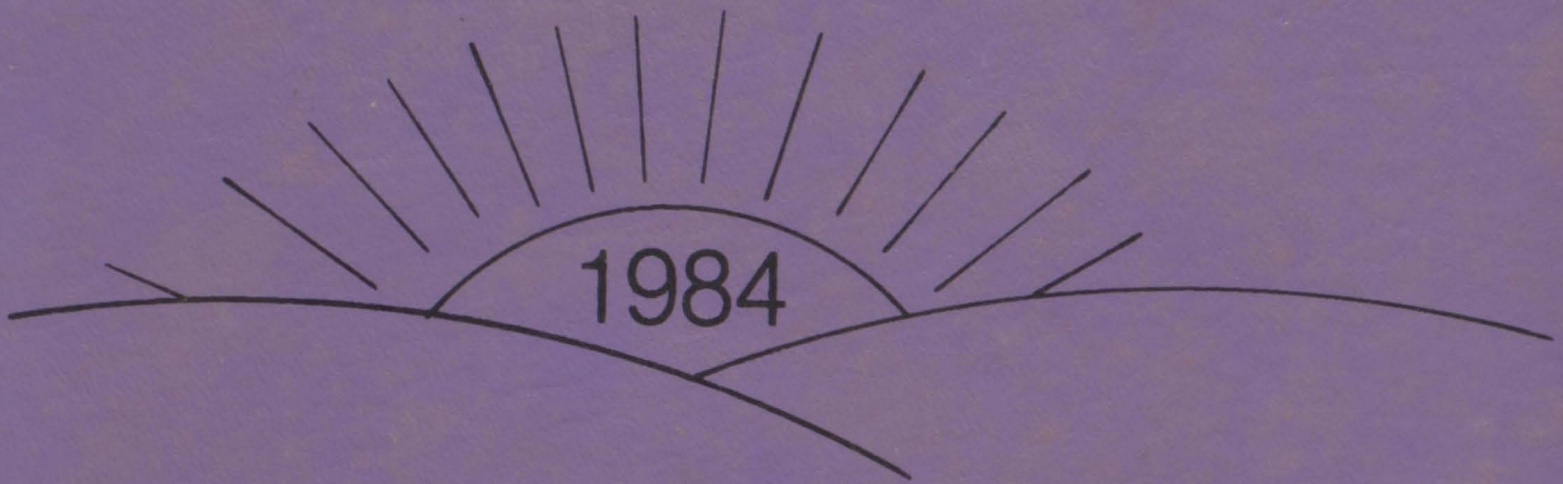
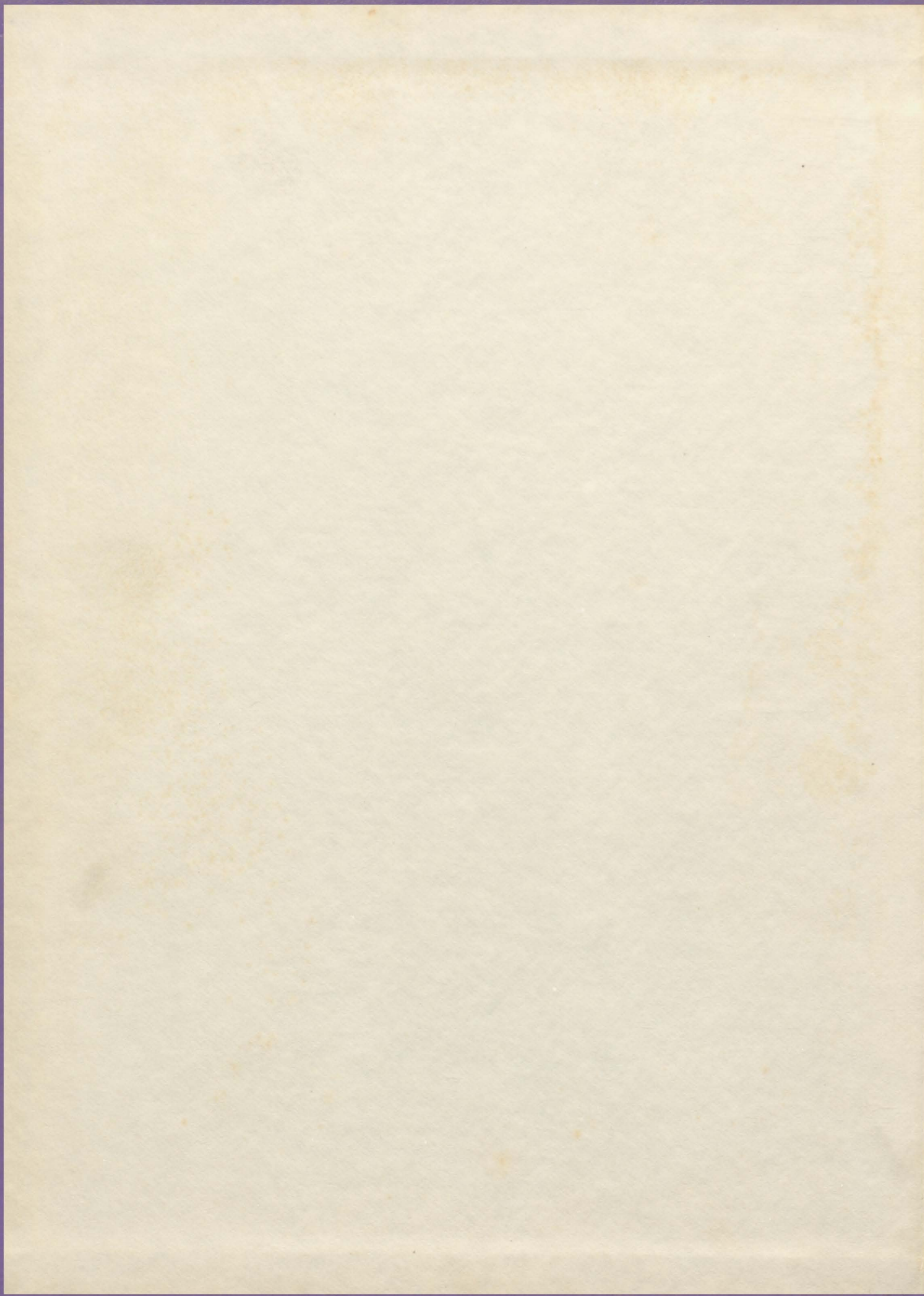
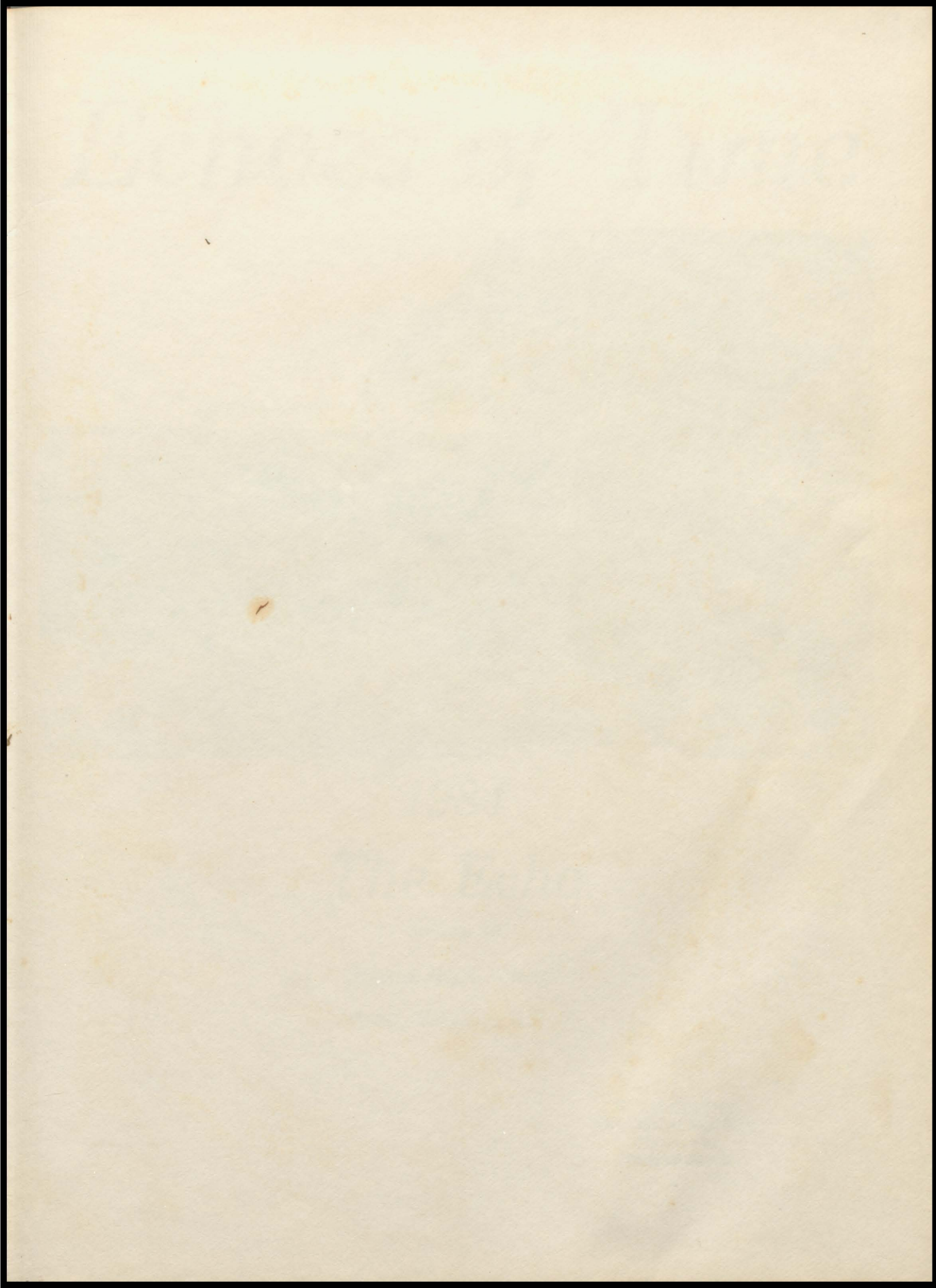


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Heartaches and concern filled the homes of Americans as members of their families and country went to Beirut on a mission for peace. Complications occurred as bombings were reported and deaths of some Americans.

In the fashion world, anything goes! Various colored leg warmers were used to brighten up jeans. Designer jeans, including Chic, Jordache and Calvin Klein's were in abundance with Levi's and Wrangler's favorites of both boys and girls. Small multi-colored neckties decorated shirts and blouses. Versions of the mini-dress and long sweat shirts known as "bun warmers" made the scene. Long loose tops capped "baggy" jeans or peg pants.

The summer was a great time to get a suntan, or a sunburn, with the temperature reaching a record high of 105° F in August. December also hit a record with a low of -14° F. During 1983, records were set for the wettest and driest weather we have had.

A close race in the county elections left many on the edge of their seats with some winning by as few as 44 votes.

The school personnel altered little, adding two teachers and losing Mrs. Louise Bird to retirement. Two teachers "tied the knot" — Mr. Gary Collins and Mrs. Beth Wessinger Cochran.

Bland High made a very important change in the commercial department with the addition of three computers.

The main building received a face lift during the summer of '83. Students on a summer work program painted the trim (facings and doors) a soft rust color.



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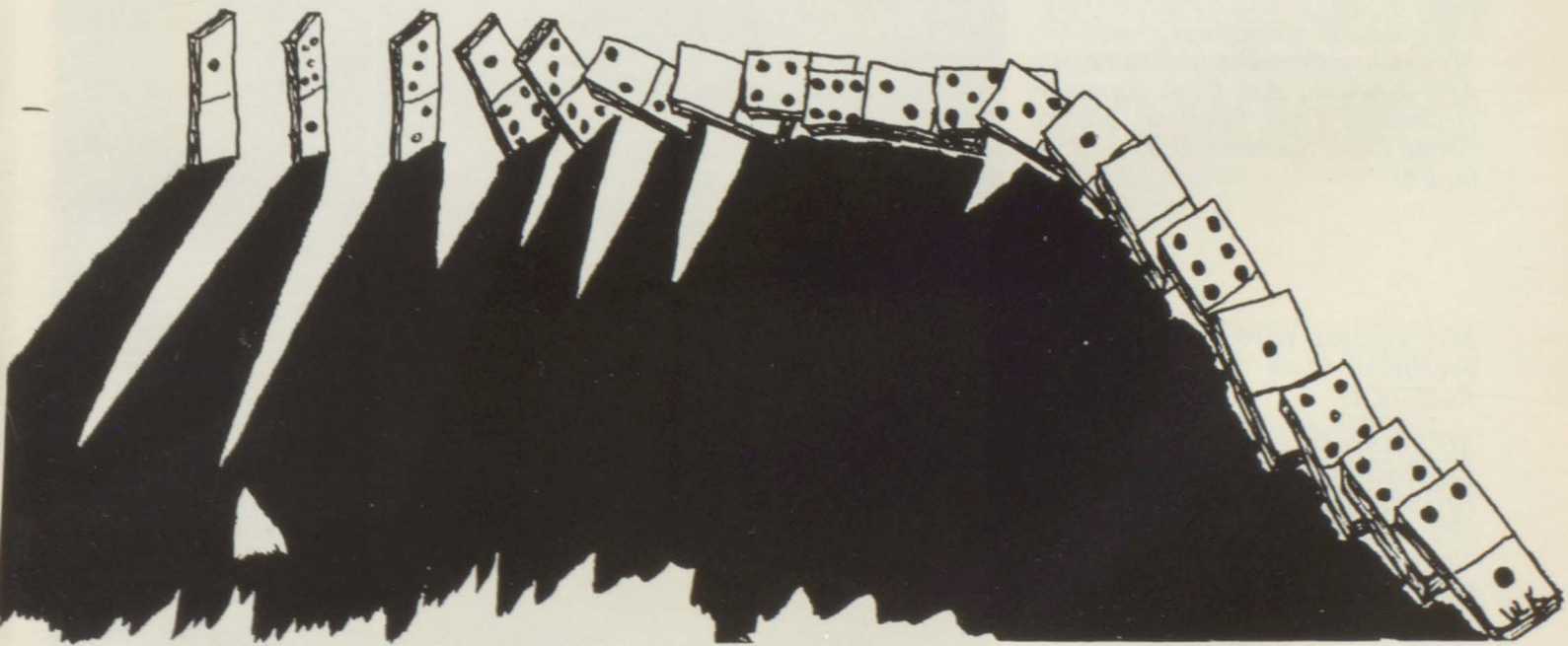
TOP: Designer jeans — Linda Ellison, Andrea Cassell, Rita Lambert. CENTER: Popular attire — Laura Cochran, Leslee Bennet, Cathy Stowers, Joyce Alexander. BOTTOM: Rita Gusler models the popular "bun-warmer."

Individuals

Individuals

Individuals

The hours we spent together are as pearls in the echoes of our lives. Our lives often resembled rows of dominoes. The personalities of those around us not only touched us but often changed us. We either improved our outlook and set higher goals or we allowed ourselves to be brought down as dominoes. Each tick of the clock and each grain of sand in the hour glass became only an echo of time as we pursued our goals for careers and happiness.



The Tried and True

"Since Seniors have the doughnuts what's left for the French Club to sell?" This is one of the many questions that have haunted the minds of teachers from the first day of school to the last. Among the other daily hassles the teachers had to face were: removing Fred from the building, controlling obnoxious behavior, and last, but not least, grading papers they couldn't read.

Mrs. Louise Bird epitomized the love of teaching by spending forty years in the classroom and teaching three generations of Bland County children. Her quick smile and sense of humor endeared her to students, parents, and fellow teachers. Her enduring patience and special way of teaching made school a pleasant experience. Mrs. Bird retired in June of 1983 at the age of 62.

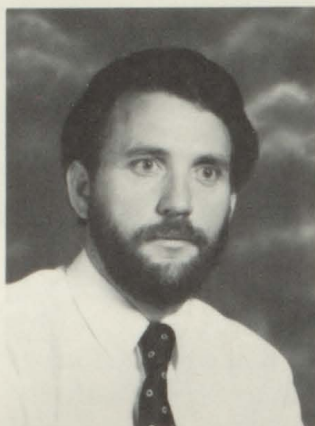


Mrs. Louise Bird, retiree, shares memories with Mr. Fred Beamer at BCEA dinner.

Mr. Roger Thompson, Principal; B.S. — V.P.I., M.S. — Radford U.

Mr. Richard Havesn, Assistant Principal; Business; U.S. History; Senior Class Sponsor; B.S. — Bluefield State College

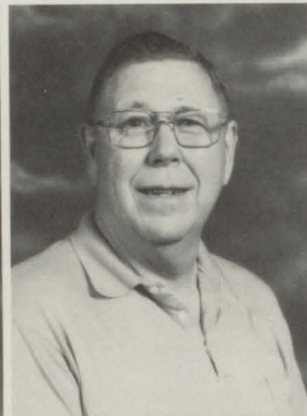
Mrs. Debbie Anderson, Assistant Sophomore Class Sponsor; Science; Chemistry; Physics; B.A./M.S. — V.P.I.



Mrs. Carolyn Bane, ICT; VICA Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.

Mr. Fred Beamer, Social Studies, Sophomore Class Sponsor; Pep Club Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — V.P.I.

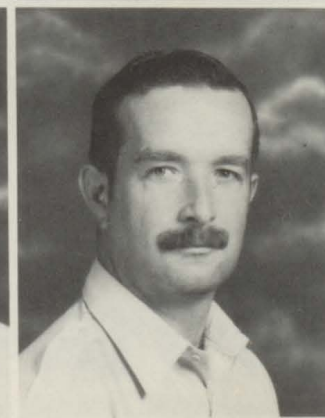
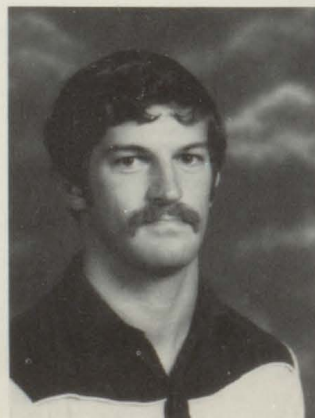
Mrs. Christine Bird, Dramatics; Art; English; Art Club Sponsor; Dramatics Club Sponsor; Eighth Grade Class Sponsor; B.S. — Radford U.



Mr. Tommy Bird, Mathematics; Freshman Class Sponsor; B.S. — Radford U.

Mr. Marvin Cantrell, Physical Education; Varsity and Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball Coach; Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach; Girls' Volleyball Coach; Girls' Tennis Coach; Biology; B.S. — Appalachian State U.

Mr. William Crabtree, Agriculture; General Mechanics; FFA Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — V.P.I.





Mr. Gary Collins, Physical Education; Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach; Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach; Baseball Coach; Assistant Eighth Grade Class Sponsor; B.A. — Emory and Henry
 Mrs. Janet Faulkner, English; Beta Sponsor; Newspaper Sponsor; Assistant Senior Class Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.
 Dr. David Foltz, Behavior consultant; B.A. — Roanoke College; M.A. — Kean College, N.J.; Ph.D. — Southern Illinois U.



Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Guidance Counselor; Government; Junior Beta Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.

Mrs. Karen Green, Band and Chorus; B.S. — Radford U.

Ms. Sandra Green, Secondary Special Education; Elementary Special Education Coordination Teacher; Cheerleading Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.



Miss Mary Greever, English; SCA Sponsor; Assistant Freshman Class Sponsor; A.B. — Lenoir Rhyne

Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Business; Assistant Junior Class Sponsor; FBIA Sponsor; Newspaper Sponsor; B.S. — East Tennessee State

Mrs. Kay Mabe, Mathematics; Junior Class Sponsor; B.S. — Radford U.



Mrs. Betty Munsey, Home Economics; FHA Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — V.P.I.

Mrs. Elizabeht Newberry, Librarian; Accounting; Computer Applications; Yearbook Advisor; Library Club Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.

Ms. Diane Rowe, French; French Club Sponsor; B.A. — Emory and Henry

New Personnel Provide More Services

Joining the school staff this year were Beth Cochran, Sonny Turner and Terri Weber. Their contribu-

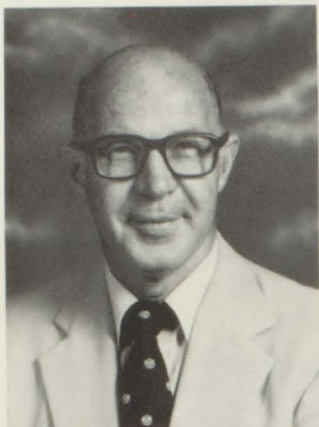
tions helped to improve working conditions and the appearance of the buildings and provided addi-

tional services for students in the areas of speech and learning disabilities.

Mr. Hampton Atkinson, Special Education; B.A. — Lynchburg College

Mrs. Violet Bird, First, Second, Section A Seventh Grade Aide and Office Aide.

Mrs. Helen Blankenship, Special Education Aide and Transportation Aide.



Mrs. Joyce Cassell, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Aide and Office Aide.

Mrs. Beth Cochran, LD Resource Teacher; B.S. — U.N.C.

Mrs. Connie DeWilde, Kindergarten, Section B Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade and Section B Seventh Grade Aide.



Mrs. Oma Farmer, Chapter I Reading Aide

Mrs. Rae Lee Hanaker, Secondary EMR; Elementary EMR Resource; B.S. — Bluefield State College

Mrs. Dian Phipps, Chapter I Reading; B.S. — Radford U., M.A. — Ball State U.



Ms. Sheree Sadler, Elementary LD Self-Contained; B.S. — Radford U.

Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle, Chapter I Reading Aide

Ms. Terri Weber, Speech-Language Pathologist; B.S. — Radford U.





Mrs. Marie Lambert — Bookkeeper/Secretary Her other duties include the high school lunch count, typing, duplicating and selling office supplies.



*Mr. Roby Cregar — Custodian
Mr. Paul Burge — Custodian*



*Mrs. Nancy Stockner
Media Assistant*



*Mr. Charles Muncy
Head Custodian*



*Mr. Sonny Turner
Custodian
Mr. Louie Ayers
Maintenance*



BUS DRIVERS. FRONT ROW: Jimmy Sheets, David Bane BACK ROW: Brenda Pike, Tony Wright, Regina Newberry, Marty McPeak, Margaret Miller, Mike Woolwine (substituting for Eugene Mustard)



LUNCHROOM WORKERS: Doris Tibbs, Mary Melvin, Hazel Ellison

Venturing into Learning

Being our first and second years of school, we experienced many new and different things. This year was the first time we ever heard of a Harvest Festival as we performed a Lollipops and Roses dance and dressed up as Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy. As kindergarteners, we became used to a new daily routine. We did new and different

things like making our own bulletin boards and drawing Halloween pictures. As first graders, we began to master our reading and math skills. Our room bulletin boards, which we created, displayed our abilities. These were the beginning years for us as we ventured into the many years of learning ahead of us.



Mrs. Katherine Reynolds — BA — Radford University, MA — VPI

Matthew Brunk
Aaron Hall
Katie Kidd
Jody Lambert
Brian Lambert



Michael Paul McPeak
Michael Allen Muncy
Michael Munsey
Rachael Munsey
Smokey Parmenter



Becky Penley
Jimmy Pike
Melissa Richardson
Sarah Shewey
Brandon Sink



Melanie Talbert
Samantha Thompson
Kelly Tickle
Samuel Tickle
Chad Umbarger



Misty Wiley
Cheryl Winesett



Learning through group activities: (clockwise from lower left) Katie Kidd, Matthew Brunk, Becky Penley, Charlie Corder, Michael McPeak, Chad Umbarger, Sarah Shewey, Rachael Munsey, Jody Lambert, Melanie Talbert, Sam Tickle, Kelly Tickle, Samantha Thompson, Brandon Sink



Mrs. June Miller
BA-King College



SPENDING FREE TIME CRE-
ATIVELY: FRONT ROW: Jeremy
Blankenship, Charlie Burton; 2ND
ROW: Robbie Morehead, Jason
Mitchem, Brian Waddle, Justin Eaton;
BACK ROW: Billy Davis, P. J.
Meadows, Christopher Wolcott.
Playtime for first graders is not idle or
wasted. They learn the art of structure
with Lincoln Logs, Bristle Blocks and
Tinker Toys. They learn to share by
playing with each other and by taking
turns with things they all enjoy.



Jeremy Blankenship
Allen Brown
Becky Brunk
Charlie Burton
Charlie Corder

Billy Davis
Justin Eaton
Joshua Gibson
Bradley Gordon
Mark Graham

Crystal Hall
Shannon Havens
Bobbie Hobbs
Bradley Hoosier
David Alan Lambert

Joanie Lambert
Mark Lucas
Bryan Meade
P. J. Meadows
Eric Miller

Jason Mitchem
Robbie Morehead
Wesley Strock
Bradley Tate
Kary Taylor

April Tickle
James Umbarger
Brian Waddle
Christopher Wolcott

Gypsies and Hoboes for a Night

Practicing for a gypsy dance and being hoboes filled part of our time as we began getting ready to make our debut at the Harvest Festival. After the glamor of being stars for a night diminished, we came down to earth and began serious studying. We started a new form of writing and doing math as we explored the

wonders of cursive writing and multiplication tables. We began to have new subjects we never had before like English and Social Studies. We were encouraged to practice and improve our writing skills and to study our multiplication tables. By doing this, we will be well prepared for the school years to come.

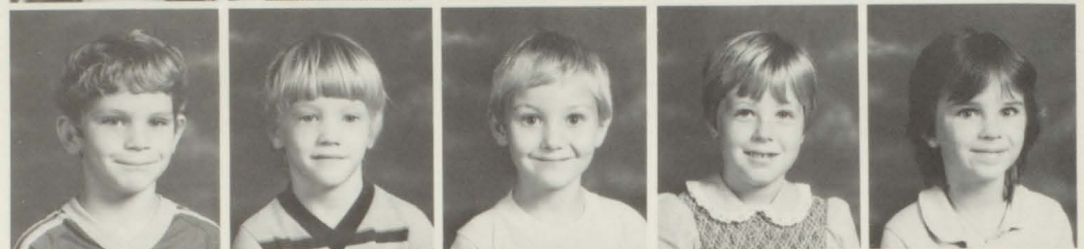


Mrs. Becky Scott — BA — King College, MA — Radford University

Detria Agee
Beth Bridges
Eric Brooks
Angela Carter
Emory Carl Davis



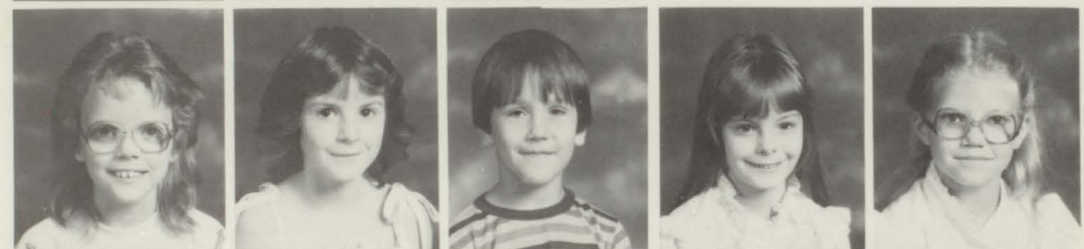
Robbie Davis
Allen Dent
Brook Dillow
Kristie Dillow
Tawny Dillow



Aaron Faulkner
Stacy Kidd
Crystal King
Kevin King
Jennie Lambert



Angel Mitchem
Sandra Nelson
Stuart Newberry
Misty Pauley
Christina Schepers



Amie Simms
Tonya Talbert
Melanie Thompson



TAKING A BREAK from work to keep physically fit —
FRONT ROW: Robbie Davis, Allen Dent; 2ND ROW:
Angel Mitchem, Detria Agee; BACK ROW: Eric
Brooks, Christina Schepers.

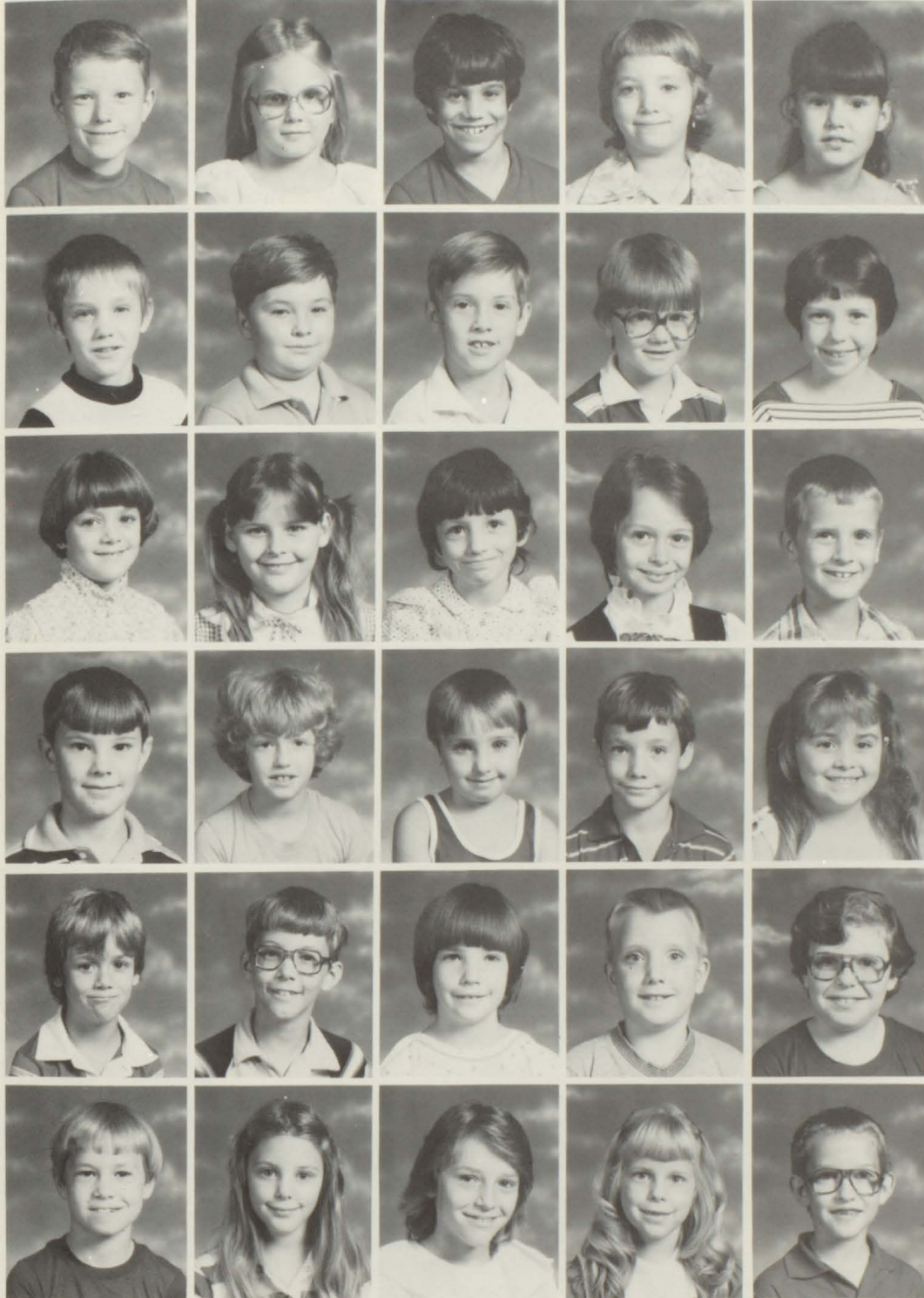




Mrs. Sue King — BS — Radford University



HARVEST FESTIVAL PRACTICE took a lot of time for the third graders. In striving for perfection they spent many hours in the gymnasium listening and dancing to the music and learning to be hobo's. Members of the class in the foreground are: Bridgette, Penley, Douglas Wiley, Rachel Davis and Jeremiah Gibson



Chris Bowles
Sheree Burton
Michael Cochran
Patricia Corder
Rachel Davis

Sammy Dent
Arthur Ellison
Michael Ellison
Jeremiah Gibson
Mary Margaret Gibson

Stephanie Goins
Tracy Hall
Pamela Denise Harden
Becky Mallory
Chad Morehead

Matthew Newberry
Kevin Pauley
Bridgette Penley
Joe Putnam
Molly Jo Richardson

Nathan Romano
Robert Sexton
Martha Shewey
Travis Simmons
Jimmy Sparks

Jason Stafford
Stacy Tibbs
Crystal Thompson
Christina Wellman
Douglas Wiley

BEING a well-rounded person requires study and learning in all areas. These fourth grade students are being careful not to tip over the water cup while receiving instruction in the art of watercolor painting by their teacher, Mrs. Jan Scott. FRONT ROW: Donna Wiley, Tina Hounshell, Heather Burton, Sarah Umberger. BACK ROW: Becky Bird, Angela Kent, Cheryl Hall.



