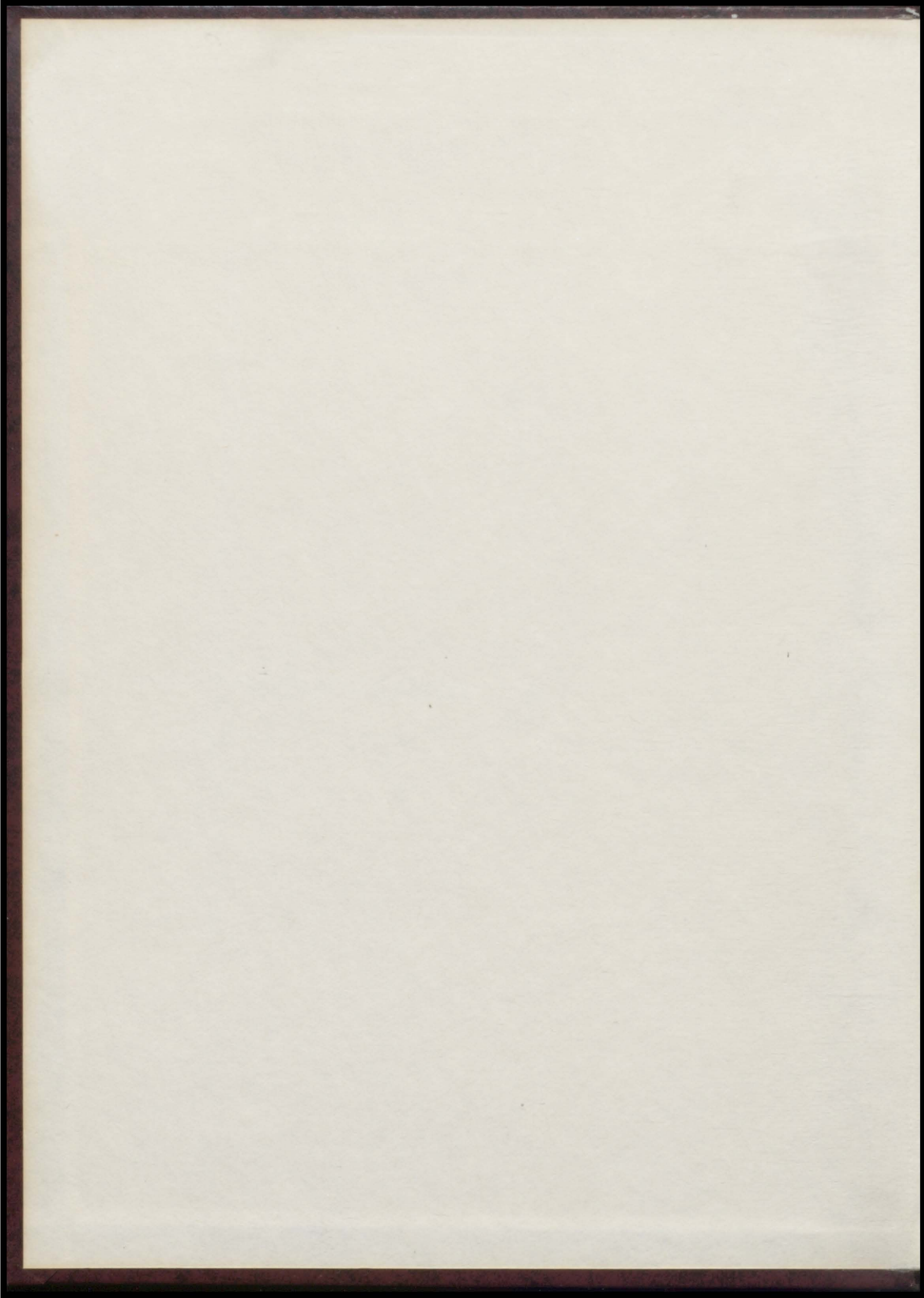
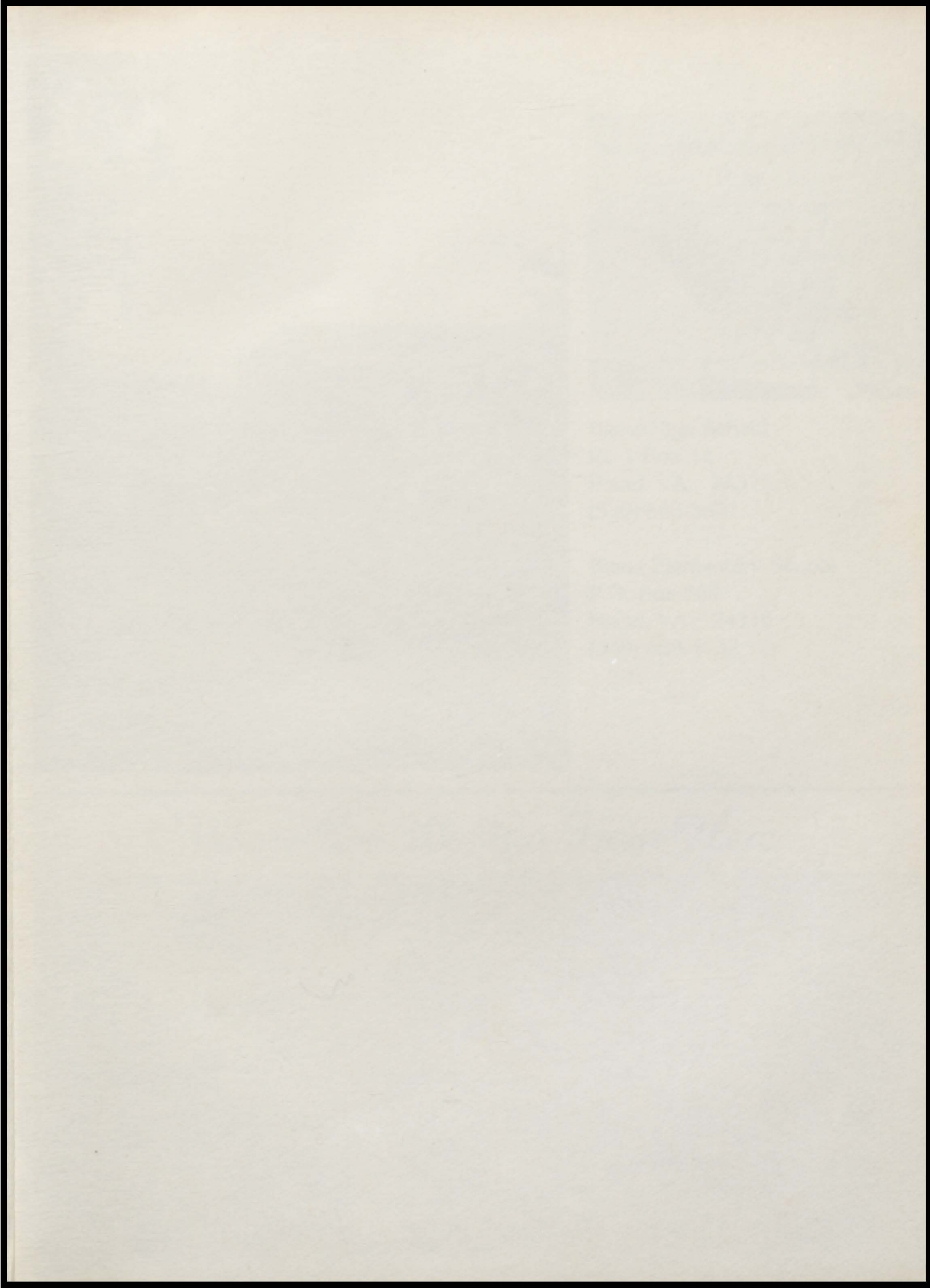


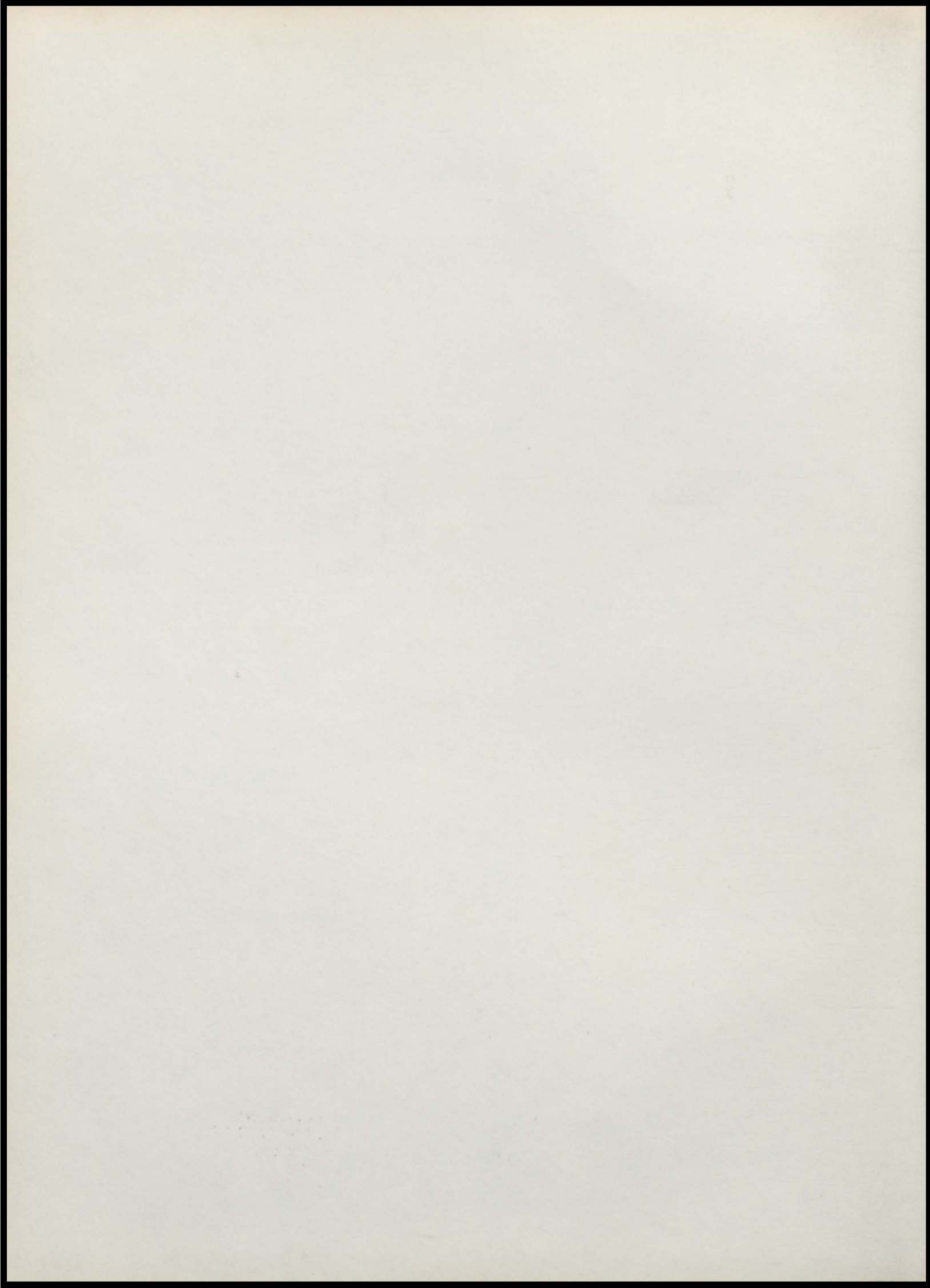
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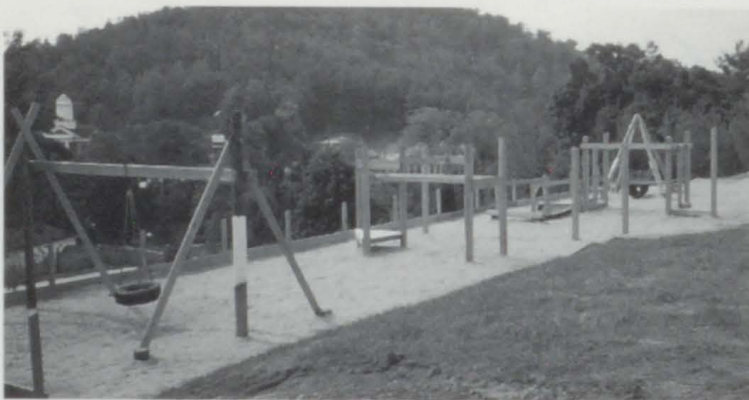
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With A Step That Is Steady And Strong Old Bland High Marches Along . . .

Bland Elementary School Continues To Grow

Bland High School, as usual, underwent many changes during the 1998-1999 year. Upon entering in August, one observed new faces as well as familiar faces: These were as follows: Mrs. Brenda Tate, Ms. Sherri Rhodes, Miss Crystal Kidd, Mrs. Carolyn Bane, Mr. Bill Cregar, Mrs. Mary Harless, Mrs. Vicki Quesenberry, Mr. Dan Tibbs, and Mr. Randy Gibson. Mrs. Carver and Mrs. Justice exchanged positions, and both seemed well satisfied. Mrs. Quesenberry was often seen in halls and worked as our school nurse, while Randy Gibson, maintenance director, was a familiar sight throughout the facility. Mr. Wagoner found

himself traveling to Rocky Gap High School for two morning classes and Mr. Dan Tibbs was at Bland for the first two morning classes. Mr. Bill Crabtree picked up an Earth Science class in the afternoon schedule. The school itself had a different look. The front steps into the High school were repaired. There was a mobile classroom on the south side of the school which housed Special education classes for both Mrs. Bane and Mrs. Harless. Mrs. Harman's classroom underwent major renovations, and the elementary playground was completely redesigned.

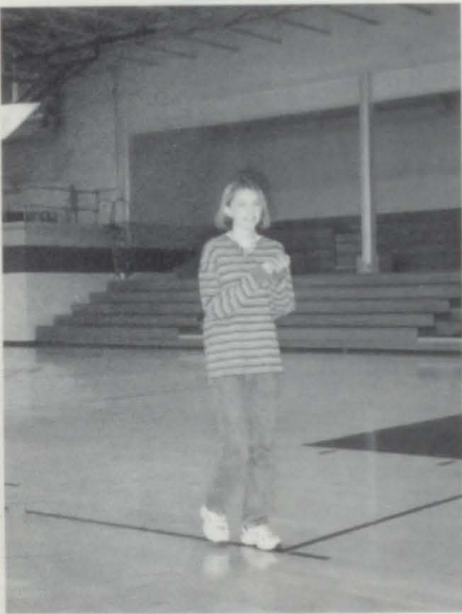


The Bland Elementary school playground was indeed a "Labor of Love" for many community members, parents, volunteers, and maintenance staff.

Dawn Wright and Heather Clemons are the first to learn the new "Easy Pro" program during Photojournalism Class. Both girls dedicated many hours to this project.



People

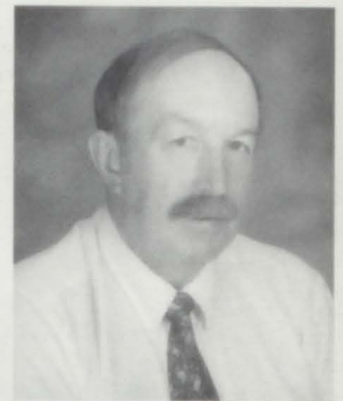


Bland High School Faculty

The BHS faculty has traditionally been a guiding force for many students who passed through the corridors of Bland High School. With the approach of the new millennium, the same held true. Twenty secondary faculty members found themselves having to learn new software programs, and felt better prepared to implement technology into their current curriculums. Change and adjusting to change became easier as faculty members continued with the many tasks and duties that must be performed throughout the school year.



Mr. Roger Dale Thompson
32 years; Principal; Sponsor: Golf, Baseball, Academic Coach; BS - VPI; MS - Radford U.



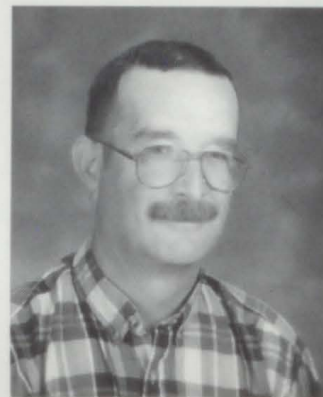
Mr. Richard Crockett Havens
30 years; Assistant Principal; US History, Accounting, 8th History; Sponsor: Senior Class, Social Studies MACC; BS-Bluefield State



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



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



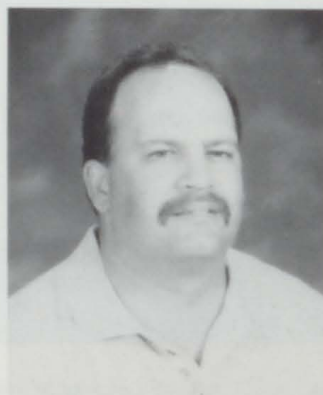
Mr. William H. Crabtree
32 years; Agriculture, Earth Science; Sponsor: FFA; BS/MS - VPI.



Ms. Janet B. Faulkner
29 years; English 10, 11, 12, Dual Credit English; Sponsor: Senior Beta; BS/MS - Radford U.



Miss Jean Greear
16 years; Calculus; BS - Queens College; MA - Appalachian State U.



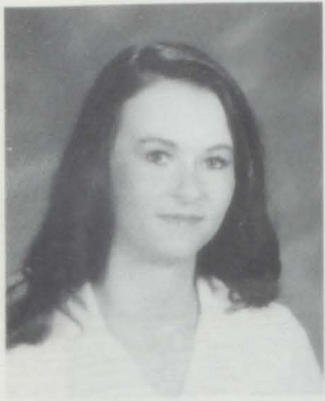
Mr. Richard Dale Hankins
13 yrs; Secondary P.E., Consumer Math, Basic Alg.; Sponsor: J.V., Varsity Boys Basketball; BS - Bluefield St.



Mrs. Sandra Green Harman
22 years; Secondary Adaptive, Photo Journalism; Sponsor: Junior Class, Yearbook; BS/MS - Radford U.



Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley
35 years; Keyboarding, Office Administration, Word Processing; Sponsor: FBLA, 10th grade; BS - ETSU



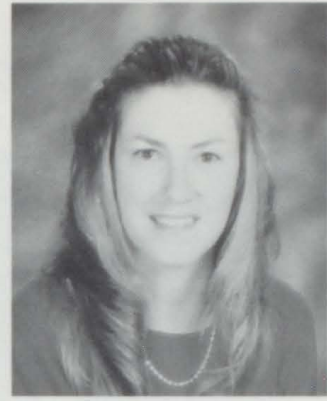
Miss Chrystal D. Kidd
1 year; Government, World History, Economics, Sociology; BS - Bluefield College



Mrs. Kay Mabe
18 years; Geometry, Algebra I and II, Advanced Math; Sponsor: Math MACC, 9th grade; BS - Radford U.



Miss Teena Rae Morefield
21 years; Counselor - Secondary & Elementary; Sponsor: Jr. Beta, Volleyball; BS - Concord, MS - UVA.



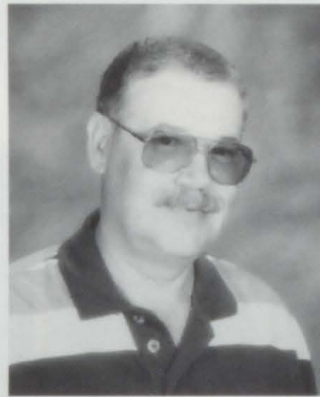
Ms. LaMoore Muncy
6 years; Secondary Physical Ed., World Geography, World History; Assistant Coach: J.V. & Varsity Girls Basketball; BS - Radford U.



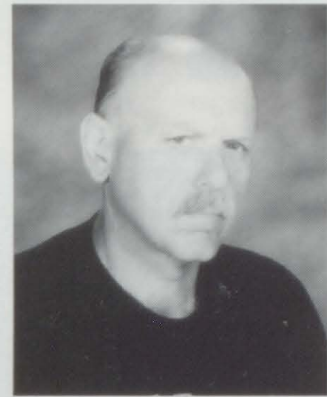
Ms. Elizabeth G. Newberry
32 years; Librarian - Secondary & Elementary; BS/MS - Radford U.



