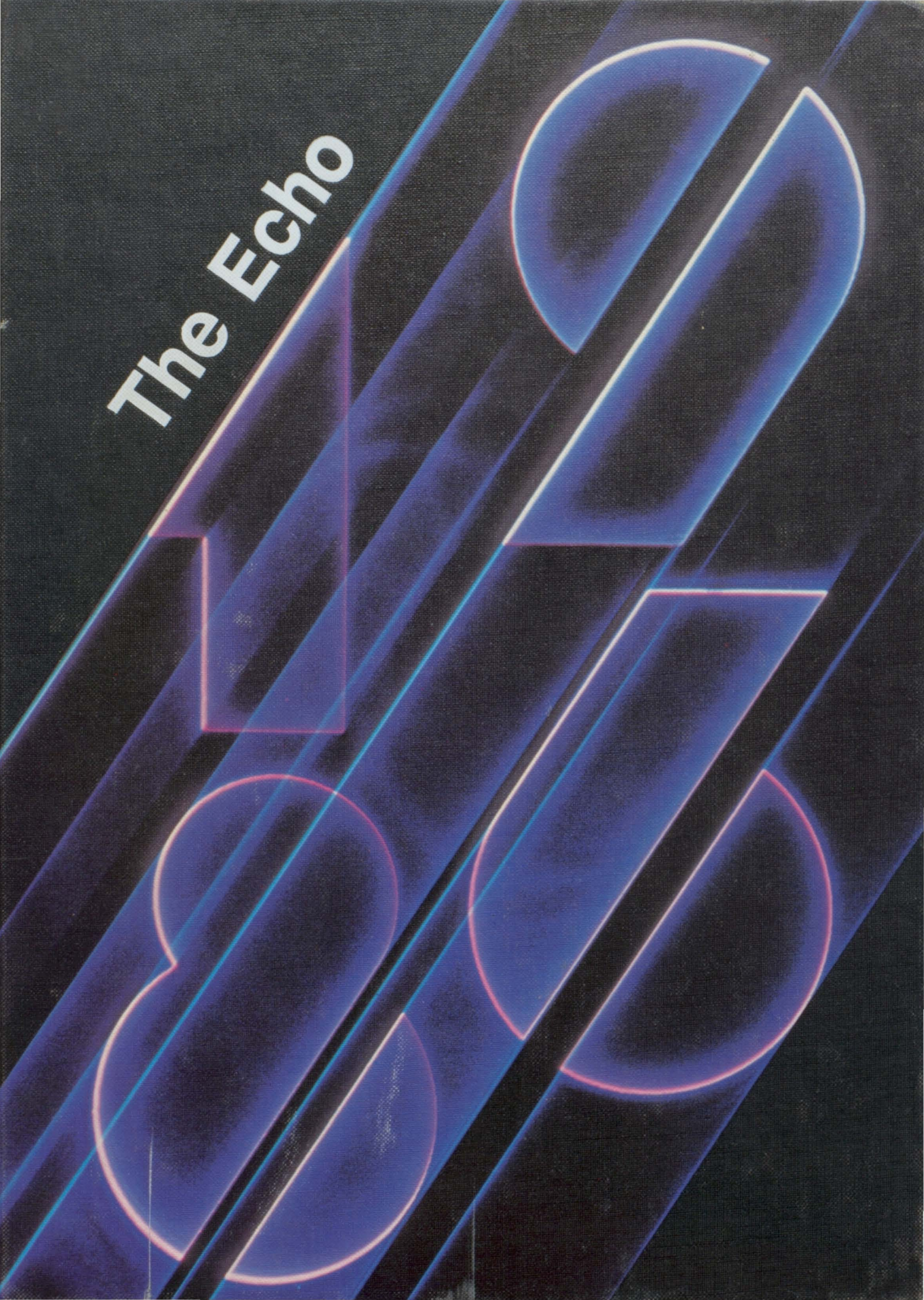


# The Echo



Betsy Melvin

Shirley  
Wimmer

935

Chip Bird

Lynn  
(Gate)

Jeress Miller

Karen Wright

Angie  
Thompson

Karen Strac

Roberta  
Kegley

Rita Kusler

Sonya  
Shewing  
Jammie  
Haga

Daniel  
Conley

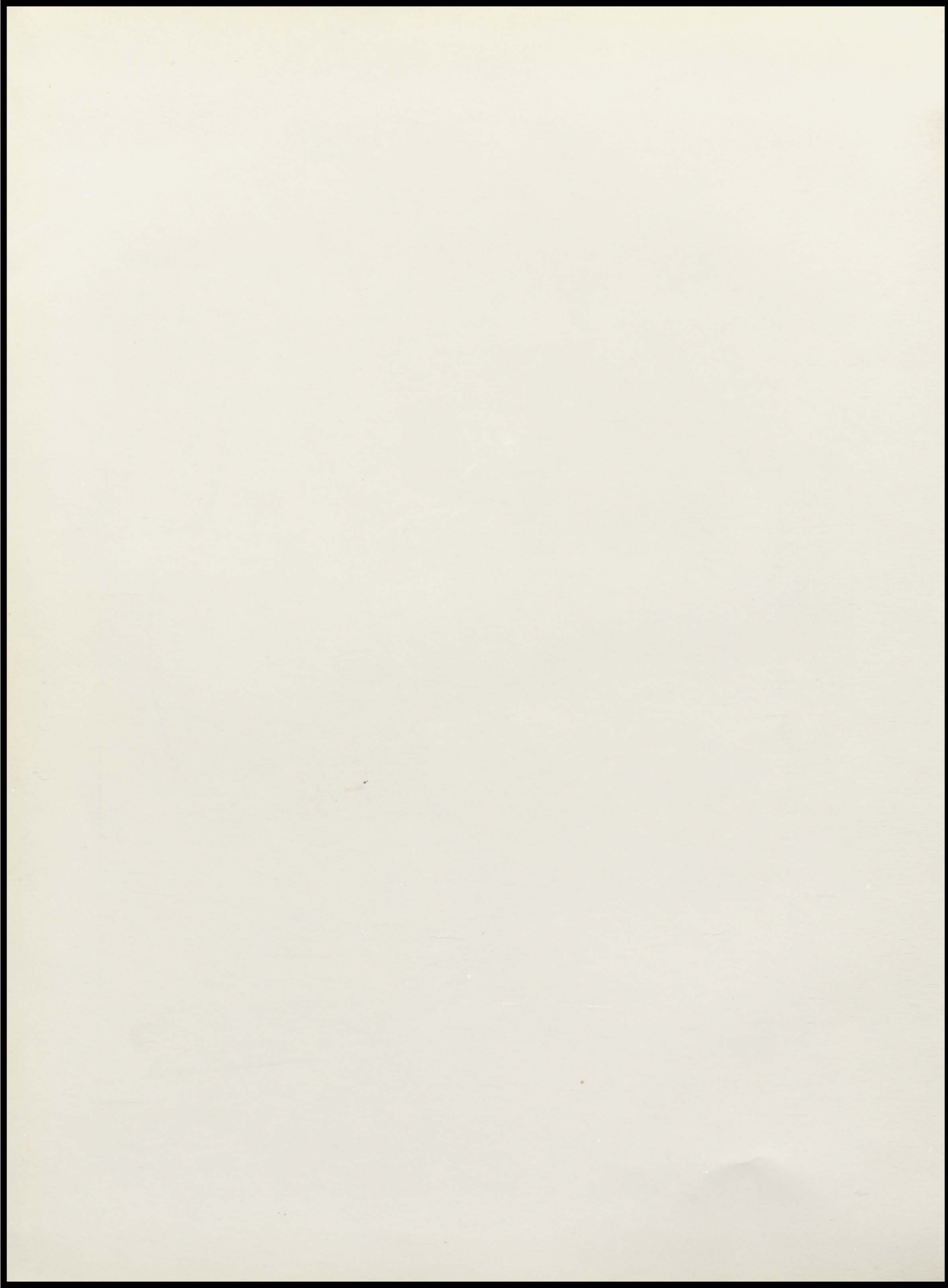
Tracy Kegley

Helma  
Mustard

Angela  
Strock

Mic  
Taylor

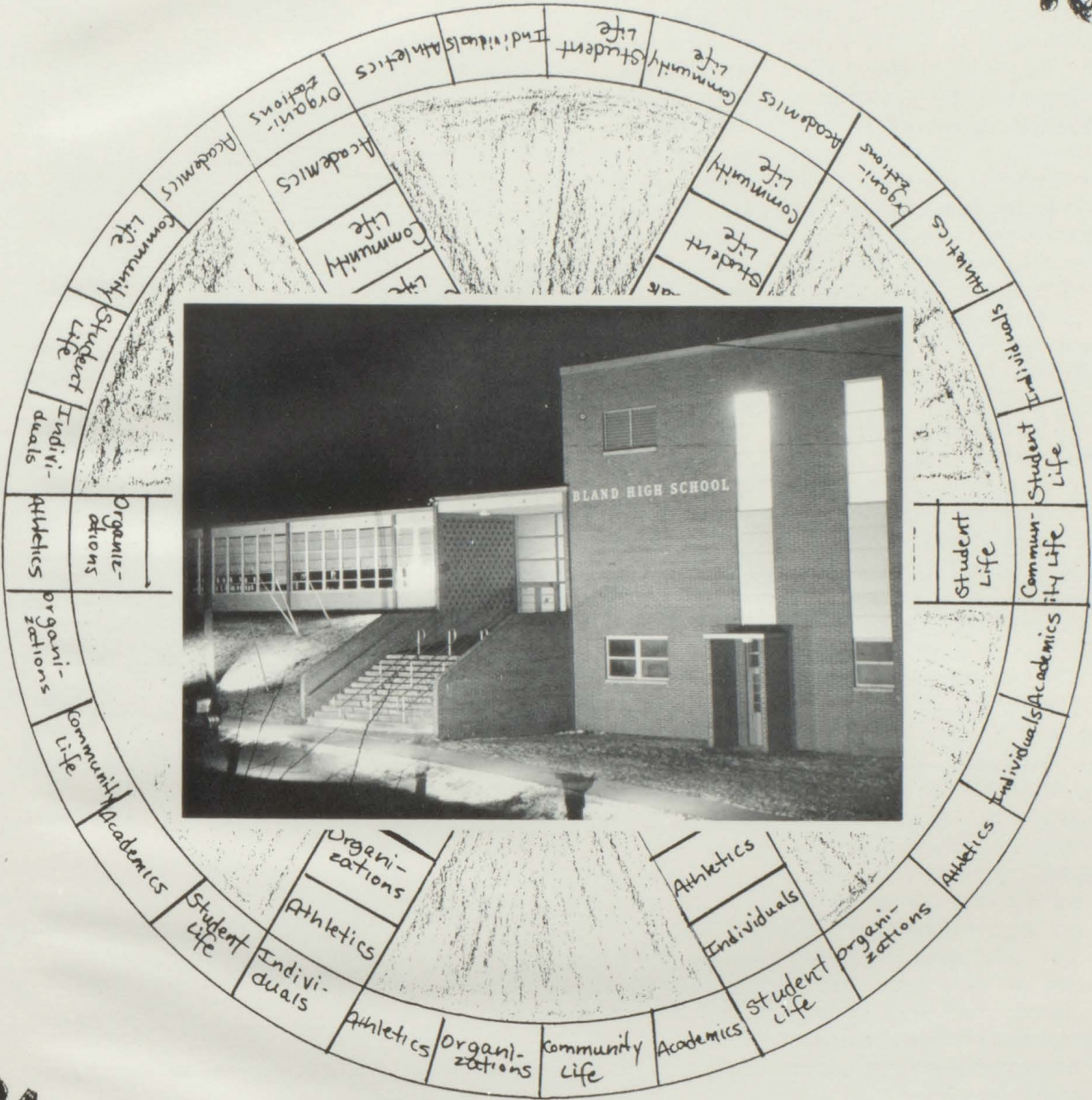




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# What Were the Headlines of 1985-1986?

The 1986-1986 school year was a period of both great achievement and great loss.

On February 22, 1985, the Bland High School Forensics Team placed first in the district competition for the second consecutive year. From here the student placing first and second went on to regional competition, where Robert Kegley and Gerhard Schoenthal placed first in Girls Extemporaneous and Boys Extemporaneous.

At the State Beta Convention in Williamsburg on March 9, 1985, Tracy Kegley was elected State Beta Vice President. On March 30, 1985, Becky Melvin was elected FBLA Radford Region Reporter. She was also appointed Virginia FBLA State Parliamentarian on April 20, 1985, in Richmond.

In sports this year, many of the Bland basketball players received honors. Tracy Kegley was named Most Valuable Player in the Mountain Empire District. Ritchie Havens was named a member of the All-District Team. Allan Massey received Honorable Mention to the All-District Team.

The death of Reggie Smith, a great speaker, was mourned by all. He shall always be remembered and loved for his encouraging speeches on self-esteem.

In politics, this was a year of new experiences. Douglas Wilder became the first black Lieutenant Governor of Virginia and Mary Sue Terry became the first female Attorney General in Virginia.

Roanoke was struck by a devastating flood in November. Many citizens lost their homes as a result of the extensive damage. Quite a few businesses were totally destroyed; and some that

weren't completely annihilated still have yet to be reopened.

The greatest tragedy of the year occurred on January 28, 1986. The Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after launch. All members of the crew, five men and two women, were killed. Among the crew members was New Hampshire school teacher Christa McAuliffe, the first private citizen to journey into space.

The year was filled with much sorrow on the international level. Many great tragedies occurred, including the eruption of a volcano in Colombia, South America. The town of Armero was buried under a fifteen-foot deep river of mud, killing twenty-one thousand people.

**TOP LEFT:** The Bland High School Forensics Team places first in district competition. **MIDDLE LEFT:** Tired oranges on the campaign trail represent Tracy Kegley for State Beta Vice-President.

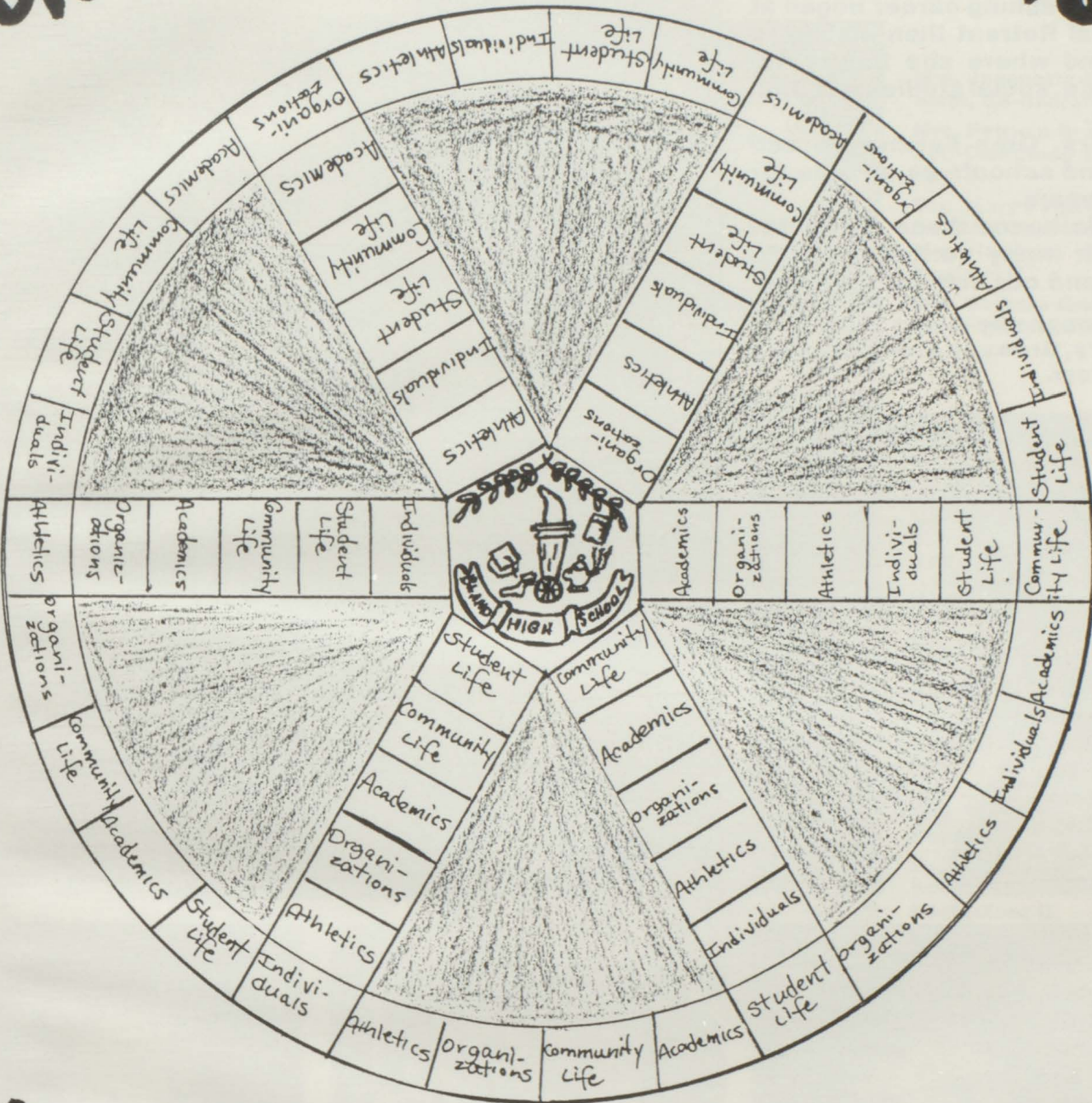


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# Individuals

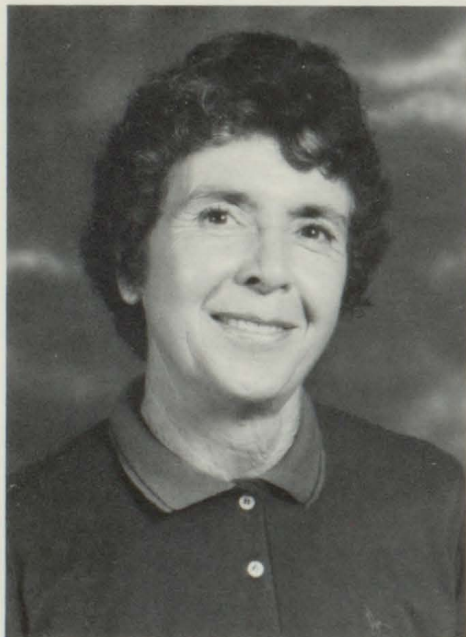
# We Miss You!

**Miss Mary Greever, a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne, retired after 42 years of teaching. Her teaching career began at Rural Retreat then moved to Bland where she taught 4th grade, social studies and English.**

**Mrs. Oma Farmer served Bland schools as an aide for 16 years.**

**We honor these ladies for their many contributions to us and our school.**

**Through the years with Miss Mary Greever and Mrs. Oma Farmer.**





# Who possessed patience and fortitude?

Every day presented new challenges for elementary teachers whether it was a major science project, the creation of an Indian village or bruises from a fall. What ever arose, these teachers met the demands with patience and fortitude.



**Mrs. Jeannette Bernard**  
Sixth, BS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Patricia Brewer**  
Self-Contained LD BS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Mary Page Cosby**  
LD/EMR Resource BA-Mary Washington, Ms-James Madison U.

**Mrs. Barbara Grubb**  
Kindergarten, BS-Radford U.



**Ms. Ruby King**  
Third, BS-Radford U.

**Ms. Crystal Lavendar**  
Speech Therapy, BS-Radford U.

**Mrs. June Miller**  
First, BA-King College

**Mrs. Norma Newberry**  
Fifth, BS-Radford U.



**Mrs. Vicki Ogle**  
Seventh, BS-Radford U.

**Ms. Connie Phillippi**  
Self-Contained, EMR/TMR, BS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Dian Phipps**  
Chapter I Reading, BS-Radford U., MA-Ball State U.

**Mrs. Margie Powers**  
Seventh, BA-Marshall U.



**Mrs. Katherine Reynolds**  
Kindergarten, BS-Radford U, MA-VPI & SU

**Mrs. Janet Scott**  
Fourth, BS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Rebecca Scott**  
Second, BA-Kings College, MS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Teresa Wood**  
Pre-school, BS-Bluefield College, MS-Radford U.

# What Implements the School's Philosophy?

The secondary faculty attempts to implement the school's philosophy by providing a curriculum which addresses the mental, physical, emotional, and social needs of each student. These dedicated individuals endeavor to develop and impart skills, attitudes, and knowledge which will enable the student to succeed as a functional member of society. These ideals and ethics are those expressed in the *Bland Combined School Evaluation 1985-1986*. This book was compiled in accordance with

the State Board of Education. A self-study of the school was required and was followed by an evaluation by a visiting committee.

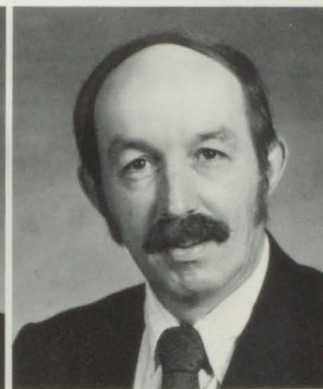
The secondary faculty underwent several losses and gains. Among the losses was the leaving of three fine teachers. Miss Mary Greever retired after 43 years of teaching. Mrs. Karen Green left to go on tour with the rock band, M. VALDIMAR, of which she is a member. Mrs. Barbara Guthrie became a member of a government team working to save the Chesapeake Bay.

In contrast though, three new faculty members were added. They were Mr. Scott Bowen, Mrs. Kimberly Styron, and Mr. John Wagoner.

Creative Writing and World History were two new courses that were added this year. More emphasis has been placed on writing this year and the English classes have undergone a facelift. It is now required that Standard of Learning Objectives be documented and ten or more competencies for each class be met.

**Mr. Roger Thompson, Principal; B.S.-V.P.I., M.S.-Radford University**

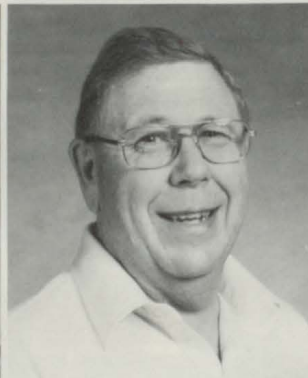
**Mr. Richard Havens, Assistant Principal; U.S. History; JV Boys Basketball Coach; Senior Class Sponsor; B.S. Bluefield State College**



**Mrs. Carolyn Bane, ICT; VICA Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-Radford University**

**Mr. Fred Beamer, Social Studies, Sophomore Class Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-V.P.I.**

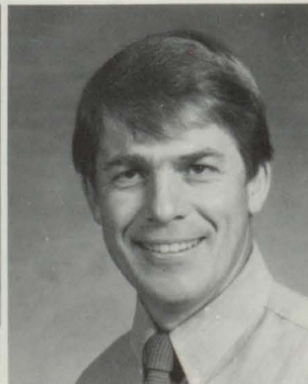
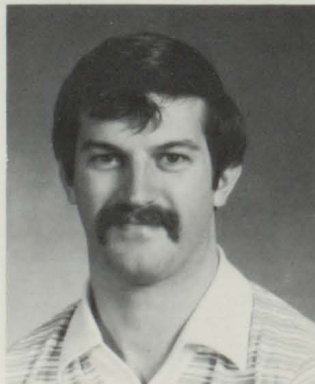
**Mrs. Christine Bird, Dramatics; Art; Creative Writing; Eighth Grade Class Sponsor; Art Club Sponsor; Dramatics Club Sponsor; B.S.-Radford University**

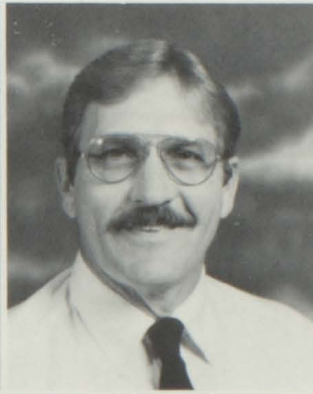
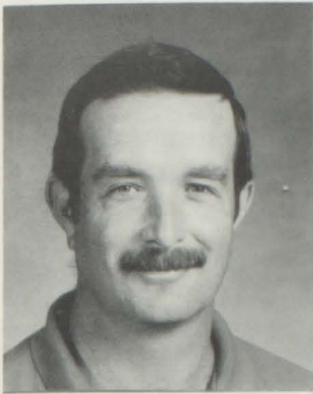


**Mr. Thomas Bird, Mathematics; Freshman Class Sponsor; B.S.-Radford University**

**Mr. Scott Bowen, 8th, 9th, and 10th Grade English; School Newspaper Sponsor; B.S.-Concord College; M.A.-Ohio University**

**Mr. Gary Collins, Health and Physical Education; Biology; Varsity Basketball Coach; Baseball Coach; B.A.-Emory and Henry College**

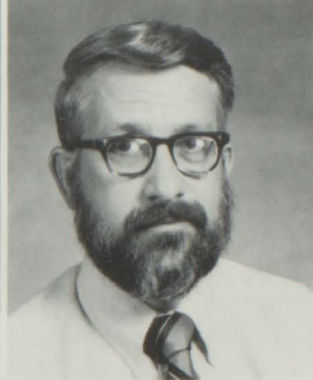




**Mr. William Crabtree, Agriculture; FFA Sponsor; M.S.-V.P.I.**

**Mrs. Janet Faulkner, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade English; Honors English; Beta Sponsor; Senior Class Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-Radford University**

**Dr. David Foltz, Behavior Consultant; B.A.-Roanoke College; M.A.-Kean College, N.J.; Ph.D.-Southern Illinois University**



**Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Guidance Counselor; Government; Secondary Special Education Coordinating Teacher; Junior Beta Sponsor; M.S./B.S.-Radford University**

**Ms. Sandra Green, Secondary Special Education: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies; Cheerleading Sponsor; 9th Grade Class Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-Radford University**

**Mr. Barry Guthrie, Physics; Chemistry; SCA Sponsor; B.S.-V.P.I.**



**Mrs. Rae Lee Honaker, Secondary Special Education; Sophomore Class Sponsor; Special Olympic Coordinator; B.S.-Bluefield State College**

**Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Business; FBLA Sponsor; B.S.-East Tennessee State University**

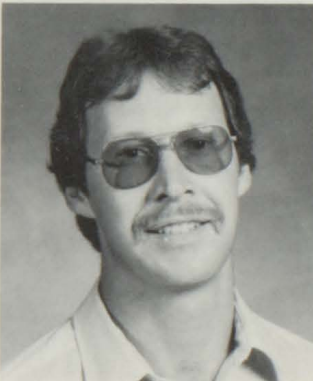
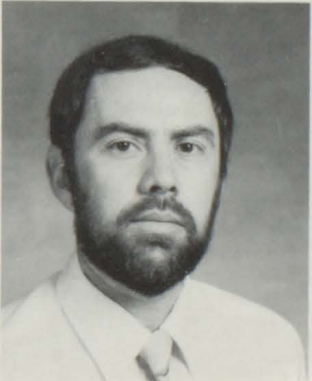
**Mrs. Kay Mabe, Mathematics; Junior Class Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-Radford University**



**Mrs. Betty Munsey, Home Economics; Elementary Music; FHA Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-V.P.I.**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry, Librarian; Business Computer Applications; Accounting; Yearbook Advisor; Library Club Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-Radford University**

**Miss Diane Rowe, French; French Club Sponsor; B.A.-Emory and Henry College**



**Mrs. Kimberly Styron, High School Band and Chorus; 6th and 7th Grade Band; B.S.-Concord College**

**Mr. Larry Thacker, Health and Physical Education; Physical Science; World History; 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach; Girls JV Basketball Coach; Volleyball Coach; Tennis Coach; B.S.-V.P.I.**

**Mr. John Wagoner, Physical Science; Earth Science; A.A.S.-Wytheville Community College; B.S.-Radford University**

# Who Keeps Things Running Smoothly?

From getting students to and from school, taking up money, selling candy, making

repairs, preparing nutritious lunches, to keeping orderly and accurate records, these

personnel are big assets to a smooth school operation.