Mrs. Janet Scott —
B.S. — Radford University

Tommy Bell
Becky Bird
Cindy Blevins
Kevin Bowles
Heather Burton



Angela Dalton
Jeana Dalton
Robert Davis
Ginger Dillow
Michael Dillow



Jimmy Duncan
Kandi Farley
Cheryl Hall
Jason Hall
Tina Hounshell



Angela Kent
Bradley Martin
Rusty Meadows
Heather Olinger
Hope Pike



Mechelle Shelor
Angela Stowers
Julie Strock
Charlie Thompson
Sarah Thompson



Sarah Umberger
Holly Warden
Donna Wiley
Michelle Wright





Mrs. Norma Newberry — B.S.
— Radford University

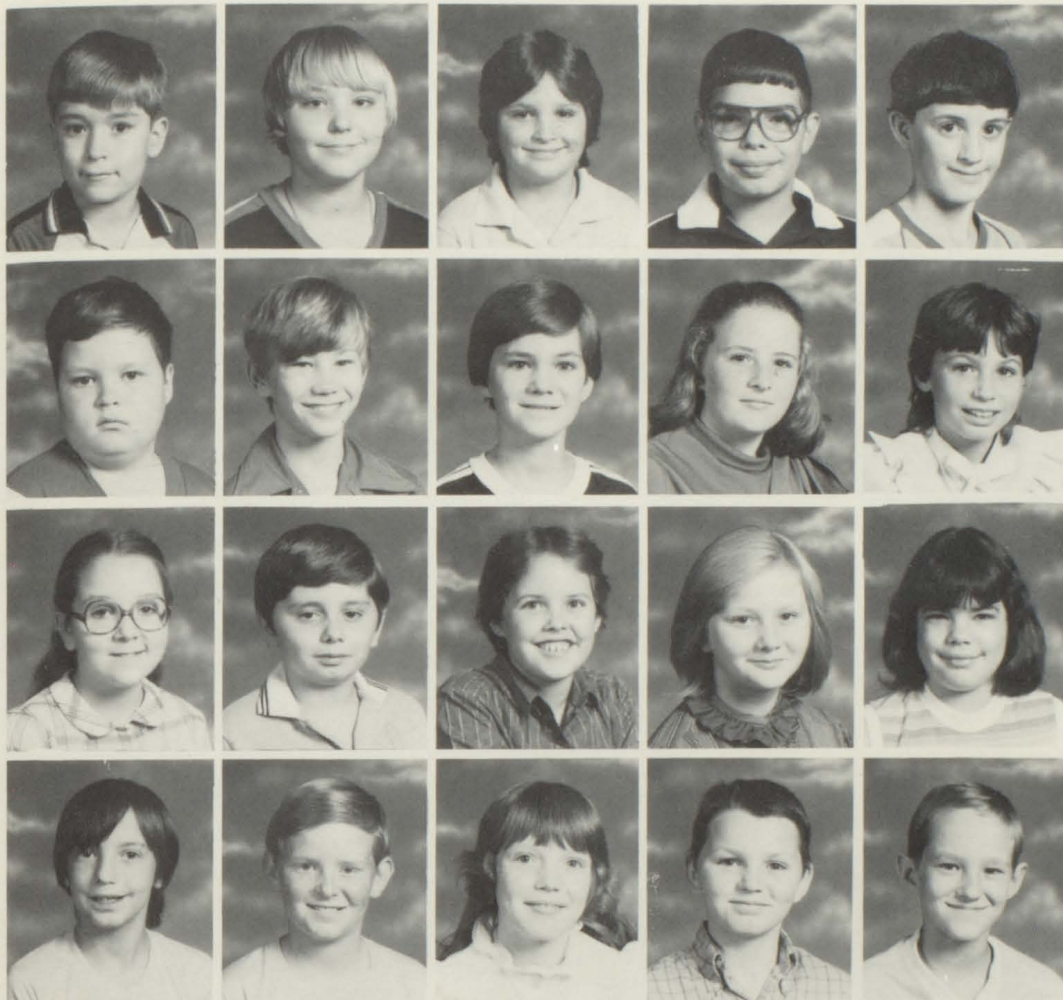
Involvement in Work and Fun

"Let's get physical" involved fourth graders in participation for the Harvest Festival. Being allowed to join 4-H made them feel more mature and responsible.

Following the retirement of Mrs. Louise Bird, Mrs. Janet Scott was "demoted" from seventh grade to

fourth grade teacher.

The study of Indians prompted fifth graders to build Indian villages. For a special treat at Halloween they darkened the room, sat around a lighted candle and shared their favorite "scary tales."



Bobby Boardwine
Robby Brown
Tina Brown
David Chandler
Randy Clemons

Brent Davis
Kevin Dent
Chris Dillow
Rita Hamblin
Amanda Harden

Teresa Lester
Gary Lintecum
Miracle Mitchem
Patty Mutter
Jennifer Simms

Shane Smelser
Sammy Steffey
Patricia Stowers
Scott Tickle
Mike Umbarger



Enjoying time away from studies these fifth graders try to outdo each other in telling Halloween tall tales. (Clockwise from lower left) Rita Hamblin, Tina Brown, Sammy Steffey, Bobby Boardwine, David Chandler, Gary Lintecum, Shane Smelser, Miracle Mitchem, Amanda Harden, Chris Dillow, Patricia Stowers

Pac Man Invades 5B

Pac Man Fever invaded the serenity of grade 5B. This was the assignment to Mrs. Bernard's fifth grade for the Harvest Festival.

Still numbering over 35 they were again divided into two sections.

Sixth graders learned to "swing

your partner" under the guidance, instruction and active participation of their teacher, Mrs. Jackie Barlow. They performed a square dance in the Harvest Festival. They also became actively involved in First-year Band.



Mrs. Jeannette Bernard — B.S. — Radford University

Rusty Bird
Pam Chewing
Eric Faulkner
Tina Johnston
Clinton Kegley



Alison King
David King
Travis Munsey
Marshall Schoenthal
Sherri Shewey



John Simmons
Heather Smith
Patrick Smith
Tommy Smith
David Strock



Robbie Taylor
Crystal Tibbs



Patrick Smith, Tommy Smith, Marshall Schoenthal and Travis Munsey exhibit their creative abilities on assigned posters.



The October Halloween season does not create any problems for these fifth graders as they pursue their studies. FRONT ROW: Sherri Shewey, Tommy Smith, Clinton Kegley, Alison King. 2ND ROW: Pam Chewing, John Simmons BACK ROW: Eric Faulkner, Robbie Taylor, Patrick Smith.





Mrs. Jackie Barlow — B.A. — VPI



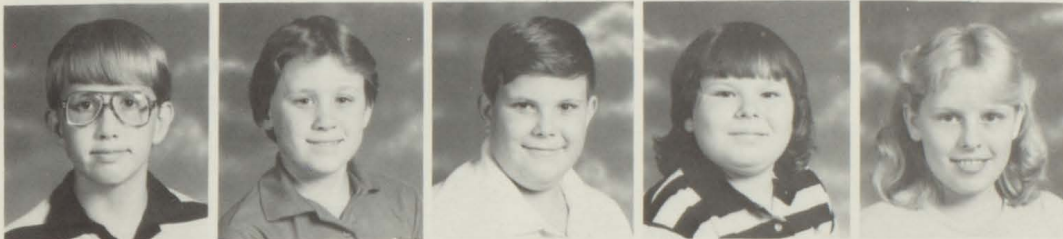
A typical classroom scene in the sixth grade.



Jamie Asbury
Julie Baxley
Doug Boardwine
Alan Cassell
Chad Chandler



Mary Ruth Echols
Brian Fore
William Frazier
Jim Graham
Amy Haga



Brian Hall
Rachel Havens
Bradley King
Dusty King
Donna Lambert



Tonya Looney
John Michael Mustard
Henry Nash
Allan Newberry
April Newberry



Wendi Pettrey
Tresila Sink
Chad Thompson



Randy Townley
Samantha Waddle
Becky Winsett

LEFT: Square dancing —
Randy Townley, Tonya
Looney, Chad Chandler,
Donna Lambert.



BELOW: Harvest Festival Practice. RIGHT: Chip Bird, Aaron Newberry, Robbie Waddle, Kevin Cox. OFFICERS: Chip Bird, president; Robbie Waddle, vice-president; Patricia Nelson, secretary; Sammy Simmons, treasurer; Billie French, reporter.

Mrs. Margie Powers — B.A. — Marshall University

Chip Bird
Jr. Blevins
Tiffany Bowen
Kim Crabtree
Randy Dillow



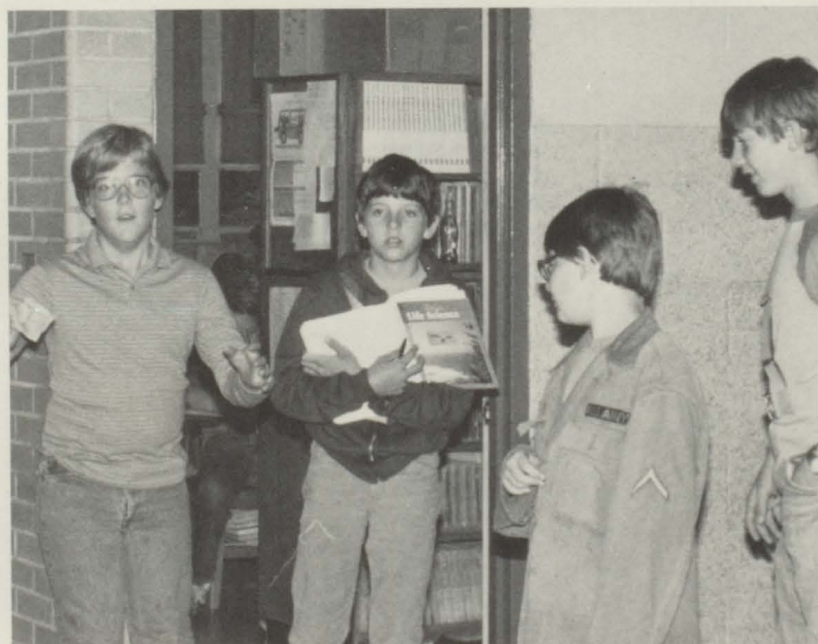
Billie French
Charmin Gravley
Kathy Kidd
Patricia Nelson
Shawn Nelson



Sammy Simmons
Tonya Smith
John Stafford
Sarah Strock
Robbie Waddle



Rusty Warden





Mrs. Susan DeHart — B.S. — Radford University

Kings of the Hill

"Kings of the hill" described the seventh graders as they spent their last year in the elementary hall. They accepted the new roles and responsibilities of safety patrols and executed their tasks with skill and interest. Too many for one classroom created a split and two new teachers. Mrs. Margie Powers moved up to seventh grade level from a combination grade. A new-

comer to the school, Mrs. Susan DeHart, received the position of teacher for 7B.

BELOW LEFT. OFFICERS — BOTTOM ROW: Ellis Wade and Amanda Baxley, sergeants-at-arms; MIDDLE ROW: Heath Muncy, vice-president; Scott Wellman, treasurer; Cheryl Graham, secretary; TOP: Tammy Davis, president.



Amanda Baxley
Jimmy Blevins
Sonya Chewning
Kevin Cox
Tammy Davis

Michael Fanning
Cheryl Graham
Heath Muncy
Mike Nelson
Aaron Newberry

Julie Pauley
Lori Perkins
Tammy Swanson
Samantha Tickle
Ellis Wade

Scott Wellman



BELOW: If these are teacher's pets, the class must approve from the smiles on their faces.



Echoes of New Faces and Ideas

The pre-freshman year was one of new faces, places, and ideas. It was a time of bewilderment that hopefully turned into understanding and a self-conscious feeling that became daily routine.

A feeling of maturity accompanied us as we entered into high school . . . a maturity that also brought responsibilities. We became responsible for lockers, getting to class on time, being leaders, and handling sales and money from those tiresome fund raisers.

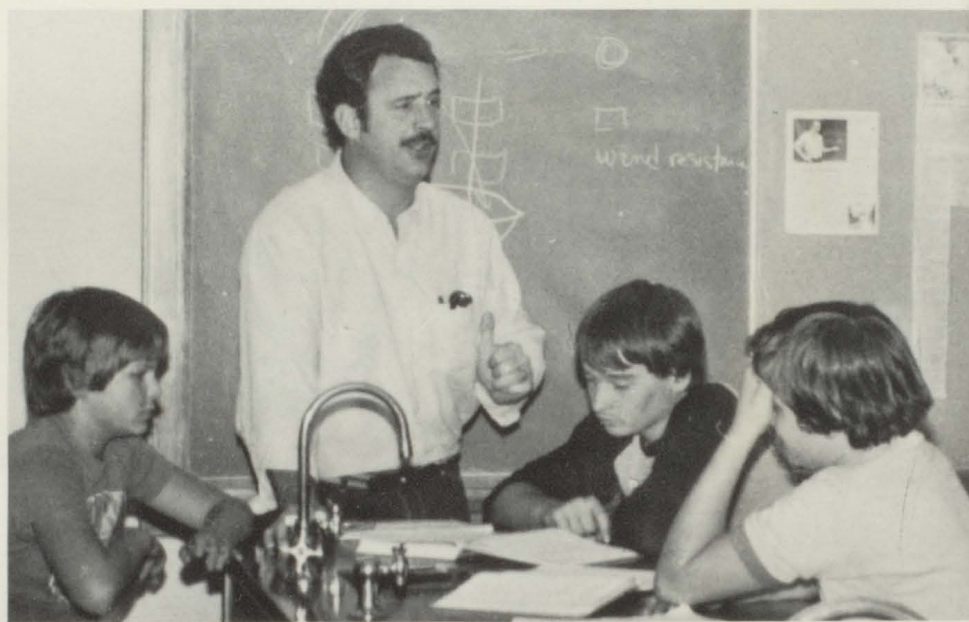
Being a pre-freshman brought mountains of work, millions of forms, initiations, and worst of all being called a punky eighth grader — wonder of wonders that we ever survived.

As eighth graders we were limited on money-making projects. The "biggies" were reserved for those upper classmen. We brought baked "goodies" and sold them at the concession stand during one of the basketball games, and we sold Christmas supplies which included wrapping paper, candles and tags.

Being a pre-freshman was one of many hopes in school, but the biggest hope of all was that we will never be a pre-freshman again.



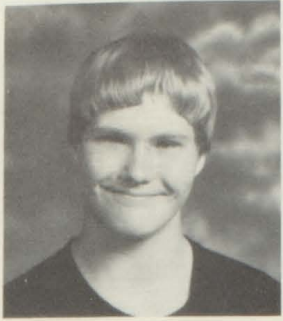
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PROPERTIES of physical science are explained by Mr. Marvin Cantrell to 8th graders — Jon Melvin, Mr. Cantrell, Mike Hounshell, Shannon King.

Angela Atwell
Leslee Bennett
Wendi Binns
Angie Blevins





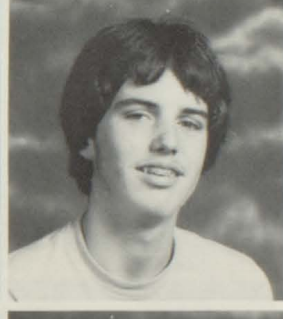
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Freda Davis
 Wayne Davis
 Tony Dent
 Bradley Dillow



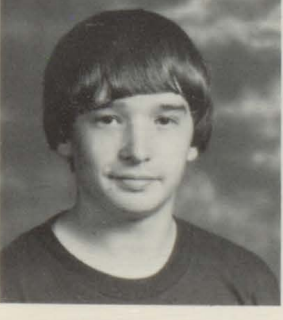
Dawn Dillow
 Pam Dillow
 Ronnie Fields
 Maria Foglesong



Kevin Fore
 Vickie French
 Darcy Groseclose
 Mark Gulser



Bobby Hale
 Mark Hamblin
 Ritchie Havens
 Russell Havens



Mike Hounshell
 Roberta Kegley
 Ronnie King
 Shannon King

Deana Lakey
 Anthony Lambert
 Robert Lambert
 Larry Lafferty



Terry Lang
 Lana Lindamood
 David Martin
 Jon Melvin



Janet Millirons
 Sarah Newberry
 Andy Putnam
 Jeffery Robinett



Gerhard Schoenthal
 Jennifer Stafford
 Todd Steffey
 Karen Strock



Sean Thornsberry
 Billy Tolbert
 Brian Townley
 Elizabeth Turner



Mark Vineyard
 Martin Vineyard
 Donna Warden
 Pam Wright



Learning Through Interaction

During our ninth grade year we were no longer known as punky eighth graders and we felt somewhat more important in the high school scene. We were included in playing basketball, volleyball, and tennis; and those activities helped

us learn the ways of interaction and cooperation. We also participated in field day.

Our routine was filled with homework, dances, ballgames, and fieldtrips. We were involved in various organizations such as . . . Art Club,

Jr. Beta, Pep Club, Library Club, FBLA, FFA, FHA, Band, and SCA.

Our main money-making project was raffling off a telephone and we also sold baked goods during a basketball game.



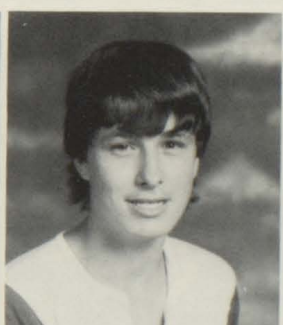
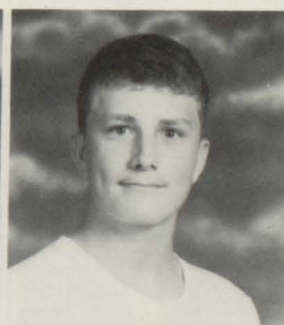
LEFT — Congregating for meetings in the library and passing time with friends. FRONT ROW: Shaunn Neel, Angie Thompson, Pam Davis 2ND ROW: Issis Umbarger, Tammi Haga, Anthony Cox, Carla Pauley, Cindy Crabtree BACK ROW: Marcie Asbury, Thelma Sarver, Lori Perkins, Eddie Price, Dawn Pruitt, Jeri Mustard, Ernie Shelton, Timmy Thompson, Lyle Muncy, Eric Strock. BELOW: Pensive and reflective expressions reveal the thoughts within. FRONT ROW: Daniel Conley. MIDDLE ROW: Tom Brewster, Andy Putnam, Ronnie King, Bobby Hale, Ryland Wade, Steven Foglesong. BACK ROW: Teresa Umbarger, Mr. Tommy Bird, Timmy Davis.



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Phillip Bogle



Ronnie Clemons
Daniel Conley
Keith Conley
Anthony Cox

Cindy Crabtree
David Dalton
Glen Davis
Lisa Davis



Angela Dehart
Jeff Dodson
Amy Drummond
Steven Fanning



Gene French
Lisa Gravley
Patrick Groseclose
Tammi Haga



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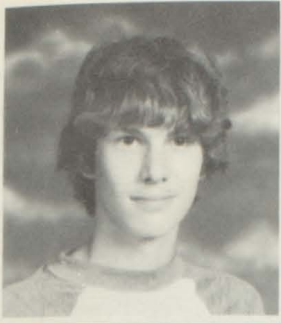


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Rusty King
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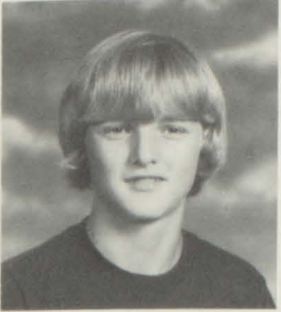


Bodie Miller
Steven Mitchell
Bobby Morehead
Laura Morehead





*Mike Morehead
LaMoore Muncy
Lyle Muncy
Tammy Mustard*



*Billy Mutter
David Mutter
Lori Nelson
James Parker*



*Regina Parris
Carla Pauley
Dawn Pruitt
Donna Richardson*



*Thelma Sue Sarver
Carrie Shelton
Ernie Shelton
Leon Sink*



*Janet Smith
Eric Strock
Timmy Thompson
Hope Townley*



*Todd Turner
Elizabeth Umbarger
Stafford Umbarger
Teresa Umbarger*

Half-Way to the Top

Perched on the third rung of the ladder, sophomores were half-way to the top. Fully immersed in school activities they were constantly challenged to reach goals they set for

themselves.

Class members tapped for Jr. Beta numbered four with eighteen already members. Always looking for new methods to raise money,

they raffled a cash prize of \$25, a ham and a box of Valentine candy. They also sold spirit buttons with the slogan "Rockets go to the top."



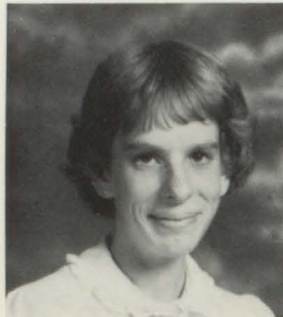
Observers watch David Blankenship in the running-long-jump.



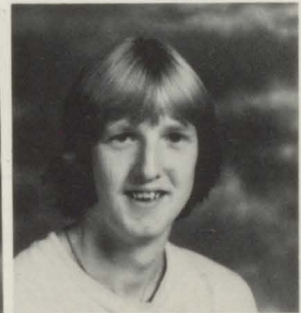
Eric Taylor and Mr. Cantrell observe the 440 as Tracy Kegley runs a close second to Alice Neal.

OFFICERS — FRONT ROW: Sherri Wimmer, president; Timmy Davis, vice-president; Melanie Morehead, secretary-treasurer; BACK ROW: Mr. Fred Beamer and Ms. Debbie Anderson, sponsors.

Donna Alexander



Marcie Asbury
Paula Austin
Everette Baxley
David Blankenship

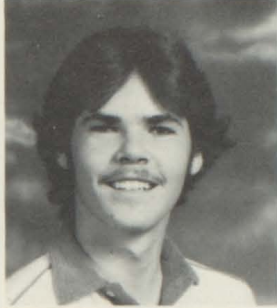
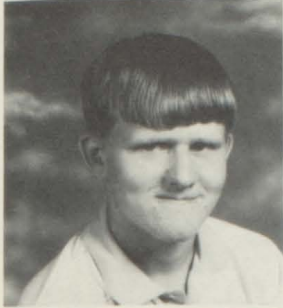


Kim Boardwine
Karin Carlson
Laura Cochran
Jeff Cox





Timmy Davis
Pam Davis
Barry Dillow
Ben Dillow



Butch DeWilde
Roger Etter
Steve Foglesong
Kenny Froy



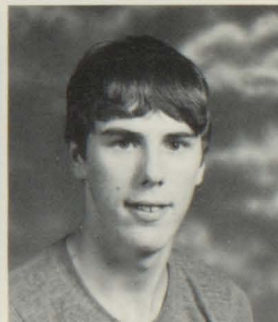
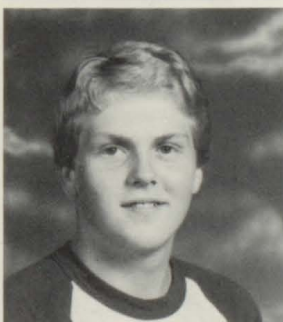
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Becky Hanshew
Jimmy Harden
Dennis Keen



Tracy Kegley
Billy King
Gene Lambert
Sammy Lambert



Terry Martin
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Melanie Morehead



Gary Mustard
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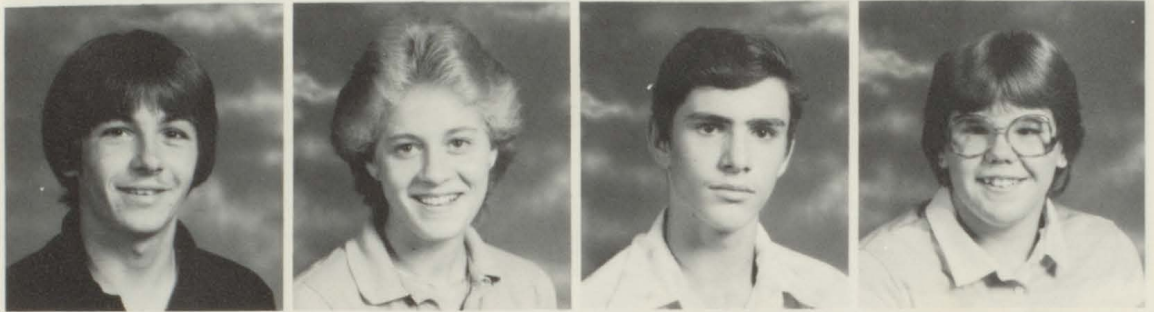
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T. J. Roseberry



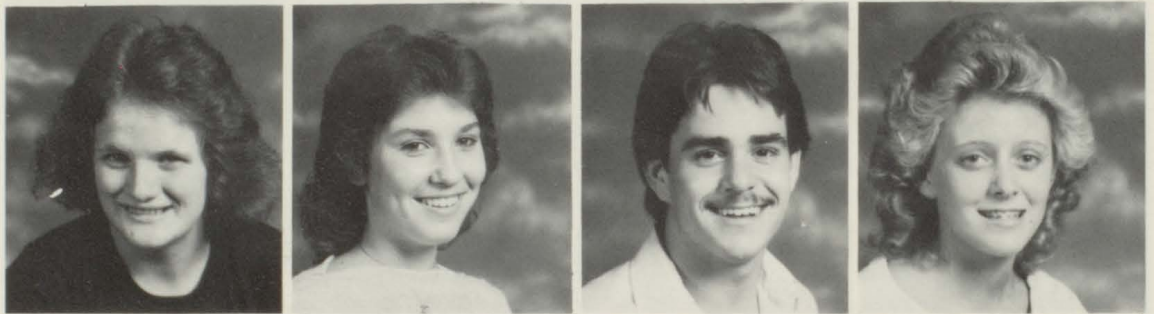
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Lynn Tate



Eric Taylor
Angie Thompson
Chris Tickle
Lisa Tolbert



Judy Umbarger
Denise Umbarger
Ryland Wade
Sherri Wimmer



Tracy Wolfe
Karen Wright
Martin Wright
Sharon Wright





Veterans at The Wheel

"I've got the car keys so let's go to the Pizza Hut after the game." Juniors were now veterans at driving and allowed the use of the family car occasionally.

College bound students found their subject matter more difficult and time-consuming while others chose lighter matter, easing the load and allowing more free time.

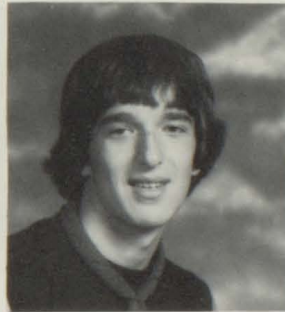
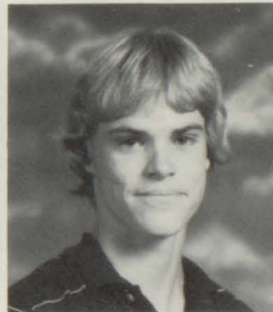
Fund raising was no longer door-to-door, but person-to-person! They began the year selling spices, then took orders for various Christmas gifts. The first day of deer season they held a bake sale. These, along with \$15 class dues, provided most of the funds needed for a lively Prom.



TOP — OFFICERS — FRONT ROW: Arnie Wimmer, president; Patty Smith, vice-president; Becky Umbarger, secretary-treasurer; BACK ROW: Mrs. Jessie Kegley and Mrs. Kay Mabe, sponsors. LEFT: Richard Turner pushed harder as race with Bobby Saunders became closer.



