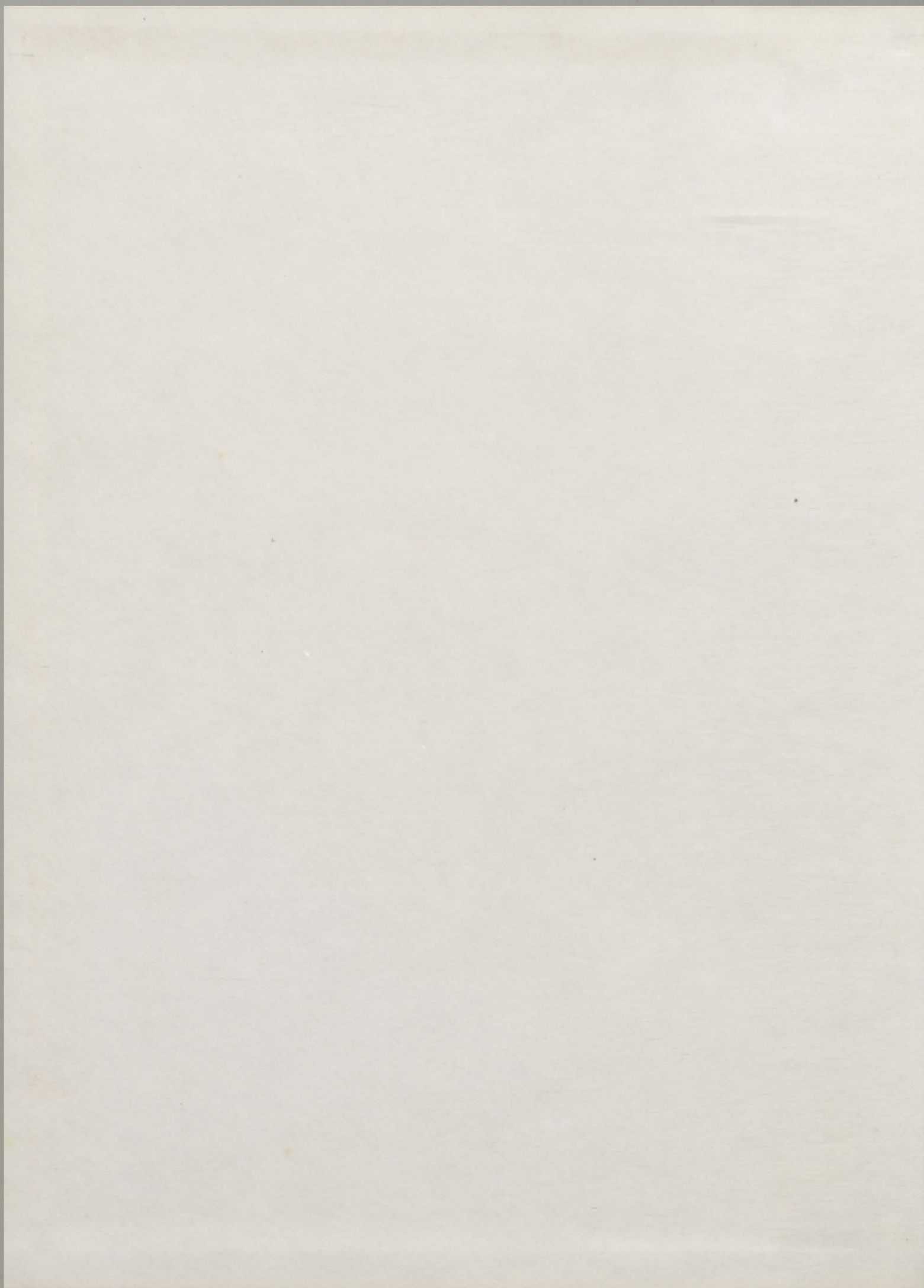


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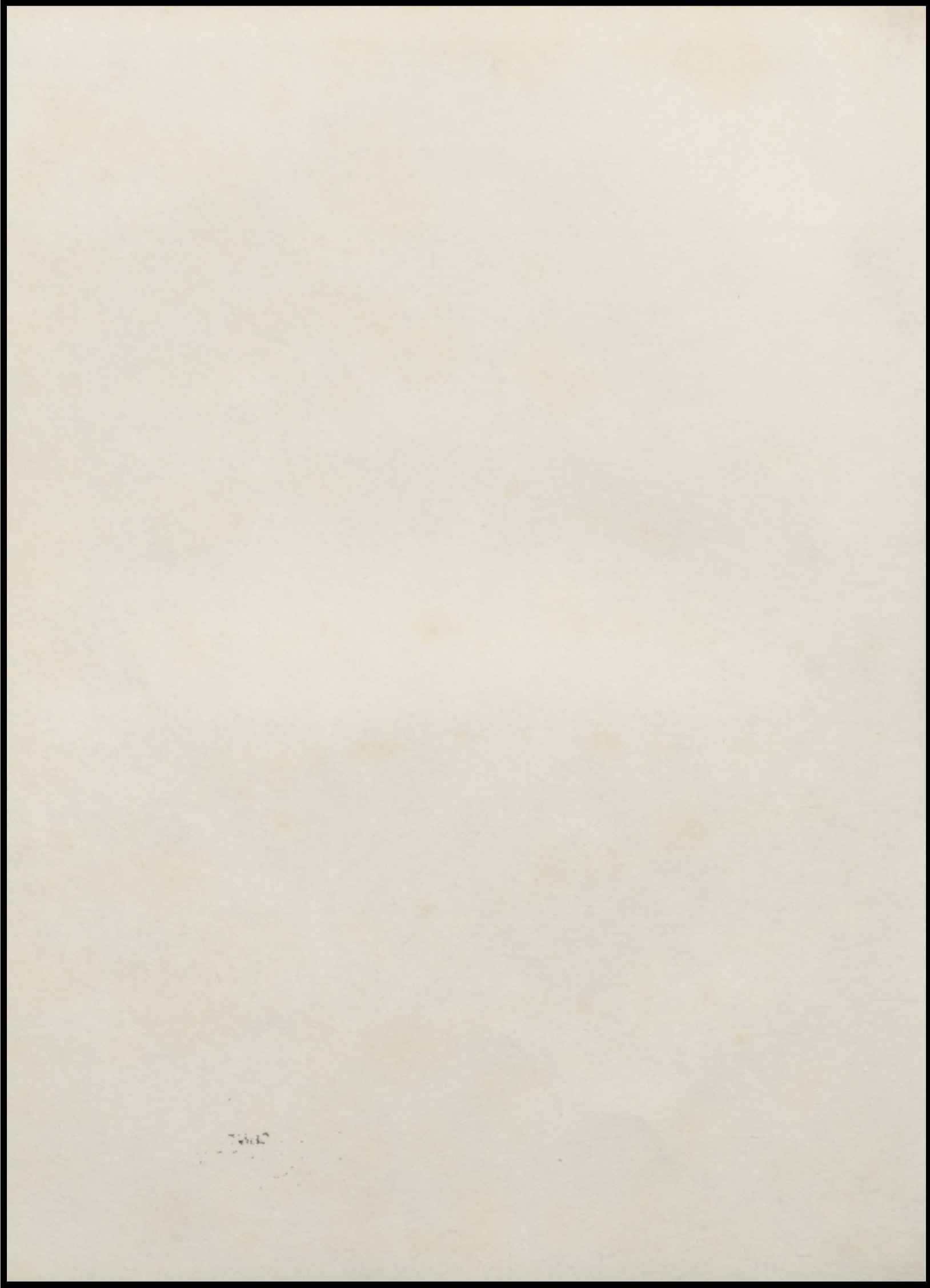
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Sorting out the jumbled pieces

As the 1990-'91 school year began there were many puzzle pieces to sort and fit into place. Those pieces affecting our lives came from local, state, national, and global areas. The greatest ordeal we faced was the Middle East crisis. *War was declared on January 15, 1991 with aerial bombings on Iraq.* Saddam Hussein retaliated by creating a huge oil spill in the gulf. Several young men from our area

were serving on the front lines-the most recent graduates were John Stafford, Scott Lambert and Wayne Davis.

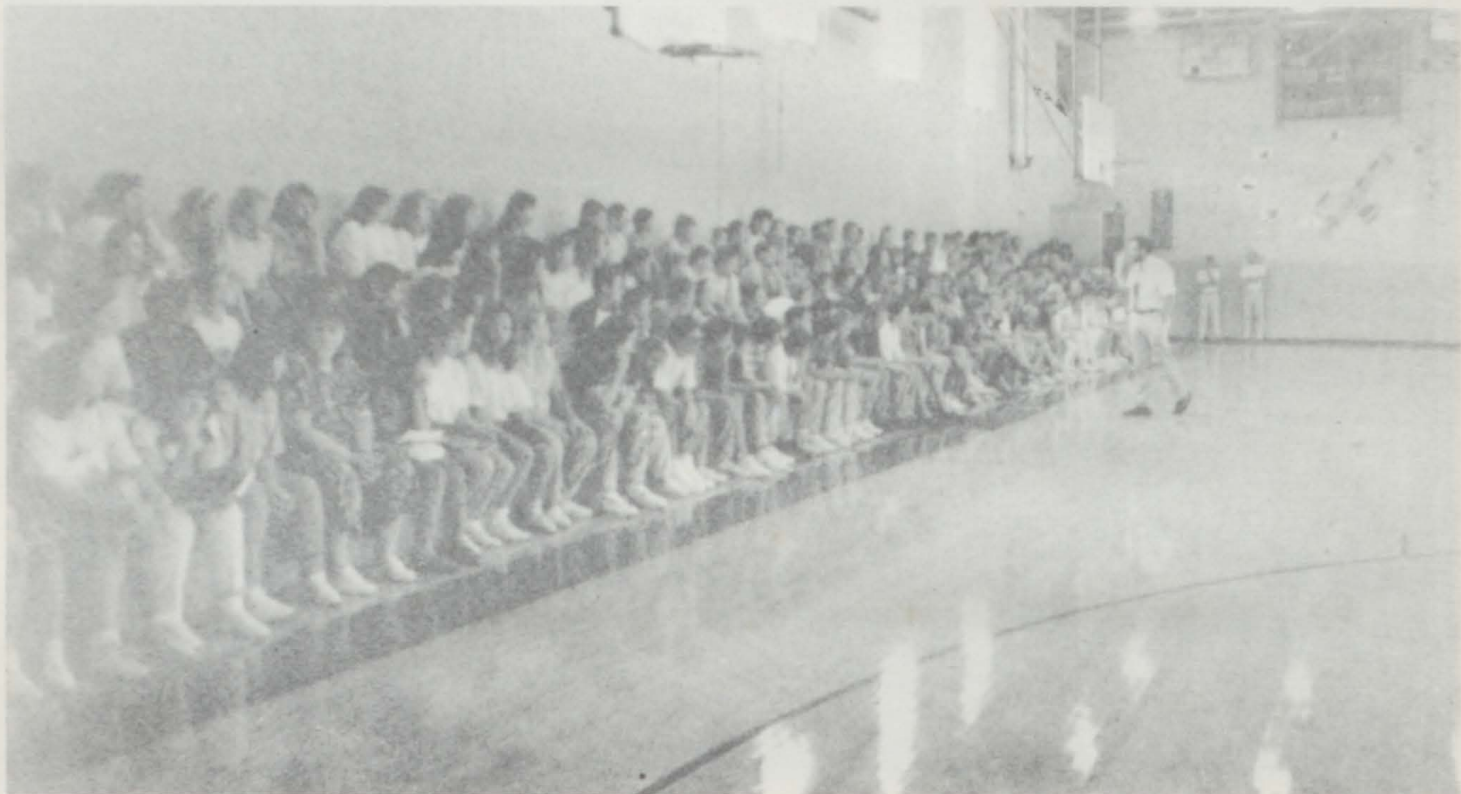
Perhaps our hardest trial was on February 3, 1991, when Joseph Stephen Lindamood was killed in a car accident. Students and faculty mourned the loss of a dear friend and scholar. His basketball shirt was framed and presented to the school at the final home game.

On November 9, 1990, the Berlin

Wall was opened unifying the East and West sectors. The Wall had been a barrier since 1961.

A joyful event occurred in January. Mr. John Wagoner became a *very proud papa*.

When the pieces fit we found strength and courage from our friendships, with growth physically, emotionally, and mentally. Our experiences brought wisdom and maturity to each of us.



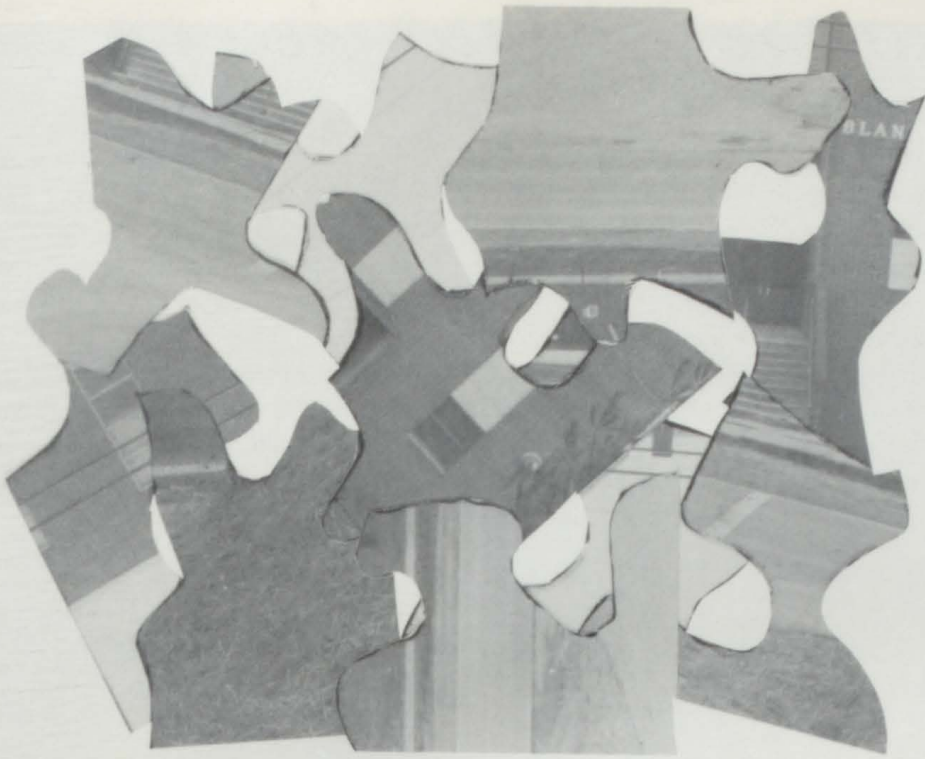
First day of school (rules/regulations)!

Bland's illustrious faculty!



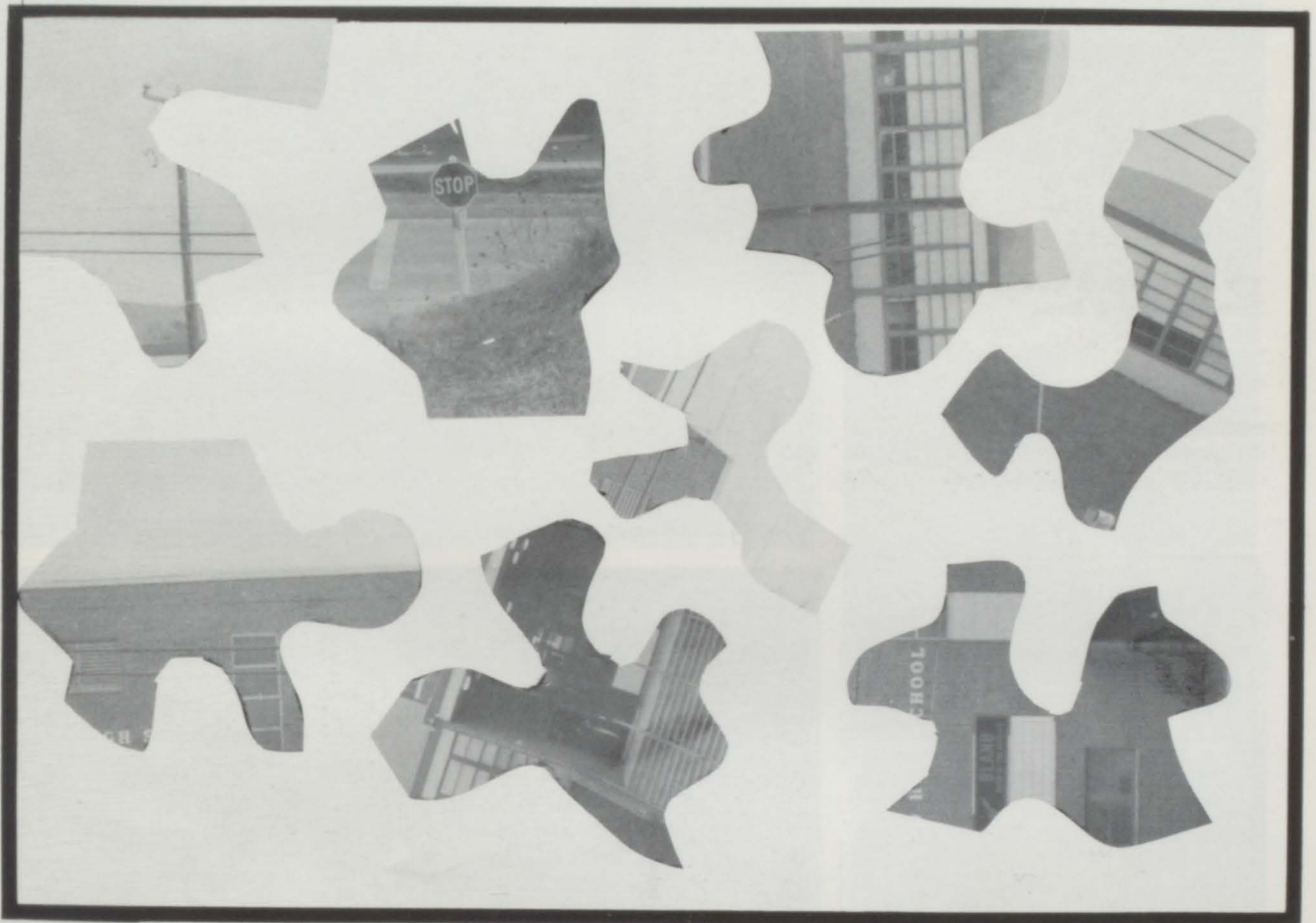
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Our puzzle would not be complete without the life outside of school. Here they experienced a mixture of emotions from excitement and fun to wonder and uncertainty.

While most teens loved partying and going out with their friends, they were also concerned with their future. Careers, family and education were all a big piece of student life.



Student Life

Nights to remember

At BCS we frequently have nights to remember and the '90 Prom and Miss Bland County pageant were no exceptions.

On May 12, 1990, the Prom was a glittering show of sequined gowns and tailored tuxedos as the students and their guests danced under a crepe canopy. Amid hot air balloons and cotton clouds the theme "Up Where We Belong," made each guest feel like they were dancing among the stars.

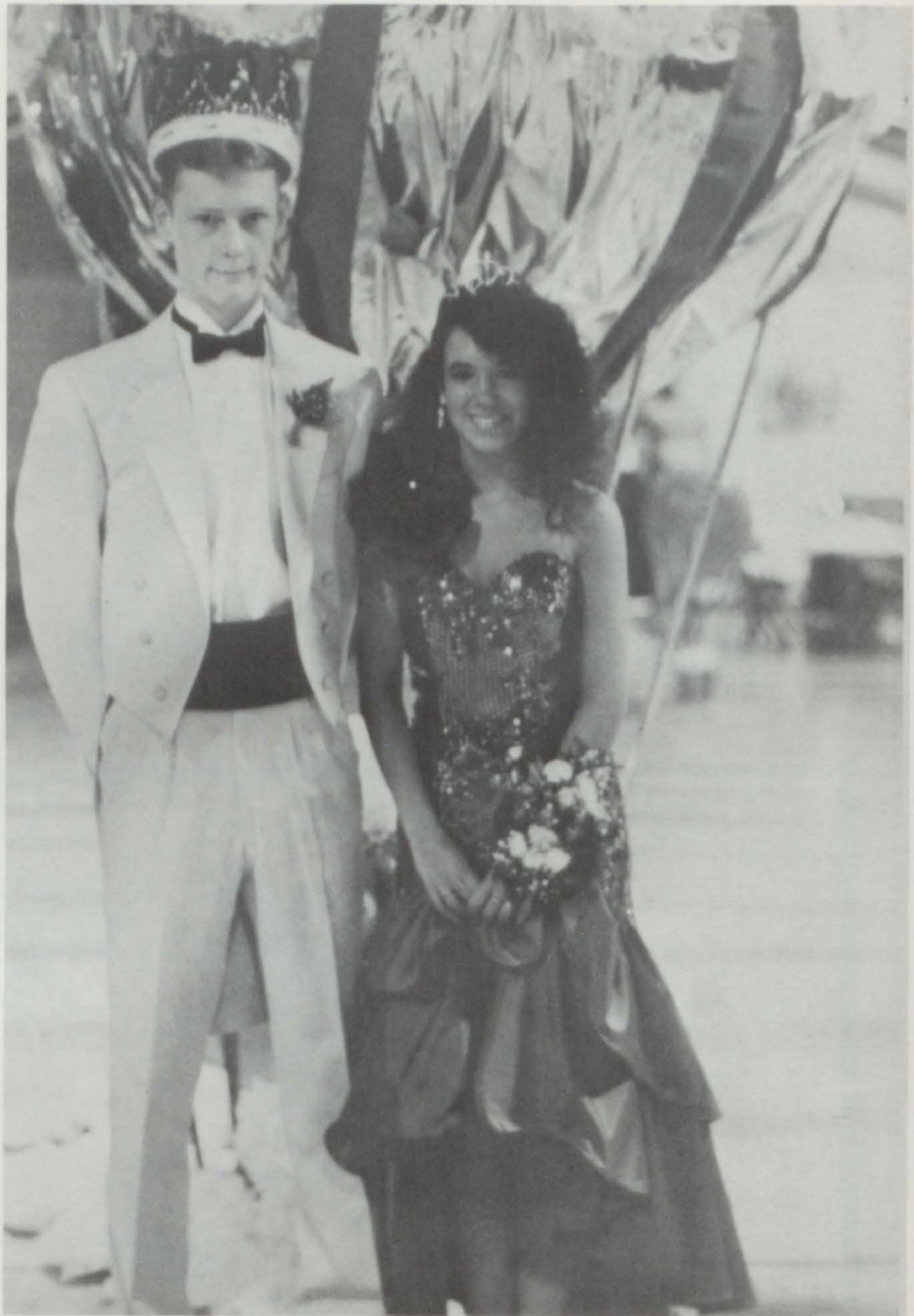
Evening gowns rustled and nervous girls could not remain still on April 6, 1990 as 15 lovely ladies tried for the title of Miss Bland County. The theme for the pageant "She's Got the Look," described each contestant as they appeared in evening gown and street dress.

Tonya Looney received the crown with Terri Tolbert and Hope Pike chosen first and second runners-up.

TOP — 1990 PROM KING & QUEEN: *Cbad Tbompson and Amy Haga.*

BOTTOM LEFT: Stephen Lindamood and Stephanie Meadows served as table host and hostess.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Fancy decorations and dressed-up finery combine to make a festive occasion at the 1990 Junior-Senior Prom.





TOP: Young ladies give of their best.

CENTER LEFT: Terri Tolbert and Hope Pike capture honors of first and second runners-up.

CENTER RIGHT-MISS BLAND COUNTY 1990: *Tonya Dawn Looney*

BOTTOM: The "crowd" shows diversity of interest.

Persistence pays off for four years

The persistent class of '92" captured the title of Miss Echo for the fourth consecutive year. The drive began on September 17 and culminated with a dance

on September 29, 1990.

Sarah Umbarger received the tiara, banner and a \$75 US savings bond for selling the most yearbooks. Wendy Umbarger won the position of first run-

ner-up with a \$50 savings bond. Bridgette Penley and Stephanie Meadows (Miss Echo 1990) presented each contestant with a hair adornment. They sold a total of 302 books.



TOP: Betas sell at fair to earn money for state and national conventions.
LEFT: The Penley's during 4-H trip to Dallas — Jim Bob,

Becky, Bridgette.
RIGHT: "Rappin'" Charlie Thompson.



TOP-MISS ECHO 1991: *Sarah Mae Umbarger* escorted by Rusty Bird.

CENTER LEFT: Sarah receives crown by classmate and former Miss Echo, Stephanie Meadows.

CENTER RIGHT: All ages and sizes participate in Miss Echo dance.

BOTTOM — 1991 MISS ECHO COURT:
Denise Shrader (8th), William Tickle; Wendy Umbarger (9th), Robert Davis; Cynthia May (10th), Robbie Taylor; Sarah Umbarger (11th), Rusty Bird; Jennifer Simms (12th), David King.



New stars formed new pieces

Star festooned balloons fashioned arches at both ends of the gym on October 19, 1990. Ribbons in dark blue and white interspersed with balloon columns structured a walkway in the center, and star studded curtains created a background to portray the theme, "A Star is Born."

The newspaper staff, creative writing class, forensics and dramatics groups joined together to produce the 1991 Little Miss and Junior Miss pageants. Twenty-eight potential stars, between the ages of 5 and 8, entered the competition for Little Miss Bland County. They represented all areas of the county. Junior Miss contestants, ages 9 to 12, numbered twenty-four.

Senior boys escorted the contestants to and from the arches. Mrs. Iris Strock provided the music during the pageants and at intermission.

The final votes were set by the judges, tallied by the scorers, and the die was cast. The new Little Miss Bland County was kindergartener Sheri Faulkner. Fifth grader, Leisa Hagy, captured the title of Junior Miss Bland County.

Emerging from an archway of colorful balloons, Patrick Smith offers assurance to his niece, Shauna Puckett.

Bright, lovely stars born from loving care, shine amidst a glittering background. Brandy Tate- 2d runner-up, Sheri Faulkner-Little Miss Bland County, Jamie Nelson-1st runner-up.



Dazzling little stars preen, chat and show off their beauty and charm while waiting for their "show" to begin.



TOP: Leslie Kelley and Courtney Brizendine, winners from 1990.
BOTTOM: Semifinalists sparkle one more time before the judges cast a final vote.

CENTER-1991 finalists: Rachel Munsey- 2d runner-up, *Leisa Hagy-Junior Miss*, Erin Thompson- 1st runner-up.

Charlie Thompson, Becky Bird, and Heather Smith introduce the candidates and guests. Becky expresses thanks to those who assisted in the production.

Intense competition brought an excess of \$4,000 to FBLA

Intense competition was initiated October 30 for the selection of Snow Queen & King. Each candidate received two cans for collecting penny votes. The sound of clinking coins hitting the bottom of the cans started the campaign as soon as the cans were acquired. For the next six weeks the contest was equal to the Kentucky Derby. Each time the totals were posted, students crowded to the boards to see who was ahead. Food for sale and raffle tickets were in abundance.

The finale occurred on December 15, 1990, in the gym. Couples representing ten organizations entered as they were announced. Each student received a statuette as an expression of thanks. Taking third place was Stephanie Goins and Charlie Thompson, representing the yearbook. From the FFA Crystal Thompson and Jason Stowers captured second place honors. The winners, sponsored by the Senior Beta, were Julie Strock and Robert Davis.

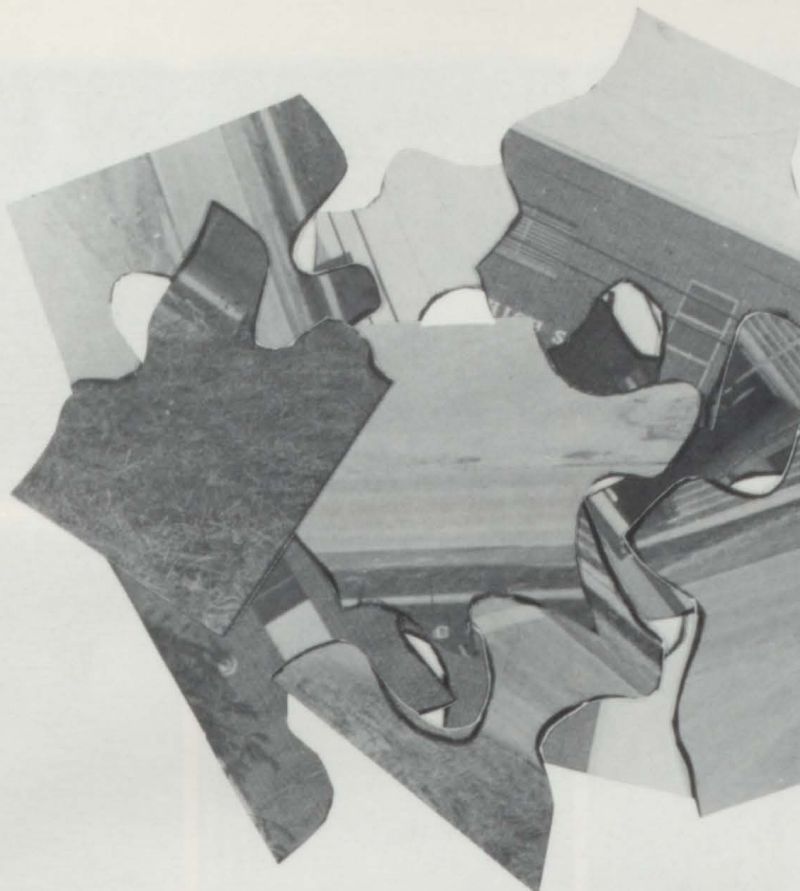


TOP: Stephanie Meadows presents statuettes to Julie Strock and Robert Davis.

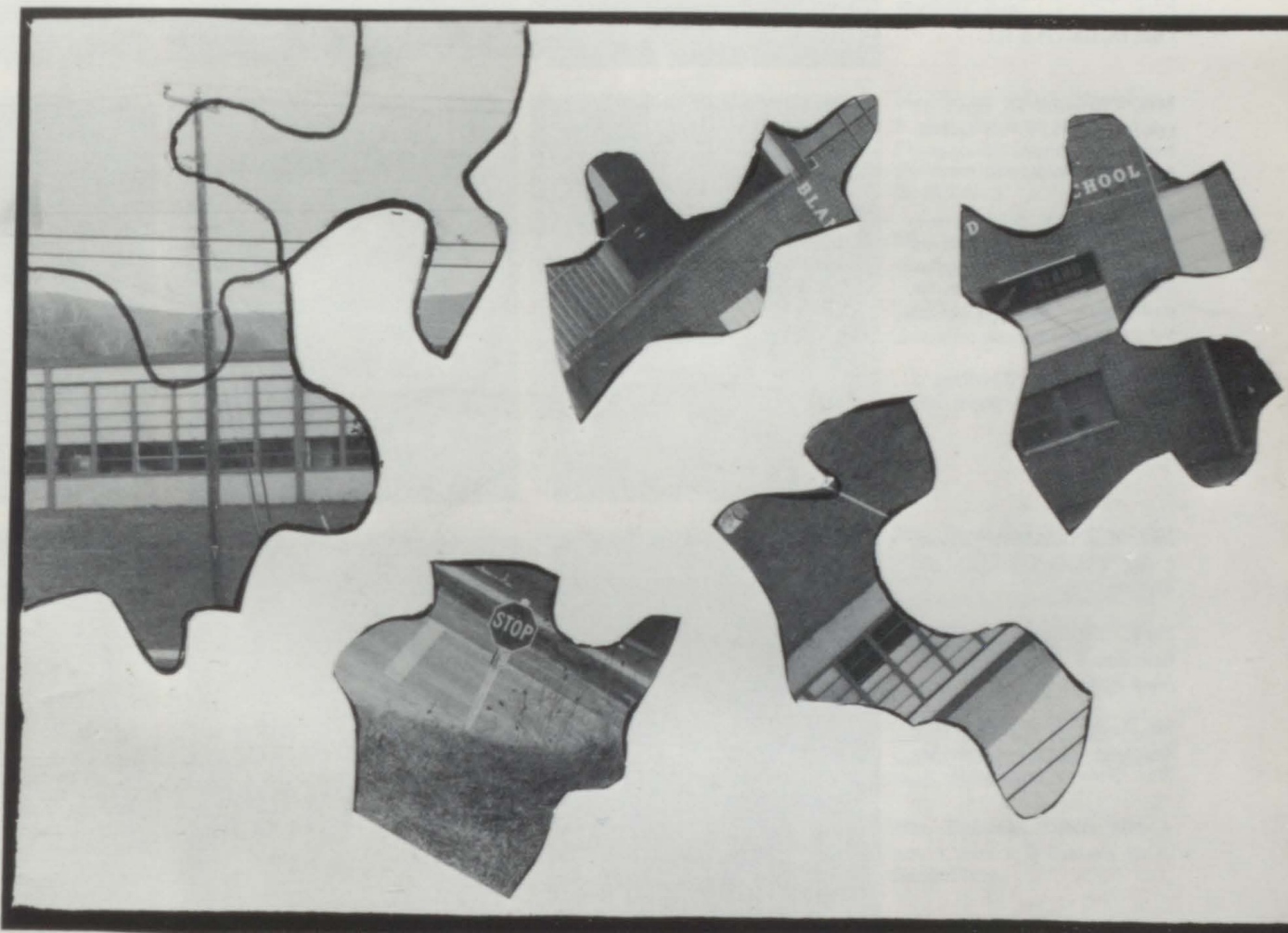
BOTTOM — 1991 SNOW COURT CANDIDATES: Barbara Meadows and Robert Sexton, Drama; Detria Agee and Eric Brooks, Junior Beta; Crystal King and Rusty Meadows, FHA; Stephanie Goins and Charlie Thompson, Yearbook; Julie Strock and Robert Davis, Senior Beta; Crystal Thompson and Jason Stowers, FFA; Heather Burton and Mike Sage, French; Beth Bridges and Brad Harden, SCA; Angela Dalton and Chris Penley, Library; Cindy Justice and Rusty Bird, Newspaper

This small group of students earned in excess of \$4,000 for the FBLA coffers. This is the main fund raiser for the club and most of the proceeds will be used for a school service project.





