

## **Guide to the**

### **Irving High School Scrapbooks 1969-1970, 1985-1986**

**0.33 linear ft.**

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### **Historical Sketch**

The Irving Independent School District was established in 1909. In 1913, the district created a 5-acre campus (bounded by Second Street on the north, Delaware on the east, Jefferson on the west and today's Fourth St. on the south) and built a three-story red-brick school building on the north end of the property along Second Street. The district graduated its first high school class in May 1914. At that time, all students attended class in the three-story school building. In the fall of 1930, the district added a single-story high school building next to the red-brick school building.

By 1936, the two buildings were no longer large enough, and the district built a new high school on the south end of the campus. The building was known for its distinctive look with its gymnasium surrounded on all four sides by classrooms. Two years later the school band was organized, followed in 1939 by the creation of the Student Council.

The new Student Council played a major role in originating three Irving High traditions during its first year. On November 23, 1939, school alumni sponsored Irving's first homecoming dance following a football game against Grand Prairie. The first issue of the Tiger Rag was distributed on January 5, 1940, and a memory book for seniors, the Lair, was published in the spring.

The post-WWII boom led to rapid growth in the city of Irving and Irving ISD. In 1948, the district opened its first school building off of the original campus site, the new Irving High School, on Sixth Street. During the 1950s and 1960s, Irving continued to grow rapidly. By the late 1950s, the district had once again begun construction on a new high school building, and the current Irving High School on O'Connor Road opened in 1961. As Irving's population growth continued, the O'Connor Road campus was expanded and MacArthur and Nimitz High Schools were added in 1963 and 1968, respectively.

## **Scope and Content**

The Irving High School Scrapbooks contain two scrapbooks compiled by students.

The first scrapbook was made during the 1969-1970 school year. It is divided into five sections titled "Football Season," "Basketball Season," "Baseball Season," "Track Season," and "Student's Honors." Each section contains newspaper articles related to the section's subject. "Student's Honors" contains articles on non-sports extracurricular activities and academic honors. "Football Season" contains football game programs in addition to newspaper articles.

The second scrapbook was created by the Irving High School Student Council during the 1985-1986 school year. It contains photographs and written documents related to the student council's activities. The subjects include a visit to a state conference, service projects, fundraisers, and social activities.

## **Provenance Statement**

The Irving High School Scrapbooks were donated to the Irving Archives by Irving High School. The accession was made on December 10, 2002, and was numbered 0203-72.

## **Literary Rights Statement**

Permission to publish from the Irving High School Scrapbooks must be obtained from the Irving Archives, Irving Public Library.

# **Container List**

## Box 1

Scrapbook, 1969-1970

Scrapbook containing Irving High football game programs and newspaper articles related to Irving High School sports and other extracurricular activities.

## Box 2

Scrapbook, 1985-1986

Scrapbook containing photographs and written documents related to the activities of the Irving High School Student Council.