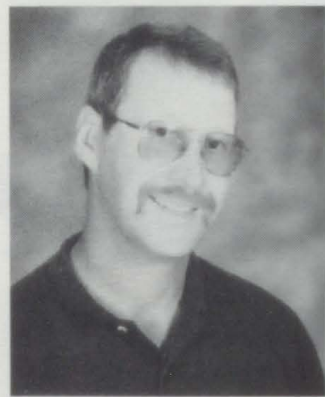
Mrs. Rebecca M. Peery
17 years; French I, II, III; Sponsor: English MACC, Upward Bound; BS/MA - Radford U.



Mr. Alfred E. Smith
17 years; Biology I, II, Physical Science; Sponsor: SCA, All-Around MACC, 10th grade; BS - Concord



Mr. Dan Tibbs
14 years; Physical Education 8, 9, 10



Mr. John Harkrader Wagoner
14 years; Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics; Sponsor: Science MACC, 11th grade; BS - Radford U.



Mrs. Sylvia G. Williams
16 yrs; Family Relations, Family & Human Services, Elem. Computer Science; Sponsor: FHA; BS - JMU, MS - Indiana U.



Ms. Elizabeth Newberry poses for one last picture before retirement after 32 years of service. She began as yearbook sponsor in 1977 and has acted as sponsor up until this year. Mrs. Newberry's retirement was celebrated with a luncheon held on November 16 in the school cafeteria. Her strong work ethic and technical support skills will be greatly missed.

Bland Elementary Faculty/Staff



Mr. Kenneth Muncy
35 years; Elementary Principal;
BS - Concord College, MA -
WVU.



Mrs. Carolyn Bane
40 years; Elementary/Secondary
Special Education; BS/MS -
Radford U.



Mrs. Sue Coleman
20 years; Special Education
Resource; BS/MS - Radford U.



Mrs. Patricia S. Hankins
10 years; Elementary Physical
Education; BS - Bluefield College.



Ms. Jo Ellen Harless
23 years; LD/EMH Modified Self-
Contained; BS - Concord College,
MS - Radford U.



Ms. Terry Harless
2 years; Speech-Language
Pathologist.



Mrs. Barbara Justice
13 years; Chapter One Reading;
BS - Pikeville College.



Mrs. Deborah Massie
10 years; Upper Elementary Self-
Contained; BS - WVU.



Mrs. Barbara Reed
12 years; SPED Handicapped
self-contained; BA-Lambuth
College.



Mrs. Vickie Quesenberry
17 years; Bland County School
Nurse; WCC/Colorado St.



Eager to learn, 7th graders give Mr. Fred Simpkins their undivided attention.

Support Staff

The Support Staff of BHS/BES served an important role as they performed various duties among faculty as well as students. Each of these individuals provided significant input into the development and

education of all students at both schools. These were the people who provided many hours of labor, skills, and love for the success of the 1998-99 school year. They will always be remembered as we approach those doors to the new millenium.



Norma Beavers



Violet Bird



Harold Bivens



Bonnie Blankenship



Nadine Bridges



Nancy Brown



Joyce Cassell



William Cregar



Randy Gibson



Pam Gore



Margaret Gravley



Lisa Harman



Irma Havens



Marlene Havens



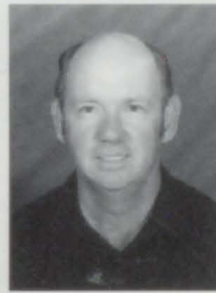
Pat Johnson



Flora Jones



Lisa McGuire



Jimmy Michael



Regina Newberry



Mildred Owens



Brenda Penley



Brenda Pike



Keith Sargent



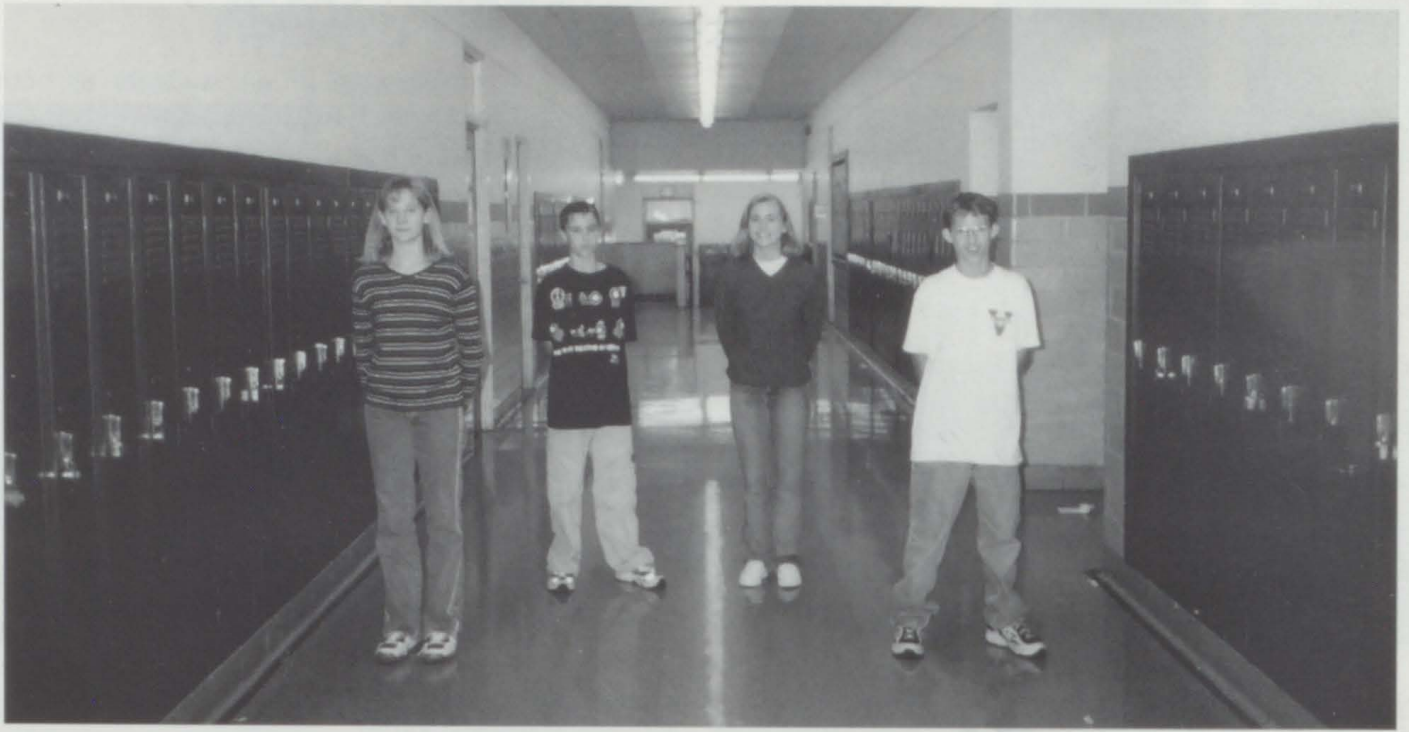
Nancy Stockner



Dot Tibbs



Mary Wimmer



Eighth Grade Class Officers:
 President, Brandy Tate;
 Vice President, Robbie Lee;
 Treasurer, Heather Wright;
 Secretary, Christian Simpkins.

Eighth Grade Class

The in-coming eighth grade class at Bland High School numbered thirty-six members. This group appeared anxious the first six weeks of school. They found themselves having to be more independent and responsible as they

moved from class to class and found themselves interacting with many teachers and students. The eighth grade class sponsors were Miss Crystal Kidd and Ms. LaMoore Muncy. Eighth graders adjusted to secondary place-

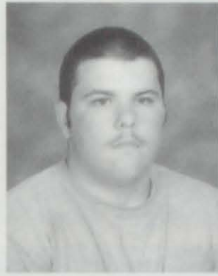
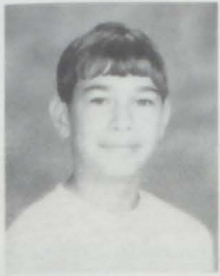
ment by the end of the second six weeks. They were excited about participating in the many sports, clubs, and activities.

J. P. Agee
 Keri Blankenship
 Zachary Breedlove
 Eugene Brunk
 Amanda Call



Scott Clemons
 Christina Cregger
 Ashlee Drummond
 Sherri Faulkner
 Amanda Foglesong





Chris Harman
Samantha Harner
Larry Howell
Stephen Howell
Virginia Justus



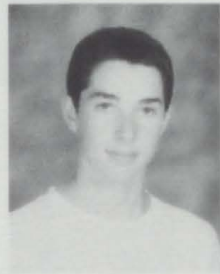
Brandon Kelley
Robert Lee
Serina Morris
Elisha Pauley
David Pike



Shauna Puckett
Amanda Scott
Christian Simpkins
Adam Six
Trista Six



Bridget Stiltner
Crystal Stuart
Chris Tolbert
Brandy Tate
James Thompson

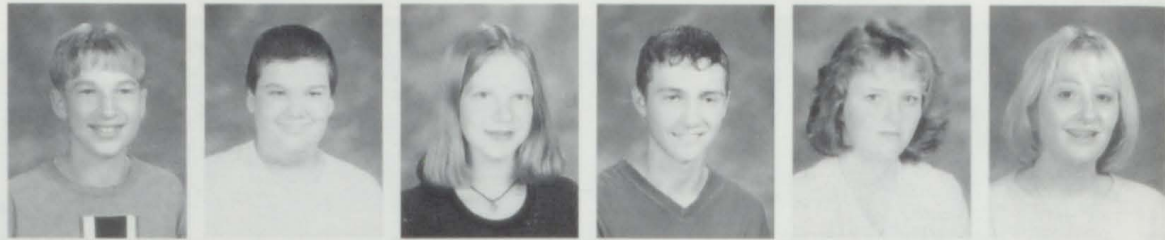


Kolt Walker
Brandon Webb
Nikki Wilson
Kevin Wimmer
Heather Wright



Kim Wright

Brandon Anders
 Wesley Armstrong
 Shelley Atwell
 Seth Baker
 Elizabeth Blankenship
 Shanna Brown



Charles Clemons
 John Clemons
 Jodi Crabtree
 Amie Cregger
 Jacob Davidson
 John Dillow



Casey Elliott
 Amanda Fisher
 Ben Foglesong
 Miranda Foley
 Erica Gray
 Denita Harden



Adam Harman
 Shawn Helbert
 Jessica Hounshell
 Amber Hutchins
 Thomas Johnson
 Christina King



Michelle Lee
 Corey Maddox
 Reggie Meadows
 Tonya Millirons
 Anthony Newberry
 Linda Nottingham



Melissa Olivo
 Tarah Pauley
 Travis Pauley
 Joshua Putnam
 Shawn Reed
 Chris Reese



Melissa Sadler
 Andy Sarver
 Todd Simons
 Bryan Simms
 Ronald Spain
 Amber Stiltner



Hunter Stuart
 Chase Thomas
 Dorothy Umbarger
 Danielle Underwood
 Joseph Walker
 Craig Winesett





David Wolcott
D. J. Wright
Sam Wright

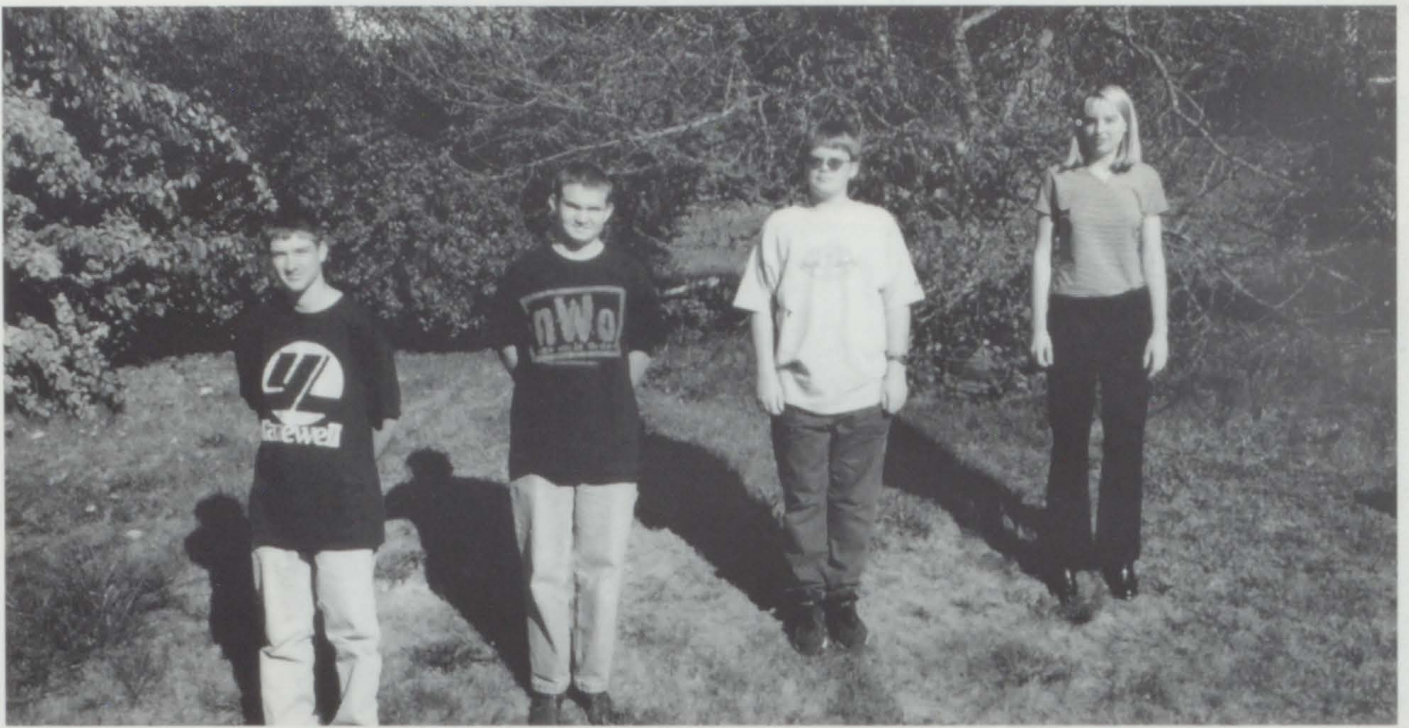


Ninth Grade Class Officers:
President, Danielle Underwood;
Vice President, Adam Harman;
Secretary, Casey Elliott;
Treasurer, Corey Maddox.

The Freshman Class

The Freshman Class of Bland High School was the largest class at the school. There were a total of 51 students enrolled during the 1998-1999 school year. Freshmen began the year with testing. Mrs. Morefield made certain that each student understood the importance of standardized tests and the part they played in student's academic ratings. They lost their

eighth grade status and began the year as "real high schoolers." Sponsors for this class were Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Mabe. The Freshmen were involved in many school events and activities. They were often seen after school waiting on practices and catching rides to and from the many places they found themselves having to be.



Sophomore Class Officers:
 President, Curtis Brewer;
 Vice President,
 Matthew Richardson;
 Secretary, Zachary Pauley;
 Treasurer, Kirstie Meadows.

The Sophomore Class

The Sophomore Class of BHS thought of themselves as "middle of the road." The class consisted of 37 members and found themselves beginning drivers and wearing class rings. Class sponsors

were Mrs. Jesse Kegley and Mr. Alfred Smith. Sophomores discovered that course content and classwork was certainly more complicated than the Jr. High level.

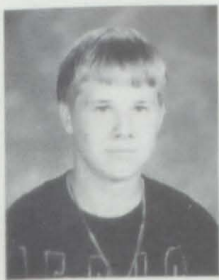
Overall this group was no different from the others and anticipated upperclass status. The school year moved quickly as this group became more and more involved in the life of the school.

Kristen Altizer
 Samantha Bird
 Kurt Blankenship
 Curtis Brewer
 Laura Bridges



Aaron Clemons
 Albert Davis
 Kari Hagy
 Eisle Havens
 Monica Havens





Nehemiah Hickman
Jennifer Hutzell
Bear James
Amy Johnson
Elizabeth Lambert



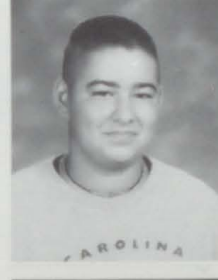
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Vanessa McBride
Brett McPeak
Kirstie Meadows
Hope Melvin



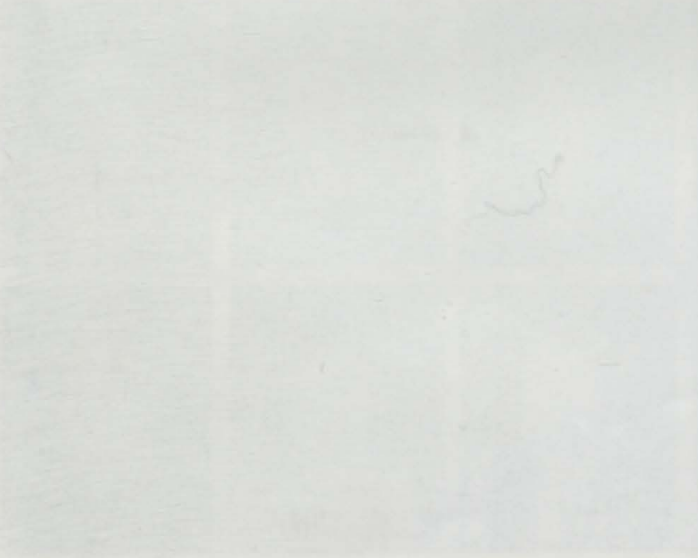
Rachel Mullins
Robert Newberry
Josh Olinger
Zachary Pauley
Sarah Pruett



Matthew Richardson
Jesse Rudder
Katie Scott
Brent Smith
Kristen Songer



Charlie Stiltner
Ashley Strock
Shane Thompson
Matthew Tickle
Erica Vanover



James Williams
Shanda Wilson



Junior Class Officers:
 President, Virginia Presley;
 Vice President, Kelli Hall;
 Secretary, Susan Stanley;
 Treasurer, Crystal Hancock;
 Reporter, Brandon Faulkner.

BHS Junior Class

The Junior class will soon be opening the door to 2000. Juniors had many things to look forward to at the beginning of the school year . . . parking, prom, and fundraising. Our class sponsors were Mrs. Sandra Harman and Mr.

John Wagoner. The Junior class had 33 members and was one of the smallest classes in the high school. As we recalled growing up, we were anxious to become Seniors. Now that we're almost there, we will have a lot of

challenges ahead of us. As the 98-99 school year came to a close, Juniors were heard discussing up-coming Senior status and special privileges.

