

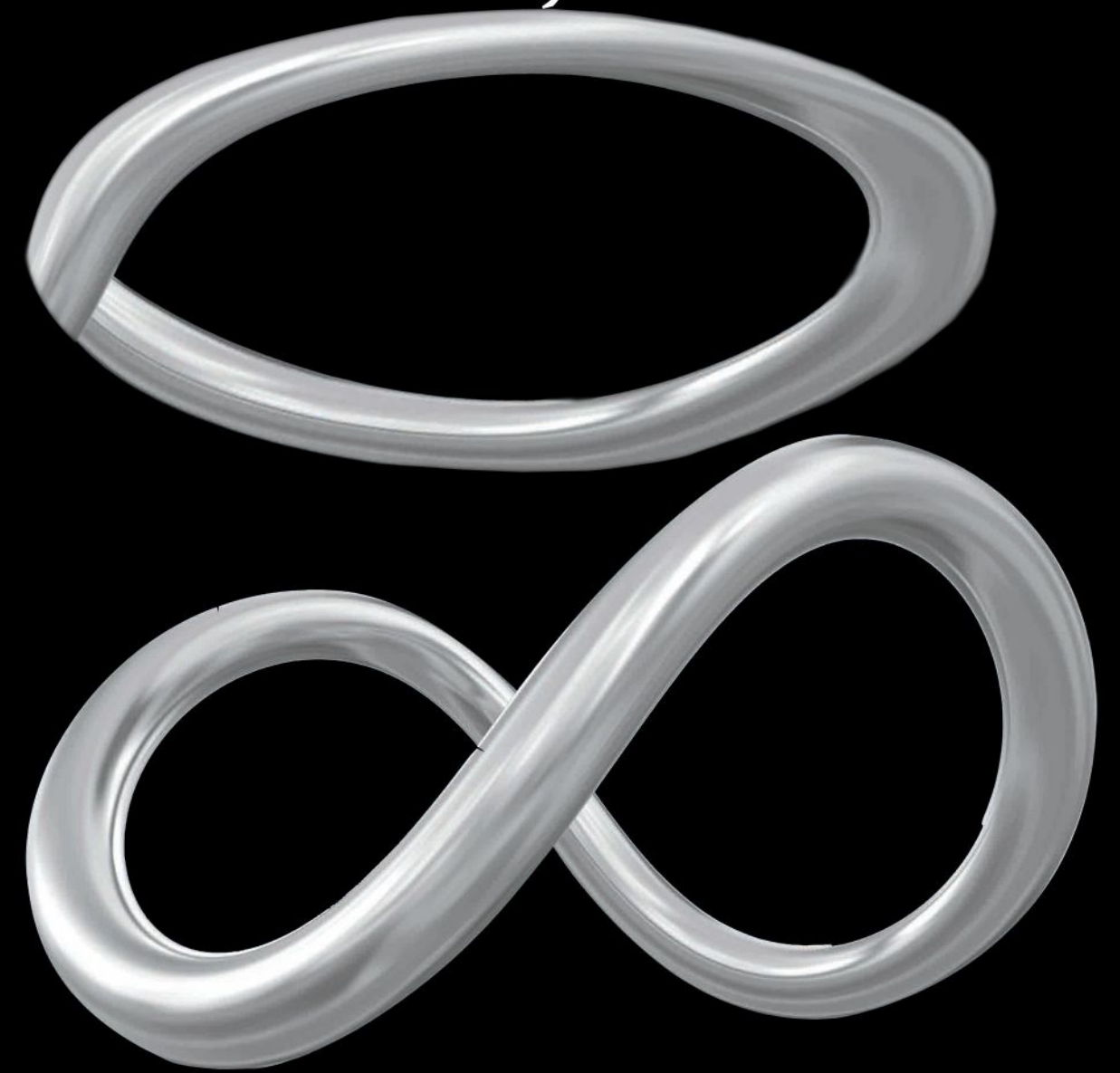


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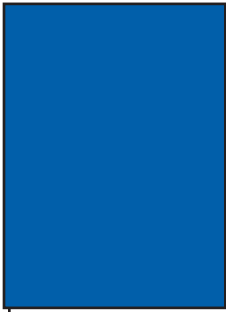
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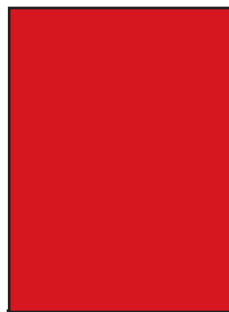
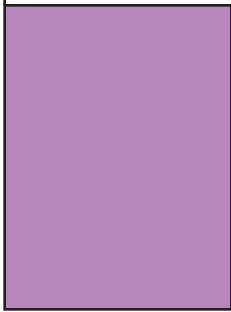