**Mrs. Violet Bird** — First, second, seventh grade aide; Office aide

**Mrs. Helen Blankenship** — Chapter I Reading Aide

**Mrs. Annette Burton** — Elementary Resource Art



**Mrs. Joyce Cassell** — Third, fourth, fifth grade aide; Office Aide

**Mrs. Connie DeWilde** — Kindergarten, sixth, seventh grade aide;

**Mrs. Betty K. Munsey** — Elementary Resource Music



**Mrs. Sue Newberry** — Transportation Aide, Pre-school Aide

**Mrs. Robin Repass** — Pre-school Aide

**Mrs. Nancy Stockner** — Media Assistant



**Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle** — Chapter I Reading Aide

**Mrs. Phyllis Umbarger** — Special Education Aide

**Mrs. Barbara Wimmer** — Special Education Aide



## TRANSPORTATION AIDE



**TOP: Lunchroom personnel prepare potatoes for day's meal. Sue Harner, Lunchroom Supervisor; Doris Tibbs, Mary Melvin. CENTER LEFT-BUS DRIVERS-FRONT ROW: Doug Sarver, Sam Tolbert, Brenda Pike. BACK ROW: Brenda Penley, Margaret Miller, Mike Woolwine, Mike Sarver, Regina Newberry, Harold Bivens. CENTER RIGHT: Bonnie Blankenship, Bookkeeper — Secretary. BOTTOM — CUSTODIANS: Judy Baxley, Paul Burge, Roby Cregar, Louie Ayers — county maintenance, Sonny Turner — Building supervisor and maintenance.**

**Casey Dotson  
Todd Farley  
Paul Harless  
Monica Havens  
Thomas Hull**



**Casey Dotson and  
Thomas Hull  
Kellen Shewey  
Jessica Umbarger**



## **New Experiences**

Where do you find the youngest students? The answer is found at preschool and kindergarten. Most of these students experienced their first break away from home and learned to follow directions and cooperate with teachers and students.



**TOP LEFT: Pirates Thomas Hull and Robin Repass. TOP RIGHT: Halloween brings mixed feelings for Paul Harless, Monica Havens, Todd Farley and Teresa Wood, teacher. CENTER LEFT: Casey Dotson. CENTER RIGHT: Jessica Umbarger, Kellen Shewey and Speech Therapist, Crystal Lavendar. BOTTOM: Kindergarten returns from lunch.**





**Sarah Bird  
Larry Bowles  
Emmett Davis  
Jeremy Dillow  
Kelly Dunn**



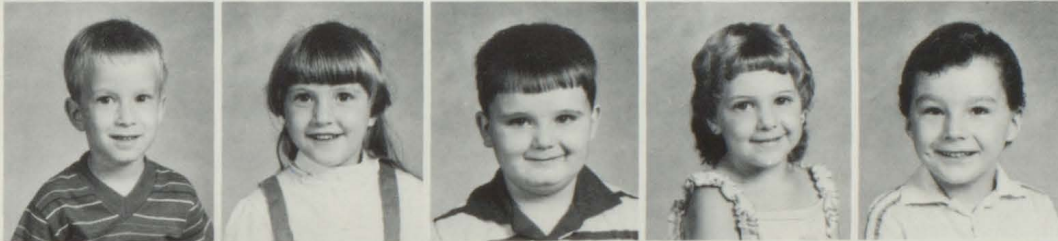
**Adam Faulkner  
Whitney Gamble  
Leisa Hagy  
Ashley Havens  
Stephanie Kelly**



**Kelli King  
Sara King  
Brooke Kitts  
Joshua Lester  
Patrick Lindamood**



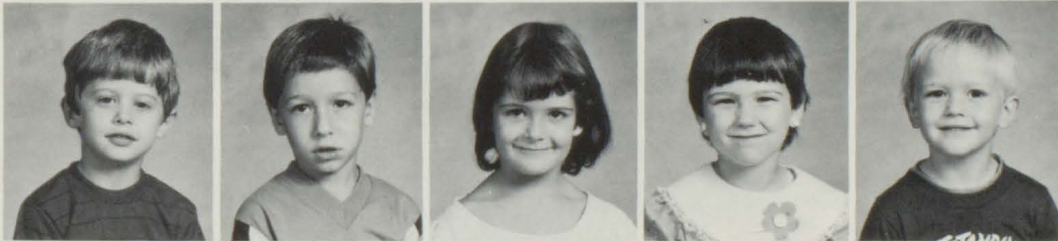
**Michael P. McPeak  
Philip Meadows  
Stacey Miller  
Debra Munsey  
David Neel**



**Ryan Newberry  
Charlotte Nunn  
Jim Bob Penley  
Sharon Shewey  
Jason Sides**



**Sarah Smith  
Ted Sparks  
Heather Stiltner  
Charlie Stowers  
Lorie Tabor**

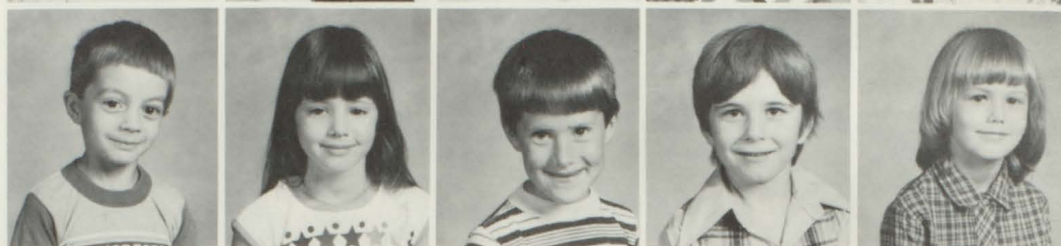


**Jeremiah Tate  
Daniel Thompson  
Erin Thompson  
Jennifer Walker  
Scottie Ward**

**Amanda Blankenship  
William Blankenship  
Amanda Brown  
Jeffery Brunk  
Mary Jane Chewning**



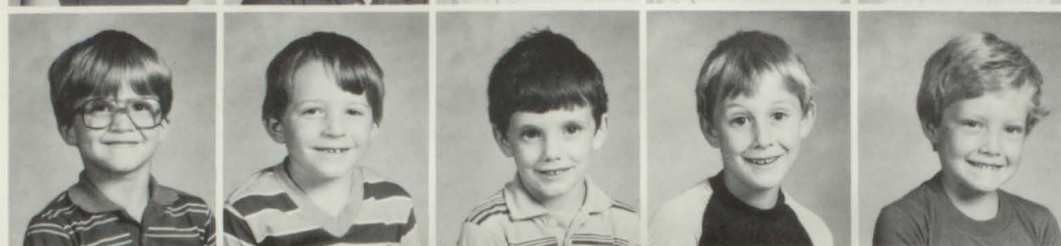
**Benjamin Davis  
Marie Dotson  
James Dunn  
Jason Hancock  
Casey Johnston**



**Kelly Meadows  
Jon M. Newberry  
Holly Pauley  
Casie Pruitt  
Rae Romano**



**John Schepers  
Jacob Scott  
John C. Thompson  
John K. Thompson  
Eric Wimmer**



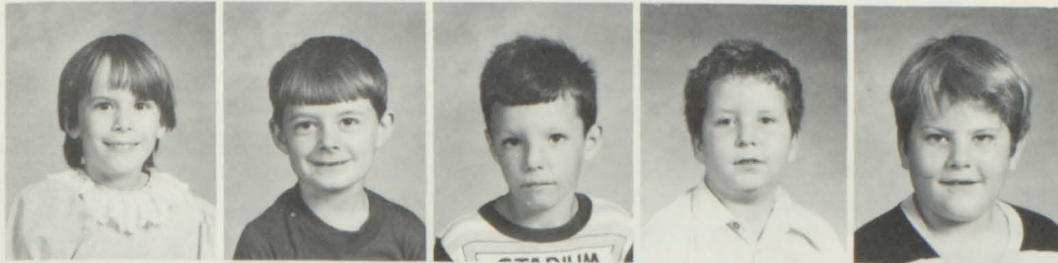
**Jennifer Winters**



**TOP RIGHT: First graders pause on their way back from lunch. RIGHT: Winners in Halloween dress contest — Jacob Scott, Holly Pauley, John Curtis Thompson.**



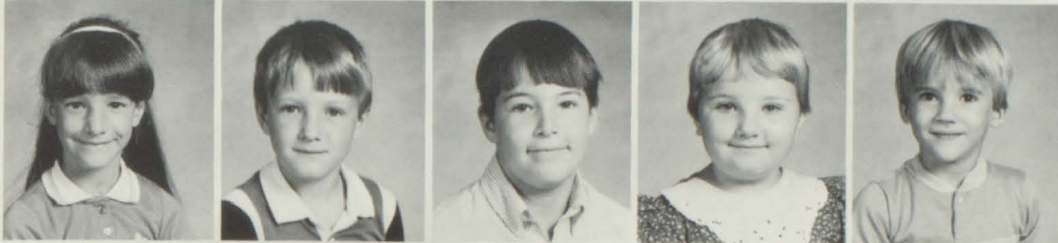




**Evelyn Baxter  
Jeremy Blankenship  
Matthew Brunk  
Charlie Corder  
Jo Faircloth**



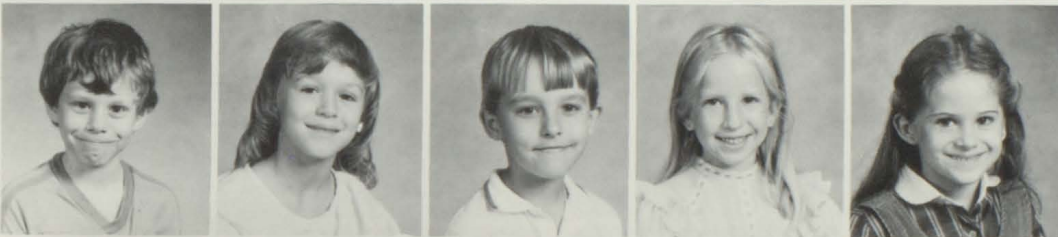
**Monica Keene  
Brian Lambert  
Jody Lambert  
Michael Allen Muncy  
Michael R. Munsey**



**Rachel Munsey  
Jamy Nunn  
Smoky Parmenter  
Becky Penley  
Jimmy Pike**



**Melissa Richardson  
Andy Selfe  
Sarah Shewey  
Brandon Sink  
Melanie Talbert**



**Kary Taylor  
Samantha Thompson  
Sammy Tickle  
Misty Wiley  
Cheryl Winesett**



**LEFT: Second grade winners in Halloween costume contest — Becky Penley, Smoky Parmenter, Cheryl Winesett.**

# What has 31 and very active?

Bright, creative, and eager to learn describes both the Third and Fourth grades. With

31 members, the fourth grade is very active, enjoying learning with classmates.

LEFT: Bradley Hoosier and April Tickle. RIGHT: Third graders practice reading skills with Mrs. Sue King.



**Allen Brown  
Charles Burton  
Billy Davis  
Mark Graham  
Bradley Gordon  
James Umbarger**



**Brook Dillow  
Justin Eaton  
Bradley Gordon  
Mark Graham  
Shannon Havens**



**Bobbi Hobbs  
Bradley Hoosier  
Heather Keene  
David Lambert  
Joanie Lambert**



**Robin Lambert  
Cindy McGrady  
Eric Miller  
Jayson Mitchem  
Robbie Morehead**



**Wesley Strock  
Bradley Tate  
April Tickle  
James Umbarger  
Brian Waddle**





**A n g e l a  
Carter, Misty  
Sparks, Jen-  
nie Lambert,  
Detria Agee,  
W e n o n a  
Scott, Kristie  
Dillow.**



**ABOVE: Tanya Talbert  
SEEKS advice from Mrs.  
Scott.  
Detria Agee**



**Seth Baxter  
Scottie Blankenship  
Beth Bridges  
Eric Brooks  
Angela Carter**



**Pete Conley  
Robert Davis  
Kristie Dillow  
Tawny Dillow  
Aaron Faulkner**



**Anthony Graham  
Heidi Guthrie  
Crystal King  
Kevin King  
Jennie Lambert**



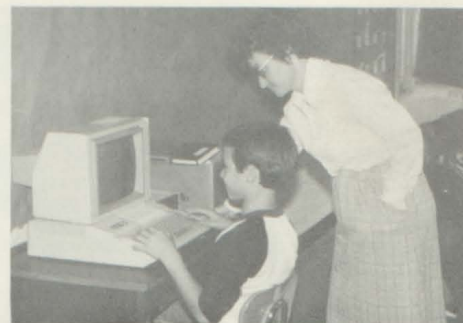
**Angel Mitchem  
Chad Morehead  
Sandra Nelson  
Stuart Newberry  
Stanley Overbaugh**



**Misty Pauley  
Christina Schepers  
Jes Selfe  
Wenona Scott  
Amie Simms**



**Jimmy Sparks  
Misty Sparks  
Tanya Talbert  
Melanie Thompson  
Eric Tiller**



**TOP LEFT: Fifth grade winners in Halloween costume contest — Nathan Romano, Travis Simmons, Bridgette Penley. TOP RIGHT: Joe Putnam receives computer instruction from Mrs. Norma Newberry. RIGHT: A typical lunchroom scene of fifth and sixth graders. Several parents visited the school to eat with their children during National School Lunch Week.**



**Chris Bowles  
Sheree Burton  
Patricia Corder  
Rachel Davis  
Sammy Dent**



**Kenneth Dye  
Mary Margaret Gibson  
Stephanie Goins  
Pamela Harden  
Rebecca Mallory**



**Matthew Newberry  
Kevin Pauley  
Bridgette Penley  
Joe Putnam  
Molly Richardson**



**Nathan Romano  
Robert Sexton  
Kathleen Shewey  
Travis Simmons  
Jason Stafford**



**Stacy Tibbs  
Crystal Thompson  
Christine Wellman  
Douglas Wiley**





## Who made Indian Villages?

With creativity and imagination fifth graders filled available spaces with their model Indian villages. Sixth graders planned a beautification project (flowers), a Christmas play, and a year-end field trip.

**LEFT:** Sixth grade under Mrs. Jeannette Bernard's tutoring.



**Tommy Bell  
Becky Bird  
Cindy Blevins  
Bobby Boardwine  
Heather Burton**



**Angela Dalton  
Jeana Dalton  
Robert Davis  
Ginger Dillow  
Michael Dillow**



**Toby Dotson  
Jimmy Duncan  
Kandi Farley  
Cheryl Hall  
Jason Hall**



**Tina Hounshell  
Angela Kent  
Gwen McGrady  
Rusty Meadows  
Julie Overbaugh**



**Hope Pike  
Angela Stowers  
Julie Strock  
John Andrew Taylor  
Robbie Taylor**



**Charlie Thompson  
Sarah Thompson  
Sarah Umbarger  
Holly Warden  
Donna Wiley**

# Who Were the Safety Patrols?

Around the board on the eighth round were these students in seventh grade who attained the status of safety patrols. For the fourth year in a row they were a divided group. For the first time they had joining rooms with 7B housed in the former sixth grade room. They shared the duties and responsibilities of the safety patrols and took the challenge of performing the play, "Legend of Sleepy Hollow." In November they

held a mock election which involved fifth, sixth and sev-

enth grades, and they had a Halloween pizza party.



**Jim Clemons  
Timmy Clemons  
Brent Davis**

**TOP LEFT: Be "WITCH"ing  
Becky Bird and Butch Under-  
wood. TOP RIGHT: Lute Scott,  
president; Eric Faulkner, trea-  
surer; Crystal Tibbs, secretary;  
Jennifer Simms, vice-presi-  
dent.**



**Chris Dillow  
Brandon Farlow  
Eric Faulkner  
Tom Hall  
Rita Hamblin**



**Tina Johnston  
Allison King  
Miracle Mitchem  
Patty Mutter  
Lute Scott**



**Jennifer Simms  
Heather Smith  
Patrick Smith  
Patricia Stowers  
David Strook**



**Crystal Tibbs  
Scotty Tickle  
Mike Umbarger  
Angel Underwood  
Kathy Wynn**





**TOP LEFT:** Rusty Bird, president; Marshall Schoenthal, treasurer; Ginny Guthrie, secretary; David King, vice-president.  
**TOP CENTER:** Akiyo Kokaji, 4-H exchange student from Japan, and Pam Chewning.  
**TOP RIGHT:** Chris Sparks and Travis Munsey search the card catalog during library time.  
**LEFT:** Mrs. Vickie Ogle, Tina Brown, Ginny Guthrie, Pam Chewning, Barbara Meadows.



**Rusty Bird  
 Robbie Brown  
 Tina Brown  
 David Chandler  
 Pam Chewning**



**Randy Clemons  
 Kevin Dent  
 Ginny Guthrie  
 Benje Hager  
 Amanda Harden**



**Clint Kegley  
 David King  
 Teresa Lester  
 Barbara Meadows  
 Travis Munsey**



**Marshall Schoenthal  
 Sherri Shewey  
 John Simmons  
 Chris Sparks**

**TOP RIGHT — OFFICERS:** Mr. Scott Bowen, sponsor; Marsha Martin, president; Tonya Looney, vice-president; April Newberry, secretary; Staci Roseberry, treasurer; Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor.

**BELOW — LEFT AND RIGHT:** Friends and classmates help Eugene King celebrate his birthday.



## Who Had a Beginning Balance of 0?

This year was a new challenge around the board for the eighth graders. They had a choice of new categories in subjects as well as clubs to join. The eighth grade spon-

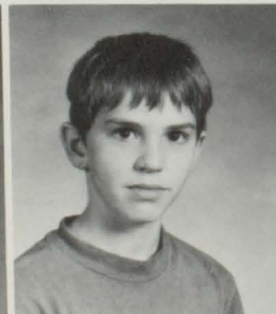
sors were Mrs. Chris Bird and Mr. Scott Bowen. They started with a bank account of 0 — only until their money-making projects and class dues began. Eighth graders

took on the challenge of high school and accepted the label of "punk eighth graders."

Jamie Asbury  
Patricia Austin  
Julie Baxley  
Jimmy Blevins



Doug Boardwine  
Tony Boksa  
James Britton  
Alan Cassell







**Mary Echols  
Brian Farlow  
Brian Fore  
Jimmy Graham**



**Jeff Gwyn  
Amy Haga  
Brian Hall  
J.R. Harris**



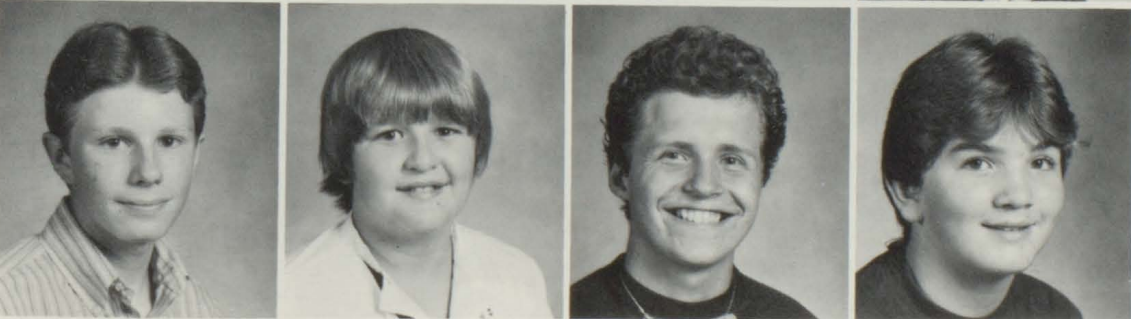
**Brad Havens  
Rachel Havens  
Cindy Horne  
Christi Hubble**



**Bradley King  
Dusty King  
Steven King  
Donna Lambert**



**Kevin Lindamond  
Tonya Looney  
Marsha Martin  
Jerome Meadows**



**Dale Morehead  
John Mustard  
Henry Nash  
Allan Newberry**

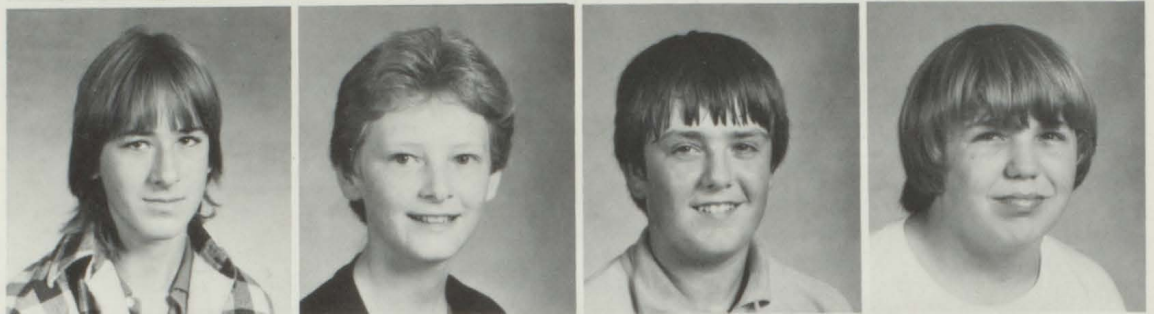
**April Newberry  
Amanda Pauley  
Staci Roseberry  
Mark Shelton**



**JoAnn Shewey  
Latrayle Shewey  
Tresila Sink  
Michelle Spangler**



**Shawn Starr  
Chad Thompson  
John Thompson  
Randy Townley**



**Jenny Umbarger  
Samantha Waddle  
Becky Winesett  
Darrel Wright**



**Friends enjoy friends just "goofing off" — John Michael Mustard, Susan Remines, Eugene King, Tonya Smith.**





**FRONT ROW:** Robbie Waddle, president; Sondra Mitchell, vice-president; Sonya Carroll, secretary; John Stafford, treasurer; Deana Lakey, reporter. **BACK ROW:** Sponsors — Miss Sandra Green and Mr. Tommy Bird.

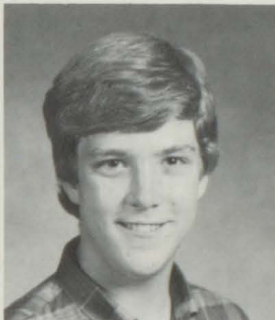
## Who Finally Settled Into Daily routines?

Freshmen at last! The ninth grade class moved into the daily high school routine with new classes and more money-making projects.

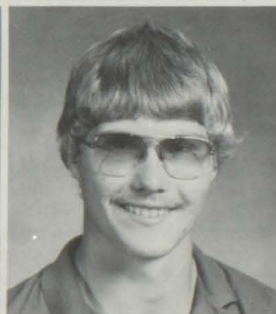
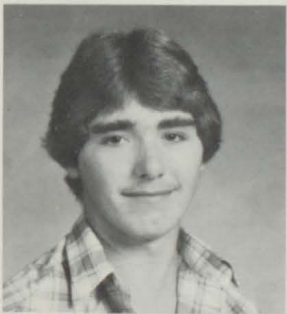
The ninth grade began the year by setting dues at ten dollars and deciding to raffle a quilt. Lori Perkins was selected as the Miss Echo can-

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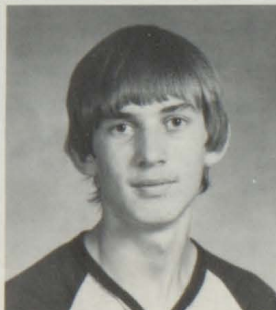
Being a freshman brought with it added responsibilities and experiences.



**Amanda Baxley  
Chip Bird  
Gary Blankenship**

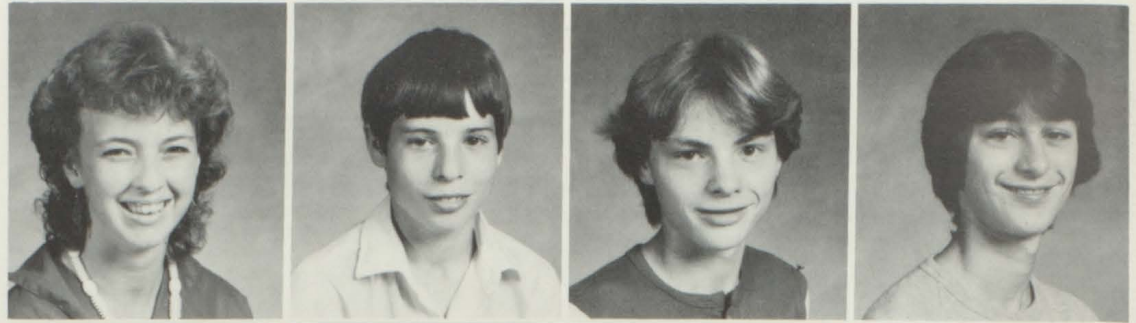


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Tiffany Bowen  
Thomas Brewster  
Joyce Bruce**

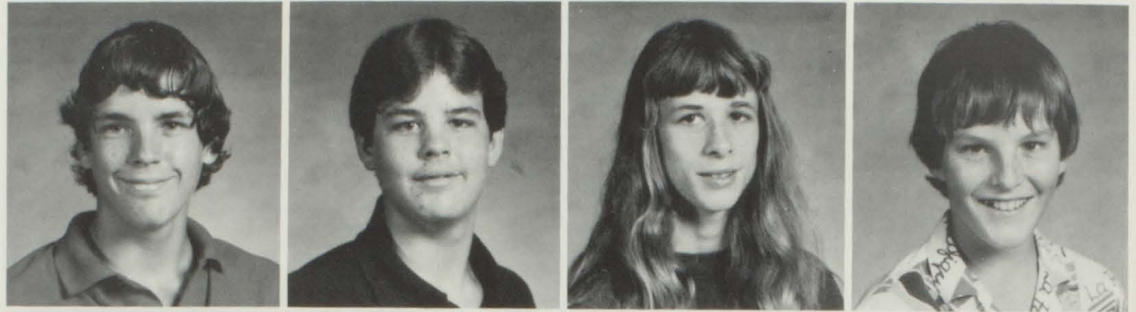


**Sonya Carroll  
Sonya Chewning  
Kevin Cox  
Kim Crabtree**

**Tammy Davis  
Duane DeHart  
Tony Dent  
Randy Dillow**



**Brian Duncan  
Leslie Duncan  
Shirley Dye  
Michael Fanning**



**Barry Fulford  
Cheryl Graham  
Charmin Gravley  
Beau Guthrie**



**Bobby Hale  
Lorin Hanshew  
Todd Harden  
Kathy Kidd**

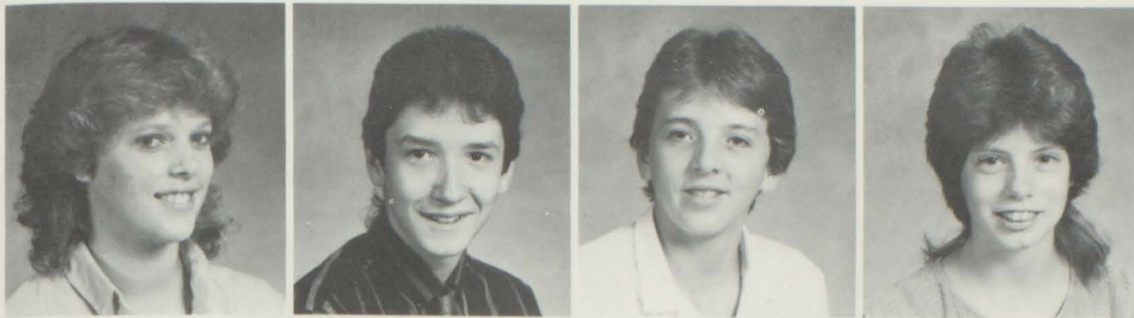


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Mike Lafferty  
Terry Lang  
Shannon McGrady**



**Sondra Mitchell  
Dayton Morehead  
Todd Morehead  
Heath Muncy**

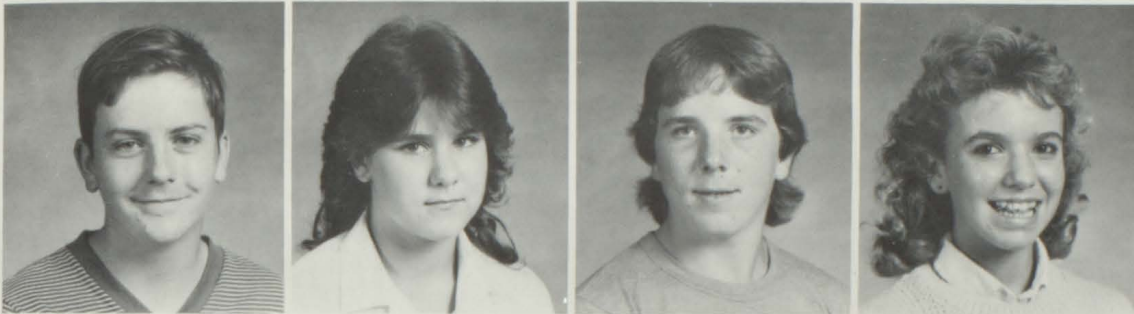




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Shawn Nelson  
Aaron Newberry  
Julie Pauley**



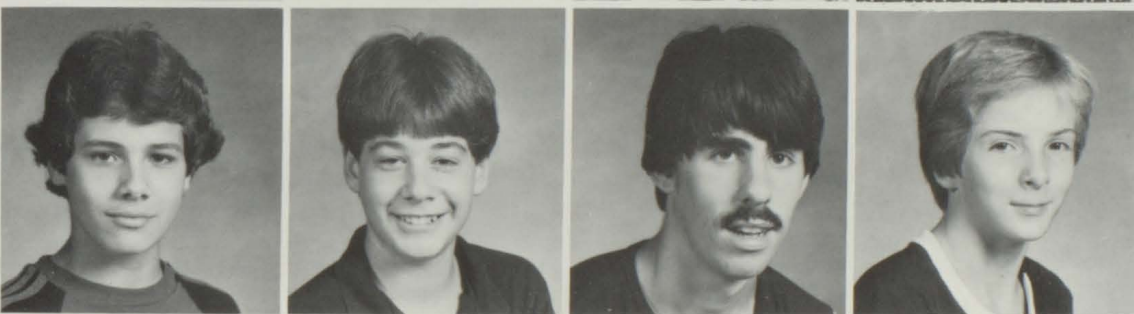
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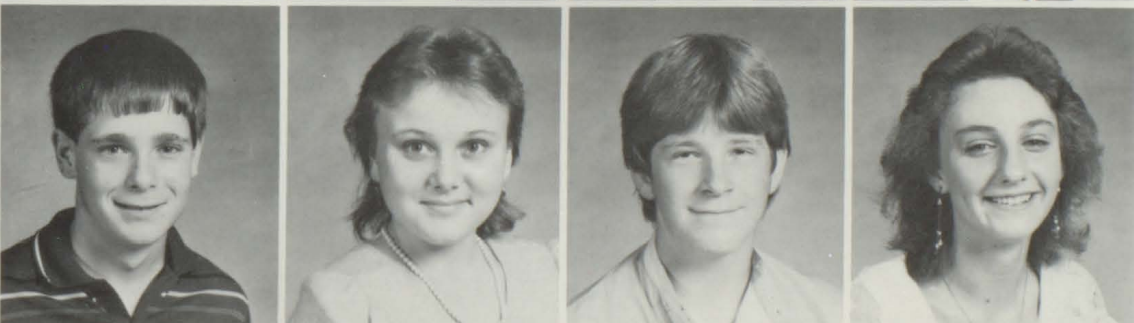
**Steven Sage  
Vicki Sarver  
Sam Simmons  
Tonya Smith**



**John Stafford  
Sarah Strock  
Tammy Swanson  
Samantha Tickle**



**David Turnmire  
Robbie Waddle  
Ellis Wade  
Rusty Warden**



**Scott Wellman  
Christie Wolfe  
Kevin Wright  
Pam Wright**

# Half-way there?

We, the Class of 1988, have finally completed our Sophomore year. Now that we are half-way through high school, we are beginning to set our goals for life.

