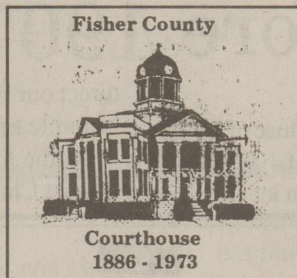


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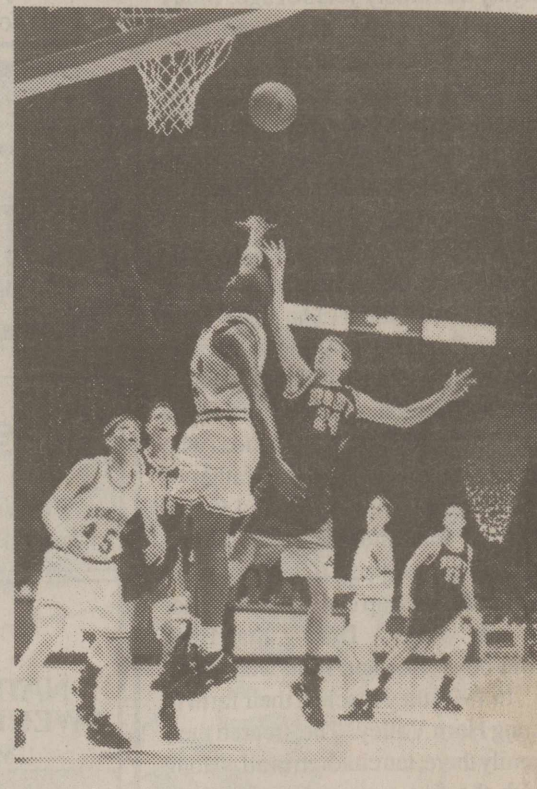
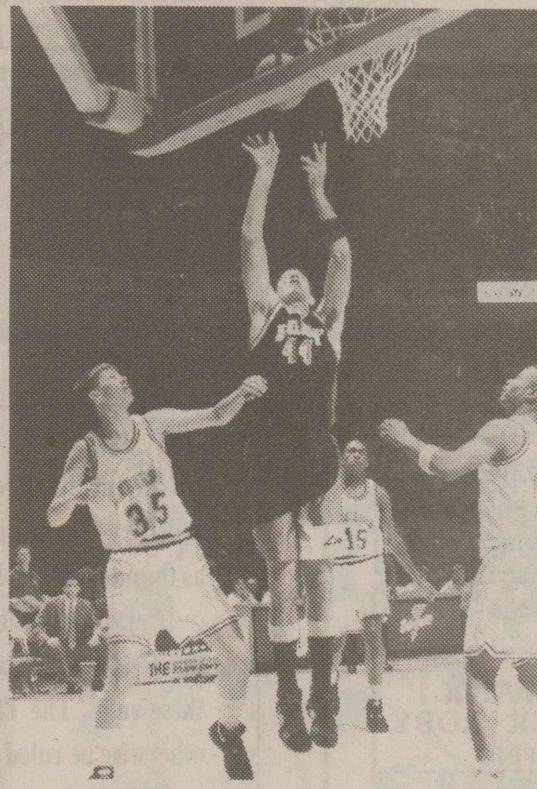
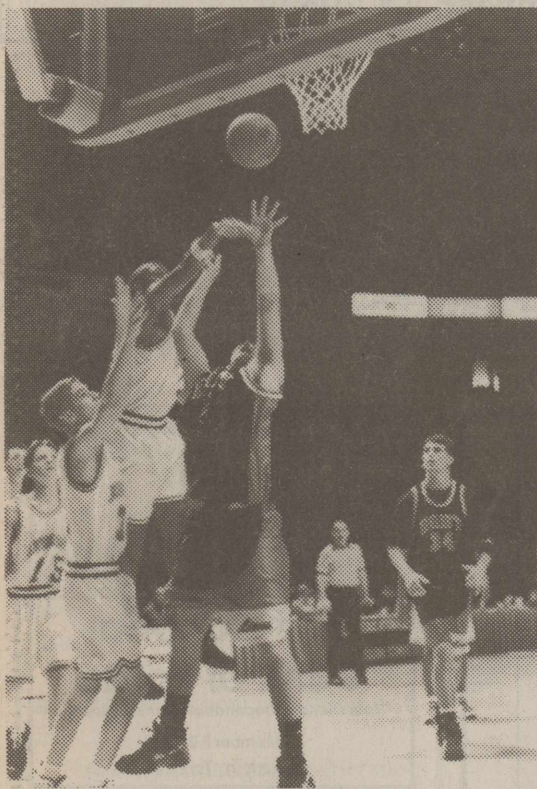
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Rotan Advance



Roby One Of Top Four Class A Teams In Texas

by Makala Herron

Roby made their first appearance at State Thursday taking a lesson in experience from three-time state-bound Anderson-Shiro. In the first quarter Anderson-Shiro's tight defense kept the Lions from taking the outside shot leaving Roby down 7-22. Roby looked more like themselves in the second quarter with Chris Terry hitting a 3-pointer and making a come-back 23-37.

The fighting Owls took flight in the third quarter widening the gap 57-38. When time ran out in the fourth quarter, Roby's dream season ended with a loss of 54-82. This game left the Lions with a season record of 25-7.

Unshaken by the lights or the masses Shea Feagan led the Lions with 17 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 assists. Teammate Chris Terry had 11 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, and

1 steal. Lonnie Green scored 8 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Casey Terry added 7 points. Robert Onofre put in 6 points. James Armwine had 4 points. Kelly Heflin contributed 1 point from the free throw line.

When asked to comment on the game Head coach Harold Scott said, "First of all I was pleased with the boys. I know they were disappointed but, that had to do a lot with how they played." When asked about the season Coach Scott replied, "Overall I am pleased." For all those wondering about next year Coach Scott stated, "We won't have the depth we had

this year, but if the j.v. boys coming up step up, and we work hard, we have a good chance of making the playoffs. You never know what's going to happen."

Athletic director Mike Christian said, "I'm really, really proud of the boys. And I'm proud of the way Coach Scott brought the team to its full potential."

Superintendent George Price reported that Roby support was strong in Austin with just under 300 tickets sold, and two chartered buses seating 92 filled. Mr. Price said, "We are

extremely proud of the boys. They represented our school well."

In the championship game #1 state

ranked Anderson-Shiro was sent home empty handed for the third time by Avenger 51-48.

Roby Trained Experienced Anderson-Shiro At State

The Roby Lions, after falling behind 22-7 at the end of the first quarter of play to Anderson - Shiro last weekend; couldn't shake the 'butterflies' and catch-up in spite of outscoring the Anderson squad in the second-quarter 16-15.

Roby's most productive point-maker was Shea Feagan who was 6 for 10 from the field and 5 for 7 from the free throw line, for a total of 17 points.

Chris Terry was 4 for 9 from the field (two of the 4 attempts were from outside the arc); he was 1 or 2 at the free throw line for a total of 11 points.

No other Lions scored a 3-point shot or was in double scoring figures.

Others scoring were Robert Onofre 6; Casey Terry 7; Lonnie Green 8; James Armwine 4 and Kelly Heflin 1. Every player saw action,

those were Brad Atkinson, Kevin Christian, Ty West, Matt Counts and Jacob Whitaker.

