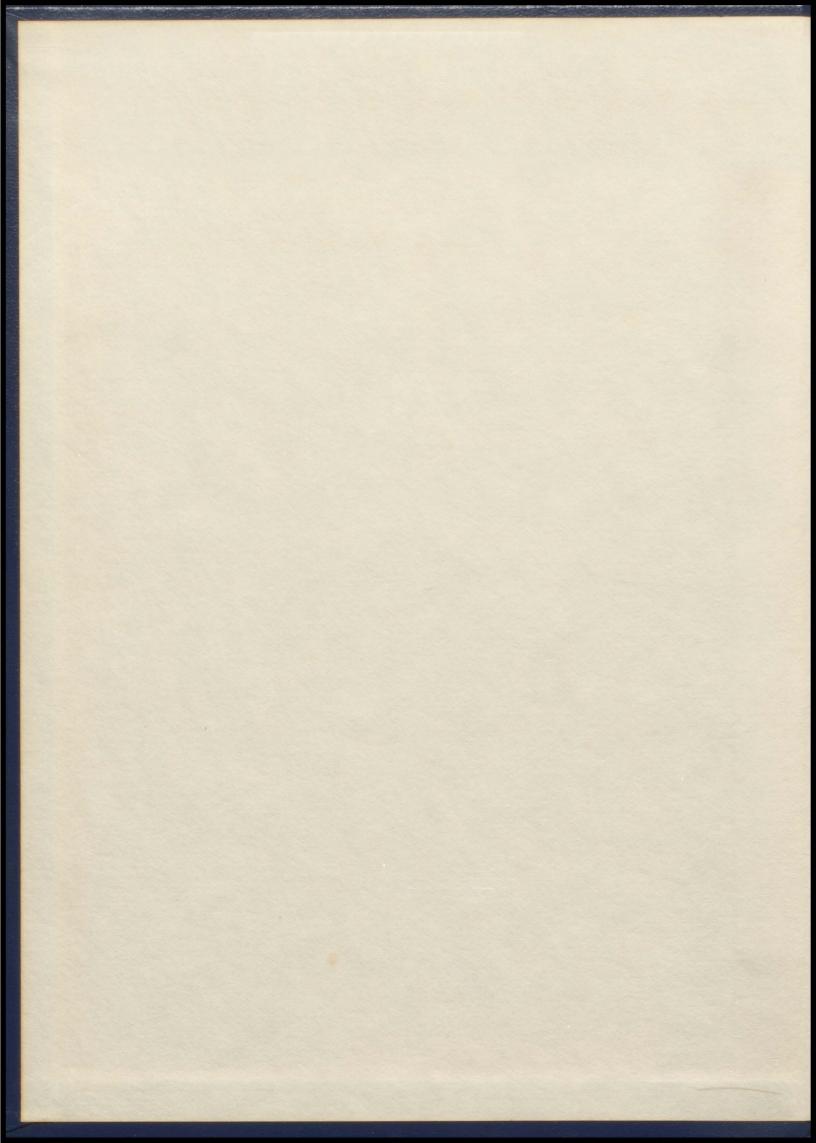
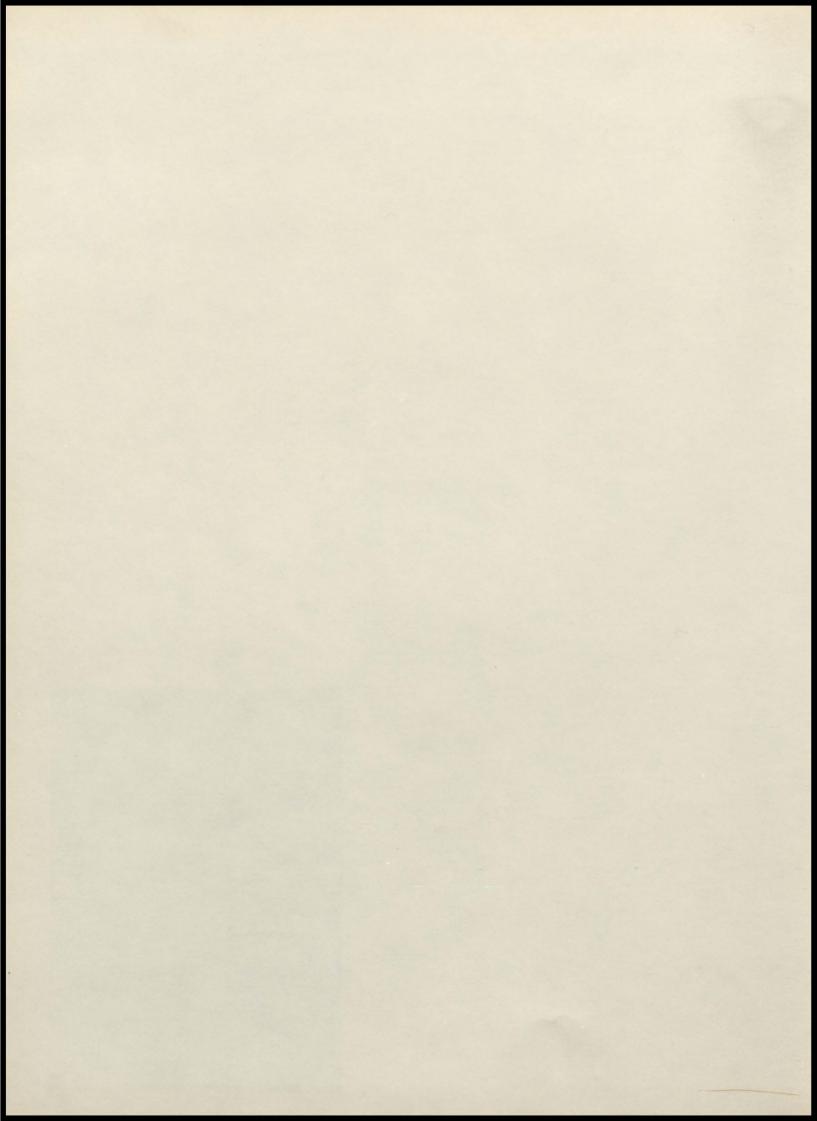
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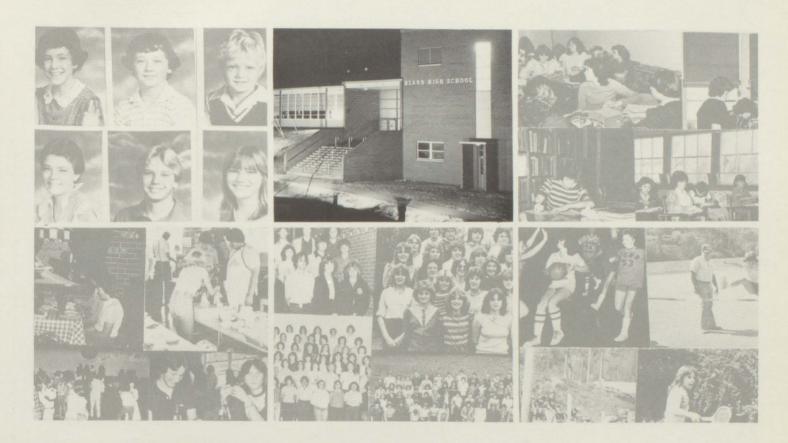
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## Dear diary,

### We'll remember . . .



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## a year of changes, choices and challenges

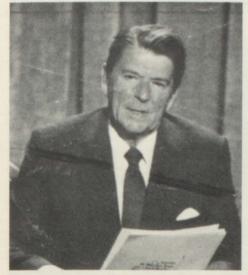
The year of 1982-83 brought forth changes in our lives at Bland High School. Many of us became "legal" reaching the age of 18 which gave us a feeling of being somebody in our own right. We could vote and hope to improve the nation's problems. Aside from the highly inflated economy the greatest problem we faced was that of unemployment — the highest rate since the depression years.

We had to make choices of curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and whether to attend college or enter the world of work.

Students of all ages faced the challenge of doing the best they could in their classes, whether to "go with peer pressure" or do what they knew was right, what to wear for that important function, which movie to see, and who would be their best friends.

We began the year with renewed energy, excitement and high hopes for our future. We knew we would be encountering disappointments, hurts and frustrations, but we had the will and desire to overcome these burdens and be a productive facet of the future.

# HAPPENINGS HA PENICUTE events of 1982



Throughout 1982 numerous happenings touched the life of each student. The birth of Prince Charles and Lady Diana's first child was a joyous event to Britain and to America.

Much talked about was the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee, a once-in-alife-time event because it was practically in our backyard.

The massacre in Beirut stunned us as thousands of innocent people were brutally murdered.

Football fans were "heart-broken" when the NFL strike began. People prayed for the strike to end so they could enjoy their favorite pastime — watching pro football.

Death again was in the news. One of the most loved women of all time expired. Princess Grace of Monaco (Grace Kelly) was a popular movie star in her young days and later married the Prince of Monaco.

Out of all the occurrences the most talked about and most shocking was that of the Tylenol case. In Chicago seven people were instantly killed when they took cyanide-laced capsules. This started a chain of finding drugs in various kinds of products.

Though we are a very small part of the world, the happenings of all sections left their mark on each of us.













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## Polos, Lees and Nikes as 1982 choices

What to wear!?! At one time or another everyone has asked himself this question. Should I wear my red saddlebred polo with my Lees or my blue gator with my Levis?

During the early part of the year an observer would have surely recognized that Lees, Levis and Calvin Kleins were favorites among the student body when it came to blue jeans. Ruffles were all one saw in the blouse category. Then there were button down oxford shirts worn by both guys and girls, and let's not forget polos! Polos came in variegated colors and assorted styles. There were those with alligators, penguins, saddlebred horses, and many more. With these tops an add-a-bead necklace was a nice touch.

Aigner was 'big' among leather items. One could see Aigner purses, belts, shoes, coats, gloves, keychains and wallets on both teachers and students alike, and, last but not least . . . shoes. Leather Dexters and Bass shoes have always been and will always be popular among high school students. Nike was the chosen tennis shoe and came in leather, nylon, and canvas with that famous 'Nike swoosh'. Sporto all-weather duck shoes were worn by numerous girls and a few guys.