Heather Clemons
 Sarah Coffman
 Lian Cole
 Brandon Faulkner
 Brian Faulkner



James Faulkner
 Josh Faulkner
 Jason Hagy
 Kelli Hall
 Crystal Hancock





Jeb Hodges
Nathan Justice
Rob Kegley
Jessica Kidd
Heather Morhead



Stuart Morehead
Aaron Pauley
Chris Pauley
Will Pauley
Virginia Presley



Lila Ramsey
Monica Reed
Kellen Shewey
Kelly Sluss
Josiah Smith

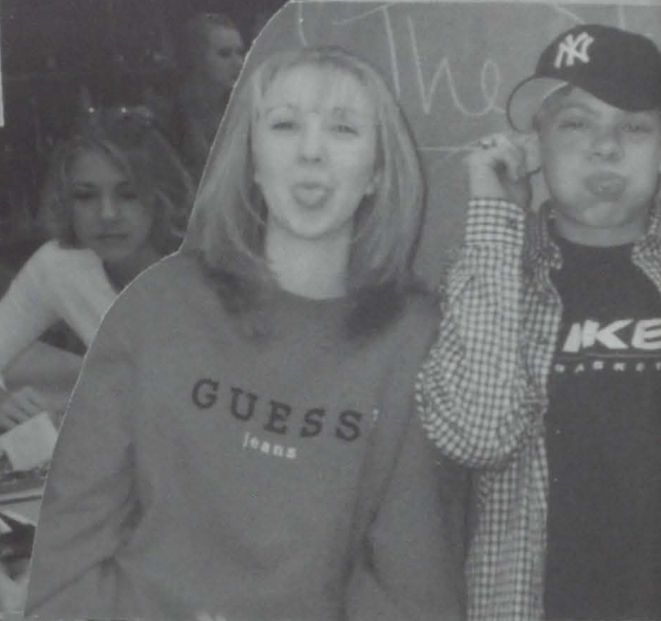
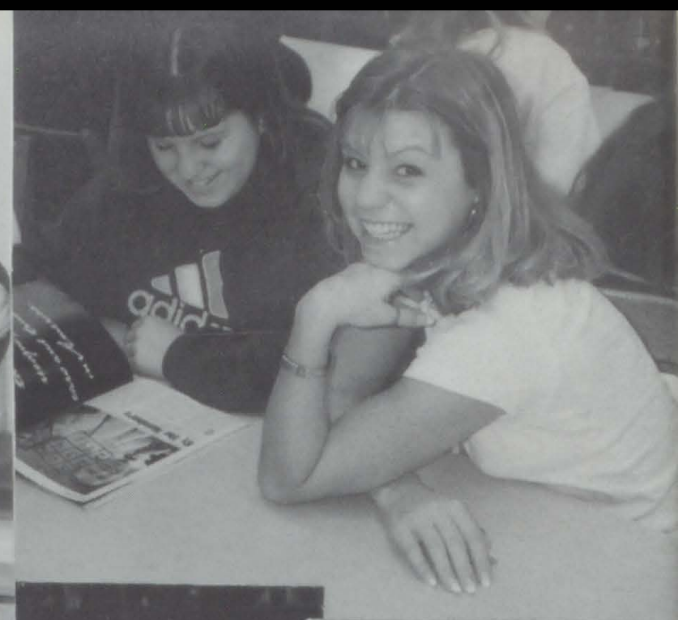


Ted Sparks
Susan Stanley
Crystal Stiltner
Ashley Tate
April Umbarger



Amy Viar
Dawn Wright
Mindy Wyllie





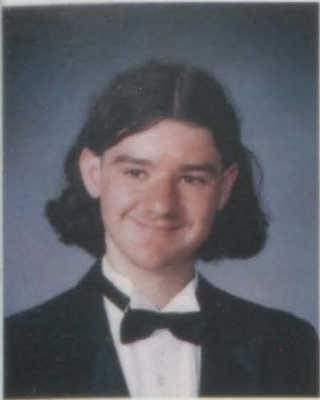
The Senior Class of Bland High School

The Senior Class of Bland High School closed the doors to the old millenium, but at the same

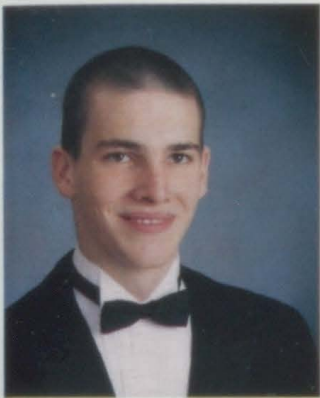
time, this group of graduates knocked on the door to the new millenium...the year 2000! The senior class, sponsored by Mr. Richard Havens and Mrs. Janet

Faulkner were 50 members strong. Their passage was nothing short of pride and pleasure as their last year at BHS drew to a close.

Senior Class Officers: Olena Sexton, President; Erin Johnson, V. Pres.; Kari Harner, Secretary; Joe Meadows, Treasurer; Not pictured: Jessica Umbarger, Co. V. Pres.



Randy Lee Berrington



Danny Ray Belcher, Jr.



April LeAnn Blankenship



Joshua Loyd Breedlove



Chad David Brewer



Jeffrey Paul Brunk



John Adam Carroll



Laura Ann Clifton



Jessica Anne Crawford



Mark Anthony Davidson



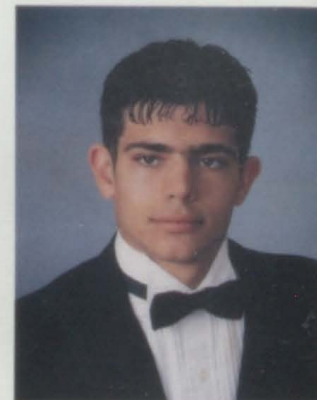
Kimberly Nicole Elliott



Billy Joseph Floyd



Leslie Herald Gordon



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Angela Renée Gross



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Kari Beth Harner



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Erin Rebecca Johnson



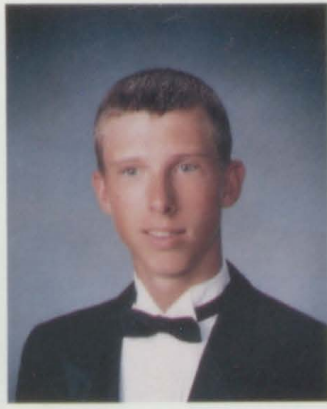
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Michael Lee Lambert



Josie Wayne McMillan



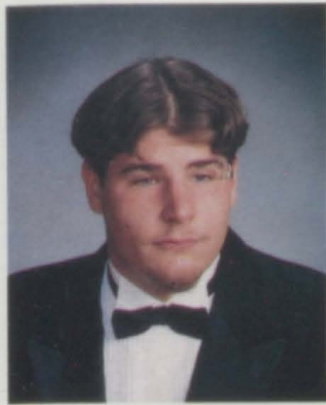
Kent Nathaniel McPeak



Joseph Brian Meadows



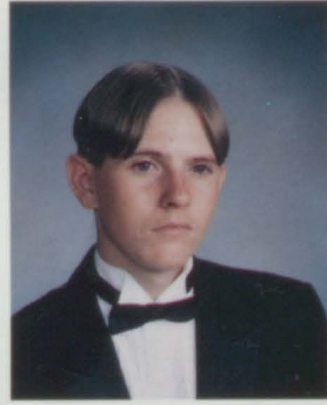
Katherine Saunders Muncy



Jason Robert Neel



David William Olinger



Ricky Lynn Olivo



Westen Palmer Patton



Tina Louise Pauley



Shelley Mae Payne



Meagan Amanda Penley



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William Heath Puckett



Titus Leon Ramsey



Joshua Allen Richardson



Ashleigh Joyce Sarver



Richard Ryan Sarver



Olena Sue Sexton



Allison Dean Sheets



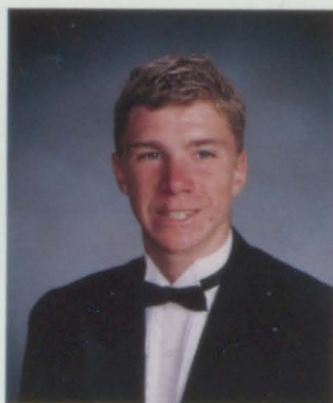
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Brandon Alan Smith



Jeremiah David Tate



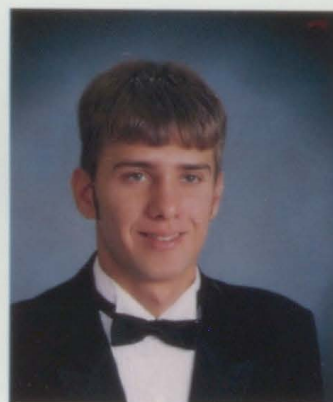
Justin Brent Tate



Jessica Lane Umbarger



Christa Lynn Winesett



Nathan Thomas Winters



Kelly Ann Woods

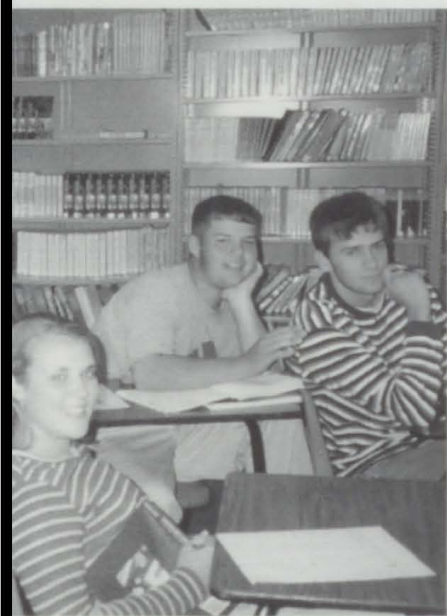


Unavailable Senior Pictures: Gesa Plester, German Exchange Student.



Seniors didn't hesitate to take a break from their work.

Academics



Graduation and Awards

BHS graduation exercises were held May 29, 1998, in the gymnasium at 7:30. Representatives

from area colleges and organizations presented awards, scholarships, and recognition to graduates who excelled in academics, sports, and other areas.

Forty-three seniors received diplomas with twenty-three of those being advanced diplomas. Awards for underclassmen was held May 28, 1998.

Below: 1998 Graduating Class.

Center: Seniors after graduation.

Right: Shelley Payne accepts an award for Student Volunteering.



Missy Woods giving her Valedictorian speech.



Debbie Muncy as Salutatorian.



Ryan Newberry reads the Class History.

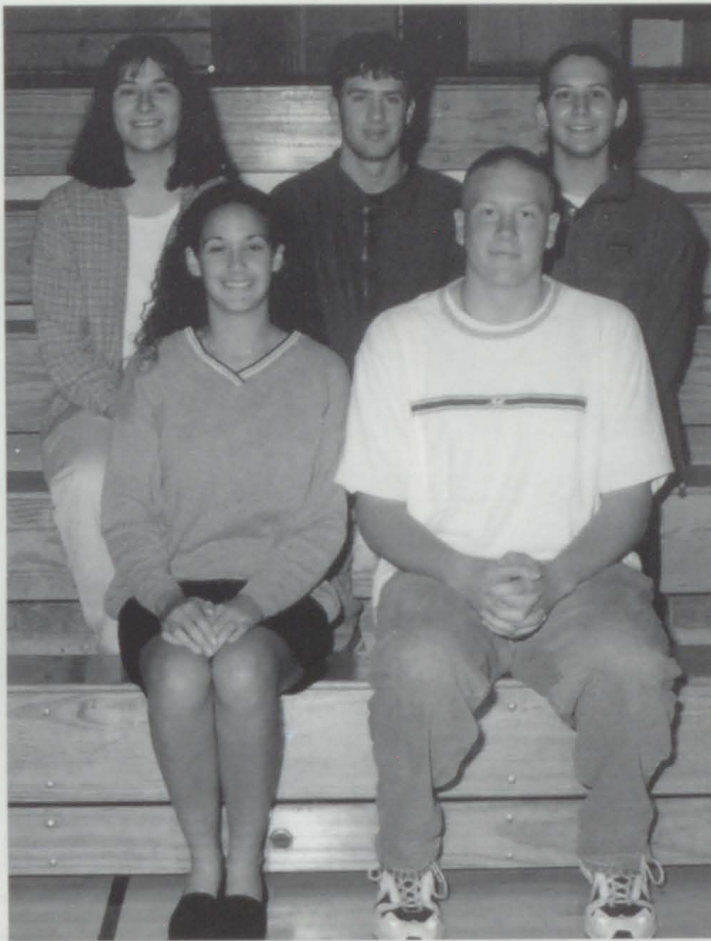
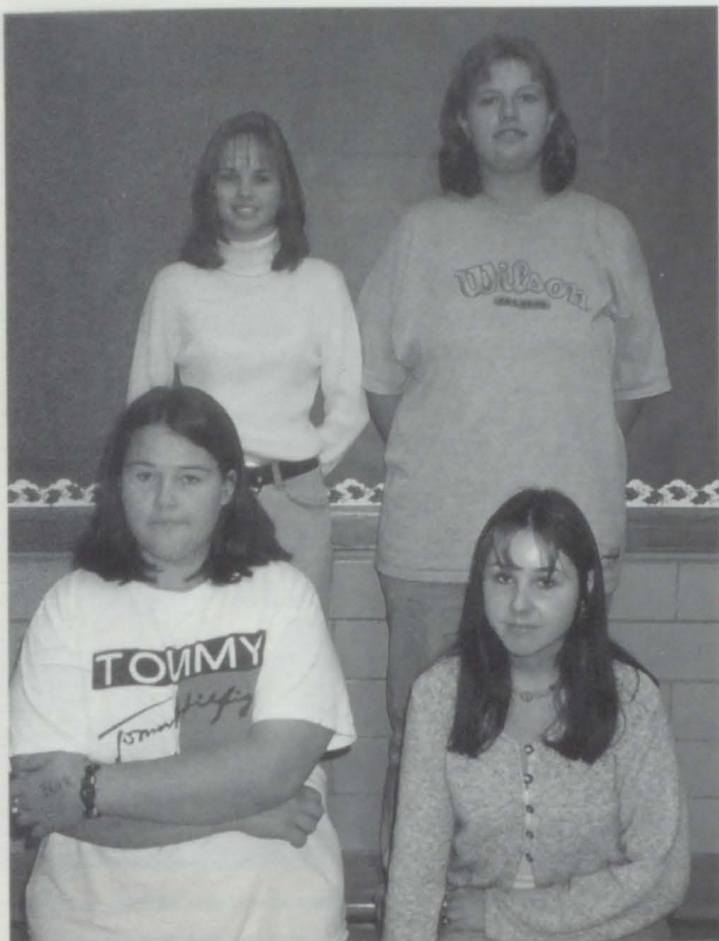
Academic Honor Students

Honor Students excelled academically. Sophomores with an "A" average (95 and above) for the

previous year received honor letters. Juniors who kept up their grades were awarded a bar; and dedicated Seniors received a double bar.

Bottom Left: SINGLE BAR RECIPIENTS-
Kneeling: Kelly Sluss and Mindy Wylie.
Standing: Susan Stanley and Crystal Stiltner.

Bottom Right: DOUBLE BAR RECIPIENTS-
Front Row: Renee Gross and Heath Puckett.
Back Row: Kari Harner, Nathan Winters, and Olena Sexton.



HONOR LETTER - Front row: Katie Scott and Zachary Pauley. **Second Row:** April Umbarger, Sarah Pruett, and Beth Lambert. **Back Row:** Megan Penley, David Olinger, and Monica Reed.

Ashleigh Sarver, recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship Award. Ashleigh also won the 1998 State Tennis Championship — her third straight year.

P.E. and Social Studies

Academic course work was the main door to any school system. Physical Education provided the time and activities for students to develop their physical selves as well as their cognitive

selves. Social Studies was presented as a time to learn about our government, communities, and localities. All instructors worked diligently in each class period.



Top: Ms. Crystal Kidd prepares for class.

Above: Ms. Muncy gives some extra help.

Right: These boys are having fun in gym class.



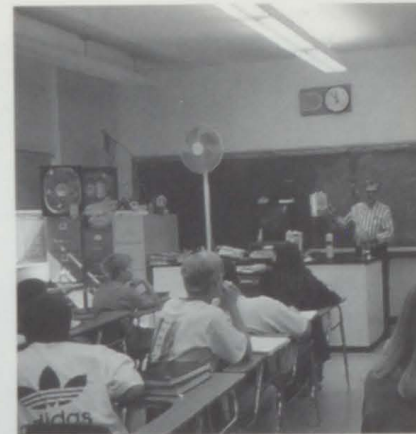
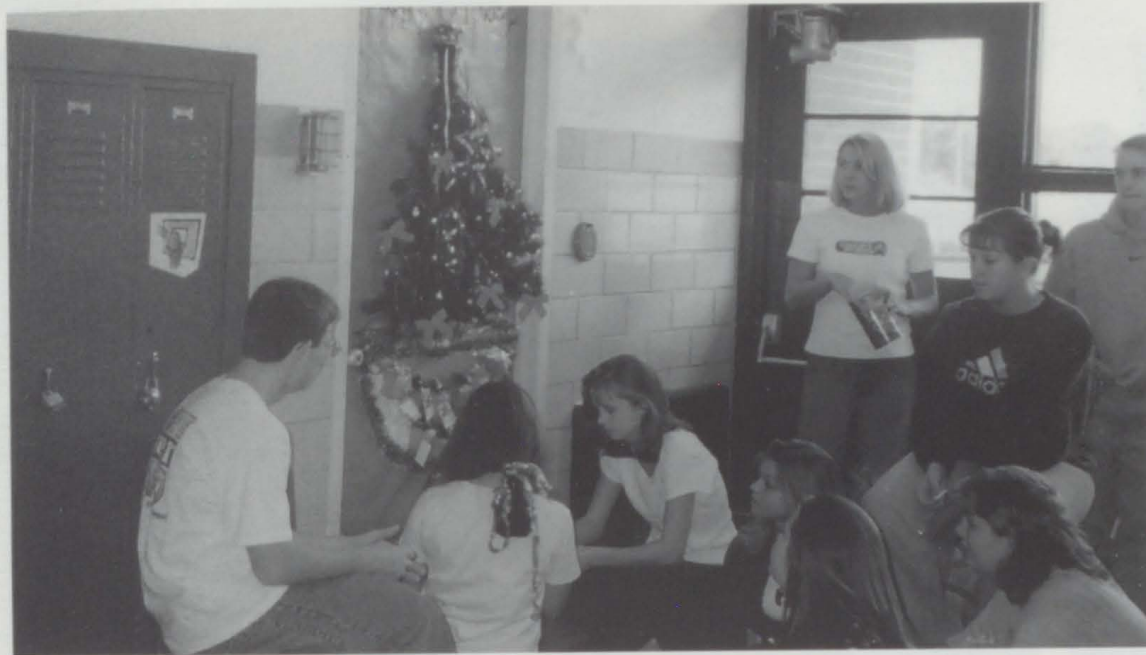
Right: Mr. Richard Havens' room and office are also busy areas for students, especially seniors. Any business, from parking to senior orders, keeps Mr. Havens busy during the day. The gym is the hub of student activity. Before school, during school, and certainly after, students gravitate in and out of this busy area. It is a multi-functional center where they can chat, play, practice, or just hang out. It is also a popular place for teachers to shoot a few hoops between classes.



Science and Math Core Subjects

Never before have science and math been more important. With the advancement of technology, these core subjects have had to implement this technology into an already existing curriculum. Graphing, calculators, com-

puter data for research, and scientific developments, make these classes more challenging than ever. Both teachers and students work hard to keep up with our ever changing technology.



Top: Mr. Wagner gives Chemistry notes.

Left: Mrs. Mabe — Trig. Class.

Above: Mr. Smith begins an experiment.



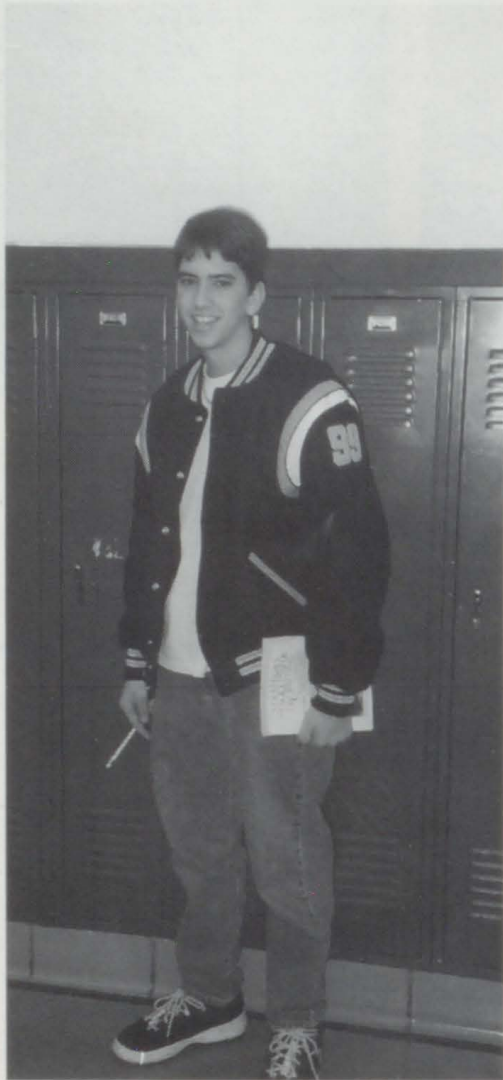
Left: Kari Hagy and Laura Bridges grimace as they begin dissection. Mr. Smith's class captured the attention of students. The dissection of fetal pigs held the attention of all who were involved. The necessary stench of formaldehyde filled the halls and students were seen momentarily stepping out for a breath of fresh air. We learned that even though it seemed a gruesome feat, it truly was vital to learning about the human body and the world around us.

