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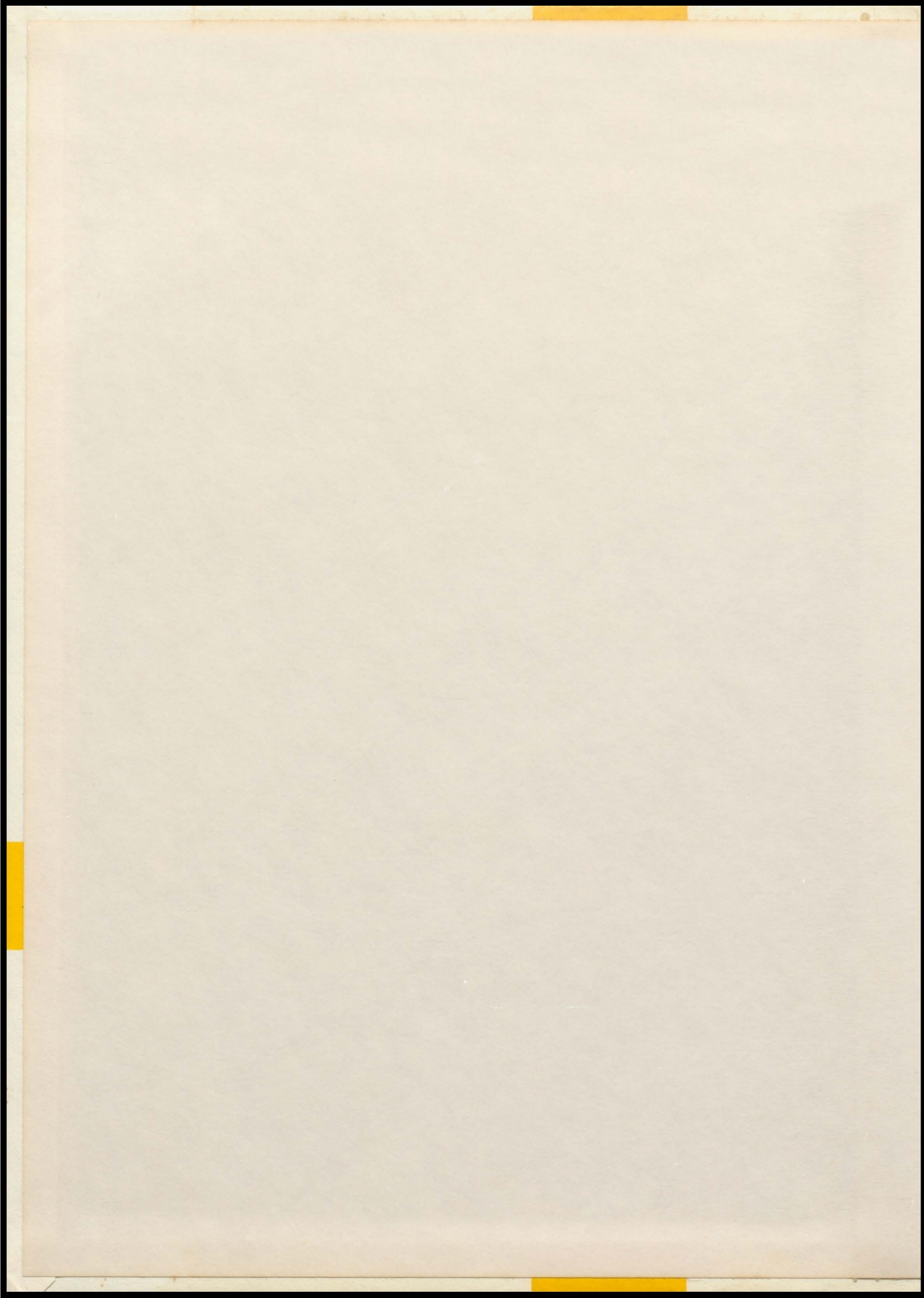
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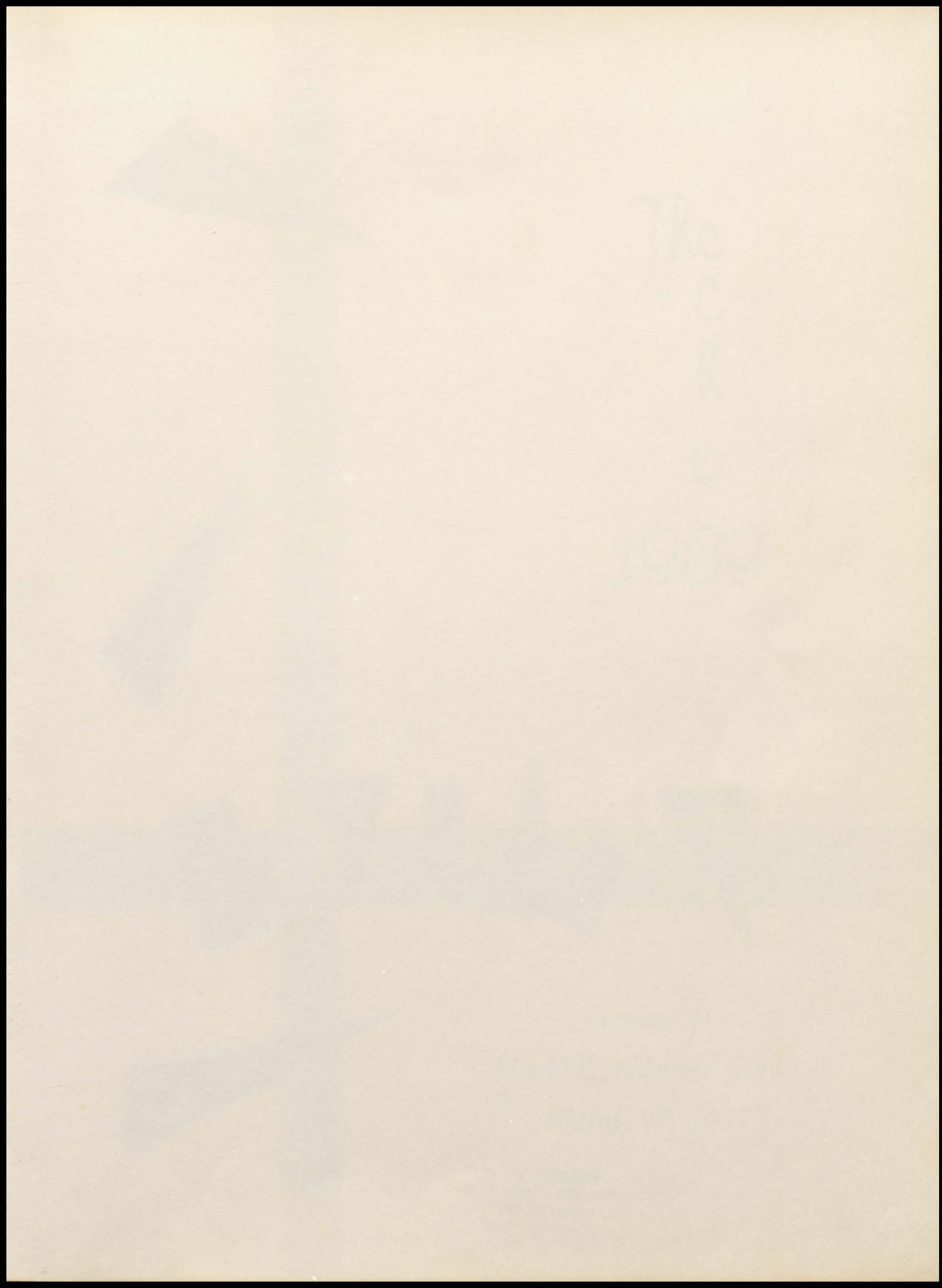
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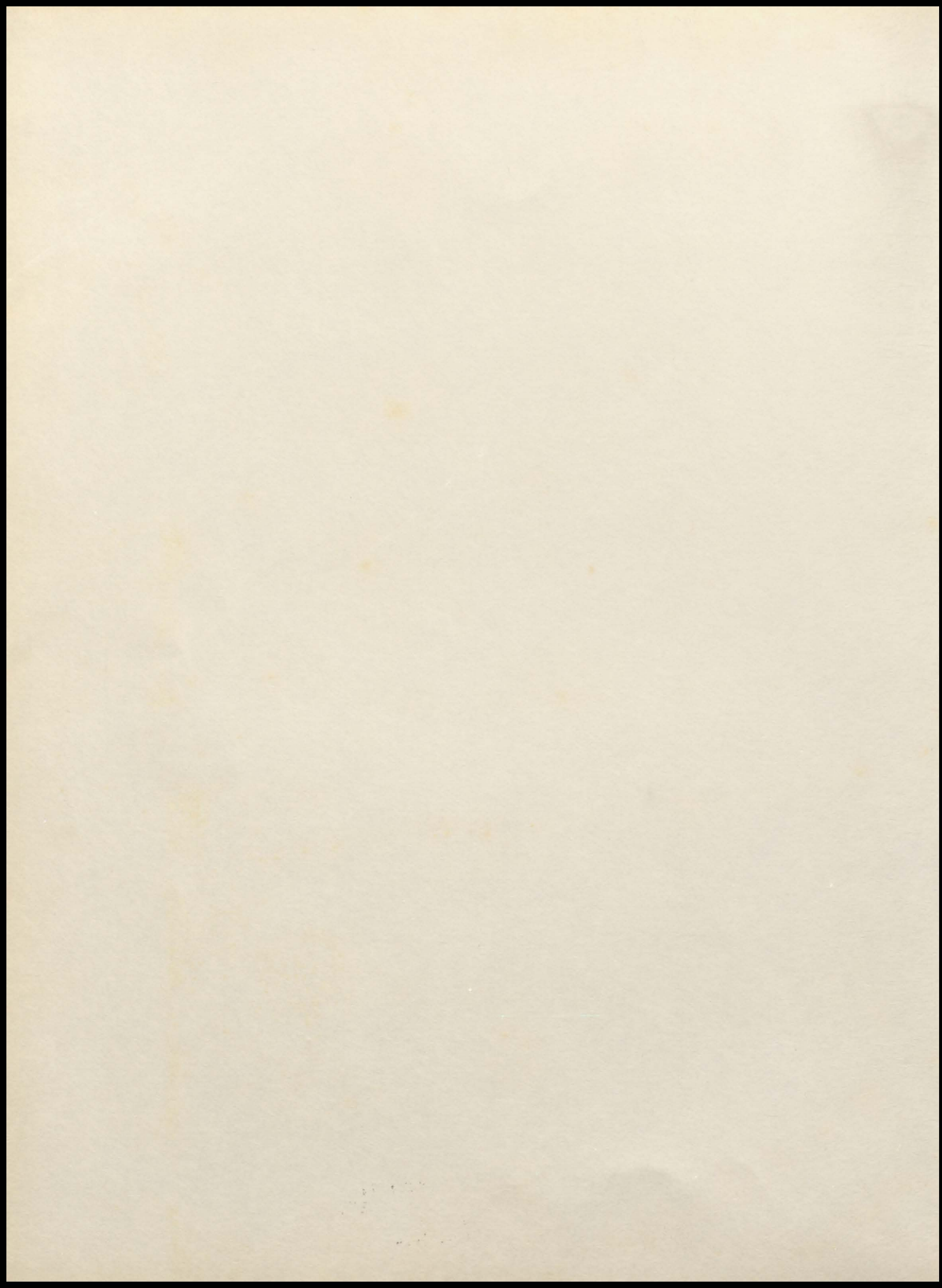
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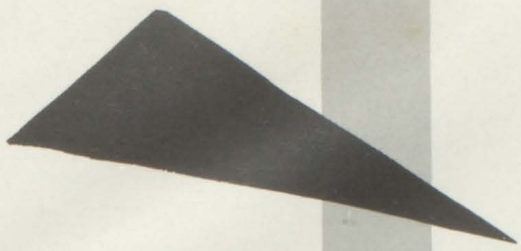
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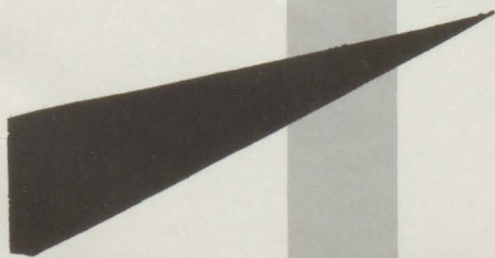






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Events of '88-89 in review

After what seemed a very long campaign and numerous debates George Bush defeated Mike Dukakis and took office as president of the USA on January 20, 1989.

Two large earthquakes occurred in the Soviet Union killing thousands. The US stepped in to assist and pave the way to better relations.

Following a tragic airplane crash at Lockerbie the news carried reports of other crashes until it

seemed risky to board an aircraft.

At the local scene more UFO sightings were reported. Residents filled with excitement scanned the night skies hoping to have their own encounters.

The winter season was little short of strange with the west getting snow storms and the east having spring-like temperatures. A typical five-day outlook consisted of a few days of spring weather followed by cold winter days.

Plans were set in motion for extensive construction/consolidation at the two high schools. Officials hoped for state approval within 12 months with facilities ready for use by '90-91 session.

Football has a definite future in Bland County. Funds were set aside to purchase uniforms and equipment for an 8th grade team (county wide) playing at Bastian.



TOP LEFT: Jay Meadows assists Ryan Newberry at the shooting gallery for the PT-SO fund raiser.

TOP RIGHT: Pep rally cheerleaders Tina Hounshell, Tiffany Bowen, Tonya Smith, Tammy Daughtry urge students to participate in cheers.

CENTER LEFT: Sonya Chewning with escort Scott Gusler receives title of Homecoming Queen from Mrs. Janet Faulkner and Miss Lisa Copenhaver.

CENTER RIGHT: Joyce Bruce accepts gavel as incoming FHA president.

BOTTOM: Testing the fruits of their labor are Rachel Davis, Michelle Wright, Tina Kimberlin.



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Mini skirts were back on the scene—except at BCS. Thigh-high lengths were taboo at school so these had to be saved for other occasions. Casual, comfortable clothing was the norm. Skin tight attire was traded for loose, pleated or gathered skirts and jeans. Polyester, cotton and denim were the popular fabrics. Ladies added a softly draped scarf to create a snappy look.

TOP: This fashionable dress is just hanging around waiting to be donned.

BOTTOM LEFT: These various modes of fashion are viewed during a dance. Kim Crabtree, Lorin Hanshew, Randy Dillow, Crystal King, James Umbarger, Sarah Thompson, and Robert Sexton.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Donna Lambert models a comeback of the turtleneck sweater.

Fashions





TOP LEFT: Blending sweaters with jeans and shorter length straight skirt Tiffany Bowen fits the Snow Queen's crown to Randy Dillow's head.

TOP RIGHT: The popular styles of loose fitting tops and printed tee shirts combine with jeans for Becky Bird and Kevin Lindamood.

BOTTOM LEFT: Even for dances the popular attire is jeans.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Smart fashions are modeled by Sarah Thompson, Heather Smith and Amy Haga.

Deciding fashion factor was "comfort"

Denim remained the popular choice of clothing in jeans, skirts, jumpers and jackets. These were combined with tee shirts, sweatshirts or loose-fitting tops. For a dressier look, scarves were often added as an accessory.

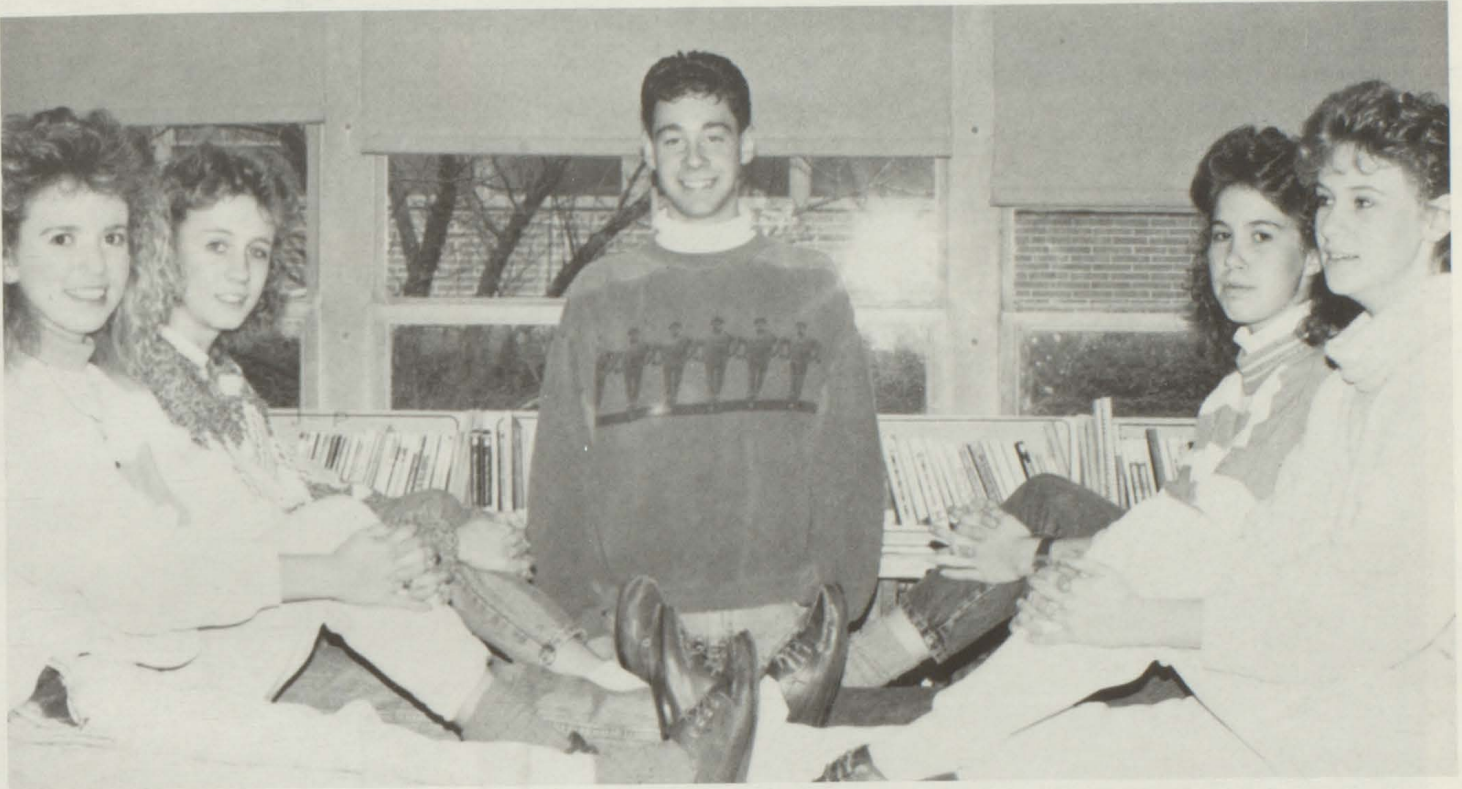
The popular foot wear has remained the gym shoe in the newest brand names (Converse, Nike, Reebok, L.A. Gear). The casual shod

foot for the '88-89 year put forward the British Knight, a loafer with a bow-tied look.

Mohawk, striped, rippled and two-tone described many of the hairstyles. Girls dyed part of their hair black to contrast with the natural color. Braids made a regular appearance on those with longer hair and adornments of bows, clips, and combs were seen with greater

frequency on all ages. A wide range of cuts for guys individualized their styles. With shaved sides they achieved the Mohawk look.

Dress lengths plummeted to the ankles with all lengths up to thigh-high in style. The '89 spring fashions resembled those of the 20s and 30s featuring white lace collars and dropped waists. Whatever the style, comfort was the deciding factor.



TOP: Best foot forward in British Knights, Tonya Smith, Sonya Chewning, Robbie Waddle, Jenny Meadows, Susan Remines.
BOTTOM LEFT: Wendy Wolfe displays her

copper curls with the bottom dyed black.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Benga Hager exhibits the layered side cut while Sandy Mitchell's left side is dyed black.

The total look of denim dominated

The "total" look of denim dominated the 80's decade for all ages and sexes. Plain jeans to designer labels changed to stone-washed

fashions in all modes of dress. Also prominent was the army look with the color khaki and camouflage. Parachute pants were another fa-

vorite. These came with a fitted waist ballooning over hips and thighs and slimming to the ankles.



TOP LEFT: Caps remain a favorite. Joe Putman combines his with a trench coat while Shawn Nelson dons the popular sweat shirt with camouflage pants. Observers are Kevin Cox, Happy Dillow and Tony Boksa.

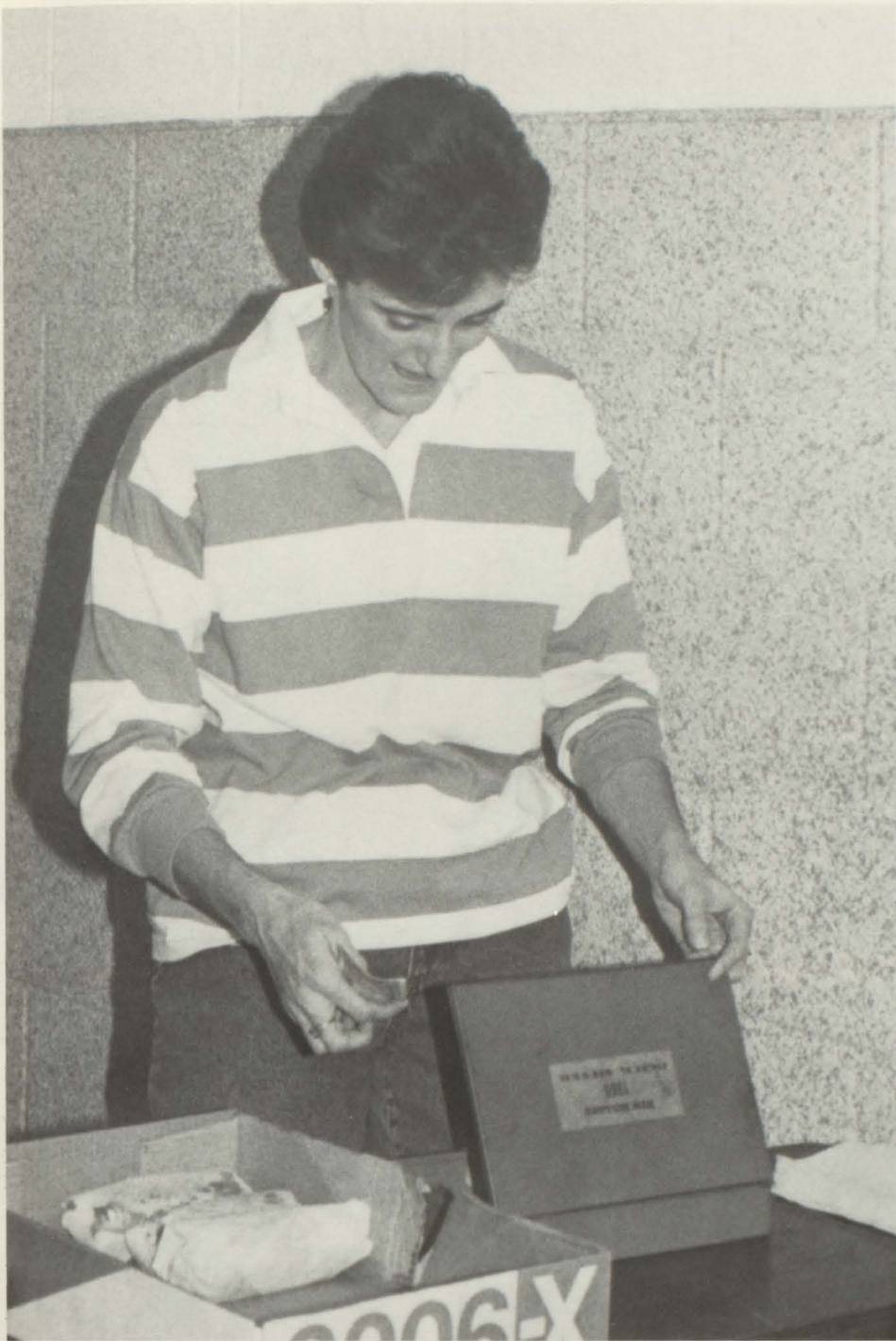
TOP RIGHT: Popular styles of jeans by Mary Gibson and Gwen McGrady.

CENTER RIGHT: Sweaters create a dress-up outfit on David Strock, Lorin Hanshew and Chip Bird.

BOTTOM: Jeans jackets were the norm for students observing the mechanics under the hood. Kathy Kidd, Sonya Carroll, Sarah Strock, Jenny Umbarger, Joyce Bruce, Patty Mutter, Charmin Gravley, Sandy Mitchell.



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The spirit of "southern hospitality" was evidenced throughout Bland County communities. This was a close and caring environment where everyone helped each other and worked together for county improvements. VFW held a "walkathon" to support the Rescue Squad. Booster Club and PTSO worked to support and assist the athletic and academic programs.

TOP: Kathy Harner sells hot dogs for PTSO at basketball games.

BOTTOM LEFT: Bingo booth at Bland County Fair.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Cicely Havens with her mom, Christine, and another 2d grader during National School Lunch Week.

Community Life



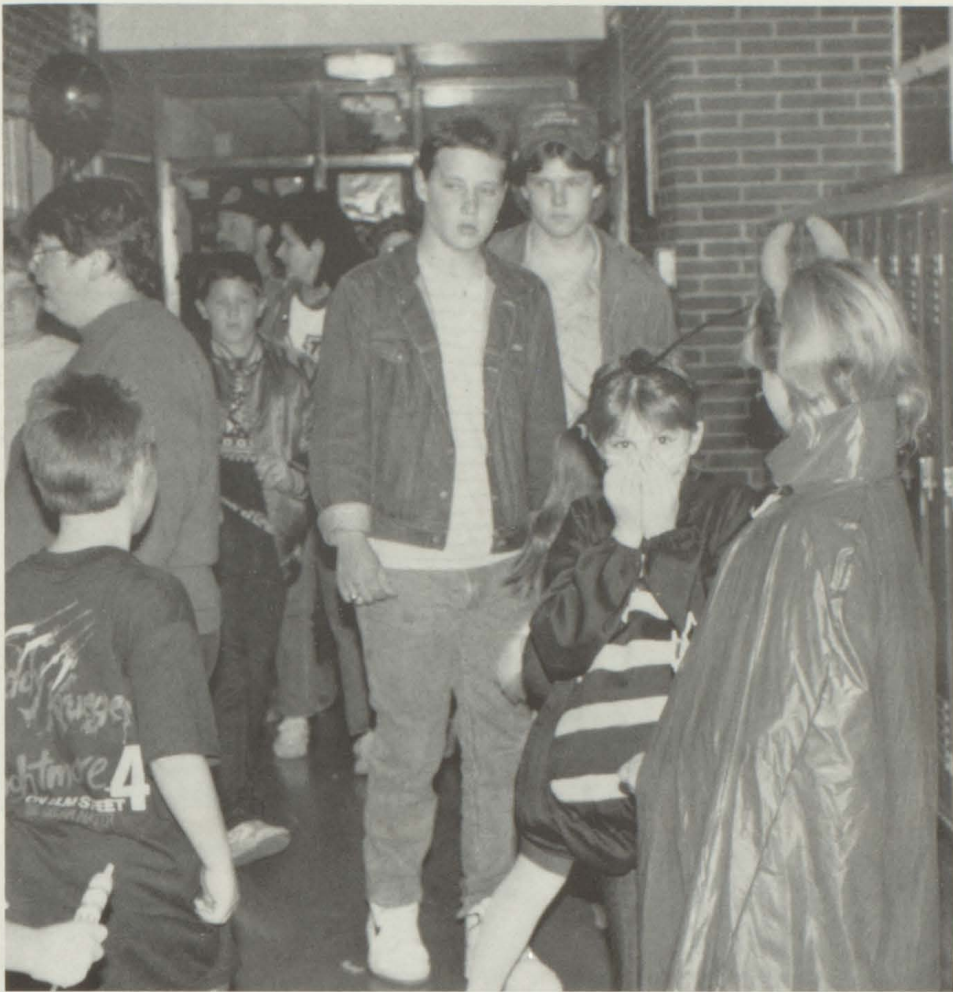
PTSO Carnival Scenes

Parades of contestants, sorted by ages, marched around the gym for costume judging. Fair weather brought out droves of interested citizens.

Swinging into the spirit of costuming, most children and many adults

attended the Halloween carnival in disguise.





TOP LEFT: Crowded hall scenes were the norm for carnival night.

TOP RIGHT: Judges for school costumes are Nola Harless and Nancy Johnson.

BOTTOM LEFT: Deputy Mike Hounshell "arrests" Samantha Tickle to Mrs. Janet Faulkner's amusement.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mrs. Dolly Wright and grandchild exhibit PTSO's helium balloons.



TOP LEFT: Mr. Milton Maxton at a home ballgame.

TOP RIGHT: Mr. Tommy Harner partakes of school lunch with daughter Kari during National School Lunch Week.

BOTTOM: Bland County farmers lend assistance to western neighbors by shipping hay during drought.



