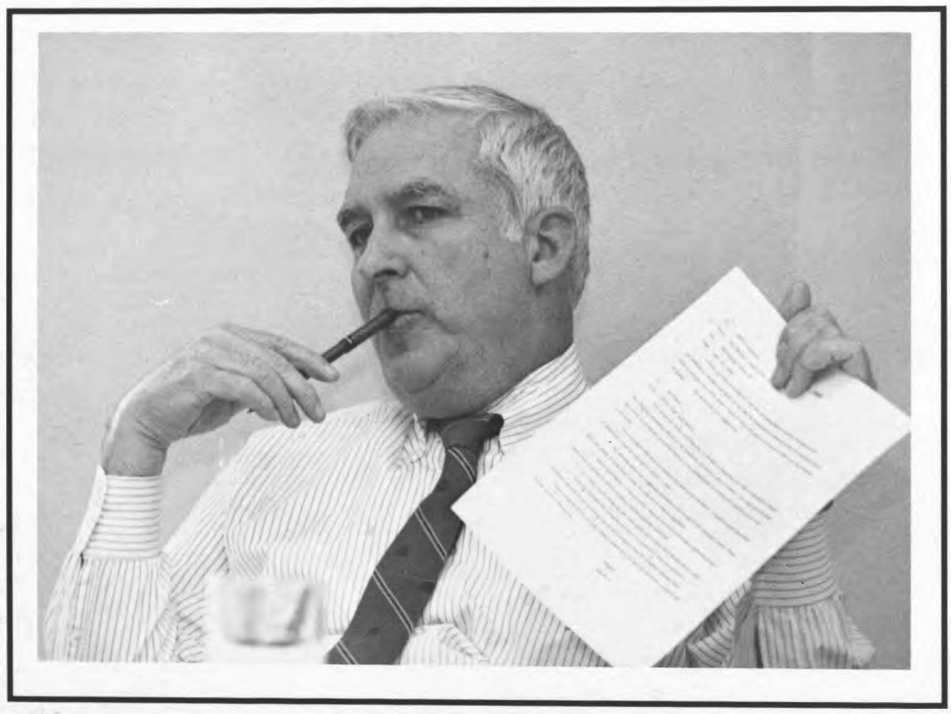
-LaGuana K. Gray

A Ship Without A Captain

President Pickering jumps ship taking a slew of top administrators with him which leaves students with the oh so often asked question, 'what about us?'

During the last month of May it appeared that every one at UH was jumping ship.

Within a week of one another six top University of Houston officials gave up their job titles. UH System Chancellor Alexander Schilt, UH President James Pickering, UH-Victoria President Lesta Van Der Wert Turchen, UH Senior Vice President and Provost Henry Trueba, UH Senior Vice President of Administrative Finance Dennis Boyd and UH Associate Vice President for Research M. Thomas Jones, all tendered their resignations effective the same day - Aug. 31, 1995.



After 14 years of service to UH, Pickering announced his resignation in a letter to Alexander Schilt, the UH System chancellor, May 17.

"If the University of Houston is to continue its quest for excellence, there must be significant changes in the campus/system relationship." said Pickering.

Pickering had said he had planned to step down from the UH presidency on Dec. 31, 1995. However, since a solution to the campus/system conflict seems to be much farther off than the end of the year, Pickering said he has decided to resign at the end of the summer term.

Following suit and due to continuing rumors that he might be fired by the UH System Board of Regents, UH System Chancellor Alexander Schilt announced his resignation on May 26, 1995.

In his letter of resignation, Schilt, who had been chancellor since 1989, indicated he was stepping down to "make way for the beginning of a major transition for the University of Houston System.

"The recent organizational review recommends that the Board of Regents set in motion the necessary changes for our system and its components to work more efficiently - an agenda that must be implemented by a chancellor who can devote seven or eight years to bring these long-range goals to fruitation," Schilt said.

UH Board of Regents Chair Wilhelmina Morian issued a statement expressing her regret regarding Schilt's resignation.

"Dr. Schilt's resignation is the latest in a series (of resignations) that began on May 19 with that of UH President James H. Pickering," said Morian. "My fellow regents and I fully appreciate that so many simultaneous vacancies in the executive leadership may occasion anxiety about the present, as well as the future, of the UH System. I ask the community, both inside and outside the UH System, to be involved, but not anxious, during this period of transition."

UH Senior Vice President and Provost Henry Trueba resigned UH after serving UH less than a year.

Trueba said he was resigning to allow a new UH president to select his or her own chief academic officer.

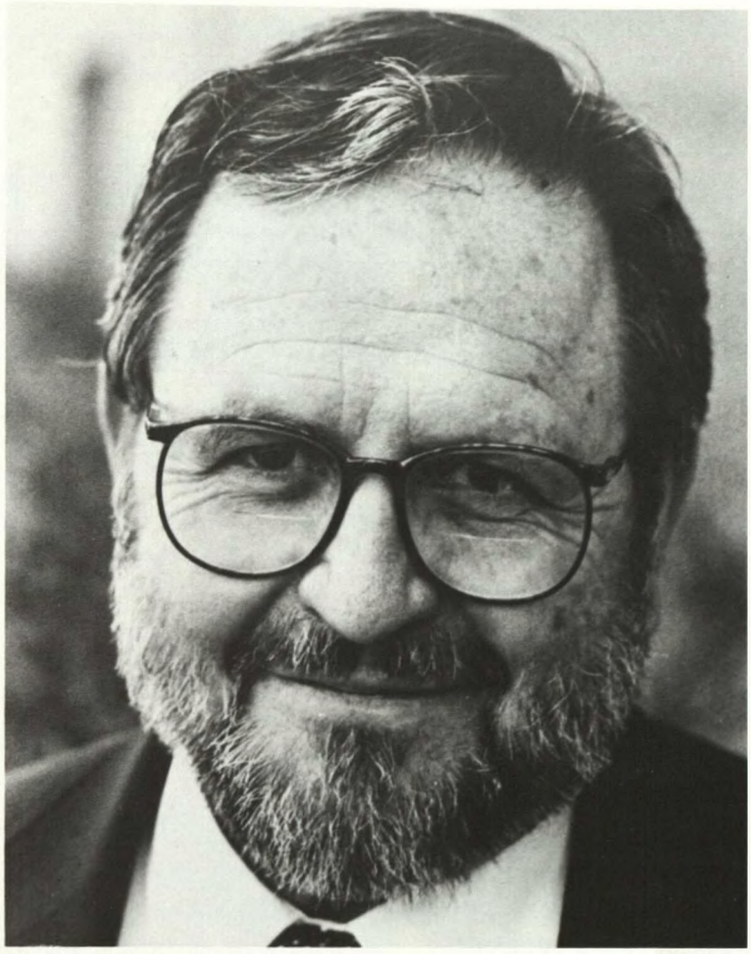
In his letter of resignation - addressed to Pickering - Trueba said, "During the short period that I have served under your leadership, I have come to appreciate your efforts and the difficulties involved in leading this wonderful institution closer to its mission."

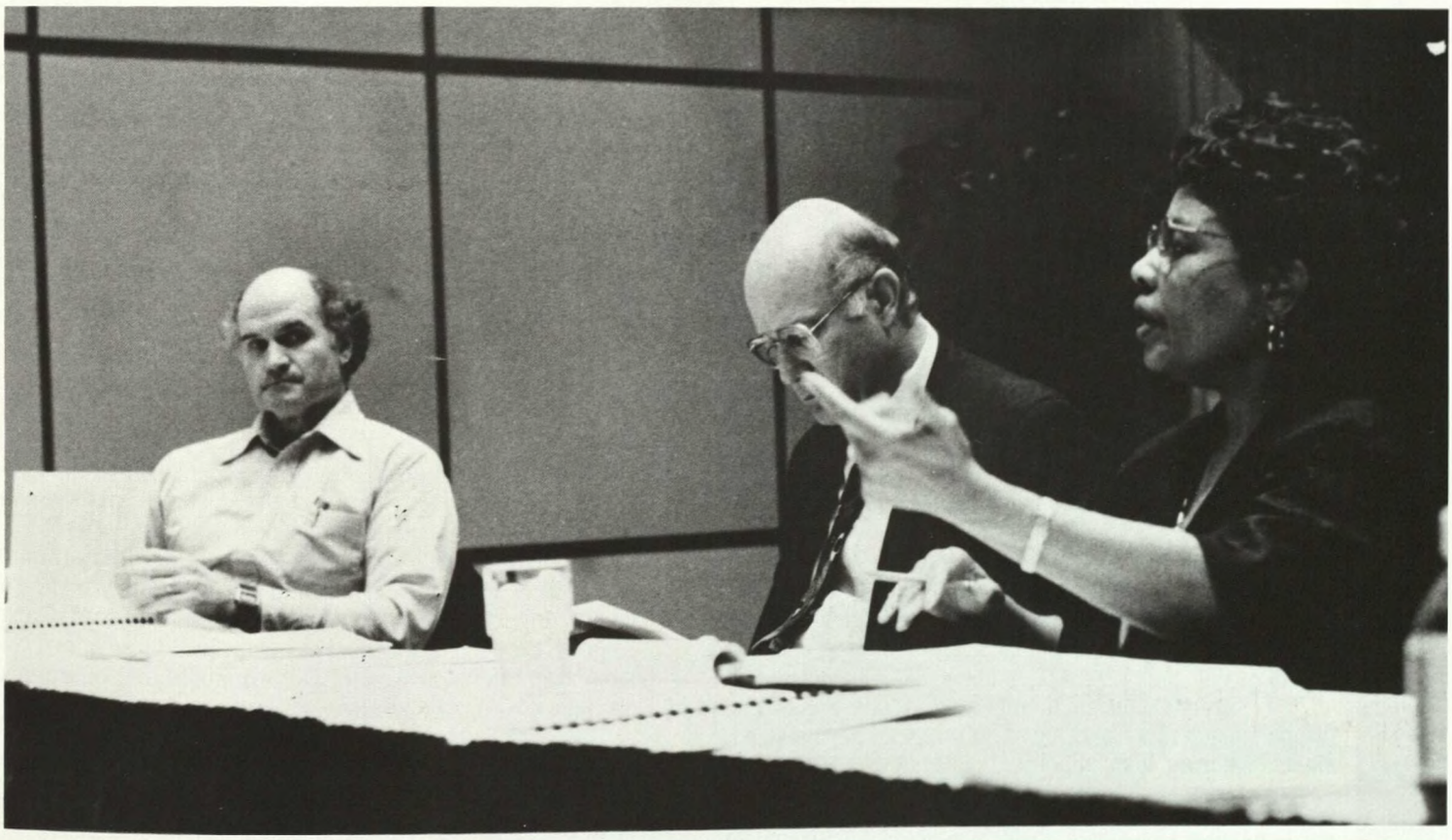
Pickering said, "Henry (Trueba) and I acted with the same goals in mind, which included moving the university ahead and providing a quality education and academic environment for the students. He brought to his position at UH the strong academic focus that all great universities must have."

"Provost Trueba will be missed here at UH not for what he was, but for what he could have been. Never before in my three-year university student career was there so much hope and excitement for minority students and their issues. Trueba was just simply an administrator to whom minority students could relate," said Senior Rusell Contreras.

These resignations leaves the Board of Regents with many decisions to make. They must decide the path that University of Houston will take into the 20th century, but as always the most important decisions are made by those who are effected the least. It is the students who will undoubtably be made to suffer through this ordeal.

-JoAnn Stephens





Opposite page: Pickering will leave UH Aug. 13 after putting in 14 years of service. He served as a professor of English, dean of the College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications, and provost, before becomming president of the university in 1992. *photo by Danny Dalstra* **Top left:** UH System Chancellor Alexander Schilt served as president of UH-Downtown from 1980 to 1987 before becomming chancellor of the UH System. *SP file photo*

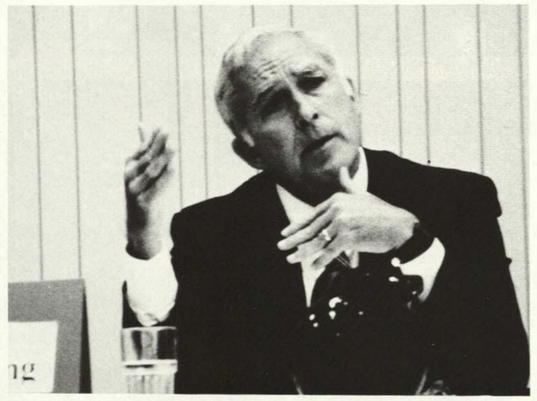
Top right: Provost Henry Trueba said he is resigning to allow a new UH president to select his or her own chief academic advisor.*SP file photo* **Bottom Photo:** Members of the Faculty Senate fought all year long against the leadership of Pickering. *photo by Danny Daltsra*

A Crisis in Progress

While UH falls apart the coalition fights for its future

Academic excellence, research mission and less bureaucracy were the battle cries of the Coalition for Excellence. This distinguished group of academicians and researchers banded together to save a university they believed was in peril of sinking into a sea of mediocrity.

Coalition members also asserted that UH's lobbying efforts in Austin were fundamentally flawed, the System should be abolished for alleged wastefulness and that reshaping had been nothing more than a farce. The group demanded immediate action and went public with its criticisms. The fight first came out publicly in a highly controversial piece entitled "Crisis on Cullen Boulevard" which ran in Houston Press and in a three-part series in The Daily Cougar that detailed the Coalition's problems with the administration.



The Coalition membership was mainly concerned that the university's research mission was being subjugated by President James H. Pickering and Chancellor Alexander Schilt. Back in the 1960s, university leaders started moving toward the goal of creating a world-class university, but the current administration seemingly has not continued that mission, said Kent Tedin, chairman of the political science department. "We were concerned that UH would turn into a large community college," he said.

If the situation does not change, Tedin said UH will go from being the "university of your future to the university that does not really matter."

Administration officials countered with claims that they had not abandoned UH's research mission and with facts that showed the increases in research funding and endowments.

Some Coalition members also saw Schilt as the puppet master and Pickering as his puppet. They asserted that since Pickering was appointed without a national search against the faculty's wishes and that he was, in effect, controlled by Schilt. Four group representatives appeared before the Board of Regents last June to present the group's views. "Up until then, there was only one channel of information to the regents, and that was Chancellor Schilt," said Tedin.

The Coalition also demanded that the System be abolished and its functions integrated into the campus. "It is a nonsensical organization and it is a waste of money," said Jim Martin, a history professor, who believes the System needlessly duplicates activities taking places at UH.

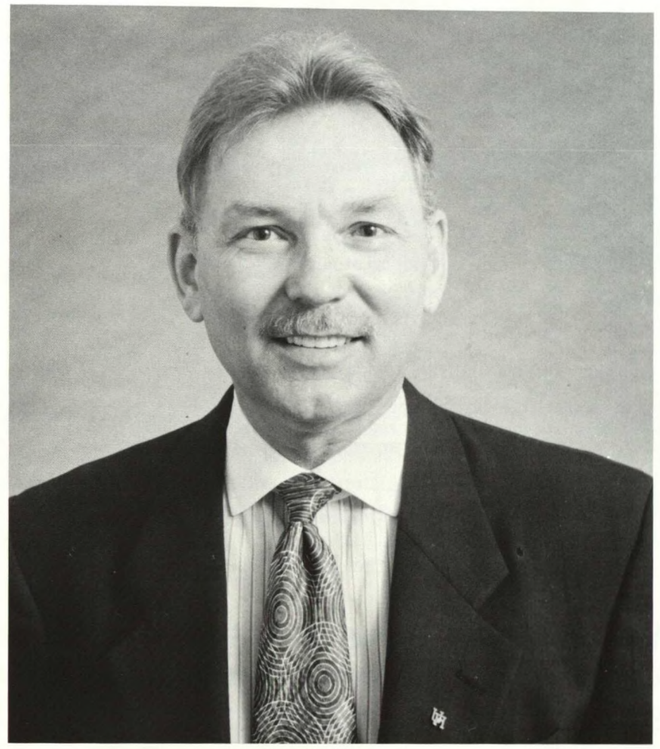
Coalition members were upset that the university comprises 82 percent of the System, but has the same voice as the other System universities. "Spending money to the System means that money is not spent on teaching, research or student life," said William Fitzgibbon, the Coalition's chosen leader and a math professor. "The System is removed from what a university is all about."

Perhaps the other main issue on the Coalition's agenda was money. Complaints echoed throughout the university that UH was in for another cut in state appropriations because the administration's efforts, led by Schilt, in Austin were believed to be hopelessly flawed. Richard Murray, a well-known political professor who specializes in Texas politics, wrote a paper condemning the current methods and proposed a legislative strategy of his own.

His plan focused on garnering a change in the formula and how it is funded; in addition, to hiring a lobbying firm to lead the university efforts. Right now, Murray said, Grover Campbell, the vice chancellor for governmental relations who heads UH's efforts in Austin, is outmanned and outgunned. "We have got to play politics," he said.

Skip Szylagyl, the vice president for planning, countered by saying, "We brought it on ourselves—to say the state whacked us is wrong. Our loss is enrollment-related." Pickering along with Szylagyl and other administrators denied the university's effort were flawed.

On the subject of reshaping, Martin said, "We were certainly assured that reshaping was a monumental success. It was a monumental waste of time." Pickering defending reshaping by saying that the process was about streamlining and cleaning up the university. Szylagyl agreed with Pickering's assessment saying that "reshaping is about change. It's not just about money. It's not a one-shot deal." Although Szylagyl admits some aspects of reshaping failed, he claimed the process was healthy and useful. he next stop of reshaping was slated to begin in the following year.



Although former Dean of Social Sciences Harrell Rodgers was never a Coalition member, his firing sparked the Coalition into action as some of its members fought to restore him to his deanship. Rodgers' beliefs closely paralleled theirs. In letters and in editorials, Rodgers lashed out against perceived flaws in the administration's policy.

"The Chancellor and the President, wedded to the status quo and seemingly incapable of understanding the magnitude of our problems and failures, have articulated no vision or long-term plan for the university," Rodgers wrote. "Their decisions have worked toward the transmutation of UH into a large, undistinguished teaching institution burdened by a stifling and waste System bureaucracy."

It was for those beliefs that President James H. Pickering fired Rodgers last August in a move that shocked and angered many faculty members leading to an eventual uprising among faculty members with Coalition members as leaders.

When Rodgers was first fired, four members of the Coalition appeared before the regents in August in an unprecedented appearance to demand that the board intervene and reinstate Rodgers to his position. The group was unsuccessful in their last-ditch efforts since the regents refused to get involved in the battle.

Even in the face of massive faculty dissent, Pickering steadfastly asserted his right to hire, fire and demote university administrators when he saw fit. Pickering said that "...the issues of a top management team is very important to the university. I need to have leadership from a team of deans in whom I have complete confidence." Obviously, he no longer had that confidence in Rodgers.

Even so, Rodgers' removal was an unusual move in view of his many accomplishments as a dean. Deans are traditionally only removed when there is some question of ethical or illegal impropriety.

After the regents refusal to intervene, some Coalition members, who were also in the Faculty Senate, took the fight there. In an overwhelming show of support for Rodgers, members the Faculty Senate voted to condemn his dismissal and demanded his reinstatement. The resolution was introduced by Bob Palmer, the Cullen Professor of History and Law, at the request of 72 of 102 members of the social sciences faculty.

At the next Faculty Senate meeting, newly appointed Provost Henry Trueba a barrage of questions and concerns from upset faculty members. Trueba's tried to quell the faculty uprising since it had turned into a public relations nightmare for Pickering. "The style of management advocated by this administration is one we should oppose at every step," said Palmer.

"The administration acted in an unprincipled way." Palmer said. "A decent administration would never have done this to an incoming provost. It was a firestorm waiting to happen, and President Pickering knew what would happen."

Palmer later introduced a resolution at a November Faculty Senate meeting that called for Pickering's censure for his removal of Rodgers. The Senate decided to appoint a committee to drive the issue with Pickering or try to resolve the matter. The last and only time the Faculty Senate voted to censure an administration official was when Schilt appointed Pickering as president without a national search. Although Coalition members were unsuccessful in their efforts to restore Rodgers to his position, they succeeded in bringing to light faculty problems and criticisms and served as lighting rod to push the administration to take action. Rodgers took a leave of absence and will return this year to teach in the political science department.

"The President and Chancellor are convinced that I do not have faith in their major policy objectives and that I am a supporter of the Coalition for Excellence. I plead guilty to both," said Rodgers.

Tanya Eiserer

THIS PAGE: Some of the Coalition members believe Pickering to be Chancellor Schilt's puppet in any decision making process having to do with this university. *Photo by Cesar Alvarez* OPPOSITE PAGE: Dean Rodgers spoke out against the flaws in administration policy, so he was given the axe. *Photo by Mark Lacy*

Seeing Red

The University hoped to breathe new life into a struggling, largely unsupported football program

As the University of Houston entered the 1994-95 school year the athletic department faced its most serious challenge to date: to market itself in a way that would entice other conferences to ask UH to join their ranks.

With the demise of the Southwest Conference, the Cougars found themselves with the worst seasons ever in basketball and football and with attendance records that made other leagues shudder at the sight of the empty seats. Even the faculty had voted to recommend the administration abolish athletics.

While the rest of the athletic world was telling Cougar officials that they needed to put 30,000 people in the stands for home football games and 6,000 for basketball games, the idea for a new series of advertisements arose. This would be the birth of the "See Red" campaign.

A $1.1 million contribution from the Cullen Foundation enabled the athletic department to engage the Taylor Smith Group, the same advertising company that markets the Dallas Cowboys, to head the crusade.

The campaign began slowly in mid-summer around the same time as the Reunion Game of Champions. The Reunion game is a basketball exhibition game where UH alumni return to play the game that brought them here. Using this annual event as a base, the Cougars had a celebrity phone bank. This included alumni such as Carl Lewis and Guy V. Lewis. They called UH alumni at home in attempts to sell more season tickets for the upcoming UH football season.

At the end of summer, there was also an announcement that the Astrodome, where the Cougars play their home games, would allow tailgating at football games for the first time in Dome history. This announcement took the campaign into overdrive.

With the football season opener coming September 1 against Kansas, the hype was coming to a head. Billboards began to appear across Houston with the official "See Red" logo, a lighting bolt striking between the eyes of a Cougar with a football player imposed over the top. At the same time, the airwaves were blitzed with "See Red" ads.

The campaign also used the new tailgating options to try and draw fans to the Dome. A "Tailgate Alley" was set up. This was a roped off area where people could reserve space and walk around without having to worry about getting run over by some other Cougar faithful. This area also had concession stands set up where people who either forgot or did not have time to get foodstuffs on the way to the game could buy Dome Foam, hot-dogs or whatever. Local radio station 101 KLOL set up in the parking lot and the Cougar Marching Band, Cougar Dolls and Cheerleaders all made cameo appearances to spark Cougar Pride before the game.

Inside the Dome was like nothing in the history of the "Blister Under the Sun" (Astrodome). With a gigantic "See Red" banner hanging across the main entrance, fans were treated to the new UH football experience from the moment they stepped onto Astrodome USA property. Inside spectators were introduced to the team as the lights were turned off and they emerged from the mouth of a Cougar's head. They were lead out of the tunnel by a more vicious looking Cougars mascot and a new mascot named Blitz, who in fact is the former Rockets mascot Turbo. During the introductions and National Anthem, fireworks were set off to enhance the overall excitement of the kickoff. The entire atmosphere was more akin to an NBA game than college football but was exciting none the less.

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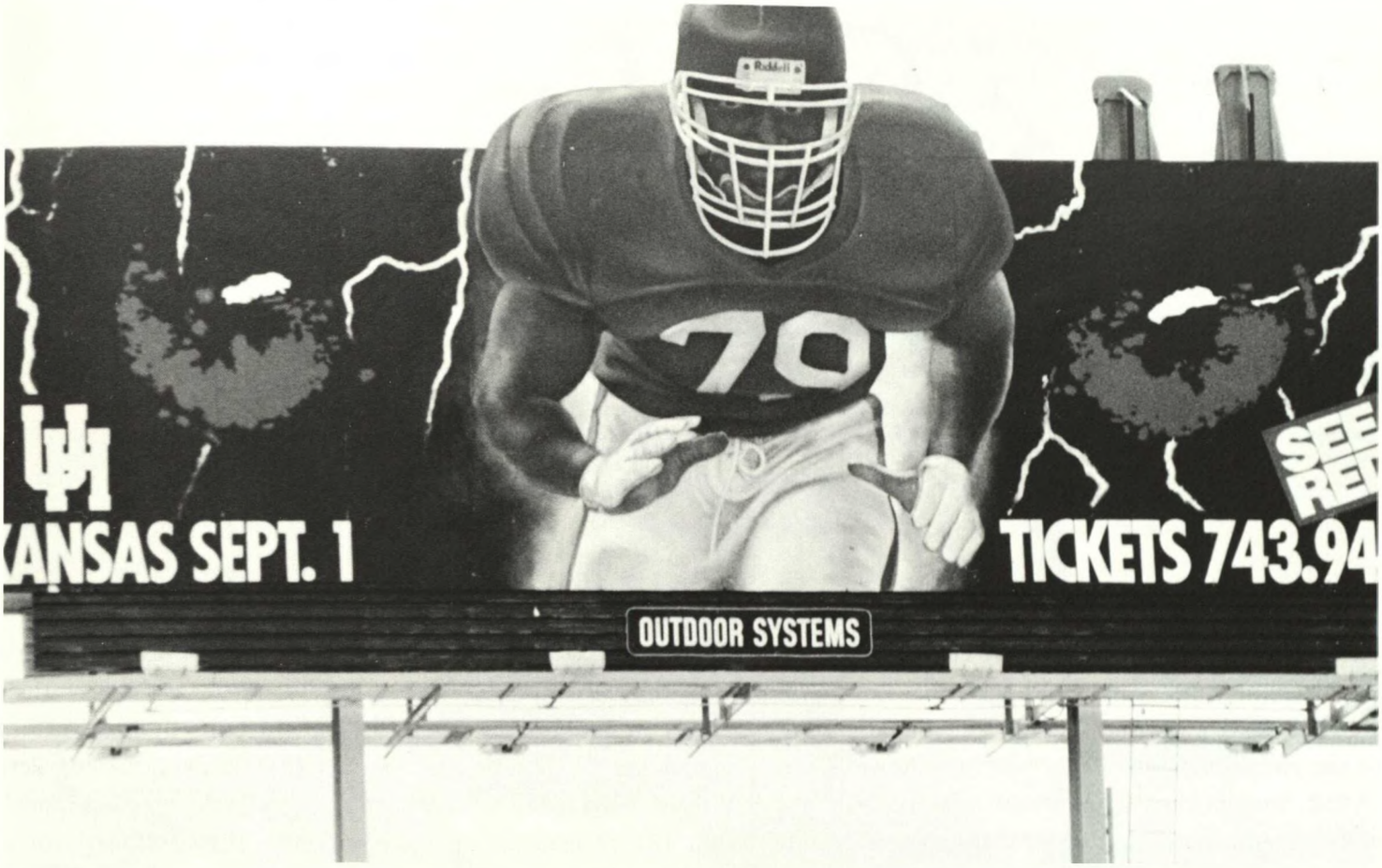
Despite a 35-13 loss to Kansas that night, the emphasis on the marketing side of ticket push remained a success as by early July the total number of season tickets for the '94 football season has already surpassed the '93 numbers.

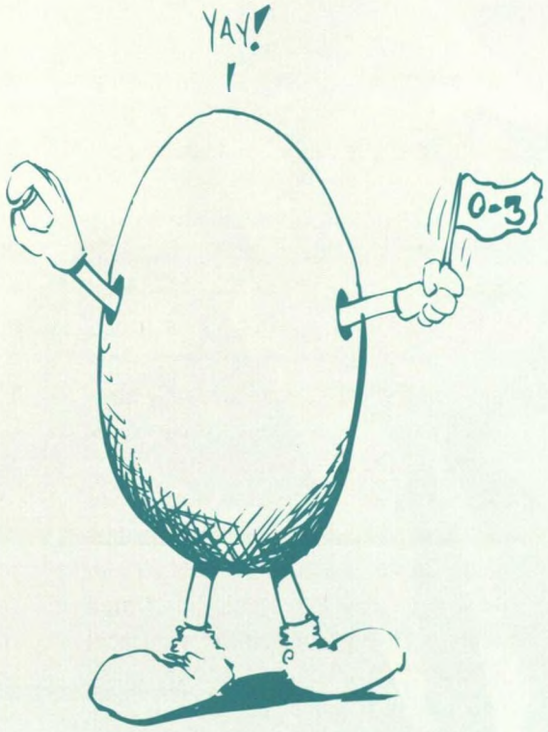
Results started to pay off when UH President James H. Pickering met in Atlanta on Sept. 23 with five other university presidents and agreed in principle to join forces and create an all-sports conference. Those other schools included the Universities of Louisville, Cincinnati, Memphis, Southern Mississippi and Tulane University.

While the Cougars now apparently have found a new athletic conference, the true effectiveness of the "See Red" campaign has yet to be seen. Despite all the hyped hoopla, the footbball team managed to win only one game out of eleven.

Daniel Scholl



TOP: A $1.1 million contibution from the Cullen Foundation helped pay for the flashy billboards which help decorate the city of Houston. *Photo by Tricia Garcia*
BOTTOM: One of the many editorial comics which ran in the Daily Cougar mocking the UH football program, which despite their P.R. efforts, still had a 1 and 11 season.



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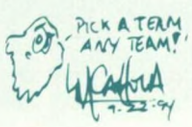
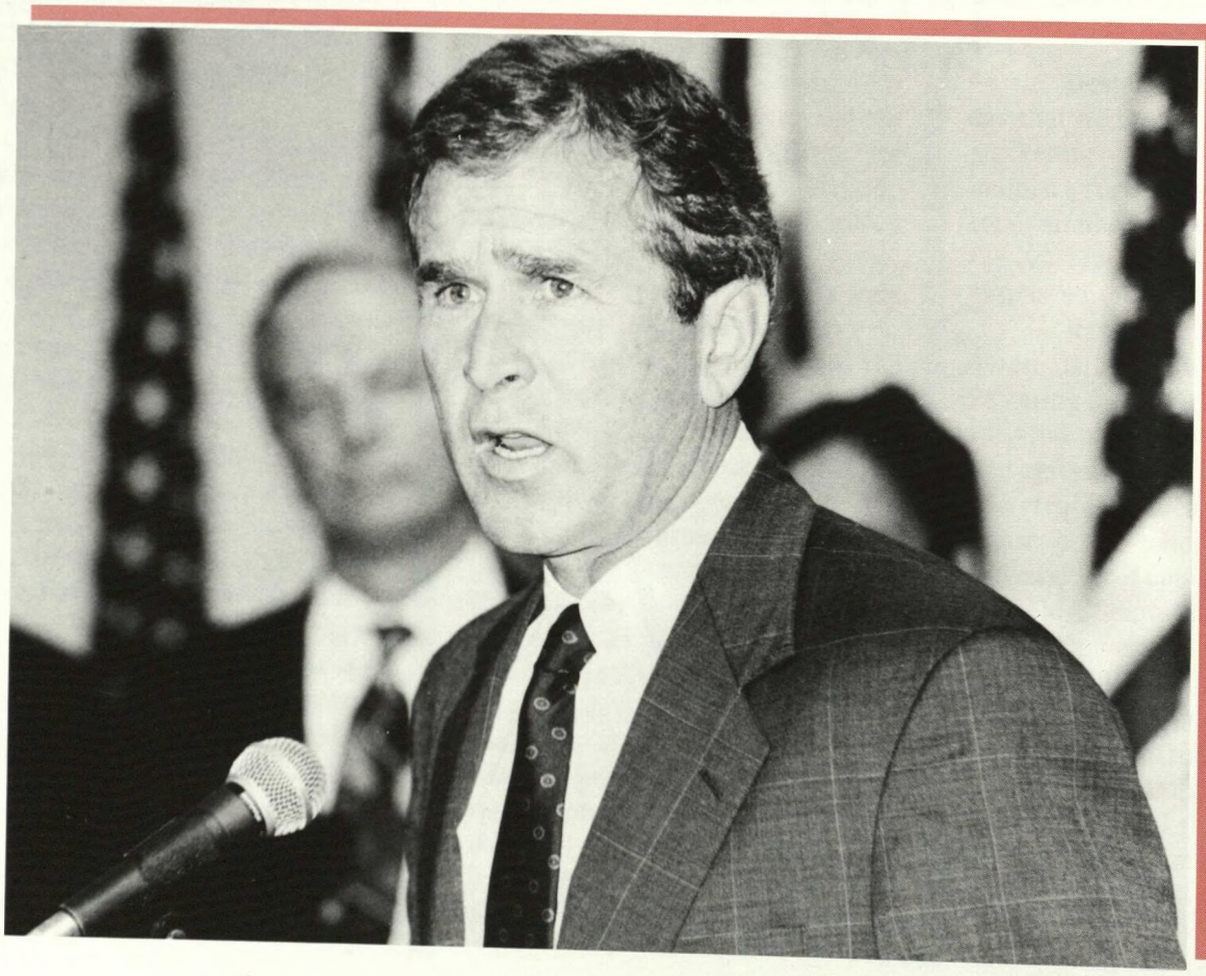


ELECTIONS '94

With the elections of 1994, the country saw the biggest cross-country sweep by the Republicans since 1946 and witnessed what *Newsweek* called "liberalism withering." For the first time since Dwight D. Eisenhower's victory in 1952, Republicans gained both majorities in the House of Representatives (gaining 49 seats) and the Senate (gaining 9 seats). Using what House Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich called a ten point "Contract With America," the GOP captured the majority of governorship across the country and won the majority of most state legislatures.

The country saw old faces being replaced by new ones in huge numbers. For the first time in over thirty years, a Speaker of the House lost a re-election bid with Tom Foley's defeat. Hard core, old style liberals, like Rep. Jack Brooks of Port Arthur, saw their tenure in Congress end with shocking defeats by little known opponents like Steve Stockman. California's Governor Pete Wilson managed to hold office by using the infamous Proposition 187 (a measure that would deny "illegal aliens" social sevices in his state) in his platform. Lucky Democrats, Senator Ted Kennedy of Mass. and Senator Chuck Robb of Virginia were also able to hold their seats .



Closer to home, Texans elected Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson by a wide margin for her first full term in Washington while Governor Ann Richards experienced a defeat by former President George Bush's son, George W. Bush. In the

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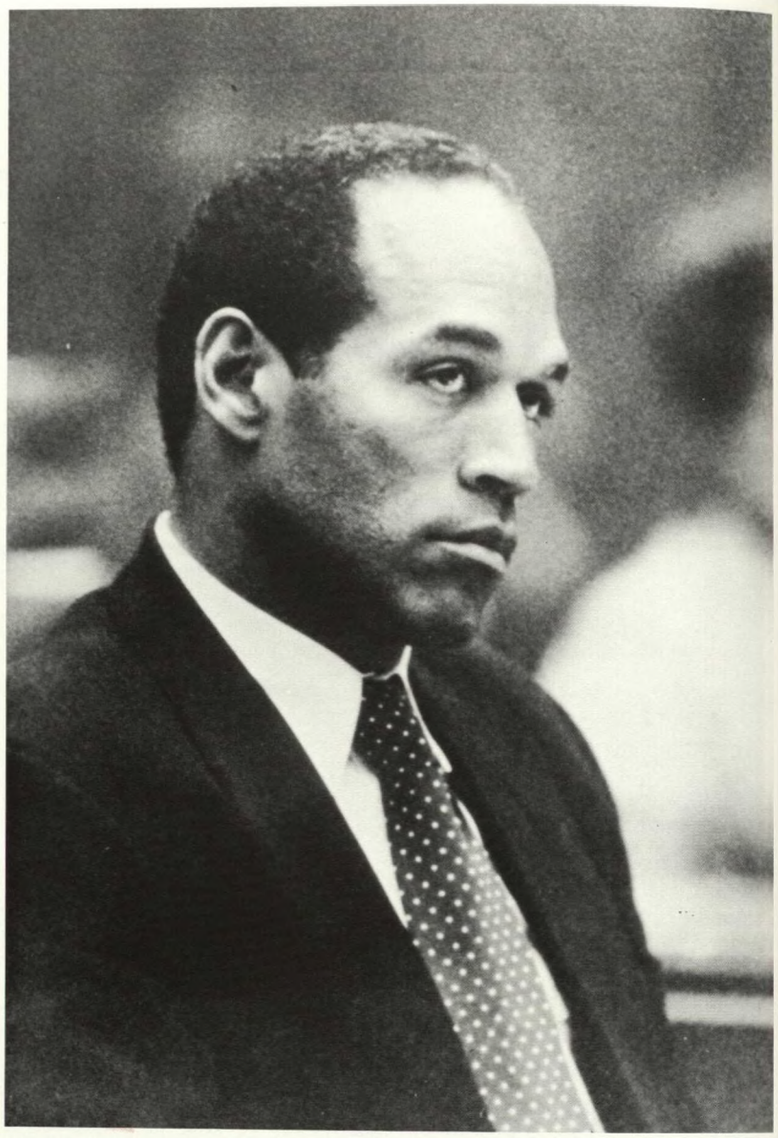
judicial elections, the GOP took part in an enormous sweep by knocking off all but one Democrat judicial candidate in Harris County. As a result, not a single African American or Hispanic judge remained locally. Crimial District Judge Carl Walker told the *Houston Post* after his re-election lost, "It's hard to believe a county as big as Harris County would have such a white judiciary."

The reason for such a GOP landslide victory could be traced directly to President Clinton and the prevailing feelings of America. Never really getting over a 40% approval rating at anytime of the year, the GOP took advantage of the president's failure to get any type of health care reform out or any major domestic policy measure out of Congress. Using his shortcomings in the domestic arena and criticizing his unpopular "flip-flop" foreign policy, the GOP was able to persuade voters across the country that the "old way of doing things" no longer sat well with the average American. Attacking old Democratic policies toward teenage mothers on welfare, "illegal aliens," affirmative action, and what they called "useless spending," the GOP captured the very important white male vote (in which over 60% voted Republican). In contrast, the Democrats were unable to bring out its historical bases with African Americans and Hispanics. To the Democrats' disadvantage African Americans and Hispanics voted Republican more than ever since the turn of the century.

Promises to pass measures for term limits, to get a constitutional amendment supporting school prayer, and to perform massive surgery on the current welfare system, turned out very satisfying for the GOP. The mood of the voters was such a drastic change from the one that elected Bill Clinton two years before that Republican strategist Bill Kristol told *Newsweek* in an interview after the elections, "It (was like) the Russian Revolution in reverse."

Acording to many professional and political scientists, Kristol's comments were "right on the mark." *Russell Contreas*

Top Photo This Page: Republican Tex Lazar lost the Lt. Governor of Texas post to Democrat Bob Bullock. *Photo by Arthur Herniz* **Bottom Photo:** Republican Senator Bob Dole from Kansas became Senate Majority Leader, when the Republican Party swept the elecetions in November of 1994. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service* **Opposite Page:** Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson won the Texas Senate seat beating out Richard Fisher. *Photo by Arthur Herniz*



Top Left: Marcia Clark, assistant district attorney for the city of Los Angeles, was the chief prosector in the O.J. murder trial. *photo courtesy of R&M Photo Service* **Top Right:** O.J. Simpson remained on trial after the closing of this year. He had been on trial since June 1994. *photo courtesy of R&M Photo Service* **Bottom:** An editorial that ran in The Daily Cougar after O.J. had been apprehended by the L.A.P.D. *editorial by Leonard Cachola*

WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE O.J. SIMPSON. I WANT TO BE THE BEST RUNNING BACK IN THE NFL, JUST LIKE O.J. I WANT TO BE ON T.V. AND IN THE MOVIES, JUST LIKE O.J. I WANT TO HAVE MY PICTURE ON THE FRONT OF EVERY NEWSPAPER, AT THE HEART OF EVERY STORY AND EVEN LOOKED UP TO AND IDOLIZED BY EVERY ONE, JUST LIKE MY HERO O.J. WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE ARRESTED, ESCAPE, LEAD POLICE ON A CHASE, GIVE UP, AND HAVE MY TRIAL ON T.V., JUST LIKE MY IDOL, O.J. SIMPSON.

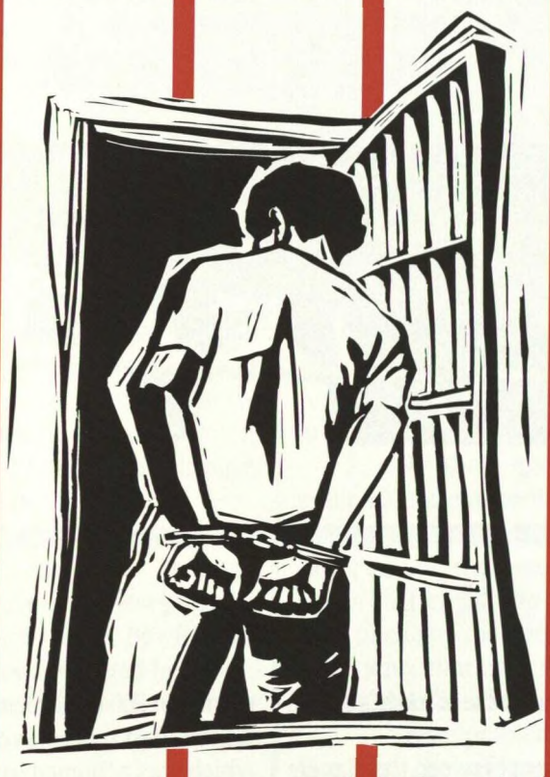
Brutal Murderer or Victim of Circumstance?

The media was covering a superstar, the public was watching a judicial system in turmoil.

"An American hero fall from Grace." That cliched headlines was used over and over again to describe the situation surrounding O.J. Simpson. In June of 1994, Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown-Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman were brutally murdered outside Nicole's home in California. Shortly afterward, O.J. was charged with the double murders.

A summer of tabloid mania and talk show frenzy followed. Soon, everyone's favorite shows were being displaced by live coverage of Simpson's preliminary hearing. Unsuprisingly, the judge ruled that there was enough evidence to bind Simpson over for trail.

The media jumped on the chance to make this out to resembled a modern day lynching. A Black man had the audacity to love, had even dared to marry what our society prizes above all else- a White woman. While that is more acceptable today, taboos are not easily erased. Many were sure there many people happy to see that O.J. "got what he deserved," for challenging prejudices and marrying a White woman.



The more the proceedings unfolded, the more this trial was becoming a media circus. This case made public icons of Brian "Kato" Kalin and of Denise Brown. Leaving the public to wonder if they were just caught in the spotlight or money hungry and soaking this situation for all its worth.

Simpson's team of attorneys had more or less put the Los Angeles Police Department on trial. and why not. The police force seemed to investigate no suspects other than O.J., the Simpson property was first serched without benefit of a warrent, one of the investigating detectives was believed to be a self-proclaimed racist and Marcia Clark, the prosecuting attorney, was already visiting Simpson's home before he was arrested.

Clark's presence was also significant in another wasy. The Los Angeles Distric Attorney's office had a point to prove. They failed to get convictions in the highly publized Menendez Case or the Rodney King Trial. The lack of constrictions in the King Trial led to several days of civil unrest in the L. A. area. To convict someone of the infamous Simpson-Goldman murders would serve as a feather in the D.A's cap O.J. at times appeared to be the hapless victim of thes determination.

Most noticeably there is a shared sympathy about Nicole Brown Simpson. She had been robbbed of her life in the most horrible way imaginable. Worse, it had happened outside her home, a place where she should have been able to feel safe. Nicole's children were asleep in her house while she was being attacked and murdered. The fear she felt in those last few minutes, for her children as well as herself, is inconceivable.

The coroner's report on the extent to which Simpson and Goldman were brutalized was chilling. Yet Nicole and Tonald Goldman were hardly ever mentioned. Tabloids accused Nicole of drug addiction and promiscuity, characteristic of how vi tims were further victimized by the media. It doesn't matter how Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman conducted their lives. They did not deserve to be murdered. In the hype and the hoopla surrounding O.J. their lives were often forgotten.

And so, this case bevame a media sensation. Physical evidence pointed overwhelmingly to O.J.'s guilt, but the collective mind of this country could not accept that one of its most revered heroes could commit such an atrocious act. Nicole was painted- simultaneously - as a victimized angel and a bitchy manipulator. The case brought up race and money, the two most potentially explosive issues in this country. Take into consideration all these factors, give them a setting in one of the richest areas in this country, and you have the curcus that this trial has bevome. Jurors were being dismissed at an alarming ratem and the storis they told cast an even more gloomy light on the Simpson trial.

So is O.J. Simpson a brutal murderer or a victim of circumstance? Is he being ruthlessly persecuted or is he making a mockery out of our court system? Unfortunately, these questions will probably never be answered to everyone's satisfaction. This case had raised another question however. Are we getting a true glimpse into America's judicial system? If the answer is yes, then I pity those who still believe that justice works swiftly and blindly.

-LaGuana K. Gray/JoAnn Stephens

The National Pastime Strikes Out

Unable to resolve differences, owners and players cause the death of the 1994-95 Baseball Season.

In 1904, John McGraw's National League New York Giants baseball team boycotted the second World Series ever.

McGraw, formerly manager of the Baltimore Orioles in the then-newly-formed American League (started in 1901), had a serious beef with the AL president and founder Ban Johnson. McGraw claimed Johnson did not support him adequately in battles with the umpires.

So, he backed his team out of the potential Series with the Boston Red Sox, making for an interesting, and previously unrepeated, part of baseball lore.

It took 90 years, but the annual season-ending meeting between the two league champions was canceled in 1994, for very different reasons than the first time.

Baseball players elected to walk out on the 1994 season on August 12. It took little more than a month for owners to issue a statement that effectively killed the remainder of the year, including the post-season. As was well publicized, it was the eighth work stoppage that major league baseball has suffered in the last 23 years.

What was behind this strike and others? Only a natural escalation of differences between players and owners that has been brewing since players began to fight for basic American workers' rights in the late '60s.

The collective bargaining agreement between the players and owners hammered out via lockout in 1990 was for a period of four years. During the hostile negotiations in 1990, the owners made a number of proposals for a new agreement which players found highly offensive. Among these was the Pay-For-Performance idea, designed to control escalating player salaries by regulating them according to statistics.

Looking ahead to the off-season negotiations at the end of 1994, players decided to strike while they supposedly had the upper hand, in mid-season. However, the warring factions were not surprisingly unable to resolve their differences enough to finish the 1994 schedule.

This action led to one of the most heard complaints by fans and media during the strike, aimed at players' perceived greed. The opinion was that mediocre players were being overpaid anyway, that even the best players were making far too much, sometimes in excess of five million dollars a year. These charges were difficult to deny.

However, little was written about the greed of the owners.

Since baseball's inception, team owners, sometimes known as the "lords of baseball," have been protected by a Supreme Court decision handed down in 1922. In the ruling, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote that baseball games "would not be called trade or commerce in the commonly accepted use of those words."

Considering clubs are regularly bought and sold for amounts exceeding $200 million and baseball television contracts (including the most recent signed with ESPN) total in the billions, that phrase is obviously no longer valid. The ruling's precedent has affected the rights of baseball players nonetheless.

Any rights baseball players have earned have come in the form off collective bargaining agreements, or Basic Agreements, between the Major League Players Association (the players' union) and the owners, the first of which was achieved in 1968. Many rights, such as that of free agency, have since been established, but the sport of major league baseball is exempt from federal labor laws, meaning the United States court system has no role in any labor dispute.

The same is not true of the National Basketball Association, the National Football League and the National Hockey League, which govern the three other major American sports played professionally. The NBA recently solved a dispute in last-minute negotiations. The NHL is currently suffering a lockout of its own.

Baseball is not alone in suffering labor problems, therefore. The only difference between it and the other professional sports is in how its problems are handled.

In the past, the players' union has hired a labor negotiator (currently Donald Fehr) to compete with a negotiator of the owners' choice (Richard Ravitch). Fehr and Ravitch bristled during negotiations in August of 1994. Without a mediator, talks between the two camps stalled.

Other work stoppages in baseball have involved its commissioner, a position created by the owners in 1920 to preside over both leagues. However, baseball's last commissioner, Fay Vincent, was forced out by his employers in 1992. Since that time, baseball has been governed by a three-man council of owners.

So, the owners have run the game, with no one in a position of authority to keep things fairs. Congress, led by Senator Howard Metzenbaum, has threatened to revoke baseball's antitrust exemption, citing the lack of player rights as being unfair, but no action has been taken.

In regards to the complaints of overpaid players, that problem has arisen only recently. Until 1975, every player's contract, both major and minor-league, contained a "reserve clause," a clause which indisputably bound the player's services to one club and one club only. If players had a contract dispute, their only option was to hold out or retire.

Under that clause, the player, or worker, was not allowed to chose the place he wanted to work, a basic American right. In 1969, outfielder Curt Flood became the first player to challenge this system when he sued commissioner Bowie Kuhn after he was traded against his will. Flood believed he should be able to take contract offers from other teams. The Supreme Court, maintaining its hands-off policy, ruled against Flood in 1972.

In 1975, two players, pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally, Further challenged the reserve clause in binding arbitration by refusing to sign contracts that year. They won the case, establishing free agency.

They also established a free market economy, where a player's services are up for sale. This has naturally led to escalating salaries, as competing owners have entered bidding wars for star players. The free-agent "bust," or player who is paid well but doesn't deliver, has always been a problem.

The Basic Agreement of 1976 gave players the right to declare free agency after the equivalent of six years in the majors. That policy has stuck. However, most players are required to spend at least a year, often many more, in the minor leagues, causing their free agent years to arrive in their 30s, when they are often past their peak.

As a result, in the mid-'80s, the owners, tired of both busts and bidding wars, conspired to stop signing each other's free agents. The unofficial agreement, called collusion, took place following the 1985 and 1986 seasons. During that time, with very few exceptions, no owner made a contract offer to a free agent unless the player's original team did not want to re-sign him.

Though this act helped control escalating salaries, it violated the Basic Agreement of 1985. Grievances were filed by the players' union following both the 1985 and 1986 seasons, with an independent arbitrator ruling in favor of the players in each case.

The owners then changed up their strategy, using a phone information bank to keep track of contract offers made to free agents. Under the new collusion rules, a team could only attempt to sign a free agent if its offer was lower than that of the player's original team. Another grievance was filed and ruled on in favor of the players in response to this action.

All three grievances were eventually settled for $280 million in December of 1990. Also, several of the 1985-1986 free agents were granted "new look" free agency after 1990 to compensate them for their losses during collusion.

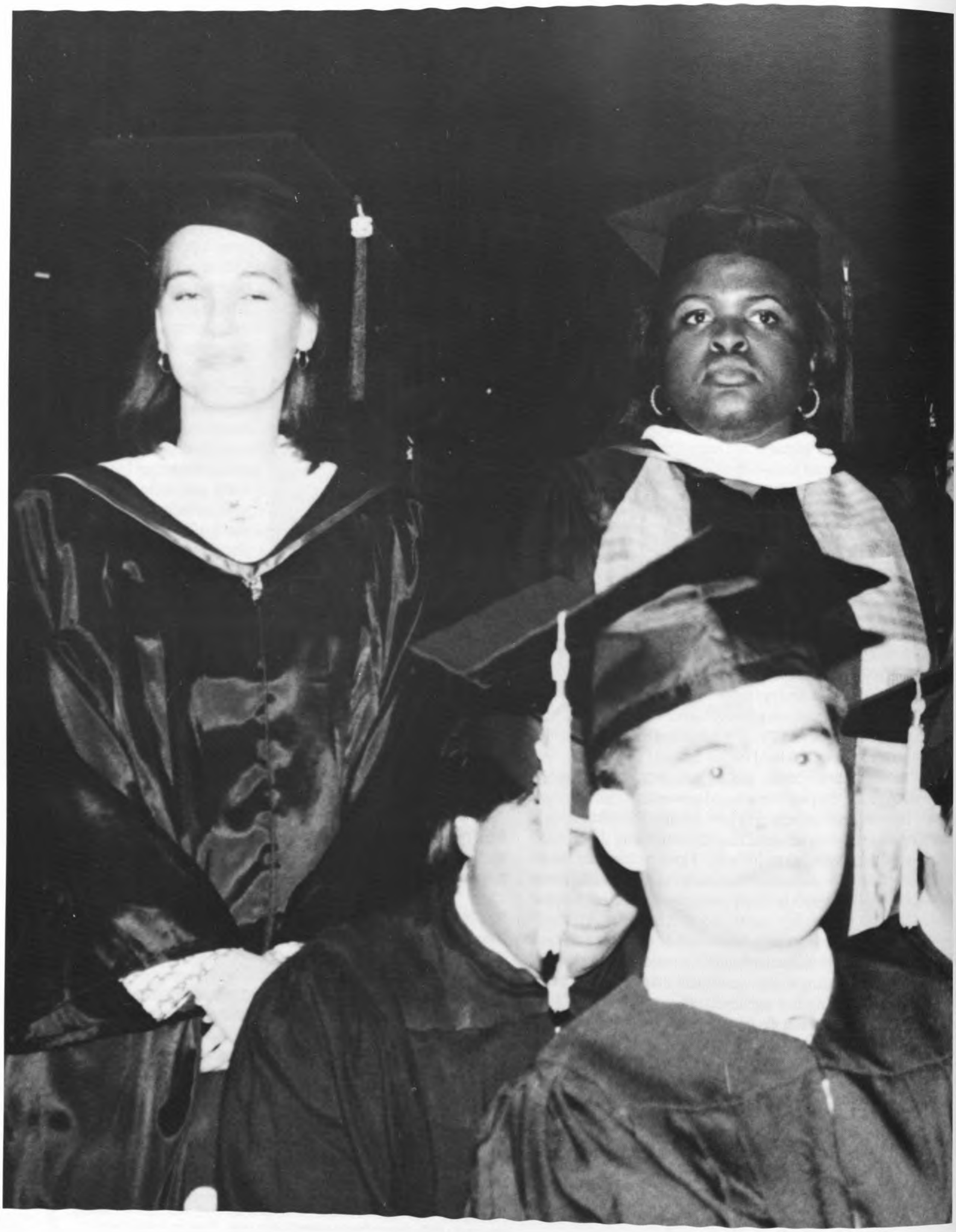
After the end of the 1989 season, players moved freely from one team to another. Collusion has not reared its ugly head again since that time, making for a negatively-viewed increase in player salaries which has hurt many smaller-market teams.

These problems are what the owners and players must face over the off-season. Speculation has been that the gap between the two groups on certain issues, particularly revenue sharing and the implementation of a salary cap, is so large that baseball may not resume until 1996.

In any case, the strike wiped out a fine season– for hitters, anyway. Frank Thomas of the White Sox and Albert Belle of the Indians were threatening to win a Triple Crown in the American League for the first time since Carl Yastrzemski did it in 1967. The Giants' Matt Williams, the Mariners' Ken Griffey, Jr., Houston's own Jeff Bagwell, along with Thomas and Belle, were all challenging Roger Maris's single-season home run record of 61 set in 1961. Tony Gwynn of the Padres had a shot at a .400 batting average with his .394 mark.

William German

LEFT: The Astros winning season came to an end all too early for the fans. RIGHT: Jeff Bagwell, 1994 National League MVP, spent his early vacation time signing autographs while players fought against salary caps. ***Photo by Arthur Hermiz***



Affirmative Action:
the 20 year debate continues

***Affirmative action: any action taken to ameliorate** the effects of discrimination in jobs, education and housing, political, judicial and social arenas. Reverse discrimination: the notion that this amelioration somehow adversely and discriminatively affects white males.* That is probably the most brief, most concise and accurate definition that one can give to outline the controversy that affirmative action represents. Of course some have managed to give it a shorter, inaccurate meaning: the practice of promoting the unqualified. Affirmative action was established in the 1970s to alleviate the discrimination women and minorities were subject to in almost every aspect of American life. Unfortunately, the further we get from that era of the civil rights and women's liberation movements, the more people allow themselves to believe-erroneously-that we've all truly "overcome." In twenty years, all the wrongs are supposed to have been righted and everyone should know that all people in this country, this land of opportunity, are really equal...at least, that's how the lie goes on.

The opponents of affirmative action hardly ever make it a "gender" issue. Instead, it is almost unequivocally an issue of race. No one, they claim, should get ahead simply because of his or her race. People attack this argument on two grounds. First, rarely, if ever, do people progress just because of their race. They must have the qualifications for the job or the scholarship or whatever is at stake. Once they receive the award, they have to live up to the standards as everyone else. It is doubtful that minorities in high occupational positions were uneducated, happy-go-lucky individuals picked up out of a cardboard box on the corner and given a suit and a job. Recipients of "minority" scholarships are expected to keep the same grade point average and, of course, load as recipients of "white" scholarships.

Secondly, affirmative action has not benefited minorities all that much. In fact, the people that have profited the most from affirmative action are white females. The number of managerial positions white females held rose to 36% from 27% from 1980 to 1990. In contrast, the number of managerial positions held by minority females and males only rose to 7% from 3% and to 7% from 3% of the total respectively. The weekly income of white women had more than doubled between 1979 and 1993, rising to $403 from $184. On the average, white women are earning more than black men and women.

One reason, affirmative action is so hotly debated is because it challenges a basic American ideology that lulls us into believing that in this land, where all people are created equal and everyone can achieve, opportunities are based on merit and all people have the chance to get ahead. Of course, not all people are born equal in that sense. Some people are born in the best medical facilities possible while others are born in back alleys. Some people are born to happy, expectant families and other are born to resentful, rejecting parents. Some go home to mansions and others go home to dismal, one-room apartments. Some will be brought up as intellectuals, others will be brought up as illiterates, and worst of all, in this country, some are born female and nonwhite.

In other words, we are not all born with the same opportunities, we do not all get the same education, we are not all nurtured and sheltered. Many people are made aware at an early age that in this society, that they are different and that their difference is perceived as a deficiency. We are all marginal creatures and now that the good white man has decided to give minorities and women a few meager opportunities despite their deficiencies, people are to be grateful and to accept that centuries of discrimination have been reversed in 20-something years. Minorities especially need to realize that we are now viewed as equal and just as good as white people in this society. We need to back off because now 20% of people are strongly empowered, and they are threatening the welfare of our beneficiaries, the good white people who only make up a measly 80% of the country and have only a lousy 90% of the jobs to compete for. That 10% quota is just ridiculous especially when 9% of it probably goes to the highly prestigious secretarial pool and other such departments.

In addition to the earlier arguments against affirmative action, white males have come up with a nifty new term: reverse discrimination. Discrimination is a negative action taken against a group of people based on race/class/gender/sexual orientation, etc. Now discrimination, because it consists of action, cannot occur without power. There have been very few opportunities when women and minorities in this society had the power to do much of anything, even control their own lives. To suggest that they have somehow amassed enough power to discriminate against the dominant group is laughable. A lot of claims of reverse discrimination arise because white males see minorities and women in positions they desired and assume that they had to be infinitely more qualified. Now the truth is having white skin does not make one immediately more qualified.

Opponents of affirmative action claim that it is dentrimental to those it benefits because it places people in positions they don't deserve and it assumes that, because of a lack of qualifications or skills, they cannot get ahead on their own. But their sweeping generalizations about affirmative action show that they assume minorities and women are unqualified. Under the pretense that affirmative action prevents everyone from reaching a level of self-sufficiency, the most avid conservative opponents rant against affirmative action. But their primary concern is retaining their own power, money and, of course, dominant status.

Today, Black men still only earn 65% of what white men do. After taking into account that black men are under-represented in high status jobs, over-represented in low paying jobs and have higher levels of unemployment, researchers still cannot explain one-third of the pay difference. It seems it appears purely from discrimination. The same is true of white women who only earn 70% of what white males do. This is hard to believe in the land of opportunity. There must be something deficient in women and minorities themselves. If we all worked hard enough and believe long enough, we'd all have the same chances. Of course, everyone knows that discrimination has been completely eradicated in this country in the last 20 years, right? Or so the lie goes on...

-LaGuana Gray

TWO-RRIFIC!

Houstonians share in the glory of the Rockets repeat

The 1994-95 Houston Rockets proved lightning can indeed strike the same place twice.

The red-hot Rockets scorched their playoff opponents, culminating in a sound defeat of the Eastern Conference champion Orlando Magic in the NBA Finals for their second consecutive league championship.

The Rockets once again captivated their usually complacent hometown by proving as one sign in the Bayou City said, "Champions don't die, they just repeat."

Beginning with their first-round series against the third-seeded Utah Jazz, the sixth-seeded Rockets proved they were indeed ready to defend their title despite tremendous odds imposed on them by fans, and analysts alike.

A mid-season trade that sent power forward Otis Thorpe to the Portland Trailblazers in exchange for one of the founding fathers of Phi Slamma Jama at UH, Clyde Drexler and former UCLA standout Tracy Murray had both positive and negative play in Houston.

The trade reunited Drexler with his former Cougar teamate, Hakeem Olajuwon and the Rockets organization made no pretenses as to what they expected of the trade: Offense.

But some Rockets players resented the move, not so much because of Drexler's arrival, but because of the loss of Thorpe who was one of the more popular Rockets in Houston.

The Drexler trade did not pay dividends until the playoffs began as the Rockets could not keep a steady lineup intact due to a number of injuries to players like playoff hero Robert Horry, and power forward and former Cougar Carl Herrera.

But in the playoffs, Drexler did the only thing to silence any critics, he played like the All-Star player of old that led the Trailblazers to two previous trips to the NBA Finals.

The Rockets overcame incredible adversity in every playoff series. In each new round, they were faced with an opponent that nobody, except themselves, thought they could defeat.

They silenced the Jazz in the maximun five games. They then dispatched the Phoenix Suns in seven games on a game-winning three-pointer by swingman Mario Elie with Suns' center Danny Schayes lunging for the leather in his hands.

The San Antonio Spurs posted the NBA's best regular-season record with 62 wins and only 20 losses. But the Rockets took the series' first two games at the Alamodome, and while they lost the next two at home, they took a third straight game on the road, and closed the series out in six at the Summit.

By this point, Houston was in the same frenzy that New York experienced in 1969 when everyone was rooting for the Mets and yelling, "You gotta believe!"

But the city of Houston was no stranger to the Rockets success. They had been there and done that the year before when basically the same team defeated the Knicks in seven games and brought the fourth-largest city in the country its firts major sports championship.

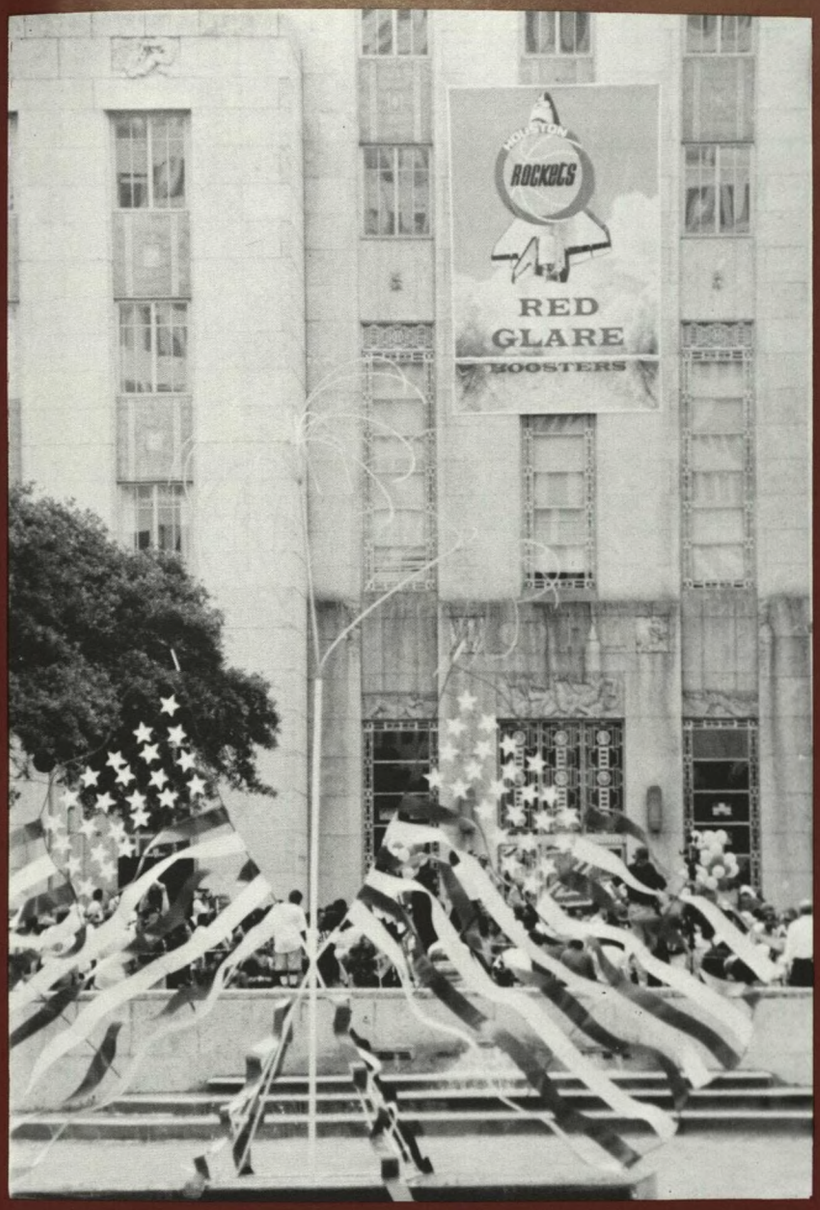
Once again Richmond Avenue was packed with generation X revelers as they witnessed something that has become commonplace in the NBA's golden years, a team successfully defending its championship.

First the Detroit Pistons collected successive rings in '89 and '90. Then Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls went further than that and three-peated from '91-'94.

And now, it's Houston's turn to gloat in the limelight of consecutive superiority in the NBA.

The last two seasons, the Rockets literally gave an insecure city a reason to finally feel good about themselves after years of coming up empty handed in major sports championships.

-Chris Pena



Top Left: Rockets fans celebrate at City Hall, *photo by Cesar Alvarez* **Top Right:** The Betas celebrate the Rockets game at one of the many game parties they held at their house. *photo by Cesar Alvarez* **Bottom:** Houstonians gather at City Hall to frolic in the Rockets glory. *photo by Cesar Alvarez*

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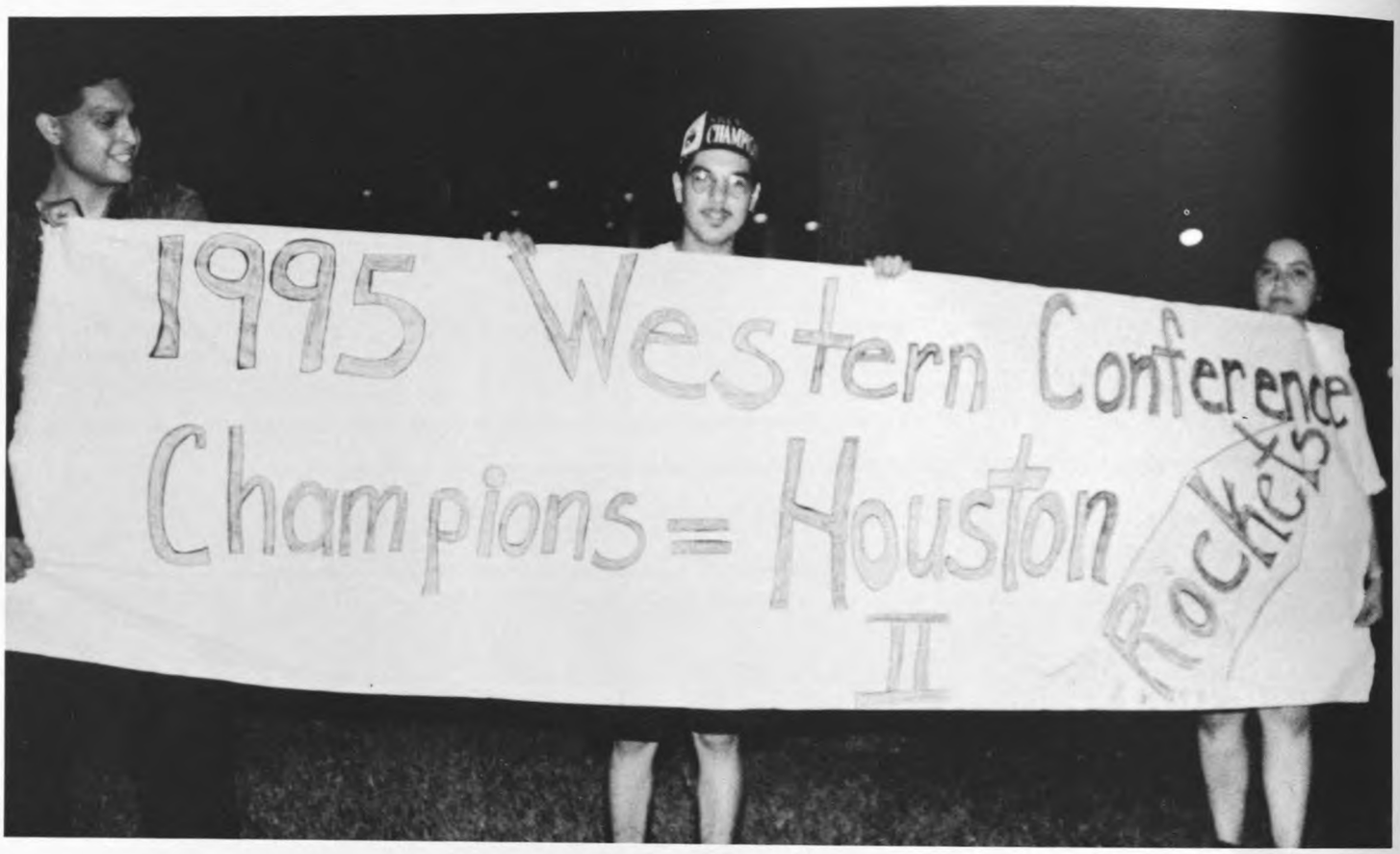
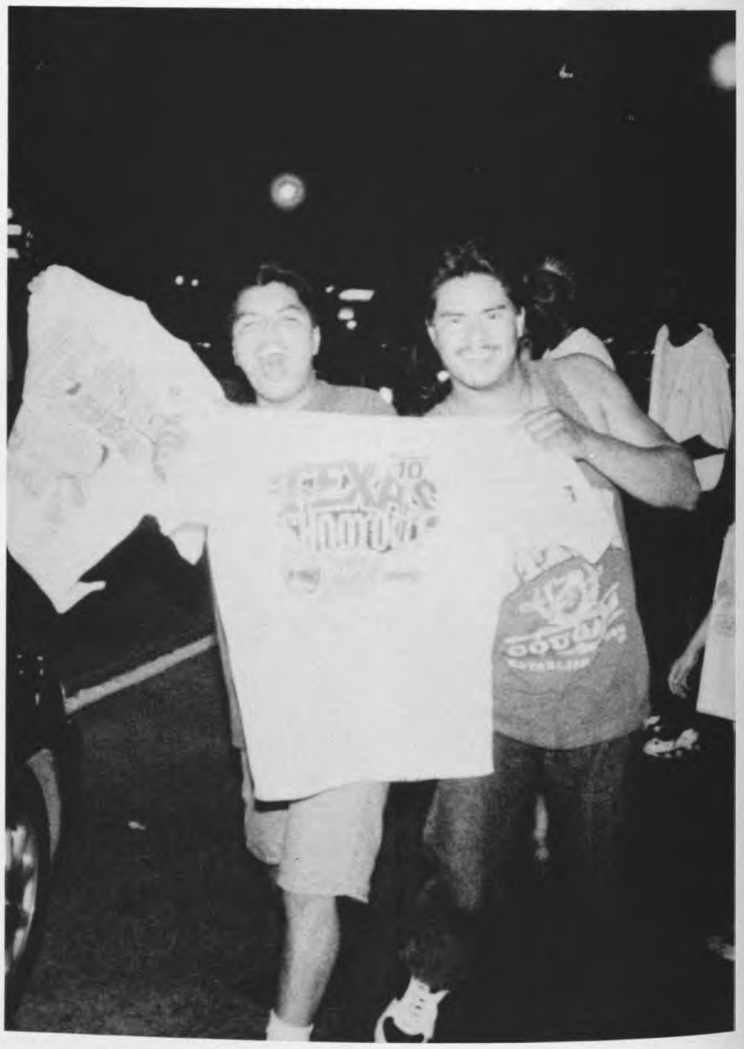


Houstonians celebrated the Rockets playoff victories on Richmond Ave. *All photos by Cesar Alvarez*



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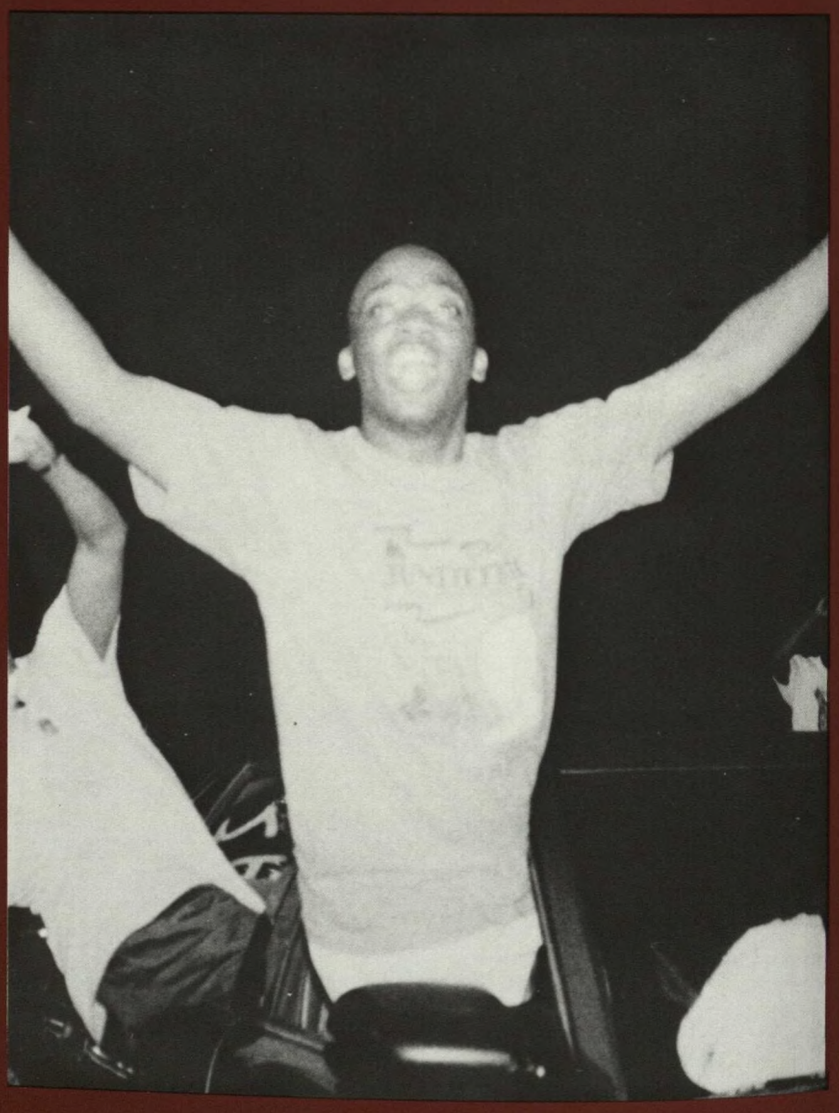

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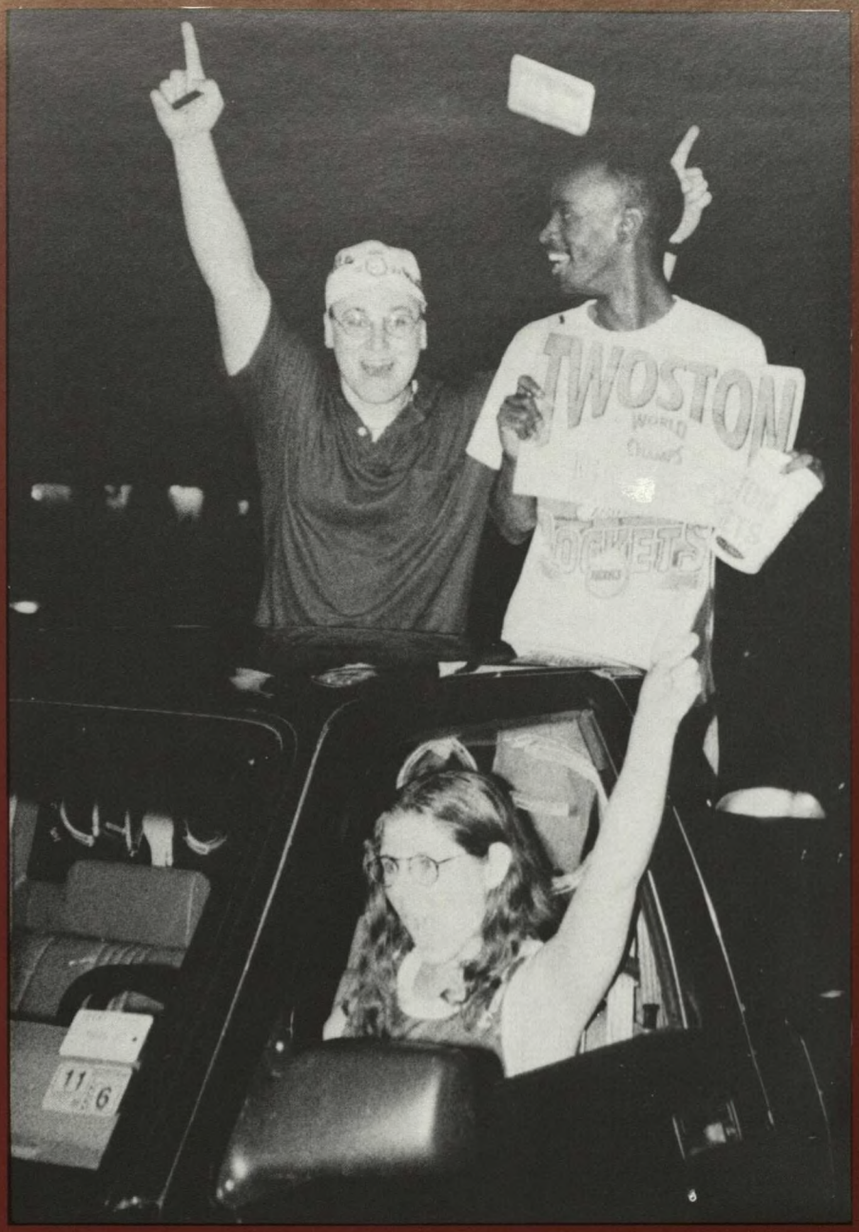
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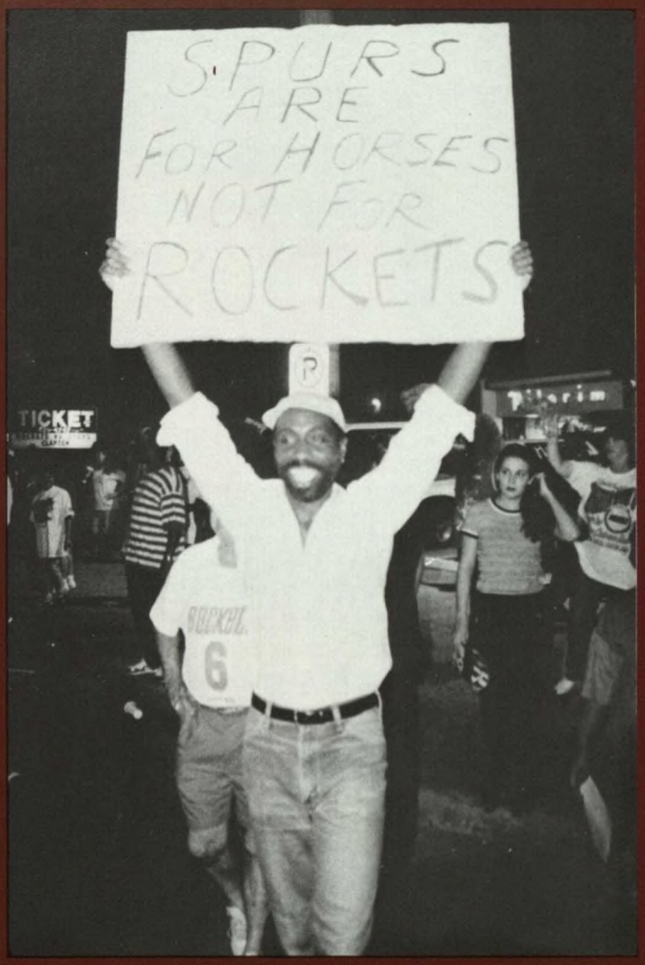
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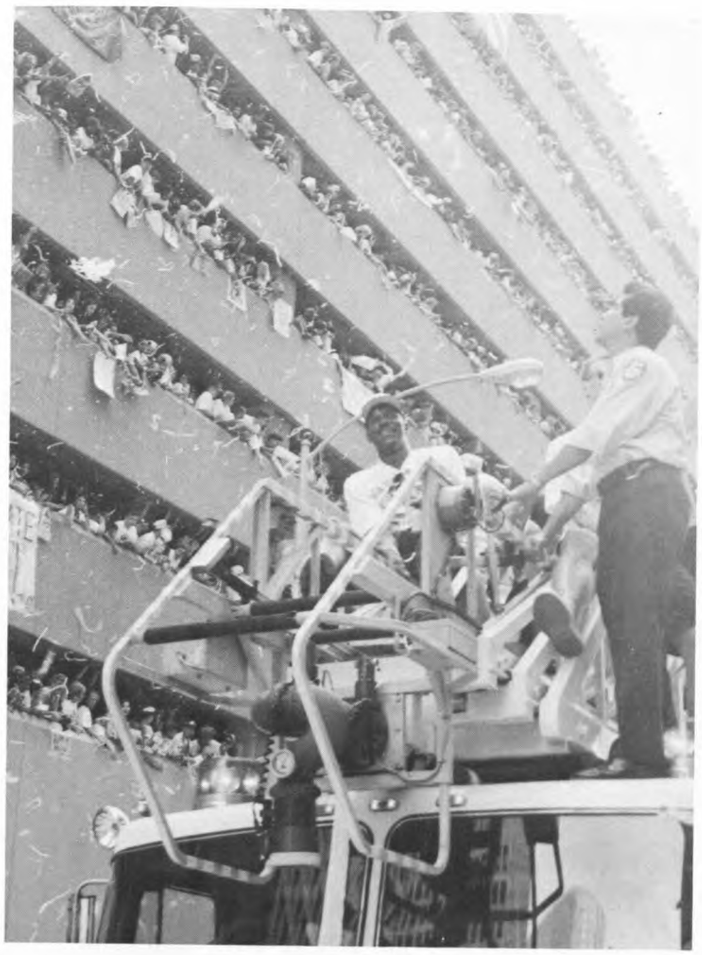

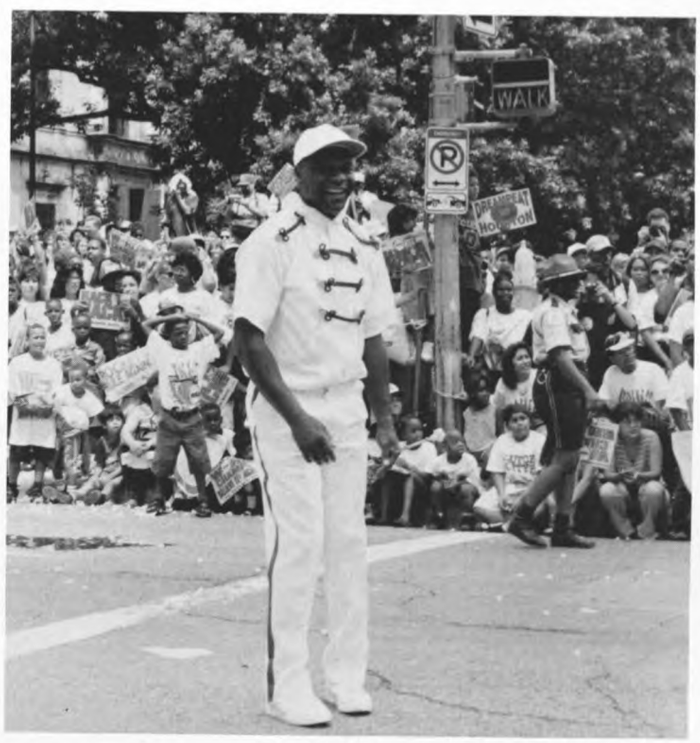
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A university is, according to the usual designation, an alma mater, knowing her children one by one, not a foundry, or a mint, or a treadmill.