Karen Asbury
Jim Barker



Lola Blevins
Tammy Blevins
David Braithwaite
Jimmy Mack Brown

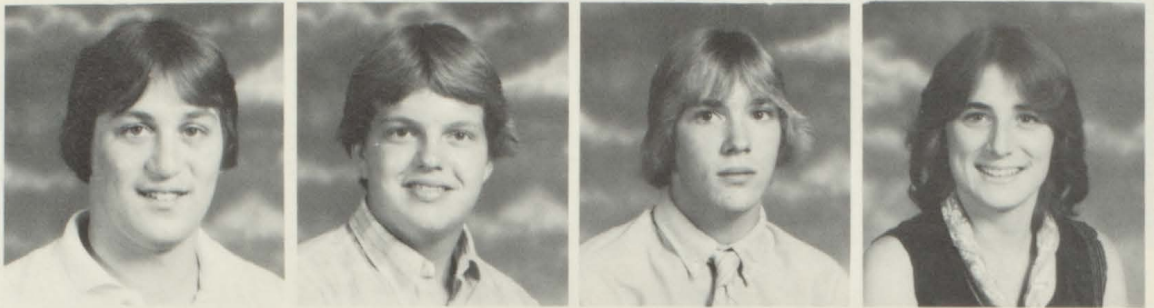


Tania Burcham
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Shawna Carr
Julie Clemons

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 John Dillow



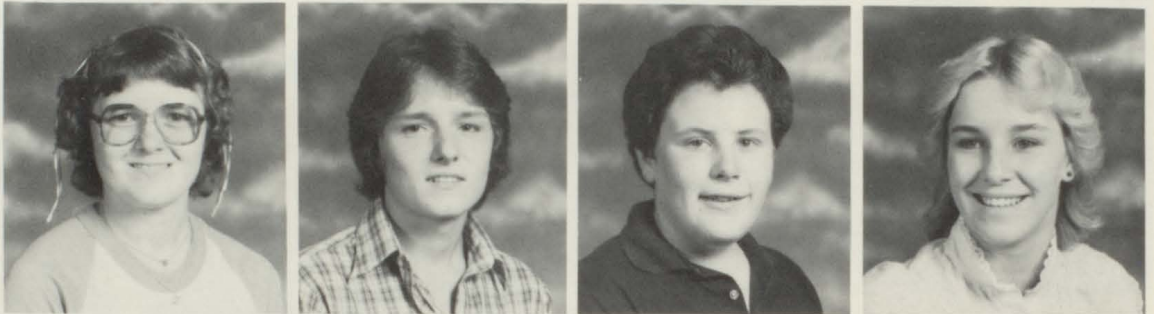
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 Doug Farlow
 Ricky Faulkner
 Tina Fulford



Regina Groseclose
 Helen Hamblin
 Norma Harden
 Matt Harman



Charlotte Harris
 Rick Keen
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 Annette King



Sammy King
 Katrina Lilly
 JoAnne Matz
 Keith May



Marty McPeak
 Mike Melvin
 Delisa Miller
 Lisa Morehead

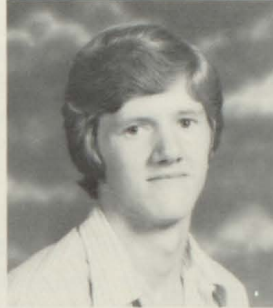




*Packy Morehead
Mitch Munsey
Lori Neel
Marci Newberry*



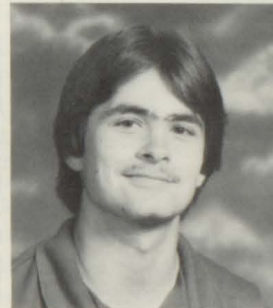
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Mike Perkins
Kitten Richardson
Teresa Richardson*



*Stina Roseberry
Bruce Shelton
Debbie Simmons
Patty Smith*



*Sandy Smith
Charlie Stoots
Cathy Stowers
Teri Stroch*



*Betty Tibbs
Chuck Turner
Richard Turner
Becky Umbarger*



*Lisa Waddle
Debbie Warden
Arnie Wimmer
Artie Wolfe*

JOYCE ANNE ALEXANDER — Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander; FHA Junior Degree (8); FHA Chapter Degree (10); Typing II Award (11); First Runner-up in FBLA Radford Regional Competition in Typing (11); Who's Who Among American High School Students (11); FHA Historian (9); Junior Beta Secretary (10); FBLA Historian (12); Editor-in-Chief of Newspaper (12); FHA (8-12); Junior Beta (9-10); Newspaper Staff (9-12); French Club (9-10); Library Club (9); Beta Club (11-12); FBLA (11-12); Art Club (11); Annual Staff (12); Snow Queen Candidate (12)

SONJA MAE ASBURY — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Asbury; FHA Junior Degree (8); FHA Chapter Degree (9); Who's Who Among American High School Students (11); FHA Historian (9); Newspaper Grade Co-editor (11); FHA (8-12); French Club (9, 11, 12); Junior Beta Club (9-10); Library Club (9); Beta Club (11-12); Annual Staff (12); Newspaper Staff (9-12)

SANDRA LYNN BANE — Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Bane; FFA Secretary (11); ICT Vice President (12); Va. Junior Hereford Association Secretary (8); Mid-Atlantic Junior Hereford Association Reporter (10-12); FFA (8-11); Library Club (8, 10); French Club (9); FBLA (10); Pep Club (10-11); ICT (12); American Hereford Association (10-12); Va. Junior Hereford Association (8); JV Basketball (8, 10); JV Basketball Co-Captain (10); Homecoming Candidate (10); FFA Public Speaking Award (10); FFA Star Greenhand (8); FFA Diversified Livestock Award (9-10); FFA Beef Production Award (9-10)

WILBERTA LYNN BANES — Mr. and Mrs. William D. Banes; FHA (8-10); Art Club (11-12)

EDWARD JACKSON BAXLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Baxley; VICA (12); JV Basketball (9-10)

REBEKAH CHRISTINE CARTER — Mr. and Mr. Norman L. Carter; Fourth Place in Typing at Curriculum Fair (9); Honor Letter (11); Honor Bar (12); Spanish Club (9); Beta Club (12)

ANDREA LEE CASSELL — Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Cassell; FHA Junior Degree (9); FHA Chapter Degree (10); Who's Who Among Ameri-

can High School Students (11); International Foreign Language Award (12); FHA Chaplain (10); Varsity Cheerleader Co-captain (11); Senior 4-H President (12); 4-H County Council President (12); Annual Staff Business Manager (12); Senior 4-H (9, 12); Pep Club (9-11); Newspaper Staff (8-9); Library Club (9); Junior Beta (9-10); French Club (10-12); Beta (11-12); FBLA (12); Chorus (12); FHA (9-11); JV Cheerleader (10); Varsity Cheerleader (11); Annual Staff (12); Kathryn Beich Sales Achievement Award (11); Sweetheart Candidate (10); Prom Committee (11); State Winner in Beta Skit (11)

MELANIE LISA CASSELL — Mr. and Mrs. Otho M. Cassell; Geography Award (8); English Award (9); Geometry Award (10); Typing Award (10); History Award (10); Chemistry Award (11); Algebra II Award (11); French Award (11); Honor Letter (9); Single Bar (10); Double Bar (11); Triple Bar (12); Junior Beta Vice President (10); Class Vice President (11); FHA Reporter (11); Beta (11-12); French Club (10-12); Who's Who Among American High School Students (11); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11); FHA Junior Degree (9); FHA Chapter Degree (10); International Foreign Language Award (12); Prom Committee (11)

MELBA GAYLE CLEMONS — Mr. and Mrs. William R. Clemons; Pep Club (9); French Club (10-12); FBLA (11); Art Club (11); Varsity Cheerleader (11)

SANDRA DENISE CLEMONS — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Clemons; FHA (8-9); Art Club (10); Library Club (10); Chorus (12)

TAYNA LYNN CLINE — Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hoosier; Who's Who Among American High School Students (11); VICA Secretary (12); Beta Treasurer (12); Junior Beta Club (9-10); Pep Club (9-10); FBLA (10); SCA (10); Library Club (10); Beta Club (11-12); Annual Staff (11); VICA (12); Varsity Cheerleader (9-10); Homecoming Court (8); Sweetheart Queen (9)

MARYANNE COCHRAN — Mickey and Martha Cochran; Biology Award (9); Typing Award (10); Parliamentary Law (10-11); FHA Junior Degree

(8); FHA Chapter Degree (9); FHA State Degree (11); Honor Letter (9); May Queen Runner-up (10); Most Outstanding FBLA Member (11); General Business Award (9); Honor Bar (10-11); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11-12); International Foreign Language Award (11); Class Vice President (9); Class President (10-11); Junior Beta Vice President (10); FBLA Secretary (12); FHA First Vice President (11); Second Vice President (12); FHA (8-12); Library Club (8-10); Junior Beta Club (9-10); Beta Club (11-12); French Club (10-11); Parliamentary Law Team (10-12); Volleyball Team (9-12); Honorable Mention All District Volleyball Team (11); All District Volleyball Team (10); JV Basketball (9-10); Varsity Basketball (11-12); JV Cheerleader (9-10); JV Co-captain (10); Varsity Cheerleader (11-12); Varsity Captain (12); Homecoming Court (10); Miss Bland County Second Runner-up (11); Miss Echo Runner-up (12); State Winner in Beta Skit (11)

CECIL LAWRENCE COMPTON — Mr. Randy M. Compton; FFA Greenhand Award (8); FFA Chapter Farmer Award (9); Class President (8-9); VICA Treasurer (12); FFA (8-11); Science Club (8-9); Pep Club (10); VICA (11-12); Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9-10); Tennis (9); Office Worker (12)

SHERRY LYNNE CONLEY — Mr. Charles E. Conley; FHA (10-12); 4-H (8-9); Art Club (8-10)

LAVONDA KAYE COX — Mr. and Mrs. Bennie D. Cox; Honor Letter (9); Honor Bar (10-12); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11); Typing Award (10); General Business Award (9); Physical Education Award (10); International Foreign Language Award (11); Public Speaking Award (9); SCA (8); FFA (8); Library Club (8-9); Junior Beta Club (9-10); FBLA (10-12); French Club (10-11); Beta Club (11-12); SCA (12); Class Vice President (8); Junior Beta Vice President (9); SCA Reporter (9); FFA Secretary (9); FFA Reporter (10); Library Club Reporter (10); FBLA Treasurer (11); SCA President (12); Class Secretary (12); JV Basketball (8-9); Varsity Basketball (10-12); JV Cheerleader (9-10); Varsity Cheerleader (11-12); Volleyball (9-12); All District Volleyball Team (11-

12); All County Volleyball Team (11); Most Valuable Player Award (11); Miss Echo Candidate (8); Sweetheart Candidate (9); Prom Committee (11); Won State in Beta Skit (11); Harvest Festival Candidate (12)

STEPHEN WAYNE COX — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cox; All District Baseball Team (11); FFA Secretary (9); FFA Sentinel (10); FFA (8-12); Junior Beta Club (9-10); Beta Club (11-12); Art Club (12); FBLA (12); Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9); Baseball (10-11); Newspaper Staff (8); Prom Committee (11); Girls Basketball Statistician (12); Snow King Candidate (12); Office Worker (12)

DONNA RUTH DALTON — Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dalton; Honor Letter (10); Honor Bar (11-12); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11-12); United States National Award Winner in Science (11); U. S. History Award (11); FBLA Parliamentarian (11); FBLA Treasurer (12); FHA Treasurer (12); FHA Reporter (9); FHA (8-12); Library Club (8); Junior Beta Club (9-10); FBLA (10-12); French Club (10); Beta Club (11-12); Chorus (12); JV Cheerleader (9-10); JV Cheerleading Captain (10); Varsity Basketball Manager (11-12); Hilltop News Staff (8); Typing I Award (10); English Award (10); General Business Award (9)

ERIC PRESTON ELLISON — Mr. and Mrs. William P. Ellison; FFA Treasurer (11); FFA Vice President (12); Federation Sentinel (11); Beta (11-12); FFA (8-12); FBLA (12); JV Basketball (9); Baseball (10-12)

LINDA MAE ELLISON — Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ellison; Honor Letter (9); Single Bar (10); Double Bar (11); Triple Bar (12); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11, 12); Perfect Attendance Award (9, 10, 11); Geography Award (8); 4-H Award (8); General Business Award (9); Typing I Award (10); U. S. History Award (10); Geometry Award (10); French I Award (11); Chemistry Award (11); Business Math Award (11); Class Secretary (8); Class Reporter (9); Class Secretary (11); French Club Vice President (11, 12); FBLA Reporter (11); Beta Vice President (12); Annual Staff Business Manager (11); Annual Staff Editor (12); SCA (8, 10, 12); Junior Beta (9-

10); Library Club (9-10); FBLA (10, 11); Pep Club (9-11); Beta Club (11, 12); French Club (11, 12); Annual Staff (11-12); 4-H (8-11); Tennis (10-12); Volleyball (10-12); Third Place in Essay Contest (9); First Place in Radford Region FBLA Business Mathematics II (11); Miss Echo (10); Sweetheart Candidate (10); Snow Queen (11); Who's Who Among American High School Students (11)

DAVID WAYNE ETTER — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Etter; Greenhand Award (8); Chapter Farmer Degree (9); State Farmer Degree (11); Proficiency Award (11); VICA Parliamentarian (11, 12); FFA (8-11); Pep Club (9-10); Science Club (9); VICA (11-12); Basketball (8); Office Worker (12)

GEOFF WILLARD FANNING — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fanning; FFA (8-12); FBLA (12); Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9); Varsity Basketball (10-12); Baseball (10-12); All-District Basketball Team (11); Third Team All Area (11); All-District Baseball Team (10-11); Broke 1,000 Point Margin in Basketball (11); Homecoming King (12)

JOHN ROBERT FARLOW — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Farlow; FFA (8-10); JV Basketball (9); Varsity Basketball Manager (10); Snow King Candidate (12)

JAMES TODD FARRIS — Mr. and Mrs. James L. Farris

WINIFRED DEE FOGLESONG — Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Foglesong; FHA Junior Degree (9); FHA Chapter Degree (10); FHA State Degree (11); FHA (8-12); Junior Beta Club (9-10); French Club (10-11); Beta Club (11-12)

SAMMY FRANK GROSECLOSE — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frank Groseclose

VICTORIA LOUISE KINCAID — Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne Kincaid; Who's Who Among American High School Students (11); 4-H Reporter (12); Science Club (9); Pep Club (9-11); FHA (9-12); 4-H (9-12); FBLA (9); Junior Beta Club (10); Newspaper Staff (10-11); Chorus (12); Annual Staff (12); Discus Throw in Field Day (10-11); Shotput Throw (10); Volleyball (10-12)

DONNA ANN LAMBERT — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lambert; Honor Letter (11); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11); FHA Recreation Leader (10); VICA Treasurer (11); FHA (9-10); Junior Beta Club (9-10); Beta Club (11-12); VICA Club (11-12); Library Club (9)

RITA ANN LAMBERT — Mr. and Mrs. Garrett W. Lambert; Typing I Award (10); General Business Award (9); FHA Junior Degree (9); FHA Chapter Degree (10); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11-12); Perfect Attendance Award (8-11); Class Secretary (9); Class Treasurer (10); SCA Chaplain (9); SCA Treasurer (10); FHA Historian (10); Library Club Reporter (10); FHA First Vice President (11); Class Vice President (11, 12); FHA President (12); FHA (8-12); Library Club (8-9); Junior Beta Club (9-10); FBLA (10-12); French Club (10-11); Pep Club (10); Beta Club (11-12); Varsity Basketball (10-12); JV Basketball (8-9); Tennis (9-12); Volleyball (9-10); 8th Grade Scorekeeper (12); May Queen Candidate (8); Miss Echo (11)

LARRY LANE LILLY II — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lane Lilly Sr.; Drama Club (9); FFA (9)

JEANNIE MAE MALLORY — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Mallory; Art Club (9-12); Pep Club (10-11); Chorus (11); Drama Club (12); Volleyball (11-12)

KATHRYN LOUISE MELVIN — Mr. and Mrs. John Dale Melvin; Perfect Attendance Award (8-12); 4-H Secretary (12); Chorus Secretary/Librarian (12); FHA (9-12); 4-H (8-12); Art Club (8, 10-11); Pep Club (10-11); Library Club (8-9, 12); Chorus (12); Annual Staff (12)

CATHY ELLEN MOREHEAD — Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Morehead; Chorus Secretary (11); Chorus President (12); FHA (8, 12); FFA (9-11); Library Club (9); Pep Club (11); Chorus (9-12)

ELAINA DAWN MOREHEAD — Mr. and Mrs. Alton Parker Morehead, Jr.; FHA State Degree (11); FHA Junior Degree (9); FHA Chapter Degree (10); 4-H Recreation Leader (10); FHA Historian (11); 4-H Secretary (11); FHA Corresponding Secretary (12); FHA (8-12); 4-H (10-11); Chorus (12); Homecoming Candidate (11)

BRIAN SCOTT MUSTARD — Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Mustard, Jr.; FFA (8-12); VICA (12)

PAULA RENEE MUSTARD — Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Mustard; FFA Green Hand Award (8); FFA Chapter Farmer (9); FFA Sales and Service Award (10); Pep Club Vice President (11); 4-H Sergeant-at-Arms (8); 4-H Recreation Leader (9); 4-H Vice President (10); 4-H Treasurer (11-12); 4-H (8-12); Library Club (10-12); FFA (8-10, 12); Chorus (12); Pep Club (9-11); Homecoming Candidate (9)

TIMOTHY DARRIN NEAL — Mr. and Mrs. Sonny P. Neal, Jr.; FFA Green Hand (8); FFA Chapter Farmer Degree (9); Pep Club Secretary (9); Art Club Secretary (11); FFA Federation Secretary (11); FFA Treasurer (12); Class President (12); Pep Club (8-11); Art Club (10-12); Drama Club (12); Science Club (10); FFA (8-12); Newspaper Staff (10); FBLA (10, 12); Baseball (10-12); All District Baseball Team (11); JV Basketball (10); Varsity Basketball (11-12); FFA Judging Teams (8-12); Snow King Court (10); Snow King Winner (12); Homecoming Escort (12)

GARY MITCH NELSON — Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson; FFA Green Hand Award (8); Chapter Farmer Award (9); FFA State Farmer Award (11); Dairy Proficiency Award (11); Home and Farmstead Improvement Award (11); First Year Dramatics Award (11); State One Act Play Award (11); FFA Federation Vice President (11); FFA Federation Sentinel (12); FFA (8-12); SCA (11-12); Drama Club (11); Pep Club (9-11); Science Club (10); KVG (10-12); Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9); Tennis (9); May Queen Escort (10); Dairy Judging Team (11); Livestock Judging (11); FFA Forestry Judging (9-12); Homecoming Escort (12)

JOEY ALEXANDER NEWBERRY — Mr. John Price Newberry, Sr.; Sergeant-at-Arms (10); FFA (8-12); Drama (11, 12); Baseball (11); JV Basketball (11); Varsity Basketball (12)

TODD ALLEN PARKER — Mr. and Mrs. Tommy R. Parker; Art Club (8); FFA (10); VICA (11-12)

RICHARD WAYNE PRUITT — Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Pruitt; FFA Second Vice President (11); FFA Sentinel (12); VICA (12); Art Club (11-12); Drama Club (11); FFA (8-12); Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9-10); Varsity Basketball (11-12)

SARAH JEAN PRUITT — Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pruitt; French Club (9); Pep Club (9); Library Club (9); Junior Beta Club (9); Art Club (12)

BARBARA LYNN RAMSEY — Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ramsey; FHA Junior Degree (9); FHA Chapter Degree (10); FHA State Degree (11); FHA Historian (11); 4-H Recreation Leader (11); FHA Chaplain (12); FHA (8-12); 4-H (10-11); Chorus (12)

MICHAEL TODD SMELSER — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Smelser; FFA State Farmers Degree (11); Class Vice President (10); FFA Second Vice President (12); VICA (11); Drama Club (12); Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9-10); Varsity Basketball (12)

SUE ELLEN SMITH — Mr. and Mrs. Hassel N. Smith; General Science Award (8); Geography Award (8); General Business Award (9); Beginning Typing Award (10); French I Award (10); English Award (10); History Award (11); Chemistry Award (11); French II Award (11); Advanced Typing Award (11); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (10-11); National Science Award (11); Class Treasurer (8); French Club Vice President (10); Junior Beta Club Treasurer (10); FBLA Secretary (11); SCA Sergeant-at-Arms (8); Class Vice President (12); SCA (8); Library Club (8-9); Junior Beta Club (9-10); French Club (10-11); Beta Club (11-12); FBLA (10-12); Volleyball (9-10, 12); JV Basketball (8-9); Varsity Basketball (10-12); Tennis (9-12); Honor Letter (9); Honor Bar (10-12); Basketball Scorekeeper (10-12); Varsity Basketball Co-captain (10); Miss Echo Runner-up (9); International Foreign Language Award (10-11)

*ANITA DOREEN STOWERS — Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Stowers; Perfect Attendance Award (10-11); General Business Award (9); Beginning Typing Award (10); Advanced Typing Award (11); DAR Award (12); Who's Who Among American High

School Students (11); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11-12); United States Achievement Academy National Award Winner in Science (11); Honor Letter (9); Honor Bar (10-12); SCA Sergeant-at-Arms (8); Third Place in FBLA Regional Competition in Advanced Typing (11); Varsity Basketball Co-captain (11); FBLA President (11-12); French Club President (10); Library Club (8-9); Junior Beta Club (9-10); Pep Club (11); FBLA (10-12); French Club (10-11); Beta Club (11-12); Field Day First Place Winner in 100 Yard Dash (10); Field Day Second Place Winner in 400 Yard Dash (11); Honorable Mention on All County Basketball Team (11); JV Basketball (8-9); Volleyball (9-12); Varsity Basketball (10-12); JV Boy's Basketball Scorekeeper (10-11); Prom Committee (11); Gifted Students Committee (12); Beginning Typing Award (10); Advanced Typing Award (11); General Business Award (9)

DONNA FRANCAIS STROCK — Ms. Elaine Richardson

TERRY RAY UMBARGER — Ray and Frances Umbarger; FFA Federation Vice President (8-9); FFA Federation Second Vice President (10); FFA Federation Vice President (11); FFA Federation President (12); Beta Secretary (12); Junior Beta Club (9-10); FFA (8-12); SCA (8, 10); Beta Club (11-12); Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9); Varsity Basketball (11); Winner in State Beta Skit (11)

JEFFREY LEE VINEYARD — Mr. and Mrs. Riley B. Vineyard; 4-H President (11-12); 4-H County Council Treasurer (11); Youth Group Vice President (10-11); Pep Club (10-11); FFA (9-11)

DWAYNE CURTIS WRIGHT — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright

SHELIA CAROL WRIGHT — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright

WESLEY ALLEN WRIGHT — Mr. and Mrs. Homer N. Wright; FFA Greenhand (8); FFA Chapter Farmer Degree (9); FFA (8-12); Art Club (8); Library Club (9); Pep Club (8-11); Drama Club (11-12)



OFFICERS AND SPONSORS:
FRONT ROW: Tim Neal, president; Sue Smith, vice-president. **MIDDLE ROW:** Terry Umbarger, treasurer; Kaye Cox, secretary. **BACK ROW:** Mr. Richard Havens and Mrs. Janet Faulkner, sponsors.



Working at the concession stand at the Bland County Fair are Mike Smelser and Geoff Fanning.

Hard Work, Privileges Accompany Seniors

The long awaited senior year had finally arrived for 51 optimistic students at Bland High School.

As a traditional senior privilege, a trip of their choice was taken in the spring. Much hard work went into the planning and financing for this privilege. As any senior and advisor will tell you, running a concession stand at the Bland County Fair and Horse show was no piece of cake, but this was the major fund raiser for the year. Another source of income was the monthly sale of doughnuts. Good thing it was once a month — after cramming all varieties of doughnuts for two days (they are stale after that), our stomachs needed a month to recuperate.

Another privilege conveyed to seniors was being allowed to go to lunch before those lowly underclassmen. As seniors, we also had an edge on election to the offices of various organizations.



CENTER: Anything's better than class! Working on the Harvest Festival bulletin board are Andrea Cassell, Joyce Alexander, Linda Ellison, Donna Lambert, and Melanie Cassell. **LEFT:** What, more doughnuts? Sam Groseclose, Sammy King, Eric Ellison, James Farris, Mr. Richard Havens, Rebekah Carter, Anita Stowers and John Farlow.



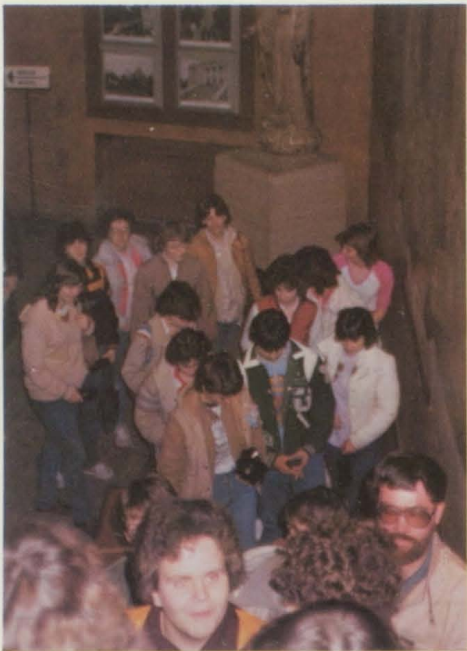
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Echoes of Special Times

It's lonely at the top!! Many seniors found this statement to be true. After living through a whole year of being "punk little eighth graders," through the ninth of trying to join every club available, the tenth of finally "buckling down" to

the books, the eleventh of choosing class rings and the long-awaited junior prom, we were spending our last year at BHS as seniors. Of course, most of us were glad it was over, but we still held those special moments of high school in our

hearts. Never to be forgotten was the first locker we stacked, the first game in which we played, and all the other special times we shared with our friends.



Members from the Rocky Gap and Bland French Clubs toured St. Joseph's Oratory in Canada.



Beta members placed first at State Convention. FRONT ROW: Mary Anne Cochran, Eric Ellison, Kaye Cox. BACK

ROW: Terry Umbarger, Tommy Clark, Linda Ellison, Andrea Cassell, Sue Smith, Tammy Cline.

Joyce Anne Alexander
"Joyce"

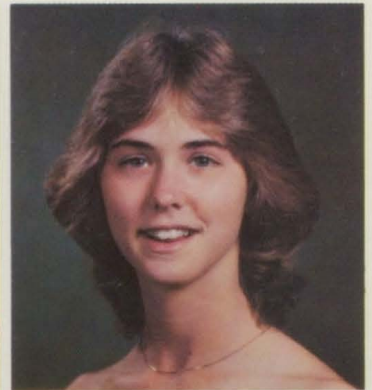
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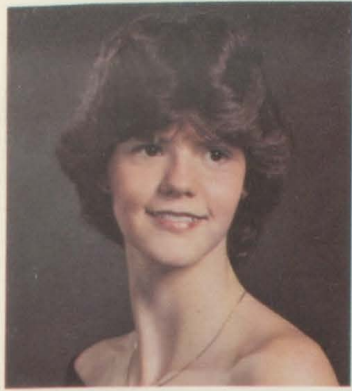
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Wilberta Lynn Banes
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Edward Jackson Baxley
"Eddie"

Rebekah Christine Carter
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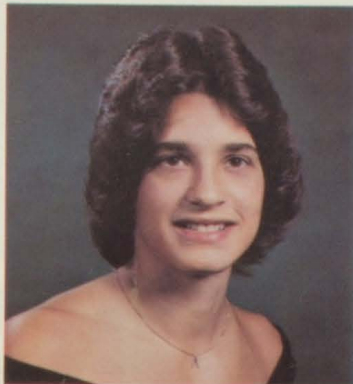
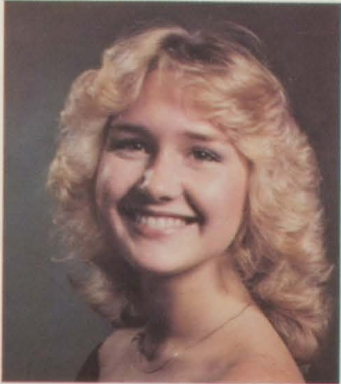




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Melanie Lisa Cassell
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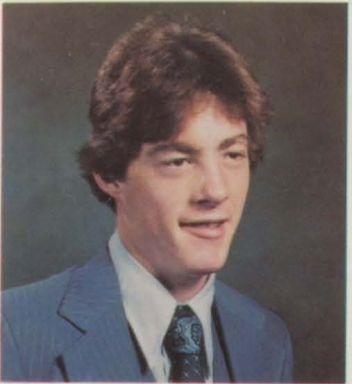
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"Melba"



Sandra Denise Clemons
"Dee"

Tanya Lynn Cline
"Tammy"

Mary Anne Cochran
"Mary Anne"



Cecil Lawrence Compton
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Sherry Lynn Conley
"Lynn"

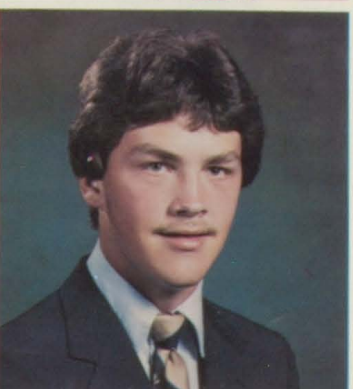
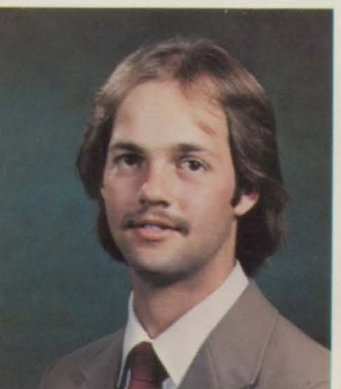
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Stephen Wayne Cox
"Steve"

Donna Ruth Dalton
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Eric Preston Ellison
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Linda Mae Ellison
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David Wayne Etter
"David"

Geoffrey Willard Fanning
"Geoff"

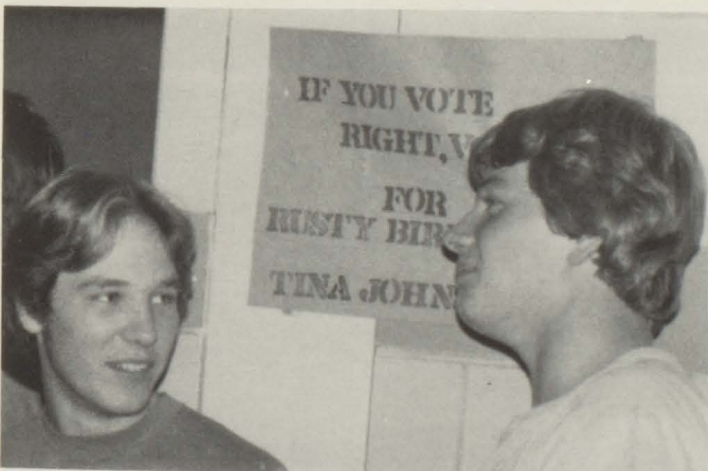
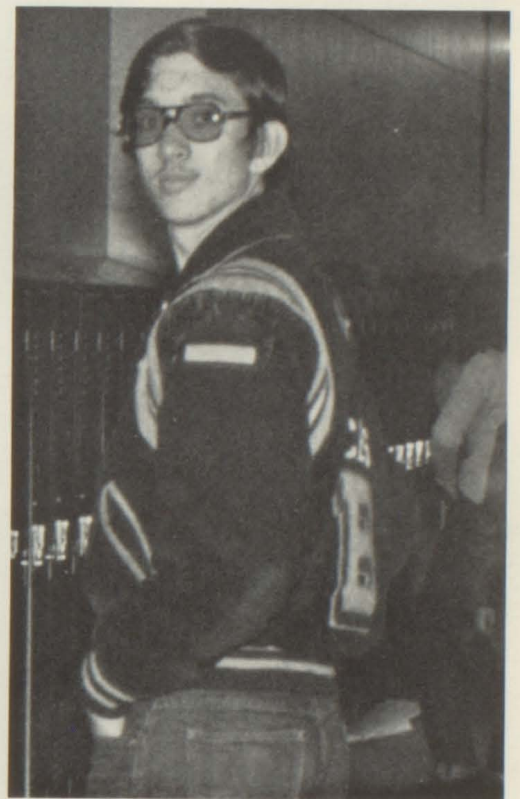
Students Stay Busy

"Busy as bees" are the students at BHS. If just using the well-equipped library for studying, completing the day's homework, buying a subscription to "The Echo", dodging persons down these crowded halls, or simply talking to a pal, many students seem never to find a spare moment.