Spirit of love prevailed

A spirit of love permeated Bland Countians when they shared their crops with drought areas. Oth-

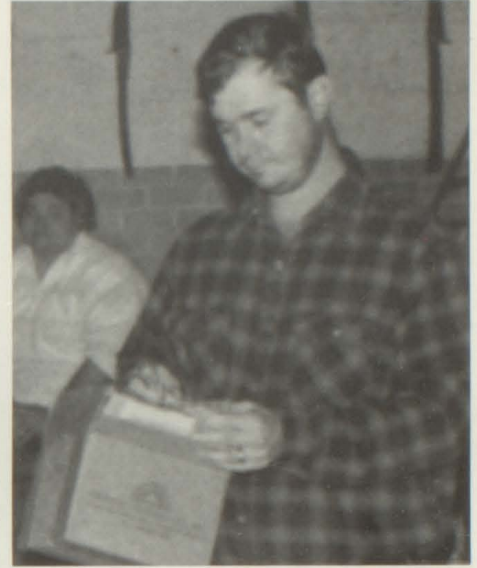
ers volunteered their hands and time to help the sick, injured or for improvements to the county.

TOP LEFT: Rescue squad members demonstrate equipment to 6th grade.

TOP RIGHT: PTSO president is Eddie Dillow.

CENTER: Central Church portrays Christmas cast in Wytheville parade.

BOTTOM: Parents join their children for the annual FHA banquet.



Community influenced smooth operation

Assistance from community fans and members influenced the smooth operation of the schools. Their leadership, presence and contributions made the work of stu-

dents and faculty easier. When faced with the loss of fine arts programs, they banded together to raise the necessary funds. Their support of athletic programs boosted

attendance and enthusiasm. In extra-curricular activities their patronage supplied that extra subsidy for success.

PTSO president Eddie Dillow and Vicki Tate.



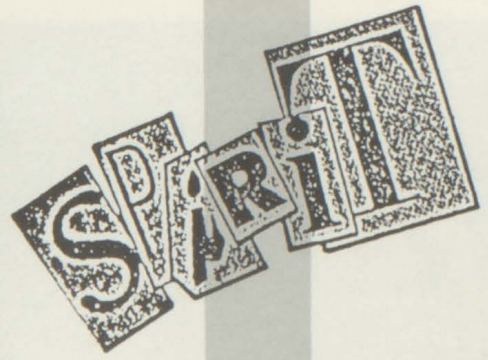
Piano accompanist is Mrs. Karen Blankenship.



LEFT: Game break satisfies hunger—Mrs. Eleanor Atwell.

RIGHT: The intricacies of photography — Mrs. Dolores Thompson, Mr. Roger Thompson, Mr. Bob Kegley.





Carefree fun-filled days made up the life of the student body. Their youth and excitement made each day new and challenging. However, with it came the usual responsibilities of choice and decision. Trying to keep up with the everchanging styles, points of view and school work was difficult and challenging. Without the challenges, life would have been boring indeed!

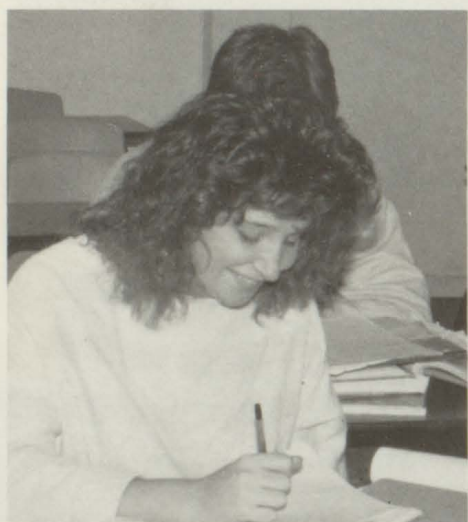
TOP: Pep rally for homecoming — makeup specialists varsity team monitored by cheerleaders. David King, Rusty Warden, Donna Lambert.

BOTTOM LEFT: Peas in a pod! Kevin Fore, Chip Bird, Robbie Waddle, Randy Dillow, Gary Blankenship.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Using time wisely—Susan Remines, Sonya Carroll, Teresa Lester, Sonya Chewning.

Student Life





TOP: Following the elementary Reading Bee, the Library Club treated all participants to a party. Club members dressed as storybook characters. Lana Lindamood, dressed as Raggedy Ann, prepares students to play Win, Lose or Draw.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sherri Shewey is deeply involved in her studies (or is she thinking of later plans?!).

BOTTOM RIGHT: Bus loading time at 3 o'clock.



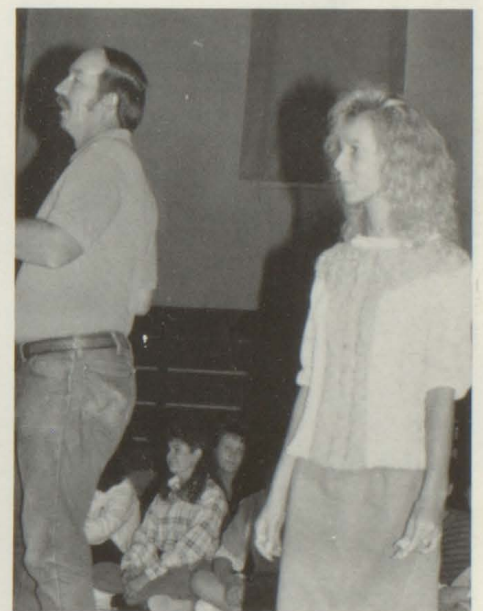
Spirit extended beyond school boundaries

Spirit ran through the hearts and minds of Bland students as they participated in their favorite classes and school activities. Students climbing the ladder of success began to find their interests and put them to work. For many this was sports or academics, but most became established in clubs. "Who said you had to be in sports to compete." Ex-

amples of this were MACC, FHA, FFA, and FBLA. Successful events depended on student participation and cooperation.

Student life and their spirit extended beyond the boundaries of the school. Current movies with a pre-dinner pizza occupied many of their free hours. Cruising had also remained a favorite pastime. Home-

work was done with friends or to the sounds of K92, and telephones continued to be glued to teenager's ears. Special occasions demanded a wardrobe of more than jeans and loafers and sent them in a tailspin with decisions of what to wear (beg, borrow or buy). The spirit of accepting and giving prevailed in each friendship.



TOP LEFT: A typical classroom scene?!

TOP RIGHT: Rusty Bird, Patrick Smith and William Tickle lounge on the teacher's hall-duty table!

BOTTOM LEFT: Sleeping Beauty — come my prince and awaken me! Charmin Gravley.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Heather Smith parades on the Beta auction block with Jr. Betas in background.

PROM



TOP RIGHT: Junior class members select the Prom King and Queen by secret ballot. The 1988 Junior-Senior Prom King and Queen are Kevin Fore and Roberta Kegley.

TOP LEFT: Soft music soothes the soul and body. Rusty Warden and Joyce Bruce may have succumbed in sleep to this music.

BOTTOM: This generation of students seem to prefer the soft slow music — Patricia Nelson, Packy Morehead, Brad Davis, Tammy Daughtry, Rusty Warden, Joyce Bruce, Scott Wellman, Tresila Sink, Shannon King, Tonya Looney, Jon Melvin.





Kegley and Fore titled prom royalty

The Prom Committee started early planning "that perfect prom." Meetings were carried out choosing the colors, decorations, and the theme.

Tuxedos, dazzling gowns, matching corsages and boutonnieres filled the Wythe Recreation Center on May 21. Each senior received a crystal goblet. As each couple entered a room of pink and white streamers, pink balloon arches, and a wishing well in the center, there was a feeling of excitement and romance in the air. Tables were decorated with candles and booklets which portrayed the prom theme "Stand By Me" on each cover. The highlight came as the crowning of prom Queen and King approached. These honors were bestowed on Roberta Kegley and Kevin Fore.



TOP: Todd Morehead, Michael Fanning, Angel Wood, Kathy Kidd.

CENTER: Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Mr. Richard Havens, Mr. Fred Beamer, Mr. Robin Thacker.

BOTTOM LEFT: Bradley King, JoAnn Shewey.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mark Gusler, Sonya Chewning.



Dance culminates intense competition

After being selected by their classmates five young ladies began two weeks of intensive competition to become Miss Echo. At the end of the two weeks, the annual Miss Echo dance took place. A grand total of 334 yearbooks were sold. Members of the yearbook staff assumed the duties of the crowning. The music for the dance was provided by Johnny Goins' SOUNDSATIONS.

Candidates received a silver charm engraved with their initials. Miss Echo also received a jeweled tiara and a banner. Miss Echo was crowned by Sarah Thompson, Miss Echo 1988. The new Miss Echo was Becky Bird from the ninth grade who sold 127 yearbooks.



MISS BECKY BIRD — MISS ECHO 1989



CANDIDATES AND ESCORTS — Robbie Taylor, Lori Compton (8th), Duane DeHart, Pam Chewning (10th), Aaron Newberry, Becky Bird (9th), Dayton Morehead, Christie Conley (12th), Debra Dycus (11th), Allan Newberry.



TOP LEFT: This foursome are getting down with the music — Lisa Kimberlin, Tina Kimberlin, Robin Martin, Michelle Wright.

TOP RIGHT: Love knows no age. Faith Penley and Chad Morehead.

CENTER LEFT: Tim Richardson and Johnny Goins of SOUNDSATIONS.

CENTER RIGHT: FHA concession stand is manned by Mindy Brewster, Bethane Shewey, Patty Tibbs and Laura Sadler. Purchaser is Ellis Wade.

BOTTOM: Students dance the night away at Miss Echo dance.

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TOP LEFT: Little Miss Bland County 1989 — Laura Bridges.

TOP RIGHT: Junior Miss Bland County 1989 — Terri Tolbert.

CENTER: Parade of Little Miss contestants flanked by FBLA ushers Becky Bird and Sarah Thompson.



Night is magic for Bridges and Tolbert

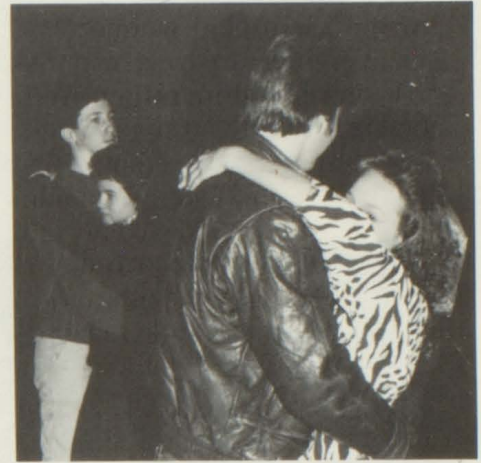
In a gym of lavender and pink setting, magic filled the air as 54 young ladies competed for two titles on October 15, 1988. Each contestant wore a smile hoping it would be her magic moment. The theme, "A Magic Moment" turned out to be magical for Laura Bridges, Little Miss, and Terri Tolbert, Junior Miss. In second and third place were Courtney Brizendine and Lorie Tabor, Little Miss and Shannon Shrader and Detria Agee, Junior Miss.

The pageants were sponsored and organized by the members of the FBLA and the Senior Beta clubs.

Candidates representing their clubs were off and running for the title of Snow King and Queen. They had three weeks to collect as many pennies as possible. The top money was the winner. Raffle tickets were sold, goodies were bought and consumed and coins were dropped into cans to boost the candidates. Weekly tallies were posted until the final count.

With forecasts of snow, anticipation grew. In its five year history only one night did not have some snow. The forecasts were not false and snow began falling early with big fluffy flakes creating a winter

wonderland of beauty. On December 17, 1988, led by the '88 winners, April Newberry and Tony Boksa, candidates filed into place in the gym representing ten clubs. Sarah Thompson and Robert Sexton took 2d runner-up with Kim Crabtree and Lorin Hanshew 1st runner-up. Having earned \$635.31 the honors of Snow Queen and King went to Donna Lambert and Gary Blankenship. Each candidate received a bronze statuette. Music for the dance was provided by Sound-sations.



TOP: Sonya Carroll, Duane Compton, Donna Lambert, Gary Blankenship, Tammy Daughtry, Robbie Waddle, Heather Burton, David Strock, Sarah Thompson, Robert Sexton, Hope Pike, Jason Gusler, Christie Conley, Brandon Farlow, Tiffany Bowen, Randy Dillow, Kim Crabtree, Lorin Hanshew, Jenny Meadows, Aaron Newberry.

TOP CENTER: Eric Faulkner, Missy French, Lute Scott, Becky Mallory.

LEFT: Snow Queen Donna Lambert and Snow King Gary Blankenship.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The finale — Mr. Richard Havens puts on finishing touch!

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CENTER — Homecoming Court: Crystal Tibbs (10th), Clinton Kegley, Jenny Meadows (11th), David King, Sonya Chewning (12th), Scott Gusler, Hope Pike (9th), Gary Blankenship, Lori Compton (8th), Randy Dillow.

BOTTOM — Homecoming candidates and escorts: Missy French (8th), Eric Faulkner, Julie Strock (9th), Jay Meadows, Crystal Tibbs (10th), Clinton Kegley, Jenny Meadows (11th), David King, Lori Perkins (12th), Michael Fanning, Vicki Sarver (12th), Robbie Waddle, Sonya Chewning (12th), Scott Gusler, Tammy Daughtry (11th), Chip Bird, Barbara Meadows (10th), Mike Sage, Hope Pike (9th), Gary Blankenship, Lori Compton (8th), Randy Dillow.



1989 HOMECOMING QUEEN — Sonya Chewning, escort Scott Gusler



Spirit high during homecoming week

Inside out? beach wear in the dead of winter?? They weren't "mad" but only part of spirit week in celebration of homecoming. Monday was inside-out with lots of "labels" visible. Maroon and gold was seen on Tuesday since this was favorite team day. By Wednesday everyone began speculating on the weather and when we could expect snow since its rare when homecoming week doesn't have an interruption. However, Wednesday brought out the shorts and shades for beach day. The 50's came to life on Thursday

with bobby socks, rolled-up jeans, pony tails and swingin' skirts. Completing the week was spirit (or maroon and gold) day on Friday with mounting anticipation and speculation as to who would be homecoming queen.

A pep rally following fifth period exam got the adrenalin flowing and put everyone in a winning mood.

The games were completed with Bland winning two of three games and the gym was cleared for re-entry of those attending the dance. The candidates from each class

were introduced and winners were announced. With bated breath, hearts pounding and knees trembling, the three seniors waited with time seeming an eternity. The announcer calmly stated 1st runner-up, Vicki Sarver. Whose name would be called next? "1989 Homecoming Queen — Sonya Chewing" Queen Sonya, with the other court members, led the first dance. Johnny Goins served as the announcer and provided music for the dance.



TOP LEFT: BEACH DAY-(seated) Rusty Meadows, Robbie Waddle. (Standing) Jay Meadows, Robbie Taylor, Chad Thompson, Vicki Sarver, Amy Haga, Heather Smith,

Scott Wellman, Dusty King, Kevin Lindamood.

TOP RIGHT: JV boys show cheerleaders how to build a pyramid!

BOTTOM LEFT-50's day-FRONT ROW: Lori Compton, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Becky Bird. **2ND ROW:** Tonya Smith, Vicki Sarver, Mary Echols, Heather Burton, Sarah Umbarger, Holly Warden. **BACK ROW:** Travis Morehead, Sammy Simmons, Rusty Meadows.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Winners in the makeup artists — Leslie Duncan and Gary Blankenship.

Thompson and Breedlove gain top billing

Elected by their classmates, elementary students began collecting money with their usual exuberant spirit. The couple with the most money by Halloween would be crowned Halloween Princess and Prince.

Candidates were Erica Vanover and Matthew Tickle, Kindergarten; Ashley Tate and Nick Moore, 1st; Kari Harner and Heath Puckett, 2nd; Erin Thompson and Joshua Breedlove, 2/3d; Sarah Smith and John Kelly Thompson, 3d; Summer Bernard and Jacob Scott, 4th; Sheri Blankenship and Jayson Mitchem, 5th; Anne Myrick and Christopher Wolcott, 6th; Crystal King and Kevin King, 7th. Winners were from Mrs. Justice's 2d/3rd class.

RIGHT:
Halloween Princess Erin Thompson and Prince Joshua Breedlove



Ashley Tate tries her hand at bean bag tossing



Cicely Havens attempts to win a "pretty" at the penny pitching game.



The popular California Raisin

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Making choices and then accepting the responsibility for those choices is a sign of maturity. Students at Bland have become more individualized as they learned to say "NO" to drugs and other harmful choices. They have accepted the fact that "being a part of the crowd" was often wrong.

TOP: Casie Pruitt during play time.

BOTTOM LEFT: Kindergartners don't seem very pleased at having their picture taken.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mrs. Katherine Reynolds with grandson Adam.

Individuals



Climbing with spirit

"Movin' on up, yeah, we got the spirit and we're climbing that ladder of success." Though small in stature and few in number, this group of young teenagers were undaunted by the change from elementary to secondary. They entered the swing of traffic with courage and a spirit to be a part of (as opposed to apart from) the flow. Joining various organizations, they were determined to be known and heard.

Knowing the financial status was

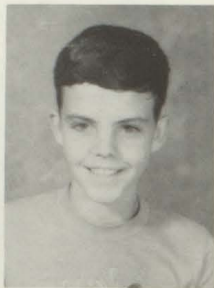
all uphill (as their beginning balance was zero), they began their climb by setting class dues. They also decided on a raffle and a concession stand during basketball season.

Following the lyrics of the school song, they walked "with a step that is steady and strong." With both feet firmly planted on the bottom rung of the ladder, they steadily inched their way to the next plateau.

Laura Sadler and Pam Harden work together to keep the ball away from Ft. Chiswell opponents at JV home game.



Sherman Alford
Mindy Brewster
Sheree Burton
Lori Compton
Patricia Corder



Rachel Davis
Kandi Farley
Missy French
Mary Margaret
Gibson
Stephanie Goins



Tracy Hall
Brad Harden
Pam Harden
Cindy Justice
Tina Kimberlin



Stephen
Lindamood
Becky Mallory
Eric Martin
Matthew
Newberry
Leila Paciga





Kevin Pauley
Bridgette Penley
Joe Putman
Robbie Reed
Molly Richardson



Nathan Romano
Laura Sadler
Robert Sexton
Bethane Shewey
Kathy Shewey



Travis Simmons
Crystal Thompson
Patty Tibbs
Stacy Tibbs
Scotty Tickle



Christy Wellman
Douglas Wiley

Researching information for history reports is a regular assignment for Mr. Robin Thacker's students.



CLASS OFFICERS-FRONT ROW: Stephen Lindamood, president; Joe Putman, vice-president; Tracy Hall, secretary; Kathy Shewey, treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Al Smith and Chris Bird, sponsors.

Proud to be a "rocket"

"Proud to be a rocket" might have been the motto for the freshmen class. With seven girls and one-half of the boys on the basketball squads and one-third of the girls on

cheerleading squads, rocket pride ran high. These young teenagers found motivation within themselves to excel in areas of school, community and church. For the second

straight year, Miss Echo came from the class of 1991. Their collective ability and determination created a spirit to be reckoned with.

CLASS OFFICERS-
FRONT ROW: April Conley, president; Rusty Meadows, vice-president; Stephanie DeHart, secretary; Hope Pike, treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Sandra Harman and Tommy Bird, sponsors.



Shelley Beam
Becky Bird
Roger Blankenship
Cindy Blevins
Bobby Boardwine



Greg Boksa
Crystal Bruce
Heather Burton
Zach Burton
Timmy Clemons

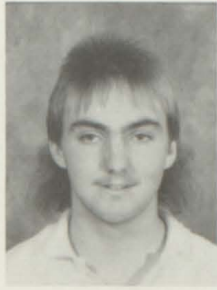


April Conley
Angela Dalton
Jeana Dalton
Robert Davis
Stephanie DeHart

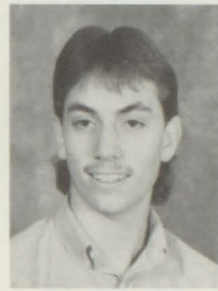




Ginger Dillow
 Michael Dillow
 Toby Dotson
 Jimmy Duncan
 Kenneth Dye



Tammy Dye
 Billy Epperson
 Jason Gusler
 Scott Gusler
 Cheryl Hall



Jason Hall
 Tina Hounshell
 Wayne Hubble
 David Kingrea
 Gwen McGrady



Rusty Meadows
 Stephanie Meadows
 Danny Morehead
 Matthew Morehead
 Travis Morehead



Thomas Nunley
 Heather Olinger
 Julie Overbaugh
 Hope Pike
 John Simmons



Angela Stowers
 Julie Strock
 Robbie Taylor
 Charlie Thompson
 Sarah Thompson

Sarah Umbarger
David Wall
Holly Warden
Donna Wiley
Tommy Wolfe



Windy Wolfe Michelle Wright

RIGHT: That bad, huh? Tina Hounshell and Becky Bird at the FHA banquet in May.
BELOW: The joys of a bus — Holly Warden, Sarah Thompson on school trip.



Roger Blankenship accepts perfect attendance certificate for '88 year.



Crystal Bruce seems delighted with her Physical Science medal at awards day.

Joining the ranks of "driver"

Flashing around a rectangular plastic card containing vital statistics and an unlikely likeness may have been the highlight of the sophomores' year. This little card enabled them to operate an automobile and

join the ranks of "driver."

Sophomores became more active in the sports arena of basketball and cheerleading. Causes in which they believed found willing participants giving their leisure time for club ac-

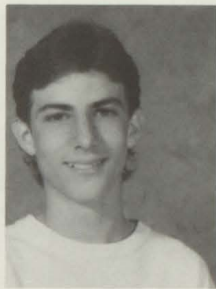
tivities.

By the end of the year academics determined eligibility for ordering class rings. Those who did were faced with tough decisions.

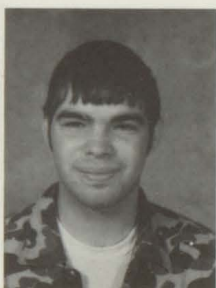


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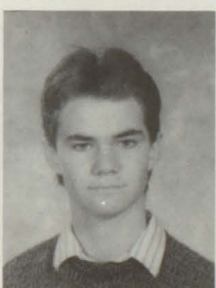
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Jeb Barker
Rusty Bird
Robbie Brown
Tina Brown
Dixie Bruce



Stacy Bruce
David Chandler
Pam Chewning
Jim Clemons
Duane Compton



Brent Davis
Chris Dillow
Brandon Farlow
Eric Faulkner
Benga Hager

Rita Hamblin
Amanda Harden
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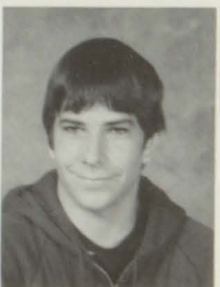
David King
Teresa Lester
Marsha Martin
Barbara Meadows
Jay Meadows



Miracle Mitchem
Travis Munsey
Patty Mutter
Jason Ramsey
Tracy Repass



Mike Sage
Lute Scott
Sherri Shewey
Jennifer Simms
Heather Smith



RIGHT: Miracle Mitchem receives Earth Science medal from Mr. John Wagoner at awards day, May-88.



ABOVE: Robbie Brown accepts geography medal from Mr. Robin Thacker during awards ceremony, May-88.



Patrick Smith
David Strock
Crystal Tibbs
Katie Tibbs
William Tickle



Pam Wright

Beta slave auction: "Time goes so slowly" might be running through Crystal Tibbs's thoughts as Mr. Richard Havens takes bids. Alison King is a little apprehensive about the bidding.



ABOVE: One might think that this happy couple had some kind of spat — not so. Pam Chewning underwent surgery while Brian Farlow got tangled up in his motorbike.

LEFT: Senior Beta members ponder the sale of Tina Johnston at the slave auction.

TOP: A trip to Myrtle Beach with the FHA in May put happy faces on Crystal Tibbs, Tracy Repass, Amanda Harden, Debbie Munsey.

BOTTOM: To determine his prowess and strength as a suitable Beta slave Eric Faulkner was commanded to do pushups during the auction.

Financing was focal point

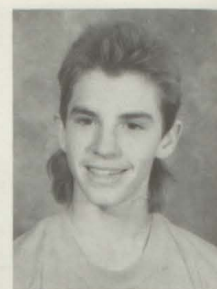
"How do we raise lots of money?" This question was uppermost in the minds of junior class members. Their thoughts were focused on the junior-senior prom and financing this important event. Successful projects were the sale of snow bells, a bake sale the first day of deer season and class dues.

Other eventful happenings were taking PSAT's, being in Senior Beta and getting class rings.



CLASS OFFICERS-FRONT ROW: Dale Morehead, secretary-treasurer; JoAnn Shewey, vice-president; Bradley King, president. **BACK ROW:** Jessie Kegley and Kay Mabe, sponsors.

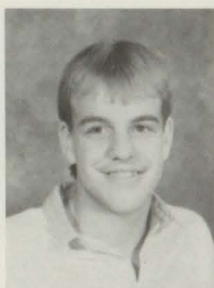
Jamie Asbury
Patricia Austin
Julie Baxley
Doug Boardwine
Tony Boksa



Jim Britton
Alan Cassell
Chad Chandler
Tammy Daughtry
Debra Dycus



Mary Ruth Echols
Brian Farlow
Brian Fore
Amy Haga
Brian Hall

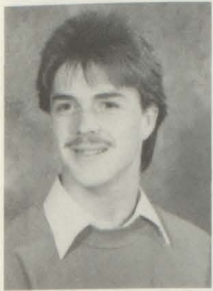


J R Harris
Brad Havens
Rachel Havens
Eugene King
Dusty King

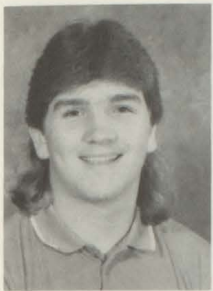




Steven King
 Donna Lambert
 Kevin Lindamood
 Tonya Looney
 Jenny Meadows



Jerome Meadows
 Sandy Mitchell
 Heath Moore
 Dale Morehead
 John Michael Mustard



Allan Newberry
 April Newberry
 Amanda Pauley
 Staci Roseberry
 JoAnn Shewey



Latrayle Shewey
 Tresila Sink
 Michelle Spangler
 Chad Thompson
 Randy Townley



Jenny Umbarger
 Samantha Waddle
 Ellis Wade
 Becky Winesett
 Darrel Wright



TOP: "Are you trying to get it to work or making sure it won't?" — Brian Duncan

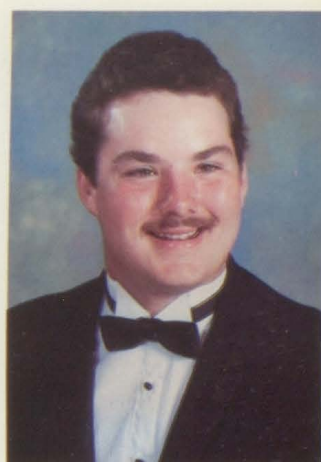
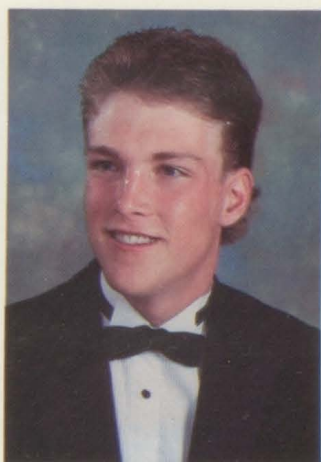
BOTTOM: Chip Bird (as Richard Havens) gives a self account of his Christmas for teacher Mrs. Betty Munsey.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Mrs. Janet Faulkner, sponsor; Sonya Chewning, president; Gary Blankenship, vice-president; Mr. Richard Havens, sponsor; Sarah Strock, secretary-treasurer.

Amanda Starr Baxley

Nickname: Amanda, Born: 6-9-71
Color: Purple, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Walking, Class: Government



George Thomas Bird III

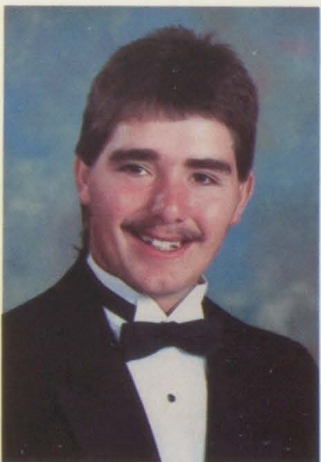
Nickname: Chip, Born: 2-2-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Wrestling, Class: Government

Gary Wayne Blankenship

Nickname: Pee Wee, Born: 4-10-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Playing Sports, Class: Chemistry

Claudie Joesiah Blevins, Jr.