The year of 1982 offered a variety of selections in "what to wear."



Aaron Faulkner and Travis Simmons at recess



1982 World's Fair China pavilion



Mr. Gary Collins fulfills his sole purpose in life . . . scraping gum off the gym floor



What strength!! Charlie Bane arm wrestles Mr. Tommy Bird



Mr. Fred Beamer and Mrs. Jessie Kegley exchange words at baby shower



Phillippi's choice: BOTTOM ROW — Bryan Underwood, Barry Underwood, Bob Gordon, Todd Taylor, Tammy Cline, Mark Woolwine, Tommy Clark. TOP ROW — Mrs. Christine Bird, Linda Atwell, Glenda Conley, Lisa Sarver, Joyce Harper, Wanda Bevil, Valerie Lambert.



Ferris wheel at the World's Fair

## seniors' favorite things in 1982-83

#### **TEACHERS**

- 1. Mrs. Chris Bird
- 2. Mr. Gary Collins
- 3. Mr. Richard Havens

#### **FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS**

- 1. Pizza Hut
- 2. Hardees
- 3. Burger King

#### **RADIO STATIONS**

- 1. K-92
- 2. J-104
- 3. Q-99

#### TV SHOWS

- 1. Magnum P.I.
- 2. Knight Rider
- 3. Fame

#### **FEMALE SINGERS**

- 1. Stevie Nicks
- 2. Pat Benetar
- 3. Olivia Newton John

#### MALE SINGERS

- 1. Rick Springfield
- 2. Lionel Richie
- 3. Kenny Loggins

#### MUSICAL GROUPS

- 1. Alabama
- 2. Journey
- 3. Loverboy

#### **FOODS**

- 1. Pizza
- 2. Tacos
- 3. Hamburgers

#### **COLORS**

- 1. Blue
- 2. Red
- 3. Pink

#### **BASEBALL TEAMS**

- 1. Brewers
- 2. Dodgers
- 3. Cardinals

#### **FOOTBALL TEAMS**

- 1. Steelers
- 2. Cowboys
- 3. Redskins

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- 1. VA Cavaliers
- 2. NC Tarheels
- 3. NC State

#### CANDY

- 1. Snickers Bar
- 2. Reeses Pieces
- 3. M & M's

#### SOAP-OPERA

- 1. Texas
- 2. The Guiding Light
- 3. Days of Our Lives

#### **CHARACTERS** (cartoons)

- 1. Garfield
- 2. Snoopy
- 3. Droopy

#### SUBJECTS (school)

- 1. Art
- 2. Physical Ed.
- 3. Drama

#### **MAGAZINES**

- 1. Seventeen
- 2. Sports Ill.
- 3. Teen

#### **ACTORS**

- 1. Tom Selleck
- 2. Sylvester Stallone
- 3. Clint Eastwood

#### **ACTRESSES**

- 1. Valerie Bertenilli
- 2. Bo Derek
- 3. Goldie Hawn

#### **SODA**

- 1. Mt. Dew
- 2. Pepsi
- 3. Coke

#### **MOVIES**

- 1. Fast Times
- 2. E.T.
- 3. An Officer and a Gentleman

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## this was the teaching staff

Behind those ordinary faces was actually a group of hard working individuals among whose tasks were monitoring halls, rushing students to class, risking their physical well-being to separate fights, keeping watch to see that there was absolutely no "bodily contact", racking their brains to think of money making projects for their clubs or classes, grading papers, listending to the students' problems and excuses for not having their homework

Mr. Roger Thompson, Principal; B.S. — V.P.I., M.S. — Radford U.

Mr. Richard Havens, Assistant Principal; Business; Senior Class Sponsor; B.S. — Bluefield State College

Mrs. Debbie Anderson; Assistant Sophomore Class Sponsor; Science; Chemistry; Physics; B.A. — V.P.I.

Mrs. Carolyn Bane, ICT; VICA Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.

Mr. Fred Beamer, Social Studies; Sophomore Class Sponsor; Pep Club Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — V.P.I.

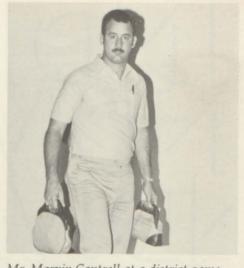
Mrs. Christine Bird, Dramatics; Art; English; Art Club Sponsor; Dramatics Club Sponsor; Eighth Grade Sponsor; B.S. — Radford U.

Mr. Tommy Bird, Mathematics; Boy's Tennis Team Coach; Freshman Class Sponsor; B.S. — Radford U.

Mr. Marvin Cantrell, Physical Education; Varsity and Eighth Grade Boy's Basketball Coach; Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach; Girl's Volleyball Coach; Girl's Tennis Coach; Biology; B.S. — Appalachian State U.

Mr. William Crabtree, Agriculture; General Mechanics; FFA Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-V.P.I. or not doing their class work, having to lecture students for disturbing classes, trying to figure out what students could do for extra grade credit, letting students out of class for extra curricular activities, filling out report cards, attending teachers' meetings after school, making lesson plans, taking occasional rests in the teachers' lounge, and finally finding time to conduct classes.

So this was the teaching staff.



Mr. Marvin Cantrell at a district game — "If you can't beat them, join them."





















Mr. Gary Collins, Physical Eduation; Junior Varsity Boy's Basketball Coach; Junior Varsity and Eighth Grade Girl's Basketball Coach; Baseball Coach; Assistant Eighth Grade Class Sponsor; B.A. — Emory and Henry

Mrs. Janet Faulkner; English; Beta Sponsor; Newspaper Sponsor; Assistant Senior Class Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.

Dr. David Foltz; Behavior consultant; B.A. — Roanoke College; M.A. — Kean College, N.J.; Ph.D. — Southern Illinois U.

Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Guidance Counselor; Government; Junior Beta Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.

Mrs. Karen Green; Band and Chorus; B.S. — Radford U.

Ms. Sandra Green; Secondary Special Education; Elementary Special Education Coordinating Teacher; Cheerleading Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — Radford U.

Miss Mary Greever, English; SCA Sponsor; Assistant Freshman Sponsor; A.B. — Lenoir Rhyne

Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Business; Assistant Junior Class Sponsor; FBLA Sponsor; Newspaper Sponsor; B.S. — East Tennessee U.

Mrs. Kay Mabe, Mathematics; Junior Class Sponsor; B.S. — Radford U.

Mrs. Betty Munsey, Home Economics; FHA Sponsor; B.S./M.S. — V.P.I.

Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry, Librarian; Accounting; Yearbook Advisor; Library Club Sponsor; B.S./M.S.— Radford U.

Ms. Diane Rowe, English; French; French Club Sponsor; B.A. — Emory & Henry

## busy devoted people

"Pizza or hot dogs?" "Ask Marie." "Where's Charlie?" "Mr. Burge, we need toilet tissue." These remarks keep busy people busier. Their tasks range in keeping restrooms clean and supplied, cooking, supplying teachers with extra materials, driving buses, selling candy and ice cream, and balancing accounts to actual teaching and working with children who have special needs.

Ms. Meg King, Substitute 6/7 grade and business; B.A. - Emory & Henry

Mrs. Violet Bird, First, Second, Section A Fourth Grade Aide and Office Aide.

Mrs. Helen Blankenship, Special Education Aide and Transportation Aide.

Mrs. Joyce Cassell, Third, Sixth-Seventh Combined Grade and Office Aide

Mrs. Connie DeWilde, Kindergarten and Section B Fourth Grade Aide

Mrs. Oma Farmer, Chapter I Reading Aide



Mrs. Rae Lee Honaker, Secondary EMR, Elementary EMR Resource; B.S. - Bluefield State College



Mrs. Diane Phipps. Chapter I Reading; B.S. Radford U., M.A. -Ball State U.



Ms. Sheree Sadler, Elementary LD Self-Contained; B.S. - Radford





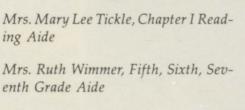


















Mrs. Nancy Stockner Media Assistant



Mr. Paul Burge Custodian Green Thumb Project



Mr. Roby Cregar Custodian



Mrs. Marie Lambert Bookkeeper/Secretary



Mr. Charlie Muncy Head Custodian



BUS DRIVERS: Margaret Miller, Regina Newberry, Sammy Tolbert, Jimmy Sheets, Eugene Mustard, Brenda Pike, David Bane, Tony Wright. Not pictured: Becky Harris



LUNCHROOM WORKERS: Doris Tibbs, Mary Melvin, Hazel Ellison

## those hectic funfilled days

"The county fair before school starts?! How will we ever get organized?" Well, we made it and added money to our storehouse for that anticipated senior trip.

"We have blueberry filled, plain . . ." These words were heard once a month when seniors tried to fill those bothersome doughnut orders. And when they arrived! — trying to fit 30 dozen boxes in a bucket seat car really took some manipulating.

Our days often became hectic trying to meet deadlines, assignments, planning extra-curricular activities, and setting goals for future plans. But we remember the laughter of fellowship, an exceptional date, the excitement of ordering caps and gowns, and finally graduation rehearsals.



CLASS OFFICERS: president — Glenda Conley; vicepresident — Barry Underwood; secretary — Lisa Sarver; treasurer — Mark Woolwine





CLASS SPONSORS

Mr. Richard C. Havens

Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner

CLASS OF 1983









Linda Darlene Atwell "Linda" Richard Hoge Baker, Jr. "Bear" Charles Edward Bane "Charlie"







William Laymond Barger "Laymond" Wanda Faye Bevil "Wanda" Tonnie Joe Carver "Tonnie"







Thomas Vance Clark "Tommy" Glenda Kay Conley "Glenda" Thomas Keith Dillow "Thomas"







Robert Thomas Gordon "Bob" Tammy Lynn Gravley "Tammy" Lecia Diane Hager "Lechia"

Joyce Anne Harper "Joyce" Clyde Wilmer Havens "C.W."