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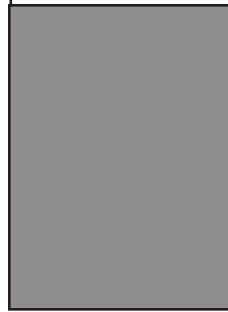


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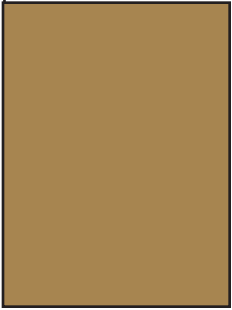
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Welcome to the 80th Anniversary edition of The Tiger yearbook. Use these pages to take a chronological journey through the 2015-2016 school year. Each spread reveals key facts about Groom, including these: When only 151 students attended the school, everyone definitely mattered, and everyone definitely counted. While this book covered every person, organization and academic endeavor, the content still made it look like sports permeated everything that happened ... because, well, they did. Yet, while football, basketball and other athletics often claimed significant time in the daily routines, even the best athletes knew - like every other student knew - there was so much more to being a Tiger - always has been ... always will be.

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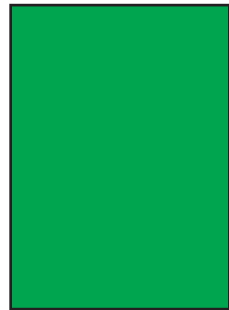
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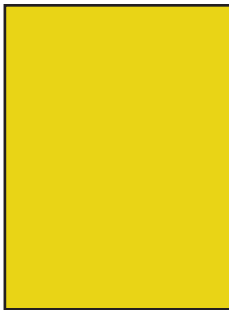
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# Journey

*Through Tiger time*

## From 0 to Infinity ... Themes across time ... Themes Transcending Time ... Tiger Time ...

Whether it was just our name ... or a moment this Tiger nation had more to proclaim ...

1985 A Year of Champions    1977 The Tiger    2010 Life in the Halls of Groom High  
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2005 The Tiger's Tale    1962 The Tiger  
'04 Pieces of the Puzzle    1973 Tiger  
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1980 The Tiger    1991 Expect the Unexpected    1984 The Tiger  
2000 August and Everything After    2001 Oh, the places we'll Go  
1993 It'll never Be Like This again    1987 We're in tune with the times  
1927 The Pathfinder ... 1992 Walking in No One's Shadow

# 2016 A Journey through Tiger Time...

80 volumes ago, Groom published its first yearbook ...

**In the year 1927, GHS graduated five seniors.  
In the year 2016, nine seniors walked across  
the stage, and more than 150 students shared  
these cinder-block halls for Volume 80.  
The first GHS yearbook, *The Pathfinder*,  
set a course that transcended time,  
a journey well worth remembering,  
one well worth the Time of a Tiger.**

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**TIGER**

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# TRADITION

## Transcending

Standing the Test of Time ...



**One building - our first building, opened its doors in 1903.**  
**One place - the place we've attended this year, was on its last days**  
**- at least as it looked on this day in May of 2016 ...**  
**One school - composed of the pre-school, the elementary, the junior high,**  
**the high school, the faculty and the community.**  
**We're unique because we're united - always have been. We run on Tiger Time.**



