

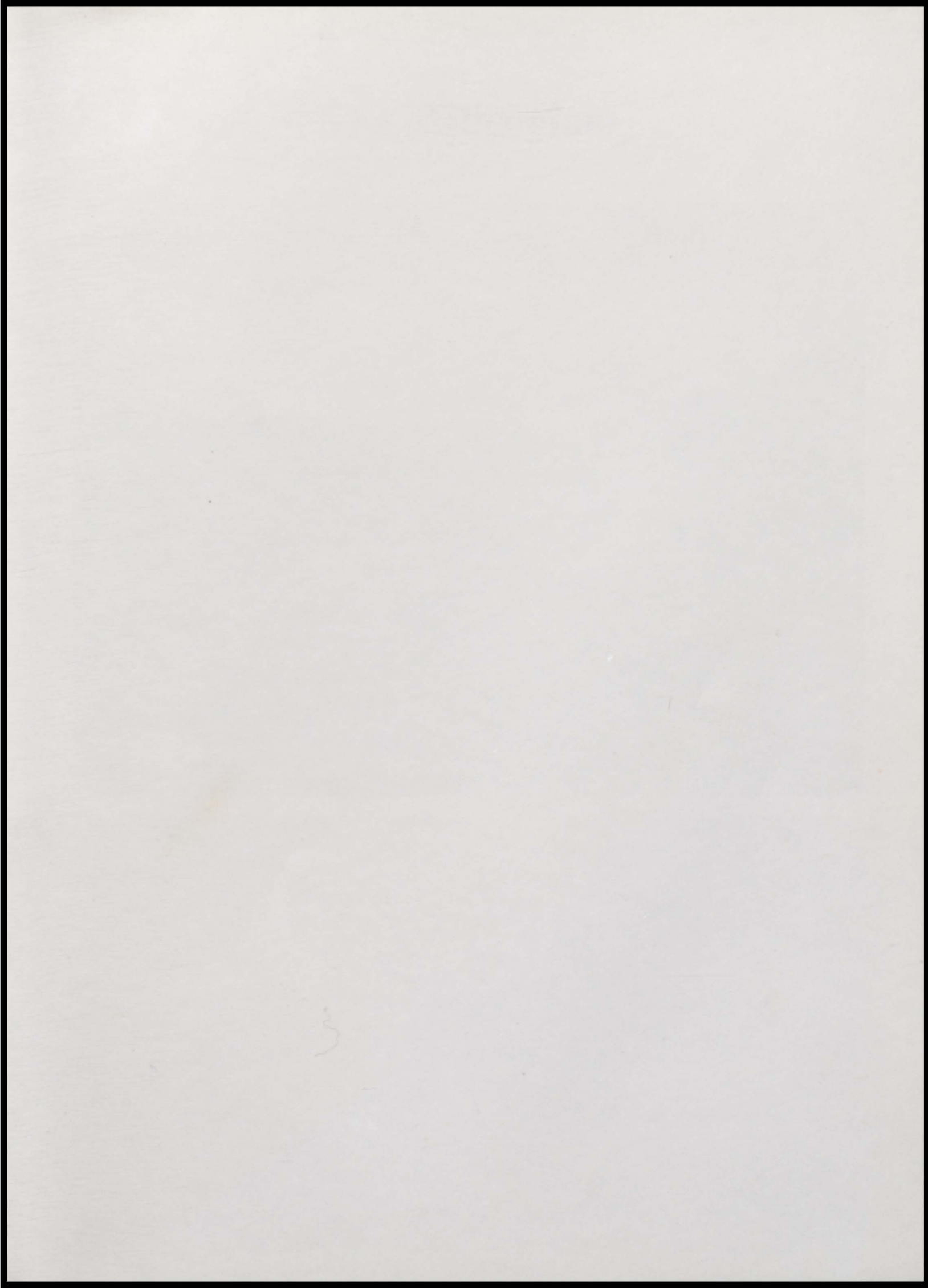


*The dawn of
a new millennium.*

2000

THE ECHO







The Millennium



**The Echo
Bland High School
Bland Elementary School
Bland, Virginia**

The New Millennium

Class Of 2000 Leaves Their Mark

The millennium brought a burst of excitement to both the elementary and the high school as the year began and students were officially "going to graduate in the year 2000." It didn't take long for the PhotoJournalism Class to begin preparations for preparing the first yearbook of the new millennium. The elementary prepared by taking on board Mrs. Cindi Matney, Mrs. Marilyn Griffith, and Miss Becky Harris as elementary teachers. Mrs. Sue Coleman retired and was eager to begin traveling. Mrs. JoEllen Harless began the nationally known accelerated reading program in both the elementary and the high school.

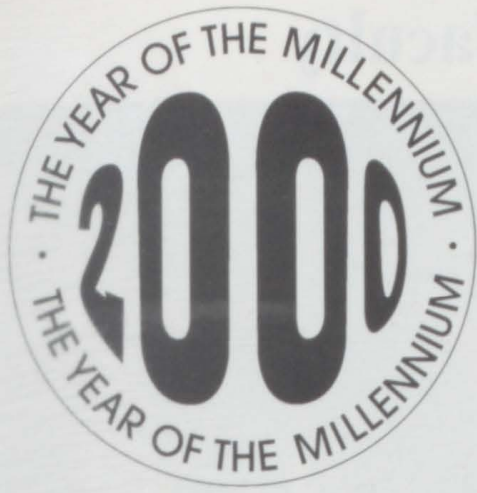
The high school made way for the new millennium as three new instructors filled positions made vacant by retirements and transfers. Mr. Richard Havens retired and was replaced by Mr. Robert Morehead. Mrs. Kay Mabe accepted a position at Fort Chiswell High School and Mrs. Kathy Atwell was hired for the math position. School administrators recognized the need for a curriculum change and added Spanish to the existing curriculum. Mrs. Tania Lee replaced Mrs. Becky Perry as foreign language instructor, making both Spanish and French available for the first time in the history of Bland High.



Seniors showed their true spirit during the last week of September. Each student certainly left their mark of the new millennium by placing their hand and footprints onto a banner that was displayed in the senior hall.

The banner is the first school symbol of the new millennium. It was indeed exciting to be the first graduating class of the new millennium. New ideas and fresh starts were openly discussed throughout the year.





____ **People**

Bland High School Faculty

Mr. Roger Dale Thompson
Principal

Mrs. Sandra Green Harman
Assistant Principal, Sp. Ed.

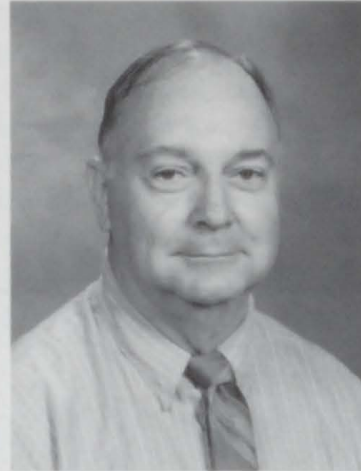
Mrs. Kathy T. Atwell
Mathematics



Mrs. Christine R. Bird
English 8,9,10

Mr. Robert Correll
Band

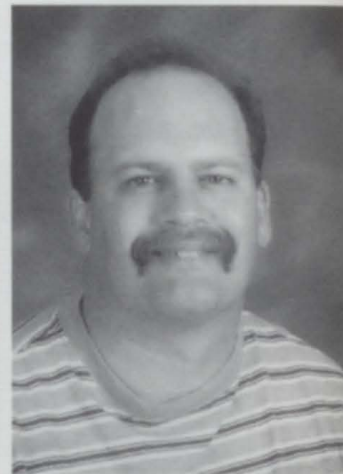
Mr. William H. Crabtree
Agriculture, Earth Science



Ms. Janet B. Faulkner
English 10,11,12

Ms. Jean Greer
Calculus

Mr. Richard Dale Hankins
P.E., Math



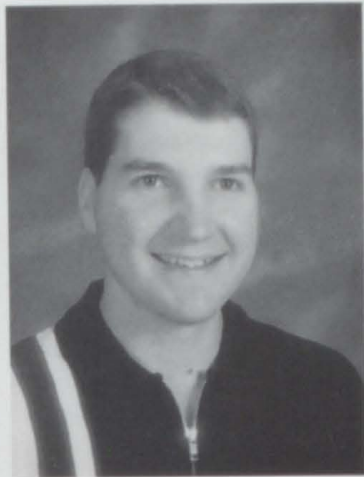
Ms. Jo Ellen Harless
Librarian

Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley
Business

Mrs. Tanya G. Lee
Spanish 1, French 2,3



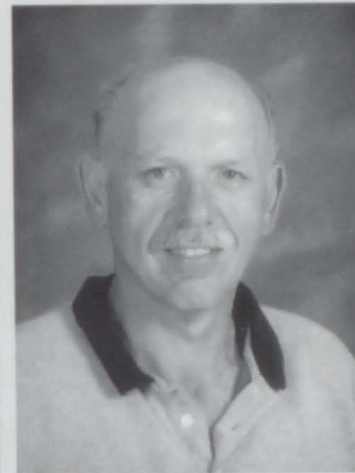
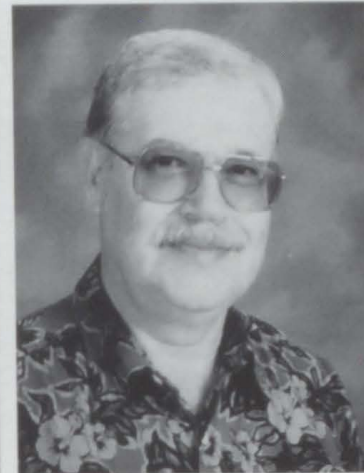
Learning Faculty



Miss Teena Rae Morefield
Guidance Counselor

Mr. Robert Lee Morehead
U.S. History and Accounting

Ms. LaMoore Muncy
P.E., World Geography,
World History



Mrs. Chrystal K. Nunley
Government, World History
Economics, Sociology

Mr. Alfred E. Smith
Science

Mr. Dan Tibbs
Physical Education



Mr. John H. Wagoner
Science

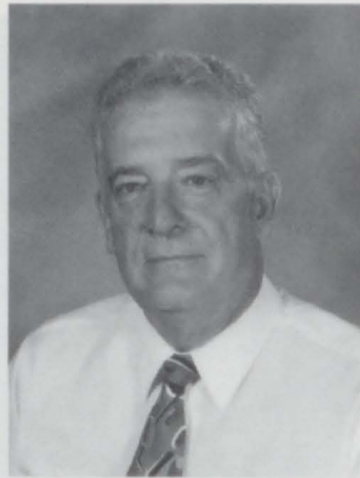
Mrs. Sylvia G. Williams
Family Relations

Elementary Faculty/Staff

Mr. Kenneth Muncy
Elementary Principal

Mrs. Carolyn Bane
Special Education

Mrs. Teresa Gore
School Nurse



Ms. Mariyln Griffith
Special Education Resource
Mrs. Patricia S. Hankins
Elem. Physical Education
Mrs. Barbara Justice
Chapter One Reading



Mrs. Deborah Massie
Upper Elem. Self-Contained
Ms. Cynthia Matney
Special Education Resource
Mrs. Barbara Reed
SPED Handicapped





Harold Bivens
 Bonnie Blankenship
 Nadine Bridges
 Nancy Brown
 Joyce Cassell
 William Cregar



Pam Gore
 Margaret Gravely
 Mary Harless
 Lisa Harman
 Irma Havens
 Marlene Havens



Keith Sargent keeps the school tip-top clean.



Dot Tibbs is cafeteria manager.



Flora Jones
 Jimmy Michael
 Gloria Owens
 Brenda Penley
 Brenda Pike
 Keith Sargent



Dot Tibbs
 Mary Wimmer

Lee Bailey
Jacob Begley
Magnum Bivens
Jenna Blankenship
Kelly Blankenship
Angela Blankenship



Kelley Blankenship
Shaun Carroll
Scott Clemons
Tara Clemons
Travis Coffman
Jerrica Crabtree



Matt Dalton
Chris Dillow
Melissa Foglesong
Stephanie Foglesong
Amber Groseclose
Kelly Harless



Greg Hatcher
Autumn Haynes
Jeremiah Hickman
Brandon Hounshell
Ben Johnson
Daniel Johnson



Heather Justice
Jonathan Kidd
Chris Meadows
Jessica Melvin
Justin Morehead
Andy Mutter



Joey Pauley
Sara Payne
David Peery
Erin Pruett
Vada Ramsey
Dustin Riggins





Jerrod Saddler
 Todd Scott
 Shanna Simms
 Ashleigh Smith
 Angel Sparks
 RJ Stanley



Alice Stone
 Logan Tate
 Travis Thompson
 Dana Umbarger
 Christopher Viar
 Robbie Wolf



Aaron Wright



8th Grade Class Officers

President: Lee Bailey

Vice President: Travis Thompson

Treasurer: Jerrod Sadler

Secretary: Vada Ramsey

Class Sponsors: Mrs. Williams
 and Mrs. Harman

8th Grade Class

Forty-nine students made up the 8th grade class for the 1999-2000 school year. The year got off to a good start as this group began the routine of changing classes and adapting to a new style of school day. With time and effort, this group of lower classmen adjusted quickly to this new era in their lives. This class was also a very active one. They participated in various sports such as:

football, basketball, baseball, golf, and cheerleading. The 8th grade class will surely be an active group throughout their high school years. They too were caught up in the excitement of the new millennium. Their class was the first group to enter high school during the year 2000.



Class Officers
 President: Heather Wright
 Vice President: Sam Harner
 Secretary: Bridget Stiltner
 Treasurer: Christian Simpkins

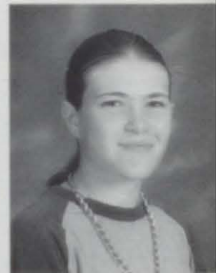
The Freshman Class

The ninth grade class of Bland High School earned the right to real high school status among the ranks of the student body. They also earned a reputation for being

a strong, athletic group. These students were involved in football, basketball, baseball, and numerous other extracurricular activities. This was also a strong academic

group that competed in class rank as well as Mt. Empire Academic Competitions. The ninth grade class sponsors were Ms. Muncy and Mrs. Nunley.

J. P. Agee
 Keri Blankenship
 Zach Breedlove
 Eugene Brunk
 Mandy Call



Christina Cregger
 Ashlee Drummond
 Sherri Faulkner
 Amanda Fogelsong
 Chris Harmon





Samantha Harner
 Jenny Justus
 Brandon Kelley
 Serina Morris
 David Pike



Shauna Puckett
 Amanda Scott
 Renee Shupe
 Bryan Simms
 Christian Simpkins



Adam Six
 Trista Six
 Bridget Stiltner
 Chris Talbert
 Brandy Tate



James Thompson
 Kolt Walker
 Brandon Webb
 Jonathan White
 Nikki Wilson



Kevin Wimmer
 Heather Wright
 Kym Wright



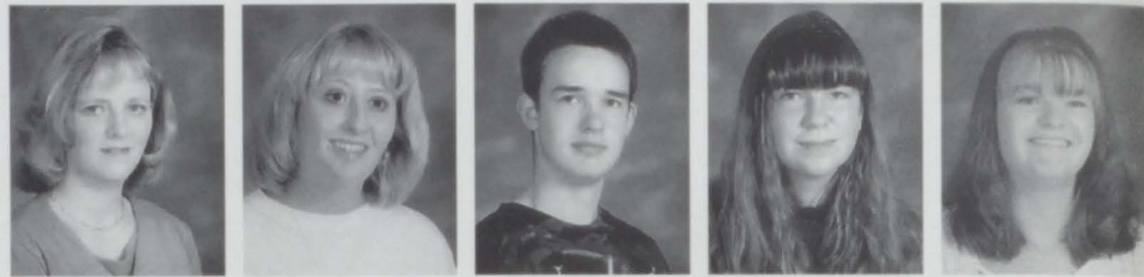
Ninth graders in between classes.

Tenth Grade Class

Brandon Anders
Wesley Armstrong
Shelley Atwell
Seth Baker
Kurt Blankenship



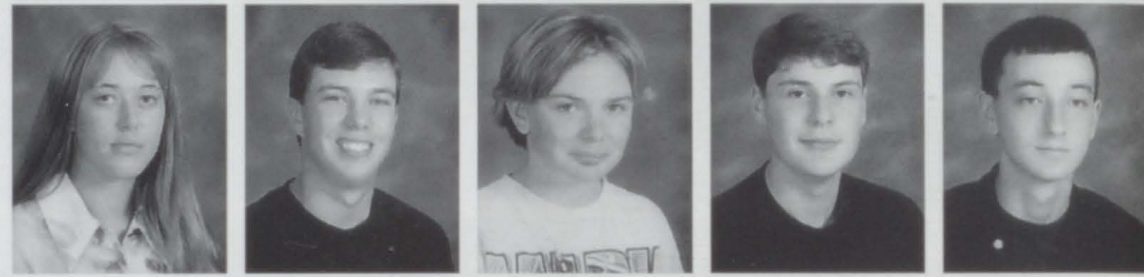
Elizabeth Blankenship
Shanna Brown
John Clemons
Jodi Crabtree
Amie Cregger



John Dillow
Casey Elliott
Amanda Fisher
Ben Foglesong
Miranda Foley



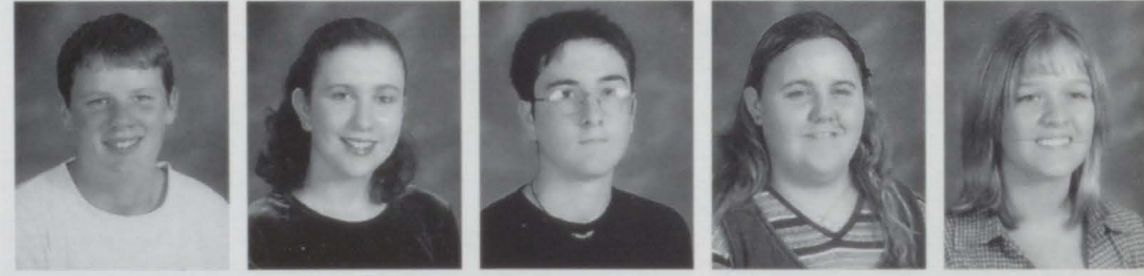
Sarah Gilbert
Eric Grey
Denita Harden
Adam Harman
Shawn Helbert



Jessica Hounshell
Amber Hutchin
Corey Maddox
Christina King
Brett McPeak

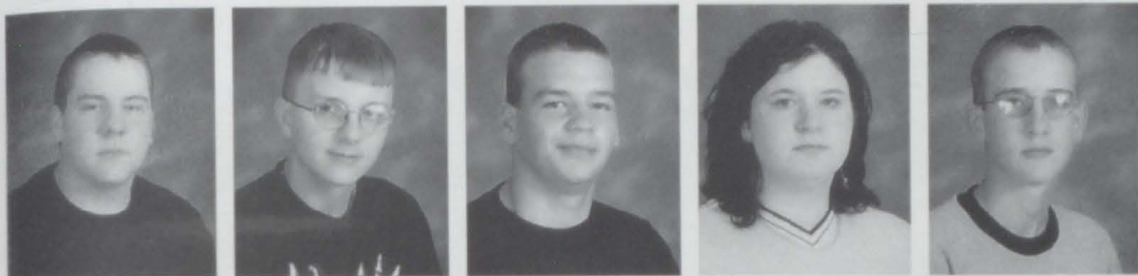


Reggie Meadows
Tonya Millirons
Anthony Newberry
Linda Nottingham
Tarah Pauley



Travis Pauley
Josh Putman
Shawn Reed
Melissa Sadler
Andy Sarver





J. R. Shewey
 Todd Simmons
 Ronald Spain
 Amber Stiltner
 Hunter Stuart



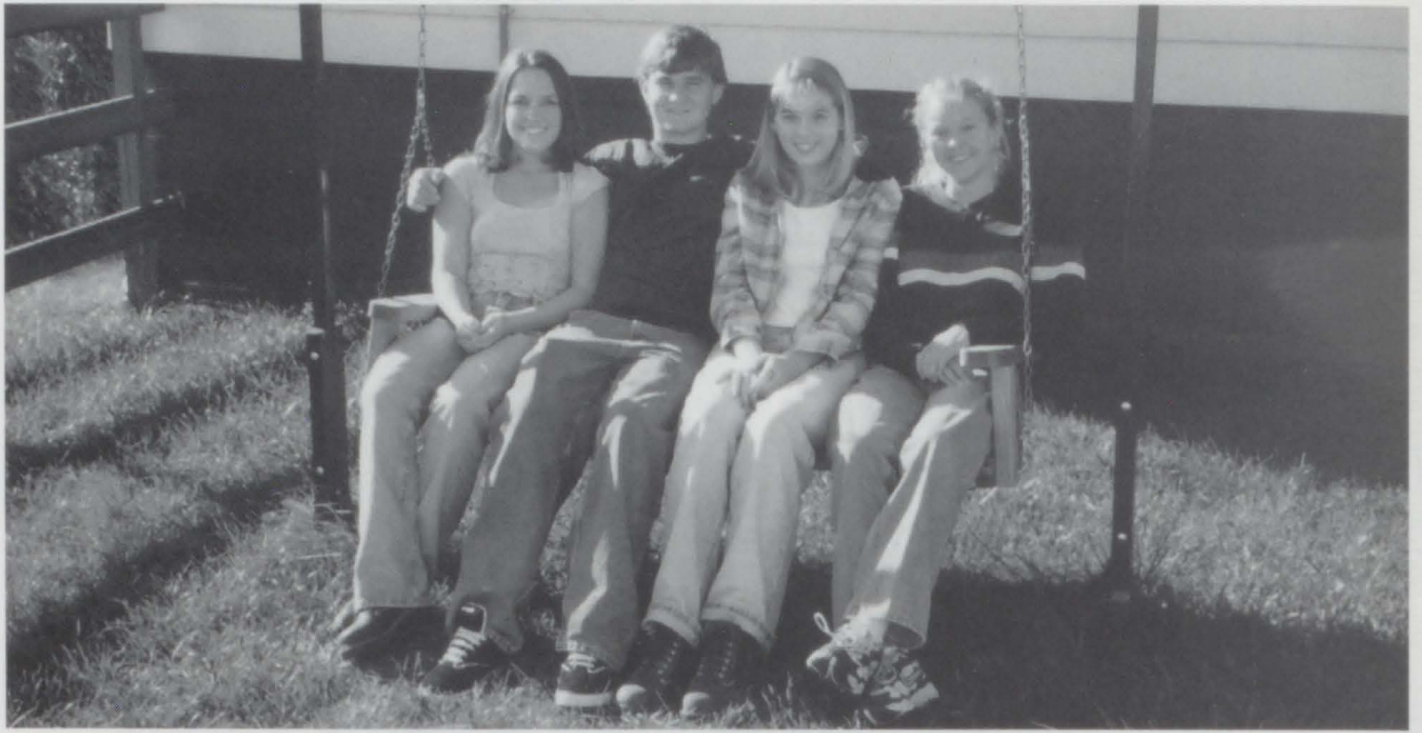
Chase Thomas
 Josh Tyeryar
 Dorthy Umbarger
 Danielle Underwood
 Joey Walker



Craig Winesett
 David Wolcott
 D. J. Wright
 Sam Wright



Officers: President Amber Hutchins,
 Vice President Denita Harden;
 Treasurer, Casey Elliott; Secretary,
 Christina King.



