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By now you are well into your senior year and Girls State '76 is in the past. We hope that the week proves to be one of your richest experiences and that when you returned home you shared those experiences with others in your school and community.

In the last few years we have heard many negative points concerning our democratic form of government, but we hope that your week of Americanism, Citizenship, and Fellowship at Girls State has enabled you to take a positive view of the democratic process. I agree with Daniel Patrick Moynihan, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, when he said:

Am I embarrassed to speak for a less than perfect democracy? Not one bit. Find a better one.

Do I suppose there are societies which are free of sin? No, I don't.

Do I think ours is on balance incomparably the most hopeful sets of human relations the world has? Yes, I do.

Out of the decline of the West there will, I sense, emerge a rise of spirits. We have shortened our lines. We are under attack. But there is nothing in our culture that suggests we will not in the end defend ourselves successfully.

We are the party of liberty.* Always have been, even when least true to it. As the lights go out in the rest of the world, they shine all the brighter here.

You are the ones to decide how bright those lights will shine. You have the opportunity to help build America in which you want to live.

My best wishes go with you as you continue to serve God and Country.

It is a privilege for the American Legion Auxiliary to provide an Americanism program such as Girls State for you, the New Mexico Girl State citizens of 1976. You represent the best in your school, and you demonstrated during this week that you are outstanding citizens in your community and are fully capable of assuming your citizenship responsibilities. Your interest, your enthusiasm, your growth, the knowledge you've gained, and your realization that our system of government does work is an inspiration to all of us. I believe that you, as Girl State citizens, and as citizens in your own communities, will accept your citizenship responsibilities, and that you will promote the need for individual citizen participation in our governmental processes wherever you may be. You have made beautiful friendships with others from all over this great state, which have expanded your outlook and understanding of others. As your interest and enthusiasm developed throughout the week, love for your country surfaced. It was a fantastic experience for all. We are very thankful for each one of you, knowing that you are capable, thinking, lovely young ladies who will transmit all you have learned to others in your hometown, or wherever you may be. Each of you have been entrusted with a job to do, and you have the opportunity to help shape the world we live in, to be actively involved in seeking solutions to the problems that confront us all. With the opportunity you have had to participate in Girls State goes the responsibility to use the knowledge acquired to serve the wider community and nation. God has given you many talents. Resolve to use them. God bless each of you throughout your lifetime.

Novale Saunders
1976 Director
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PREPARING FOR YOU AND . . .

Before the week begins, the counselors are busily preparing for you. The government instructor, Mrs. Marcella Davidson gave instructions, precautions, and answers concerning our questions for you.

The staff included Government counselors, Dorm moms, Intermediate and Junior counselors, plus our Administrative staff which was not always seen. These people put a lot of effort into the program to make the Bicentennial Girls State, the best ever. Our appreciation goes to all of the staff.



ENTERTAINMENT ON THE SIDE





OUR WEEK FINALLY BEGAN . . .

OPENING CONVOCATION



So began the week of an experience never to be forgotten. The struggles of carrying luggage up and down the stairs, waiting for the elevators, and eating cafeteria food are memories still alive. Director Novalee Saunders did a great job of preparing 1976 Girls State for you as well as the many people who had a part in it.





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TERRIFIC . . .

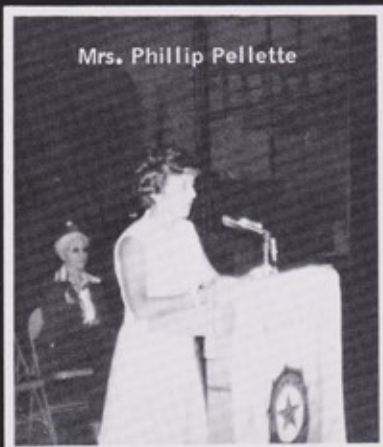


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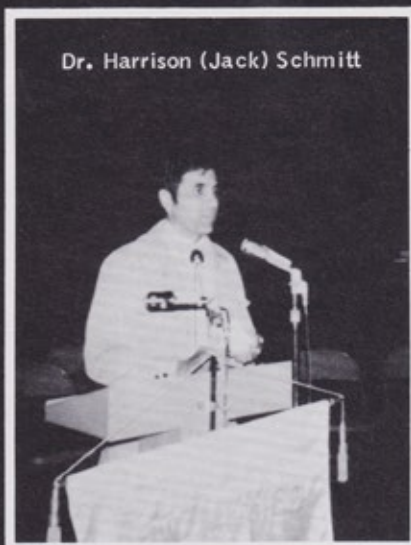
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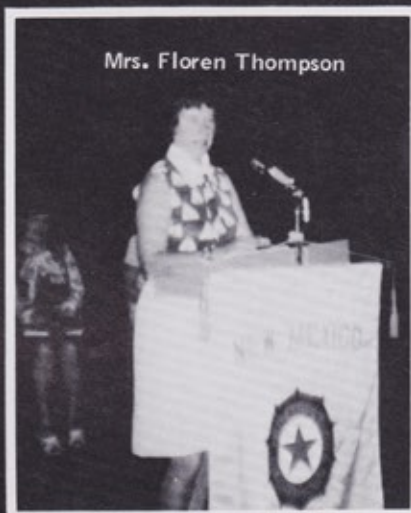
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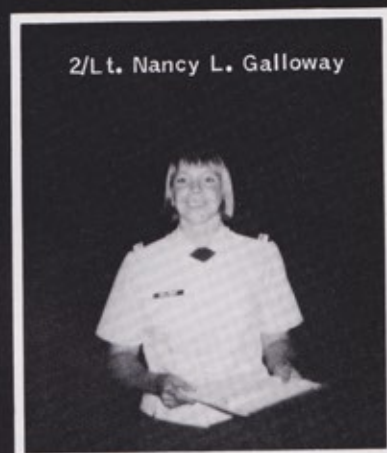