TOP: A very happy Santa! Vickie Kincaid and Donna Strock. CENTER: Seniors share conversations while waiting for Mr. Havens to pass out locker numbers. James Farris, David Etter, Geoff Fanning, Barbara Ramsey, Mr. Richard Havens, Dawn Morehead, Joyce Alexander, Sonja Asbury. RIGHT: Seniors working hard at the Fair — Geoff Fanning, Anita Stowers, Kaye Cox, Mary Anne Cochran.



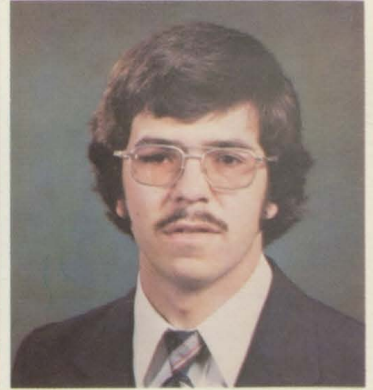


TOP RIGHT: Vickie Kincaid provides the soothing touch!
 TOP LEFT: Anita Stowers studies hard while Wendell Parker just goofs off. CENTER RIGHT: Joanna Matz stays busy selling annual subscriptions to Idette King, Annette King, Julie Clemons, and Tania Burcham. CENTER LEFT: Yes, of course, you can have my autograph. Steve Cox. RIGHT: Jimmy Barker converses with Tim Neal between classes.

John Robert Farlow
"John"



Winifred Dee Foglesong
"Winifred"



Samuel Frank Groseclose
"Sammy"

Victoria Louise Kincaid
"Vickie"



Donna Ann Lambert
"Donna"

Rita Ann Lambert
"Rita"

Larry Lane Lilly, Jr.
"Larry"



Jeanette Mae Mallory
"Jeannie"

Kathryn Louise Melvin
"Kathy"

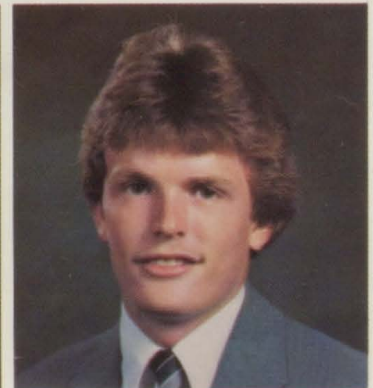
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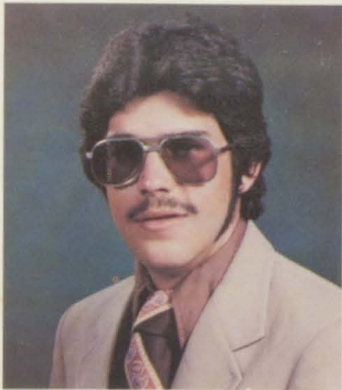
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Paula Renee Mustard
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Timothy Darrin Neal
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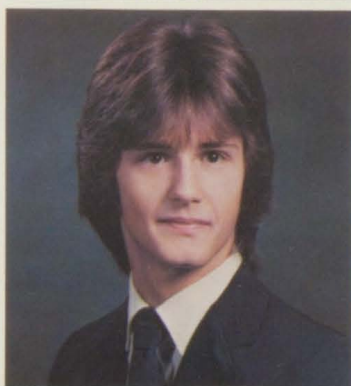
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Joey Alexander Newberry
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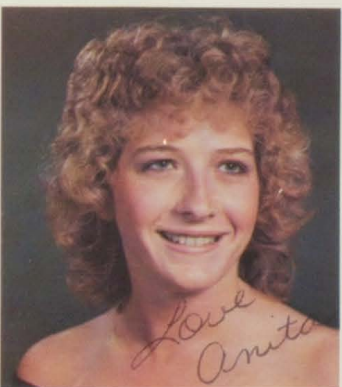
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Sarah Jean Pruitt
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Barbara Lyn Ramsey
"Barbara"

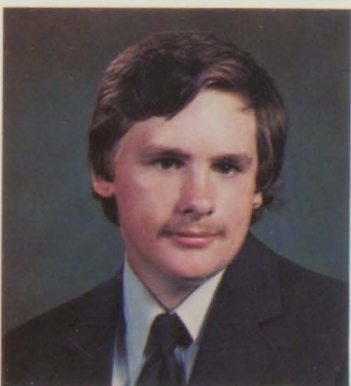
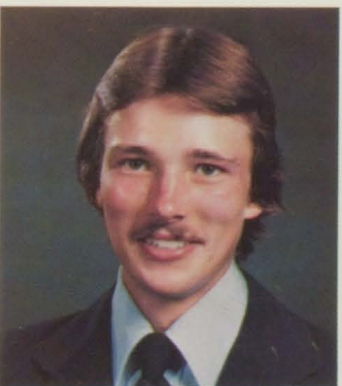
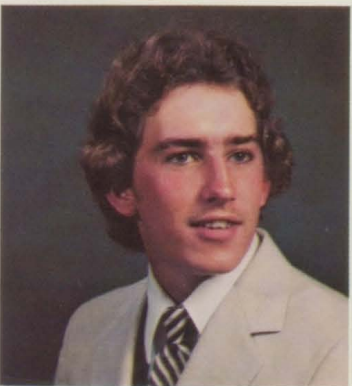
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Sue Ellen Smith
"Sue"

Anita Doreen Stowers
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Terry Wayne Umbarger
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Jeffrey Lee Vineyard
"Jeff"

Dwayne Curtis Wright
"Dwayne"



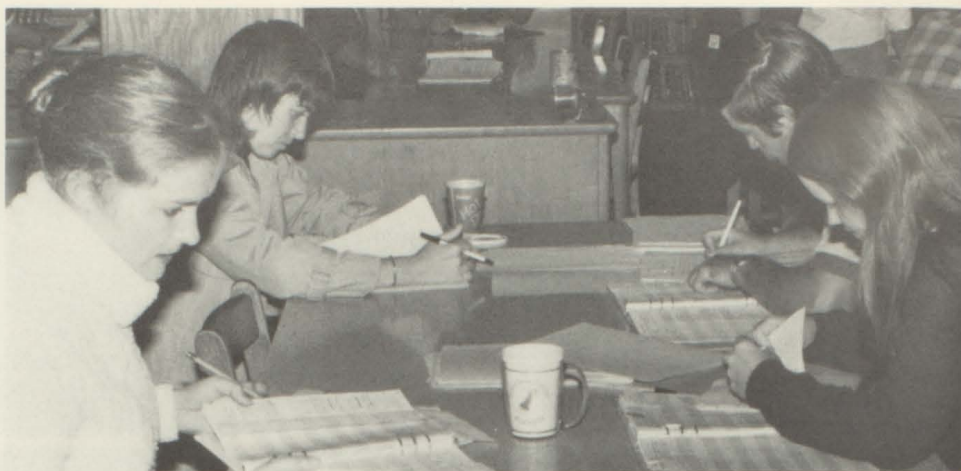
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Wesley Allen Wright
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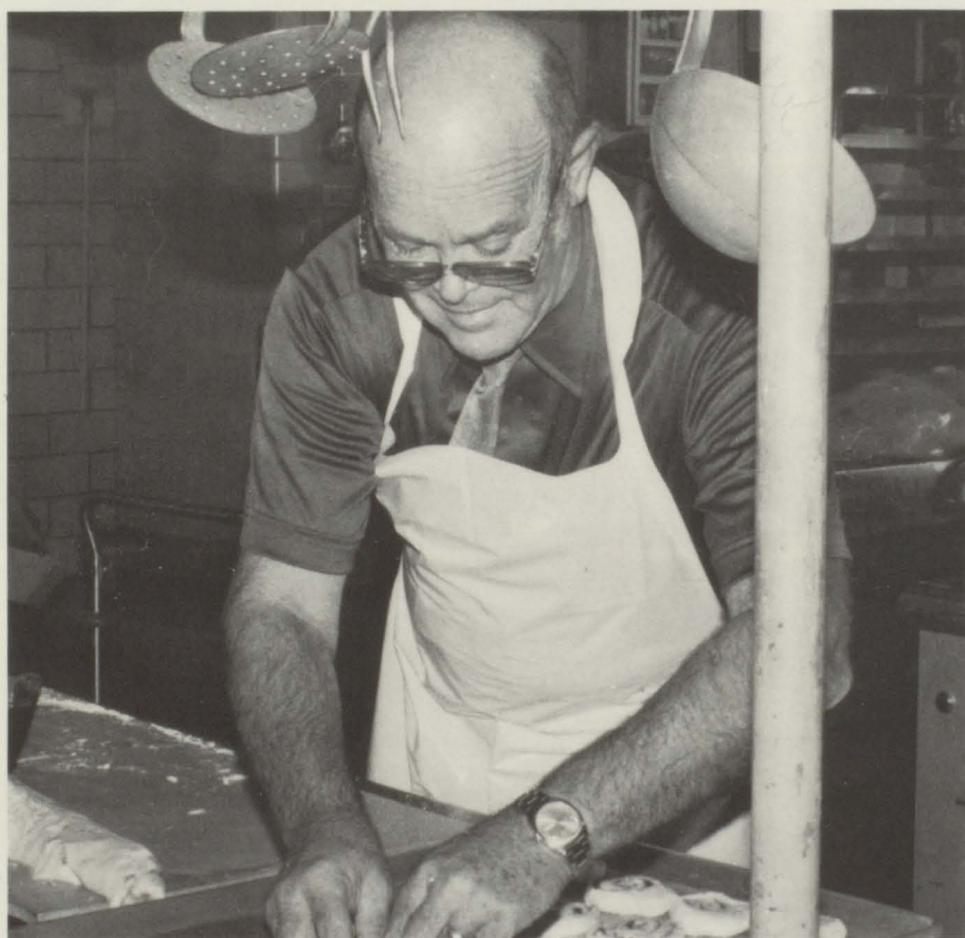
Leisure Time Brings Various Activities

Leisure moments for some are spent in constructive events, for others it becomes a time for amusement and relaxation.

Reading, riding horses for pleasure or competition, spending time (and money) at the slot machines, and eating with friends are some of the amusing and fulfilling activities which fill those empty moments. Faculty spend their "free time" averaging grades, filling out those dreaded report cards, or disciplining wayward students.



TOP: Ending of the six-weeks — Debbie Anderson, Karen Green, Tommy Bird and Kay Mabe. CENTER: A typical hall scene being monitored by Principal Thompson. LEFT: Karate at its best with Mary Anne Cochran and father Mickey. RIGHT: Administrator turned Chef — Mr. Milton Maxton, Superintendent of Schools, performs culinary art by making cinnamon rolls (no hair net required).



Student Life

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... Through our school years we have experienced achievement, laughter and tears. Achievement came to us through high grades, faith and trust of our classmates by election to various offices, honors in sports, recognition in the performing arts, and being crowned in various activities. Our laughter was often heard echoing in the classrooms and halls over a joke, a teacher's blunder, or the "monkeyshines" of classmates. Tears came to us from the loss of a friend, disappointment in grades, and in the selection to an unexpected honor.



The Tradition Continues

Amidst an array of lavender and yellow streamers and vivid colored balloons, five girls accompanied by their escorts awaited the moment to see who would be crowned MISS ECHO 1984.

One candidate was chosen from each of the high school grades. Following tradition, MISS ECHO honors the girl who sells the most annuals. After two weeks of trying to solicit more annuals than their opponents, and keeping the number sold a secret, the day finally arrived. On September 30, Joanne Matz, who sold 122 annuals, was crowned MISS ECHO 1984.

The BHS Band and Choir began the program of entertainment by playing and singing two songs. Next on the list was Mr. Marvin Cantrell, who played the dulcimer. Roberta Kegley finished the entertainment by singing "Whatever Will Be, Will Be." The jukebox, providing the music for the afternoon of dancing, was furnished by Venco Amusement.



MISS ECHO 1984 — Joanne Matz



CANDIDATES AND ESCORTS: 8th — Ritchie Havens, Elizabeth Turner; 10th — Jimmy Brown, Angie Thompson; 12th — Mary Anne Cochran, Terry Umbarger; 11th — Joanne Matz, Mark Woolwine; 9th — Issis Umbarger, Steve Fanning



Angie Thompson receiving gift from Linda Ellison and Andrea Cassell

Students moving to the sound of the jukebox.



Mr. Marvin Cantrell plays a handmade instrument, the dulcimer.



Amid a colorful background of balloons and streamers, the candidates and their escorts lead the first dance.



Roberta Kegley singing "Whatever Will Be, Will Be!!"

What's Forever For?

"Does my hair look alright?" "Is my dress okay?" "Does my smile look fake?" These are just some of the comments heard at BHS on the nights of March 11 and 12. Because these were the nights that the 1983 Miss Bland County Pageants were held. The competition was divided into four categories: Little Miss, Junior Miss, Senior Miss, and Miss Bland County.

Emcees for the pageants were Mrs. Chris Bird and Mr. Gary Collins. As the crowd and contestants anxiously awaited the highlight of the evening, they were entertained by many of BHS's talented students.

At last the long awaited moment came, the crowning of the new Miss Bland County. Wanda Bevil was the recipient of this honor. The first runner-up was Kim Kidd and Mary Anne Cochran was the second runner-up.



MISS BLAND COUNTY 1983 — Wanda Bevil



Crowd applauds a future winner — Pamela Meadows



LITTLE MISS BLAND COUNTY AND COURT: 2nd runner-up — Jennie Lambert; Little Miss — Pamela Meadows; 1st runner-up — Melanie Thompson



TOP LEFT: SENIOR MISS BLAND COUNTY: 1st runner-up, Lisa Willis; Senior Miss, Idette King; 2nd runner-up, Issis Umbarger

TOP RIGHT: FHA members view results of hard work. Julie Clemons, Charlotte Harris, Tammy Gravley, Carrie Shelton

CENTER: JUNIOR MISS BLAND COUNTY: 2nd runner-up, Angel Underwood; Junior Miss, Tiffany Bowen; 1st runner-up, Latrayle Shewey

SENIOR MISS BLAND COUNTY contestants await final announcement. Lisa Willis, Issis Umbarger, Elizabeth Turner, Angie Thompson, Angela Strock, Carla Pauley, Lori Neel, Idette King, Laura Cochran, Lisa Bowling.



Stars for a Night

Bland County's own "stars" turned out on November 18 for a very special occasion. This was the night of the Harvest Festival which was the first one to be held at Bland High School in five years. The festival was dedicated to Mrs. Ruth B. Kegley who was the originator of the Harvest Festivals. This year's festival was coordinated and direct-

ed by Mrs. Chris Bird and Ms. Sandy Green.

"A Night of Stars" was chosen as a suitable theme for the festival. Over 350 participants from kindergarten through 12th grade were in the show. The entertainment was composed of skits and music from Broadway and movie musicals.

The excitement mounted in the

school as each grade chose candidates to vie for Harvest King and Queen and Harvest Prince and Princess. When the last vote was tallied, Timmy Davis and Becky Melvin reigned as Harvest King and Queen. Mike Nelson and Lori Perkins were crowned Harvest Prince and Princess.



High school students in the Dance of the Eighties



The Force was with the seventh graders as they enacted scenes from Star Wars.



HARVEST COURT: 4th — Becky Mallory, Robert Sexton; 5th — Tina Johnson, Rusty Bird; 6th — Wendi

Petrey, John Mustard; 7th — Kim Crabtree, Robbie Waddle; 9th — Hope

Townley, Bob Hylton; 11th — Gretchen Carlson, Chuck Turner.



High-kicking high school girls present Bland's own Rockettes.



TOP: Mr. Thompson presents a corsage to Mrs. Kegley. BOTTOM: Let's get physical. 4th grade students.

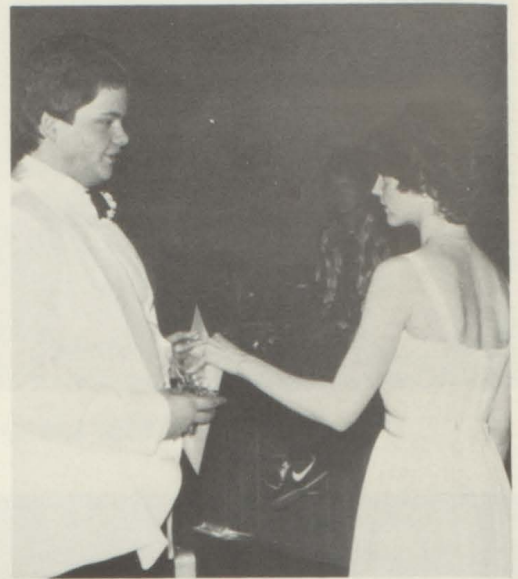
TOP: 2nd graders perform a carefree gypsy dance. BOTTOM: Harvest Prince and Princess, Lori Perkins and Mike Nelson; Harvest King and Queen, Timmy Davis and Becky Melvin.



First grade students do a lively imitation of Raggedy Ann and Andy.



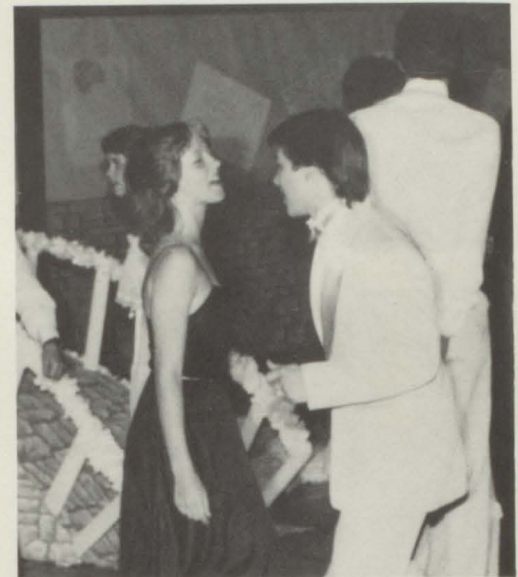
The traditional dance was led by the new Prom King and Queen, Barry Underwood and Lisa Sarver.



Gifts are presented to Bryan Underwood by Andrea Cassell.



With a pause between songs, many tired dancers return to their seats.



Dancing the night away are Donna Strock and Mike Barker.



Patty Smith serves punch to Mark Woolwine during the festivities of the prom.



Mrs. Kaye Mabe works hard to keep the books correct.

Nights to Remember

As seniors sneaked around and tried to discover the theme of the 1983 prom, the committee of seven was busy finishing and concealing the plans of the formal dance that took place April 16, 1983. "Memoirs" was the theme revealed to those in attendance that night. A bridge and arbor decorated with crepe paper linked the past to the future with the walls depicting prom themes from previous years.

Weeks prior to that memorable night brought restless nights over "who to ask", searches for the "just-right" gown and choices of the best place to rent a tuxedo. Juniors

worked hard and gave precious time to decorate for the night to remember.

Dancing to the music of K-92, many were glad to relax and rest their weary feet while gifts and predictions for seniors were given. Tension and excitement increased as they waited for the announcement of King and Queen. The surprised and elated winners were Barry Underwood and Lisa Sarver.

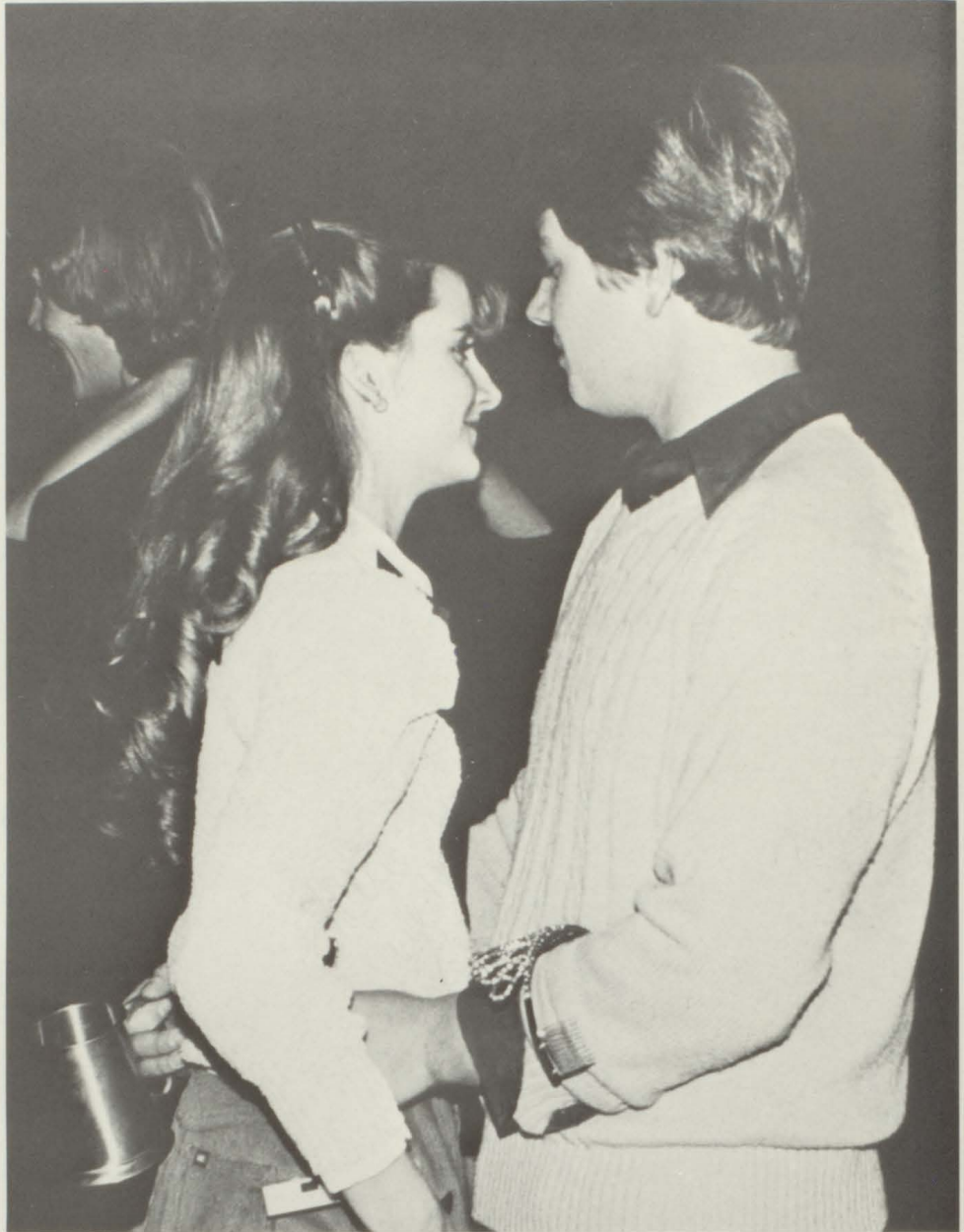
Another night to remember, a night for winners, occurred on October 21, 1983. Sponsored by the FBLA and Senior Beta Clubs, beauty pageants honoring Bland Coun-

ty's Junior Miss and Little Miss were held in the school gymnasium. Students and advisors worked continuously to prepare lists, ID numbers, and judges' instructions. They transformed the gymnasium into a realm of beauty and wonderland. Pink and white streamers and pink balloons outlined the runway and the entrance.

Young ladies were converted from ordinary school girls into angels of beauty, making the decision for the judges more difficult. The "Cinderellas" for 1984 were Junior Miss — Rhonda Faulkner and Little Miss — Bradley Hoosier.



TOP: Bestowed the honors of Junior Miss Bland County were Latrayle Shewey, 1st runner-up; Junior Miss Bland County Rhonda Faulkner; and Darcy Groseclose, 2nd runner-up. LEFT: Final winners in the Little Miss Bland County pageant were Jamie Trail, 2nd runner-up; Bradley Hoosier, Little Miss Bland County; Melanie Talbert, 1st runner-up.



TOP LEFT: Moving in slow rhythm to the music are Shaunn Neel and Samantha Hylton. TOP RIGHT: Snow Queen Issis Umbarger and King Tim Neal share a dance after removal of crown (now adorning Tim's arm). BOTTOM: 2nd runner-up — Sherri Wimmer, Richard Turner; King Tim Neal, Queen Issis Umbarger; Linda Ellison, 1983 Queen; 1st runner-up — Eric Taylor, Lynn Tate.



It Didn't Snow

It didn't snow! For the first time in three years the Snow Queen and King didn't have to trudge home in the snow. After a lengthy battle to collect the most money (each penny being a vote) the couple at the top was Issis Umbarger and Tim Neal. The event is an annual project of the FBLA.

A week long celebration culminated on Friday, February 3, with the homecoming game against Independence and the crowning of the 1984 Homecoming Queen. Earlier in the week students had cast their

votes for the queen and her attendants. Shaking knees and nervous candidates waited for the final word on the tallied ballots. The announcement came, honoring Donna Dalton as the new queen. Other candidates were: 12th grade — Donna Strock, Cathy Morehead; 11th grade — Patty Smith, Debbie Warden; 10th grade — Tracy Kegler, Karin Carlton; 9th grade — Issis Umbarger, Carla Pauley; 8th grade — Elizabeth Turner, Pam Wright.



TOP LEFT: Donna Dalton captures the title of "Homecoming Queen 1984." CENTER LEFT: Becky Melvin and Lonnie Clemons concentrate on a fast moving dance. CENTER RIGHT: Homecoming attendants and escorts: 8th grade — Elizabeth Turner, Steve Fanning; 9th grade — Issis Umbarger, Tim Neal; 12th grade — Donna Strock, Gary Nelson; Queen Donna Dalton, Geoff Fanning; 11th grade — Patty Smith, Barry Underwood; 10th grade — Tracy Kegley, Richard Turner. BOTTOM LEFT: Fourth graders enjoy the art and challenges of dancing. Sarah Thompson, Tina Hounshell, Holly Warden.

What Goes Up Must Come Down

Procuring the flags from the office and hoisting, not one, but three flags on the pole was a daily task for flag girls. The U.S. flag graced the top of the pole with the Virginia State flag in maroon and gold. At the end of the day (or in precipitation) those same flags had to be removed, folded just right and returned to the office.

Keeping accurate records when you wanted to watch every move on the floor was no easy task. Scorekeepers had to be alert to players and officials to record fouls, free throws, field goals, rebounds and turnovers.

Few words of thanks were received by those students who worked behind the scenes. They

gave their time because they enjoyed what they did even though it meant giving up a study hall and going out in all kinds of weather to pick up absentee slips, hand out daily bulletins and run endless errands. It also meant they had access to the snack room and were allowed to use the intercom.



FLAG GIRLS: Joanne Matz and Debbie Warden



SCOREKEEPERS: Patty Smith, Sue Smith, Rita Lambert and Anita Stowers



OFFICE WORKERS: Paula Mustard, Steve Cox, Rita Lambert, Barry Dillow, Sue Smith, Geoff Fanning, NOT PICTURED: Cecil Compton and David Etter

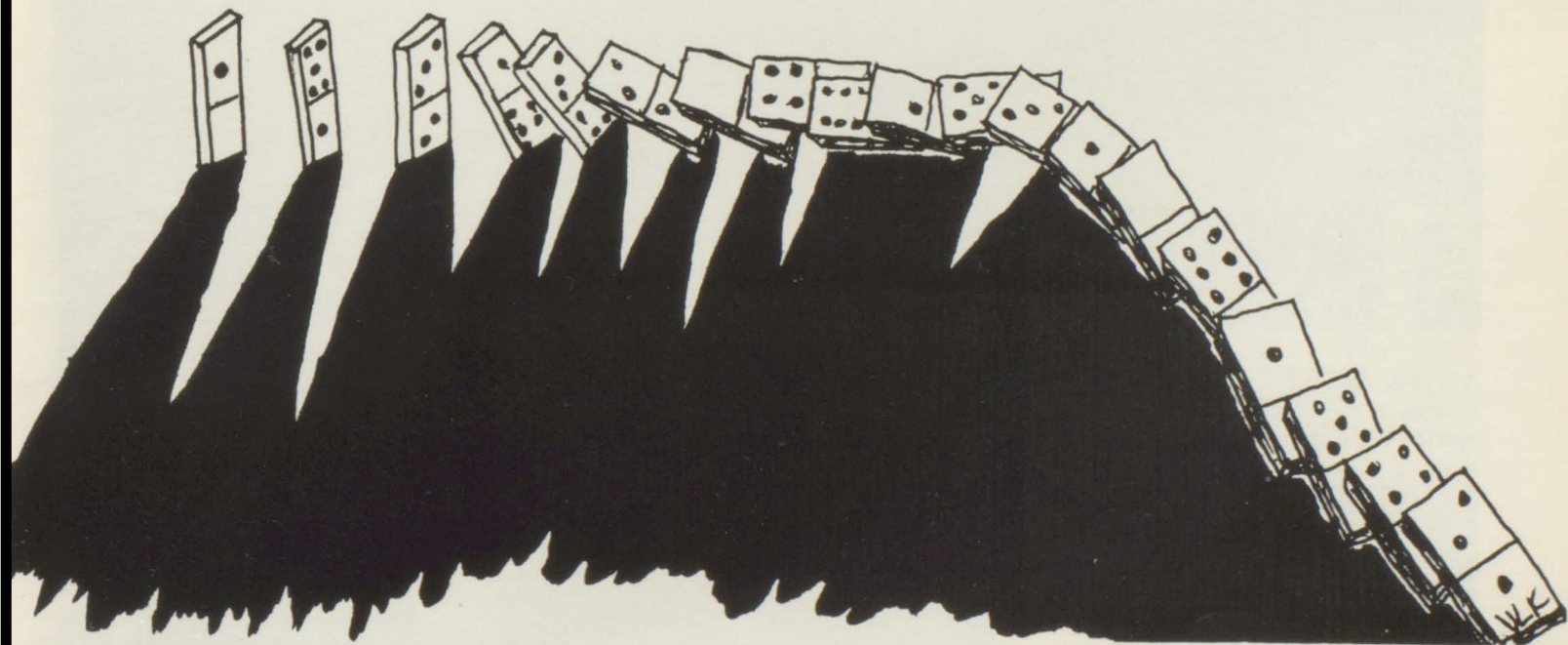
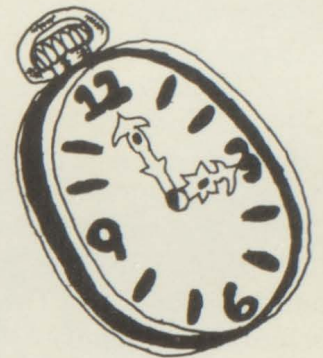
Academics

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... the bell was signaling that the moments "at ease" were over and it was time to return to our classrooms. As the finals peals echoed from the walls, we grabbed a book (hoping it was the right one) from our locker and scurried to our destination. Occasionally being confronted by a hall monitor as to why we were not in class, we shifted our books and tried to come up with an original excuse. Acquiring a tardy slip, we eventually gained admittance to class. Here we were instructed in the basic skills necessary to survive and succeed in the world. We found most of our learning stimulating and challenging, and, at times, even fun.



Predestination Not a Deciding Factor

Predestination did not decide, but individual persistence and perseverance determined who was to reach the top. Through long hours of hard work, struggles to understand the seemingly impossible, and sorting facts from fiction, students attained the goal of being "top dog" in each subject.

Mr. Fred Beamer presented a "teacher of the year" award . . . to himself!

