

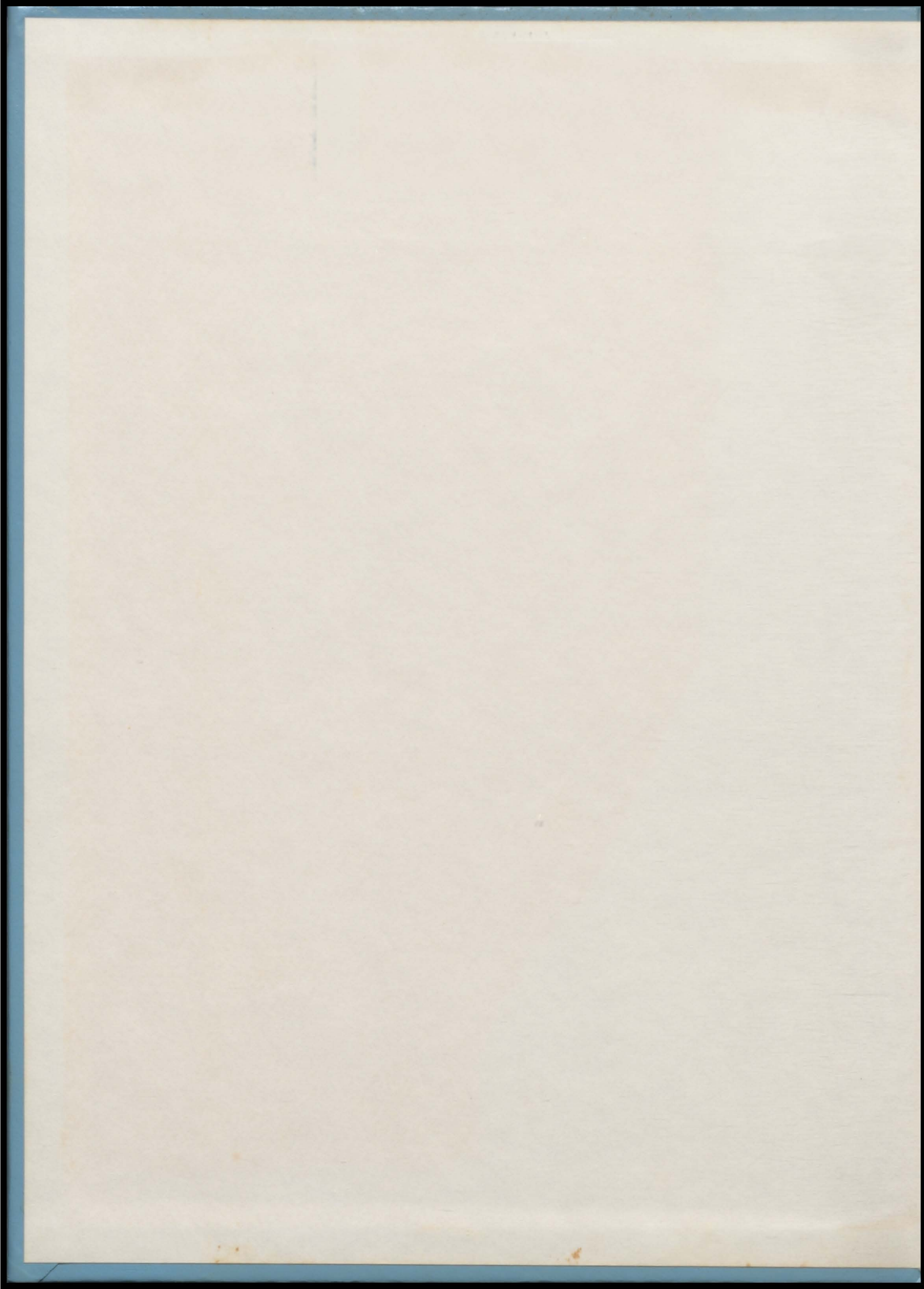
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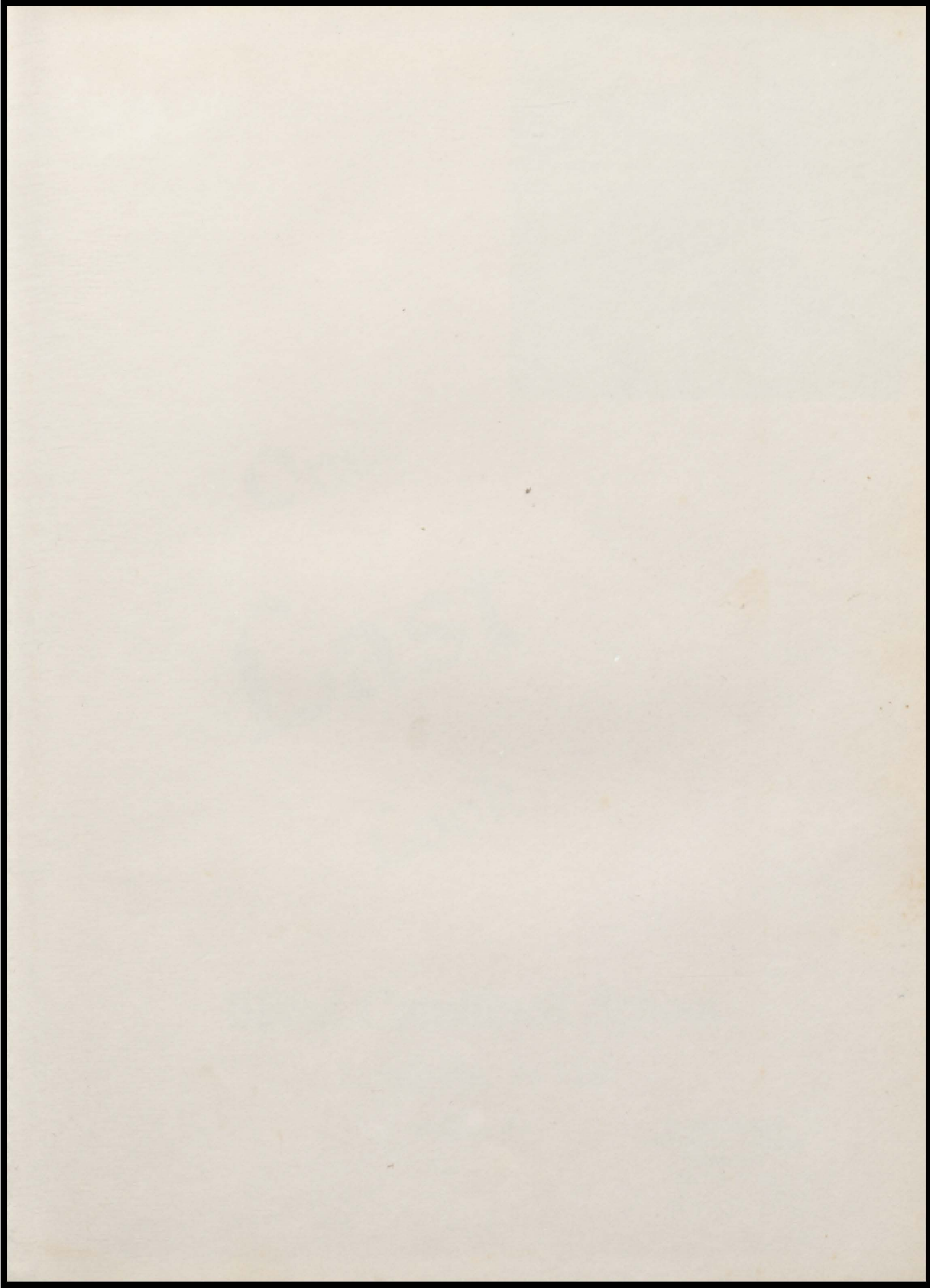
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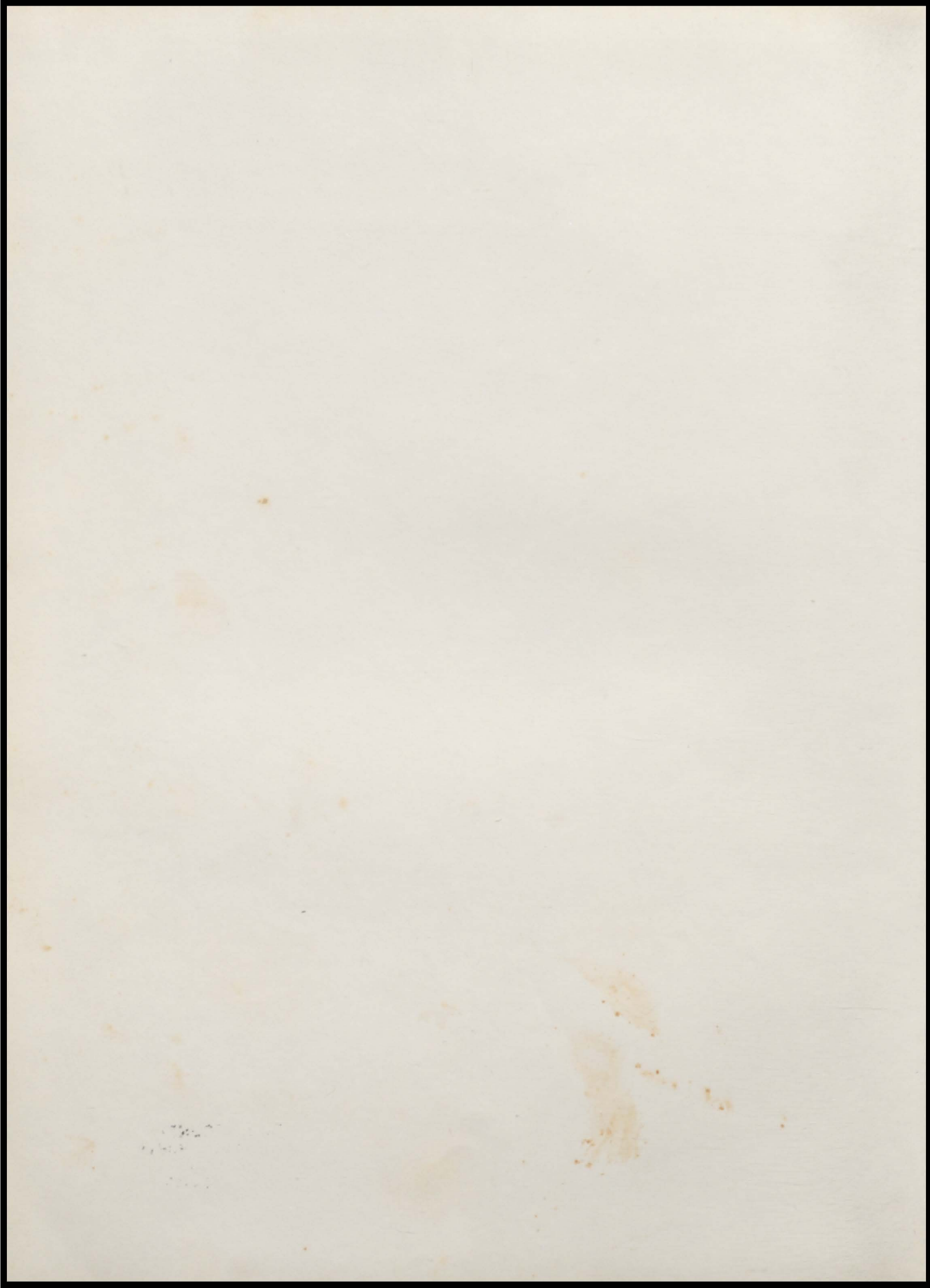
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Looking at the '89-90 school year

As we took one last look at the '89-90 school year, the enormity of the happenings was overwhelming. Globally, we watched US troops head toward Panama, the Berlin wall taken down, the first McDonalds open in Russia, and a major earthquake batter the San Francisco area.

An event closer to home saw Virginia set a historical first by electing a black governor (L. Douglas Wilder). Many Virginians also witnessed their first hurricane. Hurricane Hugo swept through the Carolinas and con-

tinued its northerly path via southwestern Virginia. The high winds spawned tornadoes, twisting and felling trees, and changed the landscape as it impelled its journey northward.

President Bush began his first term in office by announcing that he wanted "a kinder, a gentler nation."

County schools moved closer to structural and division changes. Bland and Rocky Gap buildings will undergo major revisions while incorporating Bastian, Ceres, Hollybrook.

New superintendent, Morris Witten, began his duties July 1, 1989. Other administrative changes were the addition of an elementary guidance person, Dave Foltz, and a Director of Secondary Instruction, Nancy Gamble. Replacing Mrs. Gamble was Ms. Teena Morefield in secondary guidance.

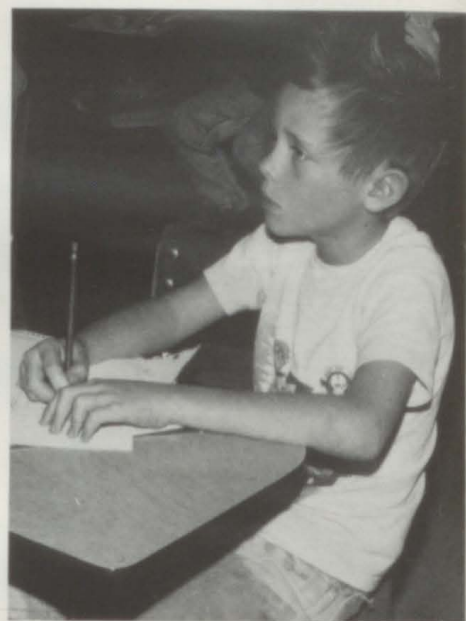
The combination of events for the year demonstrated variety and intrigue to the average citizen, a combination worth looking at one more time.



Molly Richardson and Rob Kegley.
Holly Warden and Jay Meadows in jello relay.



BELOW: Referee Mike Woolwine, Tina Brown, Angela Stowers, and Hope Pike.



RIGHT: Jesse Rudder intently follows Mrs. Burton's art instructions.

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Tracie Jones-5th grade

Miranda Jones-3rd grade



Individuals

Q. "What characteristic do you value most in your best friend?"

Ans. "Honesty, I would hope that she'd always be truthful, no matter what."
Crystal Thompson

Ans. "Truthfulness, honesty, sincerity, and always be there when I need them."
Hope Pike

Ans. "Being able to depend on that person whenever you need something."
Molly Richardson

Ans. "To be honest and understanding. I also would like to depend on a friend in times when I am feeling bad or have a bad day."
Bethane Shewey

Ans. "Loyalty."
Mrs. Barbara Justice

Ans. "Honesty and commitment."
Mrs. Jan Scott

Ans. "Loyalty, if you tell them something you don't want them to tell anyone else."
Donna Wiley

Teachers assisted willingly

As teachers looked over their seniors, thoughts varied — “this is the last chance I have to help this child,” or “thank goodness this is the last time I will have this student.” But each would agree that for the seniors this would be one last look.

From working school concessions to staying late helping students, a teacher's job was never done. Lesson plans, grading papers, and advising students was just a small fraction of a teacher's work. Learning names to match new faces also became an important

part of the teacher's job. Teachers and staff worked hard to make this school year the best it could be.

Nearly every teacher had extra duties by sponsoring a club or class. No matter how busy a teacher might be, he/she found time to give students the help and attention they needed. This is what made the staff so special to us. Not every teacher was our favorite, but they all had some effect on our lives.



Mr. Roger Dale Thompson, 23
years; Principal; BS-VPI, MS-Radford U.

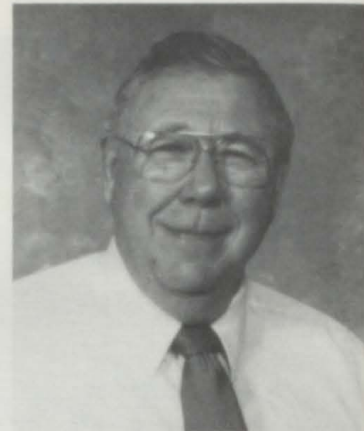
Mr. Richard Crockett Havens,

21 years; Assistant Principal; U.S. History, Geography, Accounting I & II; Sponsor: Senior Class; BS-Bluefield State.



Mrs. Carolyn B. Bane, 31 years;

Industrial Cooperative Training Coordinator, Adaptive Social Studies; Sponsor: Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; BS/MS-Radford U.

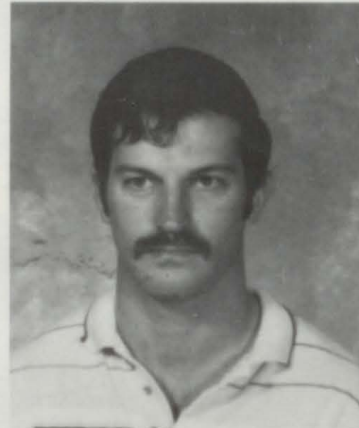


Mr. Fred Lee Beamer, 13 years;

Economics, Government, Civics, Sociology; Sponsor: Sophomore Class; BS/MS-VPI & SLI.

Mrs. Christine R. Bird, 10 years;

English 8, 9, 10; Sponsor: Forensics, Dramatics, Newspaper, 8th grade; BS-Radford U.



Mr. Thomas N. Bird, 9 years;

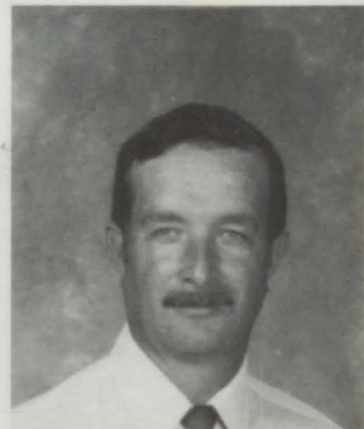
Math I & II, Applications of Math, Pre-Algebra, Adaptive Math; Sponsor: Freshman, 8th grade basketball coach; BS-Radford U.

Miss Sandra S. Bowling, 1 year;

Kindergarten; BS-Bluefield College.

Mrs. Theresa Hamlen Colville,

6 years; Preschool; BS-James Madison U.

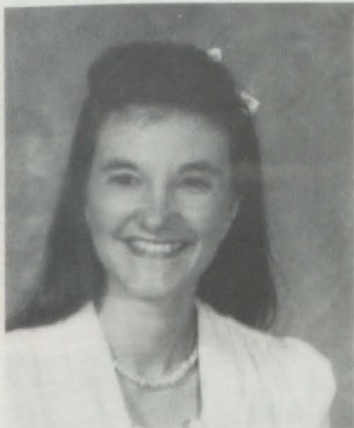


Mr. Robert E. Correll, 3 years;

Beginning, Intermediate, Secondary Band; BS-Austin Peay State U.

Mr. William Harvey Crabtree,

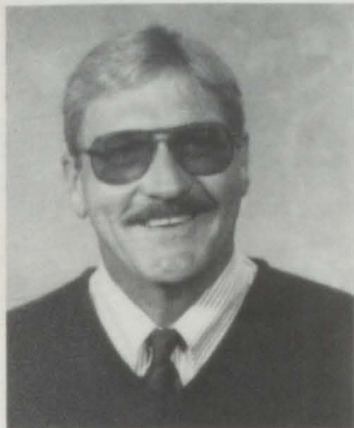
23 years; Agriculture; Sponsor: FFA; BS/MS-VPI.



Mrs. Lisa Copenhaver Daugherty, 2 years; LD Resource K-7; Sponsor: Cheerleading; BA-Emory & Henry.

Mrs. Sue Dunford, 22 years; Third grade; BS-Radford U.

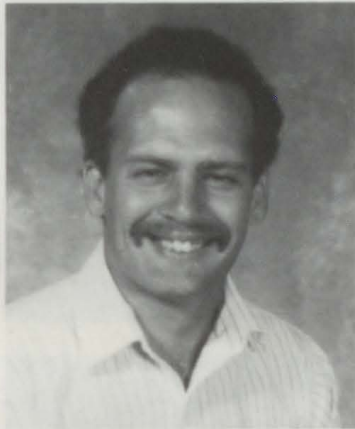
Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner, 21 years; English 10, 11, 12, Dual-Credit English; Sponsor: Beta, Senior(asst.); BS/MS-Radford U.



Dr. David Clark Foltz, 25 years; Elementary guidance; BA-Roanoke, MA-Kean, PhD-Southern Ill. U.

Ms. Nancy Stroock Gamble, 20 years; Secondary guidance, Directory of Secondary Education; Sponsor: JR. Beta, Special Education Coordinating Teacher; BS/MS-Radford U.

Mrs. Wendy Gilmer-Grubb, 4 years; Academic Enrichment Coordinator; BA-Principia C., MA-William & Mary.



Mrs. Sandra Green-Harman, 12 years; Creative Writing, Adaptive Math, Science, English; Sponsor: Newspaper, Sophomore Class; BS/MS-Radford U.

Mr. Richard Dale Hankins, 4 years; Algebra I, Physical Education; Sponsor: JV/Varsity Basketball (boys); BS-Bluefield State.

Ms. Jo Ellen Harless, 14 years; L. D.; BS-Concord.



Mrs. Barbara M. Justice, 4 years; Second grade; BS-Pikeville C.

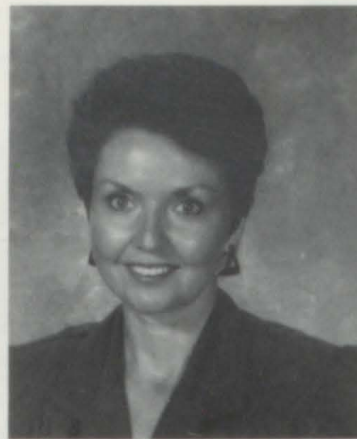
Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley, 27 years; Keyboarding Applications, Office Systems, Business Computer Applications, Information/Word Processing; Sponsor: FBLA, Junior Class(asst.); BS-ETSU.

Mrs. Kay Smith Mabe, 11 years; Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math, Calculus; Sponsor: Junior Class, MACC Math Coach; BS-Radford U.

Mrs. June M. Miller, 27 years; First grade; BA-King C.



Mrs. Betty K. Munsey, 10 years (+9 County Extension Agent); Home Economics; Sponsor: FHA; BS/MS-VPI.



Mrs. Donna Leigh Musick, 3 years; History, Geography, Civics; Sponsor: MACC Social Studies Coach; BS-Concord C.

Ms. Elizabeth G. Newberry, 23 years; Librarian, Accounting I & II, Business Computer Applications; Sponsor: Yearbook, Library Club; BS/MS-Radford U.



Mrs. Norma G. Newberry, 24 years; Fifth grade; BS-Radford U.

Mrs. Vicki Jones Ogle, 5 years; Sixth grade, Elementary Assistant Principal; Sponsor: Safety Patrol; BS/MS-Radford U.

Ms. Margaret Williamson Powers, 13 years; Seventh grade; Sponsor: Safety Patrol; BA-Marshall U.

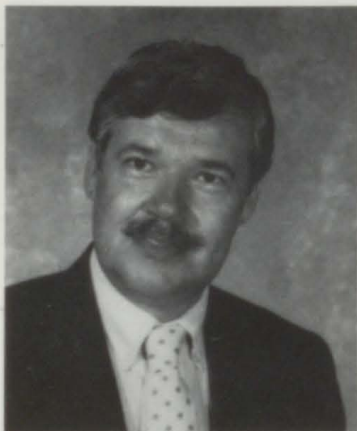


Miss Brenda Diane Rowe, 8 years; French I, II, III; Sponsor: French Club; BA-Emory & Henry.

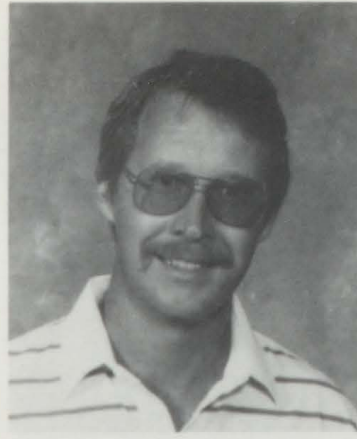
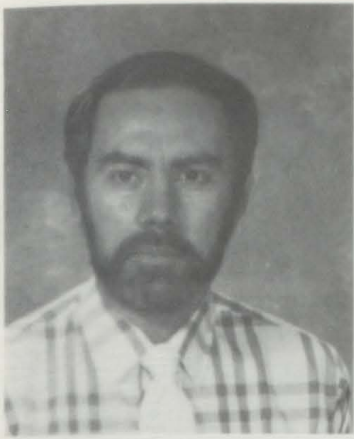
Mrs. Janet Hamilton Scott, 17 years; Fourth grade; BS/MS-Radford U.

Mrs. Rebecca W. Scott, 16 years; Kindergarten; BA-King C, MA-Radford U.

Mr. Alfred E. Smith, 8 years; Biology I & II, Physical Science; Sponsor: Freshman Class, SCA; BS-Concord C.



Miss Patricia Michelle Smith, 1 year; Elementary Physical Education; Sponsor: JV/Varsity Girl's Basketball, Girl's Volleyball, Girl's Tennis; BS-Bluefield C.



Mr. Larry W. Thacker, 18 years; Physical Education, Driver's Ed., World History, American History; Sponsor: 8th grade class; BS-VPI.

Mrs. Michele Dunn Thompson, 4 years; Speech Pathologist; BS-Radford U.

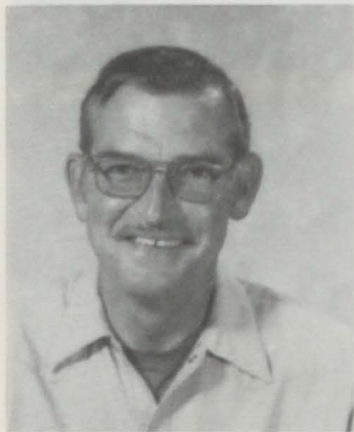
Mr. John Harkrader Wagoner, 5 years; Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science; Sponsor: Science Club, MACC Science Coach; BS-Radford U.



Ms. Ellen R. B. Winters, 4 years; School Social Worker; AD-Cuyahoga CC, BA-Gettysburg C, HSW-VCU.

Mrs. Renee Witt, 4 years; Title I Reading; Sponsor: JV/Varsity Cheerleading; BS-Concord C.

Ms. Kimberly Dyane Woods, 1 year; Third/Fourth grades; BS-Radford U.



Mr. Louie Ayers, 10 years; Maintenance.

Mrs. Violet Bird, 17 years; Elementary teacher's aide.

Mrs. Bonnie Compton Blankenship, 6 years; School secretary/bookkeeper.

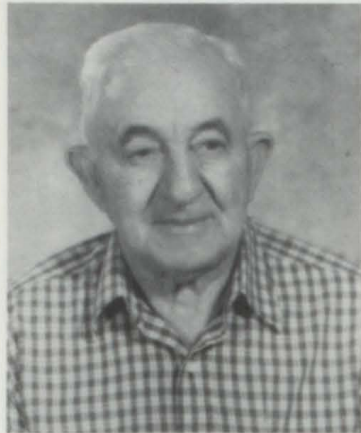


Mrs. Helen Blankenship, 13 years; Remedial Reading/Math aide.

Mr. Harold Bivens, 7 years; Bus driver.

Mrs. Nancy Brown, 3 years; Lunchroom.

Mr. Paul Burge, 10 years; Custodian
(Green Thumb Program).



Mrs. Annette Burton, 9 years; El-
ementary Resource Art.



Mrs. Joyce Cassell, 13 years; El-
ementary teacher's aide.



Mr. Cicero Havens, 4 years; Bus
driver



Mrs. Susie Meadows, 4 years; Bus
driver.



Mrs. Mary Melvin, 12 years; Lunch-
room.



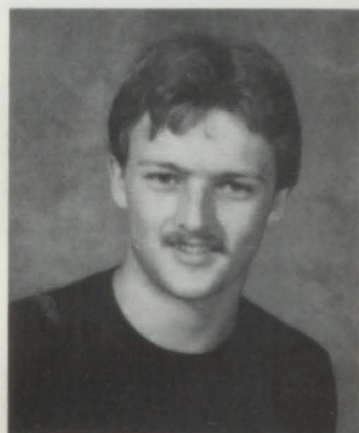
Mr. Jimmy Michaels, 2 years; Bus
driver.



Mrs. Margaret Miller, 18 years;
Bus driver.



Mr. David Mutter, 3 years; Cus-
todian.



Mrs. Regina Newberry, 13 years;
Bus driver.