Junior Class Officers
 President: Laura Bridges
 Vice President: Matthew
 Richardson
 Treasurer: Kirstie Meadows
 Secretary: Ashley Strock

The Junior Class

The Class of 2001 opened the door to the new millennium by becoming juniors. With upper-classman status, this group gained new privileges. Juniors' main concern was fund-raising activities for the Jun-

ior-Senior prom. The Junior Class sponsors were Mrs. Jesse Kegley and Mr. Al Smith. Class dues were set and some of the fund-raising activities included raffle ticket sales and bake sales. Juniors were

also granted the privilege of parking. There were thirty-four students in this group. Juniors were very active in sports and extra-curricular activities.

Kristen Altizer
 Samantha Bird
 Crystal Blankenship
 Curtis Brewer
 Laura Bridges



Albert Davis
 Kari Hagy
 Eisle Havens
 Monica Havens
 Jennifer Hutzel

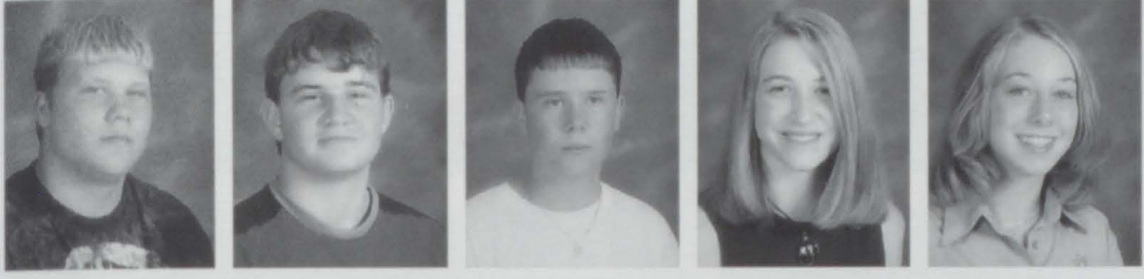




Bear James
 Amy Johnson
 Beth Lambert
 Benjamin May
 Vanessa McBride



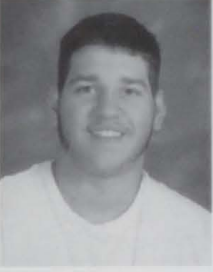
Kirstie Meadows
 Hope Melvin
 Rachel Mullins
 Zachary Pauley
 Sarah Pruett



Chris Reese
 Matthew Richardson
 Jesse Rudder
 Katie Scott
 Kristen Songer



Charlie Stiltner
 Ashley Strock
 Shane Thompson
 Matthew Tickle
 Erica Vanover



James Williams



Curtis Brewer and Charlie Stiltner
 get tips from defensive coach Justin
 Eaton.

Business As Usual

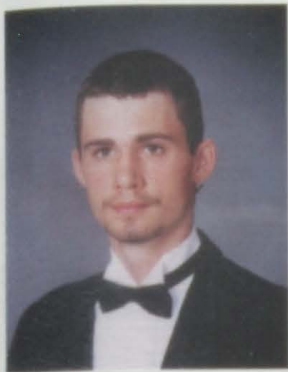
Below: Mrs. Nunley in the Senior Hall.
Right: Mrs. Lee's French Class.



Above: This French Class bonds!
Top Right: Mrs. Kegley's Business Class is attentive.
Right: Agriculture Class at Shoney's breakfast.



Graduating Class of 2000



Scotty August
Boyer



Heather Nicole
Clemons



Sarah DeLaine
Coffman



Lian Cole



Brandon Gene
Faulkner



Brian Dale
Faulkner



James Daniel
Faulkner



Luther Jason
Hagy



Kelli Marie
Hall



Crystal Gale
Hancock



Nehemiah Joseph
Hickman



Jeb Monroe
Hodges



Nathan Curtis
Justice



Robert Mitchell
Kegley



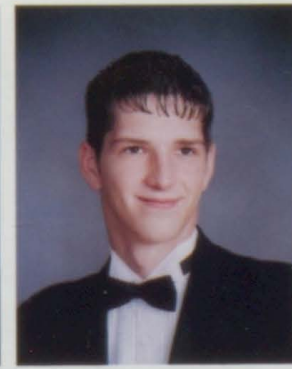
Jessica Leigh
Kidd



Heather Dawn
Morehead



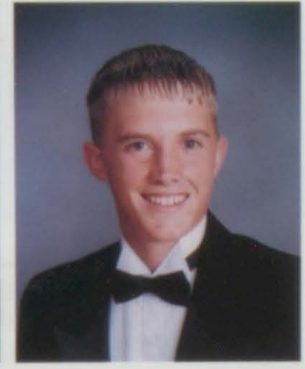
Stuart Mason
Morehead



Robert Gilmer
Newberry



Christopher Harve
Pauley



Michael Aaron
Pauley



William Edward
Pauley



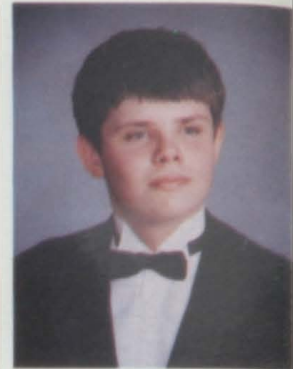
Virginia Louise
Presley



Lila Marie
Ramsey



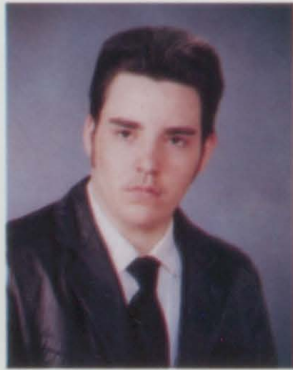
Monica Dawn
Reed



Kellen Luther
Shewey



Kelly Renee
Sluss



Josiah Samuel
Smith



Susan Marie
Stanley



Crystal Lynn
Stiltner



Ashley Suzanne
Tate



April Lee
Umbarger



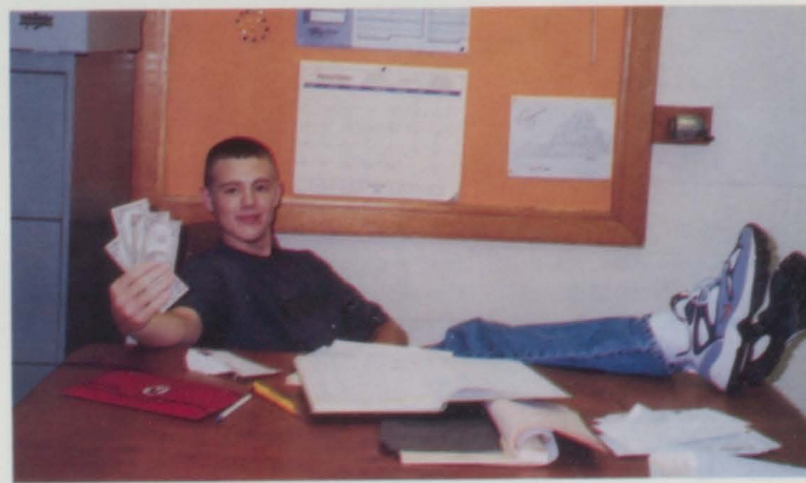
Amy Dianne
Viar



Elizabeth Dawn
Wright



Left: Lian Cole in Photo Journalism.
 Below: Sarah Coffman and Stuart Morehead.
 Center: Chris Pauley — Business Manager.



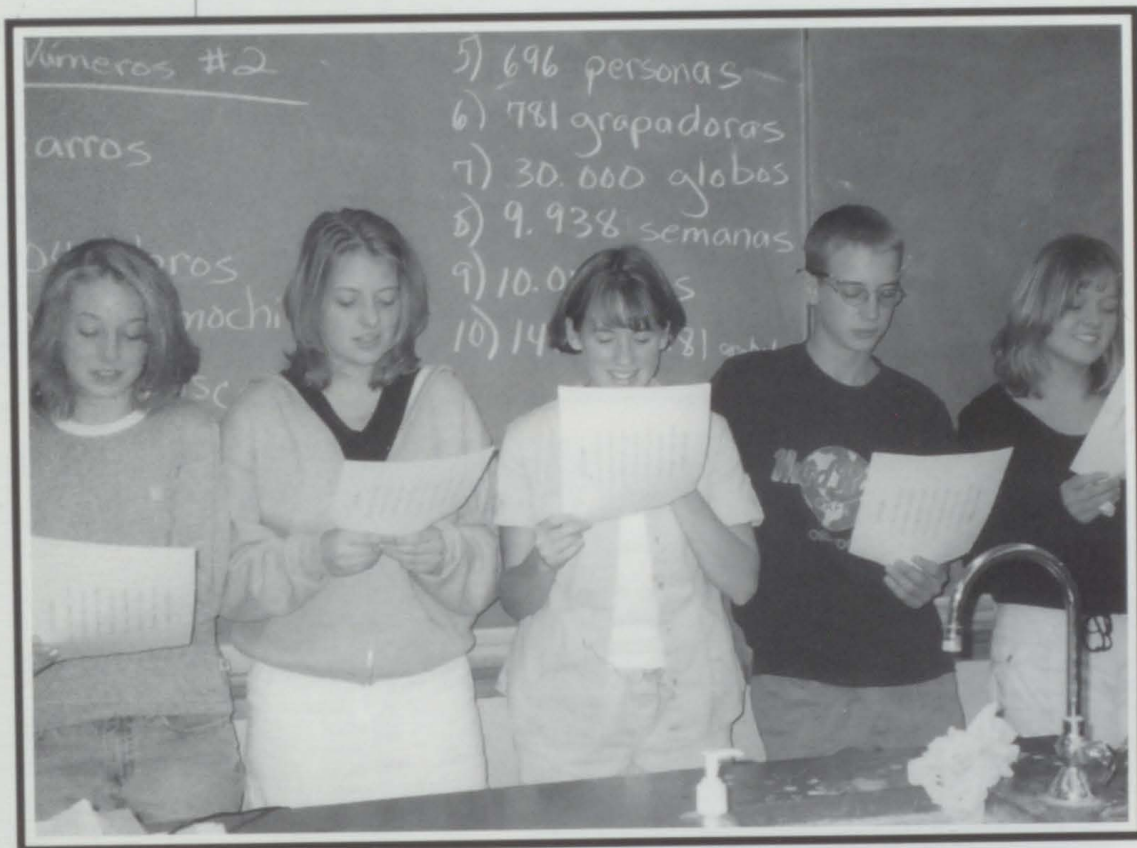
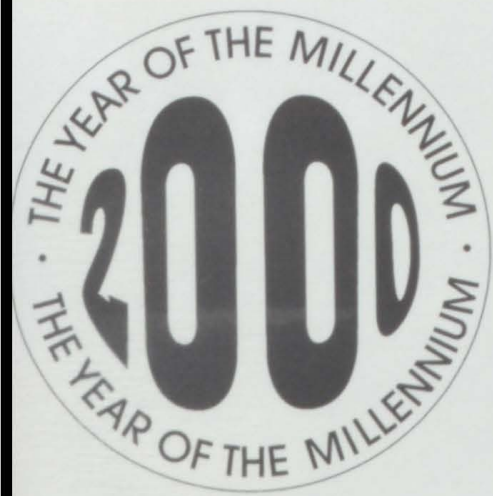
Class Officers: Pres., Brandon Faulkner; V.P., Brian Faulkner; Sec., Virginia Presley; Treas., Sarah Coffman.
 Above: Amy Johnson, Heather Clemons, Dawn Wright.

Memories of the New Millennium



The Senior Class will be recorded in the Bland High School Archives as the first graduating class of the New Millennium. The group of 33 rose to the occasion by "leaving their mark" on BHS. Over half of the senior class made plans that included either a 4 year college degree or a 2 year associate degree. Their interests varied from medicine to technical and vocational careers. Their diversity made them unique. This senior class had more students holding part-time jobs than any other class before them. Truly, they will pave the way into the New Millennium.





Academics

Graduation

The Class of 1999 walked proudly through the gym as they exited from Bland High School as the final class of the past millennium. The night was a huge success as parents, family, and friends came to wit-

ness the grand event of passage from high school student to graduate. The gym was filled to capacity with standing room only, and applause rang as parents stood proudly to cheer for their children.



Above Right: Joe Meadows receives his diploma as Josh Richardson anxiously awaits his turn. **Above:** Kari Harner and Erin Johnson share one last hug as seniors.

Center: The Senior class doesn't appear to mind the wait to receive diplomas.

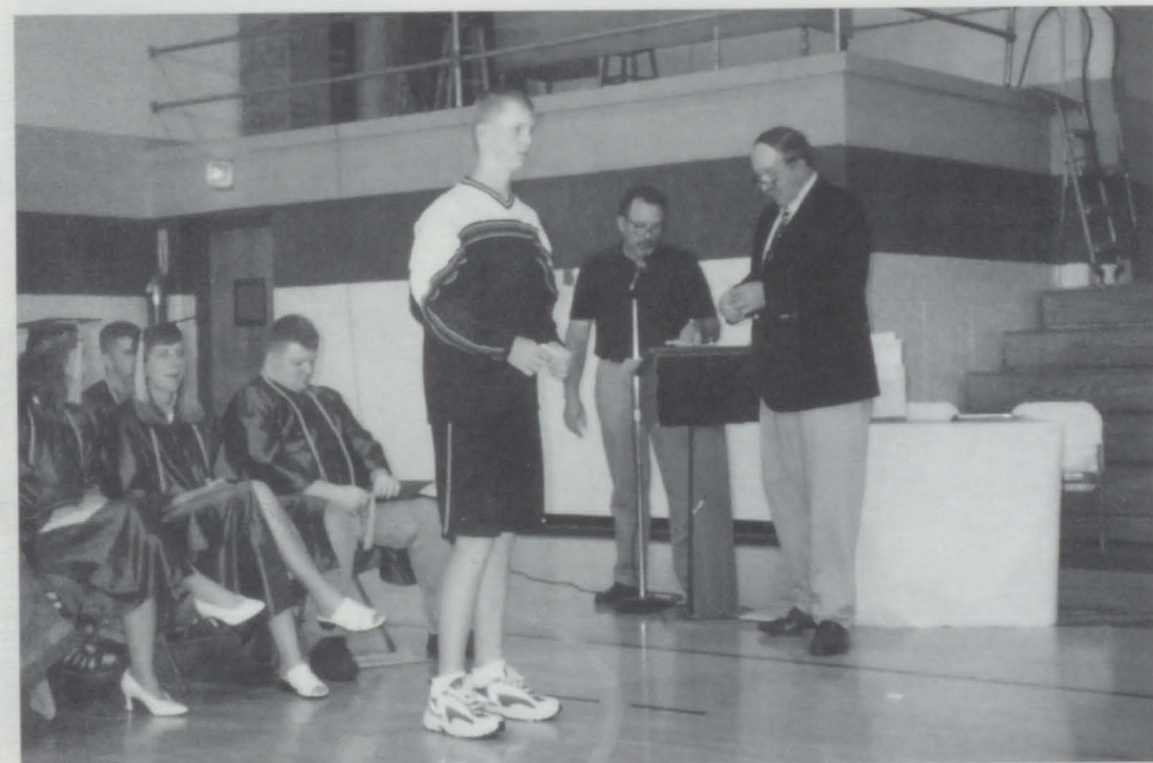
Right: Olena Sexton and Kari Harner congratulate Heath Puckett for his outstanding achievements.



Awards Day

Seniors and Underclassmen gathered in the gym on May 27th to accept awards that were earned by hard work throughout the year. As the Seniors

stood before the student body, they were recognized for their hard work and dedication toward their school and community.



Above Left: Mandy Jones, Dawn Wright, and Heather Clemons receive awards for Photojournalism.

Center Left: Ashleigh Sarver receives state tennis award from Senator, Phillip Puckett.

Above: Ms. Muncy holds Stephanie Blankenship during awards day.

Left: Joey Walker receives his basketball award from Mr. Havens.

BHS Science & Math

The strength of any curriculum is the core subjects of science and math. At Bland High, Mrs. Kathy Atwell teaches the higher math and Mr. Rich

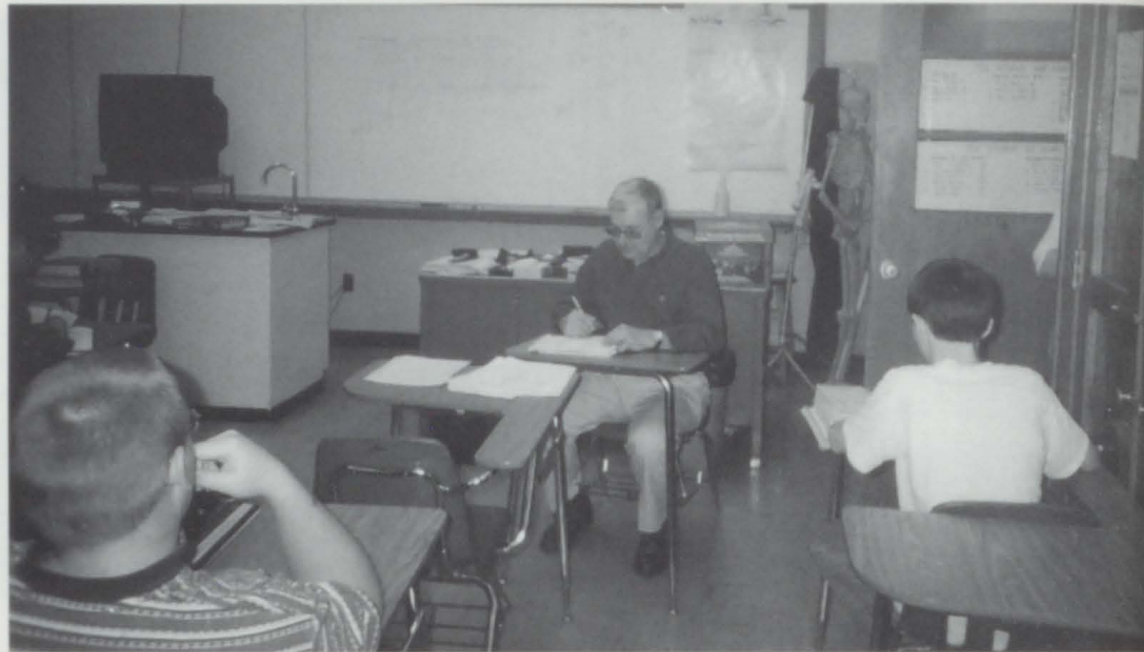
Hankins and Mrs. Sandra Harman teach Basic, Alg. and Alg. I.

Right: Mrs. Atwell's Algebra II Class.



Above: Mr. Wagoner gives individual help with Physical Science.

Right: Mr. Smith also teaches Physical Science.



Bland High School offers Physical Science in the eighth grade followed by Earth Science in the ninth grade. Students are required to take one year of Biology but Biology II is also offered. Chemistry was also part of the academic program; however, Physics was not taught this school year. Students who are college bound need to include all sciences in their regular program of studies.

Right: Eighth grade students at work in classroom preparations.



Spanish, French, & English



Spanish

Front: Mrs. Lee, Kristen Atlizer, Danielle Underwood, Christina King, Tarah Pauley, Amber Hutchins, Melissa Sadler, Trista Six, and Sarah Gilbert. 2nd: Laura Bridges, Andy Sarver, Corey Maddox, Hunter Stuart, Matthew Richardson, Amy Cregger, Denita Harden, and Anthony Newberry. 3rd: Joey Walker, John Dillow, Brandon Anders, Seth Baker, Chase Thomas, Kari Hagy, Kristen Songer, Sam Wright, and Jonathan White. Back: Joey Pauley, Todd Scott, Jodie Crabtree, Shawn Helbert, Melissa Foglesong, Katie Scott, Amy Johnson, Amber Groseclose, and Autumn Haynes.



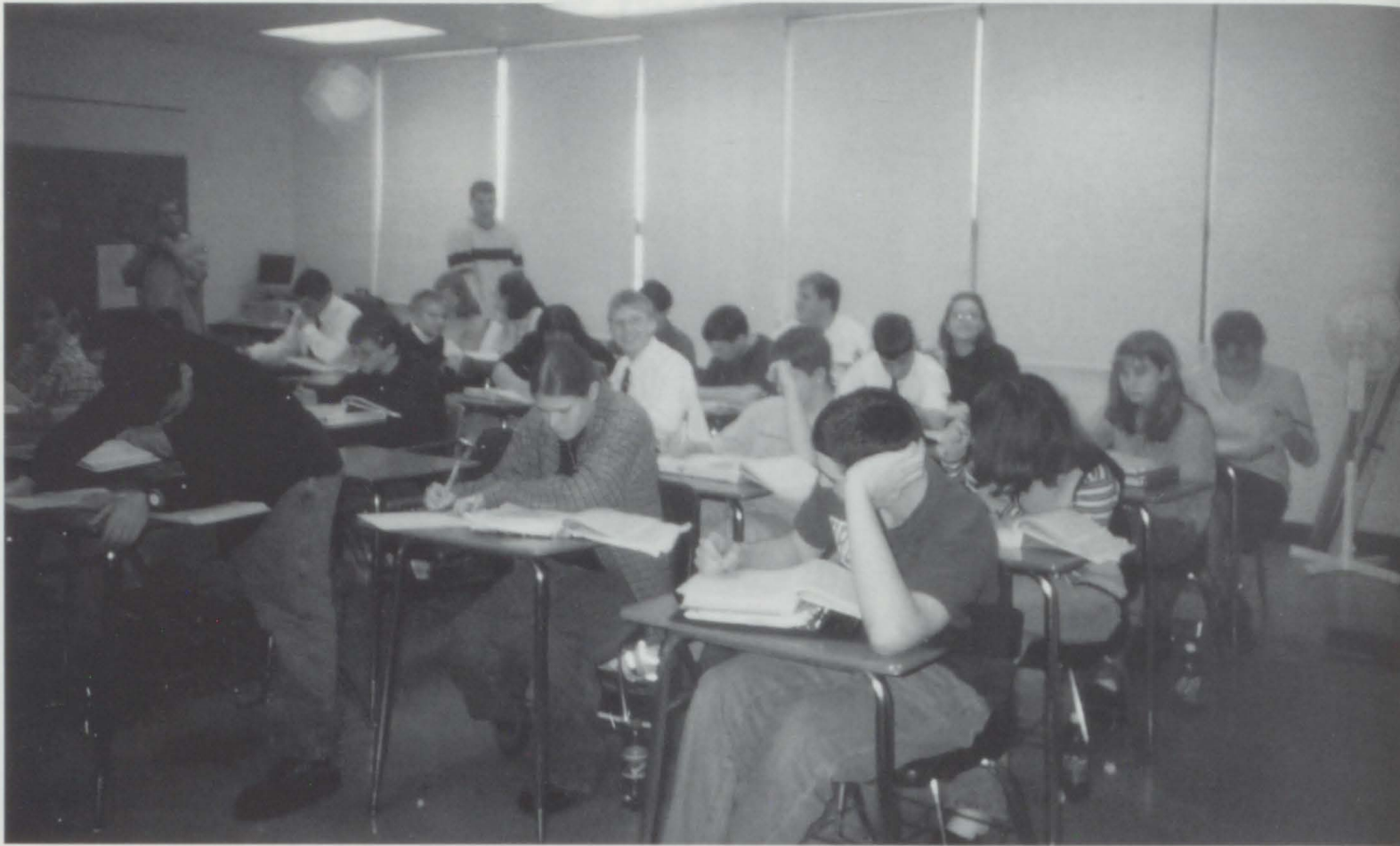
French II and III

Front: Jason Hagy, Crystal Hancock, Heather Morehead, and Amy Viar. 2nd: Brett McPeak, Ben May, Kari Blankenship, Beth Lambert, Eisle Havens, and Samantha Bird. 3rd: Brandy Tate, Sarah Pruet, Ashley Strock, Kirstie Meadows, Erica Vanover, Katie Scott, and Vanessa McBride. Back: Albert Davis, Curtis Brewer, Charlie Stiltner, Zachary Pauley, and Jonathan White.