Nickname: Junior, Born: 8-29-69
Color: White, Food: Deer
Hobby: Carpentry, Class: Math



Tiffany J'nan Le Bowen

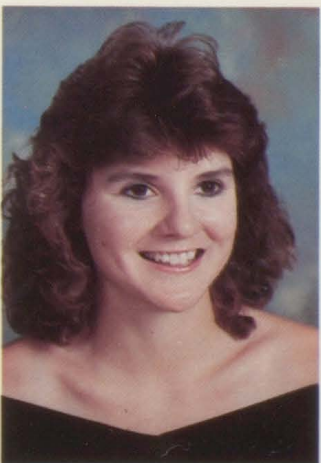
Nickname: Tiff, Born: 2-16-71
Color: Pink, Food: Chateau Briand
Hobby: Cheerleading, Class: Dramatics

Joyce Rosemary Bruce

Nickname: Joy, Born: 1-3-71
Color: Blue, Food: McDLT
Hobby: Reading, Class: English

Sonya Lee Carroll

Nickname: Sonya, Born: 10-16-71
Color: Red, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Volleyball, Class: Computer



Sonya Ellen Chewning

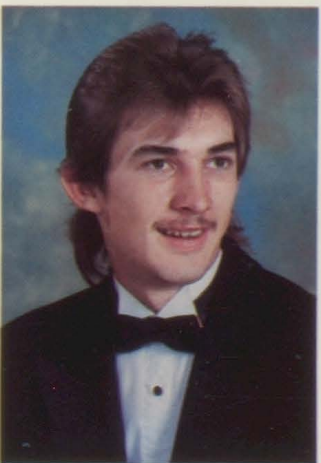
Nickname: Sonya, Born: 2-8-71
Color: Purple, Food: Spaghetti
Hobby: Drawing, Class: Chemistry

Christie Gail Conley

Nickname: Christie, Born: 1-24-73
Color: Black, Food: French Toast
Hobby: Drawing, Class: English

Kevin Dean Cox

Nickname: Skele-Dean, Born: 9-2-70
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Hunting, Class: English

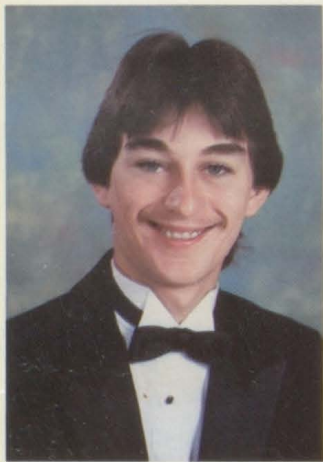


Kimberly Michelle Crabtree

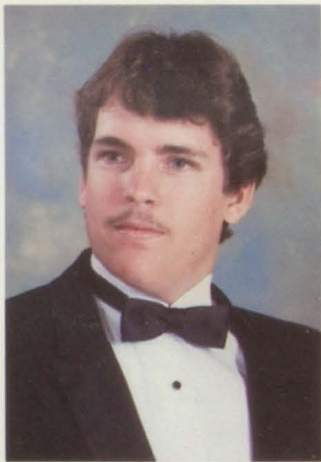
Nickname: Kim, Born: 8-4-71
Color: Pink, Food: Potato Chip
Hobby: Rollerskating, Class: English

Orville Duane DeHart

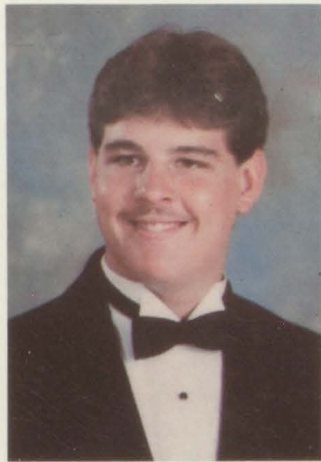
Nickname: Gerbil, Born: 11-3-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Hunting, Class: Dramatics



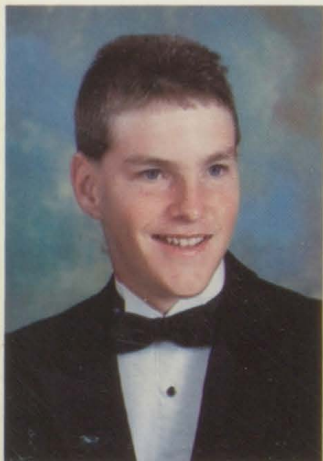
Randy Allen Dillow
 Nickname: Happy, Born: 12-13-70
 Color: Red, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Wrestling, Class: Dramatics



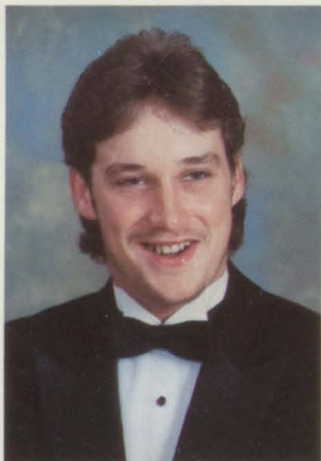
Brian Duncan
 Nickname: Deacon, Born: 4-9-69
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Hunting, Class: Biology



Leslie Allen Duncan
 Nickname: Fatman, Born: 9-8-70
 Color: Red, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Baseball, Class: Accounting



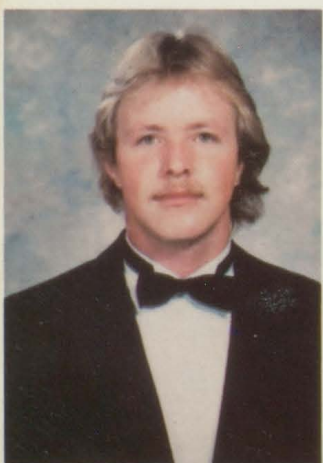
Michael Travis Fanning
 Nickname: Michael, Born: 5-9-71
 Color: Red, Food: Hot dog
 Hobby: Wrestling, Class: English



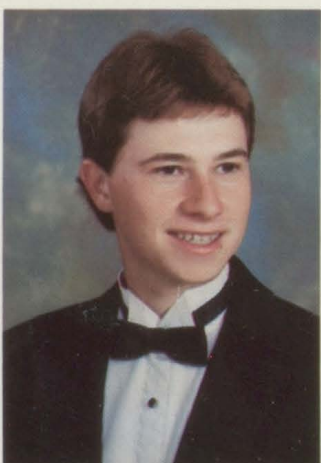
Barry Estol Fulford
 Nickname: Doogie, Born: 10-11-69
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Listen/music, Class: Math



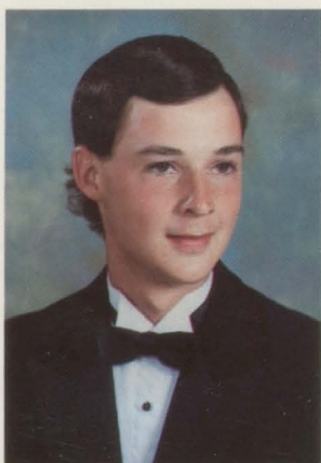
Alicia Charmin Gravley
 Nickname: Rouski, Born: 6-3-71
 Color: Lavender, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Fixing hair, Class: Cosmetology



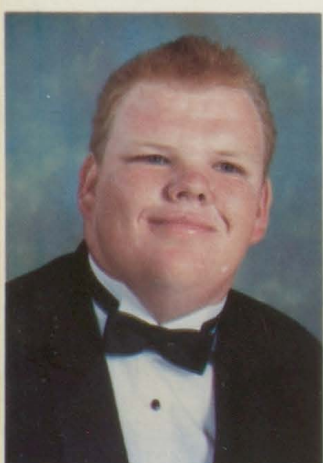
Mark Robert Hamblin
 Nickname: Enos, Born: 4-1-69
 Color: Pink, Food: Venison
 Hobby: Hunting, Class: Math



Lorin Bruce Hanshew
 Nickname: Lorin, Born: 8-23-70
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Cruising, Class: Computer



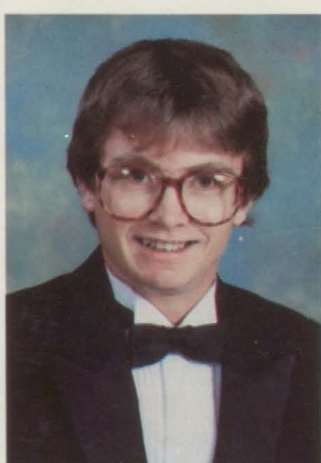
Michael Todd Harden
 Nickname: Todd, Born: 3-29-71
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Hunting, Class: English



Kathy Lee Kidd
 Nickname: Kathy, Born: 9-25-71
 Color: Peach, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Basketball, Class: Dramatics



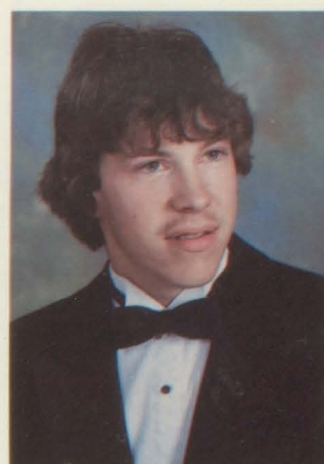
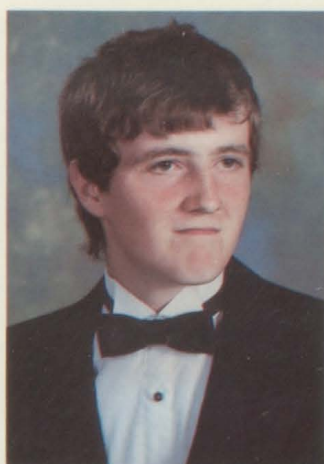
David Anthony King
 Nickname: Waldo, Born: 8-14-70
 Color: Blue, Food: Hamburger
 Hobby: Riding 3-wheeler, Class: Art



Anthony Scott Lambert
 Nickname: Sky Scotty, Born: 8-7-70
 Color: Red, Food: Pizza
 Hobby: Baseball, Class: Science

Shannon Collene McGrady

Nickname: Shannon, Born: 7-23-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Sewing, Class: Accounting



Dayton Lake Morehead

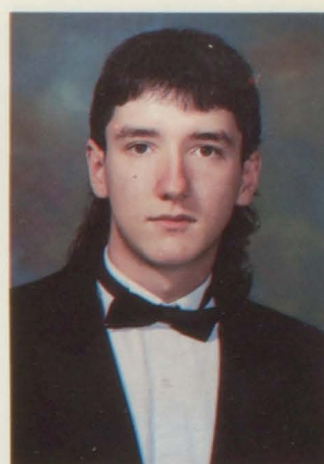
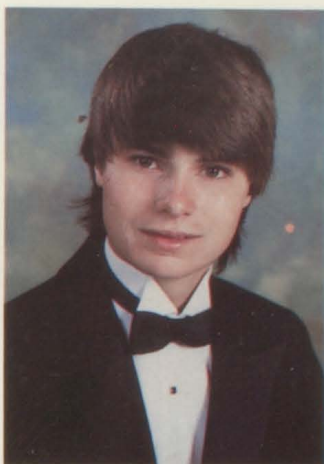
Nickname: Dexter, Born: 9-6-71
Color: Blue, Food: Ice Cream
Hobby: Reading, Class: English

Jeffrey Todd Morehead

Nickname: Todd, Born: 6-13-71
Color: Red, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Hunting, Class: Agriculture

William Heath Muncy

Nickname: Heath, Born: 3-22-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Wrestling, Class: Dramatics



Patricia Diane Nelson

Nickname: Chippie, Born: 3-28-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Reading, Class: Computer

Lewis Shawn Nelson

Nickname: Pooh, Born: 12-17-71
Color: Red, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Playing the guitar, Class: Study

Wendell Aaron Newberry

Nickname: Hedge, Born: 4-10-71
Color: Red, Food: Rib Eye Steak
Hobby: Wrestling, Class: Accounting



Julie Anne Pauley

Nickname: Julie, Born: 9-25-71
Color: Black, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Movies, Class: Chemistry

Lori Anne Perkins

Nickname: Lori, Born: 9-4-70
Color: Red, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Doing nothing, Class: Government

Susan Kay Remines

Nickname: Susan, Born: 11-3-71
Color: Red, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Movies, Class: Computer



Vicki Leigh Sarver

Nickname: Vic, Born: 1-20-71
Color: Light Blue, Food: Tacos
Hobby: Talking, Class: Government

Frank Samuel Simmons

Nickname: Sam, Born: 2-11-70
Color: Pink, Food: Muffin Biscuits
Hobby: Girlwatching, Class: Government



Tonya Kay Smith

Nickname: Tonya, Born: 10-6-71
Color: Pink, Food: Lasagna
Hobby: Cheerleading, Class: Accounting



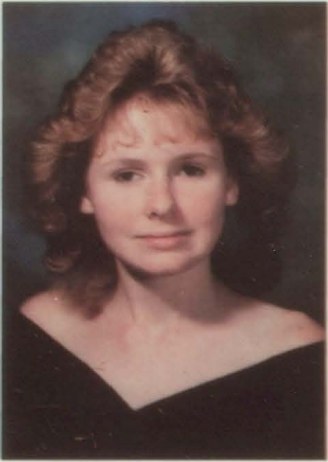
John Tickle Stafford

Nickname: John, Born: 12-2-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Motorcycles, Class: History



Sarah Elise Strock

Nickname: Sarah, Born: 10-25-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Basketball, Class: English



Tammy Lynn Swanson

Nickname: Tammy, Born: 8-13-71
Color: Black, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Partying, Class: Government



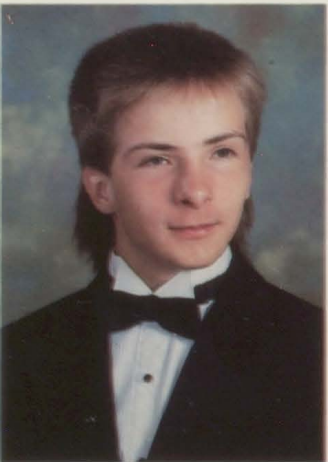
Samantha Renee Tickle

Nickname: Sam, Born: 5-22-70
Color: Purple, Food: Taco
Hobby: Basketball, Class: Math



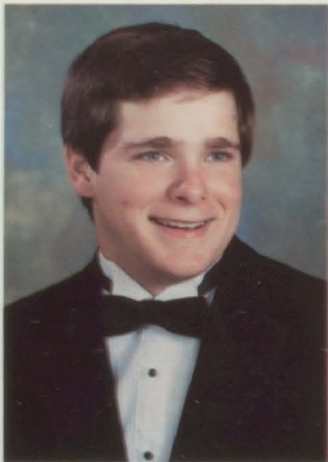
Robert Desmond Waddle

Nickname: Robbie, Born: 9-23-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: TV, Class: Dramatics



Russell Aaron Warden

Nickname: Trojan, Born: 6-7-71
Color: Black, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Wrestling, Class: Accounting



Timothy Scott Wellman

Nickname: Scott, Born: 8-26-71
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Reading, Class: Computer



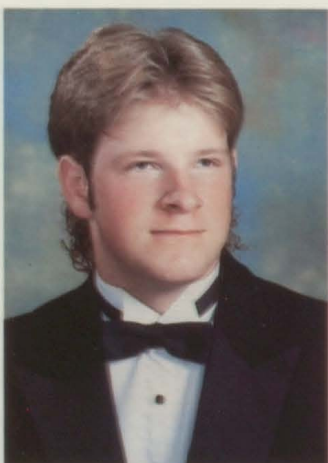
Christine Shawn Danielle Wilcoxon

Nickname: Shawn, Born: 11-6-71
Color: Black/silver, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Drawing, Class: Dramatics



Christie Dawn Wolfe

Nickname: Crispie, Born: 9-2-71
Color: Black, Food: Ice cream
Hobby: Reading, Class: Government



Kevin Stewart Wright

Nickname: Kevin, Born: 6-28-70
Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
Hobby: Hunting, Class: Science



Monica Anabella Molina Charnaud

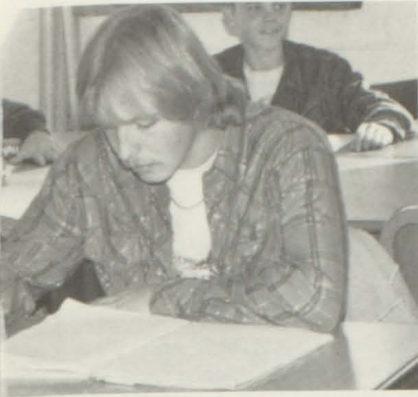
Nickname: Monica, Born: 5-30-71
Color: Pink, Food: Grapes
Hobby: Listen to music, Class: Home Ec.

Mark Hamblin quietly studies while Sherman Bird sees amusement.

Not a year for relaxing

"Now that I'm a senior I can relax, take it easy and have fun." Seniors found this to be the misconception of the year. Being the "top-dog" brought additional responsibilities — to themselves, parents, teachers, school and fellow classmates. Eligibility in the Beta and on sports teams required maintaining a certain grade average. Fewer study halls were available,

limiting the "goofing off". Leadership qualities were necessary for the numerous offices held by seniors. By accepting responsibilities and taking them seriously, seniors became adults, capable of making mature judgments and decisions. They did find time for relaxation and fun sharing those good times with others.



SHADES of Tiffany: Tiffany & salad, Tiffany eating on bus, Tiffany "I could kill for something to eat."



CENTER LEFT: Mike Fanning and Kathy Kidd create funny balloon faces at Prom.
CENTER RIGHT: Rusty Bird and Susan Remines on French trip.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Mark Gusler and Sonya Chewning enjoy a slow dance.

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AMANDA STARR BAXLEY — Judy Lee Baxley; World Geography Medal (10); FHA (8-11); French (9); Art (10-12).

GEORGE THOMAS BIRD, III — Mr./Mrs. George T. Bird; AWARDS-US History (8), World History (9), Earth Science (9), US History (11); Forensics (9-12)-District champion (10-11); FBLA Parliamentary Procedure team (10-11)-Region champion (10); MACC Social Studies, captain, West Division champion (11); Athletic letter/bar/insert (10-11); DAR Good Citizenship (12); National Beta Vice-president candidate (12); Who's Who in American High School students (12); President (8th class), Junior Beta (9), Senior Beta (12); Vice-President VA State Senior Beta (12), Dramatic Club (12); Secretary FBLA (11), Parliamentarian FBLA (12); SCA representative (10); Newspaper staff, sports ed. (11), Asst. Ed. (12); Prom committee (11); SCA (10), JR Beta (9-10); SR. Beta (11-12); FBLA (10-12); French (9-10); MACC (11-12); Drama (12); Basketball (8), JV (9-10)-co-captain (10), Varsity (11-12); Baseball JV (9), Varsity (10-12); University of VA Summer Enrichment (8-9); VA Governor's Magnet School (11); Mt. Empire District One-Act Play Festival (12); National English Merit Scholar (12).

GARY WAYNE BLANKENSHIP — Mr./Mrs. Archie Dee Blankenship; AWARDS-Athletic letter/bar basketball and baseball; Who's Who among American High School Students (12); First Team All District Basketball (11); Hon. Men. All District Basketball (11); Class vice-president (11-12); Newspaper sports ed. (12); FFA (8-10); FBLA (12); Newspaper (12); Basketball (8), JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12) co-captain (12); Baseball JV (9), Varsity (10-12); Spring Fling (11); Homecoming Court (9-12); Snow King (12), candidate (10-12); Mr. Bland contestant (11).

CLAUDIE J. BLEVINS, JR. — Mr./Mrs. Joe Blevins; FFA Green Hand (8), Chapter Farmer degree; Vocational Masonry contest; FFA; VICA; KVG; Federation Livestock judging.

TIFFANY J'NAN LE BOWEN — Mr./Mrs. M. H. Bowen, Jr.; MED All regional band 2nd place (8); Band letter and insert (8); Athletic letter/bar/insert (9-12); SCA secretary (11); Drama president (12); Library secretary (11); Newspaper Asst. ed. (11); Newspaper feature ed. (12); Library (9-12); Drama (11-12); FBLA (9); SCA (11); Newspaper (9-12); Yearbook (12); French (9-11); 4-H (8-9); Cheerleading (9-12), co-captain (11), captain (12); Spring Fling escort (10); MED One Act Play (12); Band (8); Homecoming candidate (9,11); Miss Echo candidate (8); Prom committee (11); Snow Queen candidate (11-12); Mr. Bland escort (11).

JOYCE ROSEMARY BRUCE — Shirley Bruce; AWARDS: Physical Science (8), Earth Science (9), Geography (9), Typing (10), Home Economics (10), Business Computer Applications (11), English (11), Honor Letter (10), Honor Bar (11), Perfect attendance (8-12), FHA degrees-Jr. (9), chapter (10); FHA vice-president (11); FHA president (12); JR.

Beta (9-10); Art (9); FHA (9-12); Science (10); Library (11); Beta (11-12); English MACC (11-12), captain (12); Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

SONYA LEE CARROLL — Mr./Mrs. Gary Carroll; AWARDS: FHA degree (12), Creative Writing (11), Art (8), Athletic letter/bar (9-10), Track 100-yd. dash 1st place (8), 50-yd. dash 1st place (9); Science secretary (10, 12); Drama sec/treas. (11); 9th class secretary (9); Newspaper news ed. (12); Drama (9-11); FBLA (9-11); Art (8); FHA (12); Library (12); Newspaper (11-12); Science (10-12); Basketball (9); Volleyball JV (9) captain; Varsity (10) captain; Tennis (12); Forensics time keeper (10-11); Who's Who Among American High School Students; Homecoming candidate (10); Snow Queen candidate (10,12); Spring Fling escort (10); FBLA regional competition (10-11); Sweetheart candidate (12); Mr. Bland escort (11).

SONYA ELLEN CHEWNING — Mr./Mrs. Elmer Chewning; AWARDS: Physical Science (8), Perfect attendance (8,9,11), Algebra II (10), MACC Math 1st in district (11), Who's Who (12); 4-H Recreation leader (8-9); Library treasurer (9); Jr. Beta vice-president (10); French treasurer (11); Yearbook co-editor (11); Class president (12); FBLA treasurer (12); Sr. Beta secretary (12); Yearbook editor (12); Art (8); French (9-11); Yearbook (9-12); Prom committee (11); Jr. Beta (9-10); FBLA (9,12); Sr. Beta (11-12); Math MACC (11-12); SCA (10); 4-H (8-10); Minneapolis Art School (9-12); 4-H Interstate Exchange student (10); 4-H Foreign Exchange host (8); Homecoming Queen (12).

CHRISTIE GAIL CONLEY — James H./Ginger G. Conley; Drama (12); Senior Beta (12); Music-guitar, singing; Karate-JKA, purple belt; Education mainly by correspondence while missionary family in Africa.

KEVIN DEAN COX — Mr./Mrs. Larry W. Cox; FFA GreenHand, Chapter Farmer degree; Varsity baseball letter (10); FFA (8-12); VICA (11-12); Art (9); Basketball (8); Baseball JV(9), Varsity (10,12); Vocational Auto Mechanic (11-12).

KIMBERLY MICHELLE CRABTREE — William/Brenda Crabtree; AWARDS: Star Greenhand (8); Proficiency award in diversified livestock specialty crop, dairy judging (10); 8th place State dairy judging contest (10); 1st place team member Federation judging (10); Chapter Farmer (9); State Farmer (12); Varsity Basketball-honorable mention (10), Highest average points per game (10); Athletic letter/bar (10); FHA Junior degree (8); FFA secretary (11), president (12); Class secretary(8); FHA (8); FFA (9-12); FBLA (10-11); Jr. Beta (9-10); SCA (11); Basketball JV (8-9), Varsity (10-11); Volleyball (10); Tennis (8-9); Jump rope for 1st place winner (8); Reserve champion, 1st place showmanship/beef, Bland County Fair (8); FFA Federation and State delegate (10); Graduation usher(10-11); State FFA Leadership conference (9-10); FBLA convention (9); Snow Court candidate (9), Sweetheart candidate (12).

ORVILLE DUANE DEHART — Mr./Mrs. Orville DeHart; AWARDS: FFA Greenhand (8); Chapter Farmer (9); Cattle judging (10); Miss Echo escort (12); Perfect attendance (10); FFA (8-10,12); Drama (12); VICA (11-12); KVG (12); Vocational-Masonry (11-12).

RANDY ALLEN DILLOW — Mr./Mrs. Woodrow Dillow; AWARDS: FFA-2nd place individual cattle judging, 1st place team judging (10), Greenhand (8); Varsity baseball honorable mention (11); Perfect attendance (10); Athletic letter/bar/insert (10-12); Class president (10); FFA treasurer (12); Art (8); FFA (8-12); Drama (11-12); Basketball (8), JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12); Baseball JV (9), Varsity (10-12); KVG (10-12); Homecoming escort (10,12); Varsity sport staff (11); Top 10 Mr. Bland County (11); Snow court candidate (12); Sweetheart candidate (12); Drama One-Act play (12); State block & bridle cattle judging (10).

BRIAN LEE DUNCAN — Laura Carroll; AWARDS: FFA-Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); Baseball letter (10); VICA president (12); FFA (8-10); ICT (12); VICA (11-12); KVG (8-10); Basketball (9-10); Baseball (8-10).

LESLIE ALLEN DUNCAN — Laura Carroll; AWARDS: Athletic letter-basketball/baseball; Band letter; Basketball JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12); Baseball (9-12).

MICHAEL TRAVIS FANNING — Mr./Mrs. Gerald Fanning; AWARDS: FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9), cattle judging; Athletic letter/bar baseball, basketball (10-12); Drama (12); FFA (8,10,12); VICA (11-12); Basketball (8), JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12); Baseball JV (9), Varsity (10-12); Vocational School-Masonry.

BARRY ESTOL FULFORD — Louise Fulford.

ALICIA CHARMIN GRAVLEY — Mr./Mrs. Robert Gravley; AWARDS: FHA degrees-Junior (8), Chapter (9); FHA chaplain (10); VICA secretary (11); FHA (8-12); Art (9); VICA (11-12); Drama (12); Basketball (8).

MARK ROBERT HAMBLIN — Louise B. Hamblin; FFA Greenhand (8); FFA (8-12); KVG.

LORIN BRUCE HANSHEW — Mr./Mrs. Daniel Hanshaw; AWARDS: FFA-Greenhand, Star Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9), Appalachian area poultry PROF. (10-11), Creed contest (8), Judging contest (9-12), State convention (10-11), National convention Kansas City (12); Perfect attendance (11); FFA reporter (11-12), Federation vice-president (9); Ruritan reporter (11-12); Church secretary (11-12); FFA (8-12); Ceres Ruritan (11-12); SCA representative (12); Prom committee (11); FFA State Constitution and Bylaws committee (12); CVFD (11-12); JTPA (9-11); Project Discovery (11); WCC credits (9-10); KVG (10-12); Snow court first runner-up (12); Sweetheart candidate (12).

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MICHAEL TODD HARDEN —

Mr./Mrs. G. R. Harden; Physical Education award (9,10); FFA (8-12); Jr. Beta (9,10); 4-H; 8th grade basketball.

KATHY LEE KIDD —

Rosie K. Kidd; AWARDS: FHA-Degrees-Junior (8), Chapter (9); Speech (10); Varsity letter (10); Honorable Men. MED All District Girls' Basketball (12); VICA vice-president (11); Drama treasurer (12); SCA representative (10); 4-H secretary (11); Newspaper editor (12); FHA (8-12); VICA (11-12); Art (9-10); FBLA (9); Jr. Beta (9-10); Newspaper (9-12); Drama (12); Basketball manager (8), JV (9), Varsity (10,12); Volleyball (9); Tennis (12); 1987 Snow Queen; 4-H Public speaking winner 1987; Sweetheart candidate (12).

DAVID ANTHONY KING —

Owen and Justine King; Fishing & Hunting Club (8); FFA (8-12).

ANTHONY SCOTT LAMBERT —

Donald E. Lambert; AWARDS: Perfect Attendance (8,10-12); FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter Farmer (9); VICA treasurer (11); FFA (8, 10-12); FHA (11-12); Art (9-11); VICA (11-12); Basketball (8); Baseball JV (10), Varsity (9,11-12).

SHANNON COLLEEN McGRADY

— Mr./Mrs. Andre McGrady; AWARDS: Perfect attendance (10); Ladies Auxiliary Art (10); FHA (8-9); Art (9-10); FBLA (9); Science (10,12); Sr. Beta (11); JV Cheerleader (10).

DAYTON LAKE MOREHEAD —

Mr./Mrs. Rex Y. Morehead; AWARDS: FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); FFA (8-12).

JEFFREY TODD MOREHEAD —

Mr./Mrs. Rodney Morehead; Class treasurer (1); FFA (9-12); KVG (11).

WILLIAM HEATH MUNCY —

Bill and Pat Muncy; AWARDS: FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9), Cattle judging (8-11), 2nd high team cattle judging (10); FFA (8,10,12); Drama (12); VICA (11-12); Art (9); Vocational School Auto Mechanics (11-12).

PATRICIA DIANE NELSON —

Mr./Mrs. Everette E. Nelson; AWARDS: FHA-Degrees, Junior (8), Chapter (9); Art (10); Basketball certificate (9); Science vice-president (12); Art secretary (11); FHA (8-12); Science (10,12); Library (12); Newspaper (12); Art (9-11); Varsity basketball (9); Ladies Auxiliary Art Award (10); Who's Who Among American High School Students.

WENDELL AARON NEWBERRY —

Pat Brooks and Stephen Newberry; AWARDS: Band letter (8); Athletic letter — baseball/basketball (11); Class vice-president (8); French secretary (10); French (10-12); FBLA (9-12); Newspaper (11-12); Art (9); Band (8); Baseball JV (10), Varsity (11-12); Basketball (8), JV (9-10), Varsity (11); Mr. Bland County 3rd runner-up.

JULIE ANNE PAULEY —

Harvey E. Pauley and Brenda K. Thompson; AWARDS: Science (8); French treasurer (10), president (11); Art vice-president (11); Library vice-

president (12); VICA vice-president (12); French (9-11); FBLA (8); Art (9,11); Library (8,11,12); SCA (12); Jr. Beta (9-10); VICA (12); Basketball JV (10), Varsity (11); Tennis (10); Snow court (9); Homecoming court (10); Miss Echo candidate (11); Spring Fling escort (8); Sweetheart candidate (12).