Roby was 19/52 for the night in field goals attempted for a total of 36.5% compared to Anderson's 34-60 for 56.7%.

Roby was 2 of 8 in 3-point conversion attempts for 25% while Anderson was 4 of 7 for 57.1%.

Roby was down 22-7 at the end of the first quarter but struggled back to train 37-23 at half-time. Anderson scored 20 to Roby 15 in the third period and outscored the Lions 25-16 in the final period to register their 82-54 win.

Roby managed to hold the lead, by a point each time early in the first period. They led 5-4 and 7-6. The rest of the time it was Anderson. At game's end Anderson had amassed their largest lead - 28 points.

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

CONGRATULATIONS: Again to the Roby Lions, who won the Regional Tournament and went to the first round of the State Finals in Austin last week. Roby was one of the top four teams in Texas in Class A in 1995-96. Team members are Robert Onofre, Jacob Whitaker, Keith Hardin, Chris Terry, Kevin Christian, Matt Counts, Donnie Barrera, Kelly Heflin, Shea Feagan, Chad Armwine, Lonnie Green, Brad Atkinson, Casey Terry and James Armwine. Congratulations to Coach Harold Scott and the players the Austin trip will prove to be more beneficial as the years go by - 'been there, done that'.

COUNTRY MUSIC TALENT SHOW: The Fisher County D.A.R.E. program is sponsoring a country music talent show on Saturday, March 30th. They are looking for entries - if interested call 1-800-466-2548, Access 48. Trophies to top two to be awarded.

LAST WORD ON THIS: The deadline for filing for the Rotan School Board, Roby School Board and Fisher County Hospital Board is 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 20th. Rotan and Roby school races have candidates for the position - Fisher County Hospital Board is wide open.

REMINDER: The annual Rotan Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Awards Presentation is on Saturday night, March 23rd.

VOTED ON ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM: We actually had four people associated with the newspaper in Austin for the State Tournament last weekend. Neighbor Rick Craig from Hamlin was there - and shot some pictures for us; Makala Herron was there to write the basketball story; Rosemary Donham from our office was there and Cliff Vlasin, photographer, was the official representative of the Rotan Advance - Roby Star Record, granted full press credentials. Cliff indicated that he was one of the reporters who had a hand in selecting the Class A All-Tournament Team. "We (Roby) didn't do so well. Roby didn't land a single player on the squad. Usually they take one player from each of the losing teams, and two from the winning team. This year was different." Vlasin indicated that he enjoyed the tournament and looks forward to returning in years to come. Most coming back were awed by the 'bigness' of Erwin Center. Janece and I were there last year for an event and witnessed fireworks being shot off in the building - that's how tremendously large it is. I understand it seats 16,000. Was an exciting time for Roby players, coaches, fans and ex-students. Thanks to the players for making it all possible.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek was impressed with James Ratliff's description of what heaven on earth would be - "1977 wages, 1932 prices, 1928 dividends and 1910 taxes."

Opinions - Facts do not change - feelings do.

Men and Women - A woman who constantly interrupts a man's conversation is either already married or never will be.

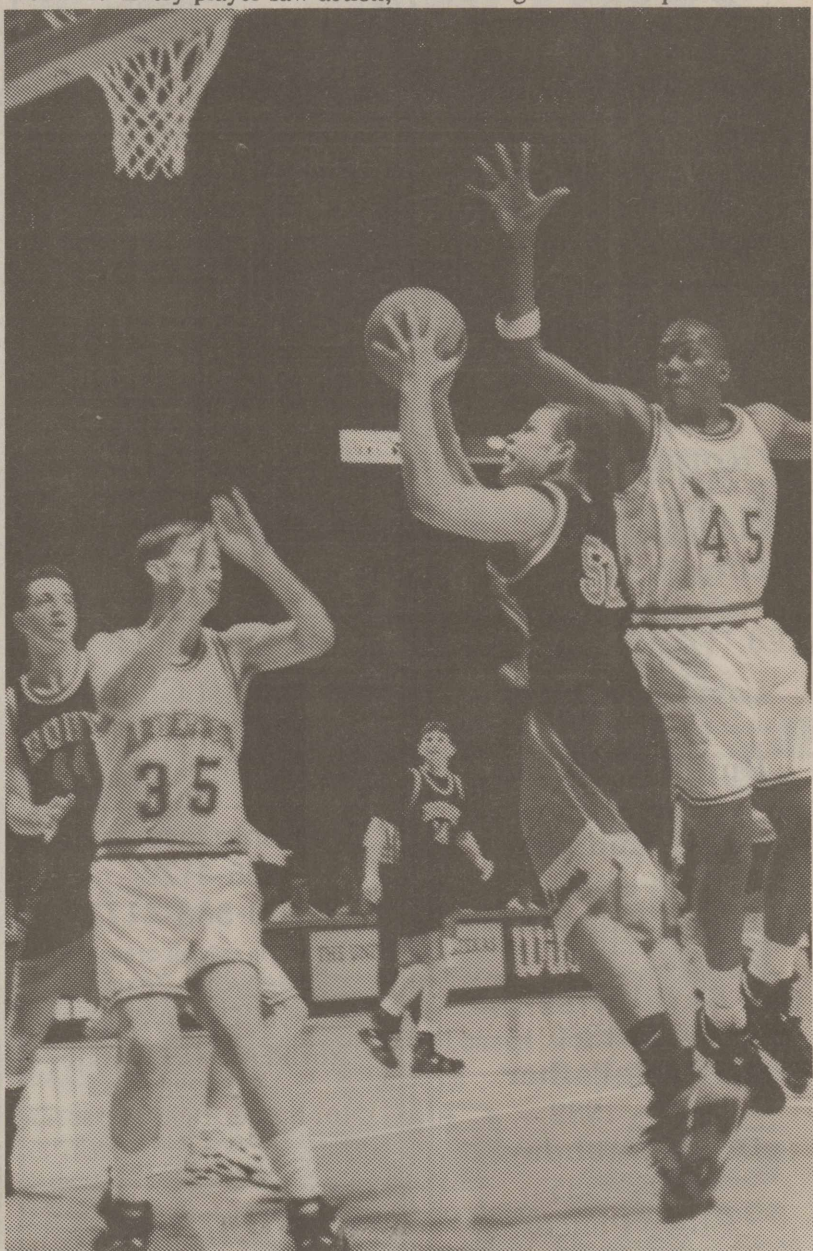
Heart - The door to the human heart can be opened only from the inside.

Faith - Faith keeps the man who keeps his faith.

Divorce Courts - Black and blue are very effective colors when work in the divorce courts.