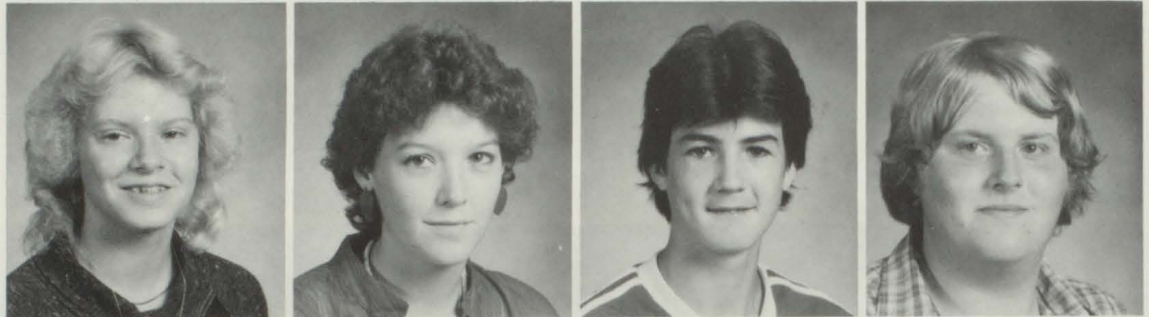
Our class sponsors, Mrs. Rae Lee Honaker and Mr. Fred Beamer guided us throughout the year.

Class dues and an activity fee were set at \$10.00. We also held a concession at the boys' first basketball game.



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**BACK ROW:** Jamie Chewning, President; Martin Vineyard, Vice-President; Dawn Dillow, Secretary; Ritchie Havens, Treasurer.

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Wendy Binns  
Billy Burton  
Jamie Chewning



Bradley Davis  
Freda Davis  
Wayne Davis  
Brad Dillow

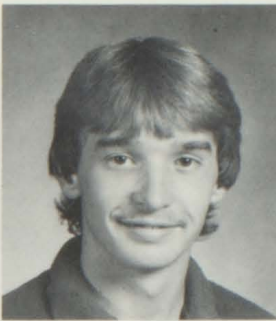
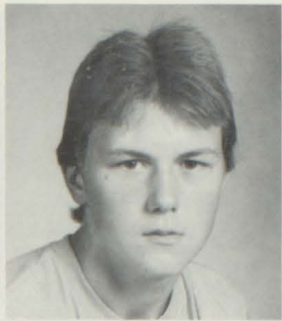


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Pam Dillow  
Maria Foglesong  
Kevin Fore

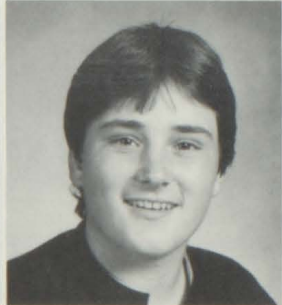
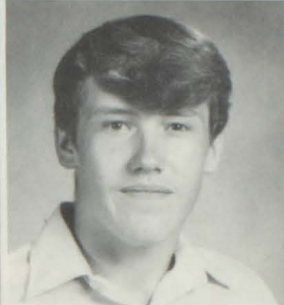


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Jennifer Greever  
Darcy Groseclose  
Mark Gusler





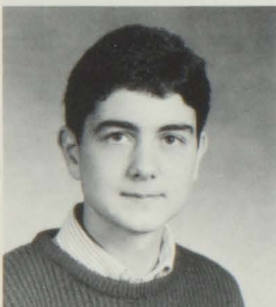
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Ritchie Havens  
Rusty Havens  
Mike Hounshell**



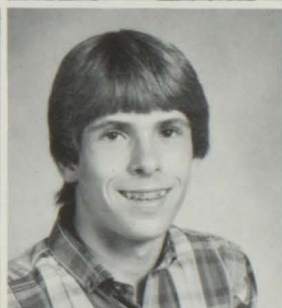
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Ronnie King  
Shannon King  
Kenny Kirk**



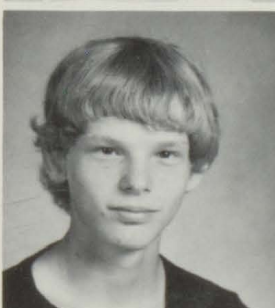
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Scott Lambert  
Lana Lindamood  
Jon Melvin**



**Janet Millirons  
Sarah Newberry  
Andy Putnam  
Gerhard Schoenthal**



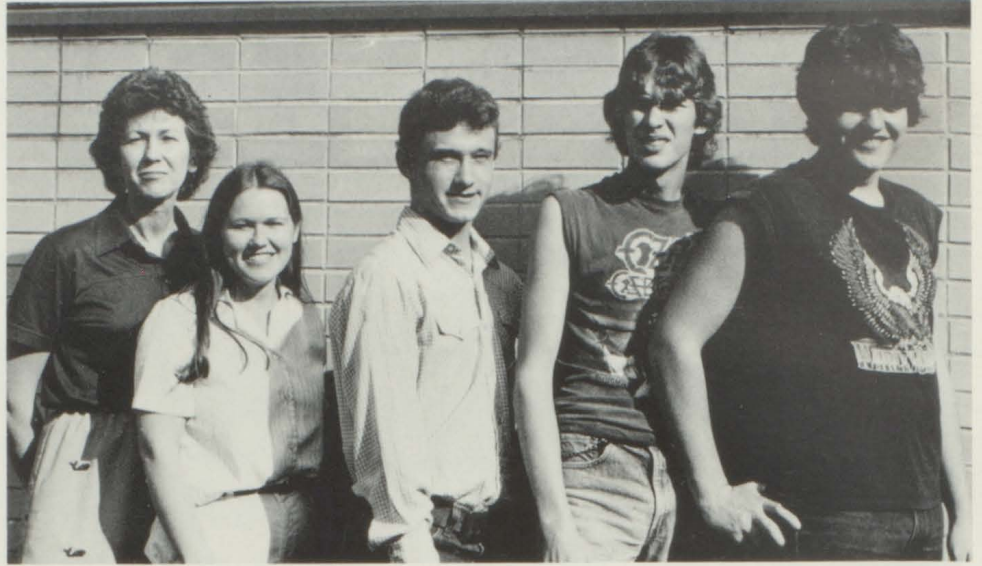
**Jennifer Stafford  
Karen Strock  
Brian Townley  
Elizabeth Turner**



**Mark Vineyard  
Martin Vineyard  
Donna Warden**

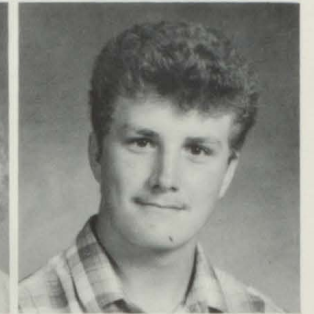
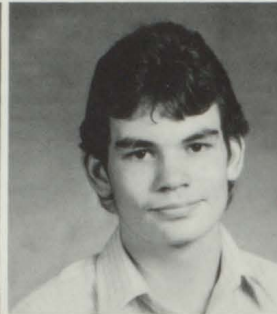


**Dawn Pruitt busily studying history.**

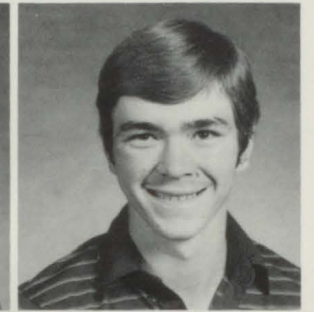
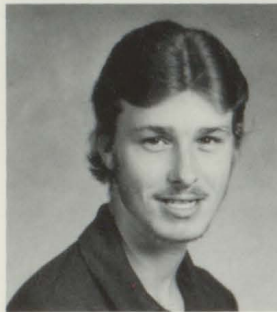


**CLASS OFFICERS: Mrs. Jessie Kegley and Mrs. Kay Mabe, Sponsors. Leon Sink, Secretary-Treasurer; Mike Morehead, Vice-President; Lyle Muncy, President.**

**Angie Blevins  
Phillip Bogle  
Laura Britton  
Daniel Conley**



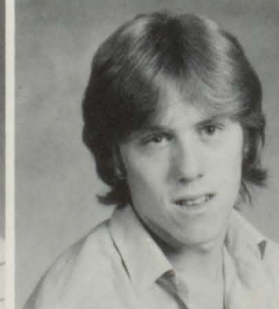
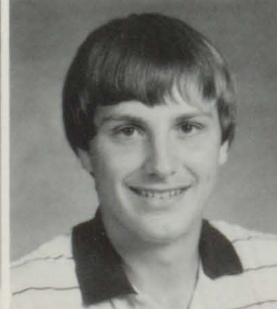
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Anthony Cox  
Cindy Crabtree  
David Dalton**



**Lisa Davis  
Angela DeHart  
Jeff Dodson  
Amy Drummond**



**Glen Eaton  
Stephen Fanning  
Gene French  
Lisa Gravley**





# Who takes PSAT's and plans the Prom?

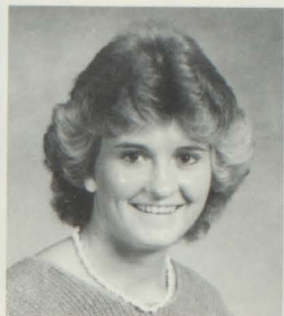
Trying to make money for the prom, the Junior Class set dues at \$15, sold calendars at the beginning of the school year, and held a bake sale on the first day of deer season. A

problem that juniors faced was collecting dues from present and past years.

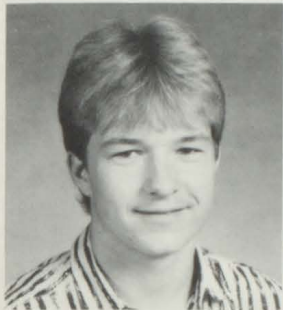
After taking the PSAT's in the fall and receiving their scores, the juniors busily

studied for the SAT's that were taken in the spring.

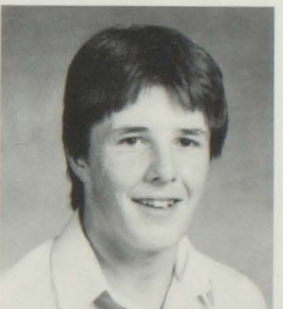
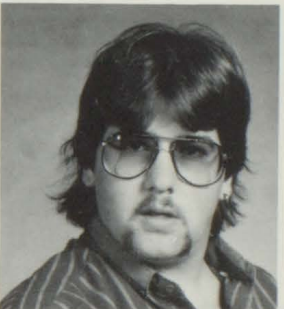
On December 10, many happy junior faces were seen, as this was the day they received their class rings.



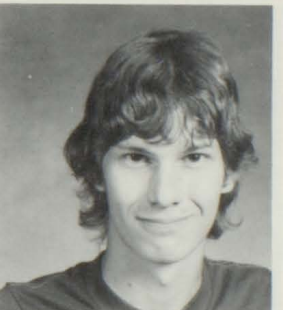
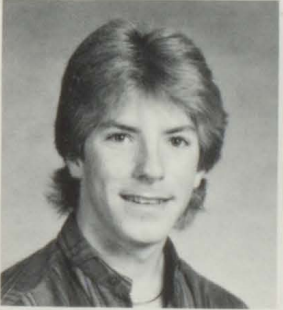
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Tammi Haga  
Robert Hall  
Deanna Harden**



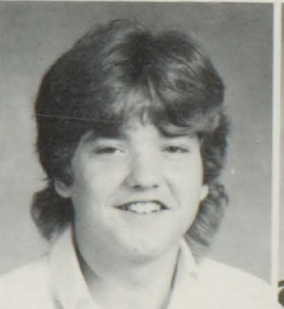
**Bob Hylton  
Sam Hylton  
Sarah Karpenski  
Denise King**



**Idette King  
Rusty King  
Terry Martin  
Alan Massey**



**Bodie Miller  
Steve Mitchell  
Laura Morehead  
Mike Morehead**

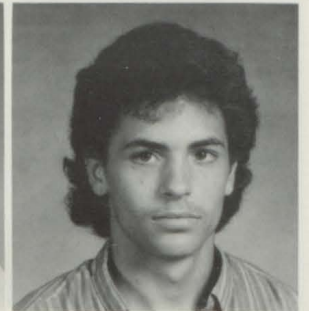
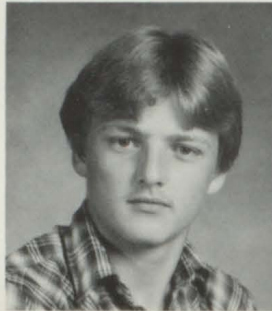


**Bobby Morehead  
LaMoore Muncy  
Lyle Muncy  
Tammy Mustard**

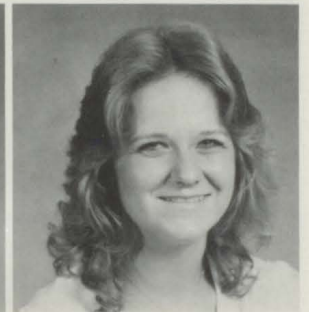


**TOP: Junior bake sale: Lisa Gravley, Lisa Davis, Donna Richardson, Lori Nelson, Carrie Shelton, Tammi Haga.**

**David Mutter  
Lori Nelson  
James Parker**



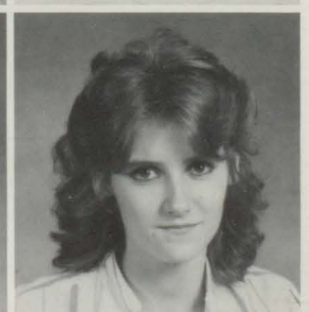
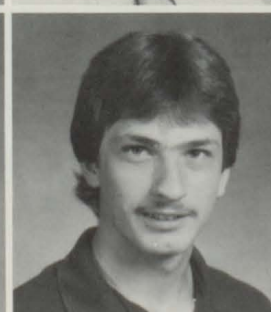
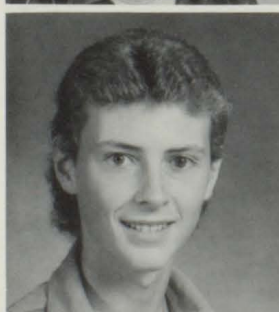
**Regina Parris  
Carla Pauley  
Dawn Pruitt  
Donna Richardson**



**Thelma Sue Sarver  
Carrie Shelton  
Leon Sink  
Eric Strock**



**Timmy Thompson  
Hope Townley  
Todd Turner  
Issis Umbarger**



# Senior Statistics

Donna Sue Alexander — Elizabeth Alexander: FHA (9-11); Art Club (9-12)

Marcie Annett Asbury — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jack Asbury; Science Club (8); Chorus (8-9, Letter); Pep Club (9); Junior Beta (10); FBLA (10-11); French Club (11-12); FHA (12)

Paula Marie Austin — Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Helton and Clea Umbarger; Class Vice President (8); FHA (8-9); FFA (8); Class President (9); FBLA (9); Junior Beta (9-10); VICA President (12); VICA (12)

Evertt Allen Baxley — Mr. and Mrs. Everett Baxley; Art Club (8-9); Junior Beta (9-10); FBLA (10-12); FBLA Competition (11-12)

Kimberly Jo Boardwine — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boardwine; FHA (8-12); FHA Jr. Degree (8); Chapter Degree (9); State Degree (12); Chorus (10, Letter, 11, Bar); FHA Sergeant at Arms (12); Senior 4-H Club (8); Senior 4-H Club Treasurer (12); Chorus President (12); Chorus (10-12); Library Club (12); Dramatics (11)

Jeffery Keith Cox — Mr. and Mrs. Larry W. Cox; Varsity Basketball (11, Letter); Varsity Baseball (11, Letter); FFA Federation Secretary (10); FFA Chapter Secretary (11); FFA Federation Reporter (12); FFA Chapter President (12); Pep Club (8-10); FFA (8-12); Art Club (11); Dramatics Club (11); FBLA (11-12); 8th grade Basketball; J.V. Basketball (9-10); Varsity Baseball (9-12); Varsity Basketball (11-12); Statistician Girls Basketball (9-12); FFA State Convention (10); FFA Livestock Judging Team (10); State Voting Delegate (10)

Pamela Diane Davis — Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Davis; Band (8, Letter & Award); Junior Beta (9-10); Senior Beta (11-12); FBLA (9-12)

Timothy Lafayette Davis — Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Davis; FFA (8-9); SCA (9); Pep Club (9); FBLA (10); Art Club (10); Library (10); Class Vice President; Harvest King (10); Snow King Candidate (10); Snow King (11); VICA (11-12); VICA Vice President (12)

Joseph Leopole Dewilde — Mr. W.S. Strock; FFA (8-10); Pep Club (8); Band (8-10); Vocational School (11-12 Electricity)

Barry Wayne Dillow — Mr. and Mrs. David Dillow; 8th Grade Basketball; Art Club (8-11); Science Club (8-10); Pep Club (8-9); Art Club President (11); Art Award (11); J.V. Basketball (9); Varsity Basketball (10, Letter, 11); Varsity Baseball (8-11); Varsity Baseball Letter (9, Letter); Baseball (10-12, Letter); Father of John Brandon Dillow (11); VICA Club (12); All District Baseball Player (11)

Benjamin Miller Dillow — Richard K. Dillow and Ava Remines; 8th grade Basketball; Pep Club (8-10); FBLA (9-10); FFA (8, 11-12); Baseball (9, Letter); J.V. Basketball (9-10); Varsity

Baseball (9-10, 12); Class Vice President (11); French Club (11); Baseball (10, 12, Letter) Third Year Bar (12)

Roger Eugene Etter — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Etter; 8th grade Basketball; Senior 4-H Club (8); Pep Club (8-9); VICA (11-12); Vocational (11-12)

Paul Steven Foglson — Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Foglesong; Junior Beta (9-10); J.V. Basketball (10); FFA (8-12); Senior Beta (11-12); Senior Beta Treasurer (12); Varsity Basketball (11-12); Varsity Basketball Captain (12)

Kenneth A. Froy — Janet L. Brooks; Class Treasurer (8, 12); FFA (8-9); Science Club (8); Senior 4-H Club (8); 8th grade Basketball; J.V. Basketball (9); Homecoming Court (9); District and Regional Drama Competition (9-11); FBLA (10); Art Club (10); FBLA Competition (10); Dramatics Club Vice President (11); Art Club Secretary (10); Pep Club (8-9); Library Club (10); Varsity Basketball (11, Letter); Forensics District Competition (11, 1st); Regional Competition (11, 3rd); Basketball Honorable Mention District Team (11); VICA (12); Homecoming Committee (12)

Rita Gaye Gusler — Mr. and Mrs. William Buford Gusler; 4-H Recreation Leader (8); FHA (8-12); Sergeant at Arms (9); Pep Club (8-9); Library (9, 12); Officer Worker (9); Senior 4-H (8-12); FBLA (9, 11-12); Drama Club Treasurer (10); 4-H Vice President (10); Snow Queen Candidate (10); A Night of Three One-Act Plays (10); Harvest Festival (10); Drama Club (10-12); State 4-H Congress Delegate (10); District One-Act Plays (10-12); FHA Second Vice President (11); Regional One-Act Plays (11); Secondary Art Ribbon; Regional FBLA Competition (11-12); Senior Beta (12); Annual Staff (12); FHA First Vice President (12); Varsity Volleyball (12) Miss Echo (12)

Rebecca Ann Hanshaw — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hanshaw; FHA (8-9); FBLA (9); Junior Beta (9-10); FFA (10); VICA (11-12); VICA Parliamentarian (11); Snow Queen Court (11); VICA Secretary (12)

James Melvin Harden — Mr. and Mrs. Danny Harden; FFA (8-9); Art Club (8-9); Vocational School (11-12 Electricity)

Tracy Matilda Kegley — Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Kegely; Art (8); Science (8-9); Pep (8-9); J.V. Basketball (8-9); Jr. Beta (9-10); FBLA (9-12); SCA (9-12); Varsity Basketball (10-12); French (10-11); Jr. Beta Vice President (10); SCA Treasurer (10); FHA Secretary (10); Yearbook (11-12); Sr. Beta (11-12); FBLA Treasurer (11); Class Treasurer (11); SCA Vice President (11); Region C Basketball (11); All-county Team (11); DAR Recipient (11-12); Most Valuable Player MED (12); Who's Who Among American High School Students (12); Beta State Vice President (12); Sr. Beta President (12); Homecoming Queen (12)

William Clarence King — Mr. and Mrs. Danny C. King; Art Club (8); FFA (8-12); ICT (12); VICA (12); Homecoming Court (12)

Edgar Eugene Lambert — Donald Lambert; FFA (8-10); 8th grade Basketball; Pep Club (8-9); J.V. Basketball (9-10); Varsity Baseball (10-12); FBLA (11-12); Varsity Basketball (11-12); Field Day Participant (10-12); Senior Beta (11-12); Critter Corner (12); FBLA Historian (12); Senior Beta Vice President (12)

Sammy Joe Lambert — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lambert; Senior 4-H (8-9); Greenhand (8); Chapter Farmers (9); Pep Club (8-10); FFA (8, 9, 12); Art Club (10-12); Critter Corner Crew (12); Baseball (12); Varsity Basketball (12); Dramatics Club (12)

Rebecca Kate Melvin — Cecil and Mary Melvin; Chorus (8, Letter); Senior 4-H (8-12); Awards-8th: English, Geography, General Science, Pre-Algebra, Perfect Attendance, Junior All-Regional Chorus, National Science Merit; Chorus (9, Bar); J.V. Basketball (8-9); Junior Beta (9-10); Newspaper Staff (9-10); FBLA Club (9-12); Awards-9th: Biology, Algebra, General Business, Perfect Attendance, Junior All-Regional Chorus; Pep Club (9); French Club (10-11); FBLA Parliamentarian (10-12); 4-H Treasurer (10-11); Awards-10th: French, Geometry, Typing, Honor Letter, Academic All-American United States Achievement Academy, International Foreign Language; Awards-11th: Algebra, Chemistry, Honor Bar, Perfect Attendance, Society of Distinguished American High School Students; FBLA Parliamentarian (11); Regional Reporter and State Parliamentarian (11); Senior 4-H President (11); Yearbook Editor (12); Prom Committee (12); Snow Queen (12)

Teresa Ann Miller — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller, Jr.; FHA (8-12); Junior Beta (9-10); Newspaper Staff (9-10); Pep Club (9); FBLA (10); FHA Junior Degree (9); FHA Chapter Degree (10); Art Club (10); French Club (11-12); Year Book Staff (12)

Melanie Rae Morehead — Mr. and Mrs. Gillbert G. Morehead; FHA (8-12); Chorus (9, Letter); Junior Degree Pin (8); Chapter Degree (9); Secretary/Treasurer (10); FBLA (11); Library Club (11)

Gary Dean Mustard — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wayne Mustard; Pep Club (8-9); Art Club (8-9); Senior 4-H Club (8-11); 4-H County Council (11); VICA Club (11-12); FFA (10)

Jeri Lynne Mustard — Mr. and Mrs. John Price Newberry; Library Club (8-9, 11); Dramatics (8-12); Pep (8); Science Club (8); Junior Beta (10); French Club (10-11); Senior Beta (11, 12); VICA (12); J.V. Cheerleader (9); Varsity Basketball (11); Academic Letter (11)

LeAnna June Mustard — Judith Mustard; Eight Grade 4-H Club (8); Band (8, Letter); Senior 4-H Recreation Leader (8); Science Club (8-10); Pep Club (8-9); Library Club (10-12); FBLA (10-12); Art Club (10); Dramatics Club (11-12); Chorus (11, Letter); Senior 4-H Club (12); Yearbook Staff (12); Girls J.V. Basketball Statistic Keeper (12); Volleyball Scorekeeper (12)

Terry Gene Mustard — Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Mustard; FFA (8-9); Senior 4-H (8-9)

Donald Shaunn Neel — Gary and Connie Crider; 8th Grade Basketball; Class Secretary (9); Junior Beta (9-10); Science Club (9); J.V. Basketball (10-11); Pep Club (8-9)

Brian Keith Perkins — Mr. and Mrs. Curby R. Perkins; Art Club (8-12); Junior Beta Club (9-10); Band (8-10); French Club (11-12); Snow Court (11); Homecoming Court (12); Statewide Math contest (12)