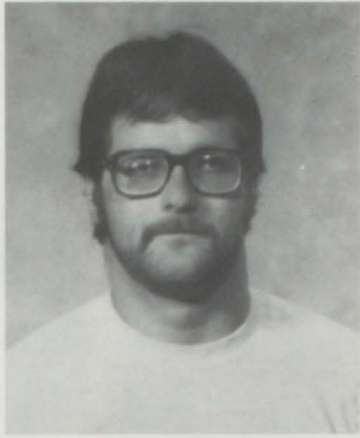


Mrs. Sue Newberry, 5 years; Bus
driver.



Mrs. Brenda Penley, 7 years; Bus
driver.





Mrs. Brenda Pike, 9 years; Bus driver.

Mr. Keith Sargent, 4 years; Custodian.

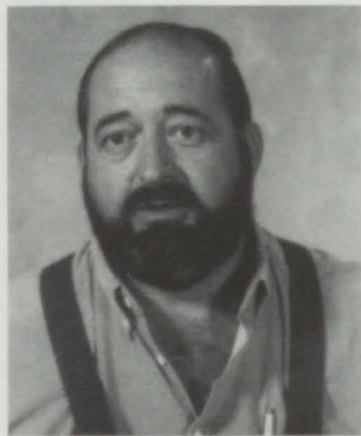
Mrs. Nancy Stockner, 17 years; Media Assistant.



Mrs. Iris Stroock, 3 years; Elementary Resource Music.

Mrs. Dot Tibbs, 11 years; Lunchroom.

Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle, 24 years; Remedial Reading/Math aide.



Mr. Sonny Turner, 7 years; Building Supervisor and Maintenance.

Mrs. Phyllis Umbarger, 8 years; Elementary teacher's aide.

Mrs. Mary Wimmer, 4 years; Bus driver.



Like a bee hive, the kindergarten classroom is a mass of movement. With thirty-eight active five year olds, the concentration of both Mrs. Becky Scott and Miss Sandra Bowling is required every minute. Mrs. Becky Scott, Miss Sandra Bowling, Hunter Stuart.

PRESCHOOL

Laura Hatcher
Brandon Hounshell
Justin Morehead
Jimmy Scott
Billy Umbarger



KINDERGARTEN

Robbie Wolfe
J. P. Agee
Brandon Anders
Seth Baker
Justin Barnette



Scott Bowman
Shanna Brown
Paul Bruce
Eugene Brunk
Nessa Cates



Michelle Clark
Scotty Clemons
Matt Dalton
John Brandon Dillow
Miranda Foley



Shawn Griffith
Denita Harden
Beth Harden
Paul Harless
Adam Harman



Amber Hutchins
Thomas Johnson
Christina King
Corey Maddox
Reggie Meadows





Two teachers handle 38 children

Excited, scared, anxious, wondering what it was going to be like, first time students piled into the Kindergarten classroom. For the first few days everything was different, new, and confusing for the four-to-six year old children. No more looking back to the carefree days of home and play, but they soon adjusted to the customs of Mr. Thompson, principal, and their teachers. With an unusually large class these youngsters had a hard task ahead for them — two teachers!! There were 38 of these playful youngsters to keep both teachers on their toes all the time.

Each day began by sharing time and toys

with each other and with the special ed. class. Most days went smoothly but there were occasions when pushing, hitting and even biting occurred.

Two of these five year olds, John Brandon Dillow and Shanna Brown, had an exciting start on the new year when they were crowned Fall Festival King and Queen by raising \$1440.58 for the PTSO.

Playtime before school is a sharing experience for these kindergarteners.



Tonya Millrons
Anthony Newberry
Sarah Pauley
Travis Pauley
Zachary Pauley



April Rambo
Jayetta Riggs
Todd Simmons
Bryan Simms
Angel Sparks



Hunter Stuart
James Thompson
Jessica Umbarger
Danielle Underwood
Joey Walker



Craig Winesett
David Wolcott
Sam Wright

New doorways opened to students

New doorways opened for first graders as they continued the climb of education. A lot of excitement was felt the first day of school as they learned to adjust to a new teacher, new rules, and school in the main building. Their days were filled with mastering the alphabet, learning to read and do

arithmetic. Mrs. June Miller drilled them on the basics and tested them for skillful completion of SOLs (Standards of Learning). Kari Hagy and Shane Thompson represented the first grade in the Fall Festival.

Second graders took one last look at the classroom they left behind as they moved

down the hall to Mrs. Barbara Justice's classroom. Being the smallest grade in number did not daunt these lively, active, energetic youngsters. They chose Kayla Hager and Brian Faulkner as their Fall Festival candidates.

Shelly Atwell
Samantha Bird
Laura Bridges
Keith Brock
Kevin Brock



John Clemons
Albert Davis
Joshua Dillow
Kari Hagy
Amy Johnson



Benjamin May
Kirstie Meadows
Hope Melvin
Edwin Paciga
Matthew Richardson



Katie Scott
J.R. Shewey
Kristie Songer
Ronald Spain
Charlie Stiltner



Ashley Strock
Shane Thompson
Matthew Tickle
Erica Vanover





Kelli Hall's team was behind until she jumped on her board and literally flew down the gym. She easily outdistanced her opponent, Brian Faulkner, and brought victory to her team.



Carey Berg
Ginny Blevins
Katrina Clark
Kurt Blankenship
Aaron Clemons



Brandon Faulkner
Brian Faulkner
Kayla Hager
Jason Hagy
Robi Kegley



Kelli Hall
Joshua Moore
Nick Moore
Heather Morehead
Robert Newbery



Chris Pauley
Michael Pauley
Will Pauley
Ryan Powers
Jesse Rudder



Kelly Sluss
Ted Sparks
Cristie Stiltner
Ashley Tate
Shayla Williams

One more look at those multiplication tables

What's the hardest part of the third or fourth grade? "The multiplication table" was the answer you'd probably get if you asked a third or fourth grader. Ask the teachers and they would probably say "keeping the kids quiet."

Miss Kadi Woods, new to Bland, and

Mrs. Sue Dunford were the teachers for these grades. They kept the students busy by having them write stories and teaching them new ways of reading, writing, and arithmetic. The fourth graders even got to learn Virginia history.

The candidates for the Fall Festival en-

joyed getting to dress up, while at the same time earning the money to pay for their art and music teachers.

These students also enjoyed having P.E. class with Miss Patty Smith. They took pleasure in the games and relays she planned for them.

Christine Barnett
Will Blankenship
Joshua Breedlove
Jeffrey Brunk
Randy Bearrington, Jr.



James Faulkner
Kristina Goins
Leslie Gordon
Clinton Hagy
Crystal Hancock



Michael Lambert
Joshwa Lester
Kent McPeak
Joe Meadows
April Moore



Stuart Morehead
Katie Muncy
Justin Neel
Westen Patton
Allison Sheets



Amber Simmons
Brent Tate
Jeremiah Tate
Christa Winsett
Nathan Winters





THIRD GRADE

Craig Barnette
Jason Blevins
Kari Hamer
Cicely Havens
Erin Johnson



Brad Myrick
Heath Puckett
Joshua Richardson
Olena Sexton
Daniel Thompson



FOURTH GRADE

Chris Berg
Leisa Hagy
Ashley Havens
Sara King
Patrick Lindamood



Jessica McKenzie
Charlotte Nunn
Lori Tabor
John Kelly Thompson



Mrs. Iris Strock conducts students during spring music concert.

Competition dominated fourth and fifth efforts

Competition dominated the fourth and fifth grades, although much of their time was spent mastering the multiplication tables. From a world of group efforts they now had to become individuals in a competitive jungle.

Fourth graders became active members in

4-H which meant tough competition between other 4-Hers in talent shows and projects.

To correlate social studies with creativity the fifth graders studied various native tribes and made Indian villages. Easy? Not quite, since each student had to design their own

unique village with those touches of perfection. The competition was tough and Jacob Scott's Pueblo village took top honors. Second place was captured by Michael Kay Mabe with Jamie Dunn and Eric Wimmer tied for third.

Sarah Bird
Leslie Carroll
Jeremy Dillow
Kelly Dunn
Adam Faulkner



Whitney Gamble
Stephanie Kelley
Kelli King
Brooke Kitts
Paul Lindamood



Phillip Meadows
Sandra Melvin
Stacy Miller
Debra Munsey
David Neel



Ryan Newberry
Jim Bob Penley
Casie Pruitt
Sarah Smith
Sharon Shewey



Costume winners: Jim Bob Penley, 3d; Stacy Miller, 2; Leslie Carroll, 1st.

Heather Stiltner
Erin Thompson
Jennifer Walker





Summer Bernard
Amanda Blankenship
Jeremy Blankenship
Amanda Brown
Matthew Brunk



Mary Chewning
Charlie Corder
Benjamin Davis
Billy Davis
Marie Dotson



Jamie Dunn
Jason Hancock
Casey Johnston
Lisa Kimberlin
Cindy King



Michael Kay Mabe
Lee Meadows
Vince Moore
Jon Michael Newberry
Joseph Paciga



Holly Pauley
Rae Romano
Jacob Scott
Kary Taylor
John C. Thompson



Jason Wilbourn
Eric Wimmer
Jennifer Winters

Some kids really love ketchup —
Jamie Dunn, John C. Thompson.

Students made transition to teen-agers

One last look at childhood, then these sixth and seventh graders made the transition to full-fledged teenagers. They began to glance at the opposite sex with interest instead of "yuck" and "ugh."

The D.A.R.E. program began its second year with Deputy Sherry Miller instructing sixth graders on the hows and whys of saying NO to drugs. Students were also involved in classes on family life, a state

mandated program.

Candidates for the Fall Festival were Leslie Kelley and Brook Dillow, sixth; P.J. Meadows and Bradley Tate, seventh. Leslie Kelley also won Junior Miss title.

Sheri Blankenship
Tony Bruce
Becky Brunk
Brook Dillow
Derek Hurley



Leslie Kelley
Jody Lambert
Eric Miller
Jayson Mitchem
Todd Morehead



Michael Muncy
Mike Munsey
Rachel Munsey
Jamy Nunn
Smoky Parmenter



Becky Penley
Jimmy Pike
Melissa Richardson
Sarah Shewey
Brandon Sink



Melanie Talbert
Samantha Thompson
Sam Tickle
Misty Wiley
Cheryl Winesett





Nicole Barnette
Cindy Berg
Allen Brown
Charlie Burton
Justin Eaton



Shannon Enoch
Bradley Gordon
Crystal Hall
Shannon Havens
Bobbi Hobbs



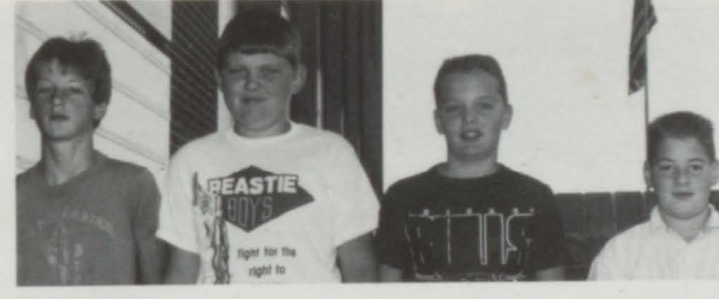
Bradley Hoosier
Brock Justice
David Lambert
Joanie Lambert
Cyndi McGrady



P. J. Meadows
Robbie Morehead
Anne Myrick
Rubi Potter
Andy Selfe



Jason Stowers
Wes Strock
Bradley Tate
April Tickle
James Umbarger



Brian Waddle
Christopher Wolcott

CLASS OFFICERS: Wes Strock, president; Shannon Havens, vice-president; Jason Stowers, secretary; Brian Waddle, treasurer.

Changing classes brought gratification

No longer in a one-teacher classroom, these eighth graders enjoyed the freedom of changing classes and teachers. Many of the classes were tougher and teachers had no sympathy at all. Every time a great TV

program was on or you had special plans, they gave tons of homework or even scheduled a test!

The class numbers grew with the addition of students from Hollybrook and Ceres. This

was quite a change for them, but they adjusted quickly and formed new friendships.

Being a part of basketball/football teams added dimensions to their lives.

Detria Agee
Stephen Berry
Lionel Blankenship
Roger Brewster
Beth Bridges



Eric Brooks
Jeff Brown
Patrick Bruce
Angela Carter
Douglas Dalton



Karen Daughtry
Robbie Davis
Kristie Dillow
Tawny Dillow
Aaron Faulkner



Jamie Foutz, III
Rachel French
Crystal King
Kevin King
Chris Martin



Jamie Michael
Angel Mitchem
Chad Morehead
Sandra Nelson
Stuart Newberry





The first dance of the season finds eighth grade girls moving in rhythm as a group.

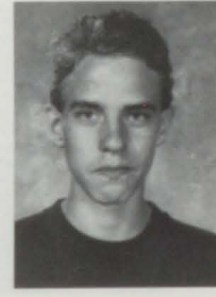
Stanley Overbaugh



Misty Pauley
Chris Penley
Faith Penley
Jason Quinn
Wenona Scott



Jes Selfe
Roy Sexton
Amie Simms
Mary Spain
Jimmy Sparks



Jason Stafford
Tonya Talbert
Melanie Thompson
Chris Tickle
Eric Tiller



Scottie Tolbert
Amber Umbarger
Wendy Umbarger
Dawn Walls
Amber Wright



CLASS OFFICERS:
FRONT ROW: Faith Penley, treasurer; Karen Daughtry, secretary; Robbie Davis, vice-president; Chris Tickle, president.
BACK ROW: Mr. Larry Thacker and Mrs. Chris Bird, sponsors.

"What is a freshman?"

At last! a real honest-to-goodness high schooler. But what is a freshman?

Senior answer: "A member of a very, very lost culture."

Junior answer: "It's a warped state of

mind."

Sophomore answer: "It's a disease that has serious mental and physical side effects."

Being a freshman to a freshman meant belonging to every club you could. Some

conscientious souls with 8th grade averages of 90 or above were inducted into the Junior Beta. Freshmen have made it and are comfortable in their surroundings.

Sherman Alford
Robert Bennett
Mindy Brewster
Sheree Burton
Lori Compton



Patricia Corder
Rachel Davis
Katrina Finch
Mary Margaret Gibson
Stephanie Goins



Tracy Hall
Brad Harden
Pam Harden
Chris Harless
Cindy Justice



Tina Kimberlin
Stephen Lindamood
Becky Mallory
Eric Martin
Cynthia May



Matthew Newberry
Leila Paciga
Kevin Pauley
Bridgette Penley
Joe Putman





CLASS OFFICERS: Lori Compton, president; Cindy Justice, vice president; Mr. Al Smith and Mr. Tommy Bird, sponsors; Stephanie Goins, secretary; Molly Richardson, treasurer.



John Reed
Molly Richardson
James Roberts
Nathan Romano
Pam Roop



Laura Sadler
Robert Sexton
Bethane Shewey
Kathy Shewey
Travis Simmons



Crystal Thompson
Patty Tibbs
Stacy Tibbs
Douglas Wiley

LEFT: Cynthia May, Cindy Justice, Stephanie Goins and Lori Compton code pictures as they plan yearbook pages.



RIGHT: Ninth girls model their completed sweatshirts from Home Ec. class. Bethane Shewey, Mary Gibson, Molly Richardson, Sheree Burton, Stephanie Goins, Cindy Justice, Becky Mallory, Stacy Tibbs, Kathy Shewey, Lori Compton.

Sophomores boast their "winning ways"

Finally, sizzlin' sophomores! What exactly does that entail? As a freshman, you had people to look up to or avoid. As juniors, you will wait for the seniors to leave

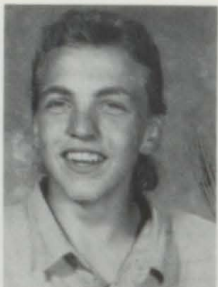
so that you can take over. As seniors, you will search for reasons not to start on Mrs. Faulkner's debate and term papers. But sophomores are in limbo.

For the third straight year the sophomore class representative was named Miss Echo. The sophomore class is proud of its "winning ways."

Shelly Beam
Becky Bird
Roger Blankenship
Cindy Blevins
Bobby Boardwine



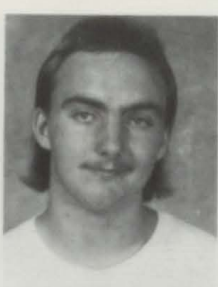
Greg Boksa
Crystal Bruce
Heather Burton
Zach Burton
Cathy Cowan



Angela Dalton
Jeana Dalton
Robert Davis
Stephanie DeHart
Ginger Dillow

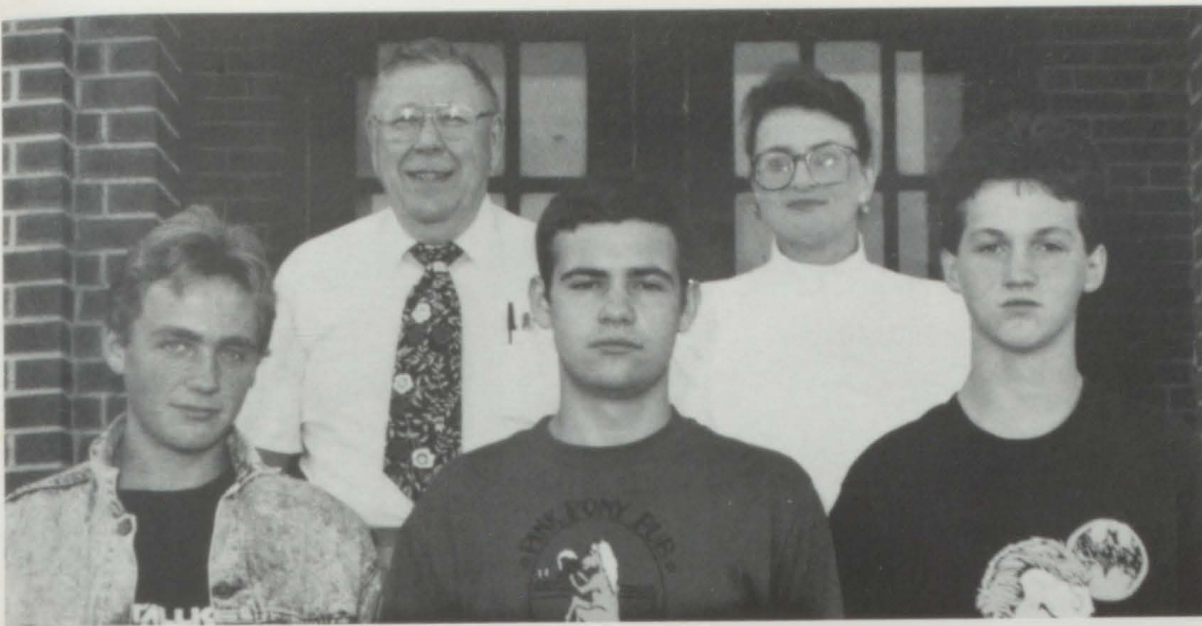


Michael Dillow
Toby Dotson
Jimmy Duncan
Billy Epperson
Kandi Farley



Jason Gusler
Scott Gusler
Cheryl Hall
Jason Hall
Tina Hounshell





CLASS OFFICERS-
Front Row: Danny Morehead, president; Charlie Thompson, vice-president; Zach Burton, secretary-treasurer;
Back Row: Mr. Fred Beamer and Sandra Green-Harman, sponsors.



Wayne Hubble
 Gwen McGrady
 Rusty Meadows
 Stephanie Meadows
 Danny Morehead



Travis Morehead
 Matthew Morehead
 Tommy Nunley
 Heather Olinger
 Julie Overbaugh



LEFT: Julie Strock receives Home Ec. award from Mrs. Betty Munsey.



RIGHT: 'Smurf' Stephanie Meadows and clown Julie Overbaugh don't want too close to Cathy Cowan. The obvious reason is Cathy's pet python wrapped around her arm.

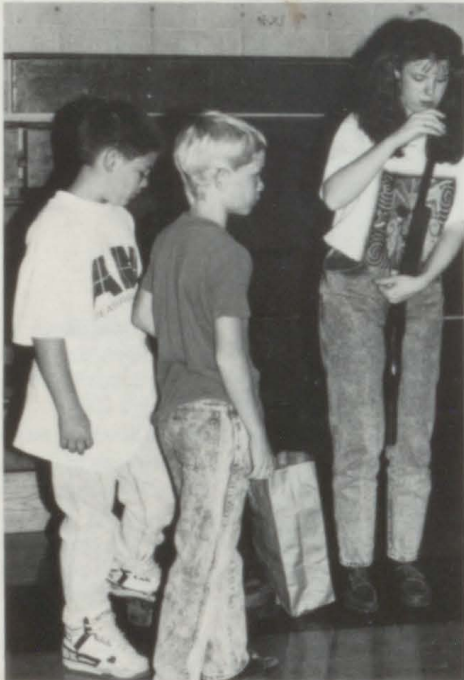
Melvin Pierce
 Hope Pike
 John Simmons
 Angela Stowers
 Julie Stroch



Robbie Taylor
 Charlie Thompson
 Sarah Thompson
 Sarah Umbarger
 Holly Warden



Donna Wiley
 Tommy Wolfe
 Wendy Wolfe
 Michelle Wright



LEFT: Jeana Dalton reloads for "shoot out" while Jeremy Dillow and Brent Tate await their turn. Student FBLA and Beta members assisted at the games for the PTSO Fall Festival.



RIGHT: No other school has a mixed up faculty such as this (we hope)! Surgeon Al Smith (3rd place), Mother Goose Becky Scott (2nd place), Couch potato Sandra Bowling (1st place). They actually wore this "garb" all day on October 31 as part of the costume day. Mr. Smith carried around a hand saw and a large carving knife to intimidate his students into carrying out their classroom activities.



TOP: The SKUNK visits Whitney Gamble on her birthday, delivering a big bunch of balloons. **CENTER LEFT:** Jacob Scott and Michael Kay Mabe with their first and second place Indian villages. **CENTER RIGHT:** Stephanie DeHart uses screening device to check Melanie Talbert's eyes.

BOTTOM LEFT: Eric Faulkner accepts Biology award from Mr. Al Smith. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Mr. Roger Thompson presents award to Angel Mitchem.

It's party time!!!

Surveys concluded that "Juniors just wanna have fun." This was only natural for a group of teens who, within the next 19 months, will have become the newest graduates of Bland High.

"What is your goal for your junior year?" Eleventh grade students of 1990 answered with the same enthusiasm, "to live life to tilt and make my senior year!"

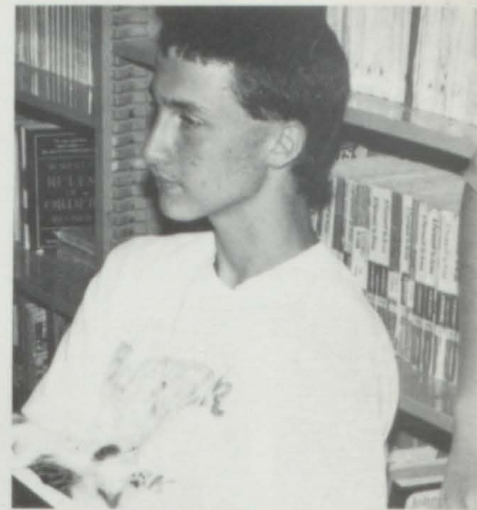
Spunk and integrity were characteristics of our juniors. They worked concessions and sold calendars to build their treasury account.

"Do you feel you are worthy of your

"Junior" title?" Yes, was the response. "We have worked hard for three years with hardly any recognition at all. We are tops in our books and are enjoying our status in the upperclass level!!"

Along with the title of "junior", each individual junior classmate had the prom to look forward to. In November, the prom committee was selected and preparations for the 1990 Junior/Senior Prom began.

To summarize, being a junior had advantages but the biggest plus was they were one year away from being 1991 seniors.

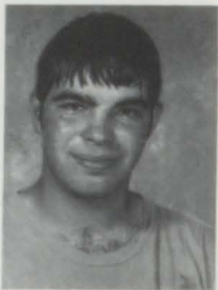


Patrick Smith seems to be listening to Mrs. Faulkner, but how could he while cuddling a kitten!

Rusty Bird
Robbie Brown
Tina Brown
Dixie Bruce
Stacy Bruce



David Chandler
Pam Chewning
Jim Clemons
Duane Compton
Chris Dillow



Brandon Farlow
Eric Faulkner
Benga Hager
Rita Hamblin
Amanda Harden



Tina Johnston
Clinton Kegley
Alison King
David King
Teresa Lester





Barbara Meadows
Jay Meadows
Miracle Mitchem
Travis Munsey
Jason Ramsey



Tracy Repass
Jason Roop
Mike Sage
Lute Scott
Sherri Shewey



Jennifer Simms
Heather Smith
Patrick Smith
Patricia Stowers
David Strock



Crystal Tibbs
Katie Tibbs
William Tickle
Pam Wright



CLASS OFFICERS: Mrs. Kay Mabe, sponsor; Heather Smith, secretary/treasurer; Mike Sage, vice-president; Jennifer Simms, president; Mrs. Jessie Kegley, sponsor.

Senior Statistics

James Vance Asbury-

Mr/Mrs Thomas J. Asbury; **Clubs:** FFA (9,10,12).

Patricia Leigh Austin-

Mr/Mrs Billy G. Helton; **Offices:** VICA reporter (11-12); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), VICA (11-12); **Sports:** Basketball (9,11).

Sharon Lynn Baker-

Dianne/Dee Blankenship; **Clubs:** Pep (9-11), SCA (9), Choir (9), FBLA (10-11), FHA (9), Art (9-11), HiY (10), SADD (10), Drama (10), Spanish (10), VICA (11-12); **Sports:** Basketball & Track (8); Who's Who (11).

Julie Lynn Baxley-

Judy Baxley; **Clubs:** Sr. Beta (11-12), FHA (8-12), French (11), Science (11-12), Science MACC (11-12).

Anthony Lawrence Boksa-

Mrs. Linda Boksa; **Offices:** FFA 2nd Vice-President (9,11); FBLA Regional Historian (9), Chapter Historian (10); VICA Parliamentarian (12); **Clubs:** FFA (8-11), FBLA (9-10), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10), VICA (12); **Sports:** JV Baseball (9), Varsity Baseball (10), Cameraman (9).

James Laban Britton, III-

Anne H./James L. Britton; **Honors:** Delegate to National FFA convention, State Talent Winner, National Talent participant; **Offices:** FFA Treasurer (12); **Clubs:** FFA (11-12), Band (8-9).

Shelby Wayne Brown-

Grat/Sandy Brown; **Clubs:** FBLA (10), VICA (11-12); **Sports:** Varsity Baseball (11-12); Vocational School-Carpentry (11).

Alan Andrew Cassell-

Mr/Mrs Andrew W. Cassell; **Clubs:** Jr. Beta (9-10), Sr. Beta (11-12), French (9-11), Science (10,12); **Sports:** Basketball (8).

Chad Edward Chandler-

Mr/Mrs Robert L. Chandler; **Clubs:** 4-H (11); Vocational School-Drafting (11-12).

Tammy Lynn Daughtry-

Mr/Mrs Clarence W. Daughtry; **Honors:** Awards-English (8-10), Art (9), Principal Art Award (9), Cheerleading letter/bar (10-11); **Offices:** Glee Club vice-president (10); **Clubs:** Spanish (9), French (11-12), FHA (8-12), FBLA (11), Science (12), Glee Club (10), Art (9), Library (11-12), Newspaper (11-12), 4-H (8); **Sports:** Cheerleader (11), Track (9-10); Miss Ramber Pageant (8-9), FBLA Snow Court candidate (11), Homecoming candidate (11), Sweetheart candidate (11).

Debra Lynn Dycus-

William/Pat Dycus; **Offices:** Library secretary (9); **Clubs:** FHA (8-9,11), Library (8-10,12), DECA (10), FBLA (10,11), Drama (11); Miss Echo candidate (11).

Mary Ruth Echols-

Mr/Mrs Clifton Echols; **Honors:** Chorus letter (8); **Clubs:** FBLA (9-11), Sr. Beta (10), Science (11-12), French (10-12); **Sports:** JV Cheerleader (9); Chorus (8).

Brian Keith Farlow-

Jerry/Bonnie Farlow; **Clubs:** FFA (8-12); **Sports:** Basketball (8-10), Baseball (9); Vocational School-Masonry (11-12).

Brian Everett Fore-

Mr/Mrs Charles A. Fore; **Clubs:** French; **Sports:** Basketball (8-11).