State Tournament - Play By Play

TIME	ANDERSON PLAY BY PLAY	SCORE	MARGIN	ROBY PLAY BY PLAY
Roby starters: Chris Terry, Robert Onofre, Casey Terry, Lonnie Green, Shea Feagan Anderson-Shiro starters: Mike Katkoski, Dedrick Calhoun, Jared Schroeder, Glenn Holliday, Jeff Foy				
POSSESSION: Anderson				
7:42	Holliday from Foy	2-0	+02	
6:56		2-0	---	Feagan from Casey Terry
6:21		2-4	-02	Green from Chris Terry
6:03	Foy putback	4-4	---	
5:47	Holliday foul PIT1	4-5	-01	Feagan 2 FT 80
5:19	Calhoun drive	6-5	+01	
4:58	Foy foul PIT2	6-7	-01	Casey Terry 2 FT 88
4:31	Foy putback	8-7	+01	
4:10	Calhoun drive	10-7	+03	
3:52	Foy from Calhoun	12-7	+05	
3:51				TIMEOUT: ROBY (1st)
3:12	Calhoun steal and drive	14-7	+07	
2:35	Jarvis foul PIT3	15-7	+08	Green foul PIT1
1:55	Jarvis 2 FT 80	17-7	+10	
1:17	Calhoun 2 FT 80	19-7	+12	
:32	Holliday putback	19-7	+12	
:09				Chris Terry foul PIT2
:01	Katkoski 3-pointer from Ashorn	22-7	+15	
END OF FIRST QUARTER				
	Anderson-Shiro...22			
	Roby.....07			
Class 1A Semifinal #2				
THIRD QUARTER (Anderson-Shiro 37, Roby 23)				
TIME	ANDERSON PLAY-BY-PLAY	SCORE	MARGIN	ROBY PLAY-BY-PLAY
POSSESSION: Anderson				
7:50	Holliday from Calhoun	39-23	+16	
7:28	Katkoski transition from Calhoun	41-23	+18	
7:00	Foy foul PIT1	41-25	+16	Feagan 2 FT 88
6:22		41-27	+14	Feagan from Onofre
6:07	Schaffer puts back own miss	43-27	+16	
5:37	Schaffer 3-pointer from Holliday	46-27	+19	
5:23	Katkoski foul PIT2			
5:15	Schroeder steal and coast-to-coast	48-27	+21	
4:56	Calhoun does likewise	50-27	+23	
4:38	DeBose foul PIT3	50-30	+20	Casey Terry off inbounds and fouled 8
4:26	Calhoun 2 FT 88	52-30	+22	Armwine foul PIT1
4:19	Calhoun foul PIT4			
4:05	Schroeder foul PIT5			
3:52	Calhoun 2 FT 80	53-30	+23	Armwine foul PIT2
3:13	Katkoski foul PIT6	53-31	+22	Chris Terry 2 FT 80
3:28				POSSESSION: Roby
3:21		53-33	+20	Chris Terry off inbounds from Feagan
2:45				Armwine foul PIT3
2:38	Schaffer foul PIT7--BONUS	53-34	+19	Heflin foul PIT4
2:37				
2:39	Calhoun baseline from 6	55-34	+21	
2:15	Jarvis foul PIT8			
1:55	Katkoski foul PIT9			
1:44				
1:27	Holliday from Jarvis	55-36	+19	Heflin foul 0
:54		57-36	+21	Christian foul 0
:07	Schroeder 2 FT 00	57-38	+19	Armwine from 8
END OF THIRD QUARTER				
	Anderson-Shiro...57			
	Roby.....38			
FOURTH QUARTER				
POSSESSION: Anderson				
7:50	Foy putback from 8	59-38	+21	
7:25	Foy baseline drive and fouled 0	61-38	+23	Atkinson foul PIT6
6:55	Katkoski 3-pointer from Foy	64-41	+23	Chris Terry 3-pointer right of the key
6:40	Holliday foul PIT10--BONUS	64-43	+21	
6:20	Foy 2 FT 88	66-43	+23	Onofre 2 FT 88
6:01	Calhoun no-look from Schroeder	68-43	+25	Green foul PIT7--BONUS
5:46		68-45	+23	Onofre running lay-up
5:22	Foy underneath from Calhoun	70-45	+25	
5:09	Atkinson foul PIT4	70-48	+22	Feagan from Green and fouled 8
5:02	Calhoun 2 FT 80	71-48	+23	Green foul PIT8
4:51	Calhoun foul PIT2	71-50	+21	Onofre 2 FT 88
3:54	Foy baseline drive and fouled 0	73-50	+23	Green foul PIT9
3:00		78-52	+21	Chris Terry from Feagan
2:09	Schroeder follow-up	75-52	+23	POSSESSION: Roby
1:28	Jarvis lead pass from Ashorn	77-52	+25	
1:25	TIMEOUT: Anderson (first)			Casey Terry putback
1:17	Ashorn 2 FT 88	79-54	+25	
:55	Love straight on from 15	81-54	+27	Counts foul PIT10--BONUS
:26	Love 2 FT 80	82-54	+28	Heflin foul PI
FINAL SCORE: Anderson-Shiro...82 (35-3)				
Roby.....54 (25-7)				



OUT OF MY FACE: Roby's Shea Feagan, center, makes a 2-point shot as he paced the Roby Lions players at the state tournament at Austin last weekend. Anderson's Calhoun, #45, stayed in Feagan's face a good part of the game.

At Age 95, Addie Green Remembers Rotan Before 1907

by Ruby Wild
Methuselah lived to be nine hundred and sixty-nine years old. God's purpose for longevity, in that period, was to replenish the earth with people. Since that time the age span of humans has slowly diminished. In 1946 life expectancy, on the average was less than seventy years of age. In recent years statistics tell us that due to Medical science and Home Health Programs senior citizens are living longer. An "octogenarian" is defined in the dictionary as a person between eighty and ninety years of age. Many are living beyond and some have reached the century mark.

At ninety-five, Addie Green recounts some interesting facts of her life in early Fisher County, before Rotan started building in April of 1907.

In 1989, her parents, J.F. and Ida Mattie Bostick purchased a farm in Long Horn Valley. The move from Mason County was a long, hard journey with a team of horses and a covered wagon. J.F.'s sons, by a previous marriage, Jesh, Amos (who many years later, was step-father of Josie and Delila Baird), and Green drove a small herd of cattle alongside. They stopped at Claytonville, where they set up camp, in a tent, for several weeks. During that time, twin boys, Ace and John were born.

In 1900 they reached their farm in Long Horn Valley. They reared their family there, ten children in all. Along with the five sons mentioned there were five daughters: Mabel (Dillingham), Molly (Latham), Dean (Dude Gray), Ethel (Lewis-Miller) and Addie Green (Addie is the only survivor). Addie was born December 8, 1990.

The farmhouse had three fireplaces, but with such a large family, bedrooms had to be added. Addie's mother prepared meals on a wood-burning stove in a half "dug-out".

The children played in the Double Mountain River bed near by. When the river came down after a large rain, holes were left in the river bed. "We kids would go down and catch catfish with our hands, and carry them home to be cooked," Addie said. They attended school in a one room building at Riverdale. The walk to school was one mile each way in all kinds of weather.

Families who lived in the Valley and on the Divide had to travel to Sweetwater (the nearest town) to buy supplies and groceries. Several men would meet with wagons and teams and make the trip as a wagon train or caravan. The round trip took three days. They would travel to Cross Roads, spend the night and journey on to Sweetwater. Back to Cross Roads for the second night, and return home on the third day. They bought supplies and groceries in huge quantities to last until the next trip. The families had their own milk, eggs and meats, and they rendered their lard.