What makes up the focus of the school? The individuals, of course. Each person makes a contribution to the success or failure of the school year. Each individual helps to form a unique piece to fit and complete the puzzle we have put together. From the youngest child in kindergarten to the eldest personnel member, each one is required. Our individuals are short, tall, fat and skinny with all in-between sizes; some are highly intelligent and some a lazy streak, some are highly motivated to do the best they can. Some are easy-going and get along with everyone while a few carry a chip on their shoulder. Our individuals are a mixture who will make their mark on BCS and the world.



Individuals

Challenging the pieces

At BCS, the faculty and staff played an important part in "making the pieces fit". From sponsoring clubs to mimeographing tests, a teacher's work was never finished. Giving each student the attention and help they needed and offering their support were daily tasks that all teachers performed.

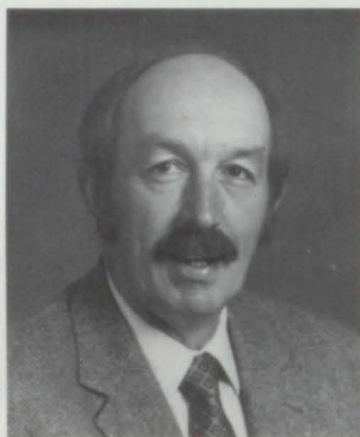
To avoid the "burn-out" syndrome staff members found time to play the prankster or honor special birthdays with cake and punch.

Although the occasional "upset" occurred, Bland's faculty and staff remained close and cooperative. New staff members (3) were accepted and welcomed to our family puzzle.

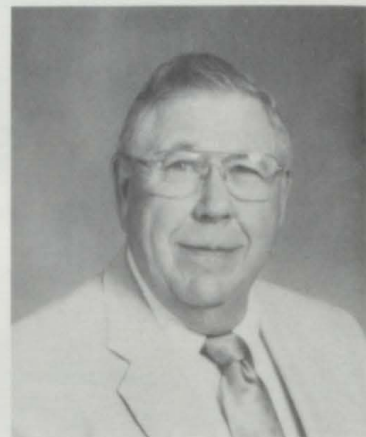


Mr. Roger Dale Thompson, 24 years; Principal; BS-VPI, MS-Radford U.

Mr. Richard Crockett Havens, 22 years; Assistant Principal; U.S. History, Geography, Accounting I; Sponsor: Senior Class; BS-Bluefield State.

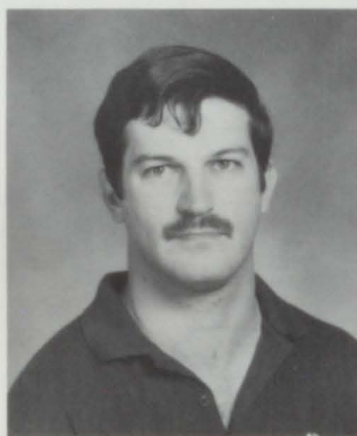


Mrs. Carolyn B. Bane, 32 years; Industrial Cooperative Training Coordinator, Adaptive Social Studies; Sponsor: Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; BS/MS-Radford U.



Mr. Fred Lee Beamer, 14 years; Economics, Government, Civics, Sociology; Sponsor: Sophomore Class; BS/MS-VPI & SU.

Mrs. Christine R. Bird, 11 years; English 8, 9, 10; Sponsor: Forensics, Dramatics, Newspaper, 8th grade; BS-Radford U.



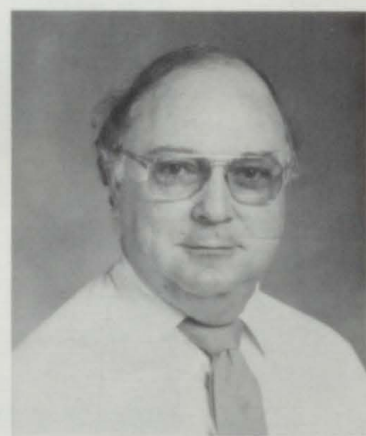
Mr. Thomas N. Bird, 10 years; Math I & II, Applications of Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Consumer Math; Sponsor: Freshman Class, 8th grade basketball coach; BS-Radford U.

Miss Sandra S. Bowling, 2 years; Fourth/Fifth grade; BS-Bluefield College.

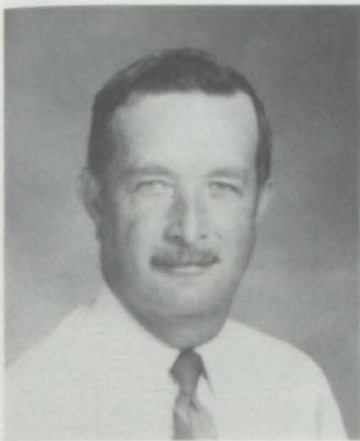
Mrs. Rita Elizabeth Carver, 1 year; Chapter I Reading; BS-Bluefield College.



Mrs. Theresa Hamlen Colville, 7 years; Preschool; BS-James Madison U.



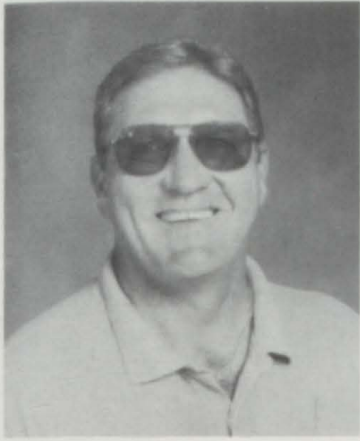
Mr. Robert E. Correll, 4 years; Beginning, Intermediate, Secondary Band; BS-Austin Peay State U.



Mr. William Harvey Crabtree, 24 years; Agriculture; Sponsor: FFA; BS/MS-VPI.

Mrs. Sue Dunford, 23 years; Third grade; BS-Radford U.

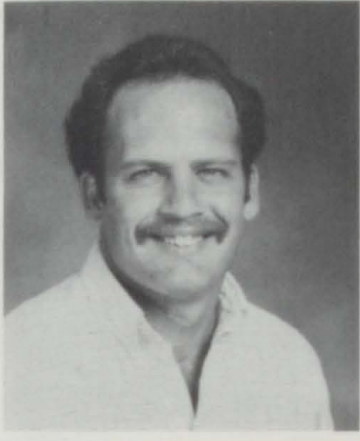
Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner, 22 years; English 10, 11, 12, Dual-Credit English; Sponsor: Beta, Senior Class (asst.), English MACC Coach; BS/MS-Radford U.



Mr. David Clark Foltz, 26 years; Elementary guidance; BA-Roanoke, MA-Kean, PhD-Southern Ill. U.

Mrs. Sandra Green-Harman, 13 years; Creative Writing, Adaptive Math, Science, English; Sponsor: Newspaper, Sophomore Class; BS/MS-Radford U.

Mrs. Patricia S. Hankins, 2 years; Elementary Physical Education; Sponsor: JV/Varsity Girl's Basketball, Girls Tennis; BS-Bluefield College.



Mr. Richard Dale Hankins, 5 years; Elementary & Secondary Physical Education; Sponsor: JV/Varsity Boy's Basketball; BS-Bluefield State.

Ms. Jo Ellen Harless, 15 years; L.D.; BS-Concord.

Mrs. Barbara M. Justice, 5 years; Sixth grade; BS-Pikeville C.



Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley, 28 years; Keyboarding Applications, Office Systems, Business Computer Applications, Information/Word Processing; Sponsor: FBLA, Junior Class (asst.); BS-ETSU.

Mrs. Kay Smith Mabe, 12 years; Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Algebra and Trig, Calculus; Sponsor: Junior Class, MACC Math Coach; BS-Radford U.

Mrs. Deborah Diane Massey, 3 years; L D Resource; BS-Bluefield State.

Mrs. June M. Miller, 28 years;
First grade; BA-King C.



Miss Teena R. Morefield, 12
years; Secondary Guidance; Sponsor:
Jr. Beta, Girl's Volleyball; BS-
Concord, MS-UVA.



Mrs. Betty K. Munsey, 11
years (+9 County Extension Agent);
Home Economics; Sponsor: FHA;
BS/MS-VPI.

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



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

Ms. Margaret W. Powers, 14
years; Seventh grade; Sponsor: Safety
Patrol; BA-Marshall U.

Mrs. Barbara Ann Reed, 4
years; TMH Primary; BA-Lambuth
College.



Miss Brenda Diane Rowe, 9
years; French I, II, III; Sponsor:
French Club; BA-Emory & Henry.

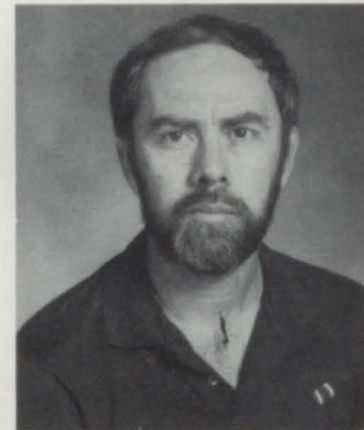
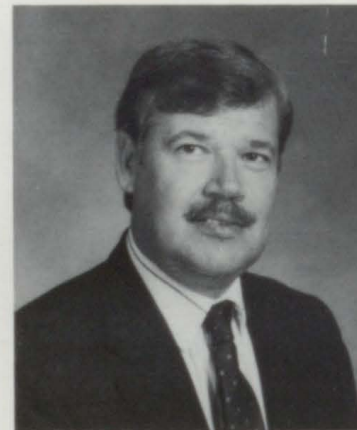


Mrs. Janet Hamilton Scott,
18 years; Elementary Head Teacher;
Fourth grade; BS/MS-Radford U.

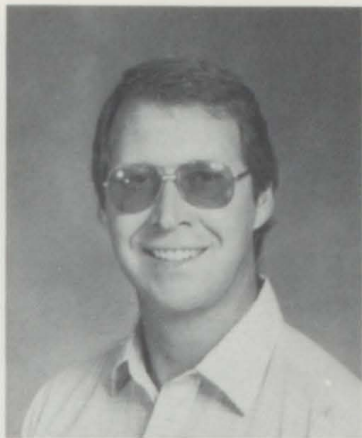
Mrs. Rebecca W. Scott, 17
years; Kindergarten; BA-King C,
MA-Radford U.



Mr. Alfred E. Smith, 9 years;
Biology I & II, Physical Science;
Sponsor: Freshman Class, SCA; BS-
Concord C.



Mr. Larry W. Thacker, 19
years; Physical Education, Driver's
Ed., Civics, American History;
Sponsor: 8th grade class; BS-VPI.



Mrs. Michelle Dunn Thompson, 5 years; Speech Pa-
thologist; BS-Radford U.

**Mr. John Harkrader Wag-
oner**, 6 years; Physics, Chemistry,
Earth Science; Sponsor: Science
Club, MACC Science Coach; BS-
Radford U.

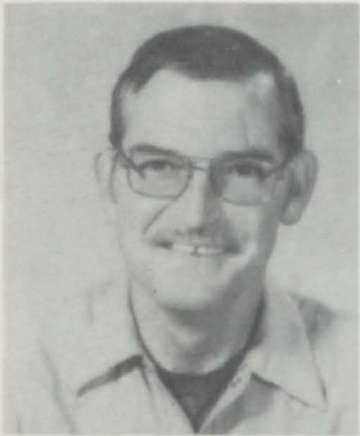
Mrs. Amber Renee Witt, 5
years; Second Grade; Sponsor:
JV/Varsity Cherrleading; BS-
Concord C.



**Ms. Kimberly Dyane
Woods**, 2 years; First grade; BS-
Radford U.

Ms. Ellen R.B. Winters, 5
years; School Social Worker; AD-
Cuyahoga CC, BA-Gettsburg C,
HSW-VCU.

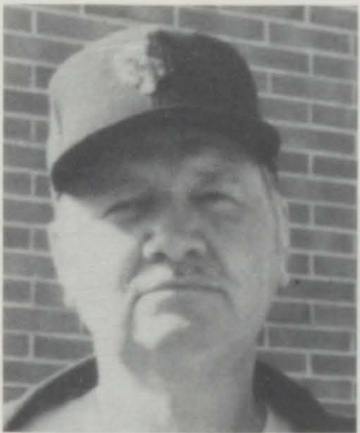
Mrs. Wendy Gilmer-Grubb,
5 years; Academic Enrichment Co-
ordinator; BA-Principia C., MA-
William & Mary.



Mr. Louie Ayers, 11 years;
Maintenance.

Mrs. Norma Sue Beavers, 10
years; Chapter I Parent-Home Co-
ordinator.

Mrs. Violet Bird, 18 years; El-
ementary teacher's aide.



Mr. Harold Bivens, 8 years;
Bus driver.

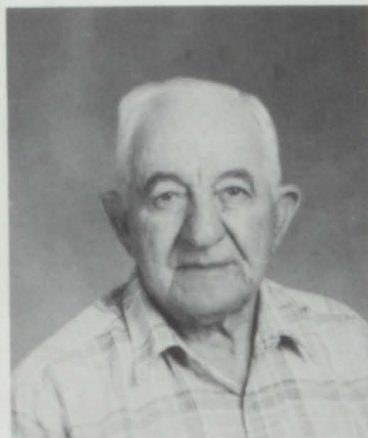
**Mrs. Bonnie Compton
Blankenship**, 7 years; School
secretary/bookkeeper.

Mrs. Helen Blankenship, 14
years; Remedial Reading/Math
aide.

Mrs. Nancy Brown, 4 years;
Lunchroom.



Mr. Paul Burge, 11 years; Custodian (Green Thumb Program).



Mrs. Annette Burton, 10 years; Elementary Resource Art.



Mrs. Joyce Cassell, 14 years;
Elementary teacher's aide.



Mrs. Irma Kathleen Havens, 6 years; Bus driver.



Mrs. Patricia S. Johnson, 9 years; Instructional aide.



Mrs. Susie Meadows, 5 years;
Bus driver, Substitute teacher.



Mrs. Mary Melvin, 13 years;
Lunchroom.



Mr. Jimmy Michaels, 3 years;
Bus driver, Substitute teacher.



Mrs. Margaret Miller, 18 years; Bus driver.



Mr. Steve Nelson, 1 year; Custodian.



Mrs. Regina Newberry, 14 years; Bus driver.

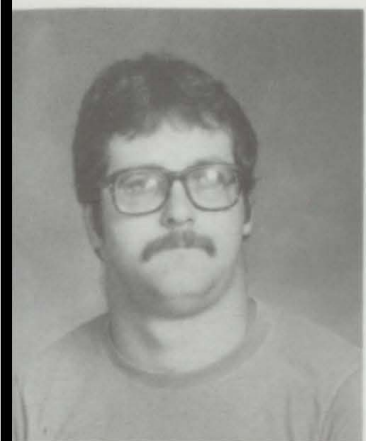




Mrs. Sue Newberry, 6 years;
Bus driver.

Mrs. Brenda Penley, 8 years;
Bus driver, substitute teacher.

Mrs. Brenda Pike, 10 years;
Bus driver.



Mr. Keith Sargent, 5 years;
Custodian.

Mrs. Nancy Stockner, 18
years; Media Assistant.

Mrs. Iris Stroch, 4 years; El-
ementary Resource Music, Sutstitute
teacher.



Mrs. Dot Tibbs, 12 years;
Lunchroom.

Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle, 25
years; Remedial Reading/Math
aide.

Mr. Sonny Turner, 8 years;
Building Supervisor and Mainte-
nance.



Mrs. Phyllis Umbarger, 9
years; Elementary teacher's aide.

Mrs. Mary Wimmer, 5 years;
Bus driver, substitute teacher.

Teachers have their moments,
too! In celebration of Mrs.
Christine Bird and Mr. Al
Smith's birthdays faculty gath-
ered in the office for the fun.
Mrs. Jessie Kegley attempts to
bar the reading of the cake from
Mr. Smith.

Beginning a new picture

August 23 came as a surprise for these youngsters as they entered their first year of school. For most children, it was their first opportunity to ride a school bus.

Scared, confused and frightened were a few of their reactions to the first day of school, but making new friends soon replaced their feelings of fear.

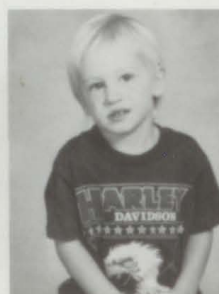
During the school year, they adapted to their new environment. They learned to share with others, to write, count and pay attention to their teachers.

When graduation arrived they were excited to be "Big First Graders."

Paul Harless
Laura Hatcher



Brandon Hounshell
Matthew McKee



Be a clown day.
Mrs. Harless and Mrs. Reed's
classes.



April Rambo
Brandon Scott
Billy Umbarger



Preschoolers made Easter bonnets and had their own parade.





Jacob Beagley
 Kelly Blankenship
 Zachary Breedlove
 Alicia Burnette
 Ashlee Drummond



Sherri Faulkner
 Heather Griffith
 Christopher Harman
 Samantha Harner
 Brandon Kelley



Robbie Lee
 Justin Morehead
 Christopher Osborne
 David Pike
 Aaron Powers



Shauna Puckett
 Angel Sparks
 Bridget Stiltner
 Brandy Tate
 James Thompson



Jessica Umbarger
 Kolt Walker
 Brandon Webb
 Danny Williams
 Jeffrey Wilson



Nikki Wilson
 Kevin Wimmer

Piecing the first day of school together

Finally, first grade! This was the thought of many new first graders as the first day of school was pieced together. Many students eagerly awaited this first day to see how everything would fit in. The class was split into two classes with Mrs. June Miller having 18 and Ms. Kadi Woods with 17.

Learning new words and how to write sentences kept first graders busy. They also learned how to add and subtract, and how to write short stories.

A study of early life proved enjoyable for most first graders since they possess a fascination for dinosaurs.

When Halloween arrived, Ms. Woods group painted a Halloween mural. Cho-

sen for 2nd runner-up at the Fall Festival were Amber Hutchins and Craig Winesett. Competing from Mrs. Miller's group were Denita Harden and Bryan Simms.

A different aspect for first graders was being able to get library instruction in the library since last year they wouldn't fit the library's small capacity.

Brandon Anders
Justin Barnette
Eugene Brunk
Michelle Clark
Scotty Clemons



Matt Dalton
Shawn Griffith
Beth Harden
Amber Hutchins
Michell Lee



Reggie Meadows
Tonya Millirons
Tarah Pauley
Travis Pauley
Hunter Stuart



Craig Winesett



At the spring music concert these two cute tykes had special parts. Amber Hutchins and Corey Maddox.



J. P. Agee
Seth Baker
Shanna Brown
Paul Bruce
John Dillow



Miranda Foley
Denita Harden
Adam Harman
Thomas Johnson
Christina King



Corey Maddox
Anthony Newberry
Todd Simmons
Bryan Simms
Danielle Underwood



Joey Walker
David Wolcott
Sam Wright

Mrs. Kadi Woods leads
her class back from
lunch.



These youngsters actively
performed during the
music concert.

Adding and changing the puzzle

A new piece was added to the puzzle when Mrs. Amber Witt became the new second grade teacher, although this was not her first year at BCS. The children wrote to pen pals across the United States

or overseas. They also took a day to dress up as a favorite storybook character. Each child wore his/her costume to school and another classmate guessed who they were.

Mrs. Dunford had her own "little puzzle" in the third grade. Her students

quickly learned that when she pointed her finger they were to be quiet and listen. The Fall Festival candidates were excited about competing with other grades for the title of Prince and Princess. They placed second.

Shelly Arwell
Samantha Bird
Laura Bridges
John Clemons
Albert Davis



Joshua Dillow
Kari Hagy
Renea Hutzler
Amy Johnson
Benjamin May



Kirstie Meadows
Hope Melvin
Eddie Paciga
Zachary Pauley
Sarah Reed



Matthew Richardson
Katie Scott
J. R. Shewey
Kristen Songer
Ronald Spain



Charlie Stiltner
Ashley Strock
Shane Thompson
Matthew Tickler
Erica Vanover

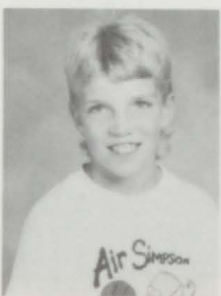




Carey Berg
Kurt Blankenship
Ginny Blevins
Jason Blevins
Katrina Clark



Aaron Clemons
Brandon Faulkner
Brian Faulkner
Kayla Hager
Jason Hagy



Kelli Hall
Crystal Hancock
Rob Kegley
Joshua Moore
Heather Morehead



Robert Newberry
Chris Pauley
Michael Pauley
Will Pauley
Ryan Powers



Jesse Rudder
Kelly Sluss
Ted Sparks
Cristie Stiltner
Ashley Tate



Shayla Williams

Music by 2nd graders now turned 3rd graders as their contribution to the spring music concert which was held in May, 1990.

Putting the pieces in place

Fourth and fifth graders lived an active life. Ms. Jan Scott's fourth grade studied an Appalachian culture unit with the children dressing up as characters from one hundred years ago. Their hand pieced

quilt won first place at the Bland County Fair.

Scaring and spooking their peers was Ms. Sandra Bowling's fourth/fifth class goal by turning their classroom into a dark dungeon, putting on scary faces as

elementary classes walked through the haunted house. They studied and debated current events including recycling.

Life as a fourth or fifth grader had many exciting and interesting pieces to put in place.

Craig Barnette
Will Blankenship
Joshua Breedlove
Jeff Brunk
James Faulkner



Leslie Gordon
Clinton Hagy
Kari Harner
Cicely Havens
Erin Johnson



Joshua Lester
Joe Meadows
Elisabeth Meadows
Katie Muncy
Brad Myrick



Westen Patton
Heath Puckett
Josh Richardson
Olena Sexton
Allison Sheets



Amber Simmons
Brent Tate
Jeremiah Tate
Daniel Thompson
Christa Winesett





Ms. Jan Scott's fourth grade(89-90) studied Appalachian culture while taking one day to dress the part.

FOURTH

- Christine Barnette
- Randy Berrington, Jr.
- Danny Belcher, Jr.
- Tina Dawson
- Kristina Goins



- Mandy Jones
- Michael Lambert
- Kent McPeak
- Stuart Morehead
- Nathan Winters

FIFTH

- Chris Berg
- Mandy Blankenship
- Kelly Dunn
- Kelli King
- Patrick Lindamood



- Phillip Meadows
- Ryan Newberry
- Sarah Smith
- Heather Stiltner
- Jenny Walker



A cultural piece

Putting together pieces from the past gave fifth graders a more complete picture of the present. They developed an awareness of their cultural heritage through Indian studies and building In-

dian villages. They also formed geneology charts.

A science assignment began with collecting wild flowers. A scrapbook correctly identifying the flowers completed the project. They were guided through

the year by Mrs. Norma Newberry.

A change of face for sixth graders was Mrs. Barbara Justice who moved from second grade to sixth. The DARE program highlighted the sixth grade year, teaching them the dangers of drugs. In math, they worked with exponents and estimating. They made coal crystals in science.

Sarah Bird
Leslie Carroll
Jeremy Dillow
Adam Faulkner
Whitney Gamble



Leisa Hagy
Ashley Havens
Amy Hatcher
Stephanie Kelley
Sara King



Brooke Kitts
Sandra Melvin
Stacy Miller
Debbie Munsey
David Neel



Charlotte Nunn
Jim Bob Penley
Casie Pruitt
Sharon Shewey
Lorie Tabor



Erin Thompson
James K. Thompson



Jim Bob Penley visits a blacksmith shop while in Dallas during 4-H trip.





Jeremy Blankenship
Amanda Brown
Tony Bruce
Matthew Brunk
Mary Chewning



Charlie Corder
Benjamin Davis
Marie Dotson
Jamie Dunn
Jason Hancock



Ronald Hutzel
Casey Johnston
Tracy Jones
Lisa Kimberlin
Cindy King



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



Holly Pauley
Ricky Repass
Rae Romano
Jacob Scott
Kary Taylor



John C. Thompson
Eric Wimmer
Jennifer Winters

Lee Meadows poses by
science projects.

Amanda Baldwin
 Sheri Blankenship
 Becky Brunk
 B. J. Crabtree
 Brook Dillow



Derek Hurley
 Monica Keene
 Leslie Kelley
 Jody Lambert
 Eric Miller



Jayson Mitchem
 Todd Morehead
 Michael Muncy
 Mike Munsey
 Rachel Munsey



Jamy Nunn
 Smoky Parmenter
 Becky Penley
 Jimmy Pike
 Wesley Quinn



Melissa Repass
 Melissa Richardson
 Seth Roseberry
 Andy Selfe
 Sarah Shewey



Brandon Sink
 Drema Spangler



Members of the band support their booth at the fair. The booth consisted of soft drinks and Domino's pizza.



Completing the picture

Completing the elementary puzzle the seventh grade consisted of 33 students, Mrs. Margie Powers' largest. They stayed

busy with homework and meeting the SOL's (Standards of Learning). They became controllers of the younger students

through the Safety Patrol.

Memories of yesterday and hopes for tomorrow placed pieces together toward completion of the picture.



Melanie Talbert

Amanda Brown pauses before the judges at the Junior Miss pageant.



Samantha Thompson
Sam Tickle
Patrick Wade
Misty Wiley
Cheryl Winesett



Leslie Kelley takes her final walk as Junior Miss Bland County-1990.

Melissa Repass is escorted by Patrick Smith on her entry to the Junior Miss contest.

Tracy Alford
 Nicole Barnette
 Jason Beam
 Cindy Berg
 Sammy Blankenship



Allen Brown
 Charlie Burton
 Robbie Chewning
 Doug Dalton
 Justin Eaton



Shannon Enoch
 Bradley Gordon
 Stephanie Gravley
 Crystal Hall
 Donnie Havens



Karen Havens
 Shannon Havens
 Bobbi Hobbs
 Bradley Hoosier
 Brock Justice



Jamie Kidd
 David Lambert
 Joanie Lambert
 Sue McBride
 Cyndi McGrady



P. J. Meadows
 Megan Morehead
 Robbie Morehead
 Anne Myrick
 Paul Nunley



Gains of 18

The first piece of the puzzle to high school began with the eighth grade. They gained eighteen new members from Ceres and Hollybrook, seven boys and eleven girls.

Charlie Burton suffered a bad leg injury just before school opened and missed a major part of the year. Charlie managed to keep track of his studies through homebound instruction.

A number of the class participated in sports and extra-curricular activities.



CLASS OFFICERS: Bradley Tate, president; David Lambert, vice-president; P. J. Meadows, secretary; April Tickle, treasurer; Mrs. Christine Bird and Mr. Larry Thacker, sponsors.



Rubi Potter
Jason Quinn
Cora Ramsey
Tanya Ramsey
Anita Sage



Mark Sarver
Denise Shrader
Jimmy Sparks
Jason Stowers
Wesley Strock



Bradley Tate
Thelma Thompson
April Tickle
James Umbarger
Brian Waddle



LEFT: William Tickle and Denise Shrader share in the Miss Echo Dance.

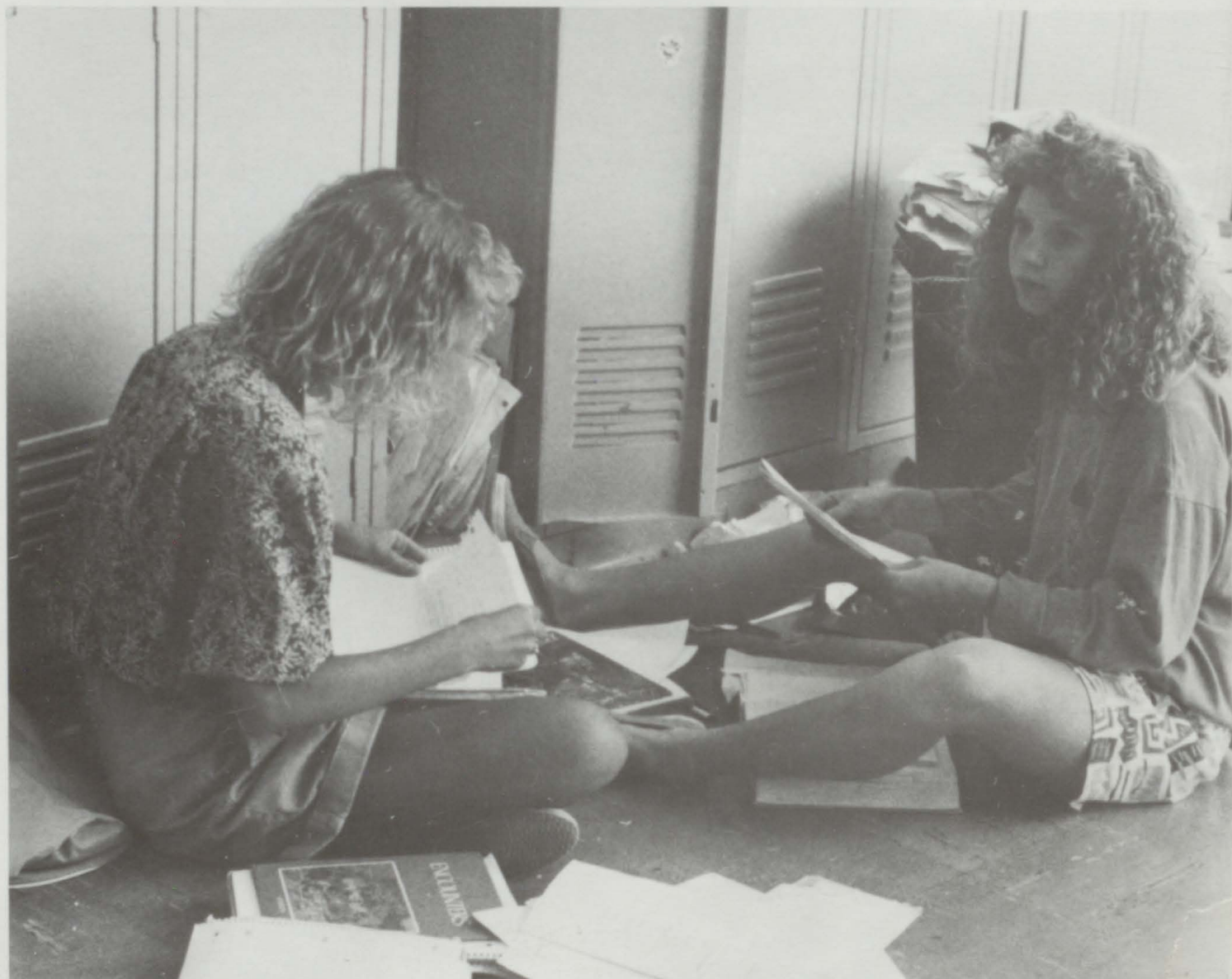


RIGHT: Eighth graders dress up for the Halloween costume contest: Nicole Barnette, Thelma Thompson, Tracy Alford, Sue McBride, April Tickle.

Taylor Publishing yearbook workshop "Hey, this could be fun" summer '90 — Elizabeth Newberry, advisor, Jason Gusler, Lori Compton, Molly Richardson.