–John Henry Newman

The University

Students Celebrate A Month of Diversity

Latinos y Latinas ...A Month of Their Own

Funny how people 'round these parts tell people of different backgrounds 'to go back where they came from.'

Well, where Mexican Americans are concerned, they are in their homeland–***Tejas***, what was once a part of Mexico. Sure, we all know our Texas history. Remember the Alamo?

Here in Cougar Country...Houston to be exact, city of diversified people, celebrations of many cultures are a constant. People who are in touch with their cultural heritage tend to celebrate their history with special traditions.

Routinely, Chicano Week has been celebrated at UH for more than 20 years, Mexican American Studies Director Tatcho Mindiola said.

Chicano Week is celebrated the week of September 16, the day on which Mexico won its independence from Spain.

Mindiola said, it is amazing how so many people view Mexicans in a negative light, yet these same people are probably the ones who pack Mexican food restaurants on the weekends.

Latino Heritage Month has been celebrated at many other universities said Russell Contreras, president of the newly formed Hispanic Student Association.

He said the group members felt that it was about time to celebrate the month-long series of events.

For the first time, all Latin organizations unified as the Hispanic Student Association, an umbrella group which includes the Mexican American Student Organization, Cuban Friendship Committee as well as the Hispanic based sorority Kappa Delta Chi.

Kappa Delta Chi president Claudia Balderas said that the Fiesta Patrias parade was the highlight of Latino Heritage Month.

"The turnout was one of the largest ," Balderas said. "The excitement of marching and chanting sparked

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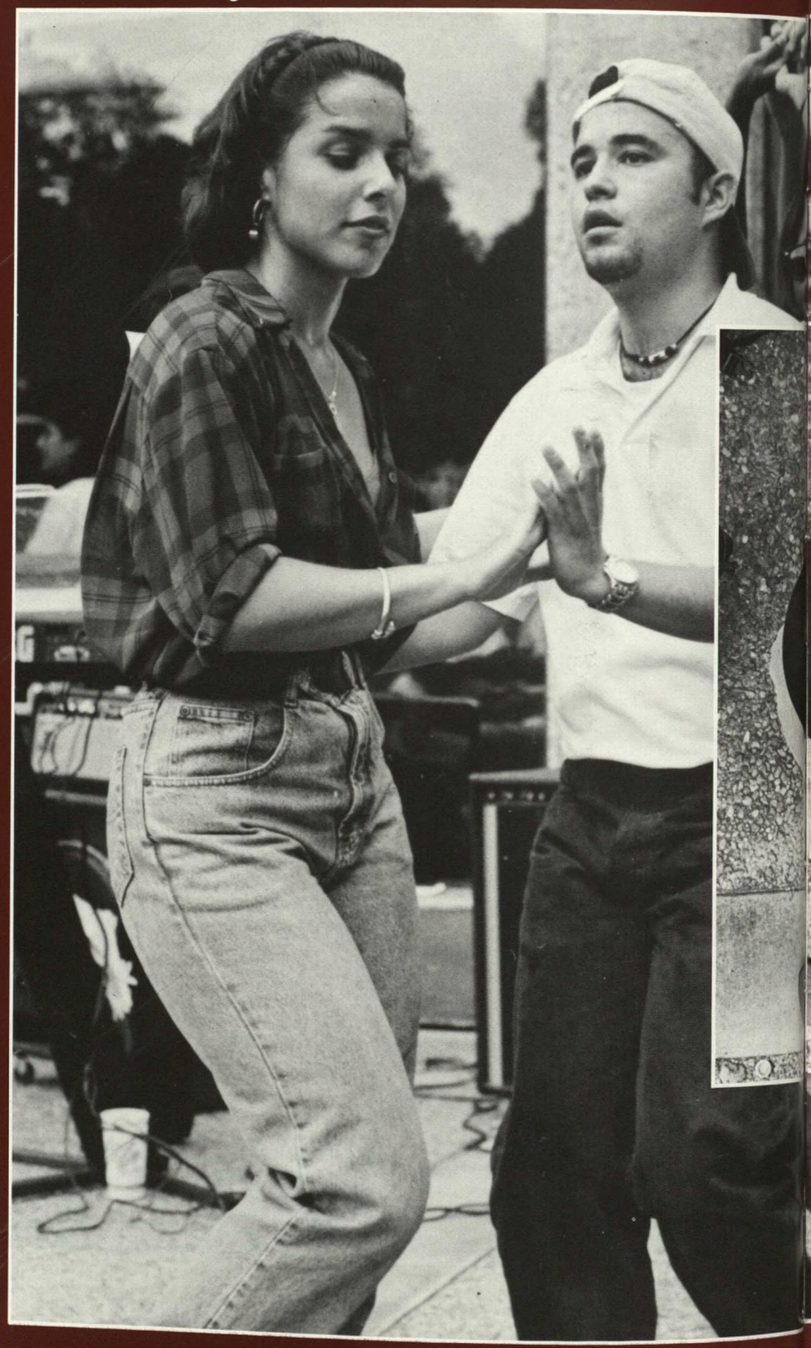
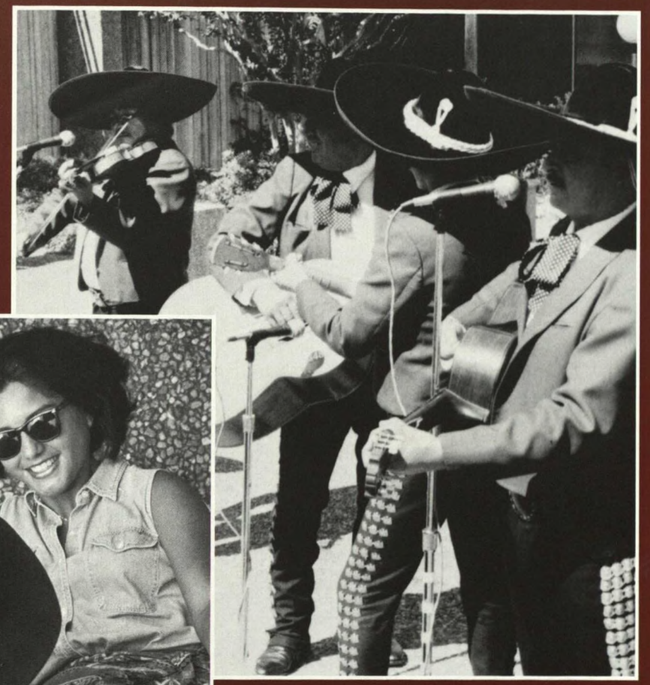




responses from the spectators who livened up as the parade nearly ended."

Balderas said that she did not expect such an active crowd. "It's the greatest feeling to have the crowd cheering as we passed down the parade route."

"The parade turned out to be a bonding moment for the sorority and the other groups as well," Balderas said. "We won third place!"

In addition to the parade, on-campus events included performances by Ballet Folkorico dancers, Mariachi Contenetal, Unos Dos Trios and Linda Ronstandt. Chicano Month concluded with a presentation by LULAC national president, Belen Robles, who addressed crucial Latin issues.

Contreras said that the turnout for many of the events not only attracted Latinos but, "there were all sorts of people, the events were well received by Non-Hispanics."

"I'm very proud that the month long celebration was a success," Contreras said. "We hope HSA will become a big force, as a result of this reception, in the future."

Jessica Ellis

Opposite page: Salsa dance contestants show their talent at Latino Heritage Month's Kick-Off. The Kick-Off took place at the UC Satellite where spectators listened to the music of Unos Dos Trios. *Photo by Danny Dalstra* **This page top right:** Members of the Mariachi Contenetal quintent entertain students at the Chicano Week event outside the Satellite. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Bottom right:** At a special concert at Hofheinz Pavilion soloist Alejandero Fernandez sings traditional Spanish pieces. *Photo by Cesar Alvarez* **Center:** Junior Business major Ken Orlaska dips junior communications major Christina Garza to some salsa. *Photo by Christobal Perez*

Trading Places

President Pickering and Coach Helton live the life of a student for a day

UH President James H. Pickering and head football coach Kim Helton laced up their tennis shoes and gathered their notebooks, pens and pencils, and headed back to the classroom on Nov. 1 and became students for one day.

Pickering and Helton switched with students Brian Gruel and Mark Kallus, respectively, as part of the UH Student Foundation's Big Switch fund-raising campaign. The students performed some administrative duties while Pickering and Helton took classroom notes and visited student hangouts.

"Being able to walk in Brian's shoes and having him in mine was an eye-opening experience for both of us," said Pickering.

"I believe it's a good idea to share experiences because it helps people relate better, and besides, I think I look good in a teeshirt and cap," he said.

Helton said though he works directly with students everyday and remembers what it was like being a college student, this opportunity allowed him to turn back the clock, even if it is just for one day.

"It's important at times to look from whence you came, so that you'll know where you are going," said Helton.

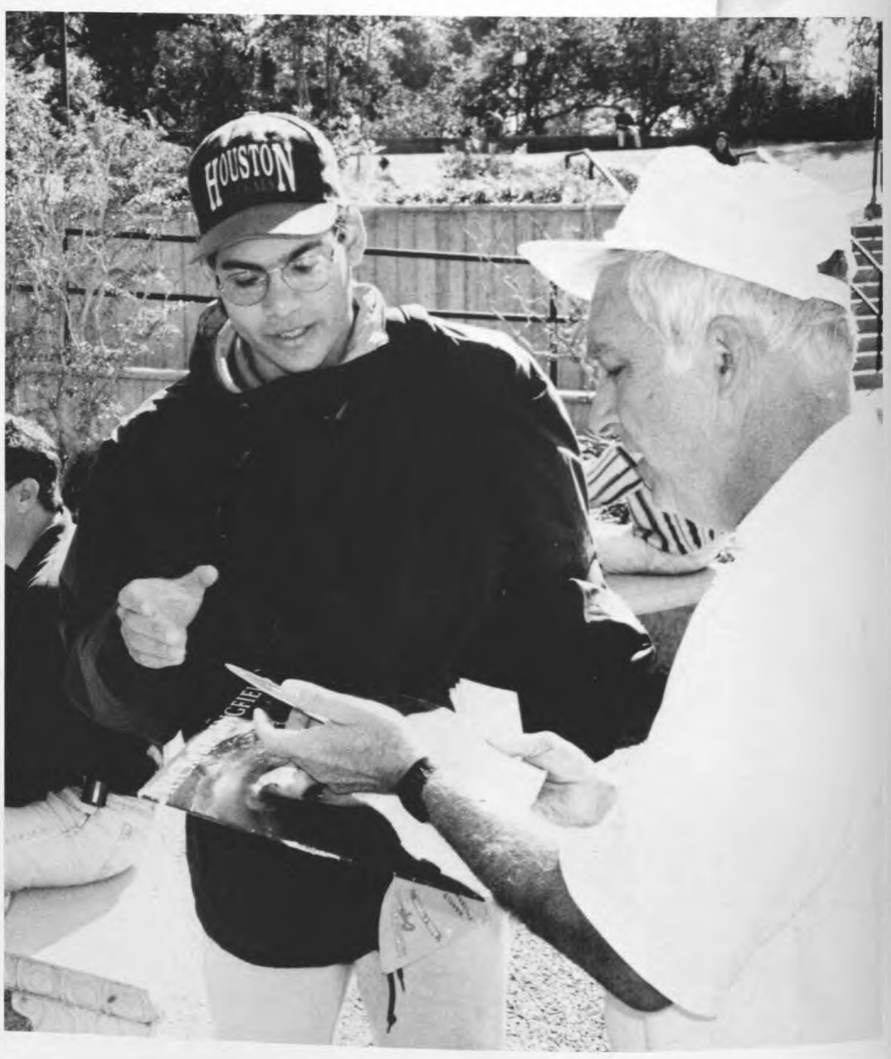
Greul and Kallus said they learned quite a bit from the Big Switch.

"It's important because the majority of students don't fully understand the responsibilties of the administration," said Greul.

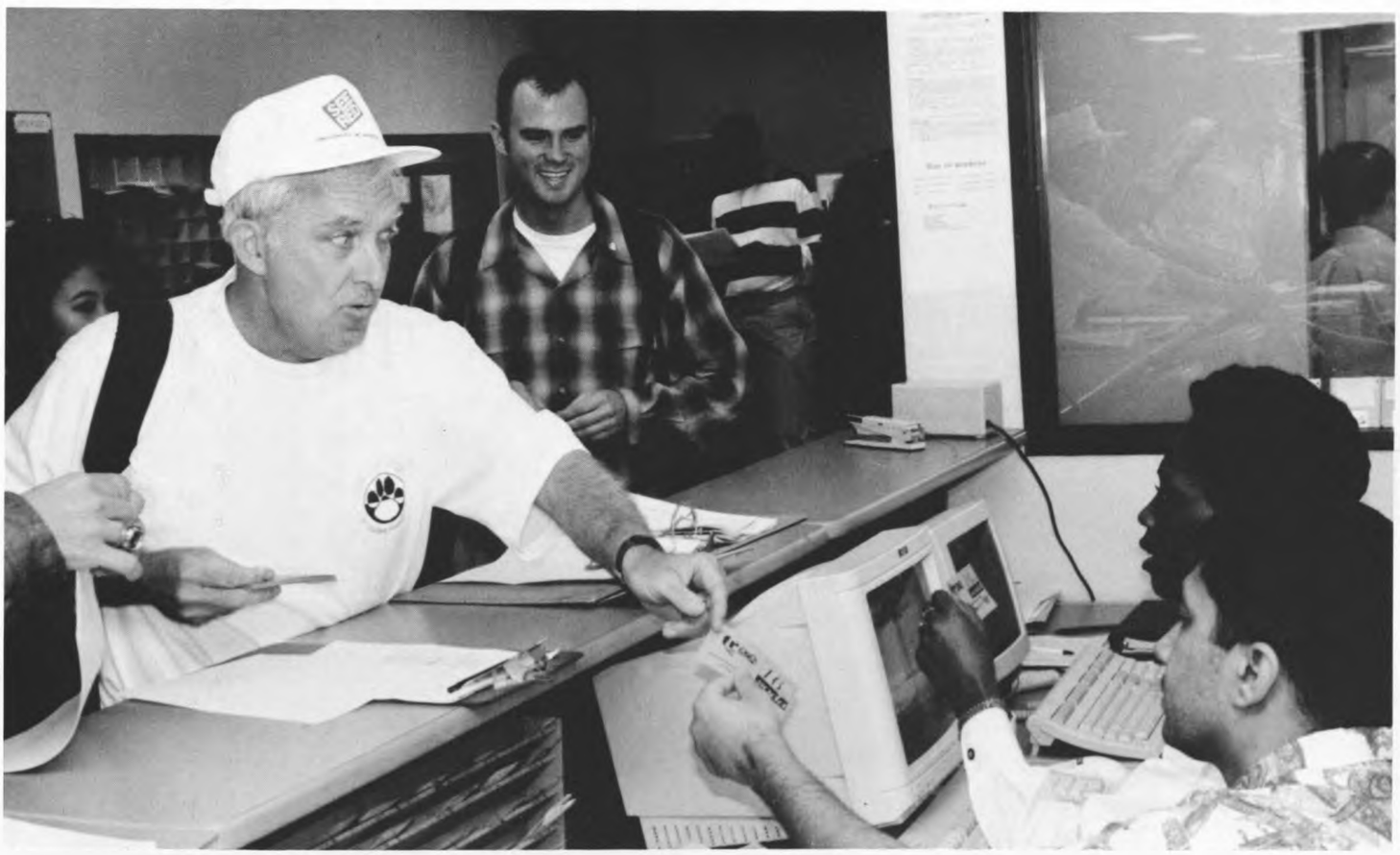
"This allows the coach to see the student's daily routine before practice and gives him a chance to see how much college has changed while allowing the students to understand his responsibilities," said Kallus.

The student Foundation raises funds for the university and helps and educates students for future roles in support of the university. A portion of the procedds helped buy tickets for area youths to attend a UH men's home basketball game.

Tanya Deason



Top left: Brian Greul, President Pickering, Mark Kallus and Coach Helton. *photo courtesy University Relations* **Bottom left:** Pickering chats with senior Chris Pena. *photo courtesy University Relations* **Top right:** Greul gives Pickering some good ideas about how this university should be run. *photo by Tricia Garcia* **Right bottom:** Pickering has some trouble using the computer lab. Welcome to the troubles of every student! *photo by Tricia Garcia*



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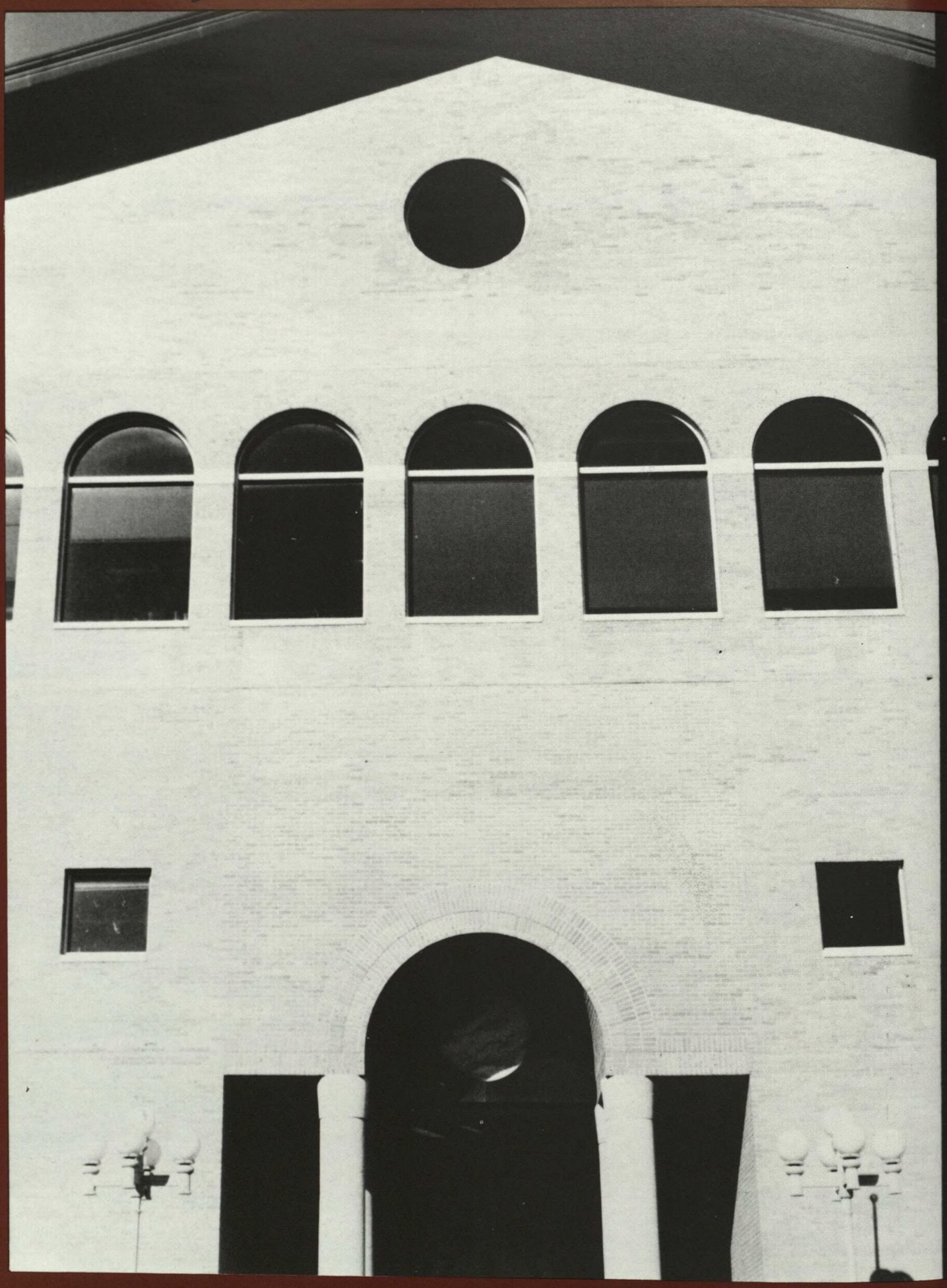
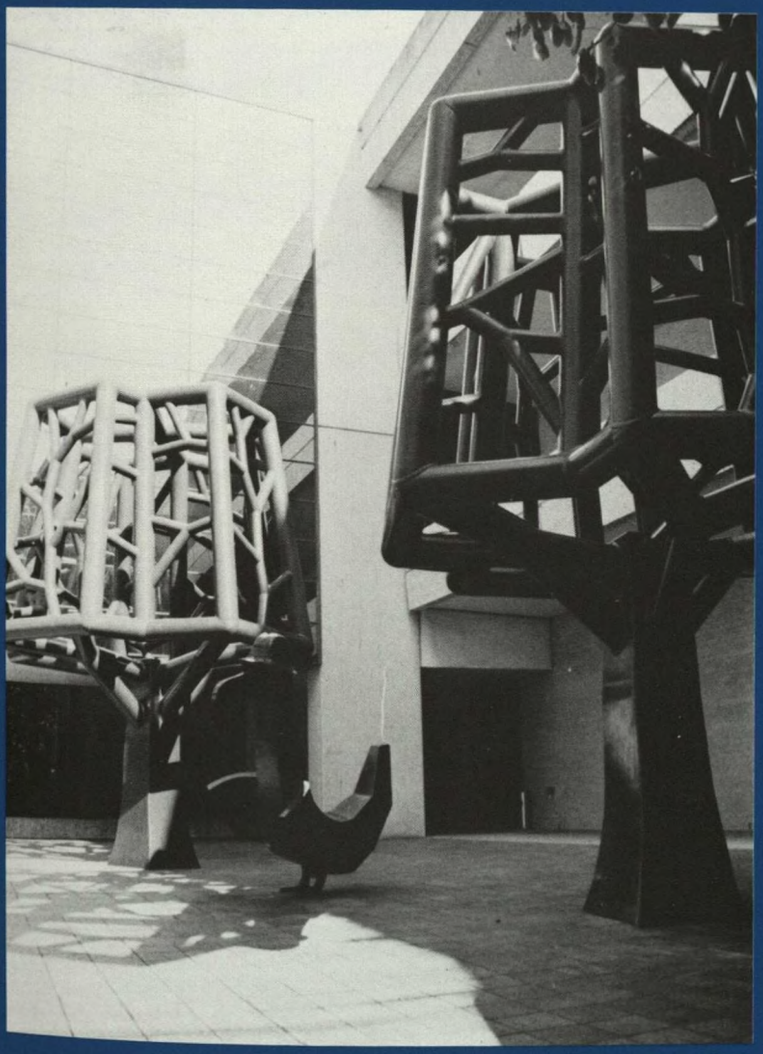
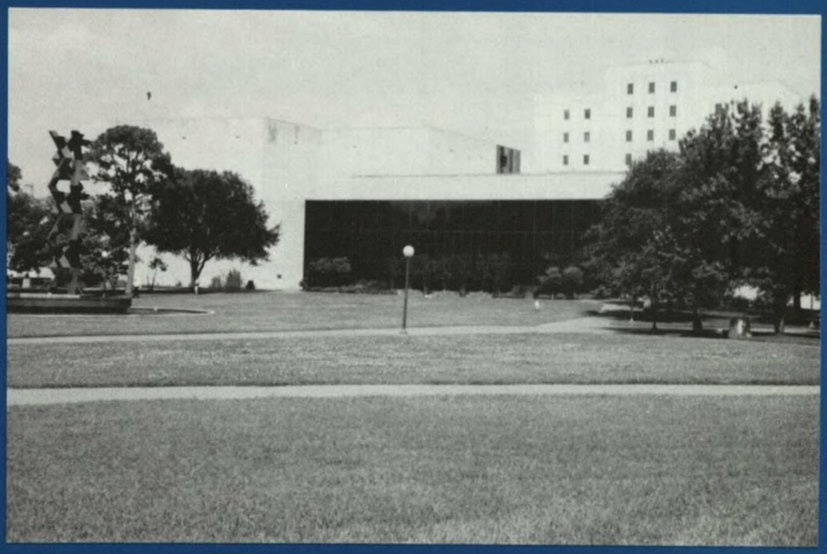


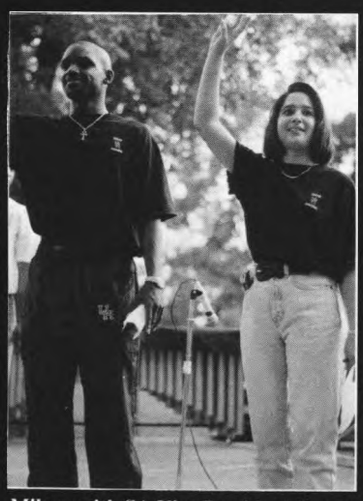




Opposite page top: Milner meets with U.S. Representative Tony Goolsby in Austin. *photo by Tricia Garcia* **Opposite page bottom:** Milner in her office taking it easy. *photo by Cesar Alvarez*

My Term As SA President

"...I thought I could make all the things wrong with the university right. I was wrong."
Angie Milner



Milner with SA Vice President Henry Bell cheering the crowd on at Cougar Kick-Off. *photo by Tricia Garcia*

In many aspects being the student body president is like running a company. The job title comes with an inherent list of responsibilities. The official role, the one that most students know about, is the duty of representing the views of all 34,000 University of Houston students. Other roles include working directly working directly with UH administration, Austin legislators and overseeing Students' Association's $100,000 budget.

The largest time consumption is that which is allocated to daily meetings with the administration. This includes individual meetings with the president, vice president for student affairs, dean of students and the official SA representatives. Also, much time is spent in a committee meeting. Any time a new committee is formed, the presence of the SA president is always requested. UH is excellent about forming committees to ensure proper representation in problem handling. If a decision needs to be made, a committee is usually formed to make that decision. The committee system allows over 150 students to become part of the policy-shaping committees on campus.

Once in office, the first duty is planning the annual back to school party, Cougar Kick-Off. The SA president assumes full responsibility for all organizing and preparing the event. This usually takes up the bulk of the summer, since the event itself takes place the first week of the fall semester.

After Cougar Kick-Off, it's back to trying to fulfill campaign promises (much like that of a real politician). Actually accomplishing what was promised is a lot harder than most would think. Many find this harder than anticipated because there is a lot of red tape when dealing with the University of Houston. You must first find out who is the right person to contact and then actually meet with them. This process is usually preceded and concluded with an extensive memo paper trail (which suggest their need for decent writing skills). As for implementation, if it's not a controversial issue, the process will of course be easier. Also, if the administration is not ready to take action, then rarely will any action take place.

Every other year in odd years, the Austin legislature is in session. During this time the duties of the SA president greatly expand. Not unlike local politics, constituents seldom realize what impact their political leaders make through legislation. Accordingly, the Students' Association takes an aggressive role in legislation analysis. The student body president is the spokesperson for the students' views on legislation.

Along with the tedious requirements comes the social perks. The student body president receives many invitations to various receptions, banquets and galas. A few of which may require a speech and many allow recognition. For those who do not posses an adequate wardrobe, this could present a financial problem since many events require either business attire or black-tie attire.

Why on earth would someone want to take a position where the cons well out weigh the pros? The real benefits of the position are intangible. As president, you may also improve your public speaking and people skills. It is a good learning experience for anyone interested in politics. (And it certainly won't harm anyone's resume!)

Personally, I chose to run for this position because as an optimist (coming of course from the College of Humanities, Fine Arts & Communications), I thought I could make all the things wrong with the university right. I was wrong. Having spent five years here, I have seen enough to know what I am talking about, and although it was tough, I feel I did create some positive change. Like many students that attend this school, I love the University of Houston. I have to admit, through this enlightening journey as student body president, I have learned a great deal more of the inner workings of the university. I don't know if I like the workings any more today than I did a year ago, but I can now respect them more.

In retrospect, I feel that my year spent as student body president was one of the greatest years of my life. I would recommend that all students become involved in campus government, for this is strongly how to learn the lessons that no lecture hall can impart. It is a year of hard work that requires full dedication; a high pride that yield great rewards. The position can provide the skills necessary for a successful business or political career, or simply allow you to make your mark on this fine institution. Whatever the outcome, be prepared for the challenge and give no less than the title deserves.

Angie Milner
Student Body President
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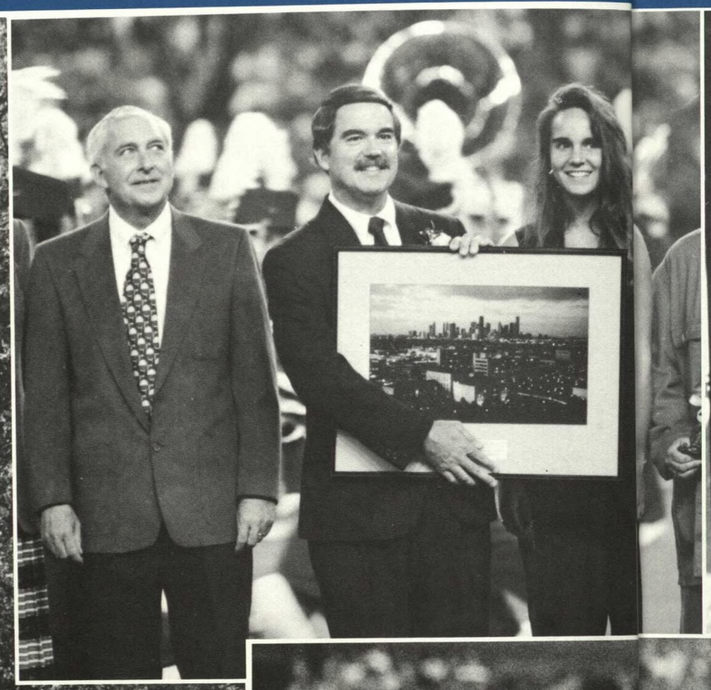

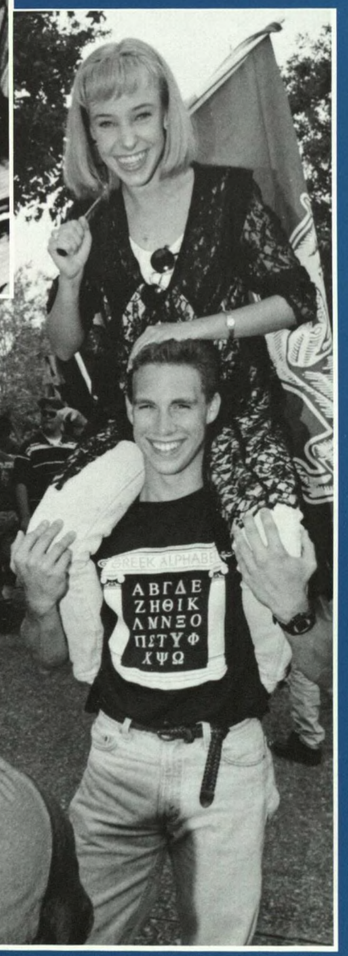

Opposite page left: In the sidewalk homecoming parade, UH pallbearers take active duty of carrying the corpse of an Aggie in uniform. *Photo by Michael W. Smith* **Right:** Senior optometry major Heidi Sticksel (second to the right) surrounded by her parents are honored at halftime. Sticksel's parents Dr. Hugh and Mrs. Pan Sticksel were named 1994 Parents of the Year. *Photo by Tony Bullard* **This page left:** Homecoming Queen Kim Hales and King Tramaine Chargois paw the pride of being distinguished Cougars. *Photo by Michael W. Smith* **Bottom left:** Freshman biology major Allison Beauvais paints a window at the UC for the annual "Paint the UC" homecoming event. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Below:** At the Homecoming parade proud Cougars go to any links to show their spirit. *Photo by Michael W. Smith*

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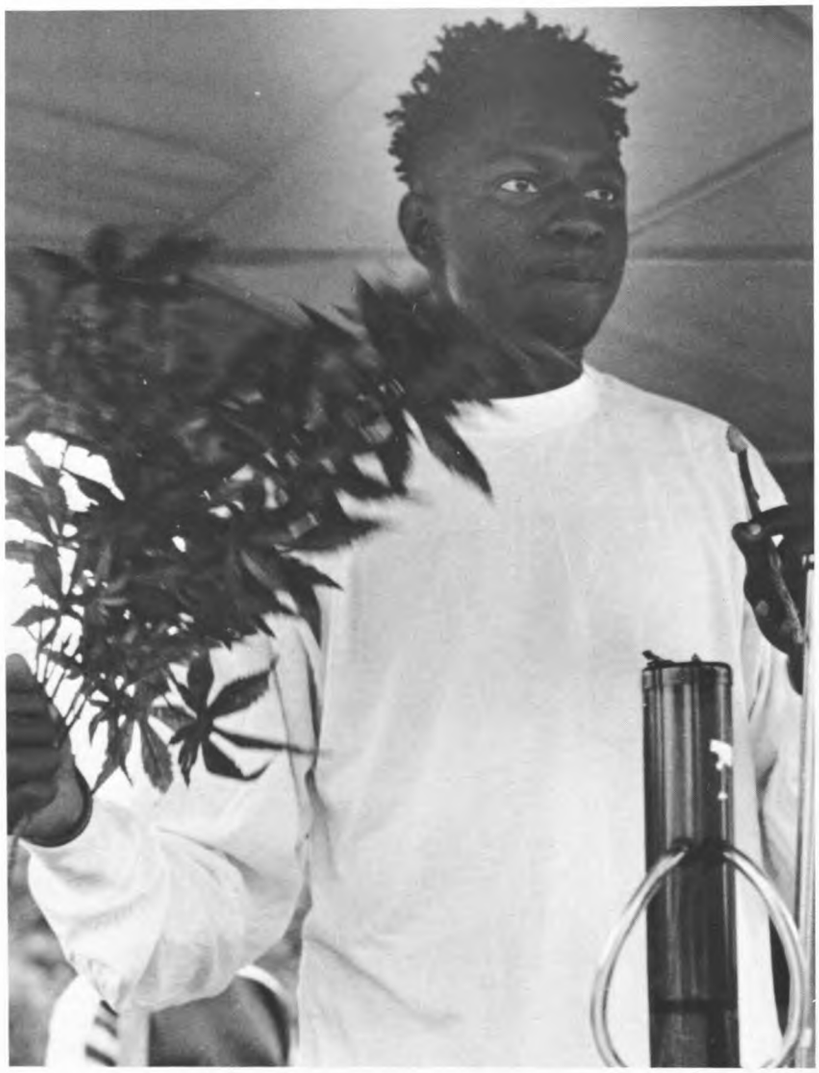
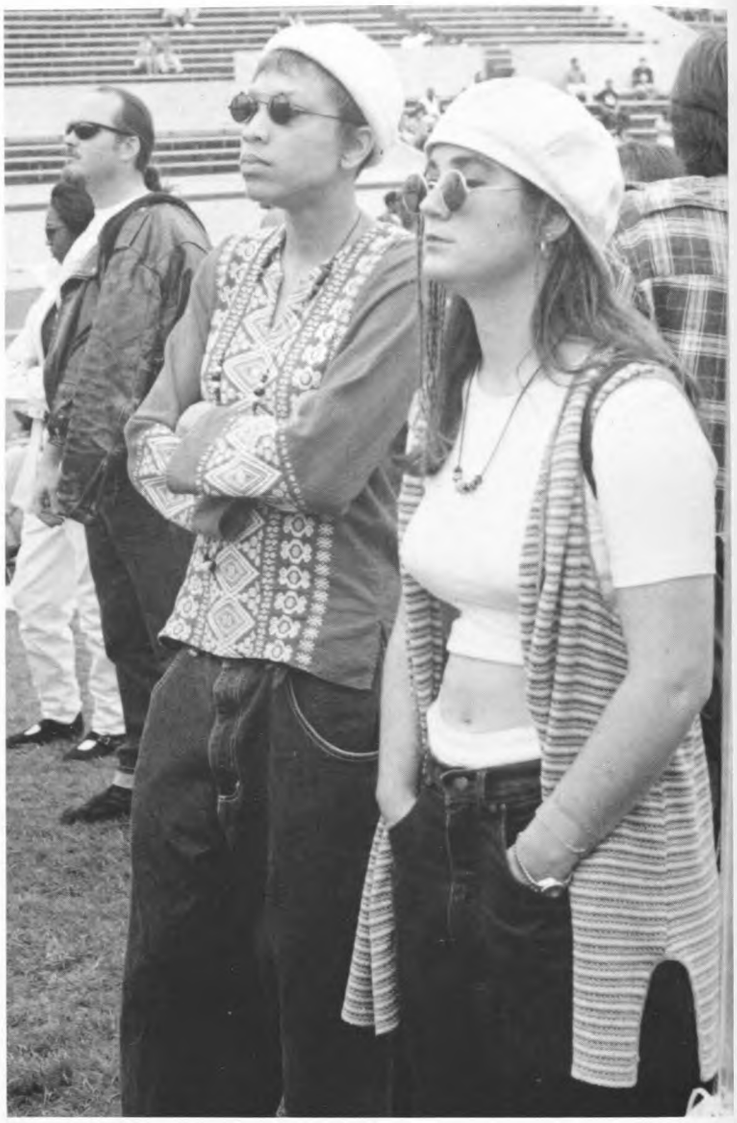
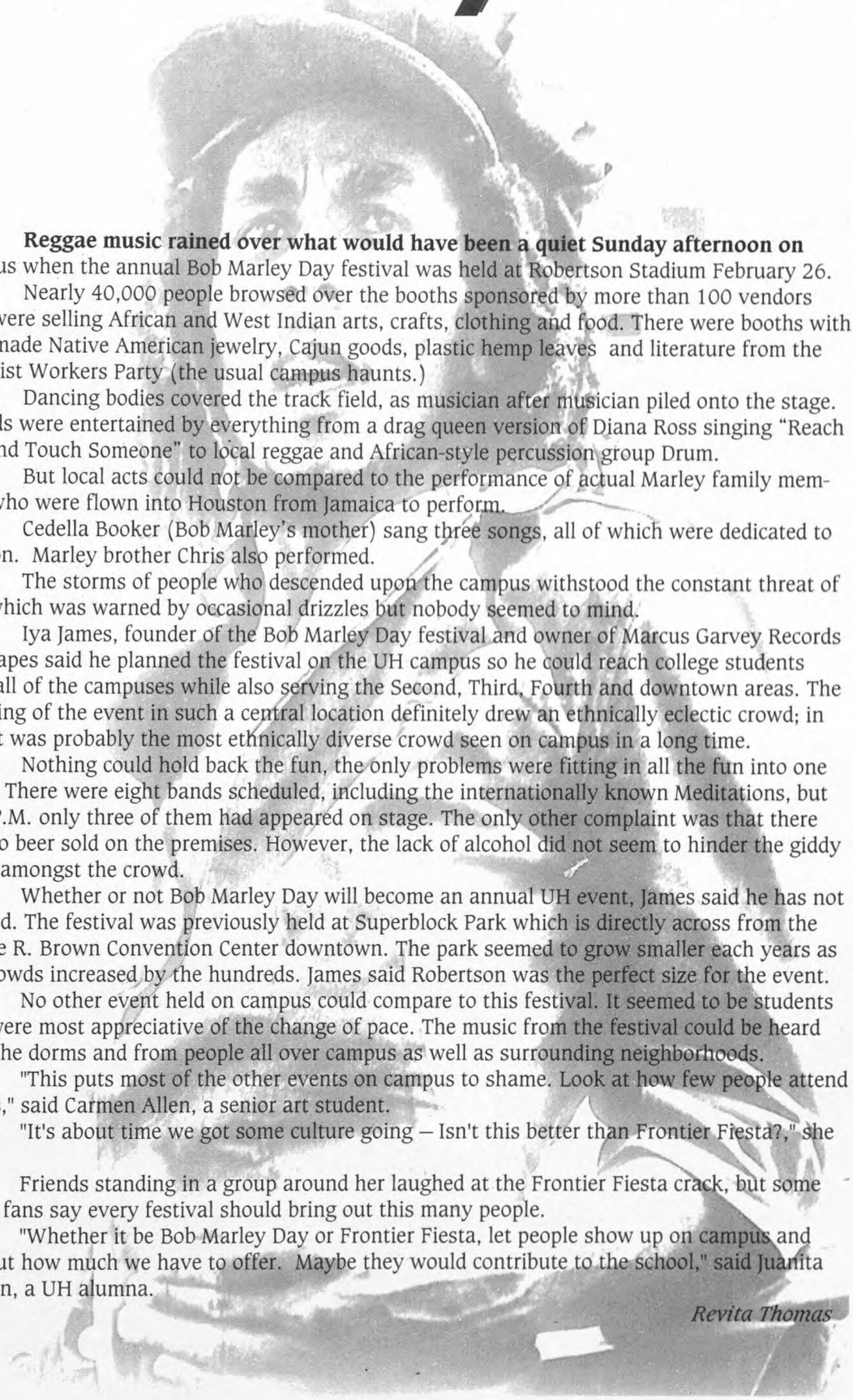




Reggae, rain and Marley mania



Reggae music rained over what would have been a quiet Sunday afternoon on campus when the annual Bob Marley Day festival was held at Robertson Stadium February 26.

Nearly 40,000 people browsed over the booths sponsored by more than 100 vendors who were selling African and West Indian arts, crafts, clothing and food. There were booths with handmade Native American jewelry, Cajun goods, plastic hemp leaves and literature from the Socialist Workers Party (the usual campus haunts.)

Dancing bodies covered the track field, as musician after musician piled onto the stage. Crowds were entertained by everything from a drag queen version of Diana Ross singing "Reach Out and Touch Someone" to local reggae and African-style percussion group Drum.

But local acts could not be compared to the performance of actual Marley family members who were flown into Houston from Jamaica to perform.

Cedella Booker (Bob Marley's mother) sang three songs, all of which were dedicated to her son. Marley brother Chris also performed.

The storms of people who descended upon the campus withstood the constant threat of rain which was warned by occasional drizzles but nobody seemed to mind.

Iya James, founder of the Bob Marley Day festival and owner of Marcus Garvey Records and Tapes said he planned the festival on the UH campus so he could reach college students from all of the campuses while also serving the Second, Third, Fourth and downtown areas. The planning of the event in such a central location definitely drew an ethnically eclectic crowd; in fact, it was probably the most ethnically diverse crowd seen on campus in a long time.

Nothing could hold back the fun, the only problems were fitting in all the fun into one night. There were eight bands scheduled, including the internationally known Meditations, but by 8 P.M. only three of them had appeared on stage. The only other complaint was that there was no beer sold on the premises. However, the lack of alcohol did not seem to hinder the giddy mood amongst the crowd.

Whether or not Bob Marley Day will become an annual UH event, James said he has not decided. The festival was previously held at Superblock Park which is directly across from the George R. Brown Convention Center downtown. The park seemed to grow smaller each years as the crowds increased by the hundreds. James said Robertson was the perfect size for the event.

No other event held on campus could compare to this festival. It seemed to be students who were most appreciative of the change of pace. The music from the festival could be heard from the dorms and from people all over campus as well as surrounding neighborhoods.

"This puts most of the other events on campus to shame. Look at how few people attend games," said Carmen Allen, a senior art student.

"It's about time we got some culture going – Isn't this better than Frontier Fiesta?," she said.

Friends standing in a group around her laughed at the Frontier Fiesta crack, but some Fiesta fans say every festival should bring out this many people.

"Whether it be Bob Marley Day or Frontier Fiesta, let people show up on campus and find out how much we have to offer. Maybe they would contribute to the school," said Juanita Jackson, a UH alumna.

Revita Thomas

Shakespeare Festival – Houston celebrates 20th anniversary

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"I was reading it [Henry VI] in the whirlpool bath in the gym and I dropped it in ... I was desparately trying to pull it out ... I wrung it out, and I read that thing with its wrinkled pages — The poetry just slipped through to me," Berger said.

Director of the UH School of Theatre Sidney Berger never learned a word of Shakespeare while he was growing up in Brooklyn.

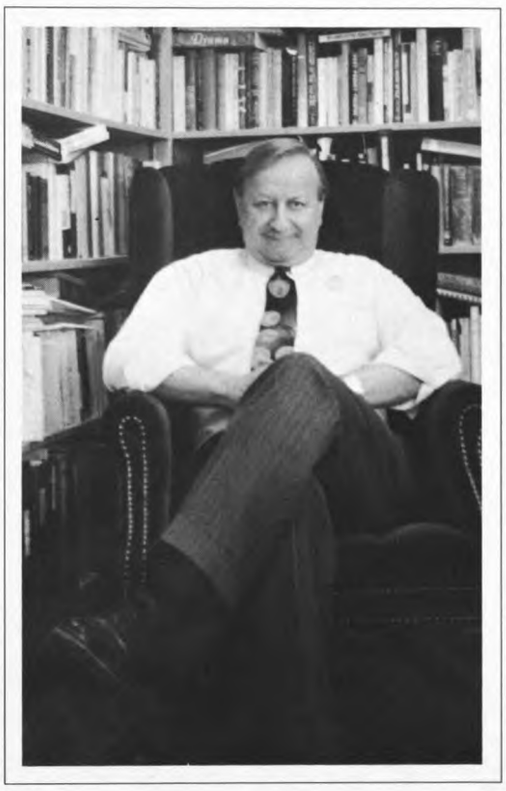
In fact, he didn't become hooked until he entered Brooklyn college and one of his teachers lent him a copy of Henry VI.

"I was reading it in the whirlpool bath in the gym and I dropped it in ... I was desperately trying to pull it out ... I wrung it out and I read that thing with its wrinkled pages – The poetry just slipped through to me," Berger says.

But coming to Shakespeare at a late age helped Berger. He didn't have the "Shakesfear" that many students have as a result of teachers who "shove it down their throats in highschool."

"I came to Shakespeare like a baby. I was never mistaught. It was like TV to me. The poetry just became a part of me," Berger said.

The Brooklyn College professor who took on this "not so special student" taught Shakespeare's words to Berger in a non pretentious way; in a way that seemed like it should be part of his own vocabulary. And it is in this same way that Berger says he likes to direct his plays as part of the Houston Shakespeare Festival that he founded with the help of UH in 1975 – Twenty years ago this summer.



Berger says that Shakespeare in the Park has to be accessible to everyone. The productions should be "unpretentious," he says, so people do not fear them.

Berger says that productions should not be "eccentric," but directors should not try to "contemporize" the language because it risks taking away from Shakespeare's rhythm.

"Archaic words and phrases are minor," With good acting, he says, anybody can understand that Shakespeare was commenting then on what is going on in our lives now.

His approach to his directing, is also how he teaches his students. He stresses that he was not an "exceptional" student by any means. Berger says he teaches his students to feel rhythm and read poetry before introducing them to the plays. If you can feel rhythm than you can read Shakespeare, he said.

"I ask students why poetry is natural to them – Why poetry is natural to every human," Berger said.

His students tend to learn Shakespeare and truly understand it, the way audiences at the Houston Shakespeare Festival gain a greater love for it.

Berger says people must understand that Shakespeare's writings should not be seen as art for the "civilized" – It should be seen as a timeless mirror of life and the problems and emotions we face everyday.

"Julius Caesar is already relevant – It's about the misuse of power," Berger says.

Houston Shakespeare Festival productions take place in the summer at the Milller Outdoor Theatre and draw up to 10,000 people a performance.

This festival is one of the few events that carry on the Shakespeare tradition in Houston and Berger would like to see the festival go on year round rather than just in the summers. As it stands now, in cooperation with UH, the festival shows two productions every summer.

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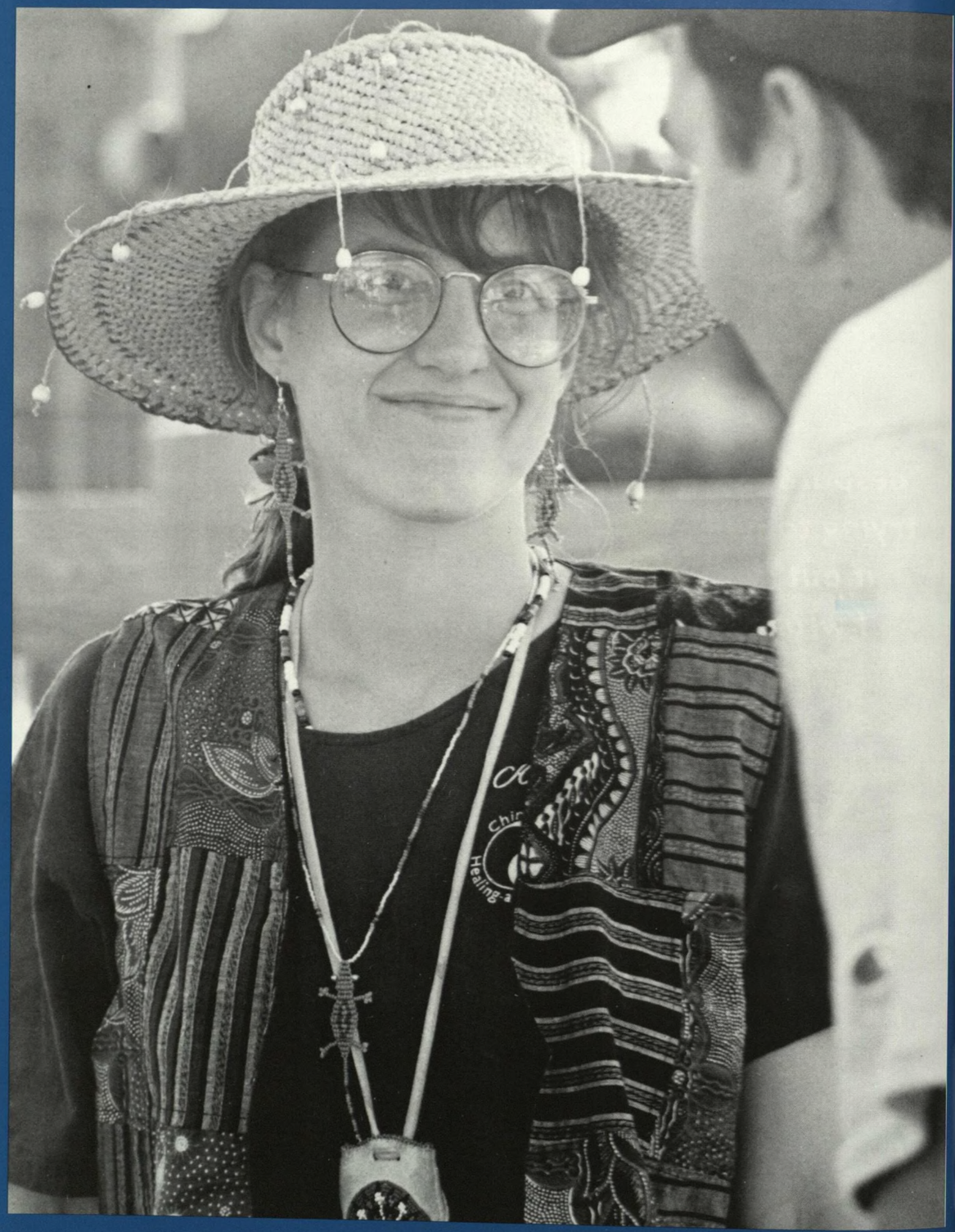
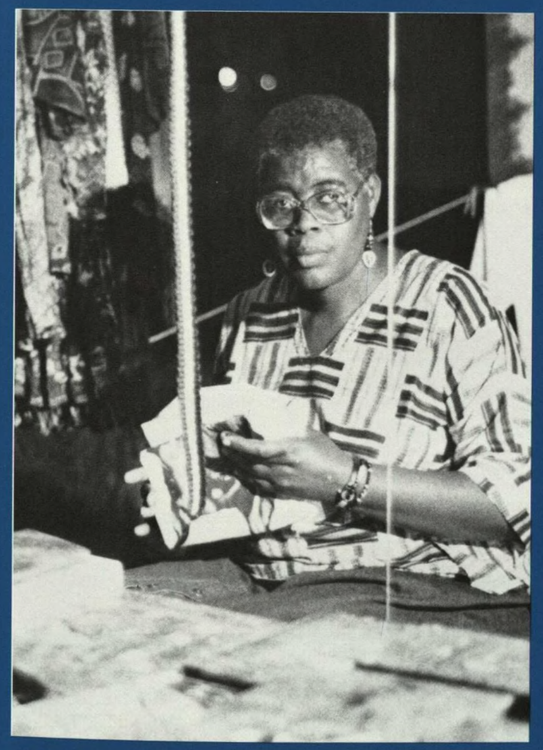
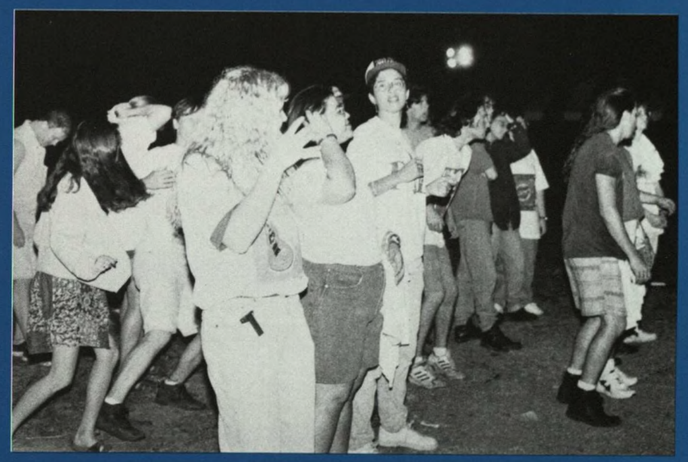
The Perpetual Park Party Returns







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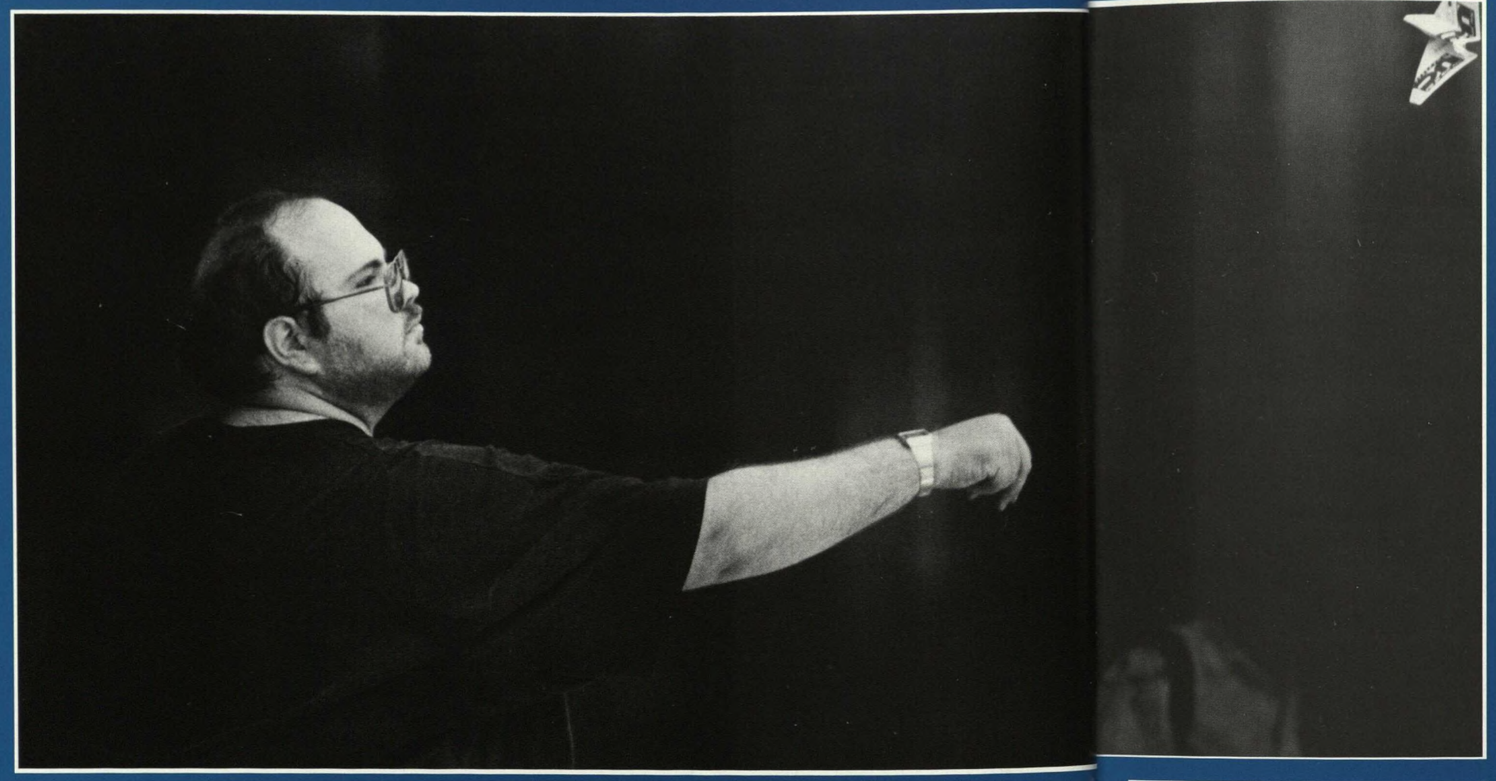
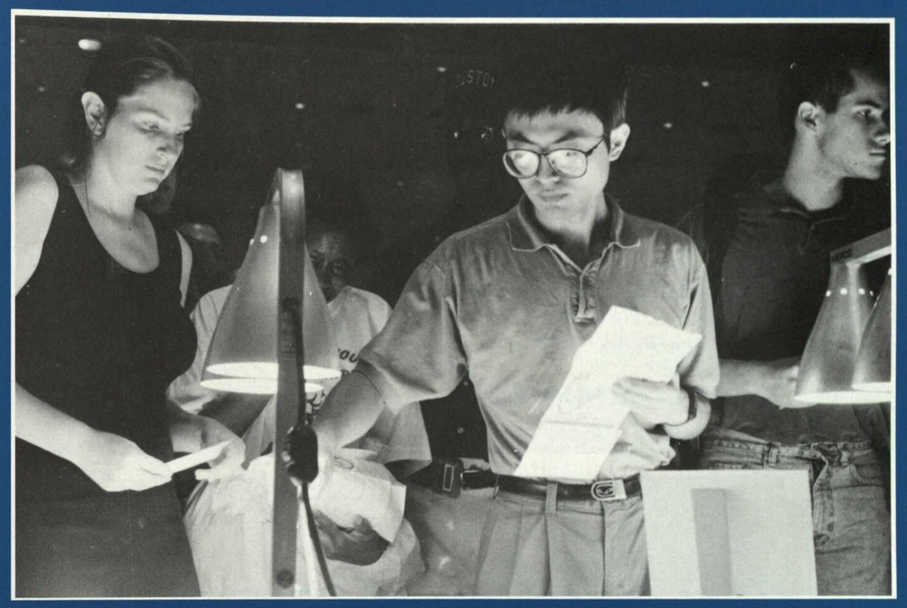
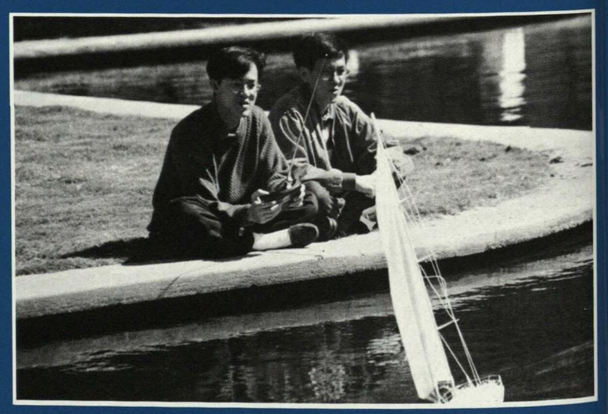
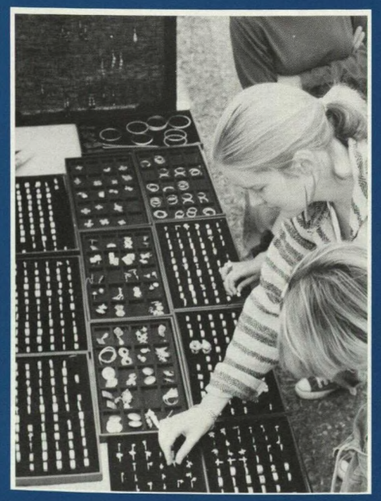
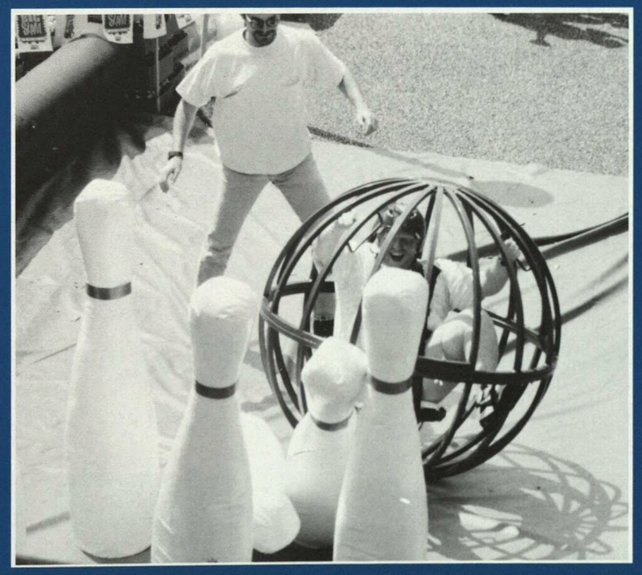




This page top: Escaping classroom stress a student spins in a gyrosphere in attempt to forget about the week's workload. *Photo by Danny Dalstra* **Above:** Testing his skills, a confident paper plane pilot relies on the wind. *Photo by Christobal Perez* **Left:** Taking advantage of one of many on-campus landmarks student Khai Nguyen and brother Tu control their boat through the Cullen Fountain. *Photo by Danny Dalstra* **Opposite page top:** Graduate student Jia Li makes a grab for Chick-fil-a's specially prepared chicken at the Free Food Fest in the UC's Houston room. Students wasted no time taking advantage of the free food and beverages. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Bottom left:** Jewelry shoppers look for the "right" silver ring just outside of the Satellite. *Photo by Danny Dalstra* **Bottom right:** Noel Bowers aids Patrick Gillis as he rolls toward the pins in an effort to pick up a spare. *Photo by Arthur Hermiz*







A TASTE OF POWER ...

Top Left: Students' Association vice president elect Dom Lewilsolm and Ashley Gillispie, founder of the Black Exchange, show that there can be friendship in politics. *photo by Tricia Garcia* **Bottom Left:** Senior Hunter Jackson lobbies his support in changes that need to be made about campus issues. *photo by Tricia Garcia* **Right:** The Peoples' Party went all out in their campaigning effort this year. *photo by Tricia Garcia*

POLL POWER HITS UH

Every year the accusatiions fly – friends undercut each other, fliers blow all over campus and yet the average student walks around not really knowing why fraternity types are bombarding them with propaganda.

The semi-quiet frenzy is a result of theStudents' Association elections when students from every college in the university run for senator positions and a few well known students battle for the SA president and vice president positions.

In a reflection of society at large, SA elections usually boil down to a two-party competition, with a third "rebel" party taking a few of the votes away from the majors.

This year, however, there were four parties including the Peoples' Party, the Party Party, C.L.A.S.S. and LEAD.

In response to economic problems facing the university as a whole, and because of previous criticism of SA's misuse of student service fees, vice presdiential candidate John Olszewski, from the Party Party, said his party would donate half of their salaries to a fund that would help improve campus grounds and buildings.

Presidential candidates Hunter Jackson of LEAD and Giovanni Garibay of CLASS mentioned a bill that Garibay sponsored, and which was passed earlier in the semester, which would eliminate administrative positions saving SA $13,000 as their answer to economic problems. Both said this bill was indicatice of how they would better use SA money.

Henry Bell, the presidential candidate from the Peoples' Party, said he his main focus would be on student services. He said his administration would focus on making it easier for stdudents to take care of business in the bursar's office and in financial aid.

As the campaign carried on through the always-exciting spring semester weeks, insider rumors flew, and each party leader was sure they would be the one to win – except maybe The Party Party who stated they were around to at least show people that there could be an alternative to what they receive year after year.

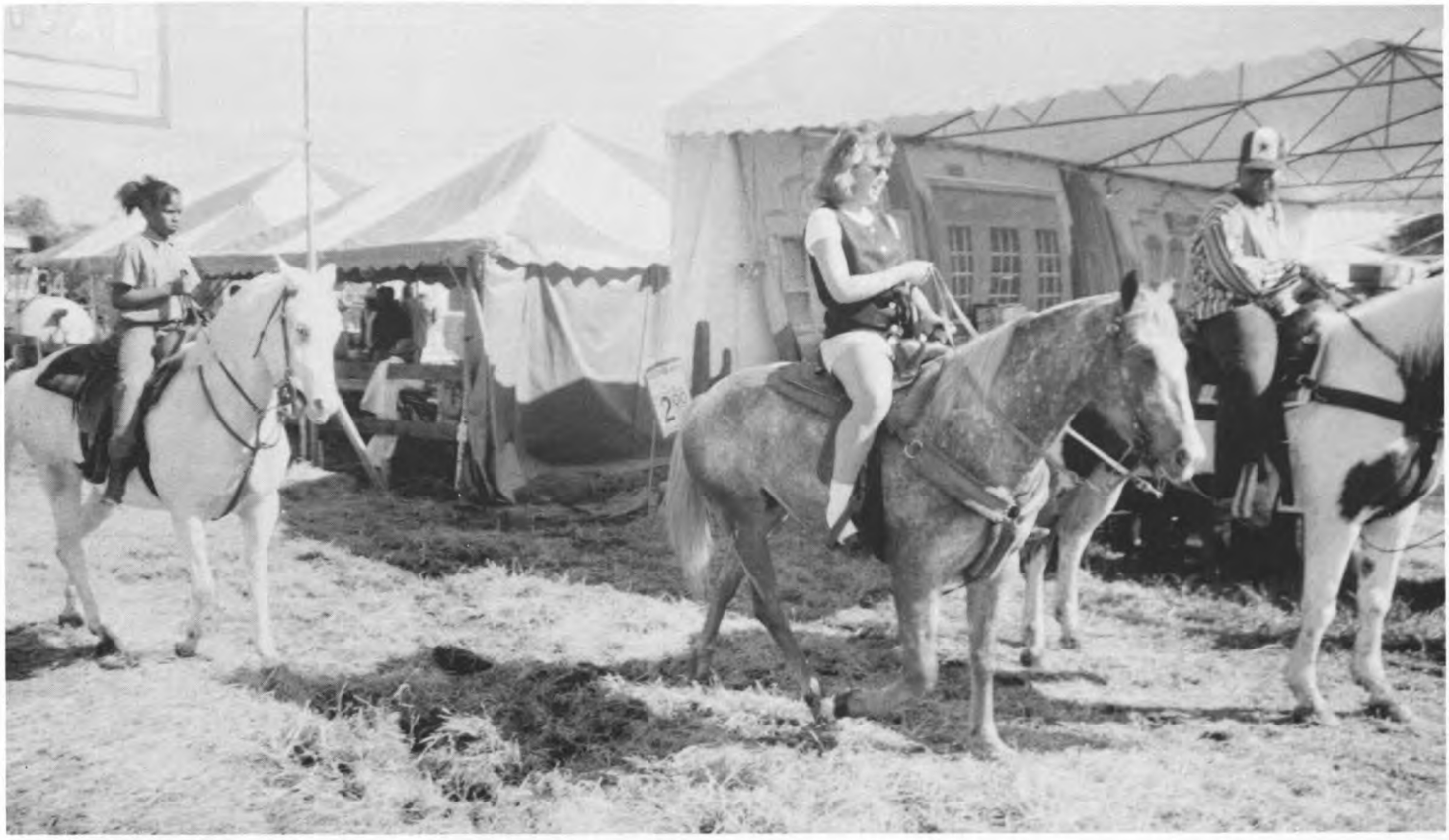
But eventually it bcame obvious that the election boiled down to a battle between the Peoples' Party and CLASS. Both Bell and Garibay had strong followings and both had strong histories in previous SA positions.

This is the typical situation though. While the parties change names every year, they are usually direct decendants of groups from the previous years. These people know the election system well enough to pull off effective campaigning stradegies which gather enough students to get them elected. In fact, usually the two parties have such similar tactics that they pull in almost the same amount of people causing there to run-offs almost every year.

And this year the tradition continued – the Peoples' Party swept the senator positions and vice presdiential position, but a run-off between Garibay and Bell was necessary.

-Revita Thomas

The Frontier Fiesta Tradition



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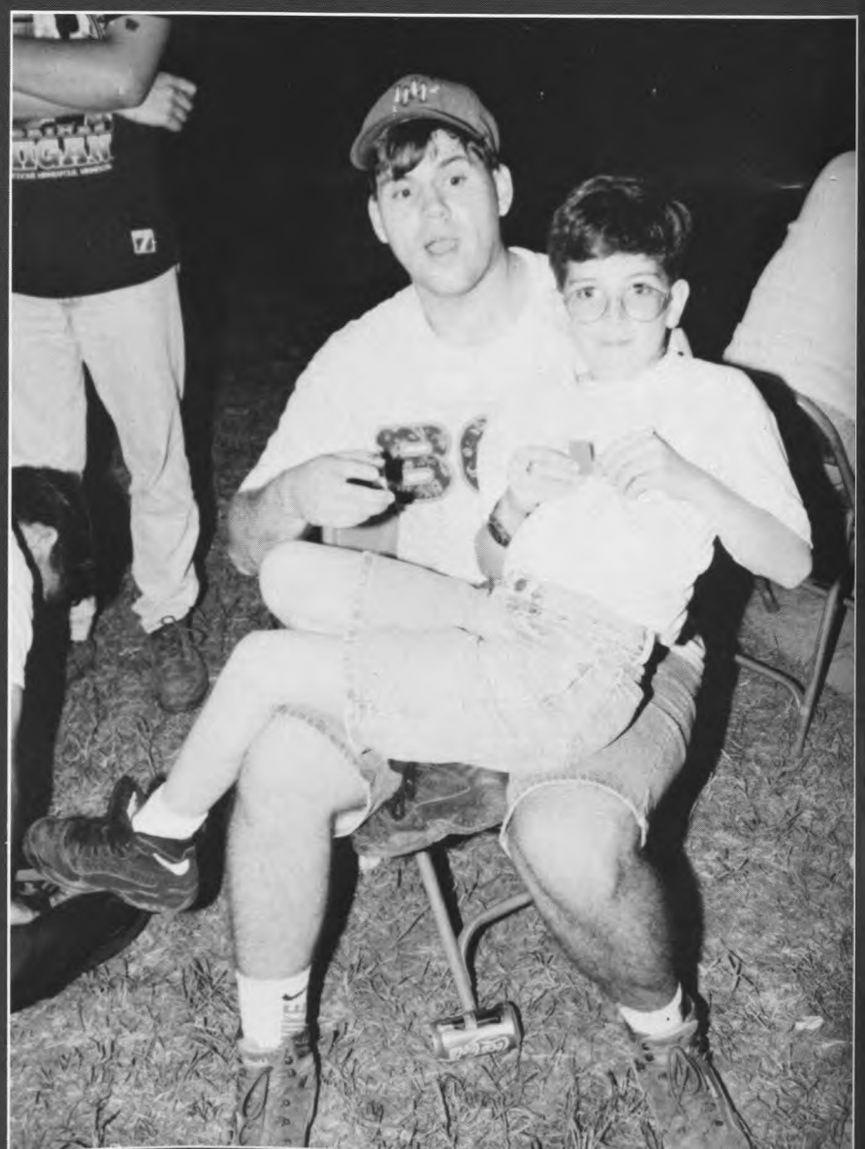
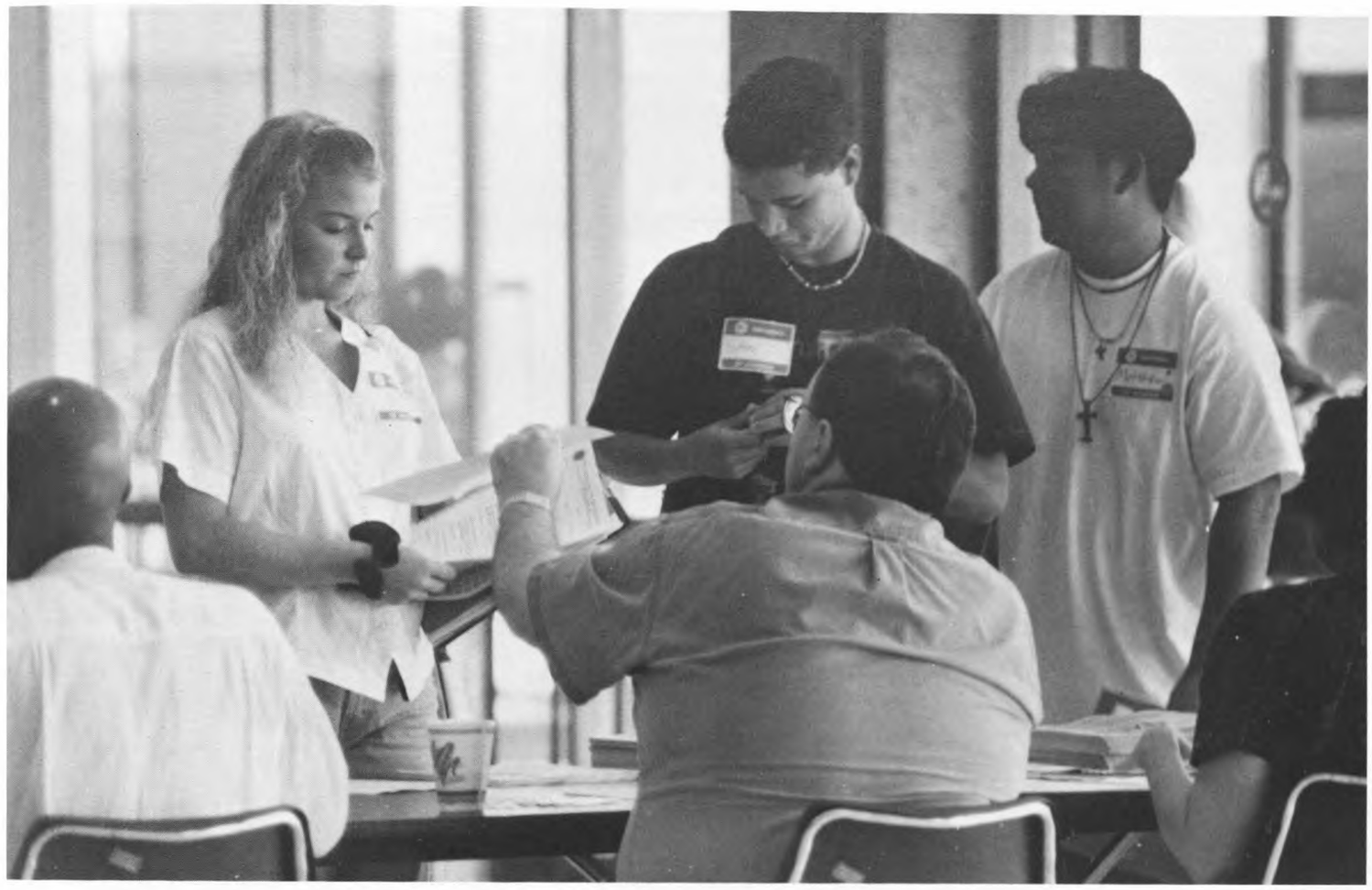
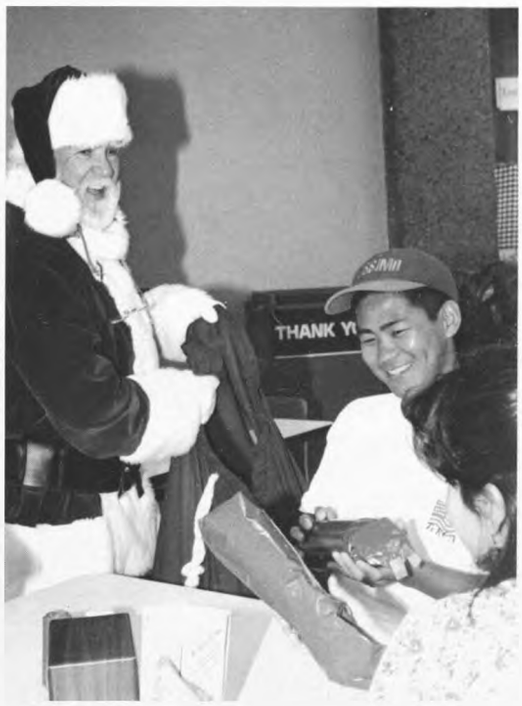
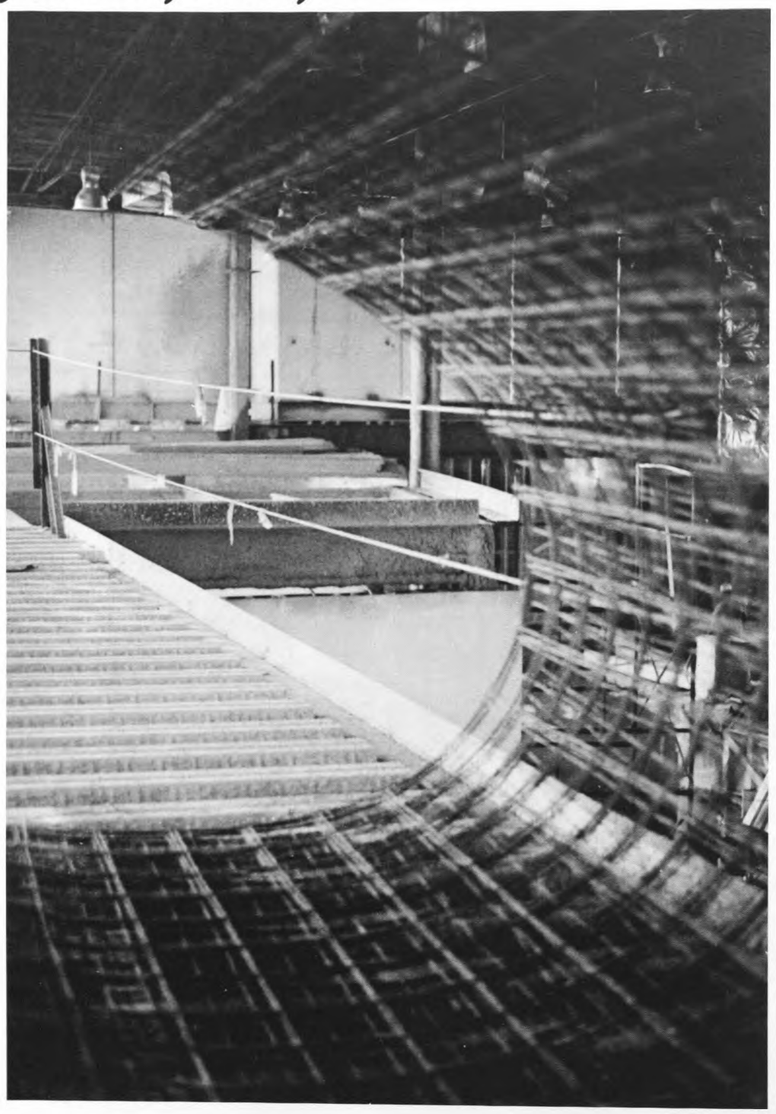






Top Right: Incomming freshman gather around an orientation registration table to get aquainted with their new surroundings at the UC. *photo by Tricia Garcia* **Bottom Left:** Post-bac, Linda Wolfe, gives her ceramics project a final trim. *photo by Yvonne Dawson* **Bottom Right:** Santa Clause came early to UH this year and passed out gifts at the Satellite. *photo by Yvonne Dawson* **Opposite Page:** Senior Suzanne Zimmerman dons a fire resistant suit in order to move her pottery out of the kiln. *photo by Danny Dalstra*



The New Athletic Facility Opened Its Doors–unofficially

The words "fully complete" was not applicable yet to the giant new $29.1 million athletic facility as the school year ended, which has the official street address of 3100 Cullen Blvd.