Neighbors in the Valley were: the Ed Acker family, J.F. Clegg family, Joe Gough family, Grundy Thompson family, Cal Spivey family and the R.N. Hughes family. The Hughes family lived at the bottom of a steep hill into the Valley (thus it was dubbed "Hughes Hill"). On the Divide, the

neighbors were: the Lige Helms family, Bud Hardin family, Eunice Poteet family, Jeff Gray family and the Hudnall family (who had a post office in their home, remembered as the "Hud Route"). The Adairs, who lived just east of the Divide, also, had a post office in their home. The house may still be standing on what is now the James Ratliff farm.

Church services were attended at Riverdale and County Line. At County Line, accompanying music was played on an old pump-organ by Annie Mayben and Maudie Moise. Revivals for Baptists and Method-

ists, were held under a brush arbor. Families came in wagons, buggies and hacks, bringing baskets of food for two meals. "Dinner on the ground" was served by placing table linens on the ground for the food. Before eating supper, there was an "old-fashioned" prayer meeting. Life and times were hard in those days, but people enjoyed life and had time for each other.

Addie watched Rotan evolving into a town. She remembers when there were a few trees and hitching posts on main street, where men tethered their animals while they per-

formed business transactions and had friendly visits. She has observed the growth and the many transitions which have taken place through the years.

Jess Green and Addie were married in 1917. Their first home was in Rotan, and she has remained here since. Her aunt Maud White managed the first hotel, the Hamilton Hotel, located on the corner where our present City Office is. She served meals to the guests and others.

Addie has never had very serious illnesses, but at various times has been attended by three generations of

Doctor Callan's.

God's purpose for those of us who are senior citizens is not to aggravate, but to encourage and to let His word

direct our lives so that we are a good example to those who are younger.

Addie has been a member of the Baptist Church since 1918.



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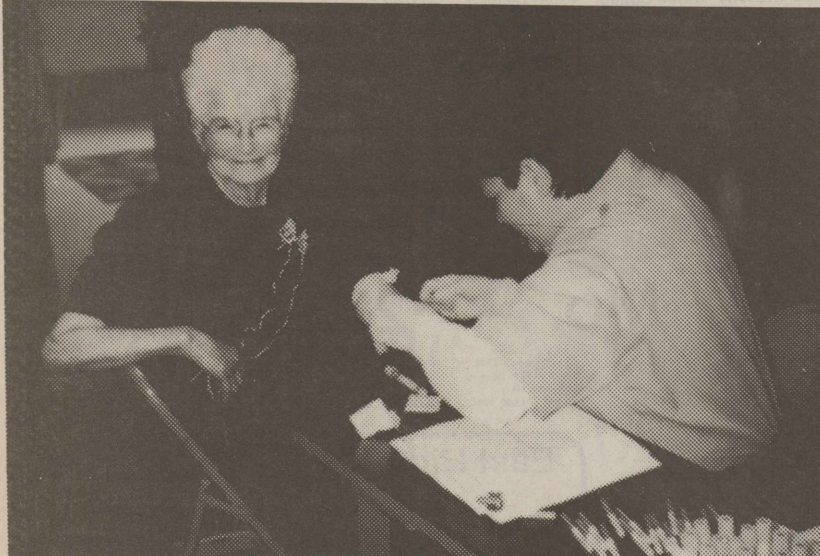
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ROBY RURAL HEALTH CLINIC OPENING: The Roby Rural Health Clinic held open house last week. The Clinic will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays to serve the Roby and surrounding residents. Pictured above are Frank Cockrell, Public Relations Director at Fisher County Hospital, Ella Rae Helms, Hospital Administrator, Kathy Spencer, Roby Rural Health Clinic Office Manager, and seated, Martha Jo Anderson, R.N.C.F.N.D., who will be seeing patients at the clinic.



CHOLESTEROL CHECK: Clara Brown has her cholesterol checked by Robin Anderlee, as she attends the opening of the new Roby Rural Health Clinic.

Alexandra Nicole Scott Is Born

J.J. Juarez and Nathan and Nick Gauna, would like to welcome their

new cousin Alexandra Nicole Scott to their family. Alexandra was born at RPMH in Sweetwater on February 13, 1996 at 4:11 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Martha Zapata and Marshall Scott. Maternal grandparents are Joe Zapata and Maggie Paredes from Roby.

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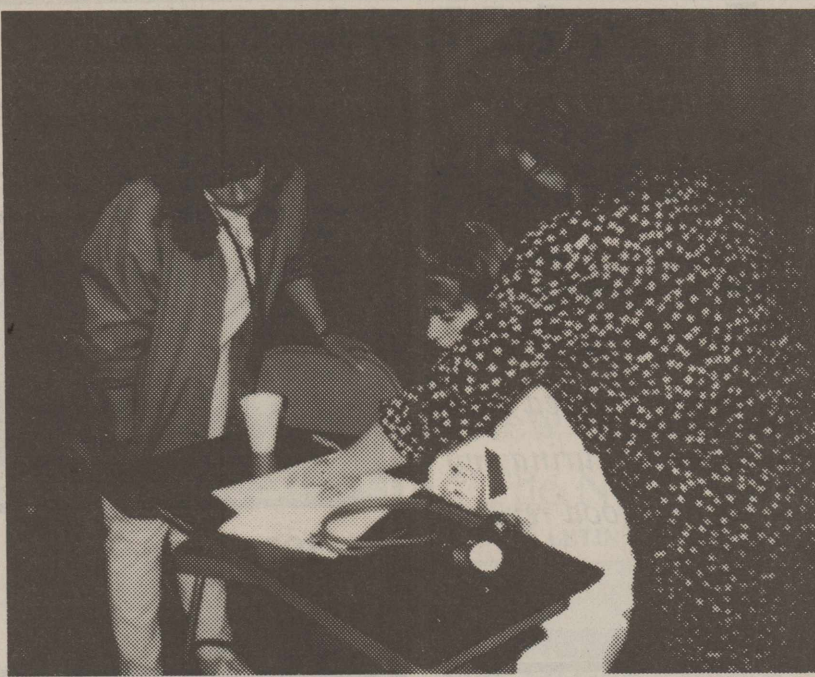
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GIVING OUT INSTRUCTIONS: Ella Rae Helms gives instructions on filling out records to Debbie Valenzuela at left, and Crystal Coker, seated, at the recent opening of the Roby Rural Health Clinic. The Clinic is located next to the Post Office and is open two days a week.

Carol Meschwitz Engaged To Benny Carreon

Benny Carreon and Carol Meschwitz would like to announce their upcoming marriage at the end of March.

Benny is an Ag-teacher at Hamlin I.S.D.

Carol is a juvenile probation officer in Jones County. They will reside in Hamlin after their marriage.

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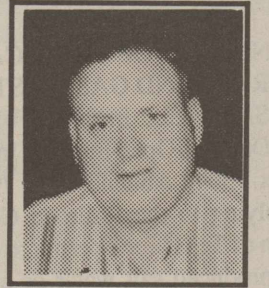
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The Pastor's Column

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I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. Ecclesiastics 3:14 NRSV.