Sports plaques for outstanding players in baseball and basketball were awarded to Barry Underwood, Kaye Cox, and Geoff Fanning. Certificates were given to other players and cheerleaders.

Mr. Ron Pauley, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented plaques from the state department for outstanding service in the area of Title I Reading. These plaques were awarded to Mrs. Oma Farmer and Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle, having served Bland County Schools since the onset of the Title I Reading program. The student body rose in unison for a standing ovation showing their appreciation to these two ladies.

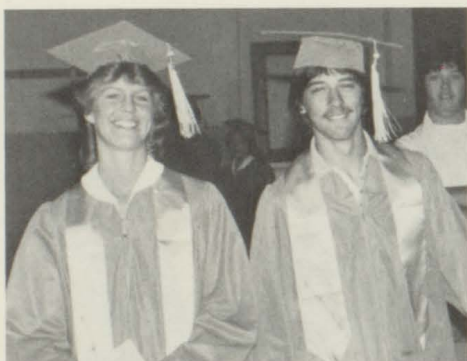
Following the presentation of awards, the SCA served a special lunch to the seniors, sponsors and invited guests.

Excitement, butterflies and highly charged emotions accompanied each member of the senior class as they walked in pairs down the aisle toward their final school goal. The PA system tried to throw a monkey wrench in the proceedings when it "gave up the ghost." Mr. Robert Kegley, Miss Rhonda Ellison and Mr. Leonard O'Hara of WCC presented awards and certificates to outstanding scholars in various subject areas. Scholarships given to Lonnie Thomas, Linda Atwell, Todd Taylor and Bob Gordon will be used to further their education.

Lonnie Thomas delivered the valedictory speech. Classmates Linda Atwell and Todd Taylor served their class as salutatorian and historian. Each spoke of hard work and special achievements throughout their school years.

Bryan Underwood closed the program with a reading entitled "Memories." This revived thoughts of special times and friends and brought tears to classmates and members of the congregation.

After the awarding of diplomas to the 40 seniors by principal, Mr. Roger Thompson, they filed out by two's, congregating in the halls to finalize plans for celebrations and last minute farewells.

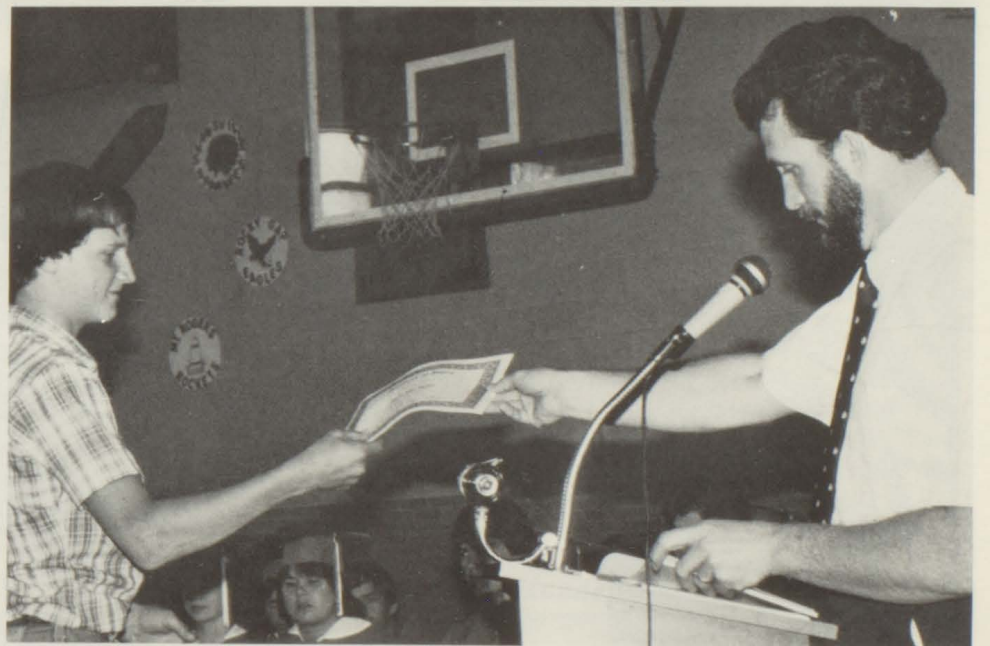


ABOVE RIGHT: Smiles and somber expressions reveal the thoughts of seniors during awards program. ABOVE: Linda Atwell, salutatorian, and Lonnie Thomas, Valedictorian, lead the procession of seniors. RIGHT: Giftorians Mark Woolwine and Bridget Wright present "gag" gift to Harvey Pruett.





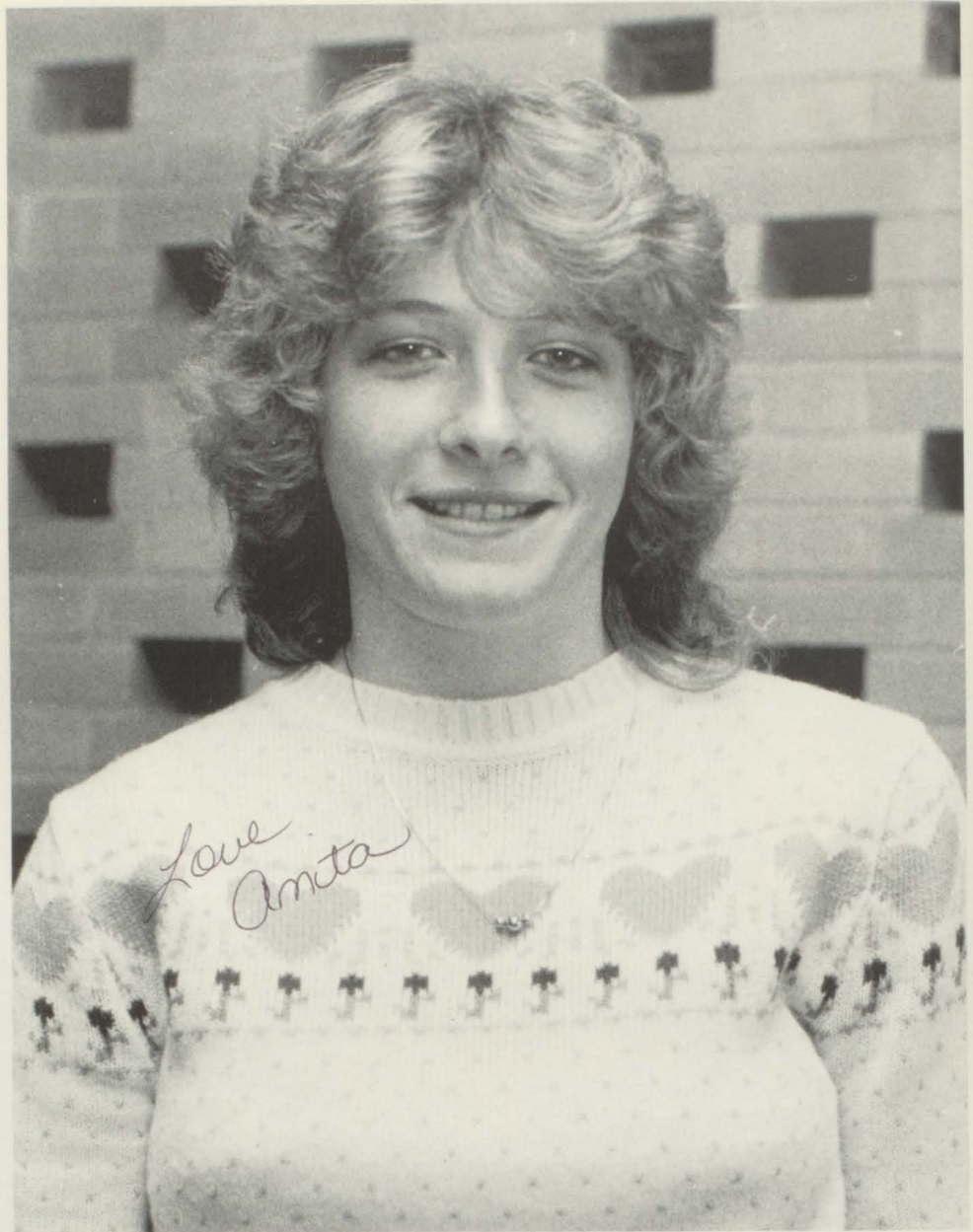
LEFT: Kaye Cox receives sports plaque for "most valuable player" in girls' basketball. Presenting the award is Coach Marvin Cantrell. CENTER: Competitive averages in Chemistry created a problem for Mrs. Debbie Anderson when trying to select "a" top student. A three-way split gave awards to Melanie Cassell, Linda Ellison and Sue Smith. BOTTOM LEFT: Shawna Carr receives French III award from Ms. Diane Rowe. BOTTOM RIGHT: Certificates are presented to students who have perfect attendance for each school year. Receiving a certificate from Mr. Roger Thompson is Mitch Munsey.



Honors

Deserving students are recognized each year when certain honors are presented to them. Grades, attitudes, and involvement in activities are the main basis for which each person is chosen. The Society of Distinguished American High School Students is reserved to those juniors and seniors who have maintained an A or above average throughout the school year. The Daughters of the American Revolution's recipient is chosen by a majority vote of the teachers. If one has received a grade average of 95 or above for a year, that student receives a letter or a bar. A letter is given for the first year, and a bar is added for every year that a student has reached the minimum grade average.

Vocational school is an optional possibility for which a student may participate during school hours. Career choices include stenography, machine mechanics, cosmetology, masonry, and many more.



The elected DAR Award recipient for the 1983-84 school year was Anita Stowers.

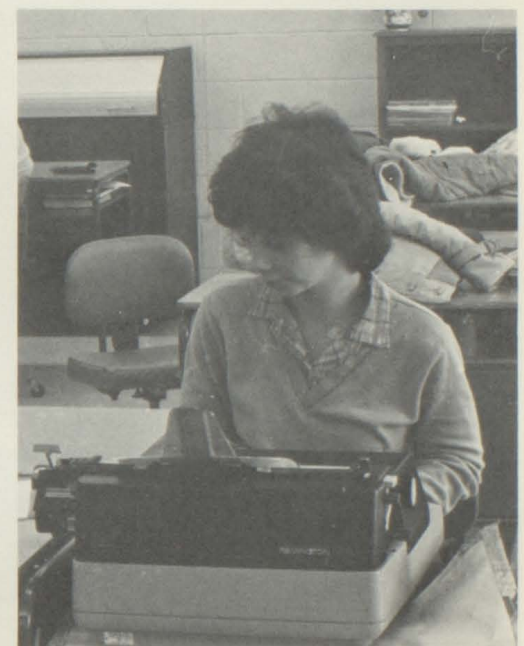


Debbie Warden received this year's citizenship award.

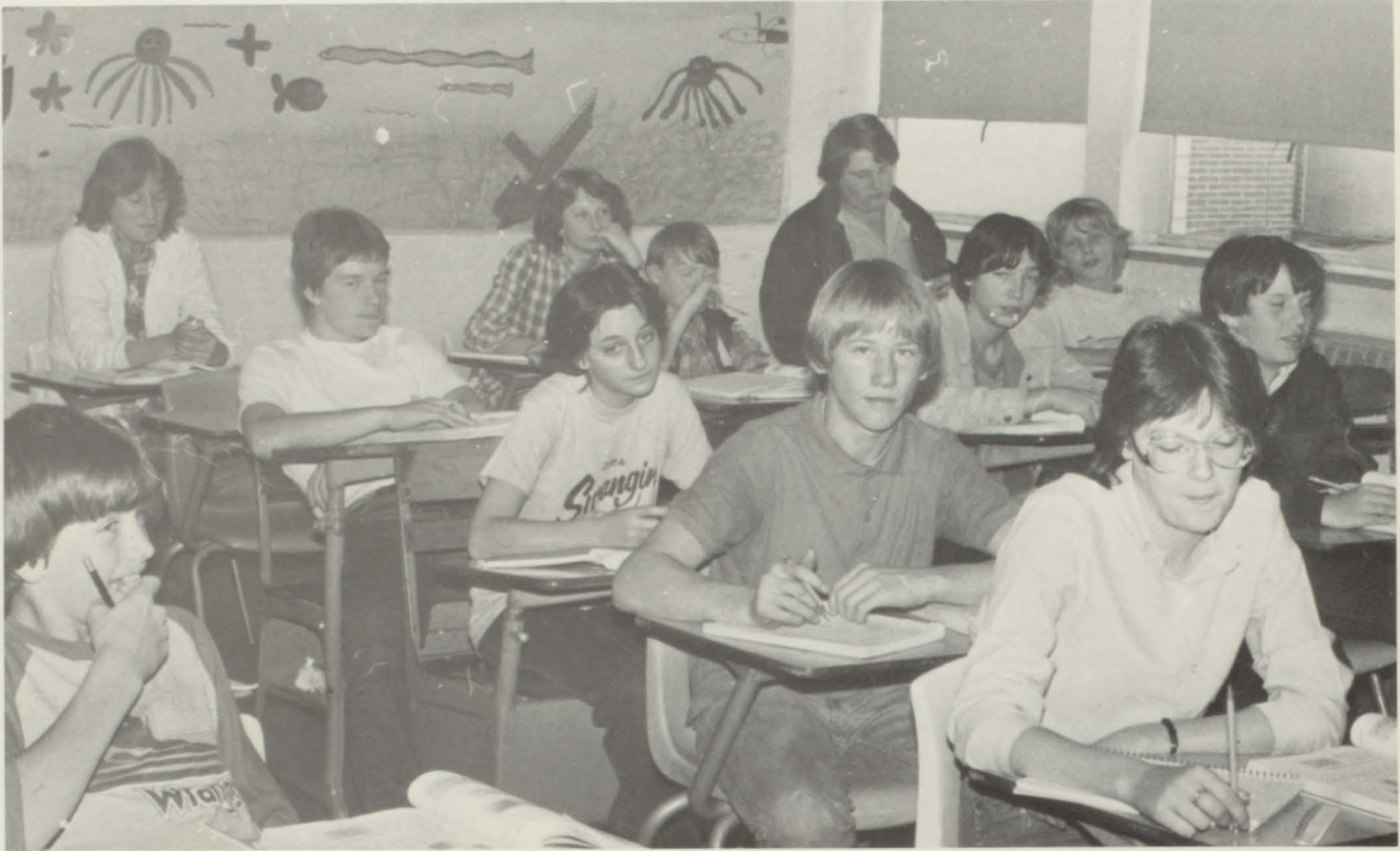


SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: FRONT ROW: Patty Smith, Lori Neel, Debbie Warden, Anita Stowers, Rita Lambert. 2ND

ROW: Katrina Lily, Shawna Carr, Joanne Matz, Sue Smith, Donna Dalton. BACK ROW: Kaye Cox, Becky Umbarger, Mary Anne Cochran, Melanie Cassell, Linda Ellison.



TOP LEFT: 3RD YEAR-BAR: FRONT ROW: Donna Dalton, Rita Lambert, Anita Stowers. 2ND ROW: Melanie Cassell, Linda Ellison, Sue Smith. BACK ROW: Katrina Lily, Kaye Cox, Mary Anne Cochran. TOP RIGHT: Dwayne Wright demonstrates his brick-laying skills. CENTER LEFT: 2ND YEAR-BAR: Shawna Carr, Joanne Matz, Lori Neel, Patty Smith. CENTER RIGHT: Sarah Pruitt specializes in the stenography field. BOTTOM: 1ST YEAR-LETTER: FRONT ROW: Donna Lambert, Debbie Warden, Lisa Tolbert. BACK ROW: Joyce Alexander, Karin Carlson, Becky Umbarger, Becky Melvin.



TOP LEFT — Algebra I — FRONT ROW: Teresa Miller, Roberta Kegley. CENTER ROW: T.J. Roseberry, Tim Thompson, Karen Strock, Eric Strock, Sarah Newberry. BACK ROW: Dee Clemons, Idette King, Kim Boardwine, LeAnna Mustard TOP RIGHT: Lisa Waddle works on math assignment as Mrs. Kay Mabe observes her class. CENTER — Math 8 — FRONT: Scott Lambert 2ND ROW: Deana Lakey, Bob Hylton, Pam Wright, Billy Tolbert, Wendy Binns. 3RD ROW: Pam Dillow, Todd Steffey, Terry Lang, Robert Lambert. BACK ROW: Jamie Chewning, Martin Vineyard. BOTTOM — Math — FRONT: Billy Tolbert. BACK: Brian Townley, James Parker, Jamie Chewning, James Farris, Gary Nelson.



Comprehension Can Be a Slow Process

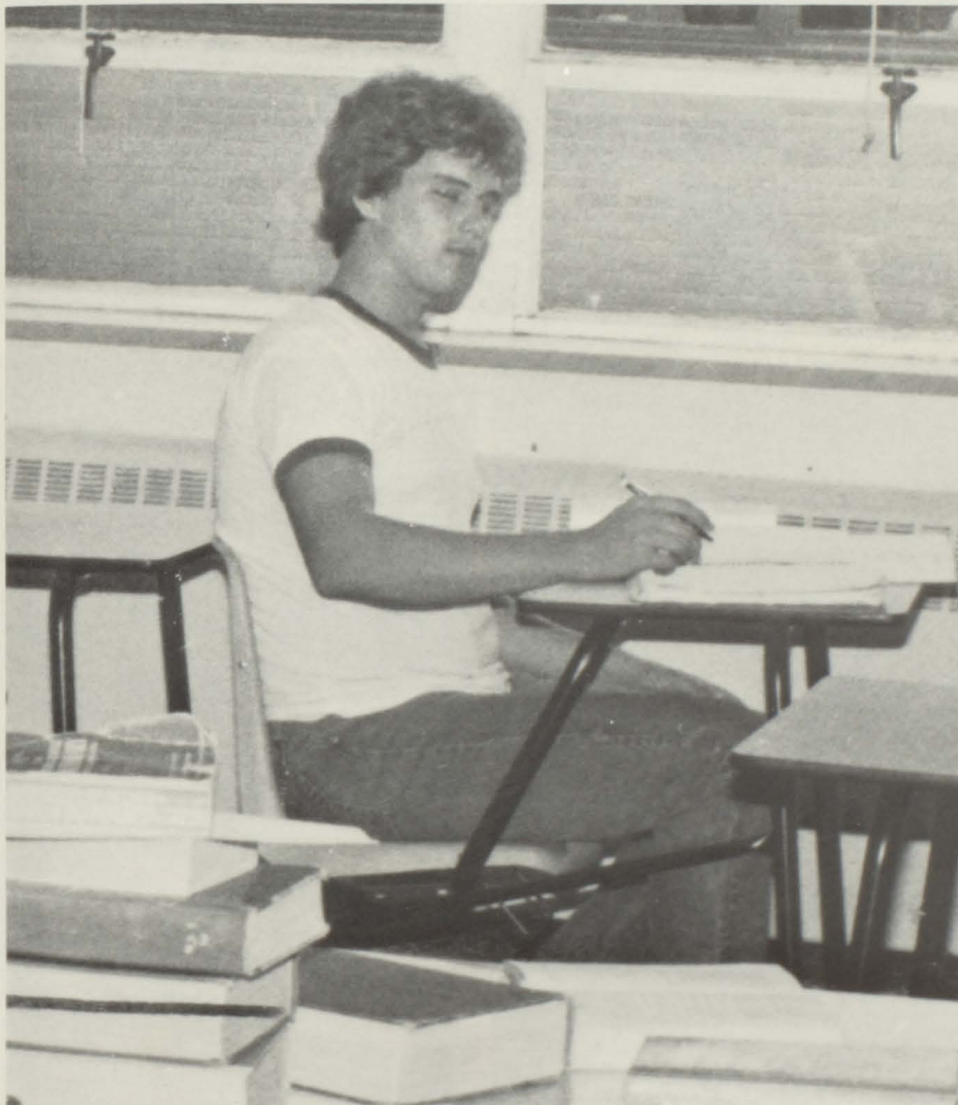
Comprehension can be a slow process in math and language studies. Some described their feelings as scared or bewildered. They learned that formulas are not liquids for baby bottles, punctuation is not something to jot down whenever

the notion strikes, and those funny looking words actually meant something in other countries.

Advanced math students learned to apply formulas to given situations and find solutions to problems. They used these skills to gain

college admission or obtain employment.

French classes provided students with a chance for learning to speak and write French fluently. Pen pal lists ordered from France helped students master writing skills.



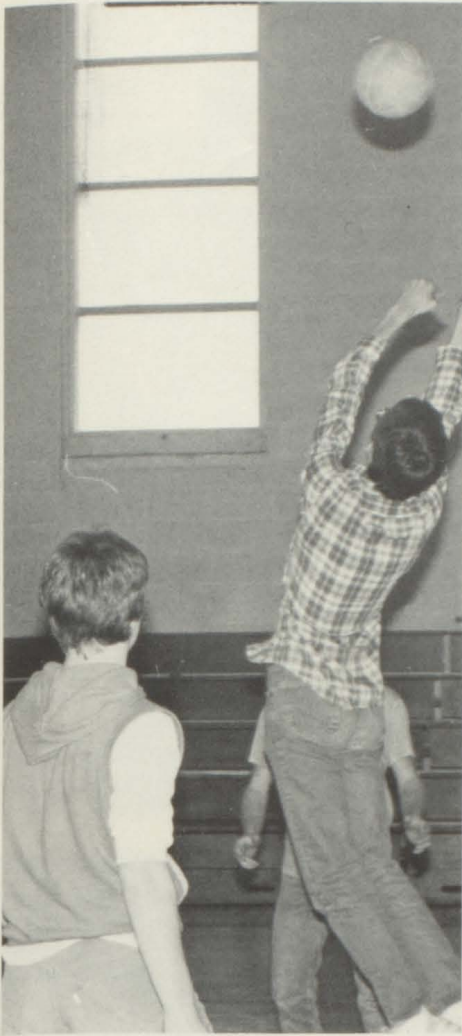
TOP LEFT — English 9: Tammi Haga, Bob Hylton, Phillip Bogle, Anthony Cox
 TOP RIGHT — English 11 — FRONT ROW: Lisa Waddle, Kitten Richardson, Regina Groseclose. CENTER ROW: Doug Farlow, Delisa Miller, Dreama Cox, Joanne Matz. BACK ROW: Packy Morehead, Lisa Morehead, Helen Hamblin, Charlie Stoots. BOTTOM: Joey Newberry actually working in English. CENTER RIGHT — French II: Kitten Richardson and Sherri Wimmer discuss French(men)!

Energetic Bodies Help Expanding Minds

Expanding minds and exercising the body complement each other. To be physically fit students enrolled in physical education classes. Not only did this strengthen the body but it energized the mind and prepared it for learning to cope in a constantly changing society. Studying the moves brought insight to the processes of government.

TOP RIGHT: Lynn Tate takes one of Mr. Beamer's famous Sociology tests, while Norma Harden gives a smile that could equal the famous secretive Mona Lisa. BOTTOM LEFT: Mrs. Gamble's government class watches a film on the Senate. FRONT ROW: Geoff Fanning, Eric Ellison, Paula Mustard, Andrea Cassell, Sonja Asubry, James Farris. CENTER ROW: Tim Neal, Vickie Kincaid, Wesley Wright. BACK ROW: Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Richard Turner. BOTTOM RIGHT: Debbie Simmons researches for a history report.





ABOVE: Steve Cox shows us the latest ballet steps to volleyball. Bob Hylton, Steve Cox, Mike Smelser. BELOW: Stafford Umbarger demonstrates his skill at pegboard climbing.



ABOVE: Mike Smelser puts one down to Roberta Kegley in a confrontation at the net. Mike Smelser, Kenny Froy, Ben Dillow, Marvin Cantrell, Roberta Kegley, Jimmy Barker. BELOW: Mr.

Cantrell shows authority by correcting someone on the sidelines. Mike Smelser, Kenny Froy, Anthony Cox, Eddie Price, Marvin Cantrell, Sherri Wimmer.



Invasion of Apples

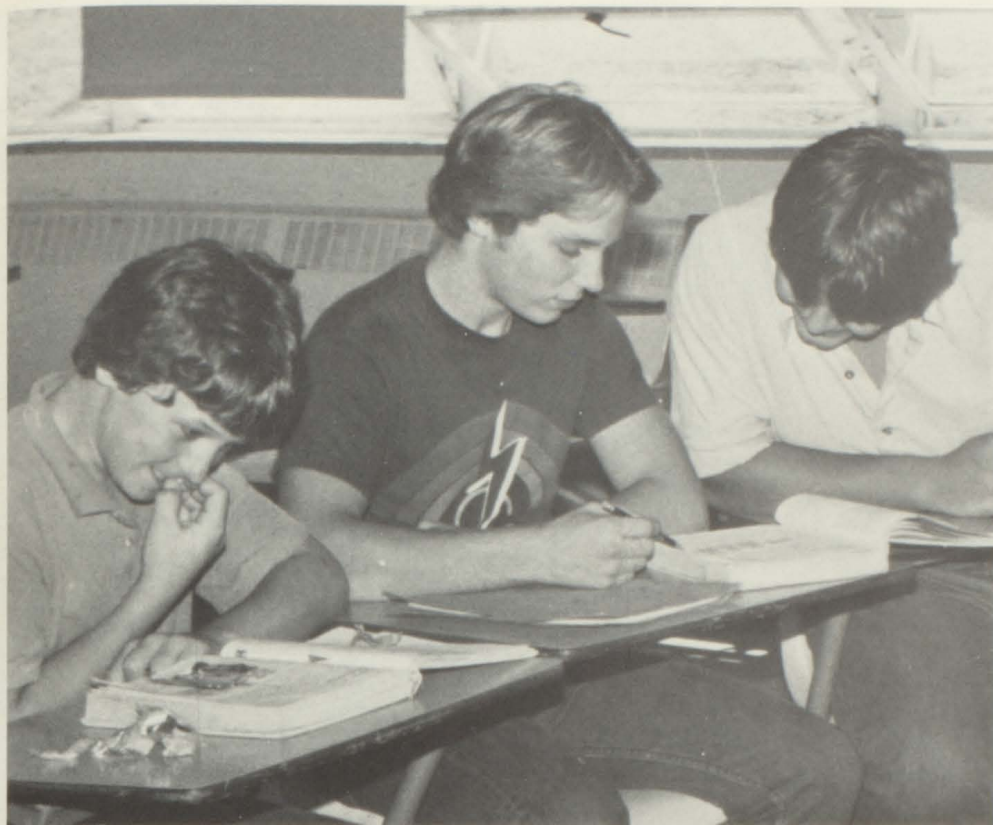
Three brand new "Apples" grace the back of the business room and most students now feel comfortable at the keyboard of the Apple II computers. Students became involved in writing programs using BASIC language, editing, writing multiples of letters, and learning to plot graphics for fun. Often heard were the woeful tones of "What's wrong with my program? It won't run" or "It won't justify my margins." Course titles and content changed and new courses were added to meet state requirements of computer literacy.

Girls in home economics used their skills to turn out beautiful mugs, cups and other ceramic novelties. They also learned the art of candlewicking and earned some extra dollars when they made and sold funnel cakes to school personnel.

Students in shop and agriculture classes made a gun cabinet and a service project for the school — the little gas station which is a covered building to house the school's gas pump. Every student was given the task of making a short talk as an aid to public speaking as well as to learn facts about a special subject relating to agriculture.

TOP: Mrs. Betty Munsey demonstrates making funnel cakes to students Lori Nelson and Dawn Pruitt. CENTER: First-year agriculture students surround Mr. Bill Crabtree to learn the safety procedures in the shop. BOT-TOM: Mrs. Jean Bradberry supervises Roberta Kegley and Karen Strock in the final stages of ceramics.





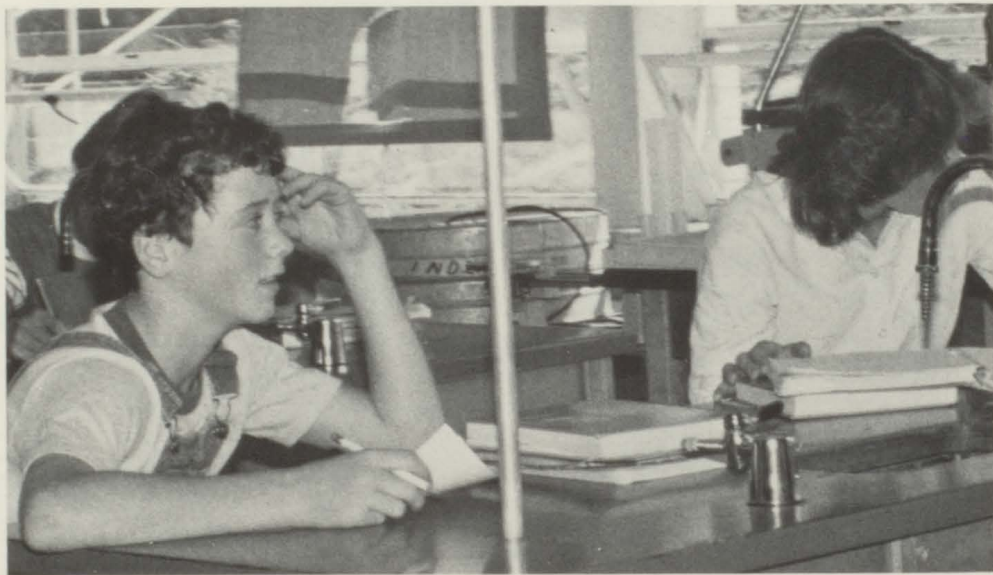
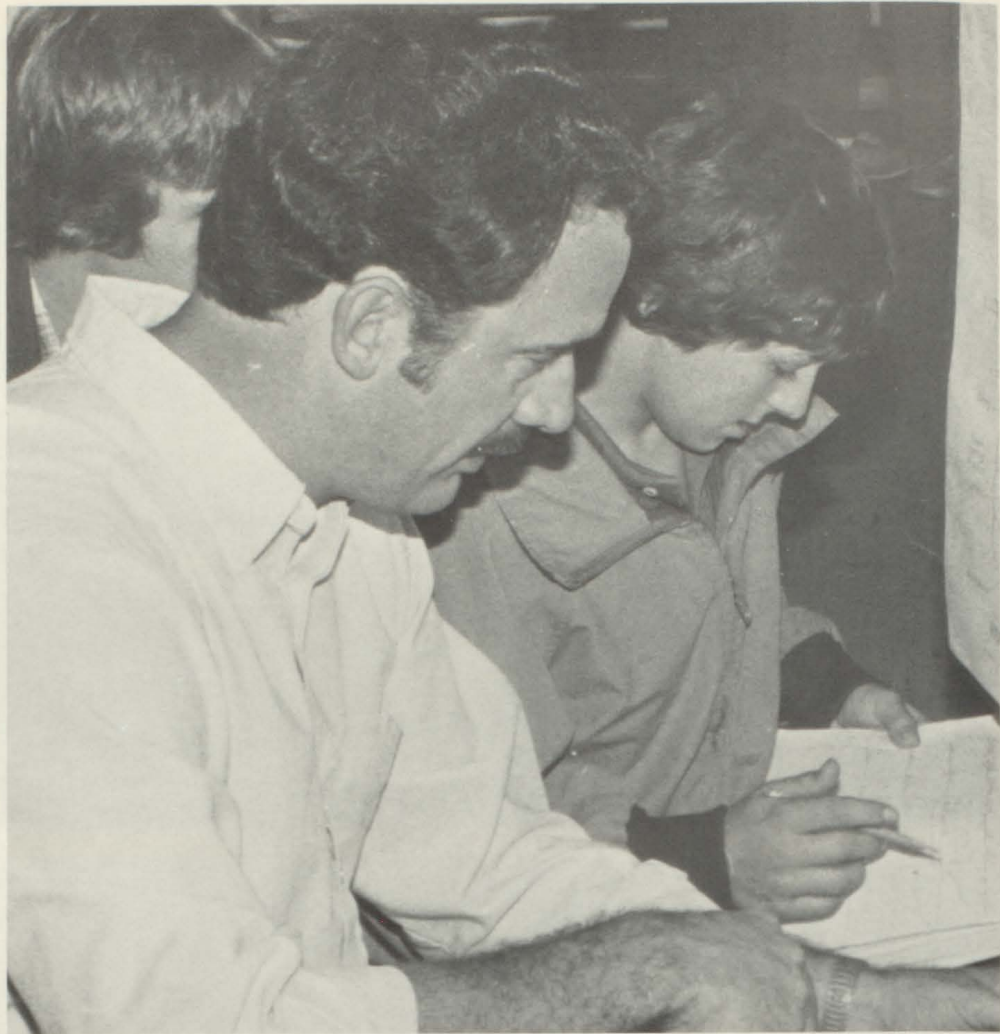
TOP LEFT: Ben Dillow (eating in class Ben?), Jimmy Barker and John Dillow study in General Business. TOP RIGHT — Accounting — FRONT TABLE: Becky Umbarger, Regina Groseclose, Katrina Lilly. BACK TABLE: Donna Dalton, Mike Smelser, Tim Neal. BOTTOM: Barbara Ramsey finds the hall a comfortable place to complete an assignment in Word Processing.