Languages English and French

Communication was a key element in an academic curriculum. BHS offers English and French. English ranges from Adaptive English to Dual Credit English. Student must test on the conventions of written English in order to qualify for Dual Credit English. These tests are administered and evaluated by Wytheville

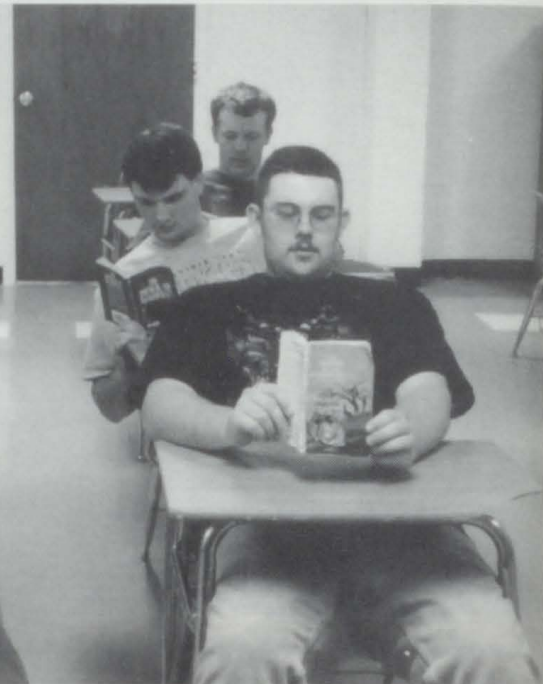
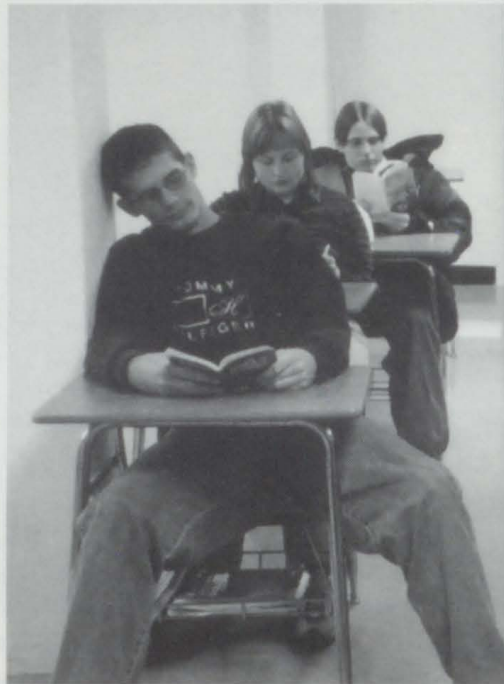
Community College. Those who score between 29-32 have another chance to submit a writing sample to be evaluated by three English Instructors from WCC. Students interested in obtaining an advanced diploma must also complete three years of French.

Mrs. Perry moves around during French class.



Above: Weston Patton pauses at his locker for a picture. Wes is a senior with musical interests.

Center: Mrs. Harman's first period English class reads a Sherlock Holmes mystery novel.



Above: Mrs. Faulkner's Dual Credit English.

Right: Senior Brent Tate makes a magazine selection.



Amanda Scott uses technology in FHA.



Vocational Education

The vocational students worked hard to accomplish their tasks for both Bland and Wythe County school systems. Both Juniors and Seniors attended vocational school. Juniors left campuses each morning while Seniors attended the afternoon vocational classes. Catching the bus and meeting schedules was

often hectic, but vocational students endured being away for a large portion of the school day.

The more popular programs of study included: Child Care, Cosmetology, Health Occupations, Masonry, Machines, and Building Trades.



Center Left: Mrs. Kegley's business students determined and focused as they complete assignments.

Above: Lila Ramsey returns from Wythe County Vocational School where she is a student in Child Care Services.

Left: Josie McMillian, Senior, polishes welding skills.

Above: David Olinger cooks in Home Ec.



Math Macc: Front Row — Ashleigh Sarver, Heath Puckett, Kari Harner, Nathan Winters.
Back Row — Joey Walker, Heather Wright, Shauna Puckett, David Walcott.

All Around: Front — Laura Clifton, Olena Sexton, Virginia Presley.
Back — Zach Pauley, S. Bird.

Social Studies: Front — V. Presley, A. Umbarger, K. Sluss.
Back — A. Sarver, J. Richardson.



English — A. Strock, L. Clifton, S. Bird.
Back — K. Blankenship, B. Stiltner, K. Wright.

Science — E. Johnson, O. Sexton, S. Thompson.
Back Row — B. Tate, Z. Pauley, S. Harner.

Organizations

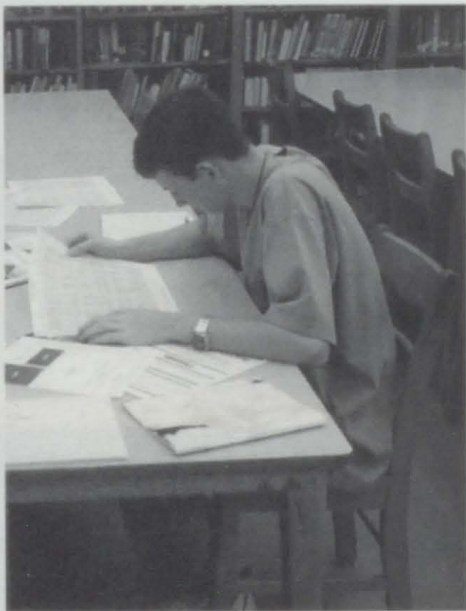


Photo Journalism



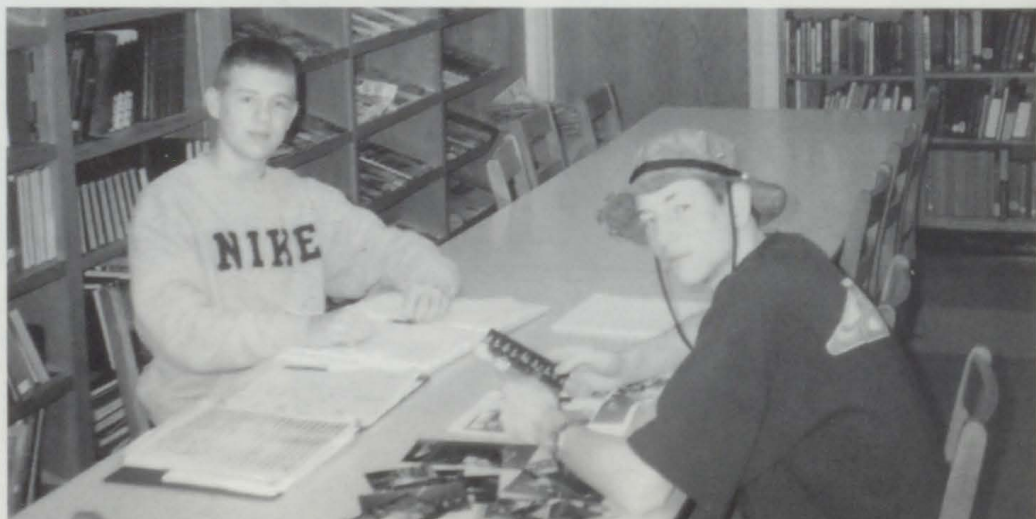
Photo Journalism is taught by Mrs. Sandra Harman. Students learn the organizational levels of yearbook production. Only Juniors and Seniors are eligible for this class.

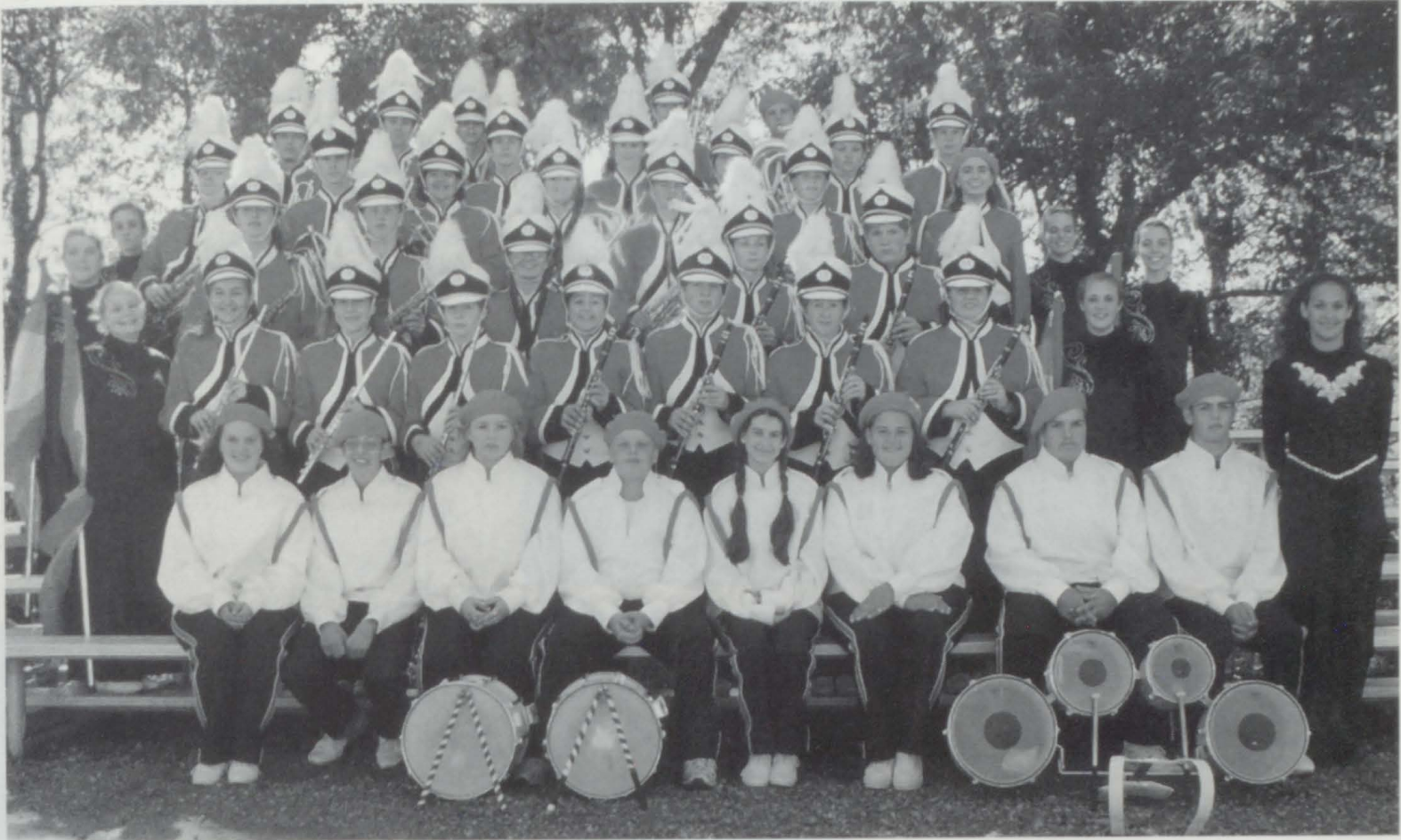
Above: Front Row: Jessica Kidd, Lila Ramsey.
Back Row: Shelley Payne, Mandy Jones, Nikki Elliott, Dawn Wright, Heather Clemons, Crystal Stiltner, Rob Kegley. Not pictured: Chris Pauley.
Right: Mandy Jones and Shelley Payne are hard at work on Photo Journalism.



Students had to learn to deal with job/office situations such as: deadlines, teamwork, and work relationships. As many students discovered, this class was quite involved and hectic. As spring approached everyone was eager to see the finished product.

Right: Rob Kegley and Chris Pauley take a break from Photo Journalism for a quick shot!





Front: M. Neal, B. May, T. Bradshaw, J. Sutphin, A. Faulkner, K. Sluss, C. Brewer, S. Thompson, R. Gross.

2nd Row: S. Bird, T. Bradshaw, L. Kitts, C. Mckee, A. White, J. Crabtree, C. Hancock, C. Rife, A. Sarver.

3rd Row: J. Price, C. Stiltner, J. Walker, D. Harden, H. Morehead, D. Williams, S. Boone.

4th Row: A. Mercer, M. Lambert, C. Viar, T. White, C. Whitt, C. Harman, A. Sarver, M. Balas, K. Muncy.

Back Row: E. Thompson, N. Winters, C. Thomas, J. Meadows, J. Nelson, J. Clemons, V. Presley, B. Leighton, A. Hutchins, D. Wolcott.



Students learn music fundamentals in both beginning and intermediate bands. These levels of band provide them with a solid foundation of music on which they can further their talents and interests.

Center: Intermediate Band consists of students in grades 5-7.

Left: Beginning Band members.



FFA — Future Farmers of America



Jeff Brunk and Kent McPeak work on a sled in the Ag. shop.

The shop was a popular work center for the school and the community. Woodworking and welding were two major skills that were covered in all levels of agricultural study. Knowledge of tools and equipment were an important step in gaining expertise, but care and maintenance of the shop and its equipment were equally important. The students grew to understand the necessity of daily cleaning and organizing. Vocational agricultural curriculum included five levels of covering grades 8-12. The study of livestock, crops, and general farm information was a favorite among BHS students.

The 3rd and 5th year FFA Club: First Row: Jeremy Harless, Kellen Shewey, Jeremiah Tate, Josie McMillian, D. J. Wright, Jeff Brunk, Eric Gray.

2nd Row: Ricky Olivo, Joe Meadows, Gerald James, David Olinger, Billy Floyd, James Faulkner.

Back Row: Ted Sparks, Nathan Justice, Mark Davidson, Stuart Morehead, Titus Ramsey, Josh Breedlove.



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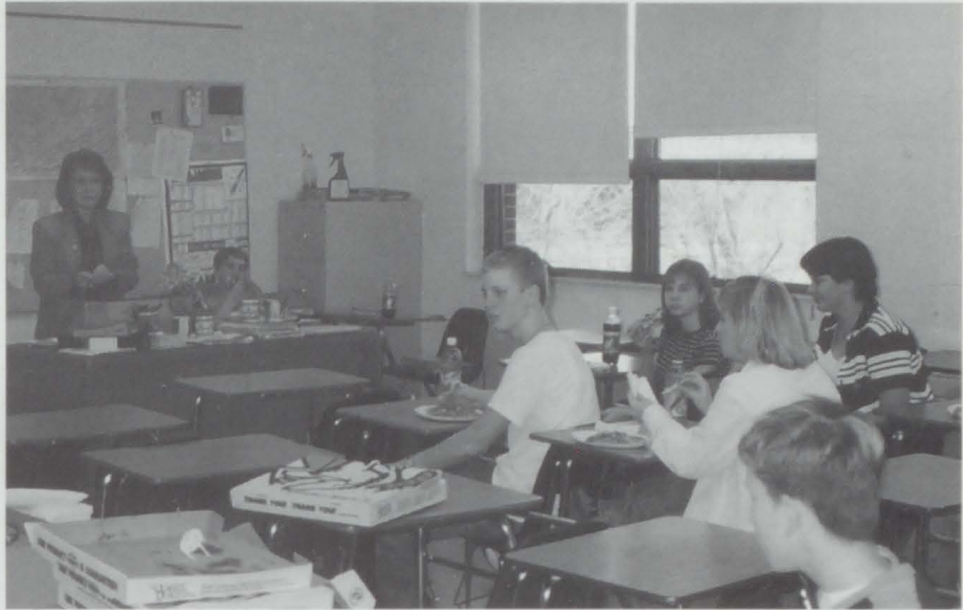
The 1st and 2nd year FFA Club: Front Row: Brandon Webb, Brian Six, Robert Lee, Kevin Wimmer, Christopher Harman.

2nd Row: Jason Hagy, Kolt Walker, Larry Howell, Eugene Brunk.

Back Row: Wesley Armstrong, Travis Pauley, Ronald Spain.

4-H Helps Prepare Students

The 4-H Pizza Party is held annually at Bland. 4-H was a club for any student interested in passing through various doors of opportunity. Students were reminded of special projects and meeting by means of daily school announcements. School news always included 4-H news and announcements. This was one of the largest and most active extra-curricular clubs. Mrs. Betty Munsey (assisted by a host of others) was actively involved in promoting interest and information along with personal development through county 4-H Clubs.



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Front Row: E. Johnson, O. Sexton, K. Harner, C. Havens, B. Faulkner.
2nd Row: V. McBride, K. Altizer, K. Songer, K. Hagy, M. Sadler, J. Crabtree, M. Foiley, S. Brown, B. Kelley, J. P. Agee.
3rd Row: C. King, B. Faulkner, D. Underwood, C. Stiltner, A. Hutchins, D. Harden, M. Kall, H. Wright, S. Harner, S. Puckett, A. Strock.
4th Row: Z. Pauley, B. McPeak, C. Hancock, V. Presley, D. Wolcott, K. Wright, K. Blankenship, S. Faulkner, N. Wilson, S. Pruett.
Back Row: S. Thompson, A. Pauley, M. Tickle, R. Kegley, R. Spain, J. Walker, S. Reed, J. Williams, C. Stiltner, C. Brewer.

Mechanicsburg Senior 4-H: Front Row: Leslie Gordon, Laura Clifton, Amy Johnson, Brett McPeak, Shawn Helbert, Hope Melvin.
Back Row: Thomas Johnson, Amanda Foglesong, Kelli Hall, Kristen Songer.



Future Homemakers of America



Front Row: E. Johnson, T. Ramsey, K. Harner, K. Munsey, C. Brewer, W. Patton, S. Payne.
2nd Row: J. Crawford, A. Sheets, M. Jones, J. Umbarger, A. Simmons, J. McMillan, C. Hancock, D. Wright.
3rd Row: C. Havens, A. Strocker, S. Pruett, T. Six, M. Havens.
4th Row: K. Altizer, K. Songer, K. Hagy, N. Wilson, J. Justice, S. Helbert, D. Umbarger, T. Millirons.
Back Row: K. Meadows, E. Vanover, H. Clemons, N. Elliot, E. Pauley, D. Harden, A. Foglesong.



Scotty Clemons measures the ingredients for a great recipe.



Jeremiah Tate in Home Ec.



Dorothy Umbarger and James Thompson in the kitchen.

Forensics and Newspaper



Forensics: Front Row: Samantha Bird, Brandy Tate.
2nd Row: A. Blankenship, A. Sarver, A. Tate, V. Presley, S. Puckett.
3rd Row: R. Kegley, L. Bridges, K. Hall, O. Sexton, S. Helbert.
4th Row: E. Johnson, K. Harner, L. Gorden, A. Strock, Renee Gross.
Back Row: H. Puckett



Virginia Presley, one of the Forensics competitors, works on Domestic Extemporaneous while in the library.

Forensics was one of the more exciting competitions at the school. Each year, BHS students compete with other schools in areas involving many forms of speaking such as Prose, Dramatic Interpretation, Spelling, Comedy, etc. This year's Forensics Tournament was held at Rocky Gap High School. Bland did very well in the competition. BHS's reputation as strong Forensics' competitors was still intact!



Newspaper Staff: Front Row: Crystal Hancock, Susan Stanley, Virginia Presley, Renee Gross, Olena Sexton, Erin Johnson, Kari Harner, Ashley Sarver, Laura Clifton.
2nd Row: Melissa Sadler, Rachel Mullins, Christina King, Amber Hutchins, Lisa Pauley, Jody Crabtree, Shawn Helbert.
Back Row: Tarah Pauley, Danielle Underwood, Crystal Stiltner, Kelly Sluss, April Umbarger
 This year's Newspaper staff was a large group of students interested in writing and school news.

Senior Beta at Bland High

Front Row: Leslie Gordon, Heath Puckett, Ashleigh Sarver.

2nd Row: Amy Viar, Olena Sexton, Gesa Plester, Erin Johnson, Katie Muncy, Cicely Havens, Laura Clifton, Monica Reed, Susan Stanley.

3rd Row: Meagan Penley, April Umbarger, Crystal Hancock, Virginia Presley, Kari Harner, Reneé Gross, Crystal Stiltner, Kelly Sluss.

4th Row: Kelli Hall, Zachary Pauley, Kirstie Meadows, Samantha Bird, Sarah Pruett, Ashley Strock, Eisle Havens, Katie Scott, Elizabeth Lambert.

Back Row: Heather Morehead, Will Pauley, Curtis Brewer, Rob Kegley, Josh Richardson, Brent Tate, Joe Meadows, Josh Breedlove, Nathan Winters.