Amy Elizabeth Haga-

Mr/Mrs James R. Haga; **Honors:** Awards-Algebra I (8), Home Economics (9), French I (9), French II (10), French III (11); FBLA Parliamentary Procedure team (9), Region champion (9), FHA Junior degree (8), Perfect attendance (8-10), Honor letter (10), Honor bar (11), Athletic letter/insert (10), Tennis insert (10), Cheerleading insert/bar (10-11); **Offices:** Class secretary (9), FHA corresponding secretary (10-11), FBLA vice-president (11), Library treasurer (11), French vice-president (11), FBLA parliamentarian (12), Newspaper elementary editor (11)-editor (12), SCA representative (8); **Clubs:** Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), FBLA (9,11-12), FHA (8-12), French (9-11), Library (10-12), Yearbook (10-11), Newspaper (11-12), Science (12), MACC Science (12), SCA (8); **Sports:** JV volleyball (8), Basketball JV (8-9)-Varsity (10), Cheerleading JV (9)-Varsity (10-12)-Captain (12), Tennis manager (9)-team (10), Prom committee (11), Forensics (12), Miss Echo 2nd runner-up (8), Homecoming court (10), Mr. Bland escort (10), VA Governor's Magnet School (11), 1990 Homecoming Queen (12); The Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Christopher Brian Hall-

Mr/Mrs Ronald B. Hall; **Offices:** FBLA secretary (12); **Clubs:** FFA (8), FBLA (9,10,12), French (11); **Sports:** Basketball (8), JV Baseball (9), JV Basketball (9-10), Varsity Basketball (11-12).

Carl Henry Harris, Jr.-

Bradley David Havens-

Mr/Mrs Lewis H. Havens; **Clubs:** FFA (8-12); **Sports:** JV Baseball (10), Varsity Baseball (11-12), Basketball (8), JV Basketball (10).

Rachel Suzanne Havens-

Mr/Mrs Cicero Havens; **Honors:** Athletic letter/bars/awards (8-10), FBLA Special Merit Award (10), FBLA American Free Enterprise Project 2nd place (10)-1st place Region (11)-4th place State (11); **Offices:** FBLA reporter (12), SCA secretary (9); **Clubs:** SCA (9), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10), 4-H (10), FHA (8-12), FBLA (9-12); **Sports:** Basketball JV (8-9)-Varsity (10-11), Volleyball JV (8)-Varsity (9), Tennis (10-12), Miss Echo (9).

Bradley Eugene King-

Mr/Mrs Garland B. King; **Honors:** Social Studies MACC 1st place (10-11), FFA-Tree Judging-Greenhand (8), Perfect attendance (10), FBLA regional competition-Economics (8)-Business Law (12); **Offices:** Chorus secretary (8), French president (11), Class president (11-12); **Clubs:** French (9-11), Science (10-11), Jr. Beta (9), MACC (10-12), FBLA (9-12), Forensics (12), Chorus (8), FFA (8), Newspaper (10), SCA (11); Upward Bound (9-12), Snow King 2nd runner-up (9); Mr. Bland 1st runner-up (10), Prom committee (11), Miss Echo escort (12).

Dusty Michelle King-

Tommy/Joyce King; **Honors:** Perfect attendance (8-10), FHA degree (9)-Chapter (10)-State (11); **Offices:** FHA sergeant-at-arms (10); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (10-11); **Sports:** Volleyball (10).

Steven Eric King-

Owen/Justine King; **Honors:** P.E. award (10); **Offices:** FFA Reporter (9,12), Treasurer (10), Secretary (11); **Clubs:** FFA (8-12).

Donna Marie Lambert-

David/Marie Lambert; **Honors:** Cheerleading certificate (9)-letter (10)-bar (11), Perfect attendance (9,11); **Offices:** FBLA Reporter (11), Newspaper Elementary Editor (11); **Clubs:** FBLA (10-11), Library (11-12), Newspaper (11) Forensics (12); **Sports:** JV Cheerleader-captain (9), Varsity Cheerleader (10-11); Senior Miss Bland County 2nd runner-up (8), Prom committee (11), Snow Queen (11).

Michael Kevin Lindamood-

Mr/Mrs Sammy Lindamood; **Honors:** Civics award (8), Perfect attendance (9); **Offices:** French vice-president (12); **Clubs:** FBLA (9,12), French (11-12), Art (10), Newspaper (10-12); **Sports:** Varsity basketball manager (11).

Tonya Dawn Looney-

Roger Looney/Kay Thompson; **Honors:** FHA Degree (Junior-8), (Chapter-9); Biology award (10), P.E. award (10); **Offices:** Class Vice-president (8-9), Library Secretary (11), FHA Recording secretary (11), Vice-President (12); **Clubs:** FBLA (9,12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), FHA (8-12), SCA (10), Yearbook (8,9,12), Newspaper (8-10,12), 4-H (8-11), French (10-12), Library (8-12), Science (9-11); **Sports:** JV Volleyball (9-10); Homecoming court (9); Snow Queen candidate (9).

Anita Kaye Matney-

A.C. Matney; **Honors:** Track letter (10), Academic letter (11), Virginia Girl's State (11), History award (11), Forensics award (11), 3rd place National Latin Exam (9); **Offices:** Latin Vice-president (8), Jr. Beta Vice-president (8), Latin President (11), Literary magazine Editor (11); **Clubs:** Latin (8-11), Pep (8), Jr. Beta (8), SADD (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), College (10-11), Monogram (11), ICC (11), SCA (11), Library (11-12); **Sports:** JV Track (8), Varsity Track (9-12), Varsity Volleyball (10).

Jenny Rebecca Meadows-

Mr/Mrs R. L. Jeadows, Jr.; **Honors:** Honor letter (10), French II award (11), Perfect attendance (11), Varsity letter/insert/bars (9-11); **Offices:** French secretary (11), SCA reporter (10); **Clubs:** French (10-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), SCA (10), Math MACC (12), Band (9); **Sports:** Varsity tennis (9-12), Volleyball (12), Varsity basketball (11-12). Homecoming court (11), Varsity basketball captain (12), Volleyball captain (12), Varsity boys' basketball statistician (11-12), Snow Queen candidate (11-12).

Jerome Victor Meadows-

Betty Lou K. Meadows; **Clubs:** FBLA (9-12), Science (11), French (9,11), FFA (8); **Sports:** Basketball (8).

Sondra Kay Mitchell-

Vernon/Sondra Nunn, David Keene; **Honors:** Choir letter (9); **Offices:** Class vice-president (9), Choir reporter (9), FHA sergeant-at-arms (9,10,12), Class president (10); **Clubs:** FHA (9-12), Art (9), Library (12); Snow court candidate (9), Homecoming candidate (12).

Ernest Heath Moore-

Joe Ed/Carolyn Moore; **Clubs:** FFA (8-9, 12); Science MACC (10), Vocational Electricity (11-12).

Paul Dale Morehead Jr.-

Mr/Mrs Paul Morehead; **Honors:** Awards-Math (8-9), Physical Science (8), History (8), English (9,11), Geography (9), Biology (10), US History (11), Physical Ed. (11), Forensics (11), FFA area creed contest (2nd place)-cattle- forestry, Honor letter/bar (10-11), MACC letter (11), Perfect attendance (8,9,11), National Society of Distinguished High School Students (9-12), National English Merit, International Foreign Language, National Scholar, National Honor Roll, Mountain Empire Academic (11), Bland Rocket Booster MACC-FBLA (11); **Offices:** Class president (9), SCA president (10), Class secretary-treasurer (11), FBLA secretary (11), Science president (11), Beta president (12); **Clubs:** FFA (8-10), Jr. Beta (9), FBLA (10-11), Sr. Beta (10-12), French (10-12), SCA (10,12), Science (11-12), Beta scrapbook committee, Forensics (11-12); Science MACC (10-12), All-Around MACC (12), Snow King (9), 1989 VA Governor's Magnet School (11), Prom Committee (11), Attended 3 State Beta conventions, 2 National Betas.

John Michael Mustard-

Judy Mustard; **Honors:** FFA Degrees- Greenhand (9)-Chapter Farmer (10), Two FFA Proficiency Awards

(11); **Offices:** FFA sentinel (11)-president (12), VICA treasurer (11)-vice-president (12); **Clubs:** FFA (8-12), VICA (11-12); **Sports:** Basketball-(8)- JV (9-10)-Varsity (12), Pony League Baseball (8); Bland Youth Group (7-10), Bland 4-H (7-9), Band (7-10).

Patricia Ann Mutter-

Martha Jean Mutter; **Clubs:** FHA (9-10,12), VICA (12).

Lewis Shawn Nelson-

Levi Nelson; **Clubs:** VICA (11-12); **Sports:** Basketball (8)-JV (9).

April Celena Newberry-

Mr/Mrs Robert Leighton Newberry; **Offices:** Class secretary (8), Senior 4-H secretary (9-10), FHA reporter (10), 4-H president (11)- vice-president (12), FHA recording secretary (12), Library secretary (12); **Clubs:** Newspaper (8-12), Yearbook (9-12), FBLA (9,11-12), FHA (8-12), Science (9,11-12), Library (9-12), 4-H (8-12), French (10-12), Dramatics; **Sports:** JV volleyball (8-9); Snow Queen 1st runner-up (9), Snow Queen (10), Sweetheart candidate (11); Gifted program (8-12).

Robert Allan Newberry-

Pat G. Newberry; **Honors:** Athletic letter (11); **Sports:** Basketball (8), Baseball (11-12).

Amanda April Pauley-

Billy/Ruby Pauley; **Honors:** VICA Cosmetology-3rd place (11), FHA degrees (9-10); **Offices:** VICA vice-president (11); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (9,10), VICA (11-12); **Sports:** JV Cheerleader (9); Upward Bound (10-11).

Connie Evon Potter-

Alfred Hash; **Clubs:** Bible Club (9).

Staci Arleen Roseberry-

JoAnn Stafford Shewey-

Peggy B. Shewey; **Honors:** Awards-English (8-11), PreAlgebra (8), Physical Science (8), Home Ec. (8), French I (8), Introduction to Business (8), French II (9), Typing (9), Earth Science (9), French III (10), Office Tech. (10), World History (10), Biology (10), Accounting I (11), US History (11), FBLA Merit Award (10); Honor Letter/bar (10-12); FHA degrees-Junior (8) Chapter (9); **Offices:** FHA- reporter (9), 2nd vice-president (10), 1st vice-president (11), president (12); FBLA- reporter (10), president (11), vice-president (12); Library vice-president (9); Sr. Beta secretary (12); Class treasurer (9), vice-president (11-12); English MACC captain (12); Prom committee chairman (11); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (9-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), French (8-10), Library (9-11), SCA (11-12), Science (9), Newspaper (9), Yearbook (9), English MACC (10-12); National English merit award (10-11), Scholastic All-American (10), US Achievement Academy Award (11), Bland Rockets Booster award (10-11), FBLA regional 2nd place Accounting I award (11), State Beta convention English competition (10-

12), FBLA regional English competition (9-10), English MACC letter (11), Miss Echo candidate (12), Society of Distinguished American high school students (9-10), FBLA State convention voting delegate (10-11), Attended National Beta convention with 1st place scrapbook (12), Homecoming Queen runner-up (12).

Latrayle Leigh Shewey-

Luther/Jamie Shewey; **Honors:** VICA cosmetology 1st place (12); **Offices:** VICA vice-president (12); **Clubs:** FHA (8-11); **Sports:** Volleyball (9-10); Junior Miss Bland 1st runner-up (8-9), Senior Miss Bland 2nd runner-up (10).

Tresila Lavonne Sink-

Mrs Kaveda Reynolds; **Honors:** Chorus letter (8); **Clubs:** Jr. Beta (9), FHA (10-12), French (10-12), Sr. Beta (11-12), Science (12), Library (12); Chorus (8); **Sports:** Cheerleader/co-captain (9).

Chad Edmond Thompson-

Mr/Mrs Harold Thompson; **Honors:** All district 1st team (11); **Offices:** Newspaper sports editor; **Clubs:** FFA (8), FBLA (9,12), French (10-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-11), SCA (10), Science (10); **Sports:** Basketball (8)- JV (9-10)- Varsity (11-12).

Randolph Blaine Townley II-

Mr/Mrs R. B. Townley; **Honors:** Athletic letter/pin; **Offices:** FFA sentinel (12); **Clubs:** FFA (8-12), 4-H (8-12); **Sports:** Varsity baseball (10-12).

Jenni Ann Umbarger-

Mr/Mrs Woodson Umbarger; **Honors:** English award (10), FHA degrees-Junior (8), chapter (9), Perfect attendance (10); **Offices:** FHA treasurer (12); **Clubs:** FBLA (11-12), Beta (12), FHA (8-12), Art (10-11), Drama (11), Chorus (9); Homecoming court (10); Who's who among American High School Students.

Samantha Kay Waddle-

Linda M. Waddle; **Honors:** FHA Junior degree (9), Athletic letter (9-10), French award (10); **Offices:** Class secretary/treasurer (10), secretary (12); **Clubs:** FHA (9-12), French (9-11), Sr. Beta (10-12), 4-H (8-10); **Sports:** Basketball-JV (9), Varsity (10); Homecoming court (8).

Rebecca Jean Winesett-

Mr/Mrs Ira R. Winesett, Sr.; **Honors:** FHA Junior degree (9), Athletic letter/bar (10-11), Tennis certificate (9), Perfect attendance (10-11); **Offices:** VICA president (12), Yearbook business manager (12); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), Yearbook (11-12), Library (12), FBLA (9-12), VICA (12); **Sports:** Varsity basketball (11), Tennis (10); Bland Rockets Booster Award (10).

Jerry Darrel Wright-

Mr/Mrs Jerry Wright; **Honors:** FFA Greenhand (8)-tree judging, Chapter farmer, Athletic letter/bar; **Offices:** Class treasurer (12); **Clubs:** 4-H (8-12), FFA (8-12); **Sports:** Basketball (8), Baseball (10-12); Vocational auto mechanic (11-12).

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Seniors worked for Bland's final senior trip.

As our last year approached us, we were faced with the decisions of where to go to college and what to do with our lives after our high school years were finished. It was finally our turn to be kings and queens of the high school. Many of us were glad it was our last year and others were sad because it could

very well be the last time we'd all be together. Our senior year was to be a very busy one. We sold doughnuts and worked in the senior booth at the fair. All of this work was to go towards the last senior trip Bland High would ever have.



TOP LEFT & CENTER: Can you identify these two cuties?

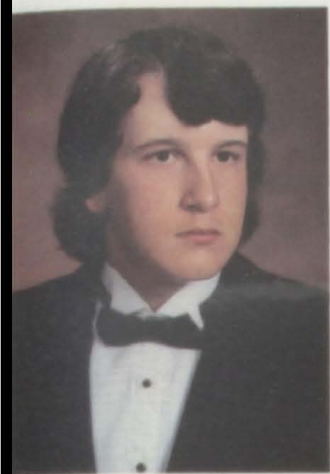
TOP RIGHT: Becky Winesett and Samantha Waddle discovered they had bought identical dresses for their senior pictures.

CENTER LEFT: Tresila Sink caught in a relaxing mood.
CENTER RIGHT-Senior class officers: Bradley King, president; JoAnn Shewey, vice-president; Samantha Waddle, secretary; Darrel Wright, treasurer; Sponsors-Mr. Richard Havens, Mrs. Janet Faulkner.

BOTTOM LEFT: JoAnn Shewey, announcer for beauty pageant.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Jenny Meadows in a state of diversion at a friend's home.

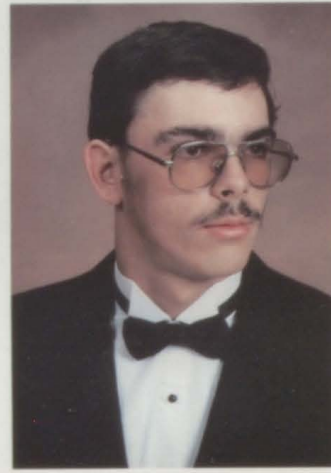
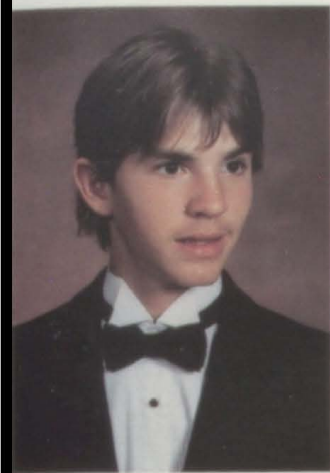




James Vance Asbury
 Nickname: Nomad, Born: 8-19-72
 Color: Grey, Food: Pizza
 Class: Machine Shop, Teacher: Mr. Beamer
 Hobby/Recreation: Hunting

Patricia Leigh Austin
 Nickname: Trish, Born: 1-27-72
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner
 Hobby/Recreation: Playing Basketball

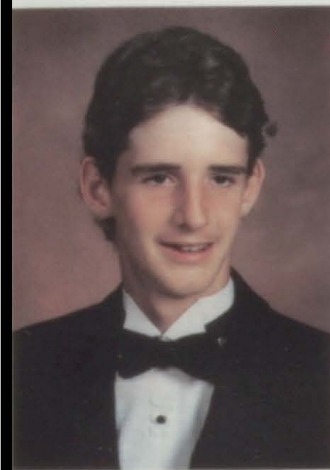
Julie Lynn Baxley
 Nickname: Toofie, Born: 12/22/72
 Color: Purple, Food: Shrimp
 Class: Government, Teacher: Mr. Wagner
 Hobby/Recreation: Reading



Anthony Lawrence Boska
 Nickname: Prego, Born: 1-2-73
 Color: Red, Food: Ice Cream
 Class: Smoking Area, Teacher: Mr. Beamer
 Hobby/Recreation: Reading

James Labon Britton
 Nickname: Jim, Born: 6-7-72
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Class: Government, Teacher: Mr. Beamer
 Hobby/Recreation: Music

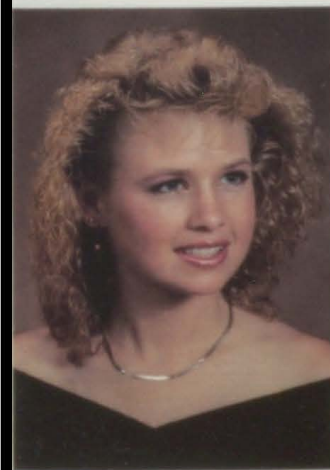
Shelby Wayne Brown
 Nickname: Shelby, Born: 11-1-72
 Color: Blue, Food: Hamburger
 Class: U.S. History, Teacher: Mr. Havens



Alan Andrew Cassell
 Nickname: Ciggie, Birthdate: 3-12-72
 Color: Red, Food: Pizza
 Class: Physics
 Hobby/Recreation: Motorcycling and Basketball

Chad Edward Chandler
 Nickname: Chad, Birthdate: 12-31-71
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Class: English, Teacher: Mr. Beamer
 Hobby/Recreation: Hunting

Ruth Ann Cowan
 Nickname: Ruth, Birthdate: 10-17-72
 Color: Pink, Food: Pizza
 Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Muncy
 Hobby/Recreation: Talking, going to Princeton



Tammy Lynn Daughtery
 Nickname: Tammy, Birthdate: 4-1-72
 Color: Purple, Black, Pink, Food: Italian
 Class: French, Teacher: Mr. Wagoner, Miss Rowe
 Hobby/Recreation: Talking with friends and shopping

Debra Kay Dycus
 Nickname: Debra, Birthdate: 2-2-72
 Color: Purple, Food: M&M's
 Class: Government, Teacher: Mr. Beamer
 Hobby/Recreation: Reading

Mary Ruth Echols
 Nickname: Baby Ruth, Birthdate: 12-16-72
 Color: Purple, Black, Food: Pizza
 Class: French, Teacher: Ms. Rowe
 Hobby/Recreation: Shopping

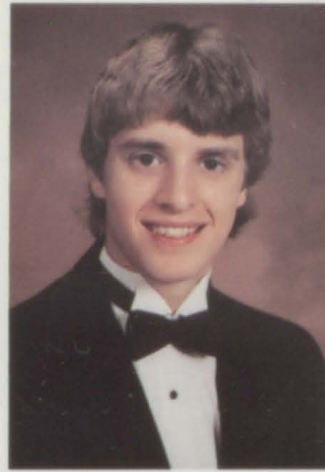
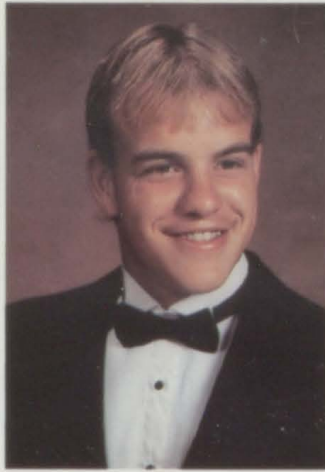
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Nickname: Bucksbot, Birthdate: 3-28-71

Color: Blue, Food: Pizza

Class: Government, Teacher: Mr. Beamer

Hobby/Recreation: Hunting and laying out of school



Brian Everett Fore

Nickname: Thrush, Birthdate: 3-20-72

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Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner

Hobby/Recreation: Reading

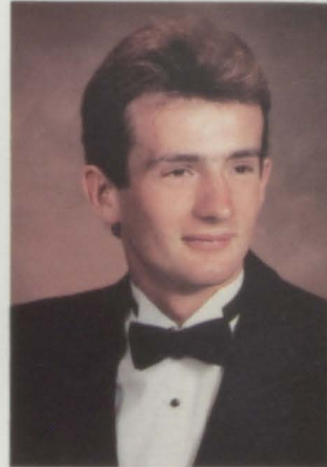
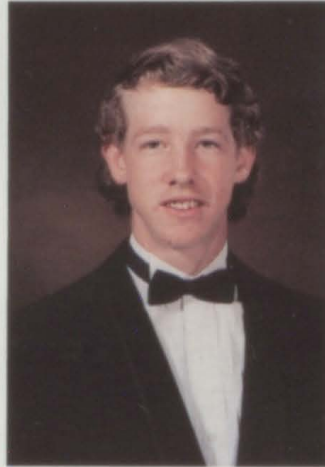
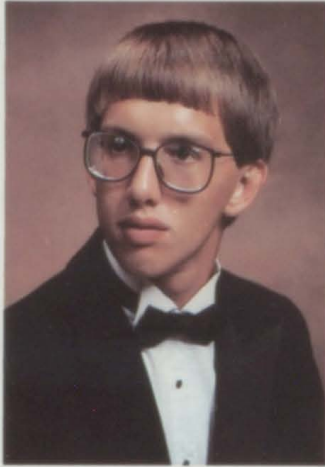
Amy Elizabeth Haga

Nickname: Amy, Birthdate: 8-9-72

Color: Fuchsia, Food: Filet Mignon

Class: Physics, Teacher: Mrs. Mabe

Hobby/Recreation: Cheerleading



Christopher Brian Hall

Nickname: Du, Birthdate: 4-4-72

Color: Blue, Food: Shrimp

Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner

Hobby/Recreation: Basketball, football

Carl Henry Harris, Jr.

Nickname: J.R., Birthdate: 10-24-71

Color: Red, Food: Sirloin tips

Class: Agriculture, Teacher: Mr. Beamer

Hobby/Recreation: Hunting

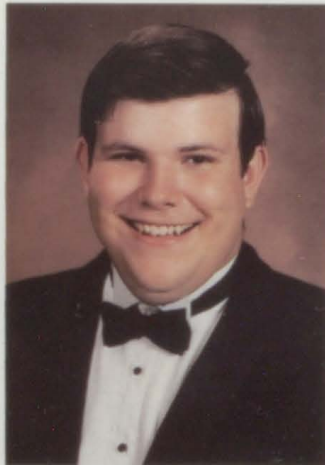
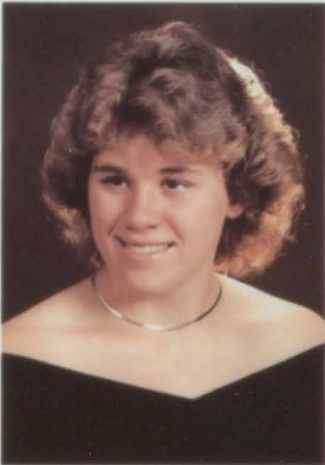
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Nickname: Red, Birthdate: 4-16-72

Color: Blue, Food: Pizza

Class: Electricity, Teacher: Mr. Beamer

Hobby/Recreation: Hunting, Baseball



Rachel Suzanne Havens

Nickname: Rachel, Birthdate: 12-14-72

Color: Peach, Food: Pizza

Class: Accounting, Teacher: Mr. Havens

Hobby/Recreation: Swimming, Horseback riding

Bradley Eugene King

Nickname: Euge, Birthdate: 9-30-72

Color: Blue, Food: Popcorn

Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner

Hobby/Recreation: Dancing

Dusty Michelle King

Nickname: Dussell, Birthdate: 9-27-72

Color: Peach, Food: Pizza

Class: Accounting, Teacher: Mr. Havens

Hobby/Recreation: Watching racing

Steven Eric King

Nickname: Steve, Birthdate: 7-29-72

Color: Black, Food: Pizza

Class: English, Teacher: Mr. Beamer

Hobby/Recreation: Football



Donna Marie Lambert

Nickname: Donna, Birthdate: 6-4-72

Color: Peach, Food: Pizza

Class: Creative Writing, Teacher: Mrs. Harman

Hobby/Recreation: Walking

Michael Kevin Lindamood

Nickname: Jimmy'Z, Birthdate: 12-3-72

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Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Mabe

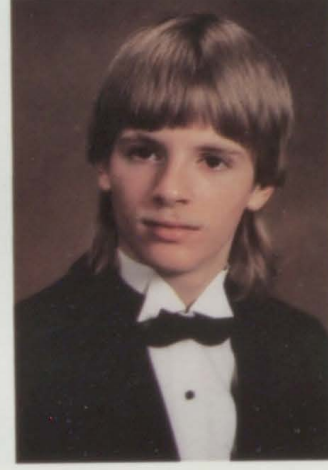
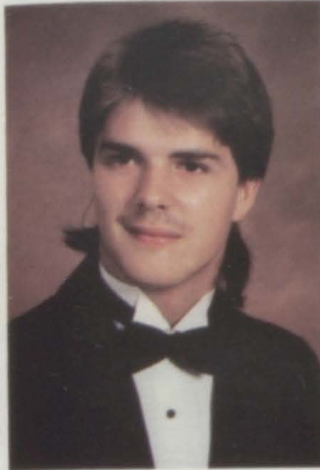
Hobby/Recreation: Skateboarding, Music, Comics



Tonya Dawn Looney
 Nickname: Tonya, Birthdate: 6-23-72
 Color: Red, Food: Lasagna
 Class: French 3, Teacher: Mrs. Muncy, Ms. Rowe
 Hobby/Recreation: Talking on the phone

Anita Kay Matney
 Nickname: Anita, Birthdate: 6-16-72
 Color: Blue, Food: Shrimp with chinese vegetables
 Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Harman
 Hobby/Recreation: Running, riding horses and volleyball

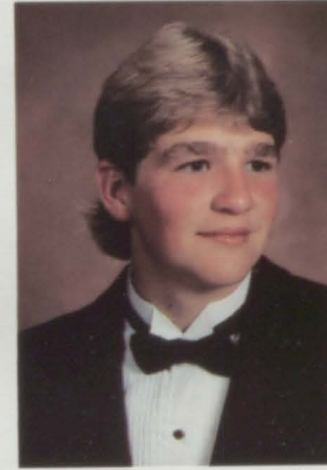
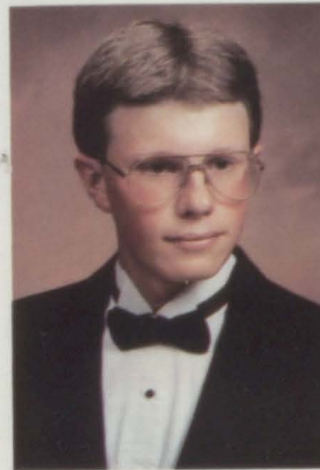
Jenny Rebecca Meadows
 Nickname: Jenny, Birthdate: 11-24-72
 Color: Mauve, Food: Chinese
 Class: French/Trig, Teacher: Miss Rowe/Mrs. Mabe
 Hobby/Recreation: Tennis/Basketball



Jerome Victor Meadows
 Nickname: Jerome, Birthdate: 1-7-72
 Color: Red, Food: Pizza
 Class: English, Teacher: Mr. Havens
 Hobby/Recreation: Playing Guitar

Sondra Kay Mitchell
 Nickname: Fur, Birthdate: 11-16-70
 Color: Neon Orange, Food: Pizza/Coke/Buddy wiser
 Class: English, Teacher: Faulkner
 Hobby/Recreation: Reading, driving, sewing, partying w/ Sam, arguing

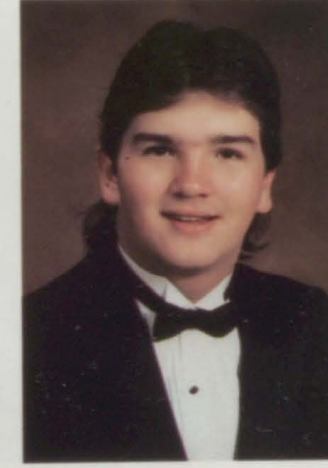
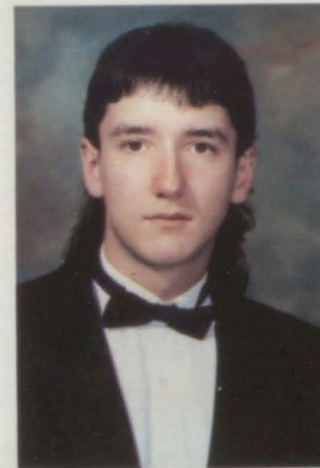
Ernest Heath Moore
 Nickname: Shrub, Birthdate: 7-30-72
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Class: Electricity Teacher: Beamer
 Hobby/Recreation: Listening to music/Playing the guitar



Paul Dale Morehead Jr.
 Nickname: Meaness, Birthdate: 10-3-72
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Class: Physics, Teacher:
 Hobby Recreation: Playing Keyboards

John Michael Mustard
 Nickname: "CRETCH", Birthdate: 5-12-72
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Class: Agriculture, Teacher: Mr. Havens
 Hobby/Recreation: Hunting

Patricia Ann Mutter
 Nickname: Patty, Birthdate: 6-9-72
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Class: Government, Teacher: Mrs. Harman
 Hobby/Recreation: Swimming, Jogging, Walking



Lewis Shawn Nelson
 Nickname: Pooh, Birthdate: 12-17-71
 Color: Blue, Food: Pizza
 Class: Creative Writing, Teacher: Mrs. Harman
 Hobby/Recreation: Playing the guitar.