Melisa Rose Havens "Melisa"





Camilla May Kent "Kandy" Kimberly Lynn Kidd "Kim"

Anthony Kevin Lambert "Tony"







Valerie Anne Lambert "Valerie"

Rebecca Earlene McPeak "Becky"

Connie Sue Nelson "Connie"







Brian Blair Pauley "Brian"

Harvey Alan Pruett "Harvey"

Wallace Hamilton Rankin "Petey"













"Lisa" Elbert Charles Shelton "Elbert" Donna Jean Shelton "Donna"

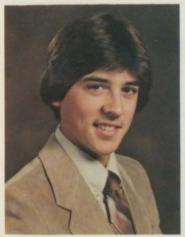
Lisa Anne Sarver







Sharon Kae Simmons "Sharon" Anna Denise Tate "Anna" Russell Todd Taylor "Todd"







Lonnie Edward Thomas "Lonnie" Sandra Lee Tolbert "Sandy" Deborah Jean Umbarger "Debbie"







Barry Kevin Underwood "Barry" Bryan Keith Underwood "Bryan" Tracey Lynn Walker "Tracey"

Mark Stephen Woolwine "Wooly"

Bridget Diane Wright "Bridget"

Cynthia Diane Wright "Cindy"







Rita Jean Wright "Rita"

"My place or yours?" Lonnie Thomas

"Arthur, where did you put the sand?" Barry Underwood and Arthur Bartleson







"Weenie weenie hot dog" Ricky Baker

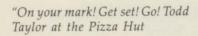
"Playgirl reject" Mark Woolwine

"Super Senior" Valerie Lambert









Lechia Hager taking an unplanned dip at the World's Fair

Can you believe this woman is the highest paid model in the United States? Mrs. Janet Faulkner







LINDA DARLENE ATWELL - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atwell; French Award (10); Honor Letter (10); Honor Bar (11); Chorus Letter (10); Sports Letter (11); Algebra II Award (11); Chemistry (11); Annual Staff Award (11); The Society of Distinguised American High School Students (11-12); Community Leader of America (11): National Science Merit Award (11): National Speech and Drama Award (11); Student Council Secretary (9); Junior Beta Vice-President (10); Sophomore Class Vice-President (10); Beta Club Vice-Presdient (12); Echo Staff Co-Editor (12); Drama Club President (12); Student Council Representative (12); Echo Staff Page Editor (11): Student Council (9); Junior Beta (10); French Club (10); Library Club (10); Pep Club (10); Beta Club (11); Echo Staff (11-12); Library Club (11); Drama Club (11); Pep Club (11); Science Club (11); Art Club (12); Pep Club (12); Beta Club (12); Echo Staff (12); Drama Club (12); FBLA Club (12); 4-H (11-12); Dance (9); Cheerleader (cocaptain) (9); Cheerleader (11); Miss Echo Candidate (10); Prom Committee (11); Miss Bland County 1982 (11); Forensics (11); District One Act Play Festival (11); Forensics (12); District One Act Play (12)

RICHARD HOGE BAKER, JR. — Mrs. Bobbie Baker

CHARLES EDWARD BANE — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bane; VICA

WILLIAM LAYMOND BARGER — Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Barger; Perfect Attendance (8,9,10,and 11); FFA (8-11); VICA (12)

WANDA FAYE BEVIL — Mr. and Mrs. William Bevil; Miss Echo Candidate (8); SCA Council (8); Basketball Letter, Chorus Letter (11); Homecoming Candidate (11); Homecoming 1st Runner-up (12); Sweetheart Candidate (11); Freshman Class President (9); Junior Class President (11); Art Club Recreation Leader (11); Art Club Vice President (12); Library Club (8-12); Dramatics (11-12); Art Club (11-12); Beta Club (12); FBLA Club (12); French Club (8-10); Pep Club (11-12); Chorus (11); Annual Staff (12); 4-H Club; Basketball (10-12); Cheerleader (12)

TONNIE JOE CARVER — Mrs. Shir-ley Carver; VICA: Band

THOMAS VANCE CLARK — Mrs. Julia Hays and Mr. Donald Clark; 8th grade class Treasurer (8); Freshman Class Treasurer (9); VICA President (12); Beta Treasurer (12); Junior Beta (10); Senior Beta (11-12); Pep Club (10); Library Club (9-10); FBLA Club (9-10); VICA Club (11-12); 8th grade Basketball; JV Basketball (9); Varsity Tennis (10); Office Worker (11-12); Hilltop News Staff (9-10)

GLENDA KAY CONLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Dewey L. Conley; Sophomore Homecoming Attendant (10); Art Award (11); Senior Class President (12); SCA Representative (11); FHA Club Treasurer (11); FHA Club Secretary (12); Beta Club Secretary (12); FHA Club (10-12); Senior Beta Club (11-12); Art Club (11-12); FBLA Club (12); Business Manager Echo Staff (12); Flag girl (12)

THOMAS KEITH DILLOW — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dillow; VICA Club (12)

ROBERT THOMAS GORDON -Mr. and Mrs. Douglas L. Gordon; Honor Letter Student (11); 1981 Snow King (11); FBLA Regional Competition participant in Accounting (12); Typing II Award (11); General Business Award (10); Yearbook Award (11); Newspaper Award (11); SCA President (12); Yearbook Co-Editor (12); Echo Staff-Subscription Editor (11); Newspaper News Editor (12); The Hilltop News Staff (11-12); Library Club Vice-President (12); SCA Vice-President (11); Junior Class Vice-President (11); Prom Committee member (11); Freshman Class reporter (9); Senior Beta Club (11-12); FBLA (12); Library Club (12); Junior Beta Charter Member (11); 4-H Club (8-9); Art Club (8); SCA (10-12); 8th grade Basketball; JV Basketball (9-10); IV Co-Captain (10); Varsity Basketball (12)

TAMMY LYNN GRAVLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Gravley; VICA Reporter (12); FHA Club (8-12); VICA Club (12)

LECHIA DIANE HAGER — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hager; FHA Junior Degree (9); Chapter Degree (10); 4-H Club President (12); FHA Treasurer (12); FHA Club (8-12); Art Club (12); Library Club (11-12)

JOYCE ANNE HARPER — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hancock; Chorus Letter (11); Miss Echo 1st Runner-up (11); Who's Who in Art (12); Who's Who in Dramatics (11); Art Club Vice-President (11); Library Club (9-12); FBLA Club (12); Art Club (10-12); Chorus (11); Drama Club (11-12); French Club (8); Pep Club (11-12)

MELISA ROSE HAVENS — Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Havens; Art Club (12); FHA Club (9); Library Club (12); Chorus (12)

CAMILLA MAY KENT — Mrs. Josephine Kent; FHA Club; VICA Club (12)

KIMBERLY LYNN KIDD - Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kidd; Band Solo Ensemble Award (9); FHA Junior Degree (10); Chapter Degree (11); DAR Recipient (12); 8th grade class reporter; Freshman Class Vice-President (9); FHA 2nd Vice-President (11); FHA President (12); Newspaper Sports Editor (12); Prom Committee Chair Person (11); Band (8); Library Club (9-12); Junior Beta Club (10); Senior Beta Club (11-12); FHA Club (9-12); Pep Club (10-12); FBLA Club (11-12); Newspaper Staff (11-12); SCA (12); 4-H Club (8); JV Cheerleader (9-10); Captain (10); Varsity Cheerleader (11-12); Captain (12); Volleyball Team (11); Tennis Team (10); Yearbook Staff (12); Business Manager of Annual (12); Homecoming Chandidates (10-11); Homecoming Queen (12); Snow Queen 1st Runner-up (12); Miss Echo 1st Runner-up (11)

ANTHONY KEVIN LAMBERT — Mr. and Mrs. George Lambert; 1982 Snow King (12); President FFA (9); Secretary FFA (11); President FFA (12); Senior Beta Club (12); JV Basketball (9-10); Varsity Basketball (12); Varsity Baseball (11); Field Day Participant (11)

VALERIE ANNE LAMBERT — Mr. and Mrs. Vance Lambert Sr.; Varsity Basketball Letter (11-12); Volleyball

Letter (10); Perfect Attendance Award (9-11); Freshman class Secretary (9); Junior Beta Charter Member (10); Senior Beta (11-12); Library Club (9); FHA Junior Degree; Art Club President (12); JV Basketball (9-10); Eighth grade Basketball (8); Varsity Basketball (11-12); Volleyball (10); Volleyball (12); Varsity Basketball Co-Captain (12); Mt. Empire All District Team; Bland Messenger All County Team; Band (8); Echo Staff (12)

REBECCA EARLENE MCPEAK — Mr. and Mrs. Winston E. McPeak; 4-H Queen (11); Southwest District 4-H Cabinet Member (12); Vice President 4-H (10); Treasurer of Dramatics Club (12); Library Club (8-9); Dramatics Club (12); VICA Club (12); VICA Club (11); FHA Club (8-10); Senior Beta (11-12); 4-H Club (8-12); SCA Representative; Newspaper Staff (9-10)

CONNIE SUE NELSON — Mr. and Mrs. John W. Nelson; Art III Award (11-12); FHA Club (8); (10); (12); 4-H Club (8-9); Art Club (11-12); Pep Club (10-12) Library Club (12); FBLA (12); Chorus (8); Prom Committee (11); Echo Staff (12); Jump Rope For Heart (9-11)

BRIAN BLAIR PAULEY — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pauley; 8th grade class President; FFA Club (8-12); KVG Crew (10-12); Pep Club (11-12); Art Club (12); Snow King candidate (12)

HARVEY ALAN PRUETT — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pruett; FFA (8-12); 8th grade Basketball; JV Basketball (10)

WALLACE HAMILTON RANKIN — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rankin

DONNA JEAN SHELTON — Mr. and Mrs. Bruce F. Shelton, Sr.; Math I Award (8); FHA Junior Degree (11); FHA Corresponding Secretary (12); FHA Club (9-12); Science Club (11); FBLA Club (10,12); Art Club (12); Pep Club (11-12); Library Club (12); Junior Beta (10); Senior Beta (11-12); Prom Committee (11); Annual Staff (12); Perfect Attendance (9)