Dual Credit English — Mrs. Faulkner

Dual Credit is a college class taken only by seniors. To qualify, students are tested in their junior year. This test consists of objective test questions and/or a writing sample. Dual Credit English course work consists of short stories, term papers, and writing assignments.



Above: Mr. Morehead's World History I Class completes assigned classwork.

Mr. Morehead is BHS's newest faculty member. He is a recent graduate of James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He is Mr. Haven's classroom replacement. Mr. Morehead is a welcome addition to Bland; and in addition to teaching, he is the MACC Social Studies coach. This is the first year that local history has been introduced at Bland.

Right: Students completing a reading assignment.



Right: Technology gives students an edge. Working with the computers aids in research and obtaining other information. Mrs. Nunley and Ms. Muncy also teach in the Social Studies Department. Mrs. Nunley teaches Government, Sociology, and Economics. Ms. Muncy is responsible for World Geography and World History.



P.E. and Vocational



Left: Jessica Kidd is the first female student to enter the Bland County Fair Tractor Driving competition which FFA sponsors.

Center Left: Heather Justus and Mandy Call in Family Life.

Center Right: Aaron Pauley competes in tractor driving.



Left: Coach Hankins' P.E. Class.
Above: Wythe County Vocational Student, Lila Ramsey, studies Child Care.

1999-2000 MACC Teams

Right: MATH MACC Front Row: C. Harmon, H. Wright, D. Underwood, and Mrs. Atwell, Coach. **Back:** E. Pruett, D. Wolcott, J. Walker, C. Dillow, and K. Harless.

Center Right: Soc. St. Front: Mr. Morehead, Coach, V. Presley, and A. Umbarger. **Back:** C. Maddox, J. Dillow, S. Puckett, C. Thomas, and A. Sarver.



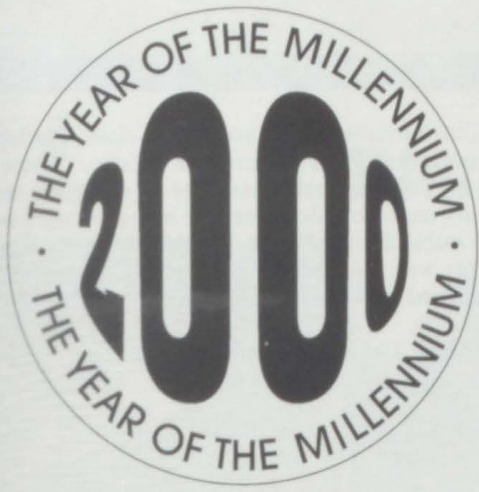
All-Ard: M. Richardson, S. Bird, V. Presley, Mr. Smith, S. Puckett, J. Walker, Z. Pauley.



Science: S. Thompson, M. Richardson, Z. Pauley, and S. Harner. J. White, and B. Tate.

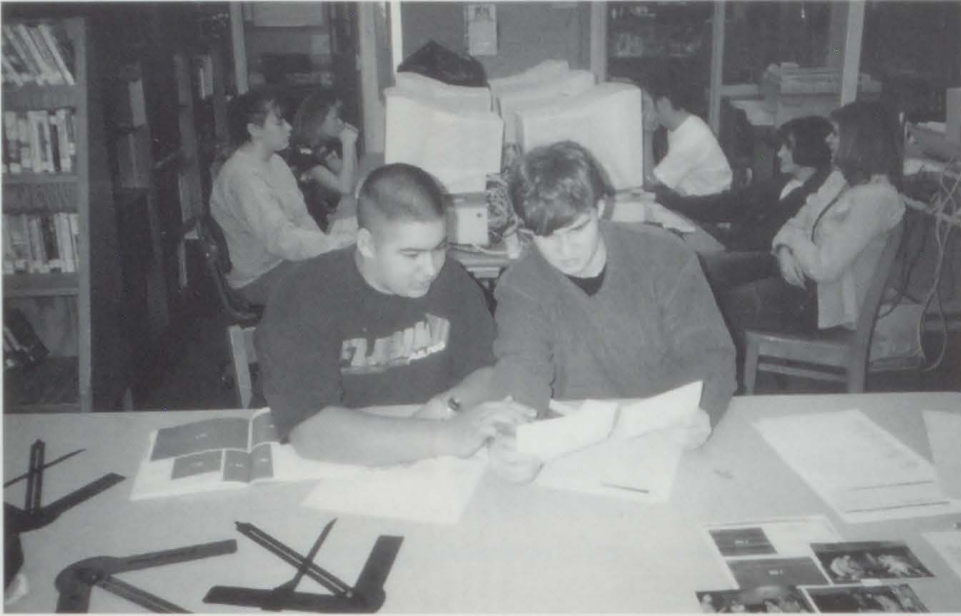
Right Eng.: A. Strock, S. Bird, T. Thompson, D. Peery and K. Blankenship.





Organizations

PhotoJournalism



PhotoJournalism is a production class. Students are responsible for the design of "The Echo." There never seems to be enough class time to complete the necessary pages, but deadlines are met and pages are sent for publication. Taylor Publishing in San Angelo, Texas was the chosen company. The yearbook was produced on a E-Z Design Program.

Matthew Tickle and Matthew Richardson consult on a layout.

Front Row: Heather Clemons, Dawn Wright, Chris Pauley, Jessica Kidd, Lian Cole. **2nd Row:** Jennifer Hutzel, Amy Johnson, Kristen Altizer, Kari Hagy. **3rd Row:** Shane Thompson, Matthew Richardson, Matthew Tickle.



PhotoJournalism is housed in the library where there are six Gateway Computers. Text is put on Microsoft Word for publication. Only Juniors and Seniors are eligible for PhotoJournalism I, II. Keyboarding is a pre-requisite for the class.

Kari Hagy and Kristen Altizer prepare text.

Bland County Band



Left: The Bland County Marching Band performs in North Carolina and brings home the gold and the glory. Mr. Bob Correll is Bland's Band Director.

Center Left: Samantha Bird, Angela Mercer, and Jessica Nelson are Flag Girls.

Center Right: Jerrica Crabtree, John Clemons, Denita Harden, and Jodi Crabtree make up the brass section.



Left: Front: J. Neel, V. Presley, A. Hutchins, and C. Hancock. **Back:** D. Wolcott, and J. Walker.

Above: The band marches on!

Future Farmers of America

FFA — 4th & 5th year
Front: Kellen Shewey, Eric Gray, Stuart Morehead, James Faulkner, D. J. Wright, and Mr. Bill Crabtree. **2nd:** Adam Harman, Jeb Hodges, Shawn Reed,

Wesley Armstrong, Aaron Pauley, and Josiah Smith. **Back:** Todd Simmons, Craig Winesett, James Williams, Travis Pauley, and Robert Newberry.



Above: Shoney's Breakfast doubles with J. P. Agee's Birthday. **Right:** Ag. students during Forestry Judging.



FFA — 1st, 2nd & 3rd year
Front: J. Morehead, D. Riggins, K. Wimmer, T. Thompson, C. Harmon, B. Hounshell, A. Wright, M. Bivens, and M. Dalton. **2nd:** B. Webb, A. Six, E. Brunk, J. Hickman, D. Wolcott, B. May, and J. Begley. **3rd:** R. Shupe, C. Elliott, R. Meadows, J. P. Agee, L. Tate, K. Blankenship, and G. Hatcher. **Back:** D. Johnson, K. Walker, B. Simms, J. Clemons, A. Davis, R. Wolfe, and C. Reese.



FCCLA

Mrs. Sylvia Williams is Chapter Sponsor of Future Career and Community Leaders of America. This new title replaces the old Future Homemakers of America. This group was an active group. FCCLA students were always involved in bulletin board preparation, cooking, and hosting different school related events and activities.

Right: Mrs. Sylvia Williams is always recognizable because of her pleasant smile and matching disposition!



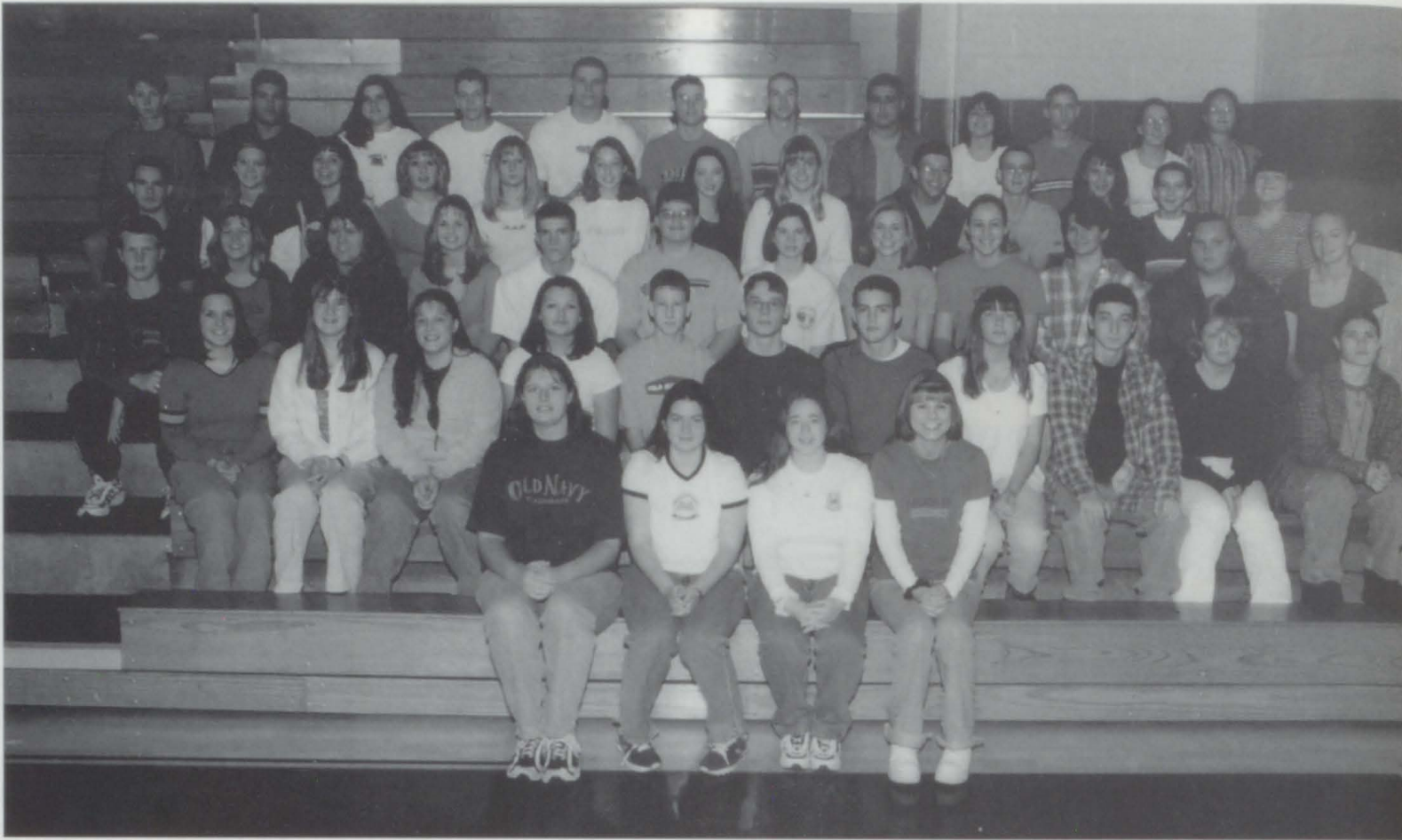
Front Row: Crystal Hancock, Laura Bridges, Sarah Pruett, Rachel Mullins, Ashley Strock, Miranda Foley, and Shawn Helbert. **2nd Row:** Lian Cole, Sarah Coffman, Lila Ramsey, Dawn Wright, Heather Clemons, Kirstie Meadows, Erica Vanover, Tara Clemons, Mandy Call, and Chris Meadows. **3rd Row:** Kelly Blankenship, Erin Pruett, Jessie Melvin, Bridgett Stiltner, Jenny Justus, Nikki Wilson, Jesse Rudder, Monica Havens, Tonya Millirons and Dorothy Umbarger. **Back Row:** Kelly Harless, Vada Ramsey, Jerrica Crabtree, Shanna Simms, Angel Sparks, Serina Morris, Ben Johnson, Christian Simpkins, Jonathan Kidd, and Shaun Carroll.

The Home Economics Room is a multi-purpose room in that it houses many classes and school related events. During the school day, students and faculty take full advantage of the kitchen and work area. In the evening, beauty pageants, cooking classes, and community events are always held in the Home Ec. Room. Everyone is always delighted with the wonderful aromas that come from the "top of the stairs."

Right: James Thompson, Stuart Morehead, and Sarah Coffman combine work with lunch. These students are veterans of Home Economics Class.



BHS Senior 4-H



Officers: President Crystal Stiltner, Vice President Virginia Presley, Treasurer Crystal Hancock, Secretary Danielle Underwood. **2nd:** Laura Bridges, Sarah Pruett, Christina King, Amber Hutchins, Shawn Reed, Brian Faulkner, Shane Thompson, Jodi Crabtree, Shawn Helbert, Elizabeth Blankenship, Mandy Call. **3rd:** Joey Walker, Tarah Pauley, Melissa Sadler, Susan Stanley, Aaron Pauley, Zach Pauley, Bridget Stiltner, Heather Wright, Samantha Harner, Shauna Puckett, Dorthy Umbarger, Kelly Harless. **4th:** John Clemons, Ashley Strock, Miranda Foley, Shanna Brown, Brandy Tate, Kristen Songer, Vanessa McBride, Nikki Wilson, Ben May, Hunter Stuart, Angela Blankenship, Travis Thompson, Erin Pruett. **Back:** David Wolcott, James Williams, Amy Viar, Rob Kegley, Charlie Stiltner, Brandon Faulkner, Curtis Brewer, Matthew Tickle, Sherri Faulkner, Travis Coffman, Melissa Foglesong, Amber Groseclose.

Right: Kristen Dunn gets "made up" by Jodi Crabtree.



Forensics and Newspaper Staff

Newspaper Staff

The school newspaper is published during the school year, and is full of information and schedules that are useful to students. Mrs. Christine Bird is the newspaper sponsor.

Front: Crystal Stiltner, Susan Stanley, April Umbarger, Crystal Hancock, Virginia Presley, Ashley Tate, and Kelli Hall. **Back:** Shauna Puckett, Amber Hutchins, Christina King, Tarah Pauley, Shawn Helbert, Rachel Mullins, Jodi Crabtree, and Jonathan White.



Forensics

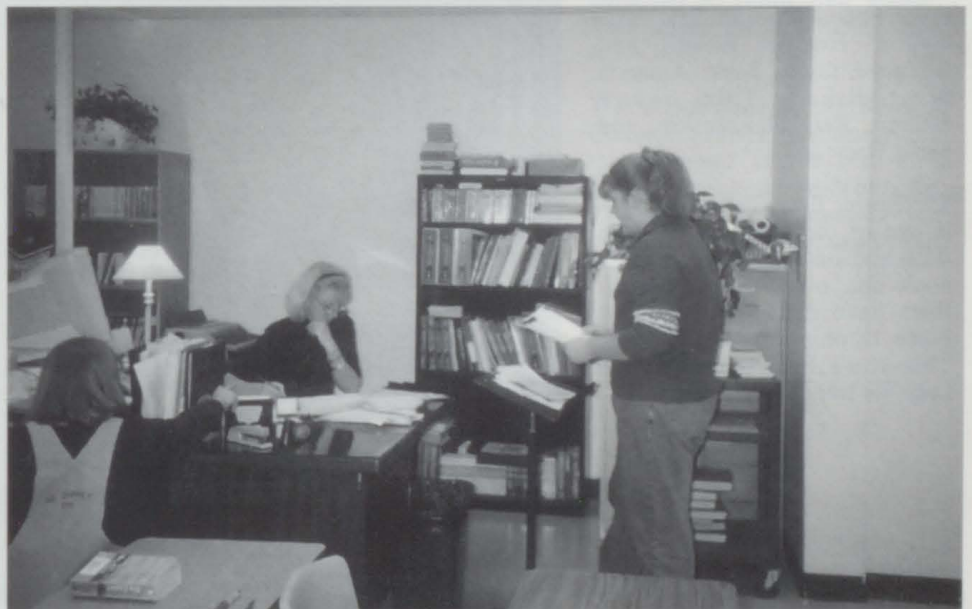
Forensics is offered at BHS as part of the extra-curricular activities; however, it is one of our strengths and has won several championships. Mrs. Christine Bird is Bland's Forensics' Coach.

Front: Ashley Tate, Susan Stanley, Kelli Hall, Crystal Hancock, and Virginia Presley. **2nd:** Shauna Puckett, Amber Hutchins, Christina King, Tarah Pauley, Melissa Sadler, Danielle Underwood, Jodi Crabtree, and Samantha Bird. **Back:** Laura Bridges, Ashley Strock, Brandy Tate, Heather Wright, Samantha Harner, Miranda Foley, and Shawn Helbert.



During the school year, students prepare for Forensics by practicing their speeches, stories, and parts in the presence of faculty and student audiences. This gives them the confidence they need for the competitions. Students were seen during the months of January and February acting and speaking dramatically to almost anyone at anytime!

Melissa Sadler uses Forensics' Coach, Mrs. Christine Bird, as an audience for her presentation.



Bland High School Senior Beta

Beta requires a GPA of 90. Senior Beta is sponsored by Janet Faulkner.

Front: Rob Kegley, Virginia Presley, and Will Pauley. **2nd:** Susan Stanley, Crystal Stiltner, Melissa Sadler, Amber Hutchins, Danielle Underwood, Heather Morehead, Sam Wright, April Umbarger, and Amy Viar. **3rd:** Curtis Brewer, Monica Reed, Ashley Strock, Kirstie Meadows, Sarah Pruett, Ashley Tate, Kelli Hall, and Crystal Hancock. **4th:** Katie Scott, Elsie Havens, Dawn Wright, Jodie Crabtree, Shawn Helbert, John Dillow, Eric Gray, and Kellen Shewey. **Back:** Samantha Bird, Amy Johnson, Beth Lambert, Zach Pauley, David Wolcott, Andy Sarver, Brandon Anders, and Joey Walker.

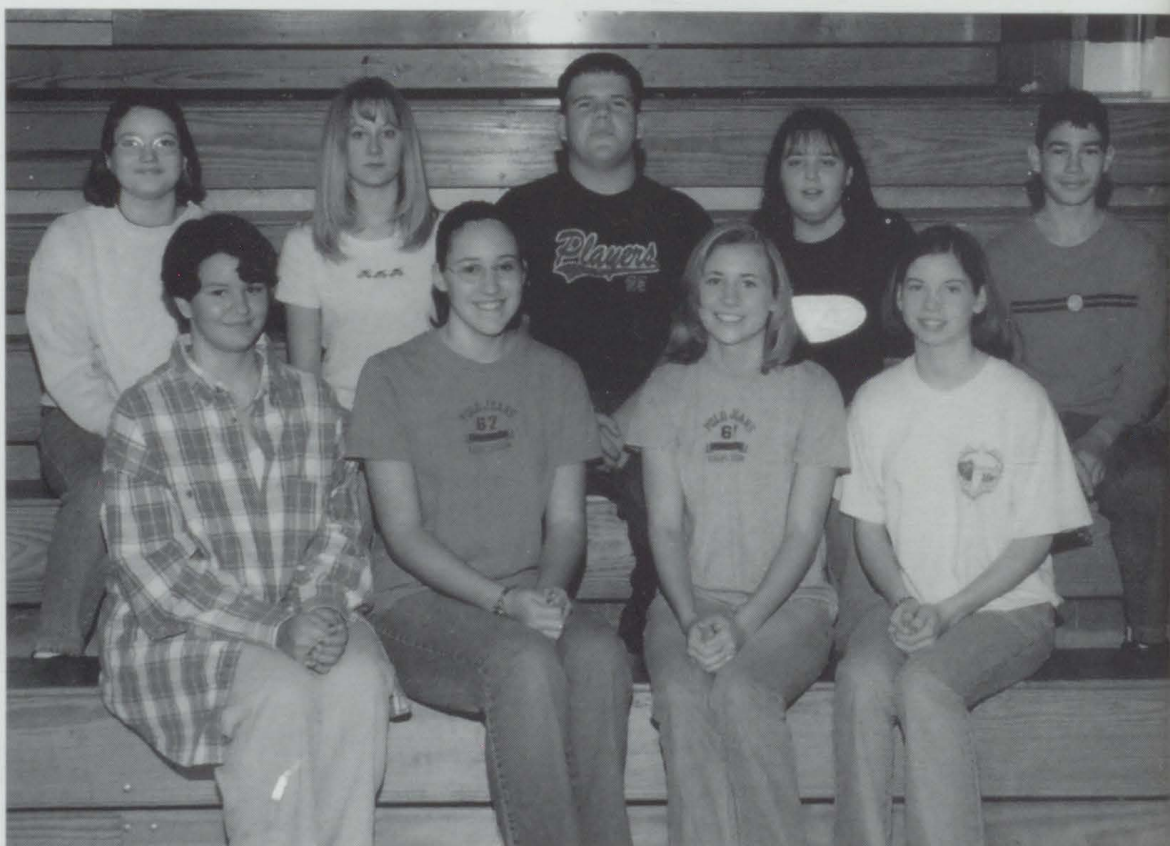


Bland High School Junior Beta

Junior Beta members are selected in the ninth grade and are inducted into Beta as Sophomores. One of the activities they look forward to is an annual trip to Pipestem. Their sponsor is Ms. Morefield.

Front: Shauna Puckett, Samantha Harner, Heather Wright, and Bridget Stiltner. **Back:** Amanda Scott, Brandy Tate, Shawn Helbert, Keri Blankenship, and Chris Harmon.

The Senior Beta Chapter at BHS is one of the most awarded on state and national levels. Scrapbook and other such competitions have delivered many 1st place trophies over the years. This year's Beta is expected to keep the tradition alive.



BHS Upward Bound



Front: Amber Groseclose, Sheri Faulkner, Amy Viar, April Umbarger, Jessica Kidd, and Bridget Stiltner. **Back:** Kolt Walker, Matthew Tickle, Aaron Pauley, Zachary Pauley, Brandon Faulkner, Brian Faulkner, and Shane Thompson.

Upward Bound is a government sponsored program that prepares students for obtaining a college degree. They attend WCC one Saturday of the month and have after school tutorials every other Wednesday.

Student Council Association



Front: Brandon Faulkner, Laura Bridges, Christina King, Amber Hutchins, Virginia Presley, and Danielle Underwood. **2nd:** Samantha Bird, Susan Stanley, Heather Morehead, Heather Wright, and Samantha Harner. **Back:** Mr. Al Smith, Joey Walker, Rob Kegley, Zachary Pauley, and Katie Scott.

The Bland High School Student Council meets to discuss school related ideas and issues. This club represents the student body, and voices the comments and concerns of the school as a whole.