Observing Life Styles In Plants And Animals

What comes in little plastic bags and passes the minutes away by floating around? The answer could require a lot of thought but to those dedicated science students the answer would require no thought. The answer...fish. These were part of a project for observing the various changes in their lifestyles.

Dissecting frogs, studying chemical characteristics of matter and general studies of plant and animal life also filled the students busy schedules.



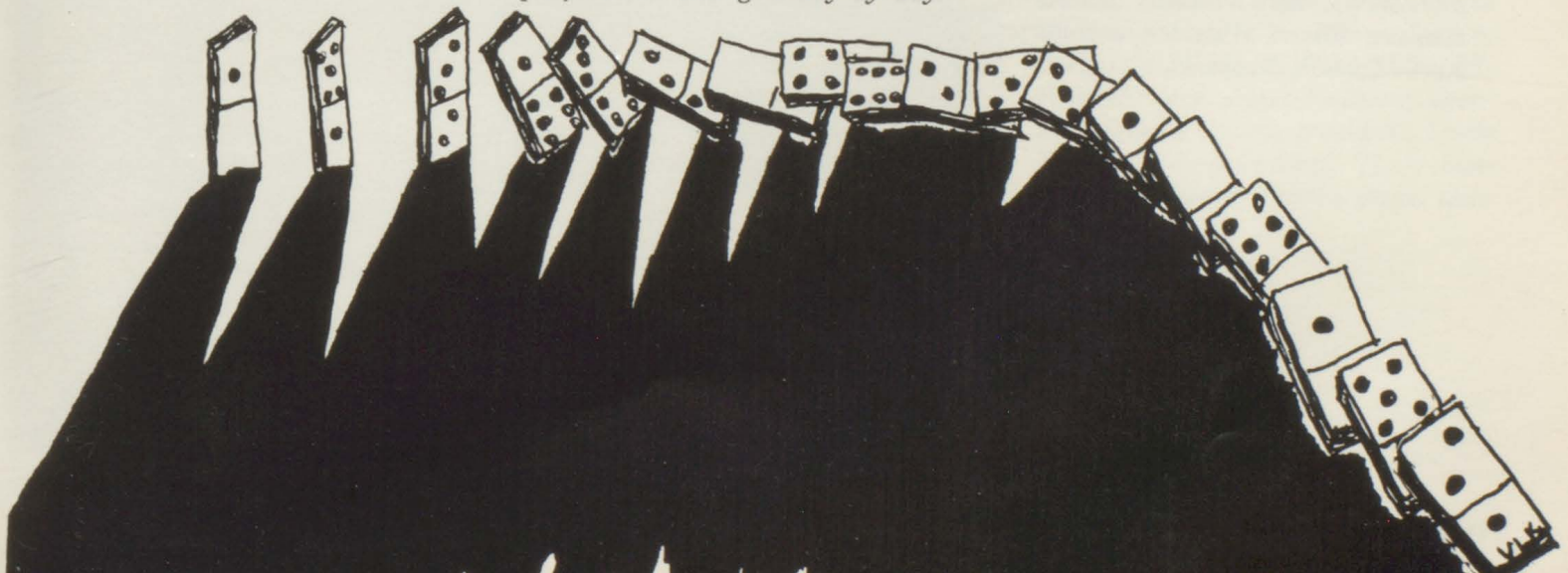
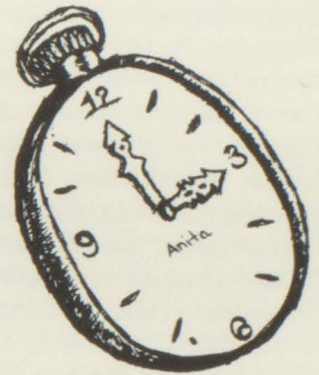
TOP RIGHT: Mr. Marvin Cantrell discusses the anatomy of the worm with Ben Dillow. CENTER LEFT: Sarah Newberry and Darcey Grose close daydream through Physical Science. CENTER RIGHT: Bradley Dillow and Deana Lakey prepare notes for Physical Science. BOTTOM RIGHT: Physics — Sonja Asbury, Linda Ellison, Melanie Cassell, Joyce Alexander, Melba Clemons, Sue Smith and David Braithwaite.



Organizations Organizations Organizations

... The world was our stage, the props were our own creativity and talents, and each of us had a part to act for the performance of "83-84" to be complete. The scenes changed frequently to reveal where we were and what we were striving to accomplish. An important part of this performance occurred each Wednesday from 9-9:45 when a select few led the action. The first Wednesday of each month found class meetings being held; the second week designated FBLA to join ranks; the third Wednesday was set aside for Betas; and the fourth week FFA and FHA members met. All other organizations met during lunch time.

The plans we made together in groups are now only echoes in our memories. The activities and services we performed are facts set down in record or history books to be passed on to other generations. Here they will be read, accepted and improved upon; they can never be the same because the scenes and the performers changed day by day.



Echoes of Accomplishments And Fun

They made it . . . but the hard work and long study hours did not cease because they had to maintain that grade point average in order to remain a member of the Beta Clubs. To be tapped as an eligible candidate, a student must have attained a grade point average of 88 or above.

Early in 1983 the senior Betas began planning and practicing for skit night at the state convention. They

proudly returned with the trophy for first place. In June, those ten members traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to perform "If we were not Betas . . ." at the National Beta Convention.

Autumn, 1983, found Betas' attention focused on the 49th Annual Beta Convention which took place in March, 1984. In order to raise funds for this trip, they sold candy,

citrus fruits, and operated a concession stand at home ballgames. They also worked diligently preparing a scrapbook which was entered for state competition.

Attaining recognition for being an honor student is only part of being a Beta member. Each year the Junior Betas accept and provide a school/community service project.

TOP RIGHT: JUNIOR BETA MEMBERS: (FRONT ROW) Becky Hanshew, Paula Austin, LaMoore Muncy, Tammi Haga, Shaunn Neel, Eric Taylor, Gene Lambert, (2nd ROW) Tracy Kegley, Lynn Tate, Carla Pauley, Hope Townley, Lyle Muncy, Steve Foglesong, Patrick Groseclose, Everett Baxley, (3rd ROW) Sherri Wimmer, Karen Wright, Laura Morehead, Thelma Sue Sarver, Anthony Cox, Marcie Asbury, Eric Strock, Timmy Thompson, (4th ROW) Karin Carlson, Lori Nelson, Lisa Talbert, Teresa Miller, Jeri Lynn Mustard, Angie Thompson, Issis Umbarger, (BACK ROW) Pam Davis, Becky Melwin, Lisa Gravley, Carrie Shelton, Dawn Pruitt, Eddie Price, Laura Cochran, Cindy Crabtree. **CENTER RIGHT:** The tapping of new Beta members. A committee of teachers retires to the guidance office equipped with calculators, pens and student records. After poring over these and rechecking averages, a list is compiled of those eligible for Beta membership. An assembly is scheduled where those eligible are tapped by former members. **BOTTOM RIGHT — JUNIOR BETA OFFICERS:** Tracy Kegley, president; Lynn Tate, vice-president; Mrs. Nancy Gamble, sponsor; Sherri Wimmer, secretary; Karin Carlson, treasurer.





TOP LEFT: After the tapping of new members, each senior Beta candidate is auctioned off to be a three-day slave. Arnie Wimmer is requested to "show a little leg" by the audience as auctioneer, Mr. William Crabtree, prepared to take bids (sometimes going as high as \$40). TOP RIGHT: President, Melanie Cassell and member, Patty Smith, welcome new members into the Beta Club. At the first meeting a candlelight ceremony was held in order to install officers and give the new members the objectives and meaning of the National Beta Club. All members then were treated to refreshments. CENTER: SENIOR BETA MEMBERS — FRONT ROW: Bruce Shelton, Winifred Foglesong, Donna Lambert, Melanie Cassell, Katrina Lilly, Joanne Matz, Patty Smith, Lori Neel. 2ND ROW: Kitten Richardson, Linda Ellison, Tammy Cline, Debbie Warden, Terry Umbarger, Teresa Richardson, Donna Strock, Anita Stowers. 3RD ROW: Joyce Alexander, Gretchen Carlson, Marcy Newberry, Shawna Carr, Eric Ellison, Becky Umbarger, Rita Lambert, Sue Smith. BACK ROW: Karen Asbury, Regina Groseclose, Sonja Asbury, Rebekah Carter, Andrea Cassell, Arnie Wimmer, Mary Anne Cochrane, Steve Cox, Donna Dalton. BOTTOM LEFT: SENIOR BETA OFFICERS: Mrs. Janet Faulkner, sponsor; Melanie Cassell, president; Linda Ellison, vice-president; Terry Umbarger, secretary; Tammy Cline, treasurer.



Deadlines Create Frantic Nerves

"Oh no, I'm not going to be done on time." This comment was heard by any newspaper staff or yearbook staff member as they crammed to meet just one of their many deadlines.

Newspaper staff members were given the responsibility of writing an article for each monthly issue of *The Hilltop News*. Sponsors, Mrs. Jessie Kegley and Mrs. Janet

Faulkner, and last years staff were proud to announce the second place award in state competition for the 1983 competition issues. At the end of the year, members were rewarded for their hard work with a pizza party.

Organization and originality were part of the key ingredients to successfully plan an annual. Students were given the duty of prepar-

ing layouts, writing copy and showing an objective view of daily life at school.

In the Spring, the yearbook staff presented the 1984 yearbook to the student body. Excitement mounted as portions of the new book were read, culminating in the unveiling of the new yearbook.



Staff members. Sonja Asbury, Joyce Alexander, Kathy Melvin, Vickie Kincaid.



Andrea Cassell, yearbook business manager, types one of the many copies to be entered in the annual.



Yearbook Editor, Linda Ellison, and Co-Editor, Melanie Cassell, work diligently on planning pages.



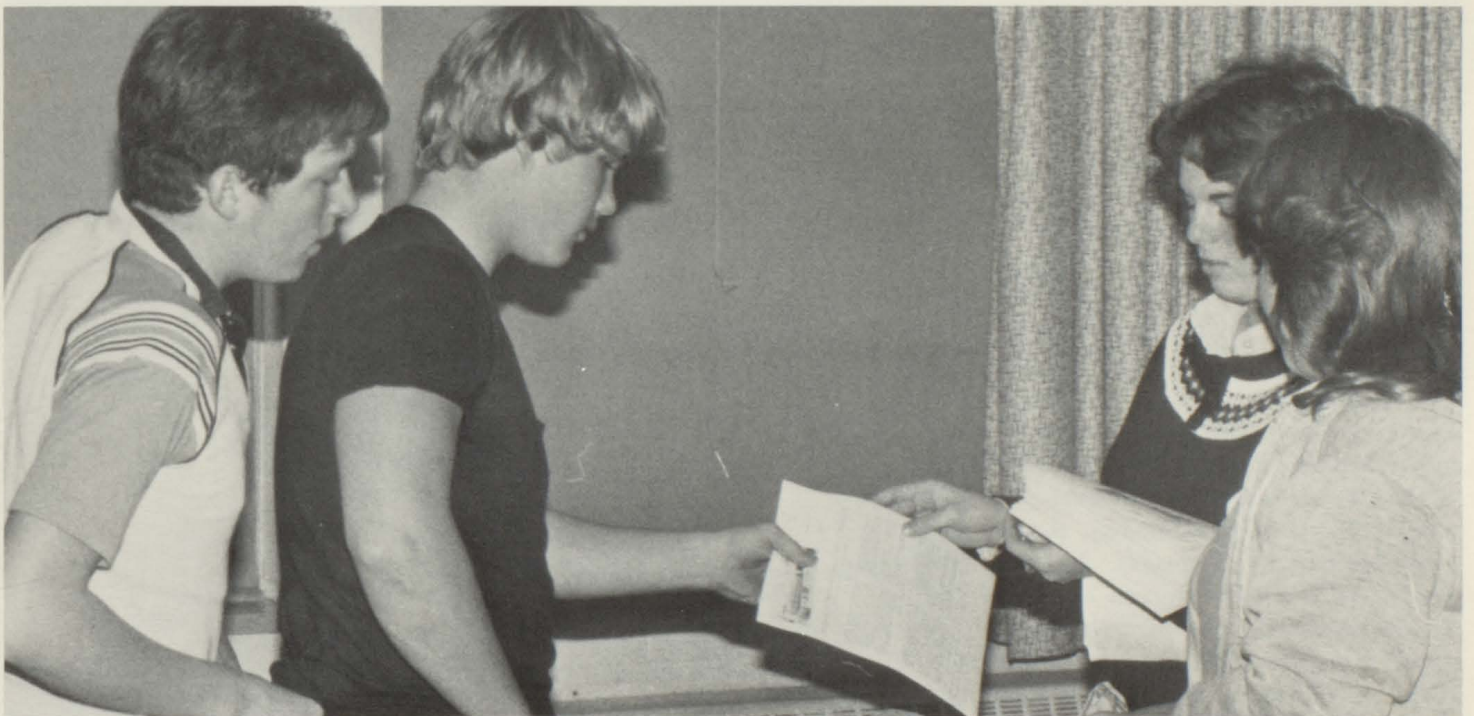
STAFF. SEATED: Sherri Wimmer, JoAnne Matz, Lynn Tate, Eric Taylor. STANDING: Tracy Kegley, Donna Strock, Bruce Shelton, Teresa Miller, Becky Melvin, Debbie Warden, Sonja Asbury, Teresa Richardson.



EDITOR: Joyce Alexander



SPONSORS: Mrs. Janet Faulkner and Mrs. Jessie Kegley



Steve Foglesong and Tommy Brewster purchase newspapers from Joyce Alexander and Sonja Asbury.



TOP: Mr. Beamer is first in line again as Mrs. Gamble, students and faculty wait their turn. CENTER LEFT: "Pizza anyone?" — Tim Neal. CENTER RIGHT. OFFICERS. SEATED: Anita Stowers, president; Rita Lambert, vice-president; Mary Anne Cochran, secretary. STANDING: Donna Dalton, treasurer; Teresa Richardson, reporter; Joyce Alexander, historian; Becky Melvin, parliamentarian. BOTTOM RIGHT: MEMBERS. FRONT ROW: Teresa Miller, Pam Davis, Marcie Asbury, Hope Townley, Thelma Sue Sarver, LaMoore Muncy. 2ND ROW: Becky Melvin, Timmy Davis, LeAnna Mustard, Sue Smith, Donna Dalton, Jeff Kincaid, Everett Baxley. 3RD ROW: Carla Pauley, Becky Umbarger, Tammi Haga, Carrie Shelton, Angie Thompson, Anita Stowers, JoAnne Matz. 4TH ROW: Donna Strock, Teresa Richardson, Andrea Cassell, Joyce Alexander, Rita Lambert, Tracy Kegley, Cindy Crabtree, Helen Hamblin. BACK ROW: Tim Neal, Eric Ellison, Geoff Fanning, Steve Cox, Bruce Shelton, Mary Anne Cochran, Issis Umbarger, Laura Cochran.



Competition Merits Honors

As the school year began anew, so did the forming of clubs. Membership drives brought hopes of having one of the biggest clubs ever. The Future Business Leaders of America started their '83-84 membership drive by offering students a chance to attend a Fall Workshop at Radford University, which gave information on areas of competition for the Spring Workshop, and to view a football game at Virginia Tech.

Members filled their duties as they came up with original ideas and worked hard on the major mon-

ey-making project of the year . . . The Little Miss and Junior Miss Beauty Pageants.

Reports to the State FBLA Chapter, designing bulletin boards, preparing for competition in different business courses, raising money for the March of Dimes Project ASK, (Association for the Study of Childhood Cancer), and other activities filled the minds of active FBLA members.

Last years efforts were rewarded as the Bland FBLA Chapter received a Gold Seal. This was

achieved by receiving an Honor Seal and being ranked among the top 15 percent of active chapters.

Vote, Vote, Vote! This phrase was on the minds of Student Cooperative Association members this year as they elected new club officers and held a mock election. The election consisted of each student marking a ballot for their preferred county officials. The basic duties of trying to fill the student body's needs also were handled by the members.



TOP LEFT. OFFICERS. FRONT ROW: Tracy Kegley, treasurer; Marcy Newberry, secretary; Patty Smith, vice-president; Kaye Cox, president. **BACK ROW:** Tammi Haga, Issis Umbarger, sergeant-at-arms; Arnie Wimmer, reporter; Miss Mary Greever, sponsor. **TOP RIGHT:** S.C.A. sponsor, Miss Mary Greever, and helpers, Barbara Ramsey and Dawn Morehead, tally up votes from the mock election of public officials in November. The results represented the opinion of the student body and also gave them a chance to experience the feel of voting. **BOTTOM LEFT. S.C.A. MEMBERS. FRONT ROW:** Leslee Bennett, Dawn Pruitt, Marcy Newberry, Debbie Warden. **2ND ROW:** Tammi Haga, LaMoore Muncy, Steve Cox, Linda Ellison, Patty Smith. **BACK ROW:** Issis Umbarger, Gary Nelson, Tracy Kegley, Arnie Wimmer.





TOP: Combined marching band from Bland and Rocky Gap participated in Band Day at VPI stadium. Bland was first on the field of the mass band which played three selections. CENTER. BAND OFFICERS: Chuck Turner, president; Ryland Wade, vice-president; Gerhard Schoenthal, reporter; Donna Warden, secretary. BOTTOM. FRONT ROW: Lisa Davis, Lyle Muncy, Donna Warden. BACK ROW: Todd Steffey, Billy Burton, Bradley Davis, Chuck Turner, Gerhard Schoenthal, Ryland Wade.



Quality Production Without Quantity

Lively music of all kinds, but mainly soft rock and jazz, saturated the minds of choir members. The all-girl chorus blended high and low pitch tones to produce quality harmony. Their first performance was for the Miss Echo program. They combined efforts with Rocky Gap for a Christmas concert presented at

Bastian Church of God and at each of the high schools.

Reaching the upper grades, required courses cause conflicts with band class, and students are lost to the academics. This year was no exception — creating a young and small numbered band class. They, too, performed for Miss Echo and

joined the Chorus in Christmas and spring concerts. They also marched in the annual Wytheville Christmas parade.

Combined efforts in the music department found members selling cheese, sausage and spices. Their efforts were rewarded by acquiring new music and folders.



TOP LEFT: Combined with Rocky Gap choir, the Chorus lifted their voices in holiday songs as they presented a Christmas program at each of the schools. TOP RIGHT: Mrs. Karen Green, director for both Band and Chorus at Bland and Rocky Gap Combined Schools. CENTER. CHORUS OFFICERS: Cathy Morehead, president; Sandy Smith, vice-president; Kathy Melvin, secretary-librarian; Vickie Kincaid, reporter. BOTTOM. CHORUS — FRONT ROW: Lee Smith, Paula Mustard, Helen Hamblin, Teresa Umbarger, Andrea Cassell, Dawn Morehead. 2ND ROW: Kim Boardwine, Regina Parris, Julie Clemons, Kathy Melvin, Donna Dalton, Betty Tibbs, Annette King. BACK ROW: Barbara Ramsey, Cathy Morehead, Sharon Wright, Rita Lambert, Lisa Waddle, Sarah Karpenski. NOT PICTURED: Dee Clemons, Vickie Kincaid, Sandy Smith.

A Time of Responsibilities

Responsibilities are a part of every person's life. Over this past year both the VICA and Dramatics Clubs experienced some of the responsibilities life has to offer.

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America prepares its club members for the responsibilities of the working world. Through the classroom and on-the-job experience, the VICA members learned the ways of a business while promoting career growth and independence.

The Dramatics club had different tasks but the responsibilities were still present. Getting every line

memorized and making sure the costumes were perfect was a challenge but through rehearsals all details fell into place.

In March '83 the Club performed a one-act play entitled "The Brick and the Rose" on both regional and state levels. They won both contests.

This year the Dramatics club performed at the Harvest Festival with slapstick versions of well-known

commercials and entered several people in the forensics competition. Gerhard Schoenthal placed first in the boys' extemporaneous speaking and Lynn Tate placed second in the girls' extemporaneous speaking.

The 1984 cast and production crew traveled to Shawsville to present a one-act play, JUVIE. Again they were successful in a district win.

TOP: Clerk Sandy Bane totals purchase for Pam Thompson. BOTTOM LEFT: VICA OFFICERS. FRONT ROW: Terry Umbarger, president; Tammy Cline, secretary; 2ND ROW: David Etter, parliamentarian; Sandy Bane, vice-president; BACK ROW: Ricky Pruitt, reporter. NOT PICTURED — Cecil Compton, treasurer. BOTTOM RIGHT — VICA CLUB. FRONT ROW: Brent Davis, Donna Lambert, Sandy Bane, Tammy Cline, Matt Harman. 2ND ROW: Jimmy Nunley, David Etter, Terry Umbarger, Artie Wolfe. BACK ROW: Marty McPeak, Sam Groseclose, Ricky Pruitt, Eddie Baxley.





TOP LEFT: Eric Taylor and Jeri Mustard in a "take-off" commercial. TOP RIGHT. DRAMATICS OFFICERS: Richard Turner, president; Brad Dillow, vice-president; Paula Austin, secretary; Rita Gusler, treasurer; Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor. BOTTOM LEFT. DRAMATICS CLUB. FRONT ROW: Kitten Richardson, Debbie Warden, Sherri Wimmer, Jeri Mustard, Eric Taylor. 2ND ROW: Teresa Richardson, Jimmy Barker, JoAnne Matz, Lynn Tate, Karin Carlson. 3RD ROW: Angela Strock, Rita Gusler, Jeannie Mallory, Terri Strock, Marcy Newberry. 4TH ROW: Kenny Froy, Wendell Parker, Wesley Wright, Arnie Wimmer, Laura Cochran. BACKROW: Richard Turner, Joey Newberry, Sammy King, David Blankenship, Tim Neal, Mike Smelser. BOTTOM RIGHT: Joey Newberry "struts his stuff" in his version of the commercial ENJOLI.



Echoes of Fun and Work

Forestry and livestock judging? A shop full of citrus fruits? Yes, you guessed it! The Future Farmers of America are at it again! The FFA members raised money from the sales of magazines and citrus fruits. Prizes were chosen by the persons who sold the quantity of magazines indicated. Citrus fruit sales were shared with the Sr. Beta Club and brought a sizeable profit to the organization. As a community-improvement project, the members traveled to Bastian where they assisted with the creating of a ballfield. Some interested members participated in the judging of livestock and forestry.

Many projects to raise money for the most educational trip to Canada have been keeping the French Club members of BHS occupied. The car wash in October began the hard work to increase the club's bank account. Next, many couldn't resist the colorful suncatchers, especially the salespersons, who received various prizes for selling a certain number of the "window beautifiers." Christmas time was the perfect time for peddling the packages of gift wrap paper which pictured different Christmas scenes. Since the sale of candy in tins proved well the previous year, it was also decided on as a money-making project this year.

OFFICERS — Terry Umbarger, president; Eric Ellison, vice-president; Mike Smelser, 2ND vice-president; Ricky Pruitt, secretary; Tim Neal, treasurer; Arnie Wimmer, reporter; Denise Umbarger, sentinel; Mr. William Crabtree, advisor.



FIRST AND SECOND YEAR STUDENTS — FRONT ROW: Lyle Muncy, Todd Steffey, Bradley Davis, Billy Burton, Tony Dent, Larry Lafferty, Eric Strock, Andy Putnam. 2ND ROW: Stafford Umbarger, Patrick Groseclose, Martin Vineyard, Jon Melvin, Shannon King, Bobby Hale, Steve Fanning, Timmy Thompson.

3RD ROW: Jeff Dodson, Cindy Crabtree, Becky Hanshew, Rusty Havens, Mark Hamblin, Scott Lambert, Billy Tolbert, Kevin Fore. 4TH ROW: Greg Davis, Bobby Morehead, Wayne Davis, David Mutter, Tom Brewster, Jeff Robinett, Jamie Chewing, Mark Gusler.



THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH YEAR STUDENTS — FRONT ROW: Sam Groseclose, Mitch Munsey, Brian Mustard, Matt Harmon, Martin Wright, Denise Umbarger. 2ND ROW: Terry Mustard, Billy King, Ricky Faulkner, Paula Mustard, Gary Nelson, Terry Umbarger. 3RD ROW: Sammy

King, James Farris, Steve Foglesong, Mike Smelser, Dreama Cox, Eric Ellison. 4TH ROW: Jeff Cox, Arnie Wimmer, Tim Neal, Wesley Wright, Lonnie Clemons, Marty McPeak, Joe DeWilde. BACK ROW: Lee Steffey, John Dillow, Ricky Pruitt, Richard Turner, Steve Cox, Geoff Fanning.





OFFICERS — Gerhard Schoenthal, president; Linda Ellison, vice-president; Debbie Warden, secretary; Patty Smith, treasurer; Miss Diane Rowe, advisor.



FRONT ROW: Melba Clemons, Sonja Asbury, Katrina Lily, Marcie Newberry, Debbie Warden. 2ND ROW: Becky Melvin, Karen Asbury, Lynn Tate, Linda Ellison, Kitten Richardson, Tammi Haga. 3RD ROW: Sherri Wimmer, David Braithwaite, Jeri Lynne Mustard, Melanie Cassell, LaMoore Muncy, Gerhard Schoenthal. BACK ROW: Lori Neel, Patty Smith, Tracy Kegley, Shaunn Neel, Laura Cochran.



The French Clubs from both Bland and Rocky Gap enjoyed a scenic trip to Can-

ada. Does Rita carry pennies in her shoe? Andrea Cassell, Mary Anne

Cochran, Rita Lambert, and Keith Dinger.



Winnifred Foglesong takes great pains in snapping a photo during a guided tour of Canada. Other area tourists plundered through the deep snow banks trying to return to the van that continued their trip. Andrea Cassell, Mrs. Betty Sue Stowers, Linda Ellison, Melanie Cassell, Rita Lambert, Mary Anne Cochran, Keith Dinger, Mr. Philip Stowers, and Winifred Foglesong.



TOP LEFT. FHA OFFICERS: FRONT ROW: Rita Lambert, president; Mary Anne Cochran, 1st vice-president; Stina Roseberry, 2nd vice-president; 2ND ROW: Dawn Morehead, corresponding secretary; Barbara Ramsey, chaplain; 3RD ROW: Rita Gusler, sergeant-at-arms; Donna Dalton, treasurer; 4TH ROW: Karen Wright, reporter; Tracy Kegley, recording secretary; BACK ROW: Tammi Haga, Issis Umbarger, historians; Mrs. Betty K. Muncy, sponsor. TOP RIGHT: 1ST YEAR MEMBERS — FRONT ROW: Sarah Newberry, Angela Atwell, Darcy Groseclose, Karen Strock, Roberta Kegley 2ND ROW: Angela Dehart, Janet Millirons, Dawn Dillow, Donna Richardson, Maria Foglesong BACK ROW: Katrina Lilly, Elizabeth Turner, Lana Lindamood, Vickie French, Lisa Gravley. CENTER RIGHT: FHA MEMBERS — FRONT ROW: Stina Roseberry, Kitten Richardson, Karen Wright, Kathy Melvin, Donna Strock, Teresa Richardson, Kim Boardwine, Lori Neel 2ND ROW: Amy Drummond, Cathy Morehead, Issis Umbarger, Idette King, Rita Gusler, Angela Strock, Patty Smith, Donna Dalton 3RD ROW: Samantha Hylton, Dawn Morehead, Tammy Mustard, Carla Pauley, Betty Tibbs, Tammi Haga, Teresa Miller, Regina Parris 4TH ROW: Sonja Asbury, Winifred Foglesong, Barbara Ramsey, Lori Nelson, Julie Clemons, Carrie Shelton, Charlotte Harris, Denise King, Lisa Waddle BACK ROW: Donna Alexander, Rita Lambert, Mary Anne Cochran, Helen Hamblin, Tina Fulford, Tracy Kegley, Karen Asbury, Dawn Pruitt, Hope Townley, Joyce Alexander. BOTTOM RIGHT: New officers are installed at the annual Parent-Daughter Banquet. Kim Kidd, Rita Lambert, Donna Dalton.





Fun While Learning

Crisis, alcoholism, pornography and self-esteem were topics of interest and concern for youth of the "now generation." Future Homemakers of America were given the opportunity to learn how to cope with these problems and where to seek help when needed.

A fun-day and shopping excursion to Mercer Mall and Blue-Prince Plaza taught the girls to compare prices and be selective for quality.

Students must have had a year of art or be currently enrolled in art to be eligible for the art club. Their goal was to become more proficient in the mediums of charcoal, water-color, oil and acrylic.