ELBERT CHARLES SHELTON — Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Shelton; FFA Club

SHARON KAE SIMMONS — Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Simmons; FHA Junior and Chapter Degree; FHA Chaplain (12); 4-h President (11); 4-h Reporter (9); 4-H Chaplain (8); Chorus Reporter (12); Pep Club Secretary (12); Library Club (12); FHA Club (8-12); 4-H Club (8-12); Chorus (12); Pep Club (12); Art Club (11); FBLA (10)

ANNA DENISE TATE — Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Tate; FFA Club (9-12); Pep Club (12); Library Club (9); JV Basketball (9); Miss Echo Candidate (10)

RUSSELL TODD TAYLOR - Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Taylor; 4-H District Photography Winner (9-11); 4-H State Photography Runner-up (10-11); 4-H Photography Medal (11); Leadership Medal (10); Achievement Medal (12); 4-H State Nominating Committee Alternate (11); 4-H County Public Speaking Winner (12); Honor Letter (11); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11); Geometry Award (10); Band Outstanding Member (10); Band Solo Ensemble First Place Rating (10-11); Homecoming Court (11); Snow Court (11); Snow King runner-up (12); Newspaper Sports Editor (10-11); Newspaper Editor-in-Chief (12); Regional Mathematics Conference Delegate (10); VA Council of Teachers of Mathematics/ VA Commonwealth University Math-

ematics Contest runner-up (10); Tennis Most Valuable Player (11); 8th grade President; Sophomore Secretary-Treasurer (10); Junior Secretary; Treasurer (11); SCA Sargeant-at-Arms (9); Band Secretary (9); Band President (10); 4-H Treasurer (10-11); 4-H President (12); Junior Beta President (10); 4-H County Council Reporter (10); Library Club Secretary (11-12); VICA Reporter (11); Pep Club Treasurer (12); 8th grade Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9); Tennis (10-12); Band (8-10); Library Club (9-12); 4-H (8-12); 4-H County Council (10-12); SCA (9,12); Pep Club (10-12); French Club (10); Junior Beta Charter Member (10); Senior Beta Club (11-12); Drama Club (12); VICA Club (11); Perfect Attendance (9-11); Newspaper Staff (10); SCA Representative (12); State 4-H Congress Delegate (9-11); 4-H Teen Leader (9-11); Echo Business Manager (12); District Forensics (12); District One Act Play Festival (12)

LONNIE EDWARD THOMAS — Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Thomas; Accounting Award (11); Geography (8); French Award (8-11); Biology Award (9); English Award (9); General Business Award (10); Distinguished Society of American High School Students (11-12); Honor Letter (8-12); Who's Who (10); Senior Beta President (12); French Club (8-10); Junior Beta (9-10); Senior Beta (11-12); 8th Grade Basketball (8); JV Basketball (9-10); Varsity Basketball (11-12)

DEBORAH JEAN UMBARGER — Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Umbarger; FFA Club

BARRY KEVIN UNDERWOOD — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Underwood; 2nd Chair Tuba All-Regional Band (8); 11th Chair Trumpet All-Regional Band

(9); Excellent Rating Concert Festival (8); Superior Rating Concert Festival (9); Junior Beta (10); Sophomore Class President (10); Vice President Pep Club (10); Secretary-Treasurer Band (10); Sergeant-at-Arms Drama Club (11); Senior Class Vice President (12): Vice President SCA (12); Drama Club (8-12); Library Club (8-12); Junior Science (8); Pep Club (10-12); French Club (10,12); Concert Band (8, 10): Symphonic Band (9); Marching Band (8-9); Chorus (11); Echo Staff (12); 4-H Club (10-12); JV Basketball (10); 8th grade Basketball (8); Tennis (10); Varsity Basketball (11-12); Captain (12)

CYNTHIA DIANA WRIGHT — Mr. and Mrs. William T. Wright; FHA (8); st First year pin; Perfect Attendance Award (8); Chorus Letter (11); FHA (11); Chaplain (10); President of Chorus (11); Prom Committee (11); FHA Club (8-12); FBLA Club (11); Chorus (11); c-p

BRIDGET DIANNE WRIGHT - Mr.

and Mrs. Jerry Wright; Perfect Atten-

dance (10-12); Algebra I Award (11):

FHA Award (11); FHA Pens (10-11);

FHA Sergeant-at-Arms (12): 4-H

President (12); 4-H Chaplain (11);

County Council Treasurer (11); Beta

Club (11-12); Hilltop News Staff (11):

Art Club (11-12); 4-H Club (10-12);

Pep Club (12); Library Club (10-12);

FHA Club (10-12); Volleyball (11); Of-

fice Worker (12)

BRYAN KEITH UNDERWOOD -Mr. and Mrs. Harold Underwood; 1st Chair Trombone All-Regional Band (9); Rated Superior Solo Ensemble (9); Rated Superior Concert Festival (9); Excellent Rating Concert Festival (8); State 4-H Share the Fun Winner (12): Treasurer Junior Science Club (9); Reporter for Pep Club (11); President Pep Club (12); Librarian of Band (10); Accompanist Choir (10-11); Editoral Editor-Hilltop News (12); Copy Editor Echo (12); Vice President Drama Club (12); Drama (8,9,11,12); Junior Science (8-9); Pep Club (8-12); Library (8-12); Concert Band (8,10); Symphonic Band (9); Jazz Band (8-9); Chorus (10-11); Marching Band (8-9); Hilltop News Staff (11-12); Echo Staff (12); French Club (10); 4-H Club (10-12); SCA Talent Show (9); Forensics (11-12); One Act Play Festival (11-12); 4-H VA State Congress (10-12)

MARK STEPHEN WOOLWINE — Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy Woolwine Jr.; History Award (11); Senior Class Treasurer (12); Art Club (8-9); Junior Beta (10); Senior Beta (11-12); Pep Club (11-12); Basketball scorekeeper; 8th grade Basketball (8); JV Basketball (10); Varsity Basketball (11)

RITA JEAN WRIGHT — Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Wright; FHA Junior Degree (11); 4-H Perfect Attendance (9-12); SCA Representative (12); 4-H Vice President (11); 4-H Song Leader and Recreation Leader (12); 4-H County Council Secretary (11); Library Club (9,12); 4-H Club (9-12); FHA Club (9-12); Chorus (12); Art Club (11-12); Pep Club (12)

SANDRA LEE TOLBERT WRIGHT

— FHA Junior and Chapter Degree; 4H Treasurer (12); Chorus President
(12); 4-H Club (8-12); FHA Club (812); Library Club (8); Pep Club (12);
Chorus (12) BLAND COUNTY

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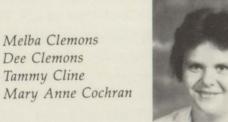
JIMMY NUNLEY reads the daily cartoons and finds them to be hilarious!



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Joyce Alexander Sonja Asbury Sandy Bane Lynn Banes

Authur Bartleson Eddie Basley Andrea Cassell Melanie Cassell



Cecil Compton Sherry Conley Kaye Cox Steve Cox

Melba Clemons Dee Clemons Tammy Cline



































## school activities occupy juniors time

PSAT and SAT!? Everyone knows these are not new slang terms but tests given to juniors aspiring to further their education in college. Hoping to make a good score they entered the testing arena armed with those formidable No. 2 pencils and . . . empty brains!

Those juniors who had main-

tained a B average found themselves being tapped for Senior Beta membership. Their punishment for being so studious resulted in slavery. Each recruit had to face the entire student body and be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

For the future prom and senior trip they added a sizable profit to

their treasury by selling calendars which were a variety of college basketball and scenic pictures.

As individuals they found time away from studies to read, revel in music, go to movies, ride horseback, visit with friends and just "goof off."

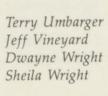
Mike Smelser Sue Smith Anita Stowers Donna Strock





















PAULA MUSTARD demostrates her horseback riding skills for which she has an

array of ribbons. Paula is a member of 4-H and FFA and annually takes part in the

horse shows at the Bland County and Virginia State Fairs.



Tina Fulford, Scotty Tolbert and Lynn Conley relax at the World's Fair



Debbie Warden makes good use of free time.









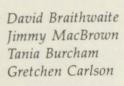
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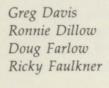
Shawna Carr Julie Clemons Lonnie Clemons Dreama Cox



















Tina Fulford Regina Groseclose Helen Hamblin Norma Harden

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Cathy Stowers Betty Tibbs



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tary; Becky Umbarger, treasurer; Jimmy Barker and Richard Turner, sergeants-atarms

## our first driver's license and school activities

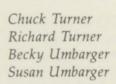
Sixteen and being allowed to drive the family car occasionally is the highlight of a sophomore's life. Being a part of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities helps to round out our lives. Of course, we managed to squeeze those academic requirements into our busy lives without difficulty.

Fund raising activities throughout the year were raffle tickets on a ham, a knife and a box of Valentine candy. We sold BHS lapel pins and food and drinks at a ballgame. We also sponsored a movie, "Football Fever." For the third consecutive year Shawn Carr participated in the All-Regional Band Tryouts placing 6th chair clarinet Symphonic in the senior division.







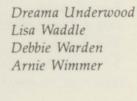




















Tammy Wolfe Arty Wolfe Tammy Wright Wesley Wright

While visiting Takesaki, Japan, this summer 4-H exchange student, Lynn Tate, enjoyed visiting many of the sights including this shrine located in Tokoyo.

Lynn was introduced to Japan and the people through welcome parties, summer camp, a festival, TV, the newspaper, and a visit with Takasaki Mayor Nunaga. Her 30-day stay was in the home of Mrs. Fumi Suyama.