FBLA

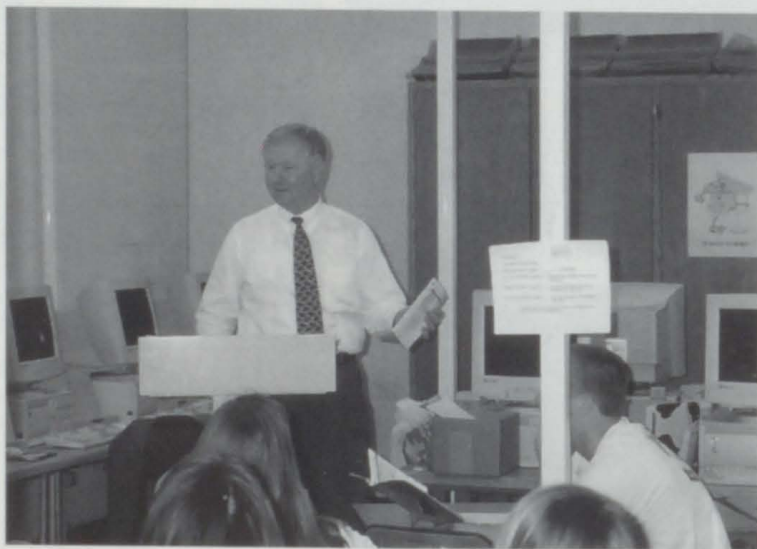
Front Row: Susan Stanley, Rob Kegley, Heather Morehead, Kelli Hall, and Sam Harner. **2nd Row:** Shanna Brown, Heather Wright, Crystal Hancock, Jessica Kidd, Brian Faulkner, Will Pauley, Rachel Mullins. **3rd Row:** Brandon Kelley, David Pike, Zachary Pauley, Kirstie Meadows, Sarah Pruet, and Shauna Puckett. **Back Row:** Chris Tolbert, Laura Bridges, Samantha Bird, Chris Pauley, Shane Thompson, and Vanessa McBride.



Below: Mrs. Kegley's fourth period Keyboarding class.



Right: These FBLA members are writing reports for regional and state competition.



Above: Mr. Larry Campbell talks to our local FBLA Chapter during a monthly meeting.

Right: Vanessa McBride calls out the number for the bingo game during the Bland County Fair.





Student Life

Angel Of Mine

May 1st was the long awaited prom date for the Junior Class who had diligently worked so hard for that "one special night." The 1999 Jr.-Sr. Prom was held at the Holiday Inn in Bluefield, West Virginia. Students were impressed with the facility and the formal elegant decorations. Mu-

sic, special lighting, punch fountains, and lighted arbors added to the magic of Prom Night. The theme was "Angel of Mine" inspired by pop singer, Brandy. The After-Prom party was also a huge success even though everyone slept most of the next day!

Senior, Lian Cole is the center of attention at her table.



Above: Shelly Atwell and Brandy Tate don't hesitate to kick off their shoes and get serious with their dancing.

Above Center: Eight people per table certainly makes for an interesting evening.



Above: King — Adam Carroll, Queen — Ashleigh Sarver, Princess — Jessica Kidd, Prince — Aaron Pauley.

Right: The prom cake was an excellent center piece.



1999 Football Homecoming



Homecoming Queen Ashley Tate escorted by Zach Perkins.



The Bear captures the heart of county cheerleaders.



Matthew Richardson gladly escorts Laura Bridges.



Manager, Kevin Pauley treats The Bear to plastic footballs.

Right: Heather Morehead, Kelli Hall, and Jessica Kidd prepare for Homecoming 2000.
Below: BHS Homecoming Queen, Susan Stanley.



Above: BHS 1999-2000 Homecoming Court.
Right: Crystal Hancock, Homecoming Queen 1st Runner-Up, escorted by Joey Walker.
Far Right: Queen Susan Stanley escorted by King, Aaron Pauley.





Time Marches On

Seniors were heard saying "the school year is flying by." By December graduation had become a vivid reality. There was much talk about graduation or-

ders, pictures, college, and many other student events.

Left: Mrs. Harless with never enough time!



Left: BHS Christmas Program.
Below: Crystal Blankenship, a new face at BHS.



Kevin Pauley: Sports Manager

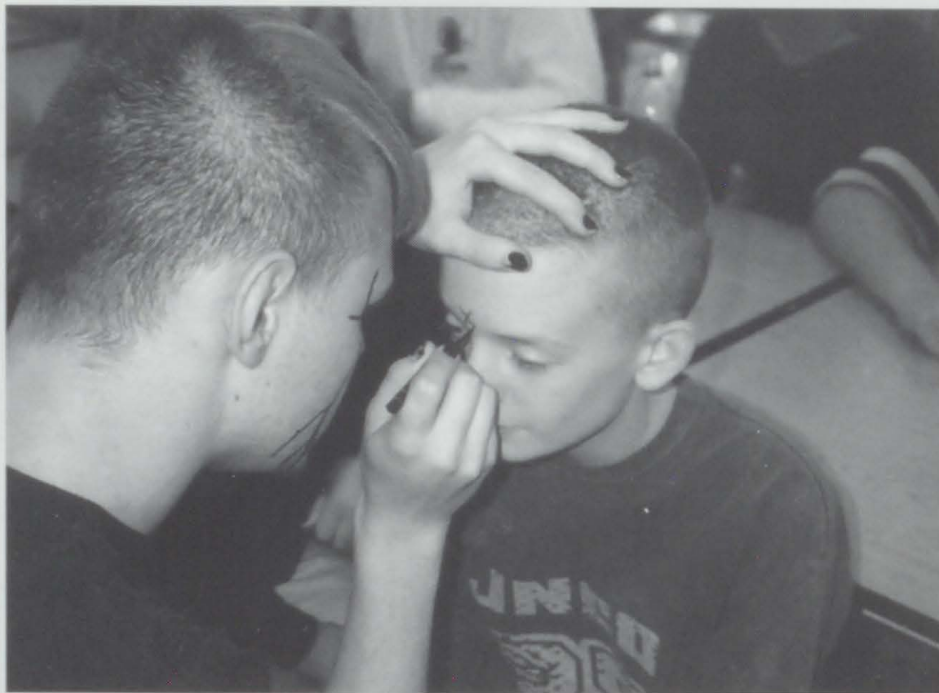
Lunch — a much anticipated time.

Millennium Magic

Right: Rachel Mullins, Matthew Richardson, Kristen Altizer, and Shelly Atwell.

Center: Junior, Aaron Clemons helps prepare Brandon Web for costume competition during fall festivities.

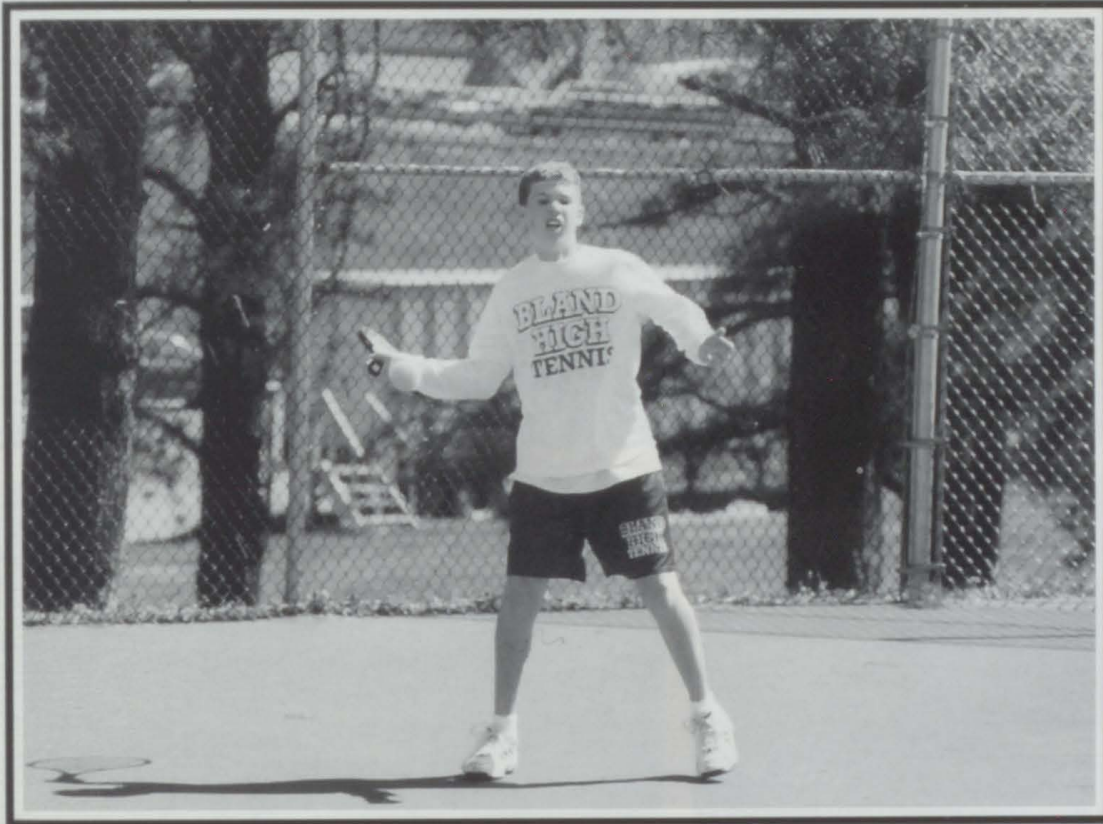
Center Right: Senior, Heather Morehead strikes a professional pose as she waits on the next . . . patient.



Far Right: Queen Amidala is none other than our own Jessica Kidd.

Right: Sarah Pruett and her real life angel, Stephanie Blankenship.





Sports

The BHS Varsity Girl's Basketball Team showed Improvement and Dedication during the School year. They finished Fourth in the Mountain Empire District.

Front: Laura Bridges; Crystal Stiltner; Kristen Altizer; and Amber Hutchins. **Back:** Sarah Pruett; Melissa Sadler; Crystal Stiltner; Susan Stanley, and Brandy Tate.



Below: Kelli Hall looks for the open pass while Crystal Stiltner helps on defense.

Right: Amber Hutchins, still alive in the game, reaches for the rebound.



Above: Kelli Hall, Susan Stanley, and Amber Hutchins boxing-out for the rebound.

Right: Kelli Hall and Amber Hutchins get ready for a match of scrapy ball.

Varsity and J.V. Girl's Basketball



Left: Bridget Stiltner steals the ball for the Rockets.
Center: Front: Erin Pruett, Vada Ramsey, Jenna Blankenship, Bridget Stiltner. **2nd:** Jodi Crabtree, Denita Harden, Mandy Call. **Back:** Ashleigh Smith, Shauna Puckett, Kelly Harless, Stephanie Foglesong, Angela Blankenship, Sherri Faulkner.

This group of girls were hard working and dedicated. Their efforts paid off. They finished the season in fifth place.



Below: Stephanie Foglesong watches closely while grabbing the ball.



Left: Mandy Call works hard while trying to guard the ball.

Above: Stephanie Foglesong and Amy Johnson scramble for the ball.

Varsity Boy's Basketball

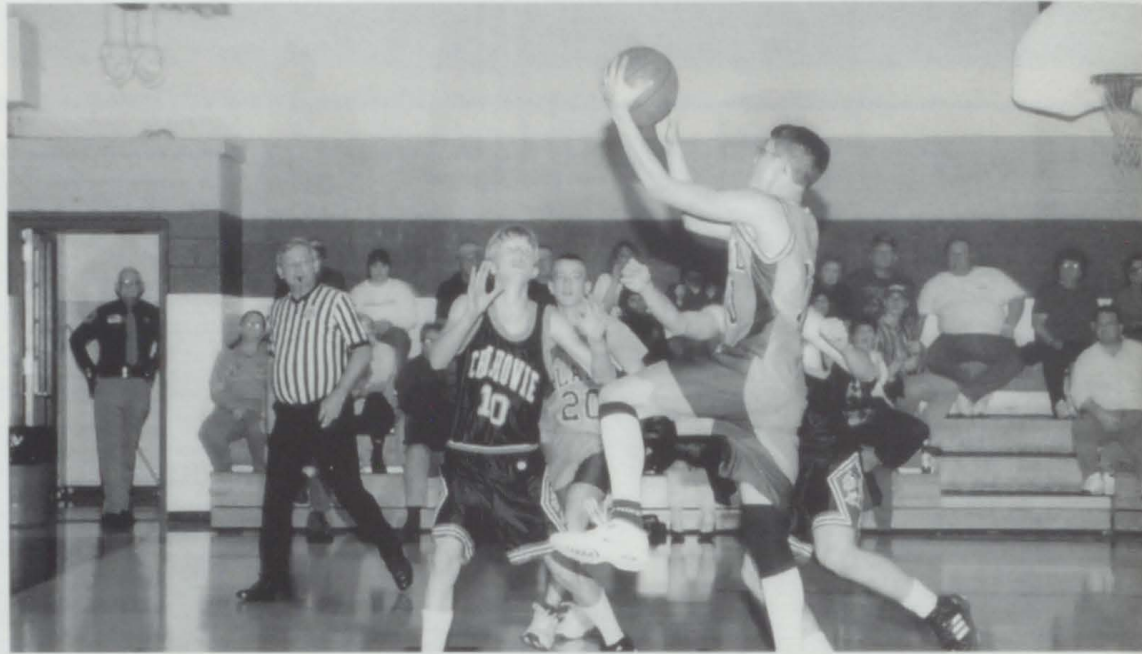
At the end of the 1999-2000 season, the Rockets showed great strength in their abilities to overcome a difficult year.

Right: Seth Baker up strong surrounded by defenders.

Below Center: Ben May takes to the air during a fast break situation.



Above: Andy Sarver makes a crucial decision to shoot the ball.



The 1999-2000 Varsity Boy's Basketball Team

Front Row: Aaron Pauley, Stuart Morehead, and Rob Kegley. **2nd Row:** Seth Baker, Anthony Newberry, Ben May, Shane Thompson, and Joey Walker, Ben Foglesong, Hunter Stuart, and Andy Sarver.

The team was comprised of three seniors, two juniors, and six sophomores.



J.V. Boy's Basketball



The JV Boy's Basketball Team demonstrated strength and endurance. They had several wins and a couple of close games under their belts at the end of the season.

Left: J. P. Agee goes up strong for a lay-up. **Center Left:** Reggie Meadows defends his man on defense.



Above: Coach Hankins in the huddle.



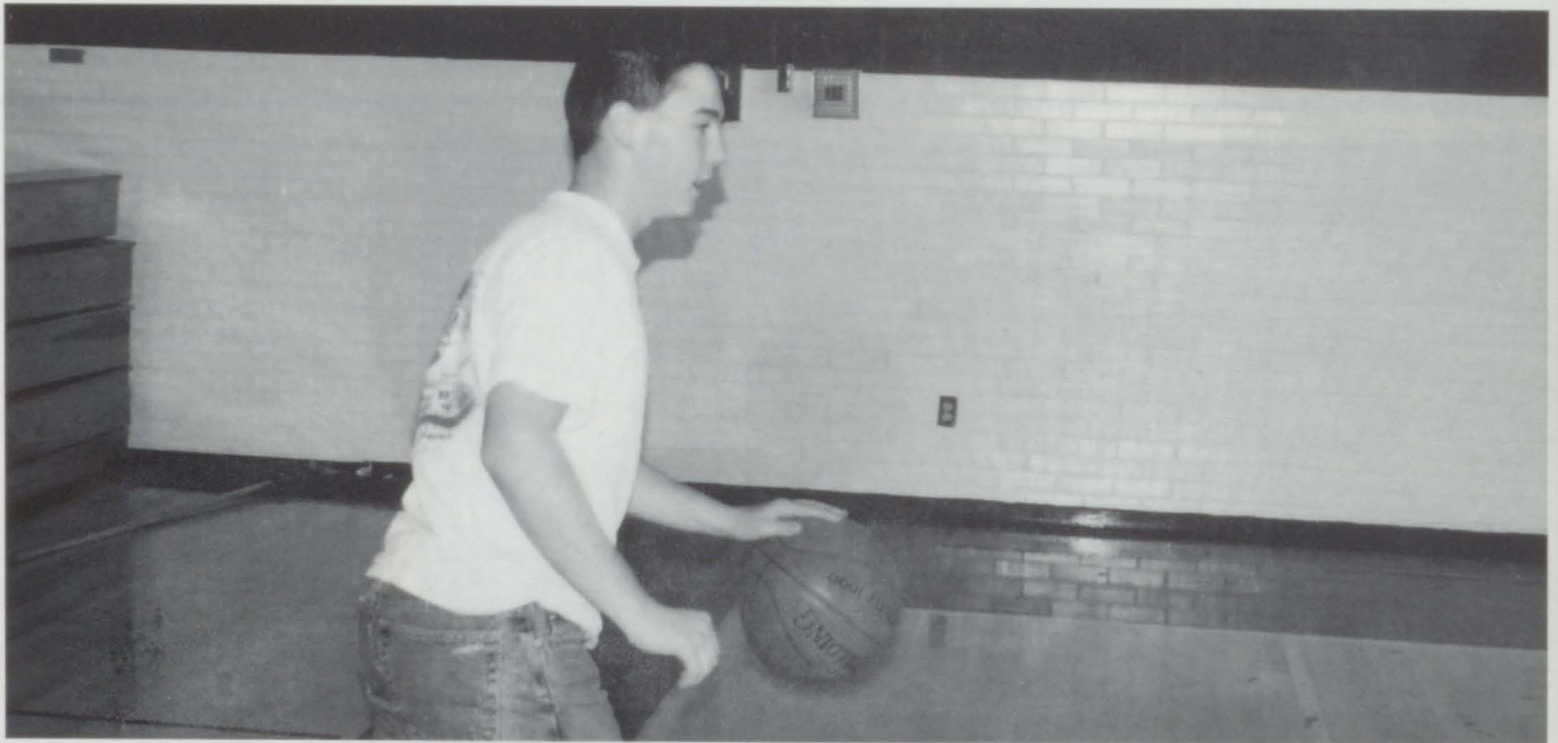
Front: Chris Harmon, John Dillow, and Shawn Reed. **2nd** David Pike, Corey Maddox, J. P. Agee, Brandon Anders, and Chase Thomas.

The JV Team was comprised of three freshmen, and six sophomores.

8th Grade Boy's Basketball



Front: Kyle Fogelson, R. J. Stanley, Robert Faulkner, Adam Baker, and Justin Dunn. Back: Chris Dillow, Chris Viar, Aaron Wright, Ben Johnson, Hunter Romano, Logan Tate, Todd Scott, and Jerrod Miller.



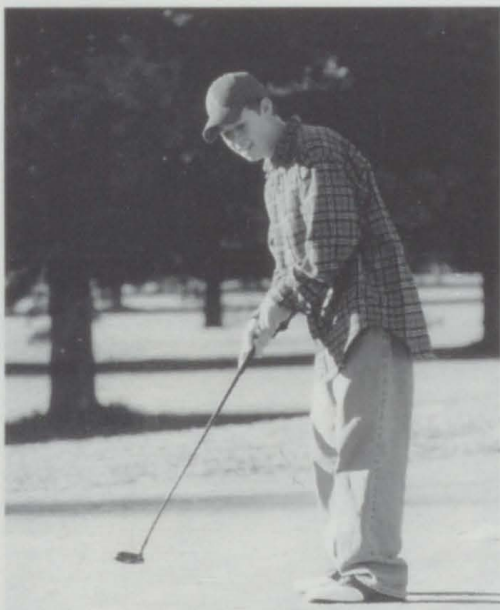
Chris Dillow, a dominant member of the 8th grade team, casually observes the court, in search for an open team member.

Bland High Golf



BHS Golf Team

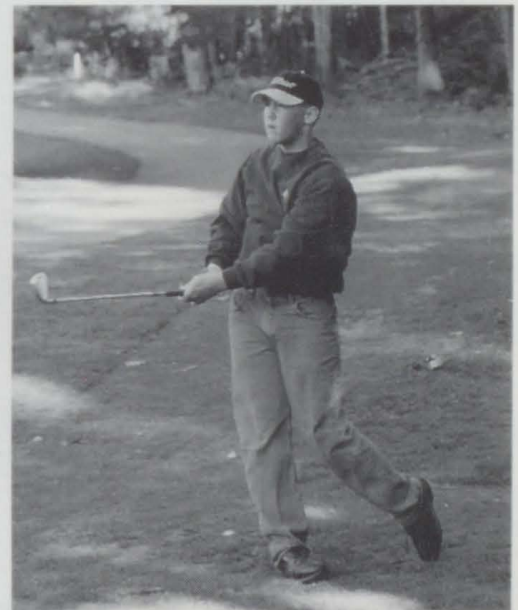
Front: Chris Dillow and John Dillow. **Back:** Ben May; Anthony Newberry; Brandon Anders; and Coach Roger Thompson.



Andy Sarver determines the angle in which the ball shall follow.



Coach Roger Thompson observes the game in luxury.

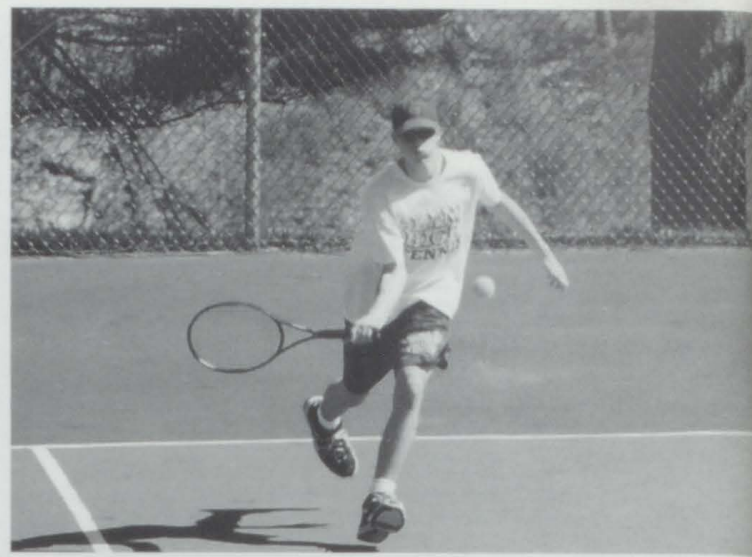


Chris Dillow drives one from the rough.

BHS Boy's Tennis

The 1999 Boy's Tennis season was a success. All players combined their efforts to have an undefeated regular season. The team was defeated only once in 2nd round Region C competition. Players Joe Meadows and Andy

Sarver went on to Region C, but lost in singles and doubles. Mark Sarver, former Tennis pro, coached Bland for the 99 season. With team effort, Bland is sure to have a strong tennis program for many years to come.



Top Right: Curtis Brewer runs into a forehand.
Above: Joe Meadows with a hard return.
Right: Chad Brewer bends to reach the ball.

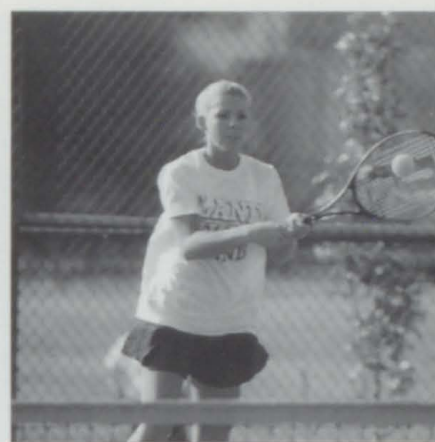
Front: Joe Meadows, Andy Sarver, Chase Thomas, Brandon Anders, Chad Brewer. **Back:** Brent Tate, Nathan Winters, Shane Thompson, Curtis Brewer, Seth Baker, and Coach Mark Sarver.



BHS Girl's Tennis

Girl's Tennis was an exciting year. Unfortunately, no games were won; however, the team was successful in their efforts. Ashleigh Sarver, became the state champion for the

fourth time in a row. Kari Harner, Ashleigh's doubles partner, also added runner-up state champions to their already existing record.



Above Left: Kari Harner returns a serve.

Above: Kelli Hall watches for the ball.