LORI ANNE PERKINS —

Curly and Martha Perkins; AWARDS: Band letter (9); Band vice-president (8); VICA secretary (12); Library (11); VICA (12); Volleyball (9); Tennis manager (10); Miss Echo candidate (9); Homecoming candidate (12); Snow court (10); Competed in District talent contest (9).

SUSAN KAY REMINES —

Fred Remines; AWARDS: Trigonometry (11); Athletic letter/bar (10-12); Class secretary-treasurer (11); Jr./Sr. Beta (9-12); FHA (8-10); Library (8-9); SCA (8-9); French (9-11); 4-H (8-10); Yearbook (12); FBLA (12); Volleyball (9); Cheerleader (10-11); Basketball JV (10), Varsity (11-12); Baseball statistician (11); Senior Miss Bland County (9); 1st runner-up Snow Queen (10); Homecoming court (8,11); Math MACC (11); Prom committee (11).

VICKI LEIGH SARVER —

Bev and Doug Sarver; AWARDS: Cheerleading letter; Library treasurer (11); Newspaper feature editor (12); Library (9-11); FBLA (8-11); Art (8-12); 4-H (8-11); Newspaper (10-12); Dramatics (9-12); Cheerleader (9-10); Flag girl (9); One-Act play (10-12); Bland "Rocketman" (12); 4-H exchange student to Japan (9); Sang National Anthem at tournaments (11); 4-H Share-the-fun winner (8); Spring Fling escort (9); Miss Echo candidate (10); Mr. Bland escort (11); Homecoming court (10); Homecoming runner-up (12).

FRANK SAMUEL SIMMONS —

Mr./Mrs. Bennett Simmons; Class vice-president (10); VICA secretary (11); FFA (8-12); Art (9); VICA (11-12); Baseball (10); KVG (9-12); Homecoming escort (10).

TONYA KAY SMITH —

Alfred and Mary Smith; AWARDS: MED All Regional Band 2nd place (8); Band letter/insert (8); Cheerleading letter/bar/insert (9-12); Sr. Beta treasurer (12); FBLA historian (12); Library president (12); Newspaper horoscope editor (12); 4-H (8-9); French (9-11); Art (9); Library (9-12); FBLA (10,12); Yearbook (11-12); Newspaper (10-12); Jr. Beta (9-10); Sr. Beta (11-12); Band (8); Cheerleader (9-12), co-captain (12); Spring Fling escort (10); Snow court (9); Mr. Bland escort (11); Forensics (11-12); Sweetheart candidate (12); Flag girl (9); Who's Who Among American High School Students (12); 1st runner-up Sr. Miss Bland County (11).

JOHN TICKLE STAFFORD —

Mr./Mrs. Albert M. Stafford Jr.; AWARDS: FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); Perfect attendance (9,11); Class treasurer (9); 4-H (11-12); FFA (8-12); KVG.

SARAH ELISE STROCK —

Mr./Mrs. Bobby M. Strock; AWARDS: Perfect attendance (9-11); Athletic letter (9), bars (10-11), inserts (9-10); French secretary (11); Class secretary (12); Band president (9); French (9-

11); Library (12); Newspaper (12); FHA (12); Basketball JV (8-9), Varsity (10-12); Tennis (9-12).

TAMMY LYNN SWANSON —

Kathy Swanson; AWARDS: FHA-Degree-Junior (8), Chapter (9); FHA (8-10); Art (10-11).

SAMANTHA RENEE TICKLE —

Shirley Tickle.

ROBERT DESMOND WADDLE —

Mr./Mrs. Robert J. Waddle; AWARDS: Science; English; Physical Education; Athletic letter/bar; Class president (9,11); French president (10); Band president (9); Jr. Beta secretary (1); Sr. Beta vice-president (12); Drama (12); French (9-11); Jr. Beta (9-10); Sr. Beta (11-12); Band (8-10); Science (11); Basketball (8), JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12)-co-captain (12); Baseball (9-12); MACC Social Studies (12); Who's Who Among American High School Students.

RUSSELL AARON WARDEN —

Jennifer Warden; AWARDS: FFA Greenhand; Athletic letter (12); 4-H vice-president (12); Art secretary (8); FFA (8); Art (8); Drama (10-11); 4-H (8-12); Basketball (8), Varsity (12); Baseball manager (10); Varsity basketball manager (11).

TIMOTHY SCOTT WELLMAN —

Mr./Mrs. Tim Wellman; AWARDS: FHA Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); 4-H Automotive skill (11), Leadership (10-11), Wildlife (10), Plant Science (9); Senior 4-H vice-president (10), president (12); FFA (8-10); FBLA (10,12); VICA (11-12); Senior 4-H (8-12); Spring Fling candidate (9); SCA (9).

CHRISTINE SHAWN DANIELLE

WILCOXEN — Robert and Ruth Wilcoxen; AWARDS: Perfect attendance (10); Chorus (8-9); Spanish (10); Art (8,10-11); Drama (11-12).

CHRISTIE DAWN WOLFE —

Larry Wolfe, Mr./Mrs. Charles S. Wolfe; AWARDS: World History (10); 1st place Career Manual FBLA Regional competition; FBLA reporter (10), vice-president (11); Science treasurer (10); 4-H reporter (9); Jr. Beta (8-9); FHA (8-12); FBLA (9-12); French (9-11); Library (9-12); Science (10); 4-H (9); English MACC (11-12); Governors Magnet School (11); Mr. Bland escort (11).

KEVIN STEWART WRIGHT —

Stewart and Diane Wright; VICA reporter (11); Art (9-12); FHA (9,12); VICA (11); Baseball (10).



Mr. Milton M. Maxton
Serves Bland 8 years



Mrs. Katherine L. Reynolds — 19 years service
Teaching Kindergarten involves being on the child's level.

Happy plans contemplated by retirees

After many years of dedication and service to Bland schools, Mr. Milton Maxton and Mrs. Katherine Reynolds have reached a milestone in their lives. When asked about their experiences and plans, they had this to say.

"How do you feel about your time spent at Bland?"

Mrs. R. — "These 19 years in the classroom at Bland-Combined have been a worthwhile chapter in my life. With very few exceptions, I've had excellent support from the parents and the administration. I wouldn't voluntarily work as hard at any other job. I haven't tried to be popular, but I have tried to be fair to all the youngsters. In return, I have had some fun times and received some lovely and loving responses from the children. To my replacement, I'll say, "yours is an important job — one that affects eternity."

Mr. M. — I feel good about my eight years in Bland County. The school system is in better shape

now than when I came here eight years ago. Like anyone, I would like to have done more to improve the system, but when you don't have the funds, you must make do. I have made some good friends in Bland and I will miss these. I will miss the fine staff, teachers and personnel in the system. I will also miss the great group of young people that I have had the opportunity to serve.

"What are your plans after retiring?"

Mrs. R. — "I want no big plans and no continental tours. I need more time to spend with my extended family — from my dad to my grandchildren. You'll see me planting flowers in the spring and raking leaves in the fall for as long as I'm able! Later I hope to do some volunteer work and look forward to reading and watching TV late at night. I'd like a whole day for shopping or trips to the farm."

Mr. M. — Ann and I plan to move back to Louisa County where we have some property on Lake Anna

and build a home. I have three children and three grandchildren in this area. I will be looking for some part time work and probably do a little fishing on the lake.

"Next September do you think you may have second thoughts of retiring?"

Mrs. R. — "No! But I will miss the kids. By that time, I hope to have established a blend of work and recreation that is satisfying to me and my husband. If I get lonely for 'school', I'll consider taking classes in art, cake decorating or wood working."

Mr. M. — I don't have to wait until next September for second thoughts. I feel that anytime you make a change, you always have thoughts about what might have been----- I expect with September, I will be like the Old Fire Horse — when the fire alarm goes off you want to run. When the school bell rings, I will miss being with the young people and staff.

A "spirit-filled" faculty!?!

A "spirit-filled" faculty! Is that spirit as in soul or bottle?! Faculty spirit abounded in support of student's activities, whether it was sports, academics or extracurricular. A close ballgame expounded with comments and sometimes railings cast at the referees. ("Hey, ref. open your eyes").

Faculty members participated in the costume contest on Halloween.

Each teacher competing with the other hoped they would be chosen for the best costume. During spirit-week and maroon and gold days, faculty members responded by dressing in the mode for the day.

During fund-raisers or special programs teachers presence and assistance showed how much they cared about the school and the students.



Mr. Roger Dale Thompson, 22 years; Principal; BS-VPI, MS-Radford U.



Mr. Richard Crockett Havens, 20 years; US History, Geography, Accounting I & II, Intro. to Bus.; Sponsor: Senior Class; BS/Bluefield State.



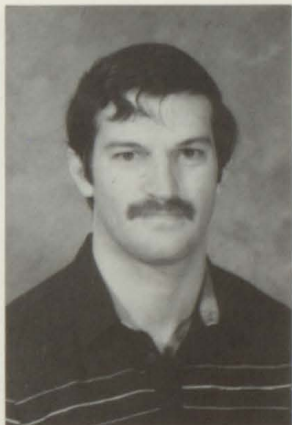
Mrs. Carolyn B. Bane, 30 years; Industrial Co-operative Training Coordinator, Adaptive Soc. Studies; Sponsor: Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; BS/MS-Radford U.



Mr. Fred Lee Beamer, 12 years; Economics, Government, Civics, Sociology; Sponsor: Sophomore Class; BS/MS-VPI & SU



Mrs. Christine R. Bird, 9 years; English 8, 9, 10, Creative Writing, Dramatics; Sponsor: Newspaper, Forensics, Dramatics, 8th Grade Class; BS/Radford U.



Mr. Thomas Nelson Bird, 8 years; Applied Math, Consumer Math, Math I, Math II; Sponsor: Freshman Class, 8th Grade Boys' Basketball; BS/Radford U.



Mrs. Theresa H. Colville, 5 years; Preschool; BS/James Madison U.



Miss Lisa Jeanine Copenhaver, 1 year; English 9, 11, 12, Art I, II, III; Sponsor: JV & Varsity Cheerleading; BA/Emory & Henry.



Mr. Robert E. Correll, 2 years; Elementary Instrumental Music; Sponsor: Band; BS/Austin Peay State U.



Mr. William Harvey Crabtree, 22 years; Agriculture; Sponsor: FFA; BS/MS-VPI & SU.

Mrs. Sue Dunford — 22 years; Elementary 3rd; BS/Radford U.

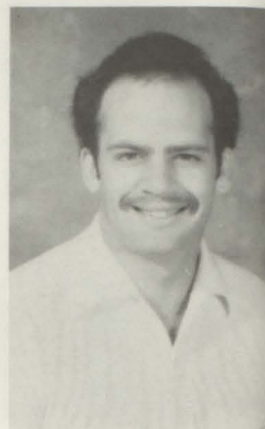
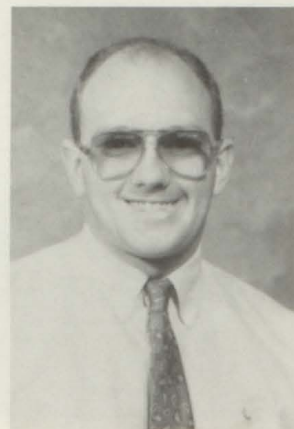


Mrs. Janet Breedlove Faulkner — 21 years; Honors English, English 10,11,12; Sponsor-Beta, English MACC team, Senior class assistant; BS/MS Radford U.



Mrs. Nancy Stroock Gamble — 19 years; Guidance counselor; Special Ed. Coordinating Teacher; Sponsor-Junior Beta, Social Studies MACC team; BS/MS Radford U.

Mrs. Wendy Gilmer-Grubb — 3 years; Academic Enrichment Coordinator; BA/Principia College, MA/William and Mary



Mr. William Jamey Hale — 2 years; Elementary P.E.; B.S./East Tenn. State

Mr. Richard Dale Hankins — 3 years; Algebra I, P.E.; Varsity Basketball Coach; B.S./Bluefield State

Mrs. Sandra Green-Harman — 12 years; Secondary-Special Education; Sponsor — 9th class, Newspaper; BS/MS Radford U.



Mrs. Barbara M. Justice — 3 years; Elementary 2d/3d combination; BS/Pikeville College

Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley — 25 years; Keyboarding, Office Systems, Word Processing; Sponsor-FBLA, Junior class Assistant; BS/East Tenn State

Mrs. Kay Smith Mabe — 10 years; Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math, Calculus; Sponsor-Junior class, Math MACC team; BS/Radford U.



Mrs. June M. Miller — 26 years; Elementary 1st; BA/King College

Mrs. Betty K. Munsey — 10 years; Family Management, Life Skills I,II; Sponsor-FHA; BS/MS VPI and SU



Mrs. Donna Leigh Musick 2 years; Special Education; BS/Concord.

Mrs. Elizabeth Guthrie Newberry — 22 years; Business Computer Applications, Library; Sponsor — Yearbook, Library BS/MS Radford.

Mrs. Norma Guthrie Newberry — 23 years; Fifth grade; BS/Radford.



Mrs. Vicki James Ogle — 4 years; Sixth grade; Sponsor — Pep Squad, Safety Patrol; BS/MS Radford.

Mrs. Margaret Williamson Powers — 12 years; Seventh grade; Sponsor — Pep squad, Safety Patrol; BA/Marshall U.

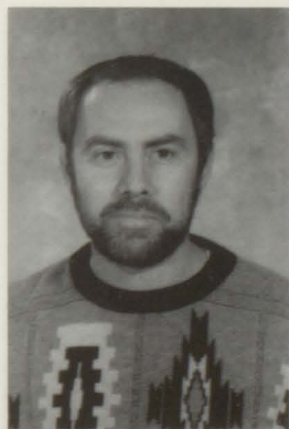
Mrs. Katherine Lucas Reynolds — 19 years; Kindergarten; BS/MS Radford, MA/VPI.



Ms. Brenda Diane Rowe — 8 years; French I, II, III; Sponsor — French Club; BA/Emory and Henry.

Mrs. Janet Wenona Hamilton Scott — 16 years; Fourth grade; BS/Radford.

Mrs. Rebecca W. Scott — 15 years; Second grade; BA/King, MS/Radford.

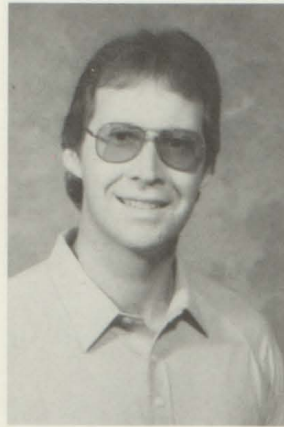


Mr. Alfred Edward Smith — 7 years; Biology and Physical Science; Sponsor — Assistant Eighth grade; BS/Concord.

Mr. Larry Wayne Thacker — 17 years; P.E., World History, Geography, American History; Sponsor — Girls tennis; BS/VPI

Mrs. Michelle Dunn Thompson — 2 years; Speech Pathologist; BS/Radford.

Mr. John Harkrader Wagoner — 4 years; Chemistry, Earth Science; Sponsor-SCA, Science MACC team, Girls volleyball; BS/Radford U.



Mrs. Rita F. Winborne — 4 years; LD Resource; BA/Alice Lloyd College



Ms. Ellen Ruth Winters — 3 years; School Social Worker; RN/Cuyahoga Community, BA/Gettysburg College, MSW/Virginia Commonwealth

Mrs. Amber Renee Witt — 3 years; Chapter 1 Reading; Sponsor-Cheerleading; BS/Concord



Mrs. Violet Bird — Elementary teacher's aide

Mrs. Helen Blankenship — Remedial Reading/Math aide

Mrs. Annette M. Burton — Elementary Resource Art



Mrs. Joyce Cassell — Pre-school aide

Mrs. Sue Newberry — Transportation aide

Mrs. Nancy Stockner — Media Assistant



Mrs. Iris Stroch — Elementary Resource Music

Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle — Remedial Reading/Math aide

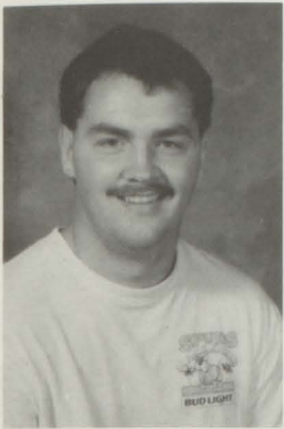
Special people participated with spirit



Mrs. Bonnie Compton Blankenship — Secretary/Bookkeeper

Mrs. Nancy Brown — Lunchroom

Mr. Paul Burge — Green Thumb custodian



Mr. Geoffrey Fanning — Girls' Varsity/JV coach, Boys' assistant coach

Mrs. Susie Meadows — Bus driver

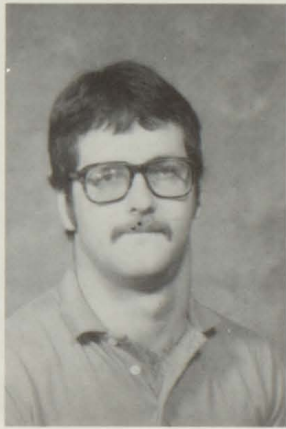
Mrs. Mary Melvin — Lunchroom



Mrs. Margaret Miller — Bus driver

Mr. David Mutter — Custodian

Mrs. Regina Newberry — Bus driver



Mrs. Brenda Penley — Bus driver

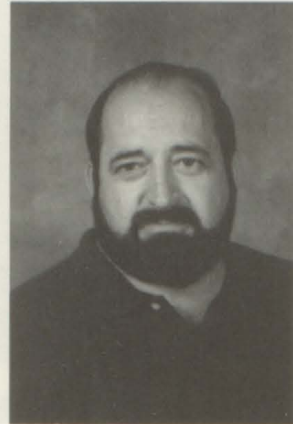
Mrs. Brenda Pike — Bus driver

Mr. Keith Sargent — Custodian

Mrs. Dot Tibbs
Lunchroom



Mr. Sonny Turner
Building Supervisor and maintenance



Mrs. Mary Wimmer
Bus driver



Mr. Roger Thompson gets attacked during
Bland/Rocky Gap faculty game.

Bus drivers: Harold Bivens, Jimmy Michaels,
Cicero Havens. (They refused to have individual
pictures made — hence the male group.)



ABOVE: Mrs. Barbara Justice checks third grade
terrariums.

RIGHT: These preschoolers get into the action of
whatever is happening — Billy Umbarger, Mat-
thew Mabry, Jessi Umbarger, Benny Taylor, Mrs.
Teresa Colville (teacher) and Paul Harless.



Special people participated with spirit

Smallest in stature and number, preschoolers were special people. They attended school only four days and had lunch delivered to them. Yet, they joined in activities with the same spirit as other classes.



Paul Harless
Matthew Mabry
Thomas Stevens



Bennie Taylor
Billy Umbarger
Jessi Umbarger



With the sun shining brightly on a cold day, preschoolers braved the nip to play outside. Jessi Umbarger, Paul Harless, Matthew Mabry, Billy Umbarger, Thomas Stevens.

Adjusting to a structured world

Big-eyed wonder, anxiety, and confusion dominated the world of the kindergartner. For the first few days everything was new, but they began to adjust to a routine of listening and learning, discipline, and structured play. Their first task was learning to print a legible name. From a small world with parents as masters, these 4-6 year olds were thrust into a world with numerous masters. They discovered constant moving — to the gym, library and lunchroom — for various learning

and activities. Learning to call the librarian "Mrs. Newberry" instead of "Betsy" was a task several had to master. As Benjamin May said, "but Mama, Betsy is her name."

Alphabet, numbers, coloring within lines, following directions kept these youngsters busy. In between busy times were playing with many new friends. One six-year old, Laura Bridges, had an especially exciting time when she was crowned Little Miss Bland County on October 15.

Well versed in daily routine, first graders had successfully mastered the alphabet and were beginning reading and arithmetic. Most of the class discovered Mrs. Miller's "friend", the little red paddle. They constantly heard their teachers saying, "listen, and take care of yourself instead of everyone else." As one child said, "the best part is finally having class in the big building."

Shelley Atwell
Samantha Bird
Laura Bridges
John Clemons
Albert Davis



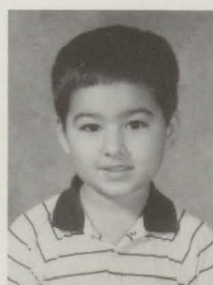
Joshua Dillow
Kari Hagy
Benjamin May
Kristie Meadows
Tonya Millirons



Matthew Richardson
Katie Scott
J. R. Shewey
Kristen Songer
Charlie Stiltner



Ashley Strock
Shane Thompson
Matthew Tickle
Erica Vanover





Displaying talents for these first graders is a highlight of the music program during spring concert.

Carey Berg



Kurt Blankenship
Ginny Blevins
Katrina Clark
Aaron Clemons
Brandon Faulkner



Brian Faulkner
Jason Hagy
Kelli Hall
Kristen Jackson
Rob Kegley



Hope Melvin
Joshua Moore
Nick Moore
Heather Morehead
Robert Newberry



Chris Pauley
Michael Pauley
Will Pauley
Ryan Powers
Jesse Rudder



Cristy Stiltner
Ashley Tate
Kelly Thompson
Jimmy Ward
Shayla Williams

Randy Berrington, Jr.
 Jason Blevins
 Malcolm Conley
 James Faulkner
 Kristina Goins



Clinton Hagy
 Crystal Hancock
 Kari Harner
 Cicely Havens
 Erin Johnson



Michael Lambert
 Joshwa Lester
 April Moore
 Stuart Morehead
 Brad Myrick



Justin Neel
 Westen Patton
 Heath Puckett
 Joshua Richardson
 Olena Sexton



Allison Sheets
 Amber Simmons
 Ted Sparks
 Jeremiah Tate
 Scottie Ward



Nathan Winters



Keeping up to the rhythm,
 these second graders give all
 they can at the spring music
 concert.

Projects created thrills

"Terrariums? Oh, boy, we get to dig in the dirt and go nature hunting." Mrs. Barbara Justice's third graders expressed excitement over their new project. When the completed projects came to school, extra space had to be found for the large glass containers. Second graders in this classroom studied a unit on musical instruments. They then set out with spirit to make their own

instruments.

With an overflowing small classroom, the twenty-six second graders in Mrs. Becky Scott's room improved their skills with harder math, polished reading and learned to write in cursive.

Both classes enjoyed watching the circus come to town. Seeing the big elephants erect the tents and observing the other animals created quite a furor.

Mrs. Barbara Justice's second and third graders exit at 3:00 for the buses and home.



Sarah Bird
Will Blankenship-2
Joshua Breedlove-2



Jeff Brunk-2
Jeremy Dillow
Whitney Gamble
Leslie Gordon-2
Stephanie Kelley



Lee Meadows-2
Stacy Miller
Katie Muncy-2
Debbie Munsey
Ryan Newberry



Casie Pruitt
Sharon Shewey
Brent Tate-2
Erin Thompson
Christa Winesett-2

New opportunitites improved spirit

An opening of new opportunity for fourth graders led them into the world of 4-H with projects and talent shows. Field trips took third or fourth students to the public library,

Williams Orchard and the bank. They said the best part "was eating at McDonalds." At the orchard they observed cleaning and waxing of apples and went into the freezer. At

the bank they were impressed by the time locks and were allowed to look into the vault. They also worked with creative writing and self-image projects.

Chris Berg
David Conley
Kelly Dunn
Adam Faulkner
Leisa Hagy



Ashley Havens
Kelli King
Sara King
Brooke Kitts
Patrick Lindamood



Phillip Meadows
Sandra Melvin
David Neel
Charlotte Nunn
Jim Bob Penley



Kim Pohlman
Amanda Shelton
Jason Sides
Sarah Smith
Heather Stiltner



Lorie Tabor
Daniel Thompson
John Kelly Thompson
Jennifer Walker





Summer Bernard
 Amanda Blankenship
 Amanda Brown
 Andy Bruce
 Matthew Brunk



Mary Jane Chewning
 Jimmy Conley
 Charlie Corder
 Benjamin Davis
 Billy Davis



Marie Dotson
 Jamie Dunn
 Jason Hancock
 Casey Johnston
 Lisa Kimberlin



Cindy King
 Michael Mabe
 Lee Meadows
 Vince Moore
 Jason Neel



Jon Newberry
 Holly Pauley
 Amanda Prescott
 Roger Reed
 Rae Romano



Jacob Scott
 Kary Taylor
 John Curtis Thompson
 Eric Wimmer
 Jennifer Winters

Designers created villages and cities

"What happened to readin', writin', 'rithmetic and recess?" Being a fifth or sixth grader isn't what it used to be.

From a shoe box unit to a pueblo village of boxes iced with caulking, fifth

grade imagination and creativity seemed limitless when duplicating Indian villages. They also entered an essay contest, produced science fair projects, and collected and pressed wildflowers.

Sixth graders learned the importance

of good nutrition, the effect of stress, and first aid. They also designed cities while studying city governments. In May, they joined the seventh grade for a trip to Charleston, SC.

Jeremy Blankenship
Sheri Blankenship
Brooke Dillow
Terry Gilley
Monica Keene



Jody Lambert
Eric Miller
Jayson Mitchem
Michael Muncy
Mike Munsey



Rachel Munsey
Jamy Nunn
Joseph Paciga
Smokey Parmenter
Becky Penley



Jimmy Pike
Melissa Richardson
Andy Selfe
Sarah Shewey
Brandon Sink



Melanie Talbert
Samantha Thompson
Sam Tickle
Misty Wiley
Cheryl Winsett





Cindy Berg
 Allen Brown
 Becky Brunk
 Charlie Burton
 Justin Eaton



Shannon Enoch
 Bradley Gordon
 Crystal Hall
 Shannon Havens
 Bobbi Hobbs



Bradley Hoosier
 Brock Justice
 David Alan Lambert
 Joanie Lambert
 Cindy McGrady



P. J. Meadows
 Robbie Morehead
 Anne Myrick
 Patty Reed
 Michael Shelton



Jason Stowers
 Wes Strock
 Bradley Tate
 April Tickle
 James Umbarger



Brian Waddle
 Shannon Webb
 Christopher Wolcott
 Tonya Wyatt

S P I R I T



CLASS OFFICERS: Beth Bridges, president; Amie Simms, vice-president; Crystal King, secretary; Kristie Dillow, treasurer.

Detria Agee
Steven Berry
Roger Brewster
Beth Bridges
Eric Brooks



Angela Carter
Karen Daughtry
Robbie Davis
Kristie Dillow
Tawny Dillow



Aaron Faulkner
Heather Keene
Crystal King
Kevin King
Angel Mitchem



Chad Morehead
Sandra Nelson
Stuart Newberry
Stanley Overbaugh
Misty Pauley





Wenona Scott
Jes Selfe
Amie Simms
Jimmy Sparks
Jason Stafford



Tanya Tolbert
Melanie Thompson
Chris Tickle
Eric Tiller
Wendy Umbarger



Dawn Walls
Seventh graders pose for a picture.



Detria Agee and Misty Pauley lend their talents to the spring music concert.



These special olympics students proudly donned their uniforms — Steven Berry, Matthew Brunk, Chad Morehead, Jeremy Blankenship, Eric Tiller.

Circus was a favorite of the year

“Did you see that? The elephants did it.” Amazement and excitement were felt throughout the school when the circus came to town. Most of the classes watched the elephants erect the tents. Seventh graders cited this time as one of the favorites of the year.

These spirit-filled pre-teens sup-

ported the sports with their presence and their voices. The girls formed a pep squad to cheer the 8th grade boys’ team.

A visiting speaker talked to them about the importance of education and how to cope with abuse. One student who had left home temporarily said the speaker had

helped her toward a better understanding of herself and others.

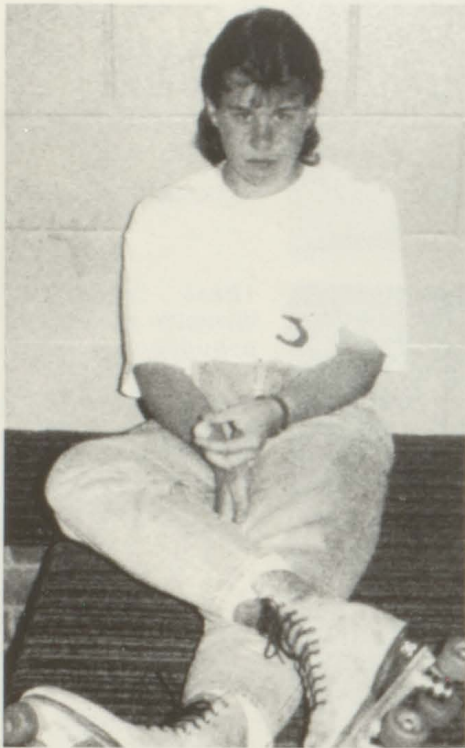
Choices of areas for their annual school trip presented few problems. They quickly decided on Myrtle Beach and Charleston, SC and set forth on a campaign to raise needed funds.