However, progress was being made.

Coaches and athletic staff moved in to the new facility the last two weeks of school. The new center hosted an "open house" for baseball recruits that Associate Athletic Director Bill McGillis said left a few eyes even more wide open.

NCAA regulations forbade divulging the names of prospective recruits, but McGillis said they included "some of the better players in the greater Houston area."

It was a huge morale-booster for staff and athletes," McGillis said on his way from the site Sunday. "I think it will pay great dividends for the alumni organization as well."

McGillis said the general contractor would be working another three to four weeks to address "punch-list items," or minor repairs.

The grand opening of the facility will not officially open until the Louisiana Tech football game on Sept. 9, 1995.

"That weekend will be an important weekend for us," McGillis said. "I Think that will generate more emotion about athletics than we've had around here in a long time."

The 120-yard indoor football field was one thing that was not ready, however. The field will first be used May 20, when Reebok will sponsor a high school football combine.

The track and practice courts, which can replace the retractable field, also won't be usable until the field is done.

McGillis said the 16,500-foot weight room was "two-thirds complete." He added that the offices, locker rooms and meeting rooms were all functional.

Believed to be the finest weight-training facility in the country, the strength and conditioning center includes new equipment ranging from Stairmaster, treadmills and Body Master weight machines.

The weight-training area also comes complete with a sports medicine center, 24 treatment and taping tables, offices, examination rooms, rehabilitation equipment and a hydrotherapy center.

Another area of the facility yet to have been completed is the Cougar Hall of Fame, located directly to the right of the building's entrance.

This attraction will showcase some the greatest moments in Houston sports history with memorabilia and video footage.

The Hall of Fame is scheduled to be finished later in the summer.

The biggest area the facility has affected so far, though, has been the recruiting.

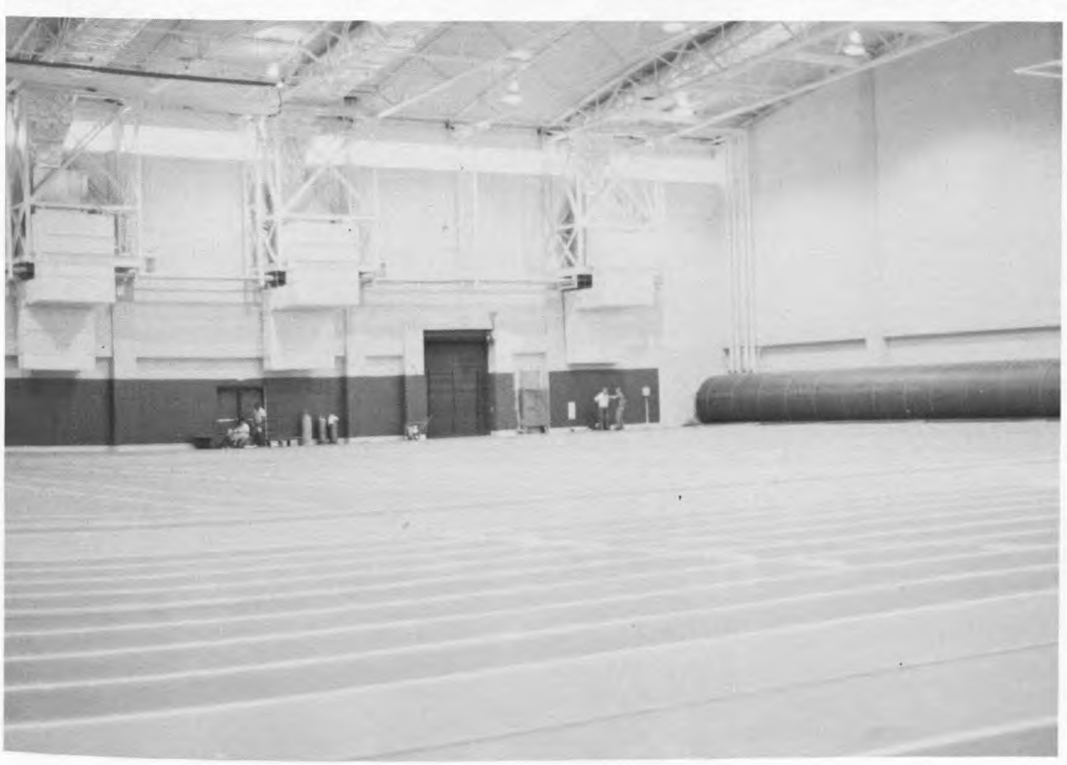
"(The facility) definitely had a big impact on football recruiting, even though the building was nowhere complete," McGillis said. "Over the course of the spring, we brought in several athletes from al sports, and it had a big effect."

The building is also expected to have an effect on the entire UH campus community.

UH Athletic Director Bill Carr and his staff will have the building surveyed to determine ways to make it available for the non-athletic campus' use.

William German/Jason Paul Ramirez

EDC MOVING SYSTEMS



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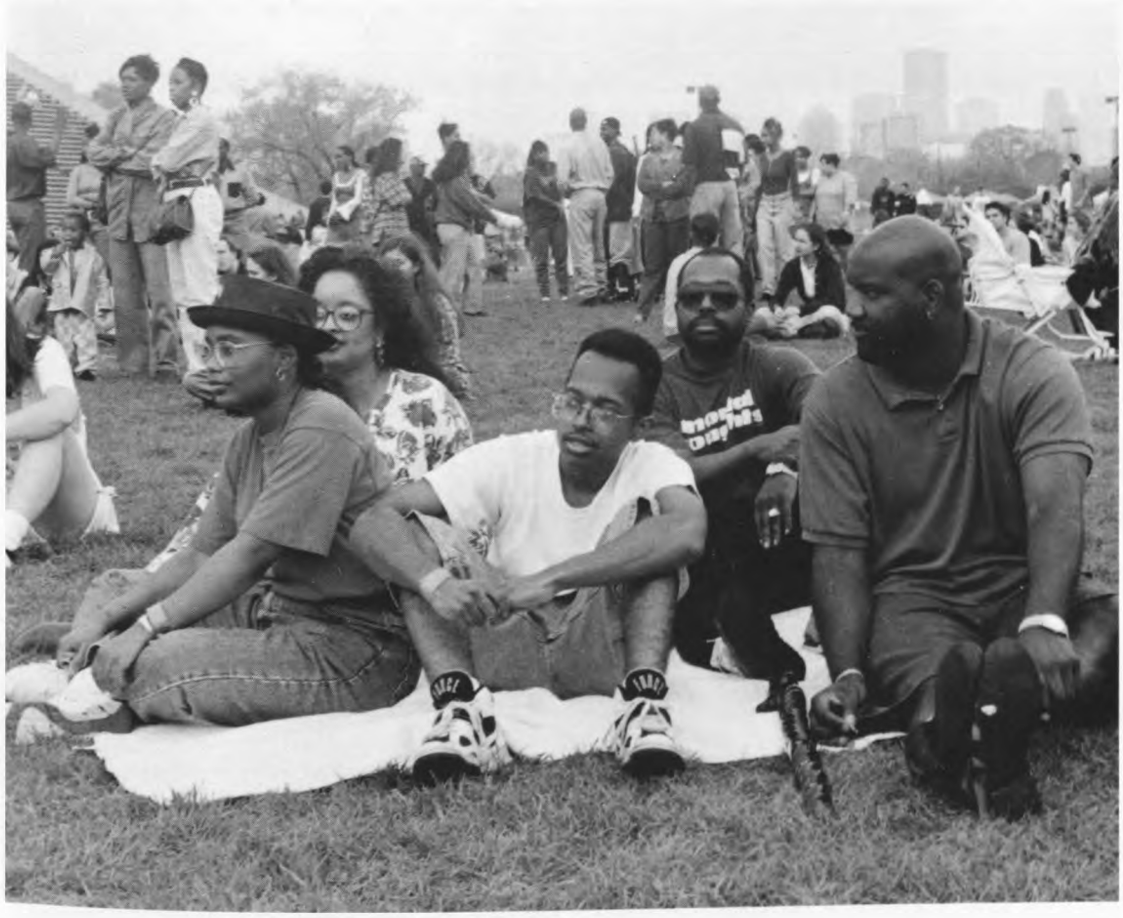
Taking It Serious...

Top: Sophomore Michael Varela found a comfortable spot at PGH to get some studying in. *photo by Christobal Perez* **Bottom Left:** Post-Bac Chuck Hollas caught up on some reading during a mid-break in Lynn Eusan Park. *photo by Tricia Garcia* **Bottom Right:** Sophomore Maya Jordan got caught up in the spirit at the Park Jam held in Lynn Eusak Park. *photo by Tricia Garcia*



Top: The Good Nes Gospel Choir belted out inspirational hymns to got the crowd going at the Park Jam held at Lynn Eusak Park. *photo by Tricia Garcia* **Bottom:** The crowd enjoyed the soulful sounds vibrating from the Bob Marley Festival held at Robertson Stadium. *photo by JoAnn Stephens*

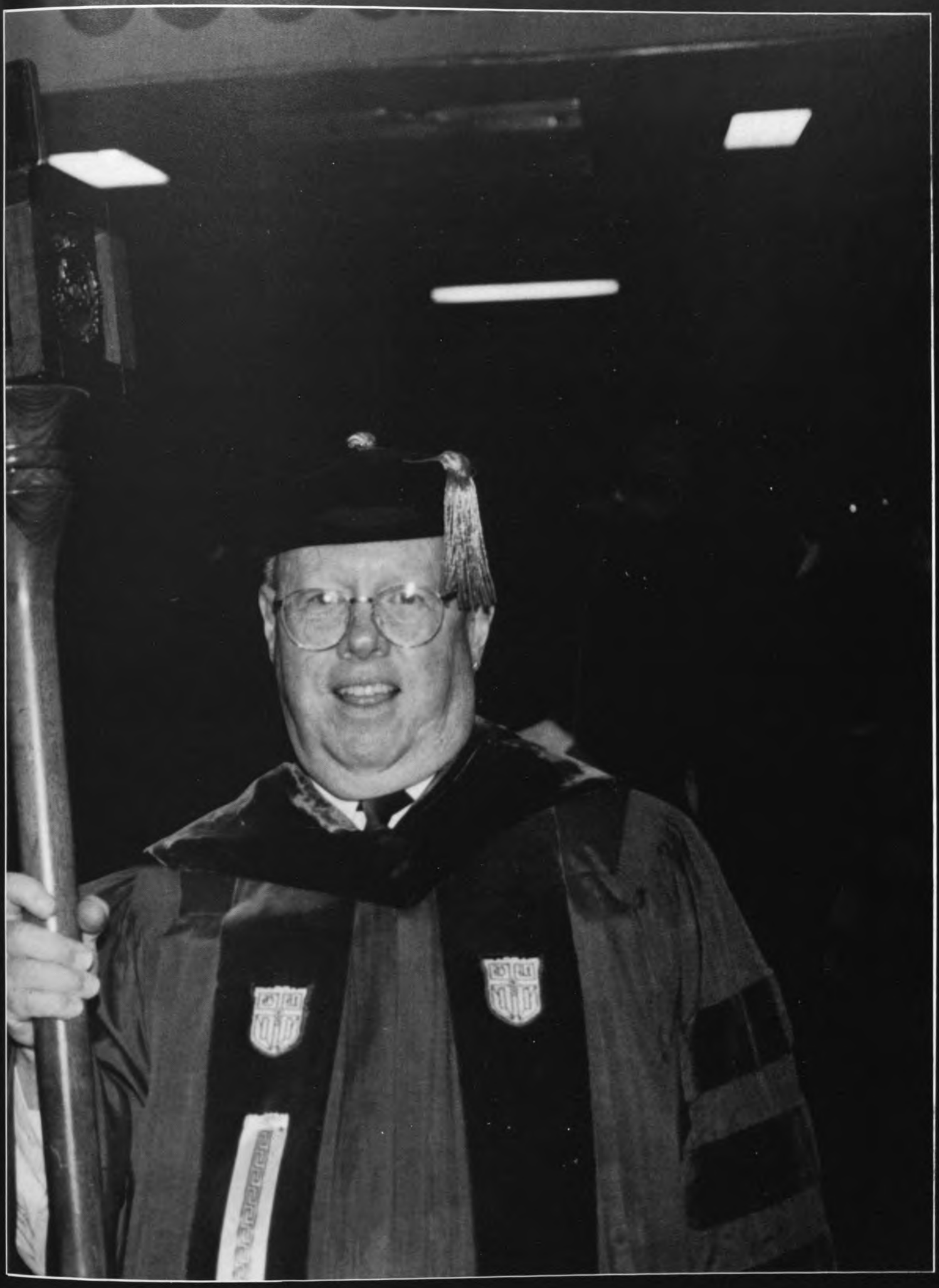
Students Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

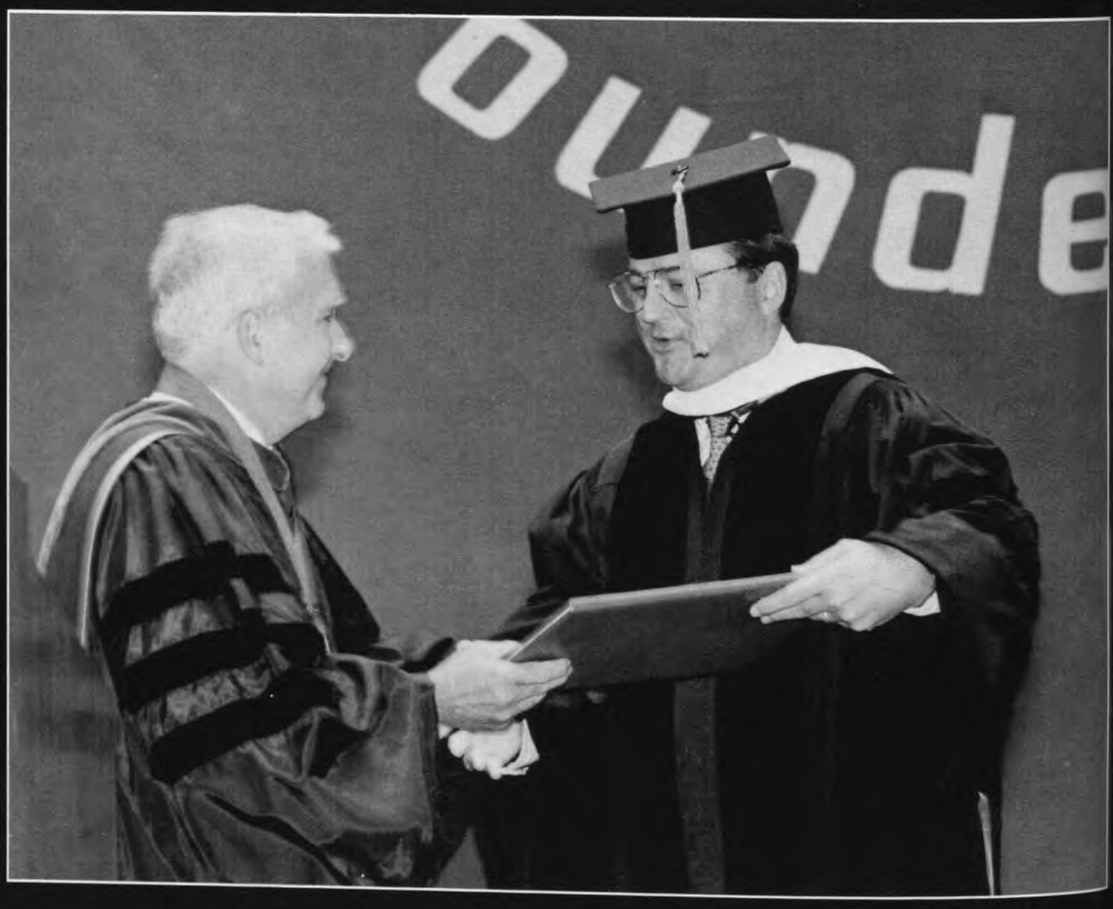
Top: Sophomore Herlinda Martinez lead La Comunidad in the Cinco de Mayo parade. *photo by César A. Alvarez*
Bottom: La Comunidad members; Maria Rivera, Monica Muniz, Diana Espita, George Cavazos, Manuel Aguilae, Dolorez Yanez. Herlinda Martinez and Nelson Espita. *photo by César A. Alvarez*

Top: Laura G. Murillo, director of the Urban Experience, sponsored by Mexican American Studies, got a free ride during the Cinco de Mayo parade held downtown. *photo by César A. Alvarez* **Bottom Left:** Dolorez Yanez and Herlinda Martinez do the limbo after the parade. *photo by César A. Alvarez* **Bottom Right:** Parade participants wish Dr. Mendiola a happy birthday. *photo by César A. Alvarez*

Graduation 1995

Senator Kay Hutchinson gives the commencement speech to the class of 1995

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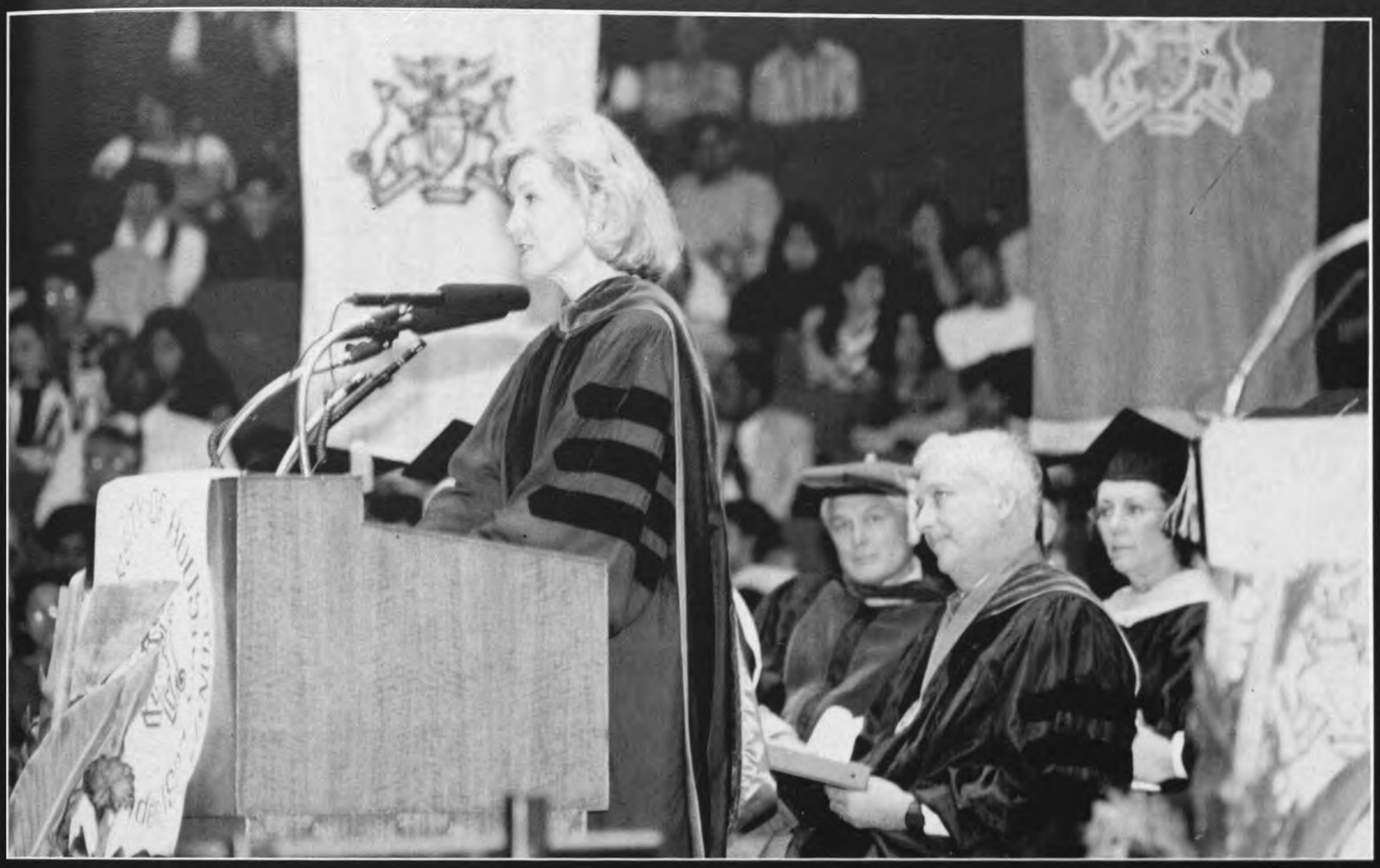

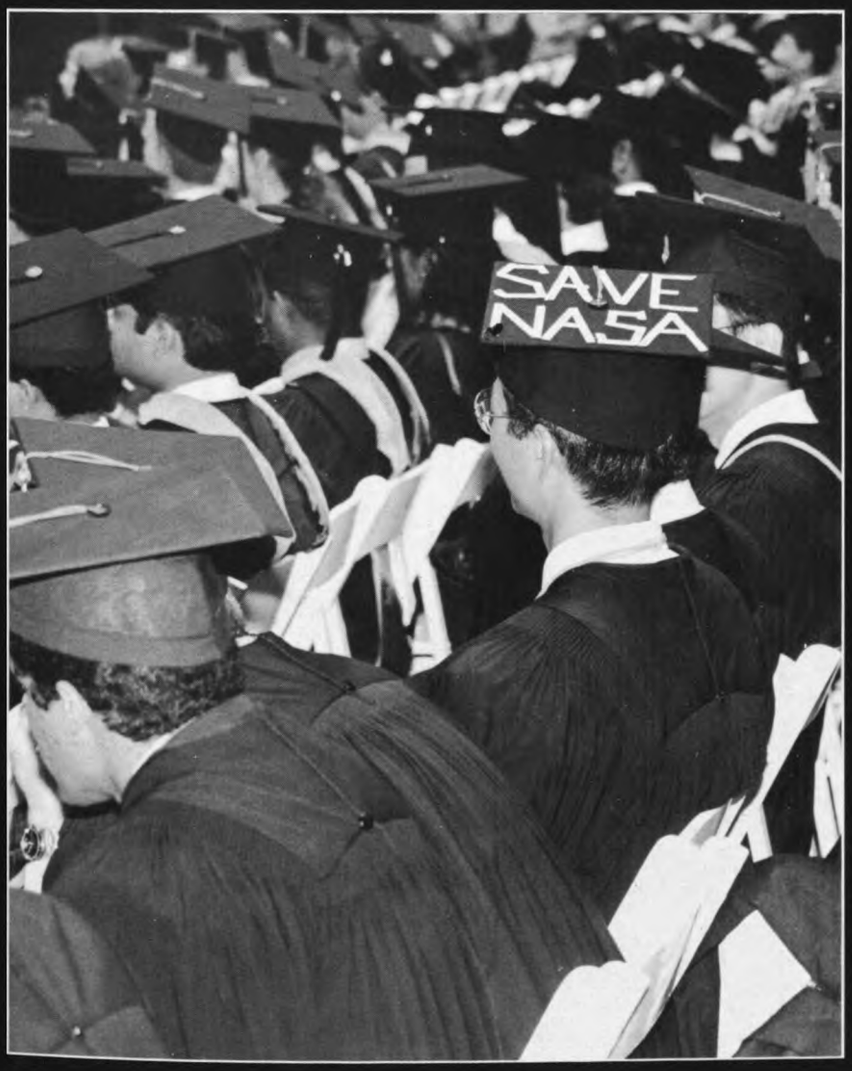
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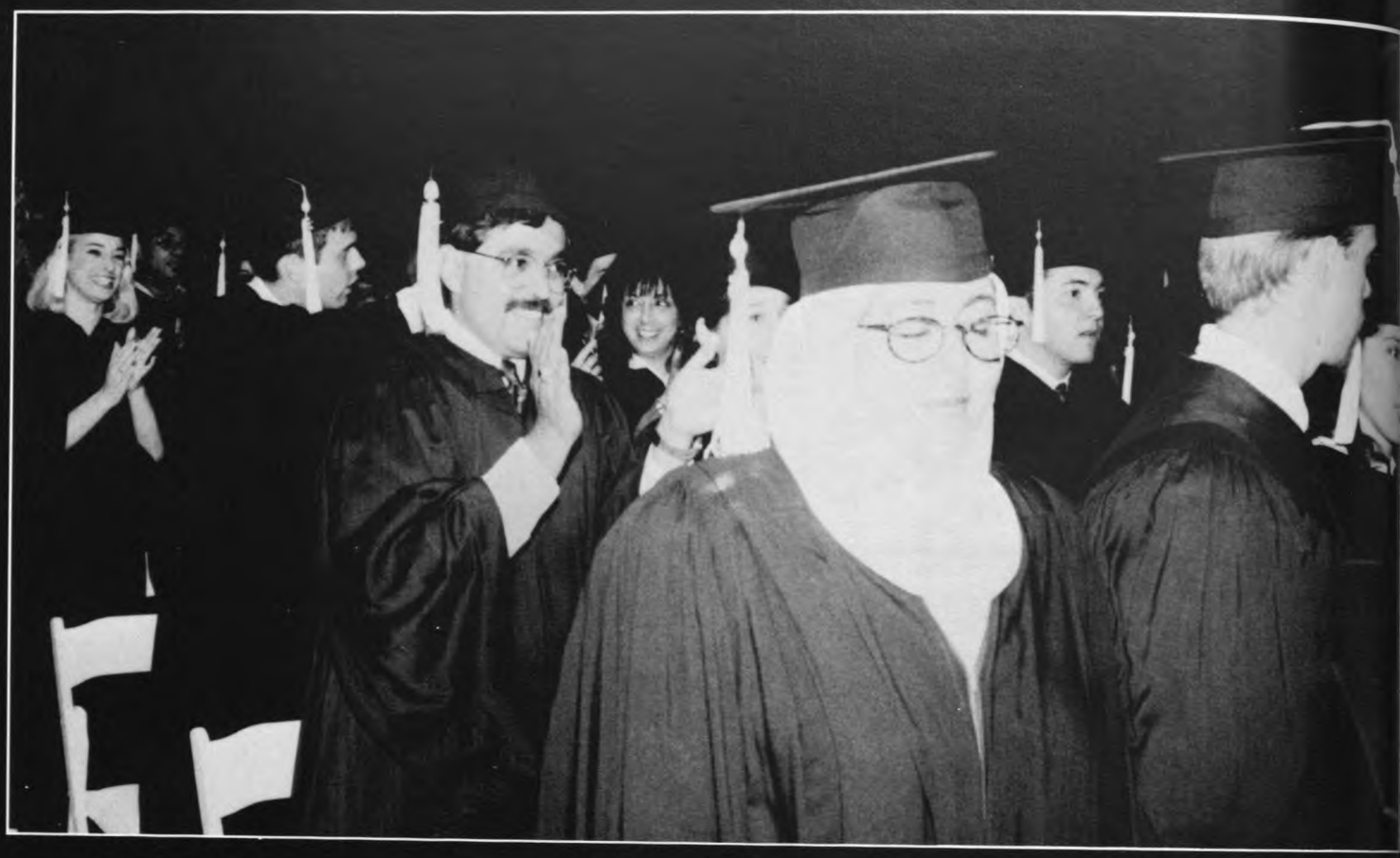

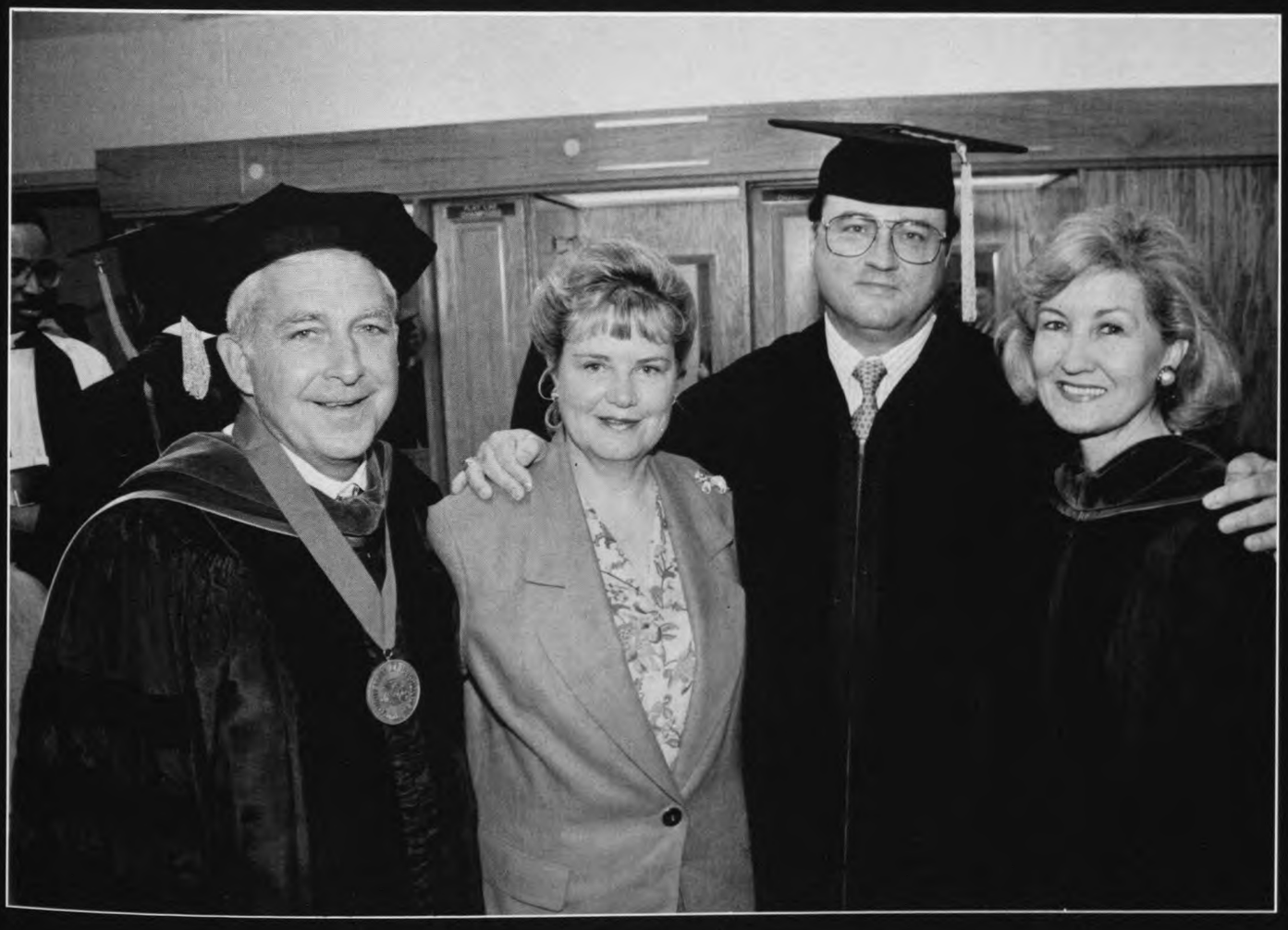

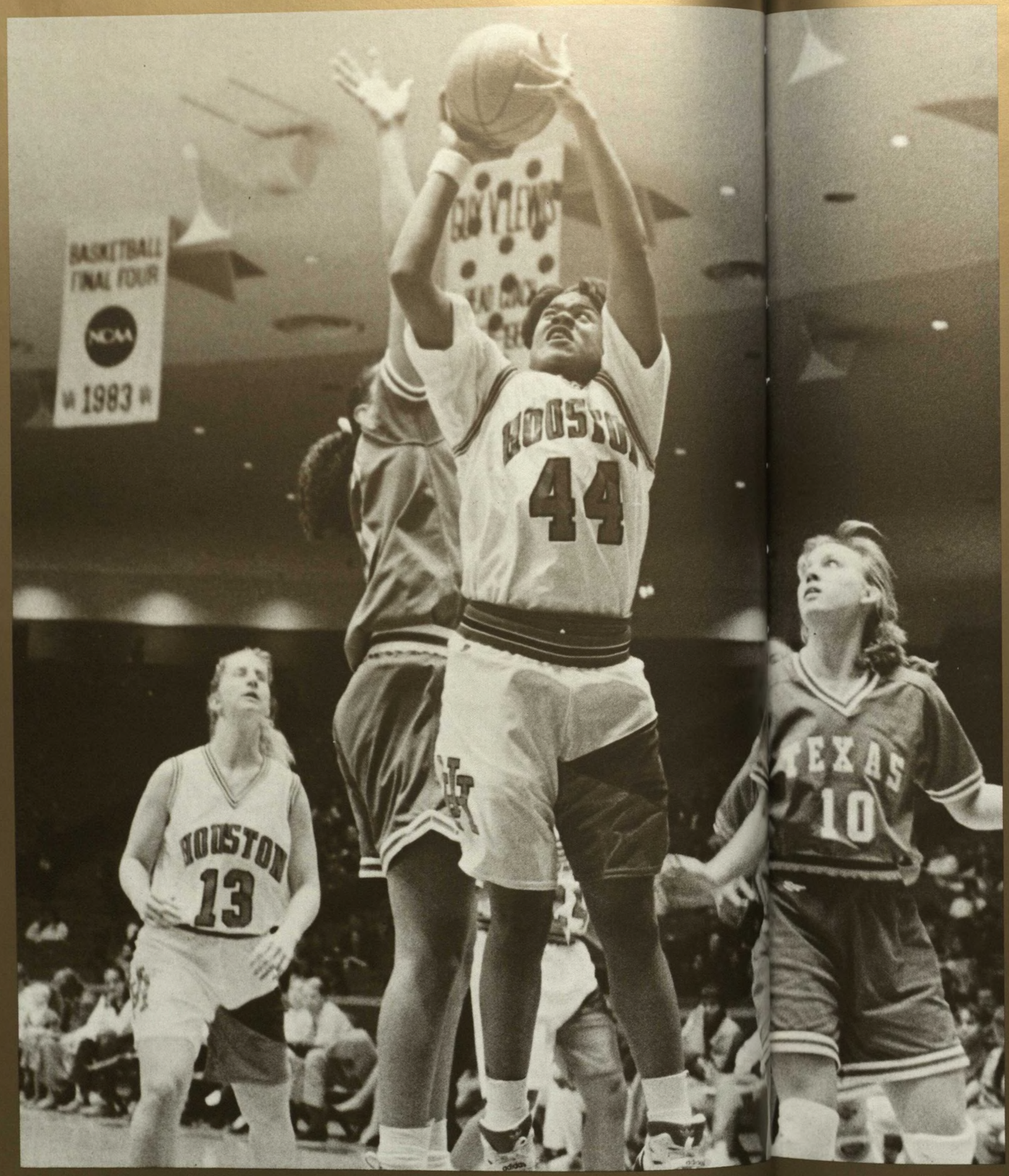

There is a need to feel our bodies have a skill and energy of their own, apart from the man-made machines they may drive. There is the desire to find in sport a companionship with kindred people. I have found all of these.

–Roger Gilbert Bannister

The Playing Fields

SO long... OL' SWC

With the impending break up of the SWC, the Cougars have joined forces with teams from the Metro and Great Midwest Conferences, as well as other independent teams. Although the conference may no longer be in existence after next season, the memories will last forever.

UH joined the conference in 1977. As SWC freshmen, the cougars proceeded to win the league title in football and advanced to the Cotton Bowl where the coogs whipped Maryland 30-21 and finished the season at 11-2.

Two years later, the coogs made an encore performance at the Cotton Bowl. This time, however, the results were different as Notre Dame came from behind to win 35-34. Nevertheless, the team posted a 9-3 record.

By far the most entertaining period of cougar football began in the 1987 with the run and shoot offense installed by then coach Jack Pardee. During the reign of the run and shoot, Andre Ware won the Heisman Trophy and at least one cougar receiver led the nation every year in both catches and yardage.

The Basketball team, like the football team, had an impressive opening season in the SWC. The coogs advanced to the 4th round of the post season NIT before losing a close game game to St. Bonaventure 94-91. Their record was an impressive 29-8.

The glory years of coog basketball were from 1982-1984 as the coogs advanced to the final four all three years. Phi Slama Jama, as the team was known as, played for the national championship in 1983 and 1984. Although they lost both years, Clyde Drexler and Hakeem Olajawon are still going strong with their NBA careers.

Although he has since retired, former UH golf coach Dave Williams is the most successful coach in UH athletic history. His success reached epoch proportions in 1985 when he won the school's most recent national golf championship, giving him a sweet 16 championships during 32 years of coaching.

At the end of this academic year, the SWC will begin its official break-up. Because of a lack of television revenue and declined competiveness from a national perspective, the present teams that make up the SWC have decided to join super conferences. University of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor are joining forces with the Big Eight, thus making it the Big 12. Rice University, Southern Methedist University and Texas Christian University have agreed to join the WAC. Our beloved Cougars will unite with remnants of the Metro and Great Midwest Conferences to form the Conference USA.

The new Conference USA:

University of Louisville-Cardinals
Tulane University-Green Wave
University of Cincinnati-Bearcats
University of Southern Mississippi-Golden Eagles
University of Memphis-Tigers

The additional schools will only compete in basketball: University of Alabama- Bermingham, University of De Paul, University of Marquette, University of North Carolina- Charlotte, South Florida University and University of St. Louis.

-Don Jones

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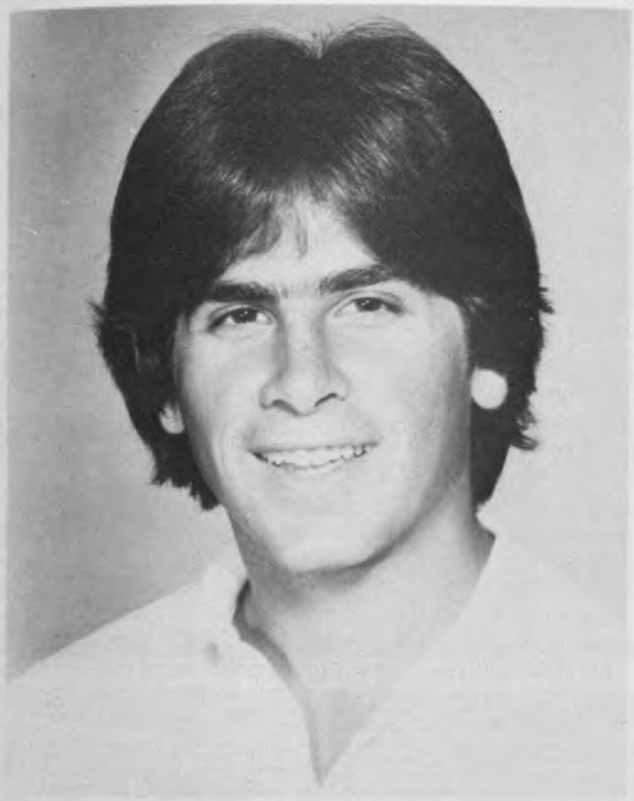

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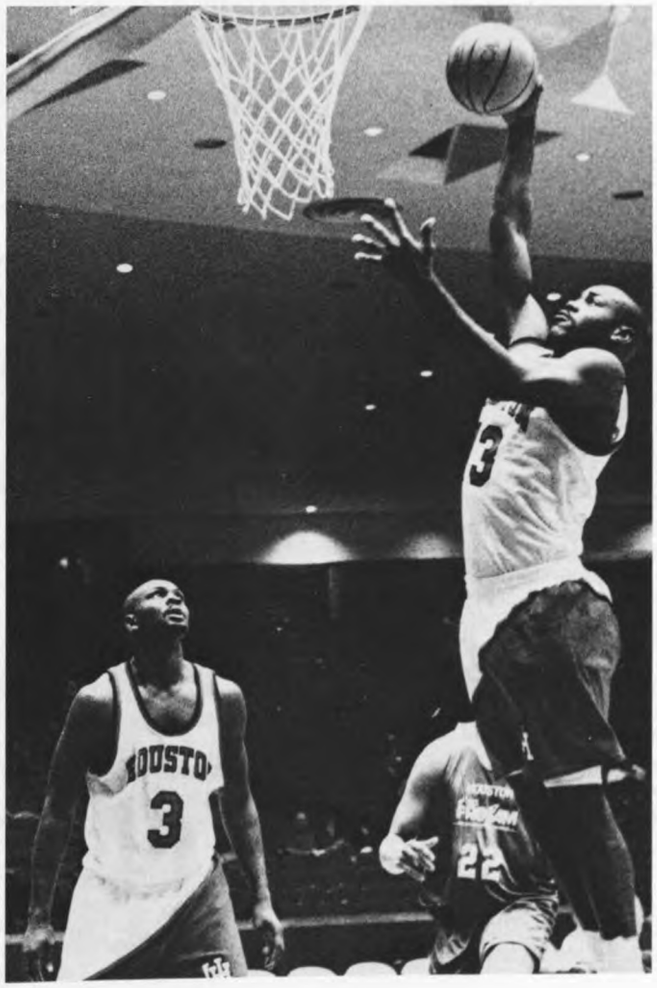

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Lady coogs tear it up, bring pride back to UH sports

VOLLEYBALL

In 1990 the University of Houston football team finished the season 10-1 and had a No. 10 ranking to end the season. This marked the end of the Run-and-Shoot era at Houston and also marked the decline of support for UH athletics, for in Texas football is king.

That is probably why most UH students don't know that the Cougar volleyball team is the most successful UH athletic program in the '90s. The 1994 season was no exception. In fact, it was the best season ever for the Cougars.

Led by senior All-American hitter Lilly Denoon-Chester, the Cougars broke records, both team and individual, left and right as they won the Southwest Conference regular season title and the SWC Tournament to secure a bid in the NCAA Volleyball Championships. From there they advanced to the Elite Eight before finally bringing the history-making season to an end with a 3-0 loss to UCLA in Florida.

In this season of triumphs, the Cougars got several monkeys off their backs. Texas, which had never lost two matches to a SWC opponent or the SWC, was swept by Houston by scores of 3-0 in Austin and 3-1 in Hofheinz Pavilion. This led the way for Houston to lay claim to the regular season title, the first team other than Texas to ever do so, with a conference record of 9-1.

There was talk of a rematch in the SWC Tournament, held at Rice's Autry Court, but Texas A&M saw to that as the Aggies defeated the Longhorns in the semi-final round, ensuring that Texas would not win the SWC Tourney for the first time in SWC history.

The matchup against the Aggies was actually preferred by the Houston spikers because the only league loss for the Cougars came when they travelled to College Station and dropped the match 1-3. Not only did this loss end the chances for a sweep through the SWC, it also saw the Cougars' win streak come to a close after 17 games.

But the team went on to a 26-7 record and advanced further in the NCAAs than ever before. Houston was even awarded a first round bye and hosted the second round in a rematch of a 1993 match against Clemson. Only this time the Cougars came out on top with a 3-0 victory on Dec. 3. Five days later the Cougars flew to Florida, sight of the South regional finals, and defeated the Gators on their home court 3-1.

The next night however saw the great season come to an end as the Cougars were defeated 0-3 by the Bruins, who won the South and went on to the championship game, the Final Four was held in Austin at Texas, only to lose to Stanford.

The Cougars started the season with a preview of the things that were to come as they upset No. 4 Ohio State 3-2 in the first match of the season. This sweet victory came in the Buckeye Classic, the home tourney of the Buckeyes.

The Cougars played sporadic over the next week and were 3-3 after the first six matches. That was when the win-streak came to fruition.

For 17 matches and more than one month later, the streak went from Sept. 17 to Nov. 6, the Cougars would not feel the sting of defeat. During that stretch the Cougars beat ranked Texas (twice) and Georgia. The combined score of those three matches was 9-1.

Denoon-Chester was the key to the Cougars' success. She set the all-time UH record for career kills and finished the season with numerous honors including: SWC Player of the Year, SWC All-Tournament Player and second team All-American honors.

She finished her illustrious season with 551 kills, a .341 hitting percentage, 282 digs and 13 solo blocks. The kills, hitting percentage and blocks led the team while the digs was second on the squad. She was even third in assists with 31.

Of course, no successful team is dependent on only one person. Denoon-Chester was supported by one other senior, hitter Carla Maul, and a trio of second year students. The sophomore sensations were hitters Emily Leffers, Mari-Claude Tourillon and setter Sami Sawyer.

Maul led the Cougars in digs with 363. Her best game of the season came when it counted the most, the SWC Championship game against Texas A&M.

Tourillon, a transfer from Canada, was second on the team in kills (329), block solos (25) and hitting percentage (.300).

Leffers, a 6-2 force from Florida, was second in kills (310) third in digs (248) and second in assists (87).

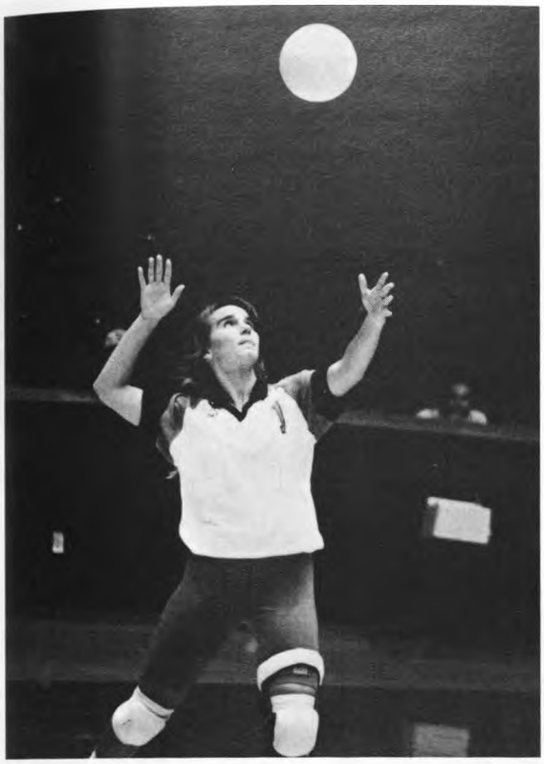
Assists of course is what Sawyer plans her day around. She racked up 1,531 of the Cougars' 1,695. Opponents only had 1,531 all season against Houston. She also emerged as a leader for several seasons to come.

The team only graduated three players, Denoon-Chester, Maul and defensive specialist Heidi Sticksel. Of course a loss the size of Denoon-Chester will be hard to replace.

But head coach Bill Walton said all season long that the media, opponents and crowd, who are amazed by the dominant kills Denoon-Chester makes coming off the slide, tend to overlook the defensive dominance of the team that one Daily Cougar writer coined "The Great Wall of Houston."

Next season the Cougars will try to do what they have been doing every year before: try to better themselves. And if the first half of the '90s are any indicator of what is to come, the Cougar volleyball team will be the best sports program on the UH campus.

Daniel Scholl



Top left photo this page: A true team player Heidi Sticksel puts the ball in play. *Photo by Arthur Hermiz* **Middle left photo this page:** Cougars exercise good sportsmanship after beating Clemson in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Bottom left photo this page:** Emily Leffers gets a kick out of digging. Emily pulled out 248 digs through the year and averaged 2.12 digs per game. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Top right photo this page:** Hip-hip-hooray! Cougars celebrate after getting a hard earned point. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Bottom right photo this page:** After defeating Texas A&M Seniors Heidi Sticksel (left) and Lilly Denoon-Chester (right) express their excitement while holding the Southwest Conference trophy. *Photo by Stephen Stelmak*

Opposite Page Photo: (Front row left to right) Cortney Williams, Beth St. Ana, Lilly Denoon-Chester, Emily Leffers, Marie-Claude Tourillon, Nashika Stokes, (Back row left to right) Mandy Bogatin, Sami Sawyer, Debbie Vokes, Christi Dreier, Stacey Craven, Carla Maul, Heidi Sticksel. *Photo courtesy of SID*

LILLY DENOON-CHESTER

UH's Shinning Super Star

The ball comes across the net, a player dives for the dig, sophomore setter Sami Sawyer puts the ball into the air, Lilly Denoon-Chester runs parallel to the net, leaps and "Kill – Denoon-Chester," the P.A. blasts.

For those that frequent University of Houston volleyball games, that was a familiar scene as Denoon-Chester used the successful 1995 season to showcase her talents, break records and lead her team further into the NCAA Tournament than it had ever been before.

The Pasadena native finished her career as the Cougars all-time kill leader, an All-American, All-Conference and All-Dominating. She led the team to a 26-7 record and fought stomach flu for most of the season. All in all, her last year was impressive.

It started with her attending the U.S. Olympic Festival during the summer and getting married to Carlos Chester, a member of the Cougar Football team, before leading the Cougars through their best season ever.

During the course of the year she accumulated 551 kills (the second highest number on the team was 329), earned a .341 hitting percentage, had 282 digs, 31 solo blocks (a third of the team total) and even had 31 assists. She also earned All-American honors, was Southwest Conference Player of the Year, SWC Tournament MVP and was named SWC Player of the Week a record four times (nine times in her career).

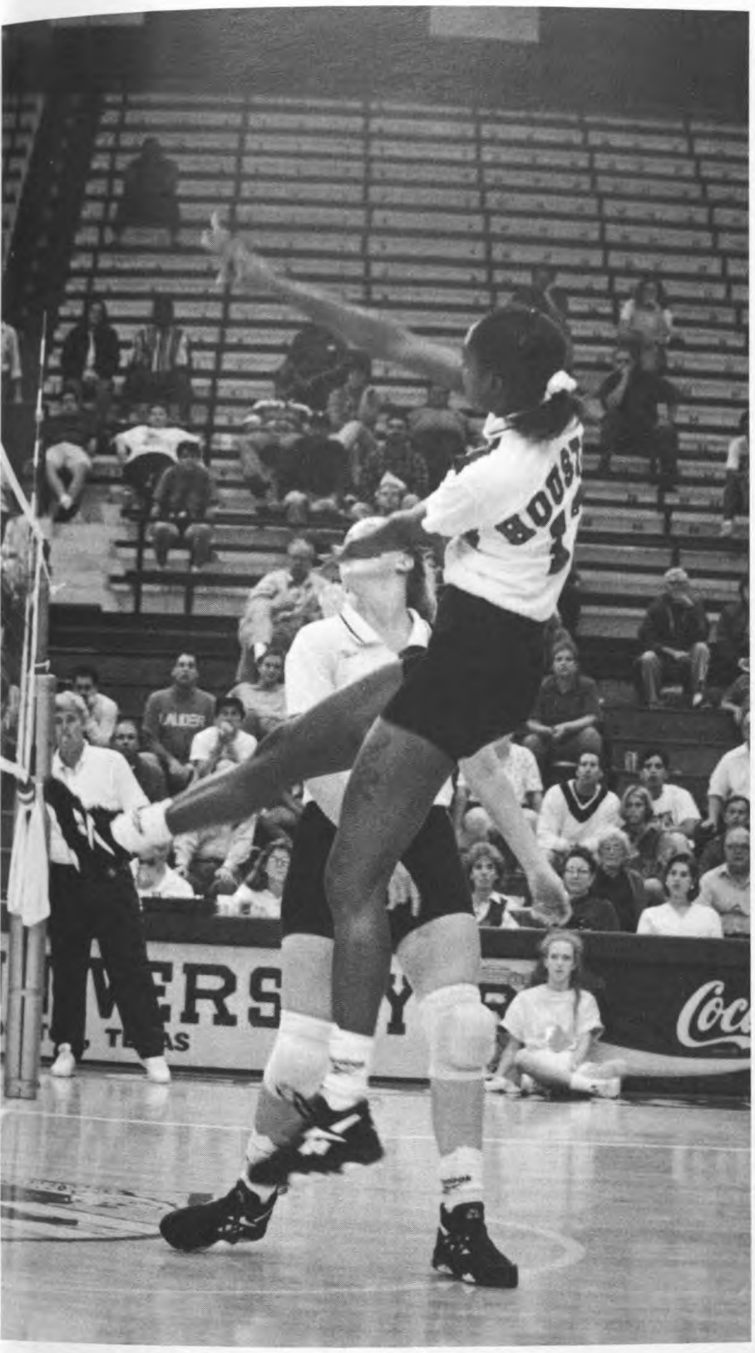
In addition to breaking the all-time career kill record, she broke the record for kills in a SWC season with 181 in 10 matches (the record stood at 150). She also held the SWC career hitting percentage record going in to the season.

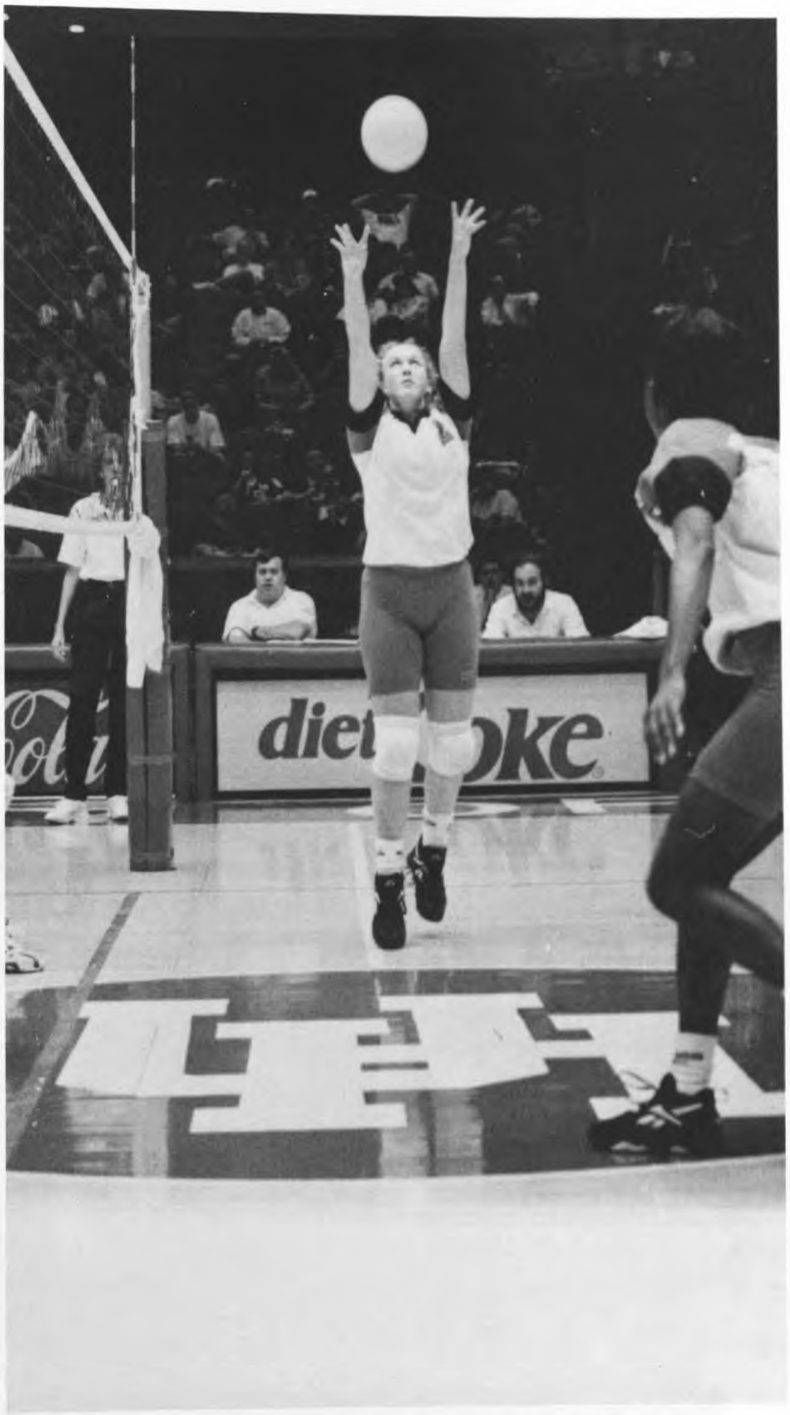
She saw her team win a UH-record 17 matches in a row, advance to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tourney and win the SWC and SWC Tournament for the first time in history. In fact, it was the first time any team but Texas had won the SWC. Houston beat the Longhorns both times the teams faced off.

All in all, Denoon-Chester established herself as one of the premier players in the nation. And anyone who ever saw a "Lill-Kill" has ever doubted that she is one of the best. In the SWC Tournament, one of her spikes sent an opposing player to the ground after it hit her in the chest.

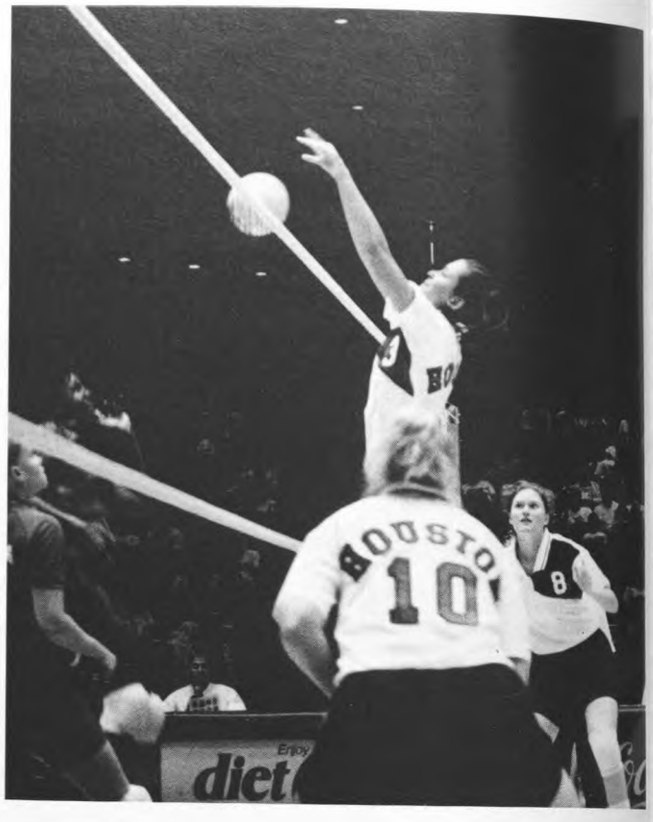
Now she will face the unfortunate prospect that many women athletes must choose in a country that is hostile to women's sports. She can try to continue to play, but not for the money of most professional athletes, or she can rest on her laurels. From someone who covered the volleyball team for much of the 1994 season, I can tell you she'll never rest. And besides, there are always the Olympics.

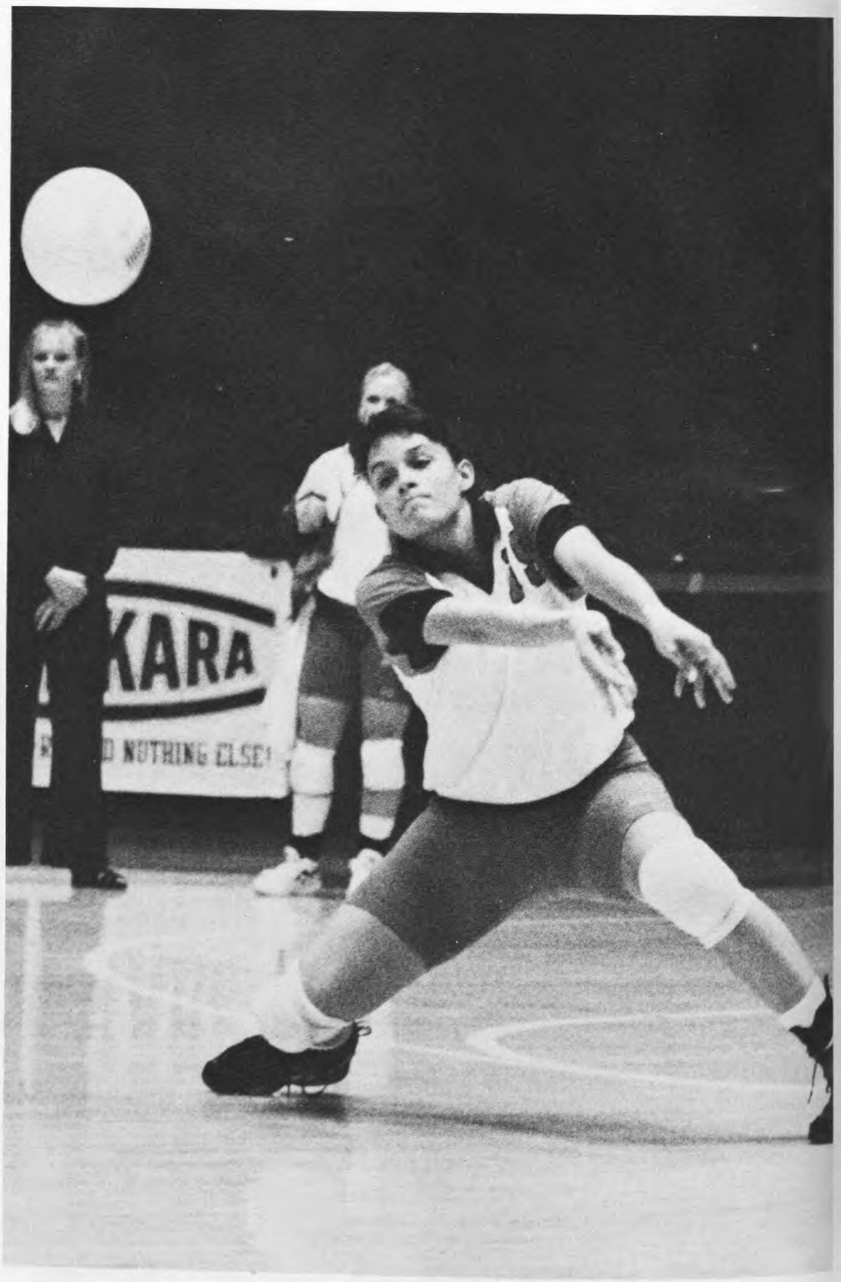
Daniel Scholl



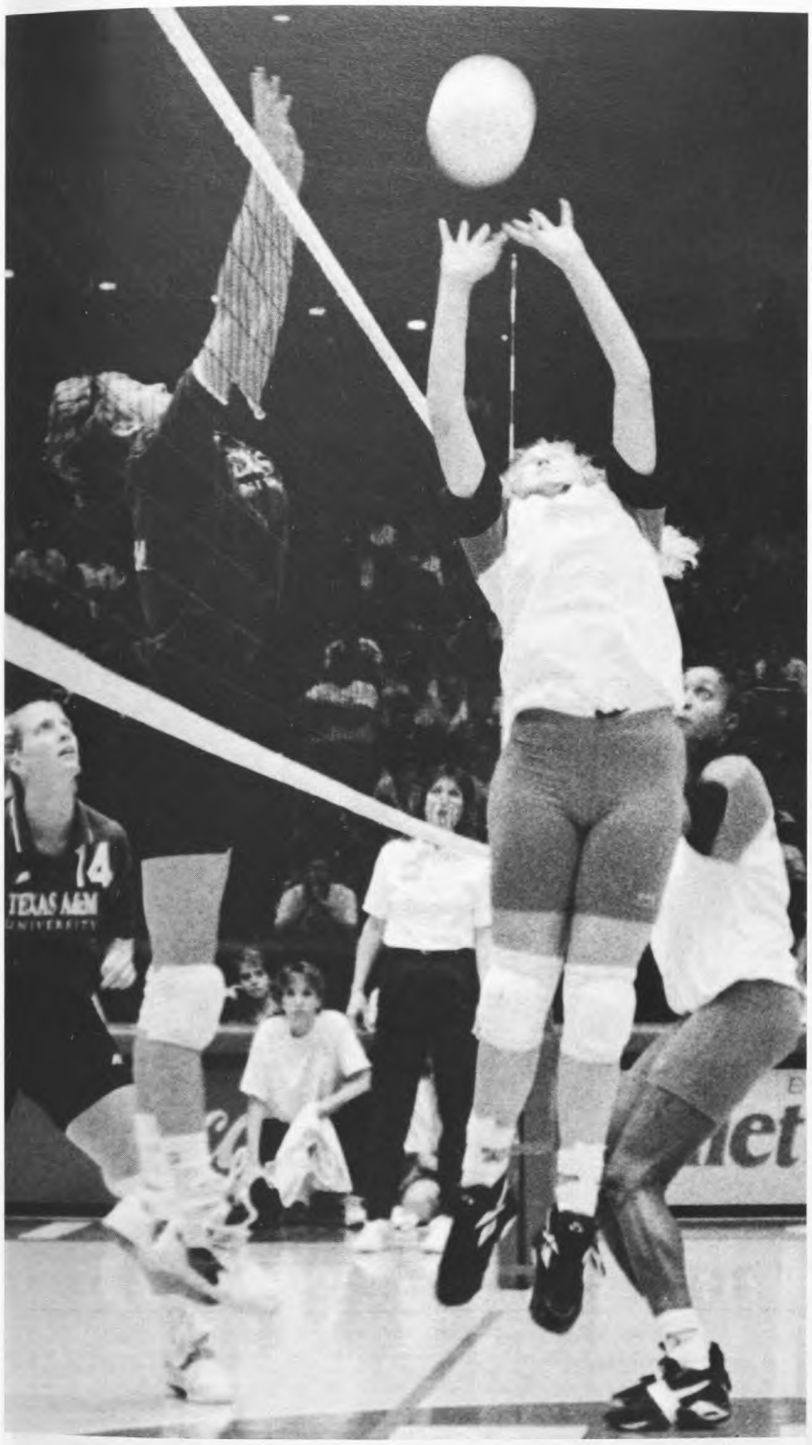


Opposite page photo: Lilly Denoon-Chester goes up for one of the 551 kills achieved during the volleyball season. *Photo by Stephen Stelmak* **Top left photo this page:** The dynamic duo Sawyer and Denoon-Chester in alliance again against the Rice v. UH game. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Top right photo this page:** Setter Sami Sawyer sets up Denoon-Chester during the UH vs. Tennessee match. *Photo by Stephen Stelmak* **Bottom left photo this page:** During the presentation of the starting line-up Denoon-Chester shows her Cougar Pride with the cougar paw sign. *Photo by César A. Alvarez*





Top left photo this page: Coach Bill Walton takes a time out to lay down a winning strategy. *Photo by César Augusto Alvarez* **Middle left photo this page:** Carla Maul Senior Hitter gets some hang-time as she goes for a kill against Baylor University. Carla racked up a total of 230 kills during the course of the season. *Photo by César Augusto Alvarez.* **Bottom left photo this page:** Christi Dreier (Center) relocates Marie-Claude Tourillon for a better defensive attack. *Photo by César Augusto Alvarez.* **Top right photo this page:** Marie-Claude Tourillon stuffs an Oklahoma spike. Marie-Claude had 25 solo block shots and 129 block shot assists during the season. *Photo by Stephen Stelmak.* **Bottom right photo this page:** Christi Dreier gets one of the 157 digs of the season. Christi averaged 2.21 digs per game. *Photo by Conrad Turner*



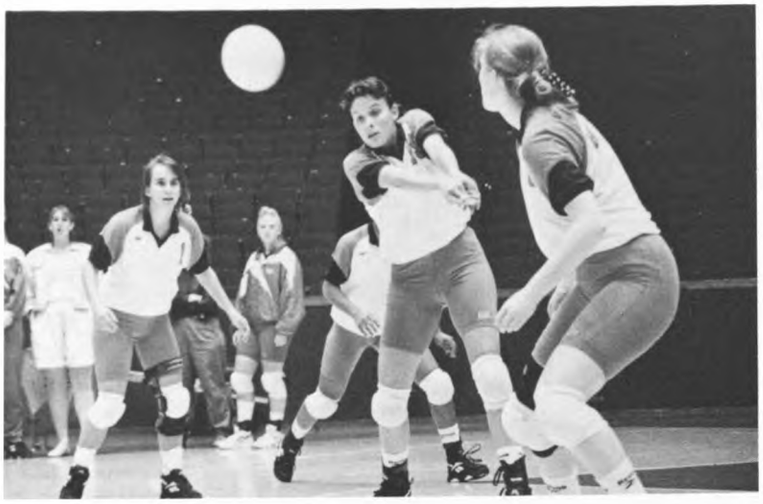
University of Houston Volleyball 1994 Final Results

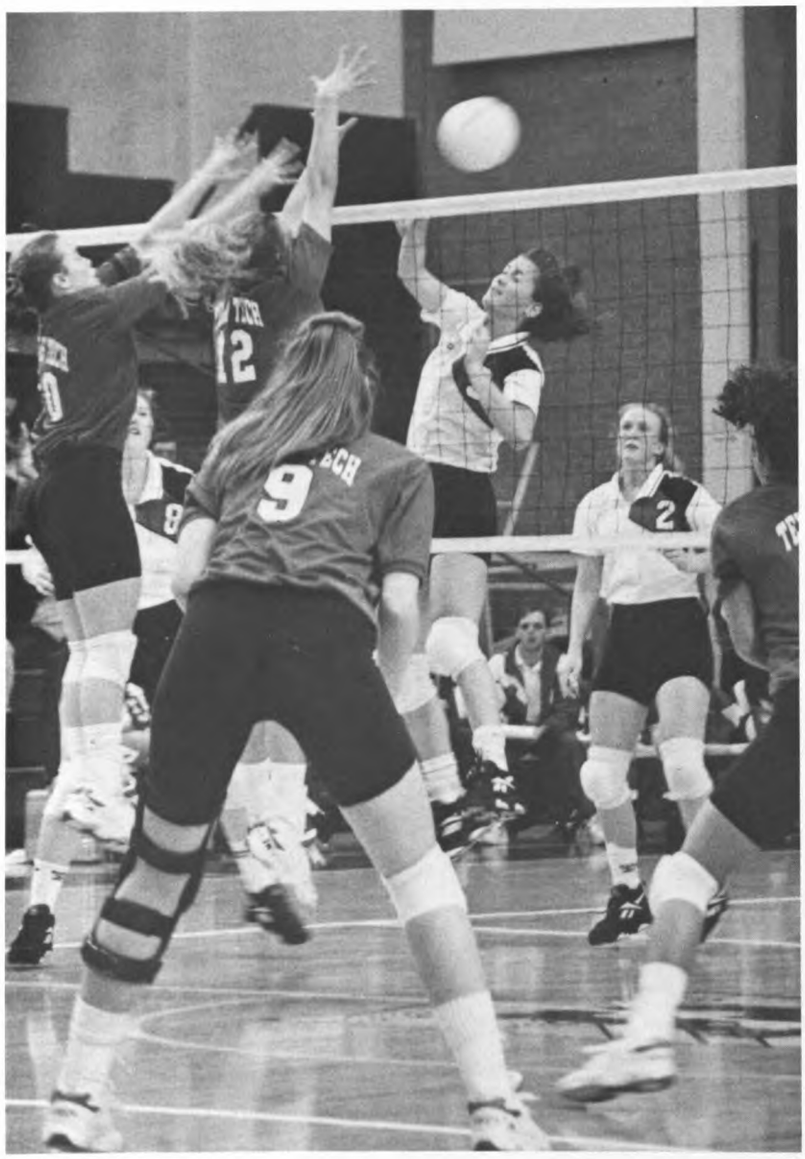
Sept. 9	# Ohio State	W 3-2
Sept. 10	# Northern Illinois	W 3-0
Sept. 10	# Colorado	L 0-3
Sept. 14	Sam Houston State	W 3-1
Sept. 16	% Cal Northridge	L 2-3
Sept. 16	% Northern Arizona	L 1-3
Sept. 17	% Memphis	W 3-0
Sept. 21	Baylor	W 3-1
Sept. 2 8	Texas	W 3-0
Oct. 5	Texas Tech	W 3-2
Oct. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 3-0
Oct. 8	Rice	W 3-0
Oct. 12	Texas A&M	W 3-0
Oct. 14	Oklahoma	W 3-1
Oct. 19	Baylor	W 3-1
Oct. 22	Texas	W 3-1
Oct. 23	Arkansas State	W 3-1
Oct. 26	Texas Tech	W 3-0
Oct. 28	Tennessee	W 3-0
Oct. 29	Georgia	W 3-0
Nov. 2	Rice	W 3-1
Nov. 4	Oklahoma	W 3-0
Nov. 6	Kentucky	W 3-0
Nov. 9	Texas A&M	L 1-3
Nov. 12	Lamar	W 3-0
Nov. 13	Louisiana Tech	W 3-0
Nov. 19	^ Texas Tech	W 3-1
Nov. 20	^ Texas A&M	W 3-0
Nov. 25	∞ Santa Barbara	L 1-3
Nov. 26	∞ Long Beach State	L 0-3
Dec. 3	§ Clemson	W 3-0
Dec. 8	§ Florida	W 3-1
Dec. 9	§ UCLA	L 0-3

#- Buckeye Classic in Columbus, Ohio
%- Kachina Classic in Flagstaff, Arizona
^- Southwest Conference Tournament held at Rice University- Houston, Texas
∞- Baden Beach Blowout in Longbeach, California
§- NCAA Championship Tournament

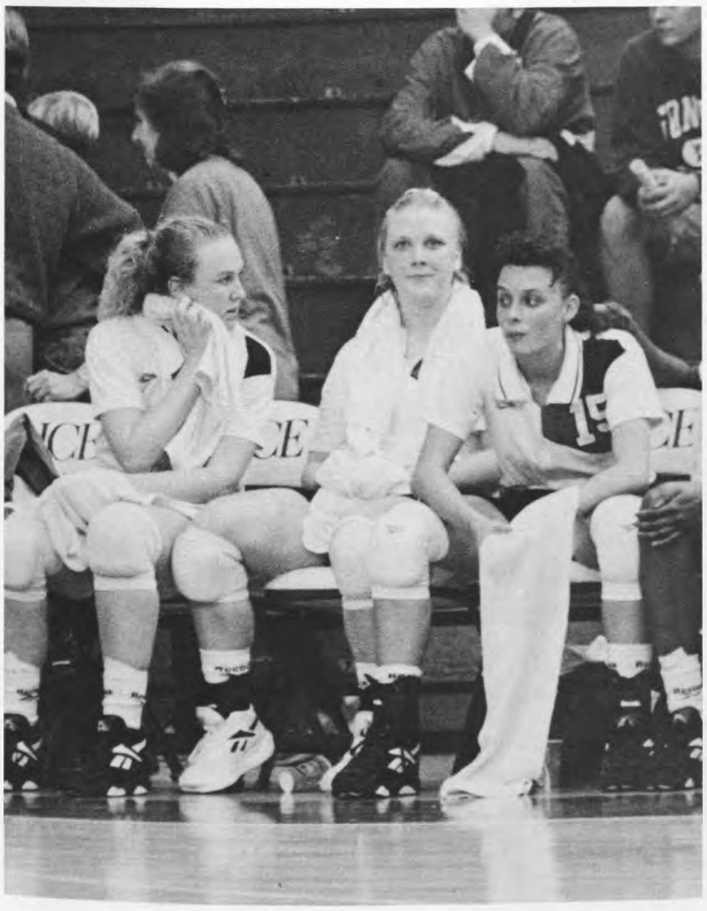
Top left photo this page: Against Texas A&M Universiry Sami Sawyer delivers one of her career season high 1513 sets. Sami led all cougars in set pass assists. *Photo by César A. Alvarez* **Bottom left photo this page:** Marie-Claude Tourillon shows her power as she spikes an uncontested block against the University of Texas Longhorns. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Bottom right photo this page:** Emily Leffers and Marie-Claude Tourillon wait for the serve. *Photo by César A. Alvarez*

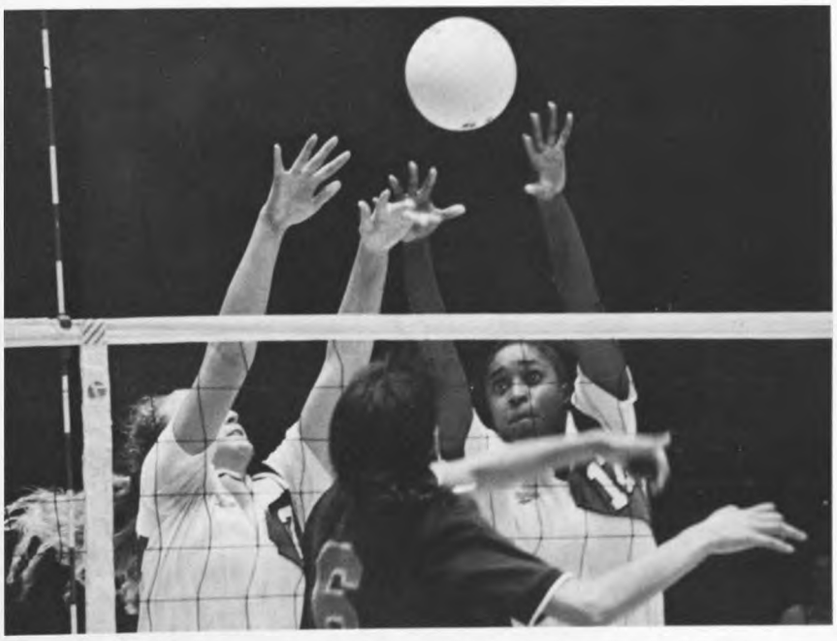
The SWC champs head to NCAA tourney





Top left photo this page: Sam Houston State Senior transfer Christi Dreier puts the ball in play. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Bottom left photo this page:** Against Texas Tech Marie-Claude Tourillon, sophmore hitter connects for one of her 86 season kills. *Photo by Conrad Turner* **Top right photo this page:** Sami Sawyer sophomore setter and Heidi Sticksel senior setter hold up the Southwest Conference Championship trophy after defeating Texas A&M. This was the first year in UH volleyball history to win the SWC Title and the SWC Tournament Championship. *Photo by Stephen Stelmak* **Bottom right photo this page:** Cougar faithfuls show their pride during the UH -vs- Clemson match. *Photo by Conrad Turner*





Top photo this page: The Cougar volleyball team celebrates their first round victory in the NCAA Tournament with a win over Clemson. This year was the second straight year UH and Clemson met for the first round of the NCAA Tournament both times UH won. *Photo by Conrad Turner.* **Bottom left this page:** Sammy Sawyer, Carla Maul, and Christi Dreier take a breather during the Southwest Conference Tournament. *Photo by Conrad Turner.* **Bottom right this page:** Sammy Sawyer and Lilly Denoon-Chester go up for the block against Clemson. *Photo by Conrad Turner.*

COUGAR FOOTBALL

Cougar's worst season in UH history

This season did not turn out as it was supposed to for the Houston Cougar football program. Trying as hard as the team could this year, the cougars unfortunately finished with a dismal record of 1 - 10.

Despite the horrible record the cougars did show great moments at times, however, signs of inexperience and injury were more prominent than victory.

There were some bright spots along the road. Chuck Clements, who broke his hand early in the season, returned for the season finale against Rice University. Additionally, the cougar team showed great offensive potential in the only win of the season against Southern Methodist University.

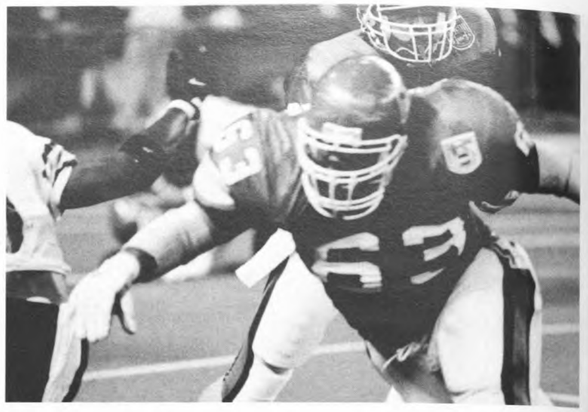
This year's starting roster consisted of several freshmen and sophomores playing extensively. Cougar coaches kept promising hope that soon these players will mature and gain experience and playing college level teams will increase their level of performance. It was not seen this year, but again, maybe next year.

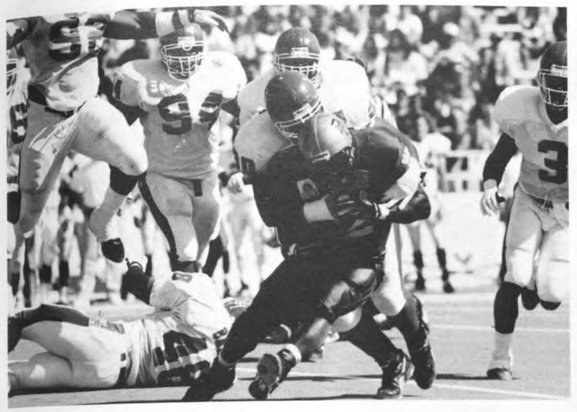
It had been promised that coach Helton would be brining in a talented crop of freshmen for next season. This year was again a rebuilding year.