Edward Randall Price — Mr. and Mrs. Randall Price, Jr.; FFA (8-12); Pep Club (8-9); Science Club (8-9); Basketball (8); Critter Corner Crew (12); Senior 4-H (8-11); Junior Beta (10); Senior Beta (11-12)

Tina Dennis Putman — Dana P. King & Larry C. King; 4-H Recreation Leader (8); Senior 4-H (8-12); Chorus (9, Letter); Perfect Attendance Pin in 4-H (9-11); Library Club (11-12); FBLA (11); FHA (12, First Year Pin)

William Harvey Ramsey — Mr. and Mrs. William Reed Ramsey; FFA (8-10); Vocational School (11-12 Electricity)

Thomas Junior Roseberry, III — Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Roseberry, II; FFA (8-10); Art Club (9-10); Baseball (9-12); Basketball (10); Snow Court (10-12); Dramatics (11); Spring Fling Court (11); Junior Class President (11)

Ernest William Shelton — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Shelton; FFA (8-10); Band (8-10, Letter, Pin); Senior 4-H (8-10); VICA (12); ICT (12); Art I (10); Snow Court (10)

Dennis Lee Spangler, Jr. — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Spangler, Sr.; FFA (8-10); Vocational School Automechanics I, II (11-12)

Angela Darlene Strock — Mr. and Mrs. Randal L. Richardson and Mr. Donald F. Strock; FHA (8-12); Pep Club (8-9); Senior 4-H Member (8-11); Science Club (9); Library (9, 12); FBLA (9, 11); Drama Club (10-12); Art Club (10-12); District One-Act Plays (10-12); Beauty Pageant Committee (10-12); 4-H Recreation Leader (11); FHA Fieldtrip Chairman (11); Secondary Art Ribbon (11); Virginia Theater Conference (11); Snow Queen Candidate (11); Spring Fling King Court (11); Varsity Cheerleader (11, Letter); United States Cheerleading Achievement Award (11); Art Vice President (12); Library Club Vice President (12); Annual Staff (12); Perfect Attendance Award (12); Nominated for United States Leadership Achievement Award (12); Homecoming Court (12)

Lisa Louise Talbert — Mr. and Mrs. Paris Talbert Jr.; Art Club (8); Jr. Beta (9-10); Letter in Academics (9); Math Award (9); 10th Awards: Algebra, Typing Business, First Year Bar, 11th Awards: Bookkeeping, Second Year Bar, Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11-12)

Joy Lynn Tate — Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Tate, Jr.; Pep Club (8-9); Library Club (8-12); Science Club (9); Drama Club (8-12); French Club (9-10); SCA Club (9-10); Junior Beta (9-10); Newspaper Staff (9-12); Senior 4-H Club (8-11); Senior Beta (11-12); FBLA (9-11); Prom Committee (11); VICA (12); Drama Club President (10); VICA Treasurer (12); Junior Beta Vice President (9); Science Club Secretary/Treasurer (9); Senior Beta Secretary (12); Class Secretary (8); Class Treasurer (9); District Forensics (11); District One Act Play Festival (10-11); Snow Court (10-12); Homecoming Court (8); State Dramatics Competition (10); Tennis Team (11); Junior Cheerleader (9); Varsity Cheerleader (10); Senior Miss Bland County (10); Forensic Award (10); Dramatics II Award (10); Drama IV Award (11)

Eric Brian Taylor — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor; Pep Club (8-9); Library Club (9-12); Art Club (12); French Club (11-12); Newspaper Staff (10-12); Yearbook Staff (12); Drama Club (8-12); Critter Corner Crew (12); Junior Beta (9-10); Senior Beta (11-12); 8th grade Basketball; J.V. Basketball (9); Varsity Baseball (9, 12); Senior 4-H (8-12); Varsity Basketball (12); Girls Status & Bookkeeper (9); Boys Status & Bookkeeper (10); Girls and Boys Camrman (10); Girls Camrman (12); Forensic Competition (9-12); One Act Play Festival (9-12); District, Regional, State One Act Festival Winners (9); District Regional Winners (10); Play Festival (11); Beat Convention (11-12); Spring Fling Court (11); Snow Court (9-12); Class Secretary (10); Senior 4-H Vice President (12); Dramatics Award (10-11); District Forensic Winner (11); Regional Forensic (11, 3rd); District Forensic (9, 3rd)

Angela Renee Thompson — Don and Brenda Thompsy and Mary Thompson; Band (8-9, Letter); Chorus 8, Letter; Pep Club (8-9); Science Club (8); Beauty Pageant Participant (8-12); Library Club (8-11); Newspaper Staff (9, 11); J.V. Cheerleader (9-10); Algebra Award (9); Snow Court (9-11); Miss Echo Court (10); Junior Beta (10); FBLA (10-12); Homecoming Court (11); Senior Beta (11-12); Varsity Cheerleader (11); FBLA President (12); French Club (12); French Club Vice-President (12); Yearbook Staff (12); Dramatics Club (12); FBLA Competition (10-12); Senior 4-H (9-12)

Christopher Lee Tickle — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Tickle; Art Club (8-12); FFA Club (8, 12); Critter Corner Crew (12); Baseball (10-12); Baseball Letter (11); Baseball Bar (12)

Karen Denise Umbarger — Ray and Frances Umbarger; FFA Star Greenhand (8); FFA (8-10); Pep Club (8-9); Snow Queen Candidate (8); FFA Judging Team (8); Newspaper Staff (9); FFA Sentinel (9); J.V. Cheerleader (9); Snow Queen Candidate (9); FFA Sweetheart (9); High School Sweetheart Queen (9); May Queen Court (9); Harvest Queen (9); Library Club (10); J.V. Cheerleader (10); Tennis (10); FFA Secretary (10); Chorus (11); Varsity Cheerleader (11); Homecoming Court (11); U.S. National Cheerleader (11); Office Worker (12); FBLA (12); National Leadership and Service Award (12); Who's Who Among National Cheerleaders (12); Class President (12); Varsity Cheerleader (12, Captain)

Ryland William Wade — Nancy Thompson Wade; 8th grade Basketball; Varsity Baseball (9-10); Band (8, Letter); Solo Ensemble (9-10, Metals); Band Treasurer (9); Band Vice President (10); Band Vice President (11); FBLA (11); VICA (12); All Regional Band Tryouts (11)

Sherri Dawn Wimmer — Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Wimmer Sr.; Library Club (8-12); Art Club (8, 10); Pep Club (8-9); Science Club (8); SCA (8, 11); Class President (8); Miss Echo Candidate (8); Art Club Secretary (8); J.V. Basketball (8-10); Homecoming Queen Candidate (8, 12); Junior Beta Club (9-10); Newspaper Staff (9-12); FBLA (9, 11); French Club (9-10); Class Vice President (9); Drama Club (10-12); J.V. Cheerleader (9-10); Drama Award (10); Class President (10); Junior Beta Secretary (10); Snow Queen Court Second Runner-up (10); Senior Beta (11-12); Regional Forensics Runner-up (11); FBLA Reporter (11); Varsity Basketball (11-12); Tennis (11); Virginia Theater Conference (11); District and Regional Forensics (11); FBLA Conference Voting Delegate (11); VICA Club (12); Newspaper Co-editor (12); Annual Staff (12); Snow Queen Candidate (12); Varsity Basketball Co-captain (12); VICA Club Reporter (12); Homecoming Court (12)

Karen Denise Wright — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wright; Perfect Attendance Award (8-12); FHA (8-12); Junior Degree Pin (8); Chapter Degree Pin (9); Physical Educational Award (10); Art Award (10); Junior Beta (9-10); Art Club (10); Volleyball (9, 12); FHA Reporter (10); Drama Club (11); FHA First Vice President (11); Library Club (11-12); Honor Letter (11); History Award (11); Business Computer Applications Award (11); FFA President (12); Year Book Staff (12); Snow Queen Court (12); Tennis (12); Newspaper Staff (11)

Sharon Mae Wright — Mr. and Mrs. William Terry Wright; Chorus (8-10); Chorus Secretary (8); FHA (12); Vocational Horticulture (11-12)

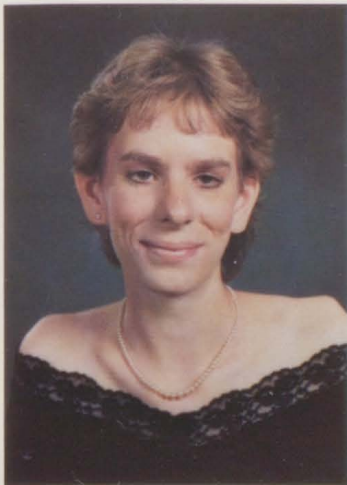
# Pride in outstanding members

Which class has 54 outstanding members? Which class can boast forensics winners and a former Junior Miss? Which class can point with pride to Miss Echo, a state Beta vice-president, and state FBLA parliamentarian? The answer to these trivia questions is the 1986 Se-

nior Class.

The road to these accomplishments began in 1980 when they entered BHS as 8th graders and all too rapidly advanced to upper classmen. Their main concern during these years was money-making projects, grades and class rank.

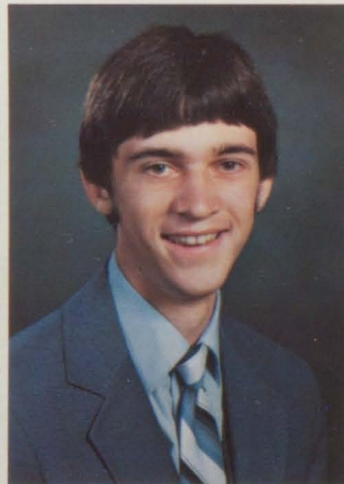
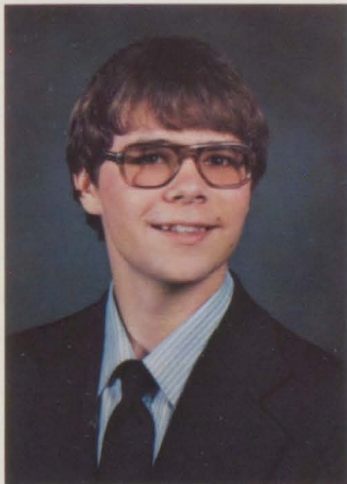
Each year brought growing responsibilities and challenges. As seniors, money-making accelerated through monthly doughnut sales and concession stands. New tasks moved them toward that magical graduation day.



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"Donna"

**Marcie Anett Asbury**  
"Marcie"

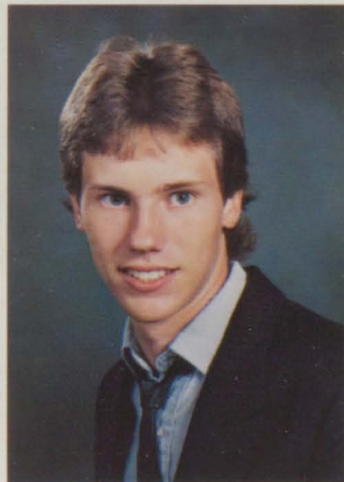
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"Paula"



**Everett Allen Baxley**  
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**Kimberly Jo Boardwine**  
"Kim"

**Jeffrey Keith Cox**  
"Jeff"



**Pamela Diane Davis**  
"Pam"

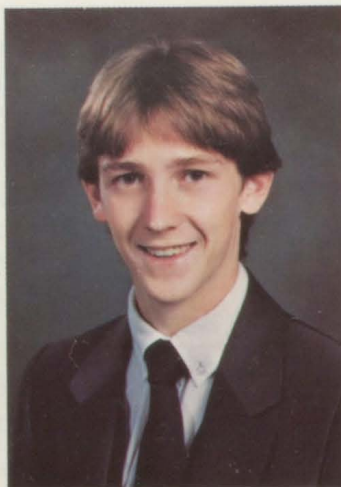
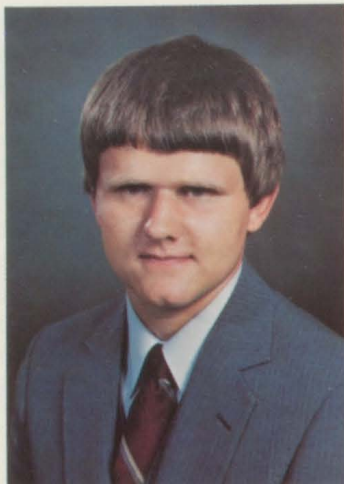
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**William Walter Davis**  
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**Joseph Leopole DeWilde**  
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**Barry Wayne Dillow**  
"Barry"

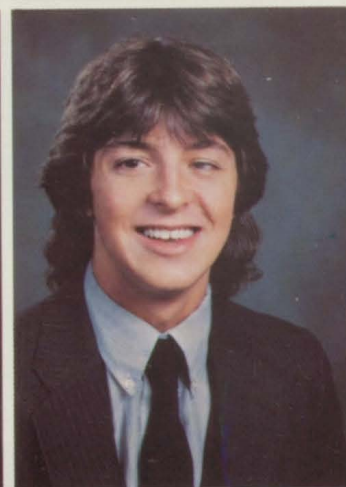
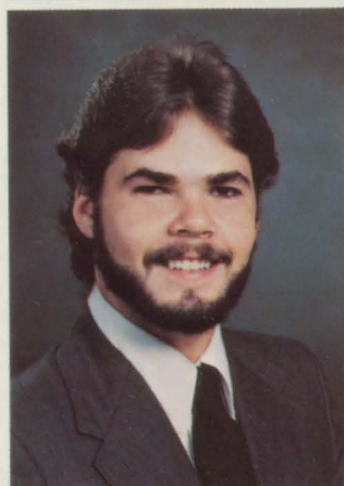
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"Ben"



**Roger Eugene Etter**  
"Roger"

**Paul Steven Foglesong**  
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**Kenneth Aldo Froy**  
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**Rita Gaye Gusler**  
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**Rebecca Ann Hanshaw**  
"Becky"

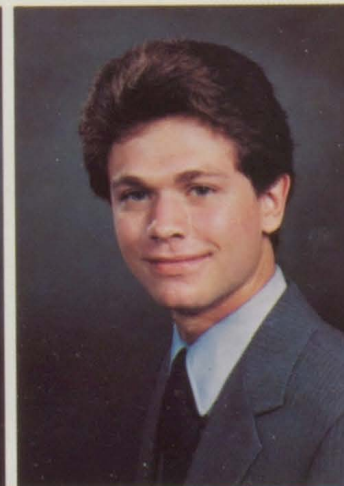
**James Melvin Harden**  
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**Tracy Matilda Kegley**  
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**William Clarence King**  
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**Edgar Eugene Lambert**  
"Gene"

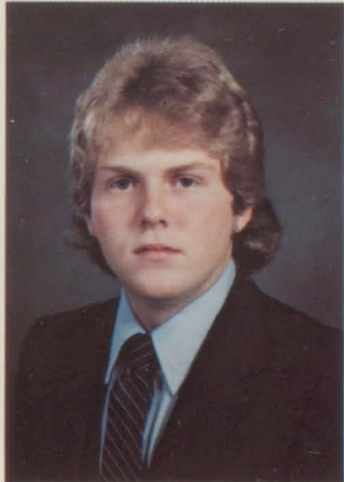




**Sammy Joe Lambert**  
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**Rebecca Kate Melvin**  
"Becky"

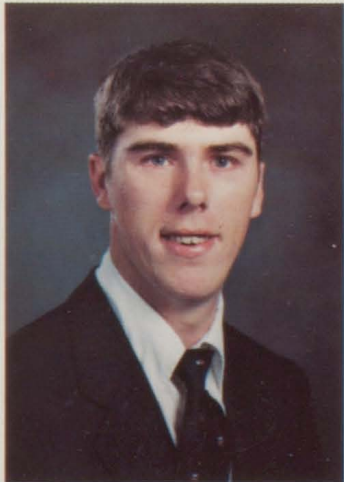
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**Melanie Rae Morehead**  
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**Gary Dean Mustard**  
"Gary"

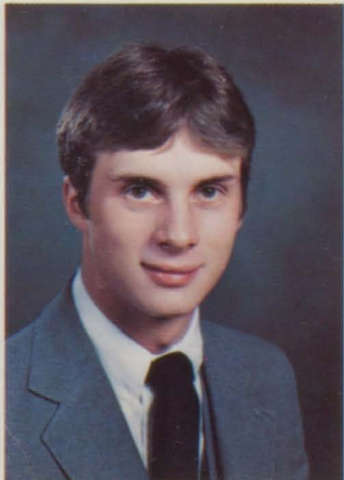
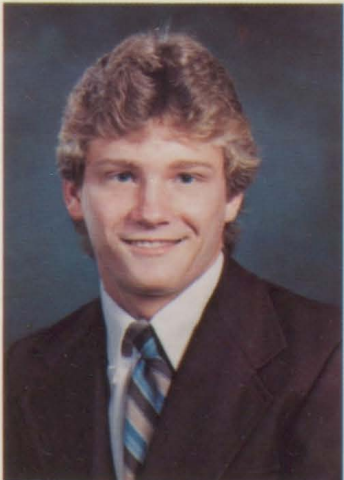
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"Jeri"



**LeAnna June Mustard**  
"LeAnna"

**Terry Gene Mustard**  
"Terry"

**Donald Shaunn Neel**  
"Shaunn"



**Brian Keith Perkins**  
"Brian"

**Edward Randall Price**  
"Eddie"

**Life at the Miss Echo**  
Dance

**Tina Dennise Putnam**  
"Tina"



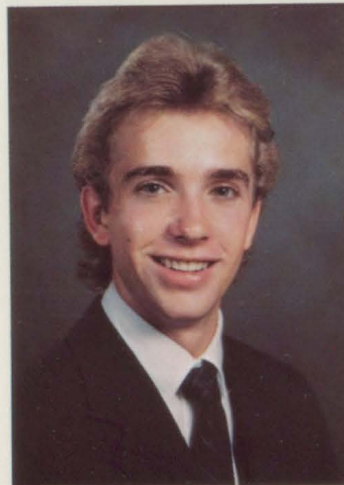
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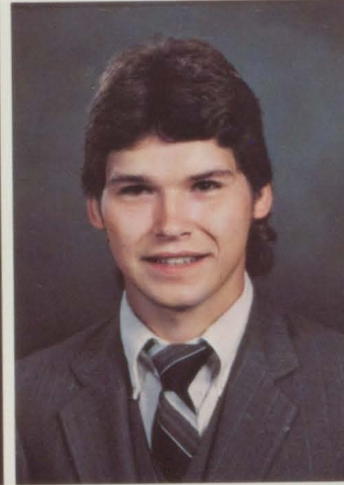
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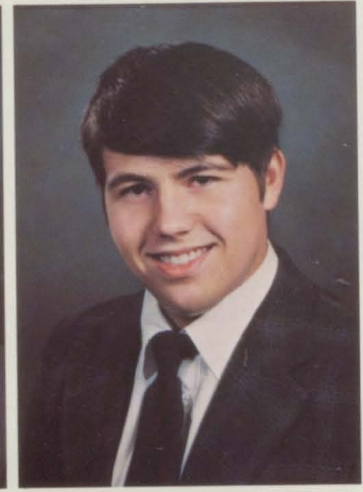
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**Ernie William Shelton**  
"Ernie"



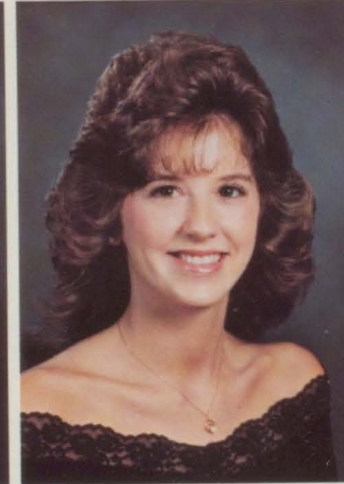
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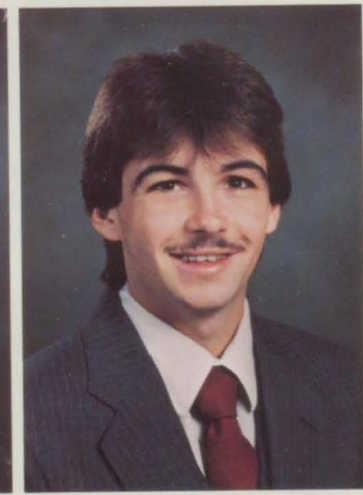
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**Joy Lynn Tate**  
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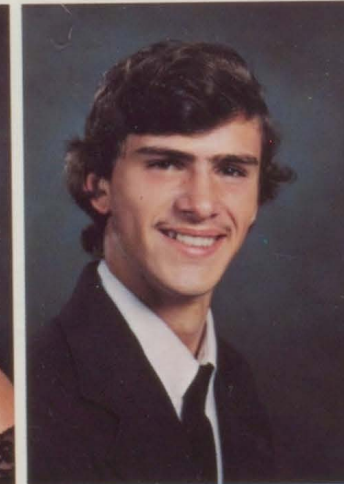
**Eric Brian Taylor**  
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**Angela Renee Thompson**  
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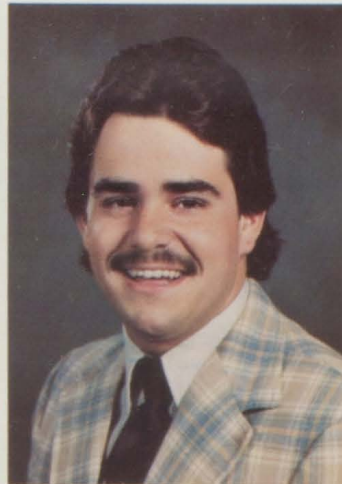
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**Lisa Louise Tolbert**  
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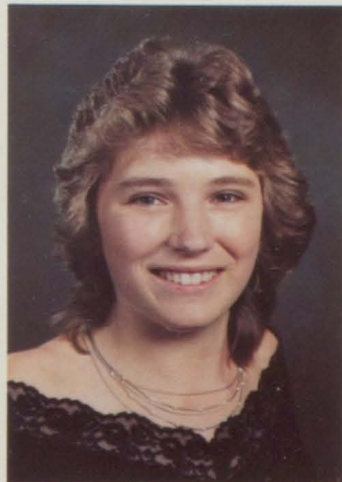




**Judy Carolyn Umbarger**  
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**Karen Denise Umbarger**  
"Denise"

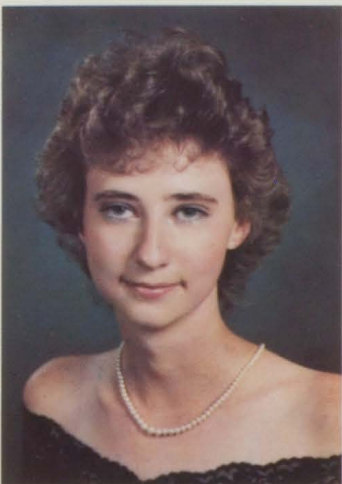
**Ryland William Wade**  
"Ryland"



**Sherri Dawn Wimmer**  
"Sherri"

**Martin Cleveland Wright**  
"Martin"

**Karen Denise Wright**  
"Karen"



**Sharon Mae Wright**  
"Sharon"

**Senior Class Officers**  
FRONT: Denise Umbarger, President; Tracy Kegley, vice-president; BACK: Ken-ny Froy, secretary; Brian Perkins, treasurer.

### SENIORS FAVORITE THINGS

Teacher

Mrs. Bird  
Mr. Havens  
Mrs. Faulkner

Food

Pizza  
Hamburger  
Taco

Candy

Runts  
Sugar Daddy  
M & M's

Subject

Study Hall  
Creative Writing  
English

Movie

Back to the Future  
First Blood Part II Rambo  
D. C. Cab

Fast Food Restaurant

Hardees  
Burger King  
McDonalds

Radio Station

K-92  
J-104  
Q-99

Color

Blue  
Red  
Black

Female Singer

Tina Turner  
Cyndi Lauper  
Madonna

Sports

Baseball  
Basketball  
Football

TV Show

Miami Vice  
The Cosby Show  
Santa Barbara

Male Singer

Bryan Adams  
Bruce Springsteen  
Rick Springfield

Magazine

Teen  
Seventeen  
Sports Illustrated

Rock Group

Ratt  
REO Speedwagon  
Chicago

Soda Pop

Pepsi  
Dr. Pepper  
Mountain Dew

Cartoon Character

Garfield  
Bugs Bunny  
Elmer Fudd



**TOP: 1986 Senior Class. CENTER LEFT: "Orange you smart" — Betas Angie Thompson, Gene Lambert, Becky Melvin. CENTER: Tracy Kegley and Gene Lambert. BOTTOM LEFT: Becky Melvin, Angie Thompson, Tracy Kegley, Karen Wright. BOTTOM CENTER: Angie Thompson. BOTTOM RIGHT: Sammy Lambert.**





# Student Life

# A night of "Heaven"

On which event of the year do florists sell more flowers than any other? The answer to this trivial question must be "prom week." The juniors, seniors, and their dates are busy rushing to order corsages and boutonniers. The week before the prom the young ladies made appointments with their favorite hairdresser or girlfriend, and

most importantly, they picked out the "perfect gown." The young men were deciding on a tuxedo or suit to match their dates gown.

The night of May 4 proved to be "Heaven" for those attending the 1985 junior-senior prom. The Wytheville Recreation Center was beautifully decorated in silver and blue with a silver staircase in

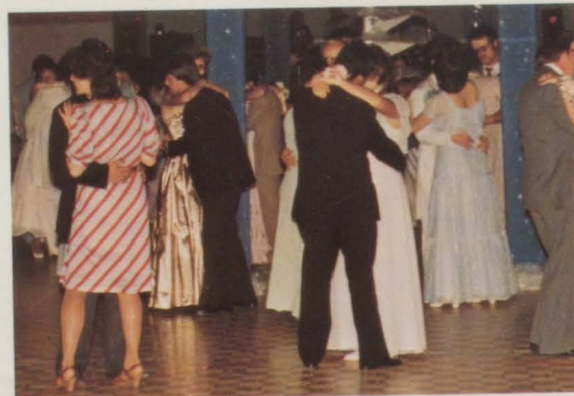
the middle of the floor.

The finale of the evening was the crowning of the King and Queen, with the honors being bestowed upon Arnie Wimmer and Shawna Carr.

As the evening drew to a close, the seniors left with memories of a lovely night and the juniors were left with thoughts of the next day's clean-up.



**TOP LEFT:** Arnie Wimmer and Shawna Carr, King & Queen (with exchanged crowns). **TOP CENTER:** Barry Dillow and Denise Umbarger. **TOP RIGHT:** Awaiting the announcement of the King and Queen. **CENTER LEFT:** Becky Melvin and Todd Turner. **CENTER:** Melanie Morehead and Danny Bridges. **CENTER RIGHT:** Becky Melvin, Shaunn Neel and Tracy Kegley give out senior gifts. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Randy Riggle and LeAnna Mustard. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Dancers at the prom.





**TOP LEFT:** Shaun Neel, Eric Taylor, and Bob Hylton in the Wizard of Oz. **TOP RIGHT:** Billy Burton marching in the Chilhowie parade. **CENTER LEFT:** Angela Strock and her friend Tabby. **CENTER RIGHT:** Dancers at the Miss Echo dance. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Annual staff at the Miss Echo dance.

## Winners entertained

Excitement ran high on September 27 as the 1986 Echo staff frantically put finishing touches of blue and silver streamers and balloons in the gym in preparation for the annual Miss Echo dance which culminated a two-week sales drive. A total of 354 yearbooks had been sold, and the girl selling the most subscriptions would be "Miss Echo 1986."

For the first time, the dance became a night activity, adding to the "specialness" of the occasion. Following the introduction of the candidates and escorts, thirteen former Miss Echo winners were presented to the onlookers as Laura Morehead provided background music.

Entertainment was provided by band, choir, Roberta Kegley, Becky Bird, Ginny Guthrie, Sarah Thompson, Heidi Guthrie, Eugene King, Kevin King and Robert Davis in a variety of songs and dance routines. Following the entertainment Rita Gusler was crowned Miss Echo of 1986, receiving an initialed key ring, a banner and tiara. Each candidate received an initialed key ring, and each escort and past winner received a decanter.