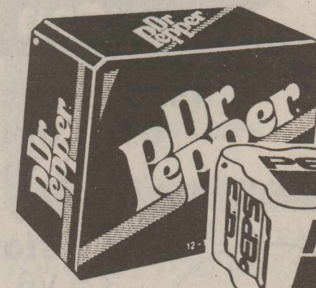
What is the purpose of life? It is that we should fear the all-powerful God. Fear does not mean to cringe in terror, but to respect, revere, and to stand in awe of God because of who he is. Purpose in life starts with Whom we know, not what we know or how good we are. It is impossible to fulfill our God-given purpose unless we fear God and give him first place in our life.

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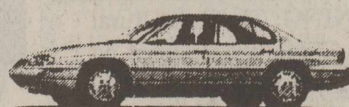


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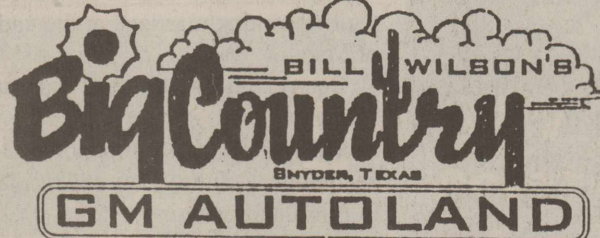
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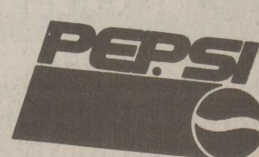


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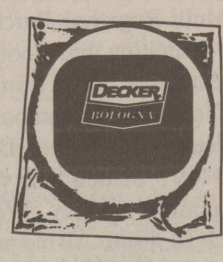
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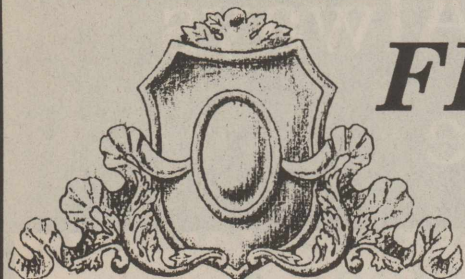
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March 18-22, 1996

MONDAY: Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Pudding.

TUESDAY: Sliced Ham, Black-eyed Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Toast, Peaches.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Apple Crunch.

THURSDAY: Fish, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn Bread, Cake.

FRIDAY: Hot Dogs or Fish, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Cobbler.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU

March 18-22, 1996

MONDAY: Chicken Pattie, Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Corn on Cob, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.

TUESDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bread, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Meat Load, Cream Potatoes, Okra, Spice Cake, Bread, Milk.

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Thomas P. Sanchez

Thomas P. Sanchez, 92, of Roby, died Friday, March 8, 1996, in Fisher County Hospital. Services were held Sunday, March 10, 1996, at 2 p.m., in Belvieu Cemetery with Rev. Robert Kennedy officiating. Burial was in Belvieu Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home. Mr. Sanchez was born May 5, 1903 in Mexico and moved to Texas in 1916. He married Maria Gonzales in Roby. Mrs. Sanchez passed away in 1963. Mr. Sanchez was a laborer of odd jobs. Survivors include: 1 daughter- Angelita Garcia, Dallas; 4 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren.

Rev. Willie B. Johnson

Rev. Willie B. Johnson, 72, of Roby, died Sunday morning in Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene. Services were at 2 p.m., Friday in the First Baptist Church with Rev. James Webb and Rev. Robinson officiating. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home of Rotan. Rev. Johnson was born March 6, 1924 in Crockett, Texas. He married Doris Nell Andrews in 1947 in Haskell. He was a Baptist minister and pastored churches in Goree (40 years), Cisco, Rotan, and Matador. He was also an employee of the City of Roby. He moved to Roby in 1970 from Haskell. Survivors include: His wife of Roby; 3 daughters- Mary Lynn Whitaker, Tyler, Josephine Harris, Roby, Vickie Jeanette Johnson, Abilene; 3 sons- Willie Charles Johnson, Abilene; John Wayne Johnson, Roby, Temple W. Johnson, Roby; 1 brother- Arthur Lee Washington, Crockett; 22 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren.

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DISMISSED:
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F.C. Senior Citizens Game Night

The Senior citizens will be sponsoring a game night and pot luck supper on Thursday, March 14th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be games of your choice. You are encouraged to attend.

Commodities Distribution

The Fisher County commodities will be handed out by the Roby Fire Dept. on Saturday, March 23- from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. This will be the last time for this year.

LULAC Meeting

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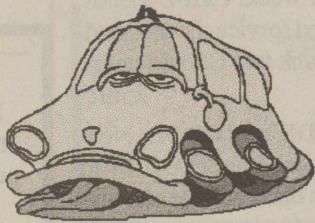
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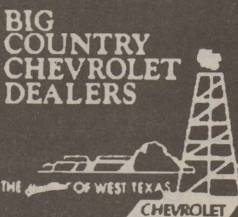
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Fisher County Ag Column

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The "new" grape industry in Texas has literally exploded with growth in the last 15 years. This new commercial industry has gone from about 300 acres in 1970 to about 3,500 in 1987. To date, the major thrust of the industry has been wine grapes, and they have performed extremely well in many locations. Of course, Texans have been involved in "home" table grape production, with the 1 or 2 yard vines, since back when prohibition took out the "old" grape industry.

Certain grapes will perform extremely well in almost every location in the state; 13 of the 26 producing species are native to Texas. Not only do these vines grow freely and profusely without many problems (some problems are the grape leafhopper and skeletonizer) but they make usable grapes as well, and many people make palatable wines and excellent juices and jellies from such berries, through the wines can sometimes be a far cry from those made with the exquisite Chardonnays and Cabernet sauvignons.

A high-quality table grape is a large berry, with a palatable skin and a crisp, sweet flavor.

What are the high-quality grape varieties that can be grown in Texas? Some very good table grapes grown in Texas, such as Aurelia and Carolina Blackrose, are excellent, but these particular grapes have seeds. In looking at seedless table grapes, there are generally three different types available, including the California, New York, and Arkansas varieties. Most of us are familiar with the California varieties which have been around for a long time, such as Thompson Seedless and Perlette, and Flame Seedless has really gained in popularity in recent years. New York varieties which have made a fair impact on the industry include Himrod, Suffolk Red, Lakemont, and Romulus. The Arkansas varieties Venus, Mars, and Reliance, are relatively new, but they look promising in many areas.

After varietal selection, other factors to consider in growing table grapes are disease prevention, size, color, and general culture of the vines and clusters, including harvesting and packing. Black rot is probably the most serious problem affecting grape culture in many locations due to our high temperatures and humidity. No disease damage can be

tolerated on the clusters, since we are actually marketing the berries themselves. Control has been achieved where a rigorous spray schedule, with a rotation of chemicals such as Bayleton, Ferbam, and Benlate, has been practiced.

A major problem with many seedless table grapes is developing adequate size. Unfortunately, when the seed is removed, so is the source of hormone for large-berry development. Therefore, normal cultural operations include GA (gibberellic acid) applications and girdling older vines onto certain varieties to increase size. GA sprays must be timed with specific berry development in order to obtain the full benefit from the spray.