April Celena Newberry
 Nickname: April, Birthdate: 5-24-72
 Color: Purple, Food: French Fries
 Class: Family Management, Teacher: Ms. Rowe
 Hobby/Recreation: Talking on the phone.

Robert Allan Newberry
 Nickname: Tater, Birthdate: 11-28-72
 Color: Flourecnt Orange, Food: Pizza
 Class: Creative writing, Teacher: Mr. Bird
 Hobby/Recreation: Motorcycles

Amanda April Pauley

Nickname: Mandie, Birthdate: 11-1-72

Color: Black, Food: Pizza

Class: Economics, Teacher: Mr. Beamer

Hobby/Recreation: Shopping



Connie Evon Potter

Nickname: Connie, Birthdate: 10-25-71

Color: Purple, Food: Pizza

Class: Math, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner

Hobby/Recreation: Riding horses

Staci Arleen Roseberry

Nickname: Stacie, Birthdate: 3-7-72

Color: Fuschia, Food: Pizza

Class: Family Management, Teacher: Mrs. Munsey

Hobby/Recreation: Horseback riding, skipping school

JoAnn Stafford Shewey

Nickname: Jo Shew, Birthdate: 3-27-72

Color: Black, Food: French Fries

Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner

Hobby: Dancing



Latrayle Leigh Shewey

Nickname: Trayle, Birthdate: 8-16-72

Color: Lilac, Food: Cavetini

Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner

Hobby: Aggravating people

Tresila Lavonne Sink

Nickname: Tress, Birthdate: 12-11-72

Color: Magenta, Food: Pizza

Class: French, Teacher: Ms. Rowe

Hobby: Motorcycle Riding

Chad Edmond Thompson

Nickname: Slash, Birthdate: 7-21-72

Color: Blue, Food: Pizza

Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner

Hobby: Basketball



Randolph B. Townley II

Nickname: Randy, Birthdate: 11-2-71

Color: Red, Food: Pizza

Class: English, Teacher: Mr. Beamer

Jenni Ann Umbarger

Nickname: Jen, Birthdate: 7-21-72

Color: Black, Food: Sfrimp

Class: Creative Writing, Teacher: Mrs. Harman

Hobby/Recreation: Reading

Samatha Kay Waddle

Nickname: Sam, Birthdate: 8-16-72

Color: Purple, Food: Pizza

Class: Creative Writing, Teacher: Mrs. Harman

Hobby/Recreation: Talking



Rebecca Jean Winesett

Nickname: Becky, Birthdate: 3-29-72

Color: Baby Blue, Food: Pizza

Class: English, Teacher: Mrs. Faulkner

Hobby/Recreation: Listening to Music

Jerry Darrell Wright

Nickname: Darrell, Birthdate: 7-25-72

Color: Blue, Food: Pizza

Class: English, Teacher: Beamer

Hobby/Recreation: Hunting, Fishing, and Baseball.

Student Life

Q. "You are asked to the Prom by your best friend who is the opposite sex. You agree to go. Two weeks before the event, your out-of-town sweetheart returns unexpectedly. What do you do?"

Ans. "Go with your best friend, and explain to your out-of-town sweetheart. If he really likes you he will understand. Anyway your best friend has already planned on you going."

Rachel Havens

Ans. "Tell your best friend that you are very sorry but you are in love with your out-of-town sweetheart, and that you are sorry but he'll just have to find someone else."

Dusty King

Ans. "I would explain it to my out-of-town sweetheart and expect her to understand. I would tell my best friend the situation and would take her to the prom, but just as friends."

John Mustard

Ans. "I would take them both. That way everyone is happy and no one gets hurt."

Shawn Nelson

Ans. "Go with your best friend, because he was there for you and ask you first."

Samantha Waddle

Politics and sales were learned at early age

Politics and sales happened early in the lives of students. As candidates for any position (governing bodies or royalty) they learned to campaign and sell themselves. At times the campaigning was done without effort and unconsciously. When the junior class met to vote on the prom king and queen the campaigning had been completed. With the votes cast and counted the new king and queen were found to be Chip Bird and Tiffany Bowen. The crowning took place amidst balloons and carousels at the Wytheville Recreation Hall on May 24,

1989. Take one last look at the '89 royalty before the circle has been completed and a new pair is chosen.

Another queen chosen through her own determination and sales ability received her crown and banner on September 30, 1989. For the third year in a row the class of '92 captured the title of Miss Echo. The sophomores chose Stephanie Meadows to represent them in the campaign for the honor of yearbook queen. An intense sales campaign over a two week period created a competitive spirit among the five candidates with a final

sales of 312 yearbooks. Those vying for the title were Amie Simms (8), Cindy Justice (9), Stephanie Meadows (10), Pam Chewning (11), JoAnn Shewey (12). Each member received a key chain containing her initials and class year. The 1st runner-up, Amie Simms, received a \$50 savings bond and Miss Echo received a \$75 savings bond in addition to her tiara, banner, and key chain.

Music was provided by Johnny Goins' SOUNDSATIONS.



TOP: Proudly wearing their finest, these couples match the mood of soft, romantic music.

BOTTOM: The pause that refreshes — Brandon Farlow, Sonya Carroll and Brian Duncan.



1989 PROM QUEEN AND KING---Tiffany Bowen and Chip Bird



TOP-MISS ECHO CANDIDATES & ESCORTS: JoAnn Shewey (12), Bradley King, Pam Chewning (11), John Mustard, Stephanie Meadows (10), Rusty Bird, Cindy Justice (9), Rusty Meadows, Amie Simms (8), David King.
CENTER LEFT: MISS ECHO 1990-Miss Stephanie Meadows

CENTER RIGHT: Music brings out the "wildness", Becky Bird, Heather Smith.

BOTTOM: Coaches Rich Hankins and Patty Smith take time off from duties for relaxation.

"One moment in time"

Ladies in . . . Red was among the many colors displayed by the thirty-six Little Miss and twenty-seven Junior Miss contestants. On the magical night of October 20, 1989, the new winners were crowned.

For weeks mass confusion filled the air as everyone prepared for the big day. FBLA and Beta members sought contestants and sponsors for both pageants. Posters were made, forms typed and other tasks assigned. Each member had a special job to perform. At the last minute envelopes for picture money had to be made from scratch. Frantic calls from agitated sponsors ascertained a photographer would be present early enough to capture every desiring contestant.

The hustle and bustle of activity intensified until Mrs. Kegley's room began to take on the air of a balloon factory. Programs had to be typed, proofread and compiled. Number

cards were constructed and stacked ready to pin to each entrant.

The day of the pageant the gym was decorated in pink and lavender streamers and balloons. The atmosphere was now set for "One Moment in Time."

The bleachers and chairs were filled with spectators as the judges entered and took their prestigious places. Narrowing the numbers in each group to ten was not an easy task but the judges now had to select the winners from each group. After much deliberation from the judges and restlessness from the audience a hush fell and Courtney Brizendine received top honors in the Little Miss group. Placing second was Amber Hutchins and third was Angela Williams. Leslie Kelley received the honor of Junior Miss with second place going to Andrea Bruffey and third place was Kimberly Nelson.



TOP: Erin Johnson, contestant in the Little Miss pageant, is escorted by William Tickle.

CENTER: The parade of lovely junior miss contestants stand at attention before the judges table attempting to still their shaky limbs and keep a natural looking smile.

BOTTOM: MC's for the night were from the FBLA and Beta clubs — Dale Morehead, Duane Compton.





TOP-Junior Miss: 1st runner-up, Andrea Lynn Bruffey; Junior Miss, Leslie Annette Kelley (Bland); 2nd runner-up, Kimberly Michelle Nelson.

CENTER LEFT-Little Miss: 1st runner-up, Amber Gaylann Hutchins; Little Miss, Courtney Elaine Brizendine (Rocky Gap); 2nd runner-up, Angela Maria Williams.

CENTER RIGHT: Behind the scenes crew members Cindy Justice and Molly Richardson direct everyone to the correct area.

BOTTOM: Top ten contestants flanked by ushers Sarah Umbarger and Becky Bird pause for the judges to make final decisions.

Halls take on look of vendors mart

Early in October the halls began to take on the look of a vendors market. With tin cans in tow for collecting pennies, elementary students walked the halls hoping to sell their cookies, candy and other goodies. Each class strived to reach the top for king and queen of the Fall Festival. Weekly tallies were posted to keep the public informed.

The festival was the main fund raiser for the PTSO. Many weeks of planning and preparation went in to the production of this event. Games of skill (and chance) were set up throughout the school with prizes awarded to those who succeeded.

On the night of October 28, 1989, everyone gathered in the gym for the recognition of the contestants. The youngest and smallest members of the court were the victors having increased the PTSO coffers by over a thousand dollars. Kindergartners Shanna Brown and John Brandon Dillow won the titles of Fall Festival Queen and King. Runners-up were P.J. Meadows, Bradley Tate and Leslie Kelley, Brook Dillow.



Fall Festival King and Queen — John Brandon Dillow and Shanna Brown



Fall Festival Court: Bradley Tate, P.J. Meadows, Brook Dillow, Leslie Kelley, John Curtis Thompson, Rae Romano, Paul Lindamood, Sarah Smith, John Kelly Thompson, Leslie Hagy, Joe Meadows, Leslie Gordon, Brian Faulkner, Kayla Hager, Shane Thompson, Kari Hagy, John Dillow, Shanna Brown.



TOP LEFT: Sarah Thompson, Mrs. Denise Romano, and Becky Bird check gifts for Fall Festival recipients.
TOP RIGHT: Darts was a festival favorite- Matthew Tickle, Cindy Justice, Lee Meadows.

CENTER LEFT: Tina Hounshell in a volleyball tournament.
CENTER RIGHT: Heather Olinger explains the wheel game to these youngsters.

BOTTOM: Sunny days found swing sets full- John Reed, Roy Sexton, Jes Selfe, Eric Martin, Stephen Berry.

Amy Haga captures 1990 Homecoming Queen title

During the week of January 21-26 the halls were filled with strangely clad students celebrating Homecoming 1990. To kick it all off Monday was "60's day", but due to mass confusion over what to wear, the 50's were revived with long skirts, ponytails and bobby socks. Tuesday was set aside as "Inside Out Day", as many students proudly displayed their designer labels. On Wednesday, everyone was amazed by all of the new male students on "Cross-Dress Day." Few females were in evidence due to

low male participation! Thursday, as you walked down the halls of BCS you were blinded by the clash of brightly colored stripes and checks. No, this wasn't normal attire, this was considered "Nerd's Day." Friday, gearing up for the pep rally and game against Galax, everyone proudly sported their maroon and gold.

The grand finale of the entire week was the crowning of the new Homecoming Queen 1990 which took place between the JV and Varsity games. This honor was given

to Amy Haga who was escorted by David King. Her court was as follows: 1st runner-up from the senior class was JoAnn Shewey. Representing the 11th grade was Miracle Mitchem. From the sophomore class was Shelley Beam and freshman was Molly Richardson. The eighth grade was represented by Amie Simms.

The evening was topped off with a victory over Galax.



Homecoming Court: 8th-Amie Simms, Robert Davis; 9th-Molly Richardson, Mike Sage; Homecoming Queen-Amy Haga, David King; 10th-Shelly Beam, Duane Compton; 11th-Miracle Mitchem, Jay Meadows; 12th-Joann Shewey, Robert Sexton.

Cross-dress day: Tina Hounshell, Sheri Shewey, Amy Haga, Mary Echols.

Homecoming candidates: Amie Simms, Robert Davis, Molly Richardson, Mike Sage, Shelly Beam, Duane Compton, Miracle Mitchem, Jay Meadows, Sandy Mitchell, Brian Hall, Amy Haga, David King.





TOP: Robbie Taylor makes a "jello" catch when Misty Pauley "oops" while working against the clock.

CENTER RIGHT: Shelly Beam dodges the soggy sponge. Cheerleaders were the victims of a "no talking" contest. When another student got them to talk the student won the right to toss the sponge.

CENTER LEFT: Steven Berry tries for a direct fit to an already "dampened" Beth Bridges.

Homecoming candidates: JoAnn Shewey, Robert Sexton, Amanda Harden, Randy Townley, Sarah Thompson, Toby Dotson, Becky Mallory, Chris Penley, Misty Pauley, Roger Blankenship.



Snow caused postponement

When the Snow Dance date was announced, everyone knew to prepare for snow since it always brings a few flakes. But buckets of it caused school closings and a postponement until January 6, 1990.

As the money was taken up for the first time and the amounts were posted, the competition became strong. Selling everything from baked goods to raffle tickets, the candidates tried to raise as much money as possible. When the second and final cans were turned in, the winners were only known by a few.

Stephanie Goins and Robbie Taylor represented the Drama Club, Hope Pike and David King were chosen for French Club. Beth Shewey was selected by FHA and her escort was Bobby Boardwine. Cynthia May and her escort Alan Cassell represented FFA. Detria Agee and Steven Lindamood ran for SCA; Lori Compton and Rusty Bird represented the newspaper staff. Senior Betas chose Patrick Smith and Jenny Meadows. Science Club nominated Heather Smith and Duane Compton. Bridgette Penley and Matthew Newberry were chosen to run for the

Library Club. Junior Betas chose Stacy Tibbs and Robert Sexton to represent their club.

After all the competition was over the winners were Bridgette Penley and Matthew Newberry (having collected over \$400). The 1st runner-up was Robert Sexton and Stacy Tibbs and 2nd runner-up was Heather Smith and Duane Compton. After the winners were announced, the new Snow King and Queen led their court in the first dance of the evening.

The Snow Dance was sponsored by FBLA as a major fund raiser.



TOP: 2nd runner-up, Heather Smith, Duane Compton (Science Club); **Snow Queen/King-** Bridgette Penley, Matthew Newberry (Library Club); 1st runner-up, Stacy Tibbs, Robert Sexton (Junior Beta).

BOTTOM-Snow Court (non finalists): Stephanie Goins, Robbie Taylor, Hope Pike, David King, Bethane Shewey, Geoff Fanning (standing in for Bobby Boardwine), Cynthia May, Alan Cassell, Detria Agee,

Stephen Lindamood, Lori Compton, Rusty Bird, Jenny Meadows, Patrick Smith.

Academics

Q. The State Education Department strongly suggests all schools go to a 7-period day. How do you feel about it?

Ans. "Although the school day may be lengthened somewhat, seven period days may open up avenues to enhance and extend our curricula offerings, as well as extra-curricula offerings. But the 7-period day is not a guaranteed cure-all."

Al Smith

Ans. "I feel the current school situation and the five period day is adequate for the students education."

William Tickle

Ans. "Students have enough with six classes and extra-curricular activities. I don't think it would be a good idea. Schools who have tried the seven-class system do not like it since students must take a study hall."

Janet Faulkner

Ans. "I don't think that I would like having another class to keep up with, because as it is there is enough work."

Jeana Dalton

Ans. "Yes, I think it would help out later on."

Sarah Thompson

Independence Day arrived

That long awaited moment had arrived for the seniors of 1989. After thirteen years and hard effort they had reached the "great point" in every teenagers life. That point of independence and "I'm now my own boss" would release them from public school to pursue their own goals. With many goodbyes, good luck, keep in touch and tears these seniors bid farewell to friends and school on June 3, 1989.

Awards day was held June 2, 1989, in the gym. The occasion was solemn as the seniors marched in for the first time in their caps and gowns. After seniors gave their speeches to the student body, faculty members took over. As each teacher presented medals for the top student in each class it became evident that many students were concerned about their future. They had applied themselves in order to learn. Those same students often received perfect attendance certificates.

TOP: Joyce Bruce delivers valedictory speech.

BOTTOM LEFT: Shannon McGrady, Tiffany Bowen, Kathy Kidd read the list of grumbles.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Seniors lift their voices in a final song at BCS.





TOP LEFT: Mr. Roger Thompson presents medal to Dale Morehead.

TOP RIGHT: Patricia Austin looks over her basketball letter and certificate.

CENTER: Jeana Dalton receives English medal from Mrs. Lisa C. Daugherty.

BOTTOM: Miracle Muechem accepts medal from Mrs. Chris Bird.





TOP LEFT: Social studies match with Galax. Sarah Thompson, Rusty Bird, Robbie Waddle, Stephanie Meadows, Chip Bird, Molly Richardson, Christie Wolfe, Rev. Mike Jackson.
TOP RIGHT: Math MACC-Front: Robbie Brown, Chris Dillow, Lute Scott. Back: Jenny Meadows, Clint Kegley, Stephanie Meadows, Mrs. Kay Mabe-Coach, Chris Tickle.
CENTER LEFT: Science MACC-Front: Jason Gusler, Zach Burton, Shelly Beam, Dale Morehead, Mr. John Wagoner-Coach. Back: Charlie Thompson, Julie Baxley, Tina Brown, Pam Chewning, Sherri Shewey, Heather Burton, Heather Smith, William Tickle, Amy Haga.
CENTER RIGHT: Science match — William Tickle, Stephanie

Meadows, Charlie Thompson, Julie Baxley, Dale Morehead.
BOTTOM LEFT: Social Studies MACC-Front: Bradley King, Rusty Bird, Sarah Umbarger. Back: Mrs. Donna Musick, coach, Cindy Justice, Molly Richardson. Not pictured-Scott Gusler, Tina Hounshell, Anita Matney, Holly Warden.
UPPER BOTTOM RIGHT: English MACC-Front: Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Lori Compton, Dixie Bruce. Middle: Tracy Repass, Duane Compton, Mrs. Janet Faulkner, coach. Back: Mike Sage, Eric Faulkner, JoAnn Shewey, Wenona Scott, Crystal Tibbs.
LOWER BOTTOM RIGHT: Math match — Clint Kegley, Stephanie Meadows, Lute Scott, Robbie Brown, Chris Dillow.



Challenges taken and won

“**W**hat is the formula for Lithium Acetate?” “What is the name of the governing body of Portugal?” Questions like this would normally throw anyone off track. Not the Bland Macc members, though. They’re used to the humiliation of answering a question wrong but also the sense of pride when they get one right.

Working on the computer constantly, studying like there’s no tomorrow and preparing in every way were just a few challenges in Macc. There’s also fighting shaky nerves and squeaky voices the night of matches to consider. The Macc members overcame these obstacles, though. The Math and Social Studies teams placed first in the district and the All-Around team placed third ('89 season). Captains for the current year

were Eugene King, Social Studies; JoAnn Shewey, English; Robbie Brown, Math; Dale Morehead and Julie Baxley, co-captains for Science.

Honors was the goal of many academically talented students, young men and women who could interact with intelligence. Those who received an honor letter or bar were proud of their achievements and with good reason. To enter the honors level, one must maintain a 95 or above average. As many can attest, that was not as easy as it may seem. High school provided a challenge for students. Honor students, as one can see, took the challenge and conquered it as well.

TOP LEFT: JoAnn Shewey, double bar (3rd year honor).

TOP RIGHT: Flag girls — Sheri Blankenship, Michael Kay Mabe, Whitney Gamble.

CENTER: 2d year honor bar—Robbie Brown, Lute Scott, William Tickle, Alison King.

BOTTOM: 1st year honor letter—Shelly Beam, Charlie Thompson, Crystal Bruce, Jeana Dalton.



TOP: During summer band camp, Travis Bradshaw worked as an instructor. Here he is shown teaching the saxophone section.

CENTER LEFT: Talented teens banded together to form a county choir. They practiced after school as an extra-curricular activity performing at music concerts. Here, Stephanie DeHart renders a solo.

CENTER RIGHT: What are Sarah Thompson and Shelly Beam doing now? During the music program they excel in bringing back the jitterbug age.

Music/art maintained a busy schedule

Growing — that is one word that described the Bland County Band. Under the direction of Mr. Bob Correll, the band had over 100 band students in the county, with 50 students from Bland Combined School. The band has been very active, in that they have performed two Christmas parades, one at Rocky Gap and the other at Wytheville. They received a participation trophy for the Wytheville parade. Additionally, they have performed in two Christmas concerts and a spring concert. Financial resources for the band included selling pizza's

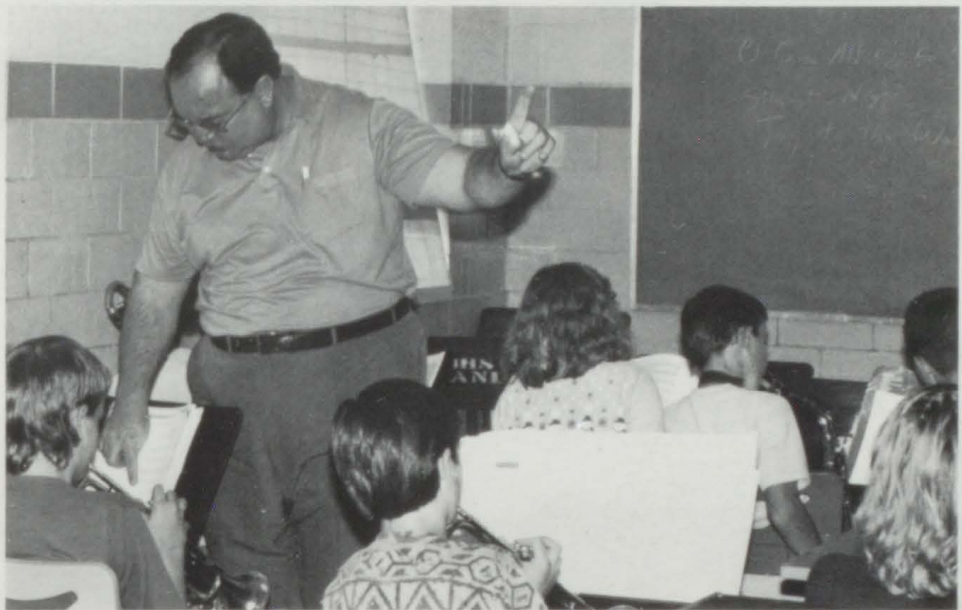
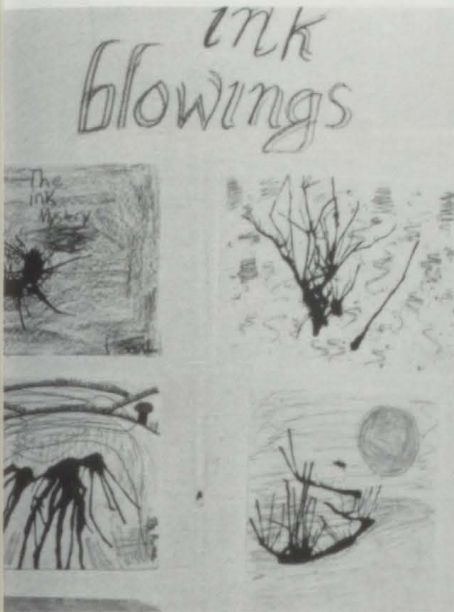
and Christmas candy.

The choir, also under the direction of Mr. Correll, is an extra-curricular activity. After school they worked hard to give us the joy of listening to the performance at two Christmas concerts, and a spring concert.

The Elementary program, lead by Mrs. Iris Strock, was taught to the kindergarten through seventh grades. Mrs. Strock taught the kids notes of the scale. Every year the children put on two concerts for the PTSO — one at Christmas time and the other in the spring. The special-ed kids were not left

out of the music program since they were main-streamed.

Twice a month students in grades K-7 anxiously awaited Mrs. Annette Burton's arrival of toting paints and other materials for art class. Her classes included talking about famous artists and their works. They also learned to mix colors, and use water colors, pencils, crayons, and conte crayons. Periodicaly the art had a special showplace in the elementary hall, including the special-ed.



LEFT-Top: Perfect artwork by elementary.
Bottom: Robin Arnold, baton instructor, performs at spring concert.

RIGHT-Top: Mr. Correll's famous "wait a minute."
Bottom: Mrs. Iris Strock and 4th grade music students in concert.

No sign language at BCS

Language, where would we be without it? Communication would have to be with sign language and gestures. At BCS, the English and French departments were making sure this never happened. Not only were our students gaining the ability to communicate orally, but writing skills were stressed in all language arts classes.

Of course, since "all work and no play

makes Jack a dull boy," extracurricular activities were stressed by the French Club through such events as a Sweetheart Dance. And one of the busiest places to be on a Wednesday afternoon was in the English room during MACC practice. So, language arts at BCS was serious business.

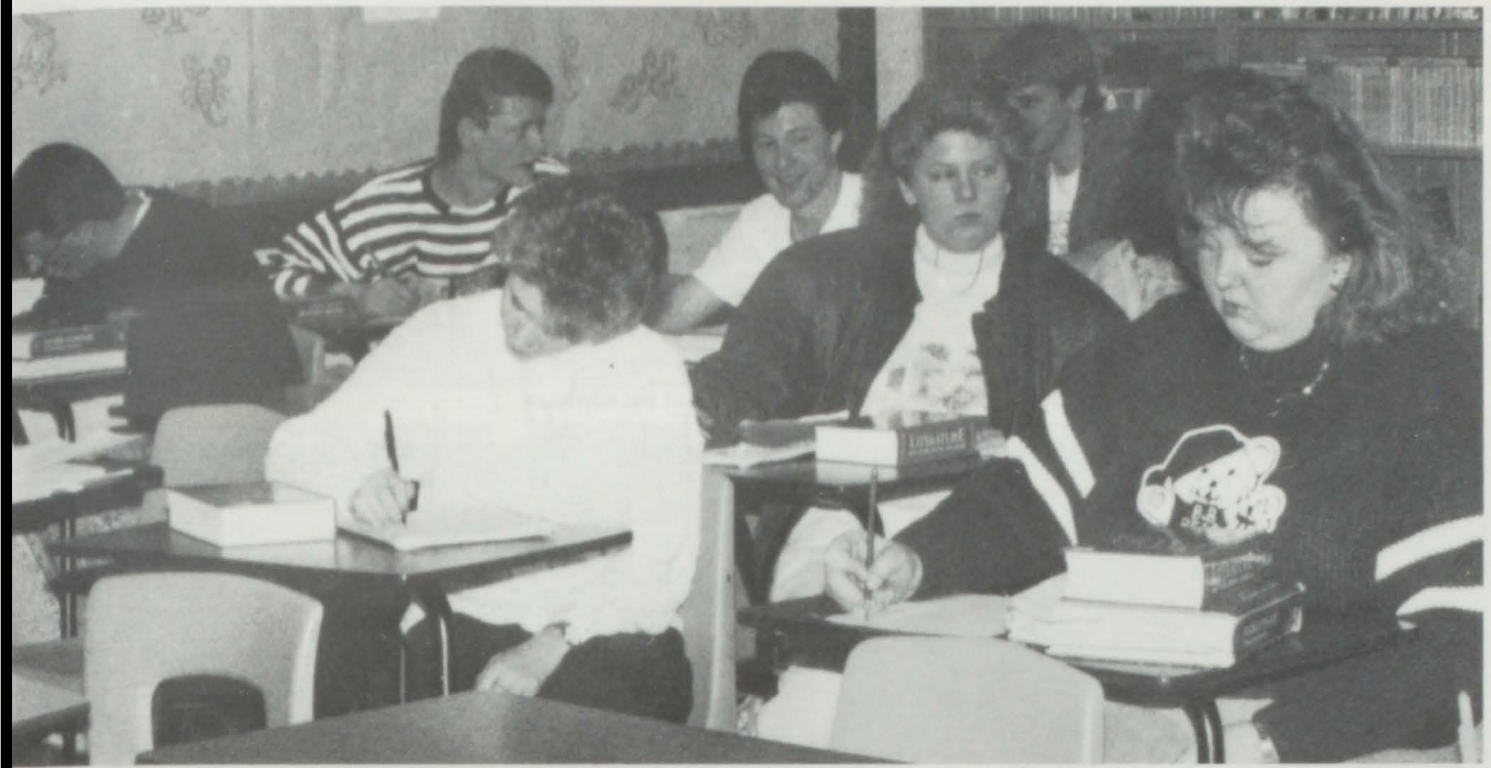


TOP LEFT: Anita Matney, Allan Newberry and Donna Lambert compare notes in Mrs. Sandra Harman's Creative Writing class where they learned to write, revise, proofread but more importantly to THINK.