Mike "Wooly" Woolwine provided the dance music.

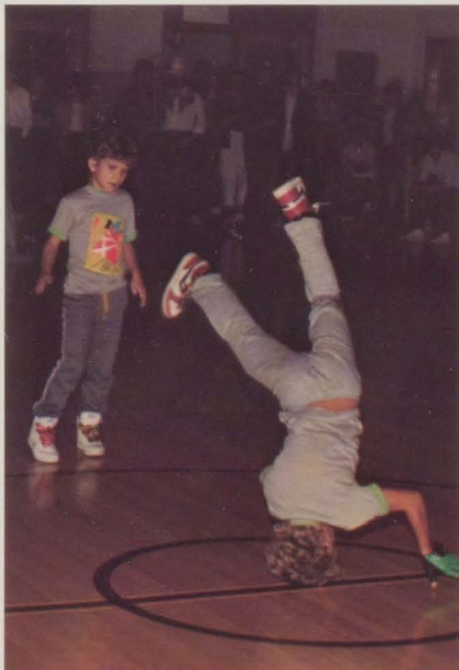
**RIGHT: Miss Echo 1986  
Rita Gusler**



**FORMER WINNERS:** Margaret Buchanan Capito, 58; Jean Faulkner Blankenship, 61; Teresa Johnston Perdue, 64; Joyce

Bryant King, 67; Debra Shockley, 68; Jennie Songer Carroll, 69; Judy King Brown, 74; Missy Miller Pifer, 78; Rhonda Ellison, 80;

Karen Harden, 81; Rita Lambert, 83; JoAnn Matz, 84; Shawna Carr, 85.



**TOP LEFT:** Roberta Kegley, accompanied by her father Robert, renders a medley of country songs. **TOP RIGHT:** Dance enthusiasts. **CENTER:** The Miss Echo Court - Aaron Newberry, Amy Haga - 8th; Bob Hylton, Lana Lindamood - 10th, 1st runner-up; Shaunn Neel, Rita Gusler - 12th, Queen; Steven Fogesong, Lamoore Muncy - 11th; Robbie Waddle, Lori Perkins - 9th. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Robert Davis and Kevin King show Bland how to Break Dance. **BOTTOM CENTER:** Eugene King singing "Raindrops keep falling on my head."

# On the edge of a dream

Who was chosen the fairest in Bland County for 1985?

On March 22, 1985, beautiful lassies adorned in lovely dresses presented themselves to a panel of judges. Using a point system the judges independently marked ballots for each girl. The girls having the highest points

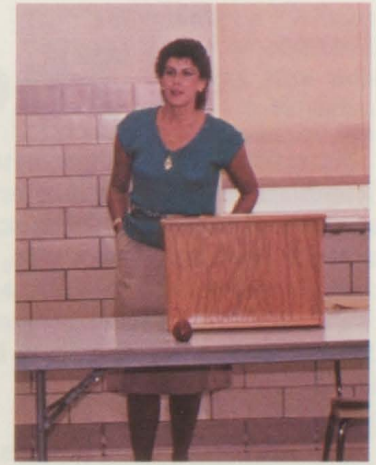
were declared the winners.

The winners for Miss Bland were — Stina Roseberry; 1st runner up — Debbie Warden; 2nd runner up — Kitten Richardson. The winners for Sr. Miss were — Tammy Davis; 1st runner up — Carla Pauley; 2nd runner up — Latrayle Shewey.

TOP LEFT: MISS BLAND COUNTY 1985 — Stina Roseberry. TOP RIGHT: Parade of Senior Miss contestants. CENTER RIGHT: Top ten Miss Bland County contestants. BOTTOM LEFT: SENIOR MISS 1985 — Tammy Davis. BOTTOM RIGHT: Top seven Senior Miss contestants.







**TOP LEFT:** Pirouettes — Sarah Thompson, Heidi Guthrie, Becky Bird, Heather Guthrie. **TOP RIGHT:** Kay Kincer, supervisor of Special Education. **TOP CENTER LEFT:** Butch Underwood and Miracle Mitchem lead the band at Chilhowie. **TOP CENTER RIGHT:** Preparing Bland's favorite foods are Mary Melvin and Doris Tibbs. **BOTTOM CENTER LEFT:** Karen Wright, Tracy Kegley, Angie Thompson. **BOTTOM CENTER:** Angela Strock and Rita Gusler with an unknown "friend." **BOTTOM CENTER RIGHT:** John Thompson at elementary playground. **BOTTOM:** First graders enjoying recess on the playground.

# The beauty of youth

How can so much confusion finally turn into an organized event? Practice, decorating, preparing score-sheets, and programs were only part of the work that went on behind the scenes of the 1986 Little Miss and Junior Miss Pageants.

But, all this work was just the tip of the iceberg. It was the job of the Senior Beta Club and the FBLA Club to

keep things flowing smoothly during the pageants. They had to soothe nerves and smooth dresses; they also had to help fix hair and pin on numbers.

The gym was transformed into a little girls' dream, with pink and lavender streamers and pink balloons. This setting provided the backdrop for 30 Little Miss and 21 Junior Miss contestants to pre-

sent themselves to the judges.

While the counters busily added scores, entertainment was provided by members of the two sponsoring clubs. These students sang a medley of tunes of years gone by.

A magical night was the result, with two young ladies declared "winners."



**TOP RIGHT:** 2nd runner up — Ashley Akers, Little Miss Bland County — Sarah Smith, 1st Runner up — Megan Shewey. **ABOVE:** Beta president, Tracy Kegley, assists Little Miss Bland County. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Little Miss top ten, Fay Wolfe, Liesa Hagy, Amanda Phillips, Megan Shewey, Elizabeth Hankins, Ashley Akers, Erin Thompson, Sarah Bird, Rachel Munsey, and Sarah Smith.





**TOP: 1st runner up — Terri Tolbert, Junior Miss Bland County — Becky Bird 2nd runner up — Beth Bridges. CENTER LEFT: Amy Drummond, Lyle Muncy, LaMoore Muncy, Denise Umbarger, Carla Pauley, Steve Fogle-song and Roberta Kegley. CENTER RIGHT: Becky Melvin, Sherri Wimmer, Vicki Sarver and Eric Taylor. BOT-TOM: Top ten in Junior Miss — Sherri Burton, Heather Smith, Terri Tolbert, Detria Agee, Jennie Lambert, Julie Bradshaw, Beth Bridges, Heather Burton, Becky Bird, (not pictured — Angel Underwood).**



# Bravery and dare-devils wear "rat-tails"

What were the most unusual fashion trends of 1986? the rat tail, long sweaters, cropped pants, or short skirts? All of these fashions

and more could be seen in the halls of BHS throughout the year.

Many students were brave enough to have their hair cut

into the "rat tail." But a few real "dare-devils" went so far as to dye these fair strands a variety of colors.

Jeans, cropped pants (above the ankle), and stirrup pants (anchored under the arch) were staples in the well-dressed student's wardrobe. More students wore "baggy" jeans, and the cropped and stirrup pants are reminiscent of yesteryear's pedal pushers and stretch pants.

**TOP RIGHT:** Brad Dillow looks over "fad" hairstyles of Thelma Sarver, Amy Drummond, Marsha Martin and Julie Pauley. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Tina Putman **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Amy Drummond, Deanna Drummond, Julie Pauley, Lori Perkins.



# 1986 Snow

## King and Queen

December 6, 1985, was the date of the fifth annual Snow Dance sponsored by the Bland FBLA Chapter. The penny-a-vote campaign lasted for three weeks, at the end of which time, the candidates having earned the most money became Snow King and Queen. Candidates from thirteen clubs vied for the prestigious honor of being named to royalty.

The long, hard-fought battle had finally ended. As the moment of destiny drew nigh at the Snow Dance, contestants became anxious to know the results of their endless labor. Janet Millirons and Mark Hamblin captured the position of 2nd runner-up with a total of \$162.47. Deanna Harden and Robert Lambert earned \$195.40 which ensured them the position of 1st runner-up. The 1986 Snow King and Queen, with a total of \$359.92, were Chip Bird and Becky Melvin.



**TOP LEFT:** 1986 Snow King and Queen, Chip Bird and Becky Melvin. **CENTER LEFT:** 2nd runner-up — Mark Hamblin, Janet Millirons; King Chip Bird, Queen Becky Melvin; 1st runner-up — Robert Lambert, Deanna Harden. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Students move slowly in close unison as 1986 Snow Court leads the first dance after the crowning ceremony.



# What is a "Spring Fling"?

"What can we do to raise money?" "Let's think of something really different." These were comments by library club members in the spring of '85. They decided to have a dance with an elected King and Queen. There's nothing different about that — except the contestants were to be males and they would be escorted by girls. Two candidates were chosen to run from each class (8-11) with three from the seniors. Excitement prevailed among club members as they plotted and planned for this last dance of the year, "Spring Fling." Decorations were bountiful and the gym looked like a huge flower garden. Candidates were Richard Spivey, Scott Wellman-8th; Mike Hounshell, Brian Townley-

9th; Bob Hylton, Todd Turner-10th; T.J. Roseberry, Eric Taylor-11th; Sammy King, Chuck Turner, Arnie Wimmer-12th. The honors of "Spring Fling King" went to Arnie Wimmer with Chuck Turner as 1st runner-up. Arnie received a banner, pewter mug and crown, Chuck a silver top hat, and each of the other winners a black derby. As the court led the dance, balloons cascaded from the ceiling to float over and around the dancers. Music was provided by "Wooley" Woolwine.

After the snow caused a week's delay, Homecoming became a reality on February 7. Students were in a festive mood after winning two of the three basketball games. Contestants hurried to don their "dress-up" frocks while mu-

sic equipment was being set up. Selected by classmates were Latrayle Shewey and Samantha Waddle-8th, Sonya Carroll and Sonya Chewning-9th, Dawn Dillow and Darcy Groseclose-10th, Laura Britton and Carla Pauley-11th, Tracy Kegley, Angela Strock and Sherri Wimmer-12th. The final tally bestowed the honor of Homecoming Queen to Tracy Kegley who received a tiara, banner and arm bouquet. Second place honor went to Sherri Wimmer and Angela Strock placed third. They, along with winners from each of the classes, were given arm bouquets. Dancing filled the remainder of the night with John Goins providing the music.



**TOP LEFT:** King Arnie Wimmer escorted by Shawna Carr. **CENTER:** Swinging with the sounds of music. **TOP RIGHT:** Balloons were released to shower the court. **BOTTOM:** Mike Hounshell, Dawn Dillow; Bob Hylton, Lana Lindamood; T.J. Roseberry, Paty Smith; Chuck Turner, Marci Newberry; Arnie Wimmer, Shawna Carr. Not shown: Richard Spivey, Tonya Smith.





**Homecoming Queen  
Tracy Kegley**



**TOP LEFT:** 1986 Homecoming Queen Tracy Kegley escorted by Brian Perkins. **TOP RIGHT:** Donna Warden in a fast dance with her date. **CENTER LEFT:** All ages get in a swinging mood. **CENTER RIGHT:** Latrayle Shewey and Rusty Havens are keeping time to a fast-paced tune. **BOTTOM-HOMECOMING COURT:** 9th-Sonya Chewning, Mark Gusler; 12th-Tracy Kegley, Brian Perkins; 11th-Carla Pauley, Allan Massey; 10th-Dawn Dillow, Aaron Newberry; 8th-Samantha Waddle, Shannon King.

# When does weather change plans?

When does weather create a change of plans?

The answer to this trivial question is Homecoming Week. With plans made for each day, signs and streamers abounded and lockers decorated, the snow we had wished for came for Homecoming Week (Jan. 27-31). Missing the first two days, students returned on

Wednesday to carry out final plans. With snow coming down in buckets, school dismissed after only 30 minutes. An accumulation of about six inches of white powder prevented classes resuming until the following week.

On Monday, students came in the latest (or oldest) Punk outfits. Tuesday brought out the cowboys and Indians. Fa-

vorite TV or movie characters graced the halls on Wednesday. Thursday found us dressed in our "usual" attire for Tacky Day. Everyone got into the spirit of things for Spirit Day on Friday with lots of maroon and gold. A pep rally was held to set an excited mood.



**TOP LEFT:** Mr. Beamer models his evening attire. **TOP RIGHT:** Shaunn Neel, Allan Massey, Eric Taylor, Chris Tickle, and Sammy Lambert. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Cowboys and Indian Day. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Mr. Havens joins Ms. Honaker in the sack race.





**TOP:** Jeff Cox, Eric Taylor, Gene Lambert, Sammy Lambert and Shaunn Neel. **CENTER LEFT:** Angie Thompson, Rita Gusler, Denise Unbarger and Angela Stock. **CENTER RIGHT:** Maw-Squaw Roberta Kegley. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Punk Day. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Angela Stock, Karen Wright, Denise Umbarger and Rita Gusler.

# Why do they volunteer?

Why freeze your buns off putting up a flag? Why give your time collecting absentees, then make the same

rounds in cold and rain? Because they are proud of their school and nation. The inconveniences they muster

through are unimportant as they give their time for a service in which they believe.

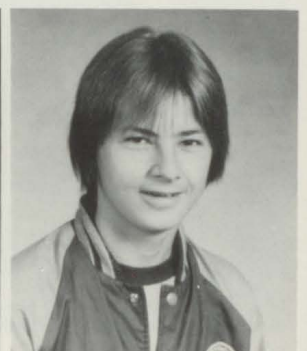


**FLAG GIRLS: Vicki Sarver and Tonya Smith.**



**OFFICE ASSISTANTS: Amy Drummond and Denise Umbarger.**

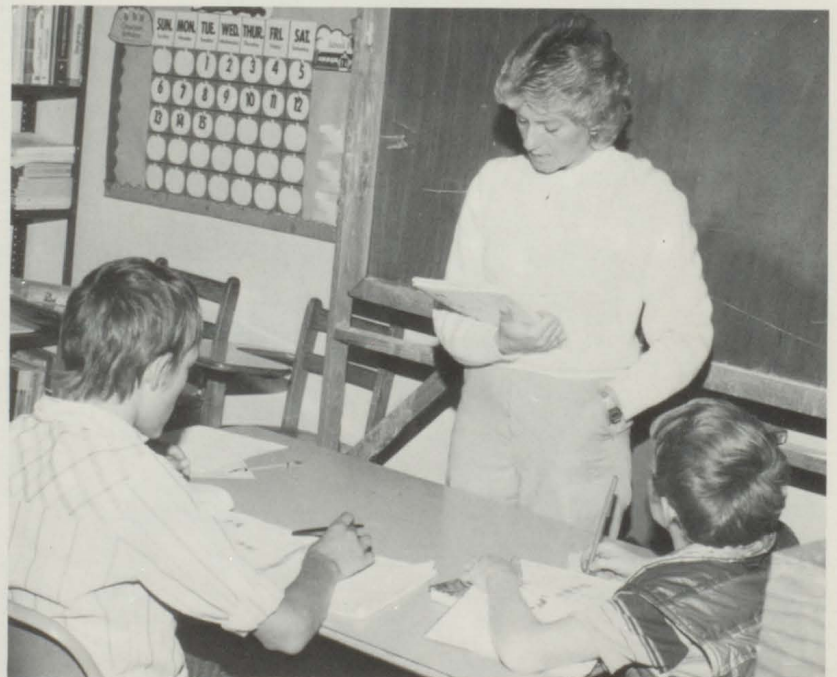
**Wayne Colley — 9th**  
**Deana Lakey — 9th**  
**Susan Remines — 9th**  
**Richard Spivey — 9th**

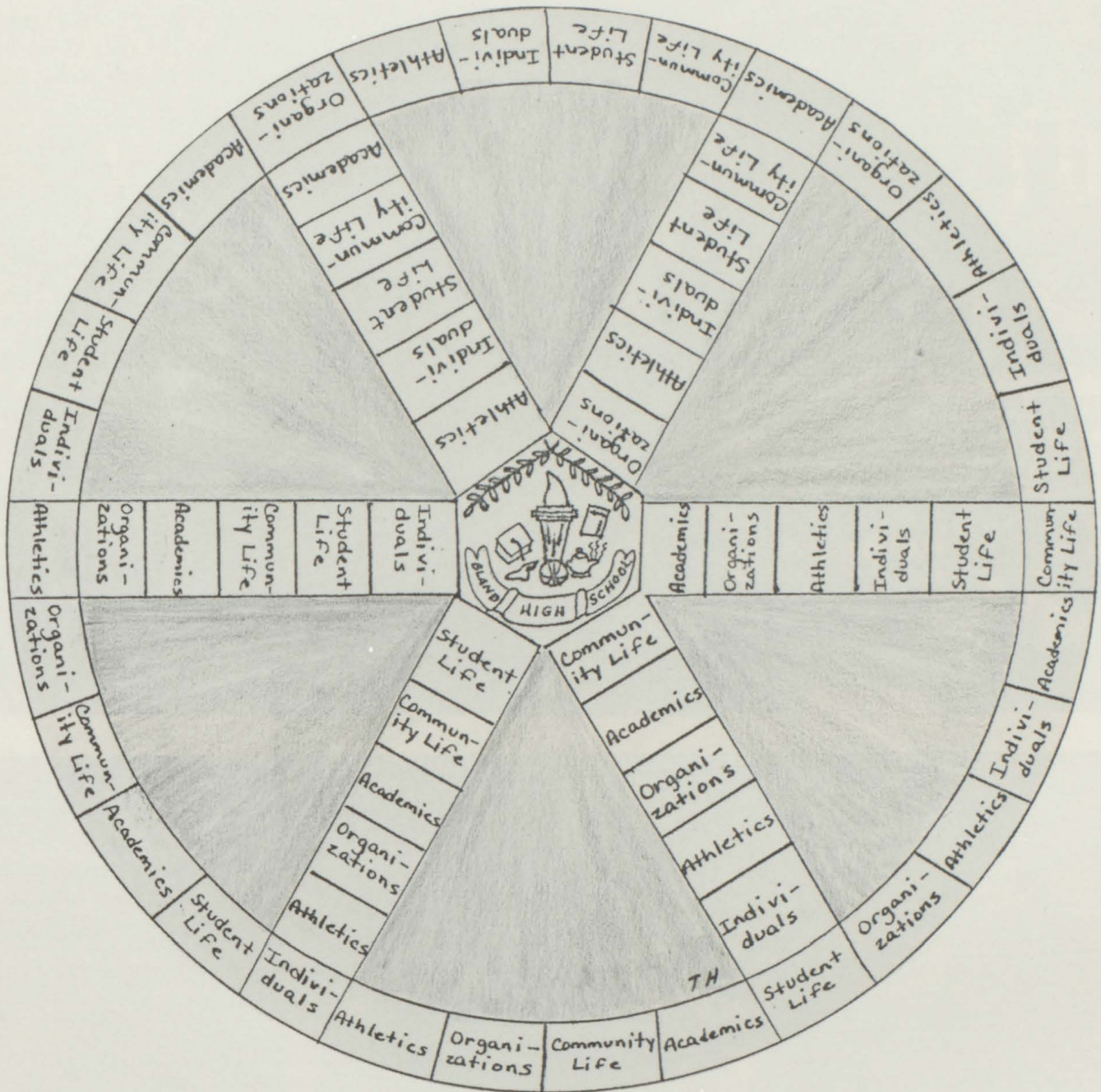


**Lori Winters — 8th**

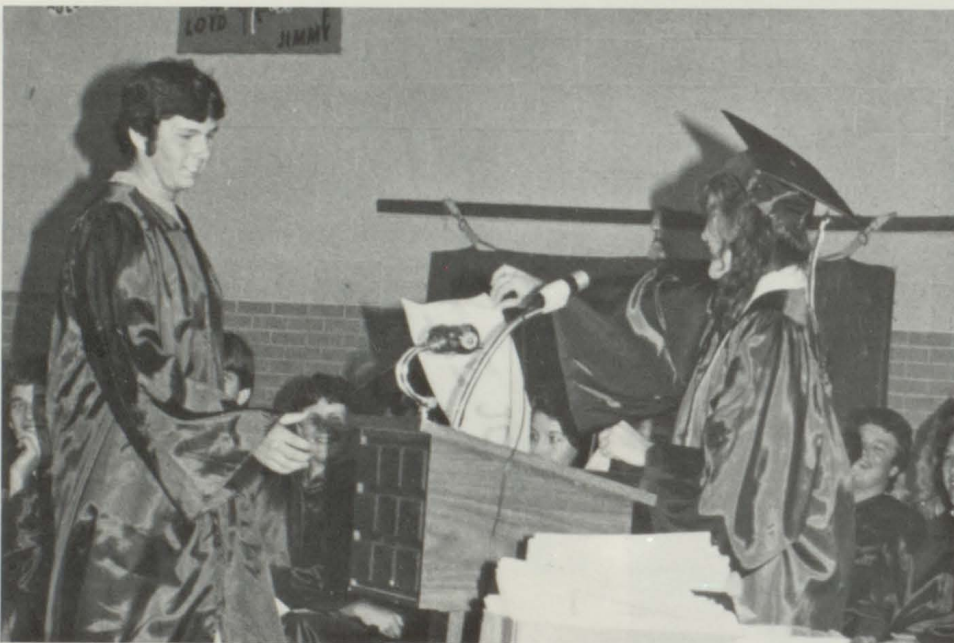


**Mrs. Phyllis Umbarger, Aide for Special Education, assists Mike Umbarger and Chris Bowles.**





# Academics



**TOP:** 1985 Graduating Class as they were escorted by juniors T.J. Roseberry and Karin Carlson. **CENTER LEFT:** Class President, Katrina Lilly, Chuck Turner, Jimmy Brown lead their classmates in singing "We are the World." **CENTER RIGHT:** Lori Neel, Valedictorian, delivers her

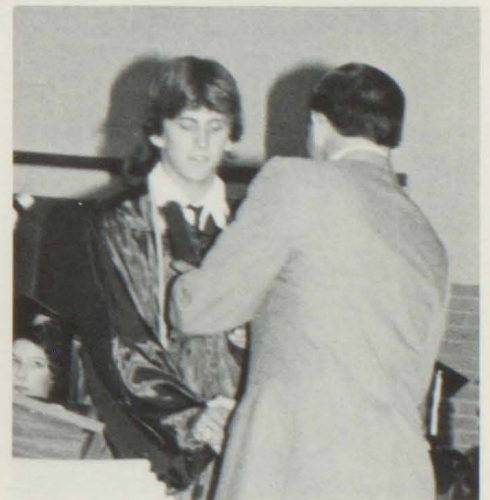
final words to student body. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Amusement is expressed as Packy Morehead receives his "senior gift" from Gretchen Carlson. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Salutatorian, Joanne Matz, gives her speech to friends and faculty.



## When was the most hectic time of the year?

Frantic last-minute work by seniors improved grades and class rank. Once rank was established, they wrote, deleted, and rewrote those mandatory papers called speeches. Seniors had to prepare and select gag gifts for each classmate — no easy task since they were subject to censure by the higher powers.

Awards were presented to those students attaining the highest average in their respective classes. Some students disliked working at home so much they attended school every day for which they received perfect attendance certificates.



**TOP:** Daniel Conley receives art award from Mrs. Chris Bird. **CENTER LEFT:** Jimmy Brown assists Mr. Roger Thompson with perfect attendance award to Rusty King. **CENTER RIGHT:** Arnie Wimmer — recipient of "Woodsmen of the World" presented by Thomas Shewey. **BOTTOM:** David Dalton receives Math medal and Maria Foglesong receives Science medal from Mr. Thompson.



**TOP LEFT:** Tracy Kegley, Senior DAR, State Beta Vice-President. **TOP CENTER:** Tammi Haga, Junior DAR. **TOP RIGHT:** Double honor bars — Lisa Talbert and Becky Melvin. **CENTER LEFT:** Becky Melvin, FBLA state parliamentarian. **CENTER RIGHT:** Single honor bars — Lori Nelson and Tammi Haga. **BOTTOM:** First-year honor letters. **FRONT ROW:** Lisa Gravley, Laura Morehead, Karen Wright, Maria Foglesong. **BACK ROW:** Gerhard Schoenthal, Karen Stroch, Sarah Newberry, Roberta Kegley, Jennifer Stafford.



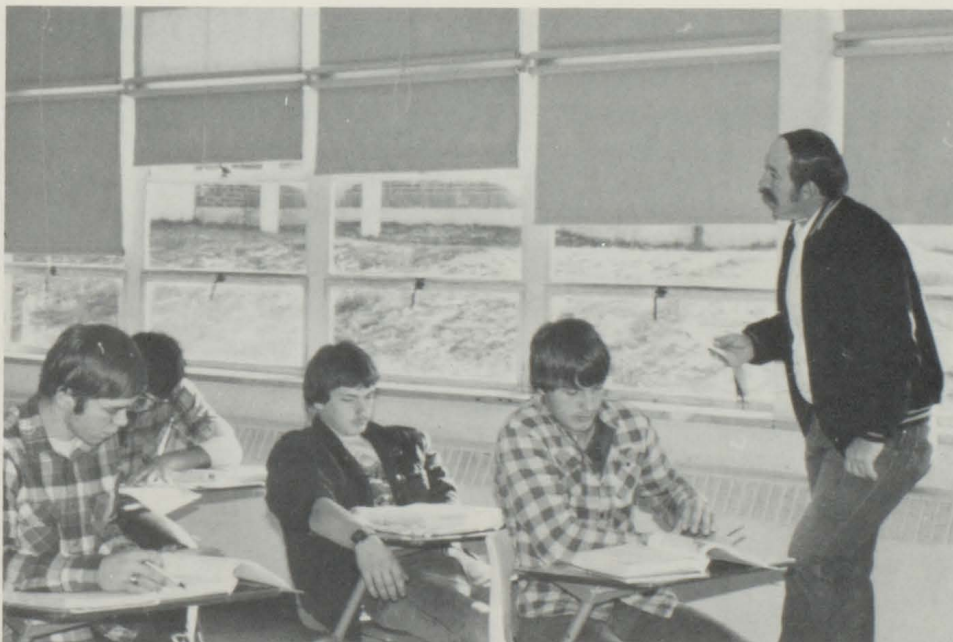


## What constitutes an honor student?

Honors are easily earned if a student is willing to work for them. Top grades are only one source of honors bestowed.

To earn a letter, a student must have attained a 95 or higher average for a year's work. Each subsequent year

with that average, they earn bars. Other honors come through good citizenship and club work.



**TOP: Government — Sherri Wimmer, Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Lynn Tate, Paula Austin, Barry Dillow. BOTTOM LEFT: US History — David Dalton, Patrick Groseclose, Todd Turner, Steve Fanning. BOTTOM RIGHT: Geography — Mr. Fred Beamer, Sam Simmons, Mike Fanning, Aaron Newberry.**



## What area prepares students for world of work?

Follow-up studies show graduates from Bland successfully entered the working world or advanced training and higher education. FBLA, FFA, FHA and VICA are an important part of the total vocational program. Bland students do well in local, area, regional and state competition and hold numerous local, federation, area, regional and state offices. This additional club/chapter work allows the student to practice the skills and competencies that they have learned in classroom and lab.

**ABOVE:** This is Family Living?  
**CENTER:** Carolyn Bane, Sherri Wimmer, Timmy Davis, Shaunn Neel, and Becky Hanshew.  
**RIGHT:** Roger Etter, Jeff Cox, Steve Fanning, Steve Foglesong, Jeff Dodson and Marty Leedy.