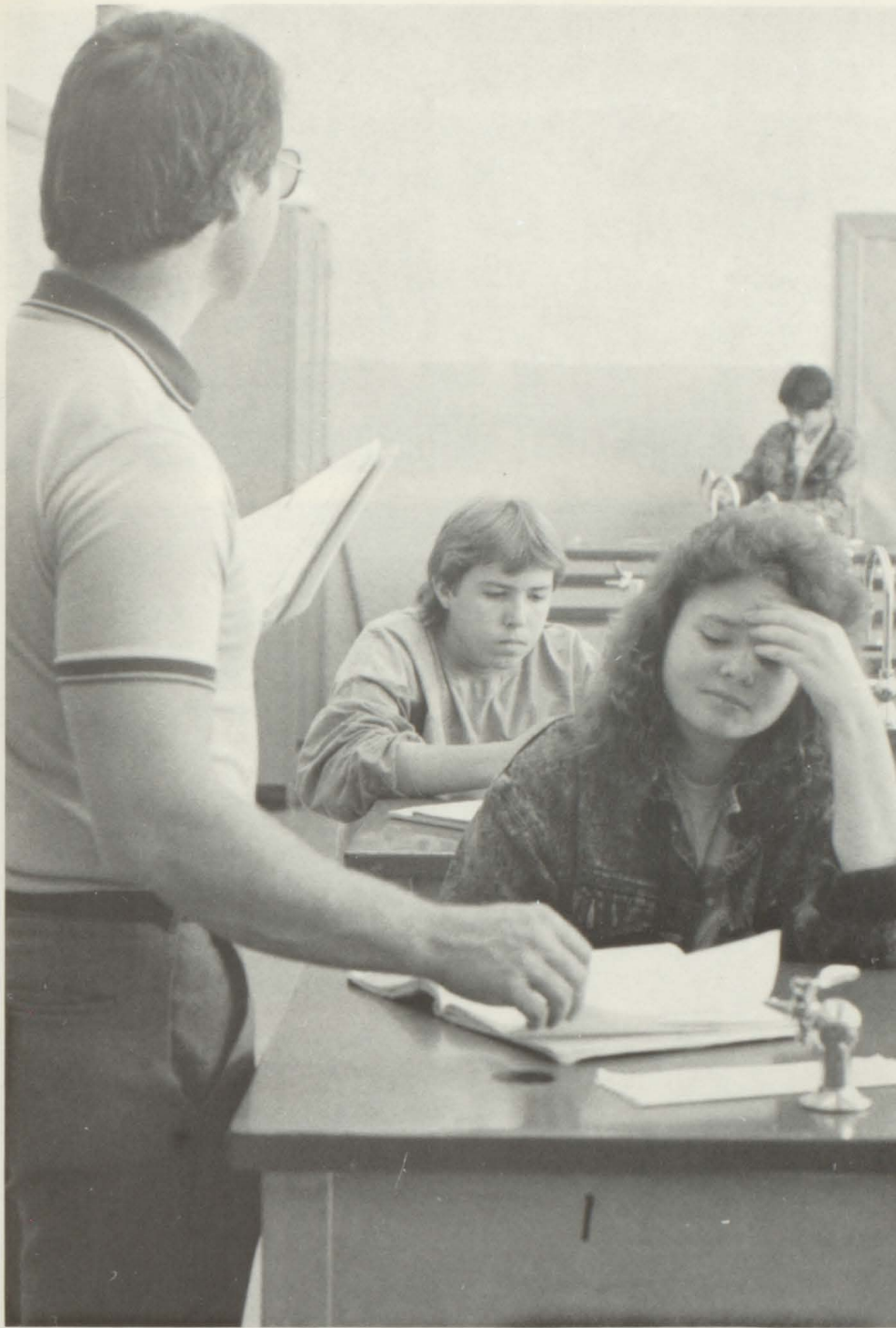
TOP LEFT: Vacation time finds Sheri Blankenship basking in the sun and sand.
TOP RIGHT: Hamming it up again Mr. Bird! After receiving a golf "iron" Mr. Tommy Bird was instructed to demonstrate his excellent golf form for the student body. The pretty white golf ball turned out to be a boiled egg!



CENTER LEFT: Rachel Havens takes time out to rest and ponder.
CENTER RIGHT: Mrs. Helen Blankenship works with Marie Dotson on math.

BOTTOM LEFT: Mr. Fred Beamer had the honor of presenting candy bars to costume winners. Mrs. Betty Munsey, dressed as a red devil, received (or gave) an added bonus!
BOTTOM RIGHT: FHA trips provide fun and fellowship, sharing laughter and a few days of "putting up with each other." Pam Chewning, Dusty King, Freda Davis, Patricia Nelson.





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Success came to those who sought it. Concentration and hours of study brought good results. The first MACC match gave Bland top billing. The English team answered more percentage questions than any school in the district. Students (as well as faculty and community) took great pride in their academic accomplishments, encouraging a competitive spirit among their peers.

TOP: Attentive students try to absorb science as presented by Mr. John Wagoner (Robert Davis and Angela Dalton).

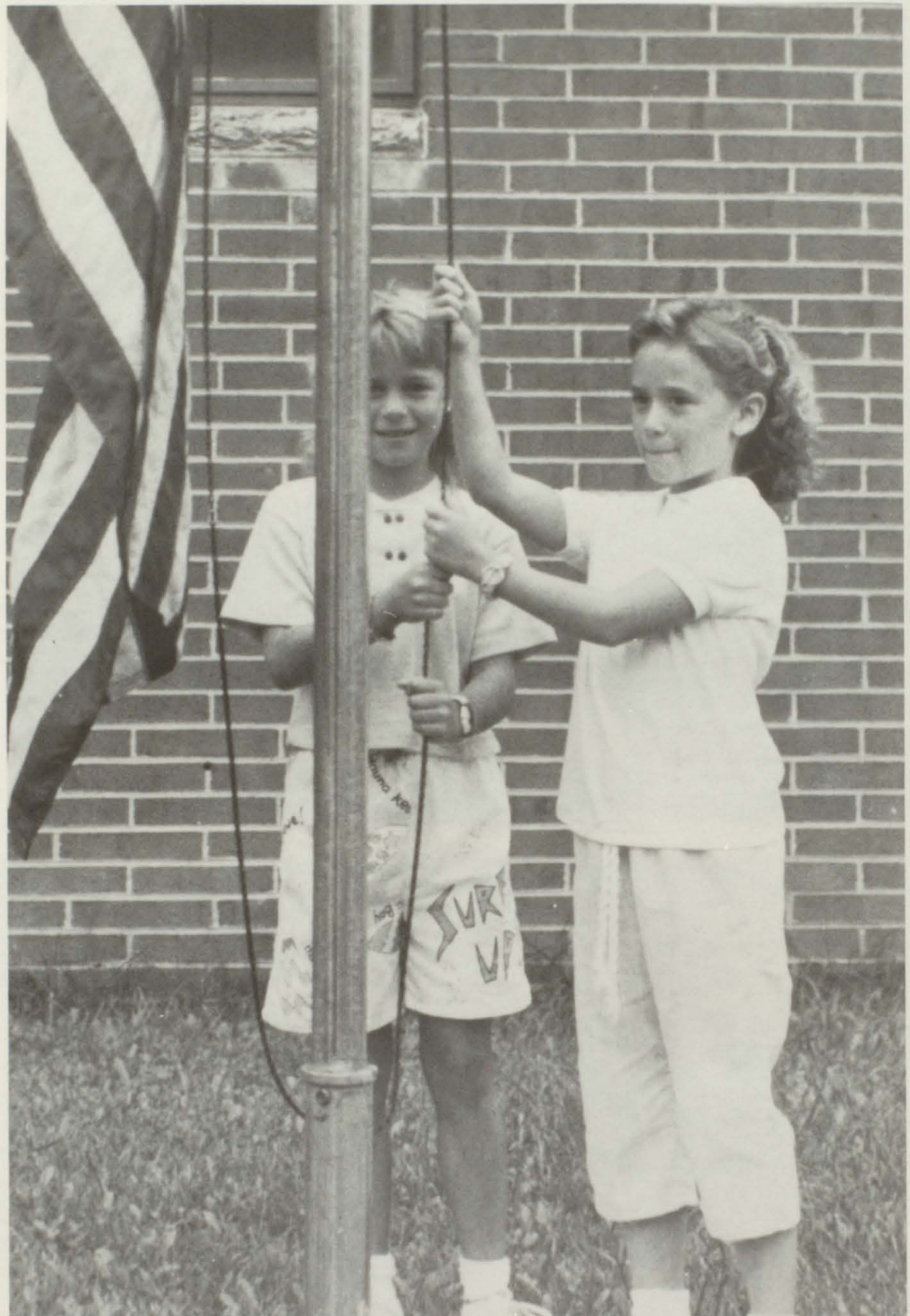
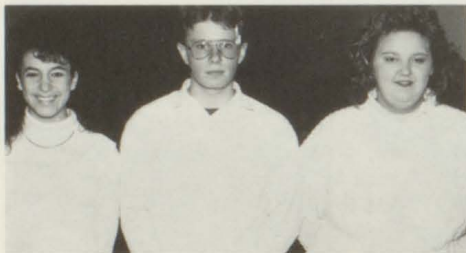
BOTTOM LEFT: Math students are giving all their concentration to the problem at hand. FRONT ROW: Allan Newberry, Chad Chandler, Patricia Austin. BACK ROW: Steve King, Todd Harden, Lorin Hanshew, Shawn Nelson, Sandy Mitchell, Monica Molina.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Samantha Tickle prepares science assignment.

Academics



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TOP RIGHT-Social Studies MACC —
FRONT: Molly Richardson, Sarah Umbarger,
 Chip Bird, Holly Warden. **BACK:** Mrs. Nancy
 Gamble, sponsor, Bradley King, Robbie
 Waddle, Rusty Bird.

TOP LEFT: Chip Bird, DAR Good Citizen
 Award. This award is based on leadership,
 extracurricular activities and community
 participation.

BOTTOM RIGHT — FLAG GIRLS: Whitney
 Gamble and Sheri Blankenship. These young
 ladies are responsible for hoisting the flag
 daily.

BOTTOM LEFT-HONOR SINGLE BAR: Amy
 Haga, Dale Morehead, JoAnn Shewey. These
 students attained a 95 or above average for
 two years.

Honor Status

Spirited students showed loyalty in many different ways, some as spectators, some as athletes, and some as scholars. Honors were achieved by students willing to put forth the effort. Every student attaining a 95 or better average received a letter or bar. For the 87-88 year eight students attained the honor status. Graduating seniors who reached this plateau were Gerhard Schoenthal and Karen Strock, triple bars; Jennifer Stafford and Roberta Kegley, double bars; Sarah Newberry, bar; Lana Lindamood, letter.

School spirit was also shown by students in MACC. This was Bland's second year to participate in this Mountain Academic Competition Conference sponsored by VPI & SU. There were four teams (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) in which students participated. Practice sessions were held after school one day a week. The matches were held in February and March with a final tournament following the regular matches. Directed questions and toss-up questions made up the matches. Participants found accurate knowledge was not sufficient to win, instead, quick action on the buzzers became the determining factor.

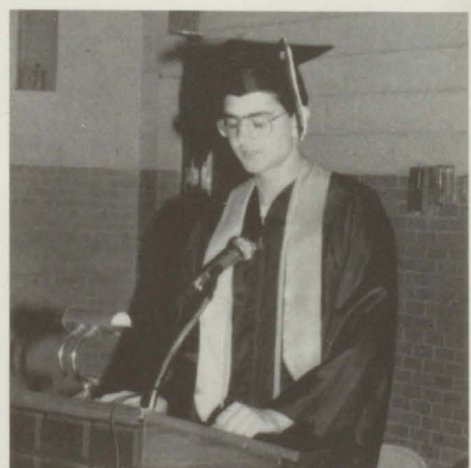
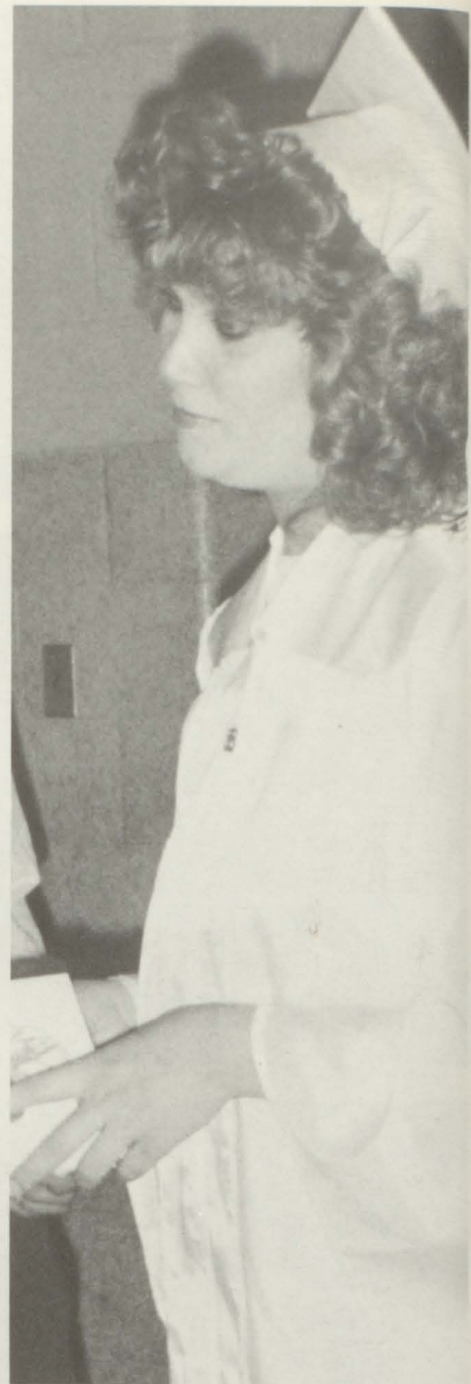
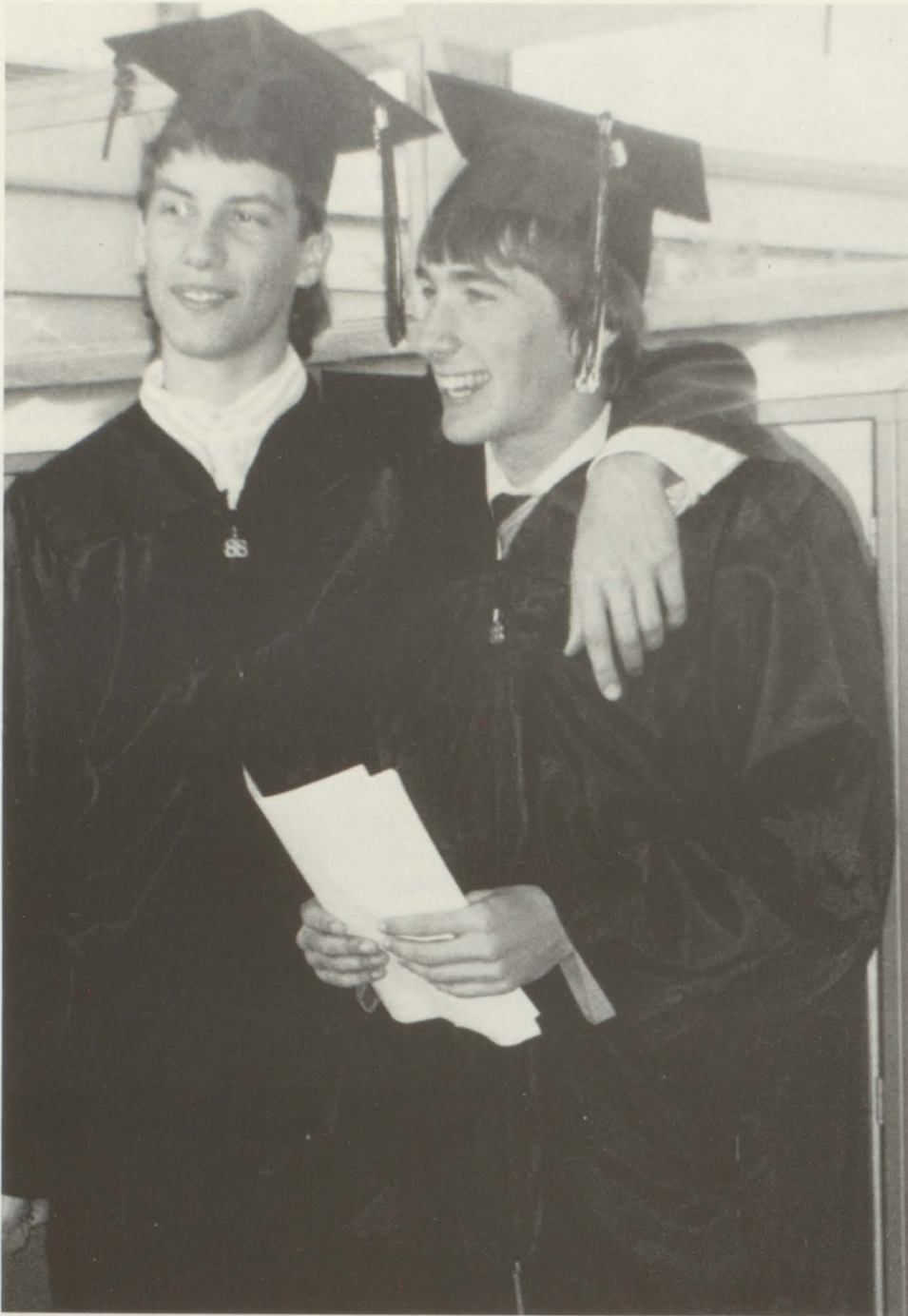
TOP-English MACC — FRONT: Becky Bird, Joyce Bruce, Christie Wolfe, JoAnn Shewey. BACK: Mrs. Janet Faulkner, sponsor, Crystal Tibbs, Eric Faulkner, Duane Compton, Mike Sage.

CENTER TOP-Math MACC — FRONT: Stephanie Meadows, Sonya Chewning, Susan Remines. BACK: Mrs. Kay Mabe, sponsor, Lute Scott, Robbie Brown, Chris Dillow, Clint Kegley.

CENTER BOTTOM-Science MACC — FRONT: Zach Burton, Heather Burton, Crystal Bruce, Charlie Thompson. BACK: Mr. John Wagoner, sponsor, William Tickle, Jason Gusler, Dale Morehead, Julie Baxley.

BOTTOM-HONOR LETTER: Robbie Brown, Alison King, Lute Scott, Miracle Mitchem, William Tickle.





TOP: Friends through it all are Ritchie Havens and Kevin Fore on graduation night.

BOTTOM: At awards ceremony students and faculty honor seniors led by Jennifer Stafford and Karen Strock.

TOP: Elizabeth Turner receives congratulations at graduation.
BOTTOM: Gerhard Schoenthal gives the valedictory address.

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TOP LEFT: Lute Scott receives the Algebra II award from Mrs. Kay Mabe.

TOP RIGHT: Donna Lambert receives athletic letter for cheerleading from Mr. Rich Hankins.

BOTTOM: Recipient of the Woodsman of the World elementary award is Sheree Burton. Mr. Jerry Powers presents the award.

End of '88 revealed accomplishments

The spirit of every student was shown as the class of 1988 said their farewells to all the underclassmen. There were tears of happiness as well as sadness and many smiles. Following the invocation by Ritchie Havens, class president, Karen Strock delivered the salutatory address. Jennifer Stafford gave the run down of class history and Gerhard Schoenthal rendered the valedictio-

ry address. Roberta Kegley and Sarah Newberry prophesied the future for their classmates; Maria Foglesong and Pam Dillow read the class will. Giftorians, Donna Warden and Lana Lindamood, presented each classmate with a humorous gift commemorating an event of the year. Freda Davis, class grumbler, commented on faculty or school items which needed im-

provement.

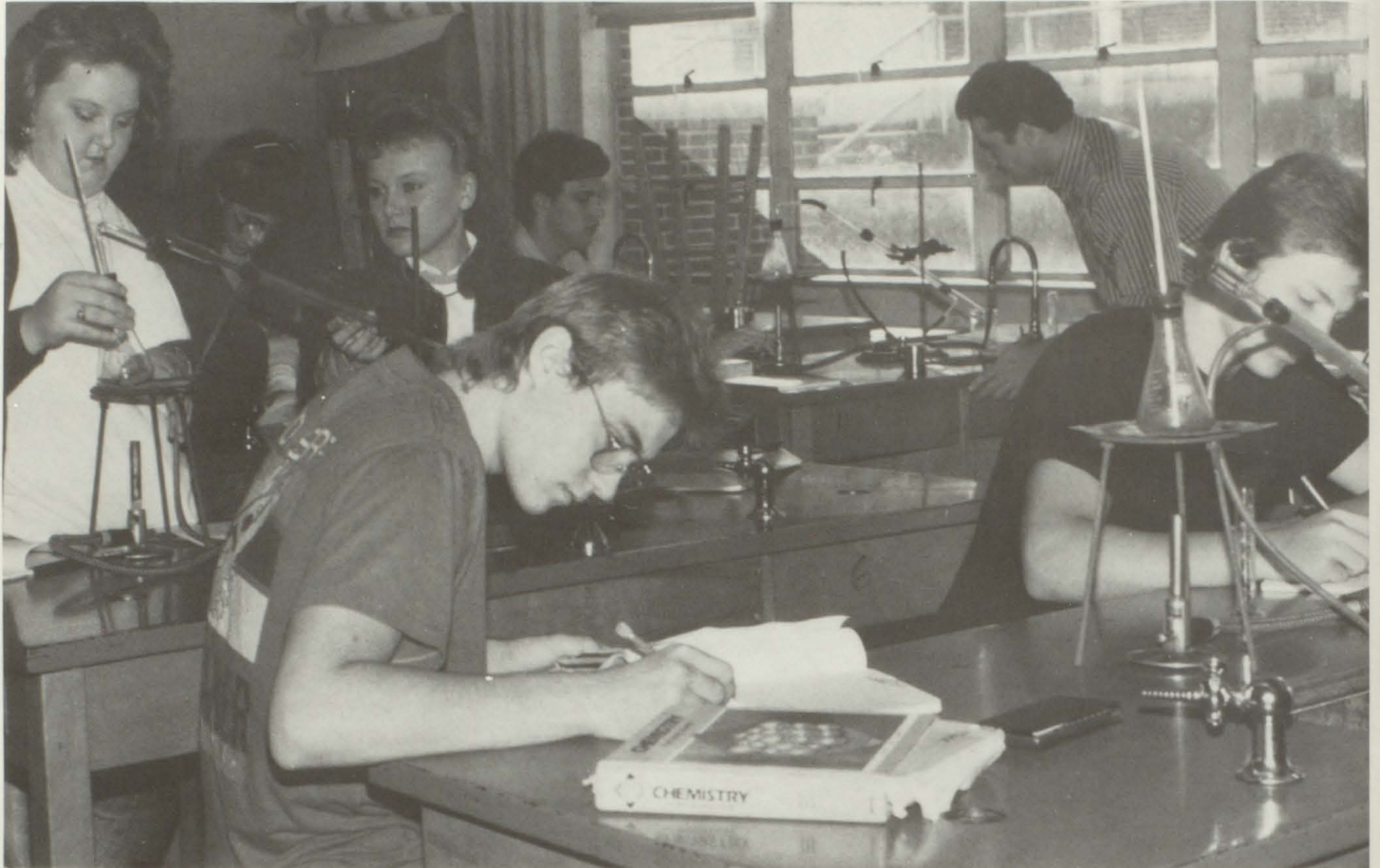
Awards day revealed the student's accomplishments. Awards consisted of certificates, medals, letters and bars for both athletic and scholastic achievements, plaques, perfect attendance and leadership awards. School spirit flowed throughout the student body as they applauded each recognition of achievement.

New faces, new faces, and more faces

New faces, new faces and more faces encased the math and science departments. New requirements created a drastic increase in class enrollments. A number of new students also contributed to the increase. In addition to new students,

another new face, Mr. Al Smith, became a permanent fixture in physical science and biology. Mr. Smith was new to Bland but not new to the teaching field. New to the chemistry class was Mr. John Wagoner who also taught Earth Science.

Math department saw few changes other than larger class numbers. Faculty members were Mrs. Kay Mabe, Mr. Tommy Bird, Mr. Rich Hankins and Mrs. Sandra Harman.



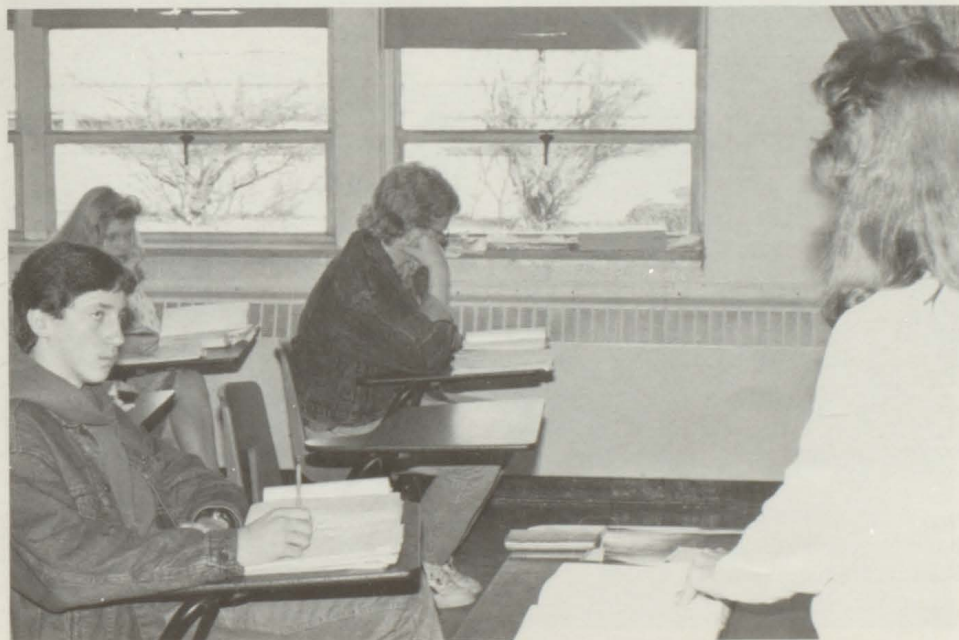
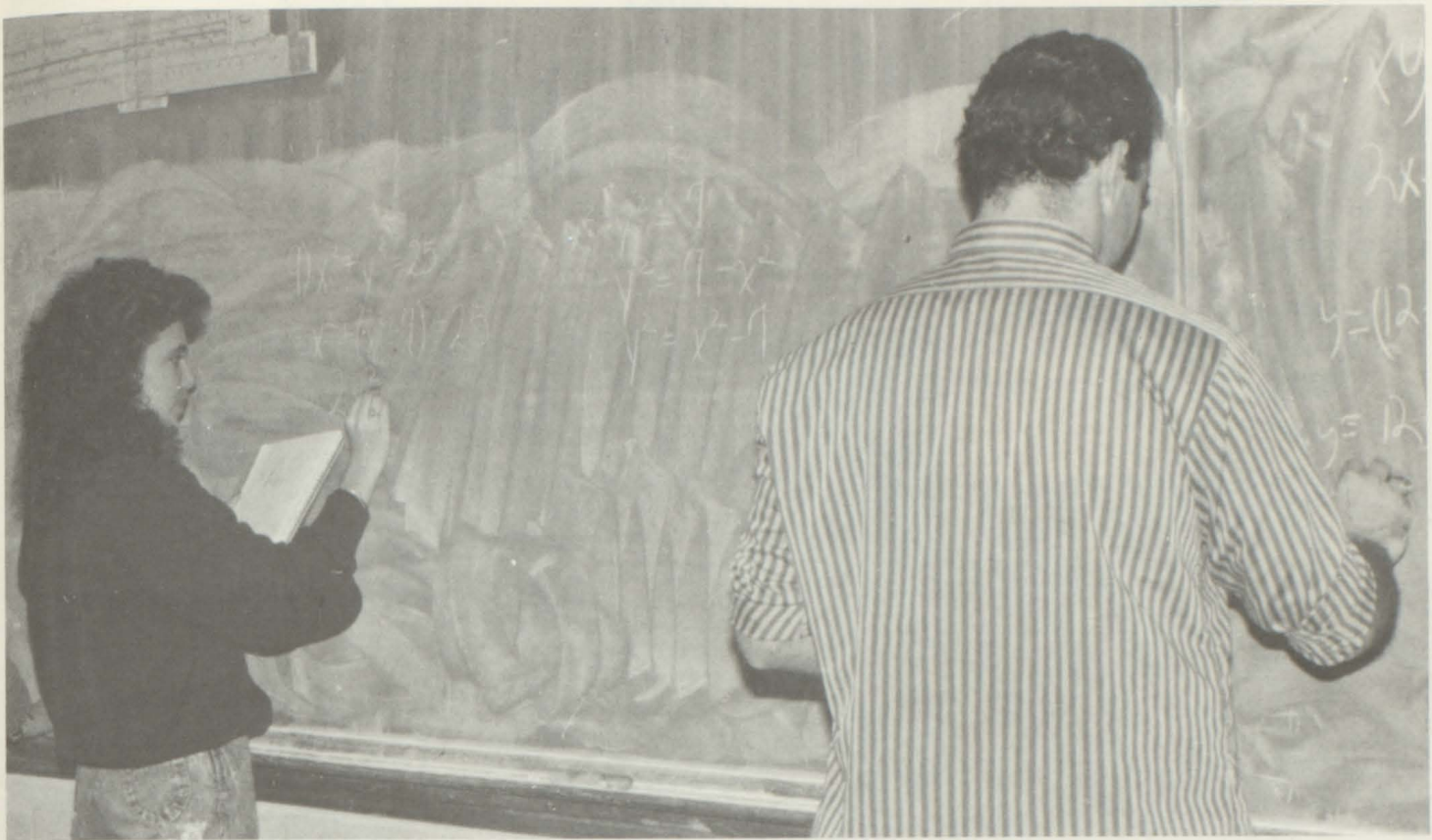
TOP: The student body usually knows when chemistry class is experimenting by the "perfumed" halls! JoAnn Shewey, Shannon McGrady, Christie Wolfe, Chip Bird, Robbie Brown, Pee Wee Blankenship, Lute Scott.

