

# Sign O' The Times

"Trends" are those ideas that catch like fire in a quick flash, spreading across continents at break-neck speed, then dying quietly in closets of hand-me-downs. And nowhere do trends spread faster than in a small high school. They're seen everywhere — in the way we dress, the way we talk, the way we study (or don't study), in the way we live. Fashions, music, movies, food, all are changing constantly, only

remaining as memories in sentimental minds. These trends are remembered, though, and captured to add a unique touch to the year in review.

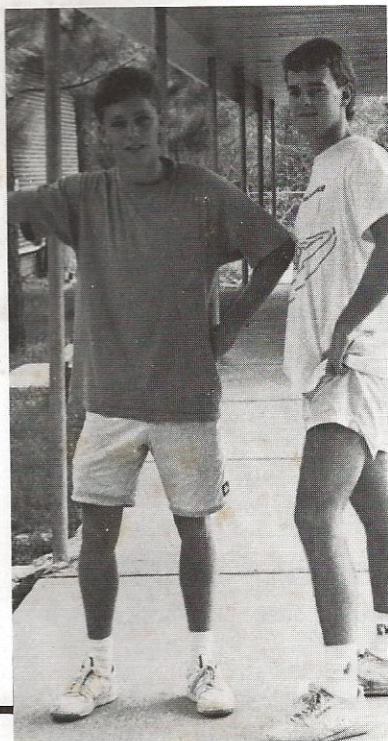
Skateboarding was one of those trends that none really remembered starting. All of a sudden, they were everywhere — "Ollie's" and 360's were chicspeak among any young boys gathered together. Skull and cross bones adorned stickers below

placed beside grip tape on boards of various sizes and color.

Surfing was a throw-back from the summer whose fashions were hard to part with. So stickers went on cars and lockers; long shorts and high tops were the rage, and the "Surfer haircut" was in demand.

While the guys dressed down, the girls dressed up in clothes from such stores as "The Limited" and "Benetton". Blue jean jackets and ankle-length skirts graced their figures, and wide wide hoops hung from their ears. Girls also enjoyed the new privilege of wearing shorts to school, a "cooler" way of staying cool.

Movies were a "Fatal Attraction" for the weekend and the appeal was extremely big — Big Town, Big Easy, Big Chill. Horror movies topped the charts as teens swarmed to see *The Fly*, *Hellraiser*, and sequels to *Friday the 13th* and *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. Movie rentals were a cheap and convenient alternative to theatres.



## H E A R D IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

*I was in high school in the mid-60's and the most important item in a girl's or a boy's wardrobe was an oxford cloth shirt. If you seriously liked a boy or a girl the loop on the back of your shirt had to be cut in half. Bass weejins were a must and navy blue ones were the ultimate for a girl. An English look became popular with the import of the Beatles. This included the mini dress. I'll never forget my first one — bright kelly green with hot pink polka dots ...*

— Gary Brightwell

Chris Rowe and Chad Brightwell show a little leg for the camera. Wearing shorts to school was a first-year privilege bestowed by Mr. Bennett as a means of surviving September's heat wave.