Junior Beta at Bland High

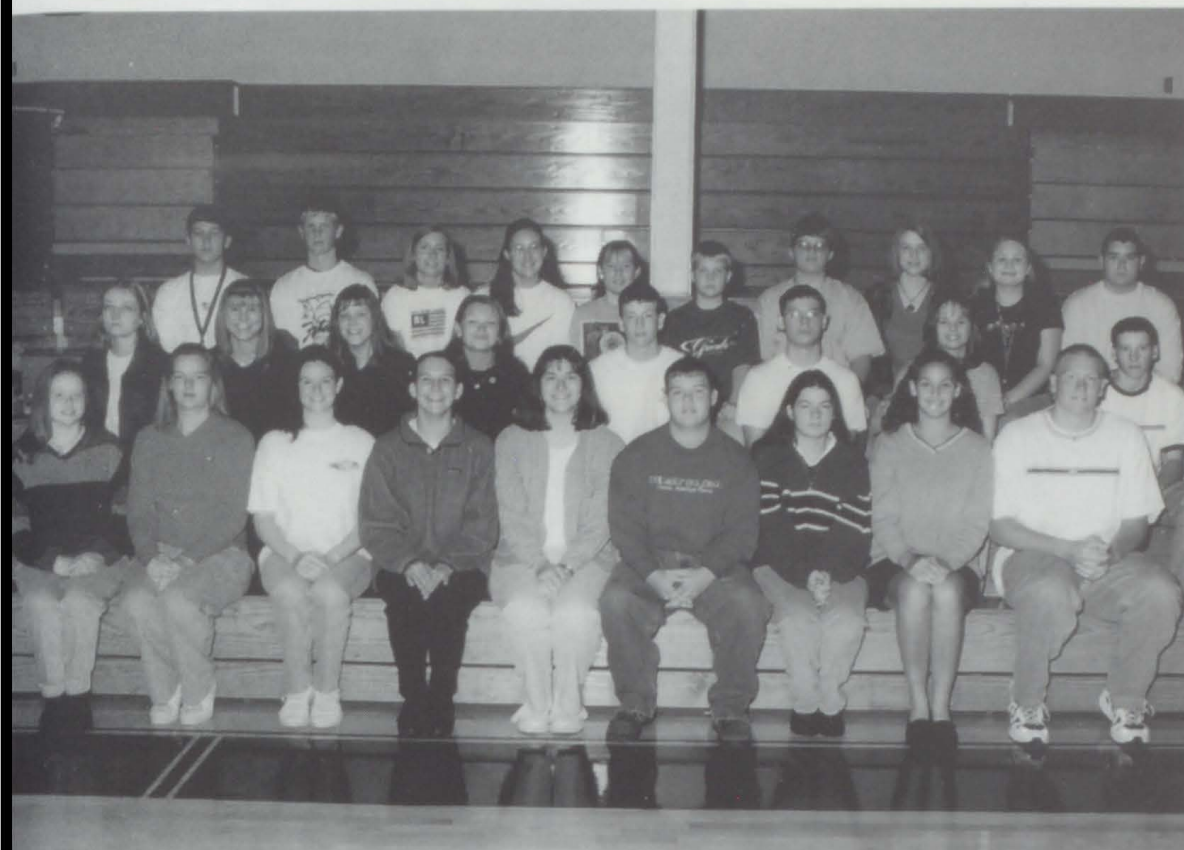
Front Row: Danielle Underwood, John Dillow, Brandon Anders, Andy Sarver.

2nd Row: Jodi Crabtree, Melissa Sadler, Amber Hutchins, Seth Baker, Hunter Stuart.

Back Row: Shawn Helbert, David Wolcott, Sam Wright, Eric Gray, Joey Walker.



SCA — Student Council Association

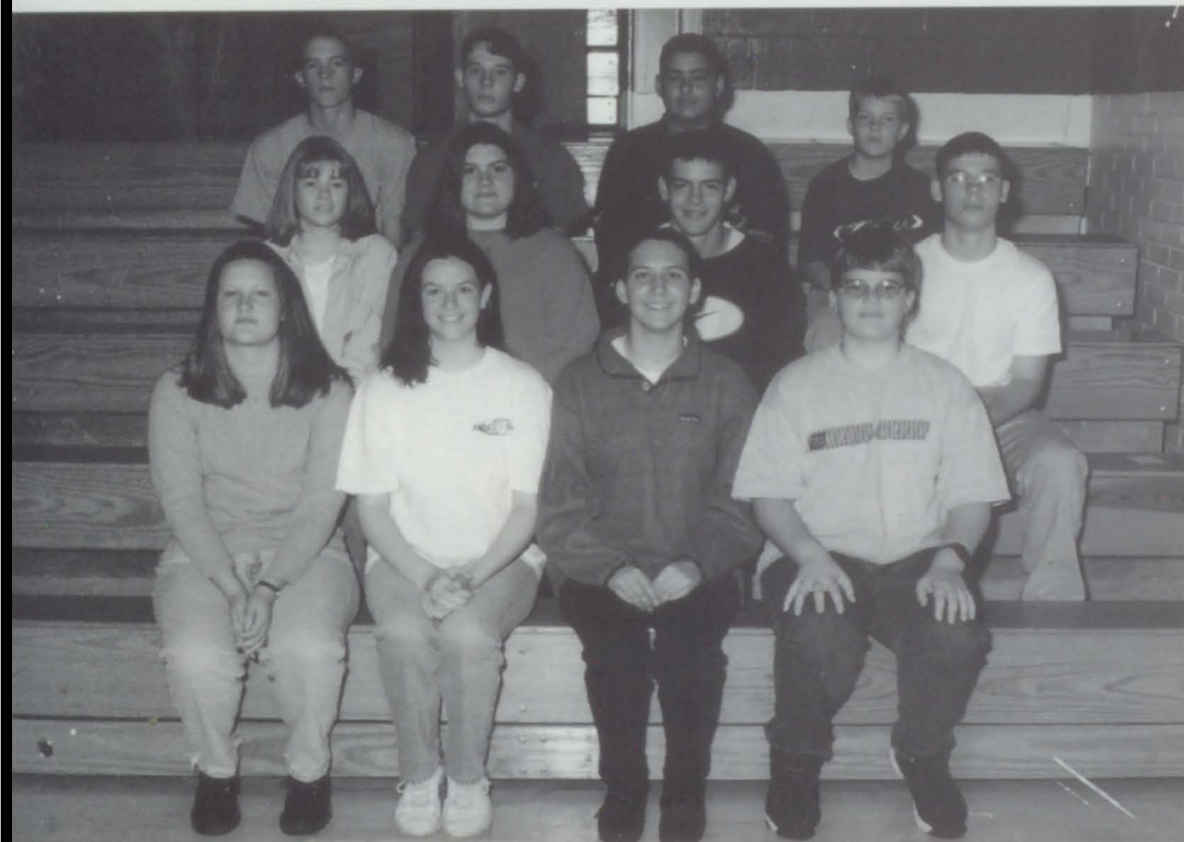


Front Row: Laura Clifton, Jessica Crawford, Erin Johnson, Olena Sexton, Kari Harner, Josh Breedlove, Virginia Presley, Renee Gross, Heath Puckett.

2nd Row: Heather Morehead, Danielle Underwood, Christina King, Amber Hutchins, Rob Kegley, Brandon Faulkner, Susan Stanley, Brandon Kelley.

Back Row: John Dillow, Joey Walker, Heather Wright, Sam Harner, Kim Wright, Zachary Breedlove, Zachary Pauley, Katie Scott, Samantha Bird, J. P. Agee.

Upward Bound



Front Row: April Umbarger, Erin Johnson, Olena Sexton, Zachary Pauley.

2nd Row: Jessica Kidd, Amy Viar, Shane Thompson, Brandon Faulkner.

Back Row: Aaron Pauley, Brian Faulkner, Matthew Tickle, Zach Breedlove.

Upward Bound gives students an introduction to college. This extra boost has been effective for B.H.S. students.

FBLA

FBLA is a non-profit Educational Association for students preparing for careers in business, entrepreneurial or business related fields. BHS has 37 FBLA members. They completed two major

projects for state and community service. Bingo satisfied requirements for community projects while fund raising for Project ASK (childhood cancer) gave students state recognition.



Top Right: Rob Kegley and Susan Stanley.
Above: Josh Breedlove lectures Kari Harner and Tina Pauley.
Right: FBLA has a pizza party.

Bottom Row: Kari Harner, Josh Breedlove, Olena Sexton, Kelli Hall, Ashleigh Sarver, Erin Johnson, Susan Stanley.

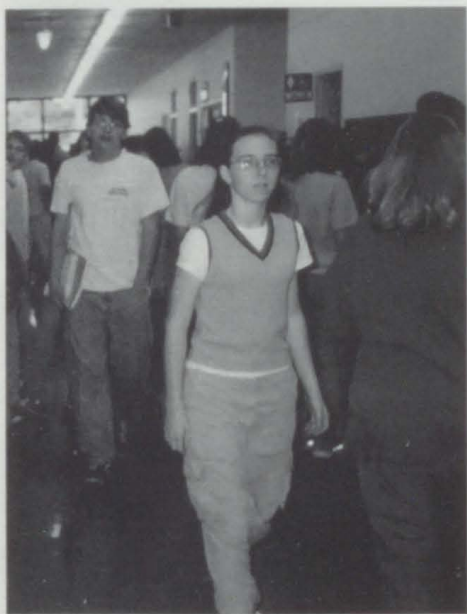
Second Row: Rachael Mullins, Monica Reed, Brian Faulkner, Jessica Kidd, Brandon Faulkner, Laura Clifton, Vanessa McBride, Shauna Puckett, Samantha Harner, Heather Wright

Third Row: Amy Viar, Danielle Underwood, Tara Pauley, Amber Hutchins, Tina Pauley, Katie Munsey, Renee Gross, Heath Puckett, Shawn Helbert, David Wolcott.

Fourth Row: Heather Morehead, Joey Walker, Will Pauley, Reggie Meadley, Leslie Gordon, Rob Kegley, Chris Pauley, Thomas Johnson, Shanna Brown.



Student Life

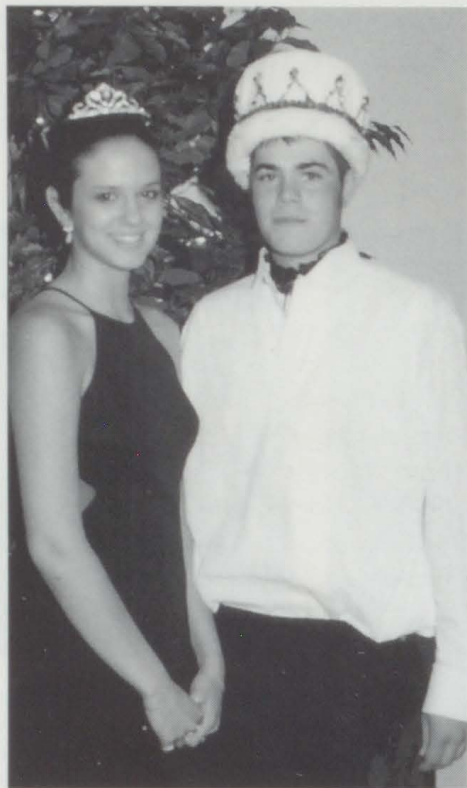


"My Heart Will Go On"

The Bland High School Prom was held for the first time at the Country Club in Bluefield, West Vir-

ginia. Students arrived in formal attire for the evening's events. The music was provided by J-104 radio station with Jay Patricks and Lori Charles from

Kicks Country. Kings and Queens, were crowned and the night was topped off with an after-prom party at the Bluefield Recreational Center.



TOP LEFT: Jeremy Dillow and Leslie Carroll were crowned Prom King and Queen. **TOP CENTER:** Adam Carroll and Ashleigh Sarver received the honors of Prom Prince and Princess. **TOP RIGHT:** Sponsor, Donna Musick, captures prom action on video. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Prom Committee: Miss Muncy, Heath Puckett, Renee Gross, Erin Johnson, Kari Harner, Leslie Gordon, and Cicely Havens. **RIGHT:** "Invisible Charlie" and Sarah Bird.

Football Homecoming

Bland County Football Homecoming was an evening for sporting, music, and queens. Though the game was lost to Shawsville High School, the night was a homecoming victory in itself. With summer-like weather prevailing, the homecoming court took to the field for a fabulous display of support for their school and their team.

Miss Debbie Munsey had the pleasure of crowning Miss Tessa Andrews from Rocky Gap High School as the 1998-99 Homecoming Queen. Tessa was escorted by Rocky Gap player number 85, Josh Kidd.

Miss Tessa Andrews on the field with all the glory granted to the Homecoming Queen. She is escorted by Josh Kidd.



Kristen Altizer escorted by Jeremiah Tate.



Susan Stanley escorted by Jesse Goss.



Jessica Crawford escorted by Robert Newberry.

BHS Homecoming & Snowdance



Top Right: Ashleigh Sarver, BHS Homecoming Queen of 1999.

Top Left: Homecoming Queen Ashleigh Sarver & her escort Josh Breedlove.

Center Right: Kari Harner presents flowers to all of the candidates.

Center Left: Amber Hutchins — 8th grade, Rachel Mullins — 10th grade, Jessica Kidd — 11th grade, and Samantha Harner — 8th grade.

Right: BHS Homecoming candidates of 1999 pose together for a group picture.





Left: Couples enjoy a slow dance.
Below: Heather Morehead and Jacob Dillow take a break.



Above: Kelli Hall and Andy Sarver share a friendly smooch on the dance floor.



Center: A crowd joins together for a slow song.

Above: Students smile as they notice the camera.

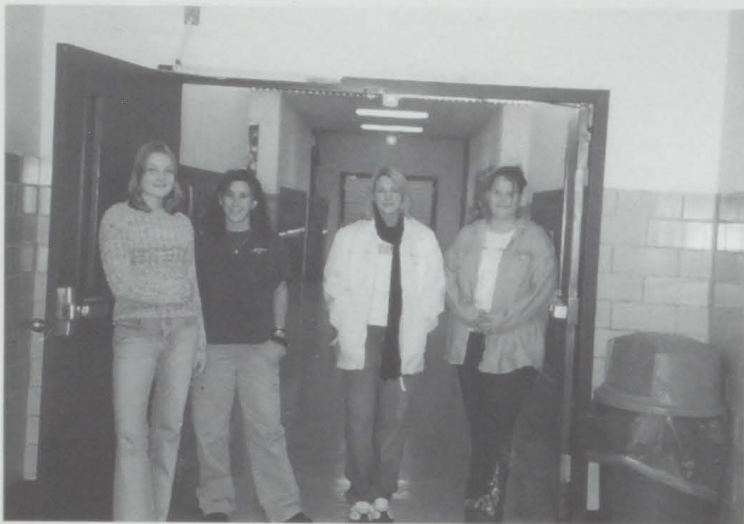
Fashions and Trends at Bland High



The country and western "look" is always a welcomed and familiar sight at BHS.



Cowboy boots are versatile footwear for both home and school.



Girls still enjoy baggy, loose, comfortable clothes no matter what the millennium may bring.



Girl's footwear shows a diversity of styles and choices. Anything goes from canvas to combat boots.



Baseball caps, t-shirts, and baggy jeans will always be popular at BHS.



Baggy jeans with wide legs are certainly a trendy look when worn with tennis shoes.

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The Bland County Fair

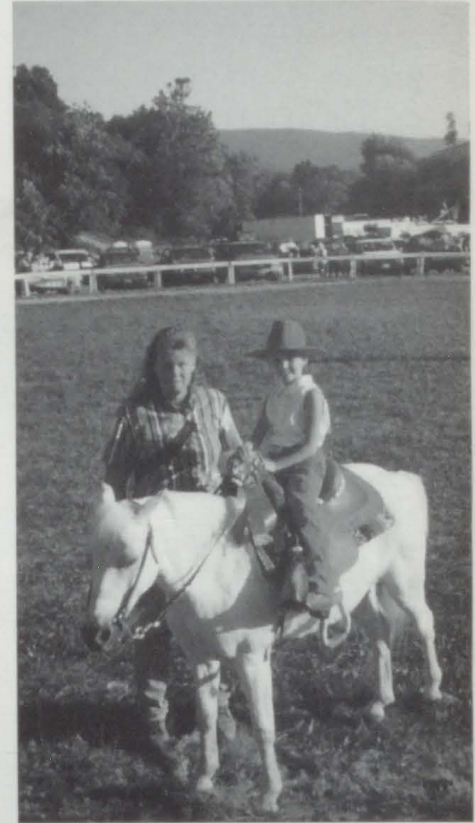
The seventy-second annual Bland County Fair and Hor-

seshow was held August 26-29. School dismissed early each day, not for the fair, but due to the intense heat that prevailed each day. Not to be outdone

by the sweltering days, students became involved in Bland County Merchant's Day, equestrian events, home economics, and what else....Bingo!

Rob Kegley and Olena Sexton, FBLA Members, provide help during the second annual Bland County Merchant's Day. Carrying gifts and prizes won by patrons didn't keep either of these BHS students from finding time to catch up on the "socializing."

Katie Eastep is a familiar sight on her white pony, "Matilda." Katie showed in several events both Friday and Saturday.



Dawn Wright wins the dog show event, and takes home the blue ribbon for her breed.

Julia Davis participates in the parade.

Fifth Annual Festival of Leaves

As summer changed to early fall, so did the appearance of downtown Bland during the October Festival of Leaves. The beautiful weather and the abundant displays of fall foliage adorned the town block around the county courthouse. Community members and many others gathered to enjoy the many sights and activities planned during the weekend event.

Below: Debbie Munsey gives assistance to BES student Sondra Harman. **Center:** Balloon lift off!



Food vendors are a favorite among those in attendance.

Autumn Haynes and Christina Dillow..balloons!

The county courthouse is center stage.

World Events

We discovered that the world was surely larger than our micro world of school. The death of Florence Griffith Joyner came as a shock as the world lost a dedicated athlete. John Glenn proved that a seventy-seven year old senator from Ohio was as strong as ever. Mark McGwire broke Roger Maris' sixty-two homerun record. Country singer legend,

Tammy Wynette's death was another tragic event. Tammy proved to the world that a 17 year old high school dropout could become a country music legend. Finally, Hurricane Mitch devastated much of Central America as we watched and mourned the loss caused by such a mighty storm.

The world holds its breath as hero John Glenn goes into space again.

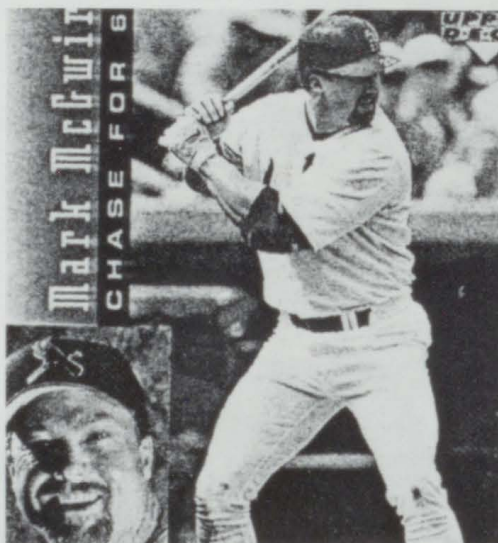


Above: FloJo's death finds the nation grieving for the loss of a dedicated athlete.

Top Center: Many rushed to rescue victims in Guatemala City following the devastation of Hurricane Mitch.



Rescue: Helping victims near Guatemala City



Above: Baseball's "Great," Mark McGwire breaks the homerun record.

Right: Tammy Wynette known as a country music legend.



Varsity Girls' Basketball Front Row: Crystal Hancock, Laura Bridges, Susan Stanley, Kristen Altizer.
Back Row: Monica Reed, Gesa Plester, Crystal Stiltner, Jessica Crawford, Kelli Hall.
 Not Pictured: (Lian Cole)

The Lady Rockettes worked diligently and their payoff made their efforts worthwhile. Their long awaited win made them a part of history. Only losing two players to graduation, this team should definitely be successful in the future.



Below: Jessica Crawford takes a shot as Kelli Hall, Susan Stanley and Crystal Stiltner look on.



Right: Susan Stanley tries to outrun Tessa Andrews of Rocky Gap to score an easy layup.



Above: is Kristen Altizer smiling at her opponent or is she just trying to get by her with style?

Right: Head Coach Tina Brown watches anxiously as the Rockettes try for a much wanted victory.



Rockettes Soar Varsity And J.V.