Finally, there is the general culture of the vines and clusters. Since nice, uniform, beautiful clusters with eye appeal are important, the clusters should grow free hanging. This allows for expansion of the clusters and air movement to reduce the incidence of disease. It also means tendrils must be removed that could intertwine around the cluster. Often, small, insignificant clusters should be trimmed to allow berry size to increase on remaining

clusters. Damaged berries and other imperfections must be removed for optimum marketability. So, there is a large amount of tedious hand labor which goes into the production of high-quality table grapes.

The marketing of grapes is crucial. Since high-quality table grapes require a lot of hand labor, they must receive top dollar in the marketplace in order to be profitable. Unfortunately, certain grapes can give Texas table grapes a bad name if they are not harvested properly. Certain so-called seedless varieties tend to have seed remnants under Texas growing conditions; hence, they must be sold as such. Other varieties need time to develop adequate sugar or they will not taste very good. Some varieties need to be held in cold storage prior to marketing.

There are some very delicious seedless grapes being grown in Texas. These grapes should not be penalized because other grapes were not of adequate quality. Producers must be careful to market their product through the proper channels, under the right conditions, in order to develop a name for our quality table grapes.

County Extension Agent

By Beth Dannheim

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BOTULISM - PRECAUTION IS NEEDED

A recent outbreak of botulism food poisoning in El Paso connected to an ethnic potato based dip has caused increased emphasis on preventing this serious foodborne illness.

Botulism-causing Clostridium botulinum bacteria are everywhere, being very prevalent in soil and marine sediments worldwide. Their spores are often found on the surfaces of fruits and vegetables and in seafood. The bacteria are dangerous because they produce a toxin as they grow and reproduce. Botulinum toxin is one of the most dangerous poisonous substances known.

Once in the body, the toxin binds to nerve endings at the point where the nerve endings join muscles. This prevents nerves from signaling the muscles to contract and results in weakening and paralysis. This paralysis starts from the cranium down, affecting many vital body systems, including the muscles that regulate breathing.

The condition in which C. botulinum spores grow and produce toxin in absence of oxygen, low acidity and temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees F. This toxin producing situation can easily occur in improperly preserved home canned foods or improperly stored prepared foods.

In the United States, one of the most com-

mon culprits in foodborne botulism is home canned food, especially vegetables such as asparagus, green beans and peppers. These are all low-acid foods that must be canned in a pressure canner, as should all vegetables, meats, poultry and seafood.

The basic recommendation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is to can these foods in a pressure canner because the pressure in the canner creates a high enough temperature to kill the spores of the bacteria. County Extension agents throughout the state have specifics of these recommendations for home canning of low acid foods.

Also, foods cooked at home should not be left at temperatures between 40 and 140 de-

grees F. This is the temperature danger zone at which most bacteria grow rapidly. An extra precaution is to boil home canned low-acid foods for 10 minutes (at sea level) before consuming.

Commercial foods also have been implicated in outbreaks of botulism. Another precaution that consumers should take is reading labels and being careful to refrigerate foods that indicate so on the label.

Finally, consumers should always be wary of any canned items that are rusty, swollen or otherwise damaged. The best advice is "If in doubt, throw it out."

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Well it's spring break, and I hope that everyone has a good holiday. I think that the weather may cooperate, although it has really been sandy and windy.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge attended the State Basketball tournament at Austin; they rode the chartered bus to the Frank Erwin center and watched the second game of the day between the Roby boys and Anderson-Shiro, which unfortunately Roby lost.

The Etheredges visited with David and Debra Etheredge and their family in Levelland on Monday.

Floy Jim Hughs is in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock for heart surgery. We hope to hear that she is doing fine. Mrs. Armand Smith from McCaulley had gall bladder surgery last Thursday in San Angelo.

Margaret (Billingsley) Jordan now has the baby home and it is doing just fine.

Los Amigos had a benefit dinner Saturday night for Mrs. Bobby Thompson (Dot) of Claytonville at the R.V. Park in Roby. It was well attended.

Lenore Waldon was in the hospital, but is home now and doing just fine.

Windle Cave had gall bladder surgery while he was in Houston at the hospital. He is home now and is feeling very much better. Coach

Ruben Osuna got to come home from the hospital in Lubbock; they did numerous tests and found that the pain was caused by Pleurisy. The Osuna's all went to the State Basketball tournament in Austin.

Richard Floyd Sr. had surgery Monday at Abilene Regional Hospital. We hope that he will soon be feeling much better. George Lane is in Hendrick Memorial Hospital and has been very sick; he is taking some tests.

I started my spring break early as went to Austin on Wednesday with the Gary Daniel family, and Bryant Terry rode down there with us. Mark and Melody came by and picked me up at the motel, then Melody brought me back Thursday for the basketball game. After that I visited with Mark and Melody, Kassie and Kyle until Monday when I flew from Austin to Lubbock, where Sheila picked me up at the airport. While at Austin I visited with Mark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Parrish, and with James Parrish. Also got to see Karen Fincher and the two boys who were there visiting from Stephenville. Her husband, Pete, who is a Vet. had to work.

While in Austin we attended the Bastrop Area Livestock Show and really had a good time there. We went shopping, of course, and little Kyle is an absolute angel, so good, and is growing fast. At Lubbock Sheila and I visited with Walter and Shirley Byrd. Shirley is in Methodist Hospital there, taking numerous tests, and we hope that she will soon be able to return home. So now I am home, and really enjoyed the trip and seeing everyone. The flight from Austin to Lubbock was really good, and I don't know why I thought I would hate flying.

Jim Ratliff of Fort Worth was in

New York last weekend and they won the Wheelchair Basketball Finals and will go to Portland, Oregon in 2 weeks.

Bro. Eli Sepeda preached at Hobbs Baptist Church Sunday in the absence of our preacher, Ruben Osuna.

The wind blew every day at Austin, which is unusual, but it's green as they got some rain.