CENTER RIGHT: French students show a mixture of emotions from total attention, to indifference, to "oh, what is the word for that?"

BOTTOM: Mrs. Christine Bird's 8th grade English students are not very enthused about having their picture taken.





TOP: Mrs. Janet Faulkner lectures to students in senior English. (This is a dual credit course, a first time offering at Bland). Mrs. Faulkner, Samantha Waddle, Dale Morehead, Chad Thompson, Kevin Lindamood, Brian Fore, (foreground)-Anita Matney, Donna Lambert, JoAnn Shewey.

CENTER LEFT: A newcomer to Bland is Sharon Baker who had been attending Pulaski County.

CENTER RIGHT: French can be so much fun! Alison King, Barbara Meadows, Bethane Shewey.

BOTTOM: Becoming fluent in French are these third year students. (left)-Dale Morehead, Chad Thompson, David King, Robbie Brown, (right) Mary Ruth Echols, Patrick Smith, Jenny Meadows, William Tickle.

Strange terms became familiar in math/science

Gross!! That was a word that was heard for days after Mr. Al Smith announced to the biology class that they would be dissecting sharks, pigs, earth worms, and a number of other things. In the lab, students were busy learning the properties of matter and how chemicals react in chemistry class.

In Earth Science, drawing a map to scale may have been one of their hardest assignments. Students in physics studied the properties of motion, light, and sound.

$E=mc^2$? The Pythagorean Theorem. Sound familiar? These terms were familiar if a student was enrolled in one of the advanced

math classes taught by Mrs. Kay Mabe. In Mr. Tommy Bird's classes students were studying the difficulties of harder math, while Mr. Rich Hankins was busy teaching Algebra I to his "responsive" classes.

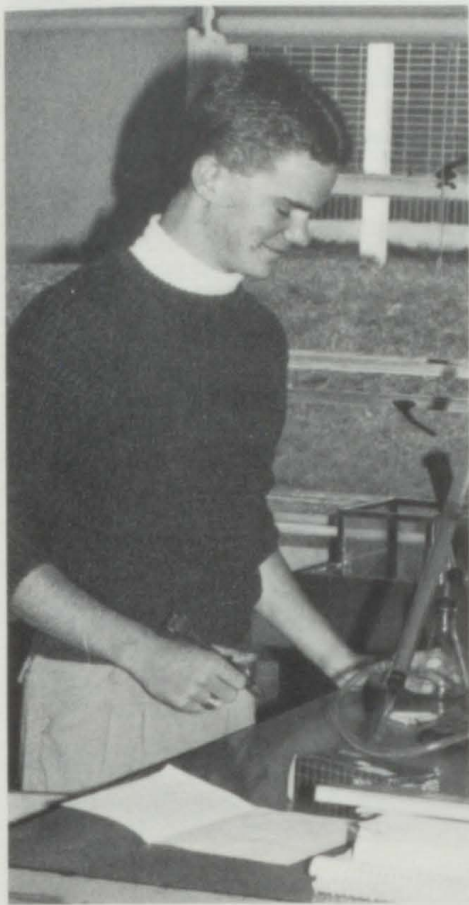


TOP: First grade math with Mrs. June Miller, Matthew Tickle, Charlie Stiltner and Albert Davis.

BOTTOM LEFT: Absorbed in "doing it right" are Crystal Thompson, Matthew Newberry and Patty Tibbs.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mrs. Barbara Justice's second graders reveal mixed emotions concerning their math workbook problems.





TOP: Mr. Al Smith's biology class seems to practice segregation (only girls?). Stephanie DeHart, Becky Bird, Angela Stowers, Stephanie Meadows, Shelly Beam, Jeana Dalton, Heather Burton, Crystal Bruce, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger.

CENTER LEFT: Chris Dillow works alone on lab assignment.

CENTER RIGHT: Jay Meadows and Clint Kegley require the assistance of lab instructor, Mr. John Wagoner.

BOTTOM: Donna Lambert and Pam Chewning document as they perform lab experiments.

Where do we go from here?

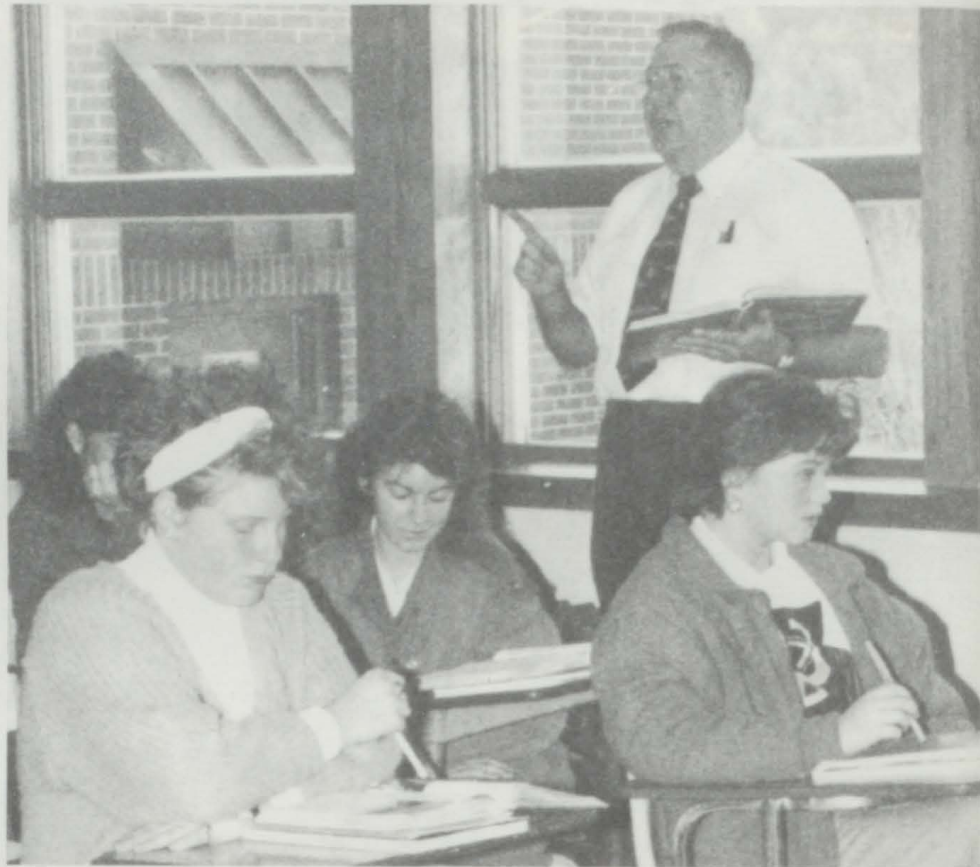
Where did we come from? Where are we going? Those and many more were the questions encountered in the various social studies classes at BCS. The teachers who made up the social studies department were Mr. Fred Beamer, Mr. Richard Havens and

Mr. Larry Thacker, as well as all elementary teachers. They taught a wide variety of classes from eighth grade history to senior government. They studied about the origins of civilization, how our economy works, where countries are located on the globe, and

the proper strategies of the political arena. More importantly, they learned how to thread a movie projector in Mr. Beamer's room, how to chew and spit with Mr. Havens and how not to drive in Mr. Thacker's driver education.



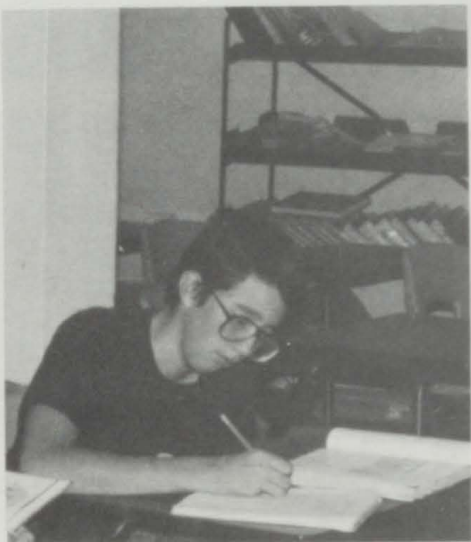
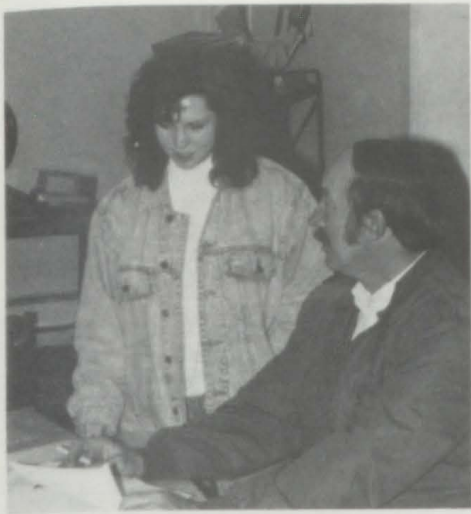
TOP LEFT: Patty Tibbs listens intently to Mr. Richard Havens lecture in World Geography.



TOP RIGHT: What? No movies?? Mr. Fred Beamer lectures to Civics students Angela Carter, Dawn Walls, Sandy Nelson, Heather Keene.



BOTTOM: Rap session with Travis Munsey, Brandon Farlow, Charlie Thompson.



TOP LEFT: "Does that help to understand it?" asks Mr. Richard Havens of Mary Margaret Gibson.
TOP RIGHT: World History students knuckle down to do that assignment correctly this time! Stacy Tibbs, Crystal Hall, Matthew Morehead, Tina Kinberlin, Mindy Brewster, Sherez Burton.

CENTER: Fifth graders and an Indian village-Jamie Dunn, Jacob Scott, Michael Make, John Thompson, Rae Romano.
BOTTOM LEFT: John Reed completes assignment in World Geography.

Brooks listen to instructions from Mrs. Donna Musick in Civics.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Misty Pauley, Jimmy Sparks, Steven Berry, Eric

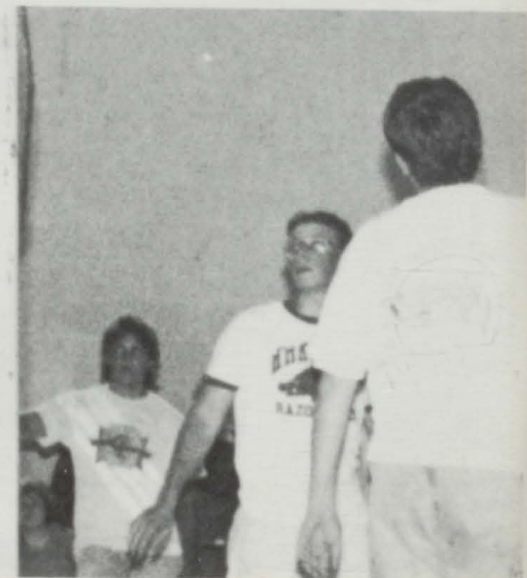
One Last Look

TOP: Great guns Shelly Beam! What the picture doesn't show is the chair she stood on to get there!

CENTER LEFT: Cristy Stiltner, Kayla Williams and Carey Berg get in the exercise mode during elementary physical education.

CENTER RIGHT: Second graders stretch during P.E. time. **Front:** Will Pauley, Ryan Powers, Brian Faulkner, Ted Sparks. **Back:** Carey Berg, Jason Hagy, Kurt Blankenship, Joshua Moore, Brandon Faulkner, Nick Moore, Aaron Clemons.

BOTTOM: Volleyball enthusiasts formed teams and played during lunch time. Eric Faulkner, Duane Compton, Lute Scott, James Roberts, Dale Morehead, Jay Meadows.



Changes occurred in P. E. and vocational

New graduate with a familiar face was welcomed with open arms and smiling faces by the faculty and student body. Patty Smith accepted the challenge of elementary physical education instructor as well as coaching girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball, volleyball and tennis. She worked with elementary two days at Bland and also at Rocky Gap. Elementary students also enjoyed outdoor activities on good weather days and indoor games on those not so nice times.

Secondary students had as instructors, Mr. Rich Hankins and Mr. Larry Thacker. Three days a week they played basketball, volleyball and other structured games. Two days they took textbooks in stride and studied health. Students with age eligibility took six weeks of structured driver trainer under Mr. Thacker.

Business vocational students found little change in their curricular choices. Introduction to Business was dropped (lack of interest) and students had more choice of time period and instructor with two sections of most subjects. The addition of eleven new Apple IIGS computers created extensive interest in secondary and elementary. Upper elementary students got excited about learning to type on them as well as using them to draw and write creatively.

Business students were encouraged to join FBLA as part of their business acumen. Competencies remained an integral part of each course.

TOP: Becky Bird receives directions from Mrs. Jessie Kegley. Background students are Ginger Dillow, Angela Stowers, Crystal Bruce and Teresa Lester.

BOTTOM LEFT: JoAnn Shewey mans the food sales at PTSO festival.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Jeana Dalton! it takes two hands to type correctly!



One last look at freedom

Combining the world of work and school can be a challenge for any student and those in ICT at Bland Combined School were no exception. Each student learned responsibility, work skills and the delicate balance posed by the "real world" as they took one

last look at freedom.

The "real world" also came face to face with students in home economics and agriculture classes. Home economics saw the mechanics of "under the hood" and other guest speakers or field trips opened their eyes

to "how it really is."

Agriculture students learned tobacco processing when they helped cut the fields. They also participated in cattle judging and three students attended the national FFA convention.



TOP: The classroom portion of ICT includes the paper work of getting and keeping a job. Shelby Brown, J. R. Harris, Staci Roseberry, Tony Boksa, Patty Mutter, John Michael Mustard, Mrs. Carolyn Bane

BOTTOM LEFT: Chris Tickle delivers speech for his agriculture class.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Cutting tobacco fields — Robbie Taylor, Matthew Newberry, Nathan Romano, Travis Simmons.





TOP: Home Economics students learn the art of cake making-Dawn Walls, Tonya Talbert, Faith Penley, Barbara Davis.

CENTER LEFT: Crystal Bruce monitors the vision screening (a service project of FHA).

CENTER RIGHT: Mr. Bob Umbarger talks to students about what happens "under the hood." Kandi Farley, Alison King, Julie Overbaugh, Rachel Havens, Latrayle Shewey, Tina Brown, DeAnne Kent.

BOTTOM LEFT: Learning the how-tos of lawn care are Patricia Conder, Cindy Blevins, Rachel Davis.

Another look at where we've been and what we've done

Another look at where we've been and what we've done shows multi-talents and interests. Students and faculty worked together on group efforts to accomplish set goals, but individual choices of goals, subjects and extra-curricular activities varied considerably. While some students chose to work and earn their independence, others preferred the freedom to play ball or participate in after school activities.

The weather played with our choices, with "Hugo" causing problems in September, early snow in November, and heavy December snow with bitterly cold temperatures. January brought us an unusually warm month.

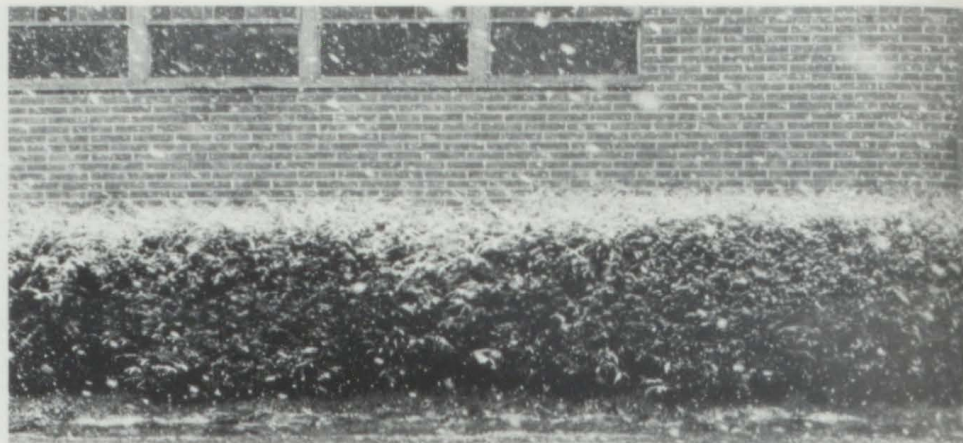


TOP: The first snowfall came down rapidly and thickly, soon coating the surface with a blanket of white. This occurred early in November.

CENTER: Tina Johnston and Miracle Mitchem strive to locate the "bugs" in their computer programs.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sarah Umberger in an afternoon drama practice.

BOTTOM RIGHT: FBLA's annual pizza feast — Jerome Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Becky Winesett, Bradley King, Clint Kegley.





In addition to driving a bus, Mrs. Brenda Penley is a frequent substitute teacher.

Community Life

Mrs. Glenda Scott is often seen around school in the role of substitute teacher.



Q. Who has influenced your life the most and how?

Ans. "My grandmother for influencing me to believe in my dreams."
Pam Roop

Ans. "My family for helping guide me towards better horizons."
Heather Keene

Ans. "My high school teachers because they were very supportive at a time when my mother was very ill."
Molly Thompson

Ans. "My baby! She taught me how to love."
Dee Collins

Ans. "My mother-in-law. She taught me how to cook, quilt, and run a farm. I was a city girl and came to the country."
Ruth Kegley

Ans. "My mother. She showed me success came with hard work and never to say no."
Roger Thompson

Ans. "Grandmother 'cause she was always pushing me to be the best I could be."
John Wagoner

One last look as the 80s end

Taking one last look at community life of the 80s found laughter, sadness, hard-work and determination. This year began during the hot summer with many family reunions, church suppers and homecomings.

The Bland County fair was held the first weekend in September. Then everyone gathered all the goods and products they had made during the year and took them to the annual Lord's Acre Sale in October.

The most talk was Hurricane Hugo, which brought fear and havoc even to Bland County. Fortunately no one lost homes or lives but the destructive force to forests and orchards was extensive. For about a week they lived with candles and barbecue grills. Then they rallied and sent assistance to their neighbors in the Carolinas who were left barren.

Many citizens visited the bloodmobile throughout the year giving life to others. Throughout this year community life was worth taking one last look.



TOP: Ron Hall, assisted by Brooke Kitts, calls out bingo numbers during Fall Festival.

BOTTOM: Ground breaking at Bastian for new football field. **Front row:** Lee Hankins, Jason Hancock, Michael Parnell, Chris Mercer, Smoky Parmenter. **2nd row:** Seth Roseberry, Charlie Burton, David Lambert, Tracy Bradshaw, Jes Selfe, Anny Selfe. **Back row:** Charlie Fore, George Schaffer, Morris Witten, Gary Nelson, Fay Lambert, Stephen Kelley.



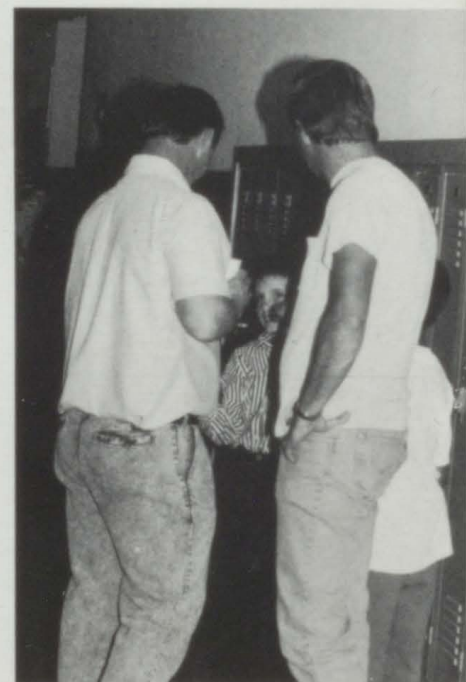
TOP: Fall Festival bingo — Walter Tibbs, Jerry Thompson, Tommy Kitts, Angela Blankenship.

CENTER LEFT: Vicki Tate, PTSO president, chats with Nancy Brown, Bonnie Blankenship, Gail Cox.

CENTER RIGHT: Party caterer, Roxanne Winesett, serves during faculty tea for Mrs. Nancy Gamble.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sharon Meadows and Brenda Tate sell tickets, etc. at front hall for Fall Festival.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Kathy Moore controls the fishing game for Fall Festival.



TOP: Citizens donate refrigerator to special ed. classroom. **Front:** April Rambo, Scott Bowman, Jessie Umbarger, Karen Stowers, Phyllis Umbarger, Jolie Gordon. **Back:** Lillias Kidd, Lizzie Cochran, David Wall, Effie Pennington, Beverly Miller, Jane Bruce. **CENTER LEFT:** Valerie Lambert receives trophy from Nannie Rose Tiller at Fair's horse show. **CENTER RIGHT:** Bane's llamas at the fair. Leading them are Whitney Gamble, Erin Thompson supervised by Bobby Bane. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Mrs. Helen Hardy returns to teach French during Miss Rowe's absence. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Eddie Dillow and Tommy Hamer take time to talk with students.

Fashions

Q. You are shopping with a friend. She tries on an outfit that really looks terrible on her. When she asks you how you like it, what do you tell her?

Ans. "You tell her that is doesn't look good."

Brad Harden
Stephen Lindamood

Ans. "If it looks terrible, tell her!"

Tina Hounshell

Ans. "I would say, well it's not my favorite one you have tried on."

Anita Matney

Ans. "It doesn't look right on you and you should try something else."

Amy Haga

Ans. "I would tell her that she should try on another outfit that expresses herself more because that outfit doesn't go along with her image."

Pam Chewning



TOP LEFT: Jeana Dalton in popular jeans and fancy sweater.
TOP RIGHT: Seniors and a flair for style-Chad Thompson, Rusty Bird, Amy Haga, Tresila Sink.
BOTTOM LEFT: John Michael Mustard "at home" in cords and sweater.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Sheri Blankenship displays the jeans look while Melissa Richardson presents the layered, ruffled image.

Change wears many faces

Over the past nine months, styles have changed drastically. For guys, the ever popular jeans and tee shirts made way for the new dressy-casual look. For the ladies, jeans were still popular but now they sported ankle bows and zippers. Topped with sweaters and blouses these were both comfortable

and stylish.

Hairstyles this year have differed greatly from the past. The guys who were more apt for longer hair were now seen with clean-cut styles. For the gals, the long, spiral looks were still considered "in."

Popular name brands for the past year

included L.A. Gear, Reebok and the ever popular Aigner.

In the world of fashion, change wears many faces and the 80's saw the ups and downs and ins and outs of those changes.



TOP: These helpers exhibit the individuality of fashion.

BOTTOM LEFT: Colors, styles and lengths are all a matter of choice.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Julie Baxley models the popular ruffled look.

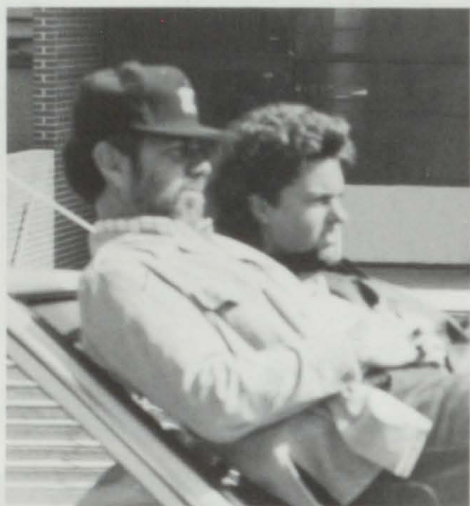
Who's who?

Candid photos were a way of showing some of the "great" and "not so great" moments of the staff and students at Bland School this year. As we bid goodbye to the 1980's and say hello to the 1990's, we give you a look at some of those moments.

TOP RIGHT: Mrs. Barbara Justice "how can he possibly get all that on one small plate?!" Mr. Richard Havers gets "one?" of everything at tea for Mrs. Nancy Gamble.

TOP LEFT: Our illustrious coaches perform their top notch skills during Galax-Bland tennis match — Mr. Robin Thacker and Patty Nelson.

BOTTOM: Jacob Scott, John Curtis Thompson, Michael Kay Mabe, and Rae Romano play eraser tag after school.



Organizations

Q. "How do you successfully balance your time between academics and extra-curricular activities?"

Ans. "I first do my homework and schoolwork, they come first. I then think about extra-curricular activities like ballgames, Macc etc."

Mike Sage

Ans. "By having a study period this year, I am able to complete or work on my homework more effectively. Completing my homework gives me more time to participate in extra-curricular activities such as MACC."

Dale Morehead

Ans. "I try to balance my time equally, dividing a large portion of my time devoted to my academics and the rest to my sports and club activities."

Heather Smith

Ans. "I try to participate in various activities but I try to remember that my studies are the most important thing."

Julie Baxley

Ans. "I usually do my homework after the activities."

Scott Gusler

Ans. "On Saturday I go bow hunting and to ball games and then watch TV until 12:30 p.m. On Sunday I do my homework and then go hunting. I like any sports but tennis and soccer."

Stephen Berry



TOP: Senior Betas proudly display their first place national trophy awarded to their beehive scrapbook. Mike Sage, Lute Scott, Rusty Bird, Dale Morehead, William Tickle, JoAnn Shewey, Eric Faulkner, Clint Kegley, Brandon Farlow, Aaron Faulkner.

CENTER LEFT: Mr. Richard Havens auctions Stephanie Meadows during slave sale.



CENTER RIGHT-Beta members-Front Row: Jenny Umbarger, Samantha Waddle, Julie Baxley, Stephanie DeHart, Shelly Beam, Heather Smith, Heather Burton, Crystal Bruce, Barbara Meadows, Dixie Bruce, Heather Olinger. **2nd Row:** Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger, Tonya Looney, Jennifer Simms, Jeana Dalton, Angela Stowers,



Anita Matney, Amy Haga. **3rd Row:** Julie Strock, Becky Bird, Tina Johnston, Amanda Harden, Tresila Sink, JoAnn Shewey, William Tickle, Rusty Bird, Sherri Shewey. **4th Row:** Tracy Repass, Donna Wiley, Robert Davis, Alison King, Crystal Tibbs, Dale Morehead, Patrick Smith, Jenny Meadows. **Back Row:** Lute Scott, Mike Sage, Clint Kegley, Chris

Dillow, Robbie Brown, Eric Faulkner, Alan Cassell, Scott Gusler, Charlie Thompson.

BOTTOM-Beta officers: Dale Morehead, president; Lute Scott, vice-president; Mrs. Janet Faulkner, advisor; JoAnn Shewey, secretary; Eric Faulkner, treasurer.



TOP LEFT-Officers-Front Row: Molly Richardson, president; Stephanie Goins, vice-president. **Back Row:** Pam Roop, secretary; Ms. Teena Morefield, advisor; Becky Mallory, treasurer.

TOP RIGHT: Molly Richardson issues pin and certificate to Pam Harden.

BOTTOM-Junior Betas-Front Row: Pam Harden, Molly Richardson, Katrina Finch, Mindy Brewster, Sheree Burton, Kathy Shewey, Douglas Wiley, Stephen Lindamood. **Back Row:** Pam Roop, Lelia Paciga, Becky Mallory, Stacy Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Patty Tibbs, Stephanie Goins, Cindy Justice, Brad Harden, Robert Sexton.