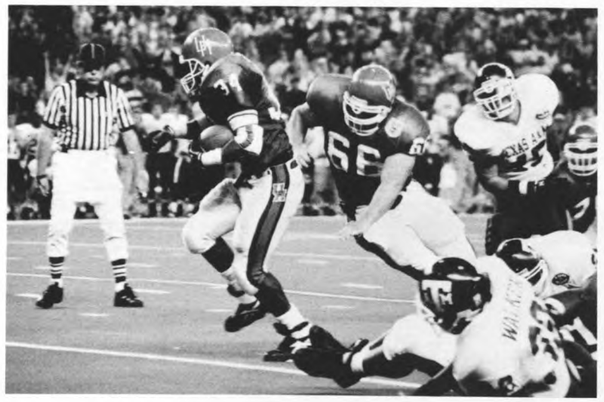
So as it goes, as many years before, the cougar football program will look to next year. Giving so many student hope, all will look forward to next year for hopefully, a better season.

-J. Don Jones

Opposite Page Photo: #19 Junior quarterback transfer from Marshall University Chad O'Shea escapes from the grips of the defensive line. The SMU game marked the only victory of the season for the cougar football program. *photo by Christobal Perez* **This Page Top Photo:** After a disappointing home openning loss to Kansas cougars show their school spirit by holding the "cougar paw" sign up in the air. *photo by: Michael W. Smith* **This Page Bottom photo:** #34 Sophamore transfer running-back Jermain Williams tries to break one for a touchtown. *photo by: Tony Bullard*





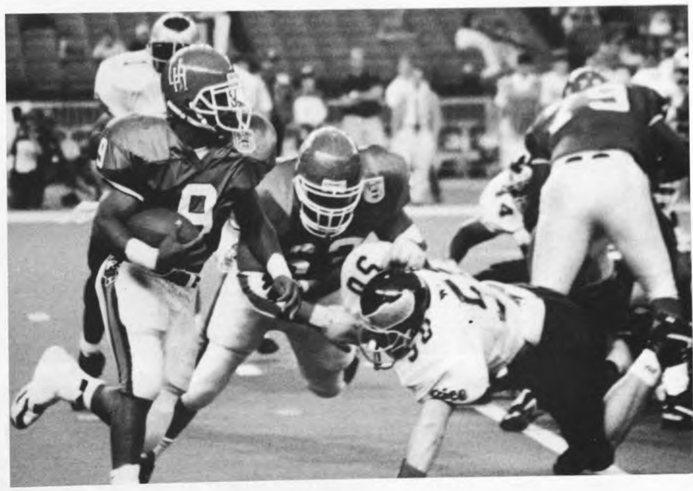


Top left photo this page: UH's #77 David Roberts and #3 Gerome Williams combine forces to take down a Kansas Jayhawks. *photo by Christobal Perez.* **Bottom left photo this page:** #34 Jermaine Williams breaks away from the Texas A&M defence. *photo by César A. Alvarez.* **Top right photo this page:** #26 Freshman running back Ryan Burton looks ahead as he gets a great block from #63 Junior offensive lineman Steven Williams during the Missouri game. *photo by Danny Dalstra.* **Bottom right photo this page:** #6 Charles West Sophomore wide receiver daydreams about his chances of getting a Heisman Trophey. *photo by Tony Bullard.*

Houston Cougar 1994 Football Schedule Result

Dates	UH	-Versus-		Opponent
Sept. 1	13	-vs-	35	Kansas
Sept. 10	7	-vs-	32	@ Louisiana Tech
Sept. 17	0	-vs-	16	Missouri
Sept. 24	0	-vs-	52	@ Ohio State
Oct. 8	7	-vs-	38	Texas A&M*
Oct. 15	**39**	**-vs-**	**33**	**@ SMU***
Oct. 22	10	-vs-	31	TCU*
Oct. 29	13	-vs-	52	@ Baylor*
Nov. 12	13	-vs-	48	@ Texas*
Nov. 19	0	-vs-	34	Texas Tech*
Nov. 26	13	-vs-	31	Rice*

Bold- Sole Victory *- SWC games



Top Left Photo This Page: Round 'em up!! Carlos Chester # 90 holds up one of the Baylor offensive player so the rest of the team can gang tackle him. *photo by Danny Dalstra* **Center Photo This and Opposite Page:** Charge!! #99 "Shasta" the spirited cougar mascot, # 90 Carlos Chester Junior Defensive lineman, and #49 Reggie Davis Freshman linebacker lead the team out onto the playing field against Rice. *photo by César A. Alvarez* **Bottom left photo this page:** Junior running back Jermaine Williams #34 brushes off a Missouri defender. *photo by Michael W. Smith III* **Bottom right photo this page** Junior center # 63 Steven Williams out powers a Rice defender allowing Freshman running back #9 Jay McGuire some breathing room to get extra yardage. *photo by:César A. Alvarez*

Cougars Escape Death

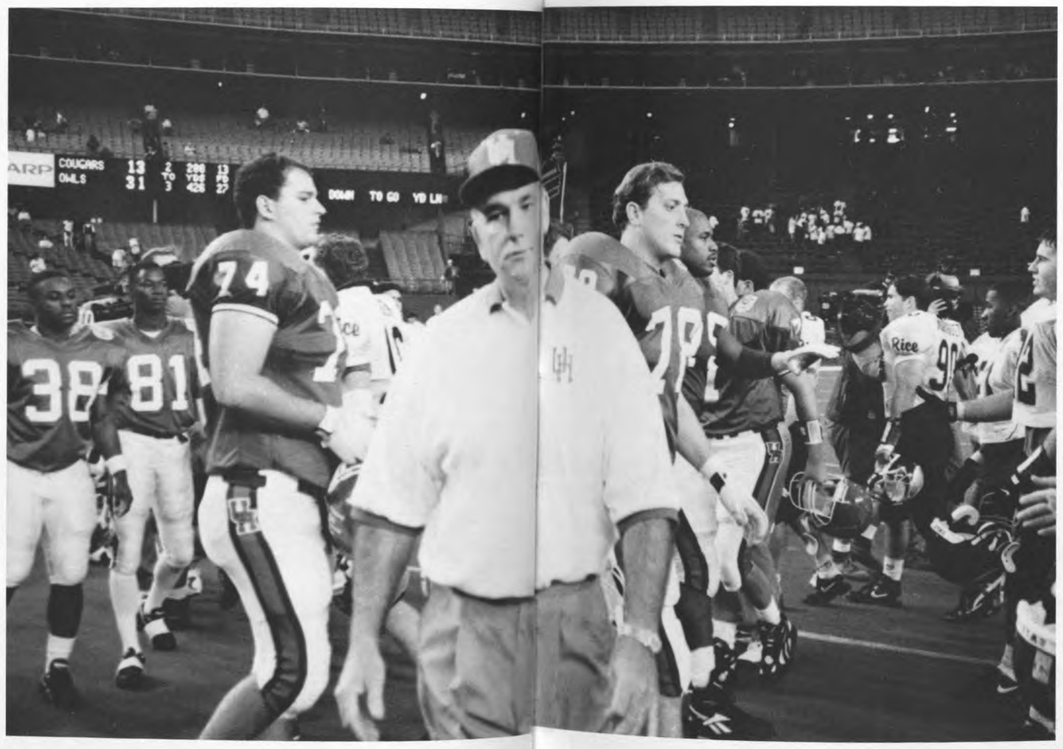
Jack's back, I mean John. As in John Jenkins. Just when the cougar faithful thought that Jenkins' association with the football team was final, we saw that he was still involved.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions found, after an 18 month investigation, that the football program did not commit any violation. Extra-benefits violations surfaced upon allegations that former running back Ostell Miles received furniture from the UH football program during the Spring of 1993, while John Jenkins was still in charge of the ship.

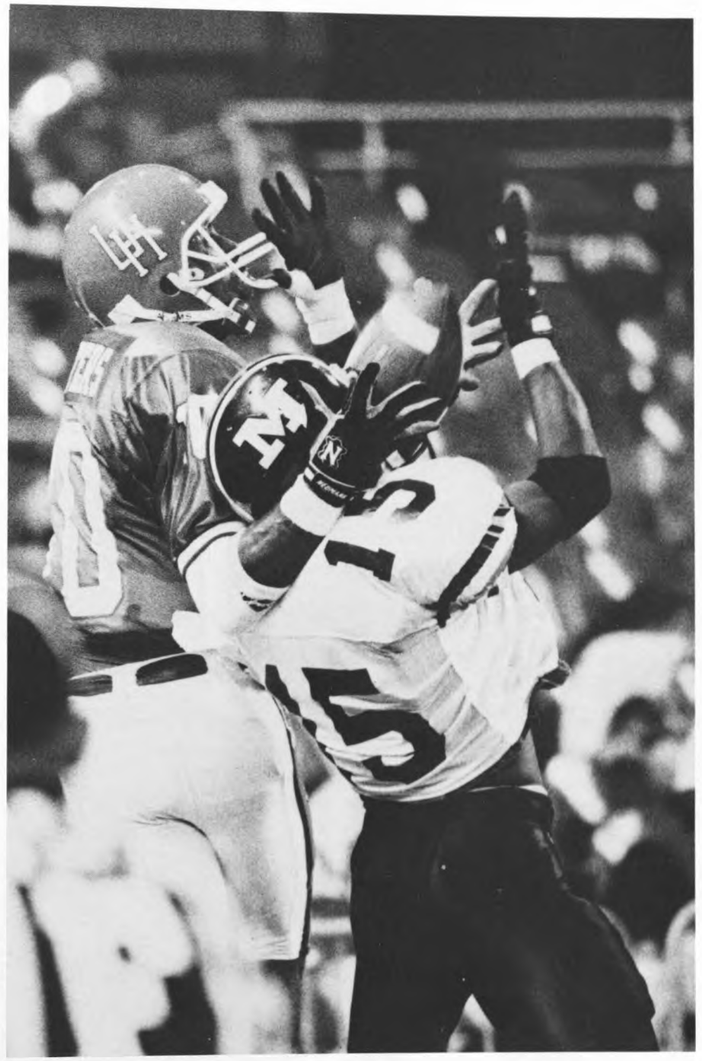
On the flip side, the NCAA did decide that this was a minor infractions. Unlike the programs last probation, the team will not be blacked out from television exposure or banned from any bowl appearances, should that ever be a concern. The penalties that will be assessed have been self-imposed by the university and approved by the NCAA.

These penalties include: a reduction of scholarships from 25 to 24 during the 1994-95 and 1995-96 school years; reducing the number of weekly practice hours from 20 to 18 during the 1995 season ; eliminating all required out-of-season conditioning activities during the February 1995; and reducing the number of practice sessions during the 1995 Spring training period from 15 to 12.

-César Alvarez



Top photo this page: Football head coach Helton and Athletics Director Bill Carr held a press conference to discuss the NCAA Committee on Infractions' decision. *Photo by César A. Alvarez.* **Middle left photo this page:** In perfect stride Senior wide receiver Ron Peters #10 catches a touchdown against one of Texas A&M's defenseman. *Photo by Tony Bullard.* **Bottom left photo this page:** Single handed a cougar defenseman stops the Missouri player from advancing. *Photo by Danny Dalstra*

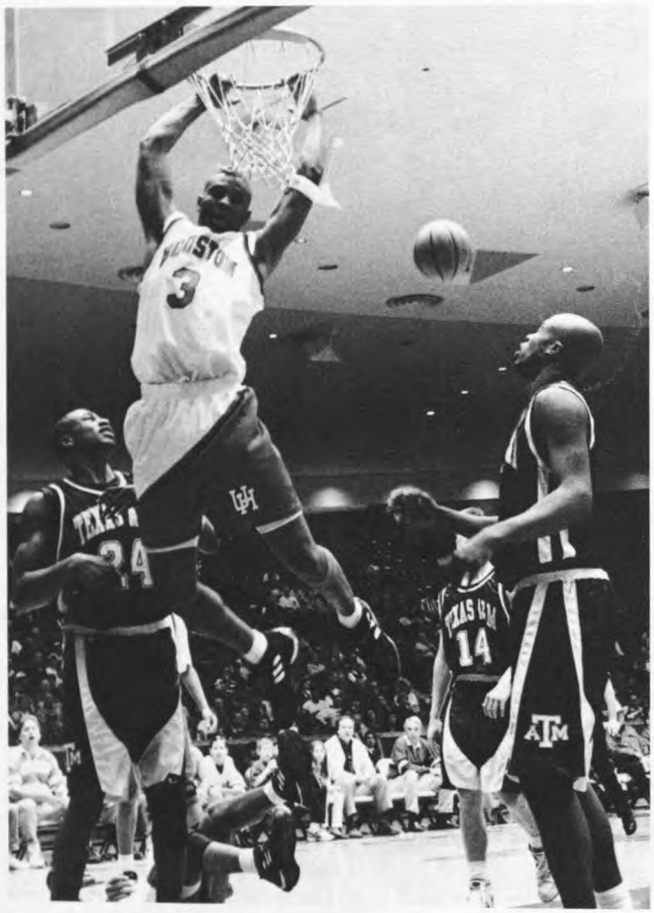


Top left photo this page: Frustrated head football coach Kim Helton shows his discontent for the performance of the team. This season marks coach Helton's second year as the commander of the football program. *Photo by Danny Dalstra.* **Center photo this/ opposite page:** Coach Helton walks off the playing field after falling short to Rice in the annual Bayou Bucket. (Don't pay attention to the score board on the left side of the foreground. *Photo by César A. Alvarez.* **Top right photo this page:** A Missouri defenseman gets the ball in the face as he and UH's Ron Peters go up for a pass. *Photo by Dannny Dalstra.* **Bottom right photo this page:** Trying to breaking it in the open field Joey Mouton Sophomore receiver avoids being taken down by a Baylor defenseman. *Photo by Tricia Garcia.*

Men's Basketball

The 1994-95 Houston Cougar's men's basketball team boasted one of the top freshman classes in the country coming into the season. Those who watched the Cougars got to see the freshmen play.

Guards Tommie Davis and Damon Jones, from Crenshaw High in Los Angeles and Galveston Ball High respectively, started 46 games between them, 19 in the same back court. Forward Galen Robinson out of Aldine MacArthur was a valuable reserve, getting into all but three games and averaging more than 15 minutes a contest.



In the Dr. Pepper Southwest Conference Post season Classic, the trio's court time was increased even more, as they played a combined 155 minutes in two games. Although their performances were inconsistent at best, no one can deny the experience benifitted all three.

"I thought our freshmen played with a lot of poise," head basketball coach Alvin Brooks said after the Cougars' 9-19 season concluded with a loss to the Texas Red Raiders in the SWC Classic. "Hopefully, this is something that will carry over into the next year."

Houston did better than expected this year in the tourney, beating Texas Christian in the first round. The Horned Frogs had won four straight against the Cougars, including a two-game regular season sweep.

The Texas game, in which the Cougars triumphed 105-96 at Hofheinz Pavilion in overtime, was perhaps the highlight of the season, rivaled only by a post season win over Texas Christian. Robinson did not play, but Jones had 11 assists and the 5-8 Davis had a season-high 17 points and eight rebounds. Jones' dishes were the only time all season a Cougar reached double figures in that category.

Also contributing to the great play was junior-college transfer forward Kirk Ford, who will be back for one more year. Ford averaged 22.8 points and 8.3 rebounds during the surge.

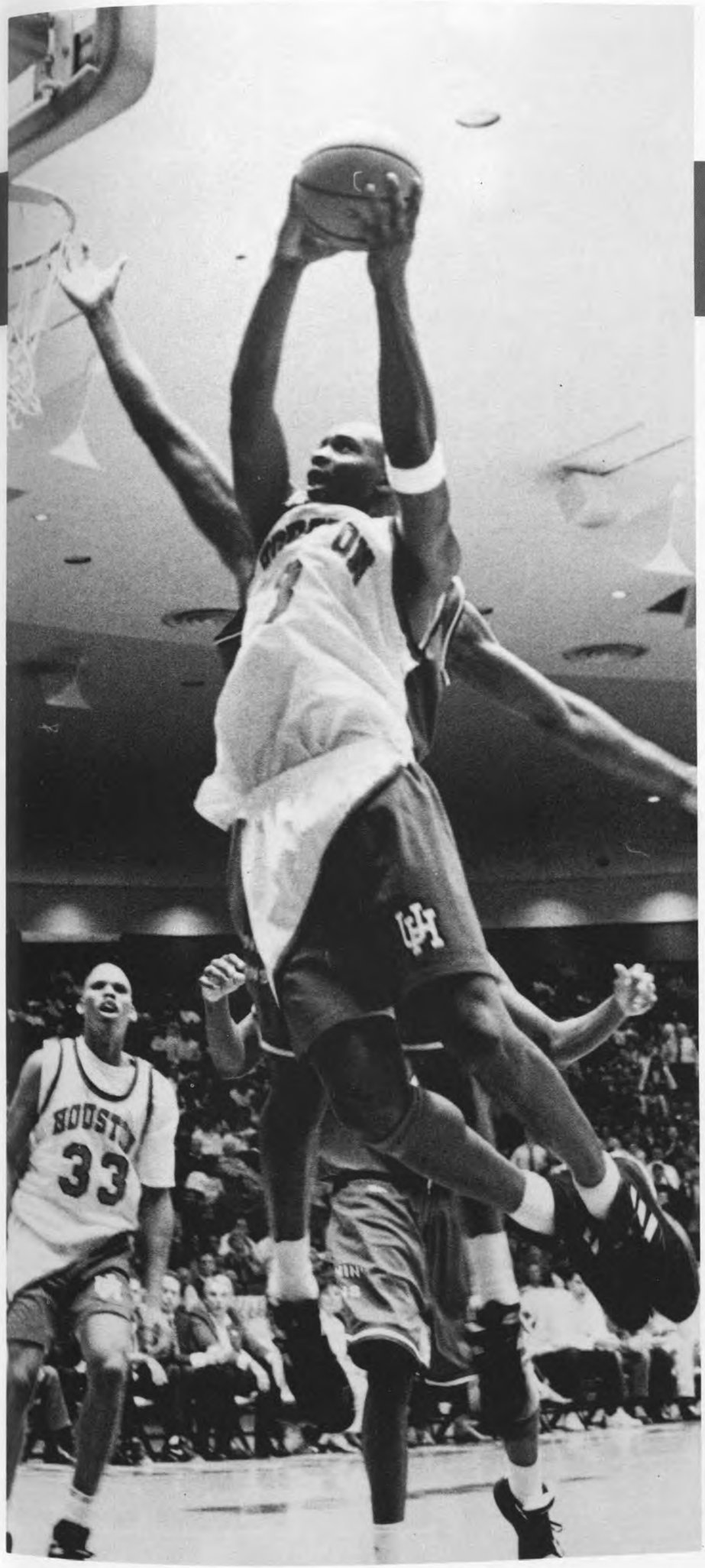
Senior forward Jesssie Drain also got his year untracked after a terrible non-conference start. Shooting only .293 from the floor, .176 from 3-point range, coming into SWC play, Drain hit a .481 and .394 clip in those respective categories from Jan. 10 on.

Of course, junior forward Tim Moore was all everyone expected and, well, more in his second season as a Cougar. He led the team in scoring (20.1), rebounding (10.4), blocked shots (3.0) and steals (1.8) during the regular season, finishing behind only in steals after the two post season games.

The hot streak didn't last, unfortunately, and Houston wound up in sixth place in the SWC with a 5-9 conference record. Still, unlike the 1993-94 squad, which bowed out to Texas Tech in the first round of that year's team made a better playoff showing.

In the end, the Cougars finished with only one more victory than the year before, but the improvement was in the fact that this year's team was young and bad, rather than old and bad.

William German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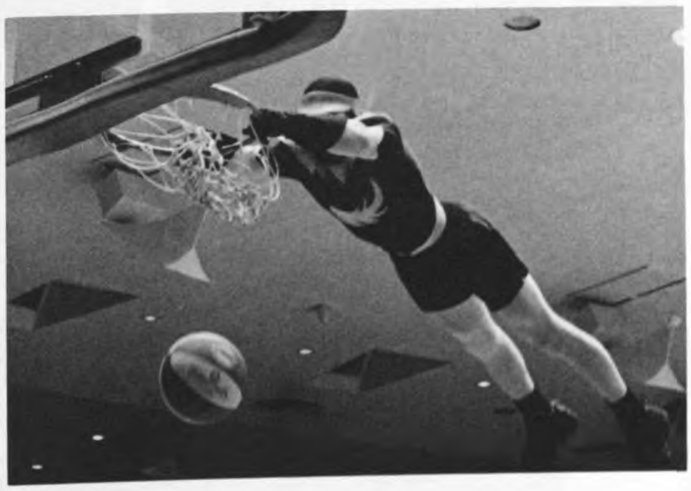

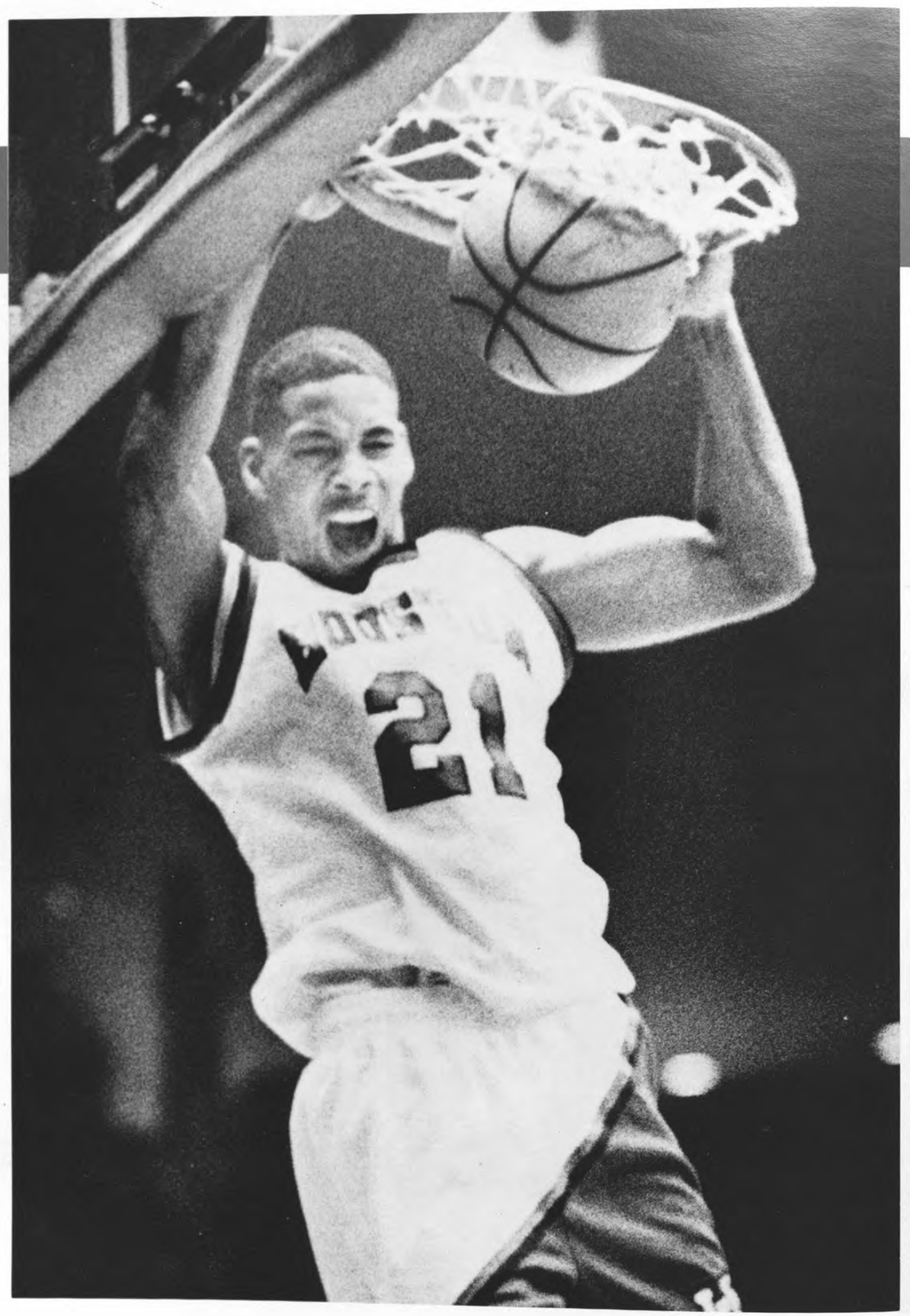
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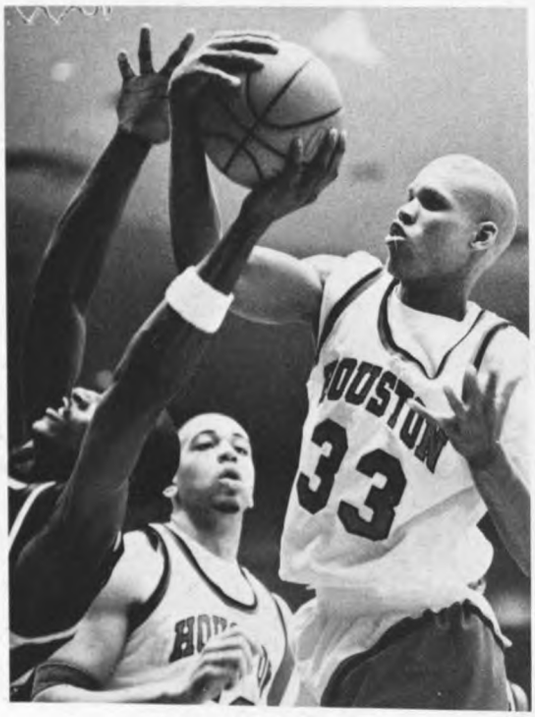
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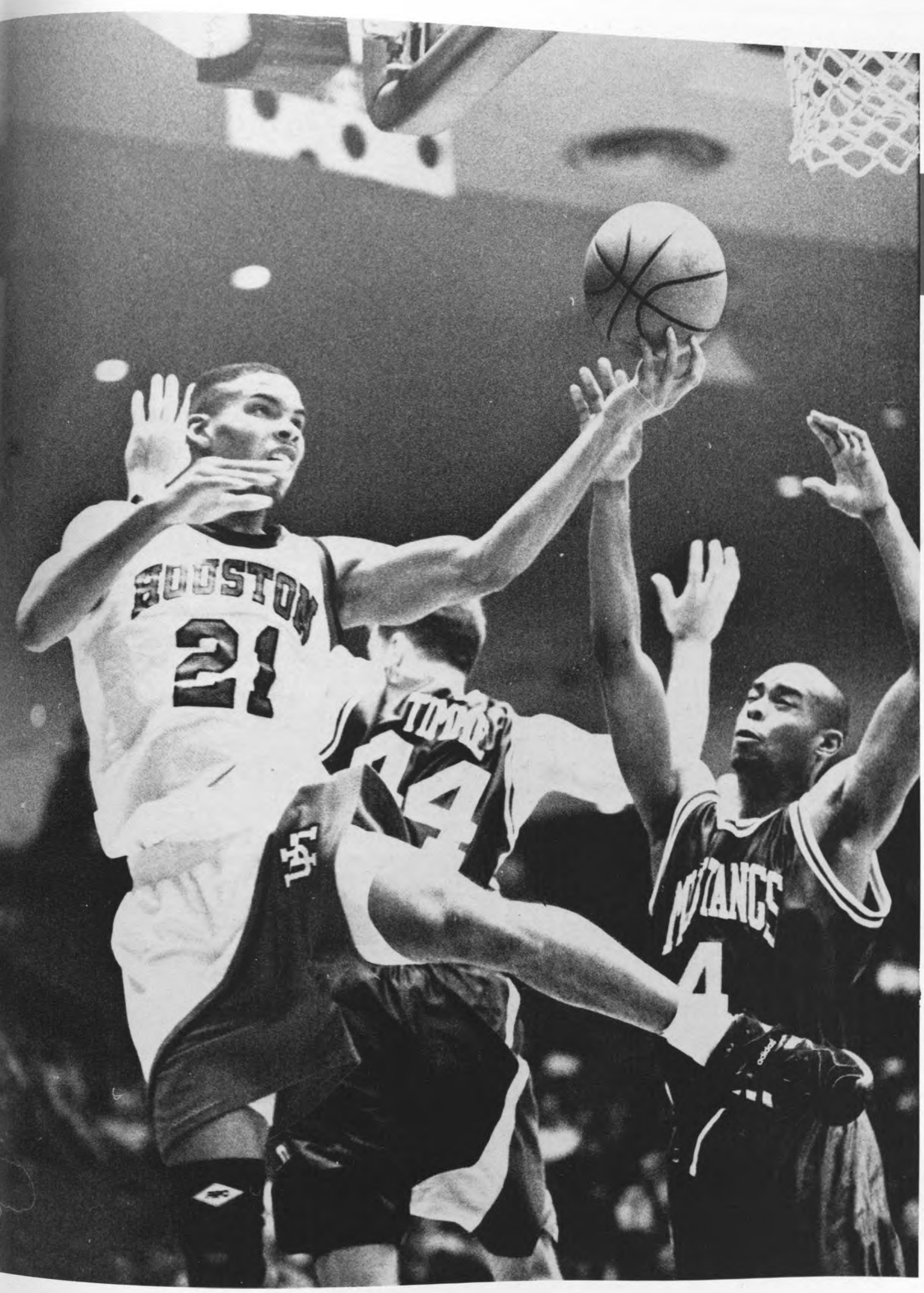
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Women's Basketball

The 1994-95 season began with lots of promise for the Houston Lady Cougars.

After all, they were returning two starters, an All American Candidate, had signed top transfer prospects and signed a freshman out of Chicago that many were calling the "female version of Charles Barkley."

But not all went as planned for the Cougars early on as Houston began the season with just seven players.

What gave?

Returning 1994 letterman Antoinette "Poochie" Isaac, Pat Luckey and Traci Bell were out of action due to serving academic suspensions during the fall semester. Top Arizona State transfer Stacey Johnson was not eligible to join the team until mid-December because of transfer rules. And other top transfer prospect, center Nakia Hill from Georgia, tore her anterior cruciate ligament in a preseason practice, ending her season before it started.

Nevertheless, the Cougars, as few as there were, quickly jumped out to an impressive 3-1 record. But in all fairness to its opponents, Houston was, however, beating up on the likes of pansies Detroit (81-80), Prairie View A&M (83-45) and Lamar (83-45).

"We really haven't been tested yet," coach Jessie Kenlaw said in the wake of the Cougars' win over Lamar's Lady Cardinals Dec. 6 in Hofheinz Pvilion. "The teams we played so far this year have sort of helped us out."

So it seemed a "challenge" was what Houston was looking for.

And three days later on Dec. 9, coach Cheryl Miller brought her No. 24 Southern California Lady Trojans into Hofheinz for a Friday evening showdown. Even though the game was back and fourth battle, USC pulled away in contest's latter moments, claiming an 87-72 victory.

However, things started looking up for the Cougars when Johnson finally made her UH debut on Dec. 17 against the Stephen F. Austin Lady Lumberjacks. In a slim 98-96 loss, Johnson poured in what was then a career-high 33 points.

The 5-9 native of Antioch, Ca. followed that performance up with a 20-point output against No. 7 Penn State (Dec. 21), a 21-point effort against Nevada-Las Vegas (Dec. 22) and a 25-point outburst vs, Ball State (Dec. 29).

And on Jan. 2, Johnson and former Pacific-10 Conference rival Tanda Rucker (Stanford) lit up the No. 17 Kansas Jayhawks ih Hofheinz for 32 and 28 points, respectively, as Houston was again norrowly defeated, this time 99-98.

Despite the high offensive production from Johnson, the Cougars were just 5-6 heading into Southwest Conference play with an opening contest against crosstown -rival Rice in Hofheinz.

The great news surrounding the return of the 1994 Freshman All-American,Luckey, did not seem to boost Houston enough as the Owls escaped with an 88-87 victory following a fadeaway jumper from Rice guard Kim LaLonde with just four seconds left.

In fact, the Cougars dropped three of their first four SWC games, giving up an average of an even 88 points in three defeats.

But a Cougar's six-game winning streak soon afterward was the team's longest since 1991, when it won nine straight to open up that season.

The victory in Dallas on Jan. 28 proved to be the best offensive game from the Johnson/Luckey combination as the two eventual first-team All-SWC players combined to score 53 points. Houston beat the Longhorns on Feb. 2 for just the second time in 52 career meetings as Johnson scored a career-high 37 points.

For the season, Johnson averaged 20.6 points per game while Luckey scored 18.6. During the winning streak, either Johnson or Luckey led the team in scoring, with the latter being the leading scorer in four of those games.

A Feb. 15 contest with the then-No. 7, first-place Texas Tech Lady Raiders offered the Cougars a chance to set a new school record for most consecutive conference victories with six (Houston had won six games overall in a row, but one of those was a non-conference game).

But once again, the Cougars failed to knock off nationally ranked competition ranked competition as the Raiders escaped with 78-76 decision in Hofheinz.

Houston fell to a 6-4 league record and a half-game behind the then-No. 23 Texas A&M Lady Aggies for second place in the conference.

So if the Cougars wanted any chances of taking over sole possession o fthe second spot and finally getting a chance to beat a ranked opponent, they would have to do it on the home floor of the Aggies' G. Rollie White Coliseum just three days later on Feb. 18.

With just three seconds left, freshman Jennifer Jones made both ends of a one-and-one situation to sink both free throws and preserve a 78-75 triumph over the eventual 1995 National Women's InvitationalTournament champion.

It was a clutch performance that didn't seem to phase Jones, as the 17-year-old led the conference in rebounding (8.6 per game) and was also named SWC Co-Freshman of the Year. The Chicago native also averaged 11.1 points in being the first freshman in UH history to lead the league in the rebound department.

But while the A&M victory, "looked like (the Cougars) had just won the World Series," as described by one observer, the three-game losing streak that followed just afterward looked like Houston was back in basic training.

The Cougars lost games to Baylor, SMU and Texas to fall from grace and to fourth place in the conference with a 7-7 final regular season SWC record before heading into the conference tournament in Dallas on March 8-11.

And during those contests, Houston was beaten by an average of 18.3 points. In just 11 days, the Cougars had gone from possibly cracking the Top 25 and receiving a hands-down, at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament to needing to win the Postseason Classic where an exit at any time might have not been good enough to even get into the NWIT.

In 'Big D' on March 8, Houston returned to the scene at SMU's Moody Coliseum where Luckey, Johnson and the rest of the Cougars had so handily defeated the eventual NCAA-bound Mustangs by 10 almost six weeks prior.

The dimly-lighted arena was the scene of an all-Houston first round matchup between Houston and the fifth-place Owls. Following Rice's one-point victory in Hofheinz to begin the SWC season, the Cougars returned the favor with a one-point decision of their own (69-68) in Autry Court on Feb. 7.

But this one wasn't even close. Amidst the dim lights, Houston turned out the lights on the Owls as the former rolled to a 77-48 victory.

The outcome sent a serious message to second-round opponent Texas Tech and head coach Marsha Sharp when Sharp remarked, "Houston played so well today. I think they might have something to prove.

The Cougars indeed had something to prove, but the then-No. 6 Lady Raiders didn't seem to care.

In that Friday's contest, Tech quickly jumped out to a 37-11 lead before Houston struck back to go on a run of its own (46-23) and cut the Raiders' deficit to 52-48 with 16:47 left to play in the game.

But Tech duplicated the Cougar's answer with a 25-6 run to go up 77-54 as it held Houston scoreless over the next nine minutes.

The game and, as it turned out, the season was over. The 90-69 final gave the Cougars a 14-14 record as Houston, for the next two days, would wait on word as to if it would be invited into the NWIT.

Sunday, March 12, Kenlaw waited by the phone.

But it never rang.

The season was, indeed, over.

Jason Paul Ramirez

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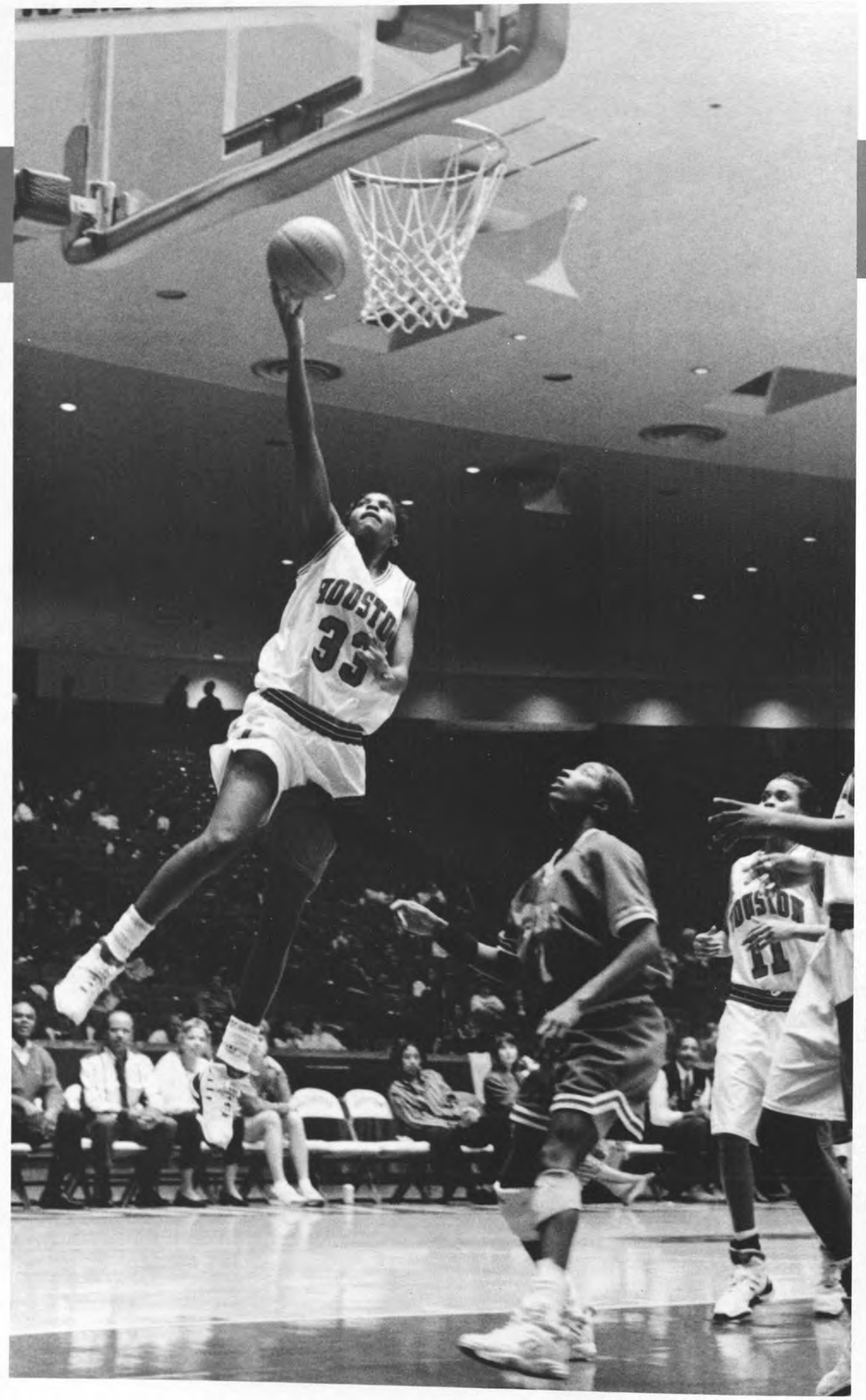
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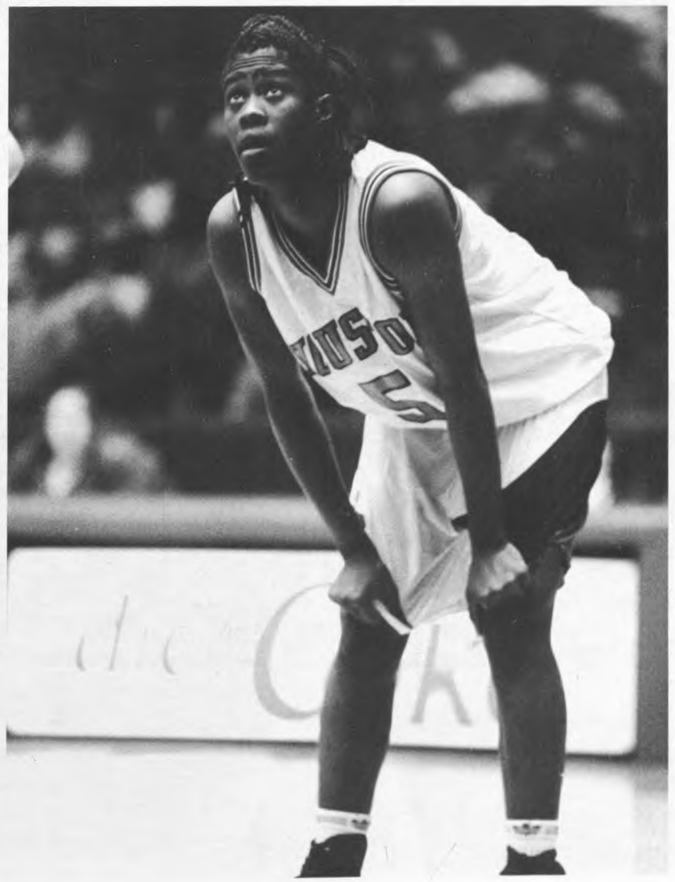

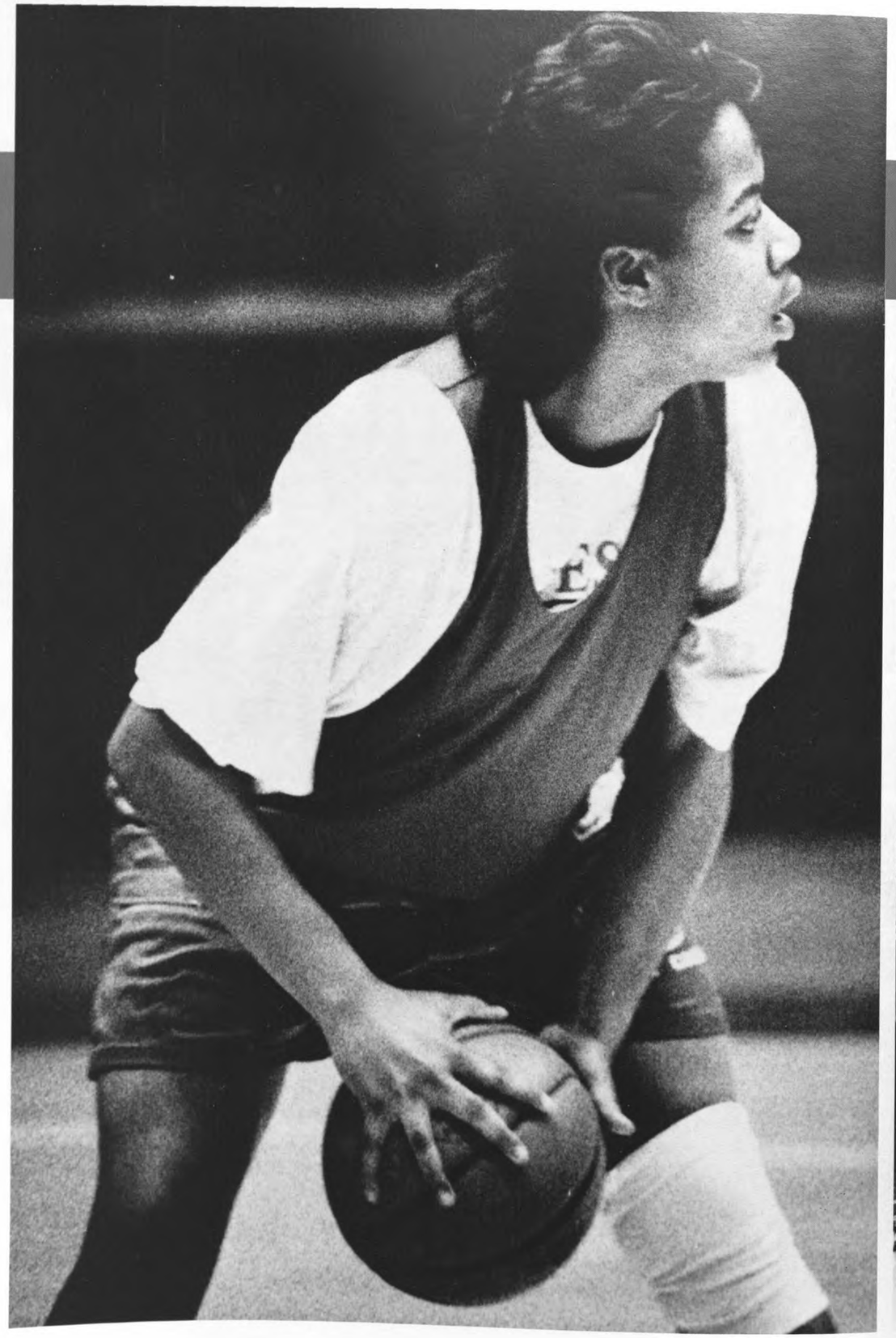

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Baseball

The Houston Cougars baseball team started the 1995 season with a new coach, new players and a beautiful new field

Unfortunately, nothing was new about the performance of the team as the Cougars posted a rather unremarkable 26-29 record.

Yet, despite the losing season, the 1995 team established a foundation to build a future outstanding baseball program.

Head Coach Rayner Noble, a former Cougar All-American, took a new team on the field as only 16 players returned from the previous year.

The head coach immediately changed the attitudes of his players, as a different competitve desire was instilled in the players.

The team was anchored by the corners on the diamond as firstbaseman Carlos Perez and thirdbaseman Tom Maleski turned in outstanding season perfromances.

Perez managed a .305 average for the year and tied Maleski for the team high in homeruns with six. He also contributed on defense with a staggering .982 fielding percentage, commiting only eight errors on the season.

Maleski was the charasmatic leader on the team and constantly provided the motivation to help carry his teammates through the long up and down season. A strong .327 average and 17 doubles marked Maleski's year while starting in every game except one at third.

Among the newcomers, Stephen F. Austin transfer Jason Farrow seemed to do it all this year.

Farrow found himself playing rightfield, pitching, and pulling most of the offensive duty of being the team's designated hitter.

Farrow led the team in batting average (.330), saves (7) wins (4) and runs batted in with 37.

Secondbaseman Ray Trevino and Shortstop Jason Smiga also contributed heavily as Smiga had 14 doubles and a big .358 slugging percentage despite his small 5'8" frame.

Commiting only three errors on the season kept Trevino in the lineup most of the season as his defense was too valuable for Coach Noble to replace him with a better offensive player.

Injuries definetly took their toll on the team in 1995 as pitcher Bo Hernandez was sidelined most of the season, as was starting centerfielder Geoffrey Tomlinson who played in 30 games before stepping out midseason with a leg injury.

The highlight of the year was the opening of the new Cougar Field built largely on the grant from John and Rebecca Moores who donated 32 million dollars to UH athletics.

The beautiful new stadium showcased the young Cougars and contributed to a heavy recrutiting effort to bring the best to UH.

The night the Cougars opened the new field, the team provided the best win of the season as pinchhitter Dustin Carr hit an extra innings homerun to beat Lamar 5-4 before a capacity crowd.

The team also beat No. 1 ranked Louisiana State in Baton Rouge last February when few people gave the Cougars much of a chance to win.

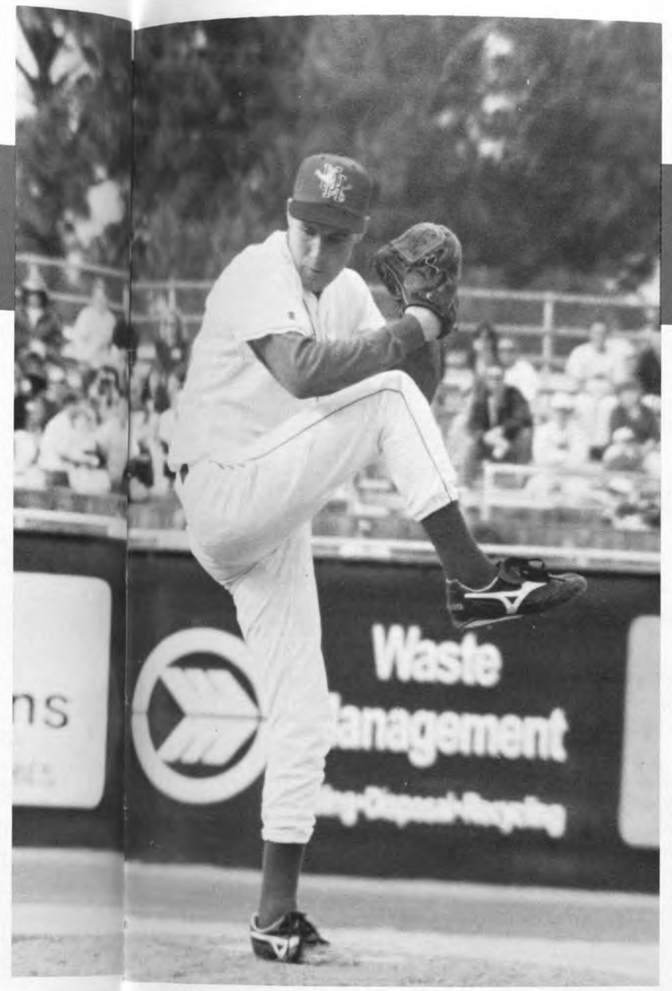
Coach Noble added a major league assistant coach this year when former Cougar and Cy Young winner Doug Drabek helped the pitching staff while the baseball strike kept him from playing for the Houston Astros.

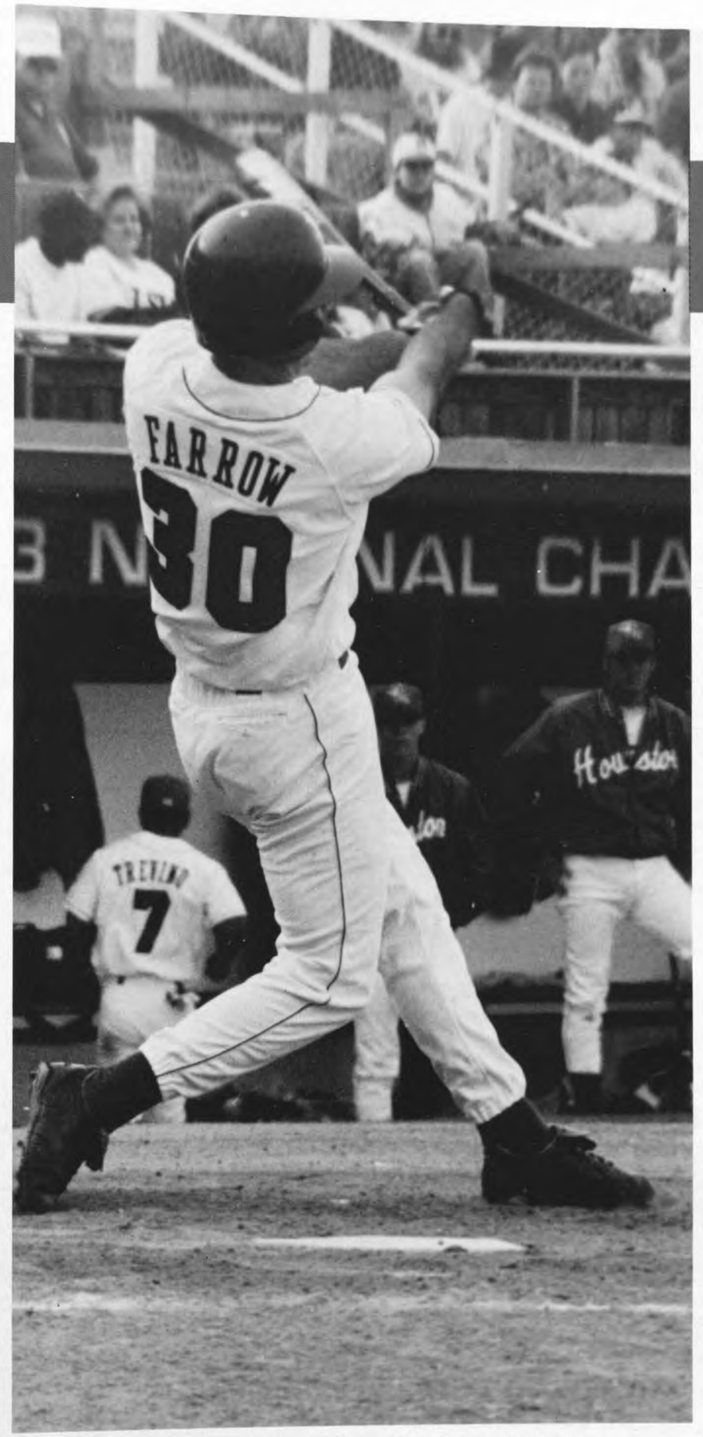
The 1995 Cougars baseball season will be remembered as a rebuilding year.

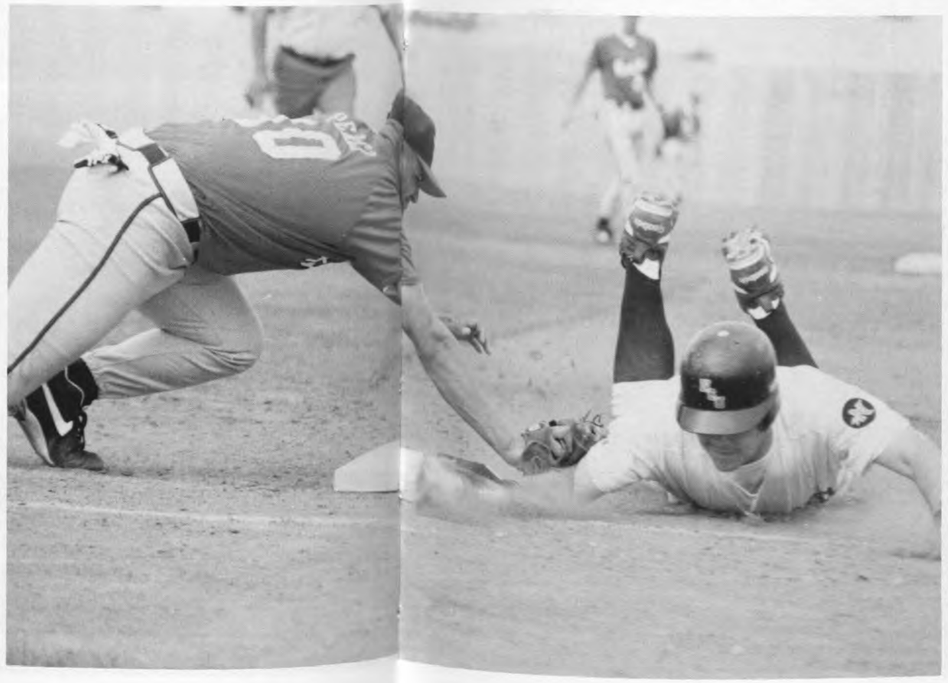
A new coach, new players, new uniforms, a new field all marked a transition to the current era of baseball for UH.

Coach Noble fielded a 1995 team that had more losses than victories, but his team never lost their competitve spirit and paved the way for a winning attitude for years to come.

-Richard C. Kroger







Above: Jason Farrow lead the team with a batting average of .330. **Bottom Left:** Carlos Perez tries to tag out one of NSU's baserunners as he dives back to first base. **Far Left Bottom:** Coaches and players are introduced on opening day, Pitcher Chad Poeck shakes hands with coaches as Head Coach Rayner Noble watches on. **Far Left Above:** Carlos Perez dives back into first to avoid a pick off move by U.T. **Above Left:** John Box gives everthing he's got with his wicked side arm pitches.

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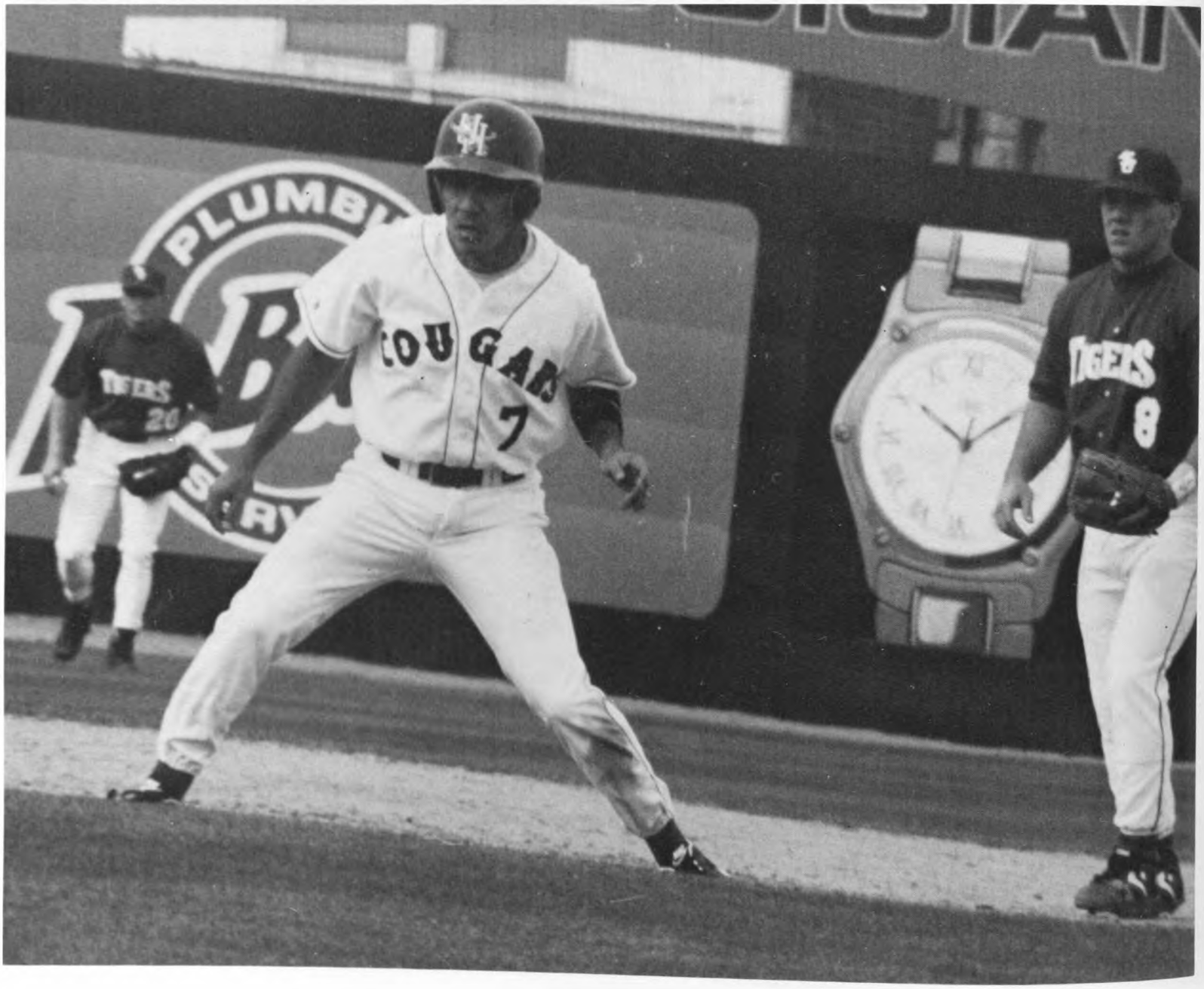
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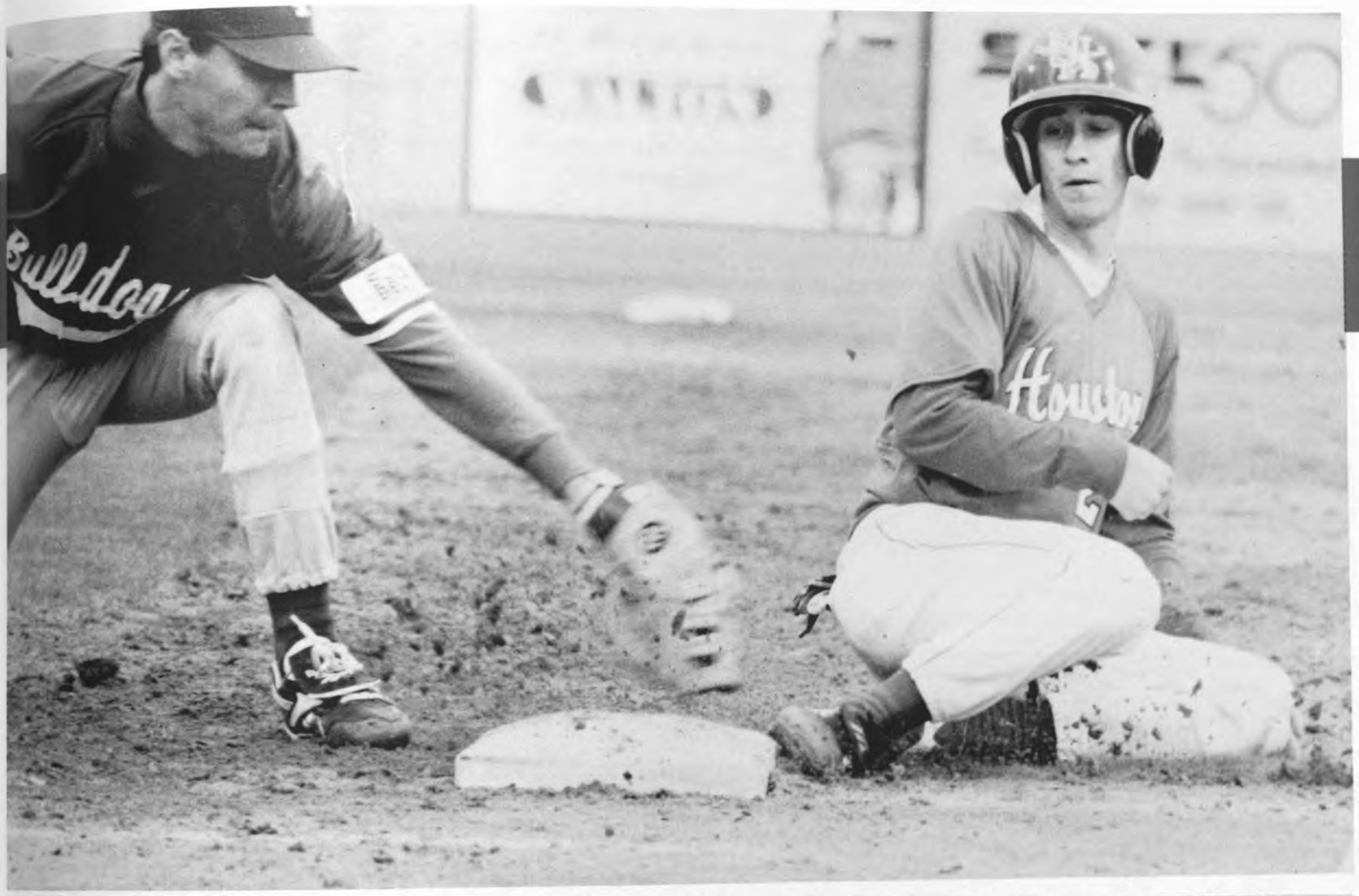

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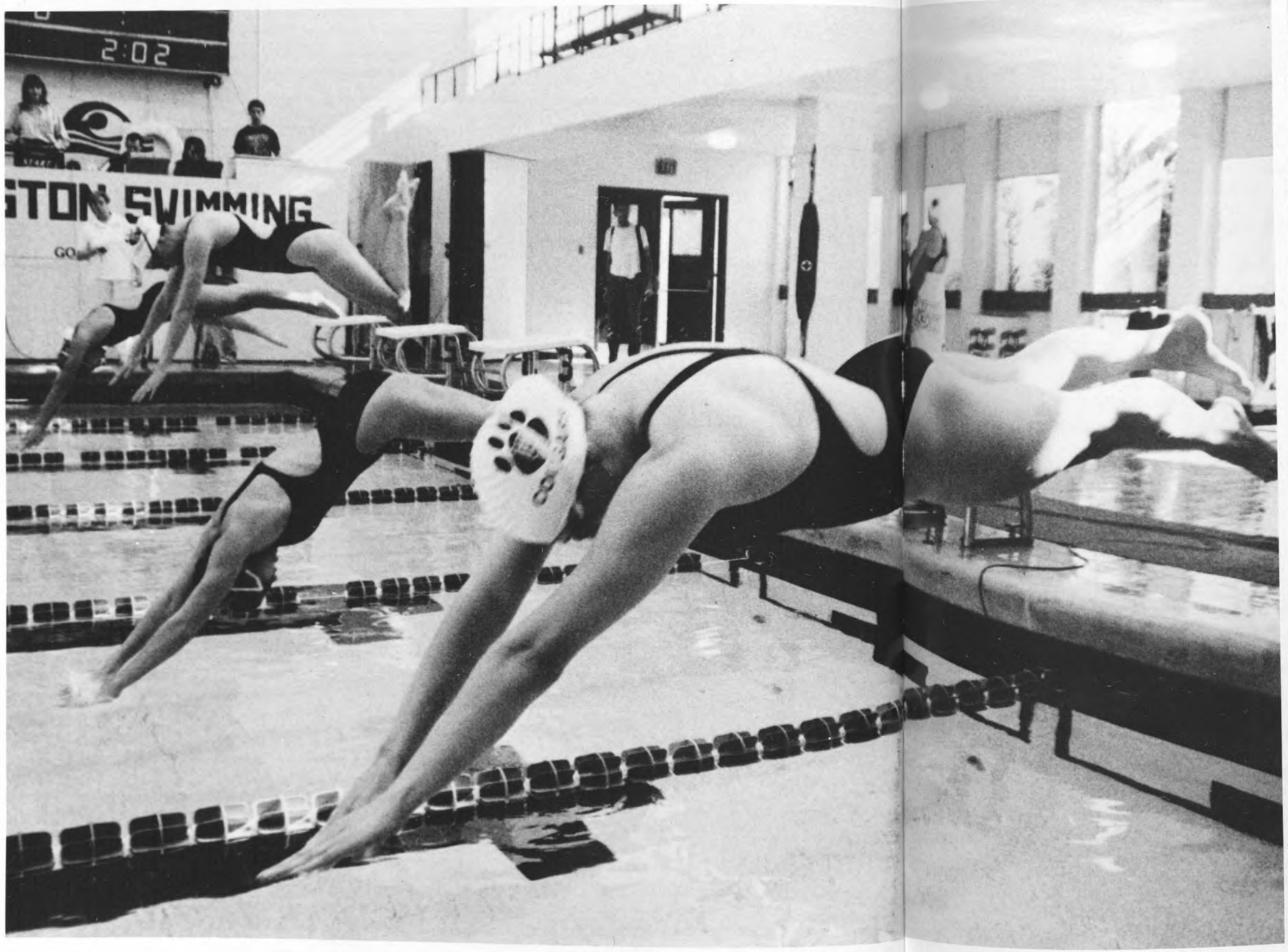

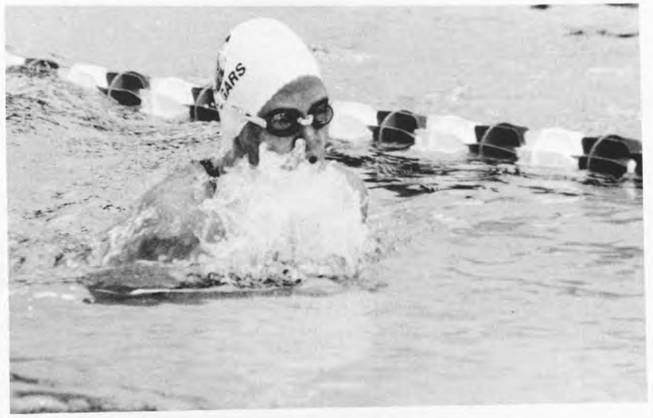

Opposite page photo: The lady cougar swim team dove right into head to head compotition against Texas A&M. *Photo by César Augusto Alvarez.* **This page top photo:** Casandra Saenz pushes hard towards the finish line. *Photo by Dan Dalstra.* **This page bottom photo:** Christene Brown cheers on her fellow team mate. *Photo by César Augusto Alvarez.*

This Page Top Photo: Christine Brown grasps for air as she swims against Rice. *photo by César Augusto Alvarez* **This Page Bottom Photo:** Niki Clegg, against Texas A&M University, competed in the breast stroke. *photo by César Augusto Alvarez* **Opposite Page Top Photo:** Lady cougar swim team tried to get a leaping start against Rice University. *photo by César Augusto Alvarez* **Opposite Page Left Bottom Photo:** Against the Rice Owls, Marisol Monasterio, listens for the starting signal to start swimming the back stroke. *photo by César Augusto Alvarez.* **Opposite Page Right Bottom Photo:** Talk about some hang time. Actually, Olivia Clark, was practicing her springboard diving. *photo by Dan Dalstra*

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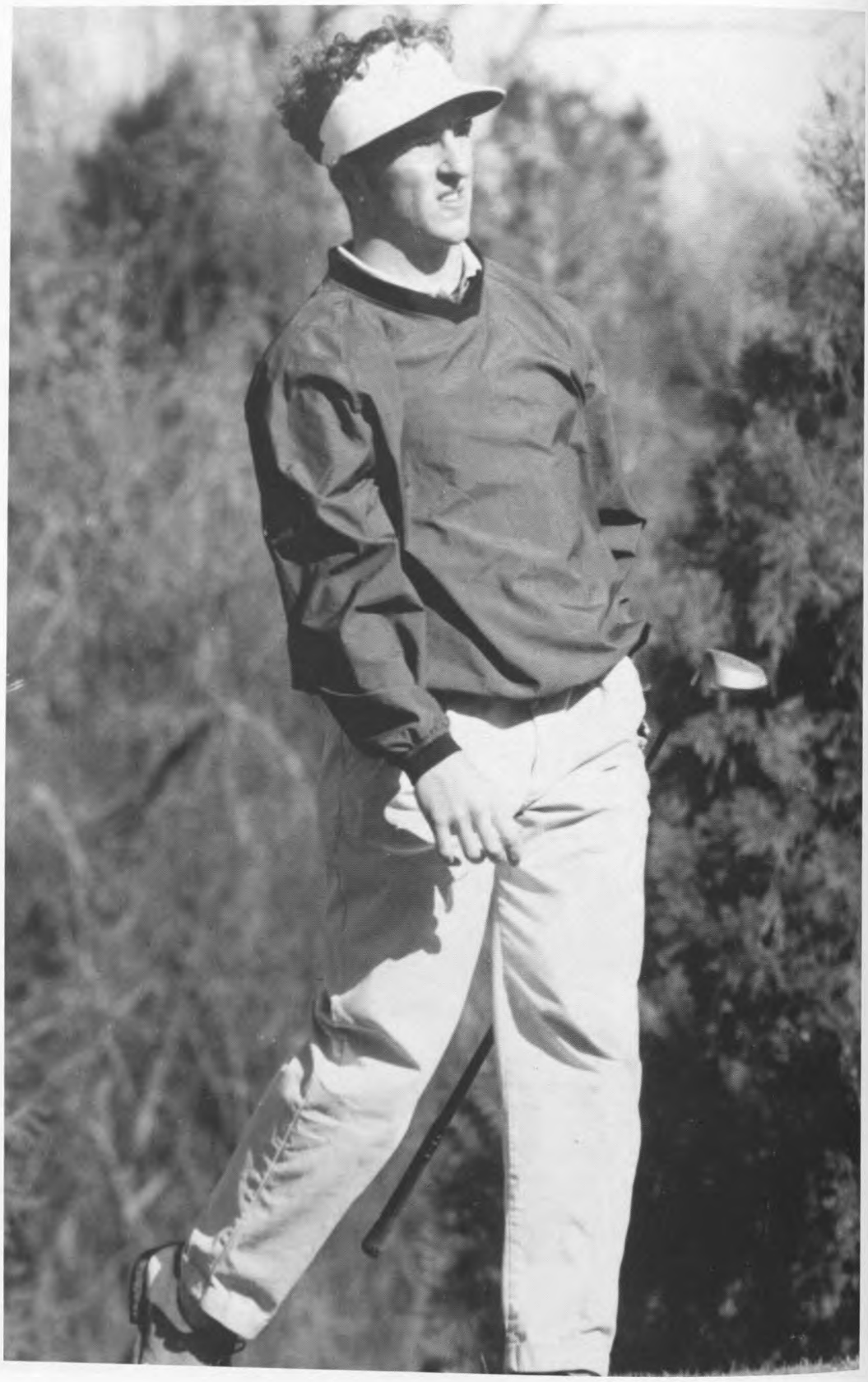
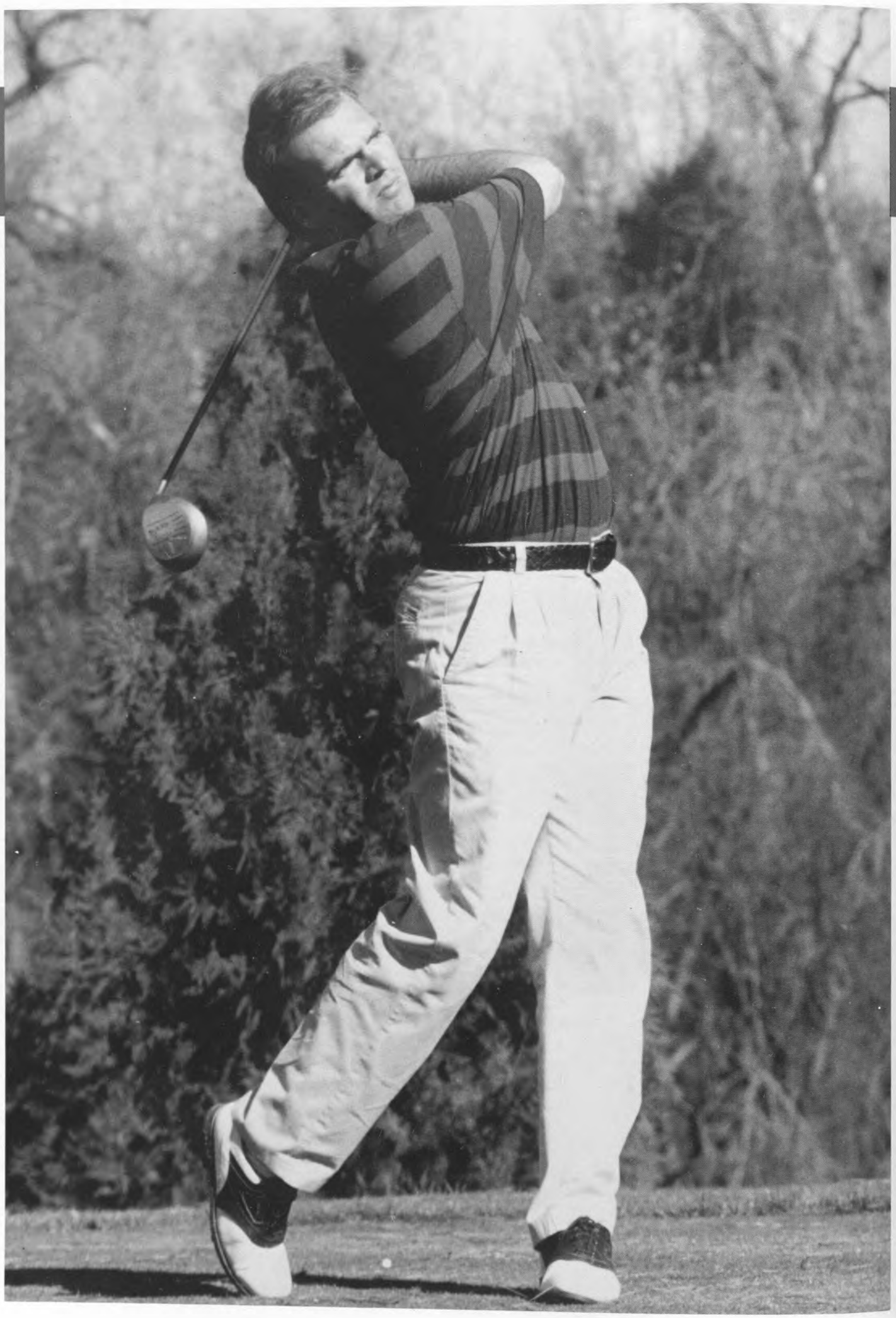
Golf



Top Left: Chris Holzshu finishes his swing and watches to see where his ball will drop. **Bottom Left:** Bryan Maxey tees off during one of the many tournaments attended by the golf team. **Above:** All-American Anders Hansen is U of H's star golfer. *Photo's by Sports Information.*



Top Left: Shawn Savage uses a pitching wedge to get the ball on the green. **Top Middle:** Chad Wellhausen looks on after driving the ball from the green. **Top Right:** Chris Borgen waits to see where his ball lands. **Above:** Jeff Burns takes a short swing to move the ball up near the hole. **Bottom Left:** Lance Combrink puts the ball from just off the green. *Photos by Sports Information.*

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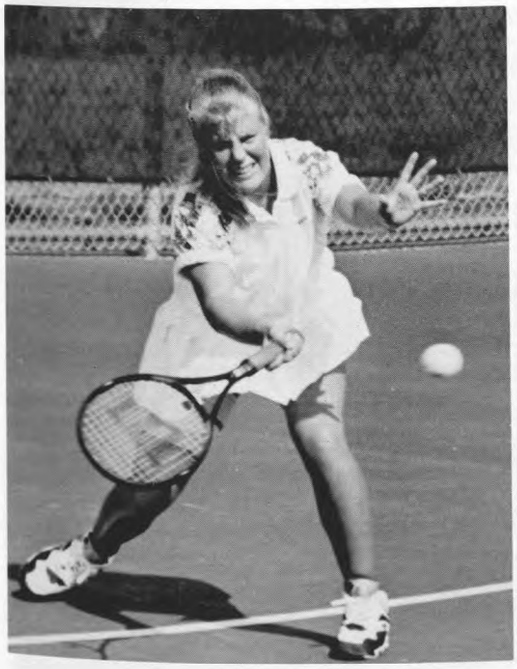