TOP. ART OFFICERS: JoAnne Matz, president; Arnie Wimmer, vice-president; Lynn Tate, secretary/reporter; Richard Turner, treasurer; Mrs. Chris Bird, sponsor. **CENTER. ART MEMBERS:** FRONT ROW: Jennifer Stafford, Teresa Richardson, Debbie Warden, Brian Townley, Lynn Banes, Charlotte Harris. 2ND ROW: Timmy Davis, JoAnne Matz, Marcy Newberry, Betty Tibbs, LeAnna Mustard, Teresa Miller. 3RD ROW: Martin Wright, Sammy Lambert, T.J. Roseberry, Deana Lakey, Angela Strock, Rita Gusler. 4TH ROW: Steve Cox, Gary Mustard, Jimmy Barker, Brad Dillow, Daniel Conley, Karen Wright, Annette King, Paula Austin, Norma Harden, Issis Umbarger. 5TH ROW: Sammy King, Matt Harman, Barry Dillow, Terry Martin, Hope Townley, Freda Davis, Donna Richardson, Tim Neal. BACK ROW: John Dillow, David Blankenship, Wendell Parker, Arnie Wimmer, Vickie French, Mike Morehead, Jeannie Mallory, Richard Turner. **BOTTOM — TALENT IN PROGRESS:** Sherri Wimmer, Barry Dillow, Jimmy Barker, John Dillow, Richard Turner.



Privileges Require Time

Attaining the status of junior high, sixth and seventh graders were now "somebody." As band members they had a few special privileges — they left their classrooms for a brief thirty minutes for band, and they were permitted to march with the high school band. However, they did not consider it a privilege to have to keep track of practice times and were actually expected to record it on sheets which had to be turned in whenever Mrs.

Green called for them.

Another status symbol afforded only seventh graders was being a safety patrol.

The Library Club sponsored three book fairs throughout the year and several movies. The profits gained were earmarked for purchasing computer hardware and software. At the end of the year members pooled their dues for a smackin' good picnic.



TOP: Sherri Wimmer, Carla Pauley, Tammi Haga, Roberta Kegley. CENTER. OFFICERS: Debbie Warden, president; Teresa Richardson, vice-president; Katrina Lilly, secretary; Kitten Richardson, treasurer; JoAnne Matz, reporter; Elizabeth Newberry, sponsor. BOTTOM. MEMBERS — FRONT ROW: Timmy Davis, Teresa Richardson, JoAnne Matz, Debbie Warden, Marcy Newberry, Kitten Richardson, Katrina Lilly. BACK ROW: Sherri Wimmer, Jeri Mustard, Lynn Tate, Carla Pauley, Eric Taylor, Tammi Haga.





TOP. SECOND-YEAR BAND — FRONT ROW: Sarah Strock, Tiffany Bowen, Tonya Smith, Julie Pauley, Lori Perkins, Tammy Davis. 2ND ROW: Kathy Kidd, Mike Nelson, Chip Bird, John Stafford, Shawn Nelson, Aaron Newberry. BACK ROW: Ellis Wade, Robbie Waddle. CENTER. FIRST-YEAR BAND — FRONT ROW: Samantha Waddle, Dusty King, Tonya Looney. 2ND ROW: Brian Fore, Donna Lambert, Chad Thompson. BACK ROW: Alan Cassell, John Mustard, Doug Boardwine. BOTTOM. SAFETY PATROL — They were real easy to spot wearing those bright orange shoulder and belt straps. They felt important being entrusted the responsibility of helping kindergarteners and seeing that some discipline was maintained on the buses. Occasionally it was necessary to report "wayward" souls to the office. FRONT ROW: Amanda Baxley, Tammy Davis, Rusty Warden, Sonya Chewing, Tammy Swanson, Julie Pauley. 2ND ROW: Sarah Strock, Kathy Kidd, Randy Dillow, Heath Muncy. 3RD ROW: Shawn Nelson, Chip Bird, Robbie Waddle, Tonya Smith, Jimmy Blevins, Tiffany Bowen, Lori Perkins. 4TH ROW: John Stafford, Scott Wellman, Michael Fanning, Patricia Nelson, Charmin Gravley, Cheryl Graham. BACK ROW: Sammy Simmons, Ellis Wade, Mike Nelson, Kevin Cox, Kim Crabtree, Billie French.

Echoes of Special Days

Not invasion from outer space, but Halloween induced students to don capes, masks and paint in celebration of the age-old special day.

*TOP: Fred rarely misses a day and has no report card, but he brings a smile to all. Teachers grin, grit their teeth and **again** escort Fred outside where he waits patiently until the door opens and he waddles back to the hall. CENTER LEFT: Donna Strock transforms Sammy King. CENTER RIGHT: Not Batman, but Jimmy Mack Brown. BOTTOM LEFT: Paula Mustard, Sammy King, Rita Gusler, Donna Strock, Kathy Melvin, Teresa Richardson. BOTTOM RIGHT: Beta witches Mary Ann Cochran, Andrea Cassell, Kaye Cox.*



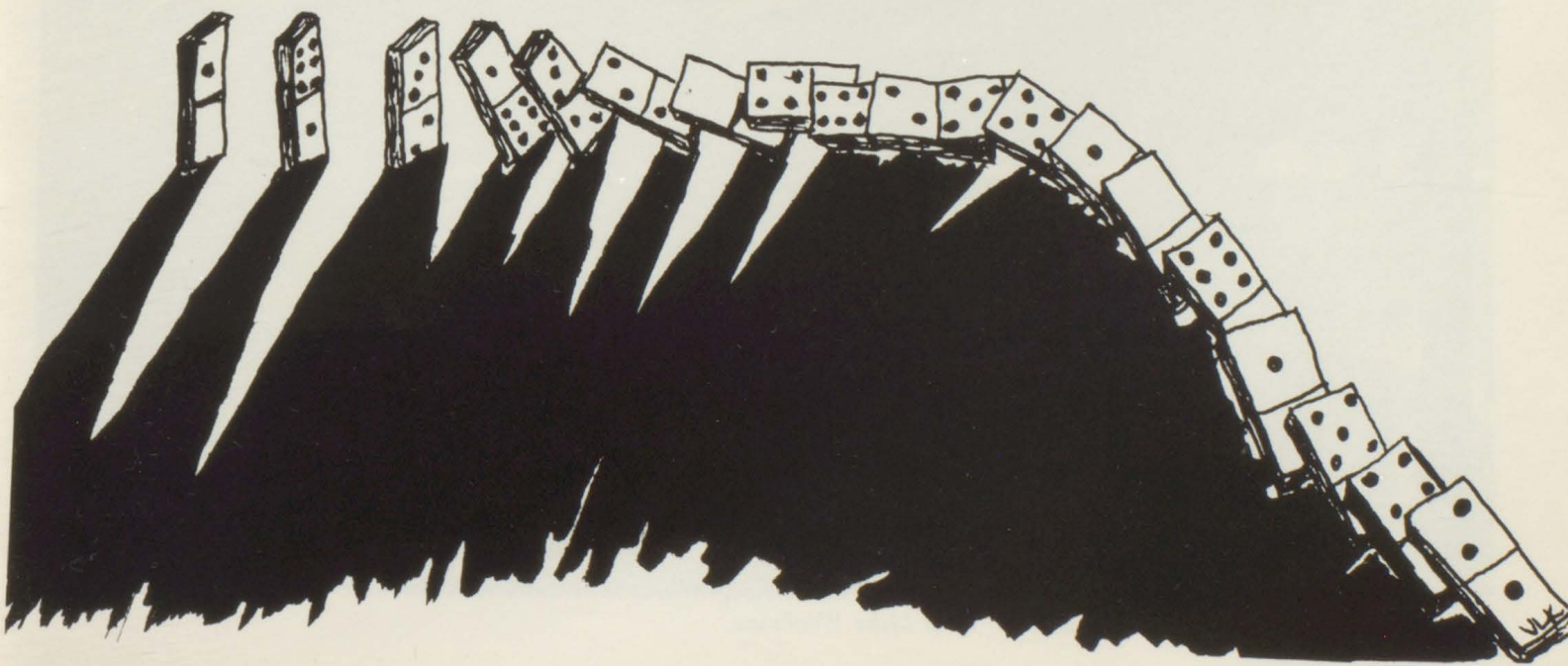
Athletics

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... Mornings prior to 8:30 found the gymnasium silent and dim, the only light descending from the windows. As students arrived, lights diffused the dimness and active voices and bodies brought the gym to life. After school hours found it teeming with basketball practices, cheerleaders learning new routines and perfecting old ones, volleyball hopefuls working on a good serve and setting up to the front row, tennis and baseball practice, when the air outside was still too nippy for comfort, and constant conditioning for health and enjoyment. Games were won and lost where joy and sometimes anger echoed across the bleachers. When the last score was tallied and the final uniform tucked away, the playing areas once again became silent and dark to await the next scheduled event.



Feb. 5	Bland	21	Mt. Rogers	16
		8	Shawsville	21
		14	Shawsville	21
Feb. 17		15	Fries	7
		15	Fries	13
		11	Fries	15
		15	Rocky Gap	10
		15	Rocky Gap	9
Feb. 21		5	Shawsville	15
		15	Shawsville	10
		4	Shawsville	15
		15	Independence	6
		15	Independence	10
WINS-8		LOSSES-5		



VOLLEYBALL — FRONT ROW: Debbie Warden, Teresa Richardson, Karen Wright, Kim Kidd. **2ND ROW:** Anita Stowers, Tracy Kegley, Laura Cochran, Kaye Cox. **3RD ROW:** Linda

Ellison, Patty Smith, Mary Anne Cochran, Valerie Lambert. **BACK ROW:** Coach Marvin Cantrell. Not pictured: Jeannie Mallory and Vickie Kincaid.

Arenas Echo With Wins And Losses

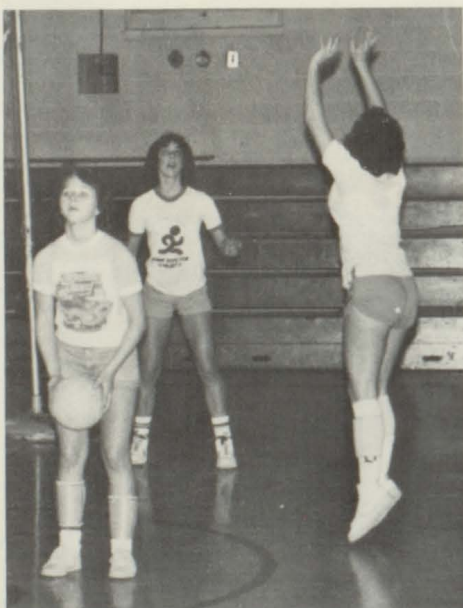
"Spike it!" Anyone who didn't know the terminology might have thought the gymnasium was turning into a place for mixing drinks! However, this was the only one of Coach Marvin Cantrell's commands to the volleyball team for methods of securing points against the opponents. The thirteen team members had to practice before school hours — giving up those early morning sleeping minutes. With

the loss of only two members, Mr. Cantrell and the team are looking forward to a powerhouse season in 1984.

Singles, doubles and multiples are terms that revealed the gymnasium as a churning mass of bodies and jumping ropes. Once again students combined their skills and endurance in a "Jump-a-thon." Sponsors specified monetary donations per hour a student jumped

with all monies being given to the Heart Fund.

Spring training means only one thing — baseball. A team of 16 members began practicing with Coach Gary Collins the middle of February. With only one year of experience behind them the coach and team did not expect spectacular records, but hoped to be competitive.



"Set-up" practice with Debbie Warden, Laura Cochran and Teresa Richardson.



Opposing Floyd County misses the chance to return Valerie Lambert's spike. Referee is Mike Woolwine.

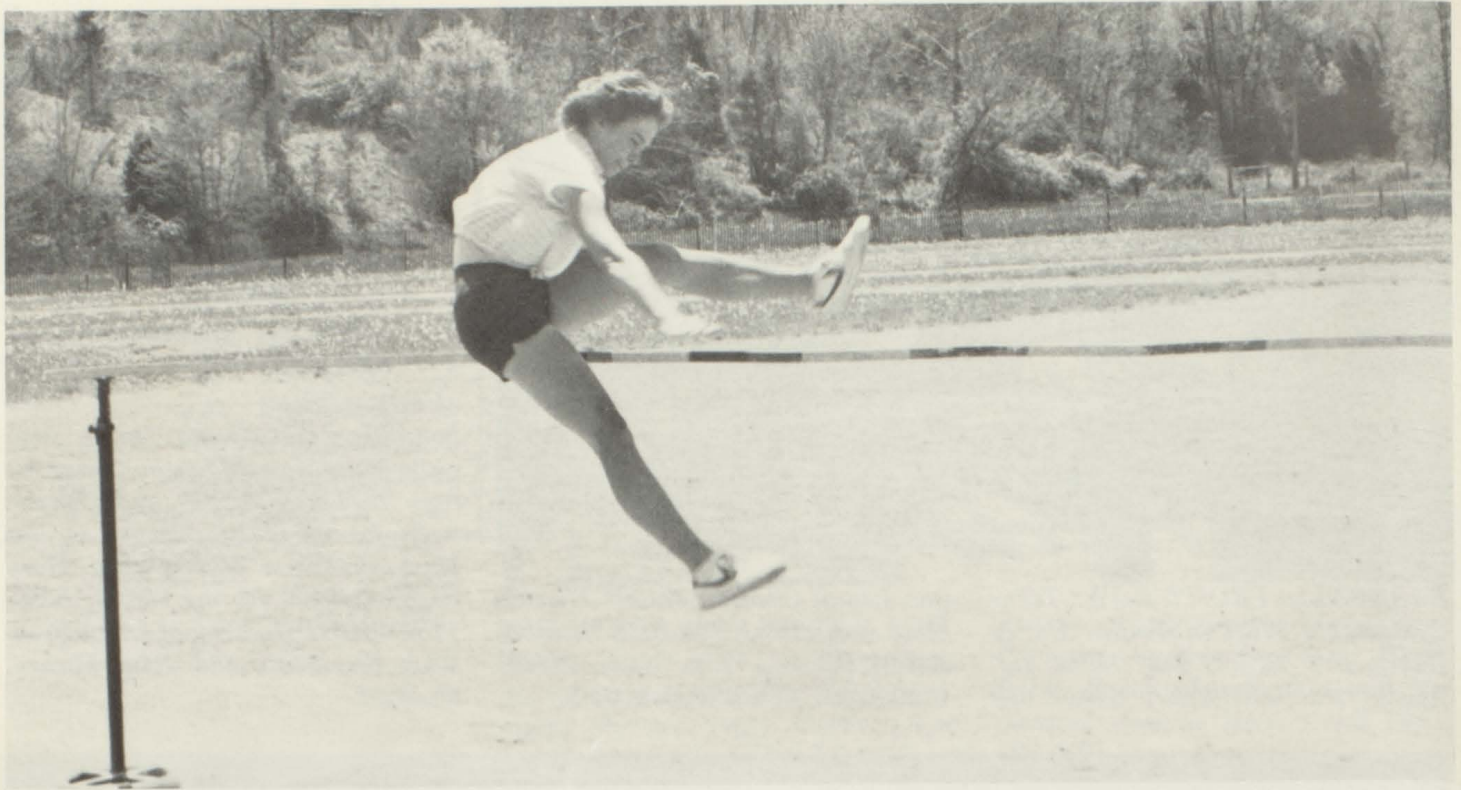


BASEBALL. FRONT ROW: Terry Umbarger, Matt Harman, Barry Dillow, Eric Taylor, Ben Dillow, T.J. Roseberry. 2ND ROW: Eric Ellison, Jeff Cox, Lonnie Clemons, Lonnie Thomas, Steve Cox. 3RD ROW: Geoff Fanning, Brian Pauley, Tim Neal, Barry Underwood, Coach Gary Collins.

Apr. 12	Bland 4	Auburn	7
19	9	Fries	6
22	5	Fort Chiswell	15
May 4	6	Shawsville	7
5	4	Floyd	5
6	4	Auburn	3
10	4	Floyd	10
11	7	Fries	16
OVERALL			
WINS 6		LOSSES 10	

JUMP-A-THON — CENTER: Bobby Boardwine and Angela Strock jump while Paula Mustard takes a turn at the rope. BOTTOM LEFT: Allan Massie turns for David Braithwaite as Jeri Mustard, Sherri Wimmer and Tracy Kegley prepare for the run-in. BOTTOM RIGHT: Individual jumping are Doug Boardwine and John Michael Mustard.





Patty Smith takes things slow and easy as she jumps the bar in the high jump competition.



Relaxing and enjoying a day in the sun are Mr. Havens, Mr. Beamer and several elementary students.

RIGHT — Muscles in motion! Lisa Tolbert takes a strong stand as she prepares to throw the shotput. Her stand paid off as she took first place in this competition. LEFT — Copycat! Mr. Cantrell copies Tim Neal's form as Tim gets ready to throw the discus.



Athletic Field Echoed With Fun And Tension

Athletes from both county high schools — Bland and Rocky Gap — came together on May 10 for a test of ability, strength, and to have fun at the fifth annual field day.

Tension was high as students tried their best. Those placing in an event were given ribbons and the school with the overall highest score was to be given a trophy. At the end of the day after the final scores were tallied Rocky Gap prevailed and took the trophy.

The following is a list of first place winners in the high school competition: Shop put: Lisa Tolbert and Matt Harmon; High jump: Teresa Umbarger and Artie Wolfe; Softball

throw: Lisa Tolbert; Discus: Geoff Fanning; Running broad jump: Bruce Shelton. Participants in the mile relay were Barry Underwood, Tony Lambert, Mike Smelser and Richard Turner.

With the thoughts of winning ribbons and expressing school spirit many elementary students, grades 4 through 7, participated in the Elementary Field Day on May 9. Each student showing excellent athletic skills in a certain event were rewarded with a ribbon. When the final score for each school was announced, Bland Elementary was the overall winner and received a trophy.

Practicing, hoping and concentration paid off as the following placed first in each event:

Softball throw: Patrick Smith, Patricia Stowers, Samantha Tickle and Mark Hamblin; High jump: Patrick Smith, Ellis Wade, Roberta Kegley and Brian Blevins; Standing broad jump: Amanda Harden, Heather Smith, Kevin Dent, Julie Pauley, Roberta Kegley and Mark Hamblin; Running broad jump: Miracle Mitchem, Randy Clemons, Jim Blevins and Roberta Kegley; 100 yard dash: Randy Clemons, Ellis Wade and Mark Hamblin; 50 yard dash: Randy Clemons and Ellis Wade.



Happiness is expressed by Mr. Kegley as Mr. Cantrell hands him the trophy to take to Rocky Gap for their victory. Mr. Crabtree and Jeff Vineyard observe.



FAR LEFT — Abracadabra! This word could have been used by Bruce Shelton as he magically won the running broad jump. LEFT — Without a talent the height of this bar could be difficult to jump, Artie Wolfe seemed to have this talent as he amazingly jumped head first over the bar, which was taller than he was. He claimed first place in this event.

Practice Improves Skills

The thrill and excitement of being part of a team was dimmed only by the conditioning and workouts required to remain on a team. We ran laps around the gym and up and down the steps until our muscles cried out to stop. And not only our muscles, but our lungs had to learn strength and stamina if we were to last more than one quarter. Our first game with Radford really tested our talents and our nerves. Close calls with other teams prepared us for the years ahead.

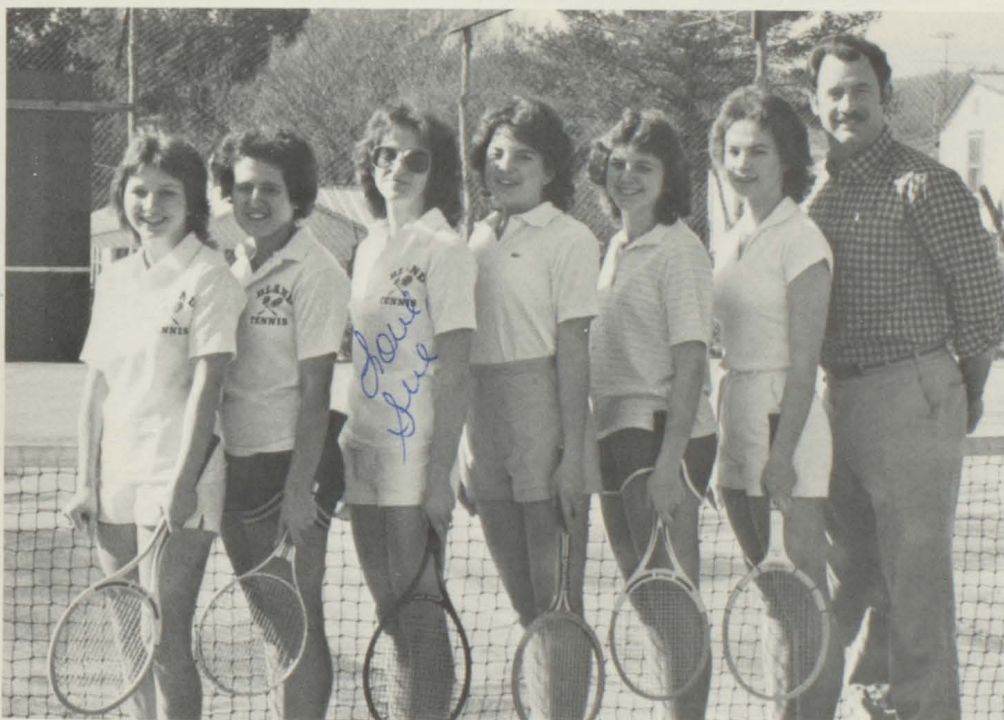
Practice started when the weather was still cold. Our lips turned blue and our hands were so numb

we could scarcely hold a racket. The six-member tennis team had a mediocre year. The previous experience was not enough to outmaneuver the opponents. With all six members returning Coach Cantrell and the team are expecting a much better season for 1984

Bland	29	Radford	13
Bland	29	Christiansburg	17
Bland	40	Fries	20
Bland	24	Independence	45
Bland	38	Floyd	52
Bland	35	Ft. Chiswell	30
Bland	30	Auburn	20
Bland	46	Shawsville	41
Bland	32	Fries	24
Bland	21	Floyd	45
Bland	22	Fort Chiswell	39
Bland	37	Auburn	30
Bland	41	Shawsville	37
		WON-9	LOST-4

TOP RIGHT: Andy Putnam closely studies the strategy of the court. BOTTOM LEFT: Brian Townley goes up for two points against Shawsville. BOTTOM RIGHT. FRONT ROW: Brian Townley, Bradley David, Bradley Dillow, Todd Steffey, Andy Putnam, Scott Lambert. BACK ROW: Shannon King, Robert Lambert, Mark Gusler, Jeffrey Robinette, Mike Hounshell, Ritchie Havens. NOT PICTURED — Coach Gary Collins.





Bland	7	Auburn	2
Bland	6	Ft. Chiswell	3
Bland	3	Shawsville	6
Bland	6	Auburn	3
Bland	2	Independence	7
Bland	5	Floyd	4
WON-4		LOST-2	

TOP LEFT: Poised and ready is Sue Smith as she prepares to hit the ball. TOP RIGHT: Just another easy shot for Linda Ellison. CENTER RIGHT: Debbie Warden stretches to lob the ball to the opponent. BOTTOM LEFT: Debbie Warden, Teresa Richardson, Sue Smith, Rita Lambert, Linda Ellison, Patty Smith, Coach Marvin Cantrell.

TOP RIGHT. JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM — FRONT ROW: Tammy Mustard, Roberta Kegley, Tammi Haga, Sherri Wimmer, Lisa Gravley. BACK ROW: Issis Umbarger, LaMoore Muncy, Kim Crabtree, Cindy Crabtree, Samantha Hylton. NOT PICTURED Coach Gary Collins. CENTER LEFT: Sherri Wimmer goes in for a layup. CENTER RIGHT: Samantha Hylton tries a shot for two. BOTTOM: LaMoore Muncy takes a jumpshot while Kim Crabtree, Tammi Haga, and Samantha Hylton wait to assist.



Bland	27	Rich Valley	20
Bland	21	Auburn	17
Bland	13	Shawsville	21
Bland	16	Floyd	40
Bland	35	Fries	17
Bland	27	Mt. St. Helens	10
Bland	34	Ft. Chiswell	22
Bland	27	Rural Retreat	32
Bland	22	Rocky Gap	13
Bland	32	Independence	40
Bland	25	Auburn	17
Bland	27	Shawsville	17
Bland	20	Floyd	46
Bland	39	Fries	25
		WON-9	LOST-5



Hopefuls Vie for a Position

Hopes of a successful season or just the honor of donning a uniform, boys and girls vied for a place on the junior varsity squads. The practice area seemed to be filled with young hopefuls. From these, ten girls and fourteen boys were selected. The girls cover a four-grade span: one each from the 7th and 8th grades, seven from the 9th and one from the 10th. The boys sport five

9th graders, eight 10th grade and one from the 8th grade.

Following the team selection, the players were subjected to long hours of practicing, drilling, and conditioning. The girls first game with Rich Valley on August 29 proved to be a winner. From then on it was all systems go and they completed a winning season with 13 wins out of 20 games.

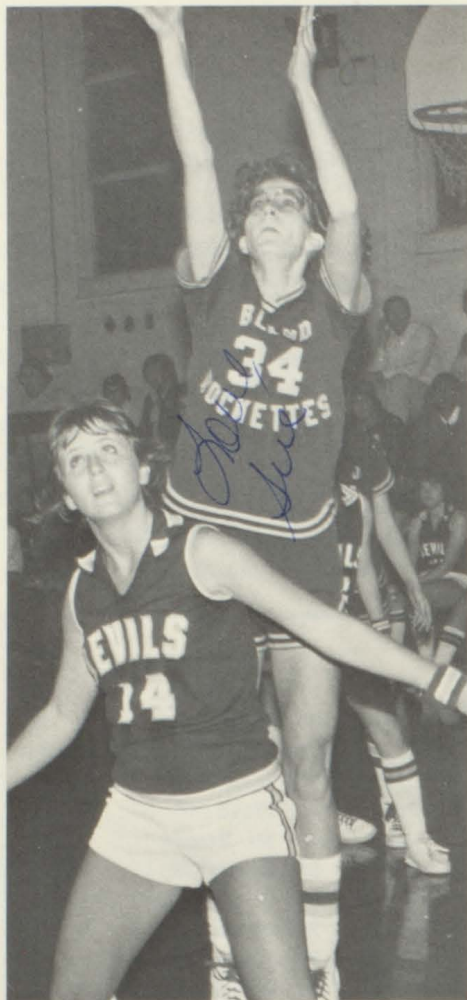
Nervous anticipation and excitement accompanied the JV boys to Pocahontas for the first season game. Winning by a margin of 20 points boosted their morale and gave them confidence to win the next two with a small margin. Then their luck changed and they hit a losing streak to end the season with only 7 wins out of 18 games.



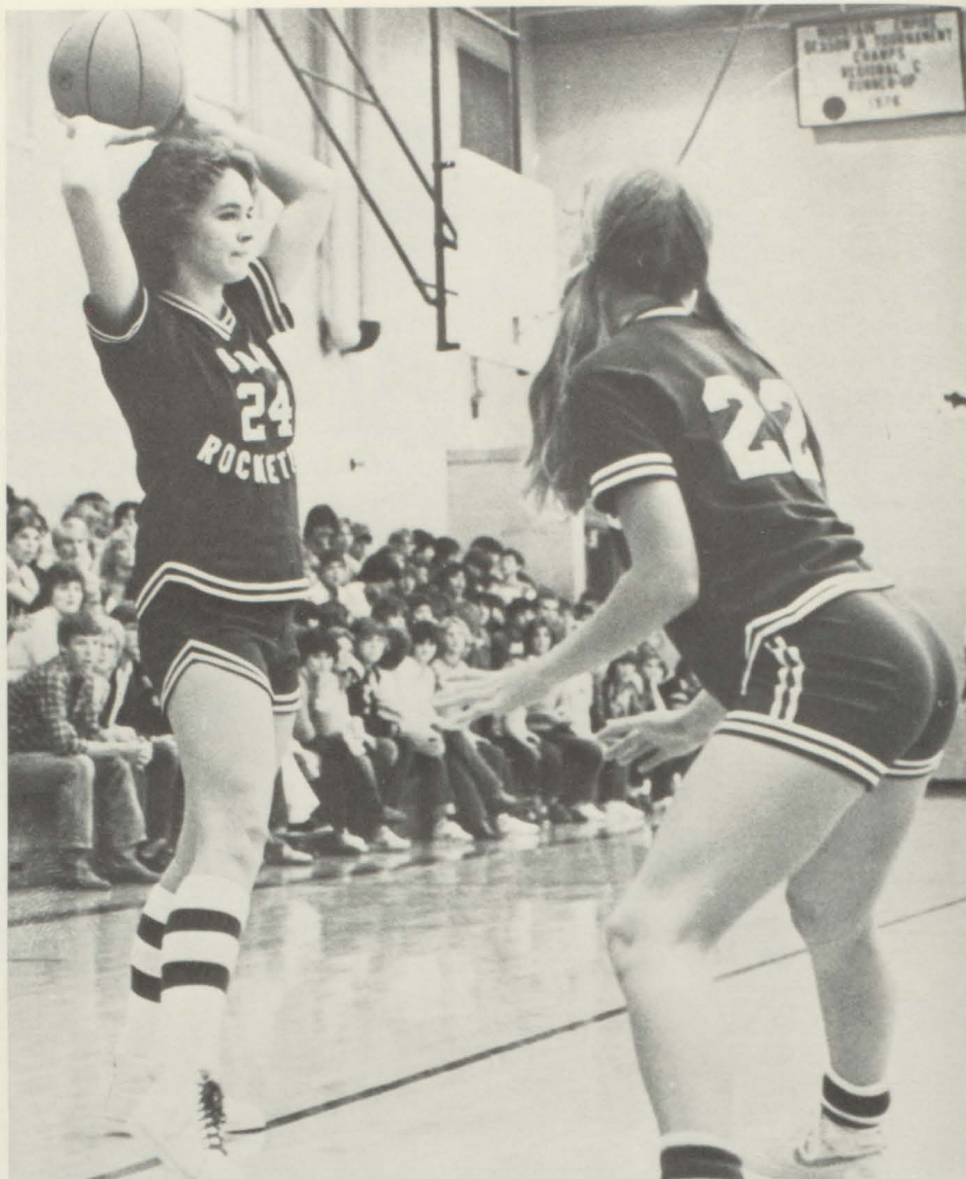
Bland	38	Pocahontas	18
Bland	38	Rich Valley	33
Bland	38	Fries	29
Bland	38	Independence	57
Bland	47	Floyd	59
Bland	47	Mt. Rogers	35
Bland	35	Rocky Gap	38
Bland	36	Ft. Chiswell	43
Bland	20	Auburn	59
Bland	32	Shawsville	39
Bland	41	Pocahontas	45
Bland	38	Mt. Rogers	17
Bland	28	Fries	34
Bland	28	Independence	35
Bland	19	Floyd	56
Bland	56	Rich Valley	32
Bland	37	Rocky Gap	31
Bland	34	Ft. Chiswell	60
WON-7		LOST-11	



TOP LEFT: JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS TEAM — FRONT ROW: Ben Dillow, Rusty King, Bodie Miller, Glen Eaton, Eric Taylor, Bob Hylton, Barry Dillow. BACK ROW: Gene Lambert, Steve Foglesong, Shaunn Neel, Jeff Cox, Kenny Froy, Steve Fanning, Ritchie Havens. NOT PICTURED: Coach Gary Collins. BOTTOM LEFT: Caught at center Steve Fanning tries to edge past the opposing Shawsville player. BOTTOM RIGHT: From the outside perimeter Barry Dillow shoots high over the head of a Shawsville team member.