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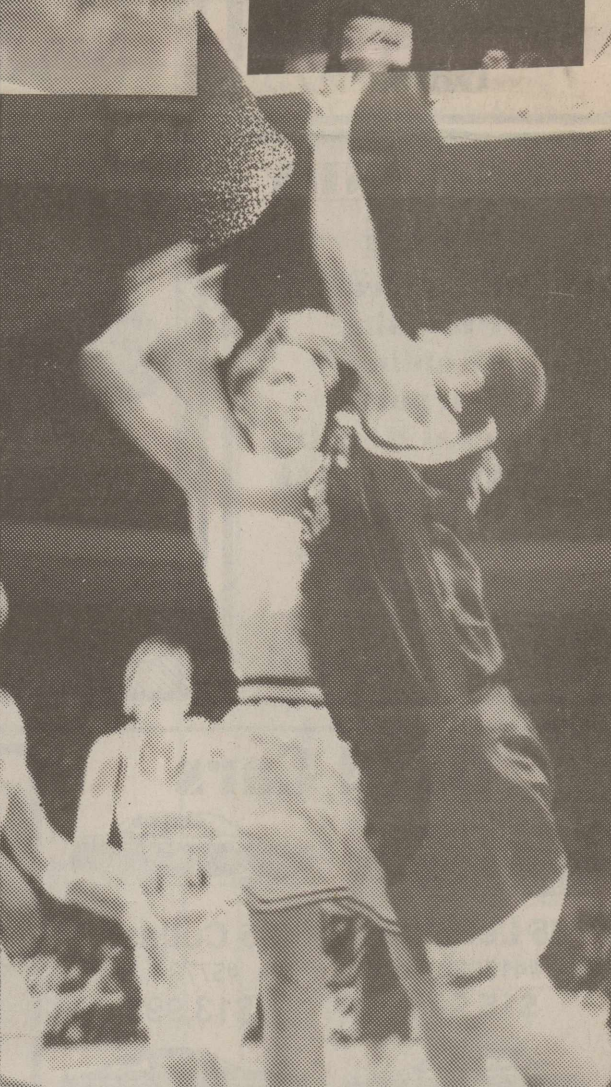
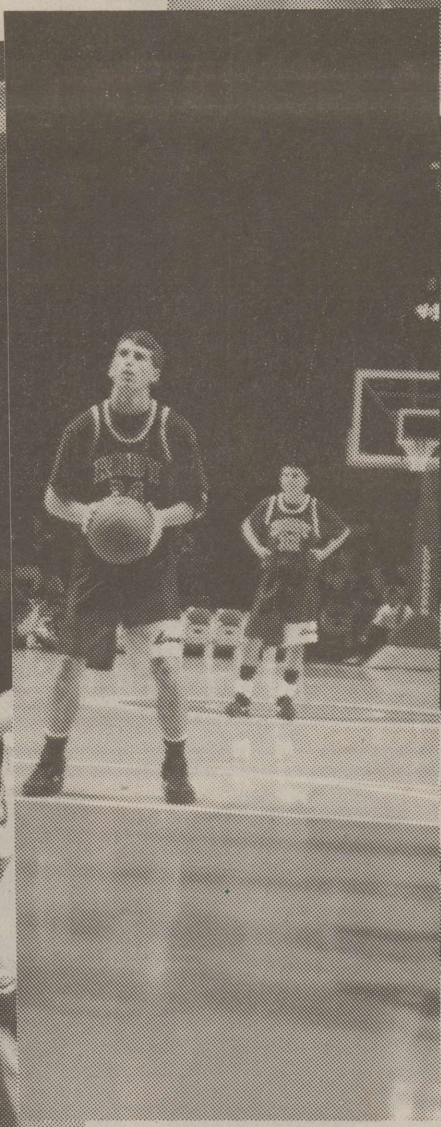
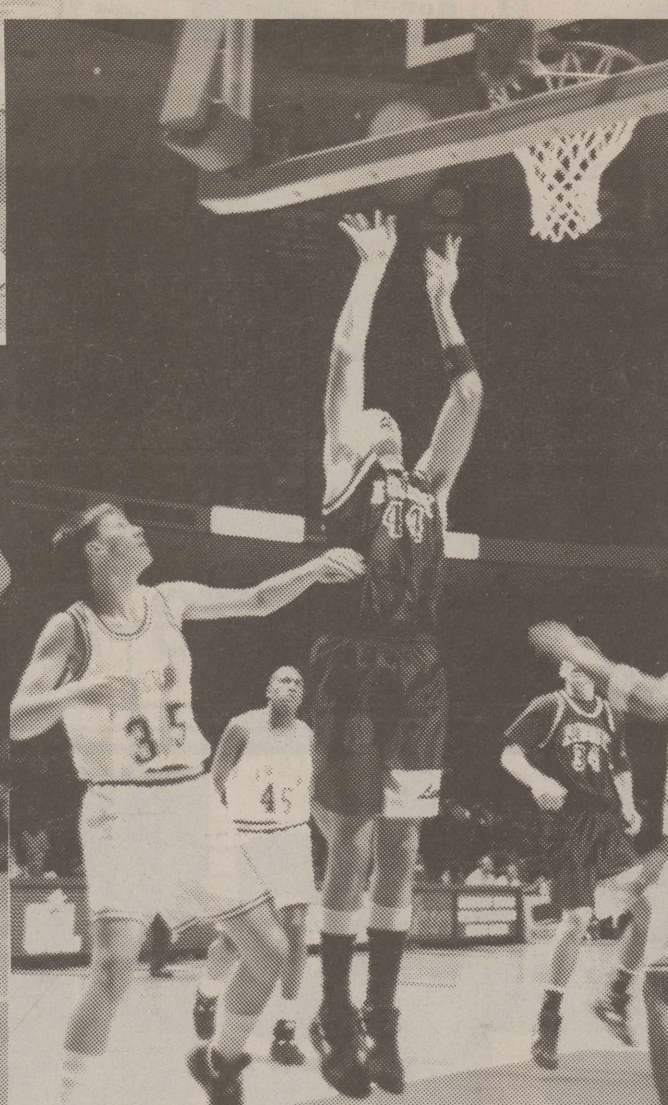
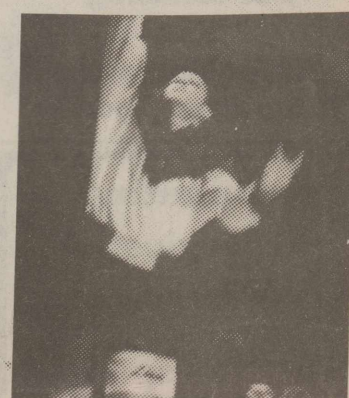