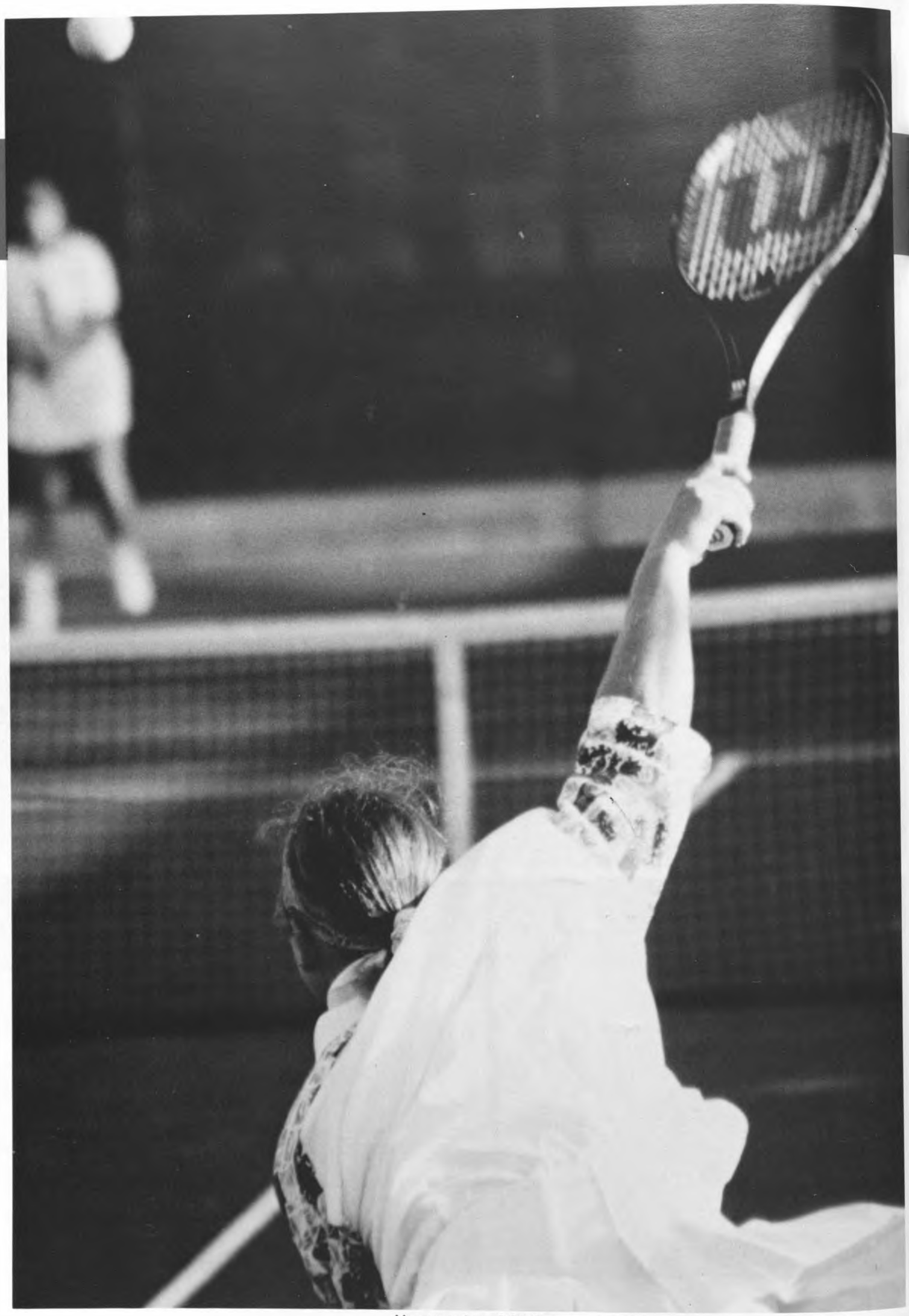

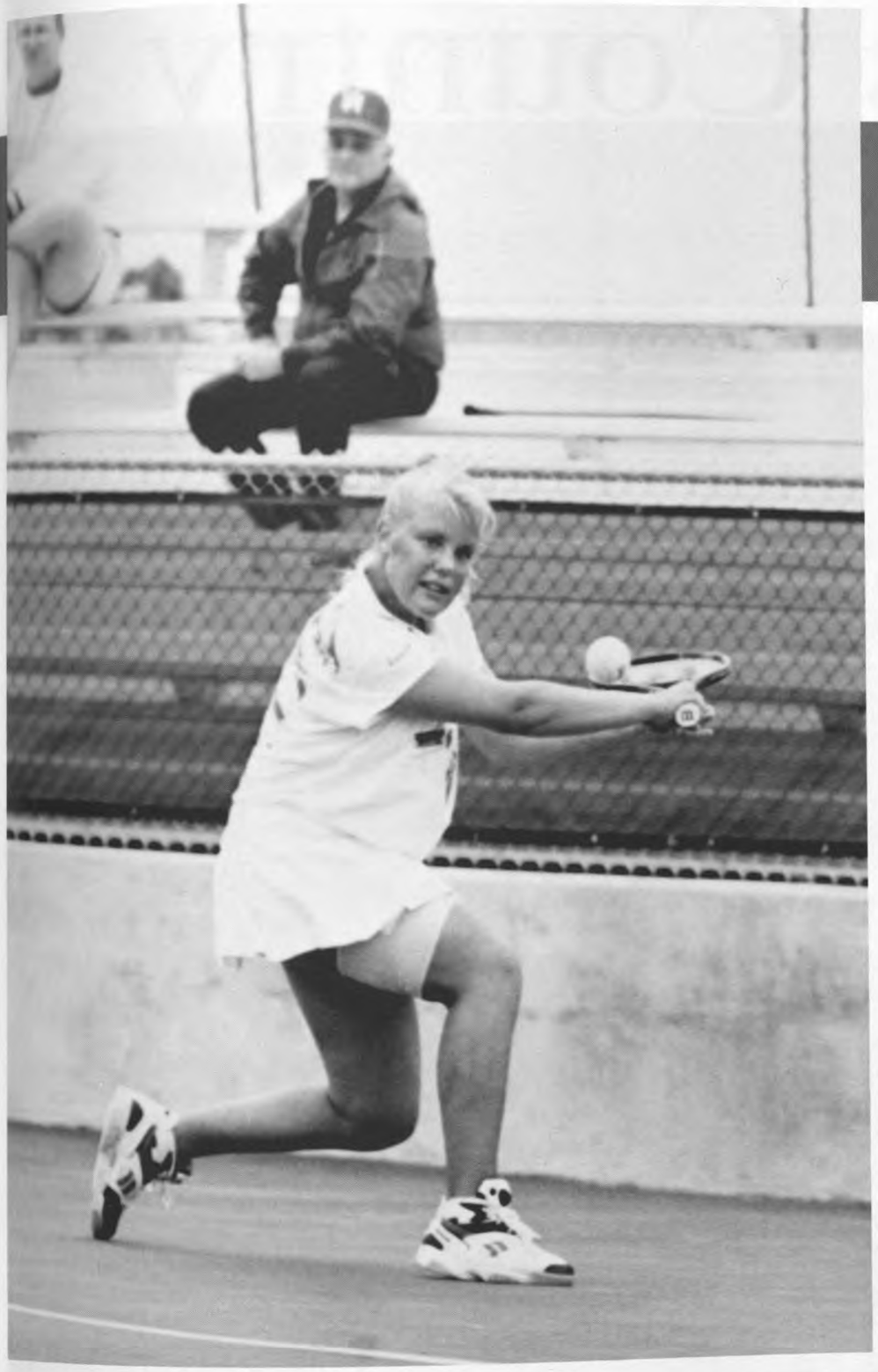

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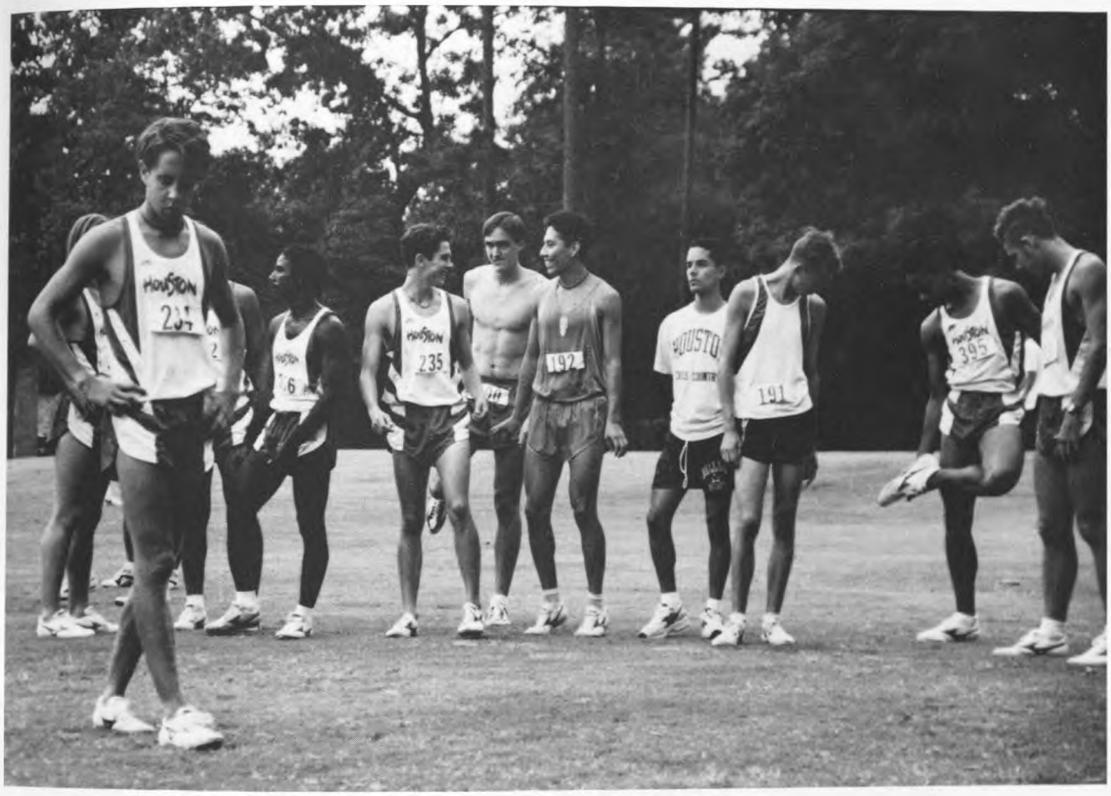

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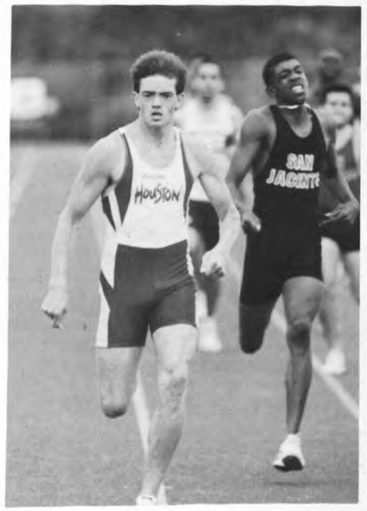

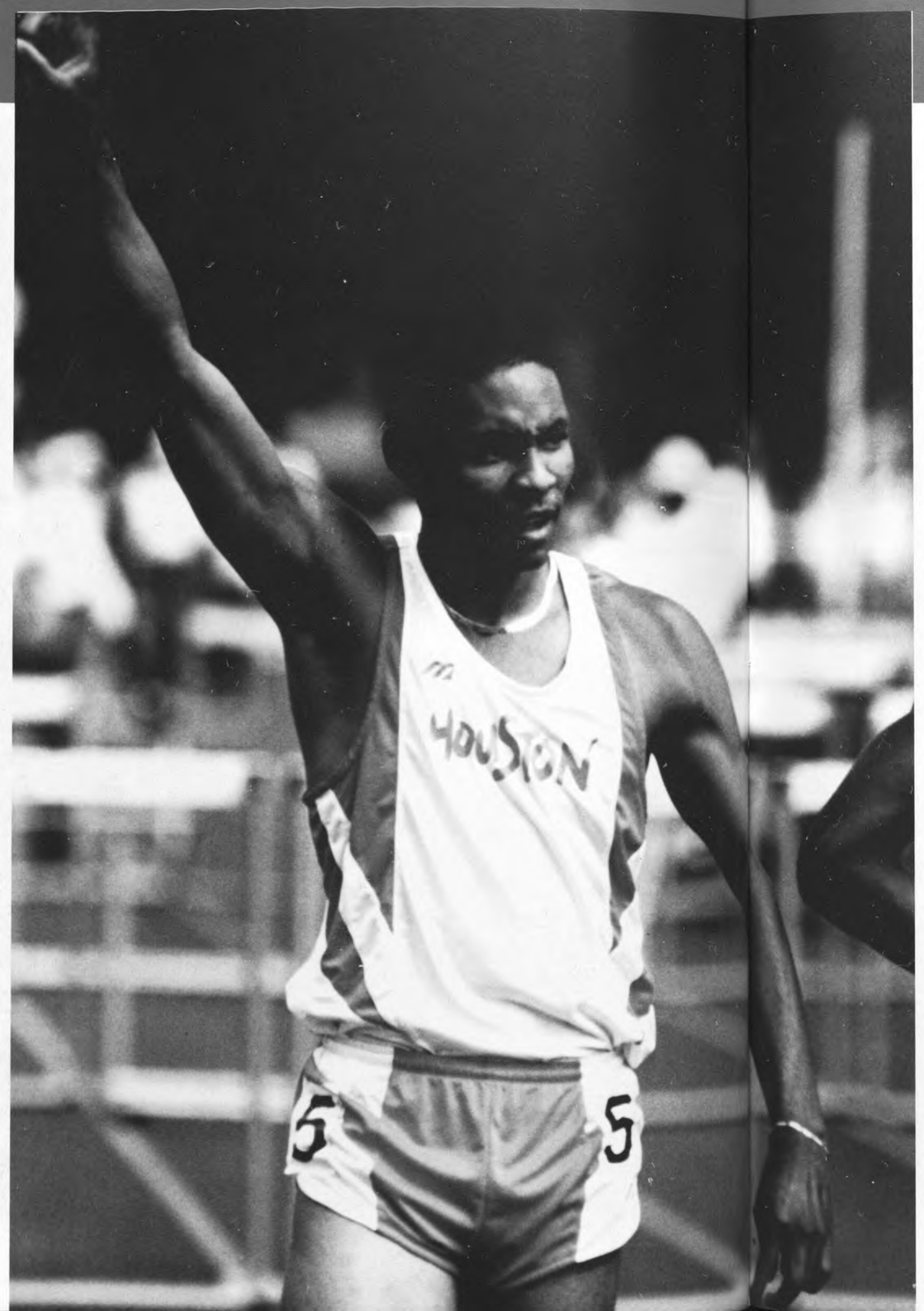

Opposite Page Top Left Photo: Sheddric Fields placed 6th. at the NCAA outdoors- long jump. Sheddric Fields is also an All-American. *photo Courtesy of Sports Information* **Opposite Page Bottom Left Photo:** Paul Lupi was the Southwest Conference Outdoors Champion in the 800 meters. *photo Courtesy of Sports Information* **Opposite Page Right Photo:** All-American Ubeja Anderson displays the "cougar paw" as he finished 3rd. in the nation in the NCAA's outdoor 110 high hurdles championship. *photo Courtesy of Sports Information* **This Page Top Right Photo:** Drexel Long enjoys a comfortable lead against the UCLA runner in the 4 x 100 meter relays. Miss Long was a NCAA qualifier. *photo Courtesy of Sports Information* **This Page Center Photo:** Miss Cynthia Jackson was also a NCAA qualifier in the 4 x 100 meter relays. *photo Courtesy of Sports Information* **This Page Bottom Photo:** Southwest Conference High Jump Champion Kenneth Bigger raises to new hights. *photo Courtesy of Sports Information*

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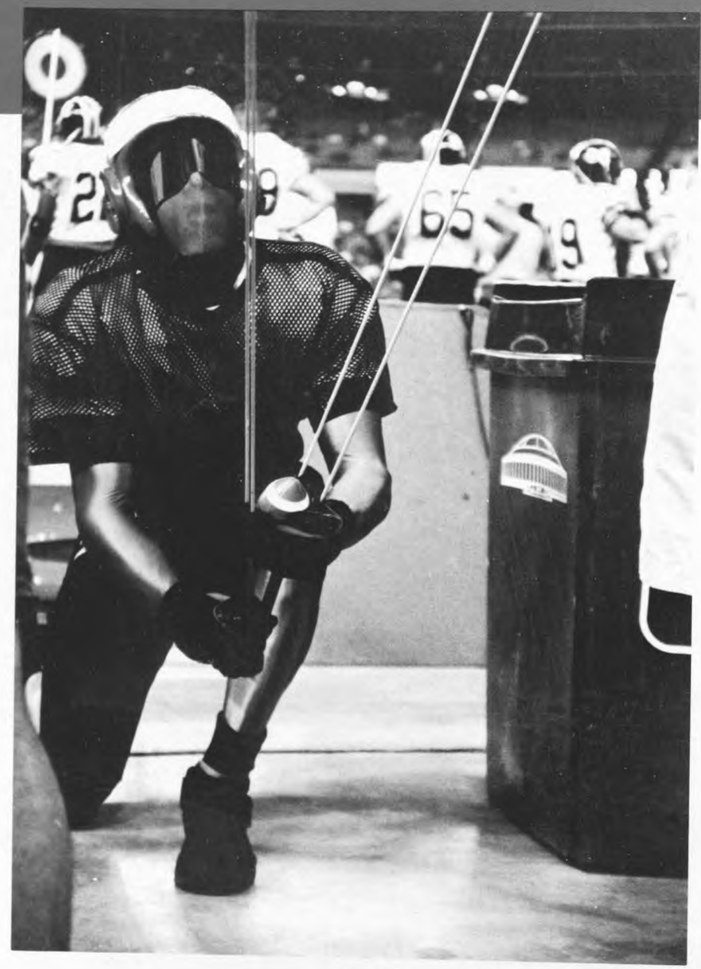

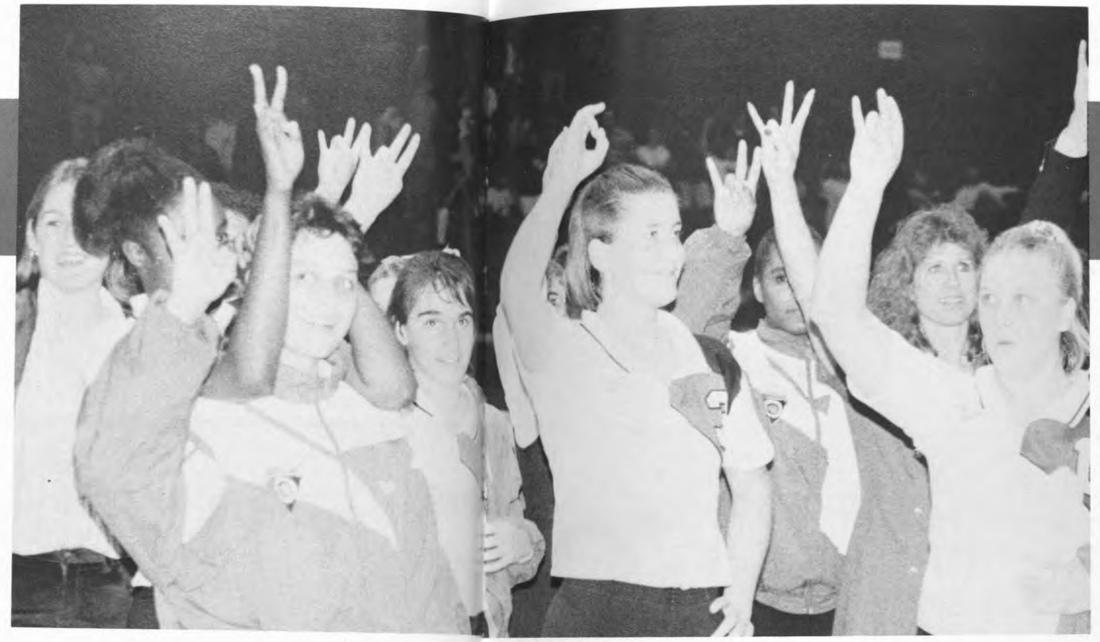

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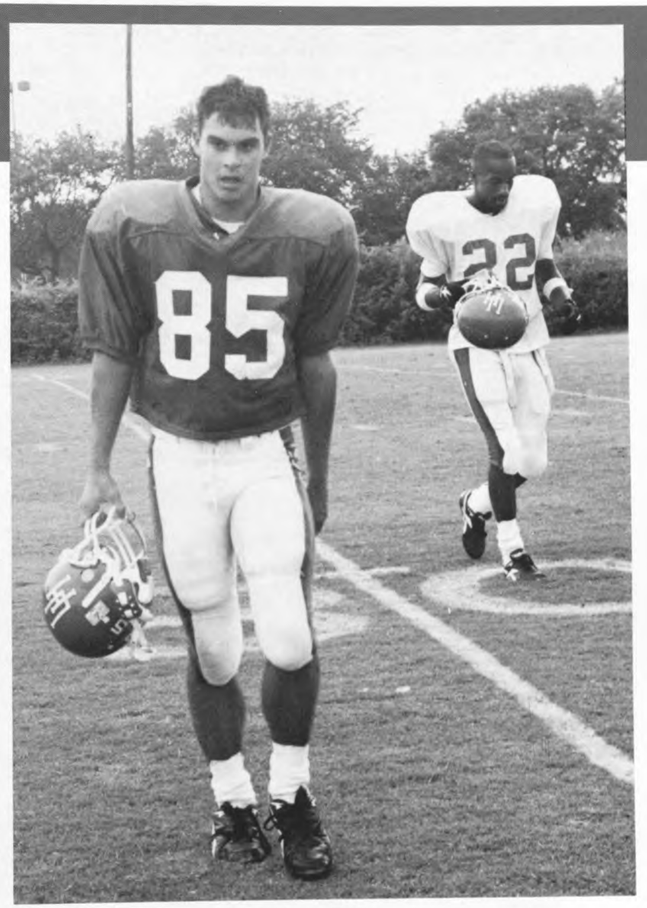
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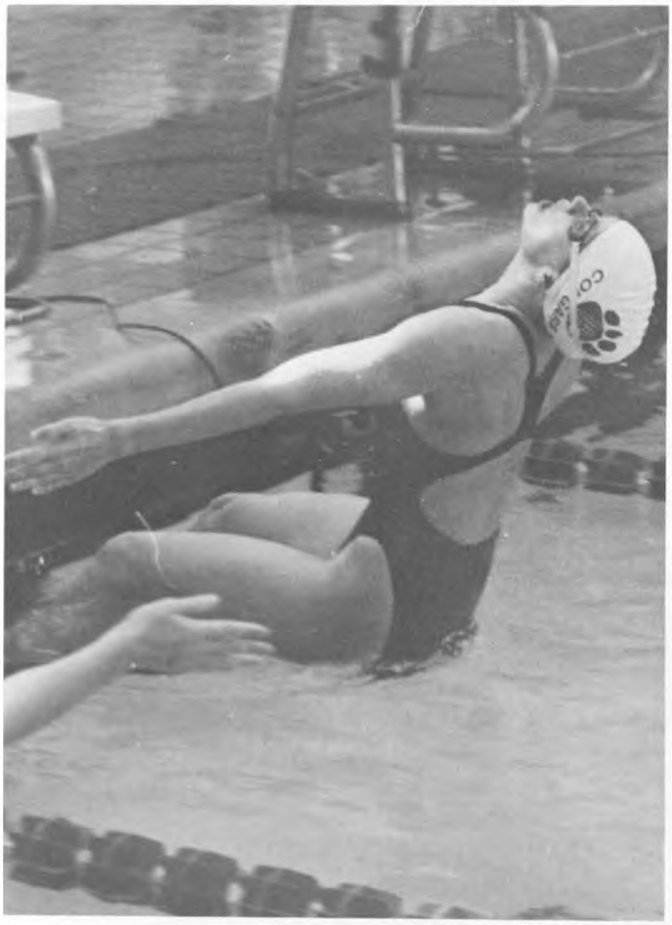
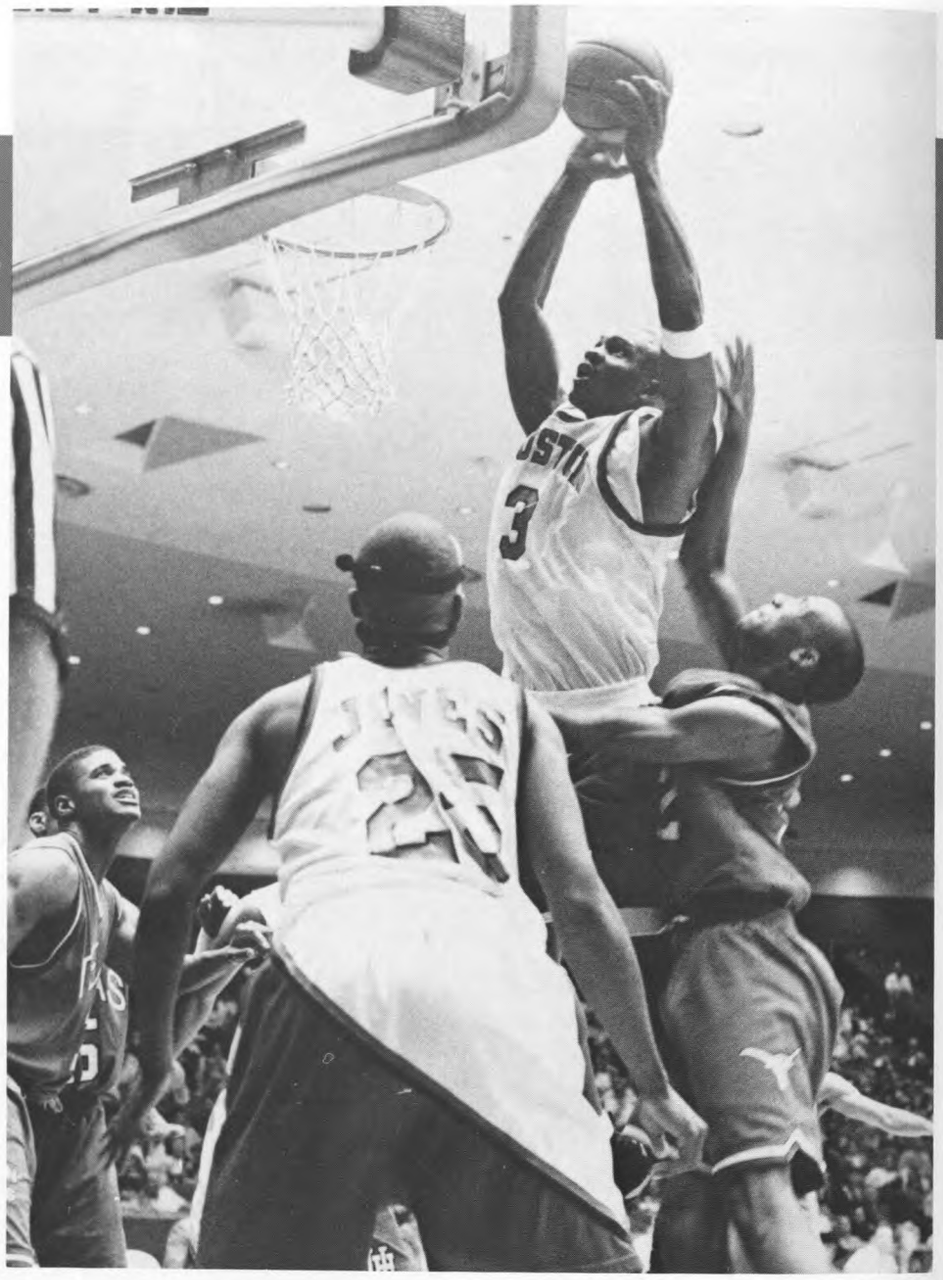
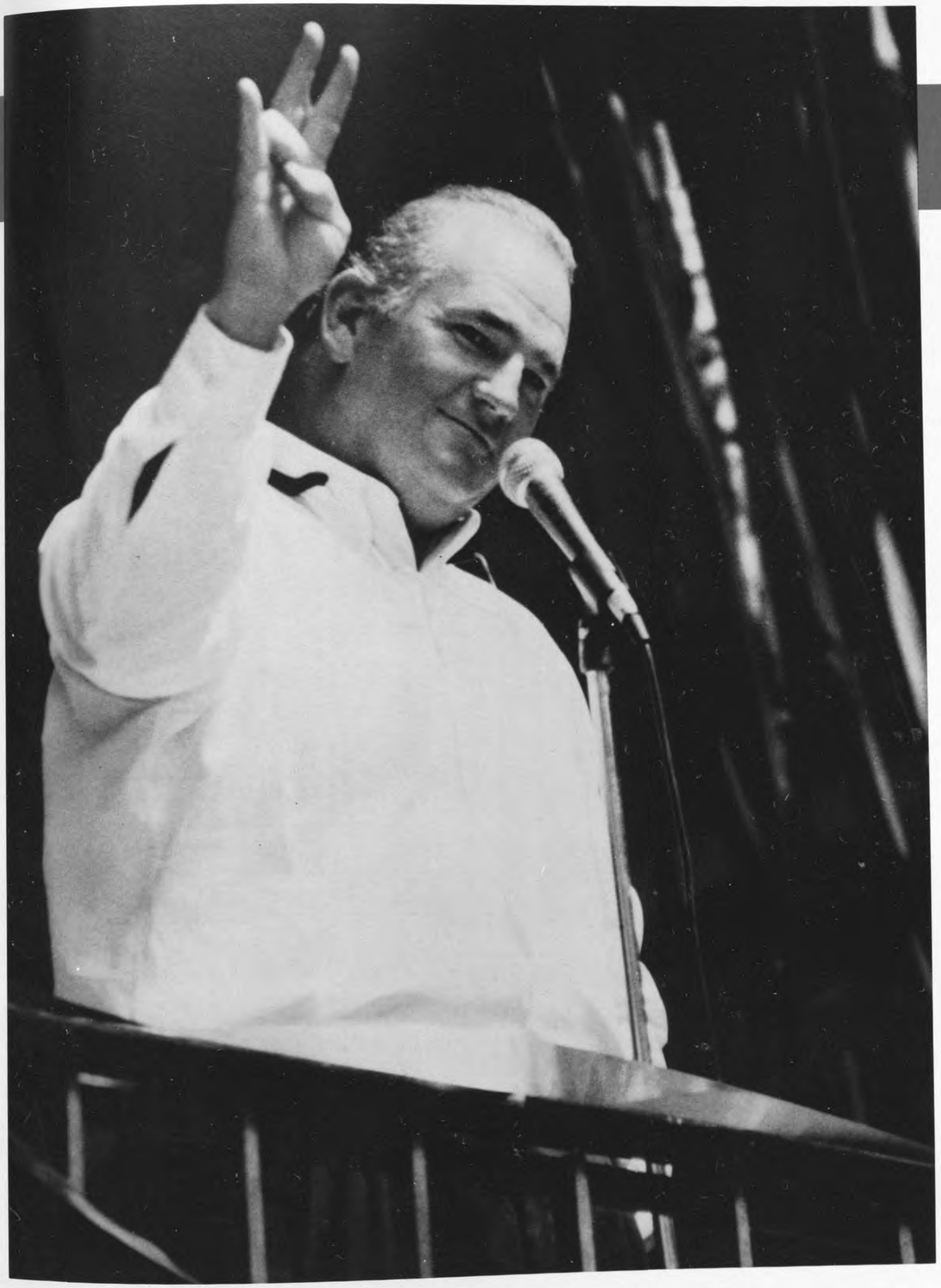






The first thing education teaches you is to walk alone.
–Alfred Aloysius Horn

The Classrooms

NATURAL SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

John L. Bears, Dean College of Natural Sciences and Mathmatics

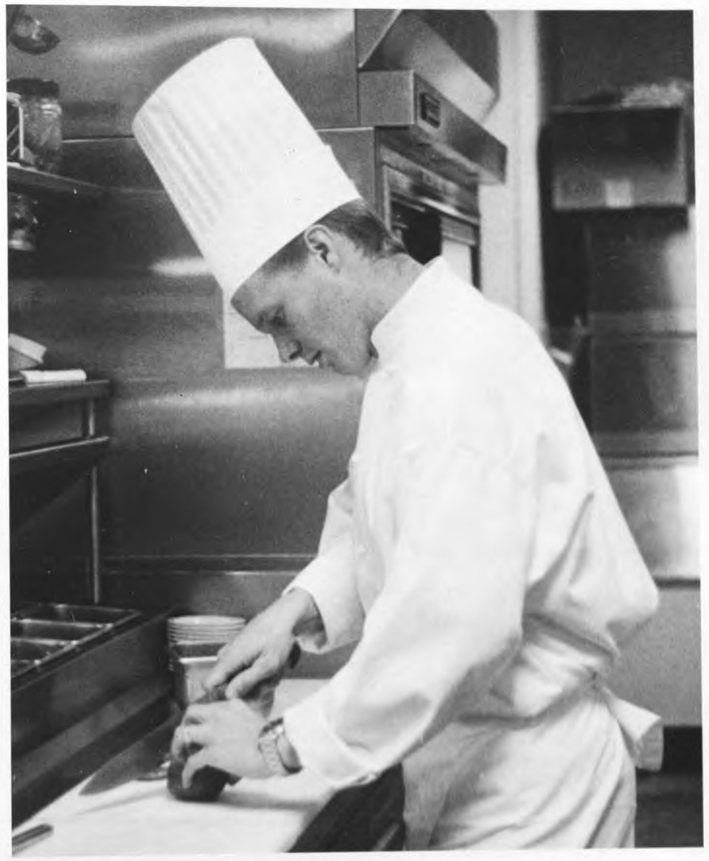
From Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Natural Science (n) – any of the sciences (physics, chemistry, or biology) that deal with matter, energy, and their interrelations and transformations or with objectively measurable phenomena; & Mathematics (n) – the science of numbers and their operations, interrelations, combinations, generalizations, and abstractions and of space configurations and their structure, measurement, and transformations.*

The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics consists of the following degree-granting departments: Biochemical and Biophysical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geosciences, Mathematics and Physics.

According to the 1993-1995 course curriculum catalog: The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics endorses and accepts two primary and coequal goals: 1. To provide a rich learning environment in which students may pursue programs of higher education that will advance their career objectives while at the same time instilling a broad perspective of society, a sense of values which will foster responsible participation in civil and public affairs, and the motivation to continue to learn and grow intellectually throughtout life. 2. To strive for exellence in the creation of new knowledge through the quality of its faculty and their creativity in research and scholarly activities, and through the quality of its academic programs, which integrate the knowledge of mankind into productive use and benefit.

LEFT: Christina Bui working on her chemistry project in Chem-Lab. TOP: Bailey Phung takes advantage of the quiet while working lat e at night. RIGHT: Don Henley, working on preparations at Bering's.

HOTEL/RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT



From Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Management (n) – the conducting or supervising something (as a business), Hotel (n) – an establishment that provides lodging and uses meals, entertainment, and various personal services for the public, Restaurant (n) – a public eating place.*

According to the 1993-1995 course curriculum catalog: The Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management was established to meet the demand for professional education in the increasingly complex hospitality industry. To satisfy this demand, the college prepares students for effective and profitable management roles in their chosen careers and offers a cultural experience that will aid them in taking their places as productive members of society... Hotel and restaurant management requires a diversity of skills from many disciplines, including accounting, computer science, economics, law, mathematics, and psychology. For this reason, the college emphasizes broad information skills, flexibility in abstract problem solving, and in-depth studies of specific disciplines.

The college is located in the $22.6 million Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management complex. It is considered to be the finest training facility in the world for hotel and restaurant management , offering students the most sophisticated equipment available.

Alan T. Stutts, Dean Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Mustafa Lokandwala, Dean College of Pharmacy

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Pharmacy (n) – the art or practice of preparing, preserving, compounding, and dispensing drugs.*

The 1993-1995 University of Houston Course Catalog says: The College of Pharmacy prepares individuals to function as members of the health care team. Those who enter the profession assume its important responsibilities, foremost of which are preparing, dispensing, and interpreting the clinical uses of medicines prescribed by physicians, dentists, podiatrists, and veterinarians. In addition to drug preparation, storage, distribution, and therapeutic monitoring, pharmacists also are responsible for providing therapeutic drug information to their patients and to the health care team. Pharmacists serve as health information specialists for their communities as well as drug information specialists for all health professions. With the continuing development of new drugs and the expansion of medical services, the field provides an exciting future for pharmacists.

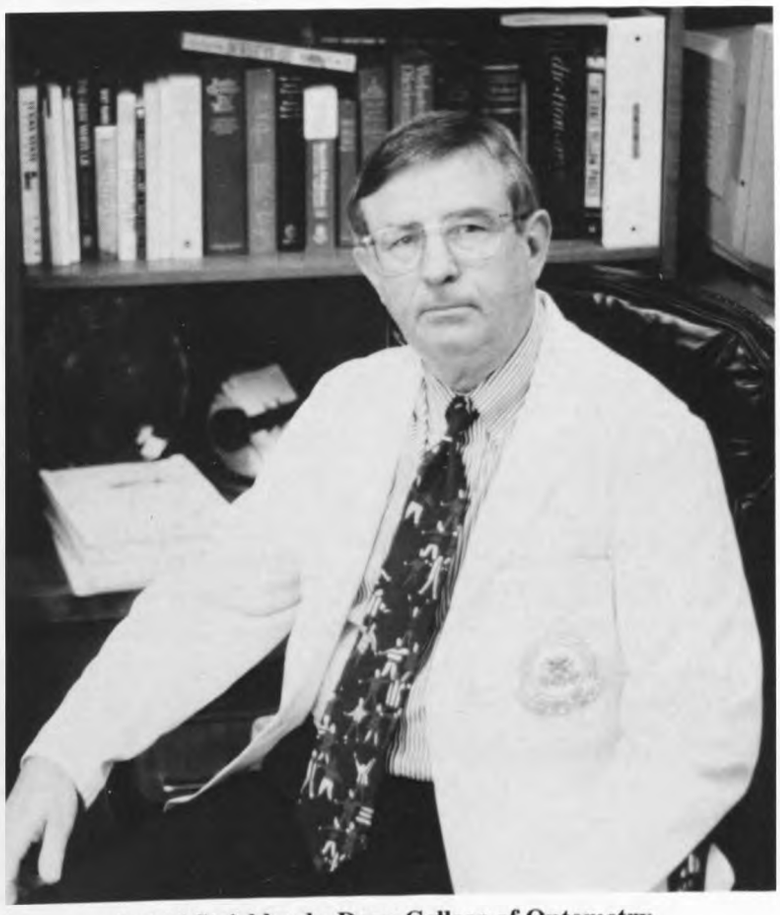
RIGHT: Jacqueline King and Marcus Jones both third year optometry students mess caught messing around with the eye equipment.

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Optometry (n) – the art or profession of examining the eye for defects and faults of refraction and prescribing correctional lenses or exercises but not drugs or surgery.*

The 1993-1995 University of Houston Course Catalog says: Optometrists are health care practitioners who have appropriate knowledge, skills, and competence to deliver primary eye and vision care. Part of their role is to detect early signs of neurological, behavioral, and systemic health problems and refer affected patients to professionals prepared to serve them. Counseling patients on good health habits and managing curative or preventive regimens in consultations with other health practitioners are also part of an optometrist's work.

Graduates of the four-year professional program leading to the Doctor of Optometry degree may enter family practice or serve in multidisciplinary primary care clinics. They also find careers in public health, teaching and research, and in health administration. Residencies are available in pediatric, rehabilitative, or hospital-based optometry. . . Special services for children, the elderly, and the partially sighted also may be part of an optometry career. Helping to care for vision, our most treasured sense, makes optometry a rewarding profession for students interested in a health career.



Jerald Stricklands, Dean College of Optometry

HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS

James W. Pipkin, Dean College Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Humanities (n) – the branches of learning having primarily a cultural character & Fine Arts (n) – art (as painting, sculpture, or music) concerned primarily with the creation of beautiful objects. & Communication (n) – a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior.*

The 1993-1995 University of Houston Course Catalog says: The College of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Communication offers courses that explore human experience as reflected in literature, language, history, philosophy, and the arts. The study of these disciplines is designed to broaden the students' understanding of life, to contribute to their self-fulfillment, and to prepare them for meaningful roles in society. These disciplines, together with those in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the college of Social Sciences, constitute the traditional liberal arts curriculum of the university.

The curricula in the departments of the college are flexible and encourage students to pursue a variety of intellectual interests while studying a specific area in greater depth the college also offers pre-professional training in the humanities, fine arts, and communication that lead to a wide range of careers in such fields such as education, law, business, and government.

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Architecture (n) – the art or science of building, specifically: the art or practice of designing and building structures and especially habitable ones.*

The 1993-1995 University of Houston Course Catalog says: As a shaper of visual and physical environments, the architect has a long-lasting influence upon peopland society. The College of Architecture provides students with the broad and comprehensive education necessary for a professional career as an architect. The program emphasizes architectural theory and design.

The College of Architecture offers many opportunities for students to be involved in classes and research programs which are of special significance to the community and the profession. These activities are found within the institutes and centers of the college and include: The Center for Historic Preservation and Adaptive Use, The Community Design Resource Center, The Computer Design Center, The Sasakawa International Center for Space Architecture, The Environmental Center, and The Urban Ecology and Landscape Architecture Center. The College also offers opportunities to travel abroad to France, England, or Russia to study the field of architecture in a different cultural environment.

Robert Timme, Dean College of Architecture

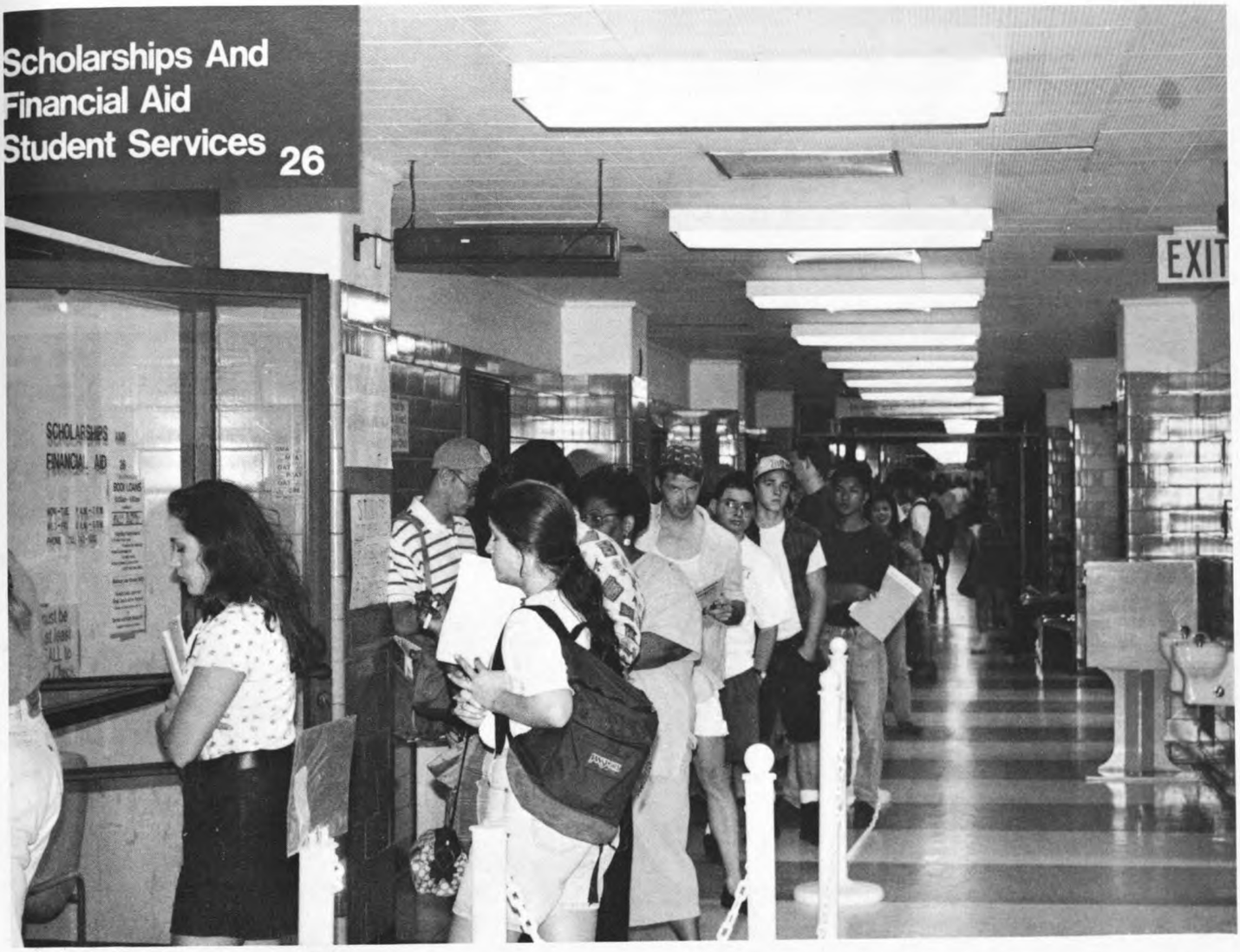
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

John M. Ivancevich, Dean College of Business Administration

From Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Business Administration (n) A college-level course offering instruction in general business principles and practices.*

The College of Business Administration consists of Accounting and Taxation, Desision and Information Sciences, Finance, Management and Marketing.

According to the 1993-1995 course curriculum catalog: The College of Business Administration offers programs of study preparing its graduates for careers in the decision-making process of private firms and public organizations.

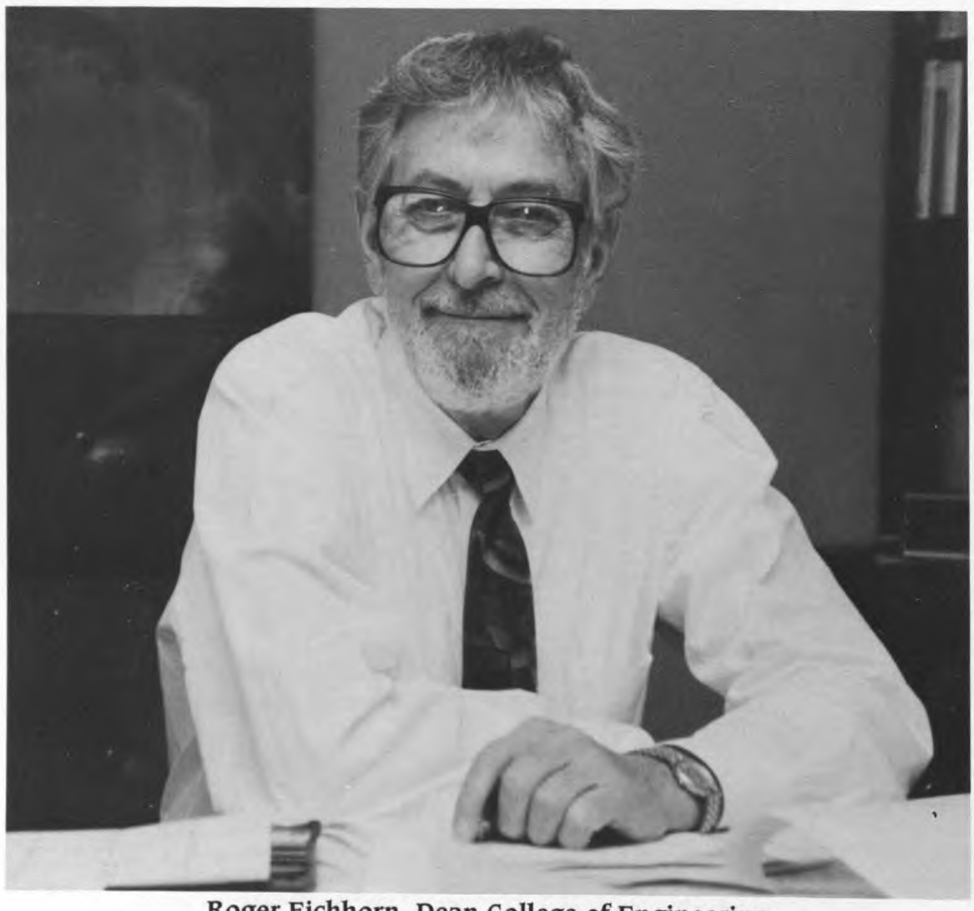


From Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Education (n) The study of the teaching and learning process.*

According to the 1993-1995 course curriculum catalog: The College of Education promotes the development of an educational system adequate for and responsive to a rapidly changing society. The college is commited to the preparation of teachers, counselors, school and higher education administrators and professionals for a wide variety of educational settings, including social agencies, business and government.

This page top right: A yearly dreaded ritual, standing in long lines for long periods of time trying to get their financial aid.

Allen R. Warner, Dean College of Education



Roger Eichhorn, Dean College of Engineering

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Engineering (n) The application of scientific principles to practical purposes, as the design, construction and operation of efficient and economical structures, equipment and systems.*

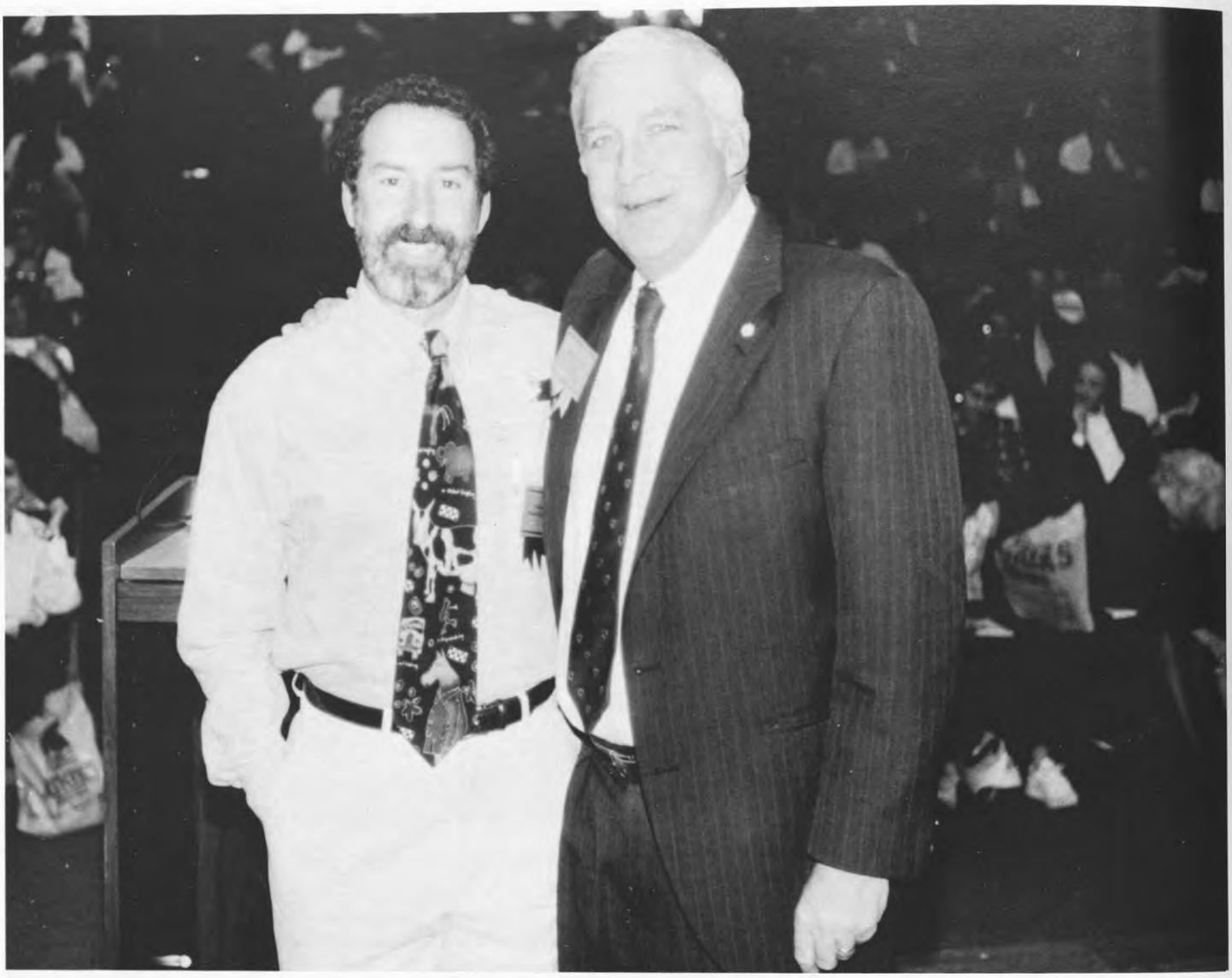
The 1993-1995 University of Houston Course Catalog says: The College of Engineering devise creative applications of scientific principles for the betterment of society through technological development. They do this by discovering methods of transforming resources inot useful products, systems and services that are used in every facet of life: housing, transportation, space explortation, medicine, manufacturing and automation and communications. The marvels of engineering are everywhere.

An engineer bridges the gap between basic scientific research and industrial applications, helping to bring innovative ideas into society to benefit everyone.

HONORS COLLEGE

Ted L. Estess, Dean Honors College

Top photo left: Belen Robles, LULAC's first female president, lectures about "The New Latino" during Latino Heritage month. **Top photo right:** Students hanging on every word Professor Leiber says during his Philosophy class lecture.



Raymond T. Nimmer, Dean Law Center

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *Law (n) The science or study of the rules established by authority, society or custom.*

The 1993-1995 University of Houston Course Catalog says: The study of law is both a professional program and an academic discipline. The Law Center seeks not only to provide training in substantive areas of the law, but also create an understanding of the role and function of law in society. Because the primary concern of a lawyer is conflict resolution, the Law Center emphasizes training that enables students to identify the critical issues that create conflict and to advise clients regarding conflict resolution. The process includes both planning to avoid problems and participating in various methods to solve them. The Law Center aims to develope technical competence in drafting, negotiating and litigating, and it further aims to develop an understanding of the law in various fields and of the process by which law is formed and changed. The presence of other academic disiplines at the University of Houston supports the legal education objectives of the Law Center.

Opposite page top left: Richard Alderman the people's lawyer poses with President James Pickering after a "Know Your Rights" lecture.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *social science (n) Any of the sciences, such as sociology, psychology or anthropology, that study society or the relationships between the individual and society.*

The 1993-1995 University of Houston Course Catalog says: The primary goal of education is intellectual development. Although a good college serves other social and moral ends as well, the ultimate basis for assessment is whether its graduates have learned to think for themeselves, to analyze and to achieve independent judgement. Asecond but not secondary goal of the college involves much more than education. It involves discovery of truth and new knowledge and a dedication to seeking both.

The social sciences are those disciplines and their interactions concerned with developing a scientific knowledge of social beings. Collectively, the social sciences present human beings and their activities as appropriate subjects for rational inquiry and prediction and as capable of a degree of conscious self-management.

John L. Bear, Dean College of Social Sciences

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Karen S. Haynes, Dean Graduate School of Social Work

From Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *social work (n) Organized public efforts to aid the poor and counsel those with special problems.*

According to the 1993-1995 course curriculum catalog: Social work practice is concerned with promoting the well-being of all persons, ameliorating the harmful effects of unhealthy social environment and striving to achieve social justice.

In line with the diverse types and causes of human problems, as well as the diverse populations whom these problems affect.

Social worker may be employed in social service agencies, counseling centers, hospitols, hospices, prisons and probation centers, corporate employee assistance programs, half-way houses, educational institutions, churches and the political arens.

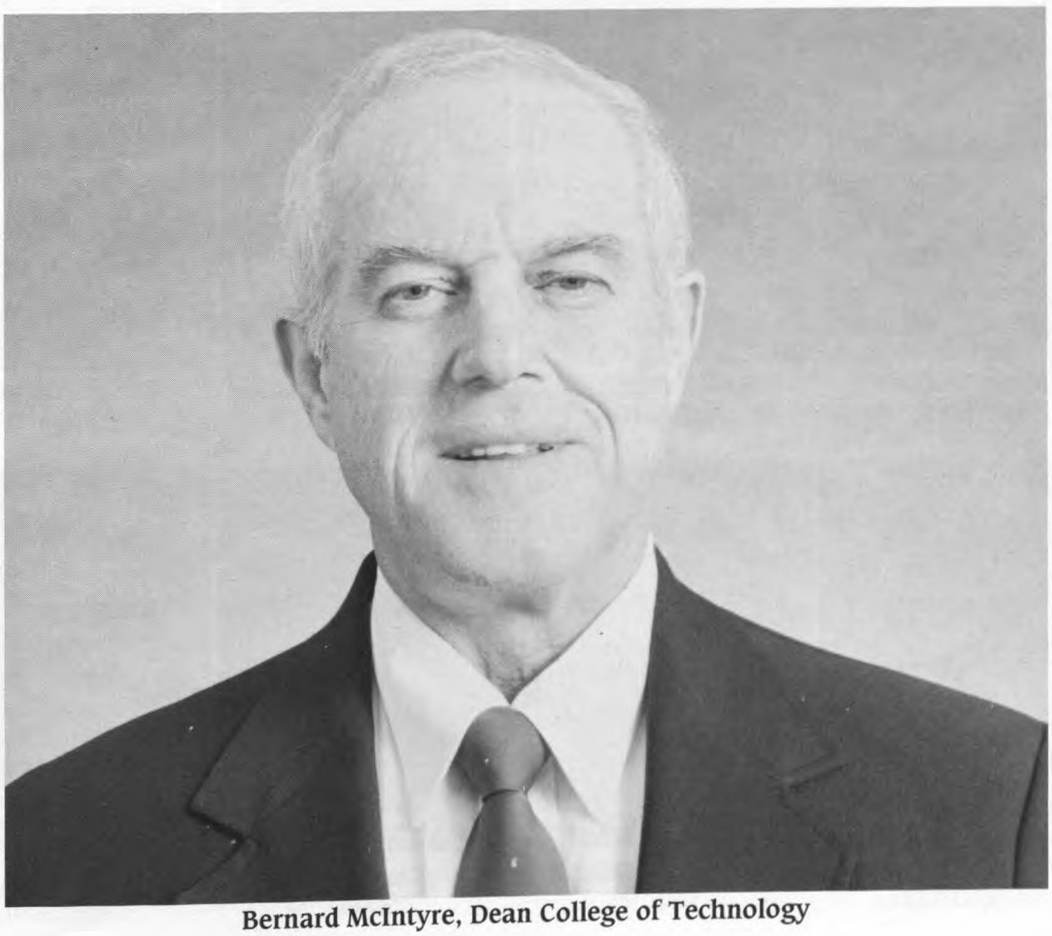
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

From Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary: *technology (n) The application of science, especially in industry or commerce.*

According to the 1993-1995 course curriculum catalog: The goal of the College of Technology is to promote a broader understanding of technology amoung the general population and, in particular, amoung the Houston work force. The college has attained national and international recognition for its accomplishments.

Because technology is a specialized undertaking, the college offers programs in many areas. They fall into four categories: engineering technology, human development and consumer sciences, industrial technology and technical education.

Top left photo: The Consumer's Week job fair gave chances for students to interact with would be employers. **Top right photo:** Students experience some thing new- free food on campus. As part of ARA' student appreciation week students were treated to free food.



Bernard McIntyre, Dean College of Technology

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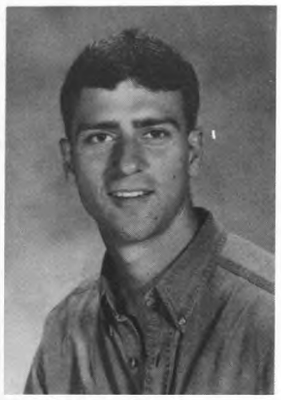

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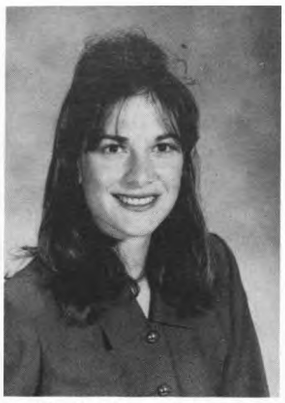

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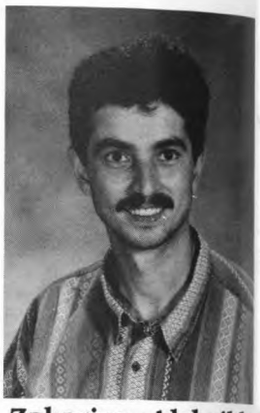

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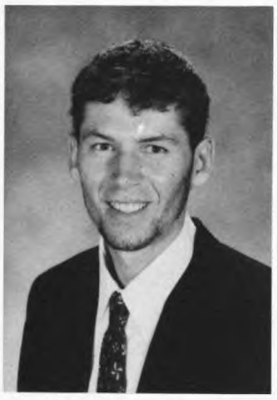

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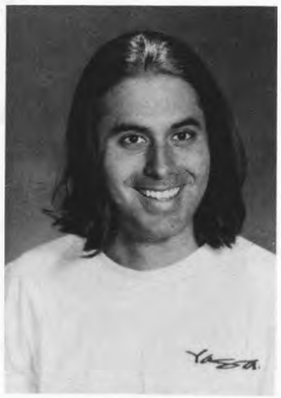

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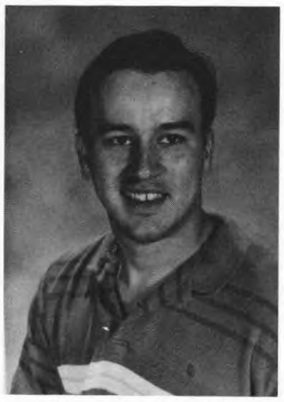

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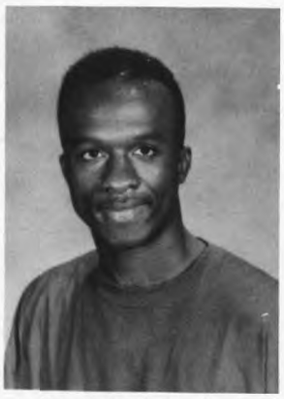

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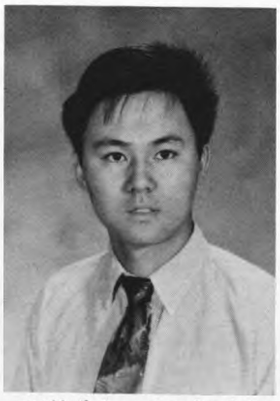

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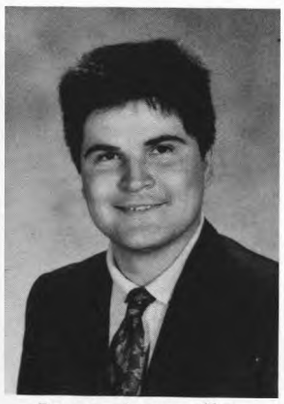

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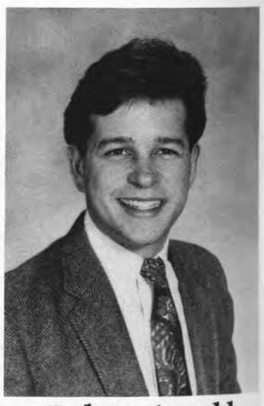

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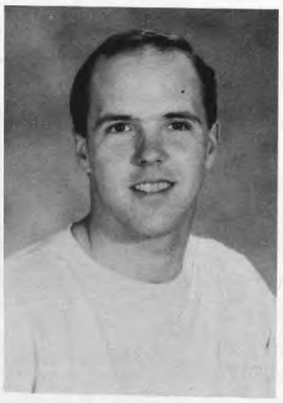

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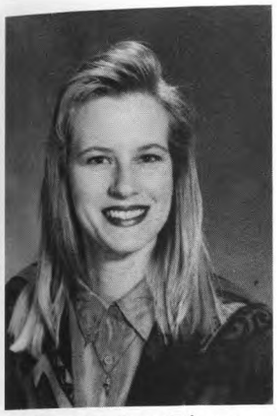

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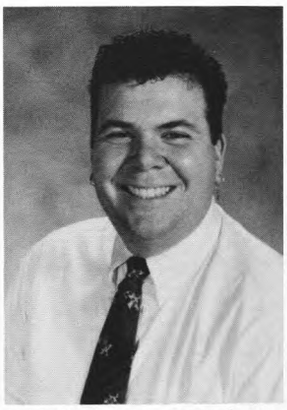

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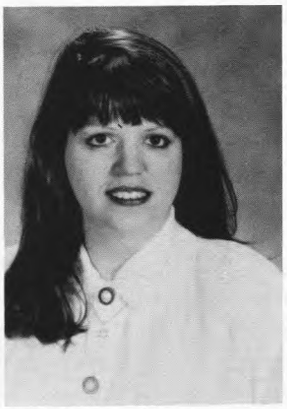

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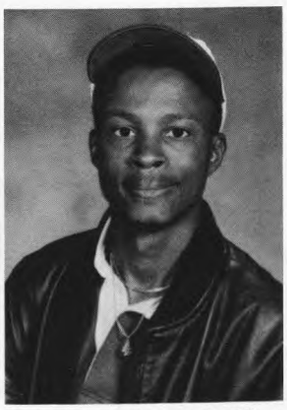

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Glen Carle
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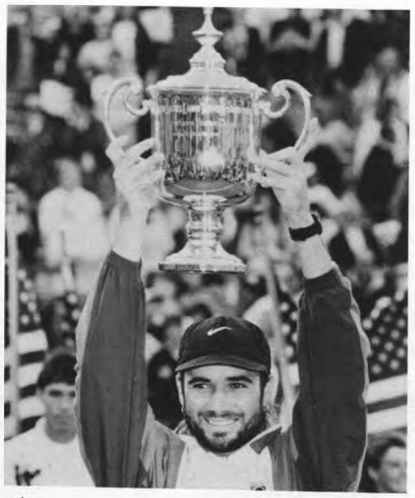
◀**Nelson Mandela** was elected to govern the violent country of South Africa. The 76-year-old leader won the country's first all-race election after more than a century of white rule. He was the first black South African leader. At the ceremonies, whites stumbled over the words of a new national anthem. A new flag flew. Mandela won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize and has been applauded for leading his country through a peaceful revolution many had thought was impossible. Now there is hope of truly dismantling of apartheid.

Nancy, Tonya, Olympics...

One night in February in frigid Lillehammer, Norway, at the Winter Games were Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding. Six weeks until showtime and Nancy gets knocked in the knee, and it turns out that Tonya and her gang was behind the ordeal. It was a big ordeal spread all over the media about will Tonya compete or won't she. They shared the ice during practice. Tonya competed and her broker bootlace plummets her to eighth place. Nancy finishes second.



▲**Andre Agassi** was the people's choice at the U.S. Open Tennis Championship in New York. It was an easy win against Michael Stinch of Germany. The 24-year-old Agassi became the first unseeded player to win the crown since **Fred Stolle** in 1966 and only the third in the 114-year history of the tournament. It was Agassi's first U.S. Open title.

Deadly Weapon...

Ignacio Perea, Jr., knowing he was HIV-positive, raped an 11-year-old boy and was convicted of attempted murder-the AIDS virus was cited as his lethal weapon.

Tropical Storm Alberto hit the South, and the Georgia floods made history. The storm unloaded more than 20 inches of rain and caused flooding that killed 31 people. Forty-nine counties were declared federal disaster areas and about 46,000 people were driven from their homes. In Albany, 30,000 people were evacuated and 9,200 houses and apartments were damaged or destroyed. ▼

Earthquake...

Just before dawn on January 17, 1994 the city of Los Angeles and the lives of those who lived there were shaken by an earthquake with a magnitude 6.7. People who locked their doors every night slept outside next to strangers. Distressing sights like the fallen Santa Monica Freeway showed just how severe the disaster was. The death of 61 people weighed heavily upon the living.

Raising Cane...

In Singapore, American teenager Michael Fay was caned four times as punishment for vandalism, despite pleas from his family and President Clinton.

Clearing the air...

Richard Gere and **Cindy Crawford** ran an ad in *The Times* of London declaring themselves "heterosexual and monogamous," but by year's end the marriage seemed to be over.

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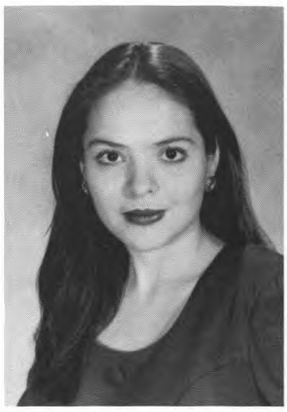

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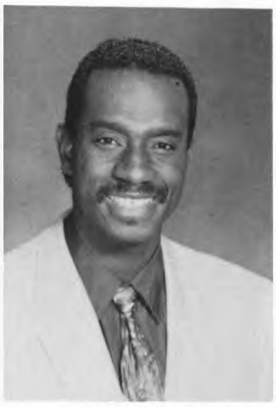

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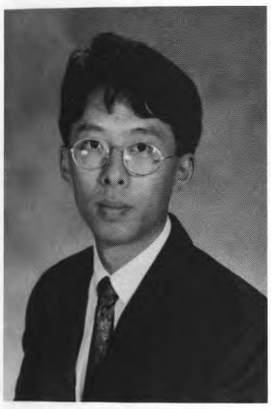

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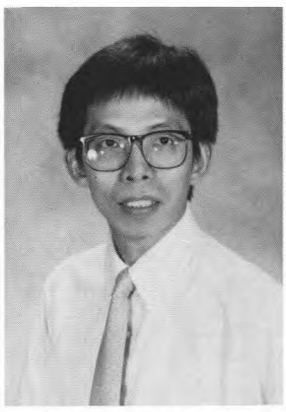

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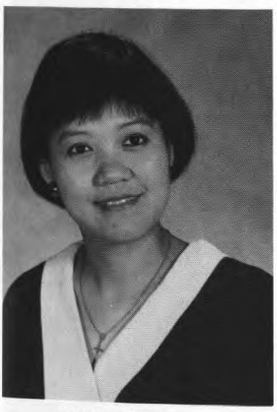

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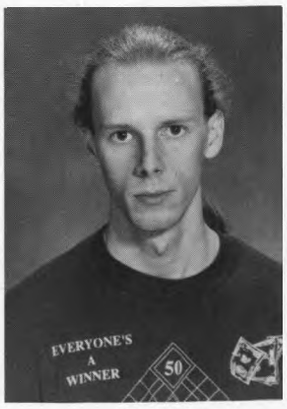

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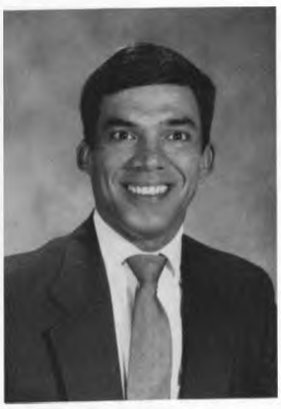

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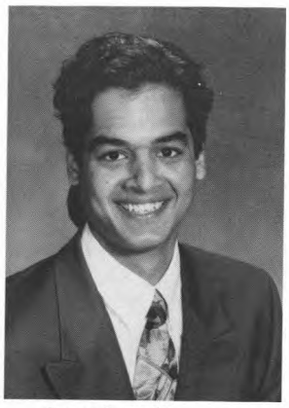

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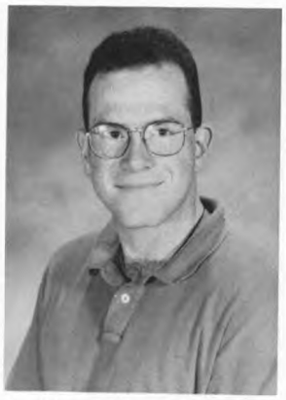

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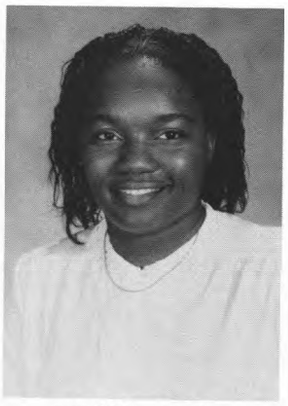

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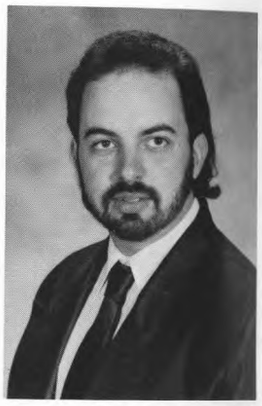

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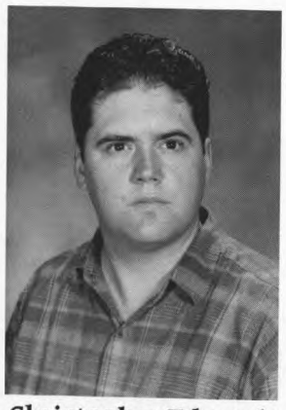

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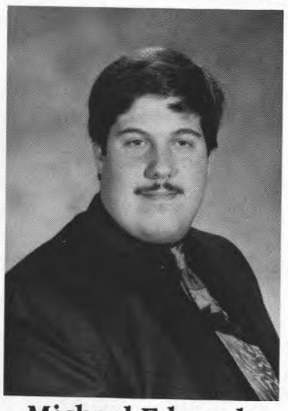

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peace, poverty, elections, earthquakes, voices, victories, floods, freedom, deception, disaster

Gay And Lesbian Rights...

Not since 1969's Stonewall uprising had the gay and lesbian rights come to the forefront. Stonewall was the New York City riot that is often cited as the beginning of the movement. The mile-long "unity" flag was seen as their symbol and this summer commemorated Stonewall. Those who took part in the Manhattan parade had other things besides the 25th anniversary of Stonewall to celebrate this year: The Supreme Court of Colorado reversed that state's antigay legislation; voters in Oregon and Idaho defeated antigay measures; a record 40 countries were represented at the 1994 Gay Games, for which President Clinton waived a visa rule to allow HIV-positive foreigners to participate. Still, joy was tempered with sadness and anger as the gay community mourned those lost to AIDS, the elusive cure for which remains unseen at the far end of the rainbow.

After years of sparring between the Huitus and the Tutsi minority in the African country of **Rwanda**, a peace accord was signed in 1993. But in late spring more than a million refugees were forced to flee to Zaire and other neighboring countries a year later after the victory of the mainly Tutsi Rwanda Patriotic Front. Rivers carried a tide of bodies; bloodied corpses lined the streets of Kigali. Disease killed thousand of refugees in several camps. But the United Nations says massacres left more than 500,000 dead. Five times that many fled to Tanzania or to Zaire and refugee camps grew to rival cities in population.

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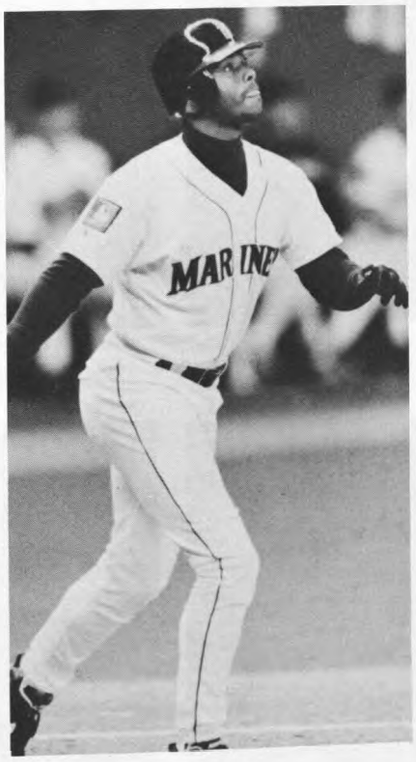
Peace in the Middle East...

After 46 years as enemies, Israel and Jordan made peace and all but ended the threat of another war between the Jewish state and its Arab neighbor. With President Bill Clinton presiding at a White House **Mideast Peace** ceremony, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan met in public for the first time, shook hands and signed "The Washington Declaration" that announced: "the long conflict between the two states is now coming to an end. In this spirit the state of belligerency between Israel and Jordan has been terminated."



Ken Griffey, Jr. of the Seattle Mariners was well on his way to breaking Roger Maris' homerun record of 61 when the baseball season came to an abrupt end. No World Series. No Ken Griffey Jr. homerun record. He's looking to the 1995 season to find a big place in the record books.

Baseball Stike...

The **Baseball Season** ended early in 1994. The players went on strike in August and a month later the owners voted to cancel the remainder of the regular season, including the playoffs and the World Series. It was the eighth strike in 23 seasons. The dispute centered on the owner's demand to create cost controls through a salary cap. The players wouldn't accept it and went on strike. It was the first time since 1904 that the World Series, which had survived world wars and an earthquake since its inception in 1903, was not played.

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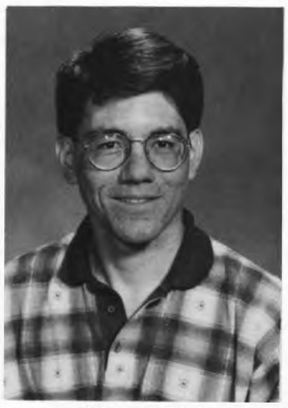

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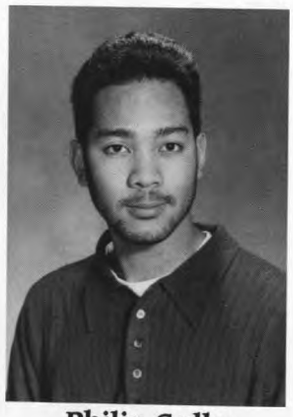

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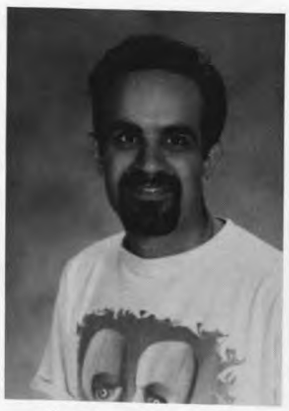

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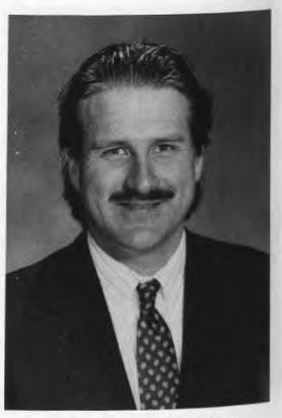

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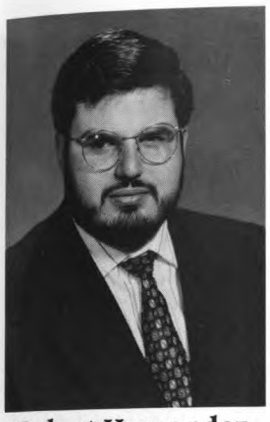

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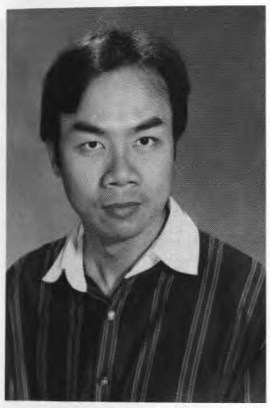

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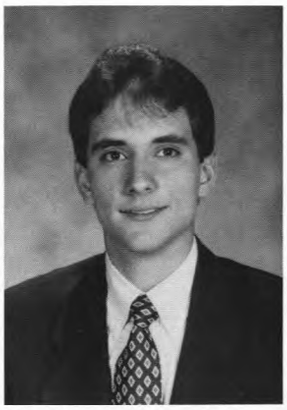

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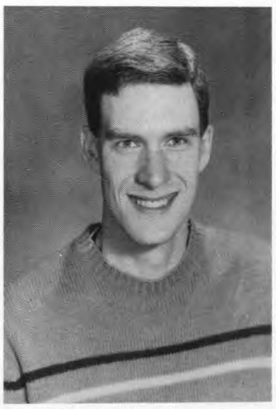

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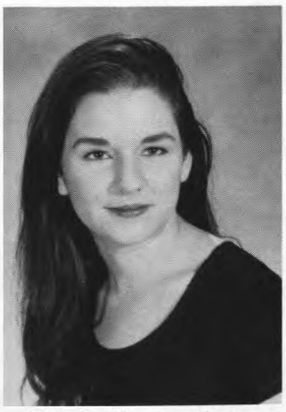

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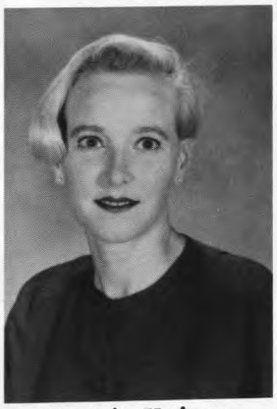

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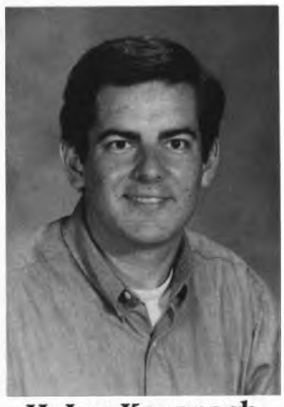

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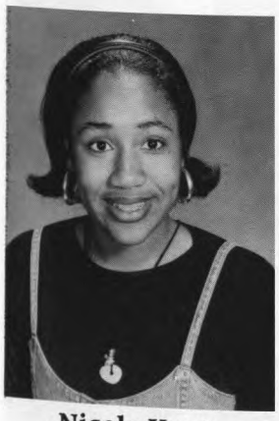

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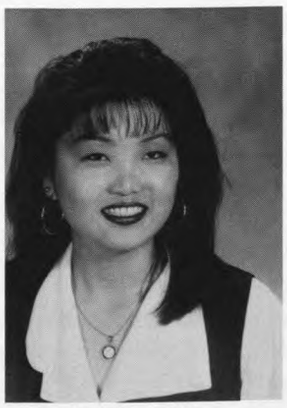

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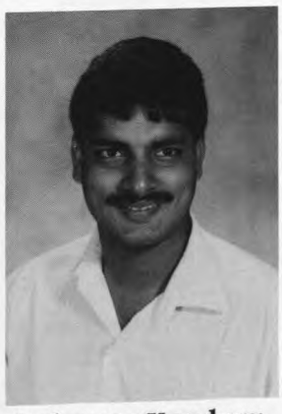

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1994-1995

Hollywood, hunger, movies, murder, lies, livelihood, refuge, racism, politics, poverty

◀The **Beastie Boys** matured from brats to pop stars, making their way through hip-hop, punk rock, jazz and the 1970s-style funk. Their current hit album, "Ill Communications" is their fourth and, according to many critics, their best album. One review of the album said: "It is a 20-song collection that showcases the group at its best. The Beastie Boys display their diverse sound in an album peppered with punk and spiced with several 1970s-esque instrumentals."

Melting Pot Fill...

At the start of 1994, the U.S. registered a one-year population growth of 2.7 million. Almost a third of this increase was due to immigration, the largest such flux since 1914.

Rainbow not Rap...

At a national conference of **Jesse Jackson's** Rainbow Coalition in Washington, D.C. the music known as gangsta rap was denounced for promoting violence in black culture.

Bled Dry...

The Red Cross made its first-ever national emergency appeal after harsh winter weather and flu outbreaks in 17 states led to critically low levels of available blood.

At 31, **Jerry Rice** had the National Football League record for career touchdowns. And then, the 10-year pro with the San Francisco 49ers became the league's all-time touchdown scoring leader. His two touchdown receptions and 23-yard scoring run in the season-opening 44-14 victory against the L.A. Raiders increased his career total to 127. That was one more than Jim Brown had when he retired in 1965 after nine seasons with the Cleveland Browns.

Newt Gingrich, a conservative congressman from Georgia, was election as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. As the leader of the new Republic-controlled Congress, Gingrich set forth his "Contract With America" that included welfare reform, middle-class tax cuts, Congressional term limits and legal reform. When Congress convened on January 4, 1995, Gingrich promised that "we're going to do marvelous things in '95." ▼

Kids Who Kill...

When 14-year-old Eric Smith bludgeoned and strangled a four-year-old boy it was not an isolated case. His actions were part of a disturbing trend of kids who kill. In Chicago an 11-year-old boy killed a girl, 14, and then was executed by his own gang. Weeks later, in the same city, two kids-10 and 11-dropped a five-year-old to his death from a window because he refused to steal candy for them. In Washington State a pair of 12-year-olds shot and killed a man. Many want youngsters held accountable for crimes this horrific. Eric Smith was: Tried as an adult, he was sentenced to nine years to life.

A Losing Winner...

In 1994, **Jimmy Johnson** led the Dallas Cowboys to a repeat Super Bowl win over the Bills (losers for the fourth straight time) and for his trouble, he got himself bought out by owner **Jerry Jones**. The boss apparently felt he wasn't getting enough credit for the team's success.

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elections, earthquakes, heros, homeless, voting, violence, floods, freedom, peace

Jackie Kennedy "O"...

A lovely light has gone out. In an epic life of 64 years, Jackie starred as the privileged deb, the perfect wife, the loving mother, the radiant First Lady, the star-crossed widow, the go-go jet setter, the tycoon's trophy, the working woman and the doting grandmother. To each of her roles she lent elegance and grace. Whether entertaining in Washington, accompanying President John F. Kennedy on diplomatic missions, summering on Cape Cod with Caroline and John or hiding behind sunglasses in Aristole Onassis's Ionian retreat, she remained aloof, mysterious - the nation's only analogue to royalty. With her death an era passed into history. Acknowledging their loss, thousands of Americans have visited the granite headstone in Arlington National Cemetery that reads simply *Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis 1929-1994.* Nearby is the eternal flame she had lit for her martyred husband so that she said, his grave would have "something living." Now the flame burns for Jackie, too.