TOP RIGHT: Keith Sargent cleans up the final mess in June.

BOTTOM: Sarah Umbarger and Stephanie Meadows sort their lockers as a final school task.





CLASS OFFICERS: Jennifer Simms, President; David Strock, Vice-President; Teresa Lester, Secretary; Heather Smith, Treasurer; Mrs. Janet Faulkner, Mr. Richard Havens, Sponsors.

It all fits

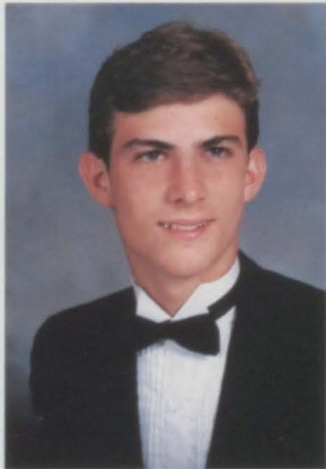
The Class of '91 started their puzzle in '78 and accomplished the task 13 years later. They introduced the frame in Kindergarten. In the following years portions of their puzzle pieced together.

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DEBORAH LYNN BAKER

Born: 2-26-70
 Future Plans: X-Ray technician
 Motto: "Don't have a cow man!"



RUSSELL WILLIAM BIRD

Born: 5-10-73
 Future Plans: PE major
 Motto: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."



ROBERT RYAN BROWN

Born: 1-19-73
 Future Plans: Electrical engineering
 Motto: "I want more."



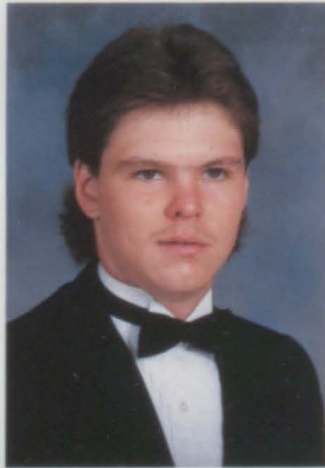
TINA LOUISE BROWN

Born: 6-12-73
 Future plans: College-accounting
 Motto: "Live each day as if it were your last."



DIXIE DIANNE BRUCE

Born: 2-24-73
 Future Plans: Attend WCC
 Motto: "You can't please everyone all the time, so you should just please yourself."



JAMES STACY BRUCE

Born: 4-14-73
 Future Plans: Go to work
 Motto: "Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow."



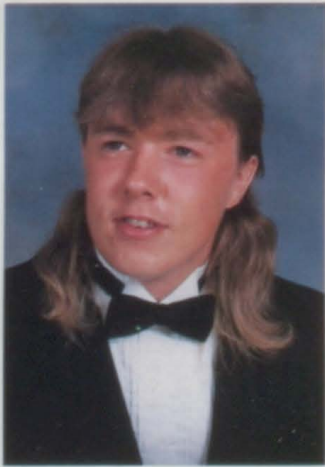
DAVID LEE CHANDLER

Born: 6-6-71
 Future Plans: Prison guard
 Motto: "What the world needs is a few more rednecks."



PAMELA LYNNETTE CHEWNING

Born: 10-27-73
 Future Plans: BA in nursing
 Motto: "What the heart can dream, the will can accomplish."



JAMES WINFRED CLEMONS

Born: 62-24-73
 Future Plans: Mechanic
 Motto: Keep your opinions to yourself."

**DUANE NEVADA
COMPTON**

Born: 10-1-73
Future Plans: College, Business
Motto: "Winning isn't everything it's
the only thing."

**CHRISTOPHER NEIL
DILLOW**

Born: 4-28-73
Future Plans: Engineering
Motto: "Winning isn't everything it's
the only thing."

**CHARLES BRANDON
FARLOW**

Born: 5-25-73
Future Plans: Pharmacy
Motto: "If you can't roam with the big dogs,
stay on the porch."

**ERIC CHRISTOPHER
FAULKNER**

Born: 12-20-73
Future Plans: Medical
Motto: "Winning isn't everything
it's the only thing."

BENGA LEE HAGER

Born: 7-22-73
Future Plans: Cosmetologist
Motto: "Put off what you can do
today till tomorrow."

RITA FAYE HAMBLIN

Born: 5-8-71
Future Plans: Nursing assistant
Motto: "Don't count your chickens
before they are hatched."

**AMANDA SHARON
HARDEN**

Born: 8-2-73
Future Plans: Accounting
Motto: "There is no
end to true love just speed bombs."

**TINA MICHELLE
JOHNSTON**

Born: 1-9-73
Future Plans: Education
Motto: "Enjoy today..For yesterday
is but a memory and tomorrow
is but a dream."

**CLINTON SHERWOOD
KEGLEY**

Born: 12-22-73
Future Plans: Lawyer
Motto: "Winning isn't everything
it's the only thing."

ALISON RENAE KING

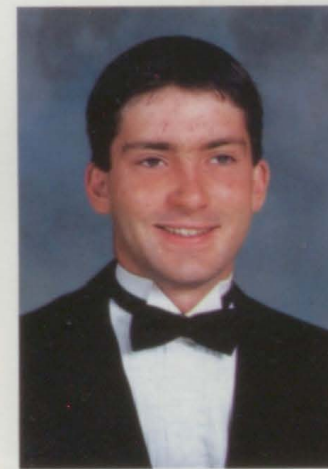
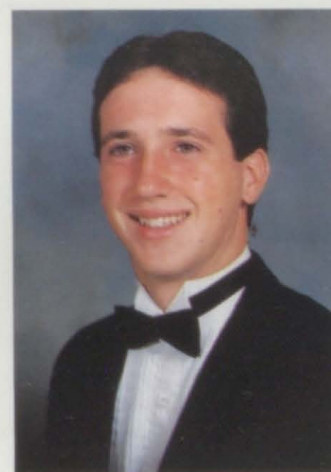
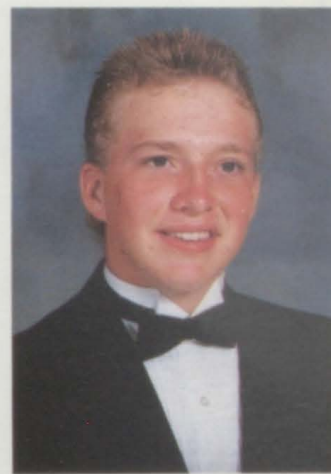
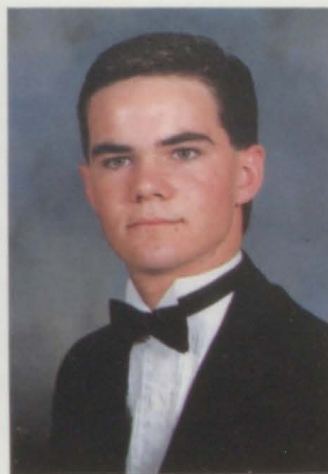
Born: 9-6-73
Future Plans: Engineering
Motto: "You must like
yourself before anyone else will like
you."

DAVID KENNETH KING

Born: 2-8-73
Future Plans: College
Motto: "Winning isn't everything it's
the only thing."

**TERESA CATHERINE
LESTER**

Born: 6-18-73
Future Plans: Accounting
Motto: "The present is but a prelude to
the future."

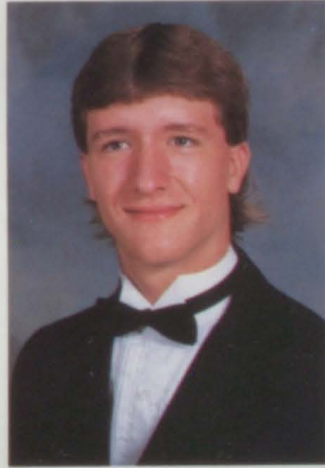
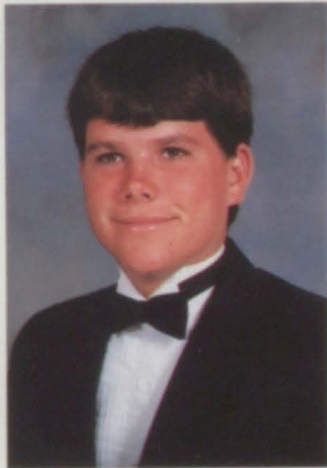




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Finishing the elementary years and entering the zone of punky 8th graders, each senior got a vivid picture of how the pieces went together and began the process of filling in the puzzle. The position of freshmen found opportunities to enter various clubs with a feeling of belonging. The 10th year unlocked some key puzzle pieces to get their operator's license. During this final year the seniors looked forward to filling in the last few pieces and the magic jigsaw puzzle was completed on June 1, 1991. The class of '91 completed the important base puzzle of their lives and were prepared to increase and alter the basic design.

Teresa Lester is completely immersed in the romanticism of the Prom



BARBARA JEAN MEADOWS

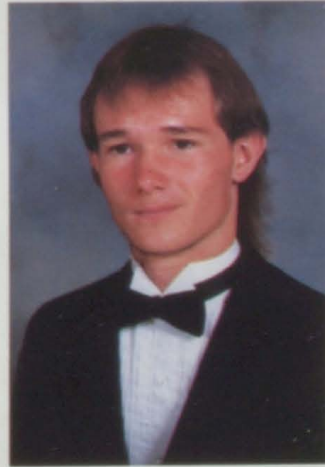
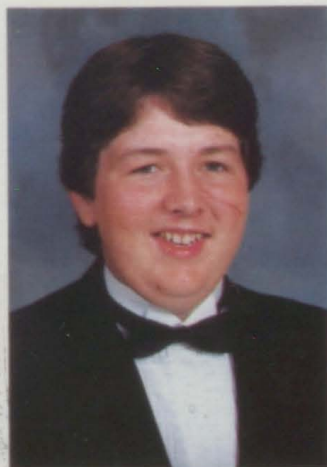
Born: 8-22-73
 Future Plans: Fashion Merchandising
 Motto: "You are you!"

JOHNNY JAY MEADOWS

Born: 7-2-73
 Future Plans: Engineering
 Motto: "If I'm not the best, Who is?"

JAMES TRAVIS MUNSEY

Born: 6-4-73
 Future Plans: Instrumentation
 Motto: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."



JASON REED RAMSEY

Born: 2-8-73
 Future Plans: College-Business
 Motto: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

TRACY LYNN REPASS

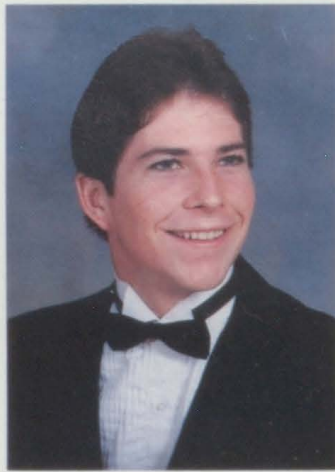
Born: 3-15-73
 Future Plans: Physical therapist
 Motto: "I love my attitude problem."

JASON DANIEL ROOP

Born: 7-7-73
 Future Plans: Electronics
 Motto: "What this world needs is a few more rednecks."

MICHAEL DAVID SAGE

Born: 3-7-73
Future Plans: PreLaw
Motto: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."



LUTHER TURNBULL SCOTT

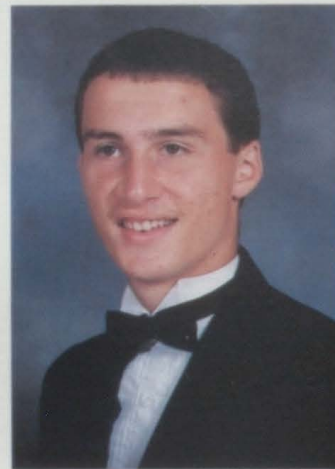
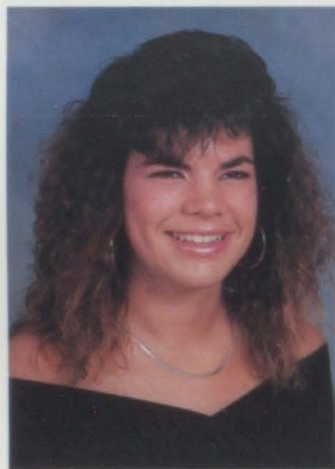
Born: 11-10-73
Future Plans: Engineering
Motto: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

SHERRI ALICE SHEWEY

Born: 11-7-73
Future Plans: Elementary education
Motto: "The most beautiful things cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart."

JENNIFER SUE SIMMS

Born: 12-4-73
Future Plans: Radford College
Motto: "Live each day as if it were your last."



HEATHER RENE' SMITH

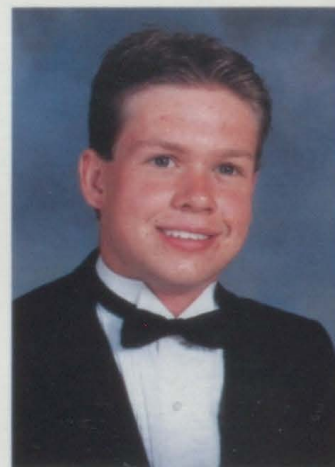
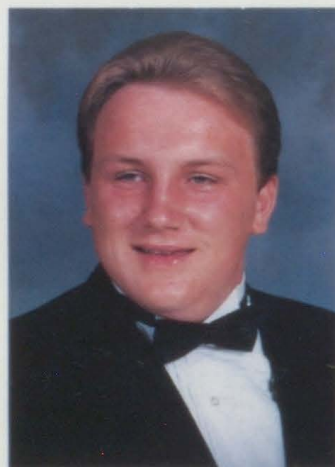
Born: 11-28-73
Future Plans: Radiology
Motto: "Follow your dreams, take one step at a time, don't settle for less, just continue to climb."

JAMES PATRICK SMITH

Born: 3-29-73
Future Plans: College (major undecided)
Motto: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

DAVID PRICE STROCK

Born: 5-25-73
Future Plans: Get a job
Motto:



CRYSTAL DAWN TIBBS

Born: 8-22-73
Future Plans: International Studies
Motto: "C'est la vie."

WILLIAM DAVID TICKLE, JR.

Born: 7-31-73
Future Plans: College
Motto: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

PAMELA RENEE WRIGHT

Born: 11-13-73
Future Plans: Drafter
Motto: "High tides with green grass forever."

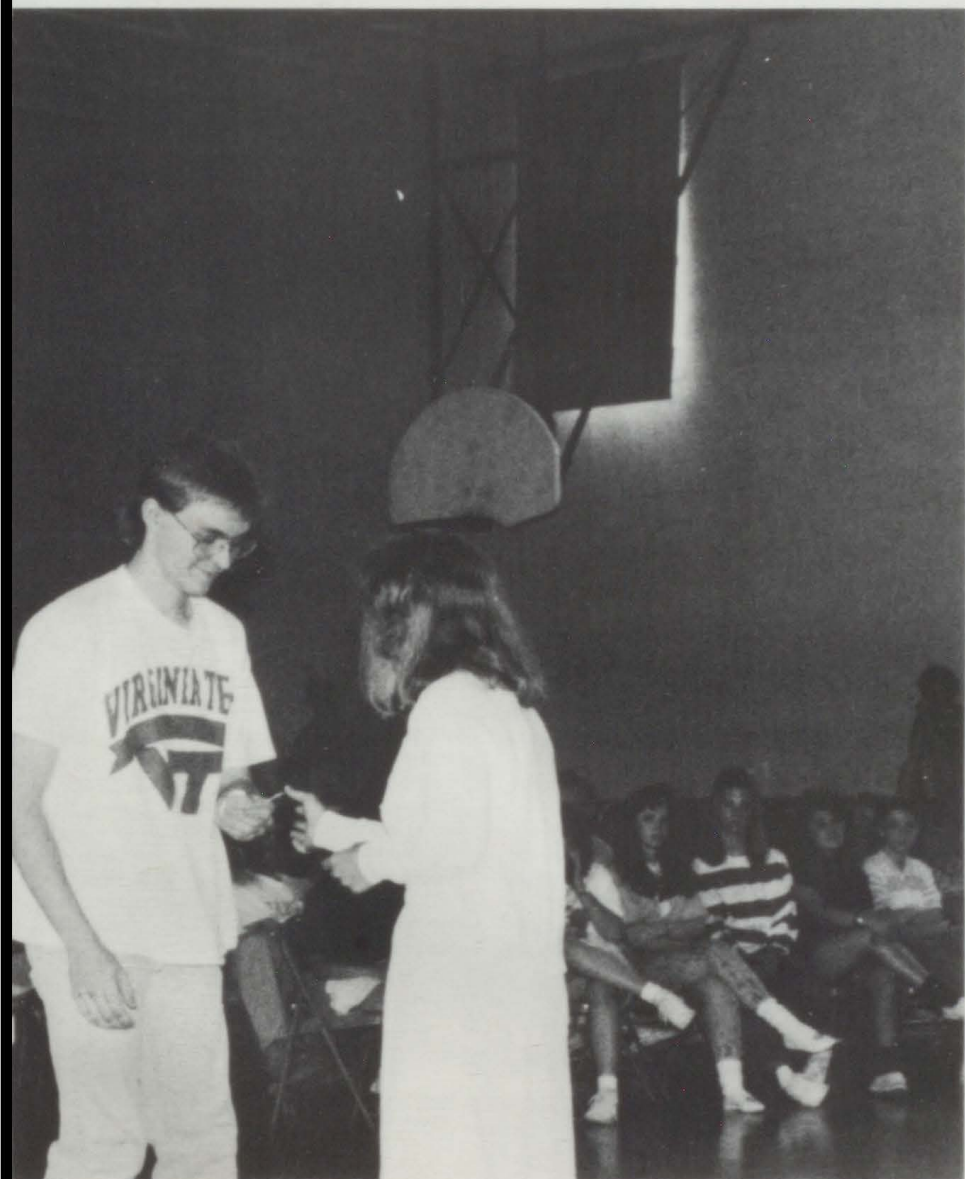


Heather Smith, Tina Brown, Hope Pike, Sherri Shewey
"pig-out" at Miss Rowe's birthday party.



Bonnie Blankenship, Kay Mabe, and Jan Scott tally judges' score sheets at beauty pageants.

Hope Pike with mother Brenda at Staunton for the Miss Teen pageant.



Erin Thompson becomes the Indian maiden at 4-H trip to Dallas.

Robbie Brown receives the math medal from Mrs. Kay Mabe at awards day '90.

Senior Credits

Russell William Bird-

George and Chris Bird; Honors: P.E. Award(9); Offices: Class president(8), SCA reporter, Jr. Beta president (9), French vice-president, Sport staff newspaper (11); Beta vice-president, Co-editor newspaper (12); Clubs: SCA (9), French (9-11), Jr. Beta (9-10), Newspaper Staff (10-12), Beta (11-12), FBLA (12), Science Club (12); Sports: J.V. Basketball (8-10), Varsity Basketball (11-12), Baseball (11-12); Other: MACC Social Studies (10-12) Prom Committee (11), Accepted Governor's Magnet School (11), Nominated Principal's Leadership Award (12)

Robert Ryan Brown-

Elsie D. Brown; Honors: Algebra I (8), Physical Science (8), Introduction to Business (8), Civics (8), History (8), Geometry (9), Earth Science (9), English (9), Typing (9), World Geography (9), Trigonometry (10), Algebra II (10), Chemistry (10), French I (10), Business Computer Applications (10), English (10), Calculus (11), Physics (11), English (11), French II (11), U.S. History (11), Honor Letter (9), Honor Bars (10-11); Offices: Captain Math MACC (10-12); Clubs: FBLA (8-10), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), Science Club (10-11), French Club (10-11); Sports: Rau the Iron-man in Hawaii (10), Olympic Gold Medals in track and diving (11) Other: Math MACC (10-12)

Tina Louise Brown-

Steve and Nancy Brown; Honors:FHA Junior degree (8), Chapter (9), Perfect Attendance (10-11), Varsity letter/insert/bar (9-12); Offices: Jr. Beta Secretary (9), Library Club President (12), FHA sargent-at-arms (12); Clubs: Art Club (8), Jr. Beta (9), FBLA (9), FHA (8-12), Library Club (9,12), Yearbook (10-12), Newspaper (10-11), French Club (10-12); Sports: J.V. Basketball (8-9), Varsity Basketball (10-12), Tennis (9-12), Varsity boys basketball statistician (10-12), Varsity Volleyball (9-12), Varsity girl's basketball captain (11-12); Other: Prom Committee (11), Science MACC (11), Social Studies MACC (12), Homecoming Queen (12)

Dixie Dianne Bruce-

Shirley G. Bruce; Honors: Perfect Attendance (11); Offices:FHA reporter (11), FHA corresponding secretary (12); Clubs: FHA (8-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), French (10-12), Drama (10), Other: English MACC (11-12)

James Stacy Bruce-

James Riley & Linda M. Bruce; Honors: Greenhand Award (8), Chapter Farmer Award (10); Offices: FFA vice-president (12), VICA treasurer (11), VICA vice-president (12), 4-H recreation leader (11-12); Clubs: 4-H (8-12), FFA (8-12), VICA (11-12), Science Club (12);

David Lee Chandler-

David E. Chandler; Clubs: FFA (8-12); Sports: Baseball (9-11)

Pamela Lynnette Chewning-

Kenneth E. & Lenora Chewning; Honors: Yearbook certificate (8-11), Perfect Attendance (8), Physical Education (9), FHA degrees junior (9), chapter (10), Life Skills Management II (11), United States Achievement Academy Award (11-12), FHA certificate (9-10), Newspaper certificate (11), Bland Rocket Booster Award (11); Offices: Science Club secretary/treasurer (11), FHA vice-president (12), Yearbook co-editor (11-12), 4-H treasurer (12); Clubs: Yearbook (8-12), FHA (8-12), Art Club (8), French Club (9-11), Library Club (11-12), 4-H (10-12), Science Club (11-12); Sports: J.V. girls basketball (8); Other: Volleyball manager (8), Homecoming court candidate (8-9), Snow Queen candidate (8), Sr. Miss Bland County contestant (9), Miss Echo candidate (10-11), Varsity boys basketball statistician (10-12), girls basketball statistician (12)

James Winfred Clemons-

Lucille Clemons; Sports: Basketball (8), Varsity baseball (11)

Duane Nevada Compton-

Jack Compton; Honors: 4th place State FBLA community service project (10), U.S. History award (11), 1st place State FBLA community service project (11), MACC letter/bar (11); Offices: FBLA president (11-12); Clubs: FFA (9), Science club (10-12), FBLA (10-12), Newspaper assistant editor (12); Other: English MACC (10-11), Social Studies MACC (12), Prom committee (11), Forensics (12), Snow King candidate (10-11), Homecoming escort (11)

Christopher Neil Dillow-

Mr. & Mrs. Randall N. Dillow; Honors: Geometry award (10), 1st place district champs in Math MACC (10), Algebra II (11), Trigonometry (11), 2nd place district Math MACC (11), 1st place State BETA scrap-book committee (11), Perfect attendance (11), Top 20% on VCTM-VCU Math Contest (11), 1st place team Radford Math rally (12); Offices: FBLA (8-10), French club (10-12), Science club (10-12), Sr. Beta (11-12), SCA (11); Sports: Manager JV Basketball team (9); Other: Math MACC (10-12)

Charles Brandon Farlow-

Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Farlow; Honors: FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); Offices: Class treasurer (9); Clubs: FFA (8-9), Sr. Beta (10), FBLA (10), French club (10-11), Science club (10-11); Sports: Basketball (8); Other: Snow King candidate (10), Sweetheart King candidate (10), Science MACC (11)

Eric Christopher Faulkner-

Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Faulkner; Honors: Art I award (8), Biology I award (10), Biology II award (11), 1st place FBLA community service (11), Co-editor of 1st place National BETA Scrapbook (11-12); Offices: Class president (10), Science club president (11), Beta treasurer (11),

Beta president (12); Clubs: Art club (8), FBLA (8-12), Sr. 4-H (8-12), Science club (10-12), French club (10), Newspaper co-editor (12); Sports: Basketball (8,11-12); Other: Member of the Virginia Jukado academy 2 years, English MACC (9-12)

Benga Lee Hager-

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie D. Hager; Offices: President of library club (11); Clubs: FHA (8-9), 4-H (4-12), VICA at Wythe County vocational school (11-12), Library club (10-11); Sports: Basketball (8); Other: Cosmetology at Wythe County vocational school (11-12), Homecoming queen candidate (12)

Rita Faye Hamblin-

Louise B. Hamblin; Offices: VICA parliamentarian; Clubs: FHA (8-11), FBLA (8-10), VICA (12)

Amanda Sharon Harden-

Party Strock; Honors: FHA junior degree (8), chapter (9), Basketball certificate (8-9), Volleyball certificate (8), 4-H district demonstration winner (10-11), National Honor Society (10), Basketball insert/letter (10), Cheerleading insert (10), Tennis insert (10), Basketball Bar (11-12), Volleyball insert (11), Volleyball bar (12), Cheerleading bar (11), Tennis bar (11-12), Perfect attendance (10-12), Mt. Empire district academic award (10-12); Offices: 4-H vice-president (12), 4-H treasurer (10); Clubs: FHA (8-12), 4-H (8-12), FBLA (9, 11-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), Art (8), French club (10-11); Sports: JV Basketball (8-9), Varsity (10-12), Varsity cheerleading (10-11), JV Volleyball (8), Varsity Volleyball (11-12), Tennis (10-12), Varsity basketball captain (12), Volleyball captain (12); Other: Snow Queen candidate (9), Homecoming candidate (11), Attended 2 state Beta conventions (11-12), FBLA regional convention (12), Attended 2 state 4-H competitions (10-11), Attended 2 district 4-H competitions (10-11)

Tina Michelle Johnston-

Ronald & Gayle Johnston; Honors: FHA Junior degree (8), Chapter (10), Athletic letter (11), Booster certificate (11); Offices: 4-H recreation leader (11-12), FHA reporter (12); Clubs: FHA (8-12), 4-H (8-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), Drama (10), French club (10-12), Science club (11-12); Sports: JV Basketball (10), Varsity Basketball (11); Other: Prom committee (11), Homecoming candidate (12)

Clinton Sherwood Kegley-

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kegley; Honors: Forensics district boys poetry 2nd place (9), 1st place Oratory (12), State Beta oratory 3rd place (10), Boys oratory champion (10-11), Biology award (10), MACC Math West division champion (10), 2nd place (11), Virginia High school league (10-12), Physical education award (11), Athletic letter/bar/insert (11-12), State Beta oratory 1st place (11), MED Basketball Honorable Mention (12); Offices: Jr. Beta reporter (9), Sports editor newspaper (11), FBLA parliamentarian (12);

Clubs: French club (8-9), Jr. Beta (9), FBLA (9-12), Sr. Beta (10-12), Math MACC (10-12), Newspaper staff (10-11), Science club (12); **Sports:** Basketball (8), JV basketball (9-10), Varsity basketball (11-12); **Other:** Homecoming court escort (10), Beauty pageant escort (9-12), Prom committee (11)

Alison Renae King-

Mr. & Mrs. Ronny R. King; **English award** (8), **FHA degrees Junior** (8), **Chapter** (9), **Perfect Attendance** (8-12), **Honor roll** (8-12), **Algebra I** (9), **Home Ec. II** (9), **Geometry** (10), **Honor letter** (10), **Family Management** (11), **Honor bar** (11); **Offices:** FHA treasurer (12); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), Jr. Beta (9), Society of Distinguished American High School Students (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), French club (10-12), SCA (10), International Foreign Language Society (10)

David Kenneth King-

Edgar Mason & Debbie King; **Honors:** 8th grade basketball, MED regular season champs (10-11), MED Regional runner-up (11), MED All-District team (12); **Offices:** French club secretary (11); **Clubs:** SCA representative (8), French club (9-11); **Sports:** Basketball (8), JV basketball (9), Varsity basketball (10-12), Baseball (9); **Other:** Baptist Mission

Teresa Catherine Lester-

Mrs. Betty Lester; **Honors:** Math award (11); **Offices:** Library club vice-president (11), Senior class secretary (12); **Clubs:** Newspaper staff (9-10), Library club (10-12), Chorus (11-12), Science club (12), SCA member (12); **Other:** Homecoming committee

Barbara Jean Meadows-

Betty Meadows; **Offices:** 4-H secretary (9), 4-H treasurer (10); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (8-9), Newspaper staff (8-12), 4-H (8-12), Drama (9-12), Science club (9-10, 12), Beta (10-11), French club (10-12), Yearbook (10-11), Library club (11-12); **Other:** Snow Court (12)

Johnny Jay Meadows-

Johnny and Susie Meadows; **Honors:** Greenhand (8), Varsity letter/insert (10-12); **Offices:** French club secretary (10), French club president (12); **Clubs:** FFA (8-12), 4-H (8-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10), French club (10-12); **Sports:** JV baseball (8), Varsity baseball (9-12), JV basketball (9-10), Varsity basketball (11-12); **Other:** Mr. Bland contestant (9), Homecoming court escort (10), Snow King candidate (10), JV & Varsity girls statistician (11-12)

James Travis Munsey-

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Munsey; **Honors:** Basketball District Honorable Mention, Greenhand & Chapter farmer (8), Letter/Bar basketball (10-12), FFA degrees; **Offices:** 4-H president (10), French treasurer (10); **Clubs:** 4-H (8-12), FFA (8-10, 12), French club (10-12); **Sports:** Basketball (8-12), Baseball (12); **Other:** 4-H district winner (9-11)

Jason Reed Ramsey-

William & Mary Ramsey; **Honors:** Creed speaking (8), Economics award (11), U.S. History award (11), DARGood citizen award (12); **Clubs:** FFA (8), FBLA (10), Science club (10); **Sports:** Baseball (12); **Other:** Social Studies MACC (11-12), Karate

Tracy Lynn Repass-

Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Repass; **Honors:** FHA degrees Junior (8), Chapter (9), FBLA regional competition 1st place Business Law (9), FBLA regional competition 2nd place Word Processing (11), MACC letter (11); **Offices:** FHA corresponding secretary (11), FHA 1st vice-president (12), FHA president (12); **Clubs:** Newspaper (8), FHA (8-12), FBLA (9-12), Sr. Beta (10-12), French club (10-12), Science club (10, 12); **Other:** English MACC (11-12), All around MACC (12)

Jason Daniel Roop-

Charlene Clark; **Clubs:** FFA (8-10)

Michael David Sage-

Mr. & Mrs. John Sage; **Offices:** Class vice-president (11), Beta secretary (12), FBLA vice-president (12); **Clubs:** Beta (10-12), Science club (10-12), Science club (10-12), FBLA (10-12); **Other:** English MACC (10-12), Attended 3 State Beta conventions and 2 National Beta conventions, Attended 3 State FBLA conventions

Luther Turnbull Scott-

Janet Scott; **Honors:** Geometry award (9), Algebra II (9), Math MACC Western division champs (9-10), 2nd (11), Economics award (10), English award (10-11), Physics (11), Beta state Math 3rd (11); **Offices:** Beta vice-president (11); **Clubs:** Art (8), Jr. Beta (9), French club (10-12), Science club (10-12), Beta (10-12); **Other:** Math MACC (9-12), Governor's school at Virginia Tech (10), Magnet School at Wytheville Community College (11)

Sherri Alice Shewey-

Thomas and Karen Shewey; **Honors:** Forensics-1st place district (11), 2nd place district (10), 1st place-humorous interpretation (12); **Offices:** Class secretary (8), Class vice-president (10), Newspaper editor (11), Yearbook co-editor (11-12), VICA treasurer (12), Library club secretary (12); **Clubs:** Yearbook staff (8-12), Art club (8), FBLA (8-9), Jr. Beta (9), French club (9-11), Forensics (10-12), Sr. Beta (10-11), Library club (9-11), Newspaper (10-11), Science club (10-11), 4-H (8), VICA (12); **Other:** English MACC (9), Science MACC (11), Participated in Ms. Bland County (9), Escort Mr. Bland (10)

Jennifer Sue Simms-

Gary & Judy Simms; **Honors:** English award (9), Typing award (9), National Honor Society of Distinguished High School Students (10); **Offices:** FHA treasurer (10), Jr. class president (11), Newspaper editor (11), 4-H secretary (10), Sr. class president (12), FHA sergeant at arms (12), Library club treasurer (12) VICA secretary (12); **Clubs:** FBLA (8-10, 12), FHA (8-12), Chorus (8), Jr. Beta (9), Art club (10), Science club (10, 12), Sr. Beta (10-12), Dramatics club (12), VICA club (12), Library club (11-12), Newspaper staff (11); **Sports:** JV basketball (9-10), Varsity tennis (10), Volleyball manager (10), Varsity letter (10); **Other:** Ms. Echo candidate (12), One-Act Play (12)

Heather Rene Smith-

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Smith; **Honors:** French II award (10), Forensics District 1st place-dramatic interpretation (12); **Offices:** Science club vice-president (11), Class secretary (11), Newspaper feature editor (11), Newspaper editor (12), French secretary (12), Class treasurer (12), Drama secretary (12); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (9), Jr. Beta (9),

Sr. Beta (10-12), Library (9-12), French (9-12), Newspaper (10-12), Science (11-12), Drama (12); **Sports:** Varsity cheerleading letter/bar/insert (9-12), captain (12); **Other:** Homecoming candidate (8), Ms. Echo 2nd runner-up (9), FBLA typing competition (9), Snow Queen candidate (9), Forensics (10-12), Yearbook staff (10), Snow queen 2nd runner up (11), Science MACC (11), Prom committee (11), One Act Play (12)

James Patrick Smith-

Mr. & Mrs. Hassel N. Smith; **Honors:** Basketball District MVP (12), Varsity letter/insert/bar (10-12); **Offices:** Vice president Jr. Beta (9), French club president (11); **Clubs:** Art club (8), Jr. Beta (9), French club (9-11), FBLA (10-12), Sr. Beta (10-12), Library club (12), Science club (12); **Sports:** Basketball (8), JV basketball (9), Varsity (10-12), Co-Captain (11), Captain (12), Baseball (12), Second team all district (10), First team (11), Second team all timesland (10), 1000+ career points basketball; **Other:** Homecoming escort (8), Mr. Bland candidate (9), Sweetheart candidate (10), Snow King candidate (11)

David Price Strock-

Alan & Iris Strock; **Honors:** Star Greenhand (8), Swine Proficiency (8-10), Sheep Proficiency (9-11), Forestry judging (9-12), Livestock judging (9), Diversified livestock (9), Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); **Offices:** 4-H chaplain (8), FFA 2nd vice-president (9), FFA vice-president (10-11), FFA president (12), 4-H president (11-12), Sr. class vice-president (12); **Clubs:** FFA (8-12), Jr. Beta (9-10), French (10-12), 4-H (8-12), Band (8); **Other:** Snow Court candidate (10), Delegate FFA National convention (12)

Crystal Dawn Tibbs-

Walter & Doris Tibbs; **Honors:** Perfect Attendance (8-12), Home Ec. I (8), World History (10), U.S. History (11), French I (10), French II (11), MACC letter (10), bar (11), National Honor Society (10), Cheerleading letter (10); **Offices:** SCA secretary (11); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (9), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), French (10-12), SCA (11), Newspaper (9), Drama (9); **Sports:** Volleyball (8), Varsity cheerleading (10); **Other:** English MACC (10-12), All around MACC (11-12), Beta convention State & National (11), Competed in spelling at State convention (11)

William David Tickle Jr.-

Bill Dave & Sharon Tickle; **Honors:** Pre-Algebra award (8), Algebra award (9), Honor letter/bar (10-11), MACC letter/bar (10-11); **Offices:** Class secretary/treasurer (10), French club treasurer (11); **Clubs:** FFA (8), French (9-11), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), FBLA (10-12), Science (12); **Sports:** Basketball (8), JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12), JV baseball (10); **Other:** Science MACC (10-12)

Pamela Renee Wright-

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry D. Wright; **Honors:** FHA degrees Junior (8), Chapter (9); **Offices:** 4-H chaplain (10); **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), Yearbook (11), FBLA (9-10), Virginia Tech upward bound (10-12), Wytheville Talent Search (10-11), Virginia Tech talent search (9-10), Chorus (10-12), Library (11), 4-H (8-12); **Sports:** Volleyball (8, 11-12); **Other:** Draft & Design (11-12), Baseball Varsity statistician (10), Math FBLA regional championship (10)

Not just another piece of the puzzle

Yo, eighth graders, can't touch this." That seems to be a popular saying from the freshmen and one they would like to tell all the other grades in the school. It is not just a distant dream for

these diligent, zealous ninth graders either. They are slowly but surely moving away from being just another piece of the high school puzzle and being *the piece* or pieces.

curricular activities such as Beta, MACC, and JV basketball, provides the commanding power to put the pieces in place. The class of 1994 promises to one day have it all together and be the class on the top!