Donna Alexander Marcie Asbury Paula Austin Everett Baxley

Susie Beavers David Blankenship Kim Boardwine Kenny Brooks

Karin Carlson Ronnie Clemons Laura Cochran Jeff Cox

## seeking to gain recognition

Junior Varsity basketball, cheerleading and the Junior Beta Club are just a few of the new privileges alloted to ninth graders. Just how would you define a ninth grader? With sophomores getting their driver's licenses, eleventh graders ordering class rings and seniors preparing for graduation, it seems the freshmen class is rarely recognized.

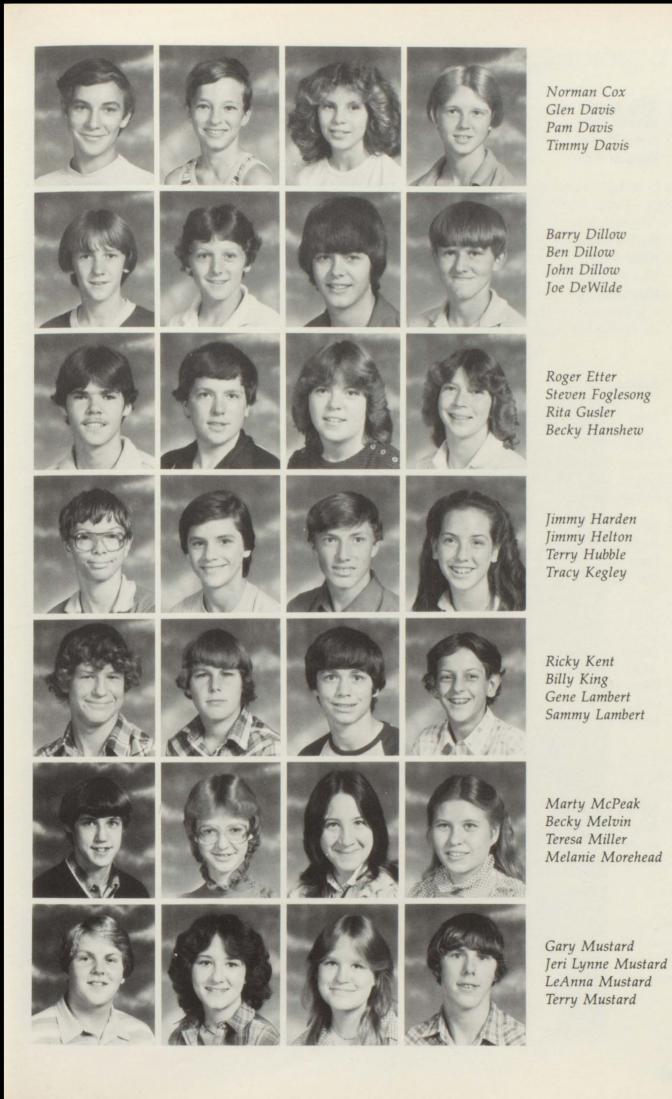
Although it may appear that most ninth graders remain in the shadows, this is definitely untrue. Five of the nine JV cheerleaders are freshmen. Freshmen also compose one-half of the JV basketball team and sport sixteen members of the Junior Beta Club.

Even though ninth graders struggle to keep pace and work their way out of the shadows they will always cherish their many memories of their freshmen year.



OFFICERS: Paula Austin, president; Sherri Wimmer, vice-president; Eric Taylor, secretary; Lynn Tate, treasurer; David Blankenship; reporter; Tracy Kegley, chaplain; Miss Mary Greever and Mr. Tommy Bird; sponsors.





Billy Mutter Shauun Neel James Parker Wendell Parker Brian Perkins Eddie Price Tina Putnam Billy Ramsey Regina Ramsey T. J. Roseberry Mike Shelton Ervin Sparks Lee Steffey Angela Strock Lynn Tate Eric Taylor Angie Thompson Chris Tickle Lisa Tolbert Denise Umbarger Johnny Umbarger Judy Umbarger Ryland Wade Sherri Wimmer Karen Wright Martin Wright Sharon Wright

OFFICERS AND SPONSORS: Tami Haga, president; Issis Umbarger, vice-President; Stephen Fanning, secretary; Lisa Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Chris Bird and Mr. Gary

## beginning a high school journey

The first encounter of our journey was paying book rental, insurance, and class dues. We were expected to "shape up" like army privates, walk on the right side, speak only when asked to and never be late for class.

Freedom meant electing a slate of "leaders" and taking those subjects already on our schedules.









Tammy Beavers Phillip Bogle Rusty Call Daniel Conley









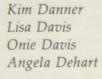
Keith Conley Anthony Cox Cindy Crabtree David Dalton



















Amy Drummond Stephen Fanning Gene French Lisa Gravley

Patrick Groseclose Tami Haga Leroy Hamblin Jody Helton Robbie Hylton Samantha Hylton Sarah Karpenski Denise King Idette King Rusty King Terry Martin James Miller Steven Mitchell Laura Morehead Mike Morehead Robert Morehead LaMoore Muncy Lyle Muncy Tammy Mustard David Mutter Lori Nelson Regina Parris

Carla Pauley Dawn Pruitt









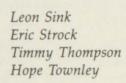
Donna Richardson Thelma Sarver Carrie Shelton Ernie Shelton



















Todd Turner Issis Umbarger Stafford Umbarger Teresa Umbarger





ABOVE—For eighth graders science is an involved subject. Full concentration is seen by Tammy Mustard, Lisa Gravley and Idette King. LEFT—Expressions tell all! Totally absorbed in Mrs. Debbie Anderson's science class are Rusty King, Leon Sink,Thelma Sarver, Samantha Hylton and Phillip Bogle



OFFICERS: Bottom Row—Sarah Newberry, president; Todd Steffy, vice president; Janet Millirons, secretary; Top Row—Jon Melvin, treasurer; Roberta Kegley and Gerhard Schoenthal, recreation leaders.

Wendy Binns Tom Brewster Billy Burton Jamie Chewning Wayne Colley

Bradley Davis Freda Davis Pam Dillow Jennifer Greever Bobby Hale

Mark Hamblin Ritchie Havens Mrs. Janet Scott BS-Radford U. Roberta Kegley

Ronnie King Shannon King Deana Lakey

Robert Lambert John Melvin Janet Millirons Sarah Newberry Gerhard Schoenthal

Jennifer Stafford Todd Steffy Brian Townley Mark Vineyard Donna Warden



OFFICERS: BOTTOM ROW-Brad Dillow, president; Mike Hounshell, vice-president; Dawn Dillow, secretary. TOP ROW-Andy Putman, treasurer; Martin Vineyard and Sonya Chewning, recreation leaders.

#### note passing, field trips

Eyes roved across an aisle and quickly glanced toward the teacher, a hand darted toward a classmate and the mission was complete. That "important" message could not wait until lunchtime so note passing was an integral part of the life of a sixth grader or seventh grader. Other means of socializing were visits to the Bookmobile, participation in basketball, a visit to a play at Bluefield College and a trip to Lakeside Amusement Park.









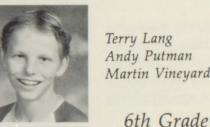




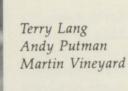


Angela Atwell Brian Blevins Brad Dillow Dawn Dillow





7th Grade



Wayne Davis

Mrs. Margie Powers BA-Marshall U. Mike Hounshell Scott Lambert













Boyd Adkins Amanda Baxley Sonya Chewning Kevin Cox Heath Muncy











Lori Perkins Mark Shelton Tammy Swanson Samantha Tickle Scott Wellman



Participants in grade six reading level are engrossed in a learning experience.



Pupils from grades 5, 6 and 7 meet for change of teachers for students formerly reading and comprehension to allow an excontained with one teacher.

Chip Bird Junior Blevins Tiffany Bowen Ray Danner Santa Fe Davis

Tammy Davis Randy Dillow Mrs. Jackie Barlow BA-VPI Michael Fanning

Billie French Cheryl Graham Charmin Gravley

Kathy Kidd Mike Nelson Patricia Nelson Shawn Nelson Aaron Newberry

Julie Pauley Sam Simmons Tonya Smith John Stafford Sarah Strock

Curtis Taylor Robbie Waddle Ellis Wade Rusty Warden Lori Winters





Fifth graders work quietly on assignments while aware of the photographer's presence.

### creativity

Balloons as a base for Halloween masks, designing Christmas cards and making Indian villages provided outlets for fifth grade creativity and enthusiasm. Sixth grade pupils found interest in preparing foreign foods in the home of their instructor Mrs. Barlow, and in a field trip to Surat Hollow — a landmark in Bland County.









Quinn Adkins Jamie Asbury Julie Baxley Doug Boardwine

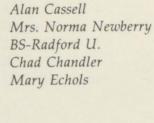










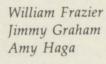












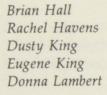












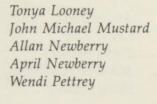






















Tresila Sink Chad Thompson Randy Townley Samantha Waddle Becky Winsett





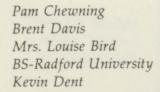
Sherri Shewey relates a scary story to the Fourth graders listen to the imagination of their classmates as they tell strange stories of what could have happened to them. class.

Rusty Bird Bobby Boardwine David Chandler

















Eric Faulkner Tina Johnston Clinton Kegley









Alison King David King Travis Munsey Marshall Schoenthal Sherri Shewey

























Students are attentive and ready with answers as Mrs. Jeanette Bernard goes over a lesson in social studies.

## large numbers cause split

Wall to wall children was what faced Mrs. Louise Bird on the first day of school. When we moved we bumped someone beside us. And when we lined up for lunch or play time we resembled a freight train—the caboose was nowhere in sight!

After nearly six-weeks had passed the school board decided we needed more space and another teacher so they hired Mrs. Jeanette Bernard and sent one-half of us to another classroom with her.

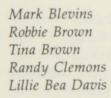




















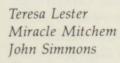
Chris Dillow Mrs. Jeannette Bernard BS-Radford University Rita Hamblin Amanda Harden





















Jennifer Simms Shane Smelser Sammy Steffey Patricia Stowers Robbie Taylor





Brian Toler Angel Underwood

#### writing improvement was encouraged

With emphasis placed on writing this year, we were encouraged to practice and improve our writing to make it more readable. We also were introduced to multiplication and better reading and study habits.