Love that Music...

Garth Brooks was named the Academy of Country Music's Entertainer of the Year for the fourth straight time. This versatile performer had three albums on the Billboard Top 200 list. As one critic said: "Garth Brooks somehow manages to recreate that pure country sound that cuts through all the nonsense to touch hearts and simply have fun."

Refugees fleeing the dictatorial regime of Fidel Castro were refused entry into the United States. President Bill Clinton ended 28 years of favored treatment for **Cuban refugees**. He ordered U.S. ships to intercept those fleeing Cuba by boat to detain them at U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay. Castro was allowing the refugees to leave the island country and tens of thousands boarded making shift vessels bound for Florida. In 1980 Castro flooded Florida with more than 125,000 Cubans. It was known as the Mariel boat lift. ▼

O. J. "the Juice" Simpson...

A jury will decide. A jury made up of people who, lawyers hope, can forget the media avalanche that began in June, when **Orenthal James Simpson**, football legend, pitchman and actor, was arrested in the murders of ex-wife Nicole Brown and her friend Ronald Goldman. Impatient for the trial to begin, TV and the tabloid press offered nonstop coverage of related issues, both serious (spousal abuse) and less so (prosecutor Marcia Clark's new hairdo). Meanwhile, the nation got a course in pretrial hearings, the Fourth Amendment and DNA testing. It got to know a host of characters linked to the case: the Best Friend, Bronco driver Al Cowlings; the (supposed) Girlfriend, actress Paula Barbieri; the Best Friend's (former) Girlfriend, porn actress Jennifer Peace; the Ex-Wife's Friend, novice biographer Faye Resnick; the Two Katos, O.J.'s houseguest Brian "Kato" Kaelin and Nicole's dog Kato, possibly the single witness to the crimes.

Smoke Signals...

Sixteen thousand smokers and tobacco workers marched in Washington to protest a proposed 75-cent-per-pack tax increase; throughout the year, cigarette companies pushed smokers' rights in their ads.

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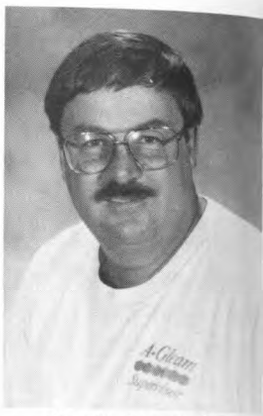

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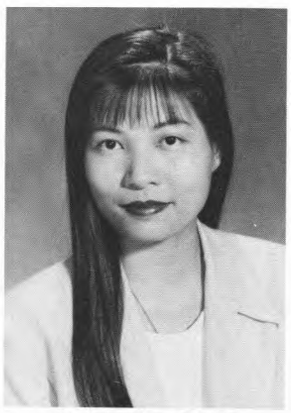

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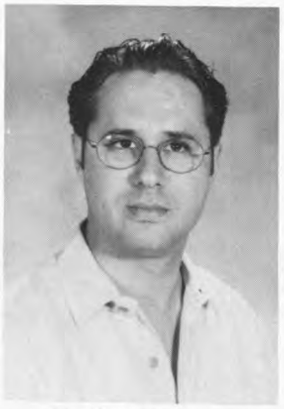

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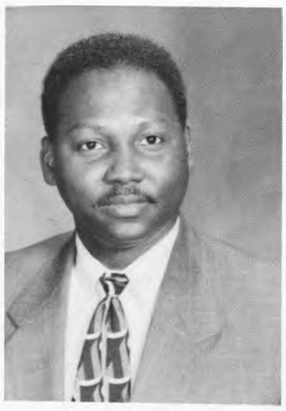

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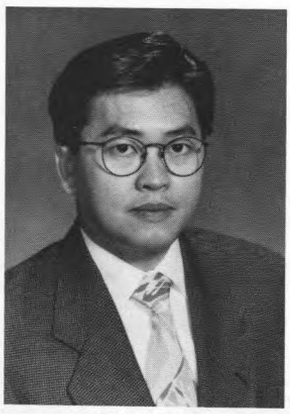

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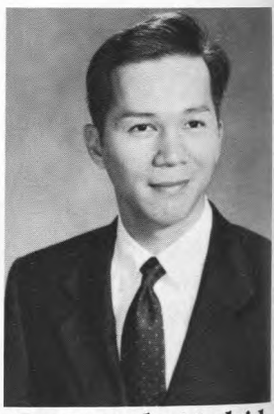

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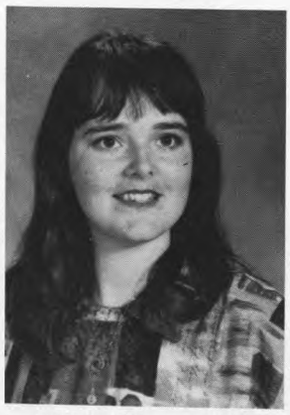

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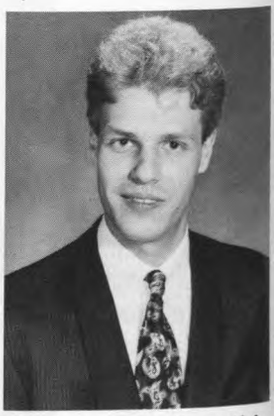

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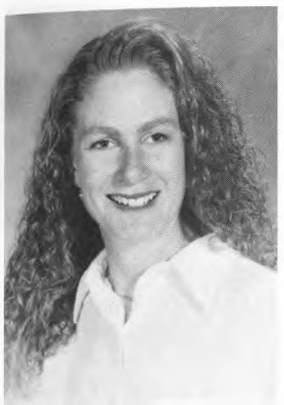

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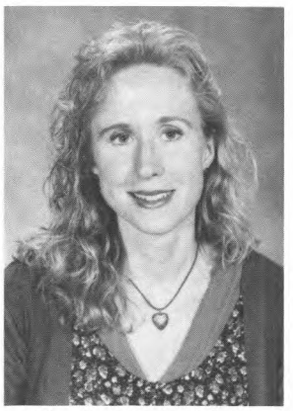

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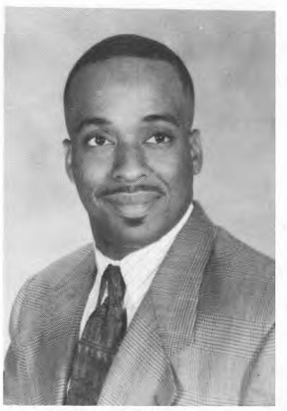

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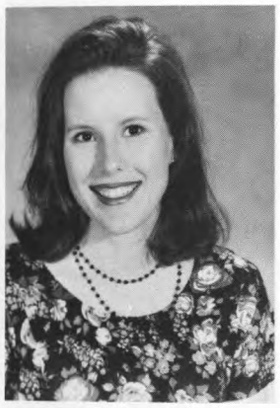

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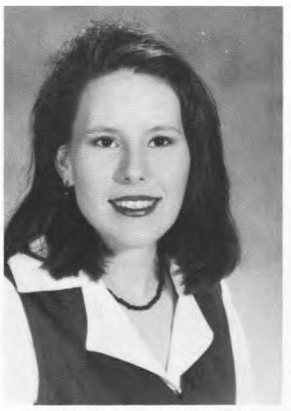

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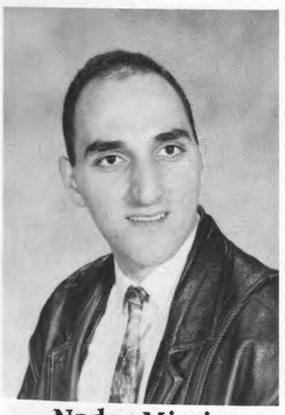

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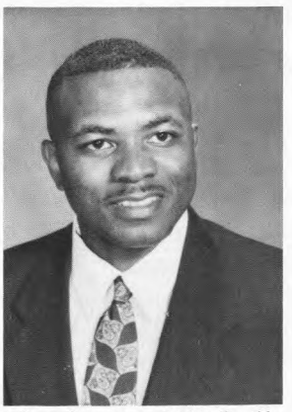

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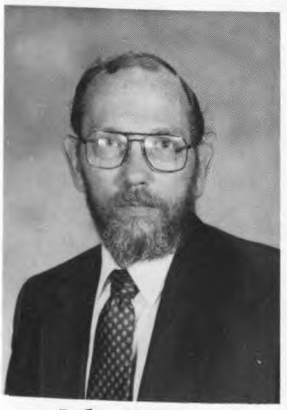

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1994-1995

heros, homeless, voting, violence, triumphs, tragedy, winners, war, disasters, death,

Sex Suit...

Former Arkansas state employee Paula Jones filed a suit accusing President Clinton of sexual harassment. She claimed that he had solicited sex from her in a hotel room in 1991. She sought $700,000 in the suit. She had planned to give any award to charity. Gennifer Flowers, who in 1992 claimed that she had had a long-term affair with Clinton, came to the President's defense-sort of. "They might have flirted and he may have invited her up to his room-that's real Billism," said Flowers. "But it's not like Bill to pull down his pants."

◀ **First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton** was the strongest supporter and advocate of the President's health care plan. The 46-year-old First Lady was a very politically active First Lady. She became the leading advocate and spokesperson for the President's health care plan and campaigned across the country for its success in Congress. When it failed to become law, she vowed to take up the fight in 1995.

President Bill Clinton entered 1995 with hope for a better year. Although he won a significant political battle with the Crime Bill, he lost the Health Care proposal that he battled for all year. The 48-year-old Democratic president, who struggled to win an uphill battle against incumbent President George Bush in 1992, said the passage of the Health Care bill was his most important mission as president.

President Clinton signed a $30 billion **Crime Bill.** The huge law bans the manufacture, sale and possession of 19 specific types of assault-style weapons. It also allows the death penalty for 60 additional federal crimes, including drive-by shooting and carjacking deaths. As for the money, the law authorizes billions of dollars over six years to build prisons and hire more police. Attorney General Janet Reno said that 20,000 new police officers should be on the streets by 1996.

A quartet from Sweden hit the charts this year with their Number One album, "The Sign." **Ace of Base** was an instant success. As one critic said: "Ace of Base wins with its infectious quasi-raggae, synthesizer-laced beat. The plain-Jane vocalizing of Jenny and Linn transforms the 12 tracks of this album into universal sing-alongs."

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Speaking of Sex...

A Northwestern University study suggest that church attendance, good grades and high self-esteem do not influence whether or not young teenagers have sex. Two hundred sixty of 1,000 respondents said they had had sex by the eighth grade.

A national survey on the sexual practices of Americans indicated that married folk have sex more frequently than singles do, easing old-marrieds' fears that everybody else is doing something more interesting, and more often.

N. Y. City bombing...

Four Islamic fundamentalist terrorists were given 240-year sentences for the World Trade Center bombing of February 1993. Business returned to normal at the twin towers-except for the bombing-sniffing dogs patrolling the hallways, and the fact that public parking beneath the buildings is thing of the past.

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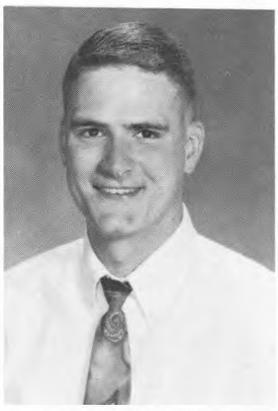

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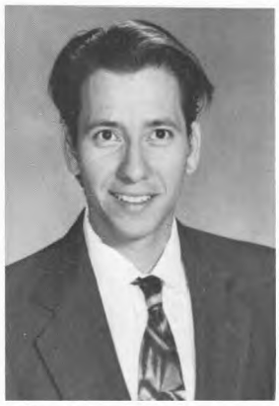

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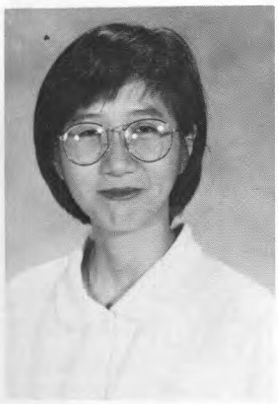

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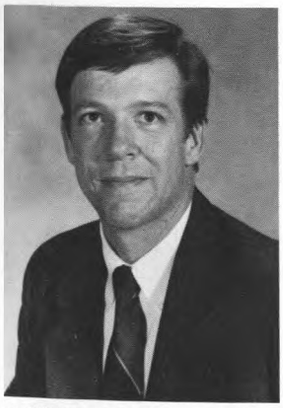

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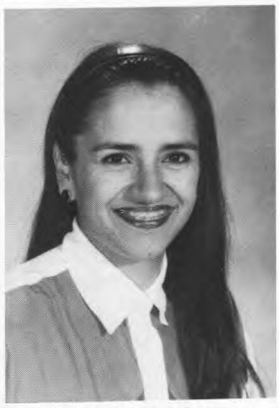

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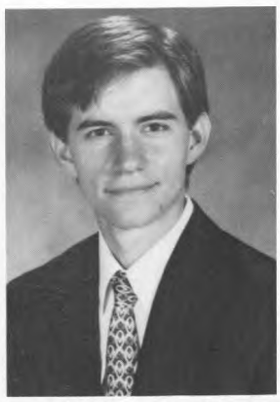

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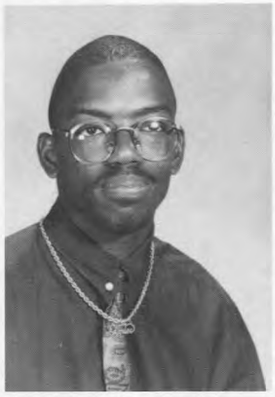

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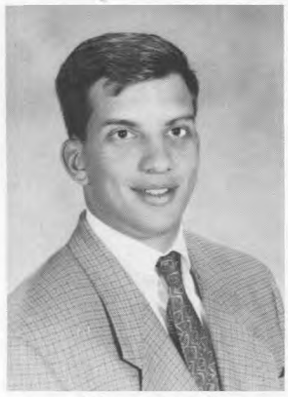

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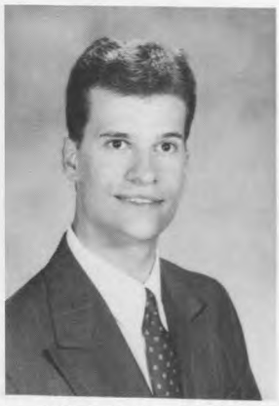

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peace, poverty, elections, earthquakes, voices, victories, floods, freedom, deception, disaster

The King of Pop is back in stride again...

Michael Jackson released his long-awaited CD in May which was due in February 1995. It comes after wondering whether his tainted career could be saved. In 1994, he did all he could to rescue it. In January he moved to extricate himself from a child-molestation lawsuit by forking over a reported $10 million to $50 million to an unidentified 14-year-old accuser. His lawyer, Johnnie Cochran, Jr. - now part of the Simpson defense team - said the settlement was "in no way an admission of guilt." Nine months later, criminal charges were dropped, as the alleged victim refused to testify. On May 26 1994, in the Dominican Republic, the King of Pop wed the Princess of Graceland, Lisa Marie Presley, in what were surely the most unexpected nuptials of 1994.

Forest Fires swept across more than a dozen western states. An eight-year drought brought the United States its worst forest fires since the 1920s in October 1994, blackening some 3 million acres. Fourteen firefighters were killed in a blaze in Colorado. Thousands of firefighters from all over the country were mobilized to keep the fires under control.

The torch was passed in the summer of 1994. After hearing about the legendary rock festival from their parents for years, a new generation seized the opportunity to create their own **Woodstock.** And Woodstock '94 was born. Several hundred thousands people arrived at Saugerties, N.Y. for Woodstock '94. From folk music to heavy metal, the weekend concert was filled with music almost 24-hours a day. Twenty-five years after the original Woodstock, it happened again: round-the-clock rock, the zonked-out cheers of 350,000 fans, sheets of rain, rivers of mud. Woodstock: The Sequel had its own wrinkles, too, including '90s prices ($135 tickets and $4 hamburgers). The concertgoers seemed to thoroughly enjoy their weekend of sloshing and moshing in what became an 840-acre litter-strewn bog. For their listening pleasure, Michael Lang, organizer of the first Woodstock, lured talent that ranged from still feisty '60s icon Bob Dylan to those futuristic noise mavens Nine Inch Nails. Lang stood to make a bundle from corporate sponsorships, product tie-ins and a pay-per-view simulcast, which left some purist grumbling. But the bottom line was that ticketholders and gate-crashers alike reveled and departed peacefully.

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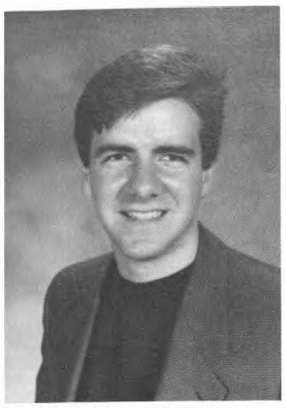

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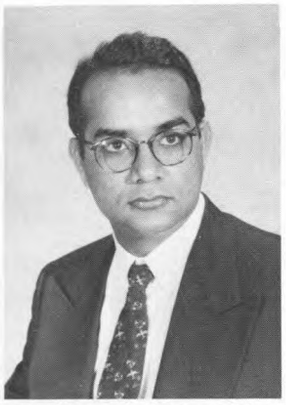

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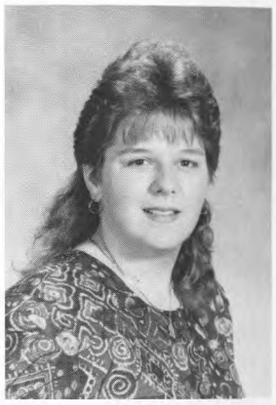

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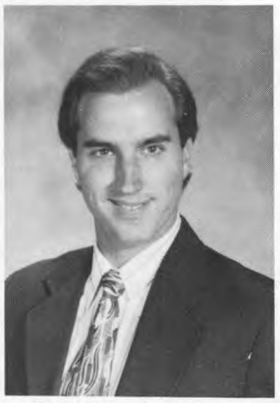

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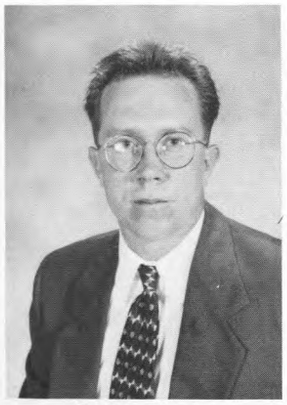

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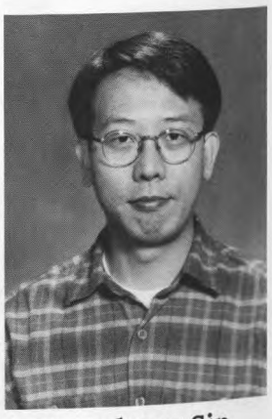

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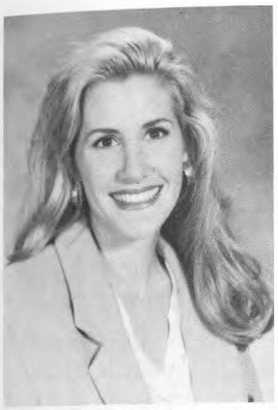

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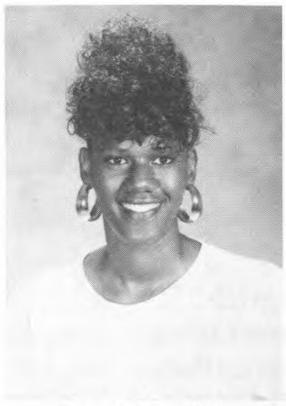

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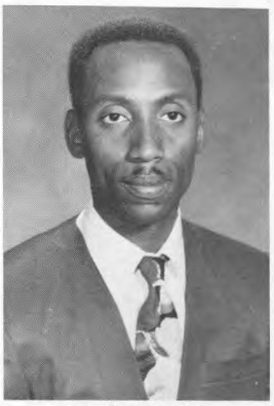

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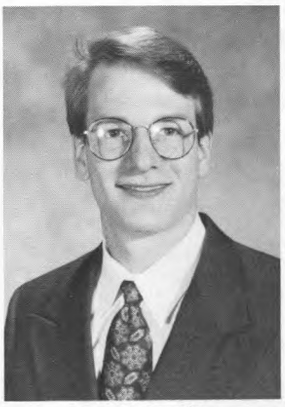

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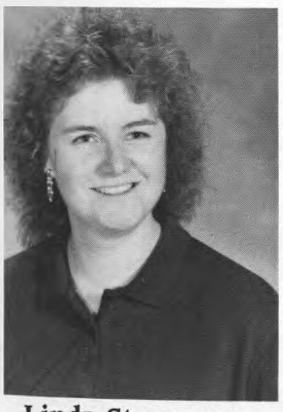

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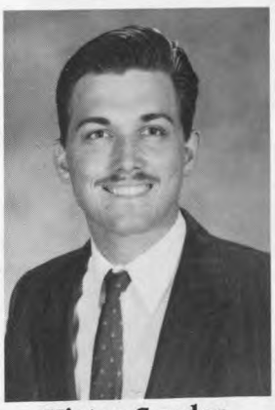

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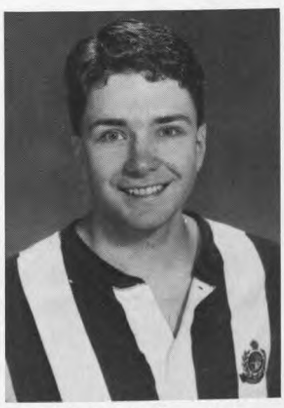

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Hollywood, hunger, movies, murder, lies, livelihood, refuge, racism, politics, poverty

Haiti is an island of poverty and discontent. **President Jean-Bertrand Aristide** was elected president in late 1990. But less than a year later he was arrested by the military and expelled from the country. Coup leader Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras assumed presidential powers and declared the army to be in charge. A negotiating team, lead by former President Jimmy Carter, struck a deal with Gen. Cedras that included U.S. troops to occupy the island and Mr. Aristide was returned to power. At one point, more than 20,000 U.S. troops occupied the island.

Newt Gingrich, a conservative congressman from Georgia, was election as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. As the leader of the new Republic-controlled Congress, Gingrich set forth his "Contract With America" that included welfare reform, middle-class tax cuts, Congressional term limits and legal reform. When Congress convened on January 4, 1995, Gingrich promised that "we're going to do marvelous things in '95."

B.A. at Age 10...

Getting a B.A. in anthropology was child's play for 10-year-old Michael Kearney of Mobile, Ala., who became America's youngest-ever college graduate when he received his degree from the University of South Alabama.

Short Lives...

Siamese twin Angela Lakeberg died in Philadelphia, 20 days before her first birthday. Her sister, Amy, had died in August 1993 during the operation to separate the twins, surgery that made headlines because of its $1 million price tag.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, sought his fourth term in 1994. As chairman of the enormously powerful Senate Finance Committee, the 67-year-old New York Senator was one of the most powerful senators in Congress. With a Ph. D. and a Harvard professorship, Moynihan gained a reputation as the Senate's leading intellectual. And a power to reckon with.

The World Cup...

America threw a monthlong party and invited the world. The world came-3,567,415 people attended. The 1994 **World Cup** soccer competition was played in the United States. In this photo, the U.S. team played Brazil but lost 1-0 in the second round. Brazil advanced to the finals and in the final game, it was Brazil vs. Italy. An estimated 2 billion people worldwide watched Brazil battle Italy to a 0-0 tie for 120 minutes at the final game played in the Rose Bowl. Brazil won 3-2 in a shootout. It all culminated in a title match in Pasadena, Calif., between soccer powerhouses Brazil and Italy.

Foreman of the Ring...

George Foreman, wearing the same red trunks he had sported when falling for Muhammad Ali's rope-a-dope tactics in Zaire 20 years earlier, took Michael Moorer's best shot-and his title. The 45-year-old pitchman won with a 10th-round knockout.

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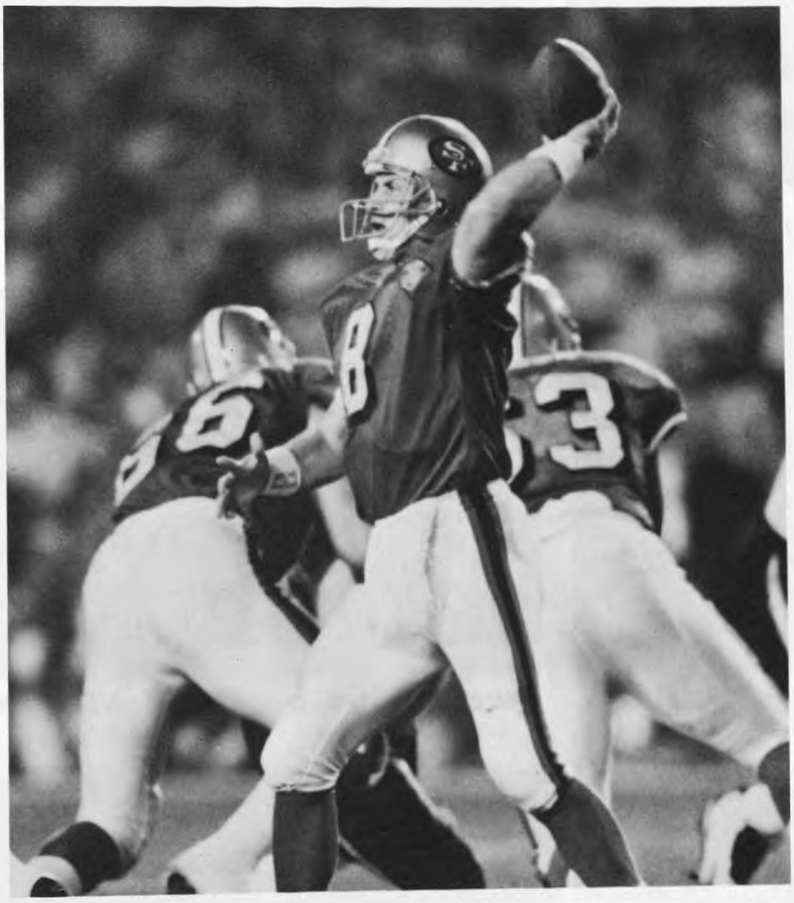
elections, earthquakes, heros, homeless, voting, violence, floods, freedom, peace

Wilma Rudolph...

She was a slow starter, but she sure picked up her speed. The 20th of a railroad porter's 22 children, Rudolph weighed four and a half pounds at birth. When she was four, polio, scarlet fever and pneumonia left her with a paralyzed leg. At six she walked with a leg brace, at nine with an orthopedic shoe. At 13 she was a basketball star. At 16 she won a bronze medal at the Melbourne Olympic Games. And in 1960, in Rome, the six-foot-tall, lyrically graceful "Skeeter" become the first woman to win three gold medals in track and field in a single Olympics: the 100 and 200 meters and 4 x 100-meter relay. Her life passed swiftly too. A malignant brain tumor killed her at 54.



▲ The San Francisco 49ers scored early and often in **Super Bowl XXIX** to defeat the San Diego Charges 49-26 in a game that turned into the rout the experts had predicted. For the 49ers quarterback Steve Young, the win put him in the record books. Young was unanimously named the game's most valuable player. He passed for 325 yards without an interception and ran for 49. His six touchdown passes broke the Super Bowl record.

Beauty isonly Skin Deep...

Heather Whitestone is deaf and she achieved her goal of becoming Miss America. The 21-year-old native of Birmingham, Ala., who became deaf at the age of 18 months after a reaction to a diphtheria shot, has 5 percent hearing in her left ear. The junior at Jacksonville State University reads lips, uses a hearing aid and knows sign language. But her disability didn't impair her ballet performance at the Miss America competition – even though she could only feel its vibration.

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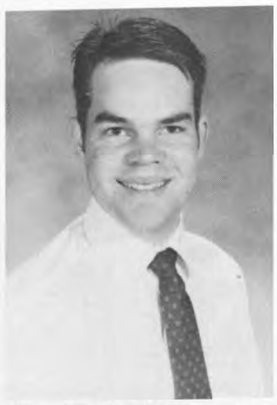

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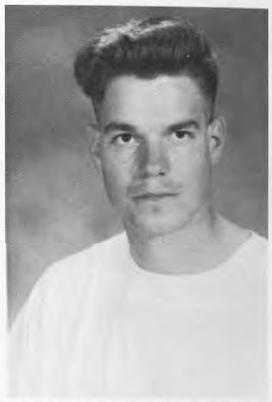

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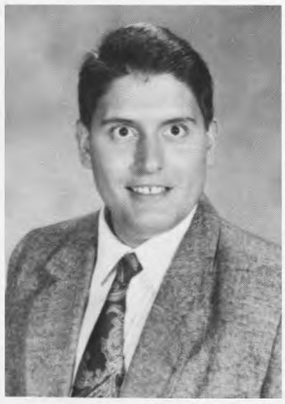

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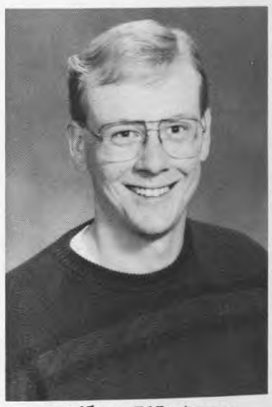

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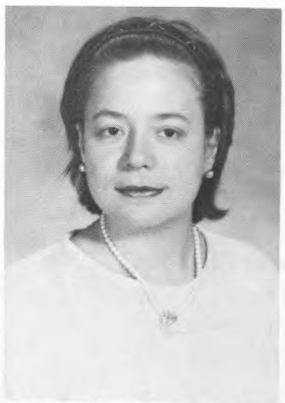

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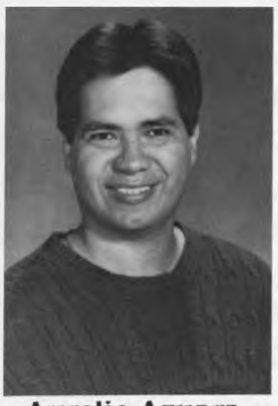

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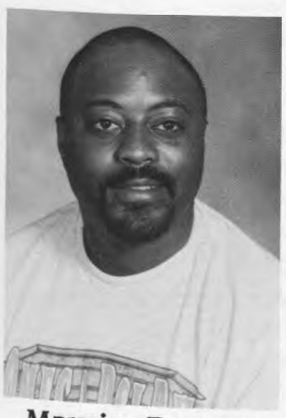

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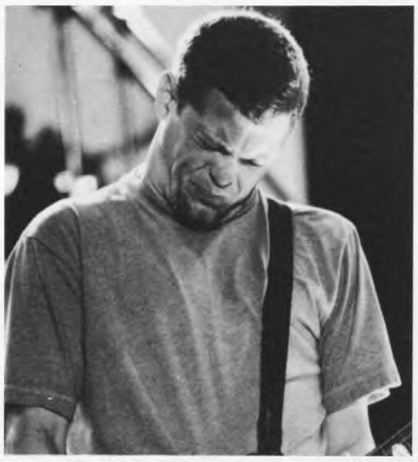
heros, homeless, voting, violence, triumphs, tragedy, winners, war, disasters, death,



◀ **Metallica** is no ordinary heavy metal band. Over the last 13 years the band gained a reputation as a real talent. As one critic said: "Their style combines distortionless, complicated guitar parts and defiant vocals with rhythms that are much faster than the beat of the human heart." The effect is jarring and exhilarating. Their latest album called "Metallica" hit the top of the charts.

Toni Braxton sings the smooth sounds of rhythm and blues. She captured critical and commercial success with songs like "Breathe Again" and "Another Sad Love Song." Her latest album, "Toni Braxton" it the top of the charts in 1994. She received major praise from the critics. "She is blessed with both a commanding voice and the good sense not to overuse it," said one critic.

▼

Barbie, 35...

Barbie, the world's best-selling doll, turned 35. And Disney released the 56-year-old *Snow White,* the first animated full-length feature film, on home video. Retailers ordered 27 million copies.

Smoke Signals...

Sixteen thousand smokers and tobacco workers marched in Washington to protest a proposed 75-cent-per-pack tax increase; throughout the year, cigarette companies pushed smokers' rights in their ads.

▲ More than 5,000 people died in a violent **earthquake** that rumbled through Kobe, Japan, on January 17, 1995. What had been a bustling region of office towers and apartment buildings was turned to rubble. Estimates of the damage ranged from $100 billion to $130 billion, and some 270,000 people were forced to live in refugee shelters because their homes collapsed or were unsafe.

Slow Justice...

Thirty-one years after civil rights leader Medgar Evers was shot in the back in Jackson, Miss., 73-year-old white supremacist Byron De La Beckwith was finally convicted of the murder and sentenced to life in prison. The case had been reopened after Beckwith boasted about the killing to several area residents.

Blaming Butt-head...

A bowling ball dropped from a New Jersey overpass crashed through a car windshield and killed eight-month-old Natalia Rivera. Eighteen-year-old Calvin Settle was indicted for manslaughter. A media-watchdog group said the tragedy echoed an episode of the cartoon series *Beavis and Butt-head.* The incident recalled a 1993 house fire in Moraine, Ohio, started by a kid who learned to play with fire by watching *B & B.*

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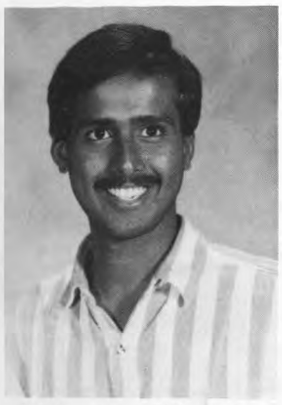

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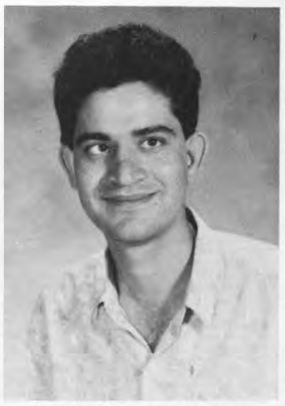

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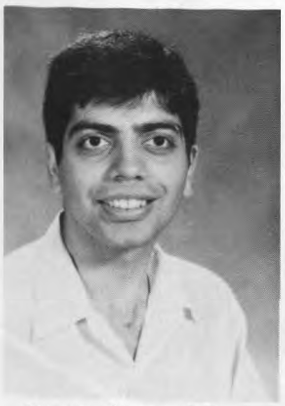

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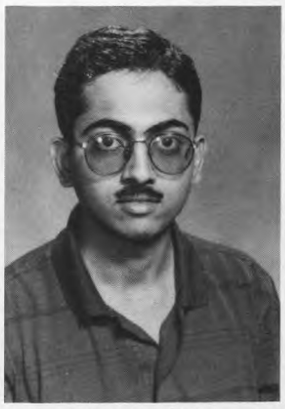

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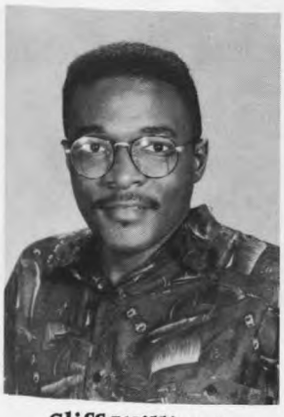

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Computer Science

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Rasha Al-Azem
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Saira Ayub
Sophomore

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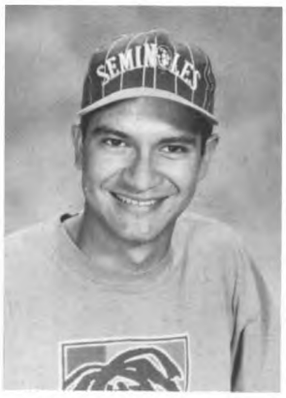

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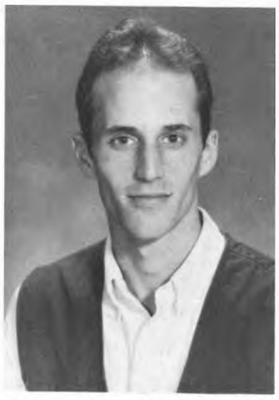

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Ernest Capraro
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Anthony Cham
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Alice Chan
Junior

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Russian Hope...

Russian leader **Boris Yeltsin** visited Washington, D.C. in the fall of 1994 to meet with President Clinton. Yeltsin's government has become more centrist in an effort to survive the difficulties of economic reform and is more acceptable to the majority of Russians. But the 63-year-old Russian president is not without his detractors. Opposition groups ranging from ultranationalists to Communists hope to force Yeltsin, whose term runs to July, 1996, to hold early presidential elections. "There will always be a political struggle in Russia," says one observer.

Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin ordered hundreds of tanks and 40,000 troops into the secessionist republic of **Chechnya** on December 11, 1994. The mission was to crush the predominantly Muslim region's three-year effort for independence. Despite the overwhelming superiority of Russian forces, the military operation quickly bogged down because of stiff Chechen resistance, blunders by the Russian command and the demoralization of Russian soldiers.

Moving legislation along...

Vice President Al Gore had a 16-year stint in Congress before President Clinton chose him as a running mate. Now, the 46-year-old politician from Tennessee is using that experience on Capital Hill to help his boss move legislation through the bureaucratic maze.

Juliette Lewis and **Woody Harrelson** are Mickey and Mallory Knox in Oliver Stone's satire on violence and the American media, "Natural Born Killers," one of the Summer's hottest movies.

Drag Queen...

RuPaul, drag queen and disco singer, appearing in regular-guy dress on the runway at a menswear show in New York City, announced, "I'm ready to take off the mask."

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Anderson Chan
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Albert Chincuanco
Junior

Angela Compirano
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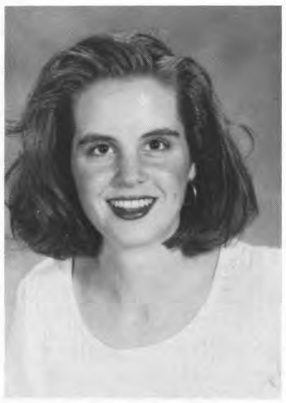

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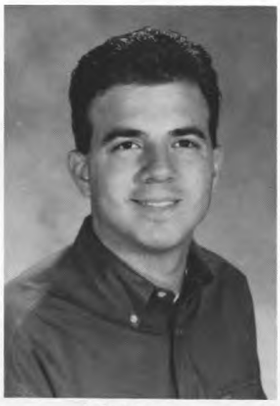

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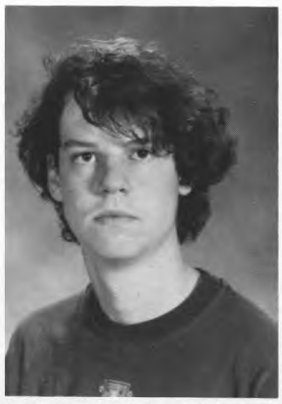

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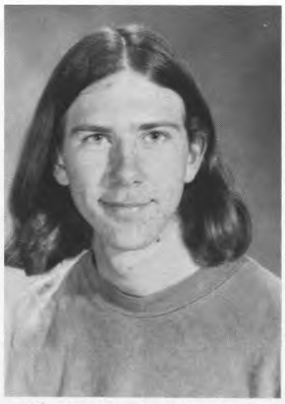

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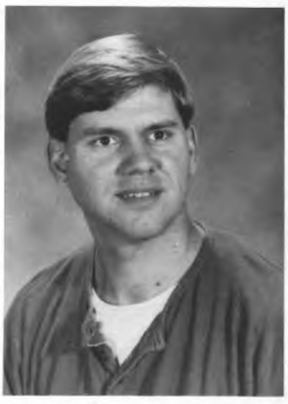

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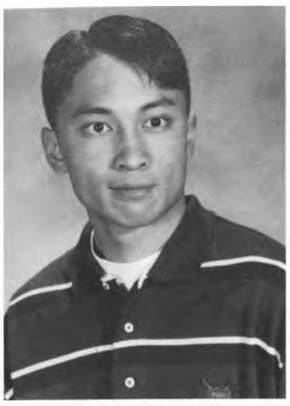

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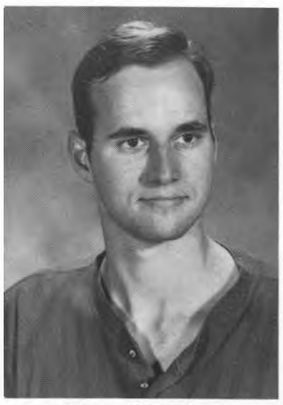

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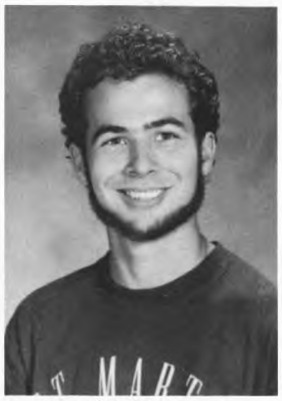

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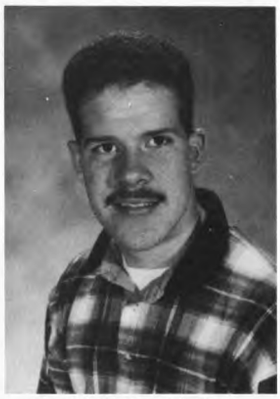

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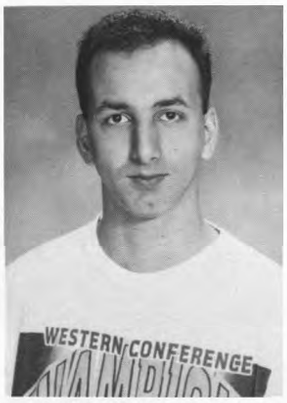

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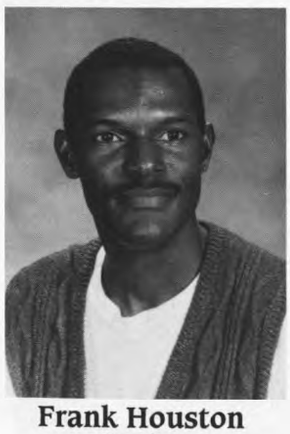

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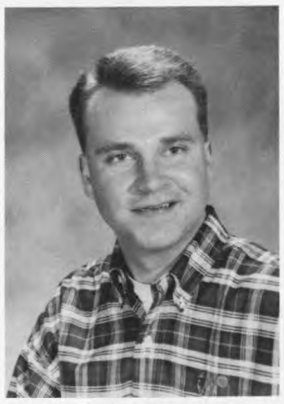

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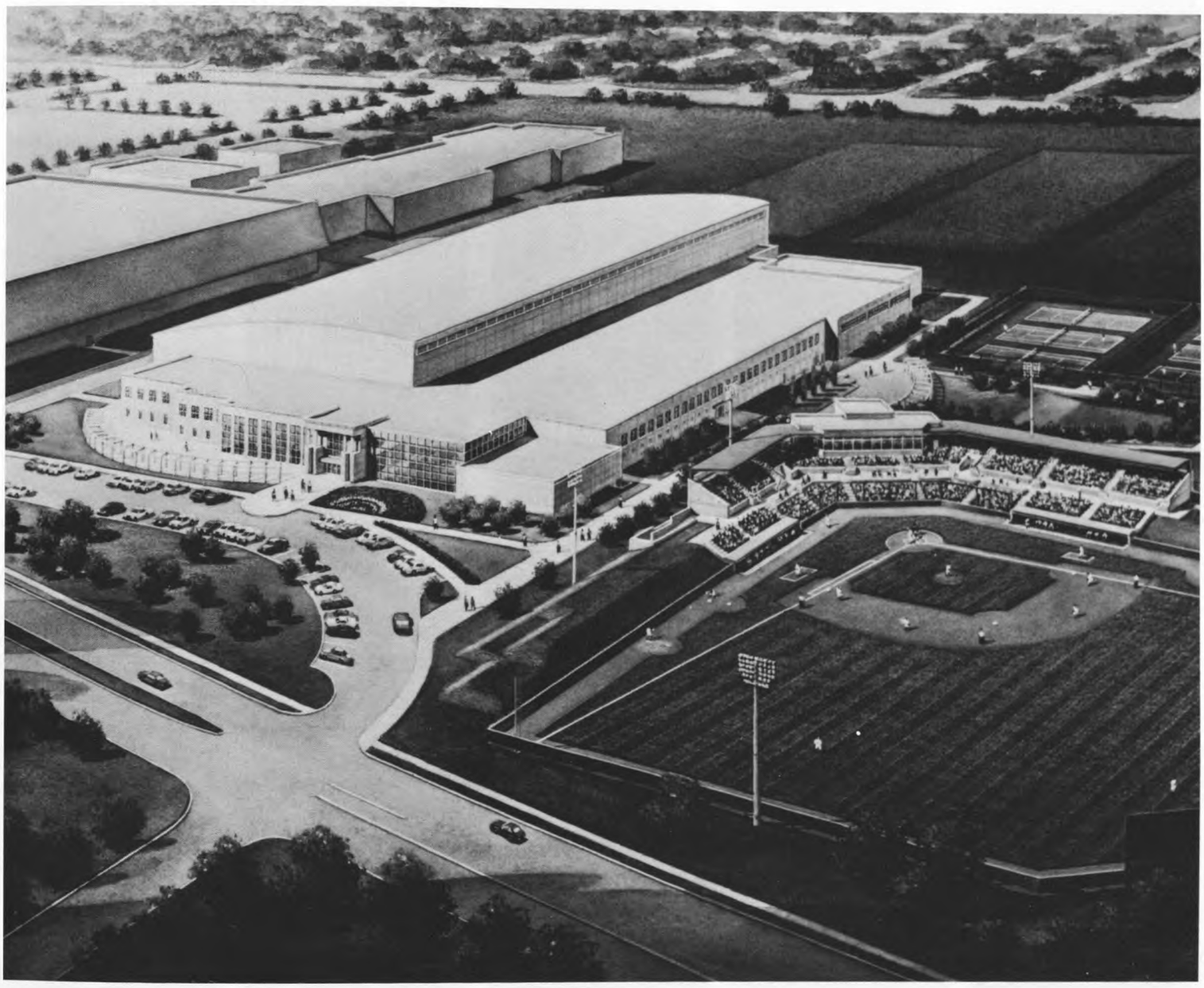

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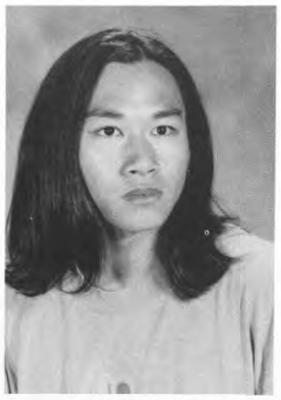

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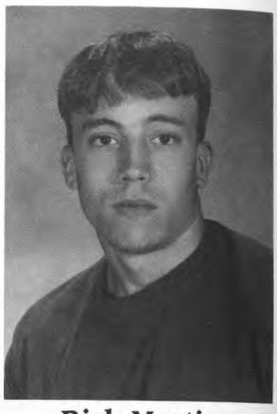

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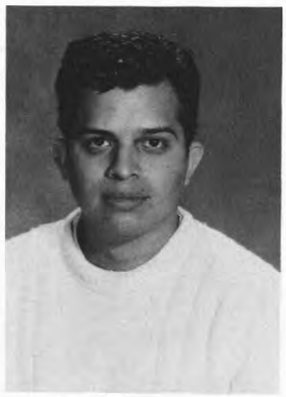

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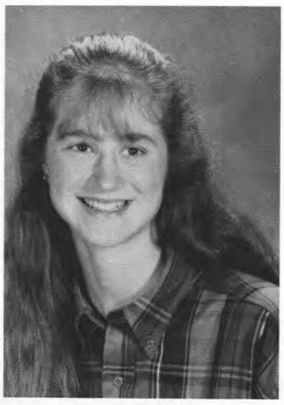

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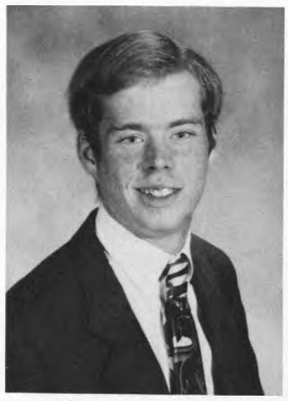

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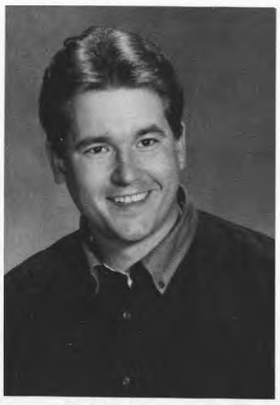

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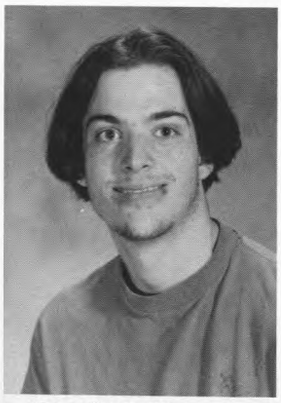

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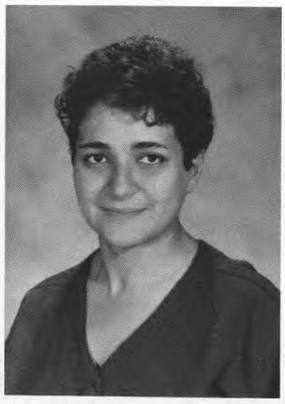

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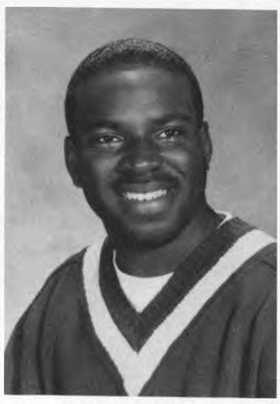

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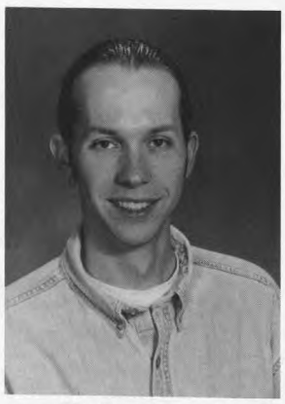

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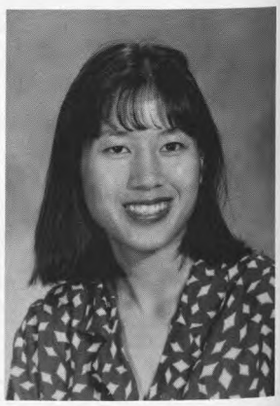

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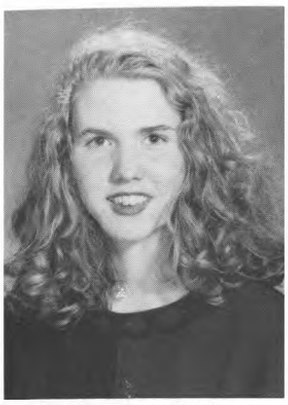

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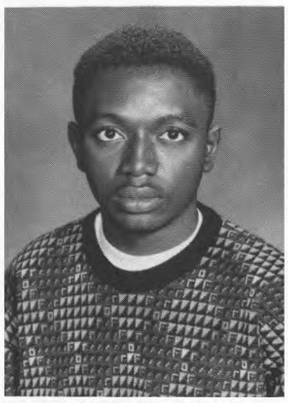

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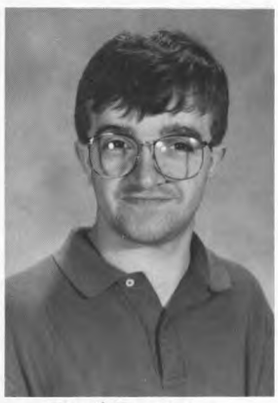

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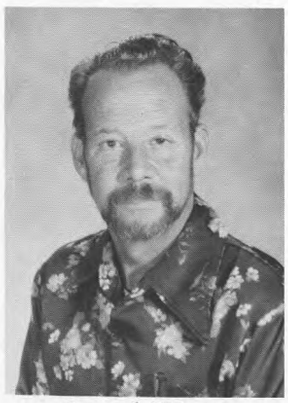

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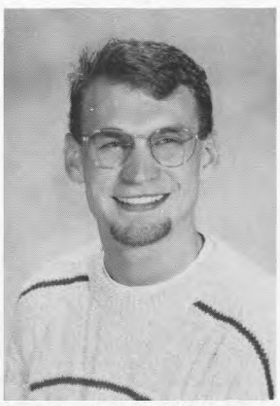

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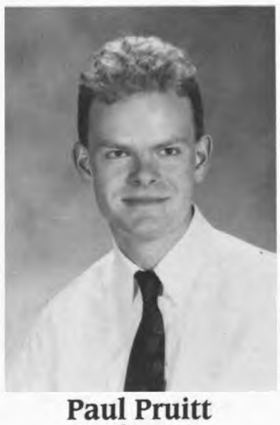

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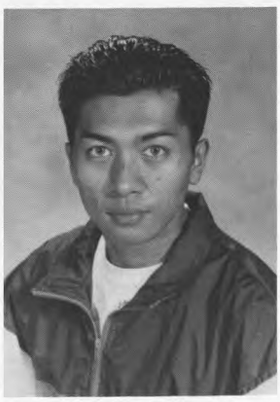

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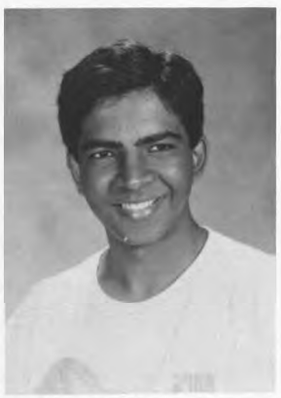

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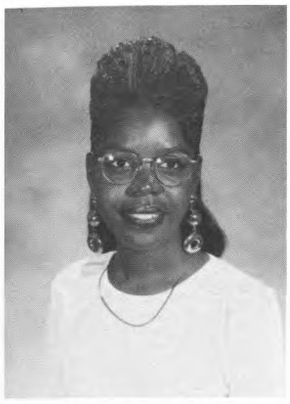

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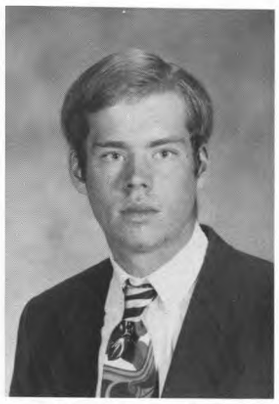

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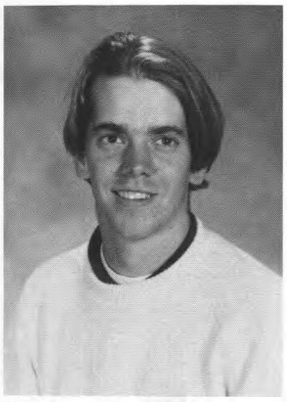

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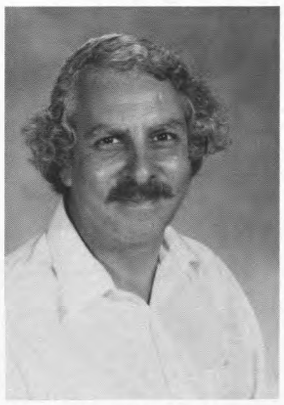

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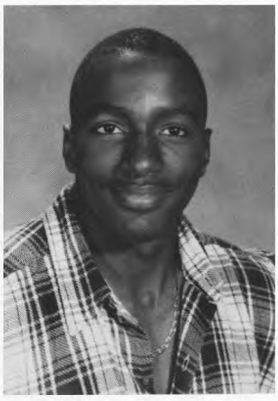

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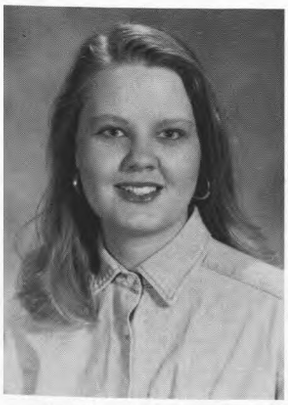

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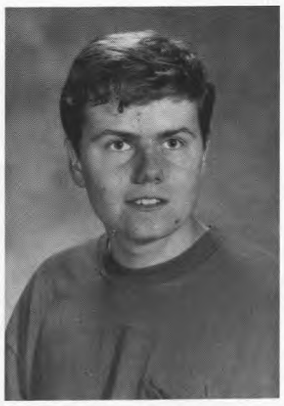

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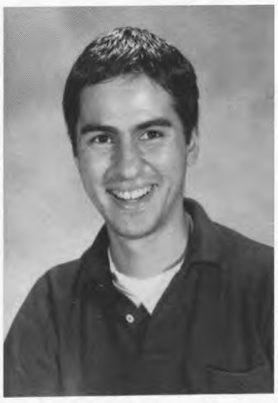

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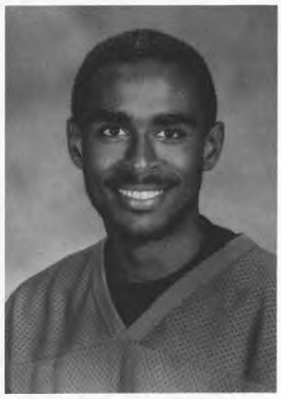

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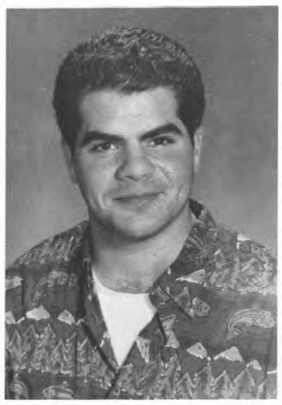

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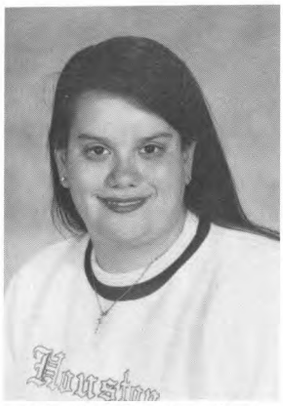

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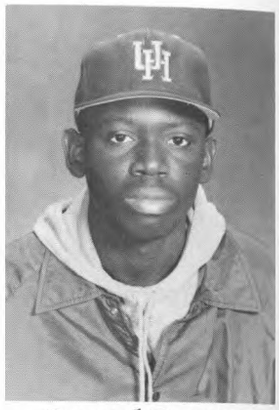

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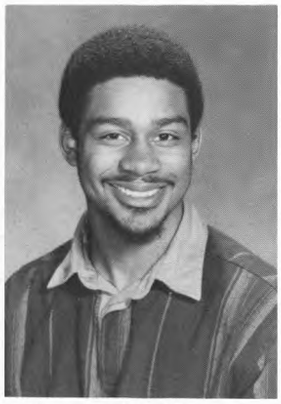

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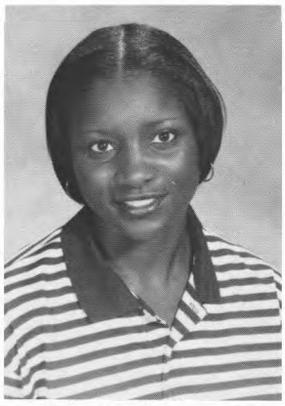

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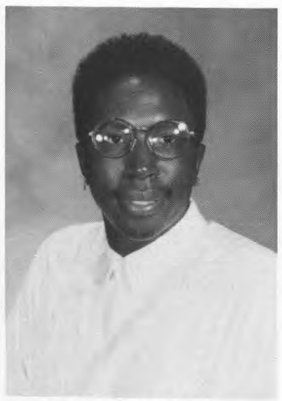

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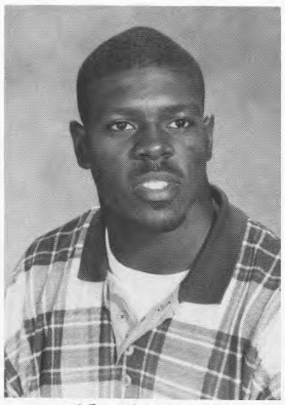

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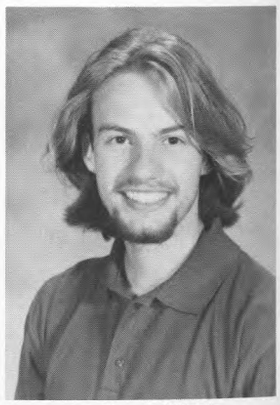

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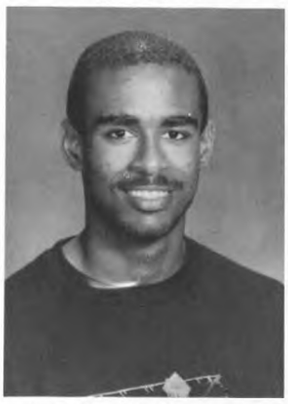

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Four Southwest Conference schools have been asked to leave the SWC and President Pickering said he was "shocked" that Houston was not invited to become a member of the Big Eight. UT, Texas A & M, Baylor and Texas Tech were all invited to join the Big Eight beginning with the 1996-97 season.

The four remaining teams, UH, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian University and Rice have been told they were not invited to join. Those who were invited had until Feb. 25, 1994 to respond.

On Sept. 23, 1994, the University of Houston officially announced it would join a new conference home. This announcement came after more than seven months of pondering where the university was headed after the breakup.

Conference USA was the name given to Houston's new 12-member league that begins play in Fall 1995, with UH joining it in 1996-97. Houston will be affiliated with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, Marquette University, the University of Memphis, Saint Louis University, the University of Louisville, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of South Florida and Tulane University.

Memphis President Lane Rawlins is the chairman of the C-USA Board of Directors. He said in order for the conference to succeed with its plans formulated over the last nine months, it was important that the league set forth some attainable objectives.

Topping the list was "building a conference that would capitalize on the current strength in the sport of basketball and providing opportunities to be even better," Rawlins said.

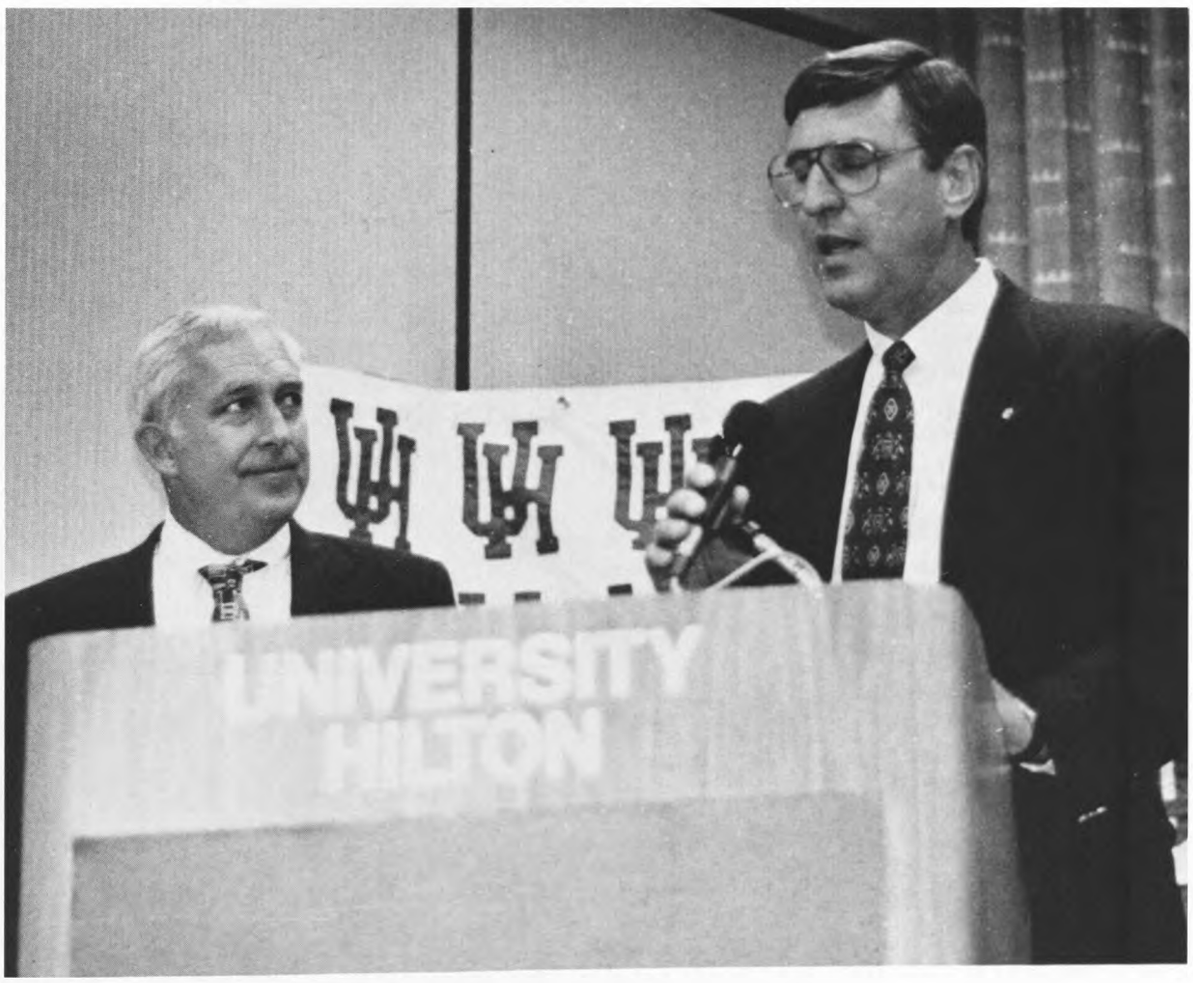
The league has also put together basketball and football television packages that account for more than $30 million in revenues over the next six years. The C-USA reached a six-year agreement with Creative Sports in association with ESPN in March for basketball. The $13 million deal guarantees the conference a weekly spot on ESPN's Thursday night basketball and a telecast of both C-USA basketball tournament champion games.

ESPN2 has also added C-USA telecasts to its Sunday night broadcasts, which includes select other women's events.

Football agreed on a five-year package with Liberty Sports, which guarantees the conference a Saturday appearance opposite teams in the Big-12 and Pacific-10 conferences as part of a college football weekly tripleheader.

"Conference USA is by far the best best of option for the university," said UH Athletic Director Bill Carr. "I have no second thoughts about other things that we may have been able to do (with finding another conference)."

-Jason Paul Ramirez
The Daily Cougar



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Ching, Ching...

To overcome its economic woes, Detroit put its money on casino and riverboat gambling. The measure, voted in by a 60 percent margin, could make Detroit the country's largest city with casinos. Pro-gambling propositions-lotteries and the like-also passed in Missouri, New Mexico and South Dakota, while those in six other states were shot down.

Pro-Choice Bush...

Former First Lady **Barbara Bush** came out in favor of abortion rights in an in an interview with **Barbara Walters:** "I don't feel I can be judgmental with others."

Incendiary Issue...

A fire, believed to be arson, destroyed the Wedowee, Ala., high school that had gained notoriety in February 1994 when principal **Hulond Humphries** threatened to cancel the prom if interracial couples attended.

Rosa's Robbed...

Civil rights heroine **Rosa Parks,** she who refused to take a seat at the back of the bus, was assaulted and robbed in her Detroit home. "It had to have been a hateful individual who had no respect...for a lady who made such great sacrifices," said William Gibson of the NAACP.

Mother's Guilt...

Kevin Elders, son of former U.S. Surgeon General **Joycelyn Elders**, who was still in office at the time, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for selling cocaine. The Surgeon General blamed herself in part: "At the time of his greatest need we were not able to communicate as a family. I was totally immersed in trying to get through a very difficult Senate confirmation hearing."

Victorious Volleyball...

The UH Varsity Volleyball team was the first to win the Southwest Conference title besides the University of Texas since the conference began. The team went to the "Sweet 16" bracket in the NCAA tournament, then lost to UCLA. UH Senior **Lilly Denoon-Chester** won MVP of the Southwest Conference.

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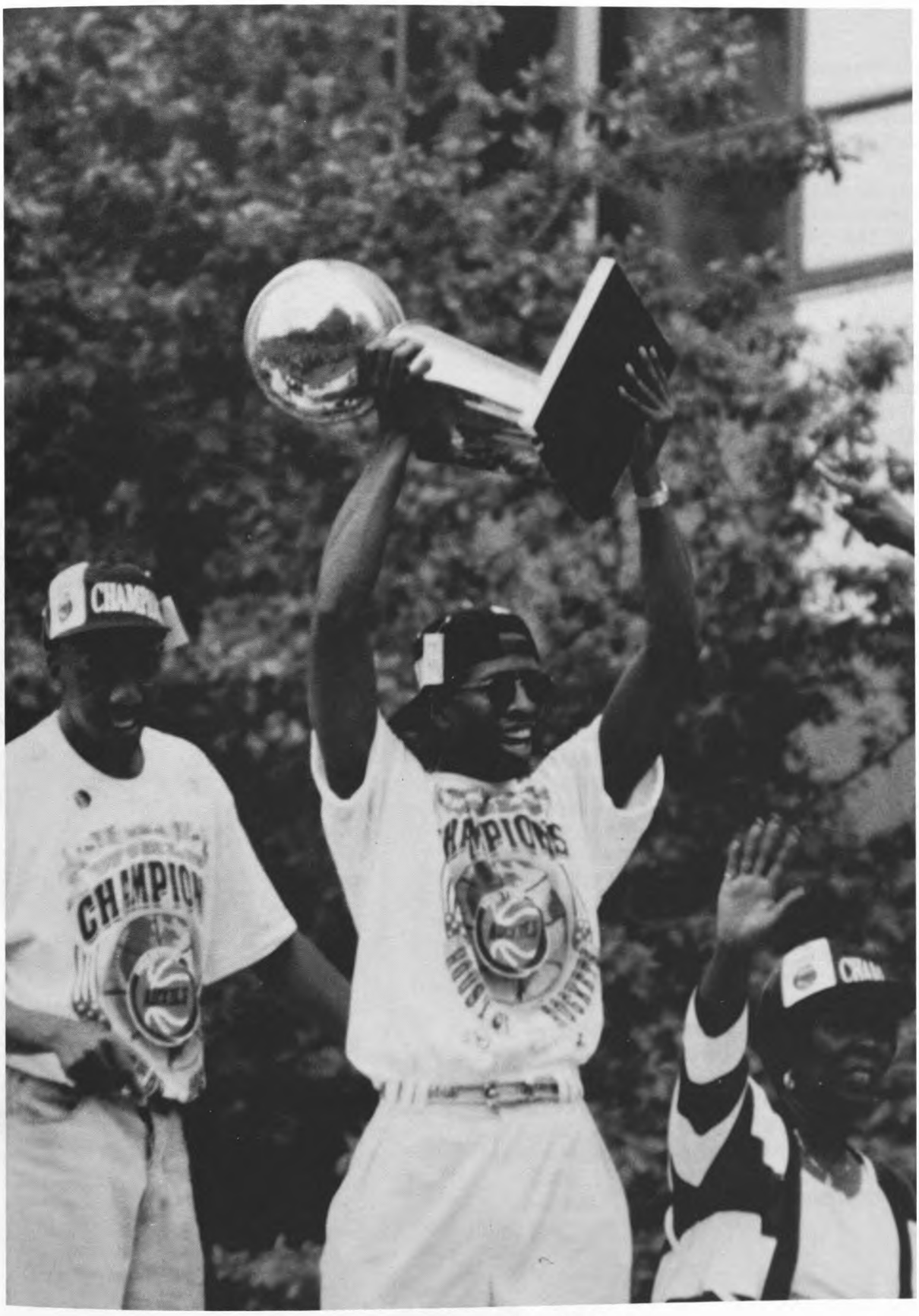


Twoston Rockets...

The **Houston Rockets** swept their way to another World Championship against the Orlando Magic. They went through the Utah Jazz, over the Phoenix Suns and around the San Antonio Spurs before beating Orlando 4 - 0. After making their victory in H-Town, fans from around the city poured onto Richmond Avenue or tried to. Streets were blocked off by policemen in an attempt to control the traffic. While some cars may have been detoured, the people were not.

People decorated their cars with paint from ordinary shoe polish to professional art pieces created with colors. Phrases such as "follow your dream and don't believe in magic", Twoston Rockets, 2-peat and "live in a Dream house and not a Shaq" were written across the city.

In the history of the NBA finals there were only five other times that a team was swept by their opponents. The Celtics swept the Lakers; the Bucks swept the Bullets; the warriors swept the Bullets; the 76's swept the Lakers; and the Pistons swept the Lakers.

UH professor receives presidential appointment

UH Hispanic and classical languages Professor Nicolas Kanellos has been appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve on the National Council on the Humanities.

Kanellos, founding director of Arte Publico Press, will serve a six-year term on the council, which establishes a national policy for the humanities, and advises the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The list of nominees includes nine other professors and administrators from universities including the University of Michigan, the University of California at San Diego, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Chicago, Columbia University and Harvard University.

The NEH provides grants and fellowships to individuals and institutions for projects in the humanities. In 1993, it awarded more than $160 million in grant money.

Although Kanellos was nominated for the position in December, he had to wait for the U.S. Senate to approve the nomination. He said he received word of his approval in early July.

Part of the approval process involved a screening by the FBI. The intelligence agency conducted an in-depth investigation into Kanellos's past.

Kanellos said his nomination stemmed from his work in the humanities. He has written books and articles in the field and served on the state humanities committee for six years.

He will offer a state-supported university and Southwest regional perspective to the 27-member council, he said.

Kanellos will also keep in mind the perspectives of the middle and lower class when advising the NEH. He said, "I'm very interested in seeing that all different cultures of the United States are represented."

The appointment of a UH faculty member to a national council will bring a measure of prestige to the university, he said.

His appointment will allow the Latin American sector of the humanities to heave a presence in the United States. He said this has been something he has worked towards throughout much of his life.

After receiving his Ph.D. in Hispanic literature from the University of Texas in 1974, Kanellos became a professor at Indiana University-Northwest.

His publishing company, Arte Publico Press, was created in 1980 after Kanellos was recruited by UH.

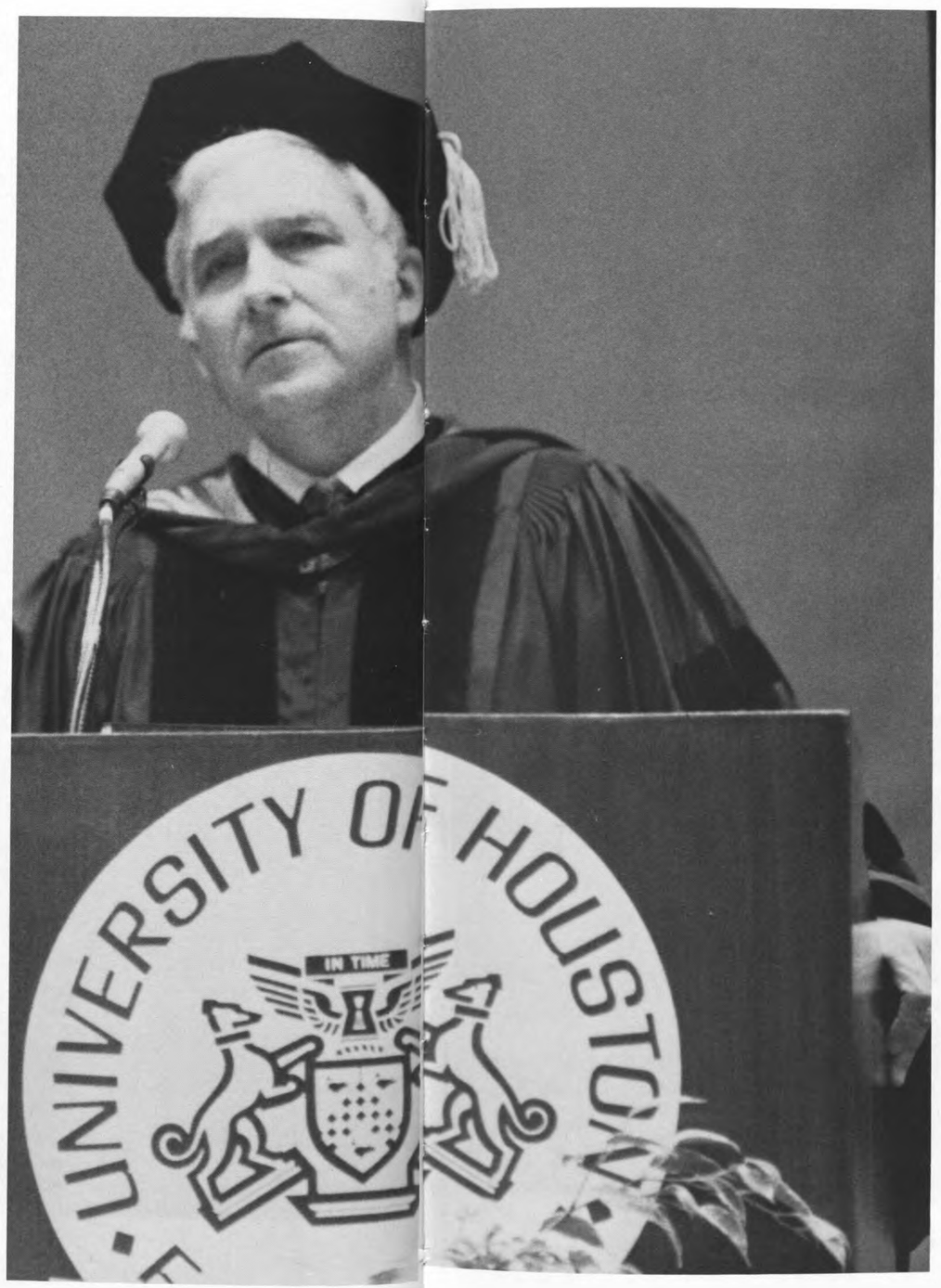
The press was conceived to "provide a vehicle for Hispanic authors of the United States to publish their works, and to get them exposed to the mainstream," Kanellos said.

Before his company began publishing Latin American works, much of the obscure literature was not available in the United States, he said. In 1992, Kanellos launched the "Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project." The project is an attempt to recover and publish lost Latin American writings.

Experience in cultural heritage projects is what Kanellos said he can bring to the council. He said he hopes to give a feeling for possible new definitions of American culture.

New definitions that would begin with Native American culture in the U.S., and would "include lives and cultures that have not been documented in the past," he said.

-Megan McVeigh
The Daily Cougar



UH president resigns from the university

It seems that this summer at UH when it starts raining resignations, it pours. Within a week of one another the top three officials at UH-main campus have resigned. **President James Pickering**, UH Provost Henry Trueba and the UH senoir vice president of administrative finance, Dennis Boyd, have all tendered their resignations effective the same day-Aug. 31.

Pickering announced his resignation in a letter to Alexander Schilt, the UH System chancellor, May 17. "If the University of Houston is to continue its quest for excellence, there must be significant functional changes in the campus/system relationship," he said.

Pickering said he had planned to step down from the UH presidency on Dec. 31, 1995. However, since a solution to the campus/system conflict seems to be much farther off than the end of the year, Pickering said he has decided to resign at the end of the summer term.

He came to UH 14 years ago from Michigan State University. He has served as a professor of English, dean of the College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Communications, and provost, before becoming the president of the university in 1992.

Following the president out the door are the second and third highest ranking officials at UH. Trueba, senior vice president for Academic Affairs as well as provost, resigned after serving at UH for less than a year.

Trueba said he is resigning to allow a new UH president to select his or her own chief academic officer. In his letter of resignation-addressed to Pickering-Trueba said, "During the short period that I have served under your leadership, I have come to appreciate your efforts and the difficulties involved in leading this wonderful institution closer to its mission."

Pickering said, "Henry (Trueba) and I acted with the same goals in mind, which include moving the university ahead and providing a quality education and academic environment for our students. He brought to his position at UH the strong academic focus that all great universities must have."

Boyd, administrative finance officer since January 1992, came to UH from federal and state financial administrative organizations, rather than from an academic background. His appointment was due to expire in 1996.

In his letter to Pickering and the board of regents, Boyd said, "Given the current state of affairs, this is an appropriate point for further transitioning to a new administration. With your (Pickering's) resignation and a new president due on board by Sept 1, I believe it would be an appropriate time for me to leave."

Schilt was president of UH-Downtown from 1980-87 and president of Eastern Washington University until his chancellorship appointment in 1989.

-Andy Alford
The Daily Cougar

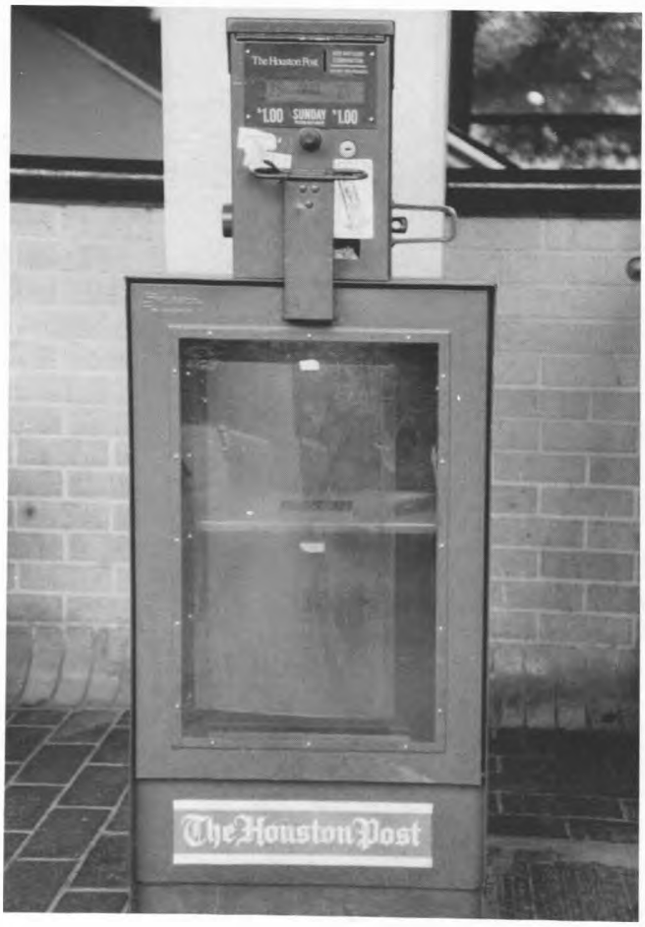
The Houston Post closes its doors...