### One Group ... Begets Another ... One Book Births Many ...

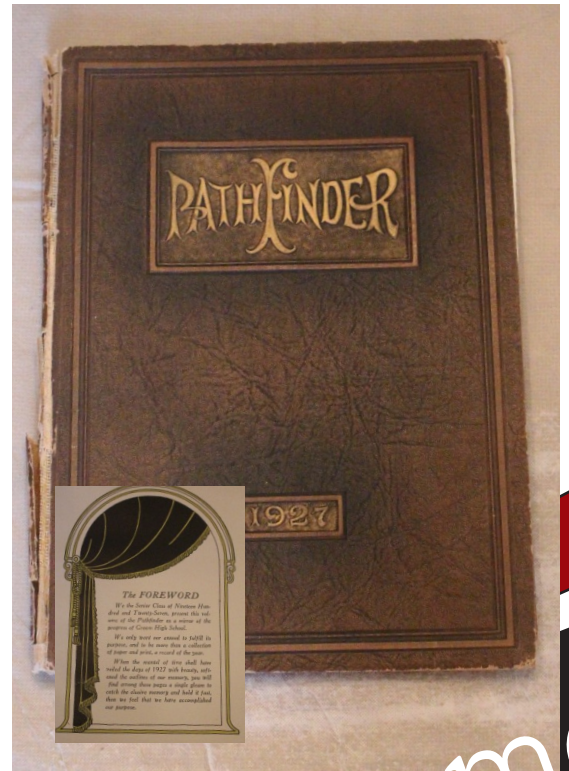
The Alpha and Omega organization stands in front of the school for a group photo to go in the first yearbook to be published by Groom School in 1927. While budgets, the Great Depression and war kept the district from publishing an "annual" for every year it was in session - or even 80 volumes in a row, nothing could close the school doors once they opened. Yet, in 2016, the goals of the yearbook have remained the same as those of Volume 1. Here is a quote found in the forward of the 1927 book:

"We the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven, present this volume of the Pathfinder as a mirror of the progress of Groom High School.

"We only want our annual to fulfill its purpose, and to be more than a collection of paper and print, a record of the year.

"When the mantel of time shall have veiled the days of 1927 with beauty, softened the outlines of our memory, you will find among these pages a single gleam to catch the elusive memory and hold it fast.

"Then we feel that we have accomplished our purpose."

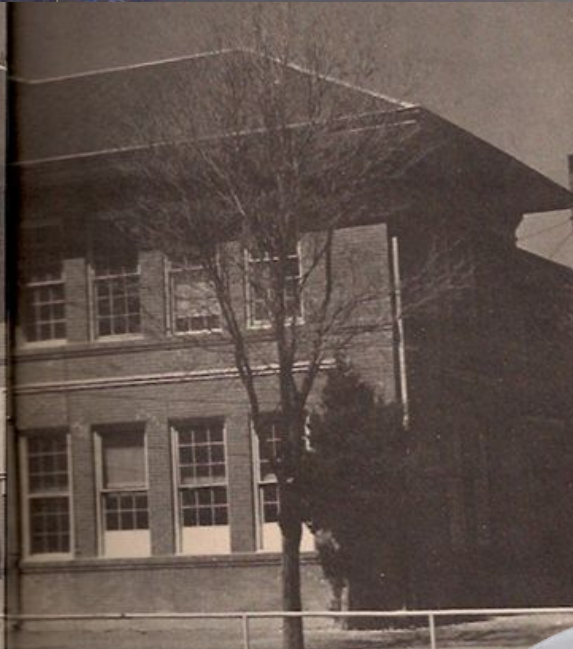


Summer  
Fall





**Then to Now**  
 The black and white picture shown here depicts the school as it was 67 years ago. The color picture on the top was taken in 2016 after the entire school gathered out front in May. The building has changed quite a bit since then, and it will soon undergo a complete remodel. This 80th anniversary yearbook may be the last to depict this building as it looked in 2016. Yet, no matter the building Groom School has been standing since 1903.



The New Year is Here...

Homecoming...

Ag is Back

Cross Country & Football Season Starts

...The Tiger Pride Stands Strong

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I





*September*





# More Time ...

The times we walked around Texas,  
or at least the black-plastic shape of it that surrounded  
our playground,  
have stamped our memories forever.

Whoever could swing the highest and jump out the farthest was the winner.

It was ...play time.



*December*

Fall - Winter

#### The Playground

Seventh and eighth periods of the school day, the playground could count on having visitors. The fourth- and fifth graders usually headed there after lunch, and the kindergarten through third grade classes often followed them. For the first time ever, the school hosted preschoolers. They were taught by Miss Kacie Ledbetter and released around 11:15 a.m. each day, so they played during the mornings. The miniature pictures featured within the numbers that represent the months of September through December are the elementary students because they used this area the most.





On our city's western border, reared against the  
Proudly stands our dear old high school as the year  
Forward ever be our watchword, conquer  
Hail to thee, our dear old high school  
Hail to thee, all hail!