Left: Ashleigh Sarver in true form.



Front: Katie Muncy, Ashley Tate, Kari Harner, Ashleigh Sarver.
Back: Kelli Hall, Ashley Strock, Samantha Bird, Erin Johnson, and Coach Pattie Hankins.

BHS Varsity Volleyball

The Bland High School Varsity Girl's Volleyball Team began the season with 13 team members, all with Junior and Senior status. They set their goals high and came through with a good record. The end of the season brought

a loss to the varsity team; however, with nine graduating seniors, there were slots to be filled by upcoming Sophomores!

Right: Ashley Tate "bumps" for the set.



Above: All eyes are on the ball!
Right: Jessica Kidd makes an all out effort to get the ball over the net.



Front: Ashley Tate, Jessica Kidd, April Umbarger, Laura Bridges.
Back: Rachel Mullins, Ashley Strock, Monica Reed, Beth Lambert, Crystal Stiltner, Susan Stanley, Heather Morehead, Kelli Hall, Amy Viar.



BHS J.V. Girl's Volleyball

The Bland High School Junior Varsity Volleyball Team consisted of one eighth grader, seven Freshmen, and seven Sophomores. The J.V. girls focused on the techniques of the game and dynamics of

team work. A large number of girls express an interest in volleyball early in the school year.

Left: Shauna Puckett attempts to bump the ball.



Left: Samantha Harner elegantly rises to the occasion.

Above: Amber Hutchins prepares to return the volley ball.



Front: Bridget Stiltner, Heather Wright, Amber Hutchins, Sherri Faulkner, Shanna Brown. **Back:** Danielle Underwood, Brandy Tate, Shauna Puckett, Kelly Harless, Samantha Harner, Melissa Sadler, Nikki Wilson, Denita Harden, Miranda Foley.

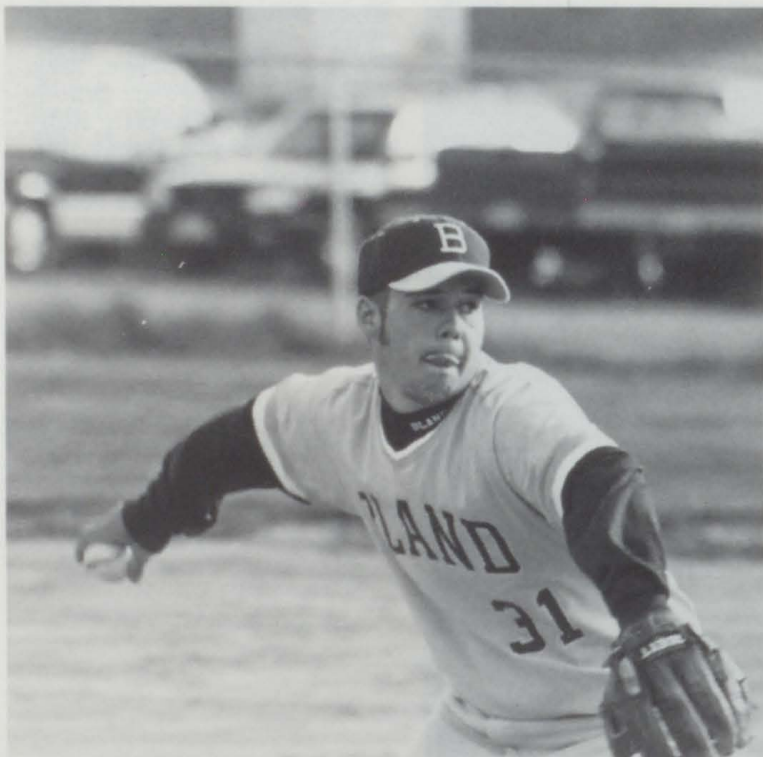
BHS Varsity Baseball



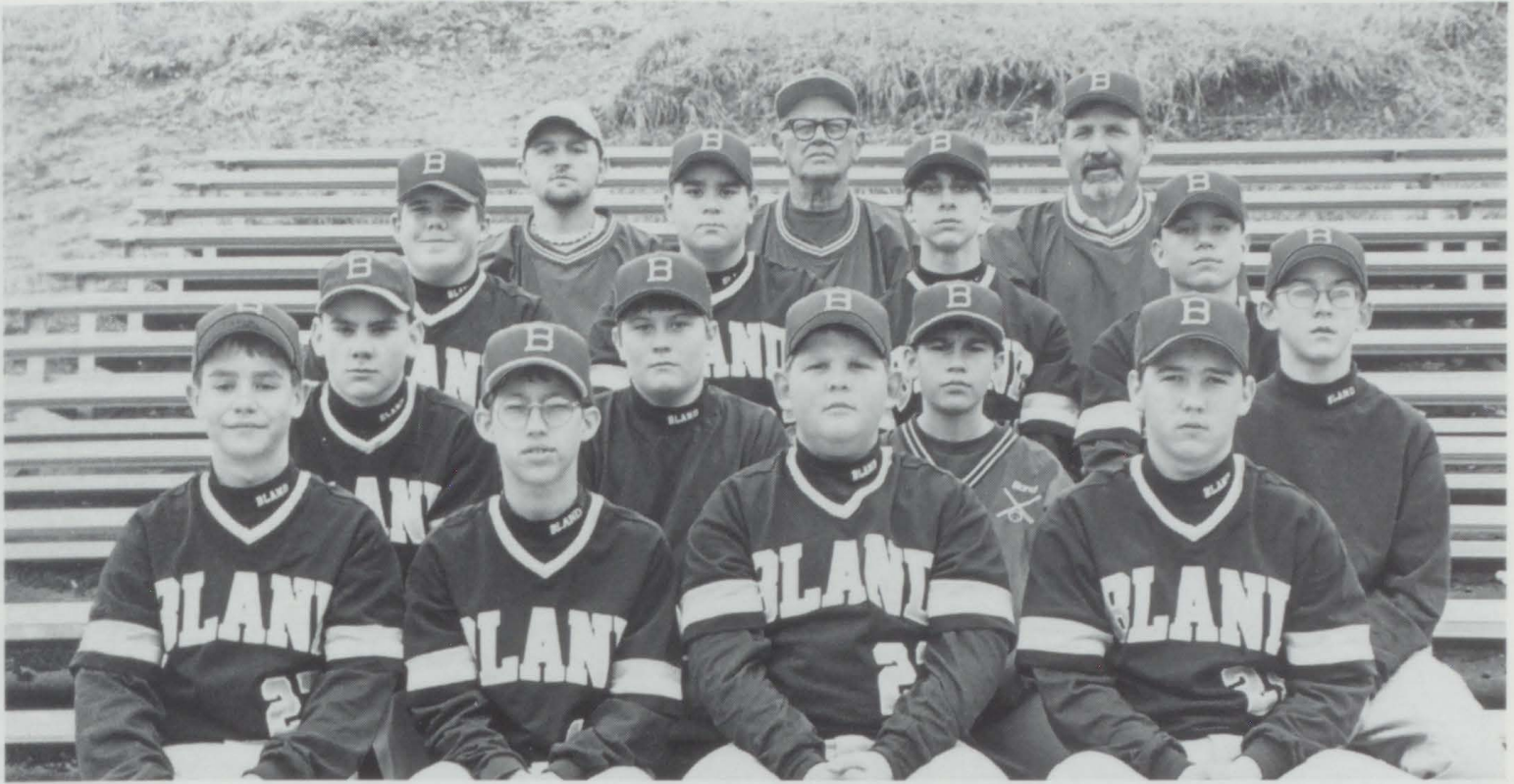
Front: John Dillow, Rob Kegley, Brandon Faulkner, Brian Faulkner, and Josh Breedlove. 2nd: James Williams, Reggie Meadows, Matthew Tickle, Aaron Pauley, and Casey Elliot. 3rd: Adam Carroll, David Olinger, Jeremiah Tate, and Roger Thompson, Coach. Back: Ben Chewing, Coach; Skip Dillow, Coach; and Kevin Pauley, Manager.

Below Left: Josh Breedlove winds up for the pitch.

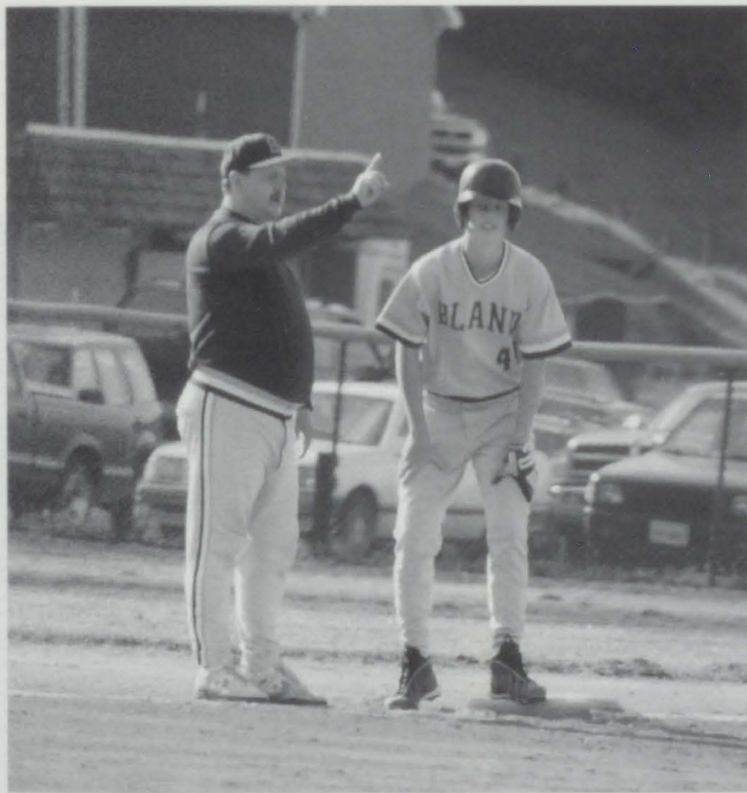
Below Right: Adam Carroll watches for the fastball.



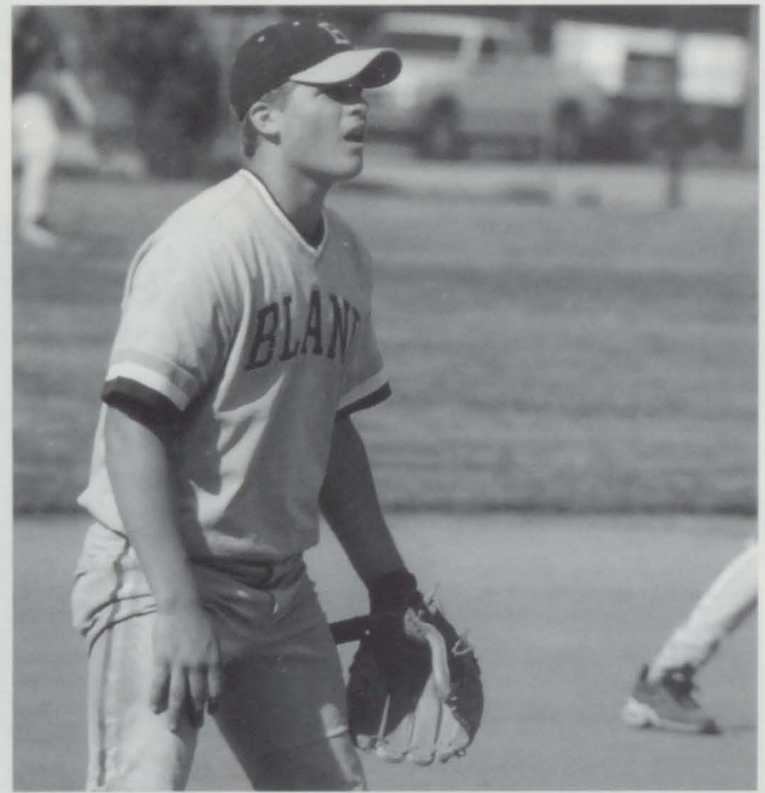
BHS Junior Varsity Baseball



Front: Logan Tate, Christian Simpkins, Jerrod Sadler, and Chris Dillow. 2nd: Chris Viar, Jonathan Kidd, Chris Harmon, and Todd Scott. 3rd: Chris Tolbert, J. P. Agee, Aaron Wright, and Stephen Howell. Back: Ben Chewning, Coach, Skip Dillow, Coach, and Roger Thompson, Coach.

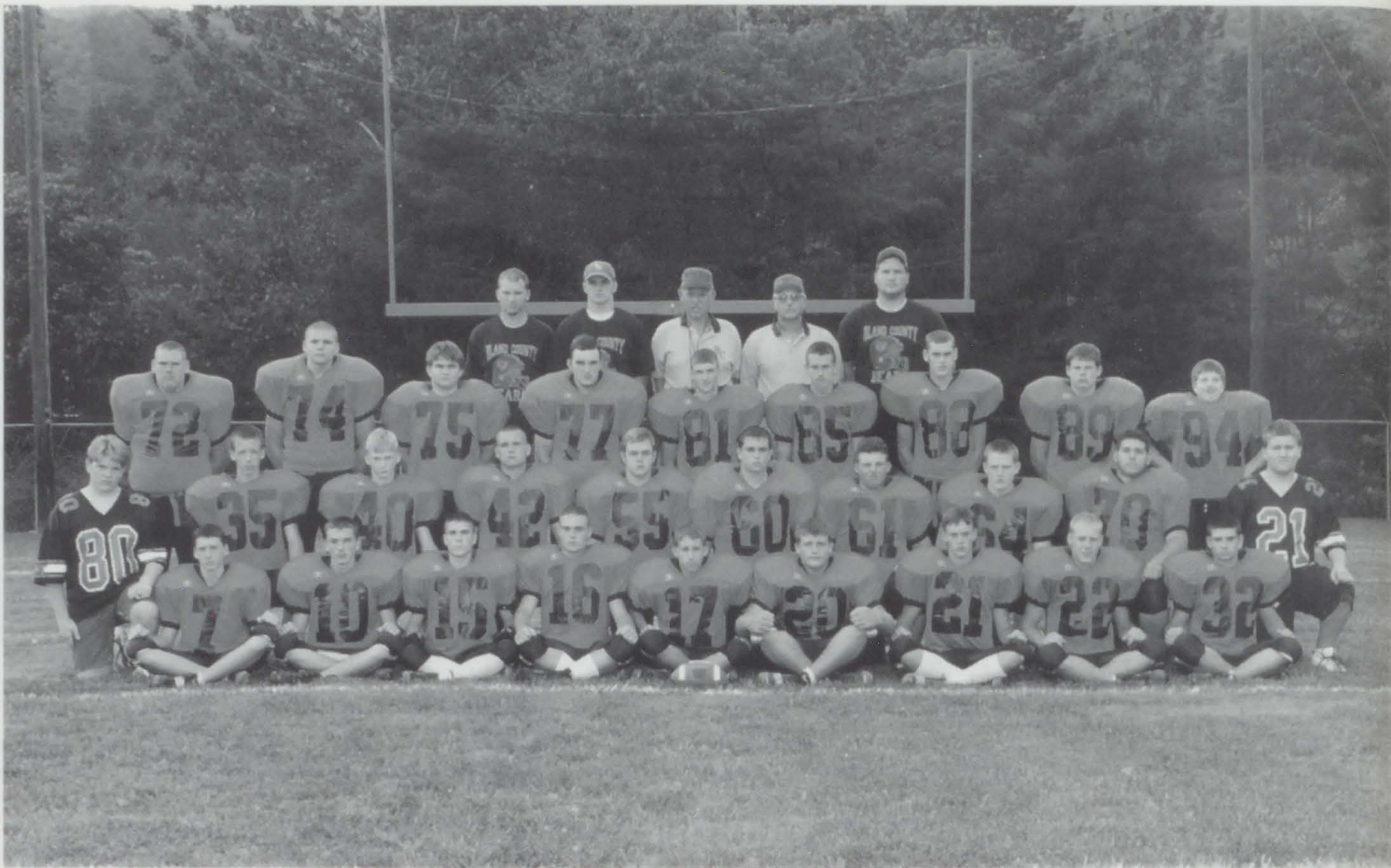


Joey Walker receives signals from the base coach, Norman Dillow, who is responsible for informing the runner when to proceed.



Concentrating on the game at hand, Sophomore, Casey Elliot, is watching for a fly ball.

1999 Varsity Football



Front Row: Brandon Kelley, T. J. Vaughn, Zach Perkins, Zane Perkins, Christian Simpkins, Casey Elliott, Sam Wright, Mark McKee, and Brandon Blessing. **2nd Row:** Manager Dustin Williams, John Darby, David Pike, Ben Leighton, Adam Goforth, Bradley Johnson, Eugene Brunk, Daryl Stanley, James Williams, and Manager John Phillips. **3rd Row:** Gabe Sparks, Charlie Stiltner, Matt Richardson, Carl Williams, Curtis Brewer, Josh Kidd, Josh Buchanan, Reggie Meadows, and James Thompson. **Back Row:** Coaching staff, Jared Tibbs, Casey Farmer, Dan Tibbs, Stephen Kelley and Ray Fritz.



Casey Elliot adds another six points to the scoreboard.



Defensive coach Justin Eaton keeps spirits high at an away game.



A Craig county runner is tackled by the Bear's defensive line.

Junior Varsity Football



Front: Jason Munson, Aaron Wright, Jarret Payne, Dustin Carter, and Chris Viar. **2nd:** Eric Scott, Chris Smith, Mark Gregory, and Jonathan Nelson. **3rd:** Matt Dalton, Dustin Riggins, Robbie Wolfe, Clint Slaughter, and Robert Belcher. **Back:** Coach Jerrod Tibbs, Coach James Belcher, Coach Ray Fritz, and Coach Casey Farmer.



JV players are getting tips from the coaches.



Homecoming Princess Kelly Harless and Escort David Pike.



Eric Scott takes a break after a big play.

Basketball Cheerleading

Right: Varsity Team

Front: Virginia Presley. 2nd: Crystal Hancock, and Jessica Kidd. 3rd: Kelli Hall, Heather Morehead, Susan Stanley and Ashley Strook.

Center Left: J.V. Team

Front: Angela Blankenship, Kelly Harless, Samantha Harner, and Shauna Puckett. 2nd: Heather Wright, Sherri Faulkner, and Bridget Stiltner. 3rd: Brandy Tate.

Basketball Cheerleading consists of a J.V. and Varsity team. They are sponsored by Iris Strook.



Center right: Senior, Kelli Hall, satisfied with the call.

Right: Senior, Jessica Kidd leads the crowd.

Far Right: J.V. Cheerleaders in full action.



J.V. & Varsity F-Ball Cheerleading



Above: Varsity Football Cheerleaders.

Front: Crystal Hancock **2nd:** Jessica Bowen and Heather Barnett. **Back:** Susan Stanley, Angela Mercer, and Mollie Neal.

Left: J.V. Football Cheerleaders.

Front: Jessica Harner **2nd:** Jessica Barnett, Amber Groseclose, Courtney Rife, and Jessica Duffey. **Back:** Jessica Rose and Kelly Harless.



Left: Cheerleaders inspire the crowd. Mrs. Iris Strock is Cheerleading Sponsor.



The Year In Sports

Right: Against all odds, Kelli Hall makes the shot.

Below: Andy Sarver, an aggressive tennis player.

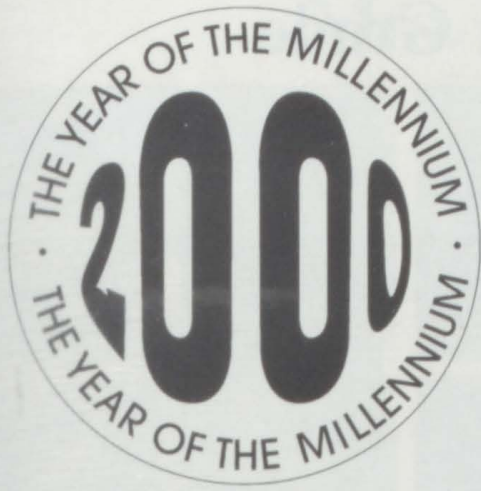


Above: Brian Faulkner ready to run.

Above Right: Coach Tibbs rallies his players.

Right: Midget football with an outstanding season.





Elementary

Mr. Simpkins' Seventh Grade

Mr. Fred Simpkins
Brittany Allen
Kayla Anders
Adam Baker



Bobby Baker
Kasey Crider
Kim Crusenberry



Gabrielle Dean
Ashley Dillow
Justin Dunn
Brent Emerson
Madeline Harden



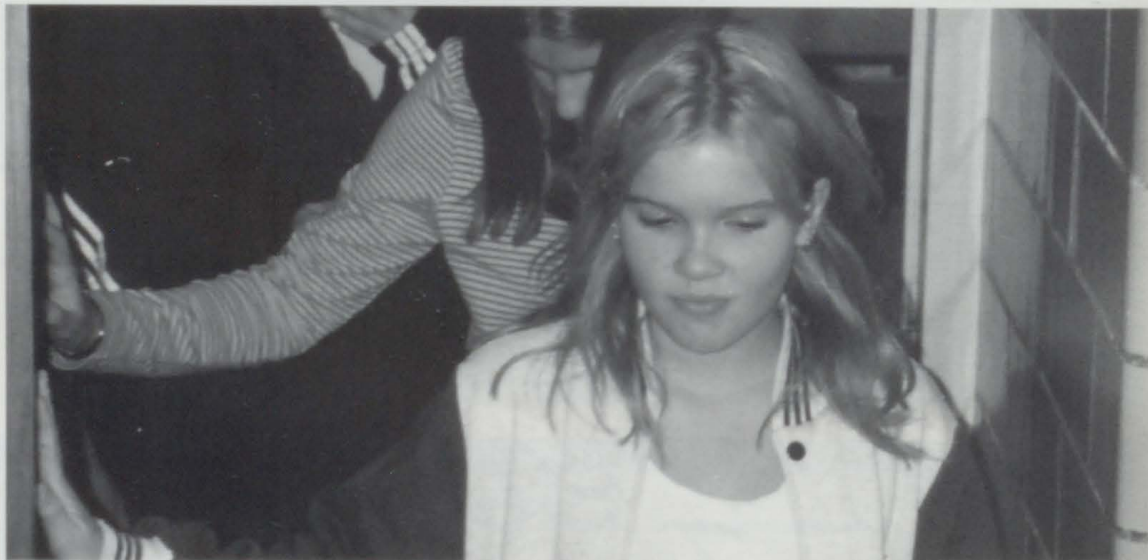
Daniel King
Krystal McGuire
Jerrod Miller
Derek Parker
Joshua Pauley



Eric Scott
David Shupe
Derek Tibbs
Billy Umbarger
Adrienne Woodie



Purcella Smith exits the cafeteria.



Mrs. Tibbs' Seventh Grade



Mrs. Diana Tibbs
Phillip Bowles
Jenna Dunn
Becky Goss



Corey Hatcher
Greg Jones
Amanda Millirons



Robert Morehead
Lindsey Newberry
Cynthia Nottingham
Nicholas Pauley
April Rambo



Lesley Repass
Keisha Smith
Purcella Smith
Jock Songer
Carmella Thompson



Paul Thompson
Ashley Tickle
Travis Tyeryar
Jared Umbarger
Angela Walker



Will Willoughby

Mrs. Nelson's Sixth Grade Class

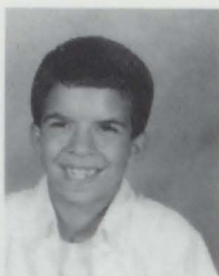
Mrs. Rachelle Nelson
Gavin Blankenship
Kayla Bridges
James Brunk



Ashely Cox
Keith Dalton
Tiffeny Davidson



Jason Henson
Shana Jones
Randy Miller
Zachary Neal
Ashley Neal



Bobby Riggins
Timothy Ramano
Becky Simmons
Joseph Stowers
Joshua Thompson



William Vanover
Tonya Wright



Chelsea Wright reads diligently.