BOTTOM LEFT: Crystal Bruce does last minute checking while Mr. John Wagoner corrects assignments.

BOTTOM CENTER: Mr. Al Smith has the look of a werewolf in this biology class. Tracy Repass, Clinton Kegley, Rusty Bird, Chris Dillow.

BOTTOM RIGHT: "And it really won't blow up?" Tiffany Bowen looks doubtful as Pee Wee Blankenship helps set up their experiment.





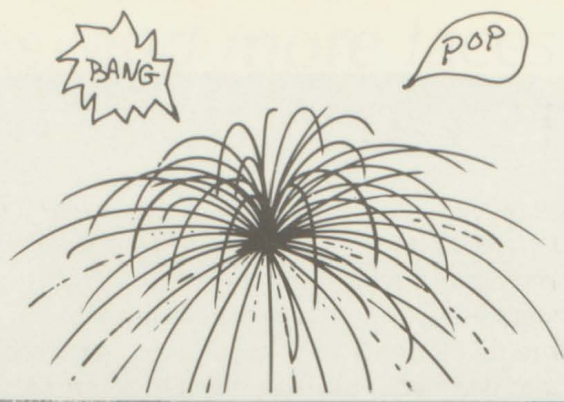
TOP: Amy Haga and Pee-Wee Blankenship demonstrate their expertise in Trig.

CENTER LEFT: Mr. Tommy Bird drives home a point in Math. Bobby Boardwine, Michelle Wright, Jason Ramsey, Tommy Nunn, Rusty Warden, and Mr. Tommy Bird.

CENTER RIGHT: Resource teacher, Mrs. Rita Winborne, coaches Will Blankenship in the rudiments of Math.

BOTTOM: "I'm not sure I believe you", Eric Faulkner, Crystal Tibbs, Jim Britton, and Mrs. Kay Mabe.

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TOP: This is Honors English!?! Mrs. Janet Faulkner's 12th grade English prepares decorations for the Little Miss Beauty Pageant—Tonya Smith, Sarah Strock, Christie Wolfe, Joyce Bruce, Susan Remines, Aaron Newberry.

CENTER LEFT: Mrs. Sandra Harman's adaptive English—Tammy Dye, Jeb Barker, Bridgette Penley, Kenneth Dye, Mark Hamblin, Kevin Wright, Mrs. Harman.

CENTER RIGHT: Mrs. Janet Faulkner lectures to 11th grade English.



Second/Third French students ponder over class assignment — Heather Smith, Aaron Newberry, Amy Haga, Alan Cassell.

French I,II students seem happy over the test that Ms. Diane Rowe is distributing—Travis Munsey, Bronco Strock, Katie Tibbs.

Spirits were not always glad ones

Spirits were not always glad ones as students worked hard to overcome those lengthy research papers required by Mrs. Janet Faulkner in the English department. Students learned to research and write about a certain subject. They spent a day in the WCC library in addition to other sources. Speeches were re-

quired by the junior class for improved public speaking skills. Secondary students also did famous plays in literature.

French students used tapes and tape manuals to further their ability to speak the French language. Dialogues were also presented in front of the class for a grade.

The English department boasted four teachers, Mrs. Janet Faulkner, Mrs. Chris Bird, Mrs. Sandra Harman and Miss Lisa Copenhaver, who is new to Bland.

Mrs. Amber Witt, also new to Bland, coached elementary students in reading skills.



TOP: Expressions show varied interests as Miss Lisa Copenhaver lectures to 9th grade English.

BOTTOM LEFT: These 8th grade English students listen quietly to Mrs. Chris Bird's instructions.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Heather Keene cultivates her reading skills with Mrs. Amber Witt.

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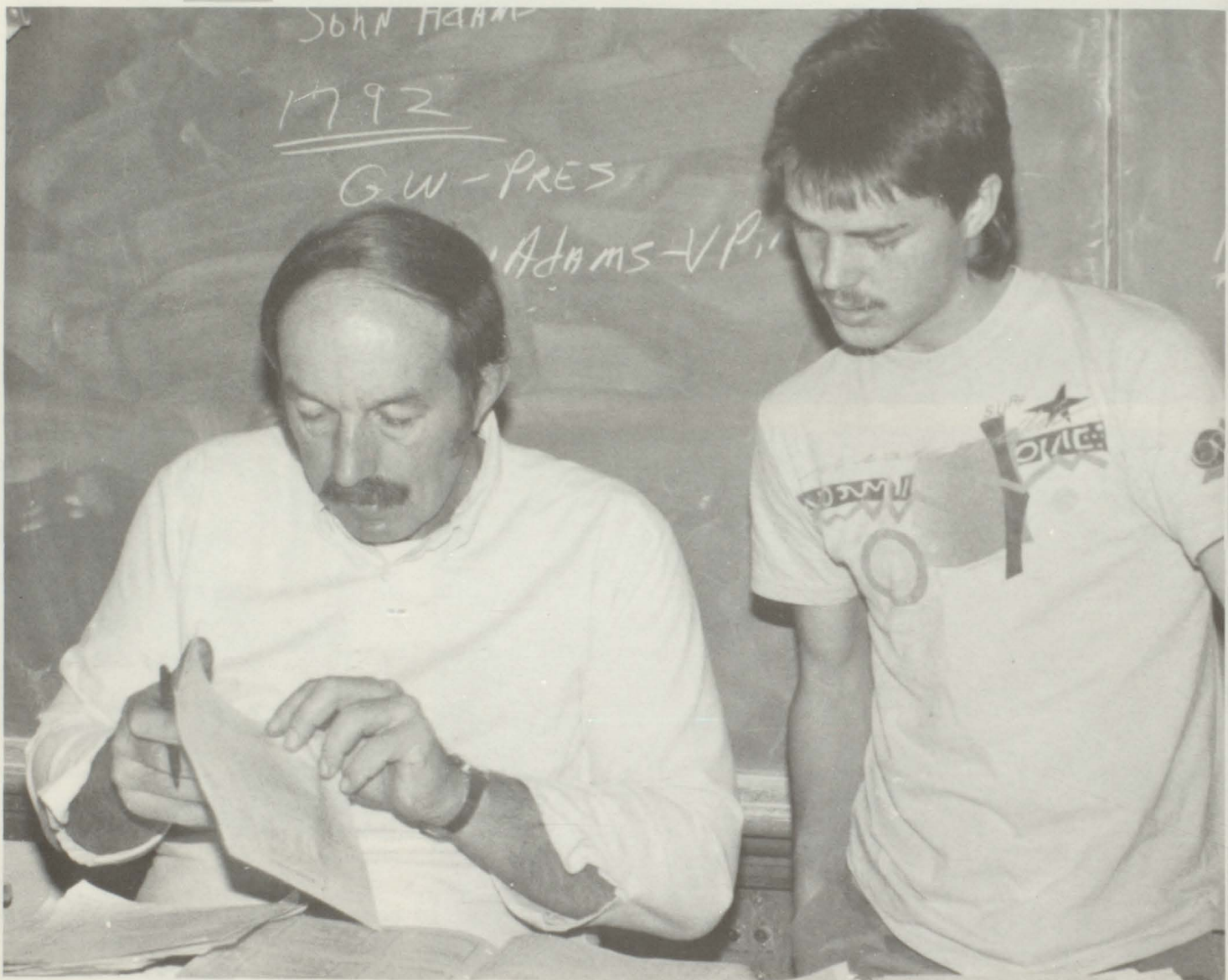


TOP: Mr. Thacker's History class — What's funny about history? Sure you don't have a comic book concealed?

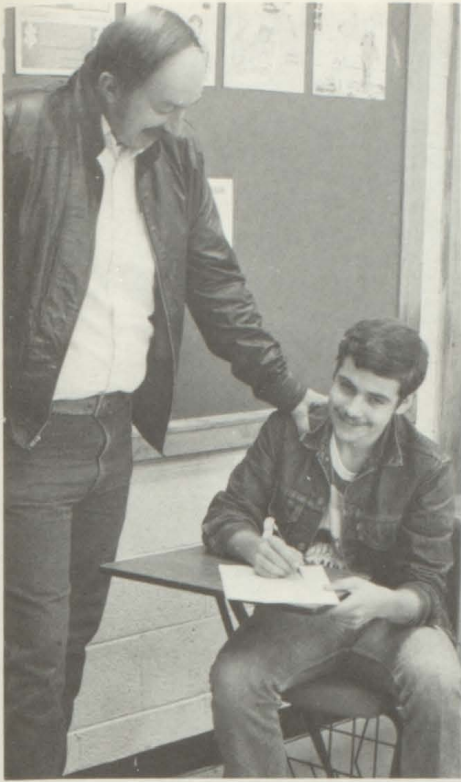


CENTER: Mr. Beamer at his best — after all, he got recognition from Modern Pictures!

BOTTOM: Jerome Meadows pays close attention to Mr. Havens as he explains it once again.

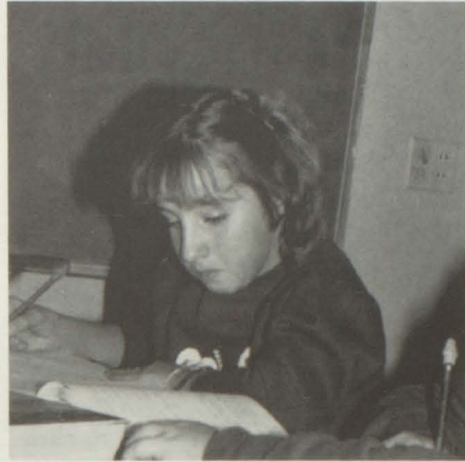


Research brought learning



"Of course we love it, its the last one we have to take" remarked several of the seniors when asked how they liked government. Others said "it would help in pre-

paring them for college." To many students these required classes of history, government and geography were found boring, while others found them interesting. Some geography students found helpful assistance from a computer program, "Carmen Santiago."



And while some students chose to sleep through films and videos, others found them a source of learning.

Elementary students discovered a profitable source of learning by research and duplication. After a unit of study they built a city, complete with officials, or duplicated Indian villages from various tribes.



TOP LEFT: Mr. Havens making sure that Charlie Thompson does his work, and what an innocent look Charlie has !!

TOP RIGHT: Bridget Penley works without notice to the camera.

CENTER LEFT: Standing by their prize winning work Smokey Parmenter, Becky Penley and Jody Lambert take top honors in the elementary Indian village contest.

CENTER RIGHT: Mr. Thacker trying to do some learning of his own, while his class finds it amusing.

BOTTOM: Mrs. Ogle's sixth graders lose concentration with the entrance of the camera.

TOP: Offering elementary instrumental music was a boon to students in fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Their response was overwhelming to the delight of director Bob Correll. Seventh graders Karen Daughtry and Misty Pauley practice in brass section.

BOTTOM: "Are you sure this is going to work?" Vicki Sarver, Amanda Baxley and Miss Lisa Copenhaver during Art II class.

Band is reinstated

Excitement and response was overwhelming to the reinstatement of band. Fifth, sixth and seventh graders were introduced to the rudiments of music and shown the various instruments available to them. Mr. Robert Correll's exuberance inspired his students.

Elementary art was again taught by Mrs. Annette Burton. Each month their handiwork was dis-

played in the hall. Secondary art was offered to beginning through third year students and taught by Miss Lisa Copenhaver.

Mrs. Chris Bird's drama students attended One-Act Play competition where they performed "A Children's Story." Forensics hopefuls had "try out" in December for the district competition held at Ft. Chiswell in February.





TOP: Second/third graders quickly distributed water cups, watercolors, paper and pencils and set to work on their drawings following Mrs. Burton's instructions and example. **FRONT ROW:** Jeremy Dillow, Ryan Newberry, Whitney Gamble. **BACK ROW:** Jeff Brunk, Leslie Gordon, Stephanie Kelley, Debbie Munsey.

CENTER LEFT: Practice for One-Act Play competition took place in the gym. Tiffany Bowen, Vicki Sarver, Debra Dycus, Randy Dillow, Chip Bird, Robbie Waddle, and Michael Fanning are the children and Kathy Kidd plays the teacher.

CENTER RIGHT: Dramatics — The new principal arrives in the form of Christi Conley. Happy Dillow, Chip Bird, Robbie Waddle, Michael Fanning, Christi.

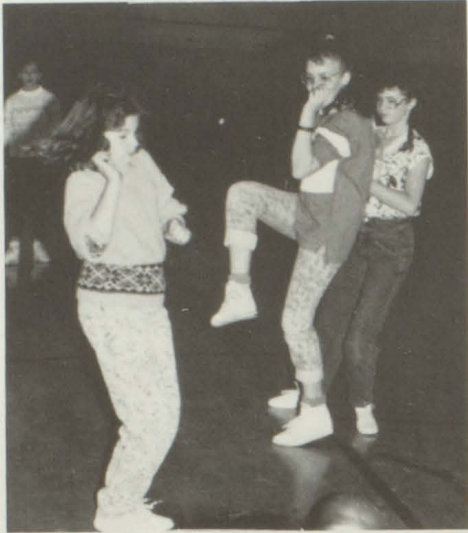
BOTTOM LEFT: Getting ready for the Christmas parade and their drum roll are Eric Tiller and Christopher Wolcott.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Charmin Gravley and Tina Johnston "listen" as their teacher informs them of the new principal (A Children's Story).

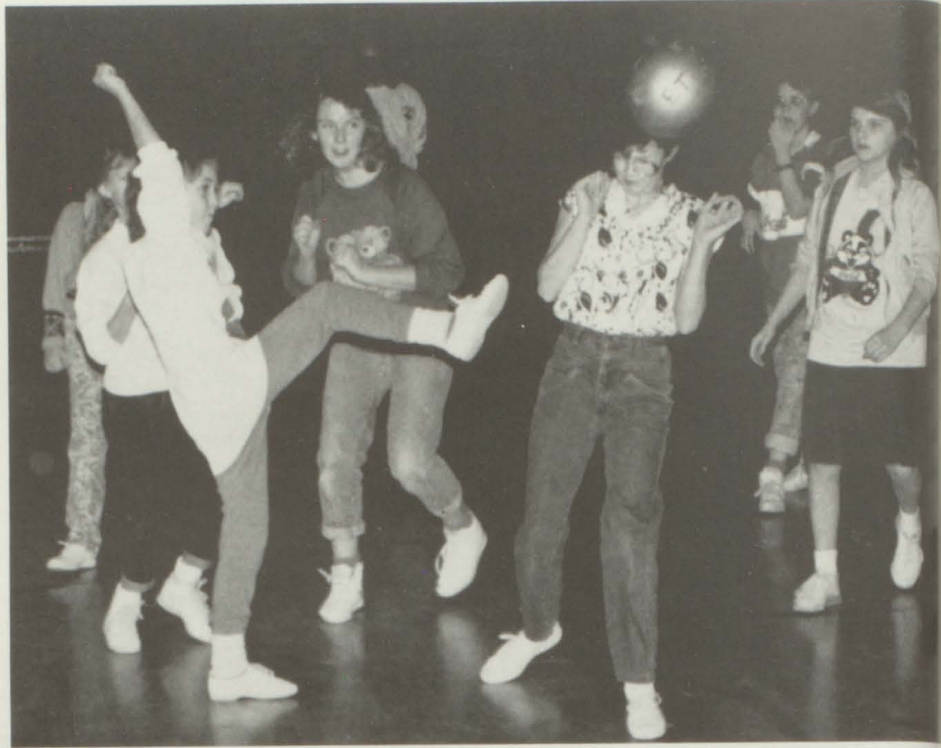


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LEFT: Sixth grade gym — P.J. Meadows, April Tickle, Tonya Wyatt.



RIGHT: Shannon Webb gets the ball up — Bobbi Hobbs, Tonya Wyatt, April Tickle, Crystal Hall.



Getting read for a volleyball examination — Jay Meadows, Bridgette Penley, Rusty Meadows, Tina Brown, Patrick Smith.

Changing titles created confusion

Elementary teachers were delighted to find a new addition to their curriculum. Mr. William Hale joined the elementary roster as Physical Education instructor. This freed teachers on Tuesday and Thursday to catch up on the tons of paper work facing them daily. Mr. Hale used exercises and various types of ball games and relays relevant to the age and grade of the children.

Secondary physical education followed the same patterns and regulations as previous years. On Tues-

day and Thursday when elementary students used the gym, secondary students studied health in the dressing room. Prior to this year students studied driver's education during their physical education time. This year it was taught after school from 3:00 to 3:30.

Changing titles in the business curriculum kept faculty and pupils confused. Typing became Typewriting then Keyboarding, Office Technology changed to Office Systems and Word Processing became In-

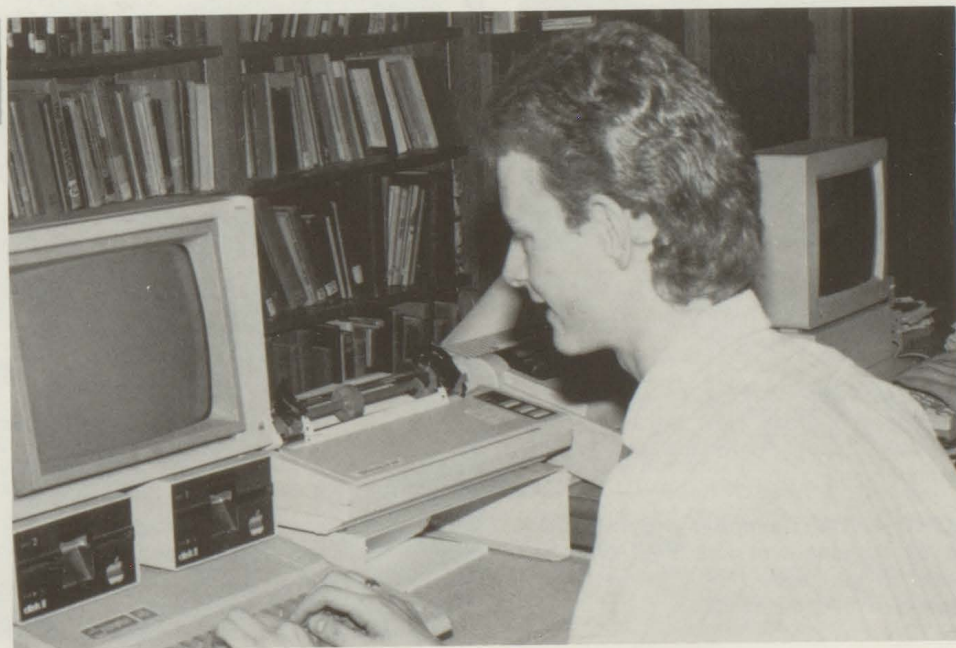
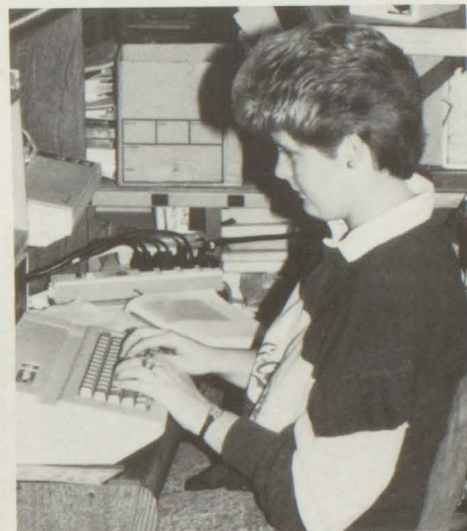
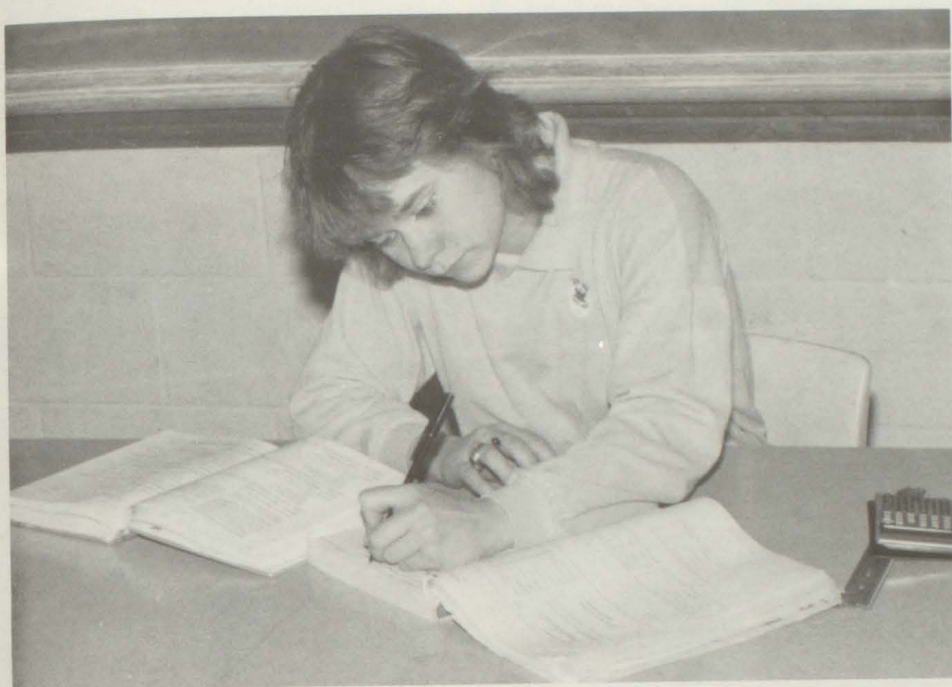
formation Processing. No wonder students did not know what class they were taking! Enrollment in business computers demanded two class sections and Mr. Richard Havens ended up teaching accounting.

TOP LEFT: Joyce Bruce takes over Mr. Haven's desk to complete accounting.

TOP RIGHT: Donna Lambert concentrates on the complexity of word processing.

BOTTOM LEFT: Tracy Repass and April Newberry ponder the perplexity of Information Systems (Office Technology).

BOTTOM RIGHT: Chad Thompson writes his own program in Business Computer Applications.



Super Glue found to bond all materials

Designing floor plans for a model (or dream) house, or managing a family budget kept home economics students occupied. In addition, they learned cooking, sewing and meal planning skills. They also visited an auto dealer who told them what to be aware of in purchasing a used car. They saw films and related materials pertaining to cancer and the terrible statistics of AIDS. These classes were no longer referred to as 'home economics', but Life Skills and Family Living and were open to both girls and boys.

Agriculture and shop classes re-

vealed strong interest even though the potential number of future farmers is few. Open to both male and female, instruction focused on farm management, animal judging, budgeting, machinery and woodworking. During Mr. Crabtree's absence, one student tested the power of Super Glue and found that it was as good as its name! (Chalk remained on the shelf, light switches stayed in one position and the computer keys typed B and N — only one didn't know which letter would appear).

Carrying a full load and working at a job required long attention

span and little sleep. Students who were interested in their own pocket money or purchasing that special set of wheels elected the route of Industrial Cooperative Training where they could work in local businesses.

Still other students selected vocational training at George Wythe School where they became skilled in a specific trade. These trade areas were mechanics, cosmetology, masonry, food management, drafting, and horticulture.



TOP: Shop work finds Scotty Tickle and Timmy Clemons busy at production. Hey, boys, that's not Super Glue is it?

BOTTOM: While working at a job and earning money is great, class learning is also necessary. Doug Boardwine and Patricia Austin.

RIGHT: Crystal Thompson and Tracy Hall get elf costumes cut out. With only two weeks to get ready FHA girls were hard pressed to meet the deadline.





TOP LEFT: Mr. Bill Crabtree approves Junior Blevins handiwork.

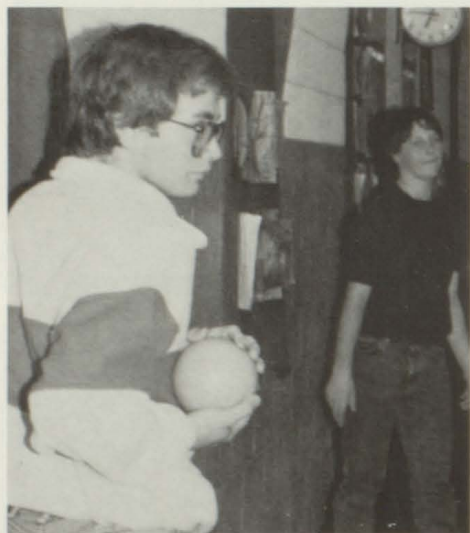
TOP RIGHT: Really, boys, you should be using those tools instead of displaying them — Heath Muncy, Randy Dillow, Michael Fanning, Duane DeHart, Tony Boksa.

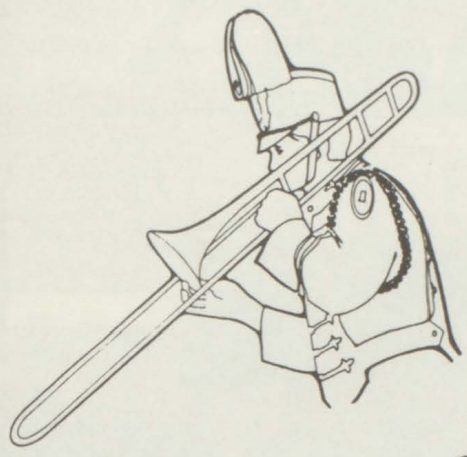
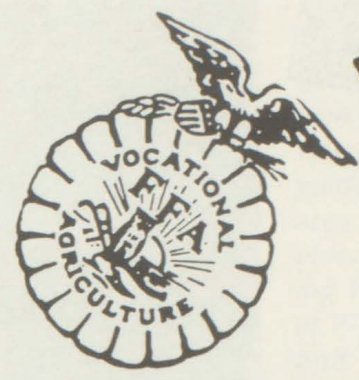
CENTER LEFT: Mrs. Betty Munsey explains proper table setting to Mindy Brewster, Crystal Thompson, Christie Wellman, Rachel Davis and Tina Kimberlin.

CENTER RIGHT: Kevin Wright, Marsha Martin, Julie Strock, Monica Molina, Cindy Blevins, Cheryl Hall.

BOTTOM: ICT classroom work—Lori Perkins, Barry Fulford, Julie Pauley, Brian Duncan, Shawn Nelson, John Mustard.

TOP RIGHT: Second grade cookie making.
CENTER RIGHT: Third grade cookie making.
TOP LEFT: Robbie Taylor and Jimmy Duncan — tools enough to do whatever they are doing.
CENTER LEFT: Scott Lambert and Zach Burton assist at bowling for PTSO carnival.
BOTTOM LEFT: Steve Berry, Chad Morehead and Jeremy Blankenship search the card catalog for a desired book.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Sheri Blankenship is prepared for a dunking on her vacation.





Organizations provided the opportunity for leadership in many areas. Whether an officer or member, students became leaders in committees and individual projects. They also learned the art of group cooperation and acceptance of majority rule in decision making. Promotion of social life transpired through club sponsored trips, parties and dances.

Organizations



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TOP-Senior Beta-FRONT ROW: Tresila Sink, Dixie Bruce, Barbara Meadows, Tonya Smith, Joyce Bruce, Sonya CheWning, Rusty Bird, Jenny Meadows. **2ND ROW:** Amy Haga, Jennifer Simms, Susan Remines, Jay Meadows, Samantha Waddle, Julie Baxley, Tonya Looney. **3RD ROW:** Heather Smith, JoAnn Shewey, Alison King, Patrick Smith, Clinton Kegley, Robbie Waddle. **4TH ROW:** Crystal Tibbs, Christie Conley, William Tickle, Chip Bird, Chad Thompson. **5TH ROW:** Brandon Farlow, Mike Sage, Tina Johnston, Alan Cassell, Dale Morehead. **BACK ROW:** Robbie Brown, Eric Faulkner, Lute Scott, Miracle Mitchem.

CENTER: Chip Bird enlists assistance from FFA boys, Duane DeHart, Happy Dillow, Heath Muncy, in loading fruit to deliver to area nursing homes.

BOTTOM-Senior Beta Officers: Robbie Waddle, vice — president; Sonya CheWning, secretary; Mrs. Janet Faulkner, adviser; Tonya Smith, treasurer; Chip Bird, president.



Service

Service projects were primary portions of the Beta clubs. Senior Betas purchased floor mats for the gym entrance, magazines for Forensics and a computer SAT study guide. They also delivered fruit to area nursing homes and helped the elderly by raking leaves and stacking firewood. Junior Betas assisted at PTSO carnival, served as hostess and provided refreshments for home MACC matches.

Senior Betas attended the state convention and competed in the Quiz Bowl, English, Math, Science, oratory and scrapbook events. Last year they attended the national convention. Chip Bird was state vice-president.

To be a Beta member a student must attain and maintain a 90 average.

TOP: Junior Betas receive certificates, pins and Beta magazine.

CENTER-Junior Beta-FRONT ROW: Heather Burton, April Conley, Becky Bird, Sarah Umbarger, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson. **2ND ROW:** Shelley Beam, Jeana Dalton, Tina Hounshell, Heather Olinger, Donna Wiley. **3RD ROW:** Stephanie DeHart, Angela Stowers, Ginger Dillow, Crystal Bruce. **BACK ROW:** Katie Tibbs, Amanda Harden, Charlie Thompson, Jason Gusler.