Becky Bird Cindy Blevins Dianne Bowles Kevin Bowles Heather Burton

Jeana Dalton Robert Davis Ginger Dillow Michael Dillow Jimmy Duncan

Cheryl Hall Kandi Farley Mrs. Sue King BS-Radford University Jason Hall

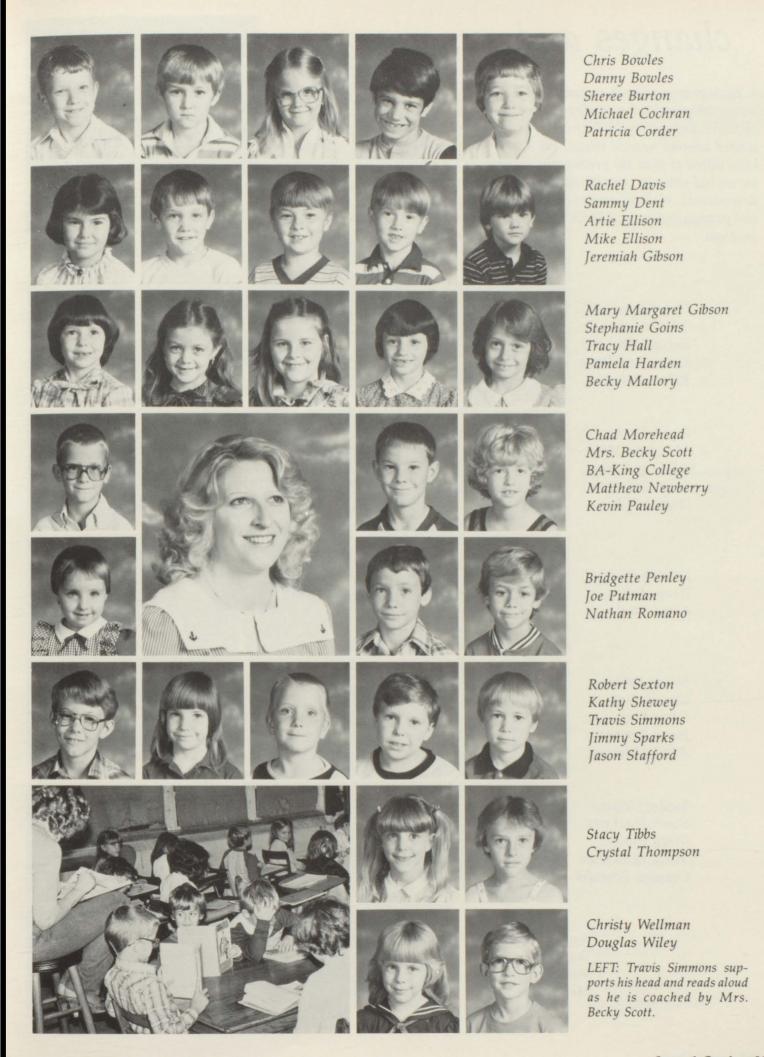
Tina Hounshell Angela Kent Rusty Meadows

Heather Olinger Hope Pike Mechelle Shelor Brad Steffey Angela Stowers

Julie Strock
Colby Taylor
Charlie Thompson
Sarah Thompson
Holly Warden



Donna Wiley Michelle Wright



## changes and experiences

We began to get into the swing of things this year. We were no longer the smallest and youngest because we started another year of school, but a little different from the previous year for we had seniority over the new kindergarteners. We held holiday parties and participated in the PTA Christmas program.

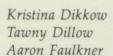
As beginners we had to get up early and leave Captain Kangaroo and Romper Room to venture to a new experience for us ... our first year in school. Being new faces at school was a bit of a scare for us because there were a lot of "big kids" running around. We participated in the PTA Christmas program by singing "Jingle Bells."



Concentration is evident as first graders do assignments.

Dietra Agee Beth Bridges Eric Brooks Emory Carl Davis Robert Davis

Bryan Dent Mrs. June Miller BA-King College Brook Dillow Donnie Dillow



Stacey Kidd Crystal King Kevin King Jennie Lambert Angel Mitchem

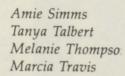
Sandra Nelson Stuart Newberry Misty Pauley Molly Richardson Christina Schepers















































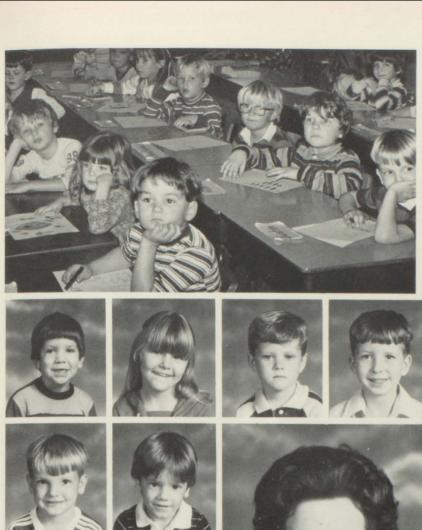












Kindergarteners ponder over their work. Through this year we learned our numbers, alphabet, and how to write our names. We also learned to follow rules, and how to share with others.



Jeremy Blankenship



Allen Brown Rebecca Brunk Charles Burton Charles Corder Billy Davis





Justin Eaton Joshua Gibson Mrs. Katherine Reynolds BS-Radford University Bradley Gordon







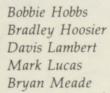
Mark Graham Crystal Hall Shannon Havens











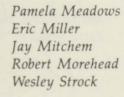






















Bradley Tate Kary Taylor April Tickle Brian Waddle Christopher Wolcott

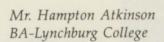
# patience and compassion

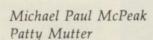
Interaction and individual help become a reality in a small group. Patience in getting the material across and compassion for us was shown by our instructors, Mr. Hampton Atkinson and Mrs. Helen Blankenship. Concentration was in the areas of math, science, spelling and reading. Most of us have learned to write our names and recognize and work with small numerals. We took a field trip to Mercer Mall and had parties at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

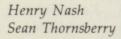


Samples of students' work is proudly displayed on their bulletin board for Halloween.

Roscoe Davis Bobby Frazier











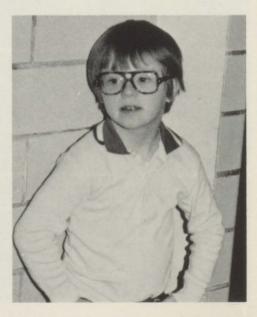








Mr. Atkinson assists Sean Thornsberry in eye thesting.



Michael Paul McPeak pauses on his way to lunch.

awards, songs, and speeches highlighting the 1982 awards day – graduation

Applause, laughter and a few tears were all present in the Bland High School gymnasium during the 1982 Awards Day-Graduation program. The graduates were dressed in the class colors of cerise and silver while all Beta members wore gold chords and tessels. Highlighting the ceremony was the presentation of awards and certificates, prophecies and wills, and speeches given by various class members and faculty.

Jeff Cassell served as the Class of '82 valedictorian while co-salutatorian honors went to Laura Gordon and Geneva Clark. The program was concluded with the singing of the class song "Through the Years" and a few tearful farewells to the graduating seniors.



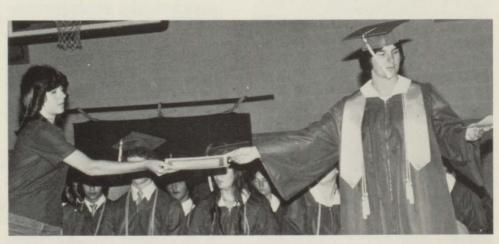
Valerie Lambert receives perfect attendance certificate from Laura Gordon as an "enthusiastic" crowd looks on.



Regina Groseclose walks triumphantly back to her seat after presentation of her award by Jimmy Harper.



Debbie Warden receives award from Jimmy Harper.



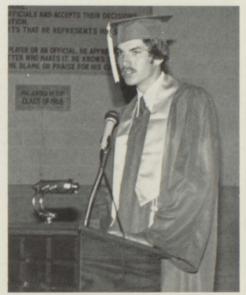
Laura Gordon presents Lori Neel with certificate as Senior class looks on.



The Class of 1982: Wendi Price, Mike Umbarger, Pam Melvin, Jimmy Harper, Edwina Stowers, Lora Groseclose, Jo Neel, Rhonda Etter, Sharon Conley, Mark King, Terri Price, Karen Hounshell, Sherri Tolbert, Joey Bane, Johnny Sarver, and Thomas Stowers.



Geneva Clark, co-salutatorian, addresses the graduation assembly.



Valedictorian Jeff Cassell gives his commencement speech.



Laura Gordon relates her co-salutatorian address.





Far Left: Mike Umbarger and Lucy Gray read the Class of '82's final will and testament. Left: "Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble . . . " Wendi Price and Becky Conley prophecize the future.

#### academics

BHS has adopted a system which honors those students who excel academically. Beginning in the Freshman year, students who have maintained a yearly average of 95 or above become eligible for an honor letter. An honor bar is awarded every year afterward that a student maintains this average.

The DAR award is presented annually by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The recipient is chosen based on merit of good citizenship, leadership and participation in school activities.

Many students choose to prepare themselves for their future careers by participating in the vocational training classes offered at Wytheville.



DAR: Kimberly Kidd



3RD YEAR-BAR: Linda Atwell, Lonnie Thomas



1ST YEAR-LETTER: Todd Taylor, Lori Neel, Bob Gordon, Patty Smith, Shawna Carr, Ioanne Matz.



2ND YEAR-BAR: FRONT ROW: Rita Lambert, Donna Dalton, Linda Ellison, Melanie Cassell. TOP ROW: Sue Smith, Anita Stowers, Mary Anne Cochran, Kaye Cox.



SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: FRONT ROW: Lonnie Thomas, Linda Atwell, Todd Taylor. MIDDLE ROW: Rita Lambert, Sue Smith, Anita Stowers, Mary Anne Cochran, Kaye Cox, Donna Lambert, Donna Dalton. TOP ROW: Linda Ellison, Melanie Cassell.