Betas won national first place on scrapbook

After months of grueling work the Senior Beta club took their state second place winning scrapbook to the national competition in Orlando, Florida. Their theme for the year was "Bland Beta Club, a hive of activity." They were surprised and proud to find that they had won first place out of several different schools all over the United States.

After several years using a beehive motif for the scrapbook, they decided to try something new and different. For this year they

worked on an apple theme — "Betas are as traditional as American apple pie" with an apple-man to carry throughout.

Senior Betas, with president Dale Morehead, have been very busy. For a community service project, the Betas, combined with FBLA, assisted the county in a food and clothing drive for a Hugo stricken county in South Carolina. They also supported the PTSO during the Fall Festival.

The Junior Betas also had an exciting year. Serving as hosts for home MACC

matches, concessions at boys basketball games and a trip to the Barter Theatre in the spring were just some of the activities in which they were involved. Perhaps the highlight of their year, though, was receiving their Junior Beta pins. This year's president was Molly Richardson.

To be accepted into and remain in the Beta Club, a student must have a 90 or above average.

Earning honors was par for band & FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a service organization in addition to preparing students as leaders in business. The Bland Chapter had a busy year. After hurricane "hugo" wiped out much of South Carolina, members of FBLA along with other organizational help, had a drive to collect goods that were needed in S. Carolina as a community project. They also sponsored the Little Miss and Junior Miss beauty pageants and helped with the PTSO Fall Festival. FBLA'ers used profits from the Snow Queen and King for school oriented

purchases. Project ASK, FBLA state service project sponsored yearly by a local chapter, is a battle for childhood cancer. FBLA has consistently earned both Honor and Gold Chapter Seals. They also participated in state and regional competitions.

Band students are looking forward to the proposed new construction. Then they will have their own classroom instead of having to meet in the lunchroom (the cooks can then remove the ear plugs).

Elementary students began band in the fifth grade and the intermediate section was

composed of sixth and seventh grades. Even the beginners were involved in playing carols for the Christmas parades at Rocky Gap and Wytheville. A participation trophy was presented to the Bland County Band from the Wytheville parade association.

All Regional Band tryouts (for concert and symphonic seats) were held at Patrick Henry High School on January 6. Six students from Bland County participated with two earning places. Wenona Scott was the only participant from Bland Combined.



TOP LEFT-Secondary Band: Wendy Umbarger, Wenona Scott, Detria Agee, Ruth Cowan, Katrina Finch, Misty Pauley, Eric Brooks.



TOP RIGHT-First Year Band-Front Row: Misty Wiley, Casey Johnston, Marie Dotson, Amanda Brown. **2nd Row:** Lee Meadows, Summer Bernard, Michael Kay Mabe, Holly Pauley, Rae Romano. **3rd Row:** Jeremy Blankenship, James Umbarger, Kendra Silva, Cindy King, Jennifer Winters. **Back Row:** Jacob Scott, Michael Muncy, Jamie Dunn, Benjamin Davis, John Curtis Thompson, Eric Miller.

BOTTOM-Intermediate Band-Front Row: Sarah Shewey, Leslie Kelley, Sheri Blankenship, Cindy Berg, Bradley Hoosier, Bobbi Hobbs. **2nd Row:** Jason Stowers, Rachel Munsey, Cheryl Winesett, Joanie Lambert, Mike Munsey, Jody Lambert. **Back Row:** Wes Strock, Shannon Enoch, Joseph Paciga, Jamy Nunn, Brook Dillow, Justin Eaton, Robbie Morehead.





TOP LEFT-FBLA Officers-Front Row: Duane Compton, president; JoAnn Shewey, vice-president; Brian Hall, secretary. **2nd Row:** Becky Bird, treasurer; Sarah Thompson, historian; Rachel Havens, reporter. **Back Row:** Mrs. Jessie Kegley, advisor; Amy Haga, parliamentarian.

TOP RIGHT: Stephanie Meadows and Becky Bird in charge of bean bag toss game.

CENTER: Sorting and boxing items for "Hugo" victims-Tonya Looney, Stephanie DeHart, Dusty King, Brian Hall and Eric Faulkner.

BOTTOM-FBLA members-Front Row: Jenny Umbarger, Julie Baxley, Holly Pauley, Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Heather Meadows, Heather Burton, Bridgette Penley, Shelly Beam, Heather Olinger, Mindy Brewster, Sheree Burton. **2nd Row:** Becky Winesett, Amy Haga, Tonya Looney, April Newberry, Jeana Dalton, Angela Dalton, Angela Stowers, Crystal Bruce, Tina Hounshell, Lori Compton, Cindy Justice. **3rd Row:** Kevin Lindamood, Jerome Meadows, Clint Kegley, Donna Wiley, Laura Sadler, Beth Shewey, Rachel Havens, Molly Richardson, Stephanie Goins. **Back Row:** Chad Thompson, Mike Sage, Brian Hall, Amanda Harden, Tracy Repass, JoAnn Shewey, Robert Sexton, Duane Compton, Eric Faulkner, Jason Ramsey, Bradley King.



TOP: Sponsors and FFA/Beta members unload and stack cases of fruit which took several hours.



CENTER LEFT-FFA officers-Front Row: John Simmons, 2nd vice-president; Nathan Romano, secretary; **2nd Row:** John Michael Mustard, president; Randy Townley, sentinel. **Back Row:** David Strock, vice-president; Jim Britton, treasurer; Steven King, reporter.



CENTER RIGHT-1st and 2nd year members-Front Row: Robbie Davis, Kevin Pauley, Roy Sexton, Stuart Newberry, Patrick Bruce, Jeff Brown, Chris Tickle, Kevin King, Jason Stafford, Jason Quinn.



2nd Row: Sherman Alford, Jamie Foutz, Eric Tiller, Scotty Tolbert, Stanley Overbaugh, Chris Martin, Nathan Romano, Aaron Faulkner.

3rd Row: Lionel Blankenship, Stephen Berry,

Wayne Hubble, Brad Harden, Cynthia May, Doug Dalton, James Roberts.

Back Row: Jes Selfe, Chad Morehead, Jimmy Sparks, Eric Martin, Chris Penley, Jim Britton, Matthew Newberry, Travis Simmons.

BOTTOM-3rd, 4th, 5th year members-Front Row: Travis Morehead, Stacy Bruce, Rusty Meadows, David Strock, Danny

Morehead, J. R. Harris, John Simmons, Heath Moore.

2nd Row: Robbie Taylor, Darrel Wright, John Michael Mustard, Brad Havens, James Asbury, Randy Townley, Brian Farlow, Michael Dillow.

Back Row: Melvin Pierce, Tommy Wolfe, Thomas Nunley, Joe Putman, Jimmy Duncan, Matthew Morehead, Jason Hall, Steven King.

Volunteers had strenuous year

Where will we have Boys Original Oratory? Who is setting up refreshments? Where is Mrs. Bird? All of these questions echoed through our halls on February 22 as BCS hosted the Mountain Empire District Forensics meet. Students, timers, judges, and sponsors roamed the halls as

participants tried to calm their nerves. After a strenuous year of work each of these students felt that they could "stand and speak" at a moments notice.

The drama team was on a volunteer (try-out) basis. Practices were held after school.

Selling fruit was the "biggy" for FFA.

Sales exceeded last year with top salesman being a first-year student, Stanley Overbaugh. New members had to endure the "Greenhands" initiation — dress up, dress down, and carry an ever ready supply of candy for all old members.



TOP: Drama one-act play-Barbara Meadows, Cindy Justice, Stephanie Meadows, Stephanie Goins, Sarah Umbarger.

CENTER LEFT-Forensics-Front Row: Amy Haga, Sherri Shewey, Heather Smith, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Umbarger. **Back Row:** Dale Morehead, Clint Kegley, Robert Sexton, Bradley King.

CENTER RIGHT: Mrs. Christine Bird monitors the students and script for drama practice.

BOTTOM-Drama-Front Row: Lori Compton, Sarah Umbarger, Sarah Thompson, Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows, Cindy Justice, Molly Richardson. **Back Row:** Barbara Meadows, Stephanie Goins.

One last look at '89 club trips

As we look back at this year and it's activities, we recall countless hours of work and preparation. Our club sponsored many educational projects such as the countywide vision screening, the children's Christmas party and the Great American Smokeout. These programs not only benefited the students, but the entire community

as well. Also, this year FHA held a food drive to aid the Hurricane Hugo victims of the Carolinas.

Although being a member of FHA brought with it hard work, it also had its rewards. In December there was a mini-trip to Valleyview Mall in Roanoke and a larger trip was held in the spring.

During the 1989-90 school year, we found the French club still recovering from their trip to Canada, taken during the 88-89 season. In the absence of Miss Rowe, the French club sponsor, they picked snow court candidates Hope Pike and David King. At the end of the year they held the annual pizza party.

RIGHT-FHA OFFICERS: A working session-Miracle Mitchem, 1st vice-president; Tracy Repass, corresponding secretary; April Newberry, recording secretary; Tonya Looney, 2nd vice-president; JoAnn Shewey, president; Bethane Shewey, sargeant-at-arms; Julie Baxley, chaplain; Jenny Umbarger, treasurer; Sandy Mitchell, sargeant-at-arms. Not pictured-Dixie Bruce, reporter.



FHA MEMBERS- 3-5 YEARS-Front row: Stephanie Meadows, Pam Chewing, Becky Winesett, Tammy Daughtry, Crystal Bruce, Stephanie DeHart, Holly Warden, Tina Hounshell, Angela Dalton.
2nd row: Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Sarah

Umbarger, Amy Haga, Heather Smith, Julie Baxley, Samantha Waddle, Jenny Umbarger, Kandi Farley, Julie Overbaugh.

3rd row: Ginger Dillow, Tonya Looney, April Newberry, Rachel Havens, Hope Pike, Dusty King,

Tresila Sink, Tina Brown, Jennifer Simms.

Back row: Heather Olinger, JoAnn Shewey, Amanda Harden, Julie Strock, Crystal Tibbs, Dixie Bruce, Alison King, Patricia Austin, Tina Johnston, Miracle Mitchem, Tracy Repass.

MEMBERS- 1-2 YEAR — Front row: Tawny Dillow, Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins, Stacy Tibbs, Becky Mallory, Cindy Justice, Mindy Brewster, Beth Shewey, Crystal Thompson, Tracy Hall.

2nd row: Sheree Burton, Pam Harden, Kathy Shewey, Molly Richardson, Amber Umbarger, Karen Daughtry, Angela Carter, Crystal King, Laura Sadler.

3rd row: Amber Wright, Patty Tibbs, Gwen McGrady, Katie Tibbs, Windy Wolfe, Cathy Cowan, Rachel Davis, Beth Bridges.

Back row: Rachel French, Michelle Wright, Melanie Thompson, Jamie Michaels, Tonya Talbert, Dawn Walls, Angel Mitchem, Sandra Nelson, Kristie Dillow.





TOP-FRENCH CLUB- Front row: Angela Dalton, April Newberry, Tammy Daughtry, Barbara Meadows, Sherri Shewey, Pam Chewning, Heather Smith, Holly Warlen, Heather Burton, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Becky Bird, Sarah Umberger, Stephanie DeHart, Bethane Shewey. **2nd row:** Wendy Wolfe, Crystal Bruce, Angela Stowers, Tonya Looney, Julie Baxley, Dixie Bruce, Miracle Mitchem, Tina Johnston, Tracy Repass, Shelby Brown, Jeana Dalton, Hope Pike. **3rd row:** Tresila Sink, Jenny Meadows, Mary Echols, Julie Strock, Alison King,

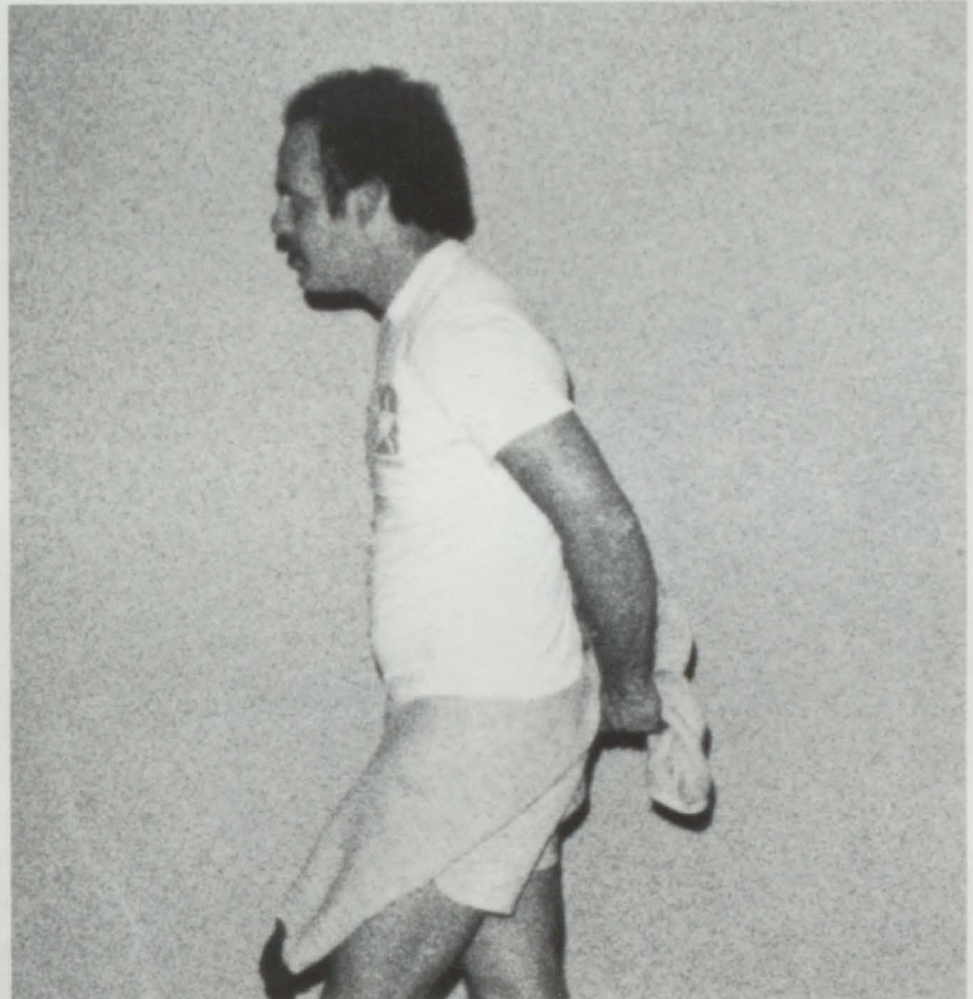
Crystal Tibbs, Dale Morehead, Donna Wiley, Ginger Dillow, Lute Scott, Jay Meadows, David King. **4th row:** Chad Thompson, Mike Sage, Kevin Lindamood, Jason Gusler, Katie Tibbs, Amanda Harden, Rusty Bird, Patrick Smith, Tina Brown, Brian Fore, Roger Blankenship, Robbie Brown. **Back row:** David Strock, Travis Munsey, William Tickle, Toby Dotson, Scott Gusler, Charlie Thompson, Chris Dillow, Robert Davis.

row: Kevin Lindamood, vice-president; Patrick Smith, president. **2nd row:** Rusty Bird, reporter; William Tickle, treasurer. **Back row:** David King, secretary.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mr. Rich Hankins "bearing all" in Canada.

BOTTOM LEFT: Miss Rowe?????

CENTER-FRENCH OFFICERS- Front



Profuse workers

Bland High's Rocket Rapp was a production of profuse hard work. Thirty students worked with high spirit and determination to produce a newspaper everyone would enjoy. Amy Haga served as editor. The addition of a gossip section generated interest and increased their sales.

The library club consisted of thirty-two members who competitively sold posters and raised over \$400. This money was used to buy materials for the library. As a reward for their work they held a pizza party followed by an annual work session of cleaning, sorting and carding materials. They again visited VPI library where they learned how to do computerized searches.



TOP: Balloon launch — A cold April day with snow on the mountains saw over 300 balloons soar into the skies. About 80 replies were received by people as far away as Delaware.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sonya Carroll, Aaron Newberry, Gary Blankenship and Robert Sexton tag the helium laden balloons to prepare for takeoff.

CENTER-Officers: Benga Hager, president; Teresa Lester, vice-president; April Newberry, secretary; Jason Gusler, treasurer; Patricia Corder, reporter.

BOTTOM-Library members-Front Row: Debra Dycus, Tammy Daughtry, Bridgette Penley, Stephanie Goins, Cindy Justice, Lori Compton, Teresa Lester. **2nd Row:** Hope Pike, Amy Haga, Heather Smith, Shermi Shewey, Pam Chewning. **3rd Row:** Tonya Looney, Donna Lambert, Anita Matney, Tressia Sink, Molly Richardson. **4th Row:** Becky Winesett, Angela Dalton, Barbara Meadows, April Newberry, Jennifer Simms. **Back Row:** Charlie Thompson, Scott Gusler, Roger Blankenship, Zack Burton, Jason Gusler.



TOP-Newspaper staff-Front Row: Tammy Daugftry, Sarah Umbarger, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Hope Pike, Barbara Meadows, Pam Chewning. **2nd Row:** Tina Brown, Lori Compton, Becky Bird, Michelle Wright, Cynthia May, Tina Hounshell, Stephanie DeHart. **Back Row:** Robert Sexton, Kevin Lindamood, Molly Richardson, Cindy Justice, Shelly Beam, Heather Burton.

CENTER-Editorial staff-Front Row: Amy Haga, Heather Smith, Sherri Shewey, Tonya Looney, April Newberry, Jennifer Simms. **Back Row:** Rusty Bird, Clint Kegley, Mrs. Sandra Harman, advisor, Chad Thompson, Mrs. Chris Bird, advisor, Miracle Mitchem.

BOTTOM: Mrs. Chris Bird consults with Heather Smith on latest edition.



TOP-Safety Patrol-Front Row: Bradley Gordon, P. J. Meadows, Brian Waddle, Bradley Tate, Nicole Barnette, Brock Justice. **2nd Row:** Allen Brown, Joanie Lambert, Crystal Hall, Shannon Enoch, Jason Stowers, Anne Myrick. **3rd Row:** Shannon Havens, David Lambert, Bradley Hoosier, Justin Eaton, Cyndi McGrady, April Tickle. **Back Row:** Robbie Morehead, Mrs. Margie Powers, advisor, James Umbarger, Bobbi Hobbs, Cindy Berg, Wes Stroch.

BOTTOM LEFT: April Tickle assists kindergartner with ice cream selection.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Bradley Hoosier lends a hand to Anthony Newberry during lunchtime. Background patrolers are April Tickle, Crystal Hall, James Umbarger, Anne Myrick, Joanie Lambert and Bobbi Hobbs.





TOP-Science Club-Front Row: Pam Chewning, Amy Haga, Heather Smith, Heather Burton, Shelly Beam. **2nd Row:** Tammy Daughtry, Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins, Julie Baxley, April Newberry. **3rd Row:** Angel Mitchem, Rachel French, Mary Echols, Tresila Sink, Sherri Shewey. **4th Row:** Duane Compton, Chris Dillow, Tina Johnston, Miracle Mitchem. **5th Row:** Charlie Thompson, Mike Sage, Clint Kegley, Brandon Farlow. **6th Row:** Jason Ramsey, Lute Scott, Alan Cassell, Robert Davis. **Back Row:** Robbie Brown, Dale Morehead, Eric Faulkner.

BOTTOM-Officers: Eric Faulkner, president; Heather Smith, vice-president; Pam Chewning, secretary-treasurer; Mr. John Wagoner, advisor.

Taking charge no picnic for patrolers

Taking charge of thirty-eight squirmy, wiggly five-year olds proved to be a challenge for the seventh grade safety patrolers. Just trying to keep them together in a line was no easy task since they stretched the length of the secondary hall. Expecting them to remain silent was asking the impossible!

Safety patrolers tasks included taking them to and from lunch and seeing that elementary students boarded the buses safely. Heading up the safety patrol were Robbie Morehead, president; Brock Justice, vice-president; Bradley Gordon, secretary; James Umbarger, treasurer.

Science Club plans included a trip to the observatory at Emory & Henry to view the stars and planets and an overnight stay at Nags Head where they visited an aquarium and the center for oceanic research. Here they were to see *The Last Colony* (play) and study beach erosion processes.



Another look at responsibility

Responsibilities are a part of each human being's life, from early days, through clubs, to the elder years. One last look at two clubs of '89-90 which stressed responsibility were SCA and VICA.

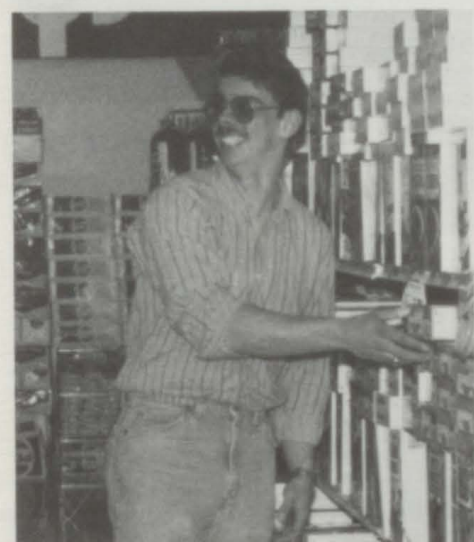
At the beginning of the school year each homeroom (8-12) selected a representative to serve on the Student Council Association. These students shouldered the responsibility of seeking ways and means of improving the school.

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America learned reliability in the world of work. Through classroom and on-the-job experience VICA members learned career growth and independence.



TOP-SCA reps: 8th-Robbie Davis, Detria Agee. 9th- Stephen Lindamood, Molly Richardson. 10th- Jimmy Duncan, Stephanie DeHart. 11th-Chris Dillow, Crystal Tibbs. 12th-Dale Morehead, JoAnn Shewey

BOTTOM-SCA officers: Chris Dillow, president; Stephanie DeHart, vice-president; Crystal Tibbs, secretary; Molly Richardson, treasurer; Mr. Al Smith, advisor.



TOP-VICA-Front Row: Patty Mutter, Becky Winesett, Patricia Austin, Staci Roseberry. **Back Row:** Stacy Bruce, Shawn Nelson, John Michael Mustard, Shelby Brown, J. R. Harris.

CENTER LEFT-officers: Becky Winesett, president; John Mustard, vice-president; J. R. Harris, secretary; Stacy Bruce, treasurer; Patricia Austin, parliamentarian; Mrs. Carolyn Bane, advisor.

CENTER RIGHT: John Mustard prepares for work at his grandfathers.

BOTTOM LEFT: Shelby Brown stocks shelves at Lowe's.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Stacy Bruce arrives at home to work on the farm.

One last look led to final production

Controversy over the cover put a hitch in well made plans ending in a tie. A secret ballot produced a solution with only the advisor knowing the outcome. A large staff

of 22 heard the news that the '89 yearbook had won 2nd place in national competition so they began their work with pride and joy and a determination to make the '90 book as good or better than the previous one.

activity in the library when each staffer struggled to fit pictures to a layout and write acceptable copy. With one last look they sighed and turned in completed pages then waited anxiously for the final production.

TOP RIGHT-Yearbook staff: FRONT ROW: Jason Guler, April Newberry, Tonya Looney, Pam Chewning, Becky Winesett. 2D ROW: Ruth Cowan, Barbara Meadows, Shelly Beam, Heather Burton, Sherril Shewey. 3D ROW: Tina Brown, Cindy Justice, Sarah Umberger, Stephanie Meadows, Stephanie Goins. 4TH ROW: Molly Richardson, Becky Birn, Sarah Thompson, Lori Compton.

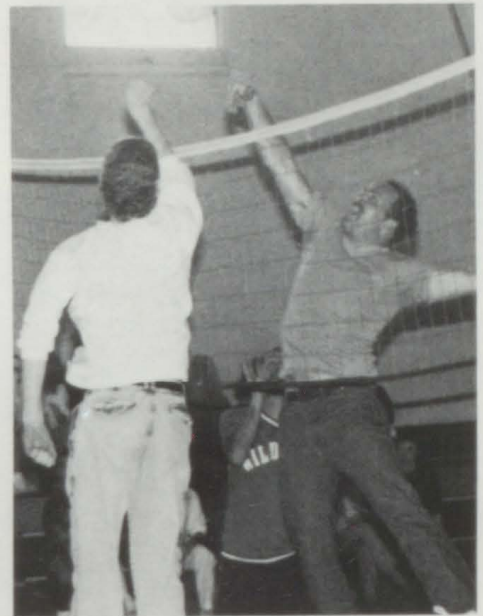
TOP LEFT-Editors: Ms. Elizabeth Newberry, advisor; Sherril Shewey and Pam Chewning, co-editors; Becky Winesett, business manager.

BOTTOM: A regular work session — Becky Winesett, April Newberry, Tonya Looney, Pam Chewning.





Sports



Q. "Do you feel football will strengthen or weaken the overall sports program? Why or why not?"

Ans. "Strengthen. Some students do not like basketball but are very interested in other sports. Also football is my favorite sport."

Mrs. Kay Mabe

Ans. "Strengthen, definitely. Football would fire up our competitive drive and sportsmanship. It is also very necessary for anyone who wants a football career or just interested in the sport. It would also produce revenue for the school."

Charlie Thompson

Ans. "Weaken. We don't have enough talent around, except for the people that play at lunch."

Greg Boksa

Ans. "Strengthen. It will put more school spirit in the community and school."

Stephanie Meadows, Hope Pike,
Sarah Thompson, Becky Bird,
Sarah Umbarger

SCOREBOARD

Bland	2	Auburn	7
Bland	2	Floyd	7
Bland	8	Fries	1
Bland	1	Fort Chiswell	8
Bland	9	Shawsville	0
Bland	7	Narrows	2
Bland	0	Grayson County	9
Bland	4	Galax	5

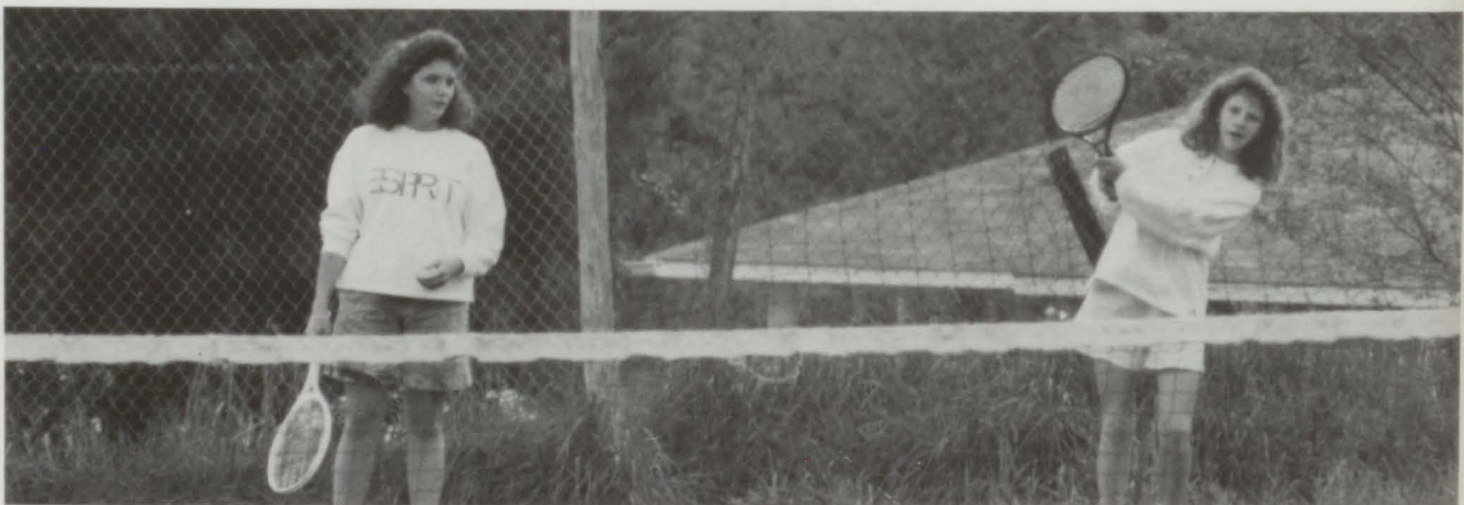
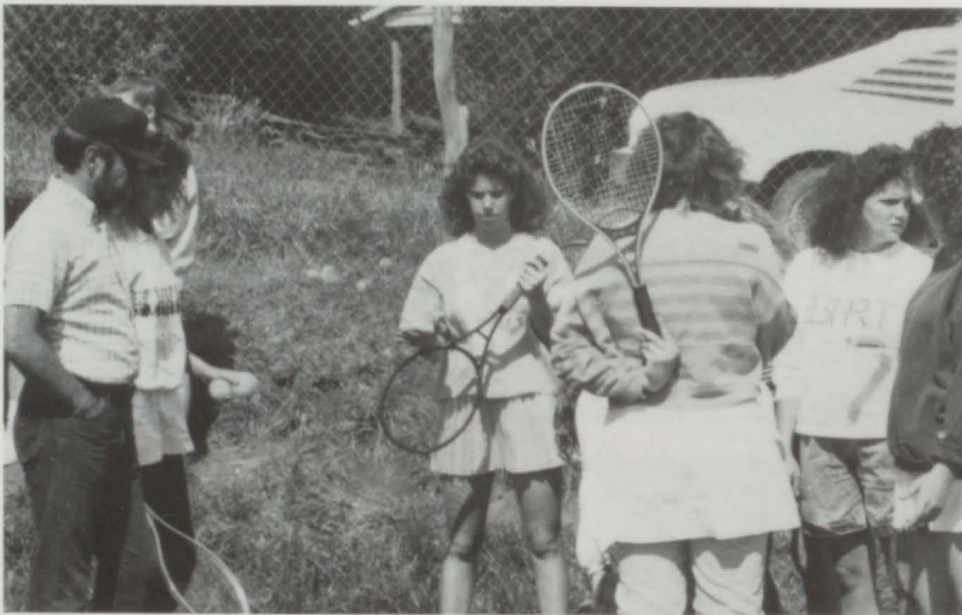
WON-3 LOST-5

TOP: Battling together in doubles against Galax, Rachel Havens returns the serve while Sarah Strock gives assistance.