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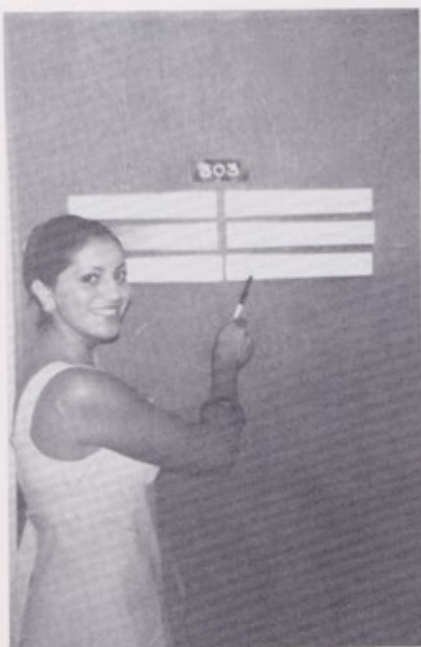


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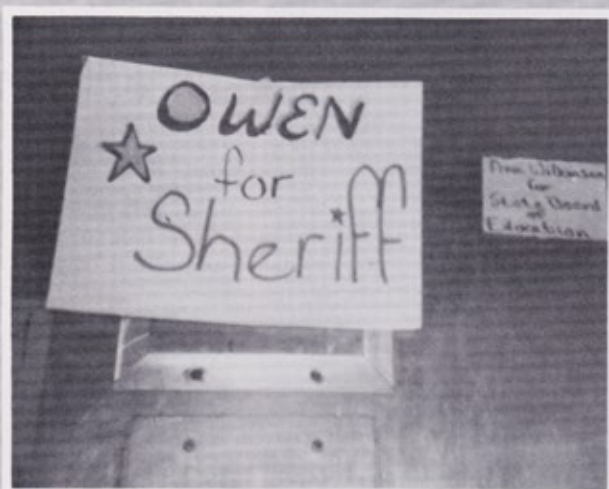
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First, we filed for office



Then we
hung up
campaign
material





Wrote some speeches . . .

Talked to
friends . . .



And finally voted
for our choice

Governor Candidate
Marian Davis

Lt. Governor Candidate
Anne Murphey

Governor Candidate
Lindsay Coates

Lt. Governor Candidate
Mary Culpepper

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**Nationalist
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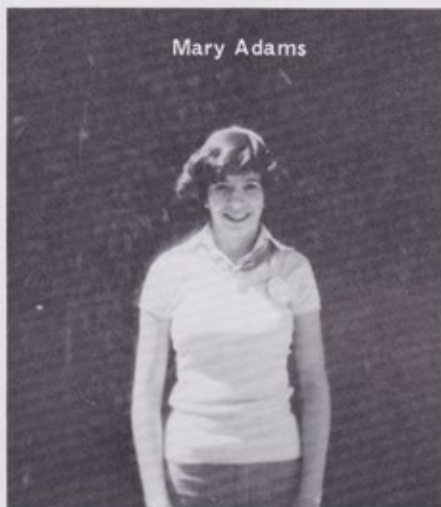


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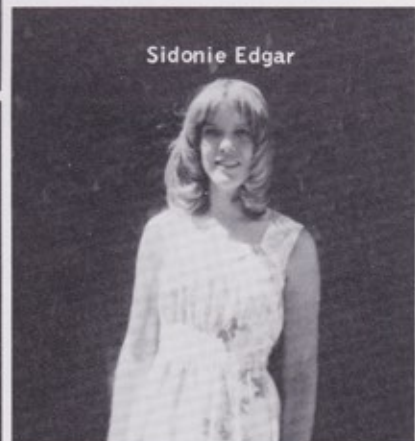
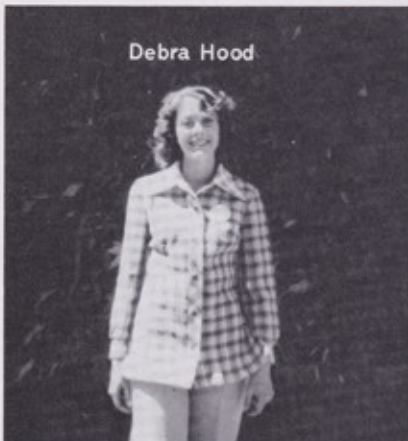
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FRIENDS, I WILL REMEMBER YOU
THINK OF YOU, PRAY FOR YOU . . .

SAYING GOODBYE TO

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You don't really know how well you can know a person until you know them as a person. To know a persons inward motions, their moods, and characteristics is how I have come to know you. Our week spent together was one of learning, growing, and appreciating . . . learning of our country, growing in ourselves, and appreciating our fellow man and his beliefs. And wherever you may be, or wherever you may go, may God give you strength, power, and boldness through Jesus Christ, to stand up for what you believe.

*"CRICKETT"
J.C.*

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