Getting involved in clubs and extra-

Detria Agee
Stephen Berry
Lionel Blankenship
Roger Brewster
Beth Bridges



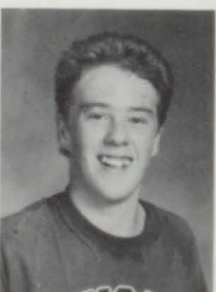
Eric Brooks
Jeff Brown
Patrick Bruce
Angela Carter
Karen Daughtry



Robbie Davis
Kristie Dillow
Tawny Dillow
Aaron Faulkner
Jamié Foutz



Rachel French
Anthony Graham
Heather Keene
Crystal King
Kevin King



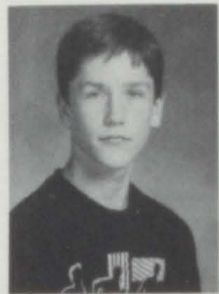
Jamie Michael
Angel Mitchem
Chad Morehead
Phillip Mullins
Sandra Nelson





CLASS OFFICERS: Jason Stafford, president; Phillip Mullins, vice-president; Detria Agee, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Tommy Bird, sponsor. *Not pictured: Mr. Al Smith, sponsor.*

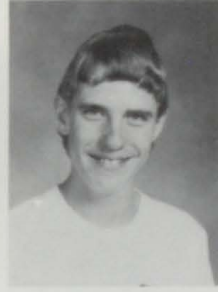
Beth Bridges before the judges in the Miss Bland County pageant.



Stuart Newberry
Stanley Overbaugh
Misty Pauley
Chris Penley
Faith Penley



Wenona Scott
Jes Selfe
Amie Simms
Mary Spain
Jason Stafford



Tonya Talbert
Melanie Thompson
Chris Tickle
Eric Tiller
Scottie Tolbert

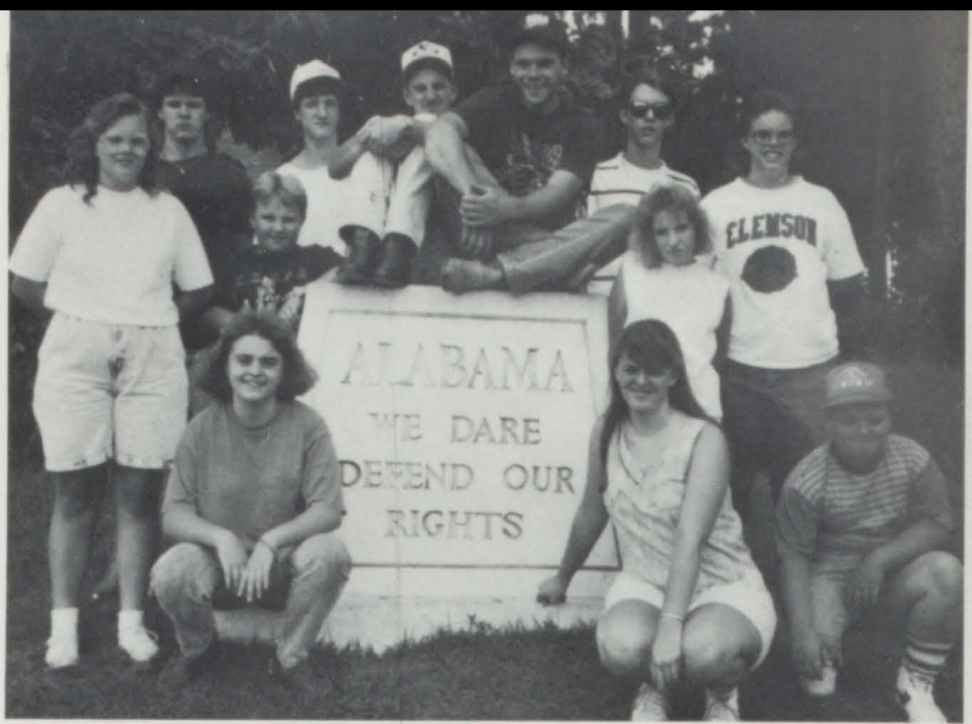


Amber Umberger
Wendy Umberger
Dawn Walls
Amber Wright

Middle rows

Sophomores, being the midpoint of the high school years, had to struggle for identity. With more freedoms and choices than eighth and ninth but fewer than juniors and seniors, they fought for placement and recognition.

They found their niche in academics, sports and organizations. By working hard and excelling in each area they proved that the top and bottom of the puzzle was nothing without the middle row.



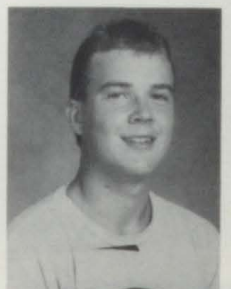
4-H'ERS on tour. FRONT ROW: Molly Richardson, Crystal Bruce, Jim Bob Penley. 2ND ROW: Sheree Burton, Becky Penley, Bridgette Penley.

BACK ROW: Stacy Bruce, Travis Munsey, Kevin Johnson, Ray Danner, Robert Sexton, Barbie Buckner.

Sherman Alford
Mindy Brewster
Sheree Burton
Lori Compton
Patricia Corder



Rachel Davis
Mary Margaret
Gibson
Stephanie Goins
Tracy Hall
Brad Harden



Pam Harden
Cindy Justice
Tina Kimberlin
Stephen Lindamood
Becky Mallory



Eric Martin
Cynthia May
Matthew Newberry
Kevin Pauley
Bridgette Penley





Molly Richardson and Lori Compton "plan" pages at yearbook workshop.

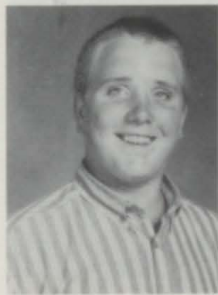
CLASS OFFICERS: Kathy Shewey, president; Beth Shewey, vice-president; Pam Harden, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Fred Beamer, sponsor.



Stacy Perkins
Joe Putman
John Reed
Molly Richardson
Michele Rickman



James Roberts
Nathan Romano
Laura Sadler
Robert Sexton
Bethane Shewey



Kathy Shewey
Travis Simmons
Crystal Thompson
Stacy Tibbs
Marcella Wellman



Douglas Wiley

Why such long faces?
And is Mr. Thacker praying?
Nathan Romano,
John Simmons, Mr. Larry Thacker, coach.

Competition gave them winning ways

“We hold the winning piece,” could have been the cry of the junior class. For the fourth consecutive year they captured the title of Miss Echo. Persistence and support furnished the puzzle pieces.

If competition was involved, the class

of '92 jumped in for the challenge. They were eager beavers, active in clubs, academics and sports. Junior members were found wherever action teemed.

Charlie Thompson attended the Governor's Magnet School at Pulaski County High in addition to completing regular

afternoon classes at Bland.

They avidly accepted the gauntlet to produce a best prom. Poring over catalogs they searched for new and inovative ideas then worked in secret from fall to spring to put the pieces together.

Shelly Beam
Becky Bird
Roger Blankenship
Cindy Blevins
Bobby Boardwine



Greg Boksa
Crystal Bruce
Heather Burton
Zach Burton
Angela Dalton



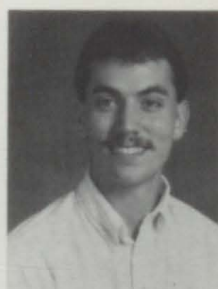
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Robert Davis
Stephanie DeHart
Ginger Dillow
Michael Dillow



Toby Dotson
Jimmy Duncan
Billy Epperson
Kandi Farley
Jason Gusler



Scott Gusler
Cheryl Hall
Jason Hall
Tina Hounshell
Wayne Hubble

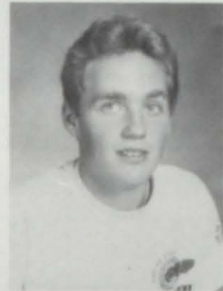




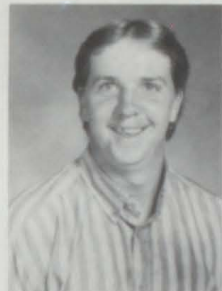
ELEVENTH CLASS OFFICERS: Stephanie Meadows, president; Heather Burton, vice-president; Shelly Beam, secretary-treasurer. *Not picture:* Mrs. Kay Mabe and Mrs. Jessie Kegley, sponsors.



Gwen McGrady



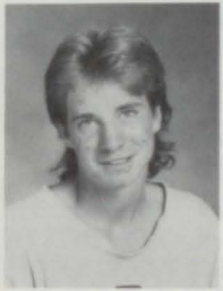
Rusty Meadows
Stephanie Meadows
Danny Morehead
Matthew Morehead
Travis Morehead



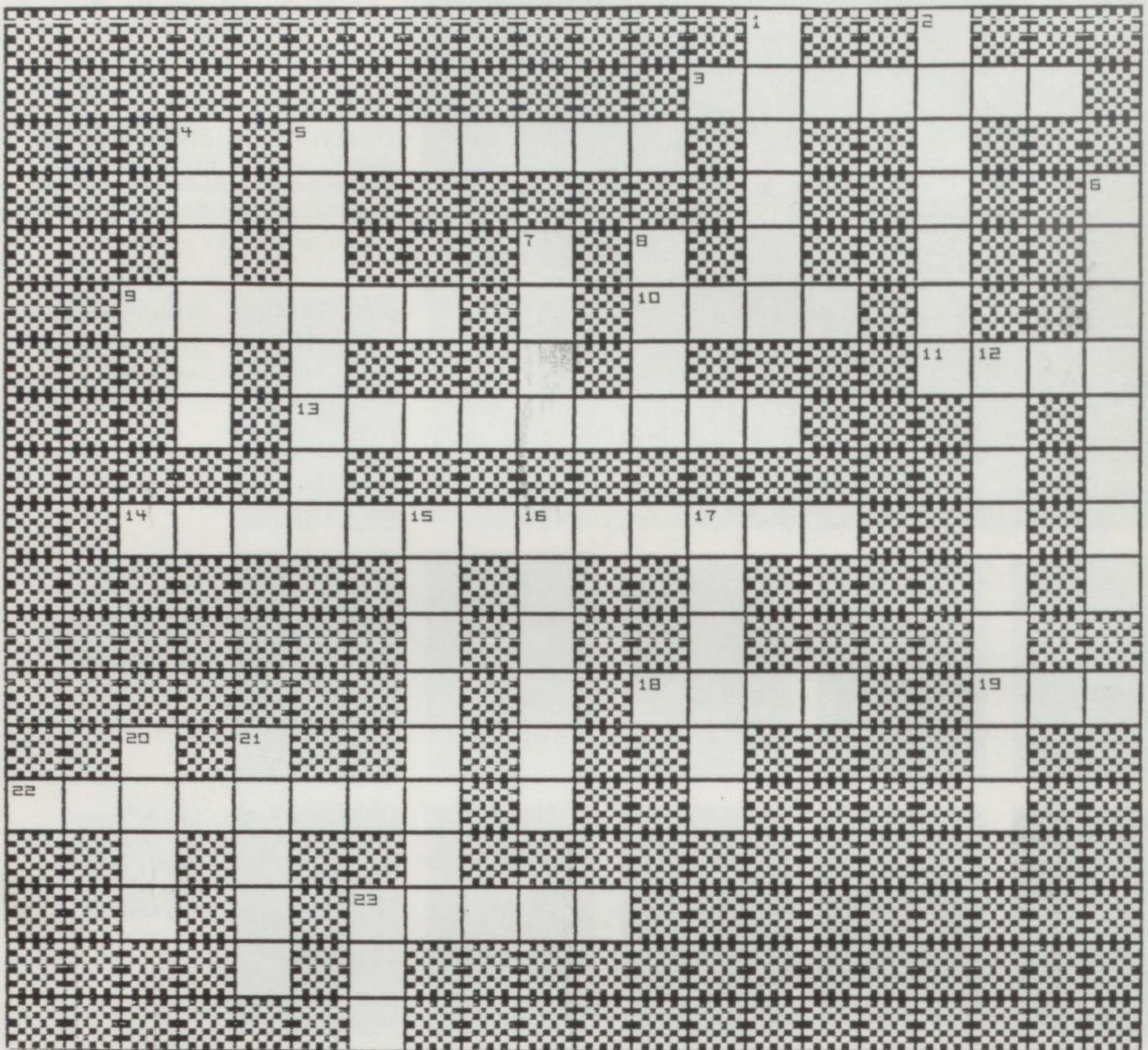
Thomas Nunley
Julie Overbaugh
Melvin Pierce
Hope Pike
John Simmons



Angela Stowers
Julie Strock
Robbie Taylor
Charlie Thompson
Sarah Thompson



Sarah Umbarger
Donna Wiley
Tommy Wolfe
Wendy Wolfe
Michelle Wright



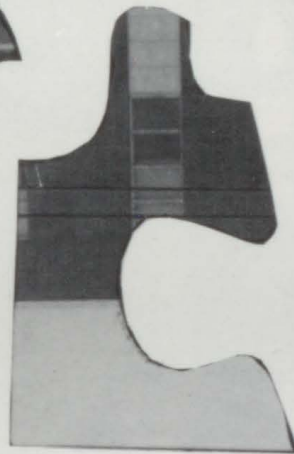
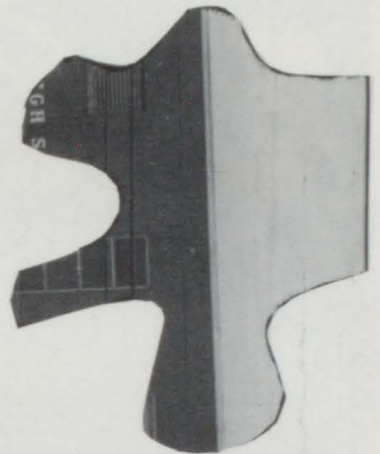
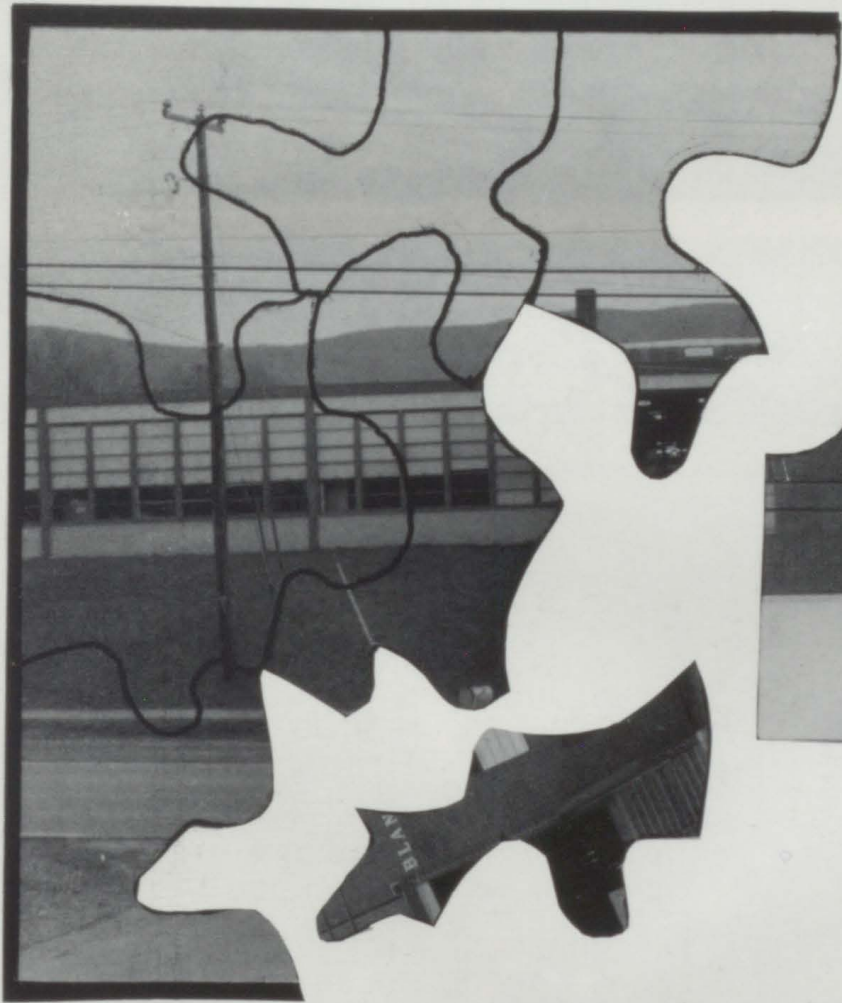
ACROSS CLUES

- 3. VARSITY COACHES NAME
- 5. NAME OF YEARBOOK
- 9. SUPER VIDEO TEACHER
- 10. 8TH GRADE COACH
- 11. 1991
- 13. BONNIE BLANKENSHIP
- 14. SENIOR PRESIDENT
- 18. A SCHOOL COLOR
- 19. NEWEST COMPUTER
- 22. OUR STATE
- 23. OUR TOWN

DOWN CLUES

- 1. YEARBOOK PUBLISHER
- 2. A QUIET PLACE
- 4. TOBACCO CHEWING TEACHER
- 5. OUR PRINCIPAL
- 6. NUMBER OF GRADES
- 7. A SHORT TEACHER
- 8. GOLD SEAL CHAPTER
- 12. OBTAINED IN SCHOOL
- 15. NEWEST SPORT
- 16. SCHOOL LOGO
- 17. A SCHOOL COLOR
- 20. DANCE HELD IN MAY
- 21. FAVORITE FOOD
- 23. BRINGS STUDENTS TO SCHOOL

Organizations have given the framework to the puzzle of our lives. They have added many of the pieces that we will use for the rest of our lives, such as leadership, service, understanding and unification. Organizations have given a wonderful ability to cut, shape and polish many of the pieces in our lives, so our high school puzzle is bright and gleaming when we apply for colleges and for jobs. In short, organizations have given a base in which we will be judged for the rest of our lives.



Organizations

TOP-Beginning-Front Row: Casie Pruitt, Charlotte Nunn, Leisa Hagy, Whitney Gamble, Erin Thompson, Debbie Munsey. 2ND ROW: Kelli King, Amanda Blankenship, Sarah Bird, Sarah Smith, Jenny Walker, Kelly Dunn, Leslie Carroll, Stephanie Kelley. BACK ROW: Billy Davis, Jim Bob Penley, Jeremy Dillow, Phillip Meadows, Ryan Newberry, Brooke Kitts, Chris Berg.

CENTER LEFT: Flag and rifle girls, Leslie Kelly and Cheryl Winesett.

CENTER RIGHT-High School-Front Row: Joanie Lambert, Cindy Berg, Detria Agee. 2ND ROW: Bobbi Hobbs, Bradley Hoosier, Wendy Umbarger, Wenona Scott. BACK ROW: Eric Brooks, Shannon Enoch, Justin Eaton, Misty Pauley, Wes Strock, Robbie Morehead.

BOTTOM LEFT: Joanie Lambert in full uniform.

BOTTOM RIGHT-Intermediate-Front Row: Holly Pauley, Sheri Blankenship, Michael Kay Mabe, Rae Romano, Lee Meadows, Melissa Richardson, Misty Pauley. 2ND ROW: Sarah Shewey, Amanda Baldwin, Casey Johnston, Rachel Munsey, Ronald Hutzel, Jany Nunn, Michael Muncy. 3RD ROW: Leslie Kelly, Cheryl Winesett, Cindy King, Jenifer Winters, Mike Munsey. BACK ROW: Jody Lambert, Todd Morehead, John Curtis Thompson, Jacob Scott, Brook Dillow, Jeremy Blankenship.



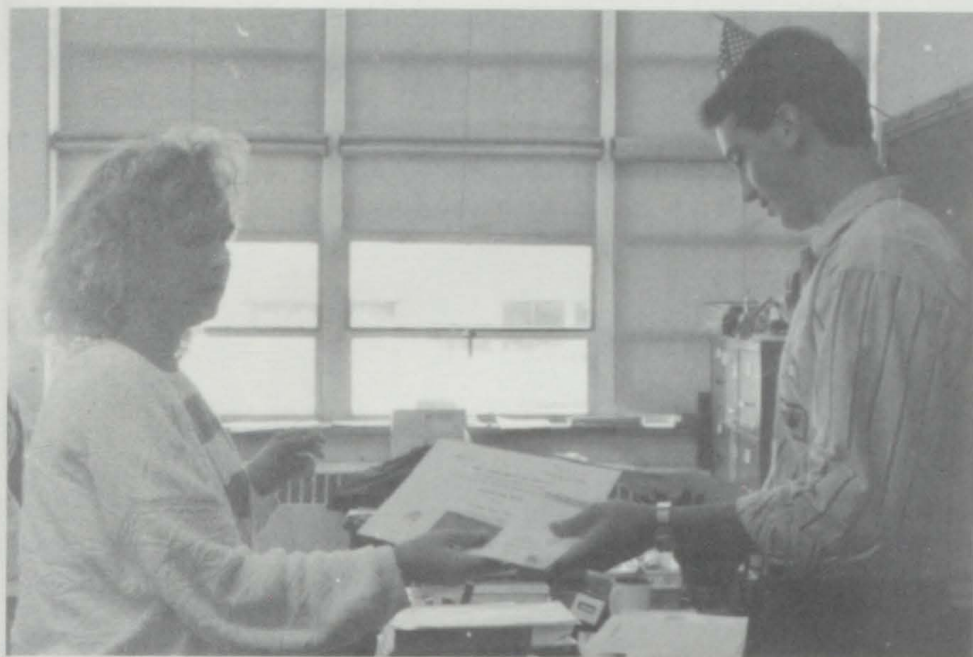
Band is fun but not a piece of cake

The Bland County Band consisted of students from Bland as well as Rocky Gap. The beginning band started with grade five. After beginning band, the students moved on to intermediate and high school band. Flag and rifle girls were an added feature to the marching band.

Both bands marched in Rocky Gap and Wytheville Christmas parades in full uniform complete with plumed hats and cummerbunds. They performed at Mercer Mall and the school's Christmas and spring music concerts.

Students think being in band is fun, but have found it's no piece of cake.

New Junior Beta members were tapped in this year under a new sponsor, the school's guidance counselor, Ms. Teena Morefield. Junior Beta is a step toward Senior Beta. They received cards and pins to acknowledge their membership.



TOP: Junior Beta-Front Row: (Officers) Beth Bridges, president; Crystal King, vice-president; Amie Simms, secretary; Aaron Faulkner, treasurer.

2ND ROW: Mary Spain, Kristie Dillow, Detria Agee, Angela Carter, Angel Mitchem.

BACK ROW: Rachel French, Eric Brooks, Chris Tickle, Jamie Foutz.

BOTTOM: Lori Compton receives pin and certificate from Senior Beta president, Eric Faulkner.



The name of the game is winning

An honor club, Senior Beta, sought ways to improve their status and maintain the high grades (90 or above) that permitted them to join. Sophomores, juniors and seniors were eligible.

In order to raise funds for the state convention in Roanoke, they held a con-

cession stand at the county fair and also sold fruit. They submitted a scrapbook and entered other competitive events. In 1990 Clinton Kegley placed 1st in Oratory, Lute Scott placed 3d in Math. The scrapbook, An American Pie Safe, won 1st place.

District one-act play competition was

held at Grayson County in the fall. Bland performed *The Happy Scarecrow*. Drama was on a volunteer basis. Forensics was also volunteer with students competing against other district schools in oratory, acting, prose and poetry. Last year at regionals Sarah Thompson placed 2d and Eugene King 1st (placing state 3rd).

TOP: Virginia Field Representative for Beta, Mrs. Parrish, is honored with refreshments.

BOTTOM LEFT: William Tickle and Patrick Smith unload fruit sales.

BOTTOM RIGHT-Senior Beta-Officers-Front Row: Mrs. Janet Faulkner, adviser; Eric Faulkner, president; Rusty Bird, vice-president; Mike Sage, secretary; Chris Dillow, treasurer.

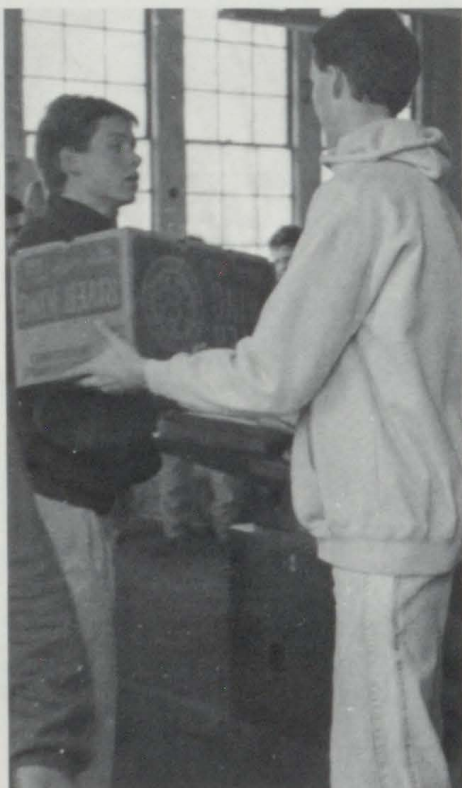
2ND ROW: Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Becky Bird, Sarah Umbarger, Jeana Dalton, Shelly Beam, Stephanie DeHart, Heather Burton.

3RD ROW: Stephanie Goins, Lori Compton, Patrick Smith, Molly Richardson, Cindy Justice, Sheree Burton, Pam Harden, Tracy Hall

4TH ROW: Clint Kegley, Stephen Lindamood, Heather Smith, Jennifer Simms, Amanda Harden, Tracy Repass, Tina Johnston.

5TH ROW: Charlie Thompson, William Tickle, Alison King, Dixie Bruce, Crystal Tibbs.

BACK ROW: Angela Stowers, Crystal Bruce, Robert Davis, Robert Sexton, Donna Wiley.





TOP-DRAMA-Front Row-Officers: Shelly Beam, president; Sarah Thompson, vice-president; Heather Smith, secretary; Lori Compton, treasurer. **2nd Row:** Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows. **3rd Row:** Cindy Justice, Stephanie Goins, Molly Richardson. **4th Row:** Anita Sage, P.J. Meadows, Mary Margaret Gibson, Denise Shrader, Jamie Kidd. **Back Row:** Shannon Enoch, Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor, Robert Sexton, Zach Burton, Jennifer Simms.

CENTER LEFT-FORENSICS-Center: Sarah Umbarger, Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor, Sherri Shewey. **Back:** Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Heather Smith, Charlie Thompson, Duane Compton, Robert Sexton, Molly Richardson, Becky Bird, Clinton Kegley.

CENTER RIGHT: Afternoon practice with Shelly Beam, Sarah Thompson, Molly Richardson, Heather Smith.

BOTTOM-Cast of *The Happy Scarecrow* : Mary Margaret Gibson, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Shelly Beam, Denise Shrader, Molly Richardson. **BACK ROW:** Robert Sexton, Heather Smith, Zach Burton, Jennifer Simms, Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows, P.J. Meadows, Jamie Kidd, Anita Sage, Lori Compton, Cindy Justice.



FRENCH CLUB-Front Row-Officers: Jay Meadows, president; Sarah Thompson, vice-president; Heather Smith, secretary; Stephanie Meadows, treasurer; Hope Pike, reporter.

2ND ROW: Mindy Brewster, Shelly Beam, Becky Bird, Heather Burton, Stephen Lindamood, Mary Margaret Gibson, Dixie Bruce.

3RD ROW: Stephanie DeHart, Sarah Umbarger, Molly Richardson, Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins, Julie Strock, Kathy Shewey, Angela Dalton.

4TH ROW: Jeana Dalton, Tina Brown, Crystal Bruce, Angela Stowers, Cindy Justice, Ginger Dillow.

5TH ROW: Sheree Burton, Robert Sexton, Bethane Shewey, Becky Mallory, Pam Harden, Tracy Hall, Scott Gusler.

6TH ROW: Jason Gusler, Mike Sage, Alison King, Crystal Tibbs, Tina Johnston, Tracy Repass, Roger Blankenship.