# December



## Timepiece...

**The orange hoop everyone's eyes were always  
fixed upon after a shot  
was released from a student's hand.  
The school song banner, hung high,  
proclaiming the school's pride.  
Whenever players needed a boost, they could look  
at it for inspiration.  
It was ... our timeless symbol.**





# March

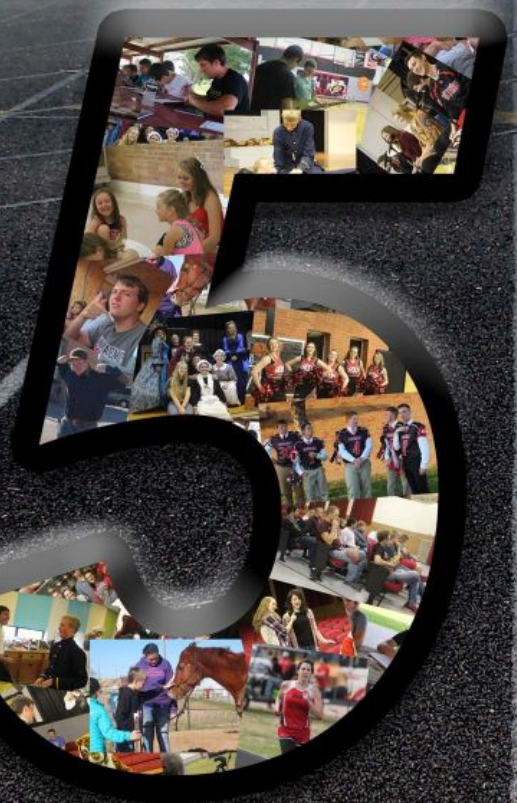
# Winter - Spring

**The Eye(s) of The Tiger ...**  
The Groom Booster Club raised money throughout the school year to be able to add new mats, featuring fierce Tiger eyes, to both ends of the high school gym, also known as "the big gym," by elementary students. "Hat Day," which allowed students who donated a dollar to the cause to wear a hat on specific Fridays, was one way students contributed to the purchase.





*March*



*May*



# Crunch Time...

Multiple trips to regionals ... Levelland became Tigerland.  
Multiple trips to state made it a busy time for many students.  
Who knew state competition was held in College Station and Austin?  
Multiple field trips were taken by the elementary students to WOWW events  
and other programs.  
It was ... a busy time.

# Spring - Summer

## Hit the Track/Court Time

First, in addition to making it to regionals in track, junior Carson Ritter and senior Nate Roskekns qualified for the state tennis meet in doubles. Then, freshman Sydney Ritter qualified for the state track meet in three events: the 100 meters, the 400 meters and the triple jump. College Station hosted state tennis. Austin claimed the track meet. Sydney came home with two bronze medals in triple and in the 400. Carson and Nate came home with bronze, as well.





Timeless ...

**The only traditional pages required in a school yearbook were scheduled next,  
the dreaded mug-shots.**

**The day we've had for more than 80 years for more than 80 volumes.  
Students were probably upset for all of them that their hair didn't look right.**