CENTER LEFT: Coach Thacker gives pep talk and encouragement to Kim Crabtree as teammates wait for their turn at the net.

CENTER RIGHT: Putting forth effort with determination is Jenny Meadows in a singles match.

BOTTOM: Playing doubles with Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows lobs a winner back to Galax.



Tennis girls spend extra time on courts

Two armed opponents took their places on opposite sides of the net, sizing up each other. For girl's tennis team, '89 was a successful season.

Under the coaching of Mr. Robin Thacker and the work of talented players they made

great strides.

Students spent around 30 hours a week in class as opposed to 138 elsewhere. With eight hours sleep per night that left 72 hours to do with as they chose. The tennis girls chose to spend many of those 72 hours

practicing/competing on the courts.

With only two departing seniors, Sarah Strock/Kim Crabtree, the team's outlook for the 1990 season is bright. With spirit and determination they are sure to improve on their 3-5 record.



TOP LEFT: In singles match, Rachel Havens catches this one dead center.

TOP RIGHT: Becky Bird puts force behind this one as the ball sails back over the net.

BOTTOM-KNEELING: Seniors Kim Crabtree, Sarah Strock. **STANDING:** Coach Larry Thacker, Jenny Meadows, Junior; Tina Brown, Sophomore; Rachel Havens, Junior; Amanda Harden, Sophomore; Becky Bird, Freshman; Sarah Thompson, Freshman; Stephanie Meadows, Freshman.

Practice gave self-confidence

A way from the grassy field long before the bleachers field excited fans there was the gym, a place where hours were spent practicing and perfecting skills for the upcoming games. Work until your muscles ached and you can't possibly go on, then work harder. Do it again and again so many times that it's second nature with the mind a total blank and nerves have built up a resistance to pain. In the gym, on the field work those muscles through jumping jacks, running in place and other exercises to tone up and strengthen and build endurance in order to get through each game. Practice gave

self-confidence to each player, whether batting or fielding.

The seventeen member team had eight seniors, Aaron Newberry, Happy Dillow, Mike Fanning, Kevin Cox, Robbie Waddle, Gary Blankenship, Leslie Duncan, Scott Lambert. For these seniors it was the end of their high school career and the first step towards a new level of play.

An average year of play was put behind them with anticipation of a new year, new team and a new coach, (Coach Hale accepted another school).

TOP: Robbie Waddle gives a hefty swing...and misses.

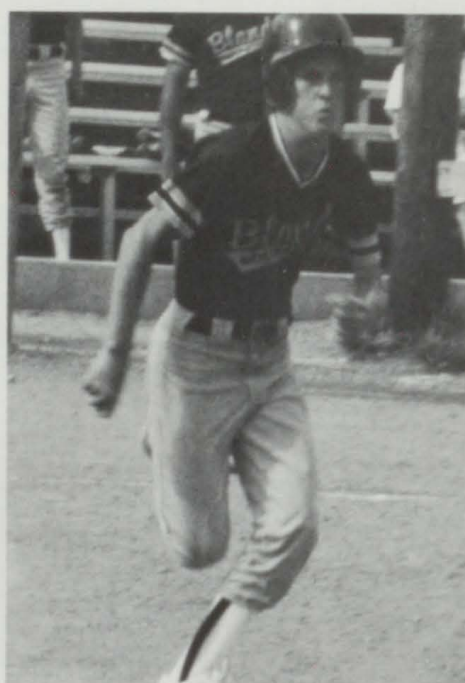
CENTER-'89 BASEBALL TEAM-Front

Row: Aaron Newberry, Leslie Duncan, Scott Lambert. **Back Row:** Coach Jany Hale, David Chandler, Jay Meadows, Darrel Wright, Shelby Brown, Happy Dillow, Mike Fanning, Kevin Cox, Robbie Waddle, Gary Blankenship, Brad Havens, Randy Townley, John Simmons, Michael Dillow, Robbie Taylor.

BOTTOM LEFT: A hit to left field and Shelby Brown dashes to first base.

BOTTOM CENTER: Mike Fanning scurries to first.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Scott Lambert scores.





TOP: Randy Townley steps to the plate, eyes a good ball, and strikes wood to cloth, only to create a foul ball.

BOTTOM LEFT: Gary Blankenship hits a fielder and dashes to first never taking his eyes off the ball and the opposing team.

BOTTOM RIGHT: "You're out!" David Chandler keeps his foot firmly planted on the base as he catches the toss from fielder teammate.



Familiar faces were seasoned players

Most of the faces were familiar as the JV girls entered the gym for the first encounter with Rocky Gap. Since several had played as seventh graders they were seasoned players and they were determined to win. Outdistancing their opponents early in

the game, they kept a good margin throughout the game.

After the first few games it looked like a win one, lose one situation. Then luck went out the window and the struggle was all uphill as fans watched with disappointment

a losing battle of the final four games.

Many of the team will move upward to varsity status and new members will have to fill their places for a new season, but members and coach feel challenged and ready.

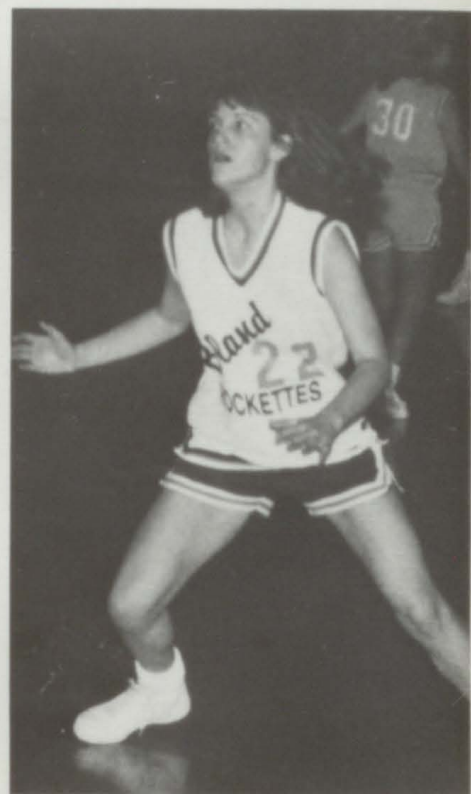


TOP-Girls' JV Basketball team-Front: Pam Harden, Kathy Shewey. **Back:** Angela Dalton, Stacey Tibbs, Pam Roop, Laura Sadler, Rachel French, Sheree Burton, Crystal King, P.J. Meadows.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sheree Burton, Angela Dalton, Laura Sadler, P.J. Meadows, and Patrick Smith watch a close game as Coach Patty Smith calls plays from the bench.



Newcomer to Bland, Pam Roop-sophomore, prepares a long range toss against Shawnees while her teammates set a screen for her.



Crystal King sets a defense and prepares for an attack against the Lady Shawnees.



TOP: Most of both teams rush the nets for a rebound but P.J. Meadows' toss went through the net. Laura Sadler, Pam Roop, Rachel French, P.J. Meadows.

BOTTOM LEFT: Another goal but Laura Sadler, Kathy Shewey and Pam Harden are not taking chances.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Stayce Tibbs looks for help against tough opposition.

SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
43	Rocky Gap	16
24	Auburn	29
30	Mt. Rogers	23
27	Galax	23
35	Shawsville	26
33	Grayson Co.	39
25	Floyd	43
27	Narrows	17
29	Ft. Chiswell	32
32	Rocky Gap	18
30	Auburn	35
26	Mt. Rogers	29
26	Narrows	27
22	Galax	14
20	Shawsville	27
24	Grayson Co.	39
33	Floyd	44
18	Ft. Chiswell	39

WON-7 LOST-11

First game victory carried to tournaments

Bzzz! That sound brought victory to the varsity girls' basketball team in their first home game of the season. Since the opponents were the county rivals from Rocky Gap, success was sweet. The Rockettes maintained a good lead until third quarter, then it was touch-n-go. Fans sat on the edge

of the bench, anxiety showing on their faces, or they stood yelling and screaming for successful goals or better defense. For coach Patty Smith, it was a tremendous high, this was her own alma mater, her first job and a victorious first game.

The team faced some tough competition

with several losses but they battled royally and made it to district tournaments. Prospects look good for next year since only one player will be lost. For senior Jenny Meadows, this was her last look as a high school basketball player.



LEFT: Tina Brown, junior, tosses up a layup against county rivals of Rocky Gap.



RIGHT: The only senior member is Jenny Meadows. Jenny avoids Shawnees while connecting a pass to teammate.



TOP-Varsity-Front: Jenny Meadows, Tina Brown.
Back: Stephanie Meadows, Hope Pike, Sarah Thompson, Miracle Mitchem, Tina Johnston, Julie Strock, Amanda Harden, Crystal Thompson.

CENTER LEFT: Sarah Thompson protects the ball from Rocky Gap opponent.

CENTER RIGHT: This is not kickball! Stephanie Meadows dribbles low as Lady Shawnee closes in.

BOTTOM LEFT: Julie Strock fights opposition to sink a basket.

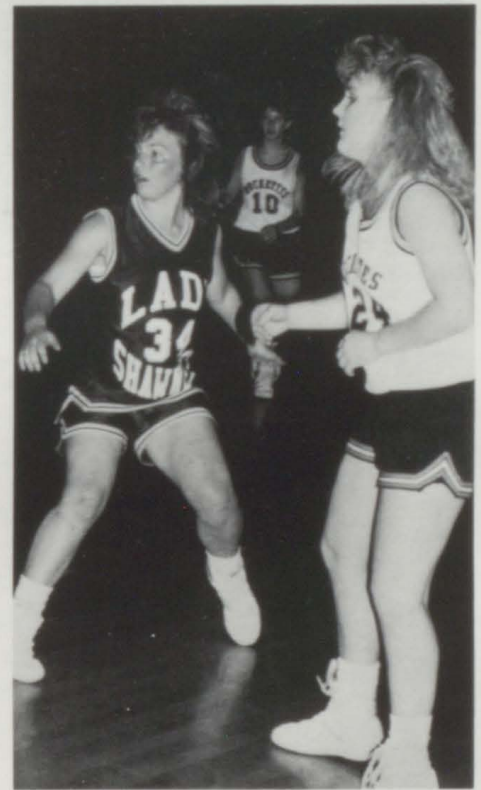
BOTTOM RIGHT: Hope Pike is unruffled as the Lady Shawnees place their defense.



SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
38	Rocky Gap	33
40	Auburn	56
61	Mt. Rogers	55
31	Galax	64
32	Shawsville	76
31	Grayson Co.	50
08	Floyd	66
28	Narrows	51
28	Ft. Chiswell	66
43	Rocky Gap	39
30	Auburn	55
40	Mt. Rogers	52
28	Narrows	53
23	Galax	70
28	Shawsville	65
37	Grayson Co	46
21	Floyd	41
31	Ft. Chiswell	67

WON-3 LOST-15



Auditions were part of a cheerleaders life

Who had the best techniques and volume? Auditions were held to select the most qualified persons for cheerleading. Cheering alone before a judge proved a lot

harder than being a part of a group in front of fans. Once chosen, the grueling task of finding the best cheers and practicing became a daily exercise.

The aroma of spraypaint was often inhaled before a ballgame because the cheerleaders were making posters, getting ready for the ballgame.



JV CHEERLEADERS: Detria Agee, Cindy Justice, Lori Compton, Sarah Umbarger, Holly Warden, Pam Harden, Beth Bridges, Misty Pauley.

CENTER: JV cheerleaders work the end zone giving the players and fans a boost in spirit.

BOTTOM: Seventh graders banded together to form a cheering squad for the eighth grade team. Part of the group are Joanie Lambert, Cindy Berg, Anne Myrick, and Bobbi Hobbs.





VARSITY CHEERLEADERS-Bottom Row: Amy Haga, Heather Smith, Amanda Harden, Sarah Thompson, Tina Hounshell.

Top Row: Becky Bird, Shelley Beam, Stephanie Meadows.

Pregame formation peps up fans, and cheerleaders demonstrate their enthusiasm.



End zone cheering by Heather Smith, Tina Hounshell and Shelly Beam.

Amanda Harden in good cheering form during homecoming game against Galax.

Determination and discipline propagated maturity and teamwork.

As the season began, the 8th grade boys' team was ready to go. After putting in many hours of practice, they traveled to their first game against Floyd.

Although they were defeated several times, their determined team spirit shone through. They did not give up even when they were down by fifteen points at the half. They returned to narrow the gap. The twelve member team was made up of seventh and eighth graders.

The tough discipline of coach Tommy Bird helped the boys to grow in maturity and work together as a team.



TOP: The Pack — David Lambert, Jes Selfe, Chris Tickle and Jason Stowers strive to retrieve the basketball from Narrows team.

CENTER LEFT: David Lambert shields the ball and looks for a free teammate.

CENTER RIGHT- 8TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM-Front Row: Douglas Dalton, Wes Stock, James Umbarger, Jason Stowers, Allen Brown, David Allan Lambert, Jes Selfe.

Back Row: Kevin Pauley, Jason Quinn, Shannon Havens, Robbie Morehead, Aaron Faulkner, Chris Tickle.

BOTTOM: Wes Stock starts down court with assistance from Allen Brown, Jes Selfe and James Umbarger.





SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
18	Floyd	36
40	Ft. Chiswell	54
30	Richlands	21
50	Shawsville	30
21	Rocky Gap	25
27	Grayson	44
39	Galax	30
41	Fries	24
21	Auburn	54
25	Narrows	46
41	Fries	30
29	Richlands	41
31	Narrows	37

WON-5 LOST-8

TOP: Robbie Morehead assists as Jes Selfe scores with a one-hand toss.

BOTTOM LEFT: Jes Selfe and David Lambert head down court as Shannon Havens seeks an opportunity to gain control of the basketball.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Narrows is too slow as Allen Brown sinks a 3-point perimeter shot.



New faces boosted expectations

The JV boys' basketball team has exceeded many people's hopes this year. With most of their starters lost to the varsity team, two sophomores have had to take on the

scoring responsibility. The tremendous perimeter shooting of Toby Dotson and the inside playing and rebounding ability of Robbie Taylor have helped to lift the team over such rivals as Galax and Floyd. Also

aiding the Rockets in their victories were Charlie Thompson, Scott Gusler, Brad Harden and Rusty Meadows.

Coach Hankins was very pleased with his JV team and has high hopes for next year.

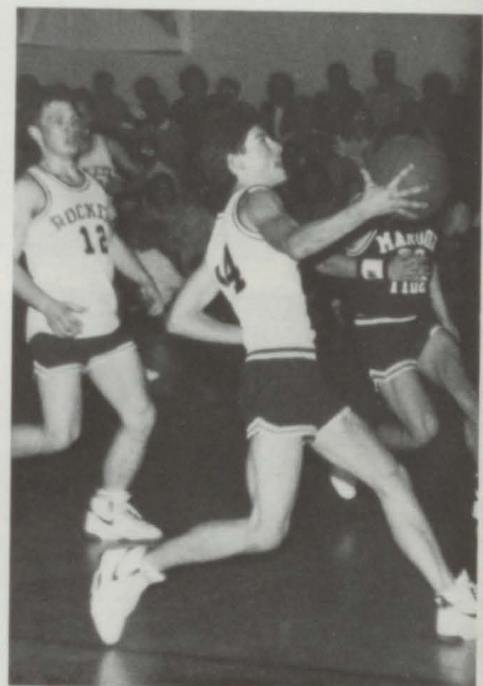
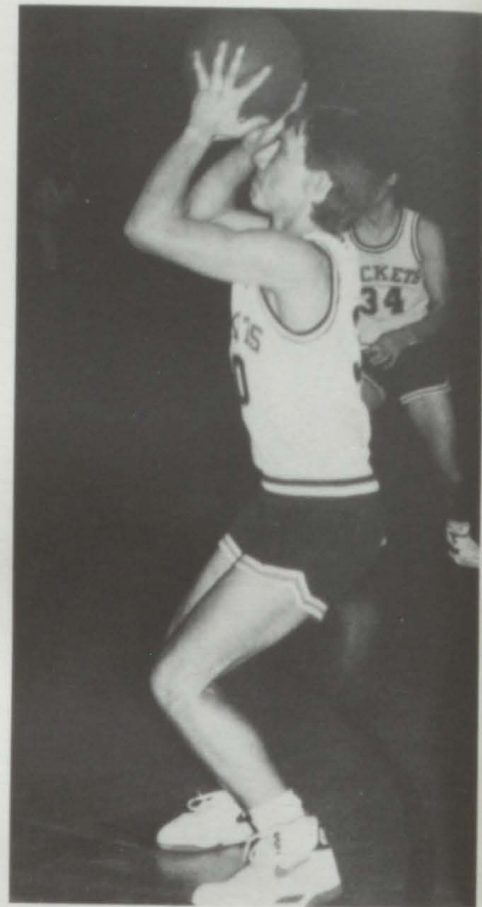


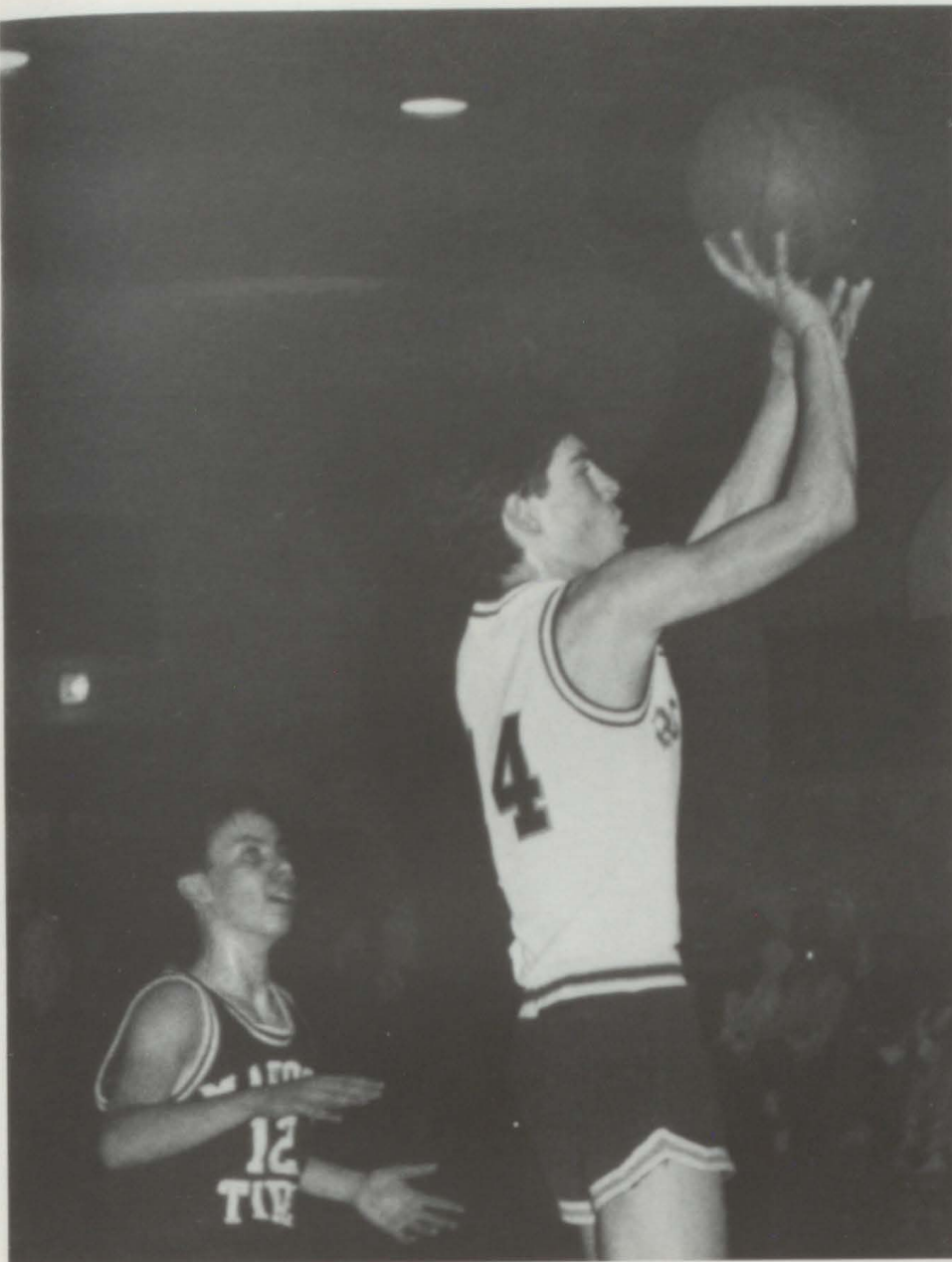
ABOVE-JV Basketball team-Front Row: Roger Blankenship, Brad Harden, Rusty Meadows, Joe Putman, Travis Morehead. **Back Row:** Robbie Taylor, Billy Epperson, Charlie Thompson, Toby Dotson, Chad Morehead, Jason Hall.

BELOW: Galax tips the basketball as everyone else is expecting a rebound! Brad Harden, Robbie Taylor, Charlie Thompson, Rusty Meadows.

TOP RIGHT: Rusty Meadows finds a free spot and takes advantage of a practiced shot as Scott Gusler backs him up.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Toby Dotson hurriedly brings the ball down court against the pressure of Galax's Maroon Tide with Robbie Taylor covering for him.





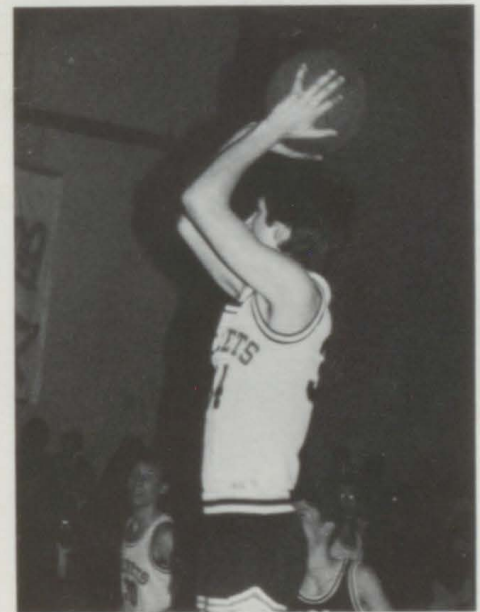
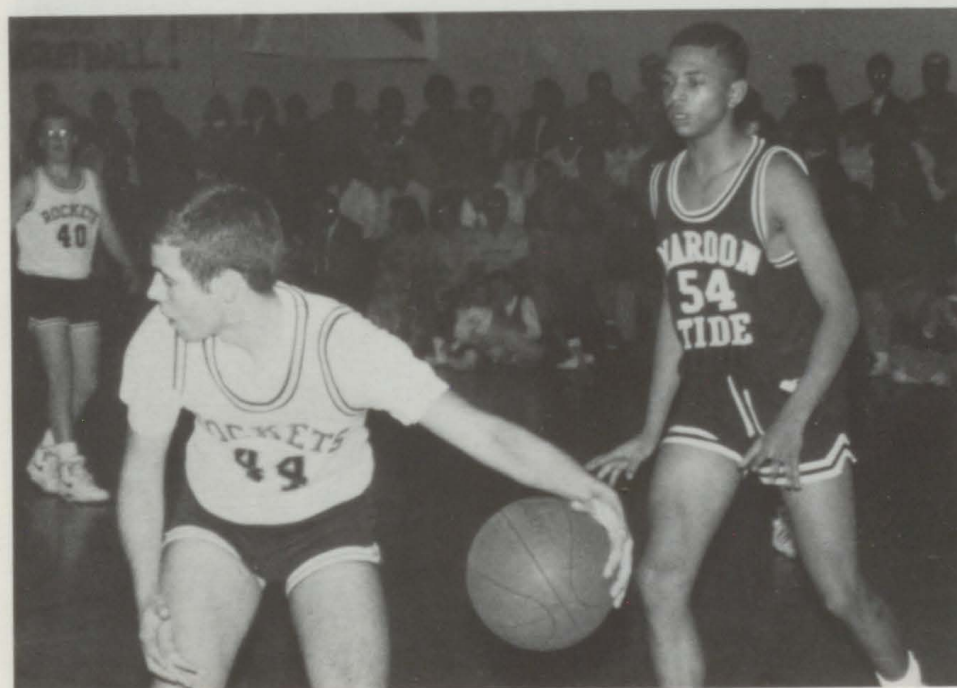
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US		THEM
50	Floyd	46
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41	Ft. Chiswell	43
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26	Ft. Chiswell	43
22	Narrows	41
31	Shawsville	39
33	Rocky Gap	37
31	Grayson	42

WON-7 LOST-13

TOP LEFT: Toby Dotson demonstrates his perimeter shooting by sinking a 3-pointer.

BOTTOM: Brad Havens covers the background as Charlie Thompson takes the ball down court.



Scott Gusler goes high to insure a completed pass to a teammate.

Mountain Empire District season champions!

Basketball mania struck Bland again this year as the Rockets entertained fans with yet another winning season. A tie with Auburn for first place forced a playoff for season champion. Fans were groaning at the end of the first quarter when Bland was down by 14. The Rockets rallied with a final lead of 8 points.

Due to snow, several games were postponed. At the early part of the season in January, three games a week were not unusual. Therefore, it also was not unusual for teachers to occasionally give tired ballplayers a "wake-up call" during classes.

Chad Thompson, Brian Hall, and John Mustard were the senior Rockets. Juniors were Patrick Smith, Rusty Bird, William Tickle, David King, Eric Faulkner, Jay Meadows, Clint Kegley, Travis Munsey with freshman Stephen Lindamood completing the squad. These players, combined with

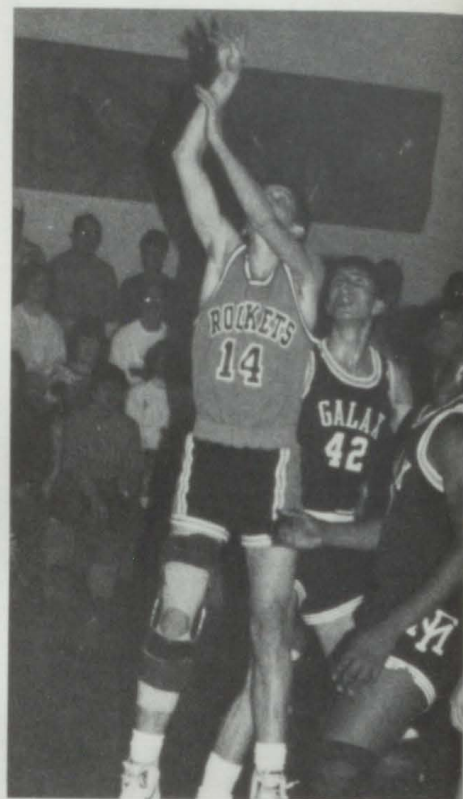
fans from the school and community, gave Rocket basketball a season to remember.