BACK ROW: Lute Scott, Zach Burton, Chris Dillow, Wendy Wolfe, Donna Wiley, Robert Davis, Toby Dotson. *Not pictured: Miss Diane Rowe, advisor.*

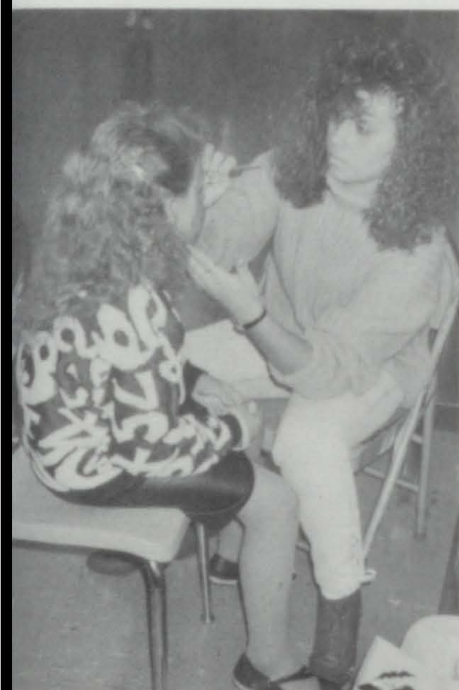
Bethane Shewey and Ms. Rowe at a party for French students.

Ms. Diane Rowe checks work with Crystal Tibbs.





Service with a smile!



The Bland Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America enrolled 49 members who were currently in a business class.

Students selected areas in which they excelled for regional competition in the spring. Winners continued on at the state level.

FBLA is a business training organization and of service. Each year they have at least one community and one school service project. This year the community service project was a combined effort with Beta in the renovation of the Bland Community Building. Paint was furnished by

local civic organizations but the labor came from club members. They scraped, painted, and washed to improve the appearance of a much used building.

Their main fund raiser was the Snow Queen/King competition. This money will be used for a school service project.

A traditional event is the much enjoyed pizza parties. FBLA'ers munched down on pizza twice each year as a reward for their endeavors.

The French Club consisted of 48 members. This year they enjoyed Christmas carols by learning to sing them in French. They tentatively planned a French dinner and a pizza party.

TOP: FBLA'ers enjoy pizza.

CENTER: Detria Agee paints faces for PTSO Fall Festival.



FBLA-Front Row-Officers: Duane Compton, president; Mike Sage, vice-president; Shelly Beam, secretary; Heather Burton, treasurer; Stephanie Meadows, reporter; Becky Bird, historian; Mrs. Jessie Kegley, adviser; Clint Kegley, parliamentarian.

2ND ROW: Amie Simms, Crystal King, Beth Bridges, Detria Agee, Lori Compton, Cindy Justice, Stephanie Goins, Molly Richardson.

3RD ROW: Angela Carter, Angel Mitchem, Kristie Dillow, Patrick Smith, Stephanie DeHart, Jeana Dalton, Angela Dalton. 4TH ROW: Rachel French, Amanda Harden, Jennifer Simms, Cynthia May, Sheree Burton, Bridgette Penley, Brandon Farlow. 5TH ROW: Jason Gusler, Robert Davis, William Tickle, Rusty Bird, Robbie Davis, Robert Sexton. 6TH ROW: Donna Wiley, Julie Overbaugh, Kandi Farley, Eric Faulkner, Angela Stowers, Crystal Bruce.

BACK ROW: Jason Ramsey, Sarah Umbarger, Sarah Thompson, Tracy Repass.

FFA-Front Row-Officers: David Strock, president; Stacy Bruce, vice-president; Nathan Romano, secretary; *Not pictured:* Wayne Hubble, treasurer; Mr. William Crabtree, adviser. 2nd Row: Douglas Wiley, Kevin Pauley, Jason Stowers, Crystal Thompson, Laura Sadler, David King, Brad Hardden, Jimmy Sparks. 3rd Row: Cynthia May, Jeff Brown, Donnie Havens, Allen Brewster, Travis Munsey, Jay Meadows, Thomas Nunley, Joe Putman. 4th Row: Sherman Alford, Chris Penley, Shannon Havens, Sammy Blankenship, Scotty Tolbert, Robbie Chewning, Paul Nunley, Doug Dalton, Stacy Perkins. Back Row: David Chandler, Brock Justice, Chad Morehead, Lionel Blankenship, Jason Quinn, Patrick Bruce, Stanley Overbaugh, Robbie Davis.

BOTTOM: Jimmy Sparks adjusts hopper for tobacco while classmates strip leaves from the stalks.



Self-improvement was clubs' key goal

With Future Homemakers of America having the largest number of active members of any club in school and Future Farmers of America right up there with it, they definitely dominate and rule the club picture at BCS. They both are geared at being very involved in the community and have several fundraisers during the year.

FHA meets once a month with emphasis on individual improvement, protection, and self-esteem. Local businesses and organizations present the programs.

FHA sponsored the Miss Bland County pageant. They have taken an overnight trip each year, but are limited distance now by a school board policy.

FFA members participate in livestock judging as a part of their training. They usually return with several winning teams and/or individuals. Again this year members traveled to Kansas City for the national convention. Those attending were David Strock, Chris Penley and Cynthia May accompanied by Mrs. Iris Strock.





TOP-FHA OFFICERS-Front Row: Mrs. Betty Munsey, adviser; Bethane Shewey, recording secretary.

2ND ROW: Tracy Repass, president; Dixie Bruce, corresponding secretary; Alison King, treasurer.

3RD ROW: Angela Dalton, recreation leader; Pam Chewning, vice-president; Kathy Shewey, chaplain; Tina Johnston, reporter.

BACK ROW: Jennifer Simms, sergeant-at-arms; Tina Brown, sergeant-at-arms; Hope Pike, recreation leader.

CENTER: A field trip to a local home. Tracy Repass, Faith Penley, Crystal Tibbs, Mindy Brewster, Dixie Bruce, Tawny Dillow, Alison King, Jamie Michaels.



BOTTOM-FHA MEMBERS-Front Row: April Tickle, Karen Havens, Jamie Kidd, Sue McBride, Mindy Brewster, Lori Compton, Molly Richardson, Crystal Hall.

2ND ROW: Cindy Justice, Stephanie Goins, Heather Smith, Amanda Harden, Crystal Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Pam Wright, Mary Margaret Gibson, Ginger Dillow, Rachel French.

3RD ROW: Jamie Michaels, Rachel Davis, Angel Mitchem, Cindy Berg, Angela Carter, Becky Malory, Bobbi Hobbs, Bradley Hoosier, Sheree Burton, Anne Myrick, Anita Sage, Sandra Nelson, Kristie Dillow.

4TH ROW: Thelma Thompson, Tanya Ramsey, Megan Morehead, Tonya Talbert, Dawn Walls, Julie Strock, Julie Overbaugh, Kandi Farley, Wendi Wolfe, Joanie Lambert, Mary Spain.

BACK ROW: Shannon Enoch, Beth Bridges, Faith Penley, Amie Simms, Crystal King, Pam Harden, P.J. Meadows, Denise Shrader, Amber Umbarger, Tawny Dillow.



Receipts improve computer selections

Collecting gold-colored receipt tapes from Lowe's grocery stores was the main project of the library club. Based on the total dollar value collected from August through March, these tapes were turned in for computer hardware and/or software.

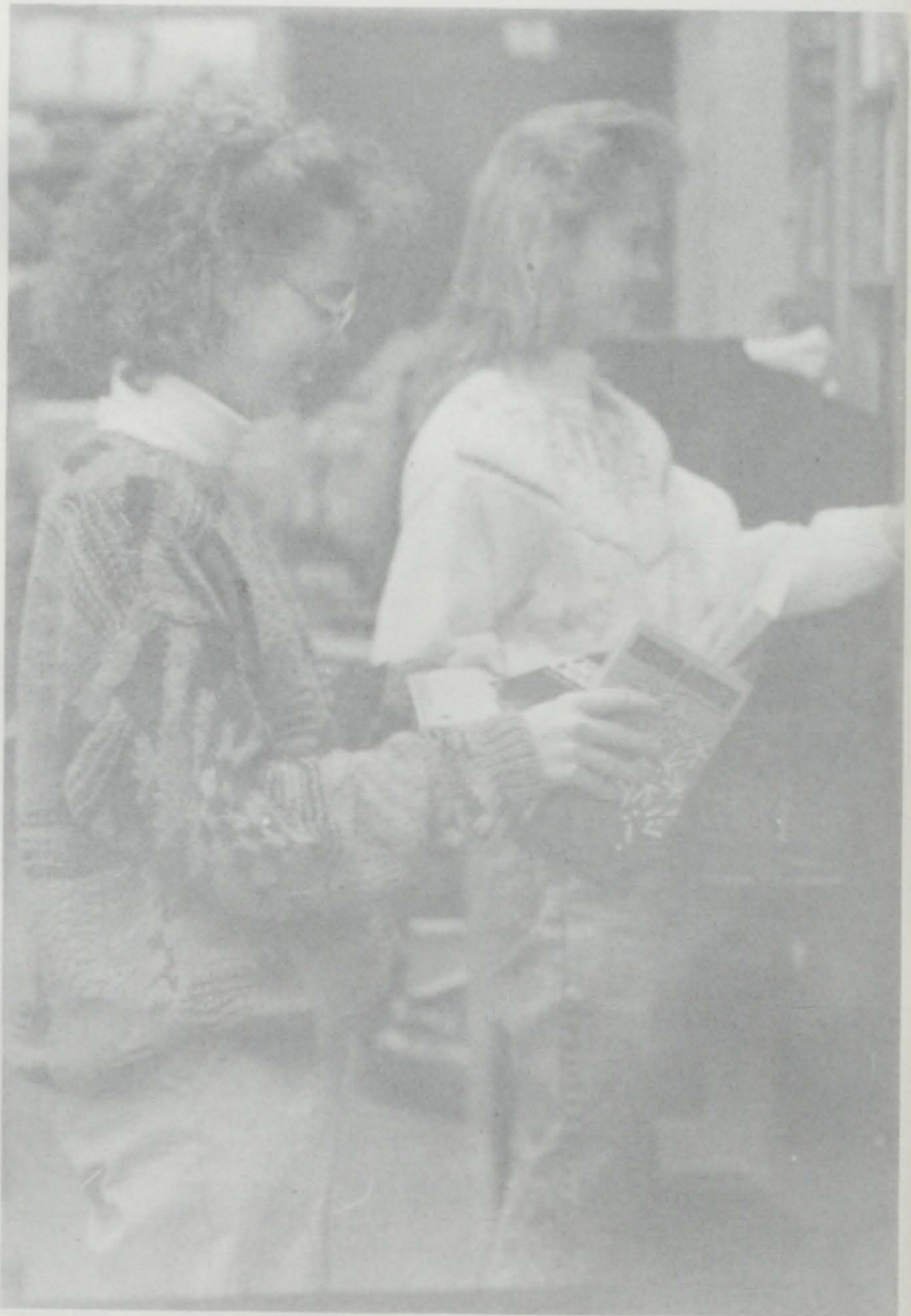
Members used their free time to reshelve books and prepare new items for the shelves. They also helped keep the shelves straight and assisted in cleaning. Their contributions were rewarded with a pizza party at the end of the school year.

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TOP-Library Club-Front Row-Officers: Tina Brown, president; Sarah Thompson, vice-president; Sherri Shewey, secretary; Jennifer Simms, treasurer; Ms. Elizabeth Newberry, adviser. **2ND ROW:** Bridgette Penley, Mary Margaret Gibson, Sarah Umbarger, Stephanie Meadows, Becky Bird, Hope Pike, Mindy Brewster, Patrick Smith. **3RD ROW:** Angela Dalton, Pam Wright, Denise Shrader, Sherree Burton, Roger Blankenship, Zach Burton, Scott Gusler. **4TH ROW:** Jason Gusler, Charlie Thompson, Jamie Kidd, Cindy Justice, William Tickle, Toby Dotson, Brandon Farlow. **5TH ROW:** Angel Mitchem, Angela Carter, Melanie Thompson, Bradley Hoosier, Bobbi Hobbs, Pam Chewing. **BACK ROW:** Molly Richardson, Stephanie Goins, Rachel French, Heather Smith, Lori Compton, Anne Myrick.

CENTER: Angel Mitchem and Angela Carter reshelve books.

BOTTOM: Sheree Burton and Bridgette Penley get new books ready.





The place to find all the latest gossip in the puzzle was in the *Rocket Rapp*, the school newspaper. The paper, published three or four times a year, contained the latest news, gossip and advice.

The newspaper staff along with advisers, Mrs. Chris Bird and Mrs. Sandra Harman, was in charge of putting together the Little Miss and Junior Miss pageants. This was a new experience for them, but they successfully profited both with money and a good program.

TOP-EDITORS: Rusty Bird, Heather Smith, Molly Richardson edit a current publication.



CENTER: Proofreading are Becky Bird and Stephanie Meadows (seated), Sarah Umbarger and Sarah Thompson.

BOTTOM LEFT-Newspaper staff-Front Row: Stephanie DeHart, Shelly Beam, Heather Burton, Detria Agee, Amber Umbarger, Tawny Dillow, Sheri Blankenship, Bridgette Penley.

2ND ROW: Melissa Richardson, Beth Bridges, Misty Pauley, Crystal King, Amie Simms, Wendy Umbarger.

BACK ROW: B. J. Crabtree, Robert Sexton, Pam Chewning, Lori Compton, Cindy Justice, Stephanie Goins, Debbie Baker, Robert Davis.

BOTTOM RIGHT-EDITORS: Heather Smith, Rusty Bird.

2ND ROW: Duane Compton, Eric Faulkner.

3RD ROW: Molly Richardson, Sarah Thompson, Jason Ramsey.

BACK ROW: Stephanie Meadows, Becky Bird, Sarah Umbarger.



Little ones safety was task of 7th grade

The safety patrol, under the direction of Ms. Margie Powers, consisted of seventh graders who worked with little children. Selected patrollers helped kindergarteners

each day to wash their hands and get safely to the lunchroom. Others helped bus riders in icy weather.

The Science club has been busy planning their year. A trip to Nags Head was

tenative for May, and a field trip to an observatory was also in question. A Christmas program was cancelled due to lack of time. Mr. John Wagoner sponsored the Science club.



TOP LEFT: Melissa Richardson lines up Kindergarteners to lead them to the cafeteria.



TOP RIGHT: Safety Patrol duties include opening milk cartons and dispensing ketchup or mustard. Misty Wiley gives Heather Griffith a generous squirt of ketchup for her french fries.

BOTTOM-SAFETY PATROL-Front Row: Misty Wiley, Sheri Blankenship, Jimmy Pike, Derek Hurley, Todd Morehead.
2ND ROW: Monica Keene, Melissa Repass, Becky Penley, Sam Tickle, Jody Lambert.
3RD ROW: Samantha Thompson, Cheryl Winesett, Leslie Kelly, Smoky Parmenter, Jamy Nunn, Michael Muncy.
4TH ROW: Melanie Talbert, Meliss Richardson, B.J. Crabtree, Sarah Shewey, Mike Munsey, Brook Dillow.
BACK ROW: Brandon Sink, Jayson Mitchem.





TOP: Science Club meetings were held at lunchtime. Here they meet for a planning session. Chris Dillow, Lori Compton, Duane Compton, Mr. John Wagoner, Lute Scott.

SCIENCE CLUB-Front Row-Officers: Heather Burton, secretary-treasurer; Shelly

Beam, vice-president; Lori Compton, president.

2ND ROW: Angela Carter, Angel Mitchem, Rachel French, Amber Wright, Jennifer Simms, Pam Chewning, Heather Smith, Patrick Smith, Clint Kegley, Tina Johnston, Stacy Bruce, Robbie Davis, Stephanie Goins, Cindy Justice, Molly Richardson.

BACK ROW: Teresa Lester, Debbie Baker, William Tickle, Mr. John Wagoner, adviser, Rusty Bird, Charlie Thompson, Tracy Repass, Jason Gusler, Robert Davis, Scott Gusler, Brandon Farlow, Duane Compton, Jason Ramsey, Eric Faulkner, Lute Scott, Mike Sage, Chris Dillow.

TOP-SCA-Front Row: Teresa Lester, P. J. Meadows, Anne Myrick.

2ND ROW: Jason Gusler, Jason Stowers.

3RD ROW: Beth Bridges, Kevin King, Robbie Davis.

4TH ROW: Joe Putman, Stephanie DeHart.

BACK ROW: Brandon Farlow, Brad Harden, Robert Davis.

BOTTOM LEFT-Mechanicsburg 4-H: David Strock, Amanda Harden, Crystal Bruce.

2ND ROW: Pam Chewning, Kandi Farley, Bradley Gordon.

3RD ROW: Pam Harden, Tina Johnston, Stacy Bruce.

4TH ROW: Teresa Lester, Julie Strock, Hope Pike, Amie Simms.

5TH ROW: Travis Simmons, Wesley Strock.

BACK ROW: Jay Meadows, Joe Putman, Travis Munsey.

BOTTOM RIGHT-Bland 4-H: Sheree Burton, Mary Margaret Gibson, Cindy Justice.

2ND ROW: Lori Compton, Molly Richardson, Bridgette Penley, Robert Sexton.

BACK ROW: Brock Justice, Mindy Brewster, Melanie Thompson, Kathy Shewey.



Something for everyone

There is always an activity to become involved in at BCS. The SCA, 4-H, and VICA were organizations that had some-

thing for everyone.

The SCA was made up of representatives from each class and advised by Mr. Al Smith. In the spring they participated

in environmental beautification and ecology drives. They learned about government representation and functions through a field trip and conducted elections and democratic opinionative surveys in school.

If you are one of those ambitious students who can go to school and work, then VICA was the club for you. Under the leadership of Mrs. Carolyn Bane, VICA members attended school and worked.

Being a rural community, 4-H still plays an important part in the lives of many students. Both Bland and Mechanicsburg had active clubs that were assisted by volunteer workers. The 4-H clubs stressed the importance of good citizenship and community involvement as well as individual improvement.

So, although we are small in number, a variety of activities is still offered for the interest of everyone.



TOP: Rita Hamblin assists patient at Kegley Manor where she works.

VICA-Front Row: Bobby Boardwine, reporter; Tina Hounshell, president; Travis Morehead, parliamentarian; Jennifer Simms, treasurer.

BACK ROW: Sherri Shewey, secretary; Stacy Bruce, vice-president; Rita Hamblin, parliamentarian; Mrs. Carolyn Bane, adviser.



Staffers experience a chaotic year

Putting the pieces of the annual together became chaos at deadline time. Members not turning in copy and layouts on time forced the computer people to spend many stressful hours entering the yearbook at the last minute. These people were already "pulling their hair out" because of a new computer program for the yearbook.

Red ink also played havoc for the yearbook staff. An increased cost for the cover this year put them in the red, which forced the staff members to have a concession at the game between Bland and Ft. Chiswell. Staff members also had to use a fund raiser to help make up the shortfall.

This year was not all bad for the staff. Jason Gusler, Molly Richardson, Lori Compton and Ms. Newberry attended a yearbook workshop at Carson Newman College during the summer vacation. At the beginning of the school year the entire staff participated in a Saturday workshop at Cave Spring High School in Roanoke.

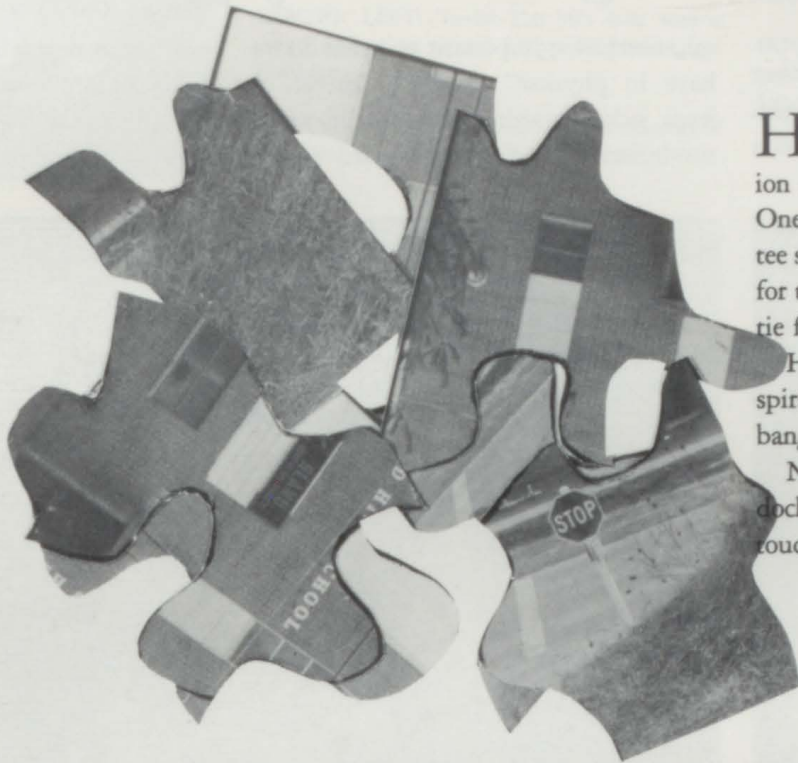
YEARBOOK STAFF-Front Row: Stephanie Goins, Sherri Shewey, Pam Chewning, Jason Gusler, Bridgette Penley, Cindy Justice. 2nd Row: Tina Brown, Elizabeth Newberry, advisor, Sarah

Thompson, Zach Burton, Charlie Thompson, Lori Compton. Back Row (from bottom): Heather Burton, Shelly Beam, Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows, Molly Richardson



Editors Sherri Shewey and Pam Chewning take time out while the photographer snaps club pictures.

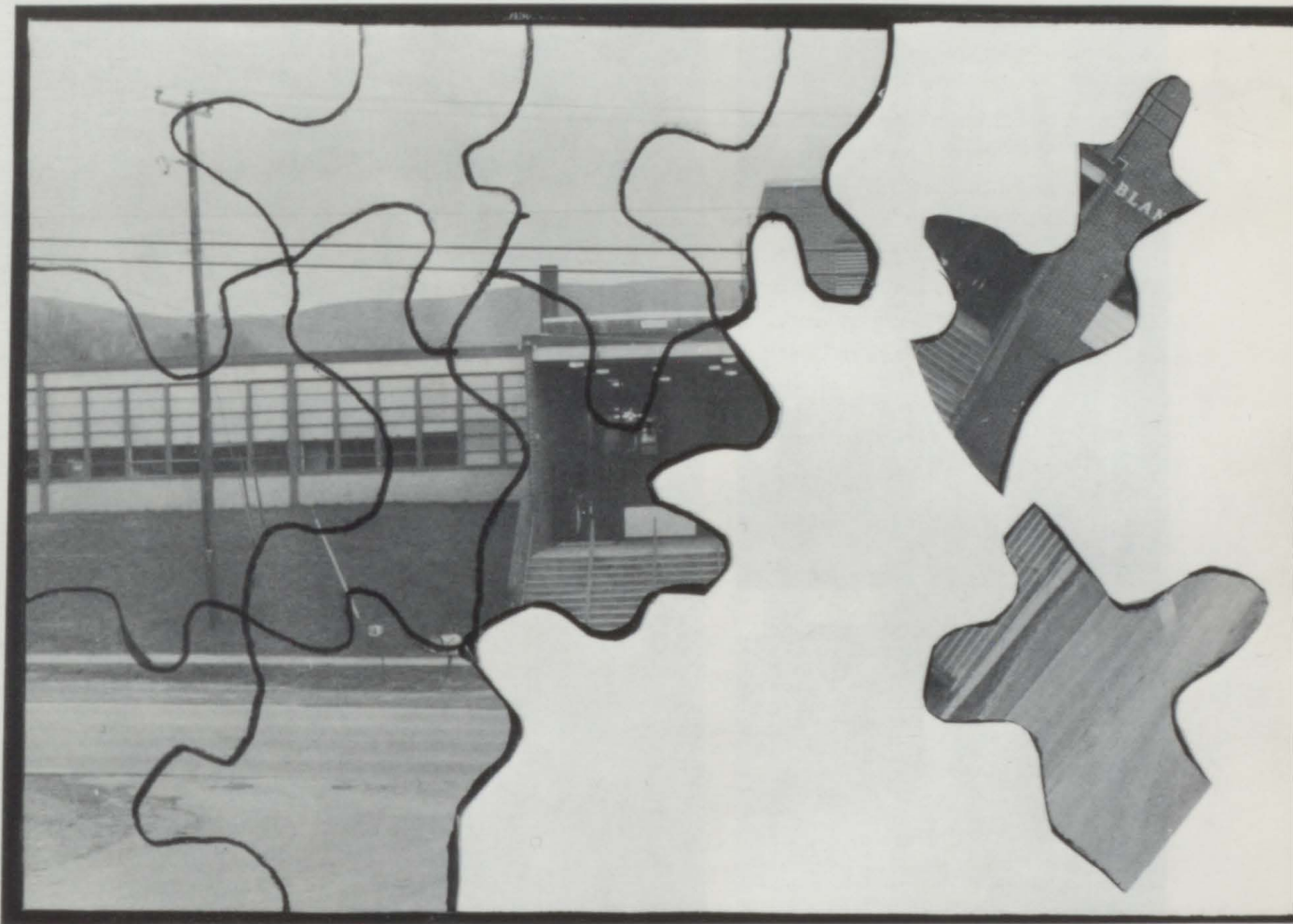
Monday afternoon work session-Zach Burton, Bridgette Penley, Shelly Beam, Heather Burton.



Here today, gone tomorrow is the fashion motto of most high school students. One day it's jeans and a big baggy shirt or tee shirt; the next, a dressy dress and heels for the female or dress slacks, sweater and tie for the guys.

Hair styles changed little. The long spiral look was still "in" with longer bangs and to the side for the gals.

Nike, Sam 'n' Libbies loafers, and docksiders were always "in" the finishing touch for our fashion conscious students.



Fashions

The puzzling world of fashions

In the puzzling world of fashions many different styles of the individual emerged. "What are you going to wear?" was a

question just as important as "what do we have in physics?" Sweaters, leather or jeans jackets warded off the cold while sundresses and shorts welcomed spring

weather. A new winter fashion sight was shorts, tastefully worn with tights or leggings and big shirts or sweaters.

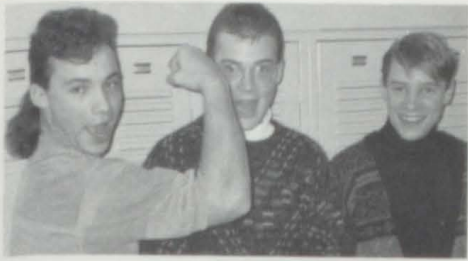


TOP LEFT: Crutches were a familiar "fashion" as shown by Travis Munsey.

BOTTOM LEFT: Showing a variety of clothing and hair styles is Sarah Umbarger, Stephanie Mead-

ows and Becky Bird.

RIGHT: Heather Burton models the new apron-look jeans.



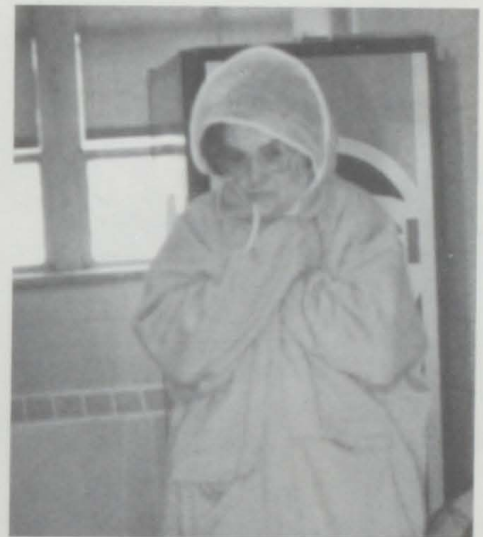
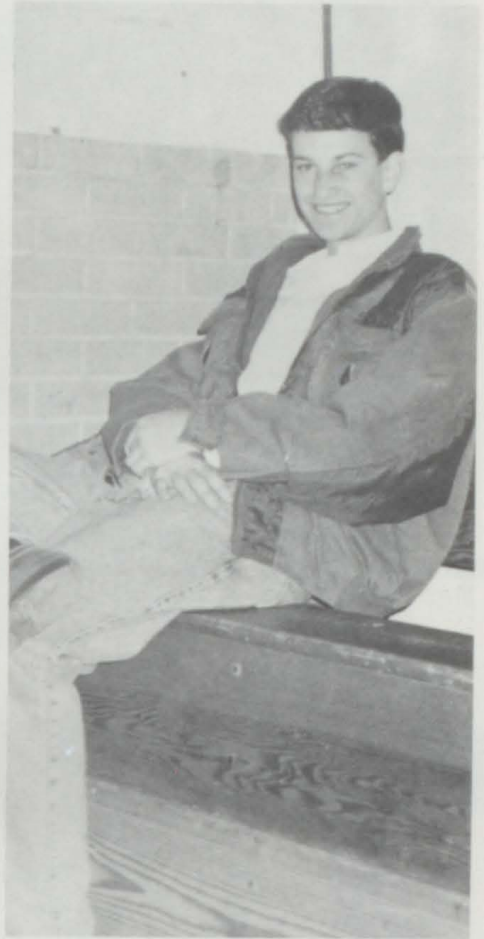
TOP: Typical high school boys. Joe Putman, Brad Harden, Stephen Lindamood.

CENTER LEFT: Ta-da! The 90's look with a striped split skirt topped by a silky blouse. Lori Compton.

CENTER: Clint Kegley portrays the casual attire of jeans, loafers and leather jacket.

BOTTOM LEFT: Eric Faulkner and Rusty Bird clad in popular choices reveal their feelings of the Iraqi conflict.

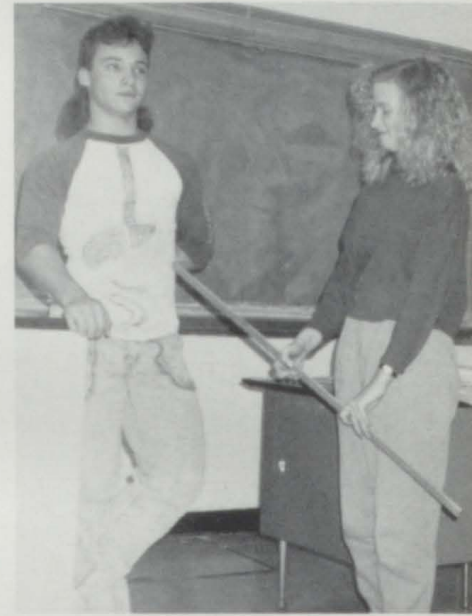
BOTTOM RIGHT: Mrs. Violet Bird models the latest in cold weather wear (paper bags do keep the feet warm!).