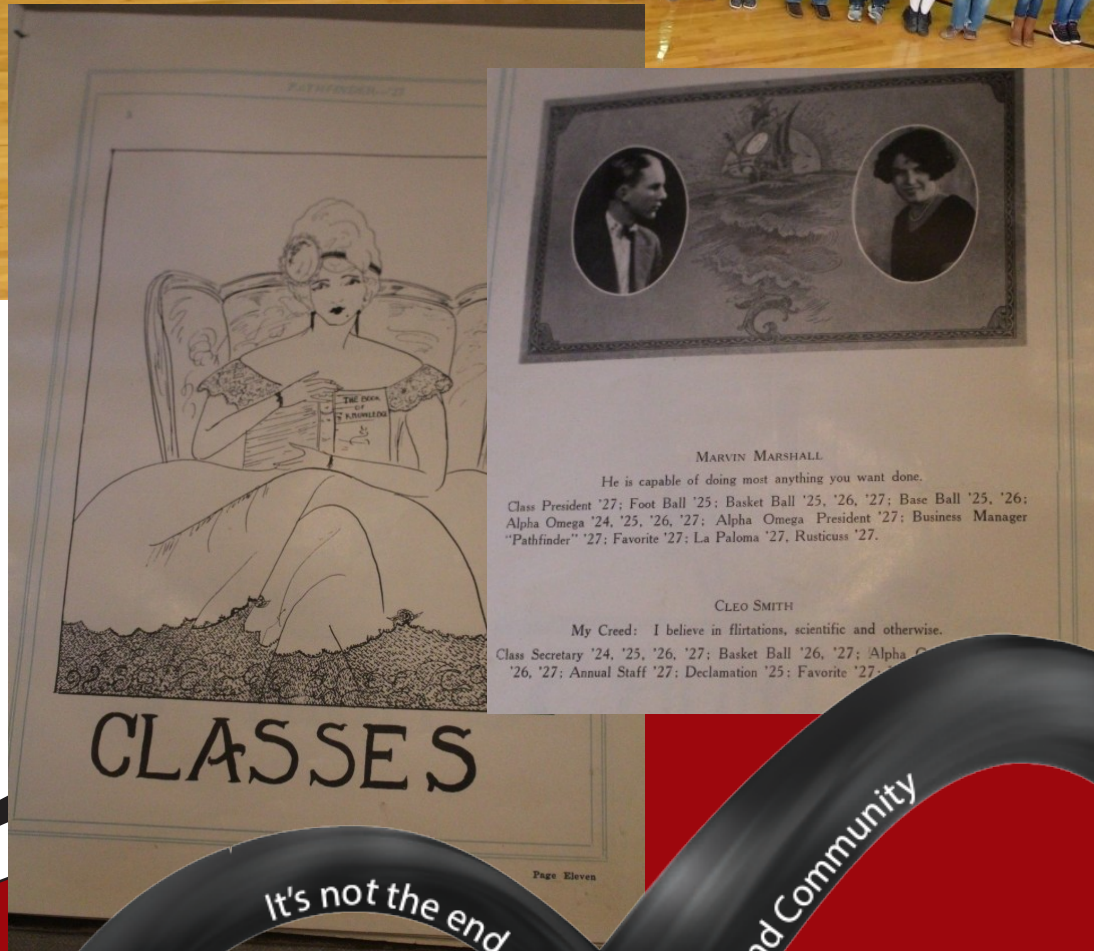
**And, each year there was probably a friend who was able to say:**