BOTTOM-Junior Officers: Sarah Thompson, president; Becky Bird, vice-president; April Conley, secretary; Sarah Umbarger, treasurer; Stephanie Meadows, reporter; Mrs. Nancy Gamble, adviser.



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TOP: Elves Sonya Carroll and Becky Bird with MC Bradley King "award" Mr. Fred Beamer for his faithful communications programs.

CENTER: Students portray faculty members for entertainment during Christmas program, December 21. Vicki Sarver as Margie Powers, Robbie Waddle as Rich Hankins, Mary Echols as Lisa Copenhaver, Gary Blankenship as Geoff Fanning, Stephanie Meadows as Kay Mabe, Chip Bird as Richard Havens, Bradley King as Fred Beamer and Tiffany Bowen as Diane Rowe.

BOTTOM LEFT-SCA (left to right, bottom to top): Lorin Hanshew, Julie Pauley, Bradley King, JoAnne Shewey, Rusty Bird, Alison King, Charlie Thompson, Stephanie DeHart, Robert Sexton, Mr. John Wagoner, sponsor.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mr. John Wagoner, Christie Conley, April Conley singing Christmas songs.



Competitive spirit earned honors

Competitive spirit and combined effort kept FBLA members active throughout the school year. Membership was open to all students enrolled in a business class and faculty urged students to participate. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a service organization in addition to preparing students as leaders in business.

Spring regional academic competition found student testing in all areas of business subjects. Those

who came out on top advanced to state competition.

Earning money through the Little Miss & Junior Miss beauty pageants and the Snow Dance, FBLA'ers used their profits to purchase a directory for school announcements and a water cooler for the secondary hall. Previous purchases were another water cooler, computers, floor and wall mats for the gym.

Bland FBLA has consistently been an Honor Chapter and a Gold Seal

Chapter. Senior members participated in the "shadow" program where a senior was assigned to a business person and accompanied that person's daily routine.

SCA got off to a slow start but surged forth with annual Christmas program plans in the spirit of the season. With little time to get it all together due to "snow days" they, nevertheless, put on an entertainment package with something for everyone to enjoy.



TOP LEFT-FBLA-FRONT ROW: Debra Dycus, Mary Echols, Susan Remines, Heather Olinger, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows, Tammy Daughtry. **2ND ROW:** Jenny Umbarger, Robbie Brown, Chris Dillow, Mike Sage, Amy Haga, Clinton Kegley, Rusty Bird, Tonya Smith, Holly Warden. **3RD ROW:** April Newberry, Brandon Barlow, Brian Hall, JoAnn Shewey, Tina Hounshell, Scott Gusler, Sonya Chewning, Angela Dalton.

4TH ROW: Laura Sadler, Ginger Dillow, Aaron Newberry, Scott Wellman, William Tickle, Chip Bird, Dale Morehead. **5TH ROW:** Pam Wright, Dusty King, Jerome Meadows, Patrick Smith, Zach Burton, Jason Gusler, Tracy Repass. **6TH ROW:** Rita Hamblin, Donna Lambert, Becky Winesett, Crystal Bruce, Duane Compton, Donna Wiley, Rachel Havens. **BACK ROW:** Robert Sexton, Bobby Boardwine, Gary Blankenship, Scott Lambert, Rachel Davis.

TOP RIGHT-FBLA OFFICERS: JoAnn Shewey, president; Amy Haga, vice-president; Dale Morehead, secretary; Sonya Chewning, treasurer; Donna Lambert, reporter; Tonya Smith, historian; Chip Bird, parliamentarian; Mrs. Jessie Kegley, advisor.

BOTTOM: Sarah Thompson assists in the PTISO fund raiser.

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TOP LEFT-Safety Patrol-FRONT ROW: Stanley Overbaugh, Sandra Nelson, Beth Bridges, Tawny Dillow, Misty Pauley, Karen Daughtry, Jason Stafford, Robbie Davis.

2ND ROW: Heather Keene, Tonya Talbert, Wendi Umbarger, Dawn Walls, Aaron Faulkner, Chris Tickle.

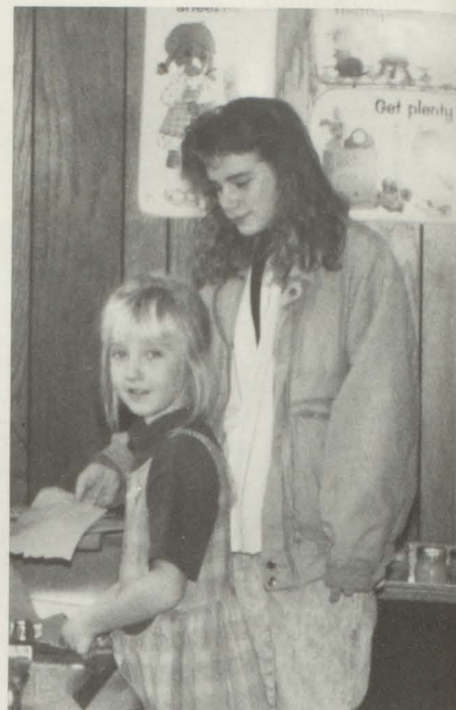
3RD ROW: Kevin King, Eric Brooks, Angela Carter, Stuart Newberry, Crystal King.

4TH ROW: Angel Mitchem, Kristie Dillow, Wenona Scott, Amie Simms, Detria Agee.

BACK ROW: Jes Self, Vicki Ogle and Margie Powers, sponsors, Melanie Thompson.

CENTER RIGHT: Amie Simms assists Erica Vanover in getting washed up for lunch — one of the duties of a safety patroller.

BOTTOM: Crystal King provides leadership in taking Kindergartners to lunch. Crystal King, Ashley Strock, Albert Davis, Kirstie Meadows, Kristen Songer, J.R. Shewey, Charlie Stiltner, John Clemons, Shane Thompson, Amy Craig, Shelley Atwell.



All roads led to competitive spirit

Planning a trip to Myrtle Beach, Carowinds, and Charleston, S.C. created joyous anticipation for safety patrolers from the 7th grade. This long awaited trip was a reward for a year of hard work as they supervised younger children, safety wise. As they reached the top of the elementary ladder they found more responsibilities had been placed upon them, especially those who became officers. Leaders selected by their classmates were Angel

Mitchem, president, Aaron Faulkner, vice-president, Kevin King, secretary, Wendi Umberger and Stuart Newberry, treasurers.

Dramatics students had little time to "get their feet wet" since district competition was held in the fall of the year. The class presented the play "The Children's Story" at this competition which was held at Grayson County High School. Then they began to try their hands at script writing and had an enjoyable

time turning stories and events into plays. The class then began preparation for another play to complete their year of learning!

Students interested in forensics had to suffer through tryouts to see if they measured up to competition. After the die was cast, Mrs. Chris Bird, adviser set up rules and gave out assignments. Then everything was uphill and members got down to work with a competitive spirit.



CENTER LEFT: Drama officers: Mrs. Chris Bird, adviser; Kathy Kidd, treasurer; Miracle Mitchem, secretary; Chip Bird, vice-president; Tiffany Bowen, president.

TOP: Drama Club-FRONT ROW: Kathy Kidd, Randy Dillow, Tiffany Bowen, Michael Fanning. **2ND ROW:** Jenny Umberger, Debra Dycus, Heath Muncy, Duane DeHart. **3RD ROW:** Doug Boardwine, Christie Conley, Chip Bird, Robbie Waddle, Vicki Sarver. **BACK ROW:** Dixie Bruce, Tina Johnston, Charmin Gravley, Shawn Wilcoxon, Miracle Mitchem.

CENTER RIGHT: DRAMA students rehearse "The Children's Story."

BOTTOM — FORENSICS-FRONT ROW: Heather Smith, Sherri Shewey, Tonya Smith, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umberger, Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows. **BACK ROW:** Chip Bird, Eric Faulkner, Dale Morehead, Clinton Kegley.





FFA Third, Fourth, Fifth-Year MEMBERS-FRONT ROW: Kim Crabree, John Stafford, John Simmons, Tony Boksa, Mark Hamblin, Randy Clemons, Scotty Tickle.
2ND ROW: Travis Munsey, Stacy Bruce, Junior Blevins, Scott Lambert, David Chandler, Tim Clemons, Lorin Hanshew.
3RD ROW: David Strock, Randy Townley, Sam Simmons, Randy Dillow, Todd Morehead, Todd Harden, Barry Fulford, Darrel Wright.
BACK ROW: Duane DeHart, David Walls, Brad Havens, Michael Fanning, Kevin Cox, Heath Muncy.

BELOW-FFA OFFICERS-FRONT: Kim Crabtree, president; David Strock, vice-president.
2ND ROW: Randy Dillow, treasurer; Tony Boksa, 2d vice-president.
BACK ROW: Lorin Hanshew, reporter; Mr. William Crabtree, adviser.
NOT PICTURED: Steve King, secretary; John Mustard, sentinel.



CENTER RIGHT-FFA First/Second Year MEMBERS-FRONT ROW: Tommy Wolfe, Roger Blankenship, Eric Martin, Travis Simmons, Nathan Romano, Sherman Alford, Kevin Pauley.
2ND ROW: Jeb Barker, Rusty Meadows, Matthew Newberry, Robbie Taylor, Brent Davis, David Kingrea.
3RD ROW: Travis Morehead, Michael Dillow, Jimmy Duncan, Toby Dotson, Jim Britton.
4TH ROW: Greg Boksa, Danny Morehead, Robbie Reed, Brad Harden, Joe Putman.
BACK ROW: Matthew Morehead, Robert Davis, Wayne Hubble, Jason Hall, Thomas Nunley.

BOTTOM: Members unload fruit from FFA-Beta sales.



Five attended National Convention

Highlighting the FFA year was a trip to the National Convention at Kansas. Five members made the trip where two of them took part in the talent show. Four members received the State Farmer's Degree

and one received the American Farmer's Degree. At a regular meeting the Bland chapter was honored with a visit by two state officers and two area supervisors. Members took part in forestry and livestock judging. They added to their bankroll by selling fruit in conjunction with Senior Betas.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America gave students a head-start on the job market. For some, it got them out of school half a day. Students not only joined the working class, but they practiced proper parliamentary procedure, worked on interviews and resumes and treated their employers to a breakfast in the spring.

TOP-VICA MEMBERS-FRONT ROW: Patricia Austin, Lori Perkins, Julie Pauley.

2ND ROW: Doug Boardwine, J. R. Harris, Scott Lambert.

BACK ROW: Sammy Simmons, Barry Fulford, Brian Duncan, Shawn Nelson.

BOTTOM-VICA OFFICERS-FRONT ROW: Patricia Austin, reporter; Julie Pauley, vice-president; Lori Perkins, secretary.

BACK ROW: Brian Duncan, president; John Michael Mustard, treasurer; Doug Boardwine, parliamentarian; Mrs. Carolyn Bane, adviser.



We're #1

Teddy bears with maroon and gold pompoms wearing a tee shirt with the slogan "We're #1" proved a profitable sales item for the Library Club and helped to boost school spirit. Profits from bears and posters were used to improve library selections.

FHA officers planned meetings while sponsor, Mrs. Betty K. Munsey, moved to the next project. Members used every spare minute cutting and sewing elf costumes preparing for the Christmas parade in Wytheville. This year, Bland FHA was in charge of vision screening for the county. They continued the collection of Campbell's labels, using the proceeds to purchase equipment and materials for the school. As a reward they visited Cincinatti, Ohio, on their annual trip.



TOP: Lana Lindamood explains the rules of "Win, Lose or Draw" to Kelli King during the Library club's party for reading bee members.

CENTER LEFT-LIBRARY OFFICERS: Mrs. Betsy Newberry, sponsor; Amy Haga, treasurer; Tonya Looney, secretary; Julie Pauley, vice-president; Tonya Smith, president.

CENTER RIGHT-LIBRARY CLUB-FRONT ROW: Tammy Daughtry, Tonya Smith, Holly Warden, Julie Pauley, Sonya Carroll, Patricia Nelson. **2ND ROW:** Sherri Shawey, Heather Smith, Amy Haga, Tiffany Bowen, Donna Lambert. **BACK ROW:** Tonya Looney, Doug Boardwine, April Newberry, Benga Hager, JoAnn Shewey, Patricia Corder, Teresa Lester, Sarah Strock, Jason Gusler.

BOTTOM-READING BEE PARTY-FRONT ROW: Kurt Blankenship, Erin Johnson, Jessica Tester, Ashley Havens, Benjamin Davis, Evelyn Baxter. **BACK ROW:** Seth Baxter, Lana Lindamood, Hope Pike, Sarah Thompson, Bobbi Hobbs, Mrs. Betsy Newberry.



TOP-FHA OFFICERS-FRONT ROW: Sarah Thompson, sargent-at-arms; Hope Pike, chaplain; Jennifer Simms, treasurer; Tonya Looney, recording secretary; Joyce Bruce, president. **BACK ROW:** Mrs. Betty Munsey, sponsor; Julie Strock, sargent-at-arms; Miracle Mitchem, reporter; Amy Haga, corre-

sponding secretary; Kathy Kidd, 2nd vice-president; JoAnn Shewey, 1st vice-president.

CENTER-MEMBERS-FRONT ROW: Jenny Umbarger, Julie Baxley, Tonya Looney, Ellis Wade, Charmin Gravley, Patricia Nelson, Sonya Carroll, Joyce Bruce, Sarah Strock,

Kathy Kidd, Scott Lambert, Samantha Waddle, Tammy Daughtry.

2ND ROW: Dixie Bruce, Crystal Tibbs, Patty Mutter, April Newberry, Heather Smith, Amy Haga, Patricia Austin, Rachel Havens, Michelle Spangler, Dusty King, Debra Dycus, Sandy Mitchell.

3RD ROW: Katie Tibbs, Amanda Harden, Rita Hamblin, JoAnn Shewey, Tresila Sink, Staci Roseberry, Tina Johnston, Miracle Mitchem, Tracy Repass, Jennifer Simms, Tina Brown, Pam Wright.

4TH ROW: Julie Strock, Alison King, Heather Olinger, Pam Chewning, Barbara Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Tina Hounshell, Holly Warden, Gwen McGrady, Crystal Bruce, Stephanie DeHart.

5TH ROW: Christie Wellman, Michelle Wright, Tina Kimberlin, Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Hope Pike, Angela Dalton, Laura Sadler, Mary Margaret Gibson, Julie Overbaugh, Kandi Farley, Ginger Dillow.

6TH ROW: Molly Richardson, Pam Harden, Lori Compton, Stacy Tibbs, Cindy Justice, Crystal Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Tracy Hall, Patty Tibbs, Rachel Davis, Mindy Brewster, Bethane Shewey.

BACK ROW: Kathy Shewey, Becky Mallory, Missy French, Stephanie Goins, Patricia Corder.



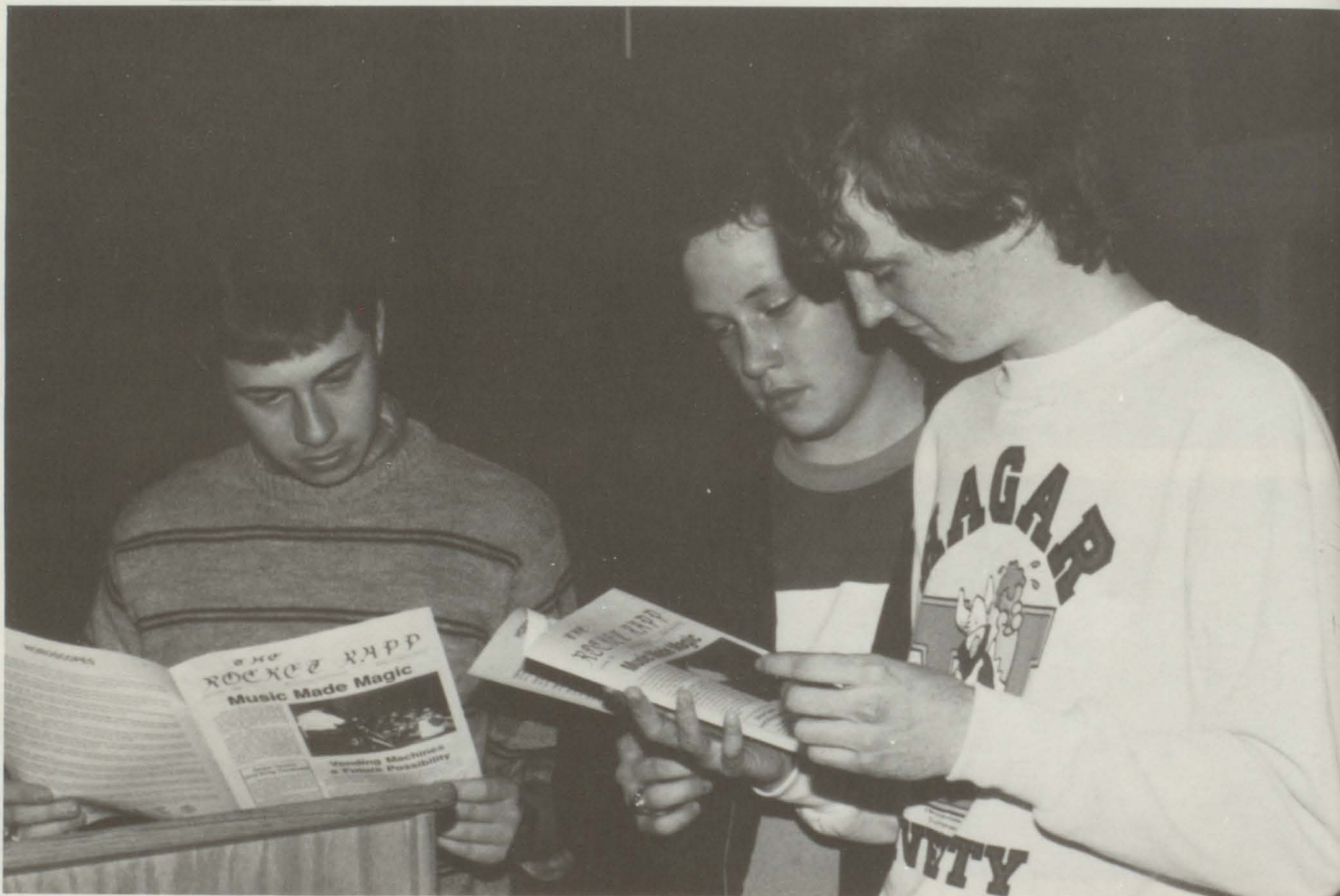
VISION SCREEN TESTING-Tina Hounshell with Scott Gusler monitor the vision screening for the fourth grade, Jacob Scott, Kary Taylor, Roger Reed and Andy Bruce.

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TOP: Caught in action with a Rocket Rapp. Hope Pike and Stephanie Meadows.

CENTER-Newspaper staff-FRONT ROW: Molly Richardson, Holly Warden, Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Barbara Meadows, Patricia Nelson, Tammy Daughtry. **2ND ROW:** Jason Gusler, Stephanie DeHart, April Newberry, Sherri Shewey, Tina Brown, Heather Smith, Amy Haga, Sonya Carroll. **3RD ROW:** Robert Sexton, Rusty Bird, Kevin Lindamood, Angela Dalton, Teresa Lester, Donna Lambert, Tonya Smith, Vicki Sarver, Julie Pauley. **BACK ROW:** Kathy Kidd, Sarah Strock, Gary Blankenship, Chip Bird, Aaron Newberry, Chad Thompson, Miracle Mitchem, Clinton Kegley, Tiffany Bowen.

BOTTOM: Rapt in the current news items, Lorin Hanshew, John Stafford, Dayton Morehead.



Spirited hard work produced publications

"They were due yesterday." Newspaper and yearbook staffs heard those words on more than one occasion from advisors Chris Bird, Sandra Harman and Betty Newberry. Meeting deadlines was a never ending task.

Each month the Rocket Rapp was published with all the latest happenings and events. Kathy Kidd served as editor. The newspaper was awarded a 2nd place in VHSL competition for the '88 year.

Weekly work sessions kept year-

book staff bustling as they took their assignments with a mixture of spirit and hard work. Sonya Chewing headed the staff as editor. They were excited about their plans, but a big sigh escaped each staffer when the final shipment was posted.



TOP-Yearbook staff — **SEATED:** Heather Smith, Amy Haga, Barbara Meadows, Sherri Shewey, Pam Chewing. **STANDING:** Tonya Smith, Tina Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry, advisor, Susan Remines, Hope Pike, Sonya Chewing, Tiffany Bowen, Jason Gusler.

BOTTOM LEFT: EDITOR — Sonya Chewing checks layout of another staffer.

CENTER RIGHT: April Newberry, Becky Winesett, staffers.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Susan Remines during after school work session.

SPARK

outing at Mama Leone's.

TOP: Patrick Smith makes good use of French trip.

CENTER LEFT-FRENCH OFFICERS: Bradley King, president; Amy Haga, vice-president; Jenny Meadows, secretary; Jay Meadows, treasurer; Miss Diane Rowe, sponsor.

CENTER RIGHT: Members enjoy New York

BOTTOM-French Club-FRONT ROW: Bethane Shewey, April Conley, Sherri Shewey, Pam Chewning, Patrick Smith, Tresila Sink, Tammy Daughtry, Mary Echols, Barbara Meadows. **2ND ROW:** Tina Hounshell, Heather Smith, Amy Haga, Jenny Meadows, Tina Brown, Hope Pike, Tina Johnston. **3RD ROW:** Crystal Tibbs, Amanda Harden. **4TH ROW:** Julie Baxley, Samantha Waddle, Jason Gusler, Kevin Lindamood, Alan Cassell, Tracy Re-pass. **5TH ROW:** Alison King, Tonya Looney, Lute Scott, Charlie Thompson, Robbie Brown, Dale Morehead, Chad Thompson, Eric Faulkner. **BACK ROW:** Mike Sage, David Stroock, Brandon Farlow, Jerome Meadows, Aaron Newberry, Bradley King, Brian Fore, Chris Dillow, Brian Hall, Travis Munsey.



Field trips filled an educational need

Addressing club and class members by their French names was a requirement. If Miss Rowe called them by their English name, they knew she was angry! Traveling to Roanoke to see a French play (a comedy through the National Theatre) constituted an enjoyable and entertaining diversion from the classroom. They sponsored a Sweetheart dance on February 11 with clubs selecting a girl to compete for the title of "Sweetheart". Their major project of the year de-

veloped from a desire to learn French culture in a natural setting. Using time off during Easter break they set off to Canadian soil. A new experience for many was changing US dollars to Canadian currency and puzzling over the cost of items (was this a bargain or did I get "taken"?). Tired and weary from the long bus trip and lack of sleep, they tumbled off the bus to return to a structured classroom setting.

An undecided advisor eventually concluded that a science club

would be worthwhile. Following the election of officers, their first assignment was to assist in the SCA Christmas program. Plans for the year included several field trips — scientifically speaking! In January a field trip to Radford University's planetarium encouraged members to work toward additional trips. At Radford they also listened to professors on careers in geology and physics. In the spring they traveled to Washington, D.C. to tour the Smithsonian Institute.



TOP LEFT: SCA and Science clubs banded together to produce a Christmas program. Elves Becky Bird and Sonya Carroll present a "certificate" to Mr. Bill Crabtree. Bradley King was MC.

TOP RIGHT: Science officers: Dale Morehead, president, Patricia Nelson, vice-president, Sonya Carroll, secretary-treasurer, Mr. John Wagoner, sponsor.

BOTTOM-Science Club-FRONT ROW: Crystal Bruce, Heather Burton, Shelley Beam, Heather Olinger, Donna Wiley, Patricia Nelson, Sonya Carroll.

2ND ROW: Robbie Brown, Chris Dillow, Lute Scott, Mary Echols, Dale Morehead, Jason Gusler. **3RD ROW:** April Newberry, Tonya Looney, Staci Roseberry, Julie Baxley, Eric Faulkner, Shannon McGrady, Jerome Meadows.

BACK ROW: Bobby Boardwine, Mr. John Wagoner, Mike Sage, Duane Compton, Brandon Farlow, Jason Ramsey.



TOP: Mr. Robert Correll, band director, instructs brass section.

CENTER: Participation in Wytheville Christmas parade won them a 1st place.

BOTTOM-Band Members-FRONT ROW: Wenona Scott, Heather Keene, P.J. Meadows, Rachel Munsey, Wendy Umbarger, Bobbi Hobbs. **2ND ROW:** Dawn Walls, Angel Mitchem, Detria Agee, Jason Stowers, Joanie Lambert, Bradley Hoosier, Shannon Webb. **3RD ROW:** Tonya Talbert, Brock Justice, Mike Munsey, Cheryl Winesett, Patty Reed, Sheri Blankenship, Sarah Shewey, Cindy Berg. **4TH ROW:** Robbie Morehead, Jamy Nunn, Charlie Burton, James Umbarger, Shannon Enoch, Justin Eaton, Brook Dillow, Wes Strock. **BACK ROW:** Eric Brooks, Karen Daughtry, Misty Pauley, Jody Lambert, Chris Wolcott, Steve Berry, Eric Tiller.



Excellence +

Interest, excitement, and desire combined to create the speed of progression for band members. They excelled far beyond public expectations and won first place in two Christmas parades. With only three months instruction and practice that was quite an accomplishment. Mr. Robert Correll worked with sections and grades each morning in the lunchroom.

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Occupying a large block of time for practice and performance, athletics was an important part of the school and community. Students and spectators crowded the bleachers to enjoy and support the players. Keeping grades up became increasingly difficult with the decrease in time for study and rest. Both students and community supporters were proud of its teams and sportsmanship.

TOP: Jenny Meadows, Rachel Havens, Kathy Kidd and Hope Pike are part of the action in this scene.

BOTTOM LEFT: Baseball huddle from '88 season.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Cheerleaders manage various twists and shapes.

Sports



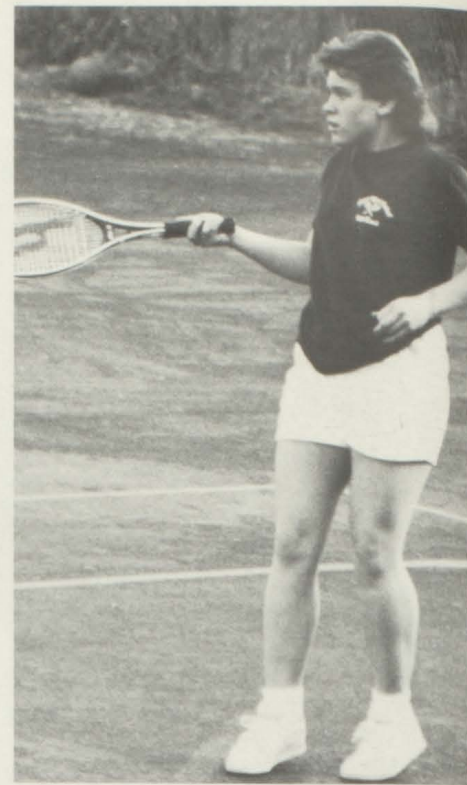
Veteran teams go under

Who ever heard of playing tennis or baseball in the snow or in coats? Practice started early for these hopefuls. Using the gym on rainy or cold days prospects boned up on conditioning.

Mr. Robin Thacker, tennis coach, watched their practices and then instructed each student in better techniques for hitting the ball and getting to it more quickly. The team consisted of three seniors, two jun-

iors, three sophomores and one freshman. Losing only three members the team was hopeful in bettering their record of 2-4.

Mr. Jamie Hale, baseball coach and first year teacher, started early in the year to organize and condition his baseball team. With a near veteran team, hopes were high for a winning year. Tommy Bird served as assistant coach and Kevin Cox was manager for the team.



BELOW: Kim Crabtree serves during home tennis game.

BOTTOM-TENNIS TEAM: Rachel Havens, Karen Strock, Roberta Kegley, Amy Haga, Sarah Newberry, Sarah Strock, Tina Brown, Jenny Meadows, Kim Crabtree

TOP: Rachel Havens makes sure the racket makes contact with the tennis ball against Galax opponent.

CENTER RIGHT: Spectators reveal varied interests as Jenny Meadows struggles to maintain her equilibrium and return the ball during Galax game.



TENNIS SCOREBOARD

Bland	5	Fries	4
Bland	6	Shawsville	3
Bland	4	Fort Chiswell	5
Bland	0	Independence	9
Bland	2	Floyd	7
Bland	1	Galax	8
Bland	4	Auburn	4

WON-2 LOST-4 TIED-1





LEFT: Aaron Newberry dons uniform in preparation for game.

CENTER: Happy Dillow alertly watches for a fly ball in his direction.

BOTTOM-BASEBALL TEAM-FRONT ROW: Michael Fanning, Leslie Duncan, Randy Townley, Gary Blankenship, Robbie Waddle.
BACK ROW: Coach William Hale, Jay Meadows, Scott Lambert, Darrel Wright, Aaron Newberry, Chip Bird, Randy Dillow, Brad Havens, David Chandler, Tommy Bird



BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

Bland	3	Northwood	4
Bland	3	Fort Chiswell	8
Bland	12	Rocky Gap	2
Bland	10	Floyd	0
Bland	6	Shawsville	8
Bland	5	Auburn	7
Bland	9	Fort Chiswell	10
Bland	14	Floyd	10
Bland	5	Fries	4
Bland	2	Galax	20
Bland	1	Independence	18
Bland	3	Fries	4
Bland	6	Rocky Gap	7

WON-4 LOST-9



TOP LEFT: Hope Pike nearly draws a charge against Nina Lee of Fort Chiswell when she scores these two points.