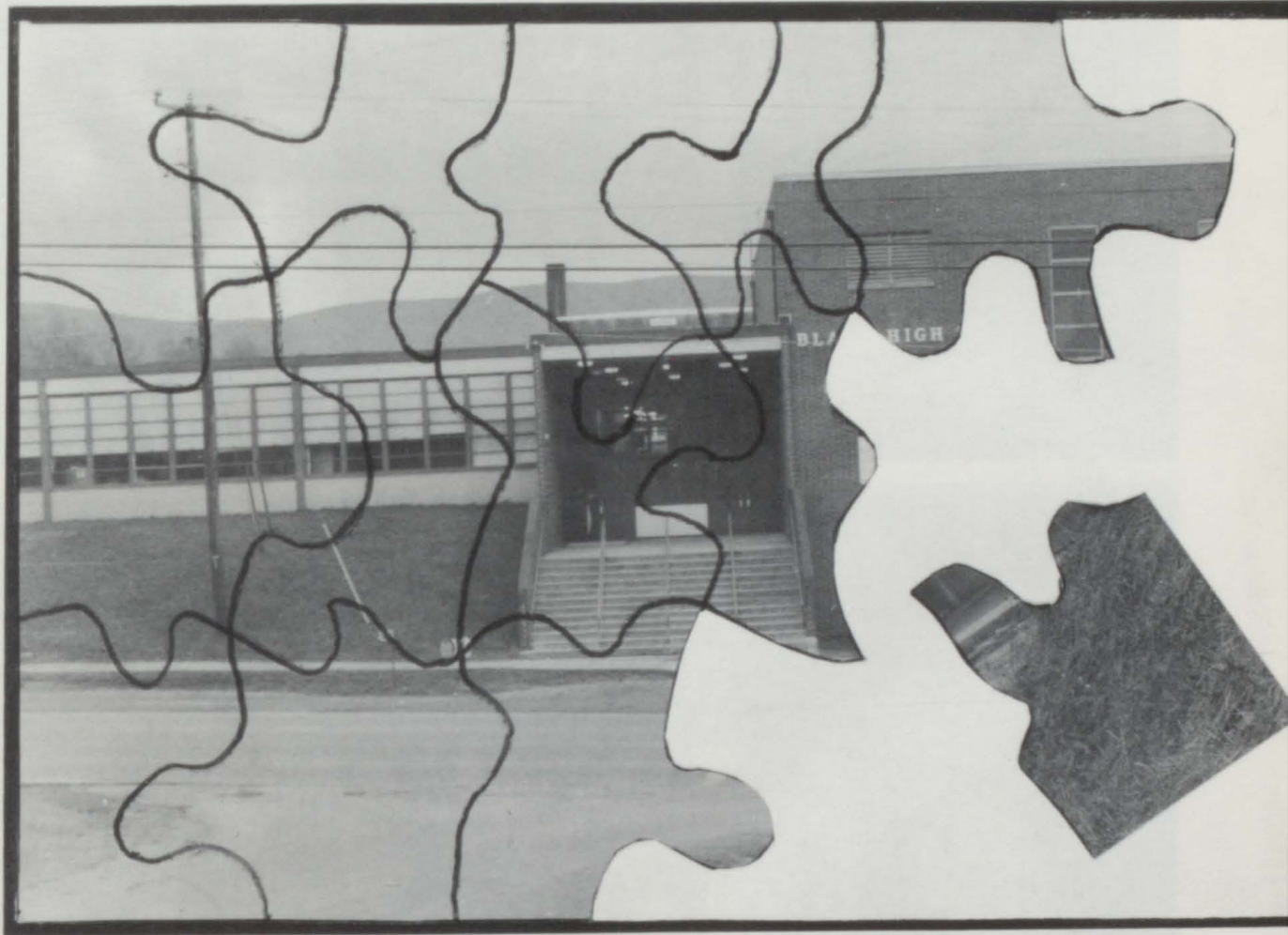
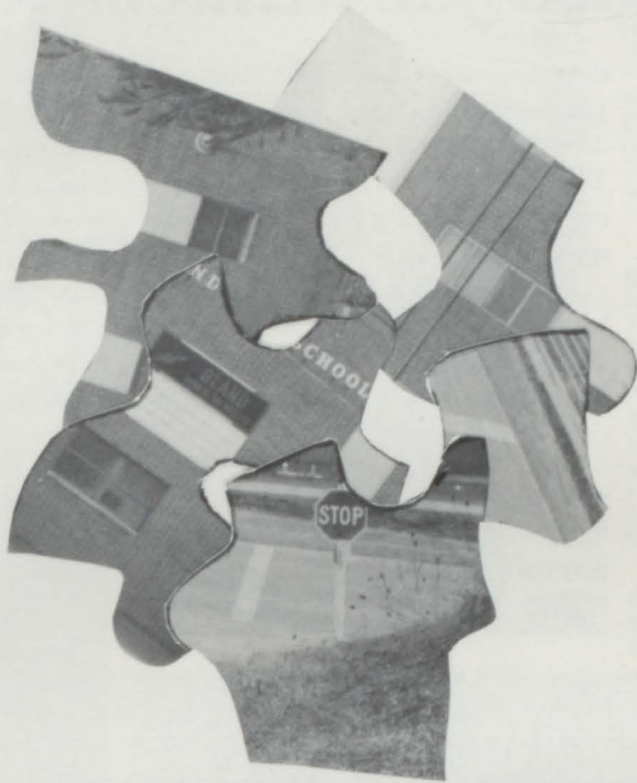


TOP: Boosters Tom Harner and Lloyd Breedlove with students Heath Pucket, Brad Myrick and Joe Meadows.
BOTTOM: Glenna Farlow, DARE program director, leads group in parade.



TOP: Judy Brown, PTSO president, at the Christmas store for students.
BOTTOM: Presenting their science project are Joe Putman and Cindy Justice.





Students vied for academic honors

Athletics were no longer the sole mark of Bland superiority at BHS, but academics once again became of high interest and participation. One way to compete and show academic knowledge was MACC. Matches were held, followed by a tournament at the end of the season. If you were smart and fast on the buzzer, you could strut and show your stuff. And that is precisely what our MACC teams

did as once again this year the Math team rolled over competition. Science was the defending Western Division Champions. The All-Around was right in the thick of competition fighting for one of the top spots.

MACC played a large part in the academic scene but was not the sole scene itself. Students who excelled in the classroom with a 95.0 year average received

academic recognition. The first year to attain this grade point they received a letter. Each year thereafter was rewarded with a bar. Few students reached this height of excellence. Many students vied for academic medals in the various subjects, but few achieved it. So, while academics does play a major part in BHS pride, only a few prevail to show it.

ACADEMIC LETTER/BAR HONORS

TOP LEFT: Bar Achievers — Jeana Dalton, Shelly Beam, Crystal Bruce, Charlie Thompson.

BOTTOM LEFT: Letter awards — Stacy Tibbs, Pam Harden, Molly Richardson.

TOP RIGHT: Double bar award — Alison King, Lute Scott, Robbie Brown.

BOTTOM RIGHT: DAR Good Citizenship award — Jason Ramsey. (Selected by the faculty and seniors.)





TOP LEFT-English MACC: Front Row: Sarah Thompson, Dixie Bruce, Crystal Tibbs, Tracy Repass, Mrs. Janet Faulkner, coach. 2nd Row: Becky Bird, Sarah Umbarger, Mike Sage, Denise Shrader, Cindy Berg, Joanie Lambert. Back Row: Eric Faulkner, Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins, Bradley Hoosier.

CENTER RIGHT-Social Studies MACC: Front Row: Tina Brown, Rusty Bird, Molly Richardson. 2nd Row: Mary M. Gibson, P.J. Meadows, Robert Sexton, Cindy Justice, Jamie Kidd. Back Row: Duane Compton, Jason Ramsey, Anita Sage.

CENTER LEFT-Science MACC: Front Row: Jason Gusler, Mr. John Wagoner, coach, Charlie Thompson, Shelly Beam, Jamie Foutz. Back Row: Angel Mitchem, Anne Myrick, Bobbi Hobbs, Zach Burton, Heather Burton, William Tickle, Brandon Farlow.

BOTTOM RIGHT-Math MACC: Front Row: Mrs. Kay Mabe, coach, Stephanie Meadows. 2nd Row: Angela Stowers, Crystal Bruce. 3rd Row: Lute Scott, Chris Dillow. 4th Row: Robbie Brown, Aaron Faulkner. Back Row: Clint Kegley, Chris Tickle.

BOTTOM LEFT-All-round MACC: Front Row: Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows. Back Row: Tracy Repass, Crystal Tibbs, Molly Richardson, Sarah Umbarger, Mrs. Chris Bird, coach, Becky Bird, Jason Gusler.



Class of 1990 completes a picture

Pomp and Circumstance opened the graduating exercises for awards day on June 4, 1990. Seniors in traditional cap and gown filed in and took their places. Dale Morehead delivered the salutatory address followed by Amy Haga with the class history. Jenny Meadows and Tonya Looney gave the prophecy; Jenny Umbarger and John Mustard presented the class will; Rachel Havens was class grumbler; Alan Cassell and Samantha Waddle were giftorians. Following the valedictory address by JoAnn Shewey, members of the class sang "Friends."

Faculty members presented medals, certificates and special honors to those students who excelled in the various subjects, athletics, and extra-curricular activities. Many of those students were also recipients of perfect attendance certificates.

JoAnn Shewey performs her last duty as top student of the 1990 class.



John Mustard and Jenny Umbarger read the class will.



Class history is given by Amy Haga.



Rachel Havens as class grumbler tells about all the problems of the school.



Awards

TOP: Eric Faulkner receives Biology II award and Julie Strock gets the Biology I award. Mr. Al Smith presents the medals.

CENTER: Mr. Fred Beamer presents social studies awards to Angela Carter, Jason Ramsey and Tommy Wolfe.

BOTTOM: Robbie Brown and Crystal Tibbs receive medals in both US History and French. Teresa Lester accepts the Applications of Math medal from Mr. Roger Thompson and Mrs. Betty Munsey presents the Home Ec. I medal to Angel Mitchem.



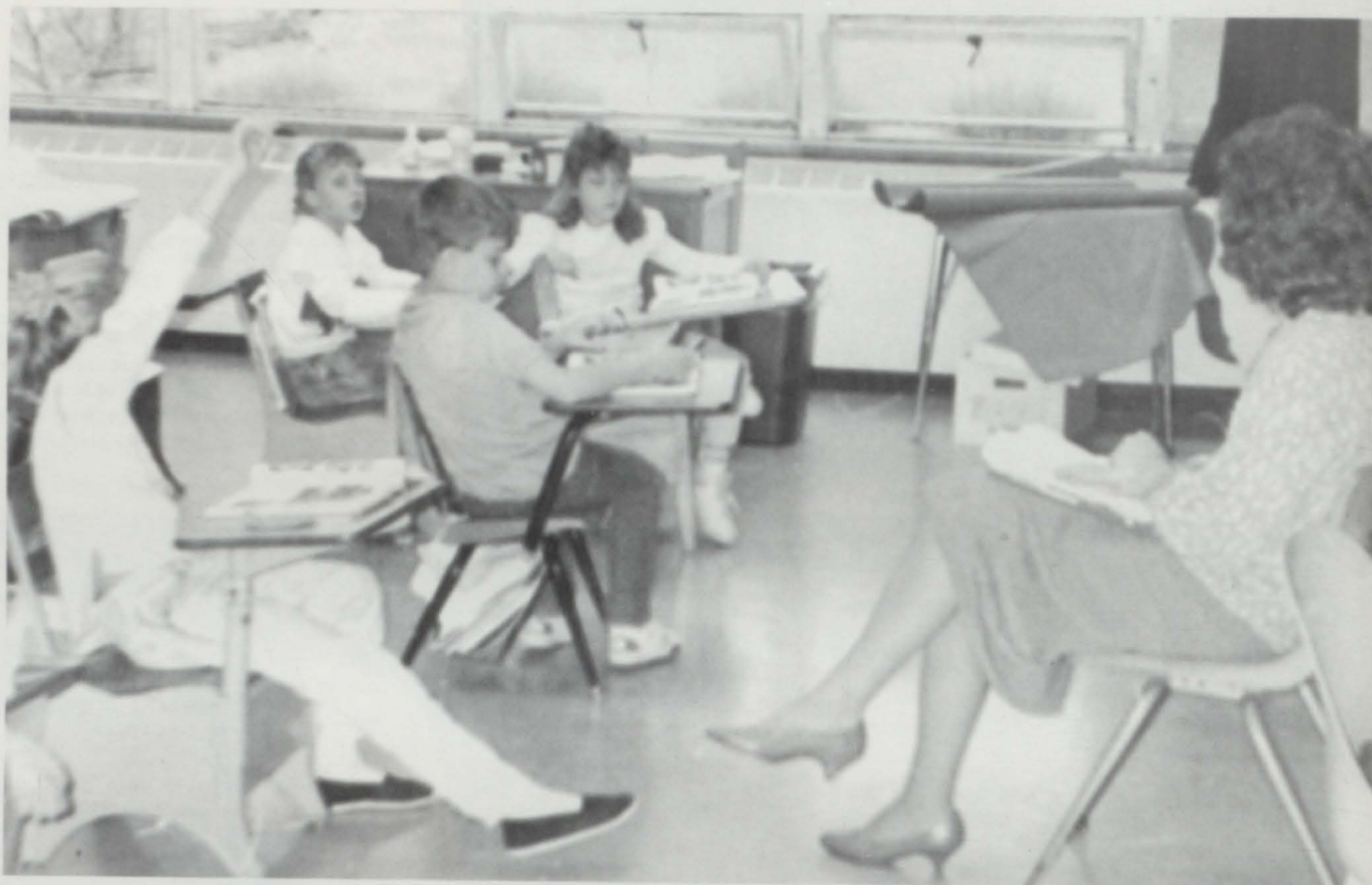
Electronic classroom provides Latin

A new language was added to the curriculum this year. Via satellite and the electronic classroom, Latin was offered to

students as an afterschool class. Only three students, Jason Gusler, Clinton Kegley and Wenona Scott, were able to work out a schedule enabling them to

complete the course.

Seniors were again given the opportunity to receive dual credit English (high school requirement and college credit).



Second graders respond to Mrs. Amber Witt's instruction.

Lute Scott works on English paper.

Jason Gusler learns the rudiments of Latin.





French students learn to converse with teacher and classmates after mastering French basics.

CENTER: Students in English 11 stay busy.

BOTTOM: Mrs. Janet Faulkner monitors a test being taken by 10th grade.

Mrs. Sandra Green-Harman's English class.



And the area of the puzzle is?

An area that made up a portion of the 1990-91 puzzle was the math department. Each student was guided through

learning theorems, equations, or areas by Mrs. Kay Mabe, Mr. Tommy Bird and Mrs. Sandra Green-Harman. Each student knew the biggest accomplishment

was knowing they had enriched their math ability, and that they had another academic area of the puzzle to put in place.



TOP LEFT: Algebra students are completely involved in the principles of math, Anita Sage, Bobbi Hobbs, Crystal Hall, Jamie Kidd, Allen Brown, Joanie Lambert.

TOP RIGHT: Angela Carter and Angel Mitchem work on a math assignment during lunchtime.

BOTTOM: Mrs. Kay Mabe explains a difficult lesson to

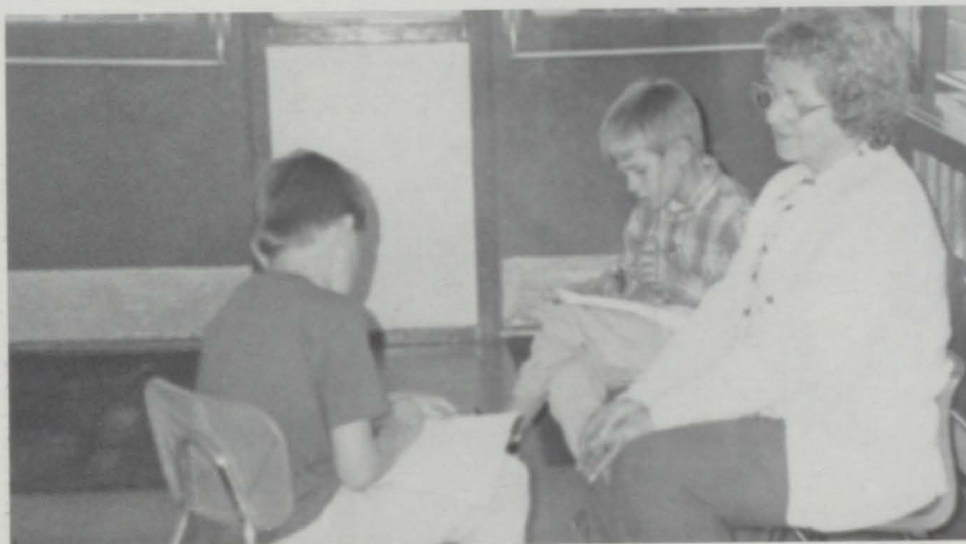
8th grade students Denise Shrader, Sue McBride, Wendy Umbarger, April Tickle, Cindy Berg.



TOP: Fourth graders (most of them) concentrate on their math assignment.

CENTER: Mr. Tommy Bird's students gather around one computer and gain valuable insight into the principles of math.

BOTTOM LEFT: Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle coaches elementary pupils in learning math concepts.



Mrs. Sandra Green-Harman's math students

Anatomy + Formulas

Students strived to learn this year as Mr. Smith, Mr. Wagner, and Mrs. Harman headed up the science department. The biology class, taught by Mr. Smith was busy learning the anatomy of the frog while Mr. Wagoner's chemistry class busied themselves trying to guess substances of liquids. The advanced biology class was allowed to go on two field trips this year, one of which allowed them to view the anatomy of the human body. The Earth Science class learned the differences in certain rocks while Physical Science learned Newtons Laws. Physics was on the top of the heap learning hard Formulas. This year the science department has been in much commotion learning all the aspects of science.

TOP: Jason Gusler concentrates on his Chemistry project while Mr. Wagoner checks for accuracy.
BOTTOM: Rusty Bird, Shelly Beam and Wenona Scott take time out during lunch to study for a test.





TOP Mr. Smith shows Ginger Dillow, Heather Olinger, and Donna Wiley that the dissection of frogs is not that bad!

BOTTOM LEFT: Stephanie DeHart does not seem certain that Heather Burton and Shelly Beam know what they are doing!

BOTTOM RIGHT: Nathan Romano and Becky Mallory prepare Biology reports.

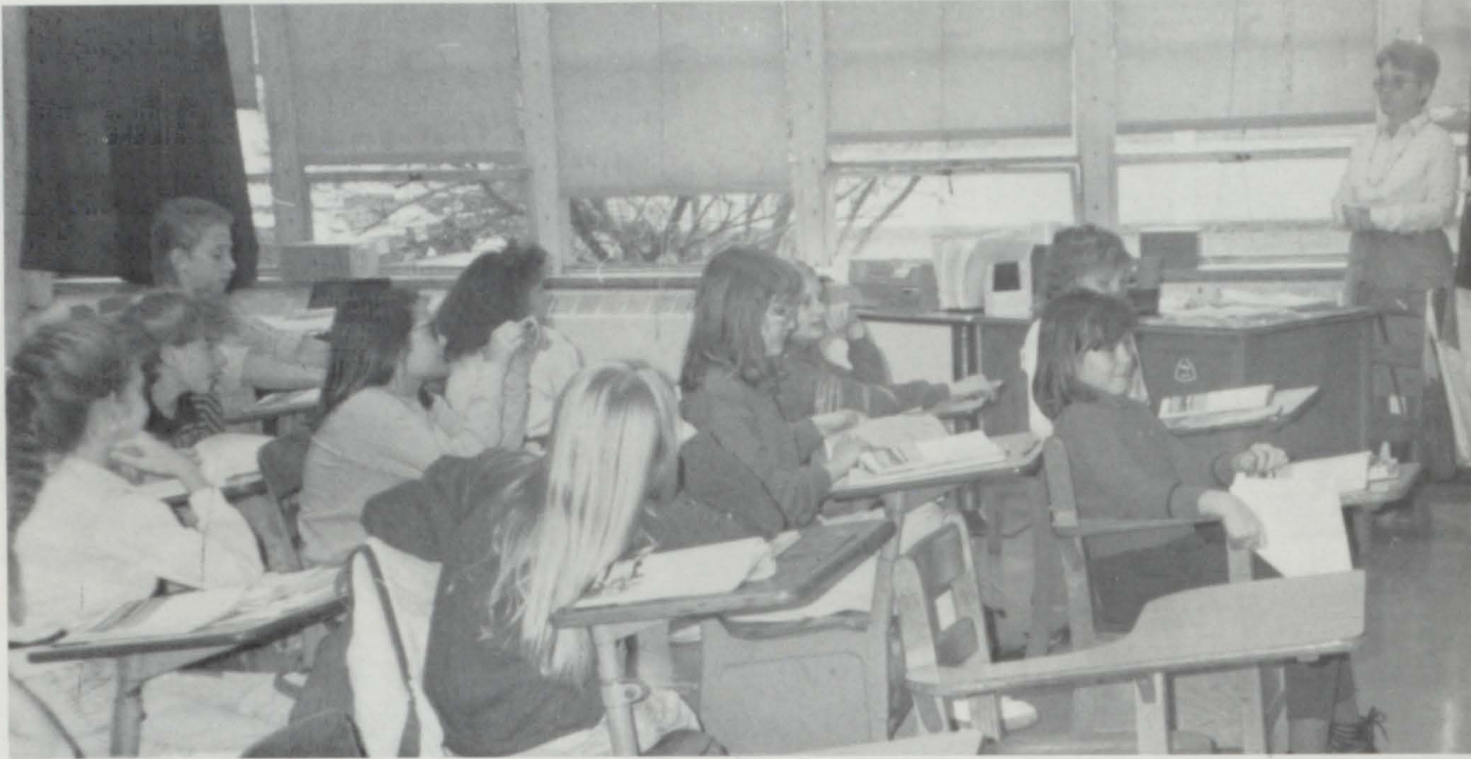
A complex puzzle of the Mid-East crisis

This year's social studies classes were definitely on their toes, learning about past and present events. A new event this year was the Middle East crisis. With

news and the threat of possible war, everyone was eager to learn what they could do. War seemed inevitable with peace talks stalemated on January 15,

1991.

Mr. Havens is still trying to teach some people that the world is really round. Boy does he have his hands full!

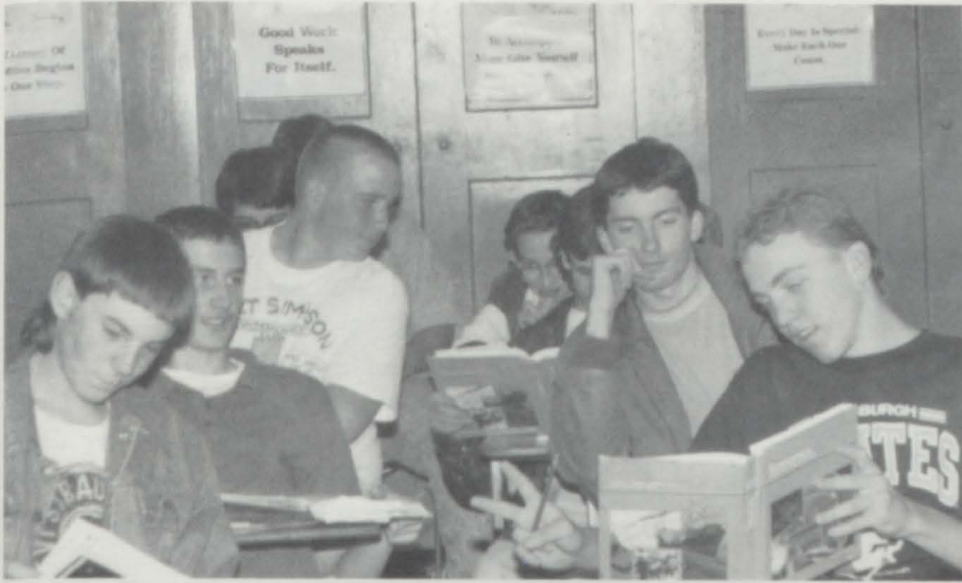


TOP: Fifth graders give their attention to Mrs. Norma Newberry's instruction.

BOTTOM LEFT: Mr. Robin Thacker checks grades for Pam Harden and Stacy Tibbs.

BOTTOM RIGHT: P.J. Meadows completes a history lesson.



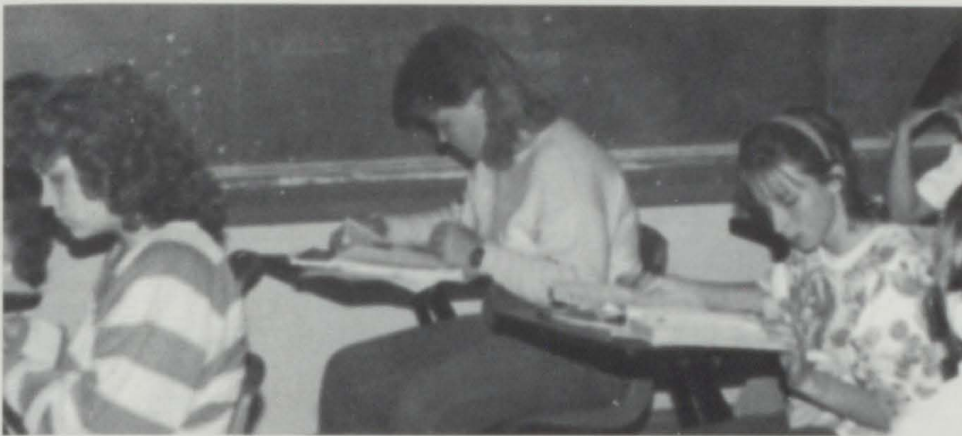


TOP: A mixed bag of guys spanning several grades in Mr. Beamer's class.

CENTER LEFT: Eighth grade history students are busy for their daily task. Thelma Thompson, Karen Havens, Nicole Barnette.

CENTER RIGHT: Wayne Hubble works on social studies assignment.

BOTTOM: Tommy Wolfe, Wendi Wolfe, Julie Overbaugh, Danny Morehead learn U.S. History from Mr. Richard Havens.



P.E., AG., and H.EC. are big stuff at BCS!

TOP: First graders get into the action and pressure of relays.

BOTTOM LEFT: Curly (Kevin Pauley) seems to be arguing with Mr. Robin Thacker and Mr. Thacker is conveying that the teacher knows what he's talking about!

BOTTOM RIGHT: Elementary students enjoy their gym time. Third and first graders wait for instructions from Mr. Hankins.

Life at BCS without PE, AG, and Home Ec. — that will be the day. These three classes, which are probably the three most taken by any student and the three most enjoyable have shaped themselves into a “must” for high school students as well as the community. While AG and Home Ec. participate and help shape school and community projects, PE is a

class which has transformed to one of not just physical activity but one of mental activity too, with Health and Driver's Ed. being added to the curriculum.

By playing such a large part in the life of the students at BCS as they do, it would not be deemed foolish to say that PE, AG, and Home Ec. are the keys of the puzzle to life at BCS!!!





TOP LEFT: First-year home economics students learn the art of ceramics from Mrs. Jean Bradbury.

TOP RIGHT: Crystal King works on a Christmas stocking for the GIV project.

BOTTOM LEFT: Agriculture students help unload the fruit for FFA and Beta.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Robbie Davis concentrates on a tobacco stalk with Eric Tiller in the background.

Computers dominate business clusters

Many students at BCS were interested in the business classes. They had two clusters from which to choose. Each cluster began with keyboarding. One continued with Office Systems and Word

Processing, the other with Accounting and Business Computer Applications.

Mrs. Kegley's Word Processing students learned about embedded commands, while Ms. Newberry's BCA class was writing their own programs. Those

who chose accounting had endless papers to fill in as well as computerized accounting.

The addition of seven IBM computers improved and expanded the business program and delighted the instructors.



TOP LEFT: That uncertain look in Business Computer Applications happened quite often. Stacy Tibbs and Pam Harden.

TOP RIGHT: Filling in those endless forms in accounting are Cynthia May, Tina Johnston, and Tina Brown.

CENTER: Proper typing techniques are shown by Kevin King, Wendy Umbarger, Detria Agee, Misty Pauley, and Melanie Thompson.

BOTTOM: Word processors before tackling the computers. Angela Stowers, Stephanie Meadows, Crystal Bruce, Julie Overbaugh, Donna Wiley, Teresa Lester, Kandi Farley, Sarah Umbarger.





TOP: Accounting I students pore over the examples in the textbook to be sure they are completing their exercises properly. Crystal Tibbs and Dixie Bruce. Hey, girls, what's that *Good Housekeeping* magazine doing on the table??!

BOTTOM LEFT: Good concentration is necessary to grasp those concepts in Word Processing. Donna Wiley studies with no thought to what is happening around her. That's the way we like to catch you!

BOTTOM RIGHT: Accounting II students, Jay Meadows and Teresa Lester, work faithfully on their own most of the time. Check Jay to be sure that is accounting and not French!!

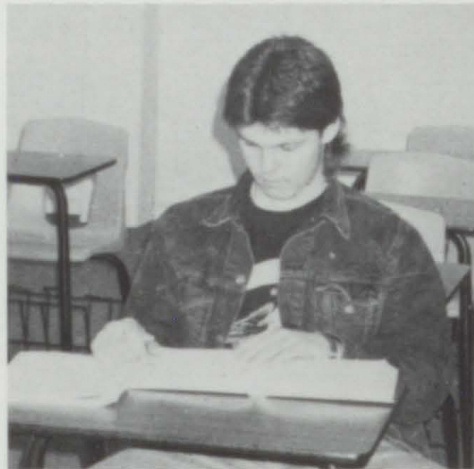
Juggling work and classes required skill

Near experts at juggling assignments, activities, social life, and work schedules, ICT students experienced a taste of what

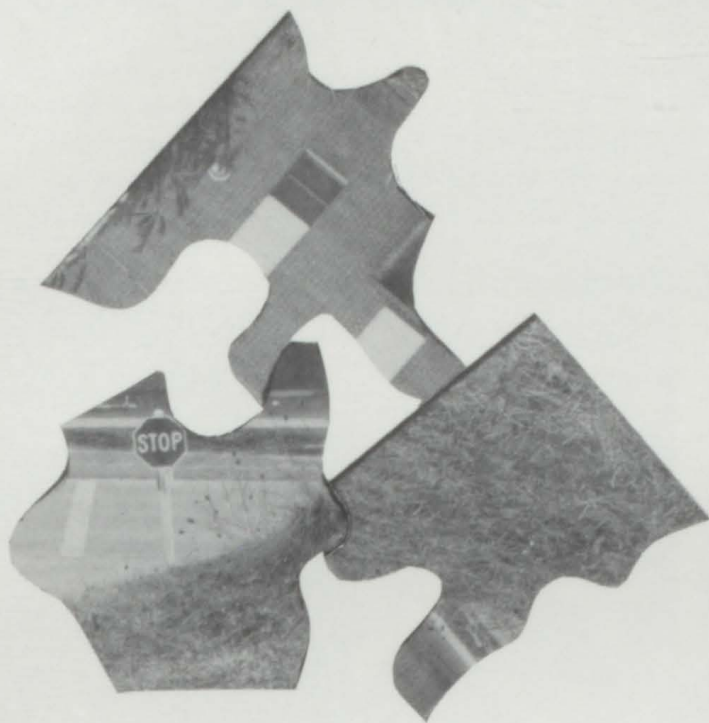
life is really like. At times they had to do with a lot less sleep than the "normal" student. Having their own spending money and achievement of independence

was worth all the hassle for them.

Instruction in the classroom was essential to the students in order to obtain and maintain a job.



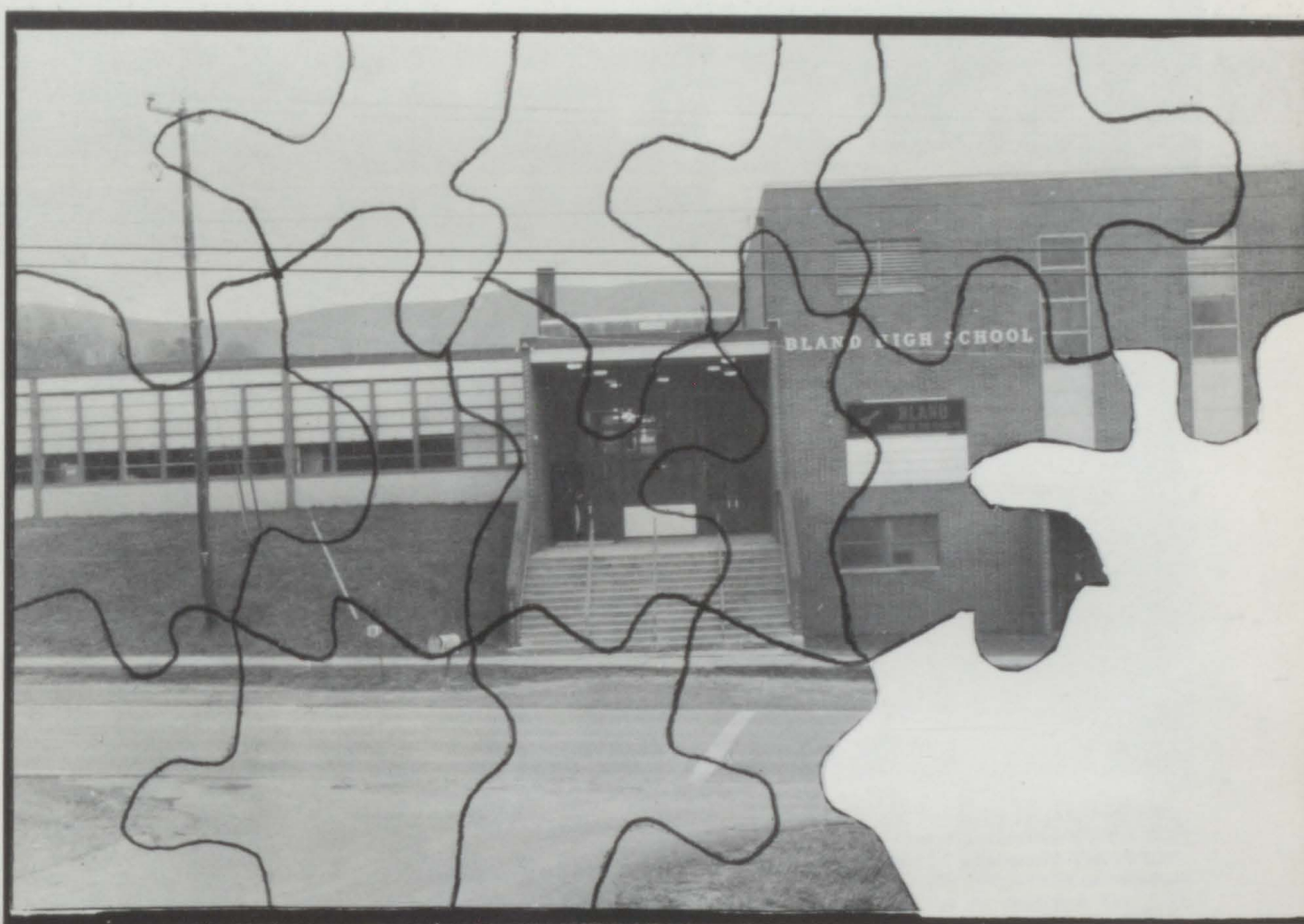
ICT ON THE JOB: Left-Sherri Shewey at Bland Square Restaurant. Center: Stacy Bruce works at M.H. Bowen Dairy. Right: Jennifer Simms rings up a customer's bill at Bland Square Restaurant. Bottom: Travis Morehead fixes a problem at Morehead's Auto Shop.