Mrs. Radford's Sixth Grade Class



Mrs. Laura Radford
Tyler Altizer
James Belcher
Tiffany Casey



Kayla Clemons
Brenna Collins
Jessica Davis



Christina Dillow
Brandon Faulkner
Robert Faulkner
Kyle Fogleson
Phillip Henson



Stephanie Johnson
Trey Morehead
Josh Shelton
Aimee Tate
Jeremiah Thompson



Nathan Tickle
Will Turner
Shane Umbarger
Chelsea Wright



Mrs. Radford assists Ashley Neal.

Mrs. Kadi Cleary's Fifth Grade

Mrs. Kadi Cleary
Samantha Arney
Anne Cline
Joey Cole



Randa Collins
Adrienne Cox
Ashley Davis



John Goss
Morgan Harless
Sondra Harman
Shane Kincaid
Anna May



David Mutter
Laura Peery
Patrick Simpkins
Erin Stiltner
Kendell Stuart



Joshua Talbert



The fifth grade class waits patiently for gym time.



Mrs. Norma Newberry's Fifth Grade



Mrs. Norma Newberry
Katie Bailey
Elizabeth Bossman
Jaron Crider



Josh Dillow
April Doss
Samatha Foglesong



Zeke Harman
Kimberly Harman
Chelesa Havens
Maxxie Hopkins
Shane Hutchins



M. J. Mallory
Josh May
Justin May
Amy McPeak
Eli Quigg



Heather Rhodes
Brandi Walker
Justin Webb
Elizabeth White
Jamie White



Brandi Walker and Samantha Foglesong show that learning can be fun.

Mrs. Debbie Maxfield's Class

Mrs. Debbie Maxfield
Courtney Callahan
Joshua Coffman
Sarah Collins



Glen Davis
Jessica Dillow
Tyler Eastep



Bobby Gibson
Samantha Grey
Coleman Hamilton
Chris Hounshell
Shaun Justice



Deanna May
Anna Micheal
Cari Neal
Stephen Wolfe
Heather Wright



Fourth graders are the first rung of the upper-elementary school ladder.



Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson's Class



Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson
Brandon Bailey
John Brunk
Geneva Earls



T. J. Gill
Farah Hopkins
Matthew Hounshell



Adrianna Hutchins
Andrew Jarvis
Jessica Mitchell
John Reed
Michael Smith



Careena Surratt
Casey Tate
Jerry Woodie
Tasha Woolwine



Mrs. Johnson's Class begins a science lesson.

Mrs. Dunford's 3rd Grade

Mrs. Sue Dunford
E. J. Crusenberry
Harley Davis
Cody Farlow



Marissa Haun
April Jude
Kaitlyn McGuire



Kristen Miller
Stephen Mustard
Ian Reed
Allyson Repass
Mitch Simmons



Carolyn Tickle
Elizabeth Tickle
Justin Umbarger
Alexander Vaughn
Samuel Vaught



Christopher Walls
Stephanie Wright



Third graders joyfully color their pictures inside the lines.



Ms. Rhodes' 3rd Grade



Ms. Sheri Rhodes
William Arney
Jonathan Baker
Dylan Bruce



Jesse Carey
Michael Cassell
Christopher Cox



Kimberly Davis
Megan Davis
Amanda Duncan
Kristin Dunn
William Dutton



Cody Gilbert
Erica Jones
Ethan Jones
Trenton Miller
Brittni Mustard



Caleb Pauley
Courtney Sargent
Brittany Walker
Benjamin Whited



Caleb Pauley at the Ring Toss during Elementary Field Day.

Second Grade — Mrs. Carver's Class

Mrs. Rita Carver
Megan Atwell
Taylor Burton
Krystal Carver



T. J. Clemons
Kayla Dillow
Kathryne Falls



Booker Fritz
Laurel Hankins
Kathleen Hicks
Tyler Hodge
Justin Hounshell



Amanda Jackson
Courtney King
Stephanie May
Joshua Mutter
Jonathan Nelson



Derek Rhodes
Harmony Simmons
Thomas Wilson



Mrs. Carver's class is content with the school day.



Second Grade — Mrs. Niess' Class



Mrs. Barbara Niess
Annette Crigger
Amiee Crider
Krista Dillow



Erika Duncan
Katlyn Eastep
Luke Gibson



Elizabeth Jones
T. J. Justice
Samantha Magyar
Telisha Miller
Christopher Mooney



Shawn Moore
Amanda Morehead
Kirby Mustard
Logan Pires
Christopher Shelton



Michael Sojka
Sasha Umbarger
Tiffany Wright



Second Graders enjoy a day of fun and sun.

Mrs. Lambert's First Grade Class

Mrs. Pam Lambert
 Josh Blevins
 Courtney Crucey
 Tanner Davis



Brady Dillow
 Kenneth Doss
 Jonathan Dunn



Blaine Fisher
 Christy Micheal
 Ashley Mustard
 Michael Parker
 Isaac Repass



Mandy Sparks
 Katie Tate
 Amanda Vandyke



Mrs. Lambert's students are attentive to instruction.



Mrs. Gwen Vicars' First Grade Class



Mrs. Gwen Vicars
Tyler Arney
Laura Asbury
J. D. Atwell



Meagan Bridges
Erin Duncan
James Eaton



Blake Fisher
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Cailyn Parker



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Mrs. Vicars' Class — truly adorable!

Mrs. Pruett's Kindergarten Class

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Dakota Cox



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Jakob Haun
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Lindsey Hylton
Regan Johnson



Samantha Mooney
Steven Russo
Steven Sage
Alisha Tickle
Justin Woodie



Mrs. Pruett's class has fun while working.



Mrs. Scott's Kindergarten Class



Mrs. Becky Scott
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Kelsey Dinger
Zachary Dinger



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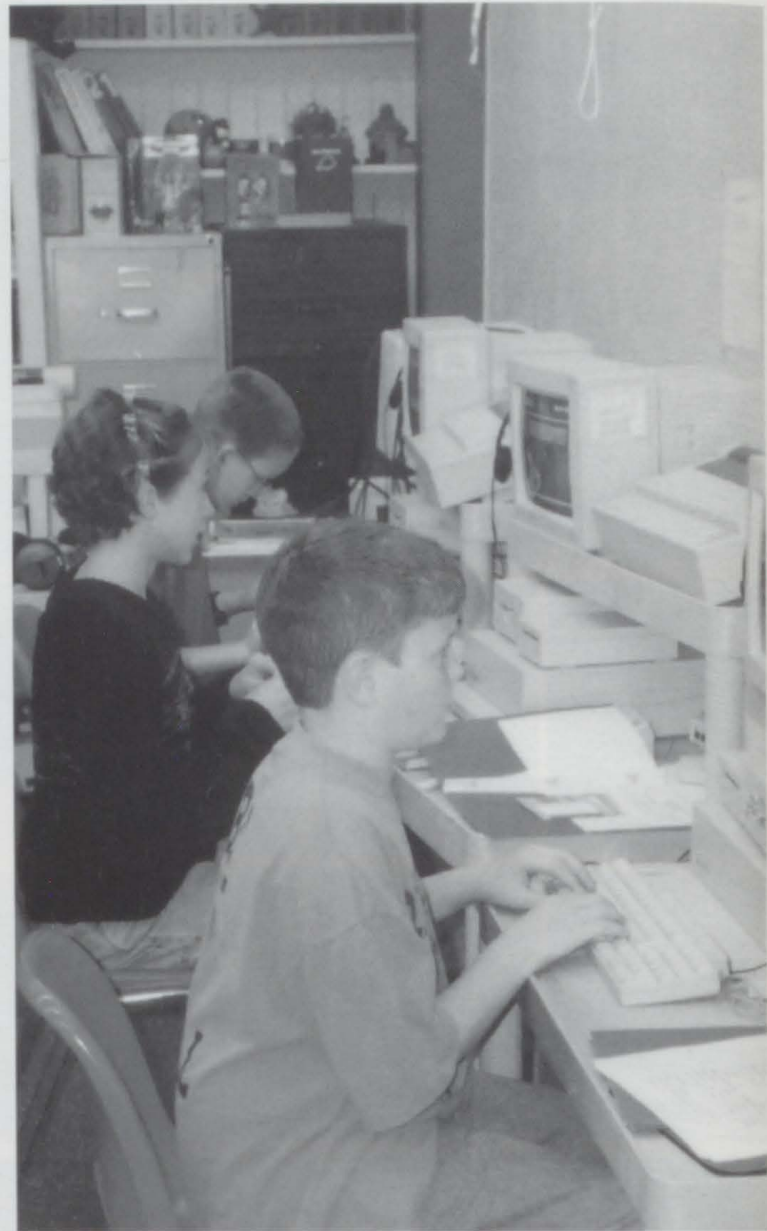


Mrs. Scott's Kindergarten class
works diligently.

A Day In Elementary



Above: Skyler Rhodes enjoys coloring in the library.



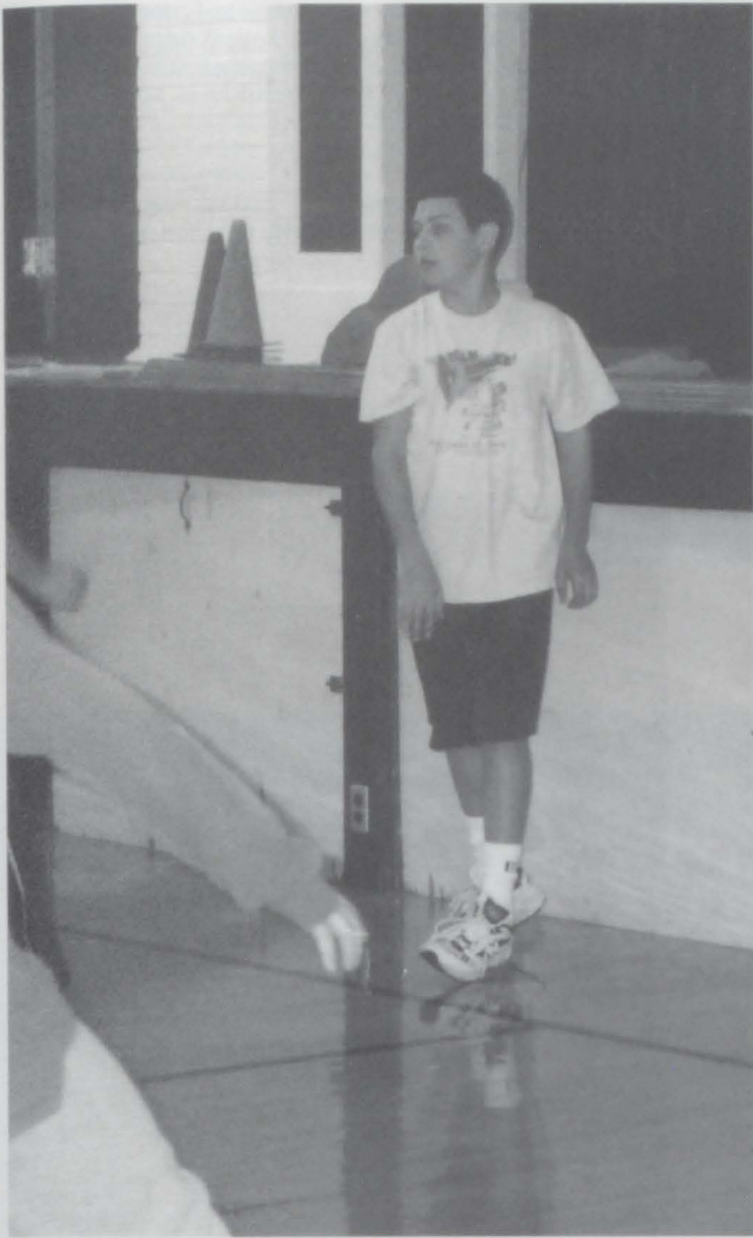
Right: These kids are starting early on their computer skills.



Above: Reading the Bland Messenger is an important part of this 3rd Grade Class.



Above: Gym is an activity looked forward to every day.



Left: Adam Baker in a game of kickball.

Above: A look in on the 7th Grade Class.



Above: Most everyone in this class is a little camera shy.



Above: Lots of conversation is taking place in the lunchroom.

K-3 Field Day



Primary grades waited anxiously for the arrival of field day. The day arrived one sunny day in May and grades K-3 turned out for an adventure. An array of shorts, t-shirts, and baseball caps spotted the fairgrounds as students participated in various events and activities.

The merry-go-round is packed full! Students discovered it isn't easy to push the extra weight.

It took the efforts of many to make the day a success. Many items had to be gathered and transported "over the hill." Parents were a key factor in the planning of field day as well as implementing each competition and game.

Steven Wolfe, T. J. Gill, and Joseph Rasi make a dash for the finish line during the sack race.



The close of the day revealed an exhausted but content group of children who slowly climbed the hill back to their classrooms. The excitement had died out but the stories of winning and the memories of fun would last a lifetime.

Runners push to the front as Mrs. Niess cheers.

4-7 Field Day

Upper Elementary students viewed field day differently from primary grades. There was anticipation of competing as well as winning.

Daniel Johnson completes a field shot. Daniel enjoys basketball, and is eager to participate in the high school athletic program.



Relay races were the favorite activities as students passed the relay baton. Long distance runs were also popular with many of the students. Other popular events included softball throw and long jump.

Girls enjoy hula hoops as part of the day's festivities.

Concession was the place where people wanted to be. Many helped serve homemade desserts, pizza, potato chips, and watermelon. Cherry Tickle, Vickie Maygar, and Ken Muncy were just a few who "dished-up the goodies."

No field day is complete with a race to the finish line.



Elementary Sweetheart Dance

The Bland Elementary Sweetheart dance was a special night for these youngsters. Everyone had fun even in the heat of competition. After the crowning, they were privileged to have a live band and danced the night away.

Right: The royal court receives their awards.



Above: King and Queen Morgan Harless and April Doss.

Right: Prince and Princess Tyler Arney and Erin Duncan.





Below: Bob Morehead escorts
Lindsey Newberry.

Below Left: Morgan Harless and
Katie Bailey lead a dance.



Young ladies enjoy the music as
they dance together.

Elementary Beauty Pageant



Above: Sasha Umbarger 2nd Runner-up; Carolyn Tickle, Little Miss; Katie Eastep; 1st Runner-up. **Right:** Alisha Tickle is Tiny Miss.



Mrs. Rachel Nelson asks Carolyn Tickle what she likes most about her horse.



Little Miss Contestants: Katie Eastep, Carolyn Tickle, Sasha Umbarger, Alexia Fraizer, Christy Michael, Ashely Mustard, and Allyson Repass.

Bland Elementary Pageant

April 23, 1999 found many anxious young ladies competing for the titles of Tiny Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Bland Elementary School. These pageants were sponsored by the Sixth Grade Class of Bland Elementary

School. These hard working children sponsored the pageant to raise funds for their Williamsburg Field Trip.

Left: Kelly Harless waits to pass the crown on to the new Miss BES.



Junior Miss: 1st Runner-Up, Kendall Stuart; Jr. Miss, Ashley Davis; 2nd Runner-Up, Jamie White.



Above: Jamie White is getting some last minute beauty touches from her mother, Thelma White. Left: Miss Bland Elementary School: 2nd Runner-Up, Kasey Crider, Overall winner, Chelsea Wright, 1st Runner-Up, Purcella Smith.

A Look At Elementary

Right: The cafeteria is the "hub" of student life.

Far Right: No occasion is complete without refreshments.

Below: The Merry-Go-Round during field day.



Above: Sidney St. Clair's prepared for the photographer.

Right: Alexia Frazier and Cailyn Parker at the bean bag toss.



Below: Heather Wright is crowned Miss Bland High School.



Miss Bland High School

The BHS Beauty Pageant proved to be a special night for five confident young ladies. The auditorium was transformed into a world of gold stars and purple balloons. Mixed feelings of excitement and nervousness seemed to fill the air, along with the cheers of family and friends. As the tension built for these young ladies, they found themselves having to endure the question and answer period. This gave the judges a clearer perspective of their ability to communicate to an audience. The title of Miss Bland High was bestowed upon Miss Heather Wright. Miss Susan Stanley was first runner-up, and second runner-up was Miss Christa Winesett.



Left: Christa Winesett, Heather Wright, and Susan Stanley.

Above: Miranda Foley, Christa Winesett, Heather Wright, Katie Muncy, and Susan Stanley.

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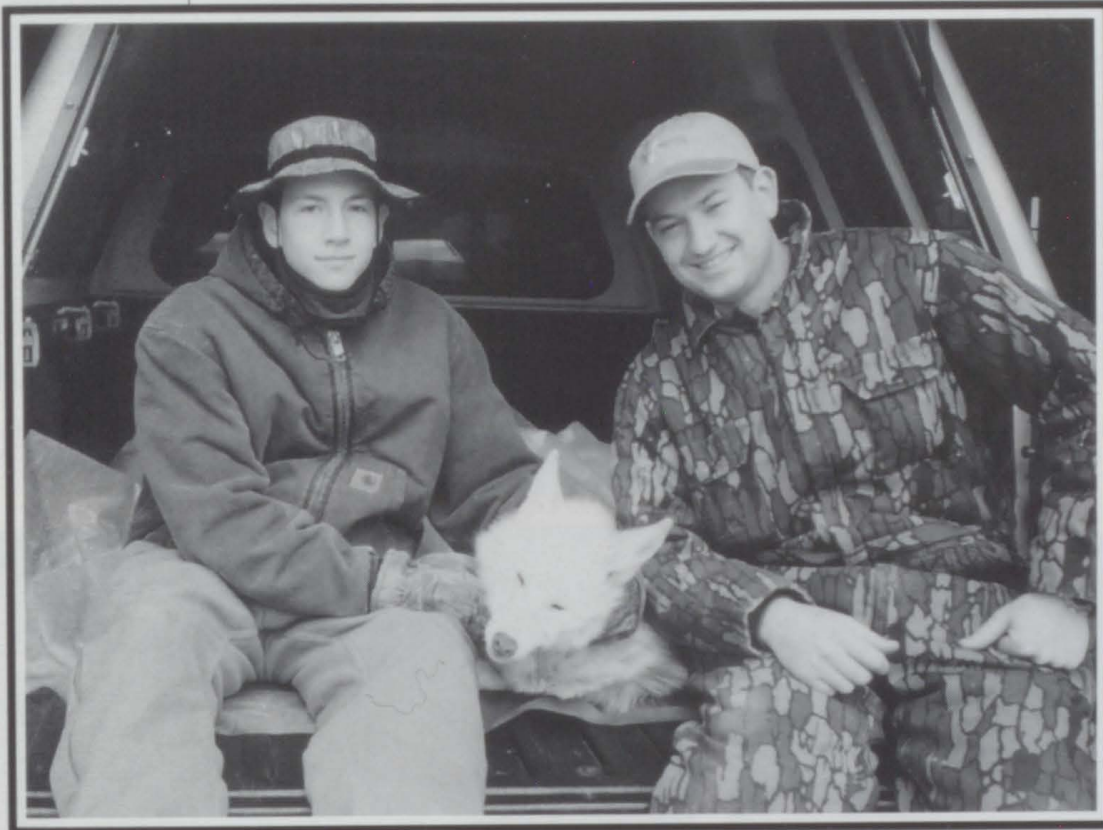


Right: Hanging Out!
Below: Beth Lambert, Amy Johnson, and Katie Scott lounge in the hall.



Above Right: Christina King puts on a smile.
Far Right: Amber Hutchins — camera savy.
Right: The Library, a popular hang-out for underclassmen.





Community



First place winner in horse show was Kendell Stuart.



The Bland County Fair is a busy time of year for all ages.



Bland County Fair Parade.

The Bland County Fair.



D. J. Wright shows off his well trained hound dog.



The younger citizens of Bland County show off their pet horses.



The Bland County youth horse show brings out the best in horses and riders.



Frank Chandler's popularity soars as he sells ice cream to Josh Coffman during the festival.

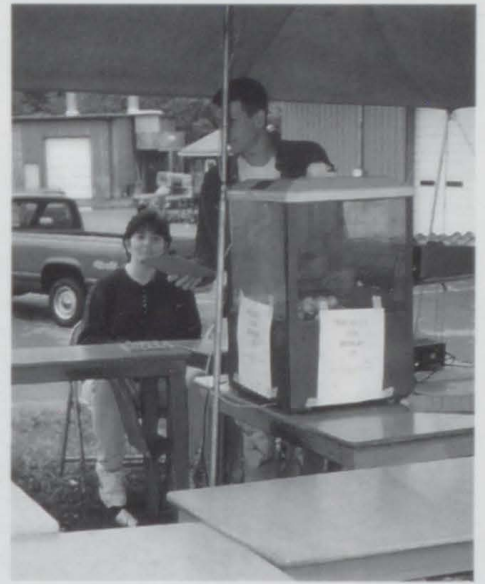


The Bland Volunteer Rescue Squad is working very diligently on serving up some good food.



Pat Johnson gives cookies to the children of Bland.

Bland County Festival Of Leaves



Rob Kegley works at a good cause, by checking cards.