The Houston Post closed its doors on April 18, 1995 after publishing what few knew would be its last edition. The closing, which ended a 111 year continuous run, was announced on Tuesday, April 18 at about 9:30 a.m.

Employees were told they had until 5 p.m. to remove their personal belongings from the building, which was sold to the owners of the Houston Chronicle.

Outside the building, local media were lined up in the parking lot, and security officers kept the media from approaching the building.

A press release from the Chronicle said that Consolidated Newspaper, Inc., the Post's parent company, has been searchin for a buyer since late 1994. When no buyers were found, an agreement was made with the Hearst Corp., which owns the Chronicle.



The Department of Justice reviewed the transaction under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act and decided not to challenge the deal, according to the release.

So now, the fourth-largest city in the country now has only one newspaper to inform its public of the news and only the Houston Chronicle will decide what Houstonians read.

And so, Houstonians said goodbye to their loyal Houston Post, not even getting a chance to receive a farewell issue.

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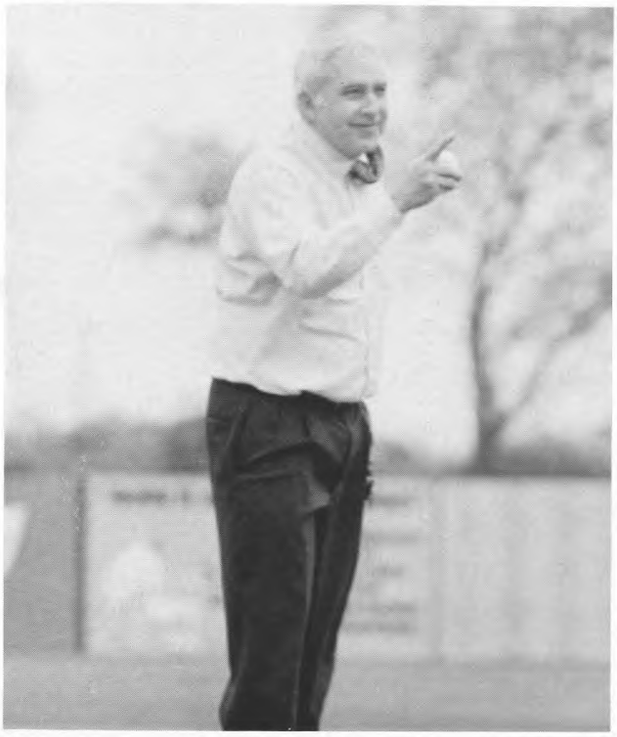
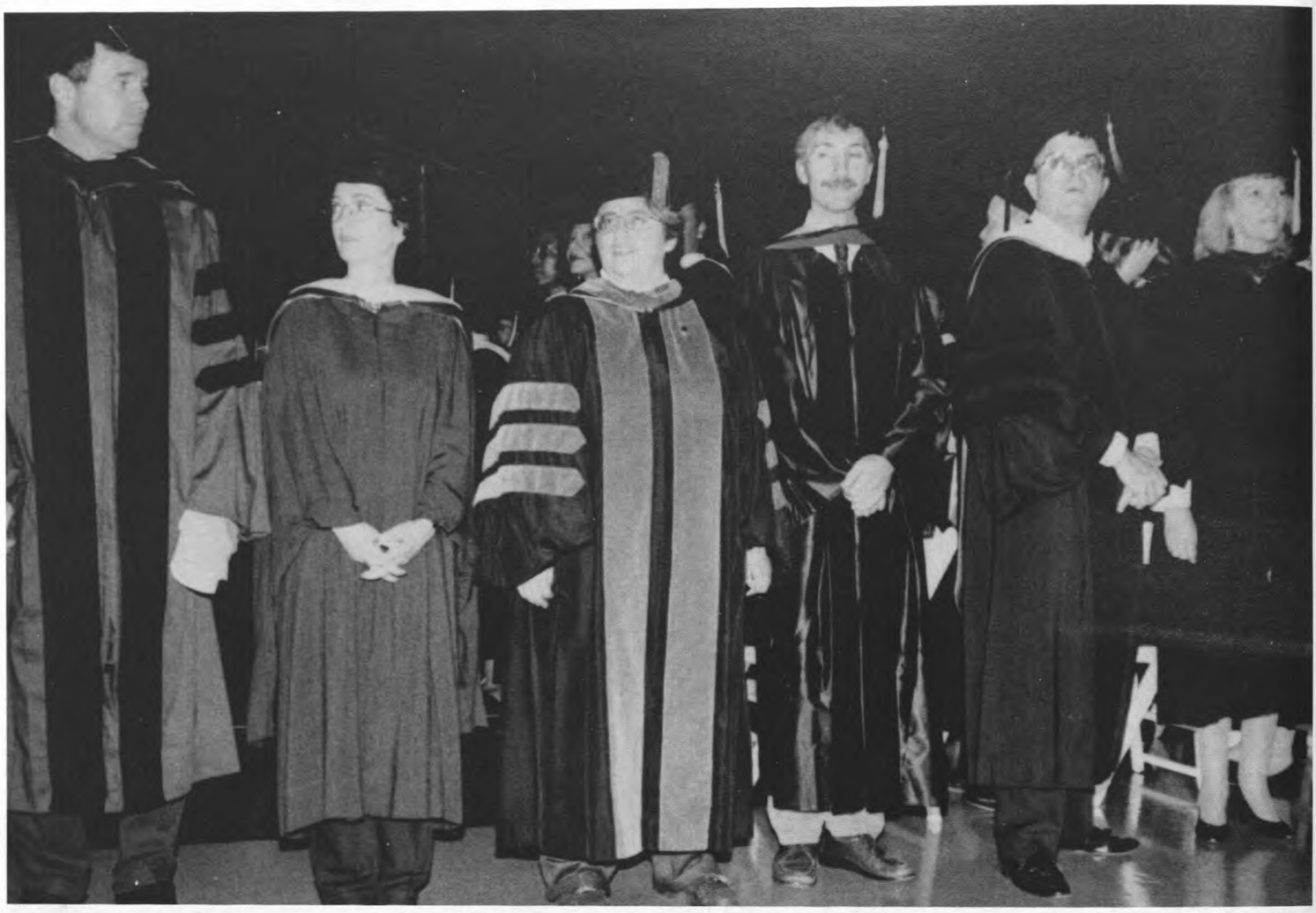
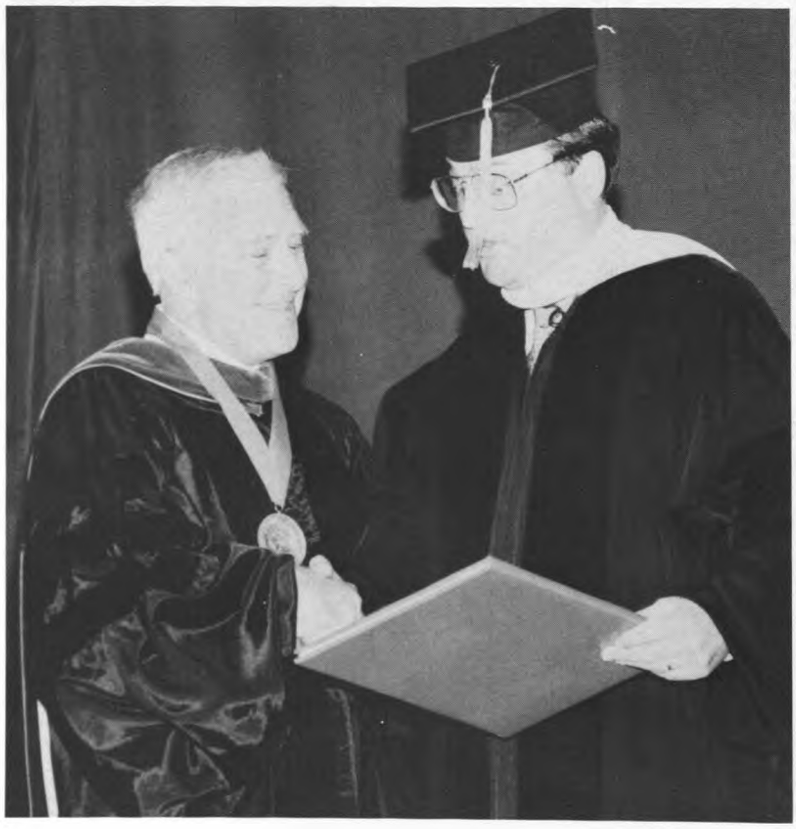


The baseball field becomes functional

On Feb. 22, the first baseball game was played on the newly designed baseball field. President James H. Pickering got to throw out the first ceremonial pitch to commemorate the first game. The new baseball field is an additional add on to the new athletic facility that in April was functional , but will not have an official ceremony until September of 1995.

Graduation commencement 1995





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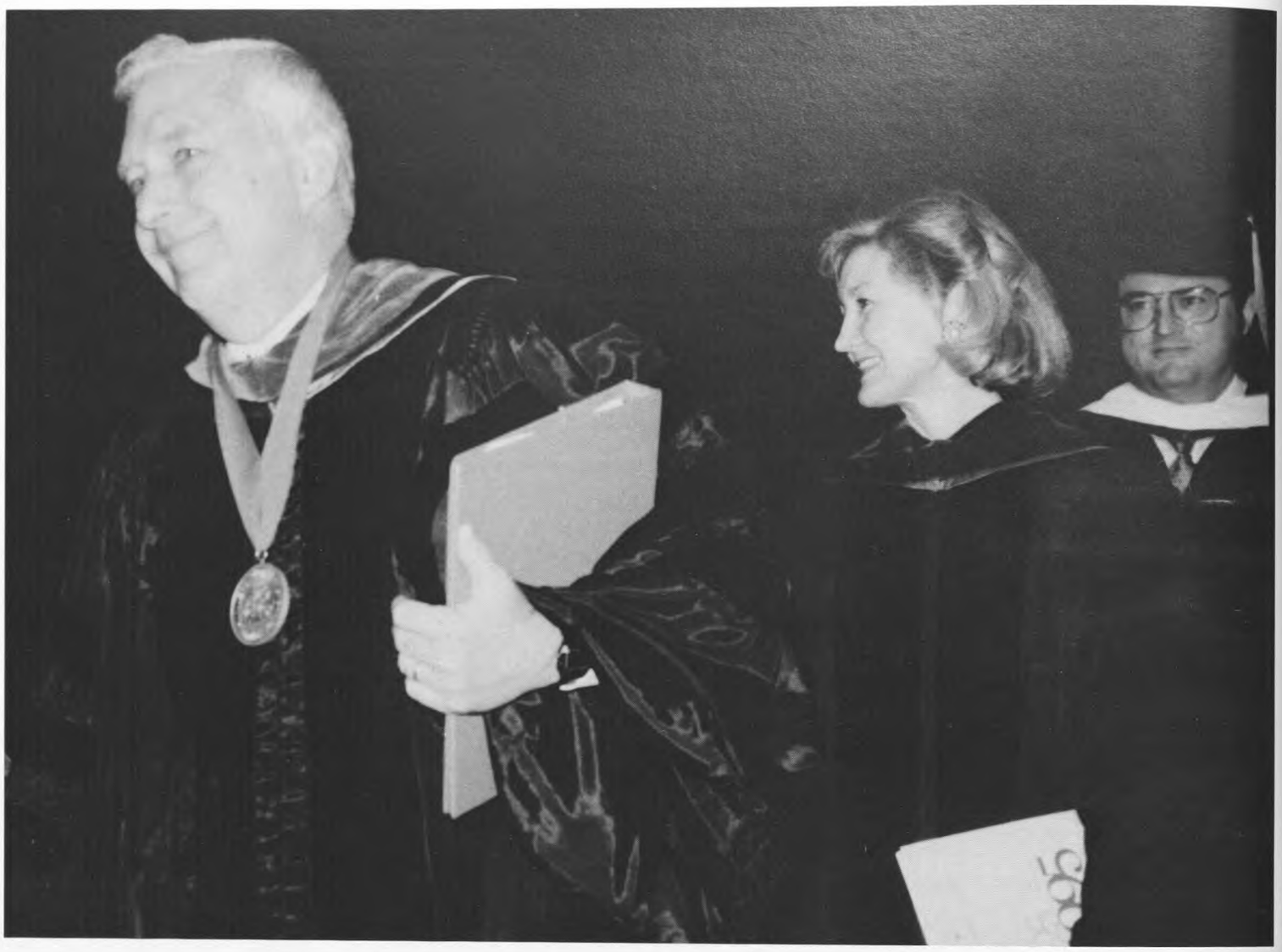
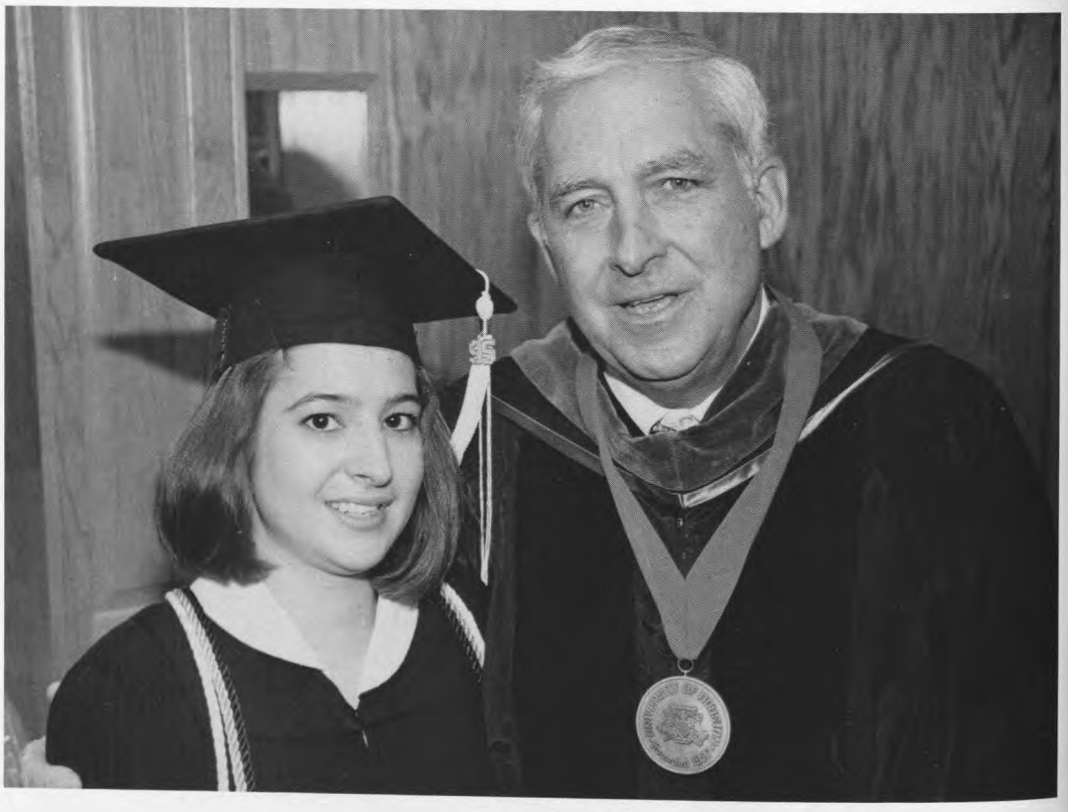
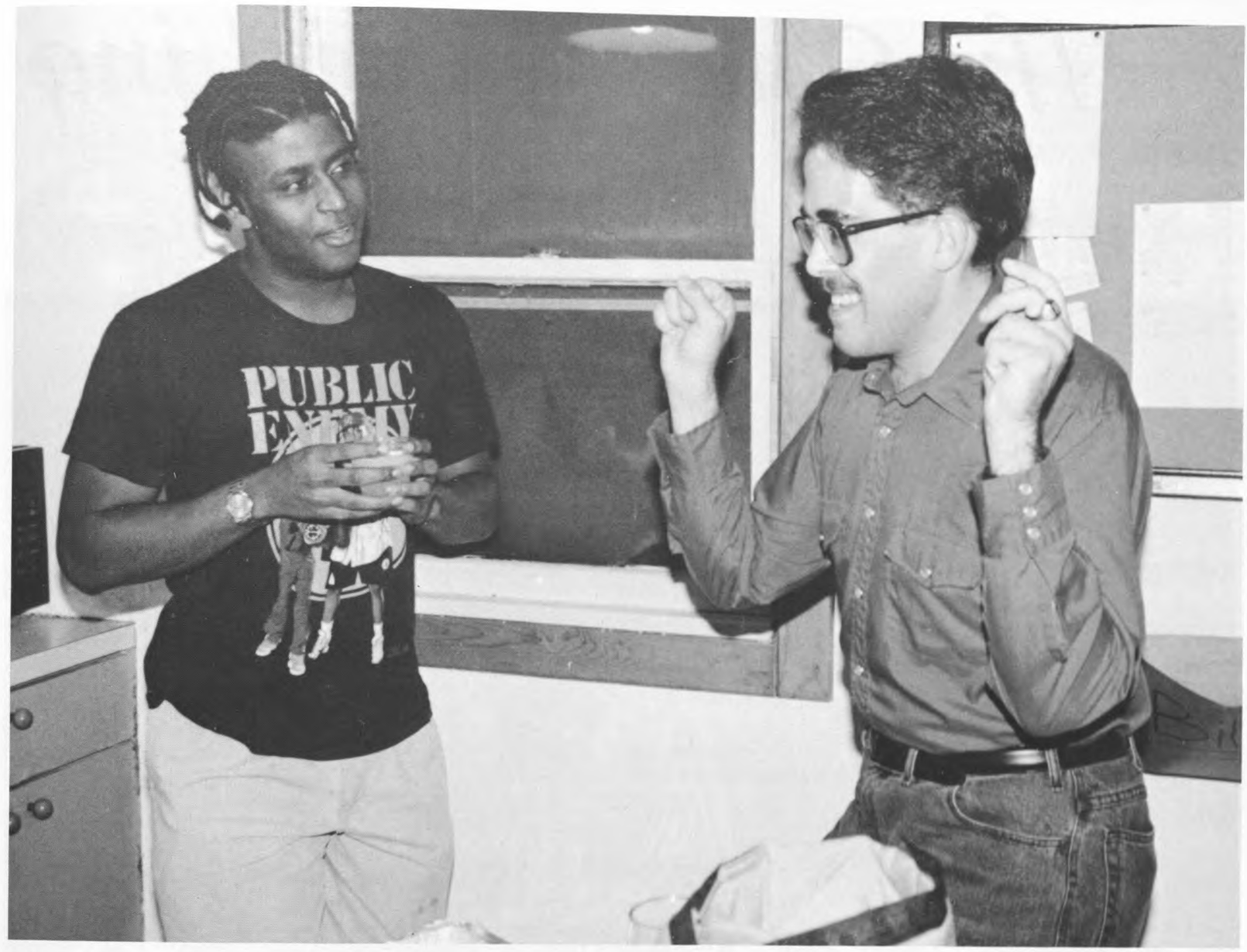




So we grew together, like to a double cherry, seeming parted, but yet a union in partition; Two lovely berries moulded on one stem. So, with two seeming bodies, but one heart; Two of the first, like coats in heralchy, due but to one, and crowned with one crest.
–Midsummer Night's Dream act II scene 2

The Community

The Daily Cougar Staffers



Top: Frank Rossi showing Jesse Handy the cool dance moves all the kids are doing these days. *Photo by Cesar Alvarez* **Right:** Staffers letting loose at the Christmas Party. *Photo by JoAnn Stephens*

The Cougar Marching Band

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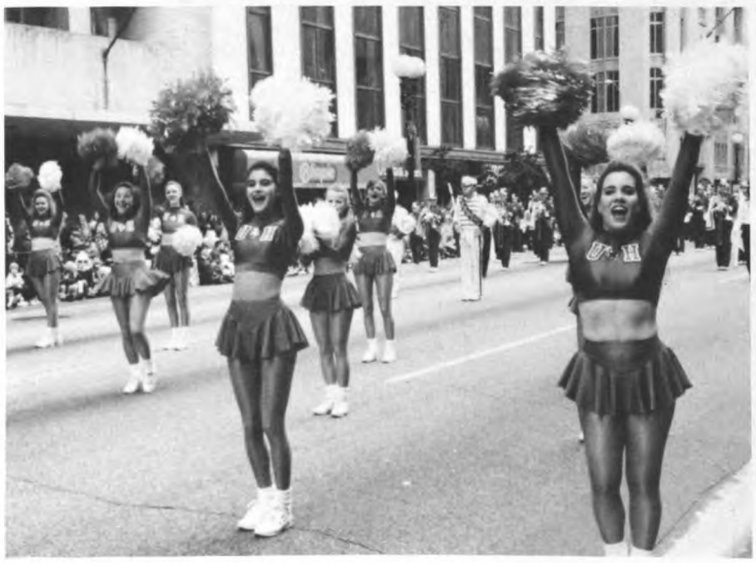
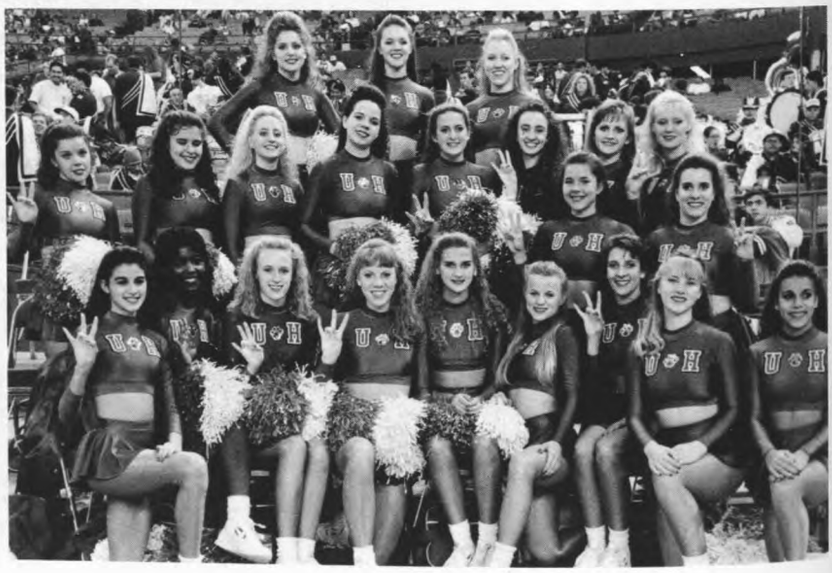
The Cougar Dolls





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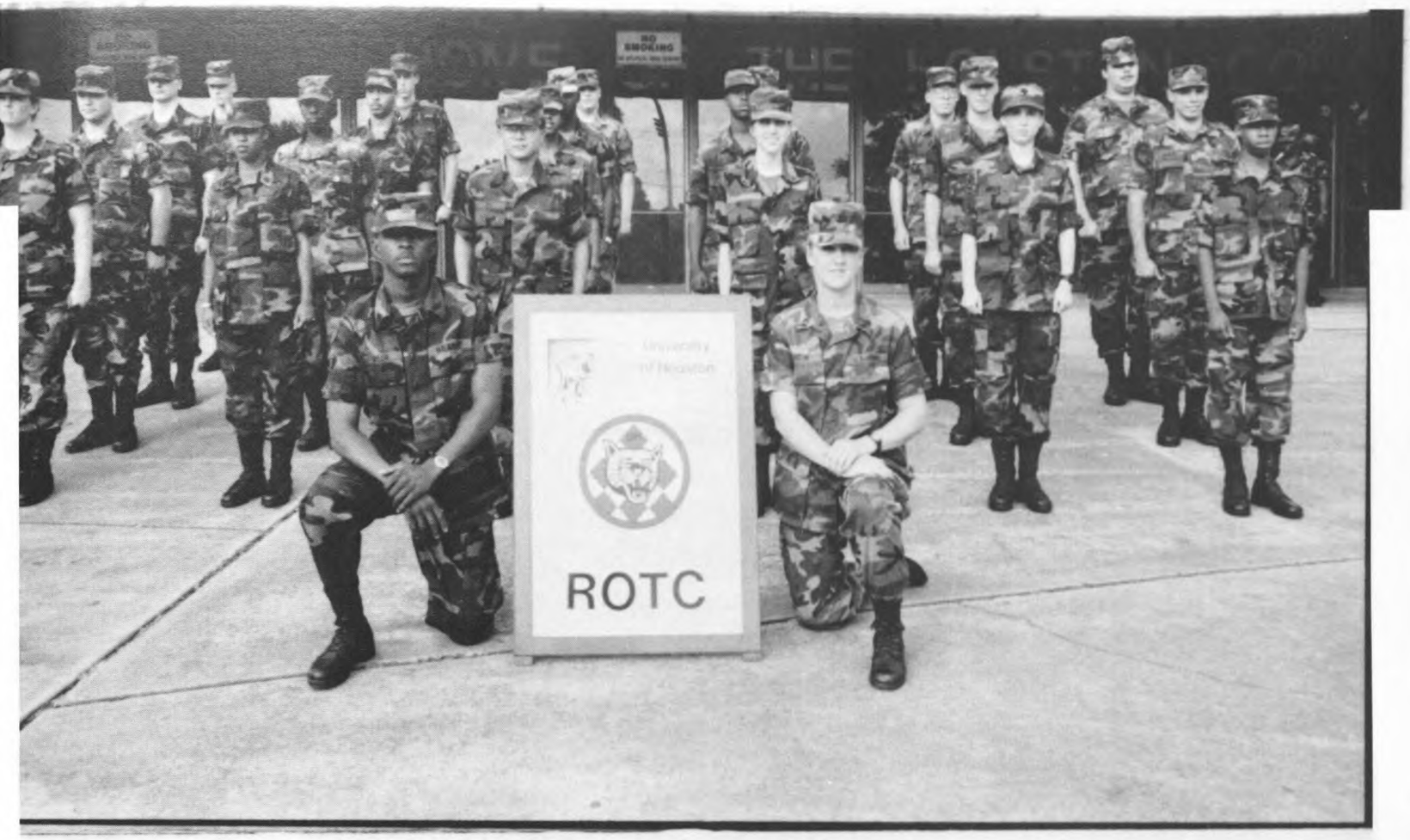
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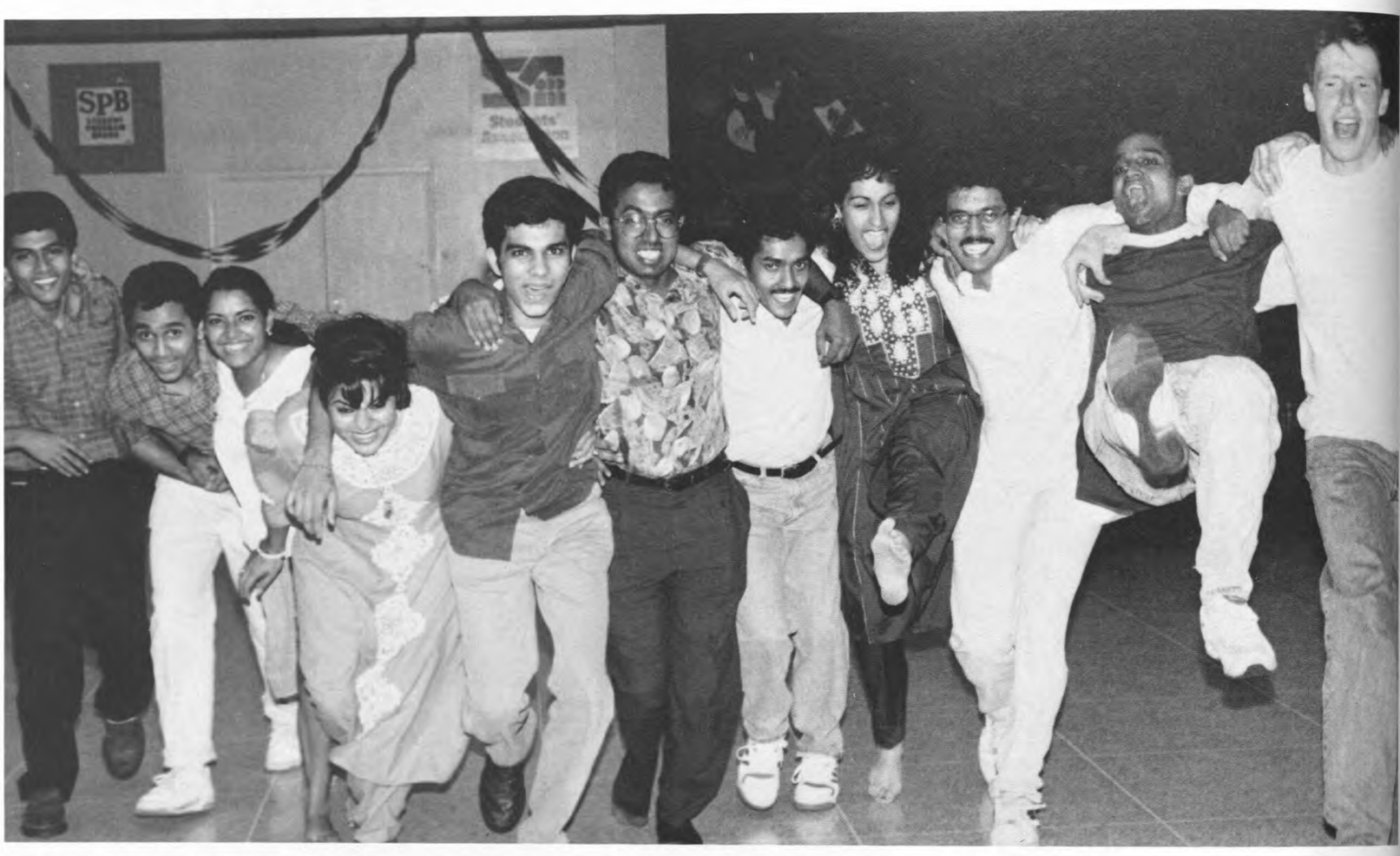

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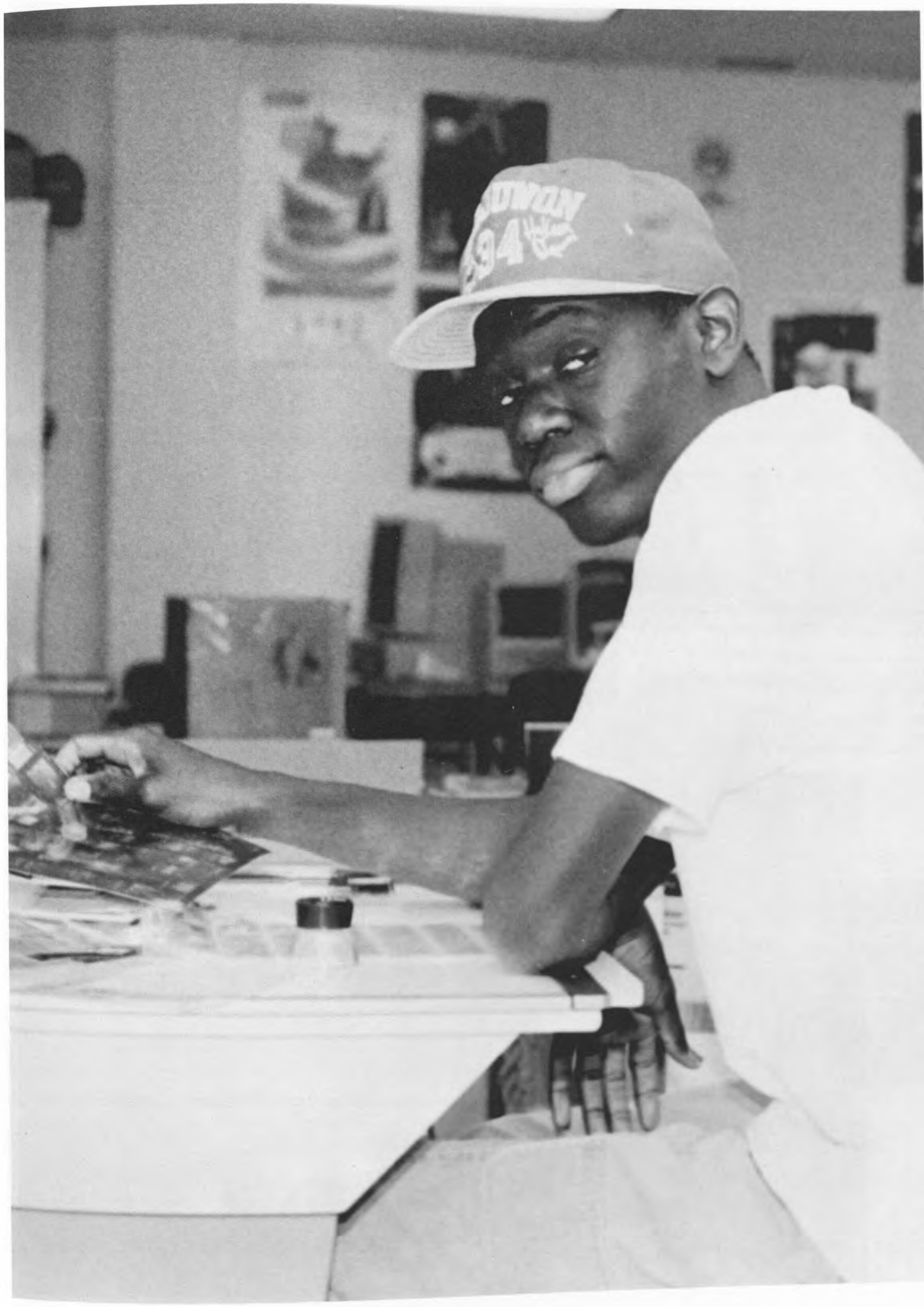

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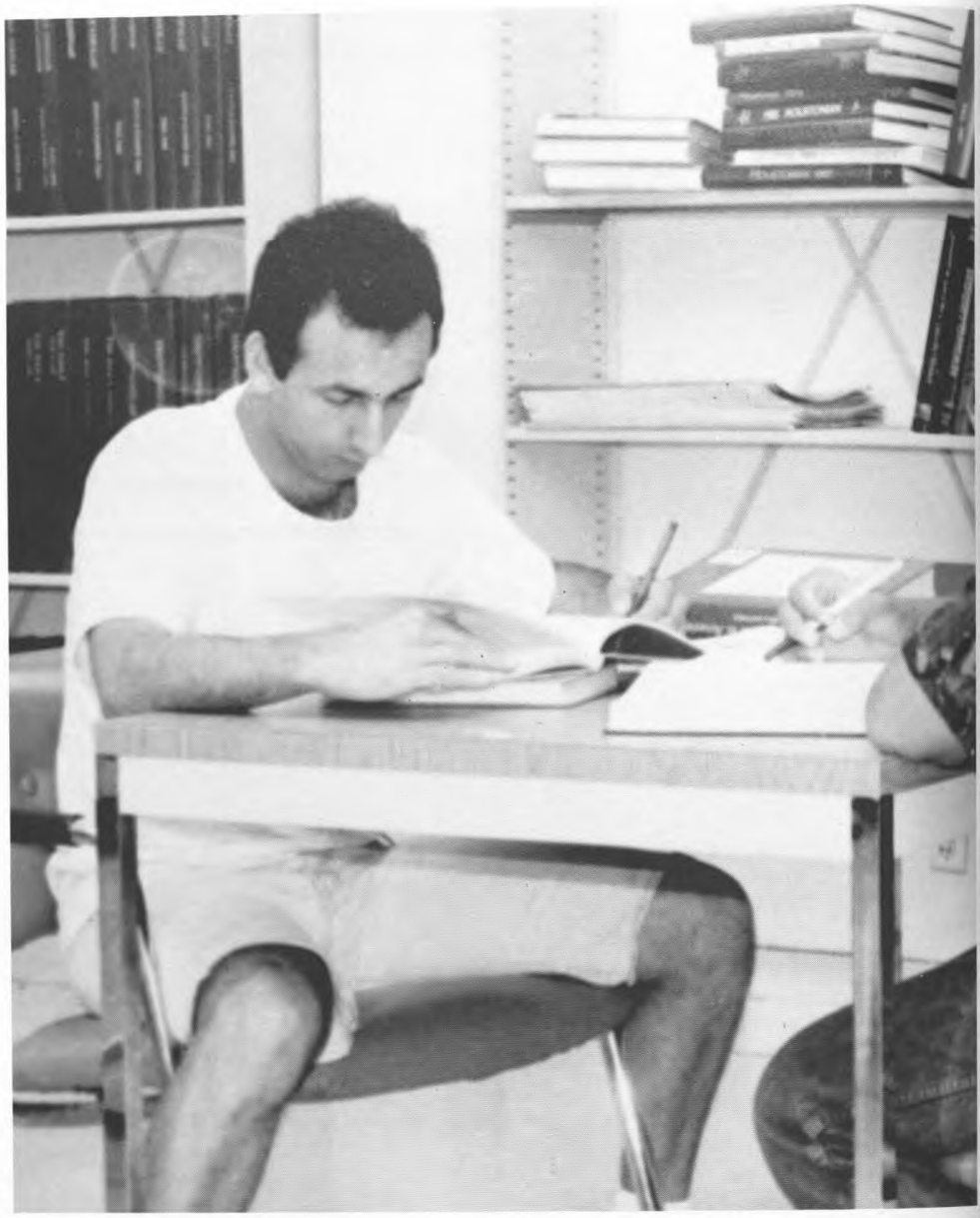

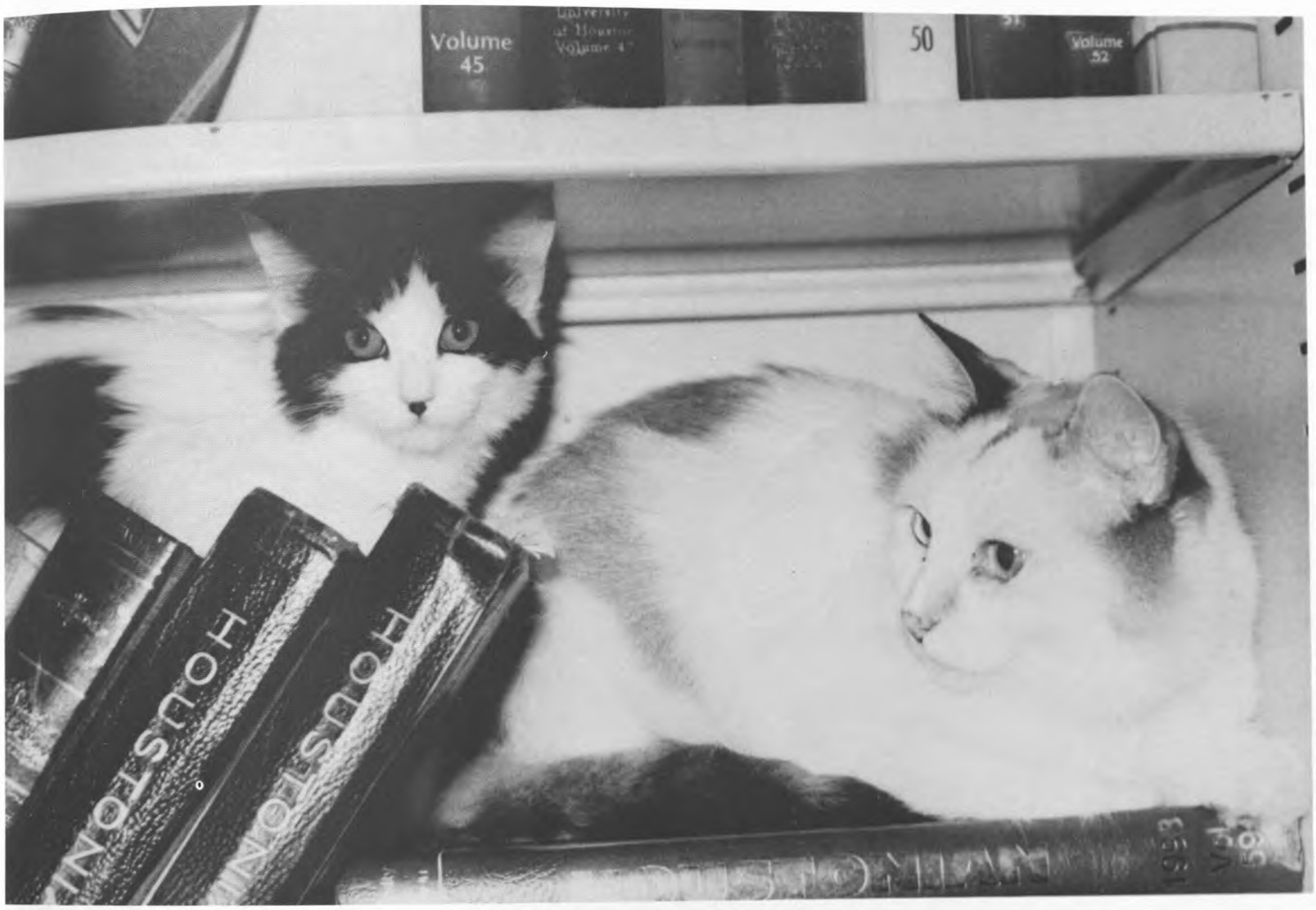

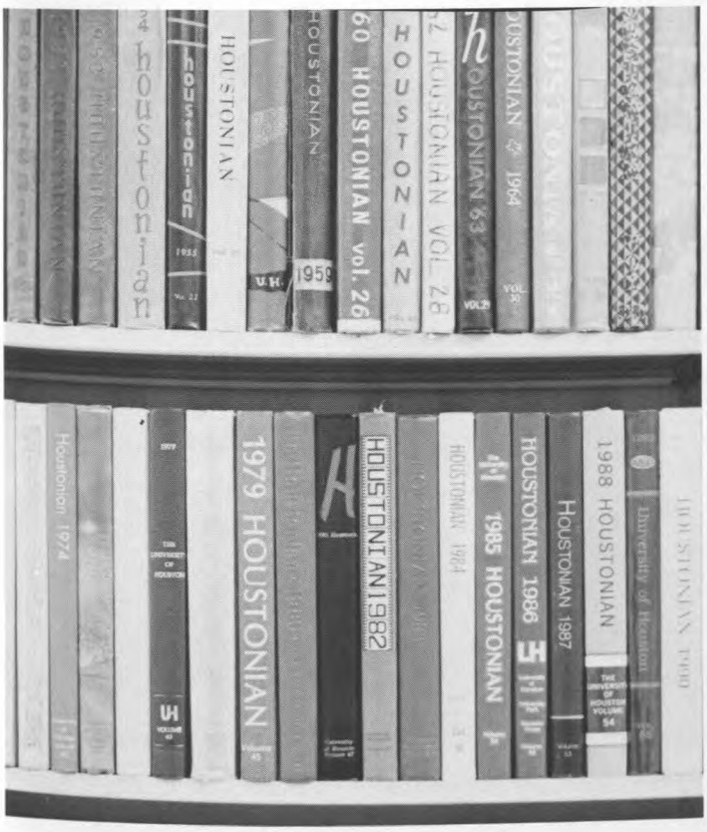

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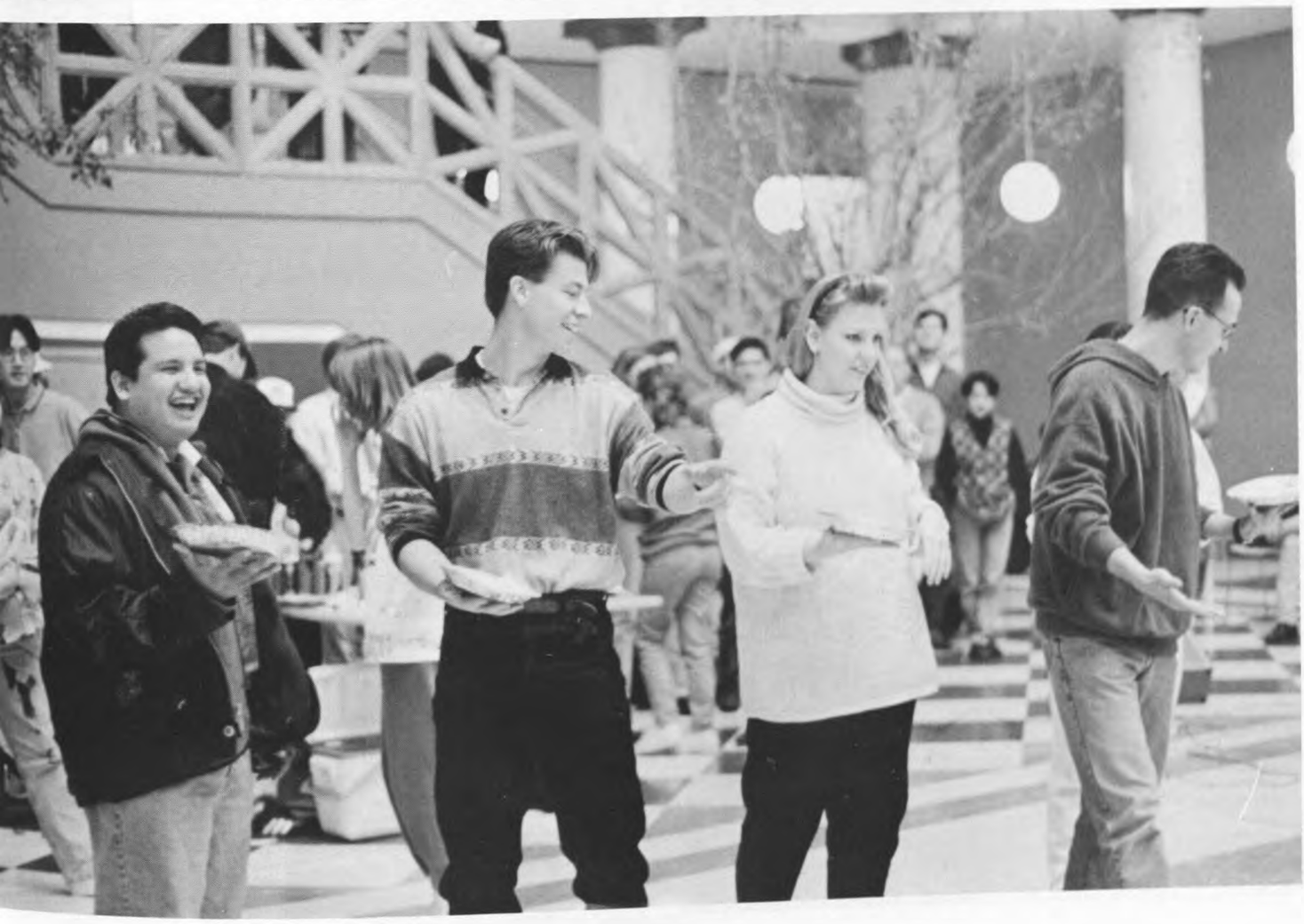

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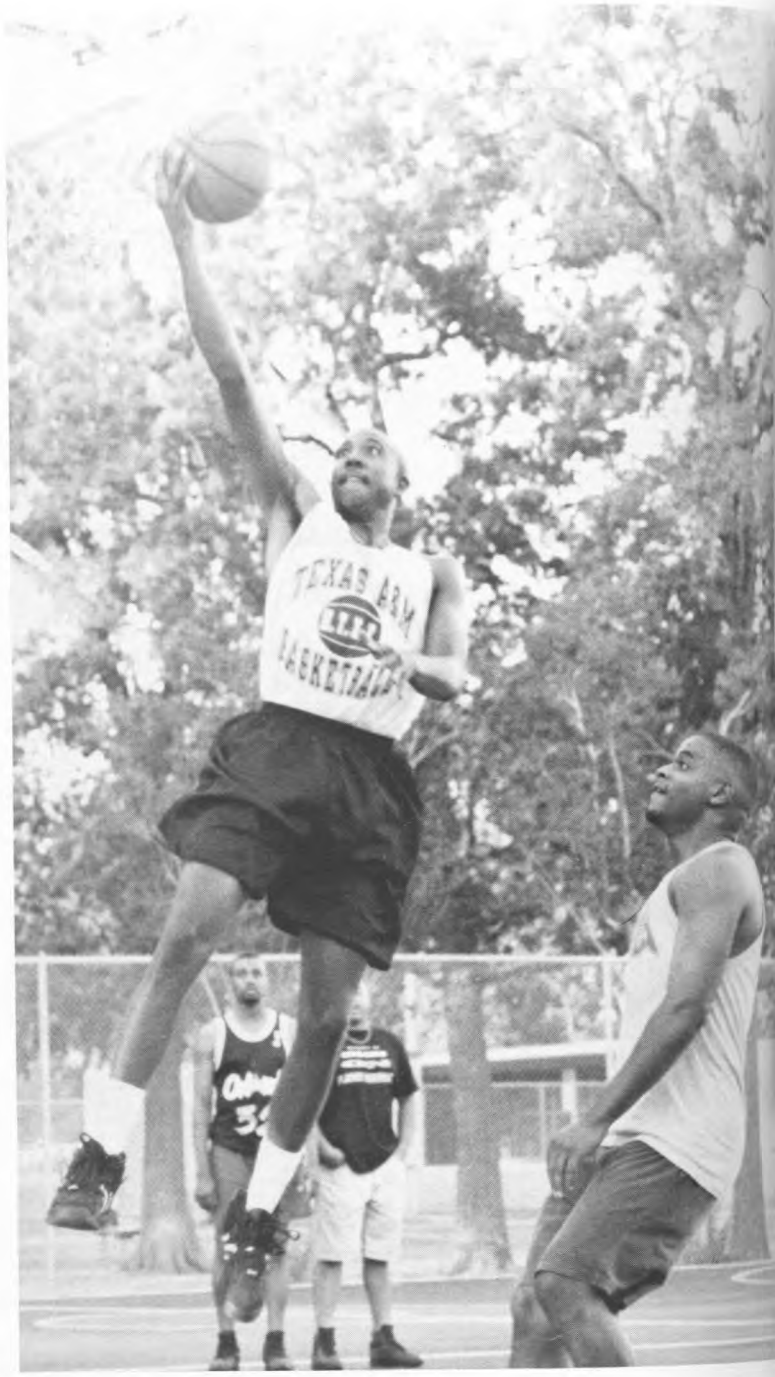

Residence Halls

A safehaven for living

Welcome home! The University of Houston Residence Halls provided over two thousand students with housing and sustenance. Aside from just occupying a dorm space, students enjoyed a variety of activities and events which only enhanced the on-campus experience. Living on campus can be very rewarding, and makes the college package complete and convenient at the same time.

From the Beauty Bowl to Fright Night, RHA personnel strove to bring joy and entertainment to the university's residents. The number of residents is actually quite small compared with the numbers at other schools, which is largely due to the UH being a commuter school. Regardless of this fact, the university's residents are centrally located in one of the largest cities in the United States and our city hosts numerous clubs and activities of which students at the University of Houston have easy access to.

Opposite Page: Chuck Henderson leaps past opponents at the courts by the Towers. *Photo byJason Jaeger* **Top:** Michael Clark enjoying the watermelon offers in the Towers cafeteria. *Photo by Danny Dalstra* **Bottom:** Towers residents watching instructional television which UH offers for some classes. *Photo by Tricia Garcia*

SOUTH TOWER, FIFTH FLOOR: Themaire Stephen, Koji Sugimoto, Jules Johnsons, Rick Gutierrez, Jomond Cole, Faisal Manzoor.

SOUTH TOWER, SIXTH FLOOR: Emily Almaguer, Terri Kogel, Charla Gillian, Julie Jacobs, Lisa Dodge, Susana Henriques, Taiwon Le, Susana Quines, Isolda Paniaga, Shante Goines, Susan Sheffer, Yeon Chy, Heather Allen, Irina Karasseva.

SOUTH TOWER, SEVENTH FLOOR: Russ Contreas, Mark Eichelberger, Shane Schiermeier, Ed DiPersio, Rick DiPersio, Big Smiley, Daryl Gardner, Vinnie Stevens, Jeff Parson.

Sunsplash '94

Students celebrate the beginning of a new school year in the dorms

SOUTH TOWER, EIGHTH FLOOR: Teneshia Lewis, Ana Ayala, Verbisky Sasha, Leahshon Thompson, Patricha Oblemenco, Margret Moros, Laticha Jackson, Elizabeth Perez, Tamaka Mcneil, Briggette Harrison, Christia Garcia.

SOUTH TOWER, NINTH FLOOR: Crystal Gunter, Melanie Orange, Rachel Lopez, Diana Sahawatona, Monica Canales, Melissa Oldenburch, Andrea Rowe, Tiffany Ozumba, Monica Revera, Ebony Washington, Cheronda Simmons.

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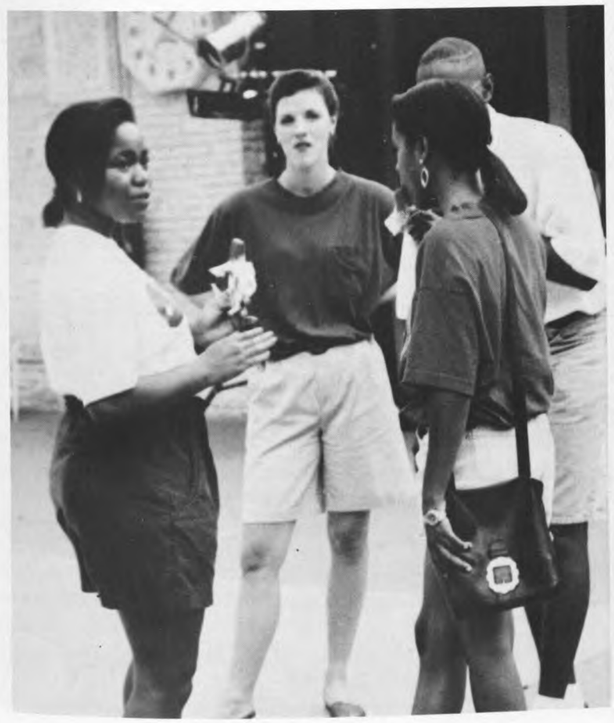

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SOUTH TOWER, TWELVETH FLOOR: Karen Wilson, Carmetra Snoddy, Barbara Soriano, Amberly Wagner, Shaba King, Andrea Anderson, Azrmistic Pope, Jennifer Turpin, Jennifer Ferotalor, Shariifa Abran, Chantel Hicks, Jessica Lusk.

SOUTH TOWER, THIRTEENTH FLOOR: Fatima Autry, Shar Mitchell, Chelsea Allen, Katrima Autry, Diane Anzaldua, Jill Carpenter, Kari Coppedge, Allison Hervey, Deborah Hill, Sheila Carillo, Ahsley Bilbrey, Dana Royer, Tamika Rogers, Richard Edwards.

Dorm Life...

it's just one big party after another

SOUTH TOWER, FOURTEENTH FLOOR: Jeff Mouakket, Olaf Krell, Bryan O'Neal, Robby Anderson, Inderpreet Sawhney, Carter Womack, Victor Remishevsky, James De Los Santos, Scott Nguyen, Adam Parks, Raed Elhajj.

SOUTH TOWER, FIFTEENTH FLOOR: Alan Young, Jed Davis, Cloyd Vanhook, Michael Marciano, Joe Ringo, John Grove, Sharrod Perry, Shih Chung-Lih, Ken Kwany.

SOUTH TOWER, SIXTEENTH FLOOR: Elizabeth San Juan, Tonya Sonnier, Angela Raley, Patrick San Juan, Kendra Davis, Marlo Neuhaus, Sandra Salti, Shandra Booker, Rachel Leleux, Nikki Crudup, Monica Sheffield.

SOUTH TOWER, SEVENTEENTH FLOOR: Jason LeGate, Manuel Neto, Scott Crowell, Mark Kochis, Umar Hussain, Roland Luis, Netzer Antonio, Lino Torres.

NORTH TOWER, FIRST FLOOR: Ben Leggett, Mike Grote, Charles Christianson, Teresa Gallagher, Ramsey Morris, Charlotte Burgess, Leigh Ann Shingler, Hayley Waters, Tammy Kim, Stephen Fernandez.

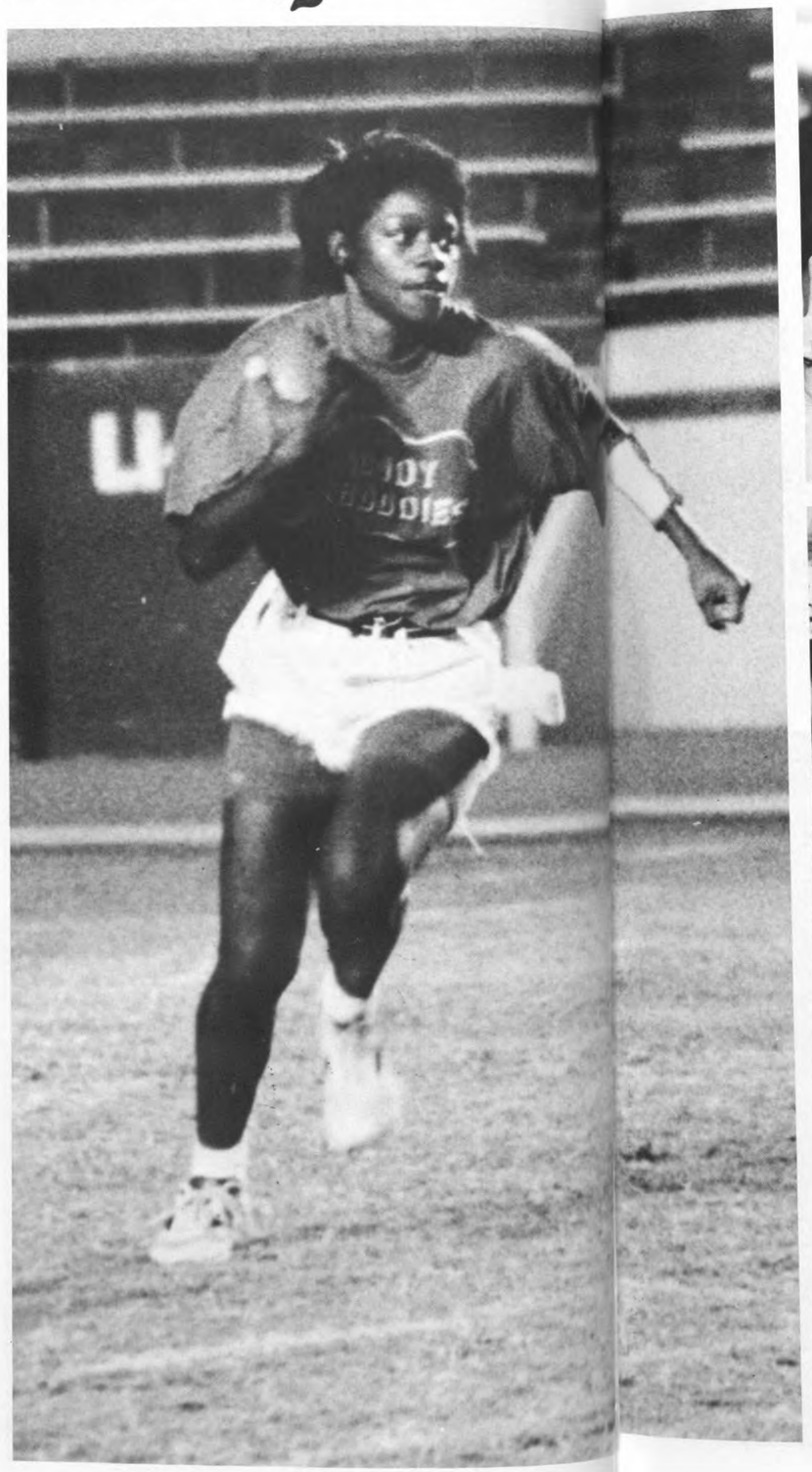
NORTH TOWER, SECOND FLOOR: Cindy Adams, Jessica Clem, Melissa Bartholomew, Karen C. Allen, Brenda Leggett, Michelle Grote, Charlene Christainson, Suzy Robinett, Katrina Green, Andrea Whyte.

28th Annual RHA Beauty Bowl

Towers v. Quad

NORTH TOWER, THIRD FLOOR: Amy Baker, Rose McNulty, Sandy Montgomery, Vanessa Quirno, Uyen Tran, Marie Joy Montilla, Teri Szynskie, Andrien Y. Polk, Lisa Roy, Melissa Romero, Carletha West.

NORTH TOWER, FOURTH FLOOR: Aaron Jacks, Jason Vojack, Maywood Jablowini, Derick Jumper, Stephen Penn, Seth Batiste, Mitul Naik, Jeffrey Hatton, Darryl Campbell, Damon Edwards, Kyller Mason, John Craft, Thomas Carter, Ben Leggett, Mike Grote, Charles Christianson.



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NORTH TOWER, SIXTH FLOOR: Jenny O'Neal, Latasha Fields, Anna Borrego, Heather Ploeg, Carolyn Campbell, Karli McGowen, La'Kisha Esther, Faye Lazarow, Catherine Weber, Linda Waty, Airnee Robertson, Ann-Marie Nuanze, Pailina 'Arnadothi, Antonia Willey, Marie Do, Shaneque Hopkins.

Quad wins it again 9-6

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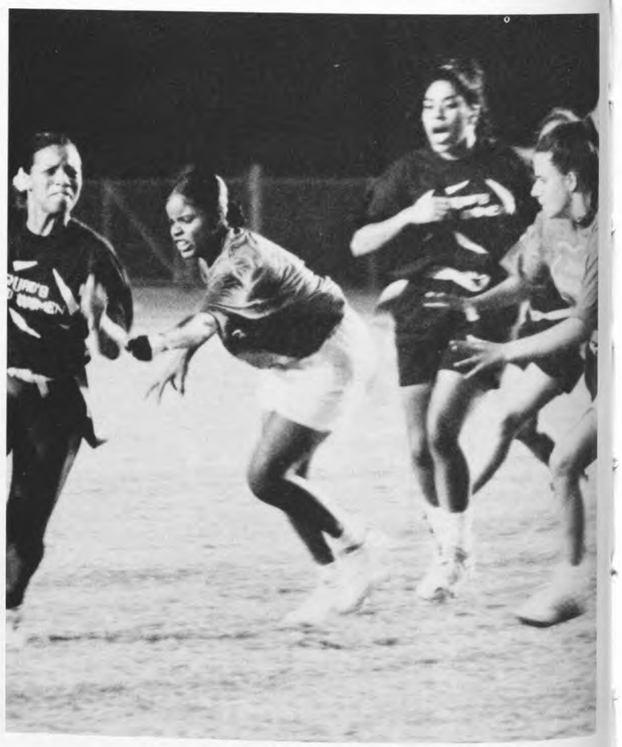

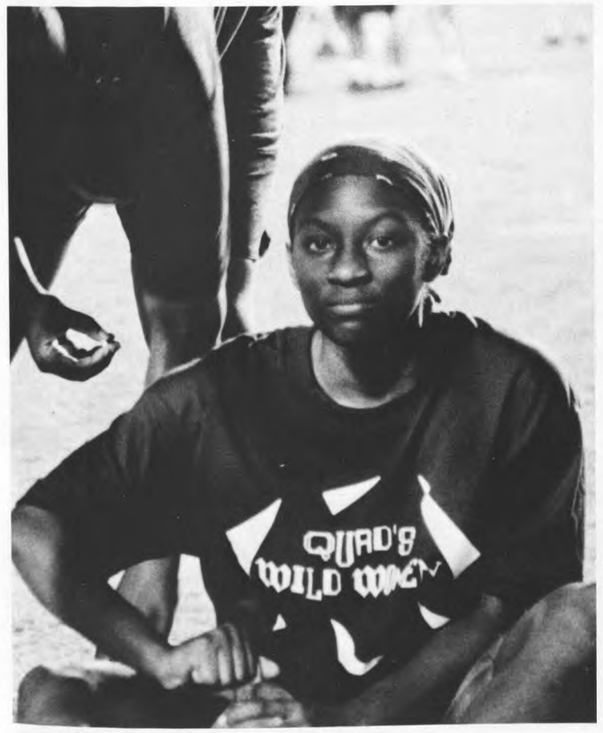

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NORTH TOWER, ELEVENTH FLOOR: Adrian Gafford, Asim Farooq, Judge Lance Ito, O. J. Simpson, Michael Whitley, Ron Reid, James Cox, Juan Carlos Ley, George Imperial, Eric Estrada, Javier Flores, Geraldo Perez, Eric Pena, Darrell Whatley, Scott Sayre, Satoshi Fujinam, Huintoo.

NORTH TOWER, TWELVTH FLOOR: Devin Brown, Charles Garcia, John Finney, Dave Garcia, Allen Baragar, Bobby Somers, Jeremiah Wheeler, Tristan Moore, Ien Nguyen, Miguel Becerra, Robert Richard, J. Fisher, Marc Cougle, Matthew Maresco, Arron Lington, Eugene Hall, Duong Thongnhat, Adam Burns, Terrence Leavy.

Home Sick

NORTH TOWER, THIRTEENTH FLOOR: Shandra Roblow, Andrea Patterson, Ana Monteros, Lezli Enax, Clara Osuji, Jessica McAulliffe, Delia Foster, LaShonda Johnson.

NORTH TOWER, FOURTEENTH FLOOR: Y Dang, Lai Dang, Weasle Ahistrom, Sandra Shuster, Christiana Llamas, Mackrena Linares.

NORTH TOWER, FIFTEENTH FLOOR: Tricia Garcia, Keffrelyn Brown, Heidi Fliece, Ana Flores, Allyson Woods, Letita Womack, Kelly Koonce, Ruth Reyes.

TOP LEFT: Azucena Quininez packing up her clothes to head home. *Photo by César Alvarez* **BOTTOM LEFT:** Valerie Barr packs up her car in front of the Towers. *Photo by César Alvarez* **TOP RIGHT:** Nalini Sharma gets some help from her boyfriend Mike. *Photo by César Alvarez*

Students pack it up and head home for Christmas break

NORTH TOWER, SIXTEENTH FLOOR: Willy Sanchez, Miguel Becerra, Greg Kalsey, Toshi Marty, Chuck, Mike, Ben, Nissan Bumper.

NORTH TOWER, SEVENTEENTH FLOOR: Annette Garcia, Shakira Patel, Viranchi Dave, Deuanna Hall, Jannara L. Petty, Sonia Brown, Nicole Kent.

TAUB HALL, FIRST FLOOR: Luke Fry, Nelson Espitia, Ogechi Onunka, Robert Piaz, Jana Bulloch, Brodi Fontenot, Jonica Mahoney, Jeremy Eggert, Chris Danielson, Guy Keller, Dusty Ruffatto, Melissa Arias.

TAUB HALL, THIRD FLOOR: Kelcey Decker, Deryck Kennedy, Ben Dover, Chad Klarke, Marcus Fusilero, Rick Byrne, Keith Decker, Rob Rangel, Lee Watson, Jason Grutter, Susan Casero, Todd Bredbeck, Jill Cavanaugh, Sachin K. Patel, David White, Carsten Udenguard, Barre Sanderson, Jahanzeb Mirza (RA).

TAUB HALL, FOURTH FLOOR: Lisa Brunhofer, Monica Sharpnack, Ima Yutz, Angela Dalrymple, Shelly J. Dittmar, Lori Achman, Natalie Adams, Amy Archambault, Armando Bitan, Sumit Bhaltacharya.

SETTEGAST HALL, FIRST FLOOR: Skip Schultz, Maria Hubbert, Amy Cauble, Kimberly Cox, Jennifer Knobloch, Anthony Stott, Terrhan Dolk, Patrizia Labella (RA), Shawn McCombs, Joel Hurst, Karen Gassen, Tana Miller, Ku Liu, David Jurecka.

SETTEGAST HALL, SECOND FLOOR: Angela Snyder, Russell Leahy, Jamey Royer, Danielle Sylvester, Iowna Ford, Lora Holt, Mishell Tucker, Toni Latson, Lana Khawaja, Stuart Ford, Adrian Chavez.

SETTEGAST HALL, THIRD FLOOR: Elanie Fontenot, Suzanne Wingenter, Elin Bendixeu, Tim Powell, Leanna Scott, Stephani Castro, Carmen Herrandez, Peyman Parham

SETTEGAST HALL, FOURTH FLOOR: Christine Chang, Josh Stevens, James Aldridge, Chris Colianni, Joel Cabrera, Viet Tran, Brett Summerlin, I.P. Freely

Residents take a break from school and enjoy a game of basketball. *Photo by Tricia Garcia*

Danny Dalstra was the first in line to receive his free Sunsplash t-shirt at the RHA welcome back party. *Photo by Tricia Garcia*

LAW HALL, SECOND FLOOR: Subeeh Siddiqui, Michael Mussen, Paras Shah, Frederick Dunbar, Julie Anderson, Dishi Chadda, Jamal Kussad, Jode Crazy, Alissa Bennett, Domenic Ippolite, Clark Laughlin, Kristen Sheils, Tara Webb (RA), Carolyn L. Yu, Stephanie Staley, Raj Choudhary.

LAW HALL, THIRD FLOOR: Michael A. Thomas, Clayton L. Haydel, Shawn Sahan, Rad St. Jullen, Carlos Encalade, Marcus Rodgers, Carsey Walker Jr., Louis Cottrell, Mario Cunningham, Nancy Corletto, Vanessa Richardson, Nancy Warnement, Aaron Lowe, Joel Anderson, Jason LaHaye, Devika Kornbacher, Becky Gothardt, T.J. Bazzoon, Elizabeth Wright, Jesse Sutton, Oya Catti.

LAW HALL, FOURTH FLOOR: Josh Breden, Cahterine R. Morales, Margi Milstad, Kenton Girard, Brandon Marsh, Tanya Harding, Katie Baker, Joie Clee, Eric Ellwanger, Ray Garza (RA), Susie Sanchez.

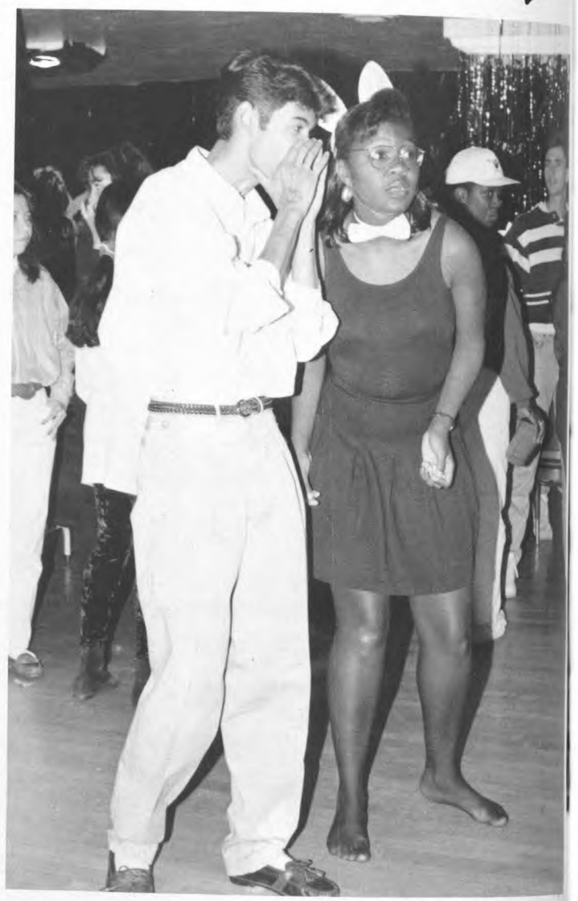
Halloween in the Dorms

The Quad transformed into the House of the Haunted

BATES HALL, FIRST FLOOR: Jeton Cooper, Mando Marroquin, Amy Kluttz, Kathleen Hayes, Alan S., Debbie Villarreal, Kurt Bush, Oscar Vela, Liet Vuong, Kenneth McGinn, Francisco L. Sanchez, Wendy Woodward, Yu-Ting Cheng, Juan Perez, Mario Villarreal Jr., William Foster.

BATES HALL, SECOND FLOOR: Sara Cook, Joyce Blanchard, Sharon Keil, Andrea Dawn Frazier, Shahnan Bubranti.

BATES HALL, THIRD FLOOR: Jimmy Hoffa, Big Daddy "C.", Elvis Presley, David Brambila, Emily Temple, Inga Heemink, Lisa Marie Rodriquez, Juanita Morales, Claudia Morales, Mireya (Mickey) Medrano, Hugo Rodriguez, Maggie Gonzalez, Cleo Rodriguez.



BATES HALL, FOURTH FLOOR: Elizabeth Litsch, Thomas Zawistowski, Richard Gilbert.

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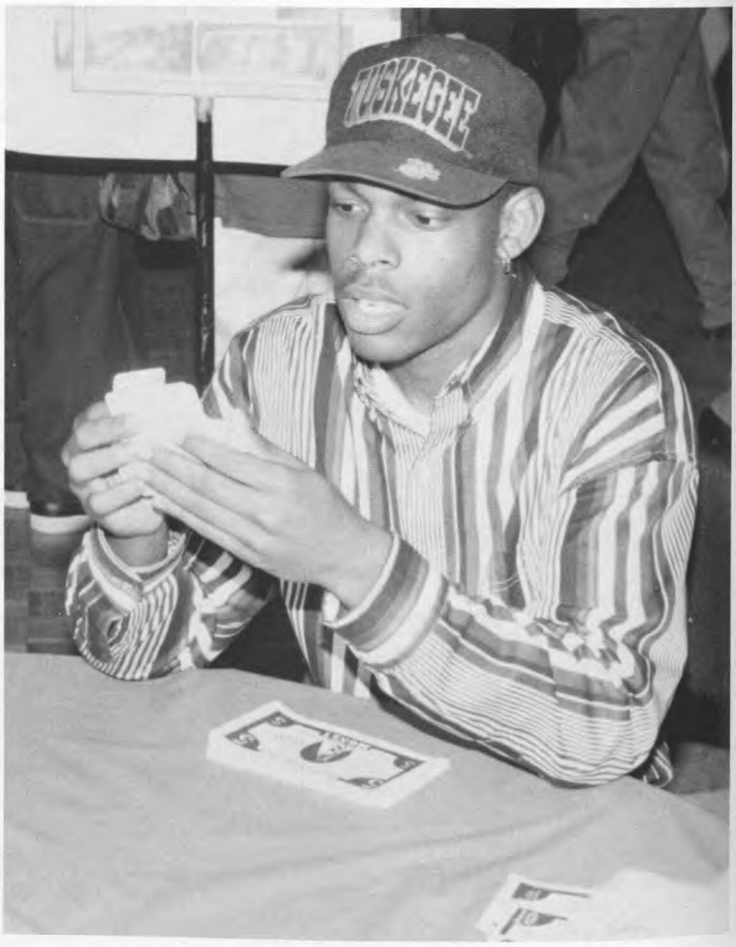
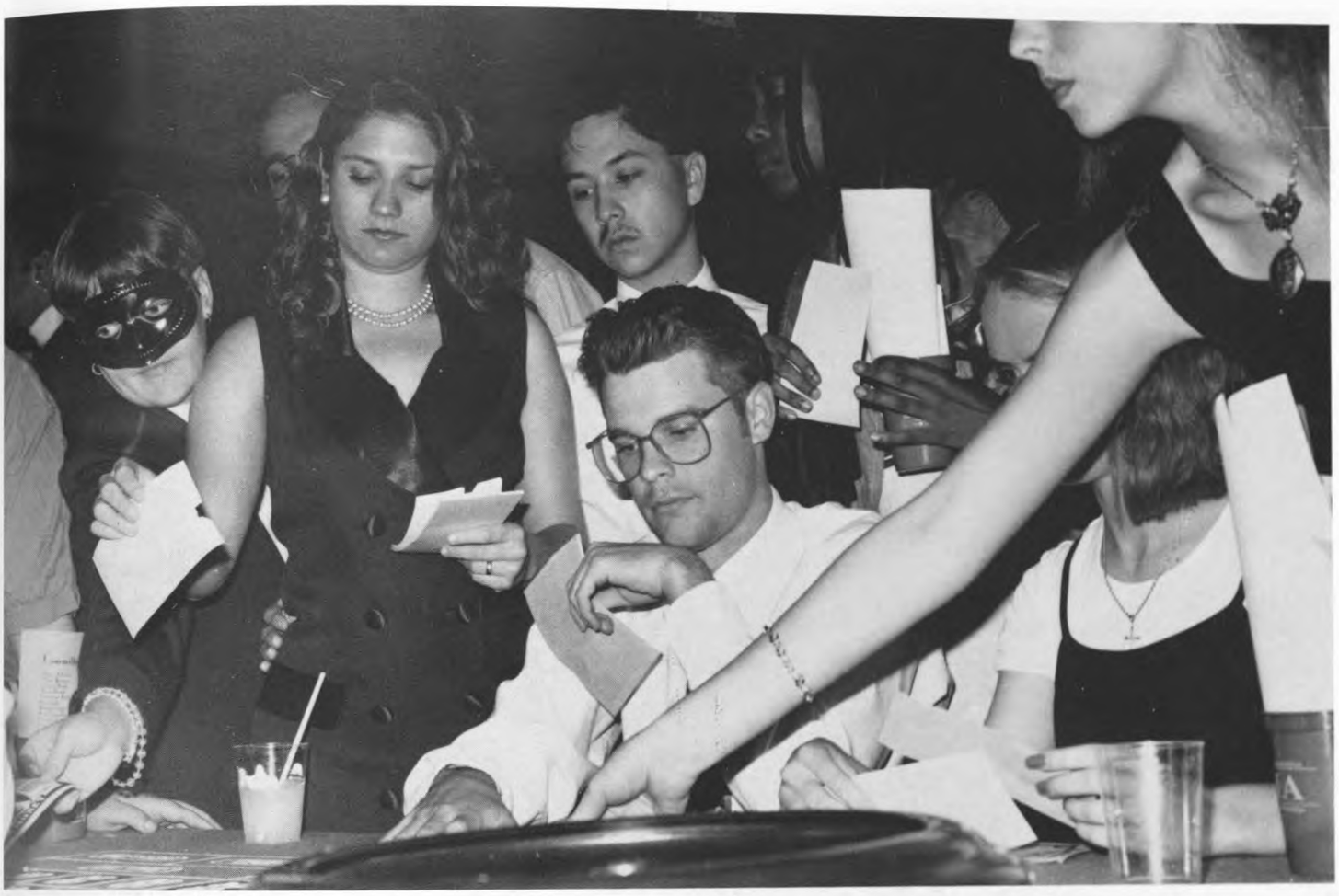
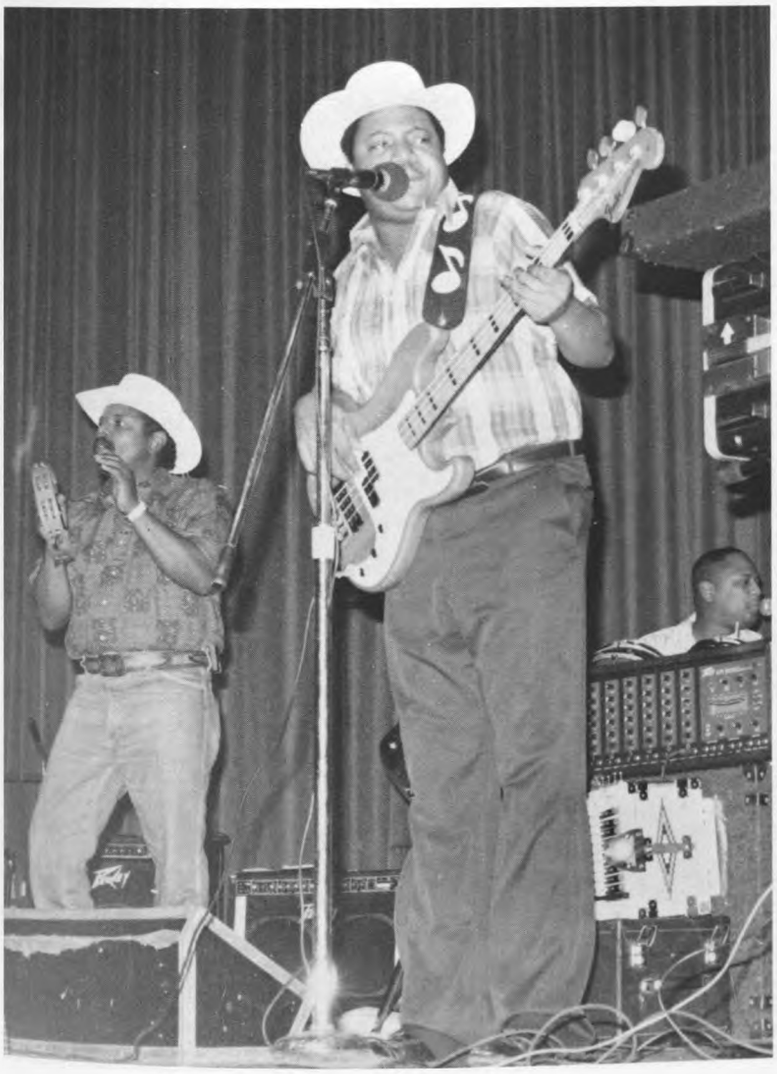
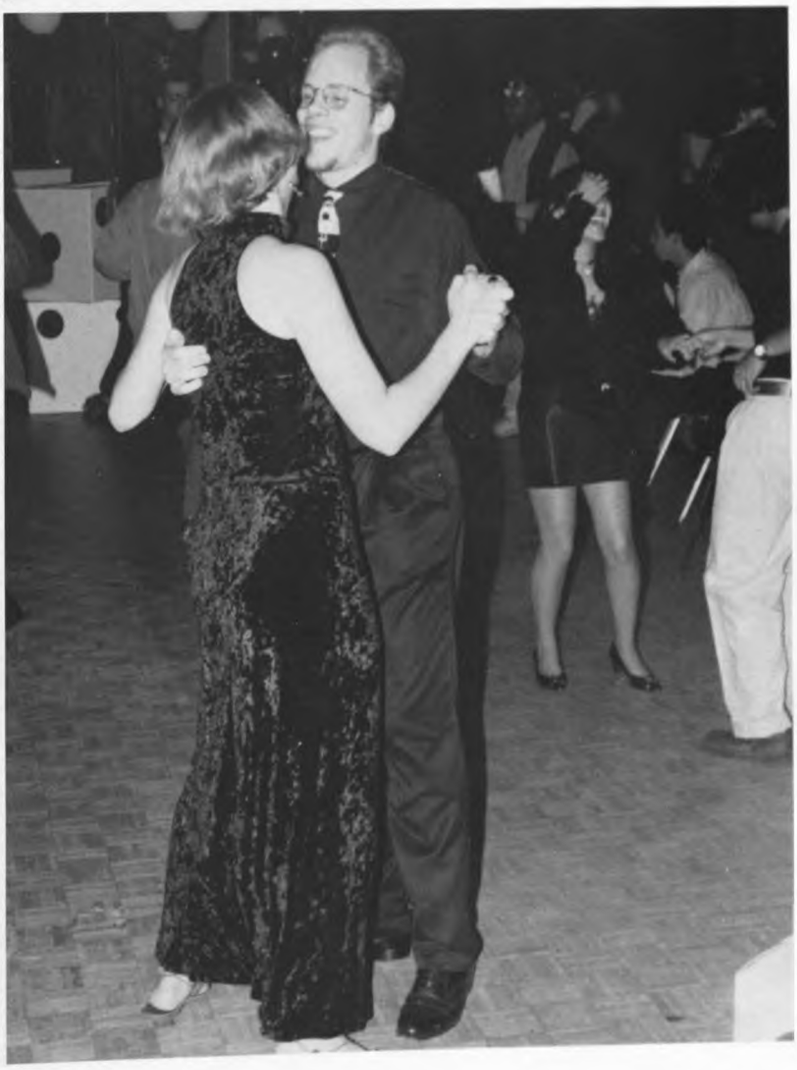
OBERHOLTZER HALL, THIRD FLOOR: Damen L. Mathews, Sean Fitzpatrick, Adam Schneider, Tara Hurler, Andrea Fiedler, Tanya Tuckett, Barbara Sloven, Graham Painter.