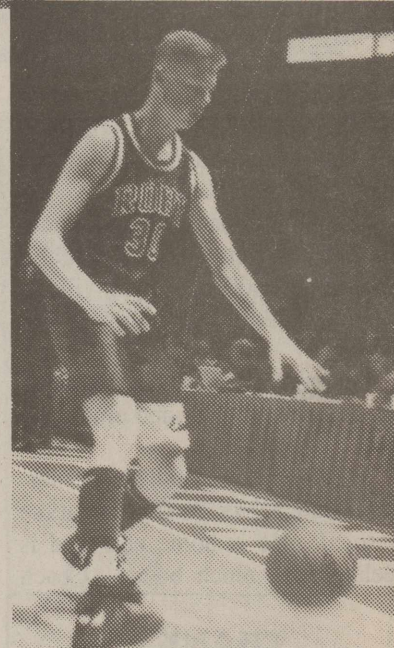
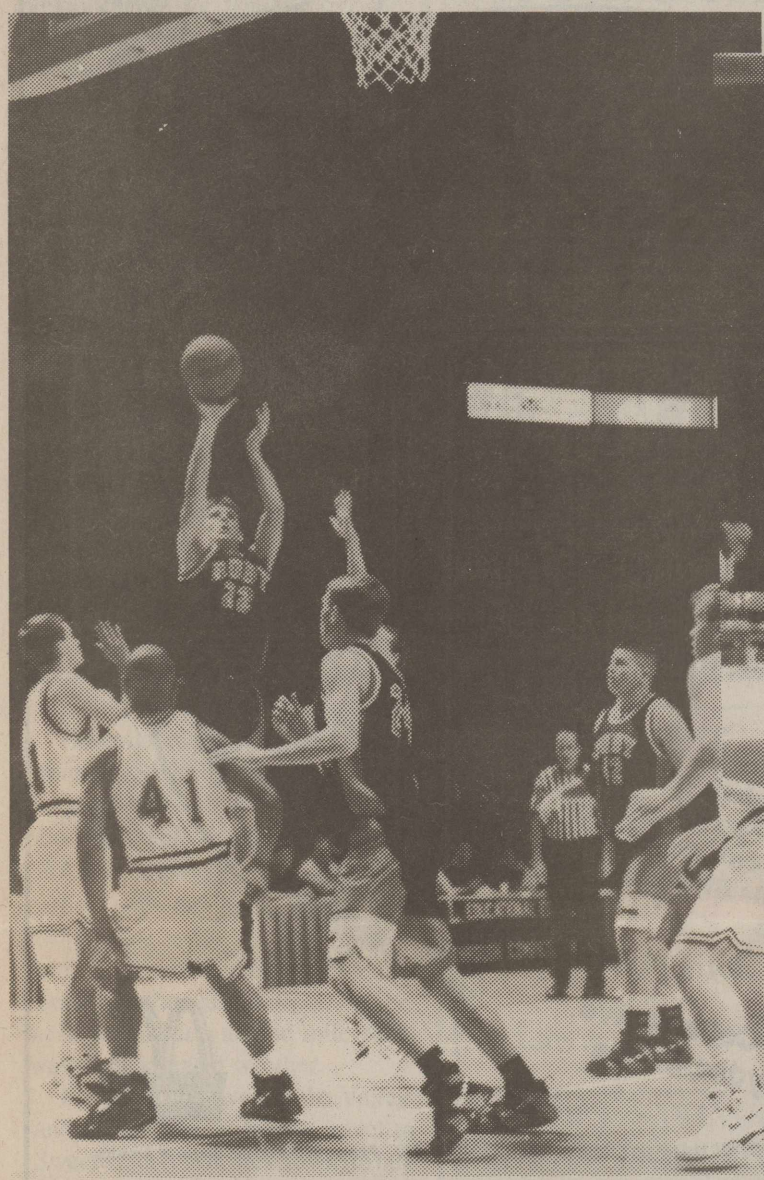
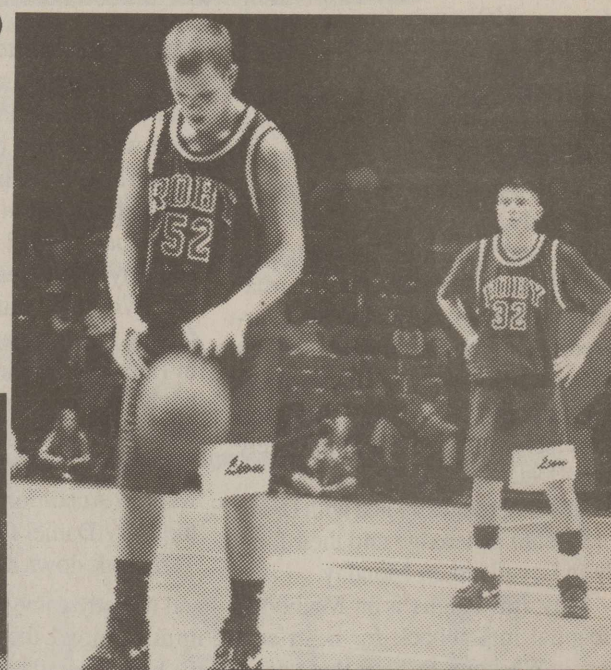
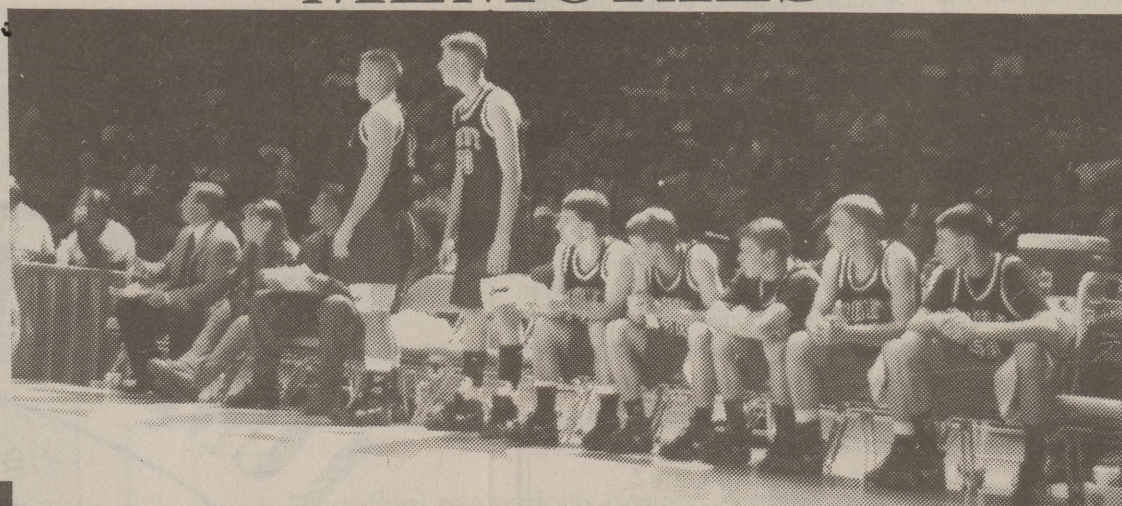
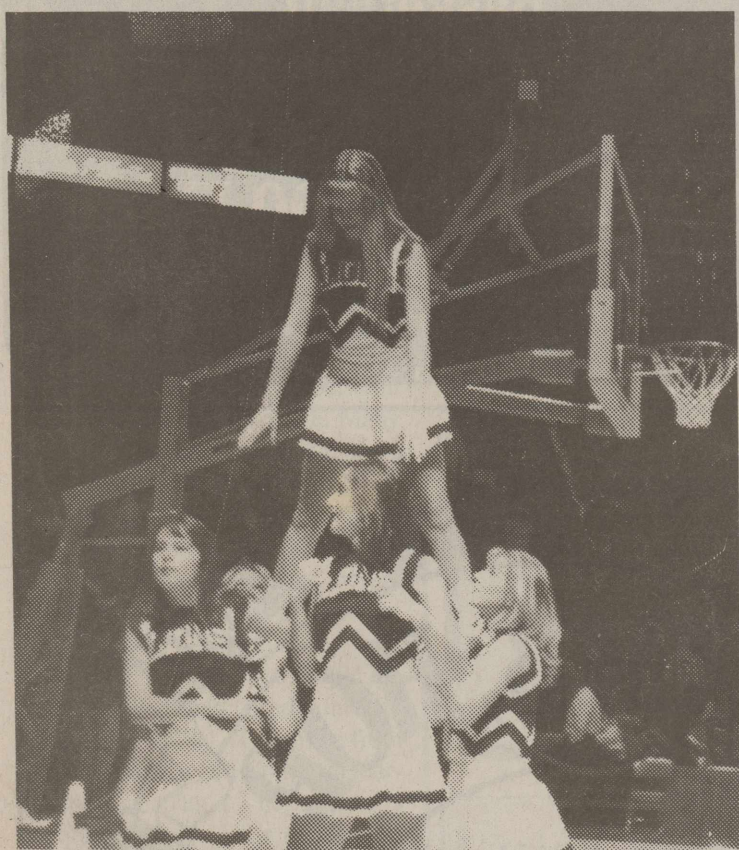
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