**"But hey, you got to miss class!"**

**It was ... a useful time.**

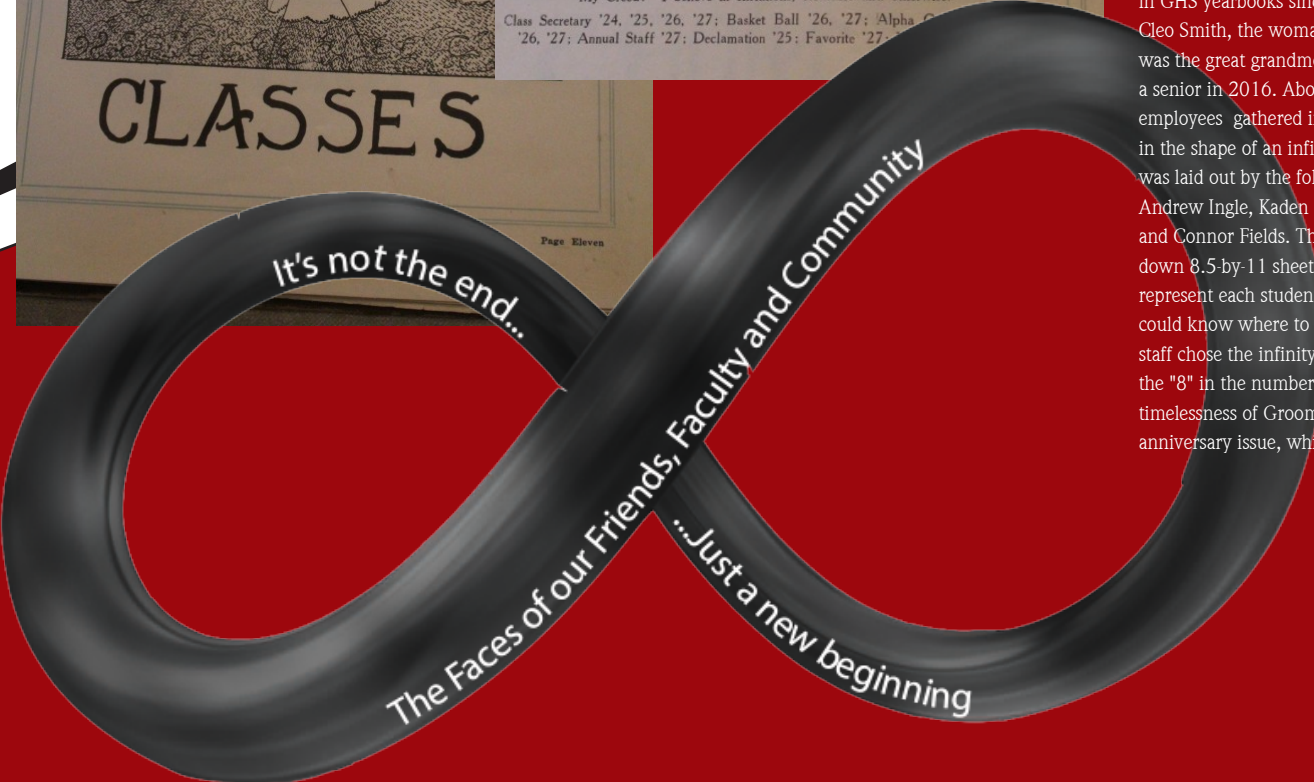
**A Tiger Year**





**From all of us ... to the Last of Us ...**

On the left, the "Classes" division page illustrates how Volume 1 began its mug shot section. Then, the page to its right shows that seniors have received special treatment in GHS yearbooks since their inception. Cleo Smith, the woman, on the right actually was the great grandmother to Nate Roskens, a senior in 2016. Above, all students and employees gathered in the gym on Feb. 11 in the shape of an infinity symbol, which was laid out by the following students: Andrew Ingle, Kaden Bennett, Laurel Fields and Connor Fields. The students helped put down 8.5-by-11 sheets of white paper to represent each student in school so that they could know where to stand. The yearbook staff chose the infinity symbol to represent the "8" in the number "80" to symbolize the timelessness of Groom yearbooks for this anniversary issue, which is Volume 80.





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## Yearbook Staff Offers 'The Tiger' Vol. 80 to GHS Students, Forever Groom Fans

One could say that story of this yearbook began more than 115 years ago. In 1901 the Carson County Commissioners Court responded to a petition from taxpayers and approved "The Groom (School) District # 10," according to former superintendent and school historian Johnny Brumley's book On Our City's Western Border. The first year of school was held in 1903. The first yearbook, The Pathfinder, published in 1927. In 2016, the 95th graduating class crossed the school's stage on May 27, and the yearbook staff would be adding a historical marker of "Vol. 80" on the final cover proof.

So, this issue of The Tiger clearly is a birthday one.

Many community members helped recreate this historical cover, which senior Andrew Ingle designed, along with most of the division pages as well as the last two 16-page signatures of this 100-page issue. The following people are just a few who helped pull the resources together to display as many of the 80 covers as possible: Larry Roskens, Darlene Jones, Debbie Ollinger, Dondra Downs Bekah Roskens, Donna Burton, Louise Mulkey and Ed and Patsy Musser. Editor Bradie Dodson worked through illness, surgery, senioritis and state-qualifier issues to help this yearbook go to press. Invaluable help also came from staff members Sydney Ritter, Carson Ritter, Madison Friemel, K'Leigh Keesee, Charity Perry, William Kelly, Matthew Bowen, Katie Marshall, Kaden Bennett, Caroline Britten, Leslie Germany, Garet Rocha, Julie Sierra, Alan Bush, Justin Cornell, and Olivia Gonzalez. Mrs. Lisa Roskens gave her fourth year as adviser to The Tiger, and she said she hopes one day that the yearbook will begin receiving "Star" recognition honors with the UIL's Interscholastic League Press Association, just as the online newspaper, GroomTigerTimes.com, did in 2016 under the direction of junior editor Carson Ritter. Other help came from community photographers Seth Ritter and Karri Wieners. Yearbook Photographers, led by Friemel and Perry, used a Canon Rebel T3 1100 or a Canon Rebel T5i 700 to shoot most of the photographs.

A few more important details follow: Balfour Publishing in Dallas, Texas, printed this 80th edition. The staff designed the full-color book using StudioWorks for a press run of 80. Dennis Ball served as Balfour's representative, and Donnovan Leary claimed account executive responsibilities. Lifetouch took mug shots and group photos. The book elements also included these specifications: cover - glossy hardcover Lithocote; pages - 80# enamel with Smyth Binding; fonts - *Genesis*, signifying creative beginnings, in 8-point - body copy and captions; Different forms of *Olympia* in a variety of sizes covered kickers and headlines; and *Xenon*, signifying the future, took on special-effect jobs in folios, headlines and captions.

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