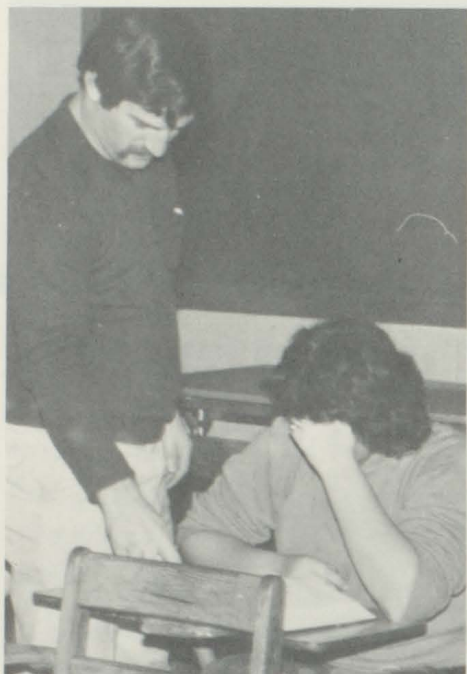






**ABOVE:** Cindy Crabtree, Phillip Bogle, and Issis Umbarger receive instructions from Jessie Kegley. **LEFT:** Angie Thompson dozing off in Word Processing. How can anyone sleep through that? **TOP RIGHT:** Pam Davis and Tracy Kegley plan the input for their computerized brains. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Denise Umbarger, Tammi Haga and Issis Umbarger are totally absorbed in becoming perfect accountants.

**TOP RIGHT:** Are Mrs. Mabe and Everett Baxley playing role reversal with their positions of teacher and student? **LOWER TOP LEFT:** Mr. Bird assists Sandy Mitchell in developing the fundamental basics of her mathematic education. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Is Mrs. Mabe really in a trance or is she simply mesmerized by her students' "brilliance"?



## What's New In Math and Science?

A new feature, computer literacy, has been added to the math curriculum. Each classroom has been equipped with an Apple IIe computer in order to familiarize the students with a more advanced system of mathematics.

Mrs. Mabe's classes were faced with an artistic assignment at Christmas-time. Geometric ornaments and Christmas cards with math verses were designed by the students.

The science department

has undergone a drastic change in staff. Mr. John Wagoner was added to the staff as earth science and physical science teacher. Mr. Gary Collins was given the new role of biology teacher.

In response to recommendations made in the Self-Study Evaluation, efforts were made to improve the safety facilities and inventory and to organize and improve the equipment and materials of the science department.





Dusty King and Lisa Davis are trying for accuracy as Mr. Wagoner and Dale Morehad observe.



**TOP:** "Double, double toil and trouble, Fire burn and cauldron bubble . . ." Amy Haga and Becky Winesett. **LOWER RIGHT:** Bunsen burners, test tubes, and flasks all come into use as physical science students take action.

# Which departments shared the most change?

During the past year, the Language Arts Department has seen a number of changes. After 41 years at Bland Combined School, Miss Mary Greever retired. Miss Greever had devoted her life to the teaching profession and left a lasting impression on her students. Mrs. Janet Faulkner assumed Miss Greever's classroom duties by becoming the junior and senior English teacher.

Replacing Mrs. Faulkner in eighth, ninth, and tenth grade English is Mr. Scott Bowen. Mr. Bowen is new to us at BCS but has 11 years of teaching experience.

Making a new addition to the Language Arts Curriculum was Creative Writing

taught by Mrs. Chris Bird to juniors and seniors. This class expands the students' writing knowledge with short story, poetry, and essay writing.

To keep pace with our changing times and to better prepare our students for college and the world of work, the Language Arts Department is placing a greater emphasis on adding writing to the curriculum. Proof of this is obvious through the heavy sale of paper and pens from the office and the constant complaining of BCS English students.

The Fine Arts Department has a new face this year. Miss Kim Styron assumed the duties once held by Ms. Karen Green who left for "greener"

pastures in California after 6 years at BCS. Miss Styron teaches elementary and high school band and chorus at Bland and Rocky Gap. These organizations are kept busy with parades and concerts.

Also encompassed in the Fine Arts program are the dramatics and art classes. Dramatics is kept busy with plays for the school as well as one-act and forensics competitions on the district, regional and state levels.

Art classes frequently displayed their talents in the elementary hallway as well as at Wytheville Community College and Mercer Mall during the spring.



**TOP LEFT:** Scott Lambert outlines his design in pen and ink. This is a new water-color process demonstrated by Mrs. Bev Sarver. **TOP RIGHT:** Lana Lindamood, Carla Pauley, and Lyle Muncy try hard to entertain their audience with a scene from the Happy Scarecrow. **BOTTOM:** Regina Ramsey and Donna Alexander, after completing their design, await further instructions.

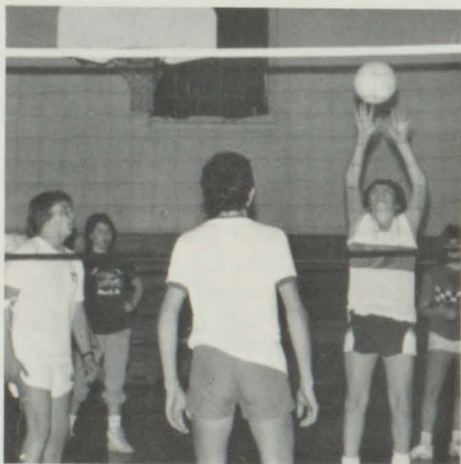




**TOP: Denise Umbarger, Angela Strock, Rita Gusler, Eric Taylor, and Tracy Kegley. CENTER: 11th Grade English. BOTTOM LEFT: Mr. Scott Bowen's 9th Grade English. BOTTOM RIGHT: Teacher's pets.**

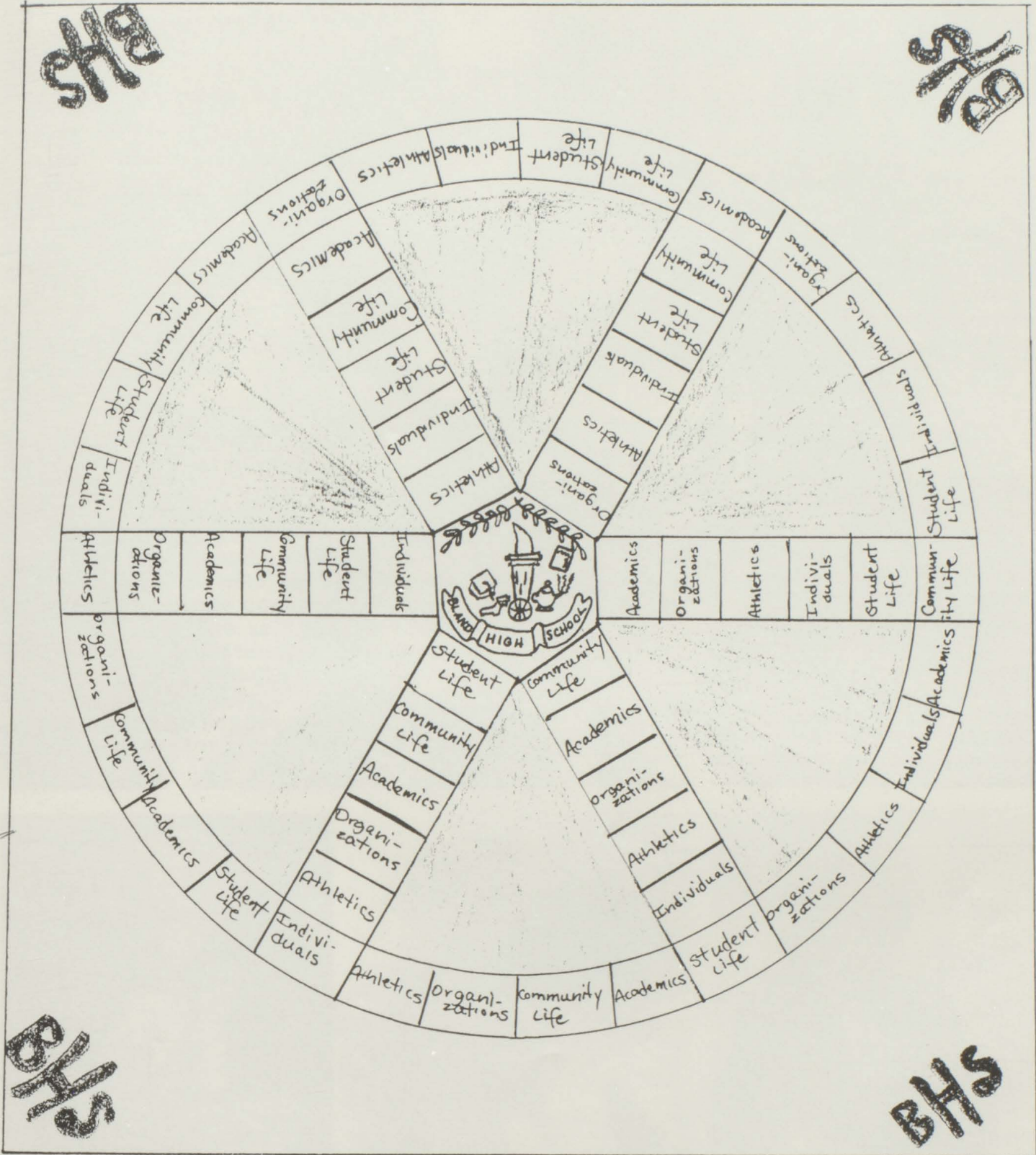
# What was a course favorite?

Required for three years, many students chose physical education as an elective for an additional one or two years. Three days a week students dressed out and got physical through exercises, volleyball, basketball, wiffleball or soccer. Tuesdays and Thursdays the gym was reserved for elementary use, and secondary students retired to the dressing room for health class. Emphasis was placed on what constitutes good health with a nutritional diet and proper exercise. The problems of smoking, drinking and drugs were dealt with. The climbing rate of teenage suicide was presented, studying causes and preventive measures.



**TOP:** Volleyball is only one of several winter sports learned and enjoyed by students. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Demonstrating a set-up play. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Warm-up exercises are an important part of physical fitness.





# Community Life



**TOP:** On Nov. 23, 1985, Eddie Morehead killed this "mythical" coyote. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Mildred

**Bryant and Maggie Dillow chat while attending a school event. BOTTOM RIGHT:** An "elderly

**lady" (Jean Fanning) doles out goodies.**





## What keeps community people busy?

People in Bland County communities stay busy with individual activities as well as joint efforts to help each other and enrich the community. They combine talents with financial assistance to aid civic groups locally, regionally and nationally.

Spring finds them busy preparing ground for gardens,

planting farm crops and nurturing seedlings and flower beds.

Mid-summer brings a rash of picnics, ice cream suppers and homecomings. By July horse owners begin actively grooming and preparing their mountings for local and state fairs.

As harvest arrives, neigh-

bors gather at the canneries lending assistance to each other. Many quarts of apple butter are stirred in the open kettle outside and molasses making becomes a community gathering.

People of Bland County live and work together in genuine love and care.



**TOP LEFT:** Molasses time — Olin Hall, Sammy Lindamood, Jimmy Pauley, Robert Hall, Wayne Bridges. **TOP RIGHT:** Doug Wilder, Lieut. Gov., greets Bob Andy Dillow and Bill Crabtree. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Canning tomato sauce — Kenny May, Kenneth Scott, Mona May. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Luke Lambert examines buckwheat crop.



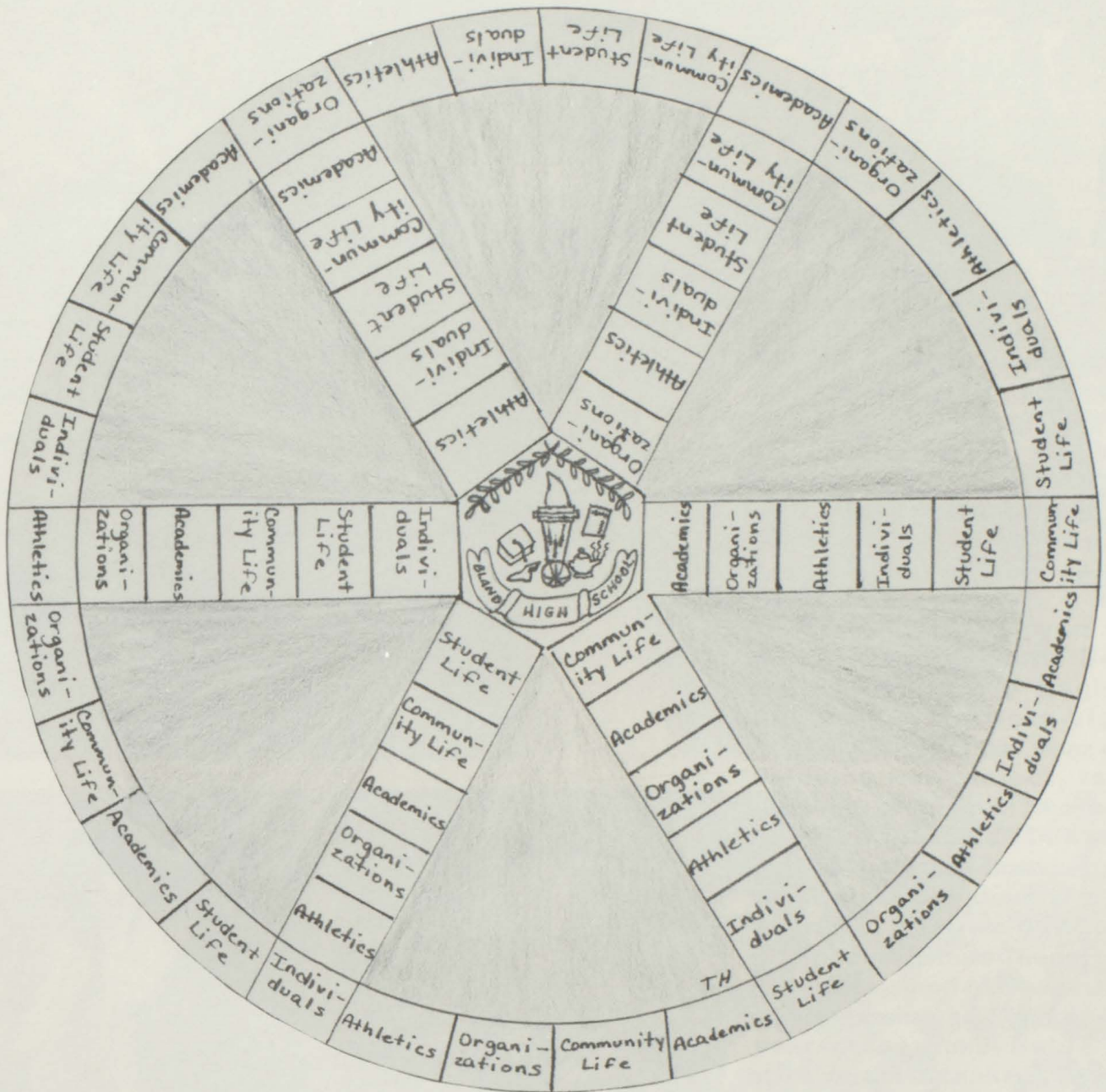
## Who are they?

They are supportive, concerned, willing-to-help citizens of the community who truly care about people. They give their time and talents through PTA endeavors and school functions and provide entertainment and wisdom to enrich the total school program.



**TOP LEFT:** Patsy Muncy, PTA President, at Halloween festivities. **TOP RIGHT:** Mrs. Sheila Richardson plays the dulcimer for 2nd grade. **BOTTOM LEFT:** These costume judges are actually Bland's bank tellers, Brenda Thompson, Donna Hanshaw, and Denise Romano. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Pat and Bob Newberry.





# Organizations



**TOP:** Eric Strock demonstrates his worth as a "slave." **CENTER LEFT-FRONT ROW:** Rita Gusler, Tammi Haga, Lori Nelson, Pam Dillow, Eric Taylor. **2ND ROW:** Karen Wright, Lisa Talbert, Carrie Shelton, Dawn Pruitt, Jeff Dodson. **3RD ROW:** Eric Strock, LaMoore Muncy, Carla Pauley, Becky

Melvin, Cindy Crabtree. **BACK ROW:** Tracy Kegley, Steve Foglesong, Gene Lambert. **CENTER RIGHT:** Mrs. Janet Faulkner sorts out damaged fruit. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Tracy Kegley, president; Steve Foglesong, vice-president; Mrs. Janet Faulkner, sponsor; Gene Lambert, secretary-treasurer.



# Who promoted a state vice- president?

Betas were busy the entire school year. Fall brought girl's ball season and many concession stands. These concession stands were the responsibility of the Senior Beta Club. They cooked and sold food until the winter season, when large trucks could be seen in the school parking lot with bushels of oranges and apples which they had sold as a joint project with the FFA. During all this, the Betas sold pizzas in their spare time.

Spring brought a reward for all this work — State Beta Convention. Tracy Kegley, our own State Beta vice-president, spent her year developing her project, teen drinking problems. She presented a speech on this subject to the State Convention. Our Betas also showed their talents in the Quiz Bowl and scrapbook competitions.

Carnivals and plays marked the beginning and end of the year for the Junior Beta Club with guest speakers in between. As a special service project, Junior Betas helped with the PTA Halloween Carnival. They then turned their thoughts to maintaining their grade averages until the end of the year, when a trip to Barter Theatre became a high point for each Junior Beta member.



**TOP:** Junior Betas plot and bid to gain a "slave." **CENTER-FRONT ROW:** Maria Foglesong, secretary; Karen Strock, vice-president; Sarah Newberry, president. **BACK ROW:** Mrs. Nancy Gamble, sponsor; Ritchie Havens, reporter; Roberta Kegley, treasurer. **BOTTOM-FRONT ROW:** Julie Pauley, Beau Guthrie, Robbie Waddle, Donna Warden, Joyce Bruce,

Christie Wolfe. **2ND ROW:** Gerhard Schoenthal, Ritchie Havens, Robert Lambert, Pam Dillow, Sonya Chewning, Tonya Smith. **3RD ROW:** Chip Bird, Susan Remines, Karen Strock, Roberta Kegley, Sarah Newberry. **BACK ROW:** Jennifer Stafford, Maria Foglesong, Kathy Kidd, Kim Crabtree, Mrs. Nancy Gamble.

# Who were the journalists?

The journalists were those creative individuals who were interested in writing the news and history of their school for the '85-'86 year. Working under a new advisor, Mr. Scott Bowen, the newspaper staff of 15+ members began with enthusiasm. Their talents spanned grade levels 8-12. As academics and extracurricular demands increased, enthusiasm dimmed and the staff dropped to 10. Mr. Bowen and his staff have

made some improvements and look toward a more productive year ahead.

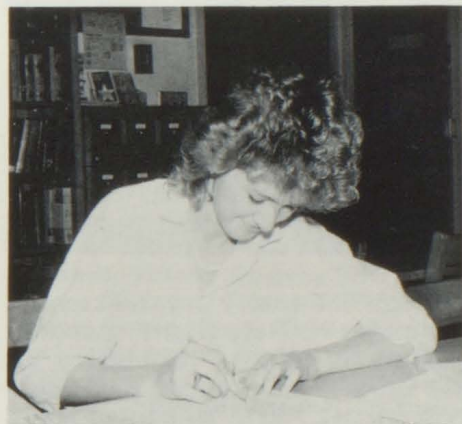
For the first time freshmen and sophomores were a part of the yearbook staff. With 18 members the work load per member lessened. They began the year collecting ads in Bland and Wythe, highlighting the day with lunch at the Pizza Hut. Next a workshop with Mr. Elmer Phillippi and Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry, advisor, was held after school, when they

learned the rudiments of layout and copy fitting. Many of the staff had no study period so creating time to work was a real problem. Meeting those deadlines became an impossibility when pictures didn't arrive on time and basketball schedules extended one week after the final yearbook deadline. The staff shook their heads, sighed and worked faithfully until those final pages were posted.



**TOP LEFT:** Working over copy — Vicki Sarver, Beau Guthrie, Christie Wolfe, Tonya Looney, Tonya Smith. **TOP RIGHT:** Mr. Scott Bowen points out errors to Tiffany Bowen and Roberta Kegley. **BOTTOM-FRONT ROW:** Tonya Smith, Vicki Sarver, Gerhard Schoenthal, Roberta Kegley, Tiffany Bowen. **BACK ROW:** Beau Guthrie, Christie Wolfe, Tonya Looney, April Newberry, Sarah Karpinski, Mr. Scott Bowen, advisor.





**TOP:** Angela Strock and Rita Gusler work on layouts. **CENTER LEFT:** Page planning by business managers Tracy Kegley and Karen Wright and freshman members Sonya Chewning. **CENTER RIGHT:** Becky Melvin, editor, finds fitting copy is not so easy. **BOTTOM. THE ECHO STAFF.** **FRONT ROW:** Rita Gusler, LeAnna Mustard, Sonya Chewning, Tracy Kegley, Sherri Wimmer. **2ND ROW:** Angela Strock, Karen Wright, Eric Taylor, Karen Strock, Roberta Kegley, Chip Bird. **BACK ROW:** Issis Umbarger, Tammi Haga, Becky Melvin, Teresa Miller, Daniel Conley.

# Who "shadows" county employees?

Each home room selected a representative to serve on the Student Council Association, a student governing body for the school. This year Mr. Barry Guthrie was appointed to act as the SCA sponsor.

For the 4th straight year the Bland chapter of Future Business Leaders of America won a Gold Seal (receiving an Honor Seal and being ranked among the top 15 percent of active chapters).

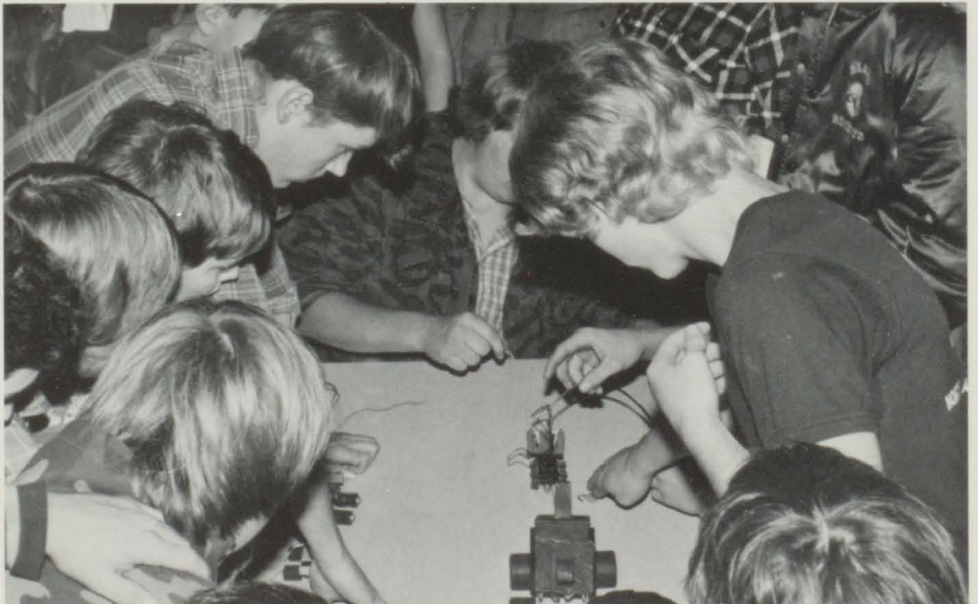
FBLAers began early in the year with reports and co-sponsored the Little and Junior Miss beauty pageants. Their next effort was the Snow King and Queen dance

in early December, followed by a pizza feast. In January senior members visited various county businesses and became a "shadow" of one individual with observations and questions concerning the employee's training and work. February brought promotion of project ASK (Association for the study of Childhood Cancer). Members received donations for the fund and then wore T-shirts printed with the donor's names to the dance. March was the month for competition at Radford University. FBLAers entered most subject areas and have brought home a number of honors in previous years.

Outstanding efforts in the spring of '85 brought the distinguished honor of having a state parliamentarian at Bland. Becky Melvin achieved this honor as a result of being the junior with the highest score on the Parliamentary Procedures test out of a field of 55 contestants, representing 11 regions throughout the state. Becky is also the Radford regional reporter which covers a seven county area. She is responsible for publishing the Radford Region Newsletter and for sending information to the "Pride of Virginia", a newsletter at the state level.



**TOP LEFT:** Faculty Crystal Laverder sings "O Holy Night" accompanied by Norma Newberry at the annual Christmas program. **TOP RIGHT - SCA REPRESENTATIVES - FRONT ROW:** Rusty Havens, Beau Guthrie, Amy Haga, Kathy Kidd. **2ND ROW:** Melanie Morehead, Tammi Haga, Susan Remines, T. J. Roseberry. **BACK ROW:** Cindy Crabtree, Roberta Kegley, Mark Vineyard, Tracy Kegley. **BOTTOM:** Excitement drew students to the library to observe a tractor pull. Each student expected his to be the best as they placed their stompers on the tables with weights piled behind.







**TOP:** Gene Lambert, Everett Baxley, Jeff Cox, Tracy Kegley, Angie Thompson, Rita Gusler, Karen Wright, LeAnna Mustard, Becky Melvin, Denise Umbarger, Pam Davis. **CENTER LEFT - FBLA - FRONT ROW:** Cheryl Graham, Christie Wolfe, Donna Warden, Vicki Sarver, Pam Davis, LeAnna Mustard, Tiffany Bowen. **2ND ROW:** Karen Strock, Sarah Newberry, Darcy Groseclose, Tracy Kegley, Amy Drummond, Kathy Kidd. **3RD ROW:** Lyle Muncy, Rita Gusler, Gene Lambert, Karen Wright, Gerhard Schoenthal, Everett Baxley. **4TH ROW:** Cindy Crabtree, Angie Thompson, Issis Umbarger, Roberta Kegley, Tammi Haga, Becky Melvin. **BACK ROW:** Laura Britton, Carla Pauley, Kim Crabtree. **CENTER RIGHT:** Gene Lambert will definitely have a full stomach after eating that pile of pizza. Rusty King is momentarily halted in his eating at the sight. **BOTTOM-OFFICERS:** Angie Thompson, president; Roberta Kegley, vice-president; Tammi Haga, secretary; Issis Umbarger, treasurer; Gene Lambert, historian; Carla Pauley, reporter; Becky Melvin, parliamentarian; Mrs. Jessie Kegley, sponsor.



**TOP LEFT: Tim Davis at J.R. Davis Construction. TOP RIGHT: Paula Austin at Bland County Clinic. CENTER LEFT - VICA - FRONT ROW: Lynn Tate, Sherri Wimmer, Becky Hanshew, Paula Austin. 2ND ROW: Ryland Wade, Ernie Shelton, David Dalton, Tim Davis. 3RD ROW: Todd Turner, Barry Dillow, Ben Dillow. 4TH ROW: Martin Wright, Jeri Mustard, Samantha Hylton, Shaunn Neel. BACK ROW: Billy King, Mrs. Carolyn Bane, sponsor, Patrick Groseclose, Kenny Froy, Lonnie Clemons. CENTER RIGHT: Overlapping?? Sherri Wimmer, Steve Fogelsong, Lynn Tate, Gene Lambert, Becky Hanshew, Tim Davis, Paula Austin, Gary Mustard. BOTTOM - VICA OFFICERS - FRONT ROW: Paula Austin, president; David Dalton, parliamentarian. BACK ROW: Tim Davis, vice-president; Becky Hanshew, secretary; Sherri Wimmer, treasurer; Lynn Tate, reporter.**





**TOP-3RD-5TH YEAR-FRONT ROW:** Rusty Havens, Shannon King, Bradley Davis, Bodie Miller, Andy Putnam, Mark Hamblin. **2ND ROW:** Jeff Dodson, Sarah Karpinski, Cindy Crabtree, Billy King, Anthony Cox, Jon Melvin. **3RD ROW:** Billy Burton, John Wayne Davis, Stephen Fanning, Sammy Lambert, Steve Foglesong, Jeff Cox. **BACK ROW:** Tom Brewster, Kenny Kirk, David Dalton, Eddie Price, Jamie Chewning. **CENTER LEFT-FFA OFFICERS-FRONT ROW:** Jeff Cox, president; Cindy Crabtree, vice-president; Stephen Fanning, 2nd vice-president; Jeff Dodson, secretary. **BACK ROW:** Eddie Price, treasurer; Sarah Karpinski, reporter; Jamie Chewning, sentinel; Mr. Bill Crabtree, sponsor. **CENTER RIGHT-FEDERATION OFFICERS:** Cindy Crabtree, president; Jeff Cox, reporter.