The Lady Rockets made headlines this year as they broke the 124 game losing streak. This breakthrough came when Bland played the Pocahontas Indians on October 22, 1998. The team consisted of two Seniors, six Jun-

iors, and two Sophomores. Spectators, parents, and school personnel collectively celebrated both at center court and at school. The J.V. Rockettes also had two wins contributing to a successful season.



Above: Melissa Sadler goes for the steal.

Left: Danielle Underwood grabs the ball while the team watches.



Front Row: Bridget Stiltner; Sherri Faulkner.

2nd Row: Kristen Songer; Danielle Underwood; Michelle Lee.

Back Row: Jodi Crabtree; Brandy Tate; Amber Hutchins; Christina King; Melissa Sadler; Shana Puckett; Denita Harden; Nikki Wilson; Mandy Call.

Varsity Volleyball Kneeling:

Ashleigh Sarver, Gesa Plester, Renee Gross.

2nd Row: Virginia Presley, Lian Cole, April Umbarger, Jessica Kidd, Amy Viar.

Back Row: Heather Morehead, Kelli Hall, Monica Reed, Crystal Stiltner, Susan Stanley.



Below: Ashleigh Sarver can't believe the hit that Kelli Hall delivered during warm-ups.

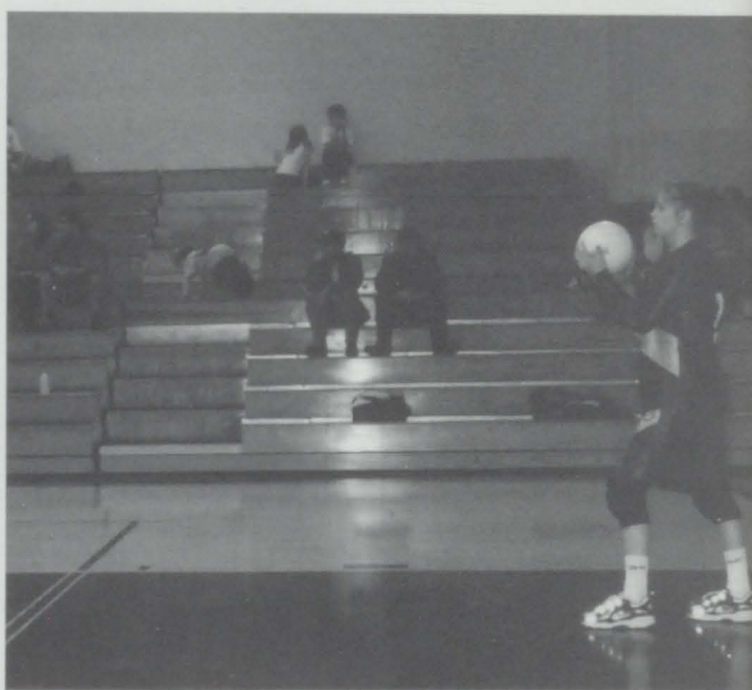


Right: Monica Reed gets the ball over the net the best way that she knows how ... with her power serve.



Above: Miss Morehead prepares game strategy. Bland defeats the Rocky Gap Lady Eagles.

Right: Susan Stanley gets into position and gets ready to serve the winning point.



Below: J.V. waits anxiously for the game to start.



J.V. and Varsity

In the past, volleyball had not been a dominant sport at Bland High School. Over the past few years, the interest in this sport has grown. Both J.V. and Varsity comprise the Volleyball Program. The Varsity Team were nine members strong and consisted of six Juniors and three Seniors. The J.V.

team had four Sophomores and seven Freshmen. Both teams showed their ability to play volleyball in practice and in games. They worked well together proving that Volleyball is a team sport. Although both teams were young, they each had a good record near the close of the season.



Above: Danielle Underwood sets Melissa Sadler while team members watch.

Left: Beth Lambert needs a hard serve for game point.

Center: Front Row: Danielle Underwood, Amber Hutchins, Kari Hagy, Shanna Brown, Rachel Mullins.

Back Row: Miranda Foley, Jennifer Hutzler, Beth Lambert, Melissa Sadler, Amiee Cregger, Denita Harden.

Above: J.V. waits for a signal to come onto the floor for the game.

Front Row: Renee Gross and Leslie Gordon.

2nd Row: Katie Muncy and Laura Clifton.

Back Row: Ashely Tate, Kelli Hall, Susan Stanley, Heather Morehead, and Jessica Kidd.

Varsity Cheerleaders were an intricate part of the sports program. They could be counted on to be encouragers, supporters, and just plain fun! Hats off to BHS Cheerleaders!



Below: Varsity shows their ability to lift during time out.

Far Right: Ashley Tate shows how easy it is to be tossed.



Above: A. Strock, L. Bridges, S. Faulkner, H. Wright, K. Wright, B. Tate, S. Harner, S. Puckett.

Right: Sam Harner helps Heather Wright jump during foul shots.



J.V. & Varsity Cheerleading



When a game was at its peak, and the crowd was on its feet, cheerleaders were there leading the pack. This dedicated group of young ladies were always present to cheer the teams on to victory. Their cheers, chants, and stunts were all part of

the excitement of the game. This group is considered an essential part of the team.

Left: Varsity girls pose during a home game.

Below: Bear Cheerleaders
Front: Katie Muncy.

2nd Row: Holly Smith, Erin Johnson, Laura Clifton.

3rd Row: Crystal Hancock, Jamie Nelson, Tiffany Munson.



Left: These colorful pom-poms show even more team spirit.

Above: B. Stiltner, J. Harner, S. Austin, S. Faulkner.

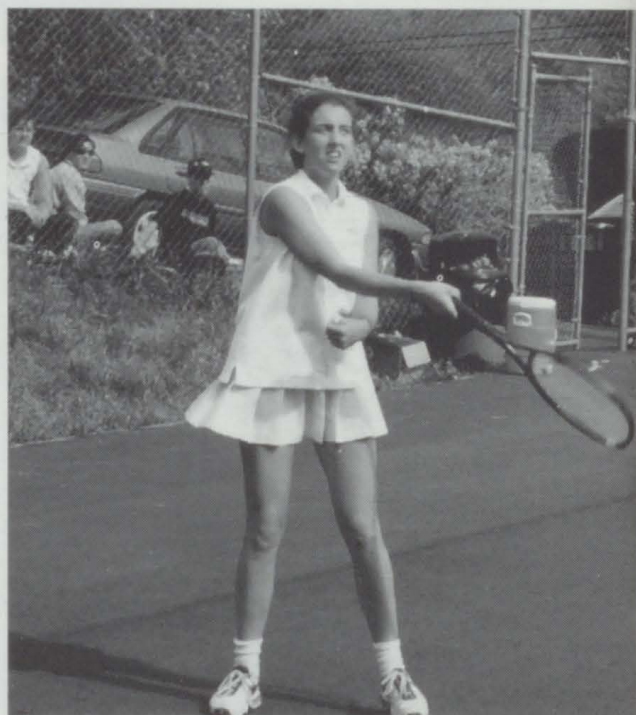
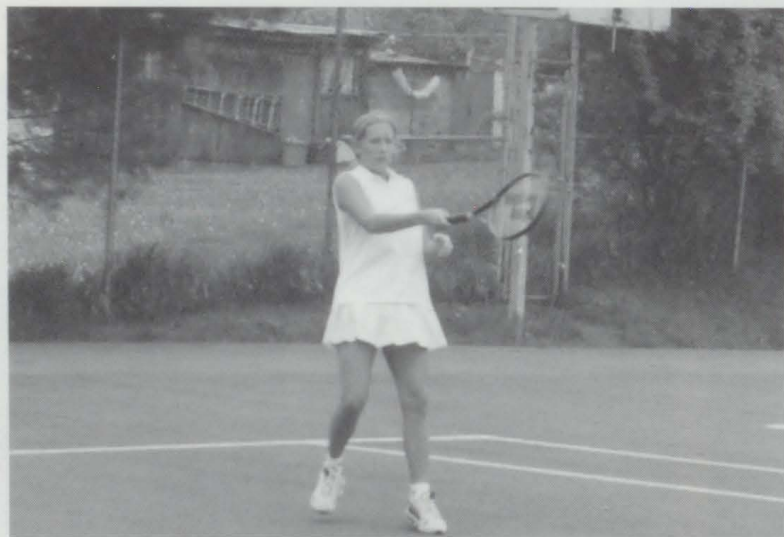
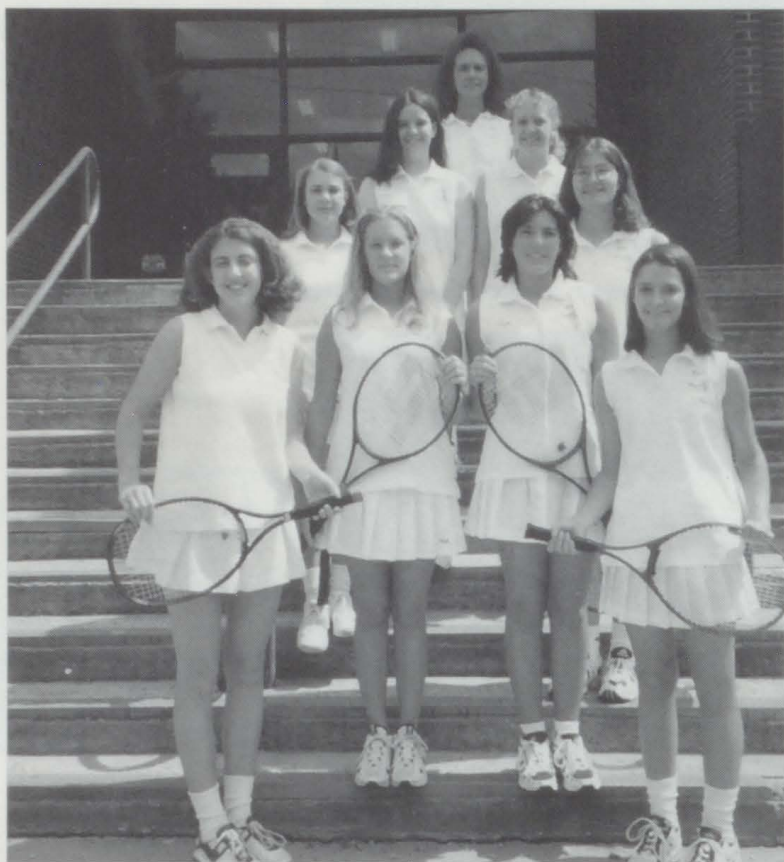
Standing: C. Balas, H. Barnett.

Cousins Go To State

Numerous rainy days played havoc with tennis schedules and finding an open date on a sunny day became very difficult. In spite of

weather problems, games were completed on time. Cousins, Joe Meadows and Ashleigh Sarver, advanced to state finals in singles, and state doubles found Ashleigh Sarver and Ashley Havens competing at the nets. Joe finished in second

place. Holding the state singles title for two years, Asheigh Sarver won the final competition for the third consecutive year. Ashleigh Sarver and Ashley Havens won the doubles in state competition.



TOP LEFT- GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM - Front Row: Ashley Havens, Kelly Dunn, Stephanie Kelley, Erin Thompson **2d Row:** Ashleigh Sarver, Kari Harner **Back Row:** Erin Johnson, Patty Hankins, coach, Ashley Strock.

TOP RIGHT: With a two-handed grip Ashleigh Sarver goes for the swing.

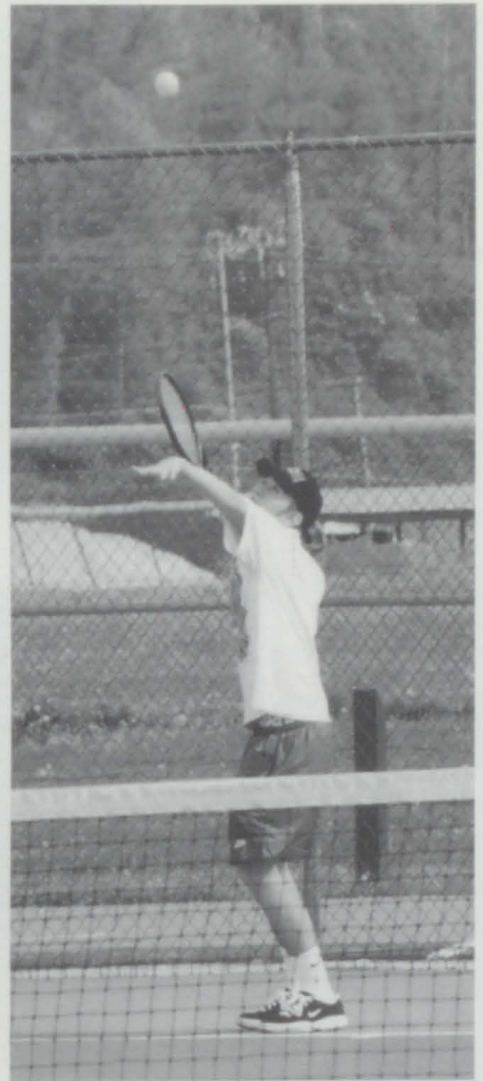
BOTTOM LEFT: A powerful stroke helps Kelly Dunn win her match.

BOTTOM RIGHT: In spite of bright sun Ashley Havens wins hands down.



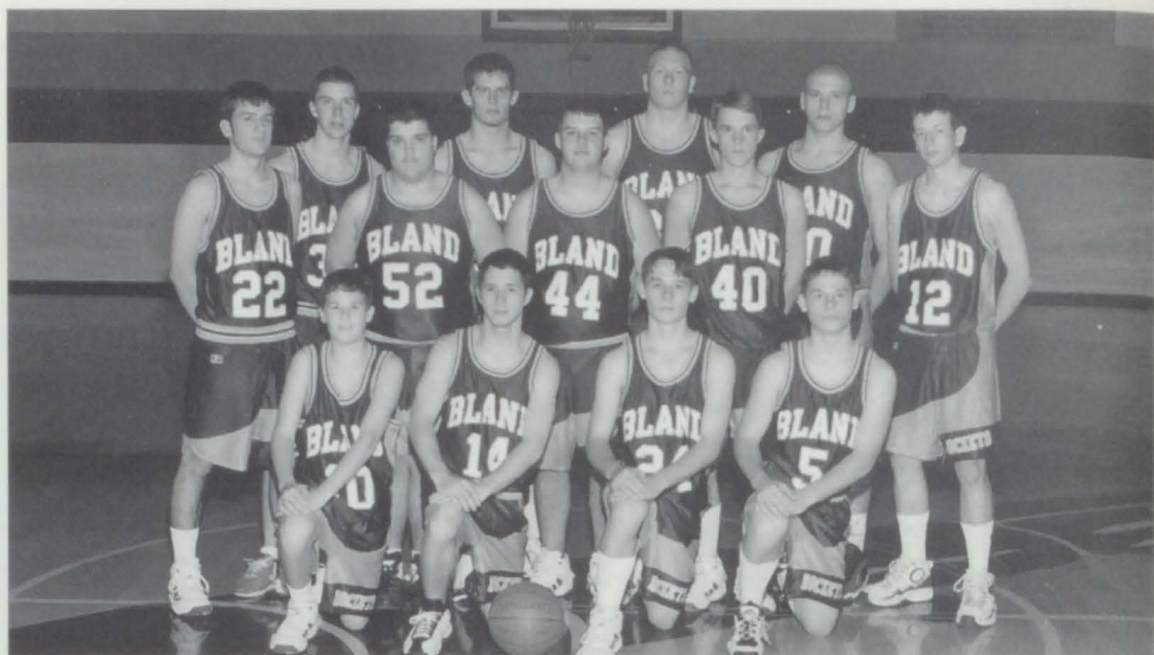
TOP LEFT: Joe Meadows stretches and expands in the return.

TOP RIGHT: Nathan Winters keeps his eye on the ball as he prepares to serve.



BOYS' TENNIS TEAM: Andy Sarver, Curtis Brewer, Shane Thompson, Nathan Winters, Chad Brewer, Joe Meadows. The boys' tennis team was coached by Patrick Smith.

Varsity Boy's Basketball Kneeling: Andy Sarver, Joe Meadows, Brian Faulkner, Brandon Faulkner.
2nd Row: Nathan Winters, Chad Brewer, Josh Breedlove, Aaron Pauley, Rob Kegley.
Back Row: Brent Tate, Jeremiah Tate, Heath Puckett, Charlie Stiltner.



Below: Before every game, the Rockets always join together at center court to get "pumped up".



Right: Joe Meadows watches as Heath Puckett and Jeremiah Tate hustle to grab the loose ball.



Above: Heath Puckett post up against a Galax player to try and get the ball to make an easy shot.

Right: Joe Meadows flies through the air and makes a nice pass to his awaiting teammate.



J.V. and Varsity Boys Basketball

The 1998-99 Basketball Season began with a tremendous win over Chilhowie. There were 13 Varsity players and 11 Junior Varsity players. These teams were coached by Rich Hankins.

As of February, the team boasted a 13-3 overall record and 7-1 in the Mt. Empire District. Senior, Heath Puckett scored his 1000th point in the game against Ft. Chiswell.



Left: Ben May flies high for the layup shot against Galax.

Above: Joey Walker puts up a two-point shot.



Curtis Brewer, BHS Sophomore, completes a shot at the home game.



Front: H. Stuart, R. Meadows, B. May, B. Anders, S. Reed.
Back: A. Newberry, S. Baker, S. Thompson, J. Walker, M. Tickle, and C. Brewer.

Eighth Grade Boys Basketball

Every eighth grader looked forward to beginning high school basketball. The 1998-1999 team began with a new coach. Mr. Mark Sarver accepted the position of head coach for this team. The team consisted of sixth, sev-

enth, and eighth graders. Mr. Sarver's dedication and hard work paid off. The team had a successful and exciting season. Their first win came with their rival team, Rocky Gap.



Top Right: Brandon Kelley and Zach Breedlove fight to gain possession of the ball.



Eighth Grade Basketball Kneeling: Kevin Wimmer, Zach Breedlove, Adam Baker.

Second Row: Jarrod Miller, Stevie Howell, Justin Dunn, Chris Harman.

Third Row: David Pike, Kolt Walker, J. P. Agee, Chris Tolbert, Brandon Kelley.

Center Right: J. P. Agee grabs a rebound over a Galax defender.

Center Left: Little man Zach Breedlove makes going by this guy look easy.

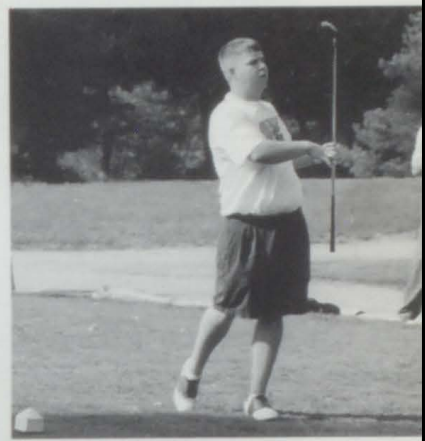




Golf at BHS Intrigues

The '98 season for the BHS Golf team was an intriguing one. The team consisted of four Seniors, one Sophomore, two Freshmen, one Eighth grader and two upper elementary students. Coach

Roger Thompson and team proudly completed the season with a 2-8 record. They finished fourth in the region and were runners-up in the district tournaments.



Top Left: Reneé Gross selects club.
Left: Brent Tate sizes up the situation.
Above: Josh Breedlove follows his shot.



Bland High School's Golf Team 1998: **Front Row:** Brandon Anders, John Dillow, Chris Dillow, Christian Simpkins, and Jonathan Kidd.
Back Row: Coach Roger Thompson, Reneé Gross, Jesse Rudder, Brent Tate, and Joe Meadows.
 Not Pictured: Josh Breedlove.

BHS Baseball Sets the Pace for Spring

The BHS Baseball Teams began their season with enthusiasm and spirit, but discovered that their lack of experience posed a serious threat to their victories. Even though unsuccessful in their wins, the team did

gain needed skills as the season progressed and came to a close. Undeafeted in their attitudes, the team members look forward to next year's attempts.

JV TEAM - Front Row: Steve Howell, John Dillow, Brandon Anders, Chris Dillow, Christian Simpkins, Christopher Harman. **2nd Row:** Kolt Walker, Adam Harman, Casey Elliot, Reggie Meadows, Joey Walker, J. P. Agee, Aaron Parks, Christopher Viar.