TOP RIGHT: Rachel Havens puts space between herself and the opponent while Tina Brown comes in to assist.

BOTTOM LEFT: Tina Brown sizes up her chances against tough opposition from Ft. Chiswell.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The referee closely observes the interaction between Ft. Chiswell and Jenny Meadows as she struggles to find a free teammate.



Disappointing season zaps spirit

After a disappointing previous year, spirits were still at a low ebb, but Coach Fanning and his team were hopeful. They practiced and conditioned and were ready for the opening game against Shawsville. That was a letdown followed by an

injury. Then disagreements cropped up and one team member quit. This left only seven members so Coach added Patricia Austin. It seemed the girls had given up completely when one loss followed another. However, they ended the season on a

positive note by winning the last game.

The team consisted of three seniors, five juniors, one sophomore and one freshman. With prospects from the JV squad, next year looks a little brighter.



VARSITY GIRLS' SCOREBOARD

Bland 22	Shawsville	54
Bland 33	Grayson Co.	56
Bland 38	Narrows	40
Bland 18	Auburn	65
Bland 33	Rocky Gap	65
Bland 14	Ft. Chiswell	75
Bland 16	Galax	39
Bland 20	Floyd	65
Bland 38	Mt. Rogers	49
Bland 26	Shawsville	79
Bland 33	Grayson Co.	56
Bland 38	Narrows	42
Bland 26	Auburn	66
Bland 15	Rocky Gap	41
Bland 22	Ft. Chiswell	88
Bland 35	Galax	57
Bland 20	Floyd	72
Bland 55	Mt. Rogers	49

WINS-1

LOSS-17



TOP LEFT: As Susan Remines strives to gain control of the basketball, Patricia Austin blocks any aggressive opponents.

TOP RIGHT: Becky Winesett plows through a Ft. Chiswell block to steal a pass.

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM —
KNEELING: Seniors Kathy Kidd, Sarah Strock, Susan Remines. **STANDING:** P. J. Meadows, manager, Jenny Meadows, Amanda Harden, Tina Brown, Hope Pike, Becky Winesett, Coach Geoffrey Fanning. **NOT PICTURED—** Rachel Havens and Patricia Austin.

SPRIT

Spirited team ready to battle

New faces made up the bulk of the JV Rockettes basketball team which was comprised of one sophomore, five ninth grade, five eighth grade and two seventh grade girls. Rachel French, a Ceres seventh grader, made the trip daily for practice. They were coached by Geoff Fanning, his second year.

After a slow and rough start these

spirited girls were ready to battle. Valiantly they fought for control of the boards. Mid-season, Julie Strock damaged a knee but refused to give in and played the remaining games in bandages. Their efforts gained eight wins with twelve losses.

TOP LEFT: Kathy Shewey seems to have the court all to herself.

TOP RIGHT: Becky Bird are you dancing with that Eaglette or putting a spell on the basketball? Good pass, Becky!

BOTTOM: Bicycling was introduced as a good conditioner. Ready to roll are Stacy Tibbs, Pam Harden, Crystal Thompson, Becky Bird, Julie Strock and Kathy Shewey.





TOP: Laura Sadler outjumps a formidable opponent with Crystal King and Tina Johnston in the wings.

RIGHT TOP: Julie Strock makes an easy two points against Rocky Gap with Rachel French ready to rebound.

RIGHT BOTTOM: Sarah Thompson and Crystal Thompson outmanouwer the Eagles.

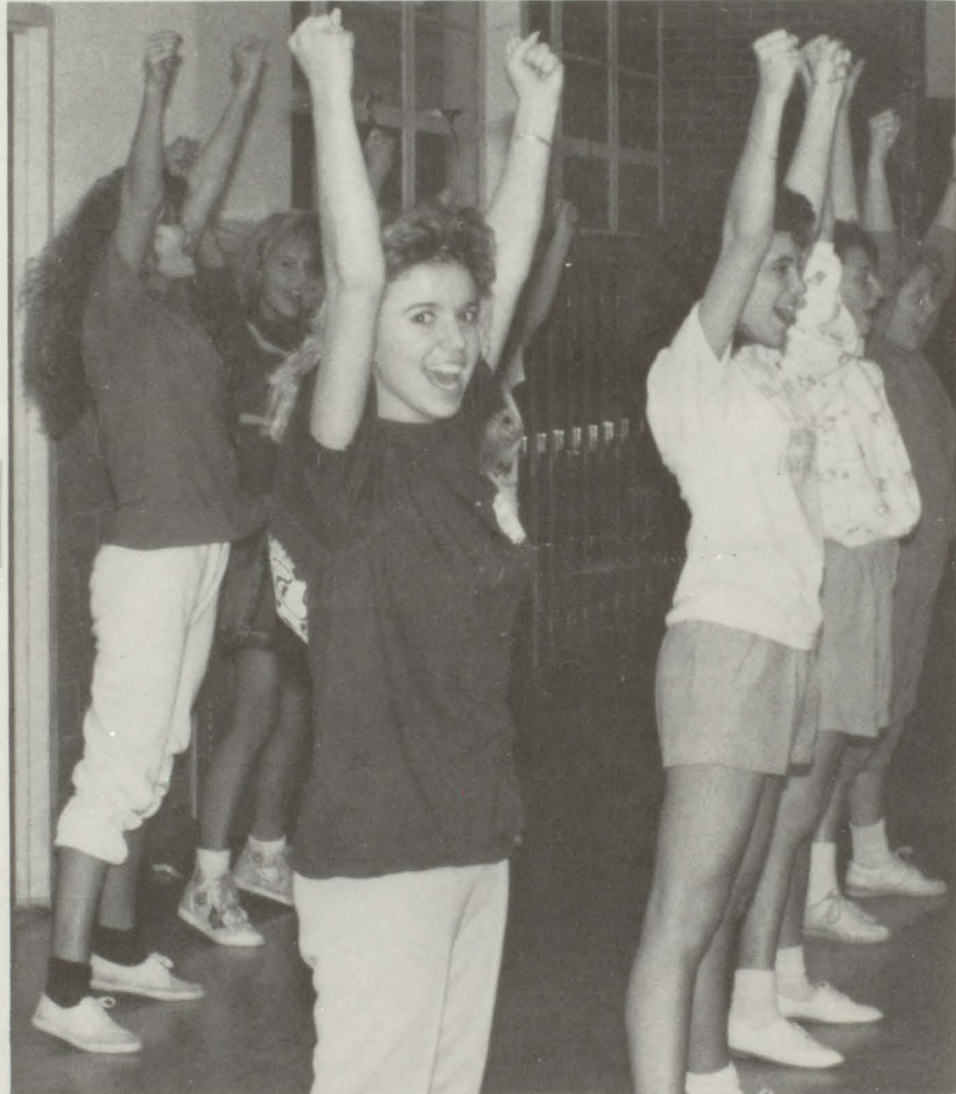


JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM — **KNEELING:** Crystal King, Julie Strock, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Becky Bird, Pam Harden. **STANDING:** P.J. Meadows, manager, Angela Dalton, Tina Johnston, Crystal Thompson, Laura Sadler, Rachel French, Kathy Shewey, Stacy Tibbs, Coach Geoffrey Fanning.

JV GIRLS' SCOREBOARD

Bland	13	Shawsville	25
Bland	28	Crayson Co.	23
Bland	22	Narrows	29
Bland	21	Auburn	22
Bland	32	Fries	24
Bland	18	Rocky Gap	29
Bland	18	Ft. Chiswell	39
Bland	20	Galax	24
Bland	20	Floyd Co.	45
Bland	30	Mt. Rogers	27
Bland	14	Shawsville	29
Bland	27	Crayson Co.	39
Bland	26	Narrows	23
Bland	39	Auburn	34
Bland	26	Fries	24
Bland	27	Rocky Gap	20
Bland	19	Ft. Chiswell	35
Bland	25	Galax	27
Bland	22	Floyd Co.	45
Bland	27	Mt. Rogers	15
WINS	— 8	LOSS	— 12

SPRINT



TOP-VARSITY CHEERLEADERS-FRONT: Tiffany Bowen. **2ND ROW:** Amy Haga, Crystal Tibbs, Donna Lambert, Tonya Smith. **TOP:** Heather Smith, Amanda Harden, Tammy Daughtry.

CENTER: Varsity and JV cheerleaders give skit at pep rally.

BOTTOM LEFT: Formation to boost fans during time-out.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Practice session after school.

S P I R I T

Posters on the gym walls and front halls and signs on the players' lockers depicted the handiwork of the cheerleaders. Practice sessions kept them on their toes for the "big" performances. Getting a pep rally together took "spirit" since it fell in the middle of exams. Seventh graders formed a squad for the 8th grade boys games. Varsity gained assistance from "Rocketman"-Vicki Sarver.

"The graveyard" is the nickname given to BCS gym. As competitors entered the school they were surprised to see an empty grave sign with their name on it. With each Bland win, the competitor was buried. Cheerleaders with Mrs. Faulkner's aid made the grave stones.



TOP-8TH GRADE CHEERLEADERS-FRONT: Kristie Dillow. **CENTER:** Wenona Scott, Amie Simms, Tawny Dillow, Wendy Umbarger, Detria Agee. **TOP:** Misty Pauley.

CENTER LEFT: 8th grade cheerleaders during half-time.

CENTER RIGHT: JV cheerleaders prepare for ball players entrance.

BOTTOM-JV CHEERLEADERS: Lori Compton, Holly Warden, Stephanie Meadows, Becky Bird, Tina Hounshell, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger, Pam Harden.

SPRINT



TOP-VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM-FRONT ROW: Randy Dillow, Robbie Waddle, Mike Fanning, Rusty Warden

BACK ROW: Brian Hall, David King, Chip Bird, Patrick Smith, Chad Thompson, Gary Blankenship, Leslie Duncan, Brian Fore.

CENTER LEFT: Mike Fanning makes an easy two as Patrick Smith prepares for a rebound.

CENTER RIGHT: Chad Thompson reaches the sky for this bucket.

BOTTOM: Not only does Bland have twin tunnels but also has twin steam rollers in seniors Leslie Duncan and Gary Blankenship. They posed formidable foes in defense and barreled through on the offensive boards.



Spirited determination brought victory

Ecstatic fans, team and coach reveled in the glory of each win. Newspaper sports time and again carried headlines depicting Bland's laurels. The TV even spoke highly of the team "through the tunnel." Their secret was spirited determination and excellent team work with the spirit of peers, faculty and community behind them. Their goal at the beginning of the year was to win the district, and they courageously bat-

tled tough opponents of Galax, Auburn and Ft. Chiswell with little margins at the final buzzer. With each game and great senior leadership the team gained valuable experience.

Losing seven seniors, four of them regular starters, will create a little apprehension for the next season. However, the bench is strong and replacements from the JV team are very promising. Coach Rich

Hankins says the future looks bright for another good year in '90.

MED All District — Gary Blankenship, Leslie Duncan, Chad Thompson. Honorable mention-Patrick Smith. Co-Coach-of-the-year — Rich Hankins.

MED District Champions

CENTER: Senior Robbie Waddle is confident of Patrick Smith's goal.

BOTTOM: Strong defense kept Bland on top throughout the season — David King, Chad Thompson, Randy Dillow, Brian Fore.



VARSITY SCOREBOARD

Bland	77	Mt. Rogers	44
	61	Rocky Gap	46
	84	Narrows	71
	73	Auburn	56
	70	Ft. Chiswell	65
	83	Grayson	53
	50	Floyd	30
	78	Galax	73
	85	Fries	58
	69	Shawsville	31
	69	Grayson	52
	87	Mt. Rogers	58
	67	Rocky Gap	47
	61	Floyd	55
	68	Shawsville	57
	81	Narrows	72
	83	Fries	48
	69	Ft. Chiswell	54
	68	Galax	71
	57	Auburn	58

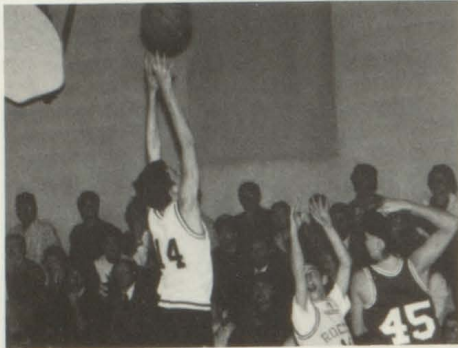
WON-18

LOST-2



SPRINT

TOP LEFT: Clinton Kegley grabs for the moon on this pass from Auburn over Rusty Bird's head.



Clinton Kegley, Charlie Thompson, Jay Meadows.

TOP RIGHT-JV BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM-
FRONT ROW: Toby Dotson, Roger Blankenship, Travis Morehead, Rusty Bird.

BACK ROW: Robbie Taylor, Jason Hall, William Tickle, Billy Epperson, Travis Munsey,



BOTTOM: William Tickle strains every muscle in an effort to retrieve the ball while the referee watches closely for any personal contact.



Supportive fans traveled with teams

Under the intensive training of Geoff Fanning the boys' JV team took on a new outlook. Indoor conditioning and building stamina

through walking and bicycling got them ready for practice sessions.

Boys were determined to make a good showing, especially after losing two key players to the varsity squad. The team consisted of six freshmen and six sophomores. Winning big on the first two games boosted spirits to a high only to drop when losing the next four. Games were close, several with only a one or two point lead.

Fans were supportive throughout the season. With each point gained they clapped, screamed and yelled to let team and coach know they were behind them. Many even traveled the far distances to observe the competition.



JV SCOREBOARD

Bland	59	Mt. Rogers	7
Bland	45	Rocky Gap	30
Bland	31	Narrows	38
Bland	31	Auburn	37
Bland	38	Ft. Chiswell	45
Bland	38	Grayson	45
Bland	49	Floyd	31
Bland	49	Galax	47
Bland	34	Fries	21
Bland	26	Shawsville	31
Bland	33	Grayson	35
Bland	54	Mt. Rogers	35
Bland	39	Rocky Gap	31
Bland	43	Floyd	42
Bland	29	Shawsville	36
Bland	41	Narrows	43
Bland	56	Fries	11
Bland	27	Ft. Chiswell	49
Bland	47	Galax	56
Bland	45	Auburn	66

WON-9 LOST-11



TOP: JV team bursts through the cheerleaders barrier to enter the playing arena ready for combat.

CENTER: Surrounded by defensive players, Travis Munsey searches for an opening.

BOTTOM LEFT: Robbie Taylor puts up a two-pointer in the face of tough defense.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Coach Geoff Fanning instructs Travis Munsey, Robbie Taylor, Rusty Meadows and Rusty Bird.

SPRIT

Spirit prevailed over height

Competing against players nearly a foot taller, Bland's 8th grade team was clearly the underdog. However, they felt just as big as their opponents and they played with the spirit to win. Under the encouraging and supportive tutelage of Mr. Tommy Bird, they won games they should have lost. Most losses were only by minimal points.

The school camera was used to

tape most of their games. Mr. Bird then took his players to task when they viewed the tape pointing out their mistakes and studying their competitors plays. This enabled them to improve their playing.

Eight of the thirteen players came from the seventh grade and will be eligible to play next season. With experience behind them, they hope for a winning season in '90.

TOP LEFT: Aaron Faulkner arrives too late to draw the charging foul

TOP RIGHT; With ease Joe Putman tosses this one toward the hoop

BOTTOM LEFT; Chris Tickle gets caught in an Auburn trap.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Everyone is ready for a rebound. Brad Harden, Joe Putman, Aaron Faulkner, Chris Tickle.





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LOST-9



TOP: Fans go wild with excitement and spirit when Bland scores in a tight game.

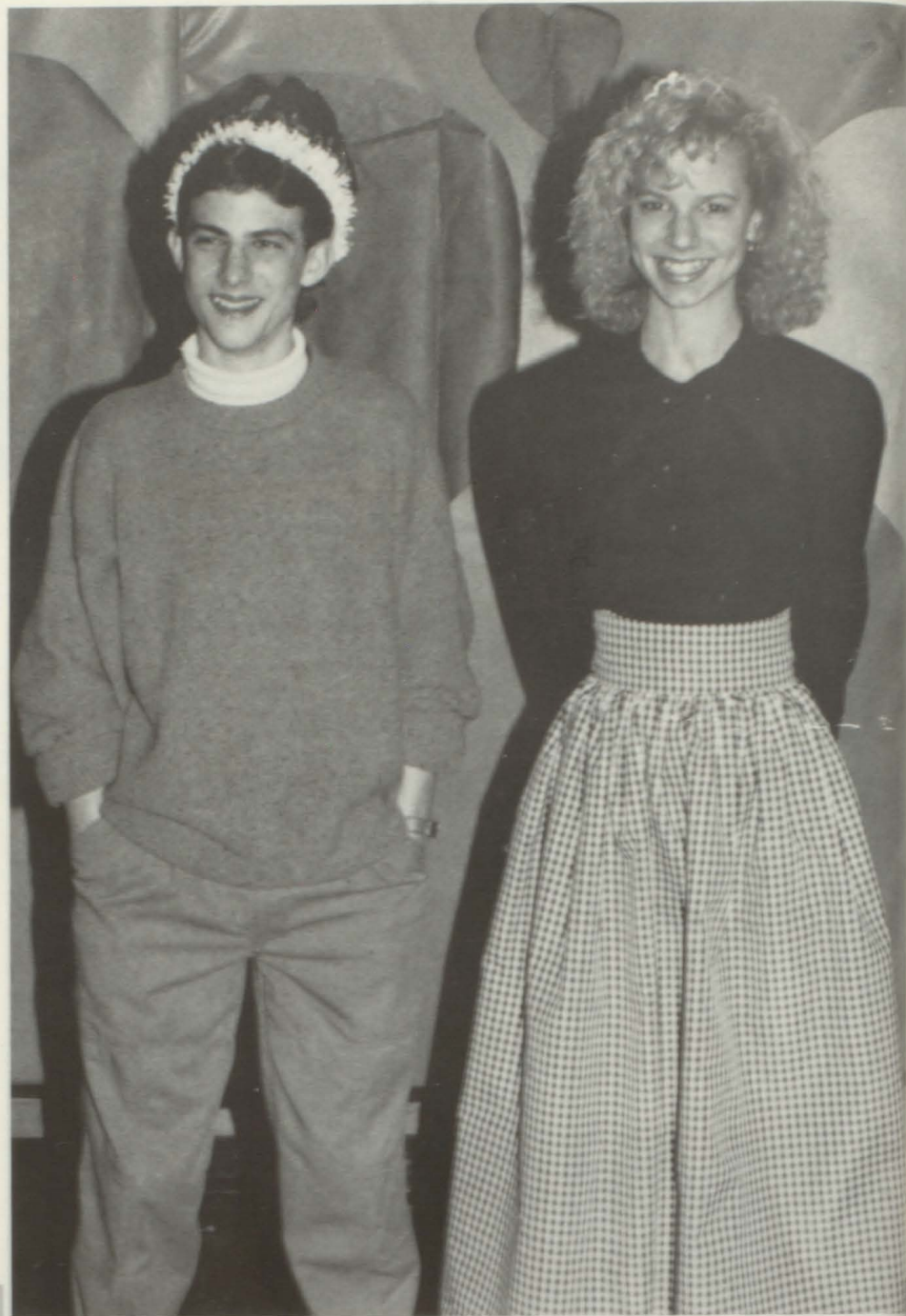
CENTER: The quickness of Stephen Lindamood proves too much for Auburn.

BOTTOM-8TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM-FRONT ROW: Jason Quinn, Douglas Wiley, Kevin King, Kevin Pauley, Chris Tickle.
BACK ROW: Aaron Faulkner, Brad Harden, Joe Putman, Jes Selfe, Chad Morehead, Stephen Lindamood, Eric Tiller, Stuart Newberry.

Smith and Bird crowned Queen/ King

Who were the sweethearts of BCS? Each club chose a couple for candidates in the French Club's Sweetheart Dance. Candidates were French-April Newberry/Brandon Farlow; SCA-Julie Pauley/Lorin Hanshew; Science-Heather Burton/Duane Compton; FFA-Kim Crabtree/Michael Fanning; FHA-Kathy Kidd/Scott Wellman; Library-Sonya Carroll/Brian Duncan; FBLA-Tonya Smith/Patrick Smith; Beta-Heather Smith/Rusty Bird; JR Beta-April Conley/Charlie Thompson; Drama-Miracle Mitchem/Randy Dillow; Newspaper-Tammy Daughtry/Aaron Newberry. From these came the Sweetheart King and Queen having been voted on by the student body through secret ballot on February 9.

Curiosity came to a peak on February 11, 1989, waiting for the crowning. The applause from the Beta Club resounded when Heather Smith and Rusty Bird received the crowns and titles of Queen and King. Soundsations provided the music from 7-11.



TOP: Sweetheart King and Queen — Rusty Bird and Heather Smith.

BOTTOM: Julie Pauley, Lorin Hanshew, Heather Burton, Duane Compton, Kim Crab-

tree, Michael Fanning, Kathy Kidd, Scott Wellman, Sonya Carroll, Brian Duncan, Tonya Smith, Patrick Smith, Heather Smith, Rusty Bird, April Conley, Charlie Thompson,

Tammy Daughtry, Aaron Newberry, Miracle Mitchem, Randy Dillow, April Newberry, Brandon Farlow.



TOP LEFT: Money-man Fred Beamer and sponsor Ms. Diane Rowe at entrance for sweetheart dance. It gives a nice feeling to be greeted by such happy smiling faces.

TOP RIGHT: Tonya Smith and Stacy Harden create their own world during this slow dance.

CENTER: Couples crowd the floor for the favored slow dancing. The jitterbugging and twist days have lost the appeal they once held.

BOTTOM LEFT: Bad pennies always turn up! Shannon King returns to chat with Chip Bird and Chad Thompson.

BOTTOM RIGHT: April Conley and Charlie Thompson as the Sweetheart Court leads the first dance after the crowning.

SPIRIT



TOP: Mrs. Sue Dunford's third grade.

TOP CENTER: Mr. Bob Correll conducts band in medley of Christmas songs.

BOTTOM LEFT: Kindergarten in song followed with bell ringing.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Erin Johnson and Kari Harner offer a duet for the public.

BOTTOM: Sixth grade portray manger scene accompanied by the seventh grade.



Special occasions create humor and joy

On what occasion did students and teachers dressed in outrageous costumes and face paint parade in front of everyone? What else but Halloween? On October 31, hordes of wild outfits and funny faces turned out to give the judges a

giggle. Judging was by grades with best costumed boy and girl selected per grade. Each winner received a candy bar.

Happy voices rang with Christmas cheer on December 19 when Mrs. Iris Strock's music classes

presented their concert. Each grade sang, danced, used bells, or participated in a portrayal of the first Christmas. Mr. Bob Correll's band also gave their first concert.



TOP LEFT: Joe Putman and Tiffany Bowen—secondary.

TOP RIGHT: Parade of costumed faculty.

CENTER LEFT: 2d — Clinton Hagy/Cicely Havens.

CENTER: 6th — Crystal Hall/Bradley Gordon.

CENTER RIGHT: Kelly Sluss/Michael Pauley — 1st grade.

BOTTOM LEFT: This unusual frog is Debbie Munsey.

BOTTOM RIGHT: 7th — Tawny Dil-
low/Aaron Faulkner.

SPRIT

Fun & games

Holidays, celebrations, vacations provided opportunities for parties, fun and games. Dressing up for various holidays gave students the chance to recreate history and have fun doing it. However, they didn't need holidays for excuses to celebrate. Birthdays, snow days, end of exams, winter, spring or whatever struck their fancy was cause enough for a party. Vacations came in the form of school trips or family togetherness. Fun also came from just being together.



TOP: "C'mon you guys, can't you tell what this is?" Wes Strock urges his team members to guess the phrase he's drawn in a game of Win, Lose or Draw.

CENTER LEFT: Mr. Bob Correll presents the top award prize to Sheri Blankenship. The band sold candy to raise needed funds and money was awarded to top student salespersons.

CENTER RIGHT: During half-time youngsters try their skills with the basketball and against each other.

BOTTOM: Preschoolers become pilgrims and Indians for the "first Thanksgiving."





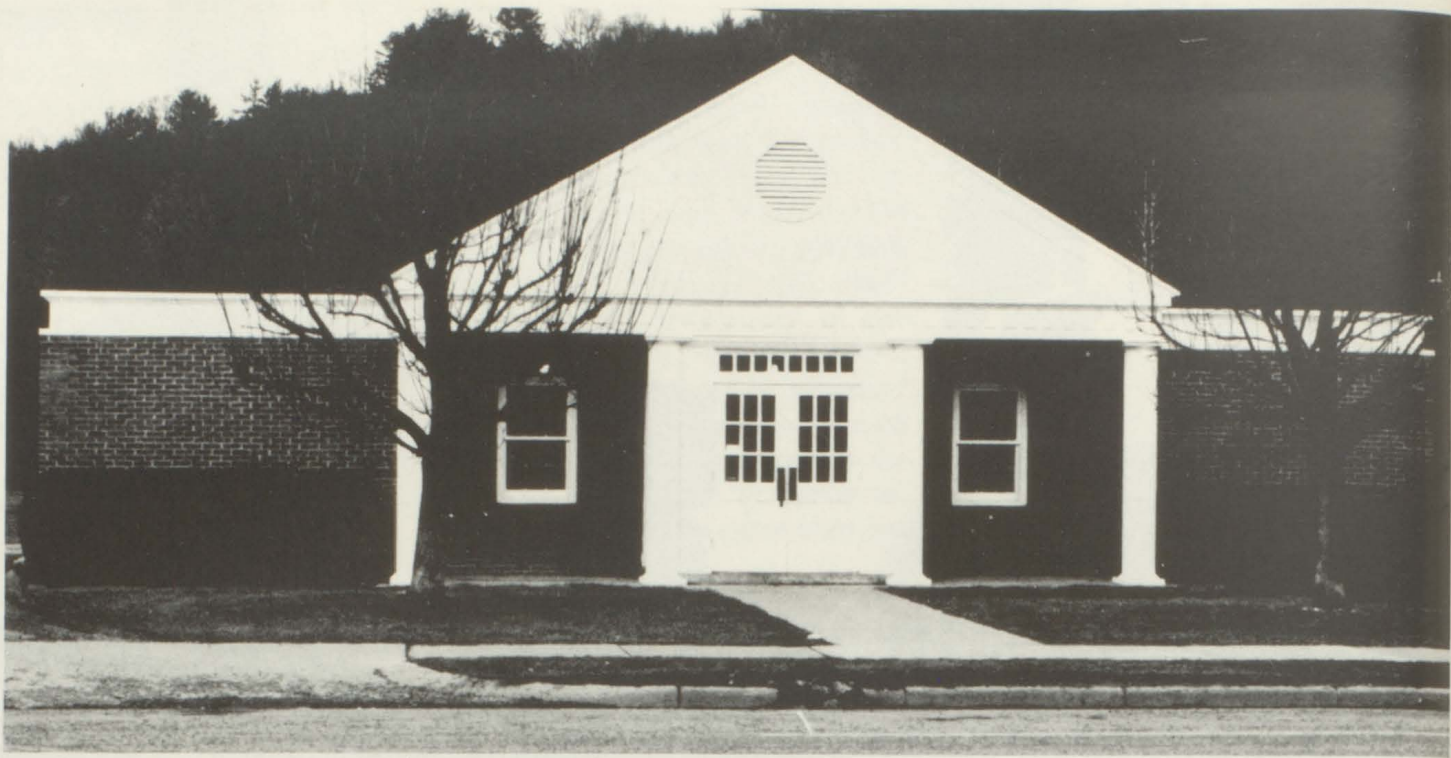
TOP: John Curtis Thompson rides the waves at Myrtle Beach on the FHA trip May '88.



April Newberry and Tonya Looney begin a carefree day in the summer sun.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Pee Wee and Roger Blankenship take time off from studies.



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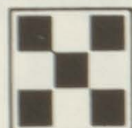


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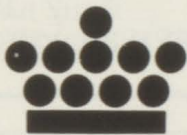
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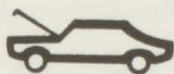
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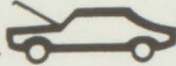
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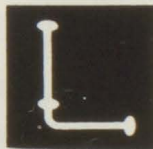


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Another year has reached its conclusion. We, the staff, faculty and students, can attach no more history to the '88-89 school year. History was made and recorded. The year has been a smooth transition with few major problems, although the

dropout rate caused concern among administrators, and the transients seemed to be greater than other years.

Disappointments were taken in stride with the usual Rocket spirit, and successes were lauded with the

same proud spirit. Pride in the school and community kept spirits high in competitive events as well as communal efforts. We urge you to keep the spirit of Bland Combined School forever in your hearts and your support.



TOP LEFT: Jennifer Simms walks the auction block.

TOP RIGHT: Crystal Morris and Billy Burton at the '88 prom.

BOTTOM LEFT: Mrs. Sandy Harman performs duty of hall monitor.

ABOVE: Matthew Brunk receives individual instruction from Mrs. Donna Musick.

RIGHT: Rusty Warden protects his interest in the basketball.

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