## Coordinated instruction and clubs

Learn while you earn was the motto of nineteen juniors and seniors who were members of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. Classroom instruction helped prepare them for the responsibilities in the world of work. On-the-job experience trained them in various areas from farming and fast foods to clerical and factory work.

These members learned to juggle their time in order to complete school assignments, schedule work hours and still have a social life.

As part of agriculture and shop classes students were required to join Future Farmers of America because the instruction is directly coordinated with club activities. They began early in the year

with judging teams in most areas of related studies. Several of the members placed first or second in judging. In a joint effort with Beta members, the club sold citrus fruit to earn money for the annual spring banquet. This year the Bland chapter was honored by having two federation officers from their club.



**BOTTOM-1ST & 2ND YEAR-FRONT ROW:** Randy Townley, Jimmy Blevins, John Mustard, John Stafford, Scott Wellman, Jimmy Graham, Jerome Meadows, Brad Havens. **2ND ROW:** Brian Hall, Allan Newberry, J.R. Harris, Micael Fanning, Kim Crabtree, Darrel Wright, Tony Boksa. **3RD ROW:** Brian Farlow, Chad Thompson, Bradley King, John Thompson, Dale Morehead, Scott Lambert. **4TH ROW:** Todd Harden, Steven King, Ellis Wade, Chris Tickle, Richard Spivey, Kevin Cox, Duane DeHart, Pam Wright, Barry Fulford. **BACK ROWS:** Dayton Morehead, Todd Morehead, Randy Dillow, Gary Blankenship, Sam Simmons, Junior Blevins, Lorin Hanshew, Heath Muncy, Shawn Starr, Brian Duncan, Mr. Bill Crabtree, sponsor.



**TOP LEFT:** Janet Millirons packs food for flood victims. **TOP RIGHT-OFFICERS-FRONT ROW:** Karen Wright, president; Rita Gusler, 1st vice-president; Hope Townley, 2nd vice-president; Roberta Kegley, corresponding secretary; Angela DeHart, recording secretary. **BACK ROW:** Mrs. Betty Munsey, sponsor; Pam Dillow, chaplain; Tammy Mustard, reporter; Kim Boardwine, Lisa Gravley, sergeants-at-arms. Absent — Lori Nelson, treasurer; Samantha Hylton, historian. **CENTER LEFT:** Vicki Sarver gets free hair style. **CENTER RIGHT:** 3rd-5th

year- **FRONT ROW:** Tammy Mustard, Carrie Shelton, Hope Townley, Janet Millirons, Kim Boardwine. **2ND ROW:** Lana Lindamood, Angela Atwell, Karen Strock, Roberta Kegley, Dawn Dillow, Darcy Groseclose. **BACK ROW:** Angela DeHart, Melanie Morehead, Amy Drummond, Dawn Pruitt, Carla Pauley, Elizabeth Turner, Tammi Haga, Donna Richardson, Lisa Gravley, Karen Wright, Rita Gusler, Vicki French. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Marci Asbury becomes Santa's elf for elementary party. **BOTTOM RIGHT - 1st & 2nd Year - FRONT ROW:** April New-

berry, Dusty King, Joyce Bruce, Amanda Pauley, Cindy Horne, Tammy Swanson. **2ND ROW:** Tonya Looney, Becky Winesett, Amanda Baxley, Christie Wolfe, Kathy Kidd, Rachel Havens. **3RD ROW:** Teresa Miller, Tina Putnam, Shannon McGrady, Pam Dillow, Amy Haga, Charmin Gravley. **4TH ROW:** Marci Asbury, Carrie Shelton, Dawn Pruitt, Sandy Mitchell, Sharon Wright, Angela Strock. **BACK ROW:** Marsha Martin, Amy Drummond, Jenny Umbarger, Staci Roseberry, Freda Davis.



# Why collect soup labels?

“Busch Gardens was a ball.” After a year of fun and hard work, Future Homemakers of America spent their money on a vacation trip to Busch Gardens. Back to work in the fall found members planning meetings and collecting soup labels. They enlisted the help of the elementary grades in collecting labels by making it a contest with monthly winners of the top three. The labels were redeemed to acquire equipment and materials for the school. The club also honored primary grades at Christmas with a film and refreshments. Meetings brought guest speakers, programs on self-defense and cosmetology (three volunteers got free hair cuts and

styling). When flooding devastated nearby areas, FHAers gathered canned goods and delivered them to help the victims. For their '86 trip they worked toward a tour of the nation's capital, D.C.

Burlap strips fastened to the walls of elementary halls were adorned with art work from all grade levels. Local residents judged for creativity and originality to pick winners from each grade. Later, entries were moved to Mercer Mall for display and further competition. A new technique was introduced to art classes by Beverly Sarver. Students produced some lovely pictures with this pen and ink and watercolor method.



**TOP:** Kenny Kirk is distracted from his artistic endeavors by the camera. **CENTER:** Kevin Wright works with pen and ink while Beverly Sarver assists Donna Richardson. **LEFT-FRONT ROW:** Dawn Dillow, Lana Lindamood, Tonya Smith, Eric Taylor, Angela Strock, Julie Pauley. **2ND ROW:** Pam Dillow, Aaron Newberry, Deanna Harden. Glen Eaton, Jennifer Greever, Patricia Nelson. **3RD ROW:** Ronnie King, Kenny Kirk, Brian Perkins, Sammy Lambert, Robert Lambert. **BACK ROW:** Shannon McGrady, Kathy Kidd, Mike Hounshell, Kevin Cox, Brian Townley. **BOTTOM-OFFICERS:** Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor; Mike Hounshell, treasurer; Rusty Warden, secretary; Angela Strock, vice-president; Eric Taylor, president.





**TOP:** Bland Combined Band the Christmas parade at Rocky Gap. **CENTER LEFT:** Leslie Duncan masters the drums at Apple Festival parade. **CENTER RIGHT - FRONT ROW:** Lori Perkins, Sarah Strock. **2ND ROW:** Beau Guthrie, Chad Thompson, Shawn Nelson, Lisa Davis, Jim Britton, Brian Fore. **BACK ROW:** Ellis Wade, Alan Cassell, Leslie Duncan, John Michael Mustard. **BOTTOM-OF-FICERS:** Sarah Strock, president; Lori Perkins, reporter; Ms. Kim Styron, director; John Mustard, secretary-treasurer; Shawn Nelson, vice-president.



# Who was the director for 1986?

By mid-September first period students and teachers had learned to raise their voices to be heard and had become accustomed to the constant rum-ta-ta-tum. The drum beats and the instrumental sounds reverberated through the rooms as band members practiced — and practiced — in preparation for their first parade and formal appearance of the school year. Their first effort (combined with Rocky Gap) was for the Miss Echo program. Then it was early rising the next day for the Apple Festival parade in Chilhowie. They

took part in several Christmas parades, including Rocky Gap and Wytheville. Two members from Bland tried out for All-Regional Band, Beau Guthrie — saxophone and Ginny Guthrie — flute. Ms. Styron, their director, said they did well even though they didn't place. Band members completed the year with a formal spring concert.

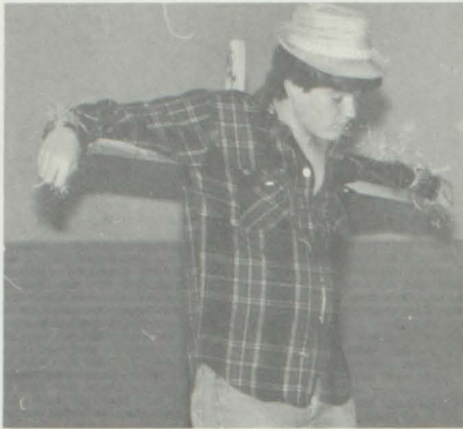
Scheduling and/or the fear of a new director caused the choir to dwindle to one of the smallest classes in Bland. With only seven members it was difficult to plan presenta-

tions. They joined voices with Rocky Gap and most of their efforts were in conjunction with the band. They sang several numbers for the Miss Echo program and the PTA Christmas program. Their final appearance was a spring concert.

Ms. Kim Styron of Marion directed both the band and choir. This was her first year at Bland where she replaced Mrs. Karen Green. Ms. Styron held morning classes at Bland (both secondary and elementary band) and traveled to Rocky Gap for the afternoon.



**TOP-FRONT ROW:** Kim Boardwine, Mary Ruth Echols, Wendy Binns. **BACK ROW:** Tresila Sink, Bradley King and Sandy Mitchell. **BOTTOM-OFFICERS:** Kim Boardwine, president; Wendy Binns, vice-president; Sandy Mitchell, reporter, Bradley King, secretary/reporter; Ms. Kim Styron, director.



## New Orleans vs. Quebec Oui?

French quarters were not twenty-five cent coins but areas of cities. It could also have been where French students learned a second language except that classes were held in three different rooms. Students used several fund raisers to earn money for a French trip. Every other year they used their Easter vacation to view the sights of Quebec. This year they went in the opposite direction to New Orleans.

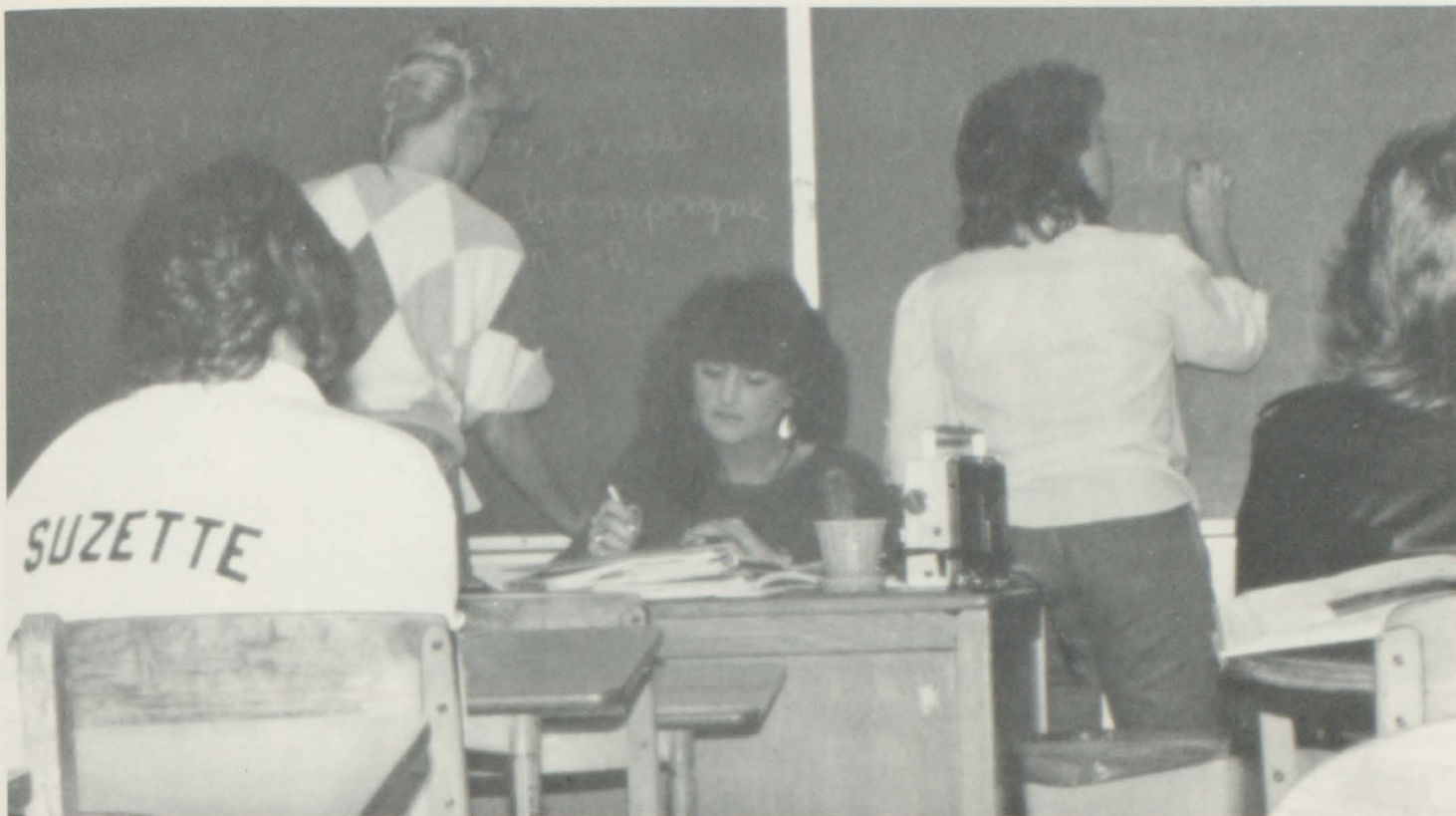
Productions, practices, one-act plays, and performances became the life style of drama students. They learned to *be* the characters they portrayed. For elementary they performed "The Happy Scarecrow." Late February was a frenzy of activity preparing for district competition in forensics. Students learned not only memorization-acting skills, but back-drop set preparation and lighting manipulation.



**TOP LEFT:** Lyle Muncy in "The Happy Scarecrow." **TOP RIGHT:** Karin Carlson as make-up artist to Bob Hylton. **CENTER—OFFICERS:** Glen Eaton, president; Carla Pauley, vice-president; Dawn Dillow, secretary; Brad Dillow, treasurer; Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor. **BOTTOM—FRONT ROW:** LeAnna Mustard, Rusty

King, Glen Eaton, Angela Strock, Eric Taylor, Bodie Miller. **2ND ROW:** Jeri Lynn Mustard, Lynn Tate, Carla Pauley, Rita Gusler, Angie Thompson, Rusty Havens. **3RD ROW:** LaMoore Muncy, Sheri Wimmer, Lyle Muncy, Bob Hylton, Lana Lindamood, Dawn Dillow. **BACK ROW:** Leon Sink, Shaunn Neel, Kenny Froy, Brad Dillow, Sammy Lambert.





**TOP:** Classroom exercises are part of the life of French club member. **CENTER—OFFICERS:** Ms. Diane Rowe, sponsor; Gerhard Schoenthal, president; Angie Thompson, vice-president; Carla Pauley, secretary; Donna Warden, treasurer. **BOTTOM—FRONT ROW:** Karen Strock, Sarah Newberry, Roberta Kegley, Donna Warden, Eric Taylor, Tonya Smith, Sonya Chewing, Beau Guthrie. **2ND ROW:** Hope Townley, Thelma Sarver, Eric Strock, Angie Thompson, Sarah Strock, Julie Pauley. **3RD ROW:** Jennifer Stafford, Wendy Binns, Amy Drummond, Angela Atwell, Tiffany Bowen, Shannon King. **4TH ROW:** Teresa Miller, Christie Wolfe, Marci Asbury, Deanna Harden, Tammy Mustard, Robert Lambert. **BACK ROW:** Brian Perkins, Tim Thompson, Gerhard Schoenthal, Carla Pauley.



## Service with a purpose

What was the purpose of the library club's fund raisers?

From book fairs to games to dances the library club members worked with persistence to obtain their goal of another computer for the library. They sponsored a bas-

ketball game and a volleyball match between varsity and faculty. The highlight of the game was Mr. Beamer chasing a blonde bombshell around the gym (the bombshell was none other than Mr. Havens equipped with wig and upper torso essentials!).

The year '85 culminated with a large pizza feast at the fairgrounds shelter. Plans for the '86 season ended with a trip to Radford University and an international meal at a chinese restaurant.



**TOP:** Library club members ended the '85 year with a feast of pizza, chips, cookies and pop. **CENTER-OFFICERS:** Elizabeth Newberry, sponsor; Sonya Chewning, treasurer; Rita Gusler, secretary; Angela Strock, vice-president; Carla Pauley, president. **BOTTOM-FRONT ROW:** Sonya Chewning, Vickie Sarver, Tonya Smith, Dawn Dillow. **2ND ROW:** LeAnna Mustard, Kim Boardwine, Carla Pauley, Susan Remines. **3RD ROW:** Christie Wolfe, Tammi Haga, Angela Atwell, Karen Strock. **BACK ROW:** Tina Putnam, Angie Thompson, Rita Gusler, Eric Taylor





## Elementary

### extra-curricular

Squeaks and flat tones changed to pleasing sounds as beginning band members learned the rudiments of music and instruments. Second year students found practice was necessary to play more difficult pieces.

Safety patrol members again patrolled the buses, loading and unloading, and guided kindergarten students to the lunchroom for meals and ice cream. Their efforts were rewarded with a trip to Lakeside.



**TOP LEFT- SAFETY PATROL-FRONT ROW:** Barbara Meadows, Ginny Guthrie, Heather Smith, Rusty Bird, Amanda Harden, Clinton Kegley. **2ND ROW:** Jim Clemons, Chris Dillow, Chris Sparks, David King, Marshall Schoenthal, Crystal Tibbs, John Simmons. **3RD ROW:** Miracle Mitchem, Tina Johnston, Tina Brown, Benga Hager, Sherri Shewey, Pam Chewning. **4TH ROW:** Allison King, Patricia Stowers, Jennifer Simms, Lute Scott, David Chandler, Scott Tickle. **5TH ROW:** Robbie Brown, Tom Hall, Eric Faulkner, Travis Munsey, David Strock, Patrick Smith, Brandon Farlow. **BACK ROW:** Mike Umbarger, Brent Davis, Margie Powers — sponsor, Patty Mutter, Rita Hamblin, Kathy Wynn, Vickie Ogle — sponsor.

**TOP RIGHT-OFFICERS:** Patrick Smith, president; Randy Clemons, vice-president; Heather Smith, secretary-treasurer. **CENTER-BEGINNING BAND-FRONT ROW:** Becky Bird, Julie Strock, Tina Hounshell, Angela Dalton, Donna Wiley, Benga Hager. **BACK ROW:** Charlie Thompson, Angela

Kent, Rusty Meadows, Jason Hall, Robert Davis. **BOTTOM-SECOND YEAR BAND-FRONT ROW:** Miracle Mitchem, Robbie Brown, Heather Smith, Angel Underwood, Ginny Guthrie. **BACK ROW:** Marshall Schoenthal, Rusty Bird, Brandon Farlow, Chris Dillow.



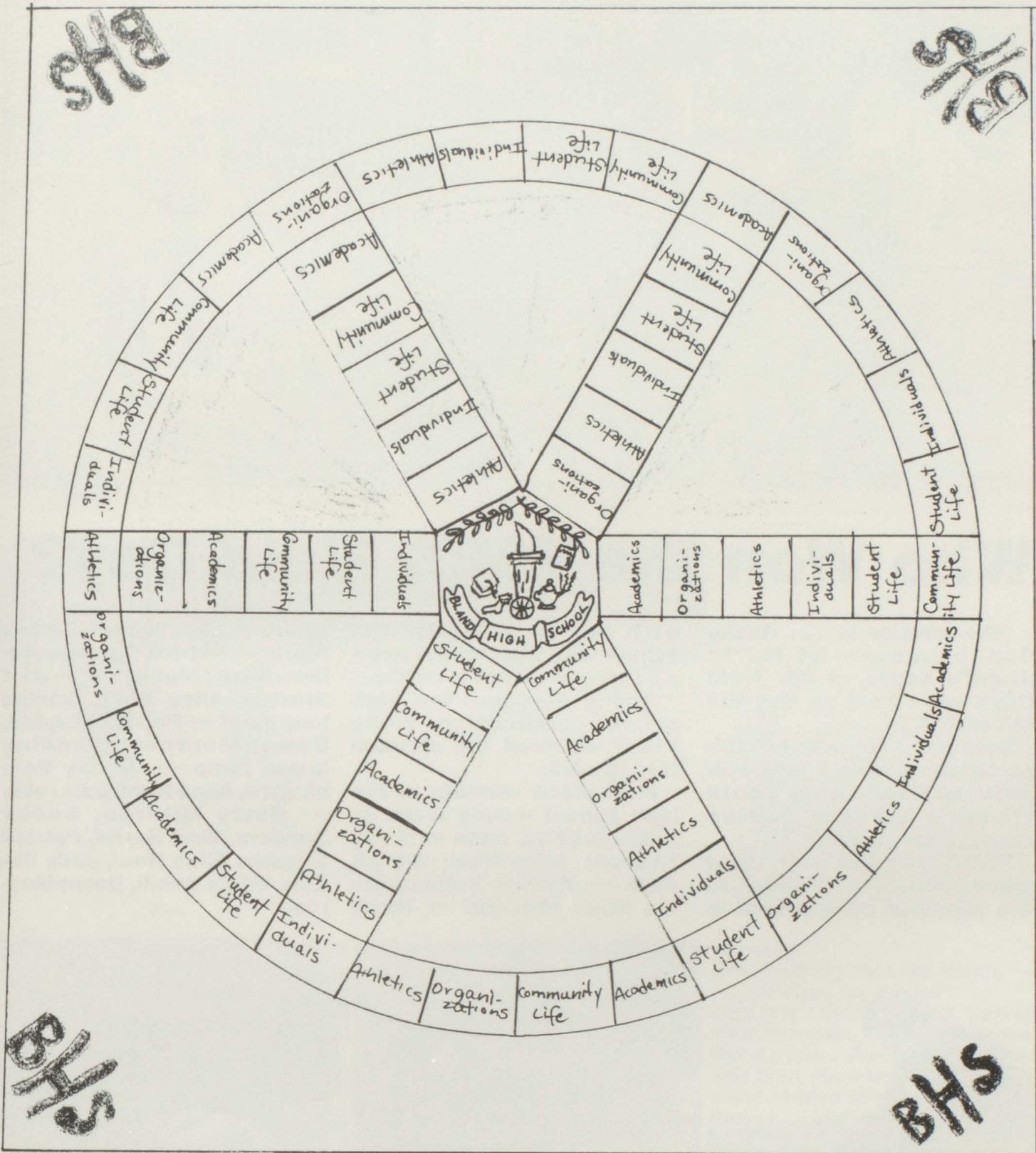
# Just having fun

Bland Combined School inhabitants enjoyed daily living whether it was competitive sports or friends sharing secrets and ideas. Students gathered before school and at lunch break playing football, walking the halls, or catching up on the latest gossip. They challenged faculty to games of basketball and volleyball and competed with their peers on "dress-up" days at Halloween and during homecoming week. Sharing work and play created the atmosphere of "just having fun."



**TOP LEFT:** Break time — in foreground — Eric Taylor, Kevin Cox, Happy Dillow. **TOP RIGHT:** Looks like a very serious matter — Samantha Hylton, Sherri Wimmer, Lynn Tate, Becky Melvin. **CENTER:** It isn't Big Bird, it's . . . no, it can't be Mr. Richard Havens! **BOTTOM LEFT:** Tennis court football before school. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The Lone Ranger (John Wagoner), Sister Christine Bird, British Scott Bowen.





# Athletics



## Who Won the 1985 Field Day?

The answer is ... Rocky Gap, by a score of 107 to Bland's score of 85. Field Day's were held on May the 6th and 13th.

Both days you can bet the participants were jittery with nervousness, as both school's student bodies cheered on events.

First, second and third place ribbons were given to the top four competitors in

each athletic category. The school with the highest overall score received a trophy.

Rocky Gap won the high school competition, while Bland received the elementary honors.

First place winners in the high school events were as follows: 50 yd. dash — Harry Millirons, Alice Neal; 100 yd. dash — Patrick Sutphin, Alice Neal; shot put — Harry

Millirons, Lisa Tolbert; Discus throw — Patrick Sutphin, Melissa Bane; high jump — Jeff Shelton, Alice Neal; running long jump — Patrick Sutphin, Dawn Monroe; standing broad jump — Jimmy Pennington, Alice Neal; mile relay — Harry Milliron, Bobby Sauders, Wert Harris, Patrick Sutphin, Alice Neal, Jody Dehart, Tricia Cahill, Dawn Monroe.





**LEFT PAGE TOP** — Alice Neal and Tracy Kegley express their pain and tiredness in the girls 440 as Superintendent Milton Maxton strikes a thoroughly disgusted pose.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Alan Massey — "Look at this balance." Sammy Lambert and bystanders — "What in the world?"

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Sam Hylton, "I think I can."

**RIGHT PAGE** — **TOP LEFT:** Sonya Carroll — "I'm not landing in this dirt!"

**TOP CENTER:** Joe Putman —

"Tarzan"

**TOP RIGHT:** Tammy Davis — "Look Mom, no hands!"

**CENTER LEFT:** Richard Turner, Mark Hamblin, Bobby Saunders, Pat Supthin, Jimmy Pennington and Matt Harman use long and short strides to reach the finish line.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Rachel Havens throws the softball as John Mustard and Mrs. Dolores Thompson observe.

**BOTTOM:** Patty Smith "Please Lord, don't let me drop this!"

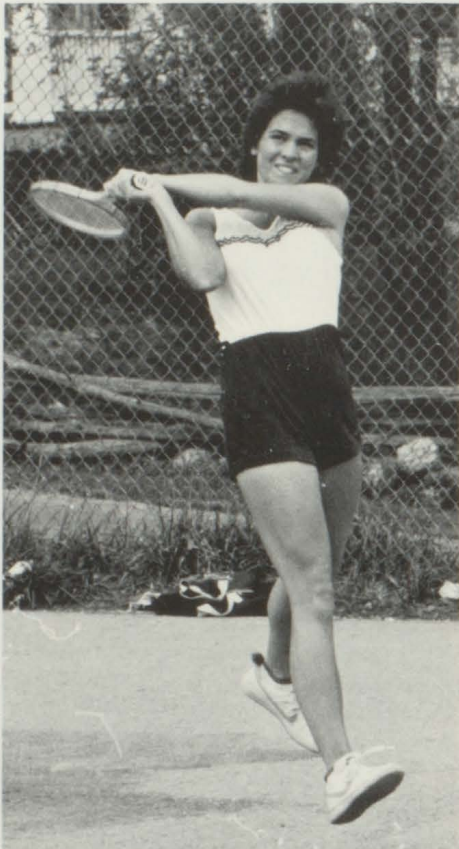
# Did they have an outstanding record?

The tennis team of 1985 had a won-lost record of one win, six losses. Returning players were Patty Smith, Teresa Richardson, Debbie Warden and Tracy Kegley. The new faces who appeared on the court for the first time were Sherri Wimmer, Lynn Tate, Roberta Kegley, and

Sarah Newberry.

The baseball team underwent a rebuilding year in 1985. With the graduation of Geoff Fanning, Eric Ellison, Steve Cox, and Tim Neel, the team was faced with the problem of filling the positions the seniors had vacated. As a whole, the young

Rocket Baseballers did a good job even though the final record of 2-9 did not show their achievements. Two players received district honors, Barry Dillow made all district 1st team center fielder and Bruce Shelton was chosen to the 2nd team infielder.



**TOP LEFT: Patty Smith. CENTER-TENNIS TEAM: Mr. Robin Thacker, Coach, Sarah Newberry, Roberta Kegley, Tracy Kegley, Lynn Tate, Sherri Wimmer. Not Pictured: Patty**

**Smith, Teresa Richardson, Debbie Warden. BOTTOM LEFT: Tracy Kegley. BOTTOM CENTER: Sarah Newberry. BOTTOM RIGHT: Teresa Richardson.**







**TOP:** Steve Fanning concentrates on receiving the catch. **CENTER LEFT:** Gene Lambert receives last-minute instructions from Coach Collins. **CENTER:** Matt Harman races to first. **BOTTOM-BASEBALL TEAM.** **FRONT ROW:** Martin Vineyard, Shannon King, Bradley Davis, Allen Massey, Bodie Miller, Jeff Dodson, Scott Lambert, Barry Dillow. **BACK ROW:** Coach Gary Collins, Gene Lambert, Jeff Cox, Steve Fanning, Bruce Shelton, Wayne Davis, Chris Tickle, Mark Vineyard, Ritchie Havens.





### VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

Bland	1	Fries	3
	1	Fort Chiswell	3
	0	Galax	3
	3	Rocky Gap	0
	0	Shawsville	3
	0	Auburn	3
	0	Independence	3
	0	Floyd	3
<b>WON 1 LOST 7</b>			

**TOP:** Karen Wright watches as Roberta Kegley pounds the volleyball across the net. **CENTER LEFT:** Rita Gusler, Amy Drummond, Kim Crabtree. **CENTER RIGHT—FRONT ROW:** Seniors—Karen Wright, Rita Gusler, Lisa Talbert. **BACK ROW:** Dawn Dillow, Lori Perkins,

Roberta Kegley, Kim Crabtree, Kathy Kidd, Amy Drummond, Donna Warden. **BOTTOM—JV SQUAD:** April Newberry, Latrayle Shewey, Rachel Havens, Amy Haga, Susan Remines, Tonya Looney, Freda Davis, Sonya Carroll, Pam Dillow.

# 1 into 2, 2 into 1

One squad became two and two squads became one. Volleyball had been only a varsity team but this year a JV team was organized and coached by Mr. John Wagoner. Cheerleaders became one squad when the JV was dropped.

The 1986 girls volleyball team had a very good season despite the 1 and 7 record. This year's team was composed of all new faces with the exception of one returning player. "It was a hard task to compete against veteran teams with beginning players, but the girls of Bland gave a very good account of themselves in almost every

game. The way volleyball is played is a very hard sport to master in just one year of practice, but the future of the sport at Bland looks very bright if the girls continue to work as hard as they did this year", commented Coach Robin Thacker.

Practice at 3:00, no practice today were constant reminders to cheerleaders throughout the fall season. Reduced to one squad put more time and emphasis on the seven member team. The only senior member, Denise Umbarger, a veteran of four years, was named to the position of captain. Ms. Sandra Green sponsored the group.



**TOP—BOTTOM TO TOP:** Vicki Sarver, Lana Lindamood, Tiffany Bowen, Tonya Smith, Karen Stock. **LEFT—**Captain Denise Umbarger. **RIGHT—**Dawn Dillow. **CENTER:** An exciting game with Bland scoring points is revealed in the faces and actions of these cheerleaders. Tiffany Bowen, Lana Lindamood, Vicki Sarver, Denise Umbarger. **BOTTOM:** During the pep rally, cheerleaders perform their annual pom-pom routine for the student body.



**TOP: LaMoore Muncy BOTTOM: Deanna Harden**



**Sherri Wimmer, senior guard, shoots for two points in the face of tough opposition.**

**SCOREBOARD**

Bland	54	Rocky Gap	33
Bland	58	Auburn	71
Bland	39	Shawsville	30
Bland	38	Floyd	65
Bland	45	Ft. Chiswell	63
Bland	63	Fries	39
Bland	32	Rich Valley	66
Bland	43	Galax	55
Bland	54	Independence	39
Bland	67	Mr. Rogers	19
Bland	49	Rocky Gap	29
Bland	50	Auburn	62
Bland	47	Shawsville	40
Bland	45	Floyd	65
Bland	46	Ft. Chiswell	54
Bland	35	Rich Valley	33
Bland	46	Fries	27
Bland	41	Galax	52
Bland	63	Independence	49



**VARSITY — Tammy Mustard, Samantha Hylton, Roberta Kegley, Deanna Harden, LaMoore Muncy, Tracy Kegley, Tammi Haga. Coached by Gary Collins.**

# No pain No gain

The Bland Rockettes finished up the 1985 regular season on October 29. The Rockettes had a winning season this year finishing with an 11-9 overall record and a 10-8 record in the MED. The Rockettes were defeated by the Auburn Eagles 36-28 in the first round of the MED Tourna-

ment. Tracy Kegley received Most Valuable Player, Sherri Wimmer and LaMoore Muncy received Honorable Mention for the All-District team.

When asked about this years season, Coach Collins commented that "We had a very good season. There were times were could have

done better." He also added that "It was a learning experience and I am very proud of everyone." He would like to see more girls try out for the basketball team next year.

The J.V. girls composed a record of 5-15 this year.



Sarah Strock, Kim Crabtree with Fries opponent.



Jennifer Greever battles for the ball as Amy Haga and Rachel Havens look to the referee.



Donna Warden gives no ground against Fries.



JV GIRLS — Sonya Carroll, Newberry, Rachel Havens, Sarah Strock, Amy Haga, Kathy Kidd, Karen Strock, Sarah Robin Thacker. Coached by

## SCOREBOARD

Bland	23	Rocky Gap	18
Bland	22	Auburn	37
Bland	19	Shawsville	30
Bland	17	Floyd	59
Bland	27	Ft. Chiswell	41
Bland	35	Fries	10
Bland	20	Rich Valley	36
Bland	29	Galax	38
Bland	22	Independence	39
Bland	36	Mr. Rogers	19
Bland	20	Rocky Gap	23
Bland	28	Auburn	47
Bland	16	Shawsville	26
Bland	17	Floyd	41
Bland	22	Ft. Chiswell	31
Bland	26	Rich Valley	31
Bland	19	Fries	8
Bland	20	Galax	34
Bland	2	Mt. Rogers	0



## Who gave the first loss?

The season for JV Rockets began with a nine game winning streak. Their first lost was at the hands of the Floyd Buffaloes. After several upsetting losses, they continued to become the 4th ranked team in the district.

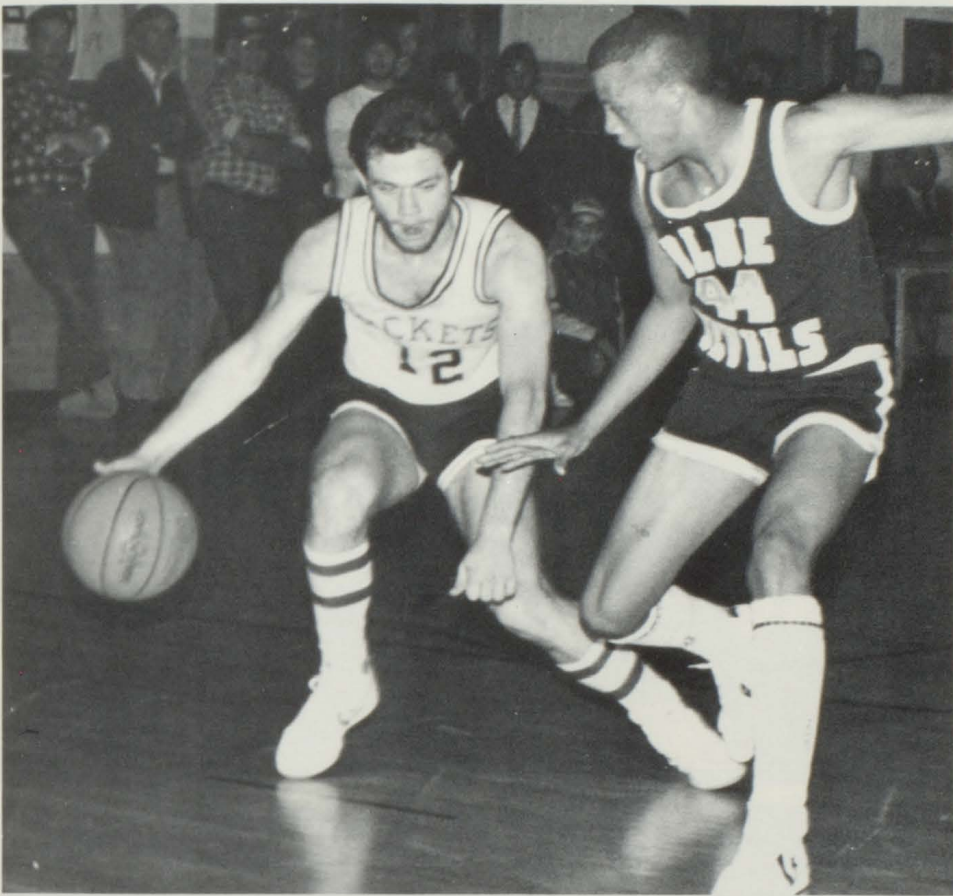
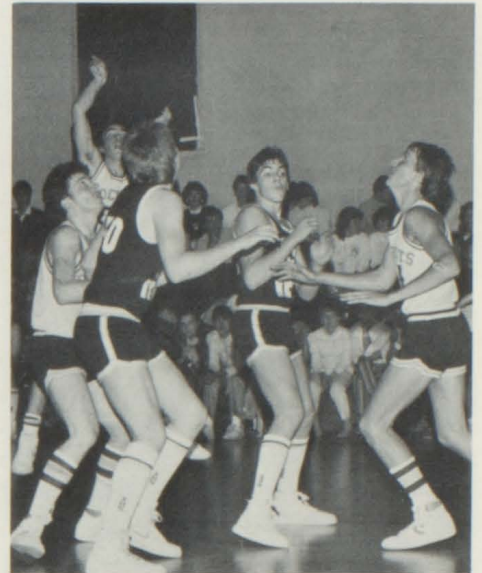
The Varisty Rockets goal was improvement. They fought to the finish losing many games, five of which were decided by a two-point margin. Ritchie Havens, sophomore was chosen for the All-District team.

**TOP LEFT—JV—FRONT ROW:** Aaron Newberry, Andy Putnam, Brian Townley, Randy Dillow, Michael Fanning, Robert Lambert, Robbie Waddle, Rusty Havens. **BACK ROW:** Chip Bird, Gerhard Schoenthal, Mark Vineyard, Mark Gusler, Kevin Fore, Gary Blankenship, Brian Duncan, Leslie Duncan. **TOP RIGHT:** Andy Putnam drives in for a layup. **CENTER LEFT:** Coach Richard Havens with last minute instructions. **CENTER RIGHT:** Brian Townley in vocal support as Gary Blankenship prepares to shoot.

### JV

Bland		
41	Independence	35
52	Rich Valley	49
54	Fort Chiswell	40
41	Shawsville	39
48	Galax	37
40	Fries	39
56	Rocky Gap	35
57	Auburn	51
51	Mt. Rogers	33
35	Floyd Co.	44
24	Independence	34
40	Fort Chiswell	46
53	Rich Valley	52
30	Shawsville	34
48	Galax	30
46	Fries	49
41	Rocky Gap	40
46	Auburn	41
60	Mt. Rogers	39
28	Floyd Co.	41

WON—14 LOST—6



### VARSITY SCOREBOARD

Bland	73	Independence	67
	78	Rich Valley	73
	56	Fort Chiswell	79
	65	Shawsville	67
	57	Galax	59
	62	Fries	53
	63	Rocky Gap	71
	74	Auburn	76
	77	Mt. Rogers	57
	63	Floyd Co.	78
	56	Independence	51
	58	Fort Chiswell	60
	70	Rich Valley	83
	55	Shawsville	57
	54	Galax	68
	59	Fries	56
	53	Rocky Gap	74
	64	Auburn	87
	70	Mt. Rogers	59
	53	Floyd Co.	70

WON—7 LOST—13



**TOP LEFT—VARSITY—FRONT ROW: Starting five—Ritchie Havens, Steve Foglesong, Stephen Fanning, Allan Massey, Gene Lambert. BACK ROW: Sammy Lambert, Shaunn Neel, Bob Hylton, William Davis, Tim Thompsen, Mike Hounshell, Jeff Cox, Eric Taylor, Rusty King—manager. TOP RIGHT: Steve Foglesong, Ritchie Havens shooting, Stephen Fanning. CENTER: Gene Lambert concentrates on maneuvering the dribble past Independence. BOTTOM: Steve Foglesong blasts onto court at the same time that Independence glides through warmup drills.**

# Big on basketball

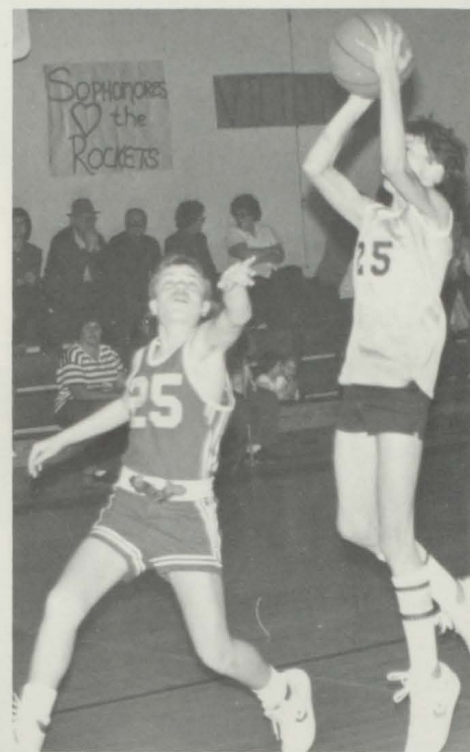
Small in stature but big on basketball was the 8th grade boys team. Love of basketball along with quickness was the key to their successes. Coach Robin Thacker recruited five members from the 7th grade—Rusty Bird, Clinton Kegley, David King, Chris Sparks, Patrick Smith. With these five returning next year should be outstanding.

TOP: Height doesn't faze Rusty Bird, the smallest member of the team. CENTER LEFT: Chad Thompson on defense. CENTER RIGHT: Undaunted by the opposition is Patrick Smith. BOTTOM LEFT: 8TH GRADE—FRONT ROW: Clinton Kegley, Rusty Bird, John Michael Mustard, David King, Chris Sparks. BACK ROW: Alan Cassell, Brian Farlow, Patrick Smith, Chad Thompson, Brian Hall, Brian Fore, Jerome Meadows, Brad Havens, Marshall Schoenthal, manager. BOTTOM RIGHT: John Michael Mustard, Brian Hall, and David King (witchcraft or basketball?)



## 8TH GRADE SCOREBOARD

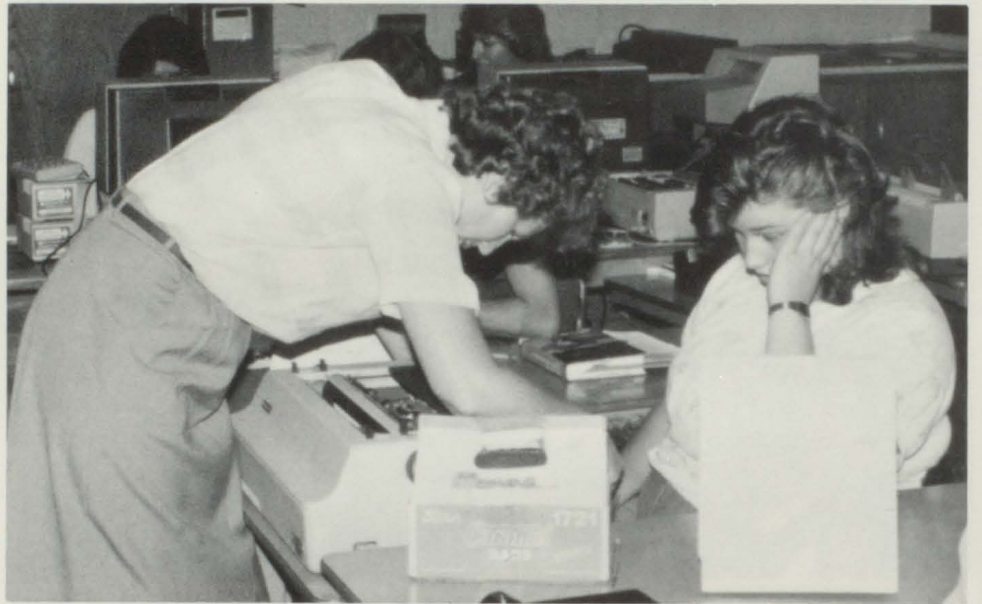
Bland	54	Independence	30
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	30	Shawsville	36
	32	Galax	34
	37	Fries	24
	26	Rocky Gap	24
	51	Auburn	18
	30	Floyd Co.	28
	21	Fort Chiswell	22
	32	Shawsville	24
	28	Galax	40
	38	Fries	19
	40	Rocky Gap	43
	39	Independence	40
	48	Auburn	35
	32	Floyd Co.	37
WON—8		LOST—8	







**TOP LEFT:** Tracy Kegley, Mountain Empire's Most Valuable Player, matches up well against this opposition while LaMoore Muncy lends a hand. **TOP RIGHT:** Ballet? Gymnastics? or contortionists trying to retrieve the ball. Amy Haga and Sarah Stroch. **LOWER TOP RIGHT:** Brian Farlow watches Independence in what seems to be exercising! **CENTER LEFT:** Waiting for a rebound Issis Umbarger, Tammy Mustard, Roberta Kegley and Deanna Harden. **CENTER RIGHT:** Mark Gusler's toss up seems to have surprised his opponent. **BOTTOM:** After a hard-earned win teammates honor Ritchie Havens.



**TOP LEFT:** Tom Brewster seems to be the sergeant over Jamie Chewning. **TOP RIGHT:** The pressures of decision making when that candy window goes up: Leon Sink, Tony Boksa, Pam Kirk, Jennifer Greever. **CENTER LEFT:** Future CPAs Rita Gusler and LeAnna Mustard. **CENTER RIGHT:** Oh, the hassles of a typewriter that won't type — Mrs. Jessie Kegley and Jennifer Stafford. **BOTTOM:** Doing what he does best — Principal Roger Thompson.





## The best of times, the worst of times?

Those happy carefree days of youth were the best of times, and yet, a failed test, a jilted special friend, or cruel thoughtless words were often the worst of times.

The best of times were loving and being loved by friends and faculty, making the honor

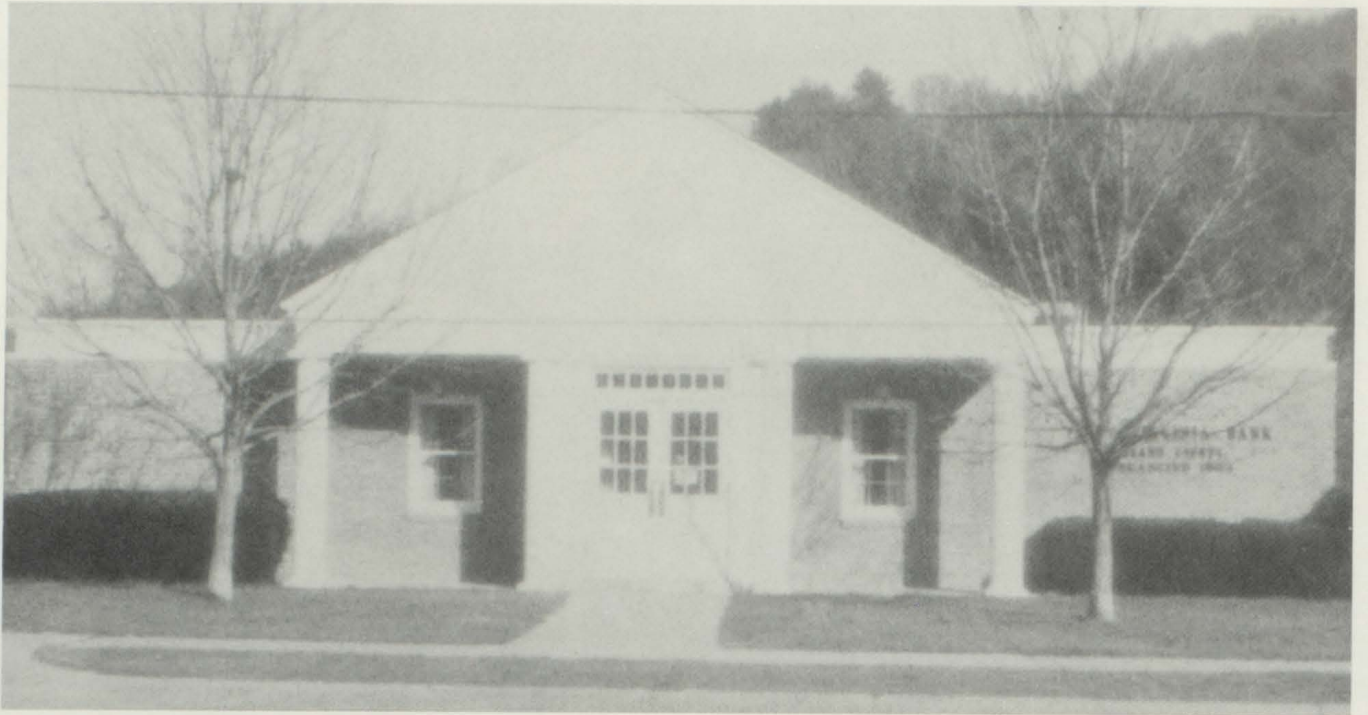
roll (or just passing), the excitement of a big date, attending a rock concert, taking a vacation, getting out of class, and sometimes playing a prank on a faculty member without getting caught or punished.

The best of times were also

accepting the responsibility that came with age, knowing what they were doing was right. But most important was doing the best they could, feeling good about it, and accepting themselves with a peaceful mind and heart.



**TOP:** Listening to learn, and learning by listening — Patricia Corder and Cheryl Hall. **BOTTOM:** Warm, pleasant days draw students to the outside to study, converse, or eat those nutritious meals bought in the "candy room." Donna Richardson, Lisa Davis, Denise King, Regina Parris, Carrie Shelton.



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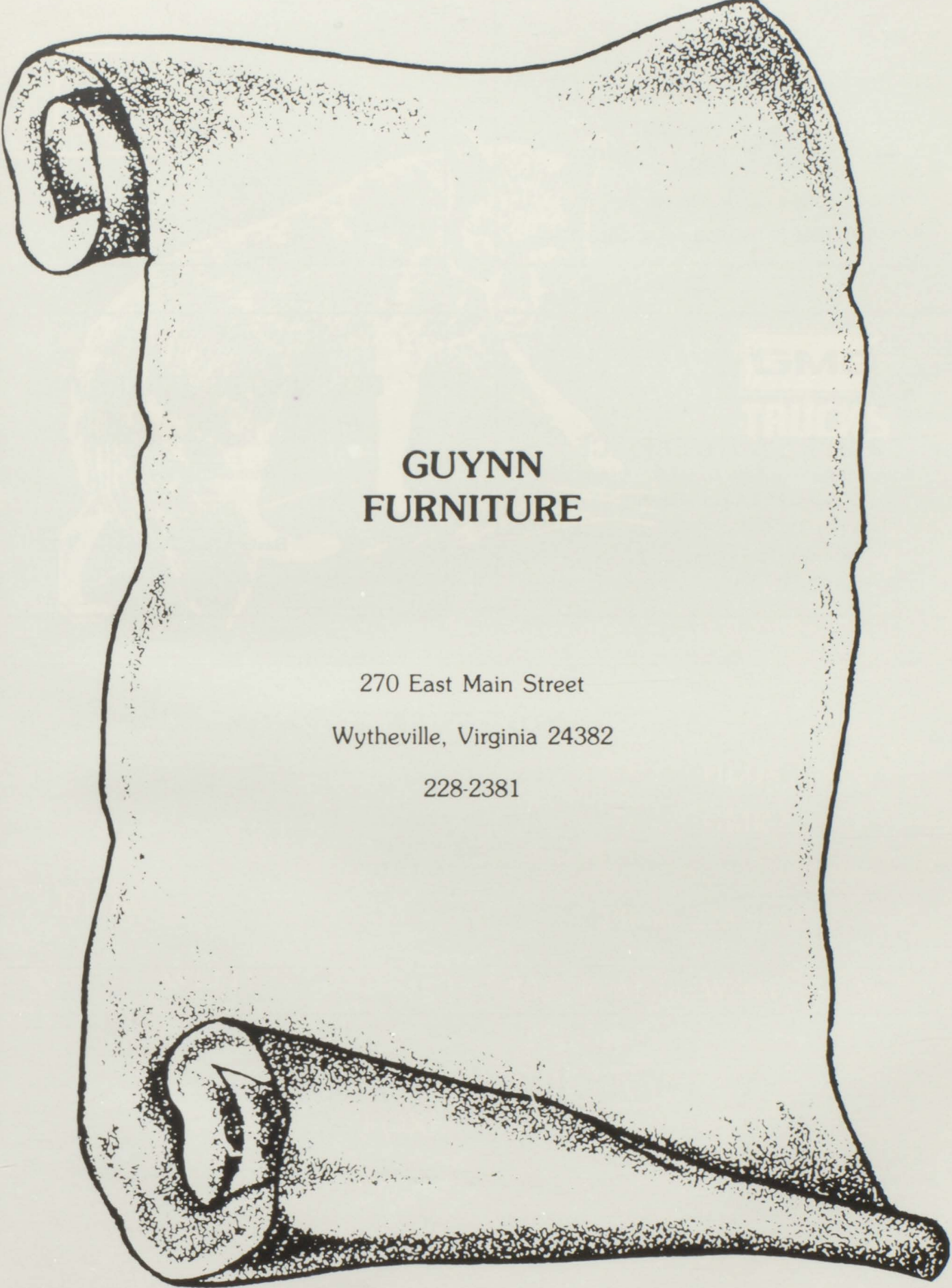


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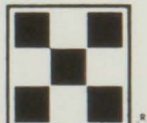
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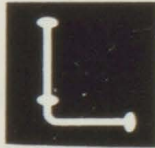


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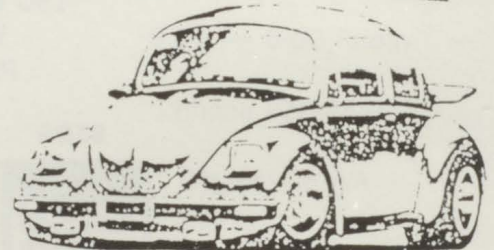
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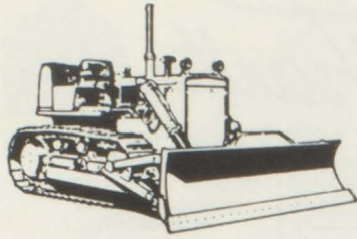
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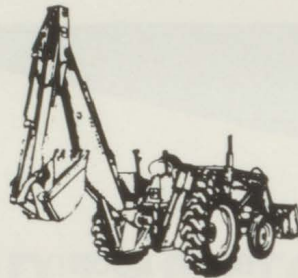


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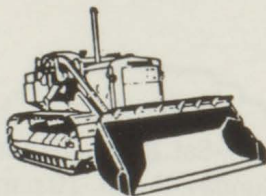
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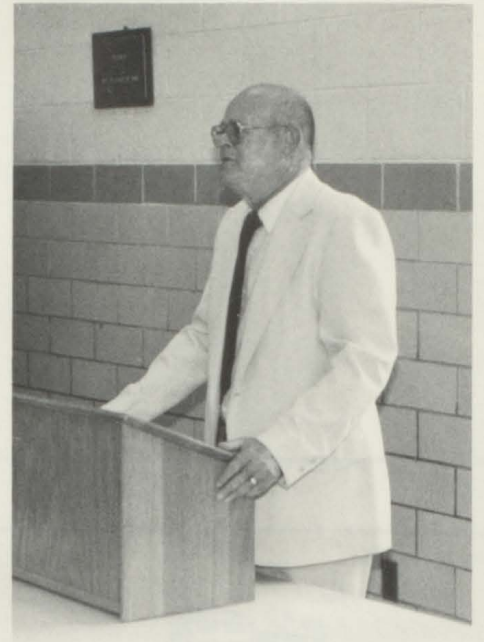
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**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Giving the ladies a rest, male faculty compete with boys varsity — Dave Foltz, Gary Collins, Referee Mike Woolwine, Matt Harman.



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**Dedicated to the Underclassmen  
THE MAN "WHO THINKS HE CAN"**

**If you think you are beaten, you are,  
If you think you dare not, you don't  
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,  
It's almost a cinch you won't**

**If you think you'll lose, you're lost,  
For out in the world we find  
Success begins with a fellow's will,  
It's all in the state of mind.**

**If you think you're outclassed, you are,  
You've got to think high to rise,  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win a prize.**

**Life's battle doesn't always go  
To the swifter or faster man,  
But sooner or later the man who wins  
Is the man "who thinks he can."**

**Anonymous**

**Dedicated to the Class of 1986  
THE BEST IS YET TO BE**

**As wonderful as school days are—  
So full of fun and laughter—  
The best and richest times you'll know  
Will come a few years after . . .  
So close the door behind you now  
And as you turn away  
Review the dreams and plans you've made  
And hold them fast today . . .  
Walk proudly as you move along,  
Feel young and strong and free,  
And let your heart repeat these words—  
"The best is yet to be!"**

**D. J. Faulhaber**

