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Ring Around the Finger



Getting a high school ring was one of the most exciting times for a student. Wearing a school ring gave students the sense of belonging. Students took pride in showing off the rings, which served as testimony to their achievement.

Most students purchased their high school rings during their junior year. Jewelry stores such as Infinger's, Treasure Chest, and Hayes' Jewelers were the local businesses that sold rings. The majority of students, however, ordered their rings from Jostens, a company that sold school memorabilia.

"Instead of having a blue gem in my high school ring, I decided to have my birthstone put in it," said junior Mary Beth Weekley.

During first semester, Keyboarding teacher Mrs. Esther Bright coordinated a ring ceremony. Much like ceremonies in colleges, the students processed across the stage of the mini-auditorium to have their rings presented to them by a parent of someone special.

"This ceremony was something my parents and I will look back upon with pride," said Andre Booker.

— Tony Lowery

Several students "show off" their new class rings during the ring ceremony held in the mini-auditorium. The diversity of students was evident in the racial make-up of the student body and the variety of rings. The racial composition of the student body was 52% black, 46% white, and 2% other minorities.