On the move as usual, Casey Elliot, BHS JV team player, catches a grounder.



Coach, Mr. Roger Thompson supervises the team.

VARSITY TEAM - Front Row: Adam Faulkner, Chad Perkey, Jeremy Dillow, Ryan Newberry, Josh Gusler.
2nd Row: Aaron Turski, Brandon Faulkner, Josh Breedlove, Aaron Pauley, Brian Faulkner.
Back Row: Matthew Tickle, Brent Tate, Rob Kegley.



Brandon Faulkner reacts quickly.

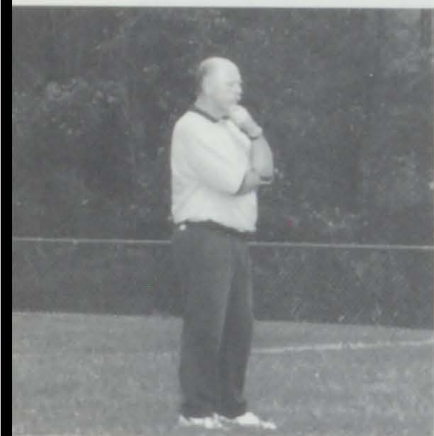


While off base, Chad Perkey, a senior player concentrates on the game at hand.

Varsity Football

The Bland County Bears made up for a discouraging season by continuing through the fall with endurance and determination. Coaches and coaching staff pitched the teams with not only skill build-

ing tasks, but also with leadership and guidance. The field was always busy before and after practices as team members and coaches planned strategy and game plans. Our Bears trudged on.



Top: Coach Tibbs studies the situation.

Right: The Bears try a blitz against Giles.

Top Right: Captains: J. Goss, M. Nelson, A. Kidd, J. Tate.



Front Row: Carl Williams, Mgr. Matthew Richardson, Mark McKee, Anthony Kidd, Brian Masters, Sam Wright, Kasey Elliot, Chad Brewer, Kevin Pauley, Mgr.

2nd Row: Steve Kelly, Asst. Coach. Eric Thompson, Curtis Brewer, Josh Kidd, Ronald Spain, Jason Meadows, Adam Goforth, J. B. Lambert, Asst. Coach.

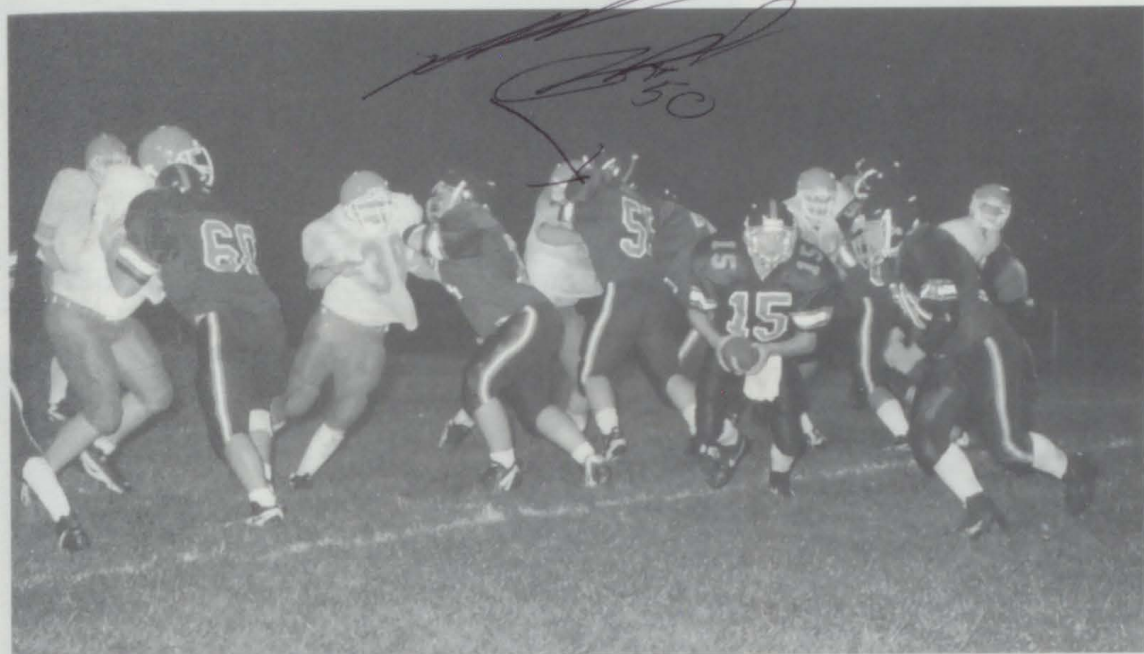
Back Row: Jeremy Neal, Asst. Coach Heath Slaughter, Ben Leighton, Gabe Sparks, Charlie Stiltner, D. J. Belcher, Mike Nelson, Jesse Goss, Coach Tibbs. Not Pictured, James MacAfee.



JV Football

The Bland County JV Bears finished the 1998-99 season with a record which showed no wins but one tied game with the Rural Retreat Indians. Coach J. B. Lambert refused to let this team of hard working young men accept defeat.

Rather, he encouraged them to use these losses as a chance to build skills and techniques. Steve Kelley and Jeremy Neal were also involved with the coaching of the Bears.



Top Left: Mike Nelson sacks Giles quarterback.

Left: Mike Nelson hands off to Anthony Kidd.

Above: Coach Tibbs and James McAfee talk it out.



Front Row: Terrence Gore, Zack Breedlove, Cody Agee, Josh Neal, Brandon Kelly, Dustin Carter.

Second Row: Richard Willis, Chris Viars, Eugene Brunk, Shaun Carroll, Adam Gore, John Darby, David Pike.

Back Row: Jeremy Neal, Steve Kelley, J. B. Lambert.

Through the Doors Into Our World



Top Left: James Faulkner studies . . . agriculture?
Top Right: Seth Baker and Corey Maddox enjoy
fresh baked rolls for lunch.

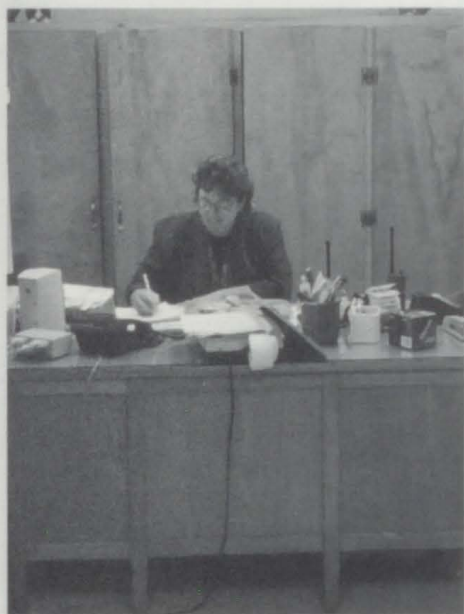
Above: Mindy Wyllie is astonished as she finishes
her lunch.

Center Right: Principal Roger Thompson finds
time to speak with students during his lunch
break.

Right: Little Beauties — the most often heard
comment is "Ohhhhh!"



Elementary



Kindergarten — Mrs. Pruett's Class

Mrs. Iris Pruett
Tyler Arney
Laura Asbury
Meagan Bridges



Erin Duncan
Jonathan Dunn
Jake Eaton



Blaine Fisher
Blake Fisher
Alexia Frazier
Garret Mustard
Cailyn Parker



Phillip Pruett
Justin Rasi
Robert Tickle



Kindergarten — Mrs. Scott's Class



Mrs. Becky Scott
J. D. Atwell
Josh Blevins
Tanner Davis



Brady Dillow
Kenneth Doss
Heather Hancock



Kaitlyn Lasley
Christy Michael
Ashely Mustard
Michael Parker
Issac Repass



Skler Smith
Mandy Sparks
Katie Tate
Dusty Walker
Whitney Wright



First Grade — Mrs. Lambert's Class

Mrs. Pam Lambert
Megan Atwell
Taylor Burton
Annette Cregger



Kayla Dillow
Krista Dillow
Erika Duncan



Booker Fritz
Ariel Hancock
Laurel Hankins
Tyler Hodge
Justin Hounshell



T. J. Justice
Shawn Moore
Jonathan Nelson
Derek Rhodes
Jeremy Roberts



Rachelle Ryder
Michael Sojka
Thomas Wilson
Tiffany Wright



First Grade — Mrs. Vicars' Class



Mrs. Gwen Vicars
Krystal Carver
Amiee Crider
Kate Eastep



Kathryn Falls
Julia Fontenot
Katie Hicks



Amanda Jackson
T. J. Johnston
Courtney King
Samantha Magyar
Stephanie May



Amanda Morehead
Kirby Mustard
Joshua Mutter
Logan Pires
Christopher Shelton



Harmony Simmons
Britney Tickle
Sasha Umbarger
Clayton Whitley



Second Grade — Mrs. Carver's Class

Mrs. Rita Carver
 Natasha Boyd
 Dylan Bruce
 Jesse Carey



Michael Cassell
 E. J. Crusenberry
 Kimmie Davis



Kristin Dunn
 Cody Farlow
 Luke Gibson
 Brittany Harmon
 Erica Jones



Ethan Jones
 Stephen Mustard
 Allyson Repass
 Courtney Sargent
 Mitchell Simmons



Carolyn Tickle
 Alex Vaughn
 Stephanie Wright



Second Grade — Mrs. Niess' Class



Mrs. Barbara Niess
William Arney
Britany Conley
Vanessa Conley



Christopher Cox
Harley Davis
Meagan Davis



Amanda Duncan
Terry Dutton
Marissa Haun
Kaitlyn McGuire
Kirsten Miller



Trenton Miller
Brittni Mustard
Caleb Pauley
Ian Reed
Justin Umbarger



Samuel Vaught
Brittany Walker
Christopher Walls
Benjamin Whited



Third Grade — Mrs. Dunford's Class

Mrs. Sue Dunford
 Brandon Bailey
 Jonathan Baker
 Courtney Callahan



Sarah Collins
 Glen Ray Davis
 Jessica Dillow



Geneva Earls
 T. J. Gills
 Samantha Gray
 Ryn Halsey
 Coleman Hamilton



Andrew Jarvis
 Danielle May
 Joseph Rasi
 Ethan Reed
 Michael Smith



Casey Tate
 Dylan Whitley
 Stevie Wolfe



Third Grade — Mrs. Rhodes' Class



Mrs. Sherri Rhodes
John Brunk
Jessica Coburn
Josh Coffman



Tyler Eastep
B. J. Gibson
Farah Hopkins



Christopher Hounshell
Matthew Hounshell
Adrianna Hutchins
Anna Michael
Jessica Mitchell



Cari Neal
Zachery Stuart
Careena Surratt
Jerry Woodie
Tasha Woolwine



Fourth Grade — Mrs. Johnson's Class

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson
Samantha Arney
Adrianne Cox
Ashley Davis



Joshua Dillow
Sam Foglesong
Sarah Gravley



Kimberly Harman
Sondra Harman
Zeke Harman
Chelsea Havens
Joshua May



Justin May
Jock Mutter
Laura Peery
Heather Rhodes
Erin Stiltner



Kendall Stuart
Brandi Walker



Fourth Grade — Mrs. Maxfield's Class



Mrs. Debbie Maxfield
Katie Bailey
Elizabeth Bossman
Joey Cole



Randa Collins
Jaron Crider
Jeffery Dillow



April Doss
John Goss
Morgan Harless
Adam Hutchins
Shane Kincaid



Anna May
Amy McPeak
Eli Quigg
Patrick Simpkins
Justin Web



Jamie White



Fifth Grade — Mrs. Cleary's Class

Mrs. Kadi Cleary
Tyler Altizer
Gavin Blankenship
Tiffany Casey



Brenna Collins
Tiffeny Davidson
Jessica Davis



Brandon Faulkner
Robert Faulkner
Kyle Foglesong
Kelsey Groseclose
James Hatcher



Jason Henson
Stephanie Johnson
Shana Jones
M. J. Mallory
Ashley Neel



Hunter Romano
Joseph Stowers
Josh Talbert
Josh Thompson
Shane Umbarger



Clint Vanover



Fifth Grade — Mrs. Norma Newberry's Class



Mrs. Norma Newberry
James Belcher
Shawn Brewer
Kayla Bridges



James Brunk
Kayla Clemons
Ashely Cox



Keith Dalton
Christina Dillow
Phillip Henson
Maxie Hopkins
Trey Morehead



Bobby Riggins
Joshua Shelton
Becky Simmons
Aimee Tate
Jeremiah Thompson



Nathan Tickle
Will Turner
Chelsa Wright
Tonya Wright



Sixth Grade — Mrs. Radford's Class

Mrs. Laura Radford
Bobby Baker
Tauna Clemons
Casey Crider



Kim Crusenberry
Jenna Dunn
Justin Dunn



Becky Goss
Corey Hatcher
Amanda Millirons
Bob Morehead
Zachary Neal



Lindsey Newberry
Cyndi Nottingham
Derek Parker
Jock Songer
Carmella Thompson



Paul Thompson
Ashley Tickle
Angela Walker
Allysha West
Will Willoughby



Sixth Grade — Mrs. Nelson's Class



Mrs. Rachele Nelson
Brittany Allen
Kayla Ander
Adam Baker



Crystal Clemons
Gabrielle Dean
Ashely Dillow



Brent Emerson
Caleb Epling
Madeline Harden
Daniel King
Krystal McGuire



Jerrod Miller
Josh Pauley
Nicholas Pauley
Lesley Repass
Purcella Smith



Derek Tibbs
Travis Tyeryar
Billy Umbarger
Jared Umbarger
Adrienne Woodie



Seventh Grade — Mrs. Tibbs' Class

Mrs. Diana Tibbs
 Angela Blankenship
 Jenna Blankenship
 Kelly Blankenship



Shaun Carroll
 Matt Dalton
 Christopher Dillow



Melissa Folgesong
 Amber Groseclose
 Kelly Harless
 Greg Hatcher
 Autumn Haynes



Brandon Hounshell
 Daniel Johnson
 Andy Mutter
 Thomas Olinger
 Joey Pauley



Erin Pruet
 Dustin Riggins
 Todd Scott
 Roy Stuart
 Logan Tate



Travis Thompson
 Dana Umbarger
 Robbie Wolfe



Seventh Grade — Mr. Simpkins' Class



Mr. Fred Simpkins
David Bailey
Jacob Begley
Magnum Bivens



Kelly Blankenship
Tara Clemons
Travis Coffman



Jerrica Crabtree
Stephanie Foglesong
Jeremiah Hickman
Ben Johnson
Jonathan Kidd



Chris Meadows
Jessie Melvin
Justin Morehead
Aaron Parks
Sarah Payne



David Peery
April Rambo
Vada Ramsey
Jerrod Sadler
Ashleigh Smith



Angel Sparks
R. J. Stanley
Alice Stone
Chris Viar

Elementary Field Day K - 3

Elementary Field Day was a much anticipated event. Teachers, students, and parents contributed the success of both days to good planning, organiza-

tion and of course... enthusiasm! The weather and the students were bright and sunny as they enjoyed the time away from the classroom. The end of

the events signaled the end of a good school year. BES takes much pride in their physical and intellectual spirits of competition.



Above: Annette Cregar exemplifies the spirit of the Elementary Field Day as she finds time to eat watermelon in the shade of the Lion's Club picnic shelter. Refreshments are an important part of field day. Students find time to recharge their batteries before returning to the fun and competition. **Top Right:** Sarah Gravley puts new meaning into the word "bounce." **Right:** William Arney rocks back to throw the ball.



Fun in the Sun 4 -7

Many activities took place during the all day events. One of the most competitive was the standing broad jump. Tara Clemons displays excellent form as she prepares to land for the measurement of her jump.



Brandon Kelly completes the shot.



Roy Stuart appears to be caught in between two teachers, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Radford.



Angela Blankenship loves the hula hoop.

BES Sweethearts

The BES Sweetheart Dance proved to be a special night for many young boys and girls as they prepared for their first formal affair. Everyone seemed to "glow" as Wagner Auditorium set the stage for a night of, yes..sweethearts!

Right: Jock Mutter and Adrienne Cox 1998 Sweetheart Prince and Princess.
Below: J. P. Agee and Nikki Wilson 1998 Sweetheart King and Queen.



Shane Kincaid and Amy McPeak look surprised!



The 1998 Sweetheart Court make an attractive group picture for future memories.

Objects of Our Affections



Top Left: Ashley Cox and Jeffery Dillow play bingo at their desk.

Top Right: Jessica Davis and Brandy Cassell swing to the beat.

Bottom Left: Logan Tate and Angela Walker are all smiles.

Bottom Right: Tyler Arney is in the middle of the action.

BES Beauty Abounds

The BES Beauty Pageant resembled a colorful parade float filled with smiling faces and abundant laughter as a steady progression of young beauties paraded across the

stage in Wagner Auditorium. Many young ladies competed for the titles of Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss BES. For an added attraction, the audience was given the chance to select their choice beauty. The gym was

"abuzz" with anticipation and anxious parents. The elementary faculty and staff aided in providing an evening of entertainment for all. Every young girl and lady received some token of recognition for their participation.



TOP: Jessica Davis, Junior Miss Bland Elementary.

TOP RIGHT: Jamie White, 1997 BES Queen.

BOTTOM LEFT: Carolyn Tickle, BES second runner-up.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Courtney Sargeant, Little Miss Bland Elementary.

Sherri Faulkner, Purcella Smith, and Jamie White, 1997 Queens. Previous winners are recognized and pass down their crowns to present reigning winners.



BOTTOM LEFT: Erin Pruett, Nikki Wilson, and Kelly Harless wait for the winner to be announced. Kelly was named to this honor.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Marissa Haunn crowned Audience Choice by Mrs. Rachele Nelson.

Seniors Speak Out

Randy Berrington: Procrastination is like a credit card: it's a lot of fun until you get the bill. - Christopher Parker

Danny Belcher: A coward dies many times before their deaths; The valient never taste of death but once. — Julius Ceasar

April Blankenship: Con tu adios te llevas mi corazon. (With your farewell you take with you my heart.) - Selena Quintanilla Perez

Josh Breedlove: I've journeyed here and there and back again, but in the same old haunts I still find my friends. - Billy Corgan

Chad Brewer: It's not the speed of life that bothers me, it's the sudden stop at the end. - Anonymous

Jeff Brunk: On the other hand, the early worm gets eaten. - Anonymous

Adam Carroll: Look at everything as if it were the first and last time you'll ever see it. - Dr. Whitt N. Schultz

Laura Clifton: Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding, but that which is in the midst of fools is made known. - Proverbs 14:33

Jessica Crawford: Live each day as if it were your last. - Anonymous

Mark Davidson: When all else fails, follow instructions. - Anonymous

Nikki Elliott: Life is a series of surprise, and would not be worth taking or keeping if it were not. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Billy Floyd: He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. - Revelation 21:7

Leslie Gordon: The future is no place to place your better days. - Anonymous

Jesse Goss: Hard work never killed anyone, but why take chances? - Anonymous

Renee Gross: Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficent unto the day is the evil thereof. - Matthew 6:34

Clinton Hagy: You only have one ticket so enjoy the ride. - Anonymous



Jeremy Harless: Those that forget the past, tend to relive it. - Duncan McCloud

Kari Harner: The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but to enable a man to put his other foot higher. - Thomas Huxley

Cicely Havens: Seize the Day. - Carpe Diem

Erin Johnson: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. - Matthew 6:21

Miranda Jones: Reach high for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal. - Pamela Vaull Starr

Michael Lambert: Do or do not, there is no try. - Anonymous

Josie McMillan: Into the sunset let me die laughing, the roads last turn will be the best. - Anonymous

Kent McPeak: As the world fades away, you wonder where you were. — Rob Zombie.