RHA Celebrates Casino Night

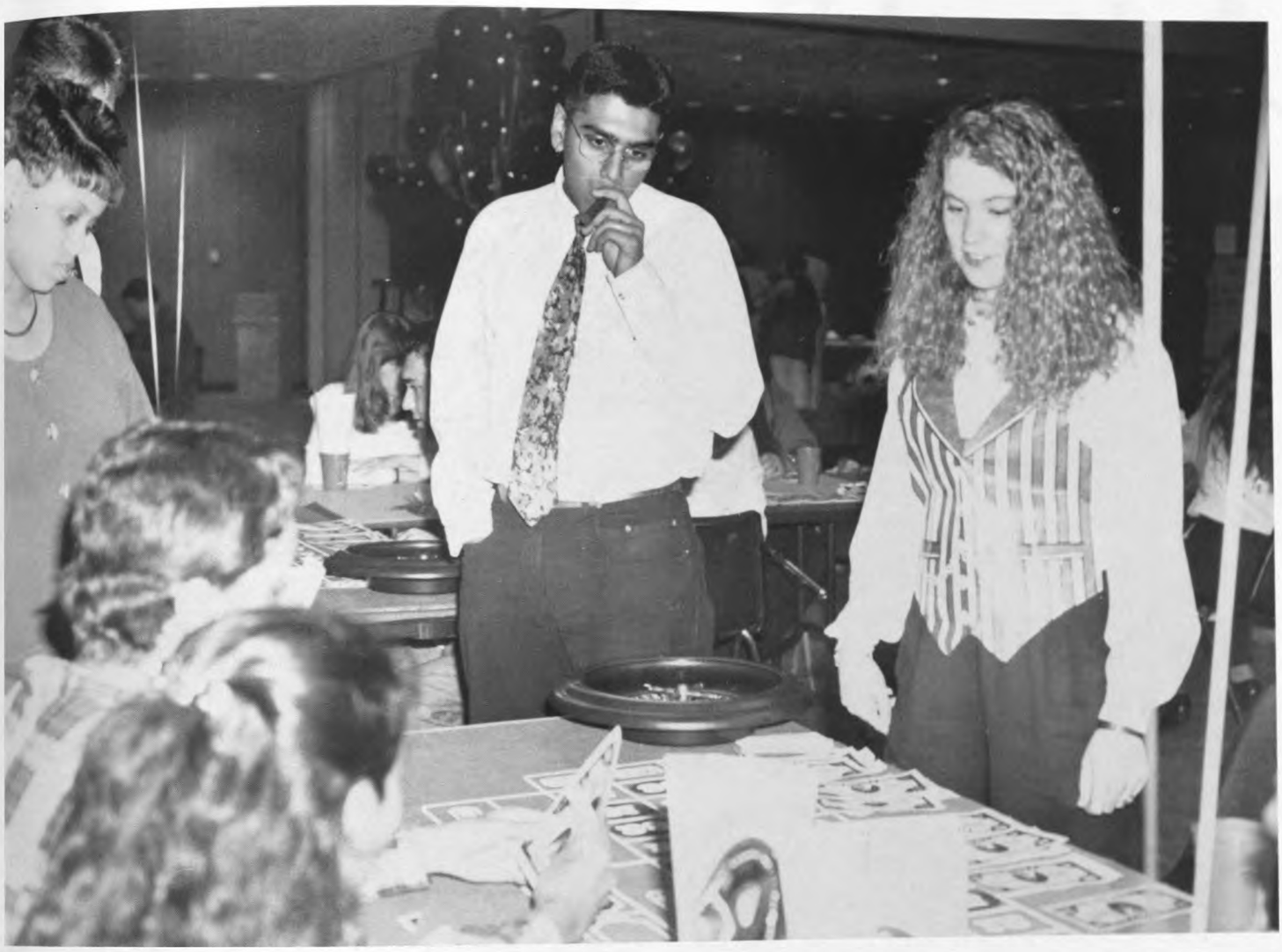








Mardi Gras at the Quad



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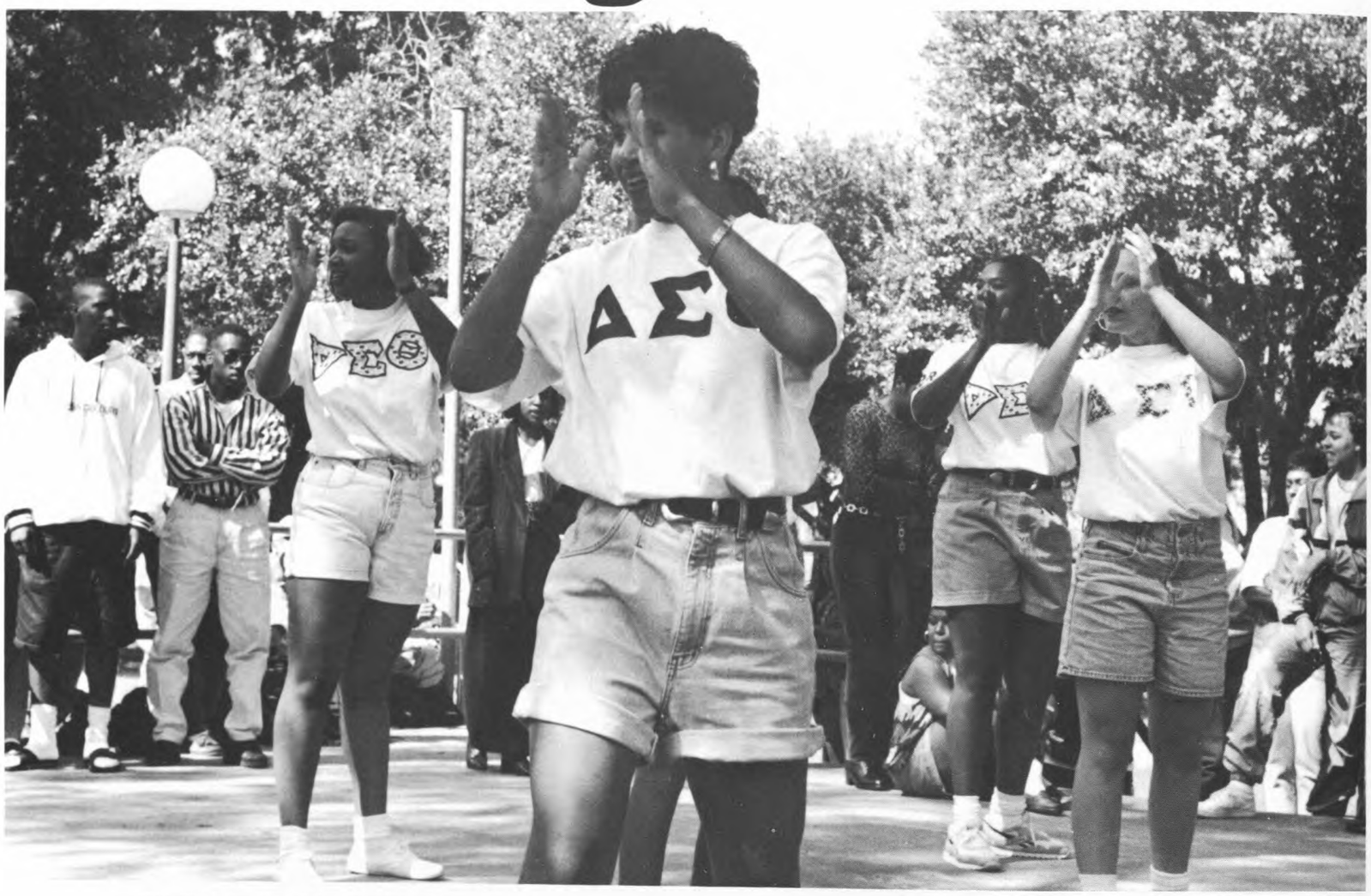

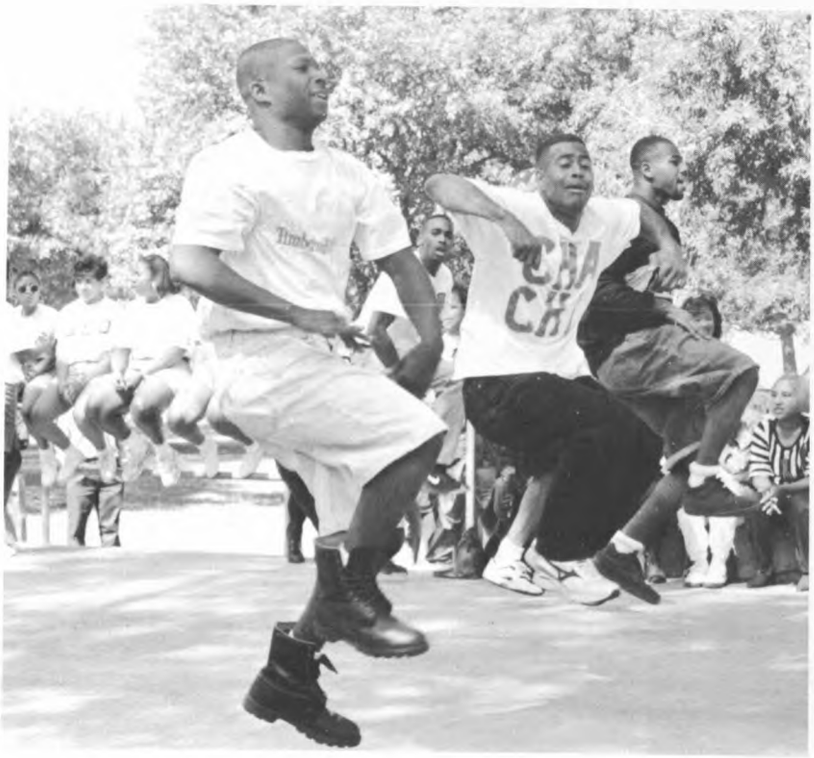

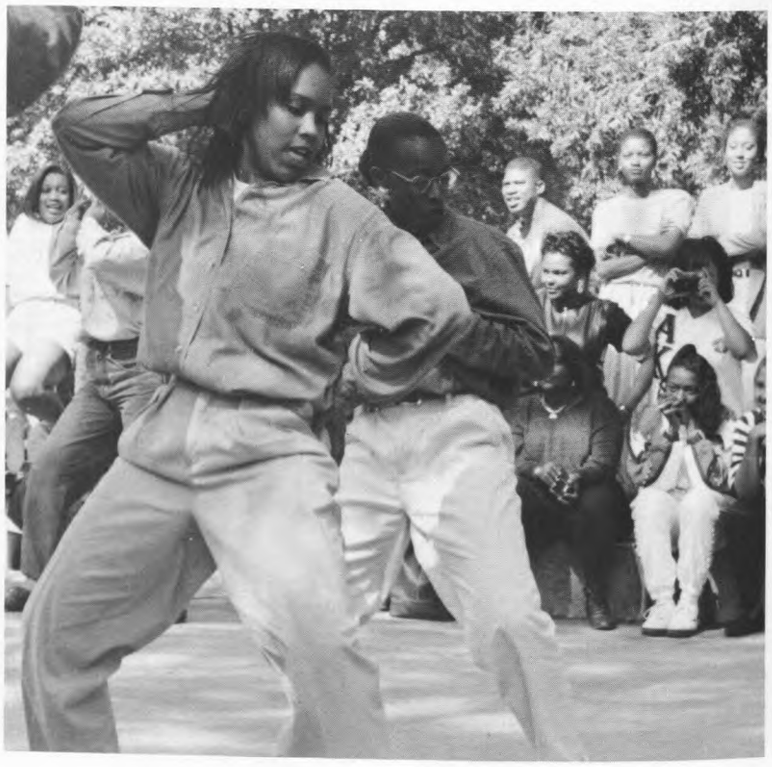

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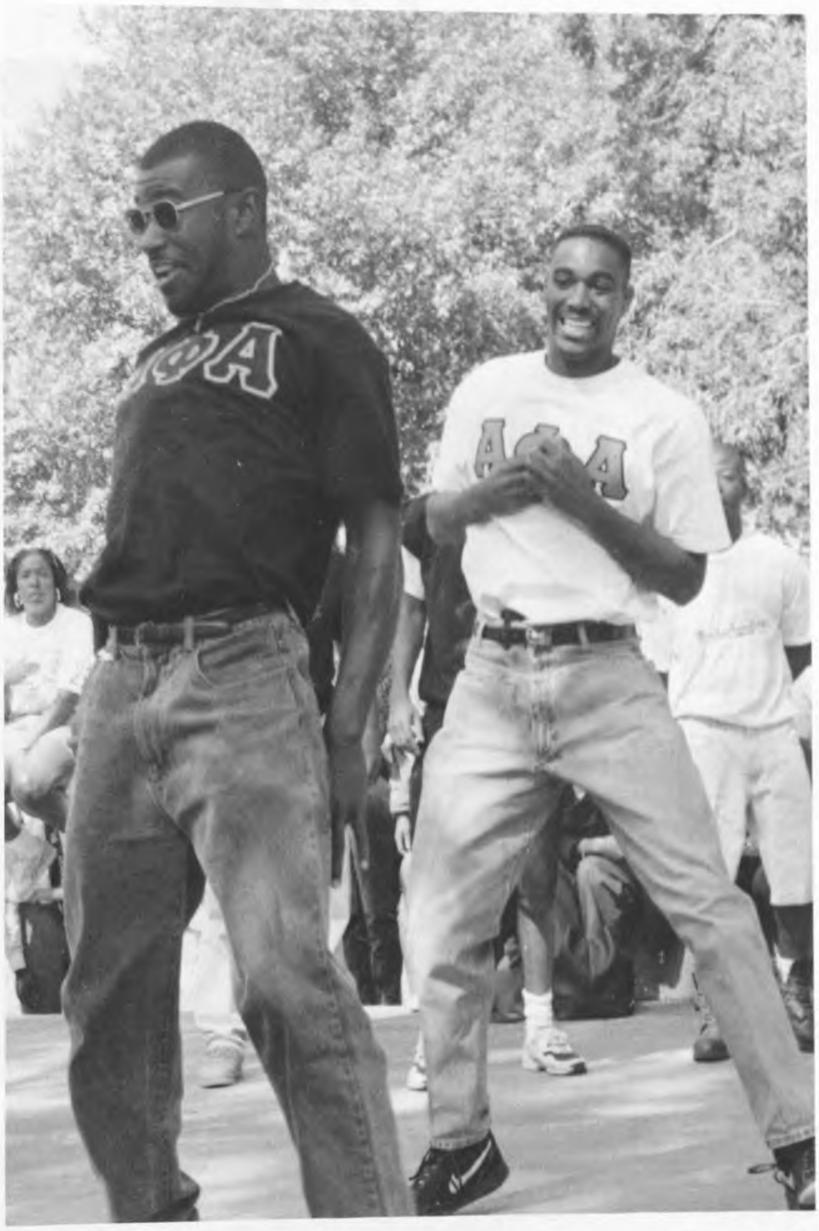

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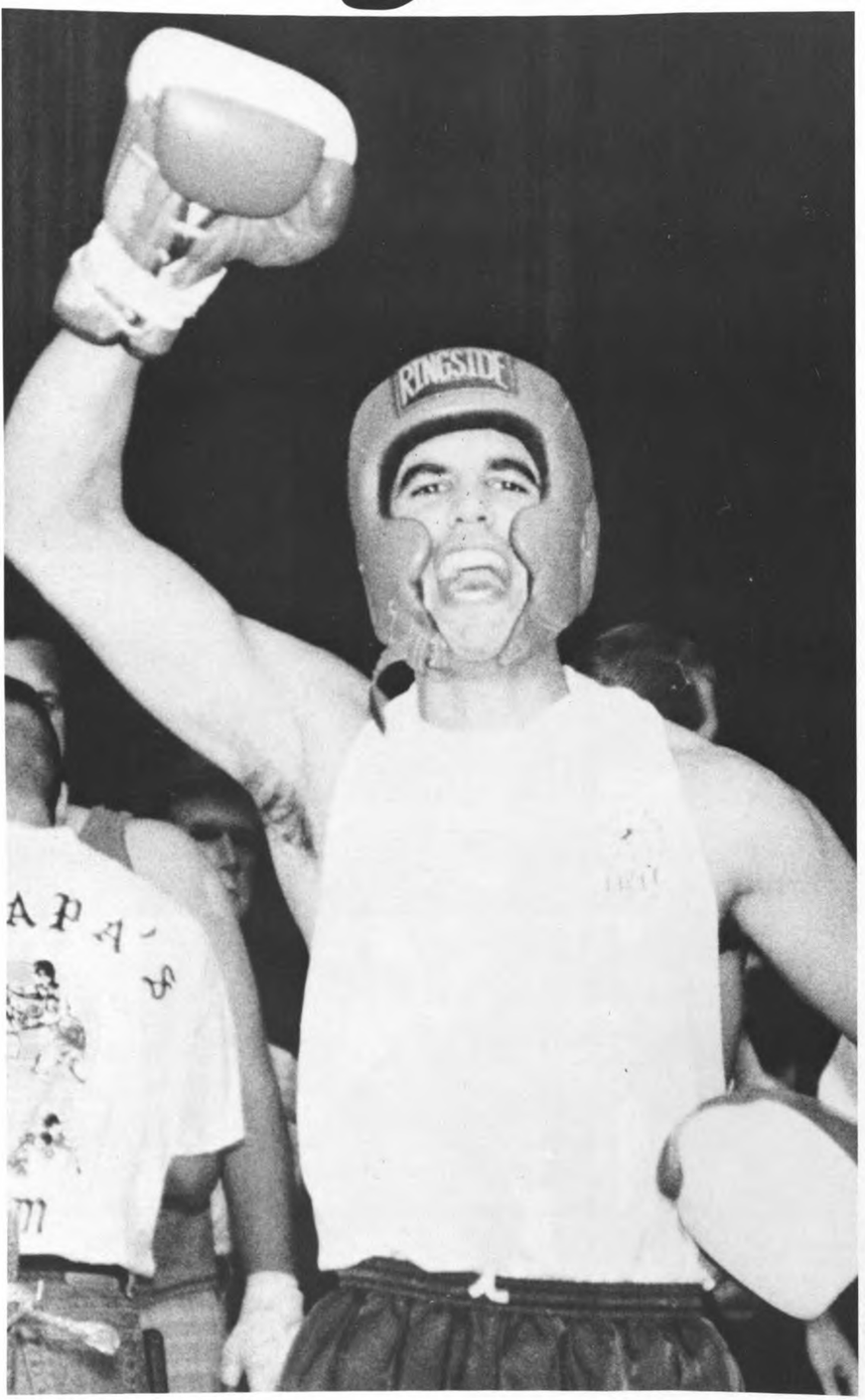

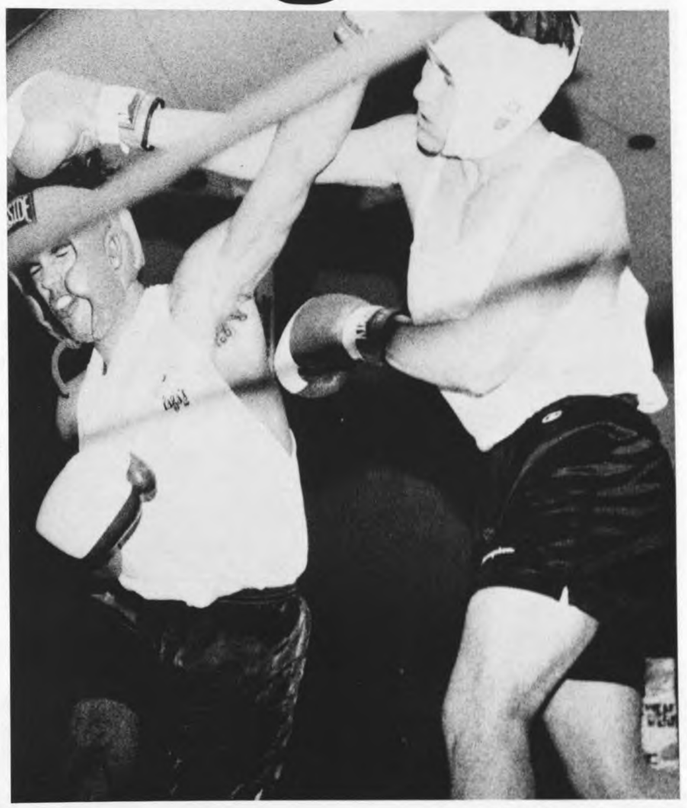

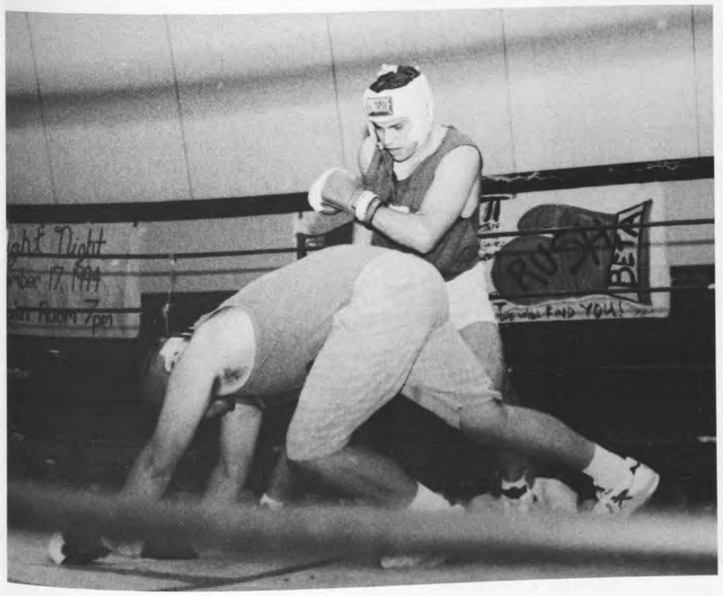

Greeks Celebrate

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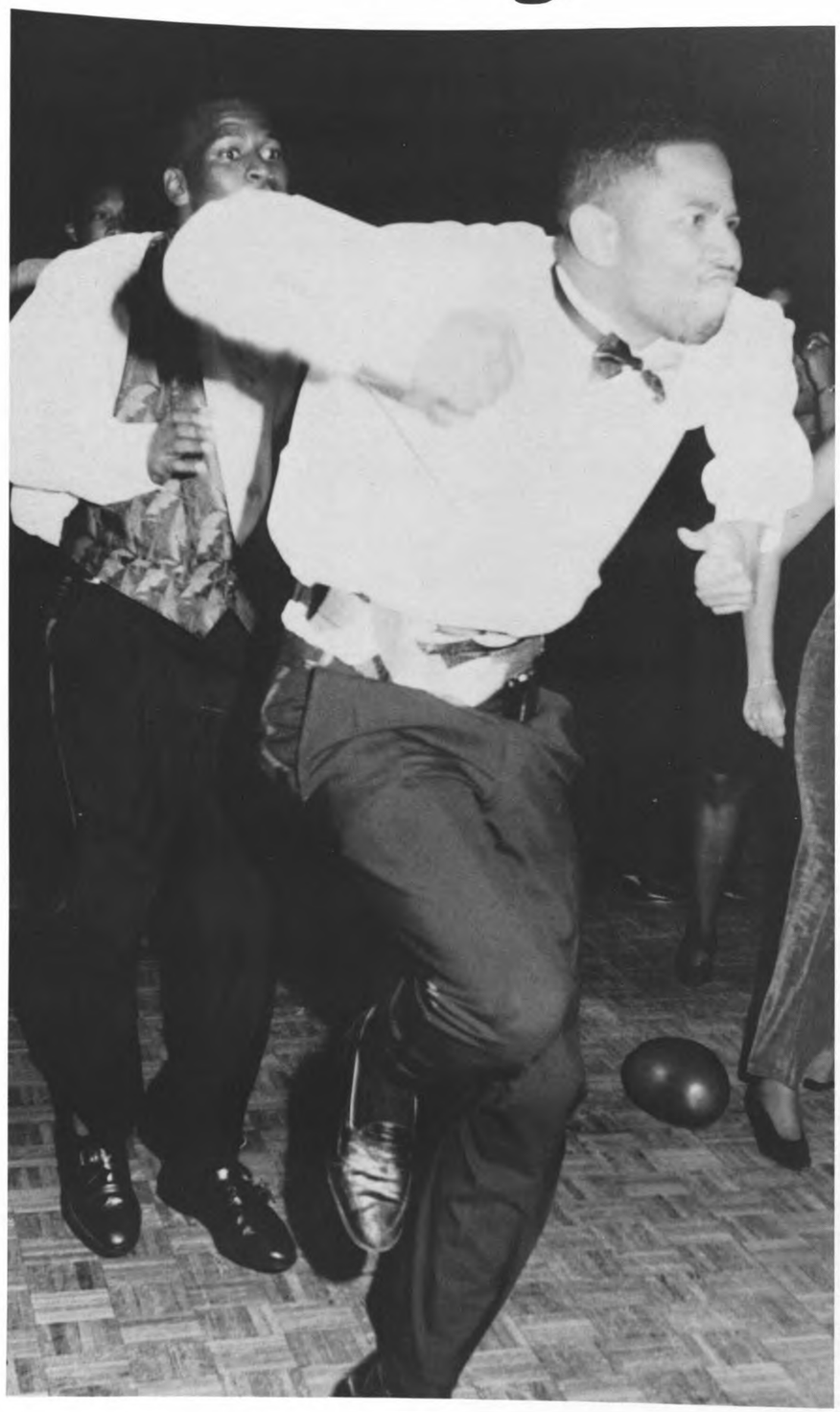
Delta Sigma Theta's Carnation Ball



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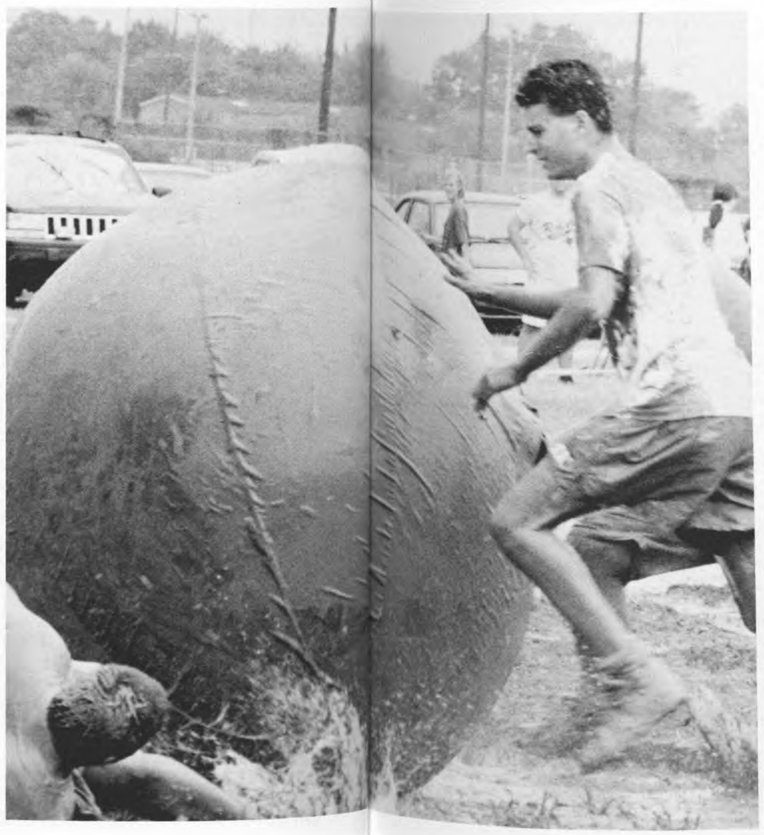

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Alpha Kappa Alpha

Celebrates 25 years

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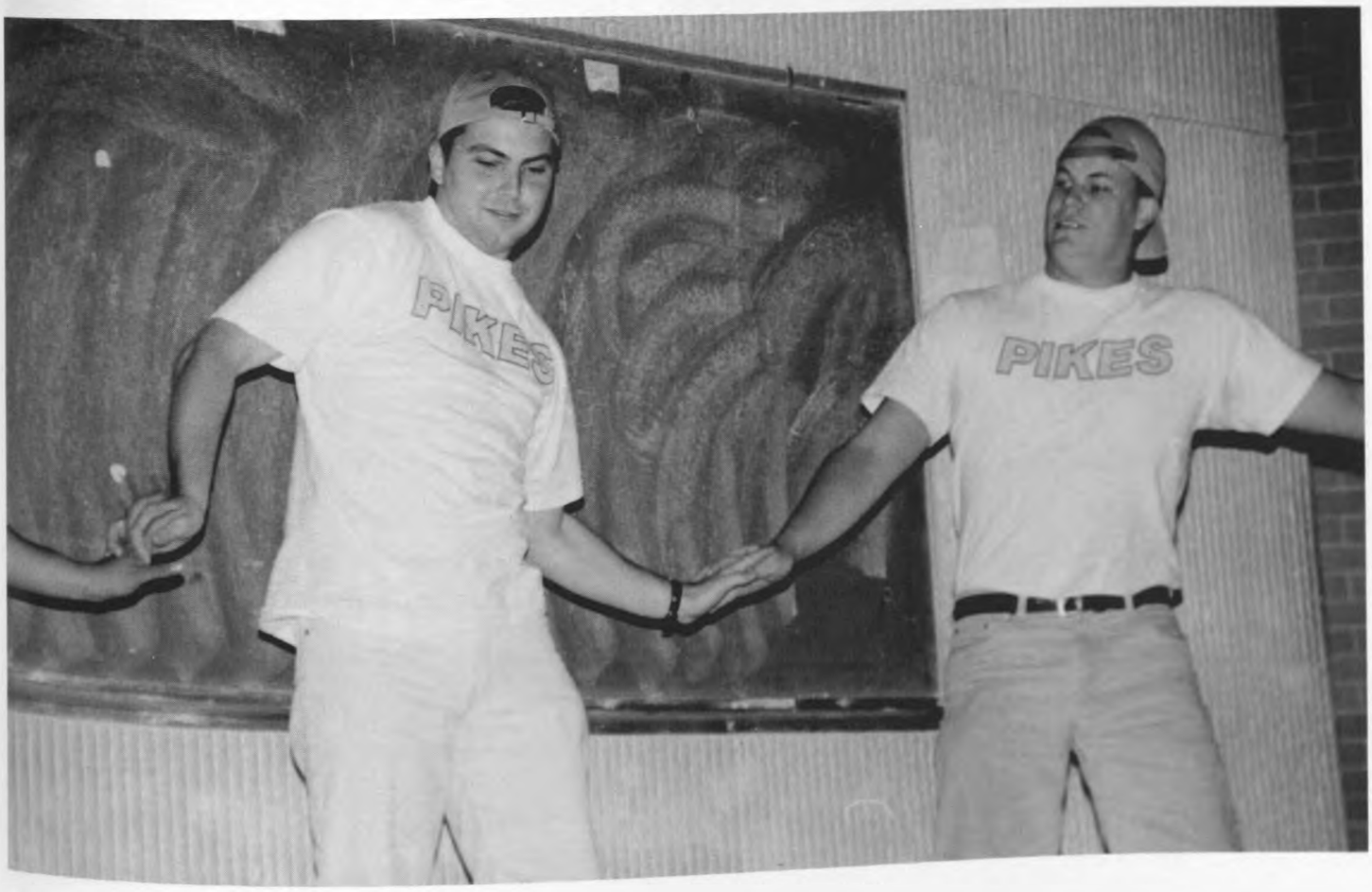

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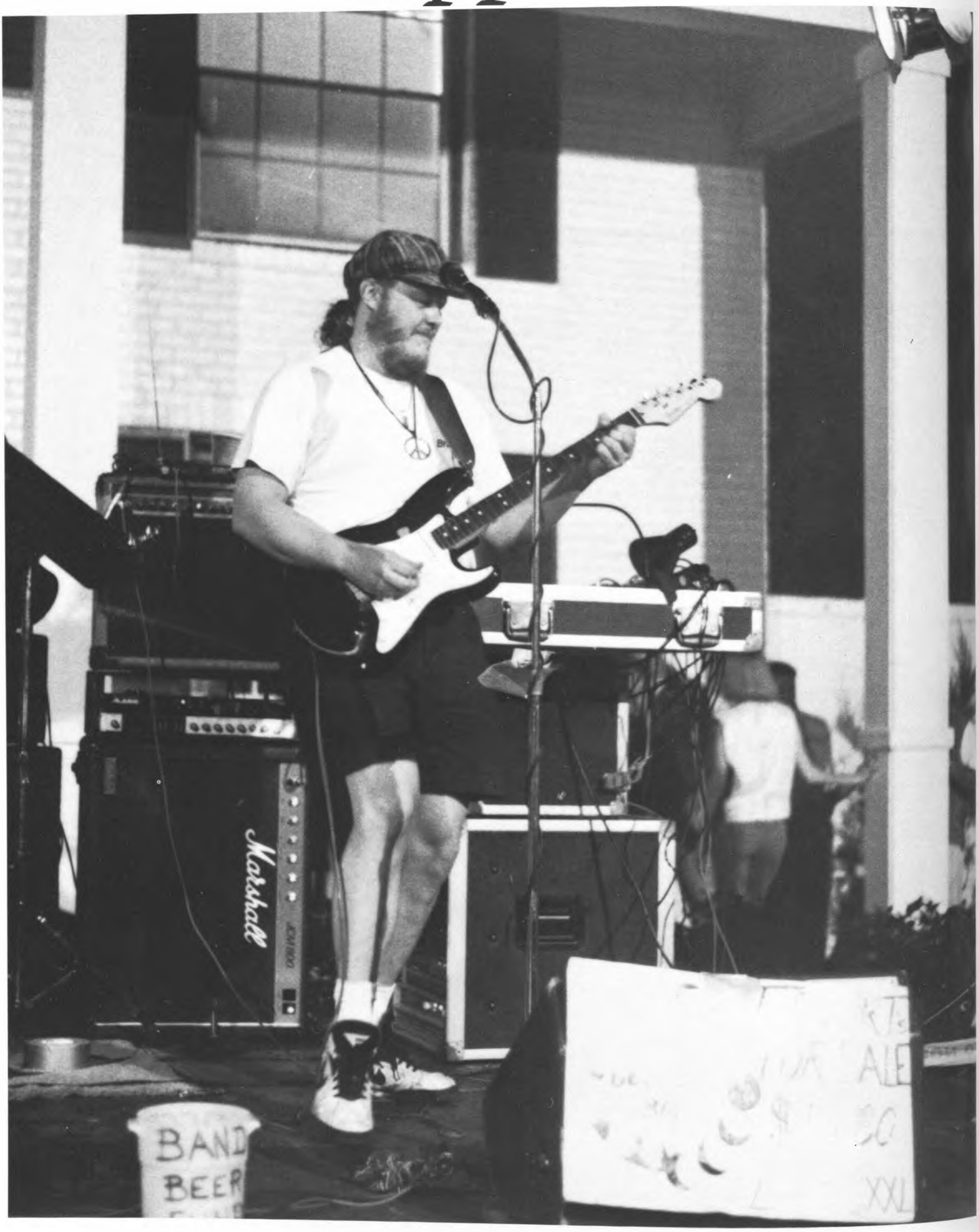

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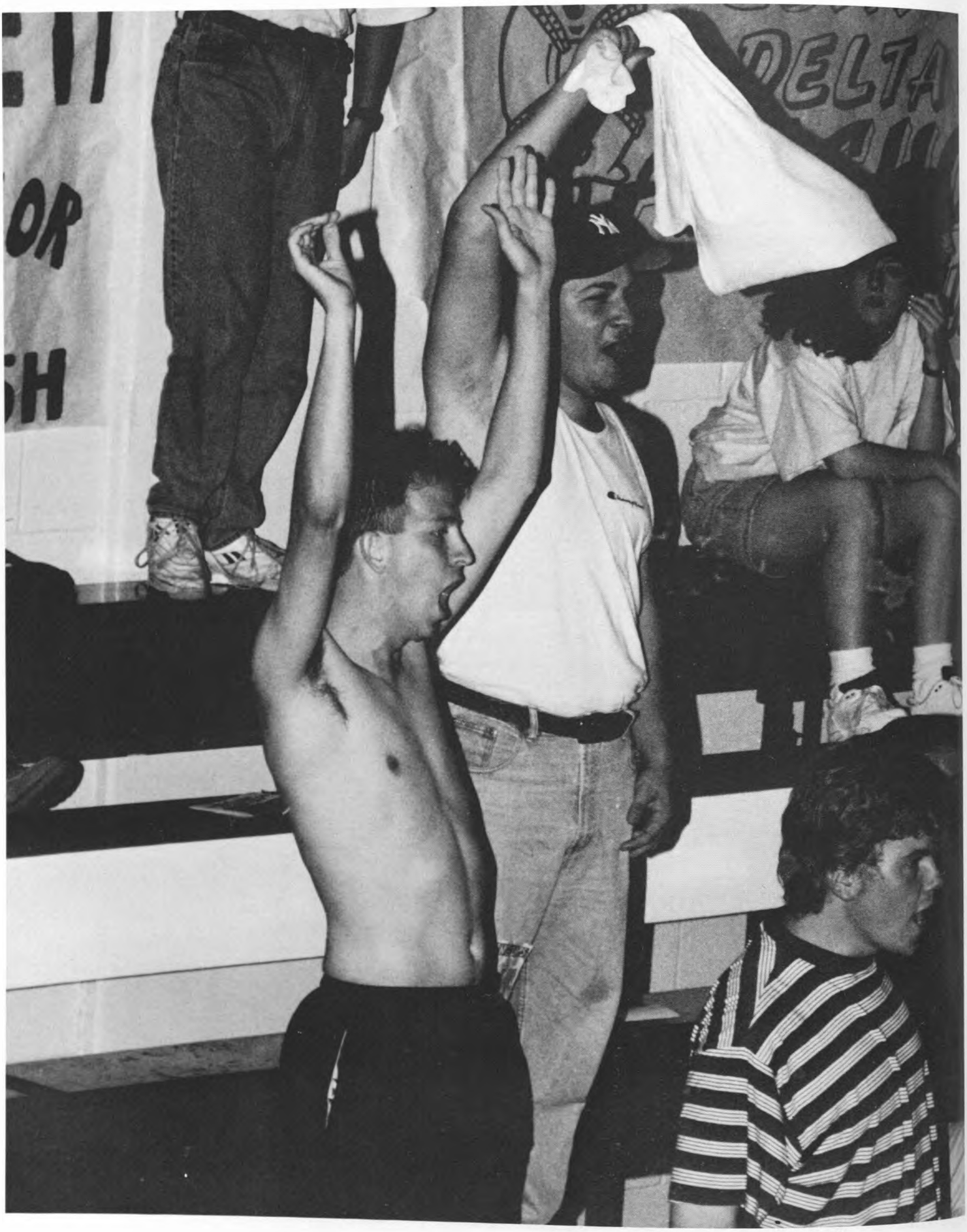

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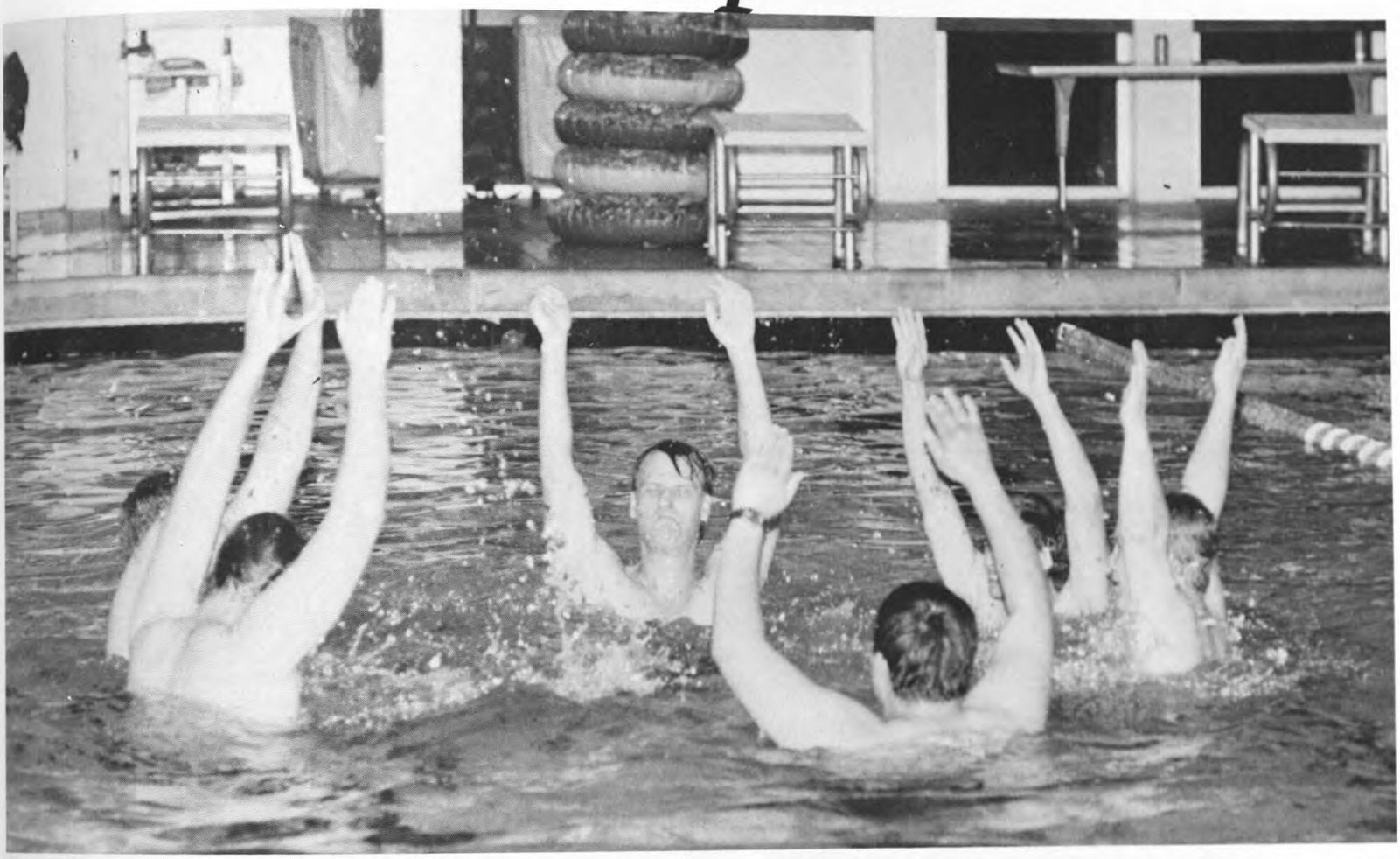

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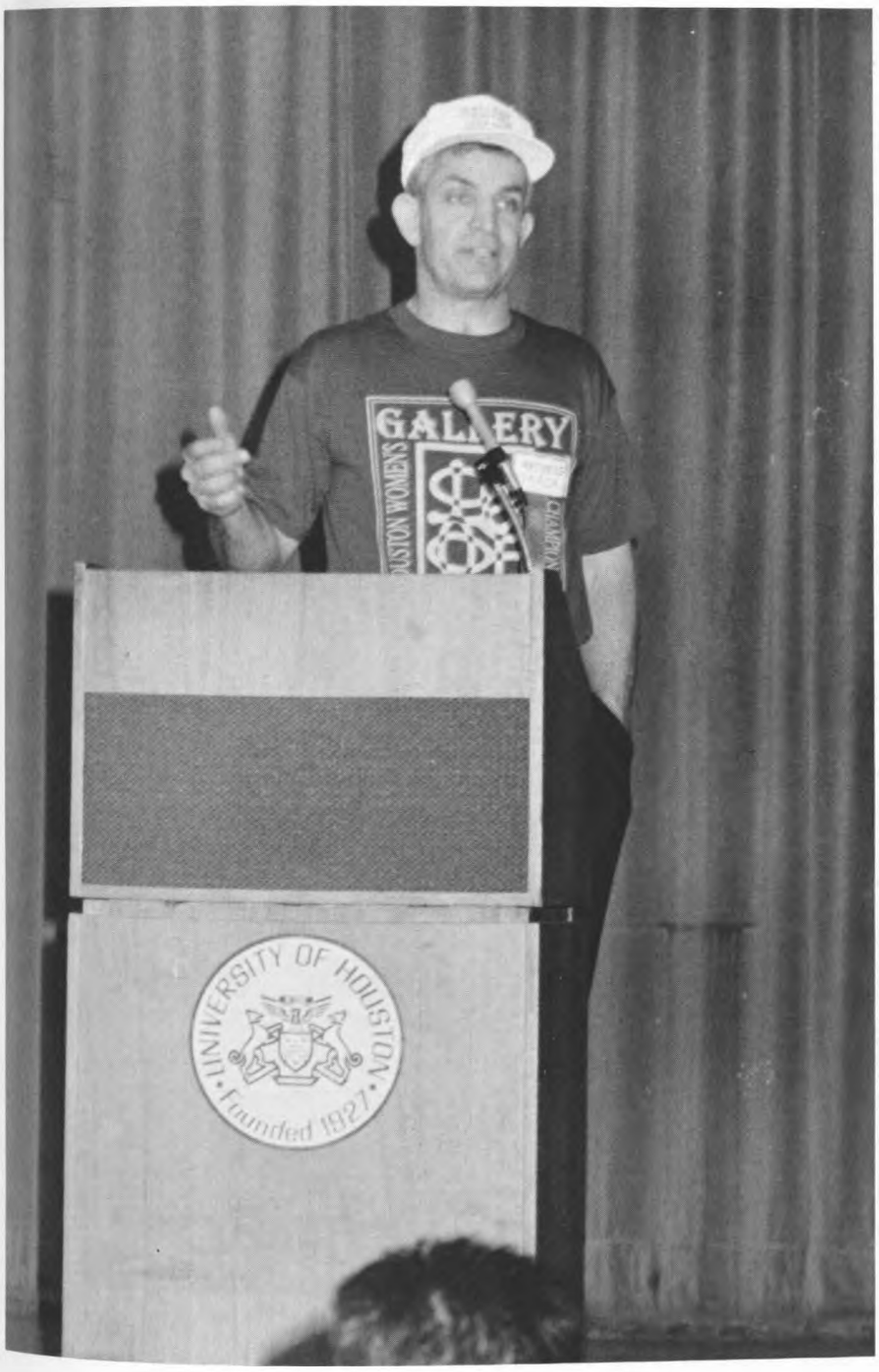
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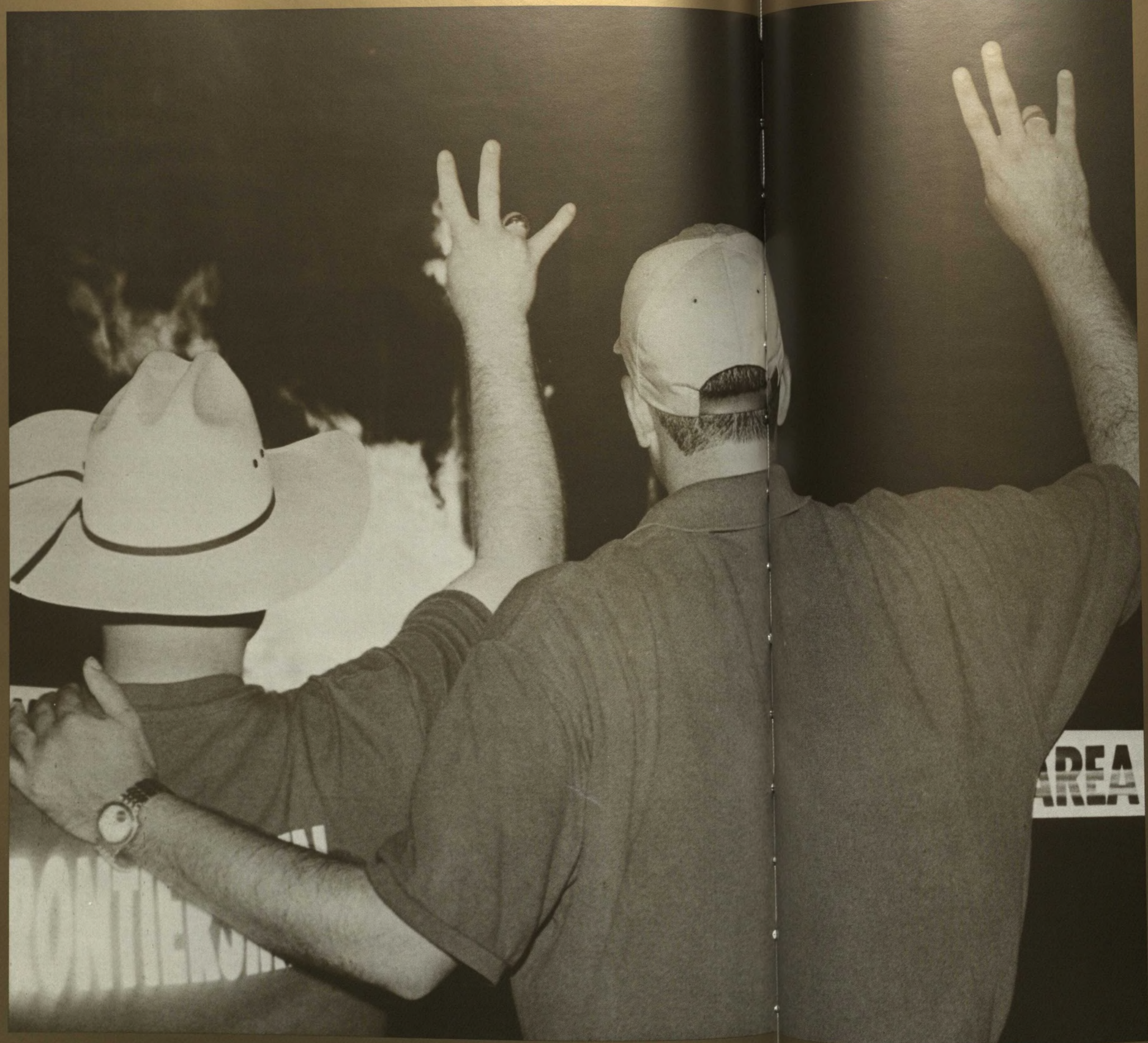


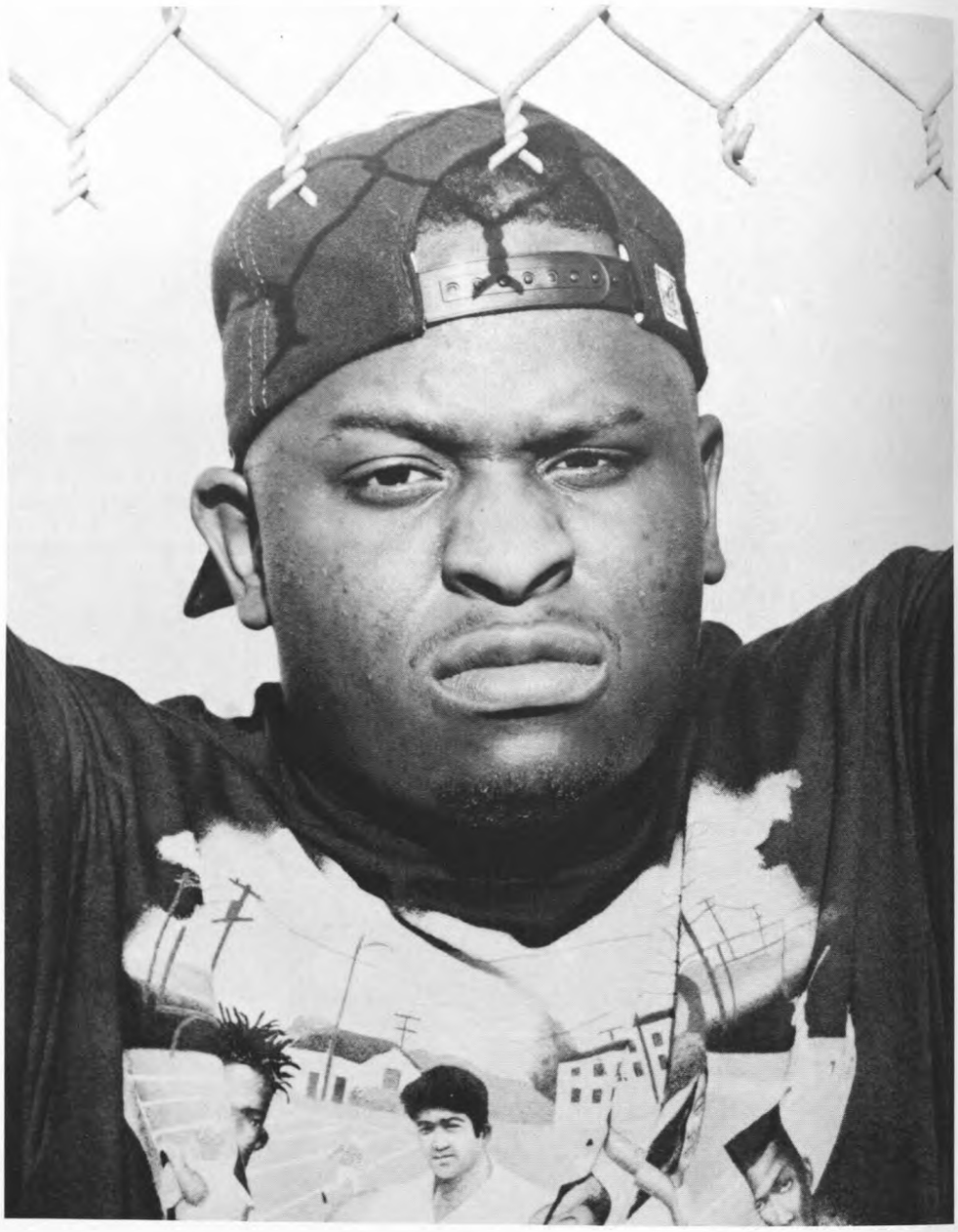
If well thou hast begun, go on;
it is the end that crowns us, not
the fight.

–*Robert Herrick*

The Closing

The Best Acts

Who will be remembered as the best musical artists to the 90s? It's hard to say, because there is not just one band that defines this generation. With the those artists that never die like Tom Petty, the Eagles, and the new sounds of groups like Hootie and the Blowfish, Des'ree or Scareface the 90s has provided a plethora of sounds that like our generation is undefinable.



Top: Scareface, one of the best musical performers of this generation, helped put rap music in the mainstream. **Left:** "Old Blue Eyes" can still wow a crowd. He performed to a sold out audience at the Arena Theatre this year to both young and old alike. Bottom: Van Halen is not as hot as they were in the 80's, but nostolics still keeg hanging on to their sound.

Top: The radio was flooded with Hootie & The Blowfish singing the hottest songs of the year. This group climbed the charts with their hits, "I Only Wanna Be With You" and "Let Her Cry." **Bottom Left:** DES'REE came to the Woodlands this year to perform before a Houston crowd for the first time. **Bottom Right:** Will this hippie ever die? Tom Petty keeps putting out hits, expanding his work over three decades.

The Top Tickets of 1995

Top Clockwise: Collectice Soul, Al B. Sure and The Cranberries.

Top Left Clockwise: SoundGarden, Beastie Boys, Counting Crows and The Black Crowes.

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Box Office Hits

Pulp Fiction was the hottest film of the year, according to college students. It was one of those films that either you got it or you didn't. Written and directed by Quentin Tarantino, he won an Academy Award for Best Screen Play and was snubbed for Film of the Year by Tom Hanks' Forrest Gump.

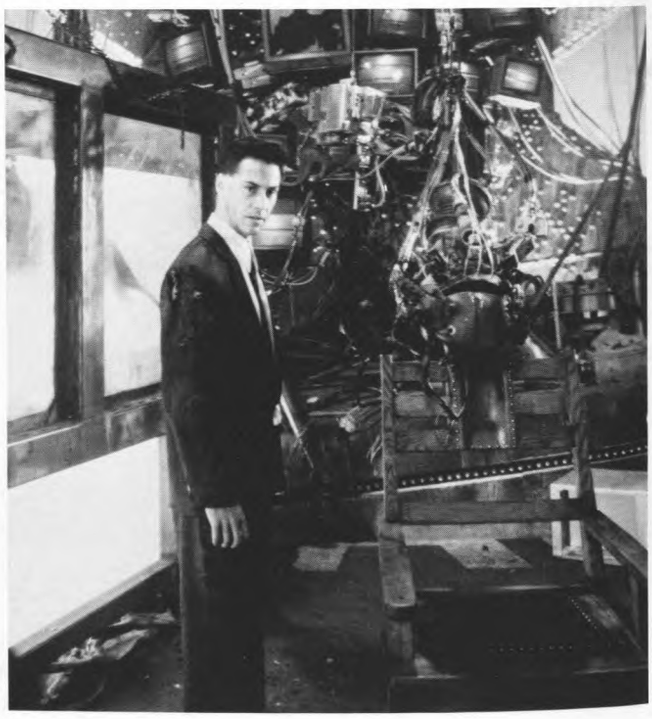
Batman the movie, made its third appearance to movie theaters. Bruce Wayne mysteriously changed appearances from Micheal Keaton to Val Kilmer. The first Batman movie to have Robin and also the first Batsuit to have nipples.

The movie that kept everyone talking about race relations was Higher Learning. Starring the many facetted Ice Cube. The African American Studies department held a private screening of this film. This movie was the kind of movie that will be one that defines this generation and its struggle with racism.

On a lighter side, The Lion King was a huge it for everyone. It won an Academy Award for legendary singer/song writer Elton John.

The Box Office Hits

Top Left Couterclockwise: Mi Familia, Frech Kiss starring Kevin Kline and Meg Ryan, Legends of the Fall starring Brad Pitt and Johnny Mnemonic starring Keanu Reeves.



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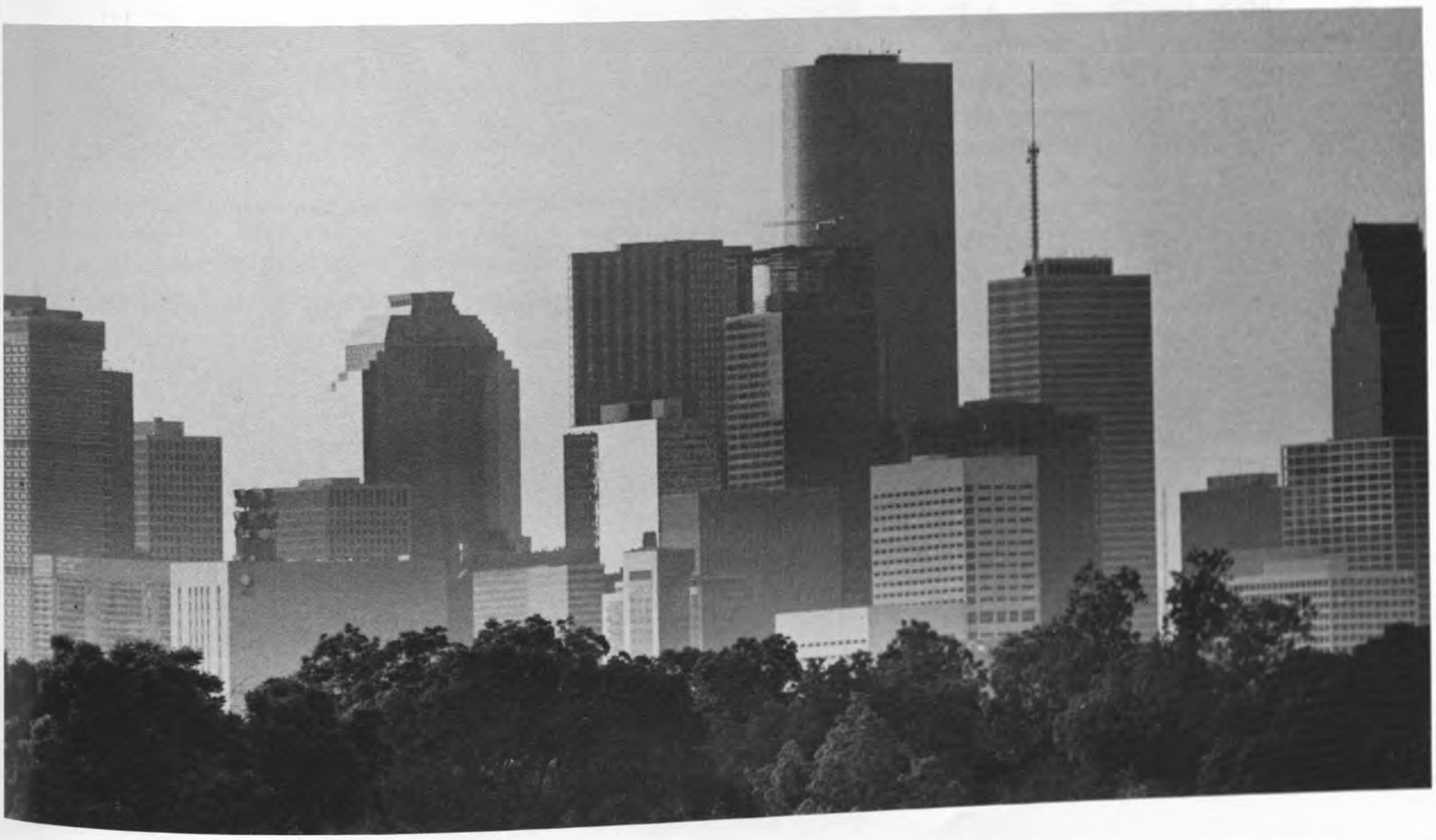

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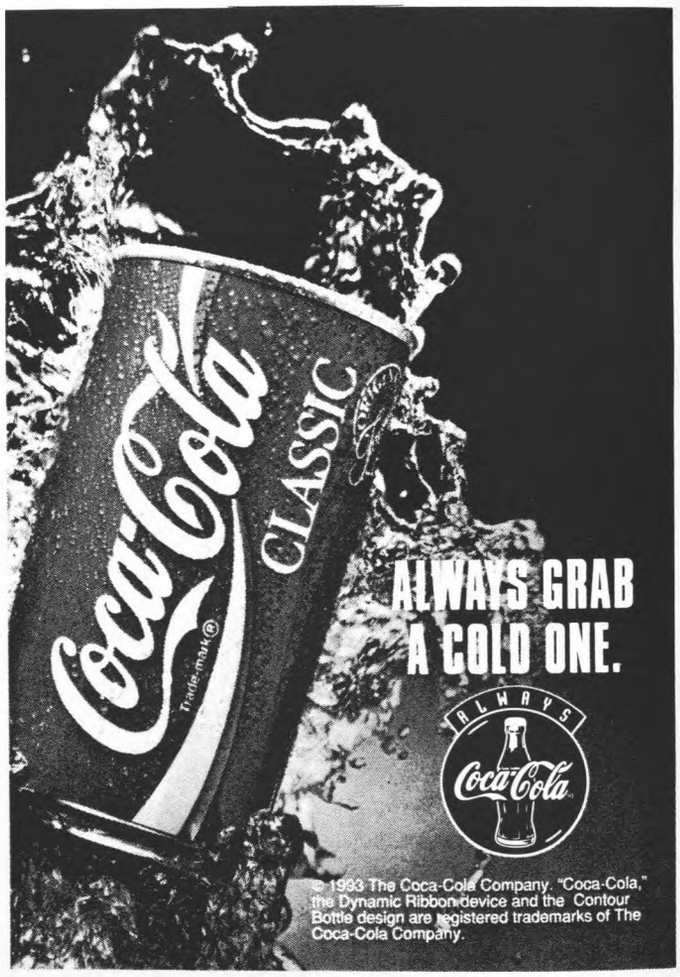

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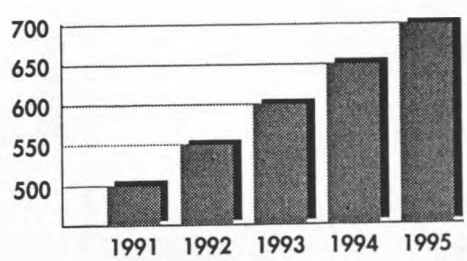

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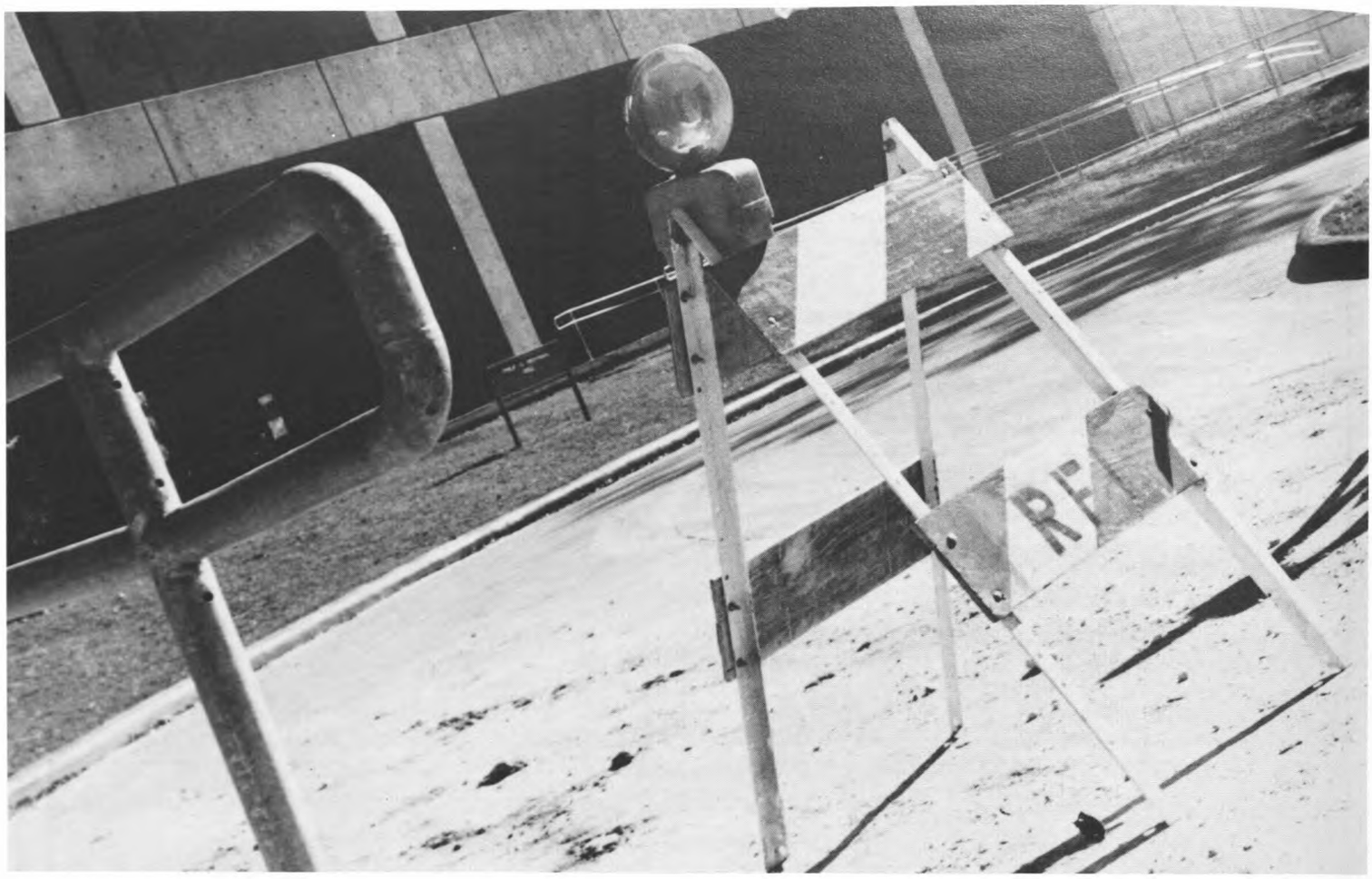

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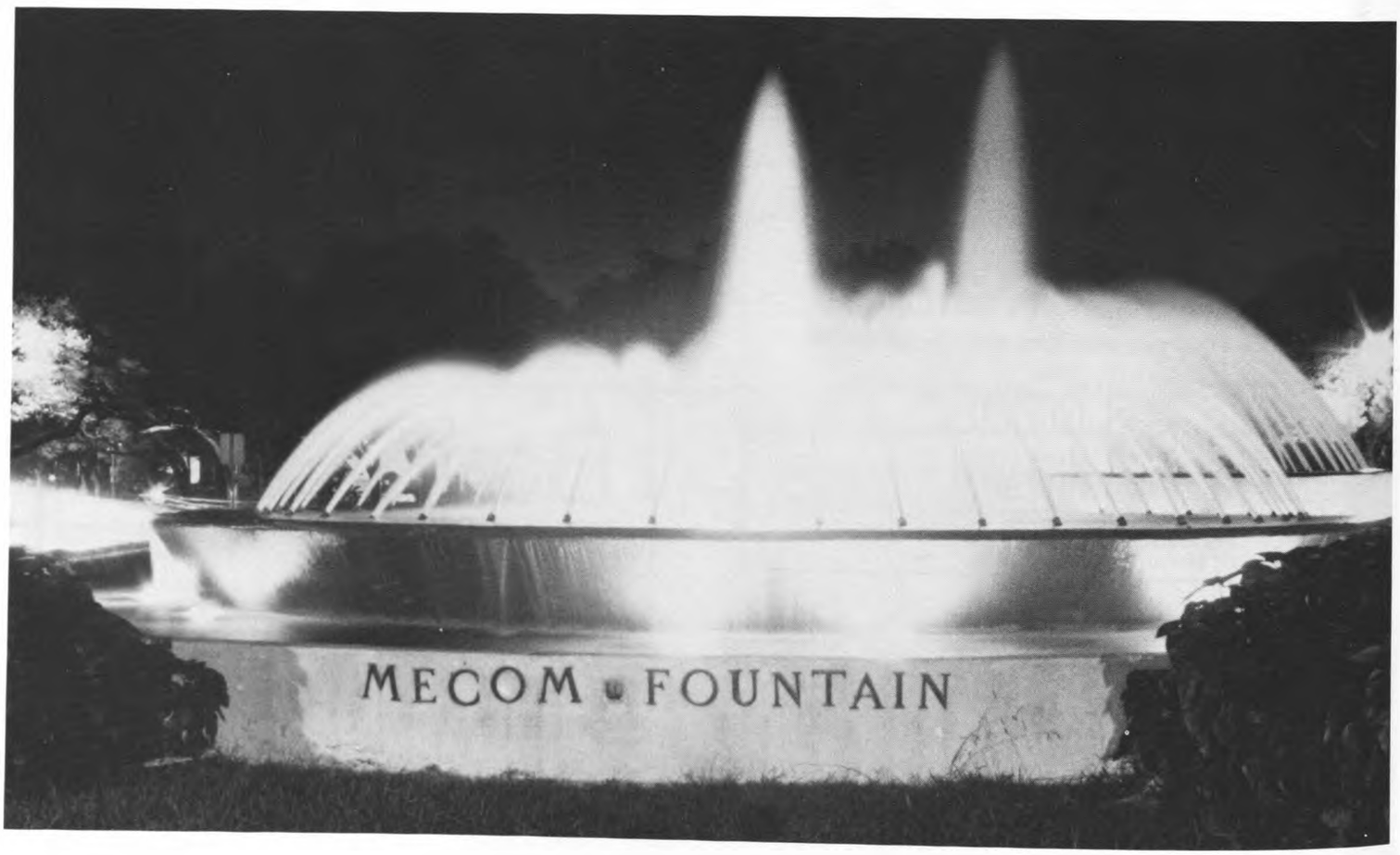

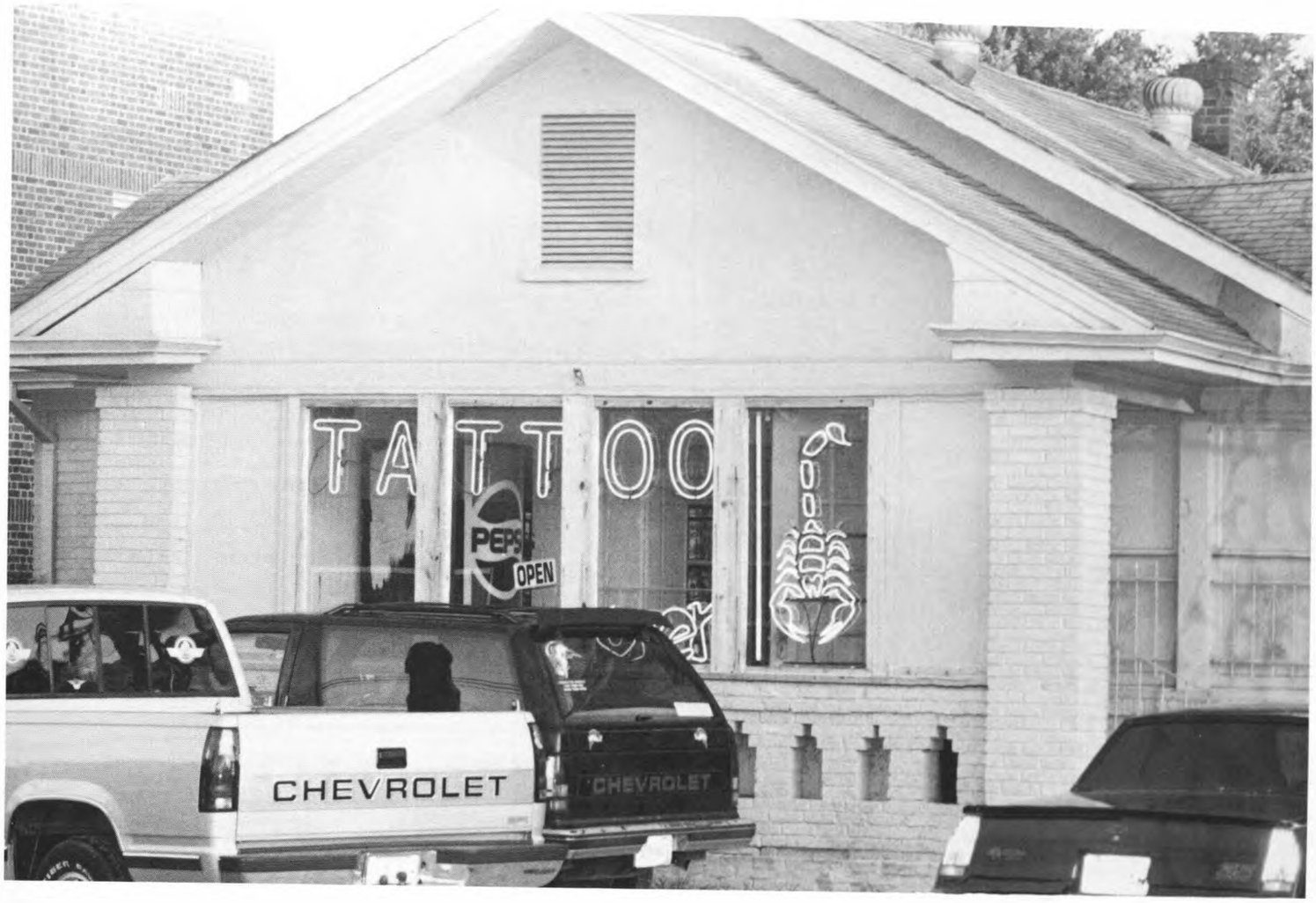

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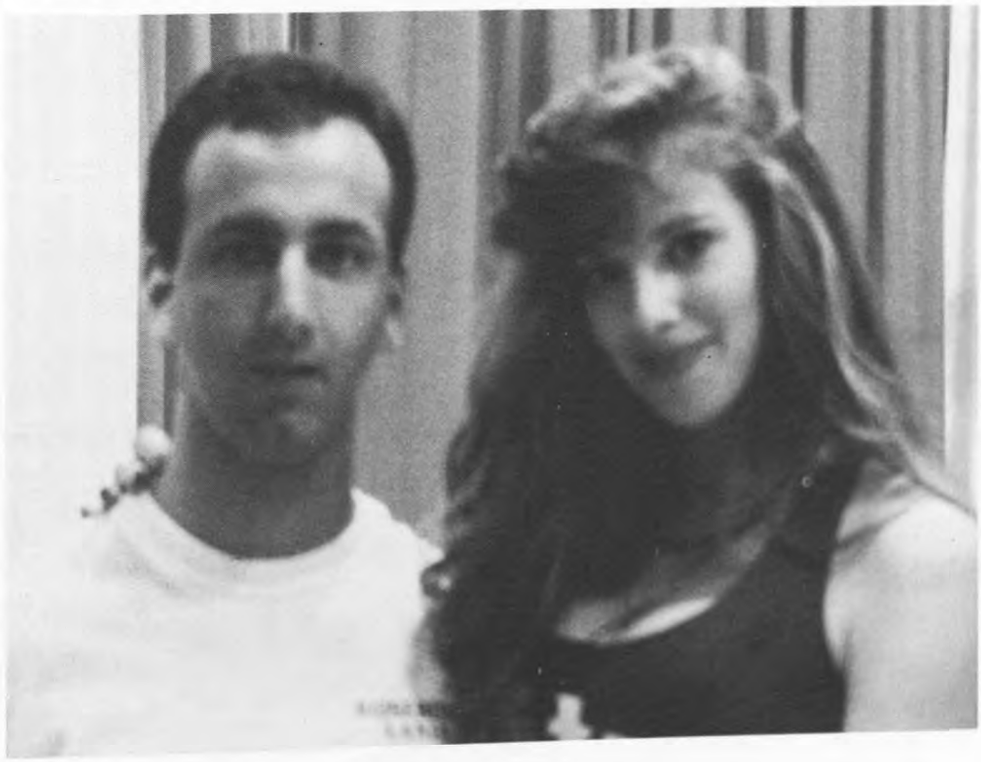

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A Note From the Editor:

Well here it is, the 1995 edition of the *Houstonian* Yearbook. Through every trial and tribulation it finally made 41 days late.

I don't guess I can officially call myself editor-in-chief because the Student Publication Committee voted I not be qualified for the position. Since no one else wanted the job; I got it anyway. Unofficially of course.

Like other editors before me I started out with a full staff and come June there were only three faithful editors left, besides me. It is a difficult task putting out a quality book when determination and dedication is generally lacking; from committee to staff. But for this I take full blame, as it has been told to me over and over again, I put faith in all the wrong people. I do think that the staff that stuck it out from beginning to end put together a quality book. One that I' m proud of and hopefully the student body can be proud of.

There are a few who believed in me and the yearbook who I would like to thank.

Kay Gray – There were days when I wanted to put a chair through the wall, then you would walk through the door and like a ray of sunshine you brightened up my day. You are the most talented person I know, and being so, you have made this yearbook what it is. I never had to worry that anything you did for this book was done half heartily, you always came through, even with everything that weighed on your shoulders this year.

Cesar Alvarez – You were the only person who helped me get the first deadline out on time. Now here it is the end of the year and you are the only one who is helping me get this yearbook out. Like me, you sacrificed alot for this yearbook but I guarantee it didn't go unrecognized.

Arthur Hermiz – I never met anyone who could delegate authority like you can. You will fit your roll to a "T" next year as Managing Editor. Thank you for sticking by me through thick and thin, and coming through by finishing this book with me. Good luck next year.

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