TOP LEFT: Independence fails to block Sue Smith as she goes up for two points.
TOP RIGHT: Calm, cool, and collected — Patty Smith seems confident against Rocky Gap's Laurie Parks.



Bland	36	Rich Valley	56
Bland	45	Auburn	17
Bland	46	Shawsville	41
Bland	27	Floyd	51
Bland	59	Fries	33
Bland	36	Mt. Rogers	28
Bland	68	Ft. Chiswell	36
Bland	57	Rural Retreat	66
Bland	56	Rocky Gap	52
Bland	63	Independence	46
Bland	42	Auburn	37
Bland	35	Shawsville	45
Bland	43	Floyd	56
Bland	78	Fries	48
Bland	64	Mt. Rogers	37
Bland	61	Rural Retreat	63
Bland	45	Ft. Chiswell	41
Bland	51	Rich Valley	53
Bland	51	Rocky Gap	43
Bland	51	Independence	39
WON-13		LOST-7	



VARSIITY: Teresa Richardson, Sue Mary Anne Cochran, Kaye Cox, Anita Smith, Rita Lambert, Tracy Kegley, Stowers, Becky Umbarger, Manager Patty Smith, Coach Marvin Cantrell, Donna Dalton.



"Where's my towel?" Coach Marvin Cantrell

Season of Excitement

Judging by wins and losses the Bland Varsity teams had a rather mediocre season, but, to the team members and their supporters it was an exciting season. The Rockettes endured hardship during the first weeks of practice while the BHS gym floor was being refinished. They shaped up in the gym at Ceres.

The Rockets had a memorable season also. Senior Geoff Fanning reached a high in any player's career. He scored his 1000th point in the game with arch-rival Rocky Gap.

Senior team members were saddened as the season came to a close and they played their last game or sat their last "sit" on the bench.



Muscles in action as Ricky Pruitt goes up against Independence.



Mike Smelser gets a slight edge over Independence.



VARSITY. FRONT ROW: Arnie Wimmer, Barry Dillow, Coach Marvin Cantrell, Ronnie Dillow, Mike Smelser. **BACK ROW:** Tim Neal, Jimmy Mac-

Brown, Richard Turner, Ricky Pruitt, Geoff Fanning, Sammy King, Chuck Turner.

Bland	54	Pocahontas	57
Bland	65	Rich Valley	62
Bland	67	Fries	61
Bland	50	Independence	52
Bland	69	Floyd	60
Bland	85	Mt. Rogers	54
Bland	43	Rocky Gap	48
Bland	44	Ft. Chiswell	61
Bland	54	Auburn	64
Bland	54	Auburn	64
Bland	43	Shawsville	45
Bland	60	Pocahontas	48
Bland	77	Mt. Rogers	39
Bland	62	Fries	49
Bland	37	Independence	50
Bland	67	Floyd	96
Bland	54	Rich Valley	51
Bland	57	Rocky Gap	59
Bland	64	Ft. Chiswell	70
Bland	62	Auburn	47
WON-9		LOST-10	

Being a Cheerleader Was No Piece of Cake

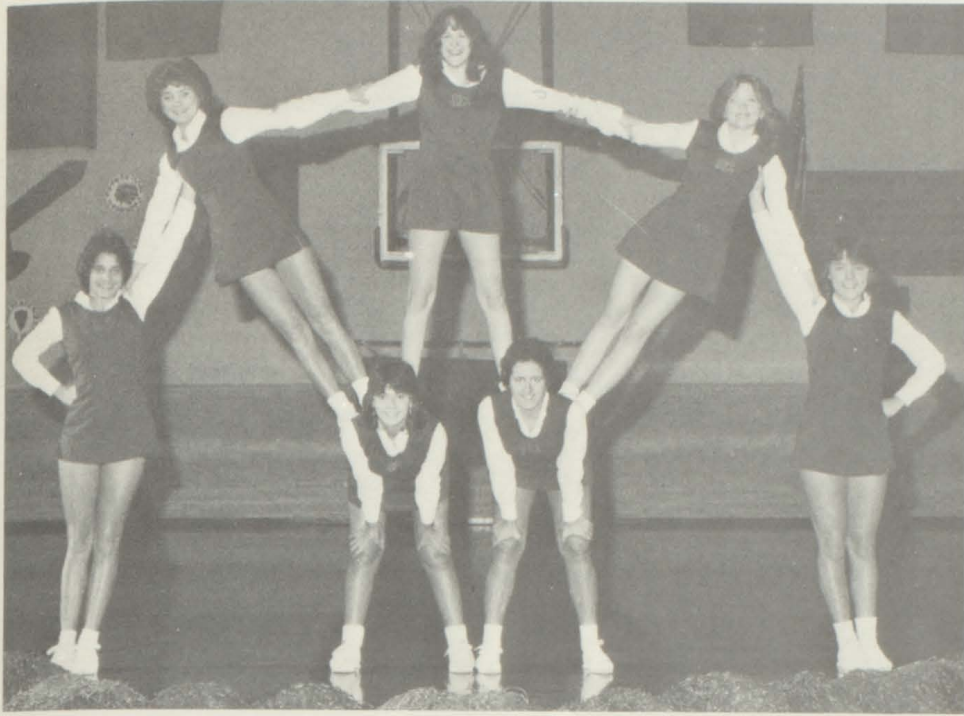
Louder girls is what we remember most during our practice sessions. Getting the gym was sometimes a problem due to basketball practice but the halls and dressing room provided ample space.

Being a cheerleader was fun, but it was not a "piece of cake." Learning new and old cheers, formations without breaking any bones and getting our voices up to par required many extra hours of work.



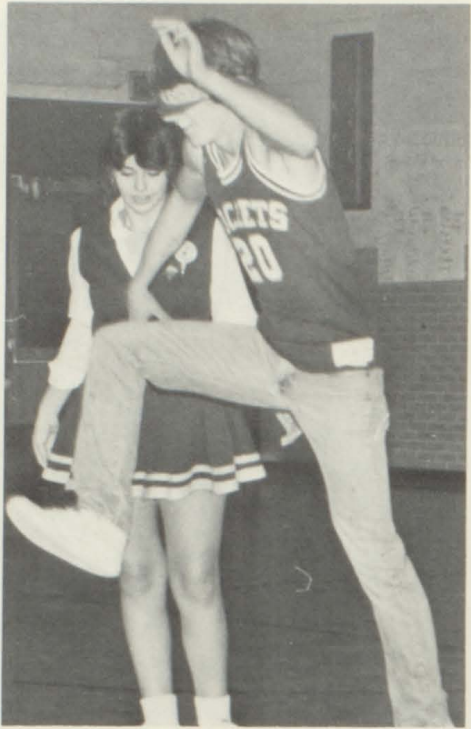
TOP: Denise Umbarger coaches blindfolded ball player Barry Dillow through an obstacle course (props were removed after the game) (props were escorted from the gym). LEFT: Cheerleading Coach Ms. Sandy Green. RIGHT. BOTTOM ROW: Laura Cochran, Denise Umbarger, Angie Thompson. TOP ROW: Sherri Wimmer, Lynn Tate, Tammi Haga.





TOP LEFT. VARSITY — BOTTOM ROW: Mary Anne Cochran, Lori Neel, Teresa Richardson, Kaye Cox. TOP ROW: Delisa Miller, Gretchen Carlson, Shawna Carr. TOP RIGHT: Senior Mary Anne Cochran. CENTER: POM-POM ROUTINE — FRONT ROW: Laura Cochran, Lori Neel, Mary Anne Cochran, Gretchen Carlson. BACK ROW: Lynn Tate, Sherri Wimmer, Denise Umbarger. BOTTOM: Moment of elation — Teresa Richardson, Gretchen Carlson, Lori Neel, Kaye Cox.





TOP LEFT. Lori Neal escorts Arnie Wimmer around a make believe obstacle course. TOP RIGHT. Miss Diane Rowe passes a tennis ball to Mr. Richard Havens in a relay race (neck-to-neck). Mr. Tommy Bird observes. BOTTOM RIGHT. Spirit soars as students get involved in the pep rally. BOTTOM LEFT. Jimmy Mac Brown and Karin Carlson wear the latest in fashion.



Costuming Highlights Homecoming

What gala event brought a large amount of activity and excitement to Bland Combined? What else, but homecoming week.

The week started as students dressed the designated costume for each day. Monday saw students in longhandles and shorts. Tuesday brought army apparel while the nostalgia of the fifties was remembered on Wednesday. Thursday

found boys dressed as girls and vice versa as it was titled opposite day. Friday gave way to Rocket supporters as they dressed in maroon and gold.

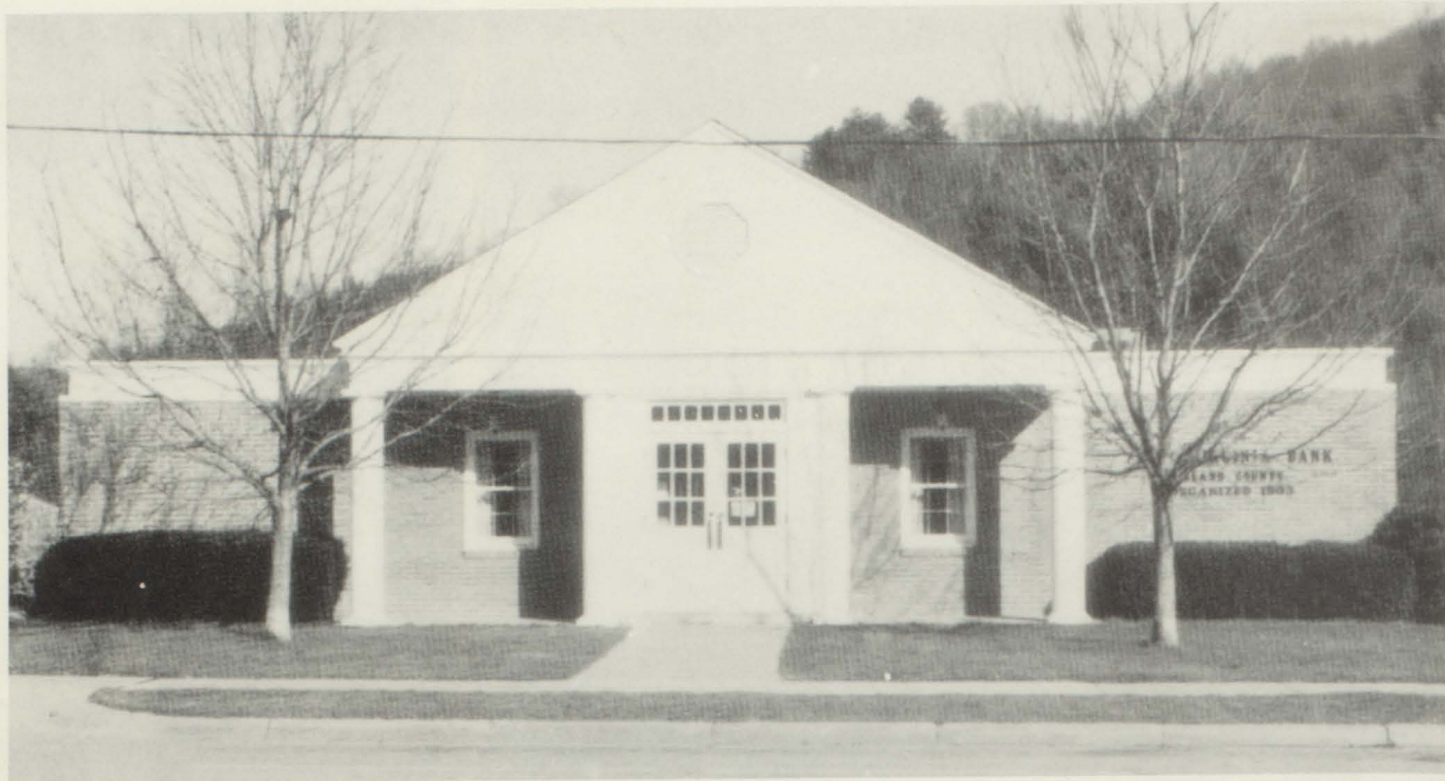
Friday found students in the gym for a pep rally. It provided such entertainment as the cheerleaders pom-pom routine, teachers, ballplayers, and cheerleaders in a relay race of passing a tennis ball neck to

neck, a relay race to pass a basketball and blindfolded ballplayers going through a make believe obstacle course.



TOP LEFT. Longhandles and shorts day: Darcy Groseclose, Aaron Newberry, Elizabeth Turner, Micheal Fanning, Arnie Wimmer, Richard Turner, Kenny Froy, Joey Newberry, Brad Dillow. TOP RIGHT. Cindy Crabtree and Martin Vineyard dress as opposites. BOTTOM. Ricky Pruitt, Gary Nelson, Richard Turner, Shaunn Neel and Lonnie Clemons give everyone a warm welcome.





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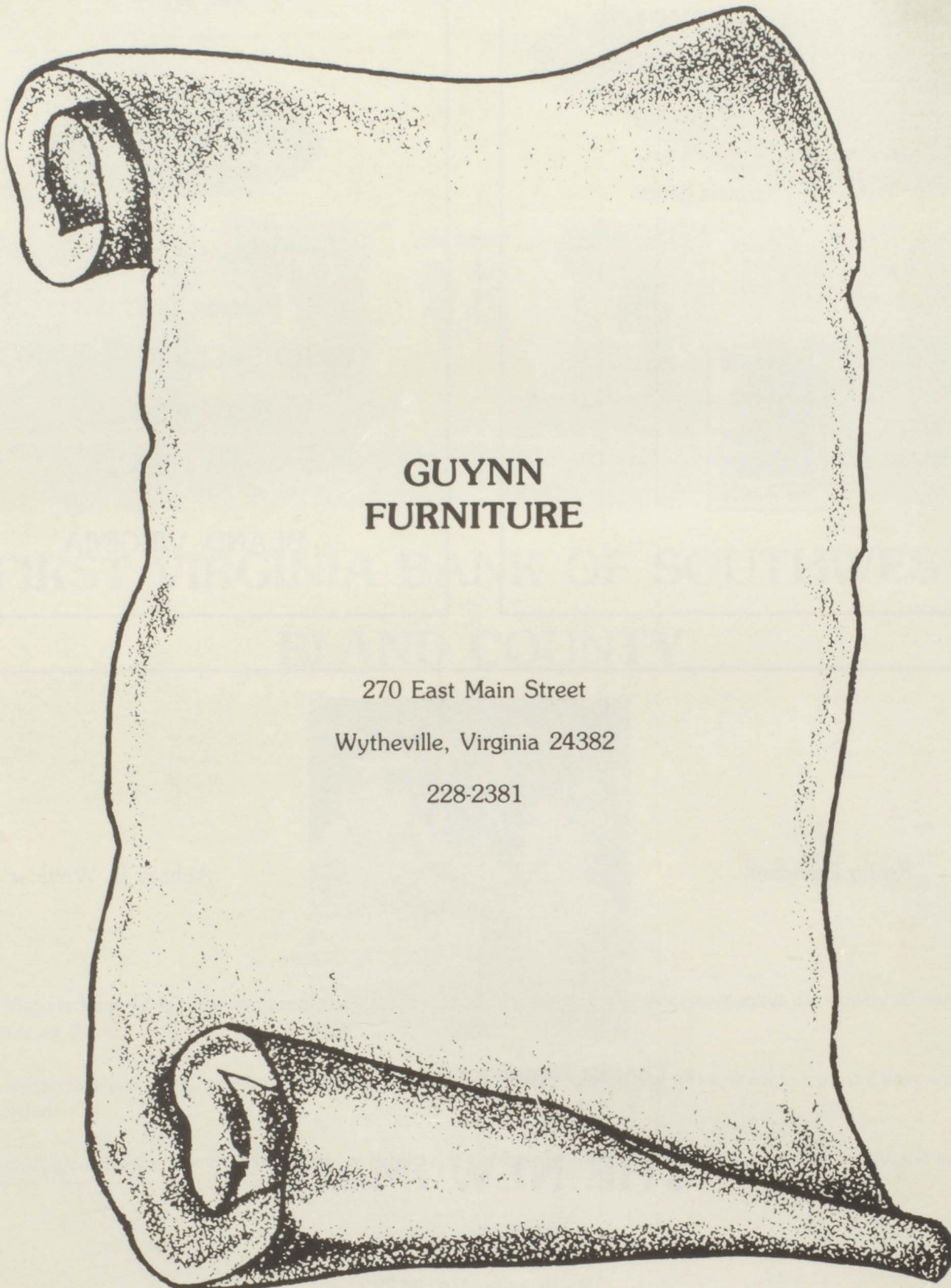
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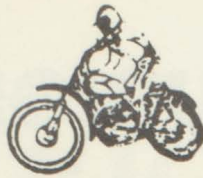
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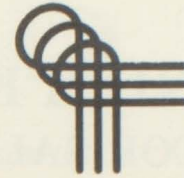
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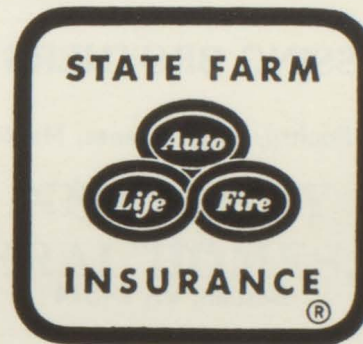
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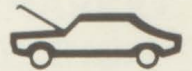


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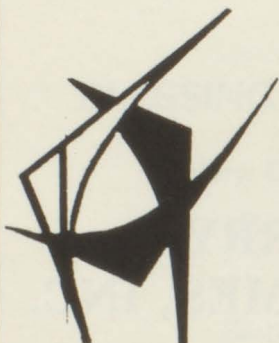
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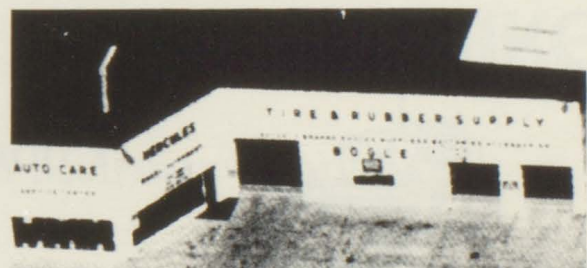
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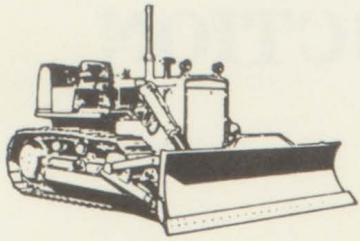
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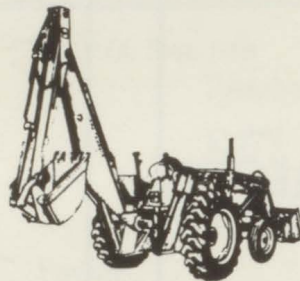


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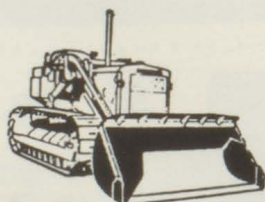


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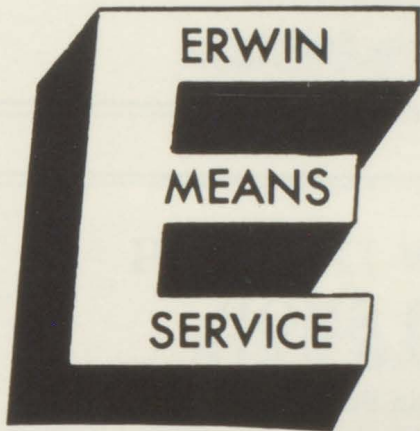
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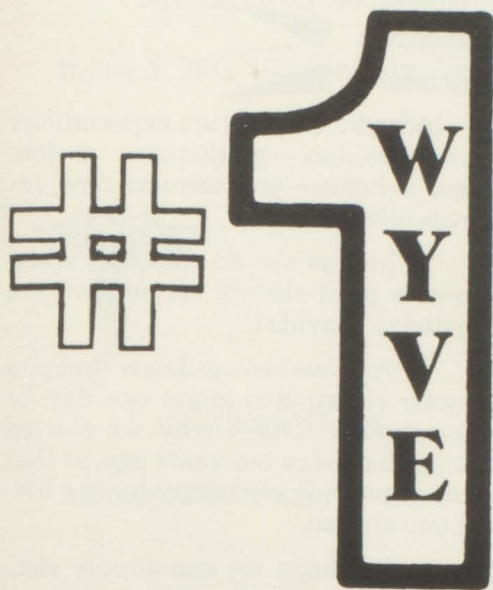
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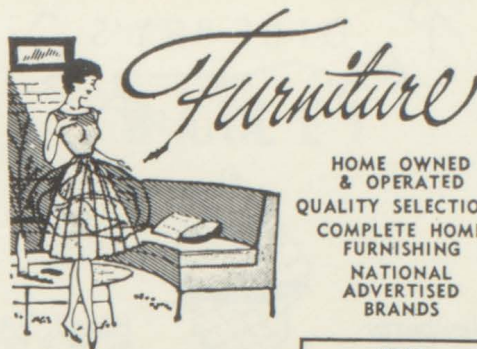
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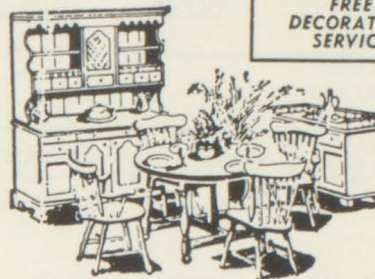
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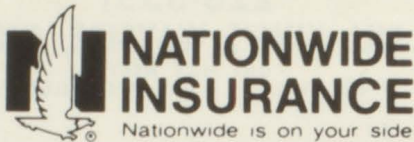


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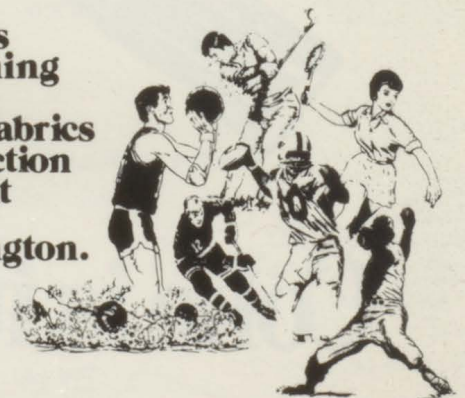


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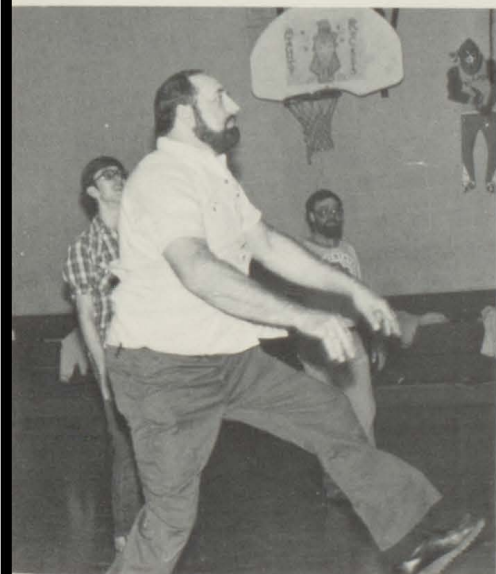
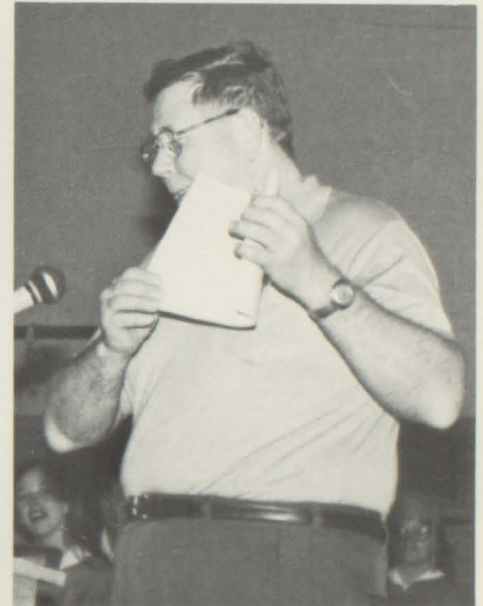
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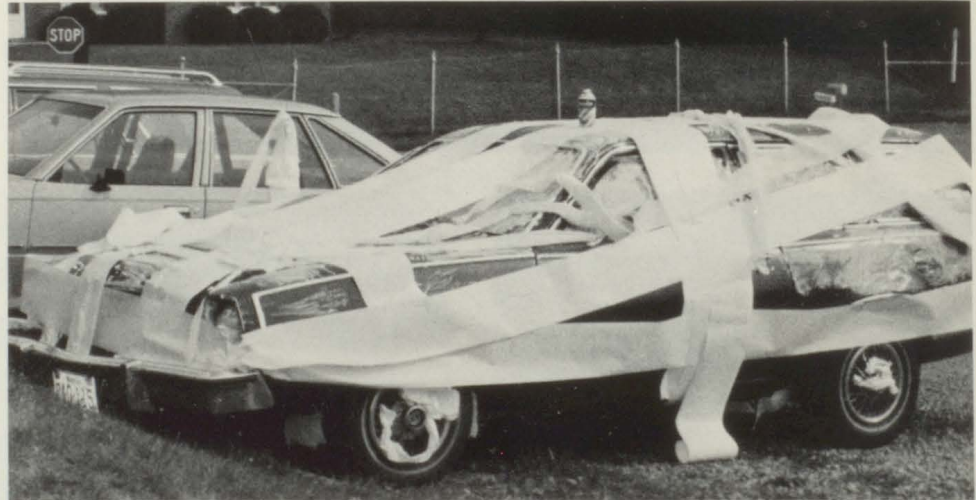
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Handshakes, smiles, and calling cards flooded county scenes during 1983. Every public gathering found election hopefuls boosting their chances. They bombarded voters with promises, matches, pencils and other "freebies." The final tally

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TOP: Gatekeepers Lee Gordon and Wayne Mustard take time out for a snack. The Penleys sport election balloons — Bridget, Becky, Betty, Robert and Jim Bob. **BOTTOM LEFT:** During National Lunch Week, parents visited the school and shared a "school lunch" with their child. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** When Mr. Gary Collins approached his car to leave school he found it swathed in toilet tissue and shaving cream. This was student contribution to his wedding.



TOP LEFT: Enjoying a ride on the "Hobbie Horses" is a must for every youngster at the county fair as seen by Ryan Newberry accompanied by dad, Allen. TOP RIGHT: Added interest for the fair and Lord's Acre Rally is featuring local singing talents. Franklin Davis and Edgar Newberry in a gospel selection. CENTER: Little ones enjoyment of a basketball game does not always correspond with their parents. Jamie Dunn and David Neel. BOTTOM: John Michael Mustard urges contestant to try and dunk him again. Beside the tank is Heath Muncy.

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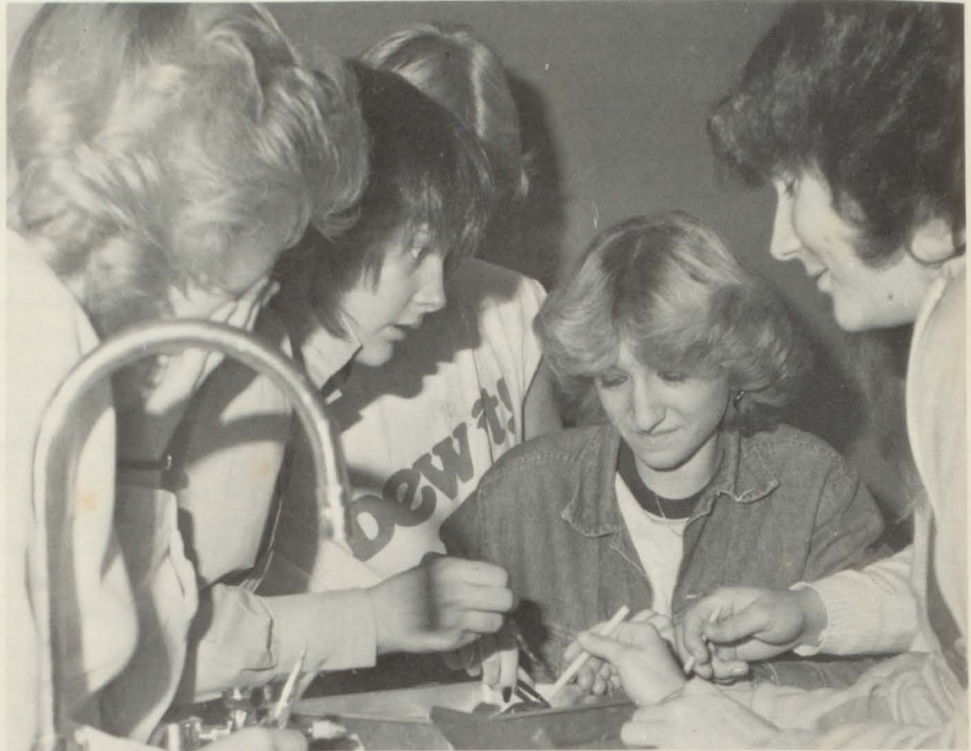
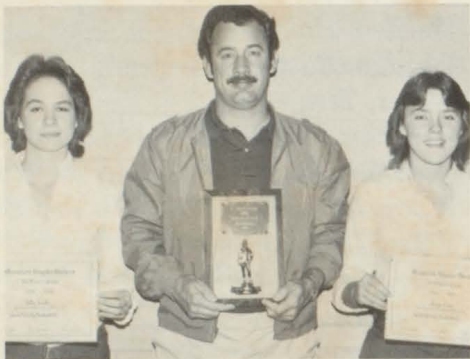
A single set of footsteps echoed down the corridor bringing the school year of 1983-84 to a close. As the last bus left the school grounds all that remained of the year were echoes — echoes of time to be remembered only in the hearts and minds of the participants. The stage became silent and the actors had

had their final curtain call.

In future times each of us will recall memories of friends, classes, sports, clubs and other activities. The responsibilities we shared prepared us for even greater responsibilities as we seek to fulfill our dreams, hopes and aspirations.

Those who leave Bland Com-

bined School take with them echoes of warm feelings, laughter and good times, helpfulness, justice and accomplishment. We who remain wish you the best that life can give as we strive to improve those principles you gave us and fill the vacancies you have left behind.



TOP LEFT: For outstanding contributions to the Title I program Mary Lee Tickle and Oma Farmer receive plaques from Assistant Superintendent Ron Pauley. **TOP CENTER:** District All Team members and Coach of the Year — Patty Smith, Marvin Cantrell, Kaye Cox. **TOP RIGHT:** The task of dissecting frogs is distasteful? Julie Clemons, Tracey Wolfe, Wesley Wright, Tina Putnam, Lynn Banes. **BOTTOM CENTER:** Senior star Geoff Fanning scored over 1,000 points for a career total and was voted Most Valuable Player in the Mountain Empire District. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Students display school spirit.