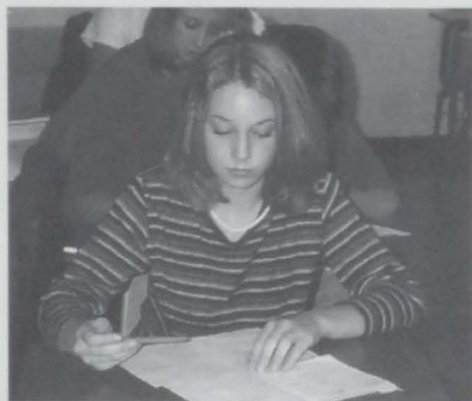
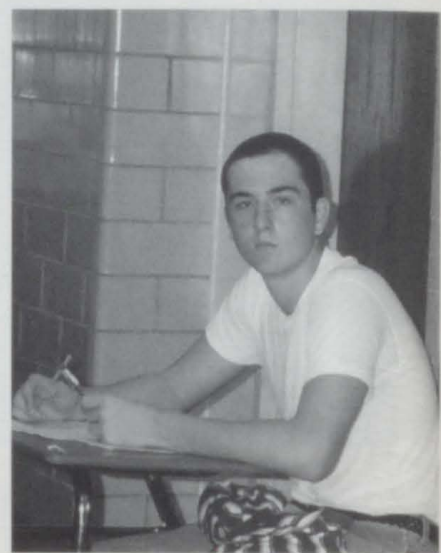
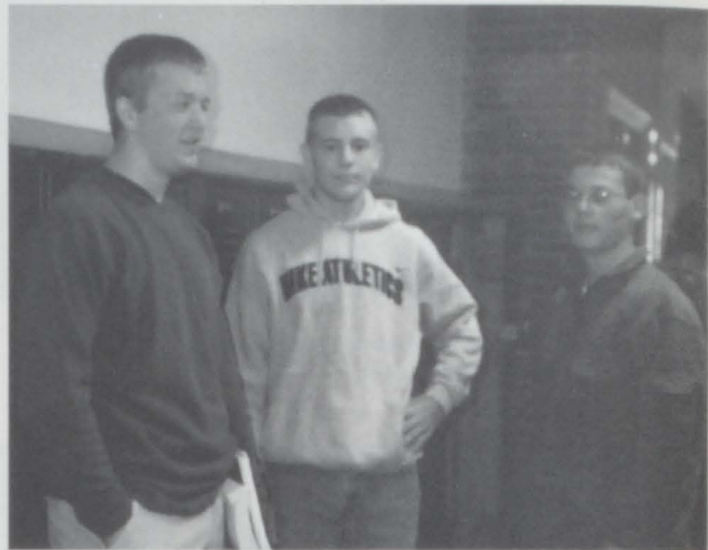


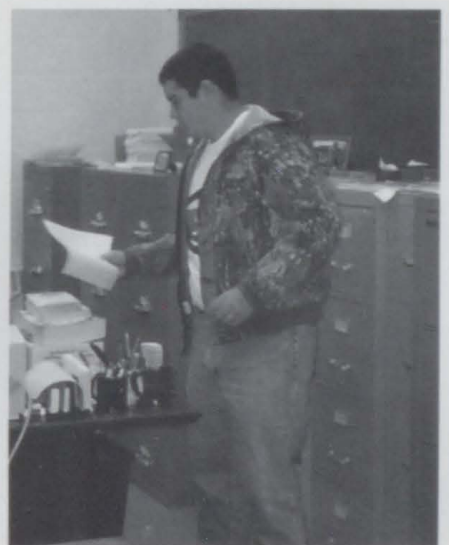
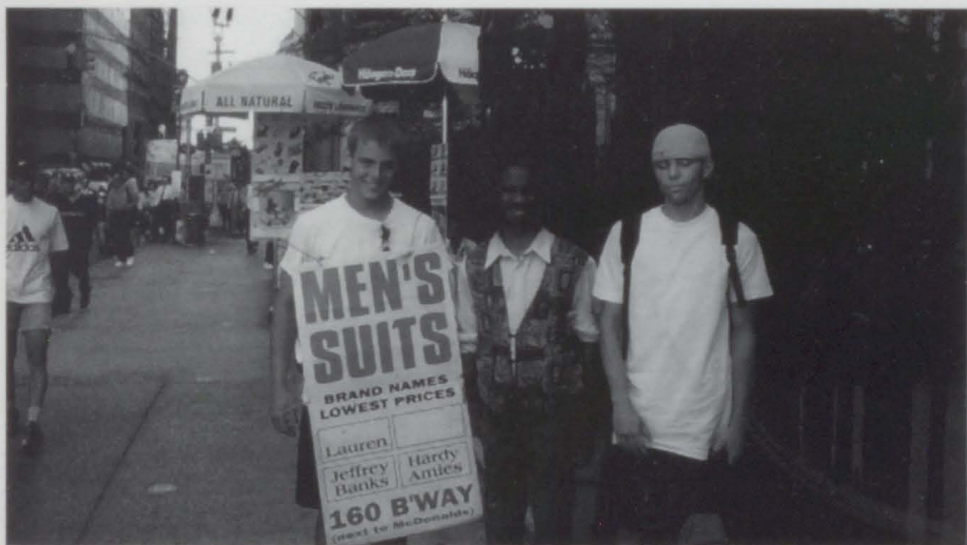
Residents of Bland enjoy the fun activities of the festival.



A young Bland County seamstress learns from the masters.

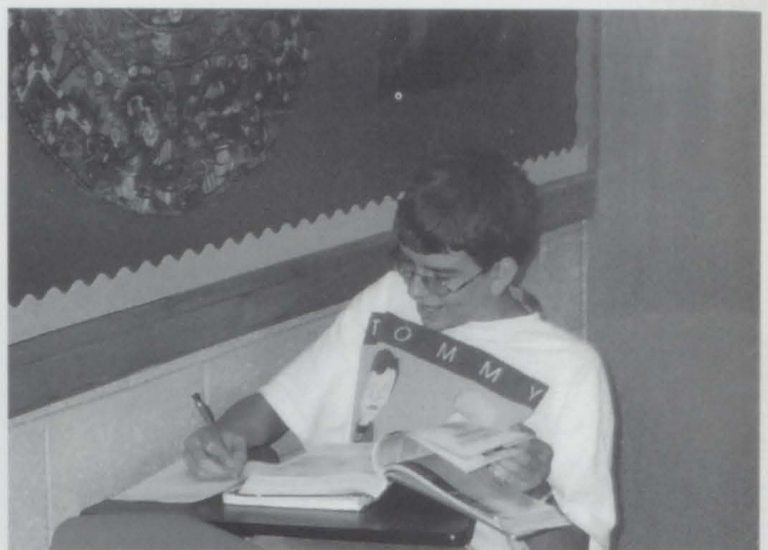
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Billy Umbarger, Tiffany Casey, and Monica Havens plant flowers.



Ben Johnson hard at work during Physical Science.



Lian Cole — After Prom.

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Mrs. Kegley and Mrs. Faulkner during hall duty.



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Mr. Morehead's first year as BHS Faculty.



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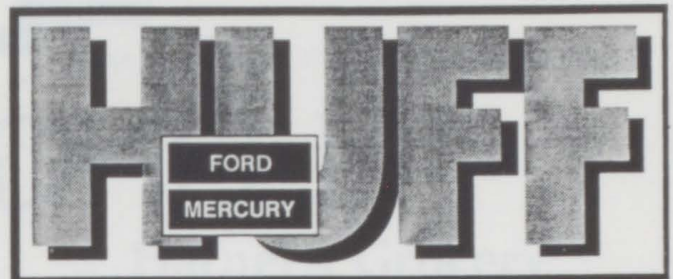
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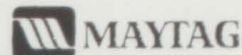
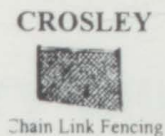
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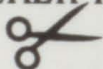


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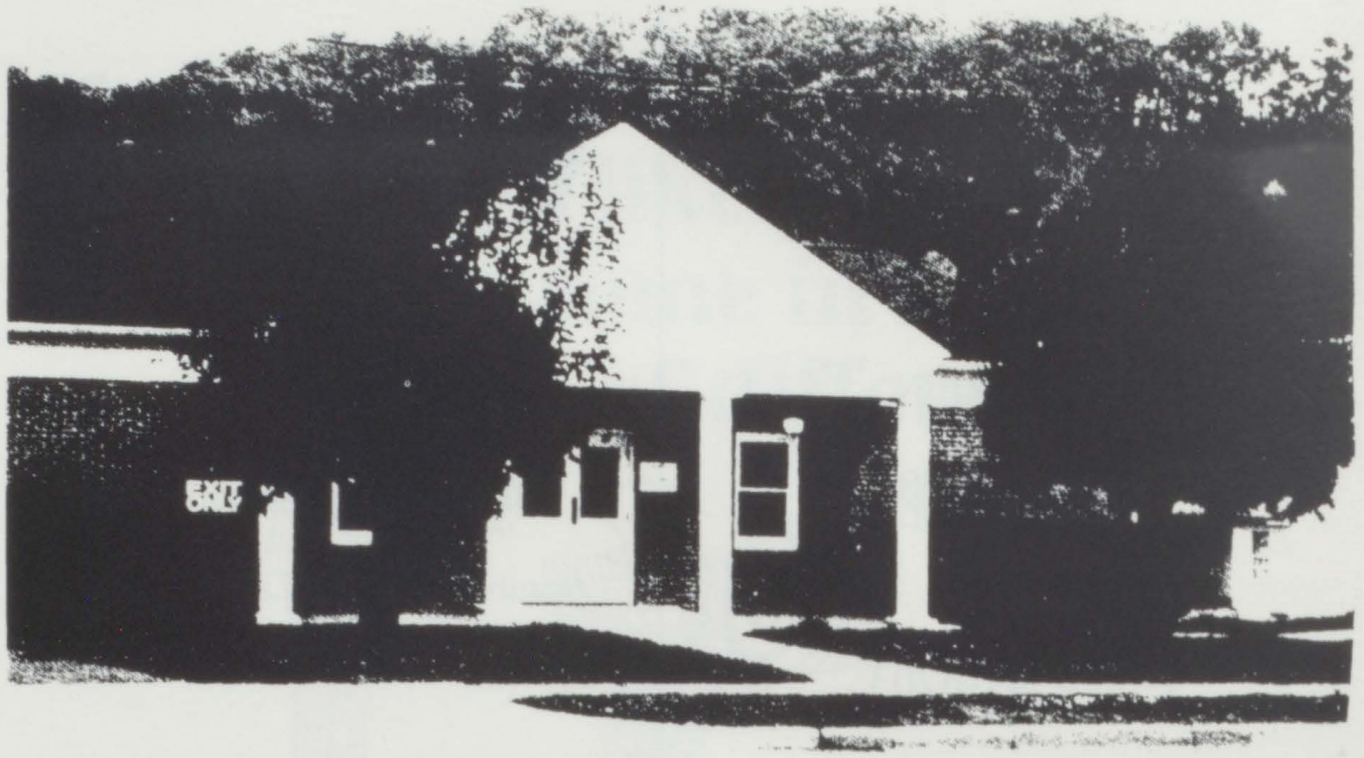
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May you grow up to be righteous.
May you grow up to be true.
May you always know the truth,
and see the light surrounding you.
May you always be courageous,
stand upright and be strong,
and may you stay forever young.

May your hands always be busy.
May your feet always be swift.
May you have a strong foundation
when the winds of change may shift.
May your heart always be joyful.
May your song always be sung,
and may you stay forever young.

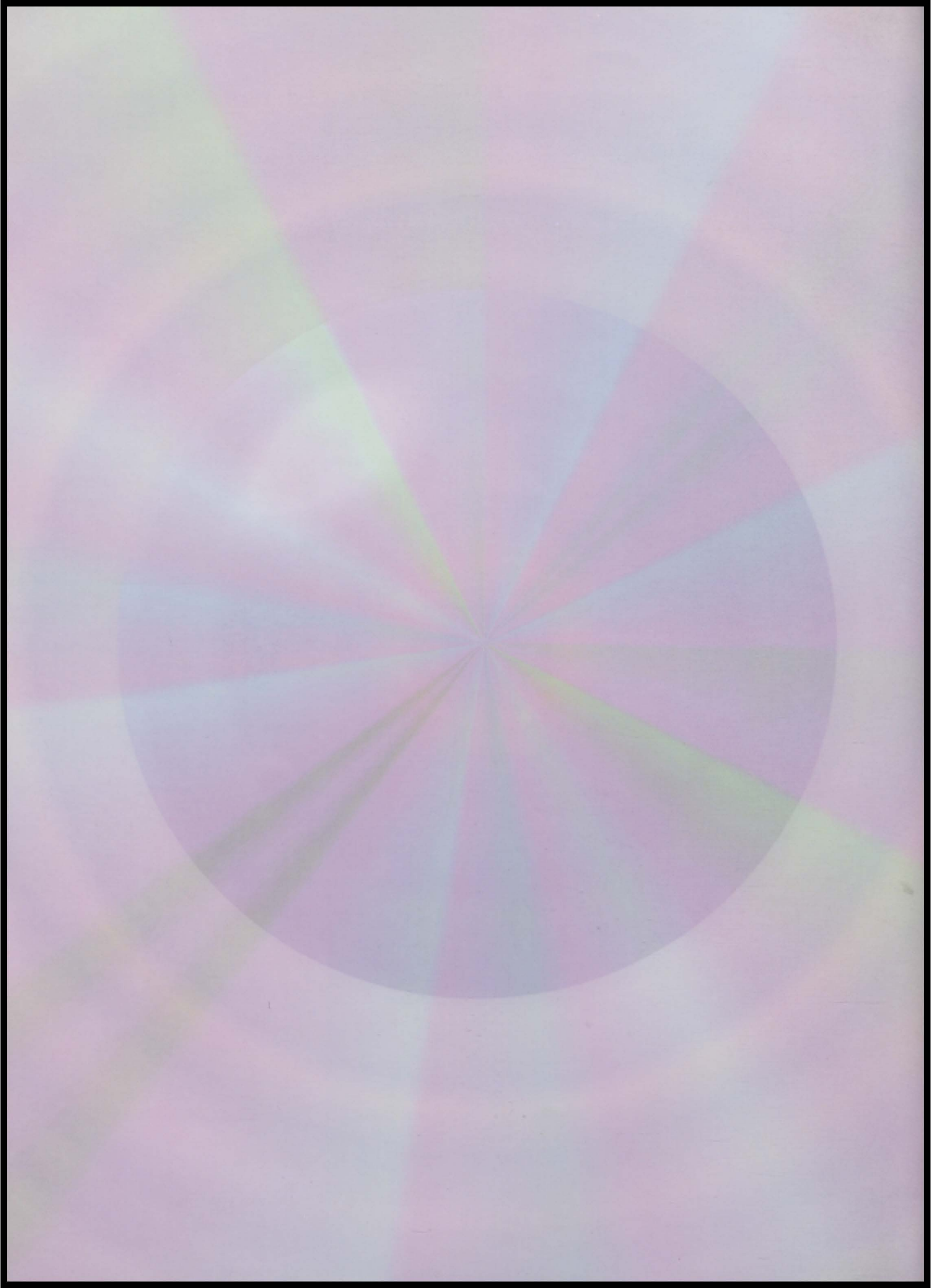
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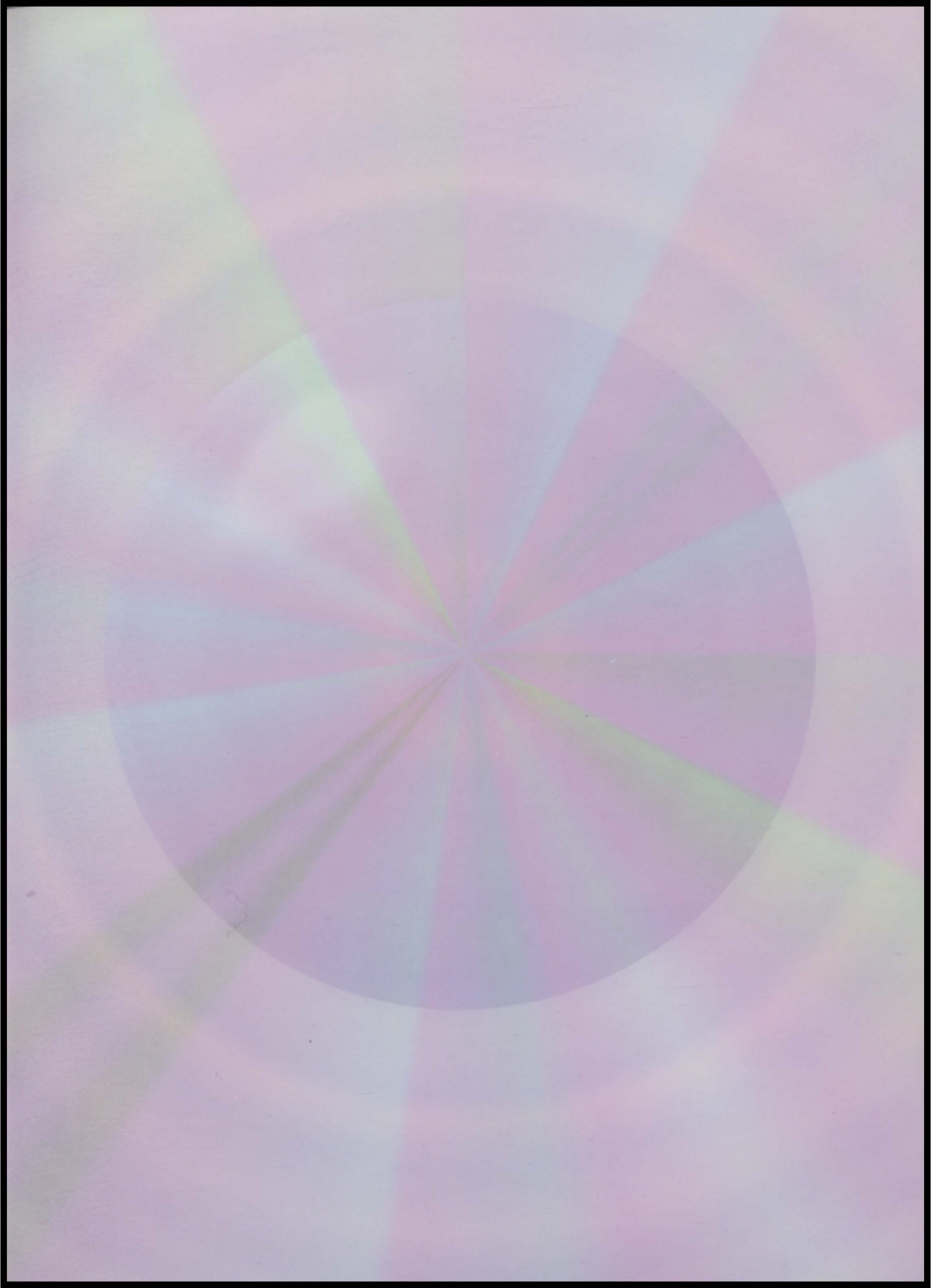
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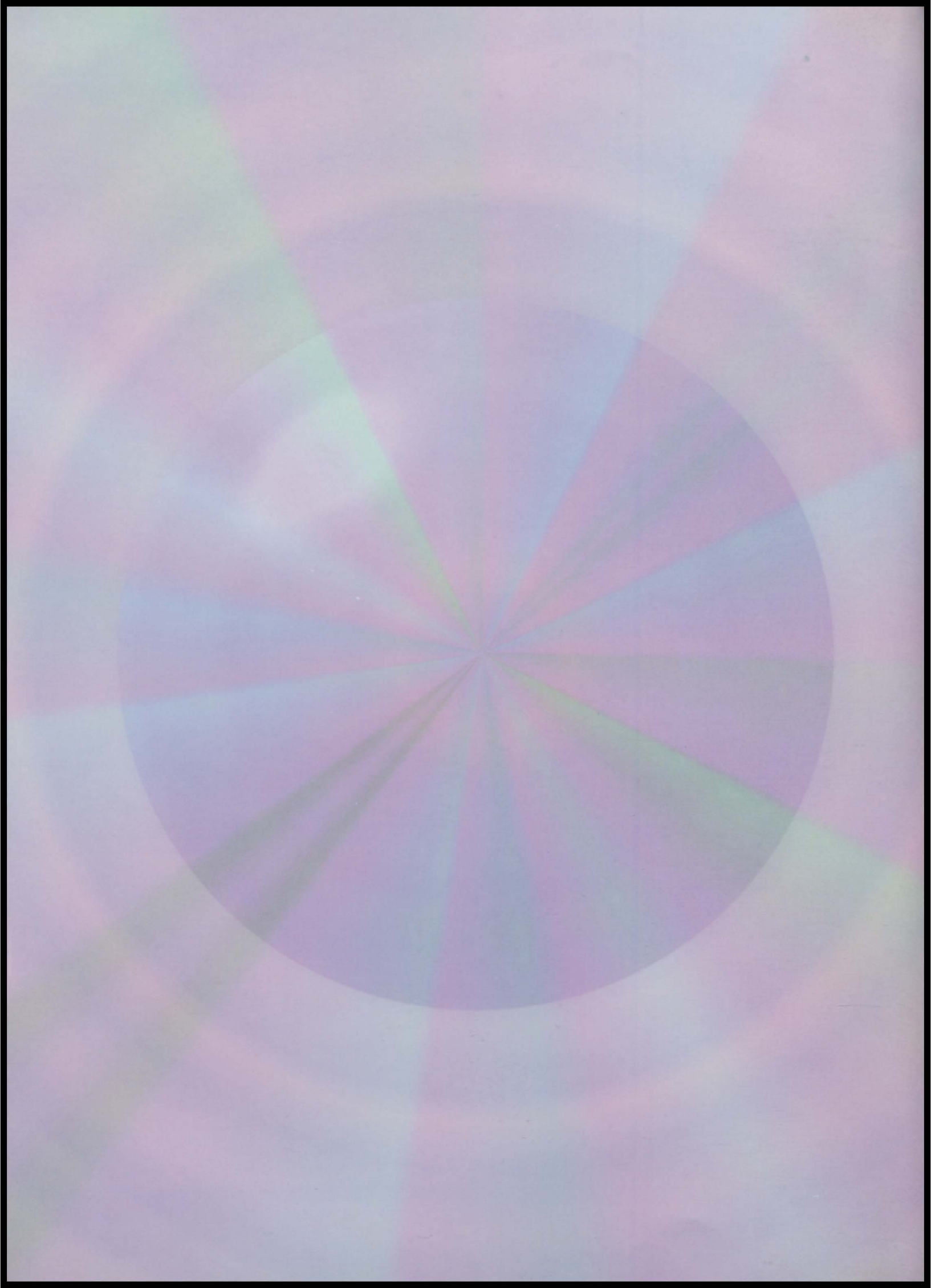