Being small *and* being rural made a combination where little was secret and there were no missing puzzle pieces! Whether it was a scandal, crime, or special occasion everyone knew all and usually told all.

Love and concern abounded in this area known as Bland County. People cared about each other-their joys or sorrows-and they were always supportive no matter what the issue.

The community supported the school in all fundraisers and sports. Many fans traveled great distances just to be a part of the games. The PTSO supported the entire elementary art and music program as well as other contributions.



Community Life

Community assisted school

Assistance from community members helped with the smooth operation of schools this year. Cooperation from the Bland Lions Club helped FBLA and Beta

with renovating the Bland Community Building.

The Fall Festival was a great success again. FBLA and Beta joined PTSO to piece together the festival. Children with

their parents came dressed up to celebrate Halloween. After many weeks trying to raise money, Brooke Kitts and Jeremy Dillow were chosen to be the Fall Festival Princess and Prince for '90-91.

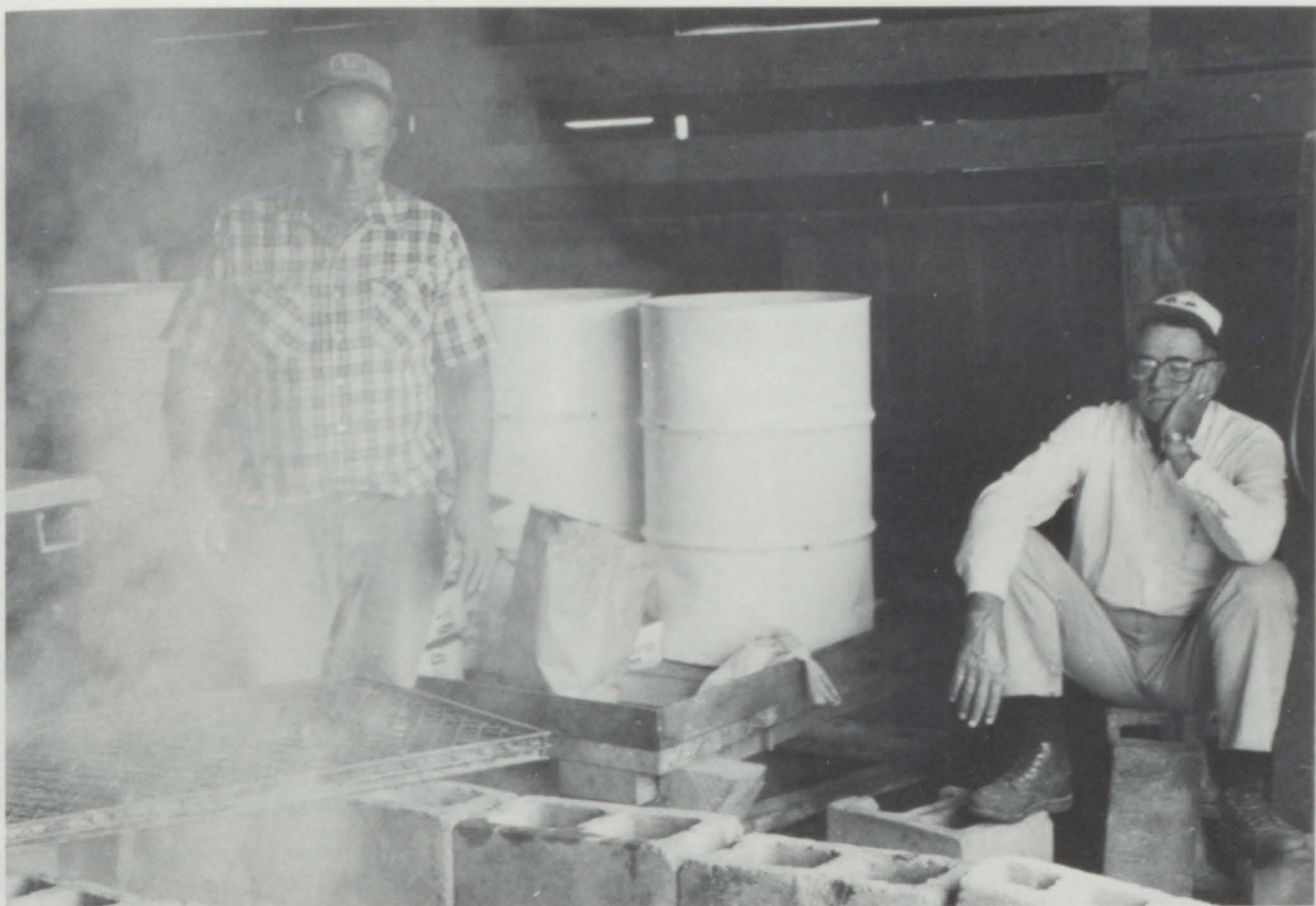


TOP LEFT: David Lambert with Aunt Zareda try their skills to win novelty items at the fair.

TOP RIGHT: Visitors to the Fall Festival play Bingo, eat, and converse.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sixth grade room became a Christmas shop to purchase handmade items. Annette King leaves with her purchase after Barbara Justice deposits the sale.

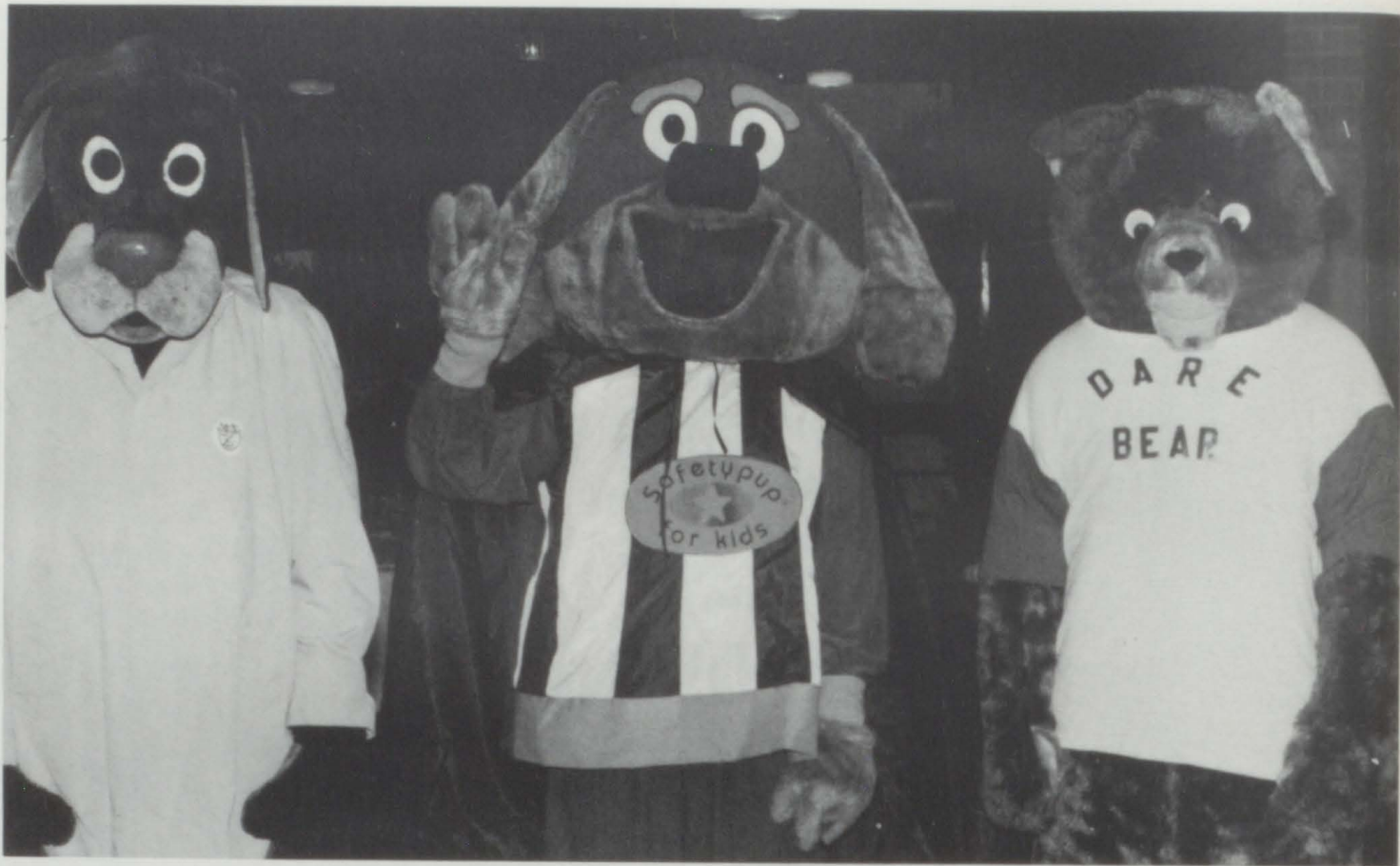
BOTTOM RIGHT: Mt. Zion Church features a year's labor at the Lord's Acre Sale in October.



TOP: The annual fall lamb barbecue sponsored by the Farm Bureau requires lots of work and time to be a success. The lamb is furnished locally and bureau members gather to barbecue it. Getting the barbecue ready are Cicero Havens and A. T. Newberry.

LEFT: The Lord's Acre Sale features a local pastor for the service. Giving the message is Rev. J. D. Clark of Mechanicsburg United Methodist Charge.

BOTTOM: Lots of handmade items are displayed on the Central United Methodist tables. Many of the wooden items were made by Sam Ray Kitts at extreme right.



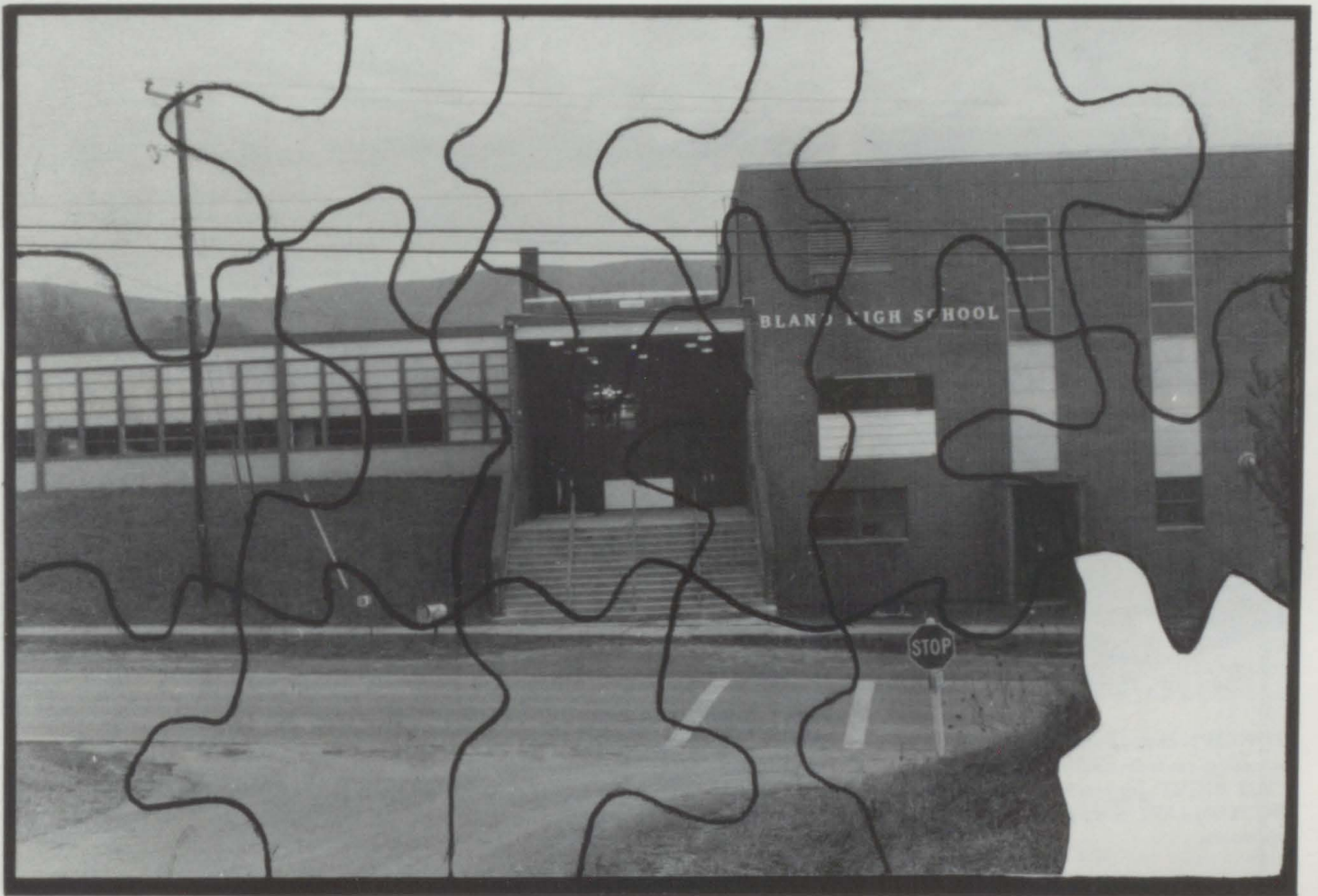
TOP: Our friends from the police force fighting against drugs. Jon Melvin, Lorin Hanshew, Kermit DeHart.
LEFT: At 90 years old Stella Johnston of Mechanicsburg takes a breather from mowing her lawn.

CENTER: Community supporters serve refreshments at the DARE program on drug abuse.

BOTTOM: Rescue squad member, Becky Harris offers free blood pressure check during Lord's Acre Sale.



BCS without athletics? No way! Athletics is to BCS what Michael "Air" Jordan is to the Chicago Bulls. It's a must. Without it Bland would not be the same. It has shaped itself into the biggest, most popular, most vital piece of life at BCS. Around it revolves interconnected activities such as organizations and academics as shown by nearly three-fourths of this year's boys' varsity basketball team being in Beta. Next year we are supposed to be receiving a varsity football team, and this only promises to keep Bland a collage of sports, academics, and organizations with sports dominating the picture.



Sports

Picking up the pieces

Rocky ground was an understatement of the 1990 baseball season. The ground didn't rock but little since the team had a losing season. No matter how hard they played, the odds were against them. A

wet season with muddy fields did nothing to help. The team consisted of four seniors, three juniors, four sophomores and one freshman.

There's only one way to go and with eight returning players, they are hopeful

of a much better season. Picking up the pieces of an off year, they will reconstruct a new team with different strategies. Coaching the baseball team was Mr. Larry Thacker.



TOP LEFT: Shelby Brown tosses to 2nd base in an attempt to catch the runner off guard.

TOP RIGHT: Jay Meadows at pitchers mound.

BOTTOM LEFT: Brian Hall on guard to trick the opponents.

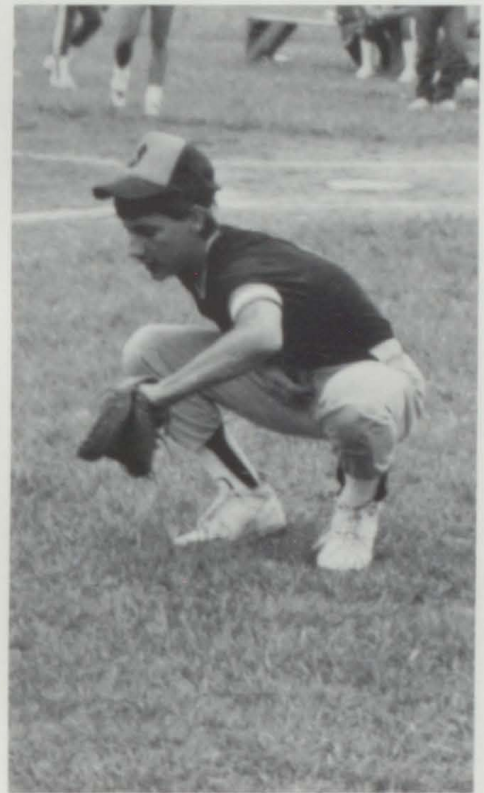
BOTTOM RIGHT-BASEBALL TEAM-
FRONT ROW: Allan Newberry, Randy Townley, Brian Hall, Shelby Brown. BACK ROW: Jay Meadows, James Roberts, David Chandler, John Simmons, Nathan Romano, Michael Dillow, Rusty Meadows, Rusty Bird.



TOP: James Roberts hits a foul ball.

BOTTOM: David Chandler at a muddy first base with Rocky Gap runner. Both keep an eye on the action at homeplate and pitcher's mound.

Rusty Meadows practices in the "bull pen."



SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
0	Narrows	15
5	Ft. Chiswell	16
0	Galax	11
3	Shawsville	42
0	Grayson Co.	13
0	Floyd	10
3	Auburn	11
0	Narrows	13
1	Rocky Gap	11

WON-0 LOST-9

Senior Jenny Meadows returns a good serve.

Donna Lambert, senior, follows through with good form.



TENNIS 1990-Kneeling: Jenny Meadows, Donna Lambert.
Standing: Amanda Harden, Becky Bird, Tina Brown, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson.

SCOREBOARD		
US		THEM
08	Ft. Chiswell	01
06	Auburn	03
09	Floyd	0
06	Grayson	02
09	Shawsville	0
01	Narrows	08
WON-5		LOST-1



High spirited Rockettes roll opponents

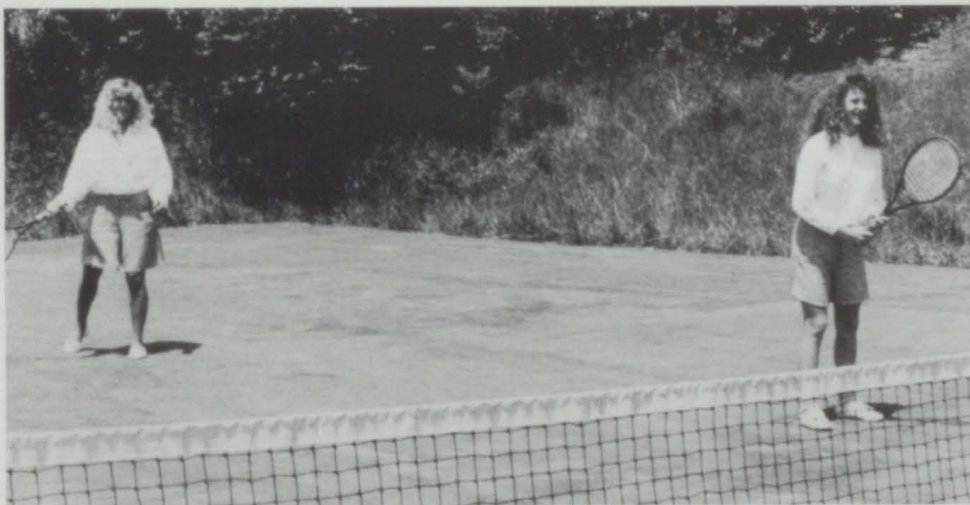
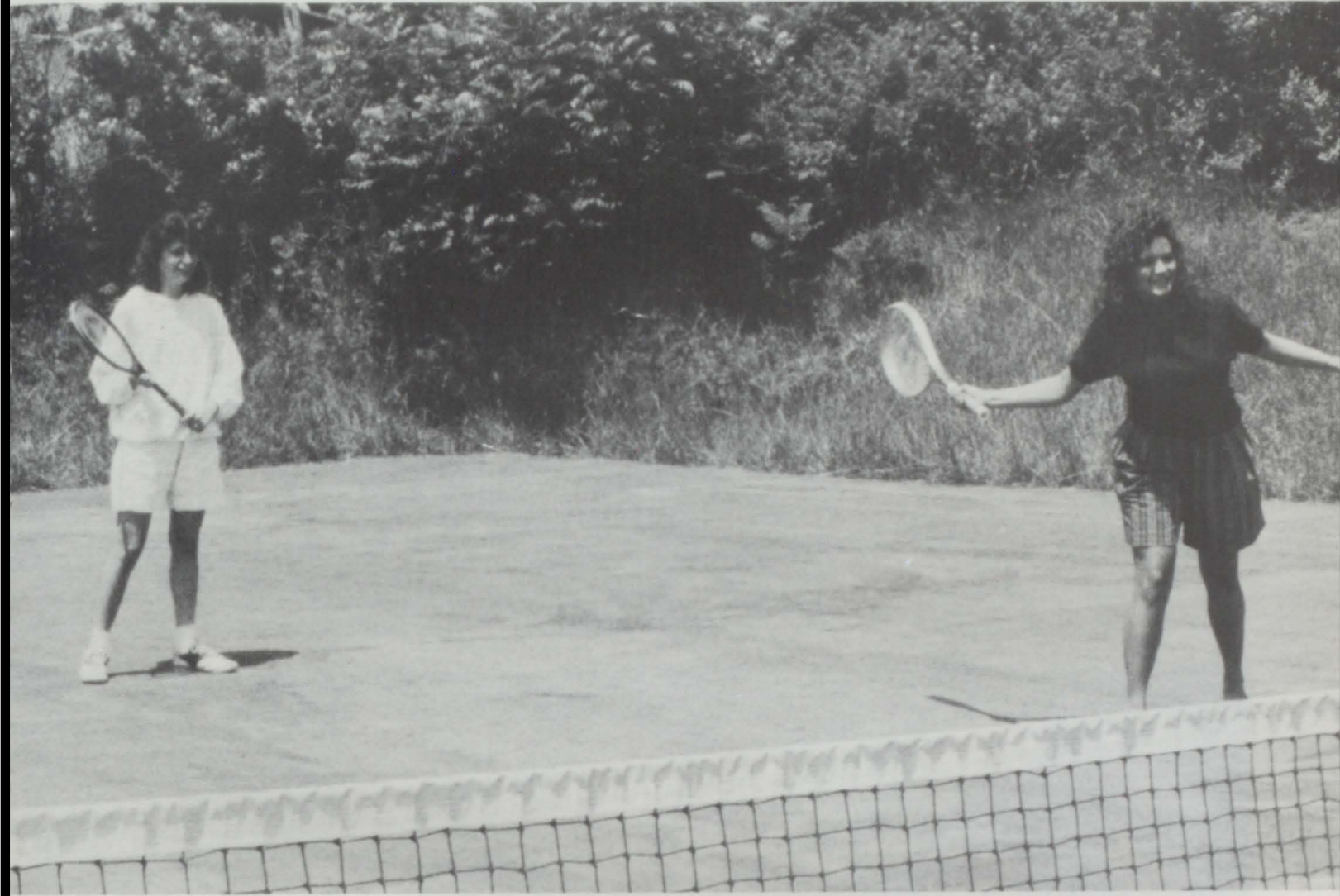
The Bland girls' tennis team went into their season high-spirited and ready to roll. And roll they did, right over many of their opponents. They lost a key player, Jenny Meadows, and also Donna Lam-

bert, both seniors. With all other players returning it will help the girls' efforts in building a strong team.

Mrs. Patty Hankins, coach, instructed the girls in better ball hitting techniques and quickness. Daily practices increased

skills (and also gave them a healthy tan).

The girls are looking forward to spring practices and another successful season. With a strong returning team, the pieces are sure to fall into place for the Rockettes.



TOP: Amanda Harden and Sarah Thompson.
BOTTOM LEFT: Becky Bird and Stephanie Meadows.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Tina Brown is ready for the opponent.

Second year for JV football

In their second year, the junior varsity football team showed growth in maturity, size and numbers. Practices took place at

Bastian and all games were played on the opposing field. Future plans include a varsity team and a home playing field.

traveling many miles to watch the gridiron action, often in very cool temperatures.

Loyal fans supported the young men by

TOP: Everyone gets into the struggle.

CENTER: Joe Cromer is ready to assist a teammate.

BOTTOM: Joe Cromer holds the pigskin tightly and sprints away from Galax.



SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
20	Holston	24
8	Auburn	6
6	Shawsville	6
14	Galax	12
6	Auburn	20
12	Galax	14

WON-2 LOST-4





TOP LEFT: Bland County Bears cheerleaders Wendy Umbarger, Amie Simms, Anne Myrick, Nicole Barnette.

TOP RIGHT: Coach Ed Selfe gives son Jes a dressing down.

CENTER: Galax goes down while attempting to tackle Joe Cromer.

BOTTOM — Bland County Junior Varsity Football Team. **FRONT ROW:** Phillip Mullins, Justin Eaton, Chris Mercer, Brian Waddle. **2ND ROW:** Smoky Parmenter (manager), John Stinson, Chester Neal, David A. Lambert, Donnie Havens, Dale Martin, Andy Selfe (manager). **BACK ROW:** Howard Overbaugh (coach), Dave Lambert (head coach), Kevin King, Joe Cromer, Jeff Brown, Stanley Overbaugh, Jes Selfe, Preston Lathrop, Stuart Newberry, Robert Chewning, Ed Selfe (head coach).



Being a cheerleader is fun but demanding. They spend extra hours at school learning how and what to do then stand on their feet throughout an entire game. Of course, the prestige and the eating out with the team members makes it all worthwhile.

TOP: During the game Beth Bridges, Stephanie Goins and Anne Myrick boost the players and fans by chants and cheers.

BOTTOM-JV Cheering squad: Front Row: Beth Bridges, captain, Pam Harden. 2nd Row: Bradley Hoosier, Anne Myrick. Back Row: Stephanie Goins, Stacy Tibbs, Detria Agee.



Cheerleading began with a blast

Blast off Rockets!! Cheerleading definitely started off with a blast after practice, practice, practice for the three

squads. They even practiced between JV and varsity games. Their coach was Mrs. Amber Witt.

JV cheerleaders was headed up by

Beth Bridges and Heather Smith was captain of the varsity squad. The pep squad, made up of seventh graders, actively cheered the eighth grade games.



VARSITY SQUAD-Front Row: Shelly Beam, Heather Smith, Stephanie Meadows. 2nd Row: Cindy Justice, Becky Bird, Sarah Umbarger. Back Row: Sarah Thompson, Lori Compton.

Cindy Justice cheers for the home team.



PEP SQUAD: Cheryl Winesett, Misty Wiley, Melanie Talbert, Sheri Blankenship, Leslie Kelley.

Half-time finds the varsity squad in pyramid formation.

TOP RIGHT: The team intently listens as Coach Patty Hankins gives further instructions.

LEFT: Laura Sadler puts one through the net despite crowding opposition.

CENTER: Pam Harden passes to teammate over Shawsville player.

BOTTOM: Crystal King and Shawsville player play cat and mouse while Crystal controls possession of the basketball.



Injuries struck two key players

When injuries struck two keyplayers midseason, the JV girls' basketball team was left picking up the pieces of a crumbling team. With Staci Tibbs and Pam

Harden out with knee and ankle injuries, the team had to scrounge for players and finally played with only five players and no bench. Disappointedly the girls won only one game.

Members of the 1990 team were Kathy Shewey, captain; Pam Harden, captain; Staci Tibbs, Laura Sadler, Crystal King, Shannon Enoch and P.J. Meadows.

Kathy Shewey maintains a firm hold.



P.J. Meadows puts power behind this toss up.



SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
11	Auburn	44
13	Giles	17
15	Floyd	34
22	Ft. Chiswell	39
16	Shawsville	31
11	Grayson Co.	36
27	Mt. Rogers	28
17	Narrows	18
30	Rocky Gap	31
15	Galax	25
21	Auburn	38
24	Giles	28
14	Floyd	43
23	Ft. Chiswell	24
19	Shawsville	23
14	Grayson Co.	37
23	Mt. Rogers	35
25	Narrows	21
32	Rocky Gap	40
18	Galax	23

WON-1 LOST-19

JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM-Kneeling: Staci Tibbs, Pam Harden Kathy Shewey. Standing: Crystal King, Laura Sadler, Shannon Enoch, P.J. Meadows.

Rockettes have an improved season

The 1990 Rockettes varsity basketball team achieved their 5-16 record through hard work. Leading the scoring was Rachel French, followed by Tina Brown, and

Julie Strock finished out with the 3rd highest points. The team of nine consisted of two seniors, five juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

These girls traveled to and from every

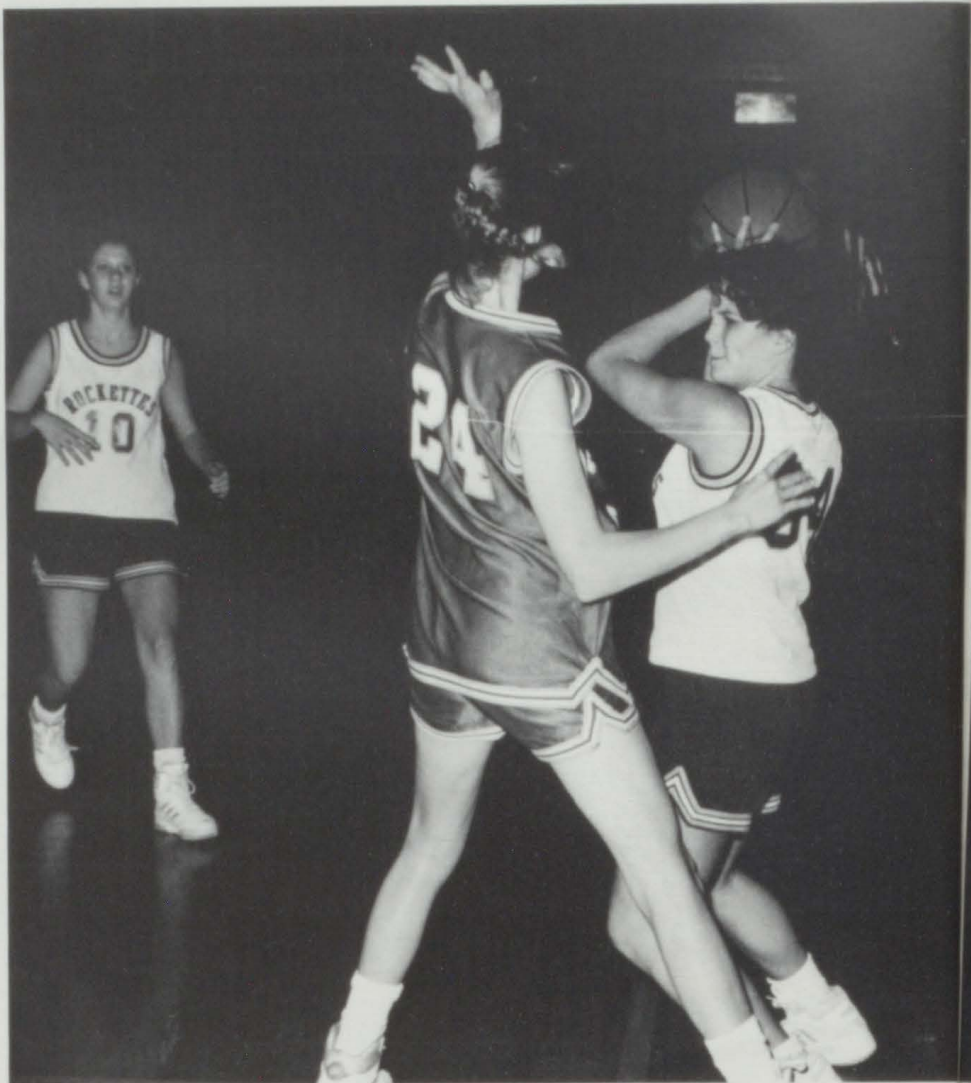
ballgame with spirit. Losing a game didn't kill their desire to play but made them more determined to fight for that victory. The Rockettes finished the season with heads held high.



TOP LEFT: With Tina Brown in the background, Rachel French is prepared to prevent the opposing team from getting the basketball.