#### FIRST YEAR—WYTHEVILLE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



masonry

TOP: Kathy Melvin—stenography. TOP: Sarah Pruitt—stenography. TOP: Jeff Vineyard—machine shop. BOTTOM: Dwayne Wright—brick BOTTOM: John Farlow—auto mechanics BOTTOM: Todd Parker—machine shop

#### SECOND YEAR—WYTHEVILLE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



TOP: Elbert Shelton-auto mechanics. BOTTOM: Tracey Walker-clothing

TOP: Lynne Conley—food. BOTTOM: Becky McPeak—drafting



U. S. HISTORY: Tim Neal, Richard Turner and Cathy Stowers.



To excel in Government requires many extra hours of studying out of class as shown by Rita Wright.



Mr. Fred Beamer explains the fundamentals of American Civics to Angela Strock, LaMoore Muncy, Sammy Lambert and James Helton.



Executing strategic plays in "pillow polo" is Gravely, LeAnna Mustard, Mr. Marvin

Mr. Marvin Cantrell's P. E. class. Lisa Cantrell, Lisa Sarver and Marcie Asbury.



"Hi, Coach! I went up for a rebound and landed here!" Ricky Pruitt.

Lisa Tolbert sends the volleyball flying as Lynn Tate and Sherri Wimmer are ready to

spring into action. Joanne Matz in the background.

#### mind & body exercises

A place of perpetual and varied activity on any given day was the gym. Students bounced basketballs, served volleyballs and jumped rope during their fifty-five minute periods known as Phys. Ed.

When not physically exercising, most students were exercising their mental processes by being exposed to some source of social study.



Kim Danner, Melanie Cassell, Amy Drummond and Judy Umbarger.



Learning the processes of algebraic equations and solving problems for future education and consumers is seen above by

these ninth grade students. FRONT ROW: Lynn Tate, David Blankenship, Eric Taylor.

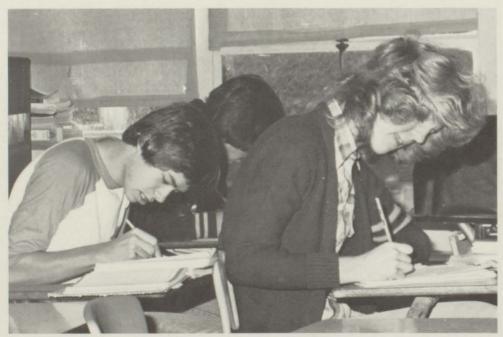
BACK ROW: Sherri Wimmer, Mr. Tommy Bird, Karin Carlson, Mike Perkins.

### baffling problems of math and language

Quel temps fait-il? Baffled? If you were not a French Student of Miss Diane Rowe then chances are those words may seem a bit . . . strange?!

While in other parts of the school Miss Mary Greever and Mrs. Janet Faulkner strived to make students understand that, yes—there is a difference between nouns and verbs.

Lines, numbers and shapes were studied to bring order, meaning and design to a seemingly chaotic world.



Few students are willing to try an intensified math course such as trigonometry. Concentrated effort is shown

by these three seniors, Barry Underwood, Lonnie Thomas and Linda Atwell.



GEOMETRY: Mark Woolwine, Gretchen Carlson, Delisa Miller and Charlie Bane.



ENGLISH 10: Ronnie Dillow, Sammy King, Greg Davis, Matt Harman, Kitten Richardson, Lori Neel.



ENGLISH 8: Bodie Miller, Denise King.



HONORS ENGLISH 12: FRONT ROW: Valerie Lambert, Kim Kidd, Cindy Wright, Bob Gordon, Barry Underwood, Lonnie

Thomas. MIDDLE ROW: Wanda Bevil, Joyce Harper, Linda Atwell, Glenda

Conley, Lisa Sarver. BACK ROW: Todd Taylor, Becky McPeak.



FRENCH II: FRONT ROW: Winifred Foglesong, Rita Lambert, Anita Stowers. BACK ROW: Melanie Cassell,

Gretchen Carlson, Sue Smith, Mary Anne Cochran, Kaye Cox.



FRENCH I: Delisa Miller, Lynn Tate, Karin Carlson, Miss Dianne Rowe.

#### limitless career choices

Expansion and constant change is the name of the game in the vocational department. Careers of farmer, homemaker and typist have expanded into numerous areas and vocations. The agriculture department produces extension agents, veterinarians, welders, carpenters and mechanics while the home economics students go into areas of foods, clothing, health or research.

Industrial Cooperative Training places students in training—working—earning positions usually related to a field of work in which they are interested.

From commercial classroom of manual typewriters the average business room today is filled with electric typewriters, calculators, dictating machines, duplicating equipment, work processors and computers. The opportunities here are limitless—from accountant, stenographer to complicated computer programming.



AGRICULTURE: Jeff Kincaid, Jody Helton, Mr. Bill Crabtree.



ICT: Sammy Groseclose, David Etter, Mike Smelser, Cecil Compton



HOME ECONOMICS—FRONT TABLE: Samantha Hylton, Tracy Kegley, Kim Danner. CENTER TABLE: Amy

Drummond, Karen Asbury, Betty Tibbs, Julie Clemons. BACK TABLE: Becky

Hanshew, Regina Parris, Denise King, Karen Wright.



TYPING: Mary Anne Cochran, Sue Smith



GENERAL BUSINESS: Lisa Waddle, Tammy Wright



ACCOUNTING: Barbara Ramsey, Paula Mustard, Dawn Morehead



SHORTHAND: Cindy Wright and Kim Kidd

# components and genes

"Don't put that in there, it'll blow up!" Mrs. Debbie Anderson's class had an interesting time learning what could and couldn't be mixed in Chemistry. While Mr. Marvin Cantrell taught everything from sex determination to blood typing in biology.



BIOLOGY. Laura Cochran, Lynn Tate, Ronnie Dillow, Jeri Mustard, Becky Melvin, and Mr. Marvin Cantrell.



Mrs. Debbie Anderson explains the theory of gravity as Sammy Lambert, Chris Tickle, and Wendell Parker look on.



EARTH SCIENCE. Wendell Parker, Norman Cox, Timmy Davis, Terry Hubble, Lisa Tolbert, Mrs. Debbie Anderson, Barry Dillow, and Jimmy Harden.



Experimenting with bending glass are Vickie Kincaid and Sandy Bane.

#### one chosen from a select few

One chosen from a select few was the highlight of the dances. Becoming a candidate was an honor, but being "the one" brought elation and tears of joy. Candidates for the Sweetheart Dance were: Denise Umbarger, Delisa Miller, Andrea Cassell, Sheri Tolbert, Dawn Newberry, Gretchen Carlson, Sharon Conley, Becky Umbarger, Sheri Wimmer, Rhonda Etter, Rita Wright, Linda Ellison, Tracy Kegley, Edwina Stowers, Sylvia Mabry, Marcy Newberry.

The music department sponsored the Sweetheart Dance on February 20, 1982, and the May Dance on April 30, 1982. In a colorful setting of red and white hearts and streamers students and guests moved in rhythm to favorite tunes.



Soft melody brings a closeness to dancing



SWEETHEART QUEEN 1982 — Miss Denise Umbarger escorted by Joey Bane



Rhythms are supplied by a local band



The rhythm changes to a slow beat and partners fit the mood of a "dreamy tune"



DECORATIONS enhance the setting and the spirit of participants



DANCERS choose their own style of rhythm as partners "match up."



MAY QUEEN 1982 — Miss Regina Groseclose escorted by Gary Nelson



Togetherness in a slow dance



MAY QUEEN COURT: Denise Umbarger, Barry Dillow; Tammy Cline, Paul Dillow; Regina Groseclose, Gary Nelson; Lisa Sarver, Larry Newberry; Debbie Atwell, John Muncy

## citizenship day - a united community

Sounds of excitement and last minute frantic instructions preceded the third annual Citizenship Day Parade on May 1, 1982. As groups, floats and individuals lined up, the crowd gathered on the streets and courthouse lawn.

Citizenship means united in a community and this was clearly seen as people united together in fellowship and pride. Admiration reflected in each individual's eyes and laughter broke forth at the occasional humorous section of the parade.

Young ladies previously selected as Bland County's loveliest rode in vehicles bearing their titles. Dignitaries were present riding in the parade or mingling in the crowd. Groups from schools, churches, and communities joined together with floats depicting freedom, heritage, and future predictions.

Following the parade most of the

crowd assembled on the courthouse lawn for entertainment and speeches from area businessmen, congressmen, and aspiring politicians.

This was a day when busy rural people took the time from work to join their neighbors and friends in the renewal of age-old ties and once again proclaim the liberties and freedoms for which our country was founded.



FREEDOM — Bland United Methodist Church: Mary Anne Cochran, Eric Taylor, Martha Cochran, Geneva Pauley, Angela Strock, Cliff Pauley, Samantha Hylton, Sarah Gilliam, Tracey Wolfe, Mike Nelson, Tania Burcham.



BLAND COUNTY COMBINED MARCHING BAND made up from the Rocky Gap and Bland High Schools.



YOUNG SKILLED HORSE RIDERS: Wesley Strock, Julie Strock, Bradley Gordon, David Strock.



SENIOR MISS BLAND COUNTY WINNERS: Tracy Kegley, Lynn Tate, Rhonda Etter.



Spectators show amusement as young citizens ride bikes of all sizes and makes. Jay Hoge, Richard Turner, Kenny Froy, Jimmy Barker.



Bland Countians proudly display their horses and heritage.



CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Linda Foutz, Tina Brown, Hope Pike, Issis Umbarger, Tina Johnston, Eric Wimmer, Jimmy Pike, Becky Melvin, Ben Meadows, Trenton Meadows.

### stretched nerves and charged emotions

The air was filled with tension and nerves stretched to the breaking point. Contestants wiped perspiring hands and made last minute repairs on their make-up while the judges marked the final ballots.