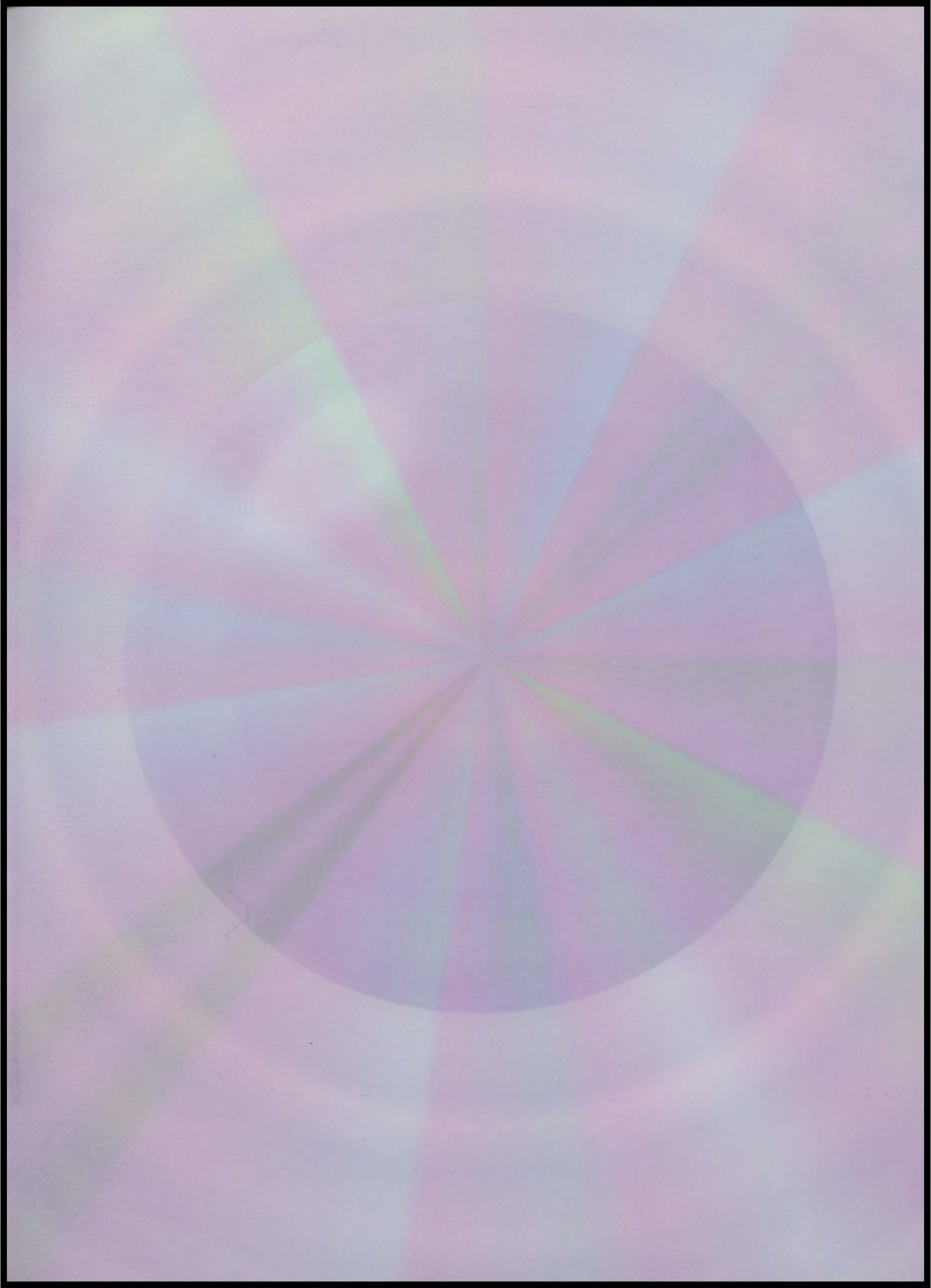


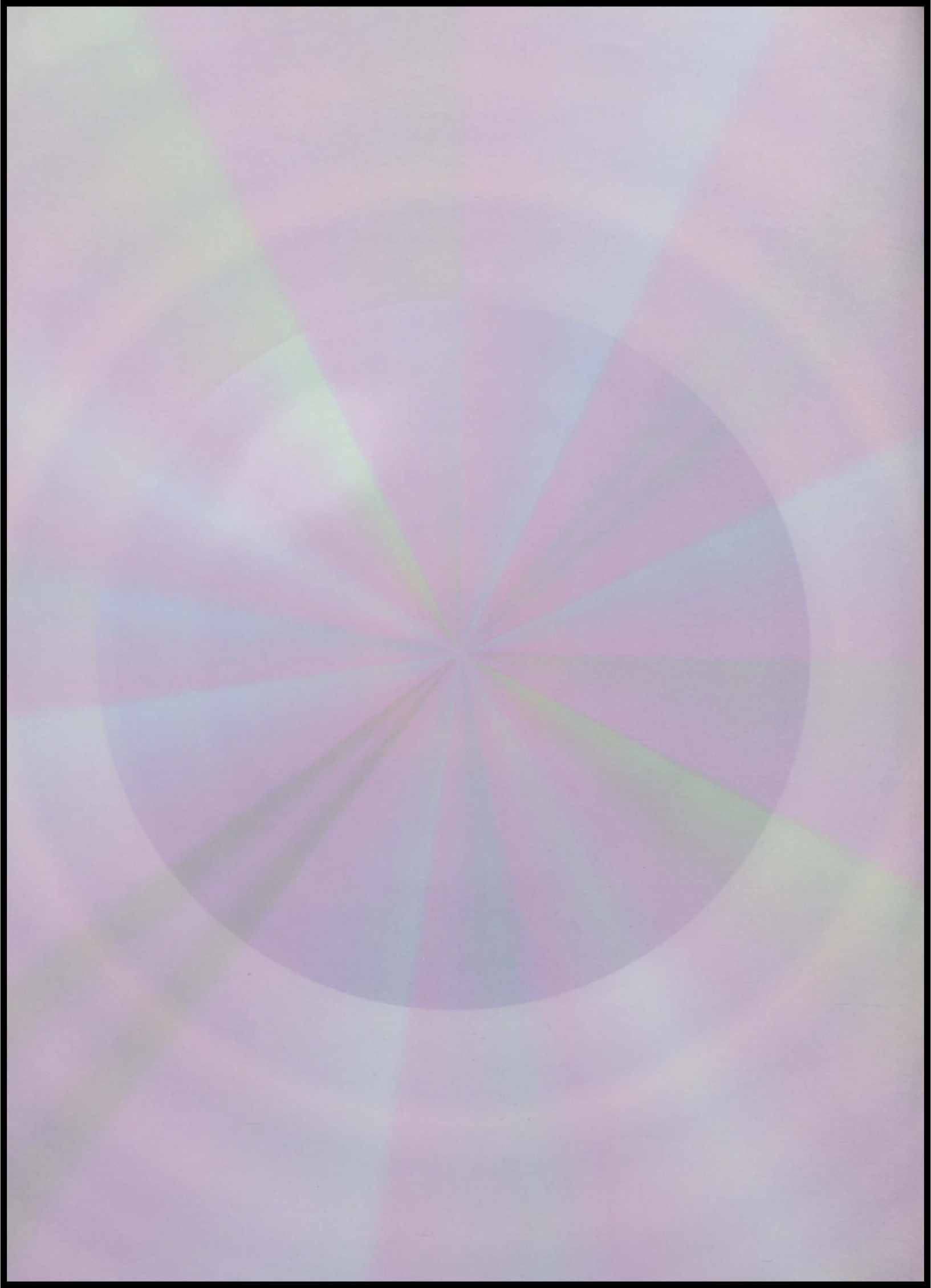
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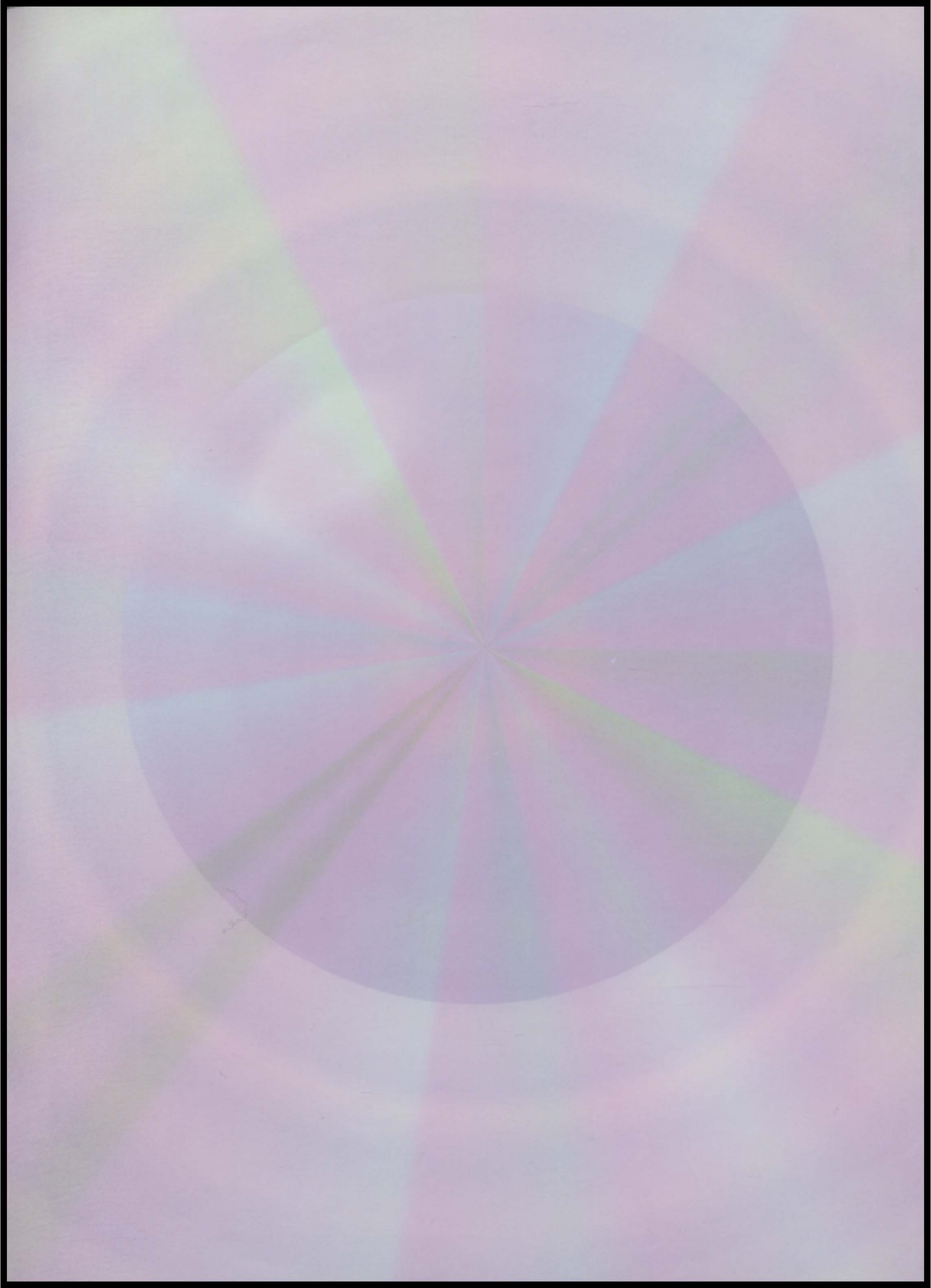


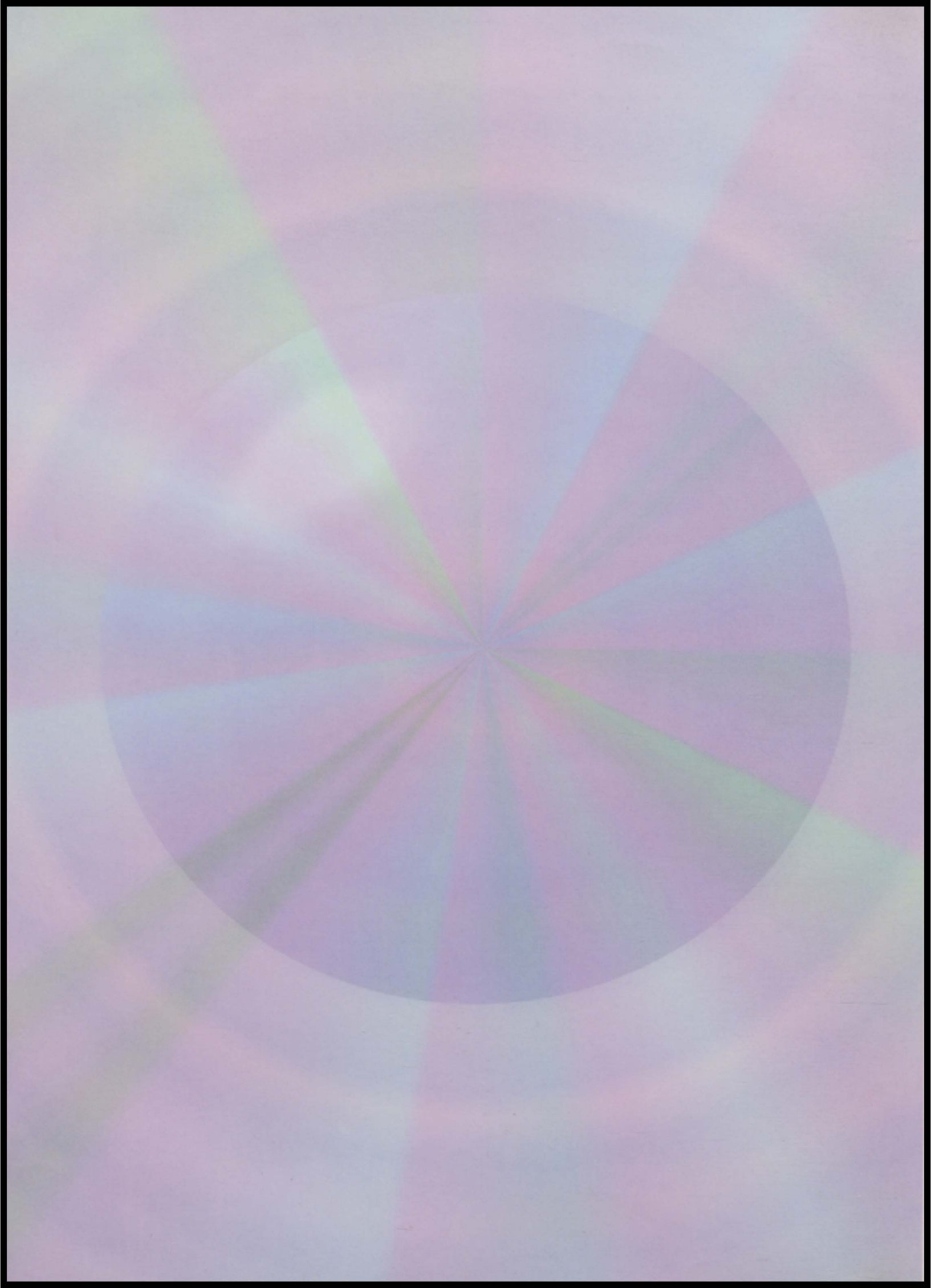


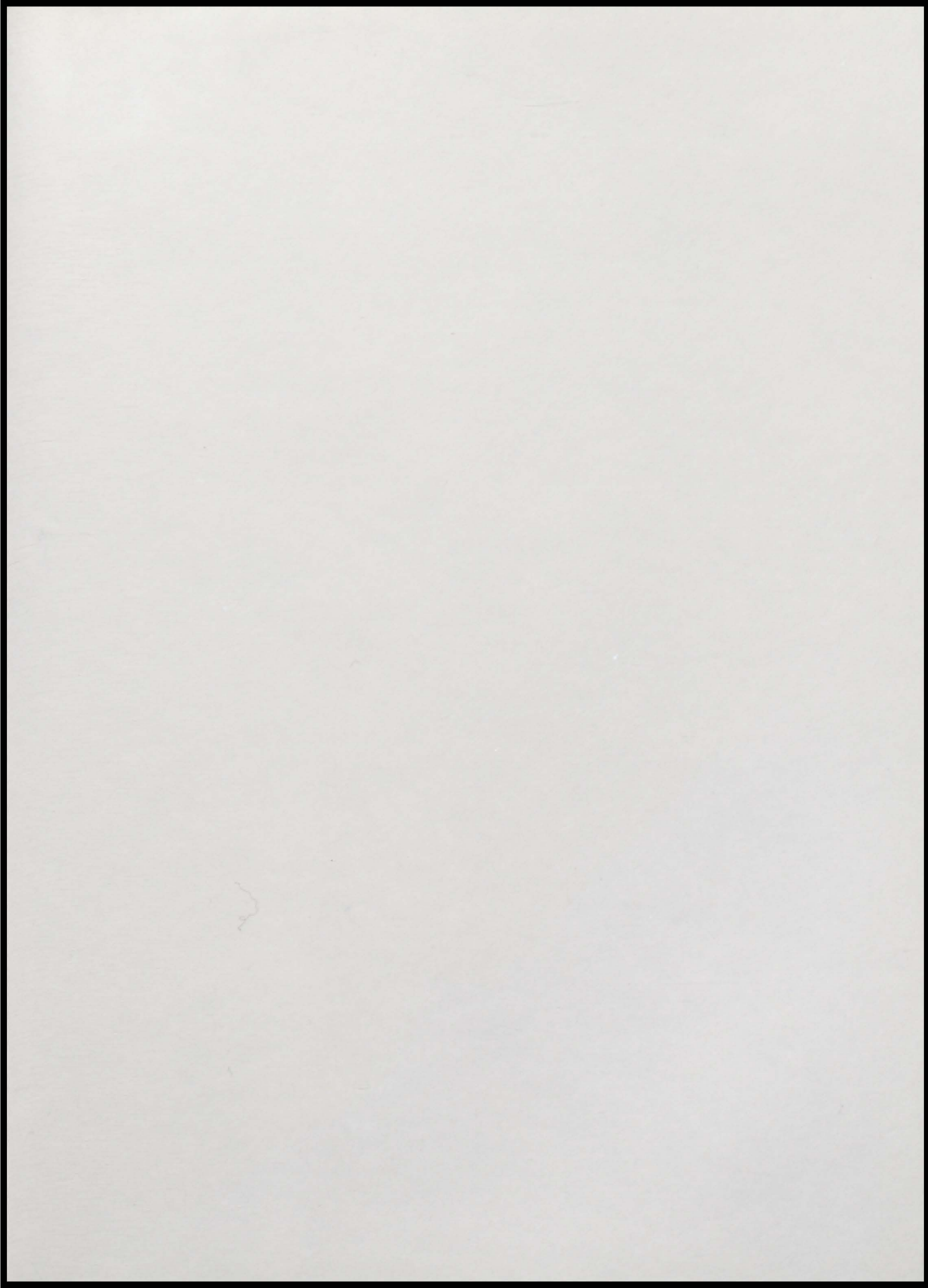


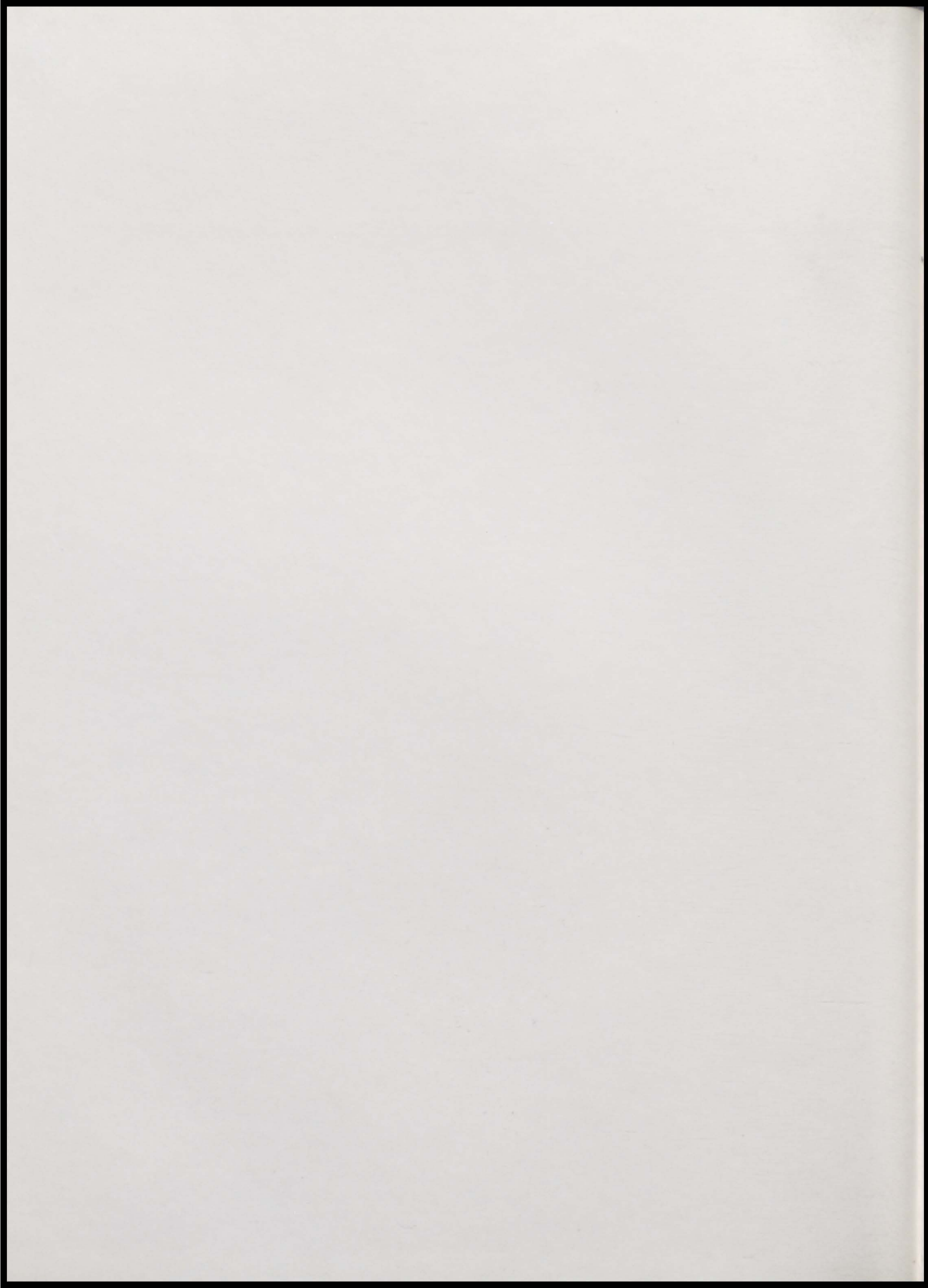


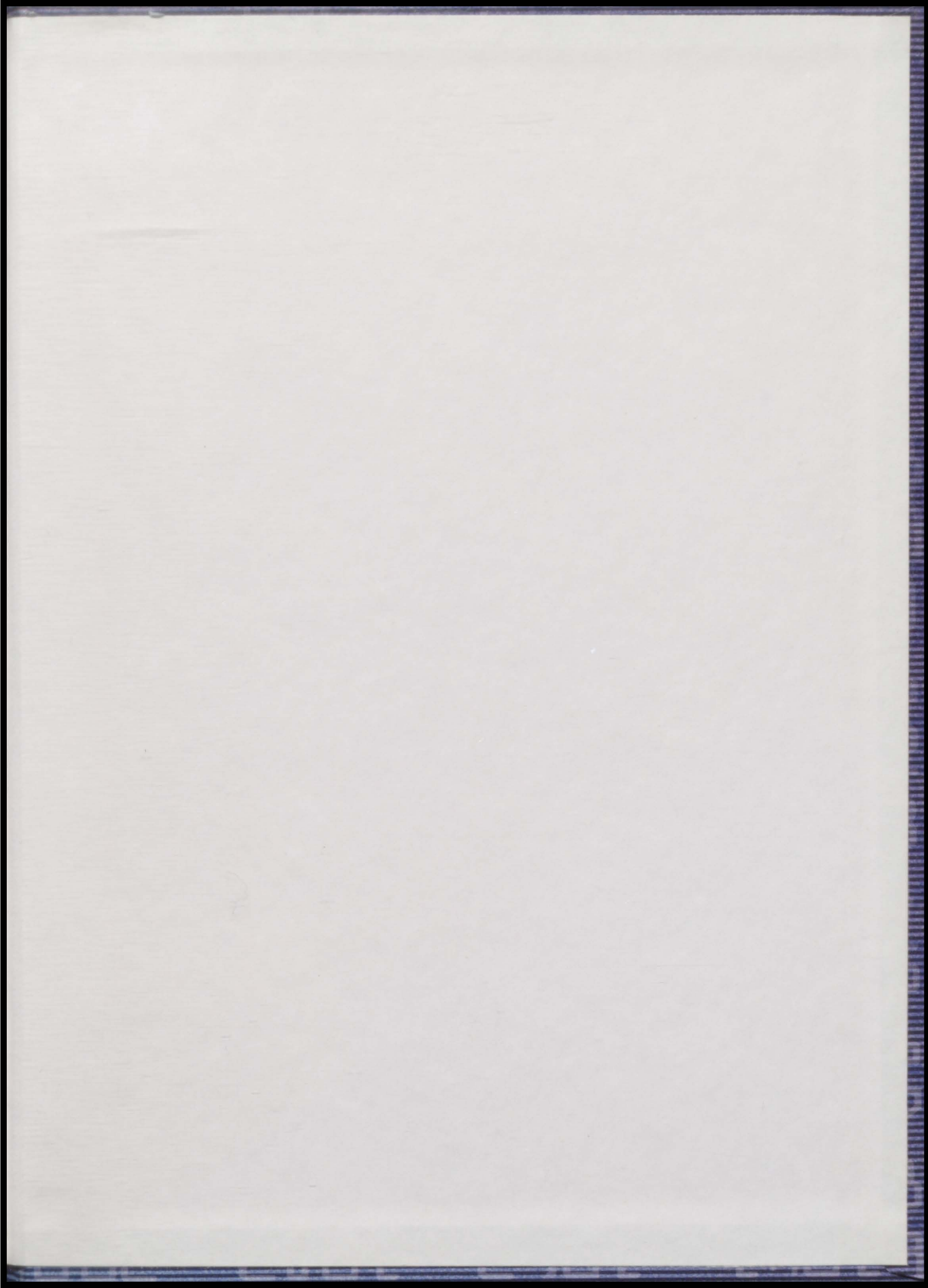














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