TOP RIGHT: Sarah Thompson has the disadvantage of height, but determination helped get the basketball to teammate, Stephanie Meadows.

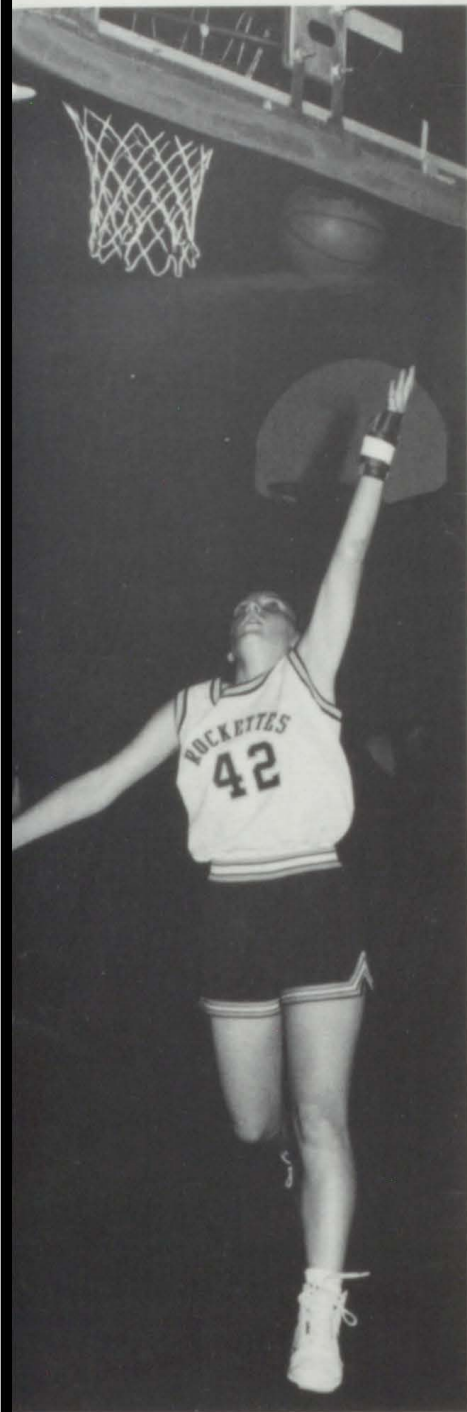
BOTTOM: Teammates wait in the wings until time for their entrance.



SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
35	Auburn	27
35	Giles	73
51	Floyd	66
26	Ft. Chiswell	73
53	Shawsville	69
39	Grayson Co.	37
36	Narrows	46
39	Rocky Gap	31
29	Galax	58
59	Auburn	43
17	Giles	69
39	Floyd	64
39	Ft. Chiswell	60
29	Shawsville	51
34	Grayson Co.	51
50	Narrows	61
38	Rocky Gap	27
39	Galax	59
43*	Auburn	48

*1st round MED tour. playoff
WON-5 LOST-14



TOP LEFT: Julie Strock is uncontested when she completes this layup.

TOP RIGHT: Hope Pike protects the ball in a struggle of possession.

CENTER: Coach Patty Hankins gives last minute instructions to her team before sending them back to the court.

BOTTOM-VARSITY TEAM-Kneeling are seniors Amanda Harden and Tina Brown. Standing: Angela Dalton, Crystal Thompson, Julie Strock, Rachel French, Hope Pike, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows.



SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
45	Rocky Gap	24
48	Grayson	26
45	Shawsville	26
57	Ft. Chiswell	14
47	Floyd	14
34	Auburn	28
43	Giles	32
31	Narrows	28
33	Rocky Gap	29
1	Galax	0

WON-1

LOST-9



TOP: Coach Tommy Bird gives instructions to his players.

BOTTOM LEFT: Andy Selfe gets tough in this defensive play.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Robbie Morehead attempts a block on Narrows toss up.





A short season for 8th

Eighth graders found themselves short changed mid-season when the remaining games were cancelled.

Previously, only seventh and eighth grade students were eligible but this year sixth graders were allowed to play. This meant a smaller team was on the floor.

Eighth graders were allowed to try for the JV team but some felt they would get more playing time on their eighth team.

Due to the small size and inexperience of some of the players the team struggled. They played valiantly but ended the season with no wins except for a forfeited game.

TOP: Ref. Gene Lambert watches the action between Bland and Narrows as Wesley Strock attempts a steal. Support is ready with Doug Dalton and Andy Selfe.

BOTTOM LEFT-8TH GRADE TEAM-
Kneeling: Brian Waddle, Jimmy Pike, John C. Thompson, Lee Meadows, Jamie Dunn, Bradley Gordon.

Standing: Jason Hancock, Brock Justice, Robbie Morehead, Andy Selfe, Wesley Strock, Bradley Tate, Mike Munsey.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Bradley Tate brings the ball up court with Andy Selfe in the foreground.



Eighth graders eligible for JV squad

Inexperienced but growing and learning, the junior varsity team consisted of one sophomore, six freshmen, and seven

eighth-graders. Most of the eighth-graders saw little playing time, but they are primed for next year. They were coached by Rich Hankins.

Of the games in which they saw defeat, the loss was only by a few points. The experience gained this year should prove to be a great team in '92.

SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
47	Rocky Gap	35
31	Grayson	36
40	Shawsville	54
36	Ft. Chiswell	43
53	Floyd Co.	40
24	Auburn	48
39	Giles	36
36	Narrows	29
51	Rocky Gap	43
36	Ft. Chiswell	46
33	Grayson Co.	34
59	Galax	49
41	Shawsville	30
42	Floyd	43
46	Galax	37
46	Auburn	43
34	Giles	31
32	Narrows	37
38	Shawsville	35

WON-11

LOST-8

MED Champions

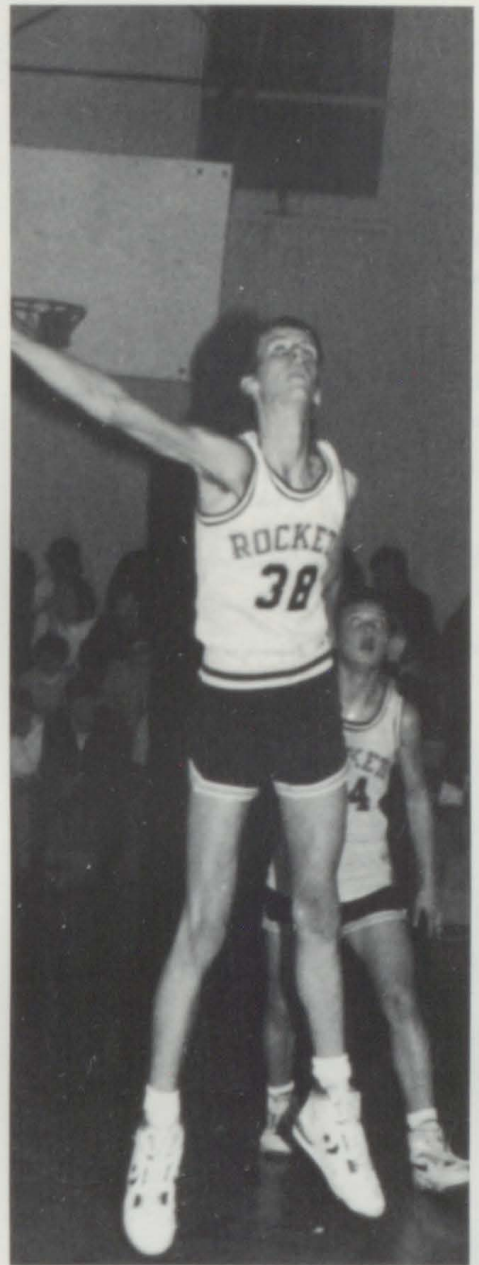
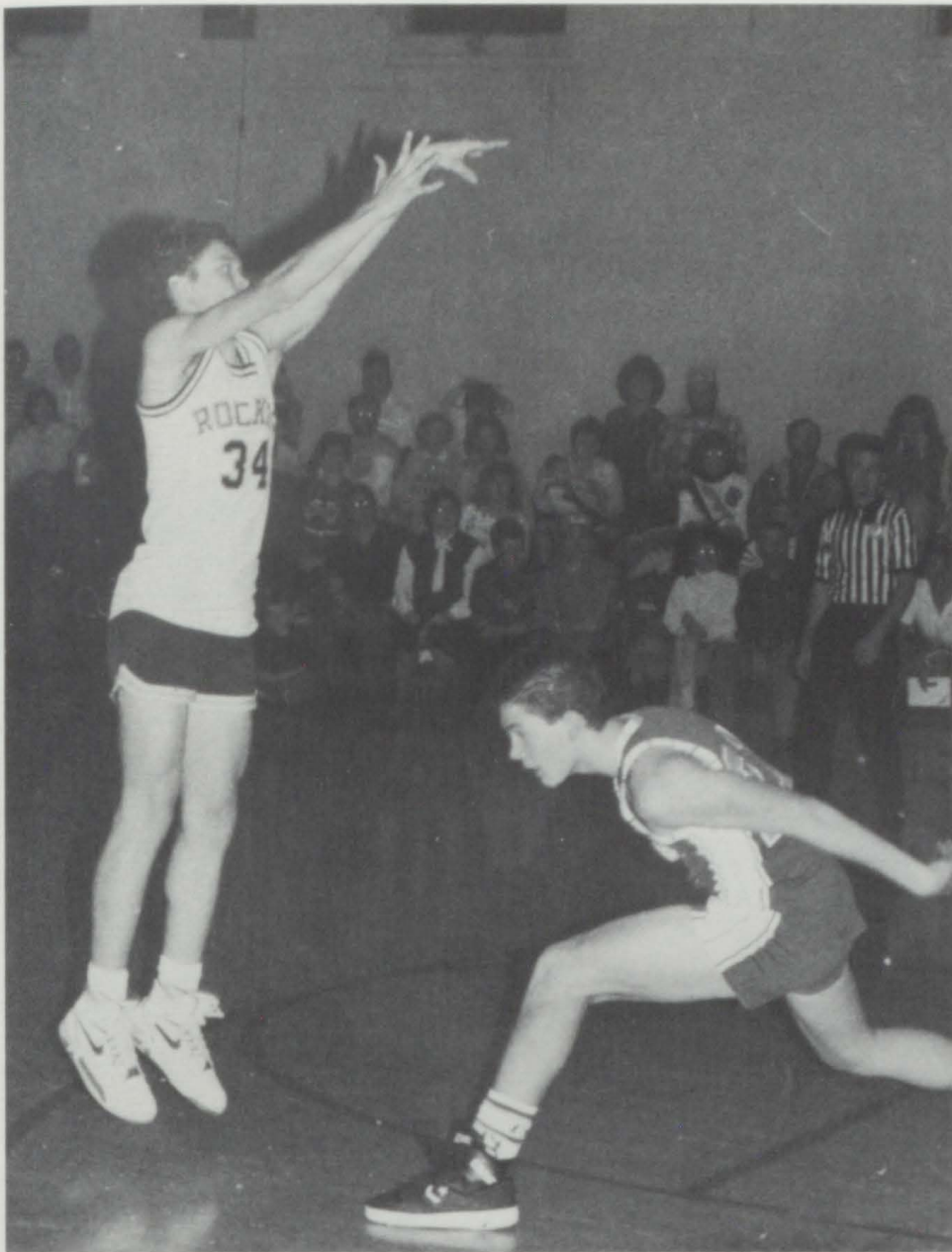


BOTTOM-JV squad: Kneeling: James Umbarger, Allen Brown, Jason Stowers, Brad Harden, David Lambert, Jason Beam.

Standing: Chris Tickle, Kevin King, Aaron Faulkner, Chad Morehead, Andy Selfe, Stanley Overbaugh, Shannon Havens.

TOP: Brad Harden, the only sophomore on the team, goes after the basketball as Shannon Havens tries for a clean steal. Shannon we think you got a foul out of that one.





TOP LEFT: Kevin King sinks a two-pointer in spite of opponents defense.

TOP RIGHT: Chad Morehead's defense is too late as he watches the ball swish the nets.

BOTTOM LEFT: David Lambert(30) and Jes Selfe match up with their opponents in a play for possession.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Aaron Faulkner uses his body to block the opponent.

MED champs two years straight

The Bland Varsity Rockets blasted into their season with a win over county rivals Rocky Gap. They then rolled on to win hard-fought games over such teams as Fort Chiswell, Giles, and Auburn.

The mid-season loss of teammate Stephen Lindamood in a tragic car accident saddened the team and the fans as well.

But the Rockets knew they must go on and do what Stephen would want — to play and to win.

And win they did. For the second year straight, the Rockets found themselves on top of the MED mountain as district champions. Along with this honor, Patrick Smith joined three other members of his family in scoring over 1,000 career

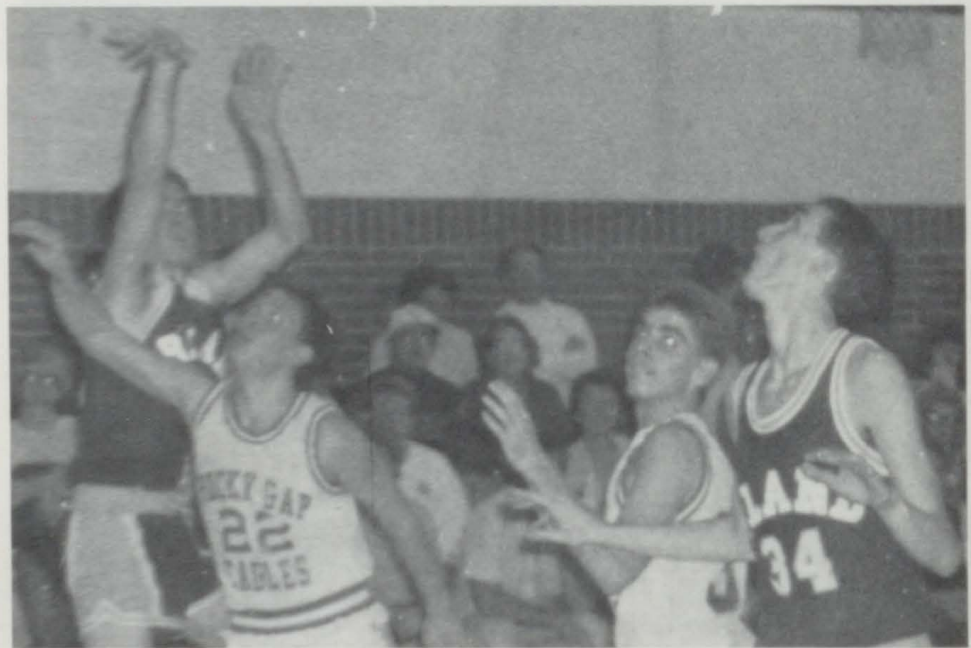
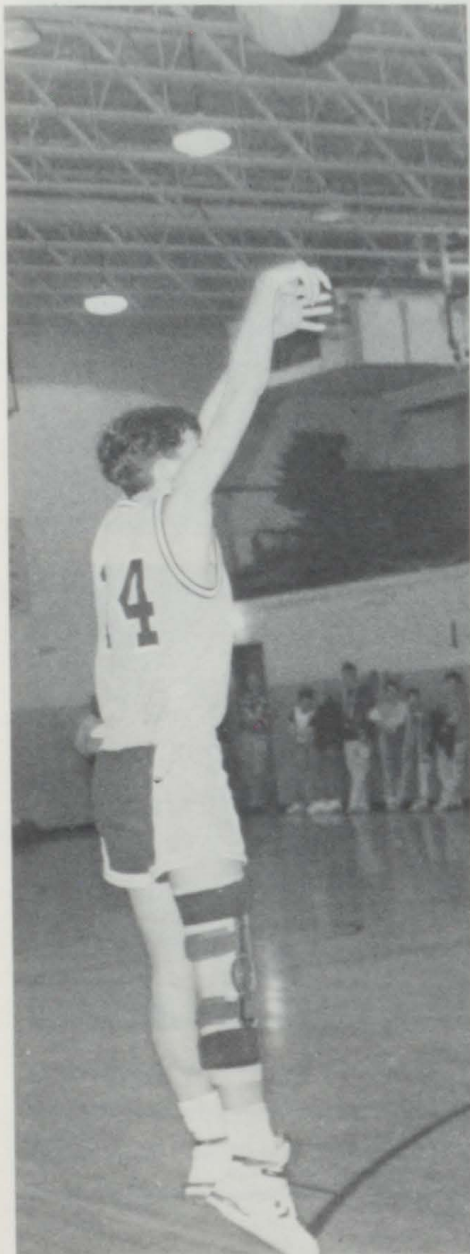
points. He also was voted as most valuable player in the district along with Coach Rich Hankins as Coach of the Year.

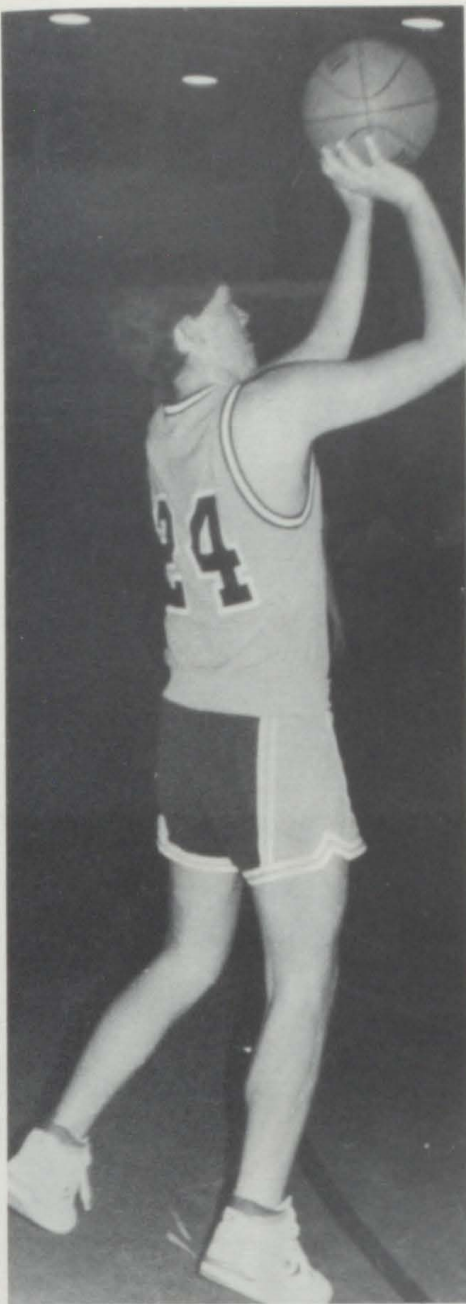
As eight of the nine team members were seniors, next year will be a rebuilding time for the varsity. The only returning member is Charlie Thompson.

LEFT: Clint Kegley sinks a three-pointer.

TOP RIGHT: David King controls the ball while he watches the opponents.

BOTTOM: William Tickle puts one up with teammate Patrick Smith ready for a rebound.





TOP LEFT: Jay Meadows takes aim for a three-point shot.

CENTER: Rusty Bird is like a hawk watching its prey.

BOTTOM LEFT: Travis Munsey tosses this one up for an easy two points.

BOTTOM RIGHT-VARSITY TEAM: Kneeling-Charlie Thompson and Stephen Lindamood. Standing (all seniors): Rusty Bird, Clint Kegley, Eric Faulkner, Travis Munsey, Patrick Smith, Jay Meadows, William Tickle, David King.

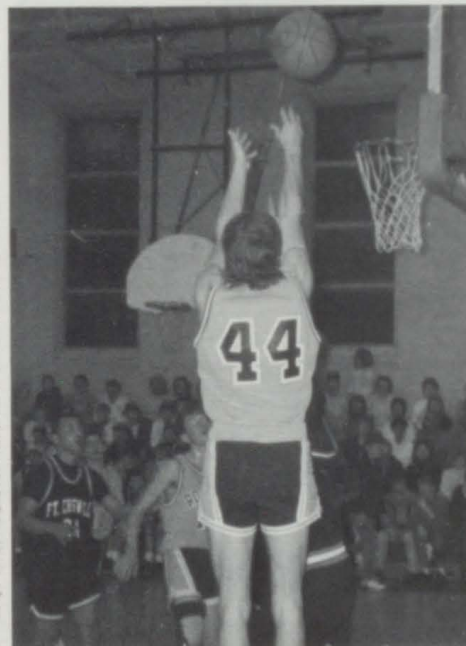


SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
72	Rocky Gap	47
58	Grayson	63
73	Shawsville	58
54	Ft. Chiswell	44
77	Floyd	79
94	Auburn	72
70	Giles	59
70	Narrows	55
69	Rocky Gap	57
73	Ft. Chiswell	70
79	Grayson	49
58	Galax	52
78	Shawsville	68
83	Floyd	76
70	Galax	47
79	Auburn	70
73	Giles	60
75	Narrows	66

WON-16

LOST-2



Nineteen girls compete in volleyball

Nineteen eager volleyball players entered the 1991 season with enthusiasm and anxiety. Both varsity and junior var-

sity teams were under the guidance of Coach Tena R. Morefield.

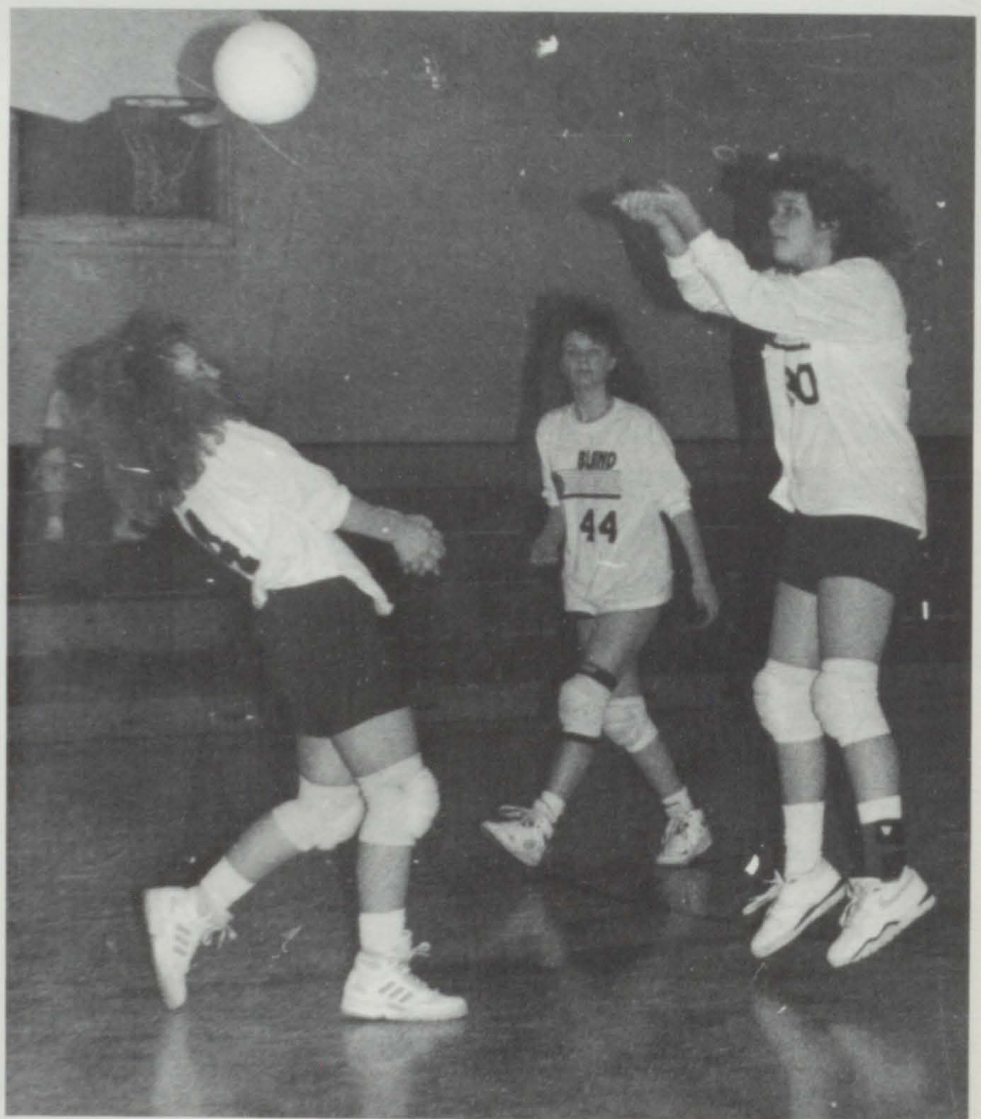
As they practiced after school, they learned to set, spike, and serve the ball.

Their weakest area, according to senior Amanda Harden, was the receiving serve. With the loss of only three seniors, next season looks pretty good.

TOP-VOLLEYBALL TEAM-Front Row: Pam Wright, Tina Brown, Amanda Harden, seniors.
2nd Row: Hope Pike, Becky Bird, Sarah Umbarger, Angela Stowers, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Heather Burton.
Back Row: Mindy Brewster, Pam Harden, Rachel Davis, Stacy Tibbs, Kathy Shewey, Rachel French, Melanie Thompson, Becky Mallory, Misty Pauley, Molly Richardson.

BOTTOM LEFT: Rachel French meets Oakhill at the net to score a point.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Tina Brown bumps the ball to Hope Pike with Melanie Thompson ready to follow through.



TOP LEFT: Becky Bird bumps while Molly Richardson is set to make sure it goes over.



TOP RIGHT: Hope Pike goes to the floor to get this one with teammates Pam Harden and Tina Brown in the background.



SCOREBOARD

Team A US/THEM		Team B US/THEM
0-2	Shawsville	2-0
0-2	Giles	0-2
2-0	Oakhill	0-2
1-2	Galax	2-0
0-2	Ft. Chiswell	2-1
0-2	Narrows	2-1
1-2	Oakhill	0-2
0-2	Auburn	0-2
0-2	Floyd	0-2
1-2	Grayson	0-2

BOTTOM: This team is ready! Rachel Davis, Pam Wright, Mindy Brewster, Angela Stowers, Sheree Burton.



Homecoming 1991

Homecoming, scheduled for Feb. 8, had to be postponed until the 19th in a match against Giles. Following the JV game, candidates and escorts were introduced. Winners were Denise Shrader (8th), Detria Agee (9th), Pam Harden (10th), Stephanie Meadows

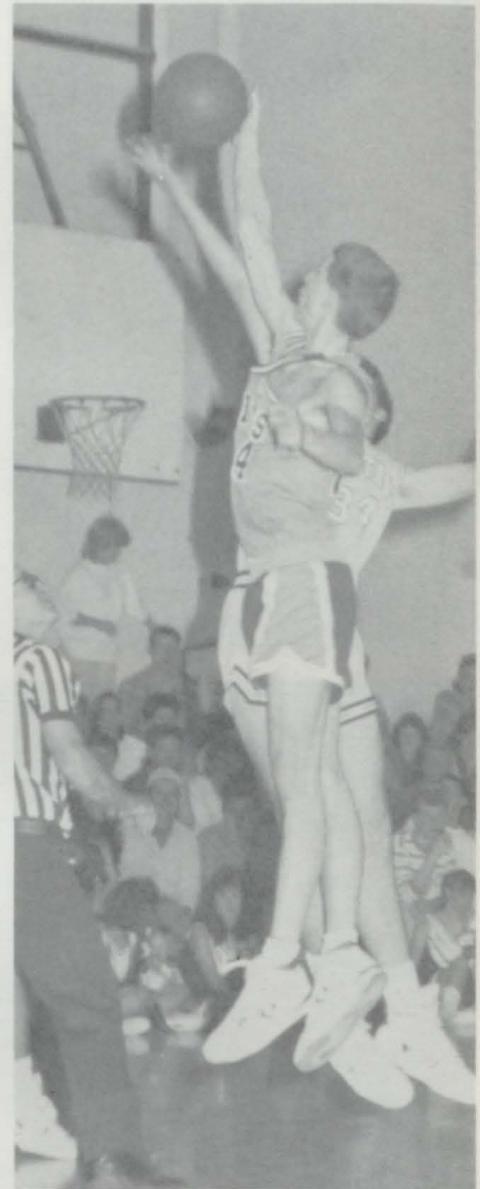
(11th), Tina Brown (12th).

TOP: Tina Brown, Homecoming Queen is crowned by Amy Haga, last year's queen.

BOTTOM: Homecoming Court-Eric Brooks, Denise Shrader, Chris Dillow, Detria Agee, Brandon Farlow, Stephanie Meadows, Stacy Bruce, Tina Johnston, Mike

Sage, Tina Brown, Matthew Newberry, Pam Harden, Toby Dotson, Amie Simms, Duane Compton, P.J. Meadows.

BELOW: Patrick Smith jumps inches above Giles to gain control of the game.



At Homecoming on February 19, 1991, Stephen Lindamood's home jersey was presented to his family. Coach Rich Hankins, Lana Lindamood, Diane and Lanny Lindmood.



HOMECOMING-1991. Varsity players gather center court with cheerleaders at the beginning of the game.



The newest addition to the library is Mrs. Zola Repass, a senior citizen and Green Thumb employee. Mrs. Repass is a great asset through her housekeeping chores and preparing books for shelf use. Here she is shown with a completed stack of books while she stamps additional ones.



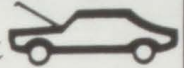
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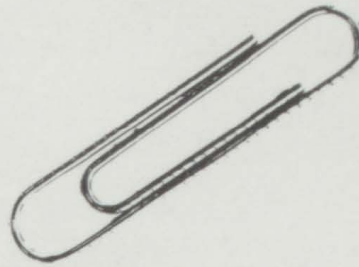
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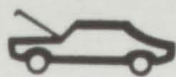
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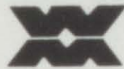
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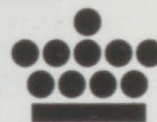
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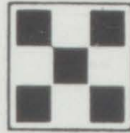
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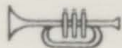
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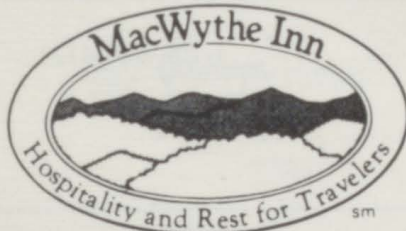
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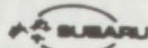
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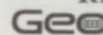
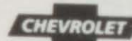
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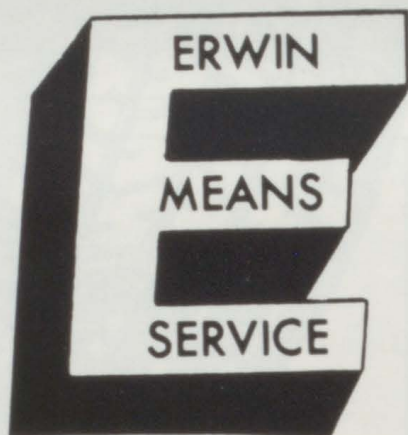
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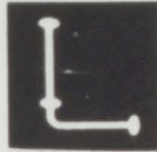


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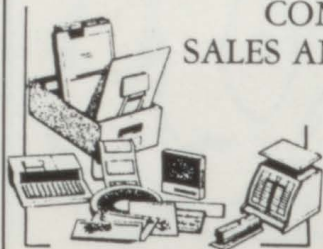
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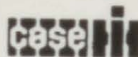


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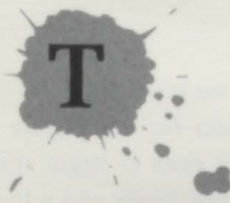
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Another year has slowly ticked away and the time approached for the class of '91 to put the last puzzle piece of their high school career in place. Having com-

pleted one puzzle of life it was time to start a new one, leaving behind precious memories of the last thirteen years. The friends we have known will always be a part of us even though we will never be

together again as we were this year.

When the pieces fit, the picture is complete and it is time to begin anew with different puzzle pieces and a fresh picture.

Colophon.

The yearbook staff consisted of 17 members, grades 10-12. While working on ideas for a cover, Bridgette Penley, a new member, watched her brother working on a puzzle. She sketched in the school with puzzle divisions and presented it to the

staff. The idea was quickly accepted. Thanks Bridgette.

The photographers this year were Chris Overstreet and Rick Hays with Max Ward Company of Roanoke. The publisher was Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, TX.

We used the Galaxy Program with 80

lb enamel paper. The typeface used was Garamond. A lithocote cover in full color enhanced the book. The book size was 7 3/4 x 10 1/2. The total cost of producing the 1991 yearbook amounted to \$9,800.

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