Joe Meadows: Life is too short; Live while you can. - Anonymous

Katie Muncy: In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. It goes on. - Robert Frost

David Olinger: Just got to have faith. - Limp Bizkit

Ricky Olivo: Honesty is the best policy, but insanity is a better defense. - Anonymous

Westen Patton: You can't always get what you want. But if you try, sometimes you just might find you get what you need. - Mick Jagger

Tina Pauley: But the only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible. - C. Clarke

Shelley Payne: To the world you may just be somebody, but to somebody you may just be the world. - Anonymous

Meagan Penley: Nothing in life could ever compare to becoming a mother. It's the greatest thing in the world. - Anonymous

Gesa Plester: Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better. - Richard Hooker

Casie Pruitt: Better late than never. - Anonymous

Heath Puckett: Every great achievement is the story of a flaming heart. - Harry Truman

Titus Ramsey: Life is Peachy. - Korn

Josh Richardson: I should have been a pair of ragged claws scuttling across the floors of silent seas. - T.S. Eliot

Ashleigh Sarver: Whatever will be will be. Change comes eventually. - Anonymous

Rikki Sarver: To have fun means to have faith in what you believe. - Anonymous

Olena Sexton: There's a certain excitement in doing things at the last moment. - Anonymous

Allison Sheets: There's a thin line between love and hate. - Anonymous

Amber Simmons: Vengeance is mine; I will repay, said the Lord. - Romans 12:19

Brandon Smith: It's better to keep your mouth closed and be thought of a fool than to open it and remove all doubt. - Anonymous

Jeremiah Tate: Life's a game, play it hard everyday. - Anonymous

Brent Tate: Every silver lining has a touch of grey. - Robert Hunter

Jessica Umbarger: Hell is the truth seen too late. - Anonymous

Christa Winesett: Almost doesn't count. - Brandy

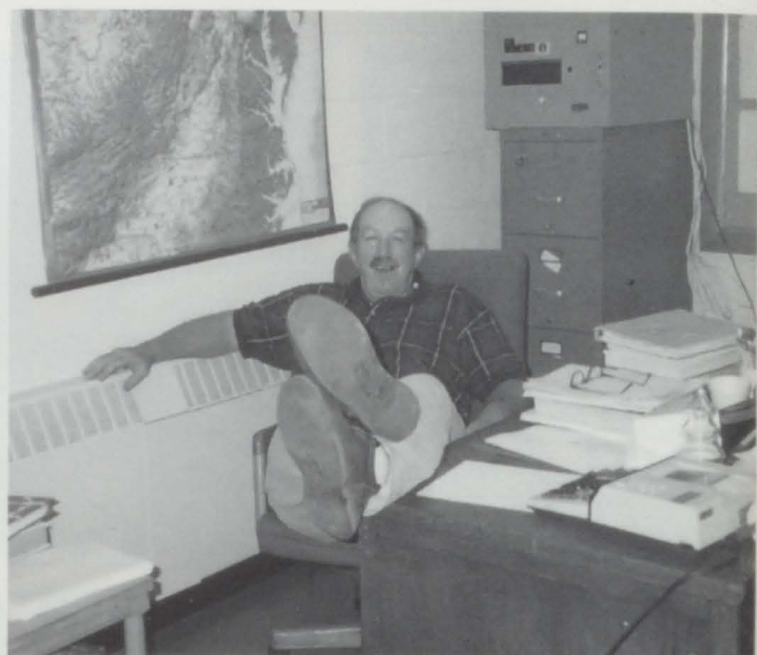
Nathan Winters: It's better to burn out, than to fade away. - Kurt D. Cobain

Kelly Woods: My greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say I cannot do. - Walter Bagehat



Gesa Plester

*“To Know Them Is
To Love Them”*



Top Left: Mr. Smith settles down to enjoy his lunch.

Top Right: Is Mr. Correll wearing his clarinet as a mustache?

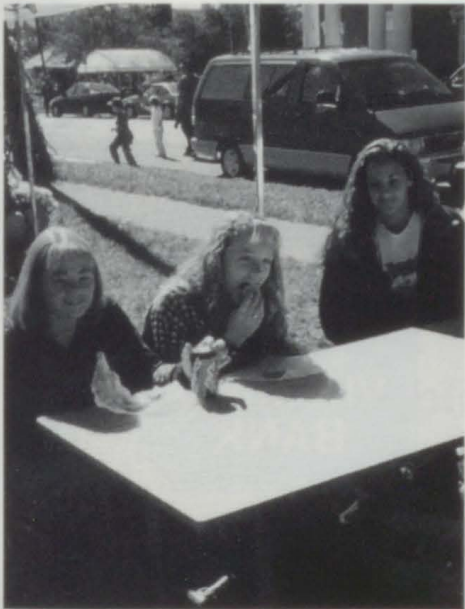
Above: Brenda Tate embraces Mrs. Betsy Newberry during her retirement luncheon.

Center Right: Mr. Havens shows off the soles of his new walking shoes.

Right: The Photojournalism Class is curious about the joke being told between Mrs. Penley and Mrs. Williams.



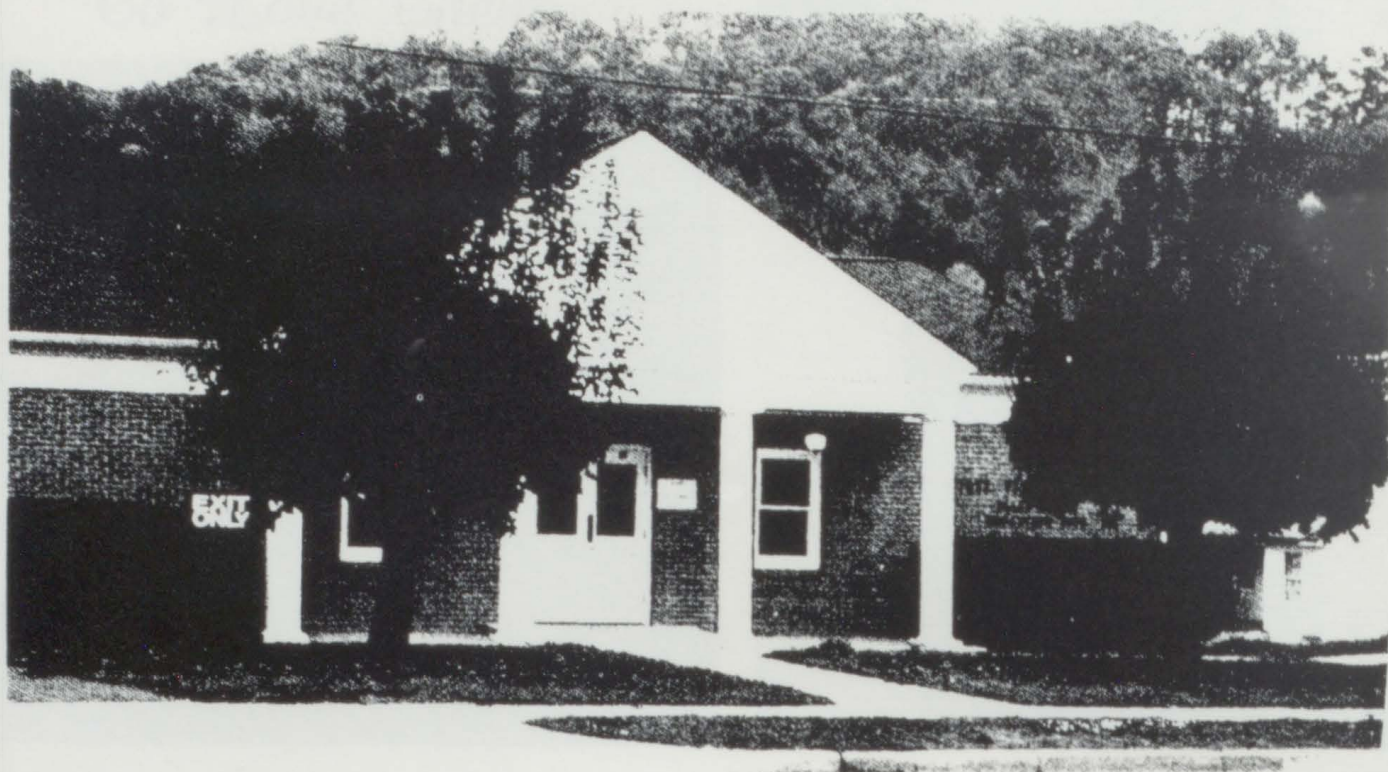
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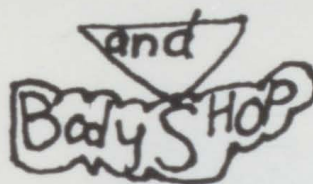
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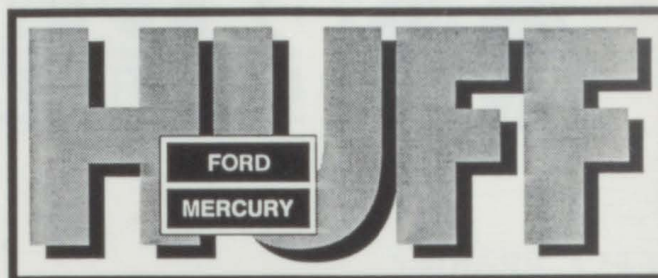
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Elementary Life — What Fun!



Coleman Hamilton, Geneva Earls, and Jessica Dilllow pose outside with Mrs. Stockner.



Heather Wright waits patiently for Mrs. Barb Reed.



These cafeteria "buddies" make lunchtime so much fun!



Chelsea Wright . . . is it possible that she knows the photographer is near?

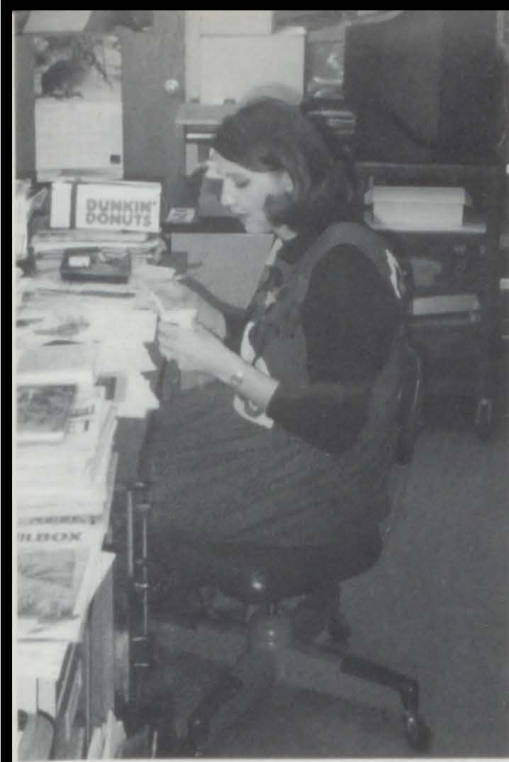


Mitch Simmons looks serious as he pauses from the work before him.



T. J. Johnston with Janet Clemons. T. J. makes an excellent Tin-Man.

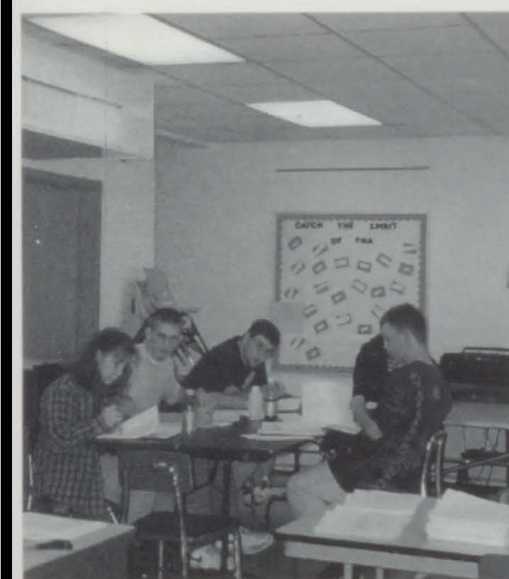
A View From Many Doors



Top Left: Ms. Jo Ellen Harless comes on board as the new librarian/media specialist.

Top Right: Juniors and Seniors receive an introduction and overview of the U.S. Army.

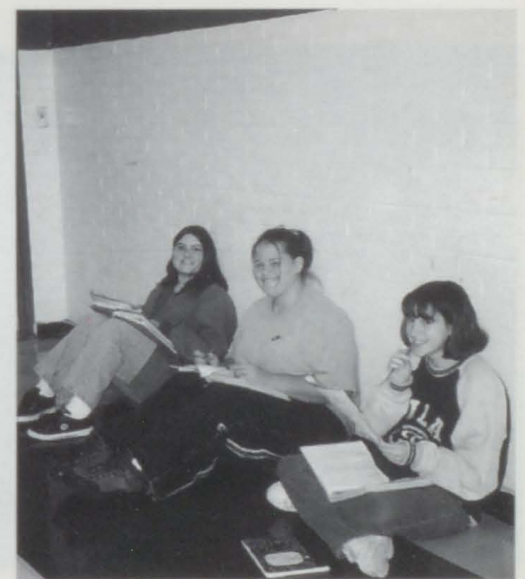
Left: French class relocates to the gym.



Home Ec. Class during testing.



D. J. Wright — loafing or drinking?



These girls take a camera break.

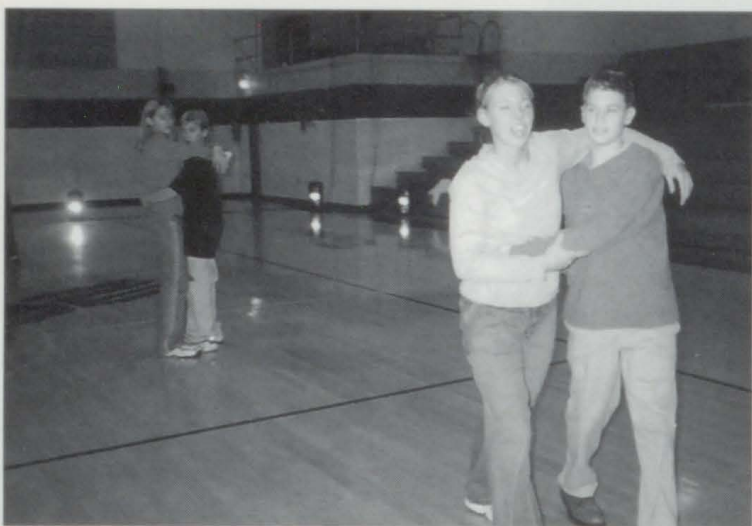
Getting Involved



These girls take a break from Mr. Wagoner's Chemistry class.



Seniors, Jeremiah Tate and Kent McPeak at music program.



Kelli Hall and Andy Sarver. Is Kelli giving dancing instructions?



Nikki Elliot, Shelly Payne, and Mandy Jones make final yearbook selections.



4-H Pizza party is a way of recognizing senior 4-H members.



Matthew Richardson is the only recognizable Halloween "spook."

Variety Adds Interest at BHS



Cynthia Akers transfers from Rocky Gap to Bland at the beginning of the second semester.



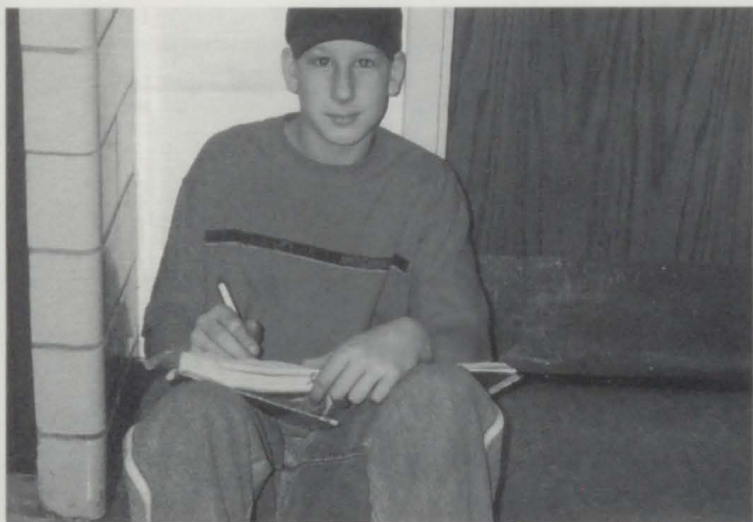
Sarah Pruett and Ashley Strock didn't hesitate in dissecting fetal pigs.



Josh Faulkner tries to stop the photographer . . . but was too late!



Ag. students at BHS are often called upon to perform many tasks.

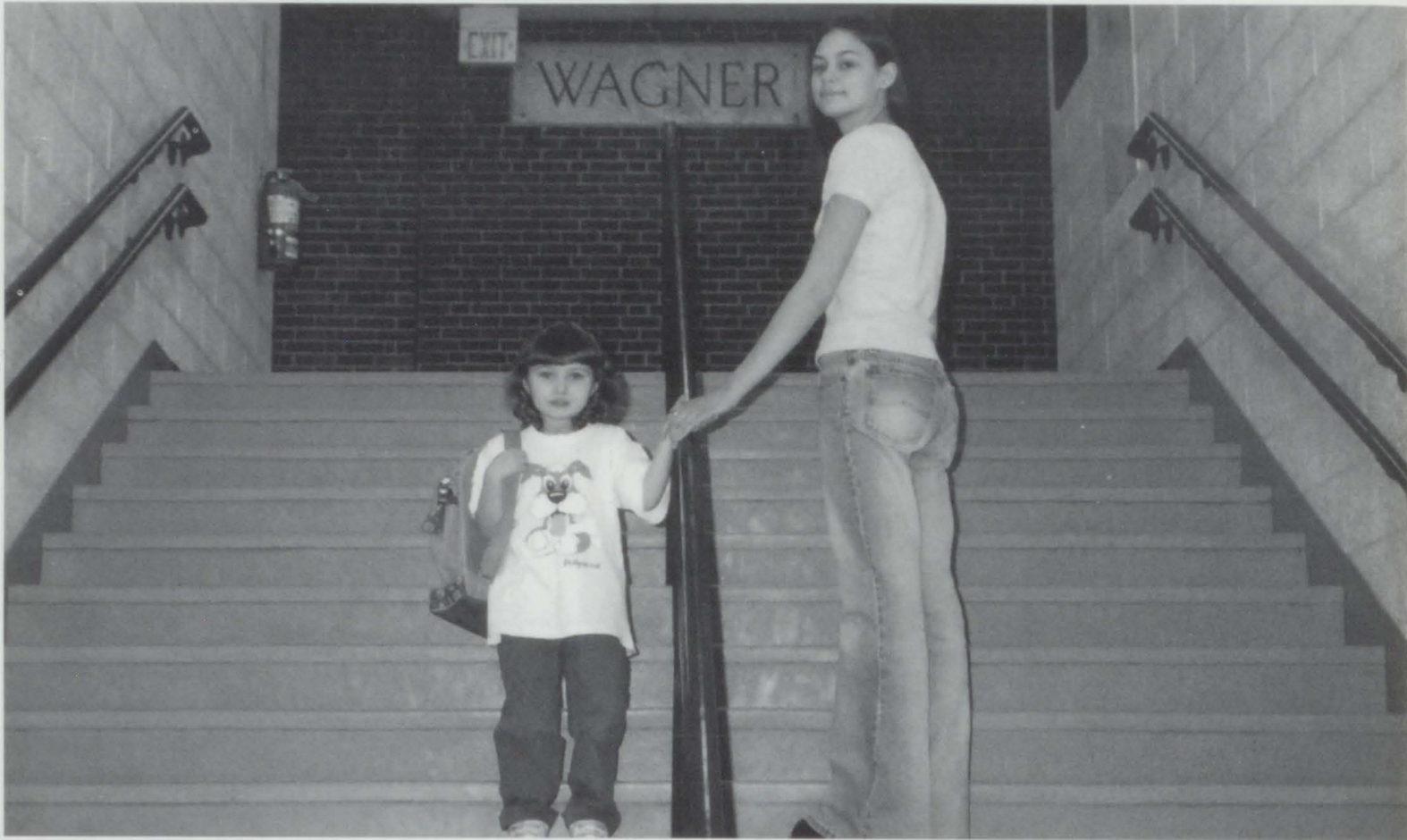


Shawn Reed spends time catching up on his classwork.



Brian Simms looks to be practicing a new dance, where else, class!

Looking Back



Walking down the halls that we grew to know so well, we realized that a part of our lives was coming to an end. Going back was not an option. All that was left was to move on. The laughter in the halls, the never-ending conversations, the good times and the bad times — all faded to a memory. We wished each other the best of luck with the haunting fear that we would likely never see each other again, and that some of the most beautiful friendships would come to an end. We left as a group, but as separate individuals. In the end, there was nothing left to do but pray that the doors to the new millennium would open fully for our entrance into new and exciting opportunities for all. All in all, 1999 was a year of promise and dreams. It was finally time to stop looking back at the past and face the future.