The Mountain Empire District MVP honor went to senior Chad Thompson. Patrick Smith was named to the All-District Team and David King received an honorable mention.

SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
64	Floyd	68
84	Mt. Rogers	48
81	Ft. Chiswell	64
68	Richlands	75
79	Shawsville	61
71	Rocky Gap	49
77	Grayson	63
67	Galax	57
87	Floyd	49
80	Mt. Rogers	62
67	Galax	49
71	Auburn	74
67	Narrows	51
72	Auburn	69
51	Richlands	87
63	Ft. Chiswell	56
85	Narrows	70
59	Shawsville	46
52	Rocky Gap	49
66	Grayson	53
*79	Auburn	71

WON-17 LOST-4



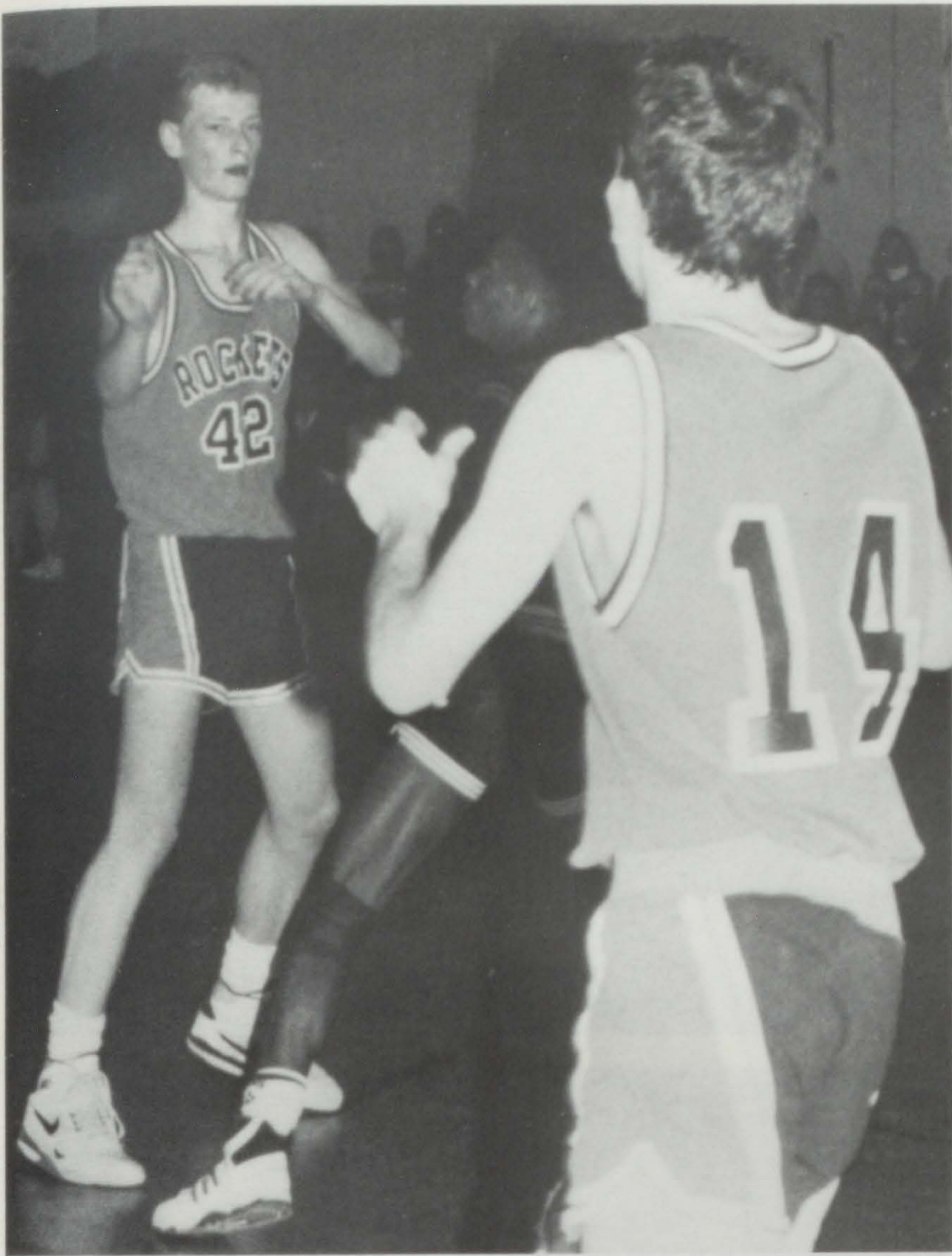
CENTER: Travis Munsey gives Galax a standoff.

TOP RIGHT: In spite of opposition, Clint Kegley sends the basketball swishing through the net.

BOTTOM-VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM-Front Row: Rusty Bird, Brian Hall, Jay Meadows, John Michael Mustard, Stephen Lindamood.

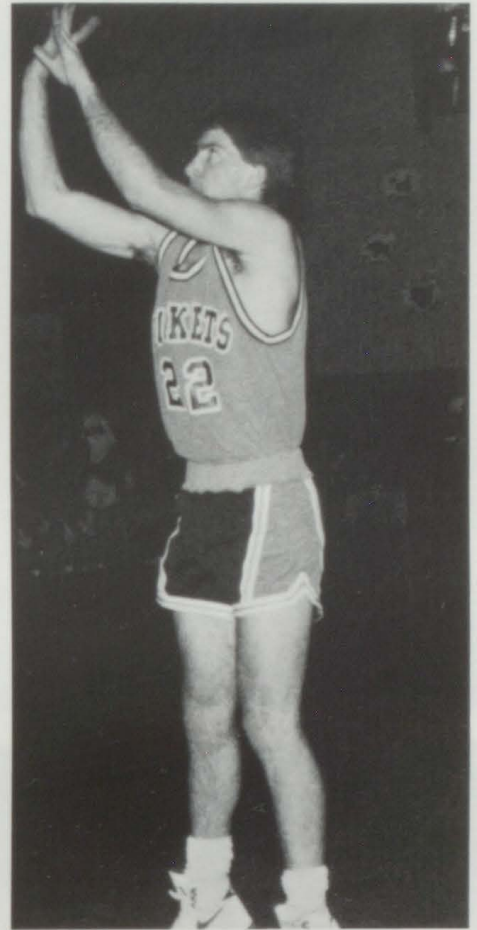
Back Row: Clinton Kegley, David King, Patrick Smith, Chad Thompson, Travis Munsey, Eric Faulkner, William Tickle.



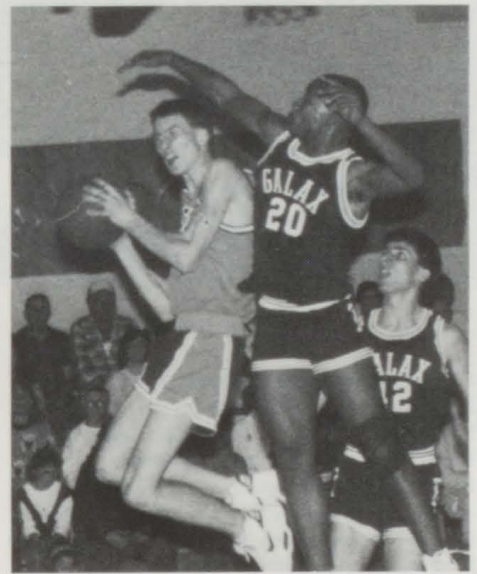


SENIOR Chad Thompson tosses off to Clint Kegley.

David King makes one of his 3-point perimeter shots.



Rusty Bird uses his quickness and determination to undermine and confuse the tallest and best of players.



Patrick Smith has become accustomed to this kind of treatment.

Football Fever

Football fever struck Bland in the fall as our "first ever" football team took to the field. This team was composed of boys from both Bland and Rocky Gap schools. They competed against other eighth grade teams in

the Mountain Empire District.

Since practice began in August hard work prevailed for many days. This hard work did pay off. The team, known as the Bland County Bears, completed their season with a

5-3 record. Sports fans in Bland are anxiously awaiting the second season of "Bears Football."



TOP: Kick off by Bland.

CENTER-8th Football team-Front row: Charlie Burton, Dale Martin, Joey Ball, John Stinson, Chris Mercer, Brian Waddle, Justin Eaton, Benjie Caudill, David Lambert, Eric Faulkner, Lee Hankins.

Back: Smoky Parmenter, Kevin King, Stanley Overbaugh, Jeff Brown, Ed Selfe, Michael Parnell, Jes Selfe, Joe Cromer, Frank Nunley, Larry Clark, Dave Lambert, Tracy Bradshaw, Andy Selfe.

BOTTOM: One, two...the play and players are ready.





SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
21	Hillsville	0
12	Narrows	8
06	Ft. Chiswell	14
24	Grayson Co.	14
16	Floyd	42
26	Fries	0
14	Galax	12
12	Woodlawn	14

WON-5 LOST-3

TOP: Don't give an inch. The "Bears" plunge into the fracas.

BOTTOM: Captains meet with the referees for pregame instructions.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM-Front Row: Stephanie Meadows, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Pam Harden, Hope Pike.

Back Row: Stacy Tibbs, Amanda Harden, Tina Hounshell, Tina Brown, Angela Stowers, Jenny Meadows.

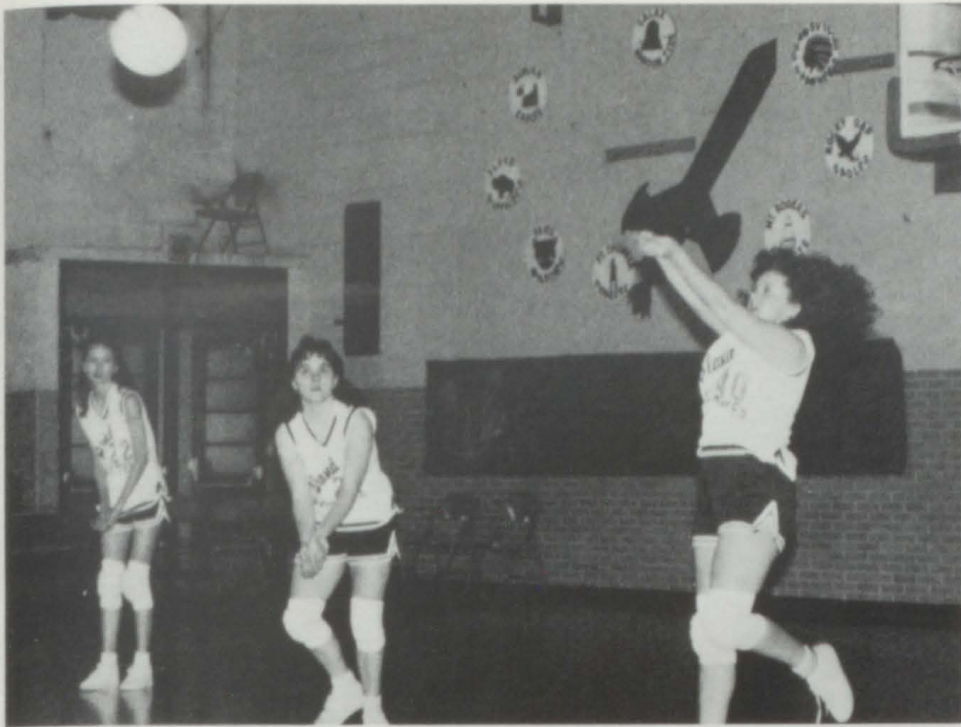
CENTER LEFT: Becky Bird finds assistance from Stacy Tibbs and Stephanie Meadows.

CENTER RIGHT: Hope Pike watches senior Jenny Meadows pound the volleyball across the top.

BOTTOM: Amanda Harden is ready for the toss-up by Tina Hounshell.

SCOREBOARD		
US		THEM
8	Narrows	15
15		10
1		15
3	Grayson	15
16		14
9		15
7	Floyd	15
7		15
10	Ft. Chiswell	15
9		15
11	Auburn	15
11		15
15	Shawsville	12
8		15
1		15
WON-3		LOST-12





Enthusiasm dampened

“Oh, no, not morning practice again!” Coach Patty Smith with nineteen enthusiastic girls met for morning volleyball practices until basketball season started. Then they had afternoon practices and everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

Split into varsity and junior varsity, the all first-year team of girls went up against much more experienced teams. The girls were disappointed when they failed to win a match, but with high expectations for next season, they hope to give the other district competitors a run for their money.



TOP: Becky Mallory and Molly Richardson stand prepared to help as Heather Burton pops a set-up.

CENTER LEFT-JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM-
Front Row: Becky Mallory, Heather Olinger.

CENTER RIGHT: Holly Warden needs no assistance from Becky Mallory on this across-the-net hit.

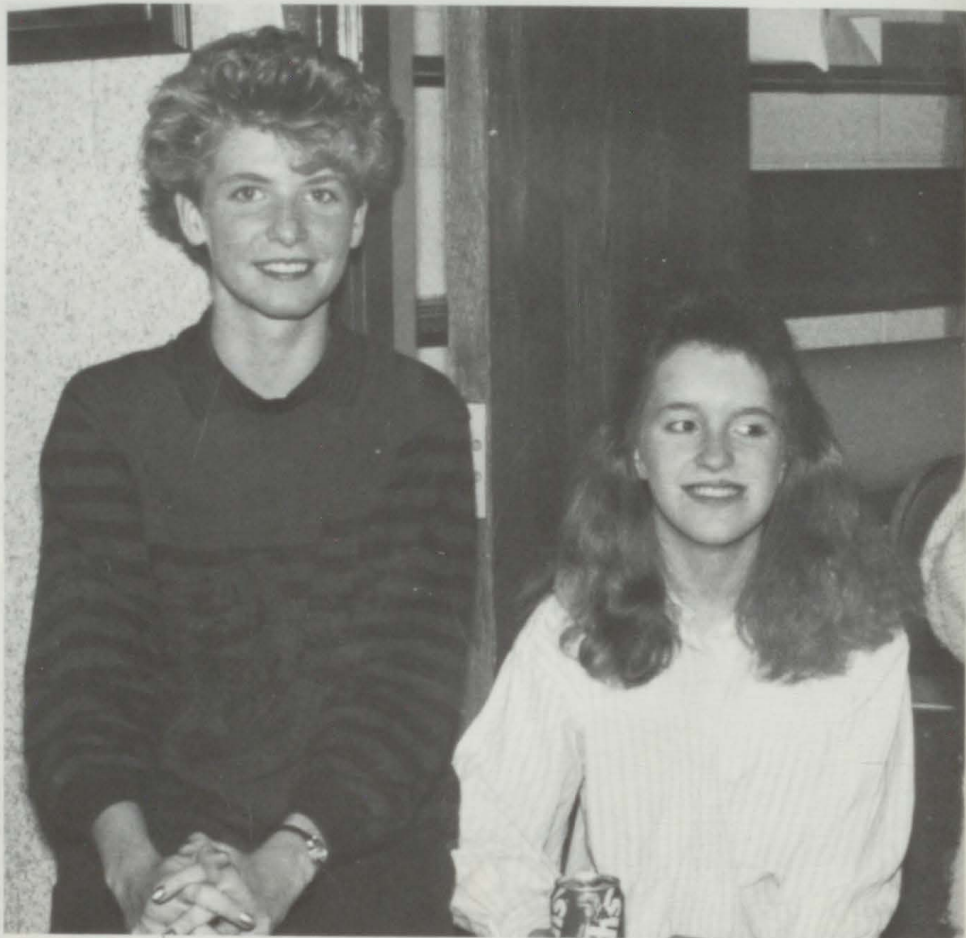
Back Row: Heather Burton, Holly Warden, Rachel French, Molly Richardson. Not pictured Pam Wright, Melanie Thompson.

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0		15
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4		15
2	Floyd	15
0		15
1	Ft. Chiswell	15
2		15
6	Auburn	15
3		15
10	Shawsville	15
5		15
15	Galax	13
9		15
9		15
WON-1 LOST-14		



The busy 80's decade brought learning and growth

One last look at 1989-90 proved to be most interesting. From things happening in school to things happening in other countries we were reminded of a very busy year. This year also ended one decade and began another. So many things happened this year one could say "we went out with a bang." This year also taught us things we would need to grow, not only in school but through life. We learned all the basics in school, but learned the price of freedom through the news as countries begged for the right to rule themselves. One look back showed us exactly what we needed to learn.



TOP: Social studies MACC practice, Bradley King, Cindy Justice, Molly Richardson, Rusty Bird, Sarah Umberger, Mrs. Donna Musick.

BOTTOM: Anita Matney and Barbara Meadows in charge of concessions.



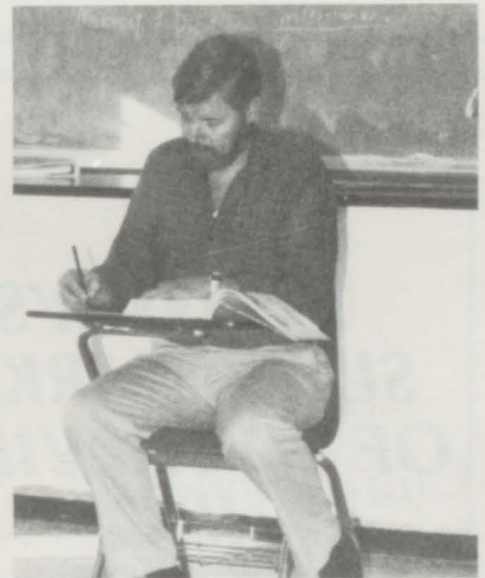
TOP: Hall duty was shared second period by Mrs. Sandra Harman and Mr. Richard Havens. Looks like a real tough job!

CENTER LEFT: Kindergarteners share time and materials.

CENTER RIGHT: Teachers must prepare also. Mr. Al Smith plans for that next class.

BOTTOM LEFT: Students vs. faculty volleyball. Chad Thompson, Robin Thacker, John Wagoner.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mrs. Shelia Richardson attends faculty tea. Shelia was a frequent visitor in the form of substitute teacher.



You made it **Becky!** The very best of luck always. We love you.

Love,
Ma-Ma and PaPa

Connie it was a hard task but you did it and we are so proud of you.

We love you
Grandmom Ruth & Poppop

Congratulations,

Connie even though we're miles apart. You've worked real hard these past several months, and I have watched you grow into a very lovely young lady. We are so proud of you.

We love you
Mom and Jack

Congratulations **Jo Shew!**

We are very proud of you.

Mom and Buffy

Congratulations **Tammy.** We are very proud of you. You've finally made it. We love you very much. We wish you the best of luck in the future.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Karen

Donna Lambert:

Congratulations! We're very proud of you.
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Love,
Mom, Dad, and David Alan

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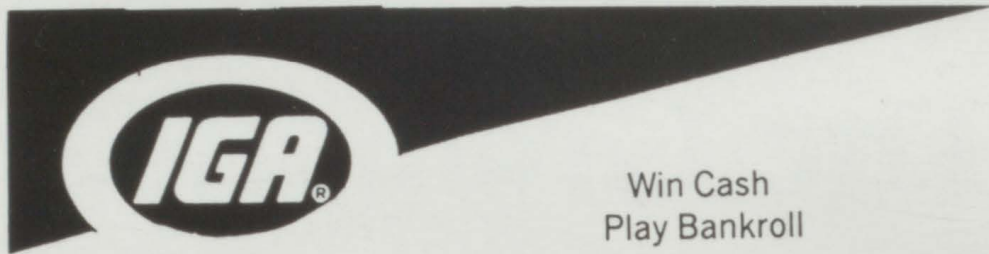
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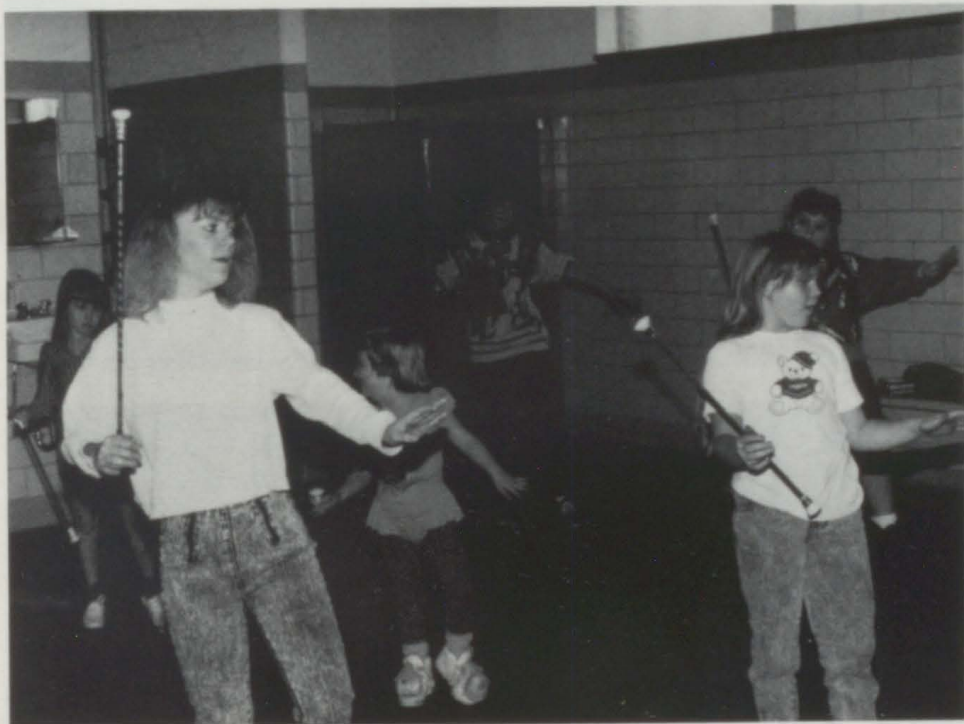
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Robin Arnold, a Wythe County student and a frequent winning baton performer, arrives at Bland each Wednesday afternoon. She instructs two baton classes, beginners and intermediates. Here she works with beginners April Moore, Shanna Brown, Mandy Blankenship, Christa Winesett, and Allison Kitts.



TOP: Batonists Katie Muncy, Leisa Hagy, and Heather Stiltner learn a new routine during after school class.

BOTTOM: Jenny Walker, Casey Johnston, Sarah Smith, and Anne Myrick practice a familiar routine.

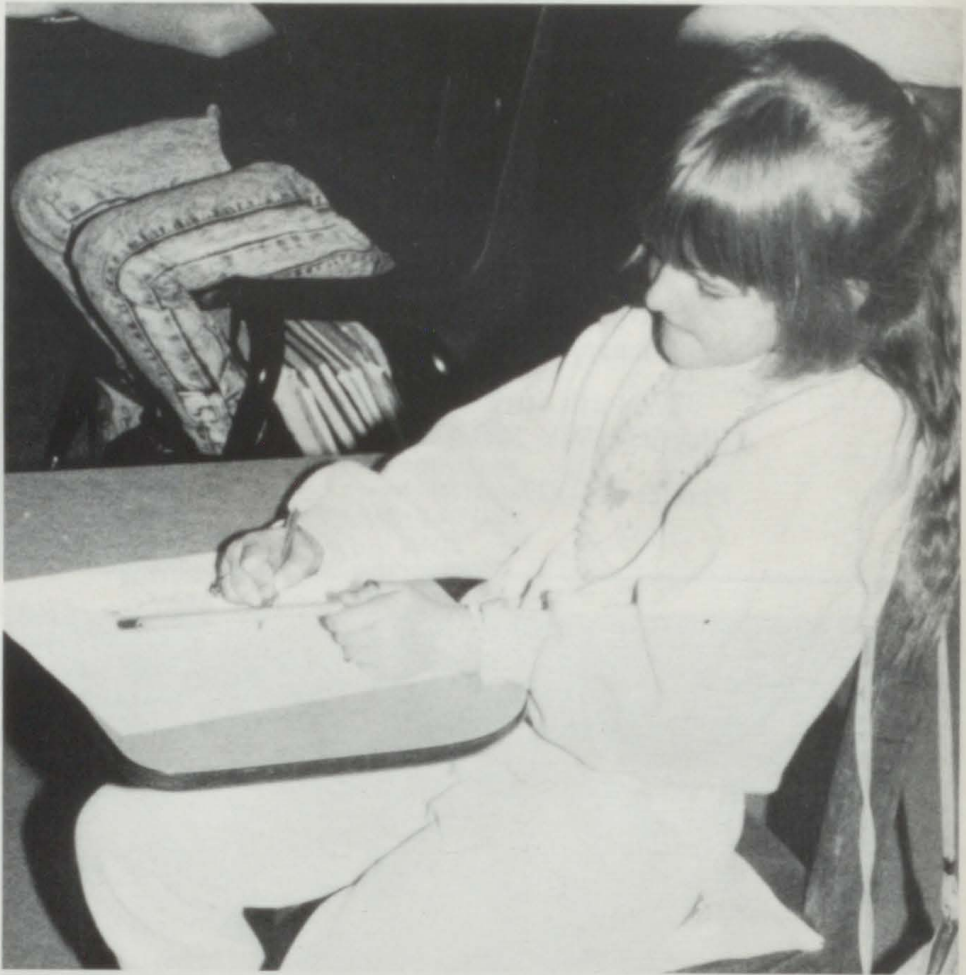
TOP LEFT: Ruth Cowan plans yearbook pages.

TOP RIGHT: Paul Harless and Jessica Umbarger.

BOTTOM: Volleyball intramurals-Patricia Stowers, Kandi Farley, Miracle Mitchem, Alison King, Katie Tibbs.

RIGHT: Katrina Clark in art class.

BELOW: Sheri Blankenship, a contestant in Junior Miss pageant.



What we did and who we were

What we did and who we were made a lasting impression on the year '89-90. That impression was forever engraved in our hearts and the annals of time.

The pictures included on this and other pages convey a memory of the school year. The year has been a busy one with many attempts and accomplishments both individually and school wide. These events covered all aspects of our lives. Take one last look at what we did and who we were.



TOP: Second graders leave at three o'clock for their buses.

RIGHT: 'Gracefully', Katie Tibbs matches wits at volleyball intramurals.



BOTTOM: Miss Diane Rowe seems to enjoy the chance to douse Amy Haga. It looks like Miss Rowe is getting as wet as Amy could! Amy lost all her tags for talking and got "the sponge" several times.

Candid's bring a vision of the past

Looking back at goofy pictures we remember things from the past. How funny we looked, the clothes we were wearing, and what we were trying to do, all recall those special times. These candid's remind us of how we did things and what we were supposed to do. Even though we were awkwardly posed or stupidly grinning, we were able to find humorous feelings about them all. Pictures we hoped would never be seen were now glaring at us in the midst of embarrassment.

As we look back, we recall fun-filled days

of freedom and laughter. Our youth had been captured in a single moment of time by one brief click of the shutter. Whatever the future holds for each of us, we can always turn through these pages and reminisce about the "good 'ole days". A forgotten name or a remembered face may take us back to the days of the 80s and bring a smile as we think about the jokes we played on each other or the punishment we sustained for a petty deed. May these pages always open a door to a vision of the past.

TOP LEFT: Has our petite strict Mrs. Kay Mabe turned to snake handling? or maybe this is a form of geometric study and observation!!

TOP RIGHT: Joe Meadows starts the relay with a spirit of determination.

BOTTOM: What's the rabbit have to do with Science MACC practice? Members give the rabbit ears sign. **Front:** Heather Smith, Shelly Beam, Amy Haga, Heather Burton. **Back:** Mr. John Wagoner, Tina Brown, William Tickle, Charlie Thompson.





TOP LEFT: Tina Hounshell holds position for a full 10 counts.

TOP RIGHT: Molly Richardson, are you losing something????

BOTTOM LEFT: Angela Stowers faces the auction block with auctioneer Mr. Richard Havens.

BOTTOM RIGHT: JoAnn Shewey gives final instructions on vision screening.



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That one last look

As we took that one last look at the 1989-90 school year, we had seen the end of another calendar year, the end of the 80's decade, and the end of public school for seniors. We had attained a year filled with laughter, disappointments, tears, happiness, and the memories we will hold to for a life

time.

As the seniors graduated, they perceived they had left one phase of their lives, but now it was time to move on to another phase while holding fast to the dreams in which they believed.

When the bell at BCS rang on the last

school day at 3:00 p.m., we knew we had taken the dreams and memories of the 1989-90 year with us, and we could always go back in time with that one last look.



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