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This year eighty-nine young ladies competed for the titles of: Little Miss, Junior Miss, Senior Miss, and Miss Bland

County.

The pageant was held in the Bland High School Gym, on April 2nd and 3rd. The mistress and master of ceremonies were Mrs. Betty K. Munsey, sponsor of the FHA Club, and Mr. William Crabtree, sponsor of the FFA Club. The beauty pageant is a major production of the FHA Club.

During intermission, the Bland Chapter members presented a fashion show depicting modern casual wear, while the crowd awaited the judges' decision.

With points totaled the winners were announced and four young ladies carried the new titles.



MISS BLAND COUNTY WINNERS: 1st runner-up, Rhonda Etter; Miss Bland County 1982, Linda Atwell; 2nd runner-up, Melissa Lewis



SENIOR MISS BLAND COUNTY contestants in formal wear: Debbie Warden, Elizabeth Umbarger, Elizabeth Turner, Lisa Tolbert, Angie Thompson.



MODELING casual attire for the FHA fashion show are Stina Roseberry and Kitten Richardson.







TOP LEFT: Teresa Richardson introduces the latest in "playtime" fashions BOTTOM LEFT: JUNIOR MISS BLAND COUNTY: 2nd runner-up, Lana Lindamood; Junior Miss Bland County, Tonya Smith; 1st runner-up, Tiffany Bowen. TOP RIGHT: SENIOR MISS BLAND COUNTY: 1st runner-up, Tracy Kegley; Senior Miss Bland County, Lynn Tate; 2nd runner-up, Angie Thompson. CENTER RIGHT: LITTLE MISS BLAND COUNTY: 2nd runner-up, Monica Dillow; Little Miss Bland County, Misty Pauley; 1st runner-up, Tonya Talbert. BOTTOM RIGHT: Charged emotions are released as Linda Atwell is crowned Miss Bland County





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#### "endless love"

Amid cascading lights and disco sounds, which were euphonious to the listeners, the Junior-Senior Prom began at Wytheville Recreation Center on May 15. All of the day's preparation had been made for what would surely be the "most wonderful night of the year."

Stars brightened the eyes of many members of the Junior and Senior classes as they entered the "harmony of romance and dancing." The room was filled with pink roses and red hearts, red, pink, white, and lavender decorations, and a "flowing fountain" of streamers. A classic pavilion served as the centerpiece of the dance floor. All of these decorations supported the theme, "Endless Love."



Bob Gordon demonstrates the use of Lora Groseclose's gag gift.



Kim Kidd, Junior Stowers, Mike Barker, and Donna Strock dance to their heart's content.



King Jeff Cassell and Queen Karen Hounshell reign over the 1982 Prom.



Barry Underwood, on behalf of the prom committee, presents Mrs. Kay Mabe with a gift of their appreciation.



Prom go'ers boogy to the beat of the music.



Johnny Sarver, Teresa Richardson, Tony Lambert, and Debbie Warden find "togetherness" in the pavilion.



Red lettering on a white background displays the theme, "Endless Love."

## an established tradition

Miss Echo Day, an established tradition, honors the girl who sells the most annuals during a two-week drive. Rita Lambert received the coveted crown on September 24, 1982, by selling 102 annuals.

An ensemble of talented students presented a variety of entertainment. The drama classes portrayed the faculty in a skit entitled "The Teacher's Lounge." Other performers were Karin Carlson, Roberta Kegley, Band, Chorus, Dreama Underwood, and Bryan Underwood.

A juke-box provided popular tunes for dancing after the crowning.



"The Teacher's Lounge" — Fred Beamer, Bryan Underwood; Jessie Kegley, Becky McPeak; Gary Collins, Todd Taylor; Sandra Green, Teresa Richardson.



Baton twirling routine — Dreama Underwood



MISS ECHO 1983 — Rita Lambert



MISS ECHO AND COURT — Geoff Fanning, Becky Umbarger; David Braithwaite, Carla Pauley; Richard Turner, Rita Lambert; Lonnie Thomas, Lynn Tate; Mike Smelser, Joyce Harper



DRAMATICS - James Farris and Jeri Lynn Mustard as Karen Green



In motion to juke-box tunes, students and faculty occupy the dance floor



"Have you seen my other hall pass?" Wanda Bevil as Debbie Anderson



Queen received crown, banner and large trophy; king received scepter, mug and

large trophy; each contestant received small trophies. Kim Kidd and Todd Taylor,

Queen Linda Ellison and King Tony Lambert, Delisa Miller and Tim Neal.



Snow pouring down outside didn't seem to worry these contented dancers as they move in a slow rhythmic embrace.



Dreama Cox and Joey Newberry, Lisa and Eric Taylor, Donna Lambert and Mike Sarver and Brian Pauley, Denise Umbarger

Smelser.



BOTTOM: Debbie Warden and Marty McPeak. TOP: Angie Thompson and Bruce Shelton.



1983 Homecoming Queen—Kim Kidd escor d by Bob Gordon.



Moving in rhythm to a slow tune these dancers seem to enjoy the closeness it brings.

#### snow, queens, kings and dances

A week of macabre and bizarre make-up and attire preceded the excitement of the homecoming game and dance. On January 7, the fabled Homecoming Game and the coronation of a queen set off the celebrations for the night's dance.

Immediately following the game between the Rockets and county-rival Rocky Gap Eagles, the Audio Dimension's DJs moved into the gymnasium to set up their equipment for the dance. Perhaps those most anxious for the dance to begin were the Homecoming Queen candidates themeselves. For one, the anxiety turned into ecstasy. Senior Kimberly Kidd was bestowed the honor of Homecoming Queen 1983. Wanda Bevil was the senior attendant. Dawn Morehead received junior attendant honors. The sophomore attendant was Shawna Carr and for the freshman class Lynn Tate won the attendant award. Tami Haga was the eighthgrade attendant.

For the past two years, the FBLA has sponsored the Snow Queen and King

dance and for the past two years it has snowed on the evening of the dance. This year's dance was held on December 11 in the high school gymnasium. Music for the four hour event was provided by Audio Dimension. Penny-vote decided the winners who took over the reign of last year's recipients, Patty Smith and Bob Gordon—representing the SCA. Linda Ellison and Tony Lambert, sponsored by the Senior Beta Club were crowned the 1982 queen and king. There were twelve couples vying for the title.



Samantha Hylton and Shaunn Neal, Lynn Tate and Barry Underwood, Shawna Carr and Geoff Fanning, Sue Smith and Terry Umbarger, Wanda Bevil and Bryan



Underwood, Becky McPeak and Larry Newberry, Kim Kidd and Bob Gordon, Dawn Morehead and Keith May, Debbie

Warden and Bill Tolbert, Paula Austin and Mike Umbarger, Tami Haga and Kenny Brooks.

## a week of unusual looks and sounds

"Breaking Free in '83" was the theme of a dynamic Homecoming week at Bland High. A week of busy, funfilled days created an atmosphere of anticipation among the students. Monday was named Hat, Shade, and Button Day. Students flaunted everything from John Deere caps to cowboy hats, a variety of "wild and crazy" sunglasses, and colorful buttons.

One may have thought they were in ancient Rome as Tuesday's Toga Day began. Students came dressed in white sheets, and even purple striped sheets, to bring back the days of the Greek gods.

"Miss Conley report to the office please." "Jessie was late to class, Miss Atwell." These were some typical remarks heard on Student Government Day, held on Wednesday, as students and teachers switched places to see how the other side really lives.

Orange and green hair, black lips, and purple eyes seemed to transform a majority of the students into punk rockers on Thursday, as all knew that Punk Day had arrived. The basic attire for the day seemed to be mini-skirts made from trash bags. Some went as far as putting glitter in their hair. And, most of all, there was music. Students brought their cassette and eight-track tape players with them and filled the halls of BHS with the Go-Go's, and other punk groups. This day seemed to be most successful for everyone - everyone that is except for the faculty who went home at 3:30 to recover from the initial shock of it all.

And to wind up Homecoming Week, Friday was devoted to Maroon and Gold Day. Everyone showed his spirit and support for the Rockets by dressing in the school colors. The highlight of the day was the pep rally, where students got into the spirit of things with basketball relays, cheers, and a pompom routines.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, prizes were given for best participating student. The Hat, Shade and Button award went to Todd Taylor, Donna Strock was bestowed the honor of best-dressed on Toga Day, and the best punker awards went to Wanda Bevil and Eddie Baxley.

All in all, this year's Homecoming Week proved to be the best in several years, and many thanks go to all the people who helped make it a success.



Orange hair changes the appearance of Eddie Baxley — everyone thought him a new student.



Issis Umbarger demonstrates the latest in punk hairstyles.



Wearing the "wet look" in the form of a trash bag and the heart beauty spot is Marsha Agee.

# SENIOR

CENTER LEFT: Past, present and future look at Bland High School on January 6, 1983, "Punk Day." The way-out and bizarre look is seen through T-shirts, headbands, jewelry and make-up for the eyes, mouth and nails. Dreama Underwood, Teresa Richardson, Becky McPeak and Kitten Richardson. CENTER RIGHT: Glenda Conley assumes the role of shorthand instructor on Student Government Day.





Laura Cochran and Wanda Bevil pause to assemble a pose on Punk Day.





Lisa Sarver and Mike Smelser converse in the hall while Todd Taylor listens in.

#### lending a helping hand

Everything from keeping score at basketball games, to answering the phone, to flying the flag fill the spare time of the student workers.

During their study halls students may work in the office doing such chores as counting and rolling money to running errands and delivering messages.

The flag girls are responsible for the upkeep and raising and lowering of the flag, while the scorekeepers try to keep the basketball records straight.

Even though no extra credit or pay is awarded to these students their valuable work is appreciated by all.



OFFICE WORKERS. FRONT ROW: Donna Lambert, Bridget Wright, Paula Mustard, Rita Gusler, Sarah Pruitt, Tommy Clark, Todd Taylor, Mark Woolwine. BACK ROW: Brian Mustard, Barry Underwood, Geoff Fanning, Ricky Pruitt.

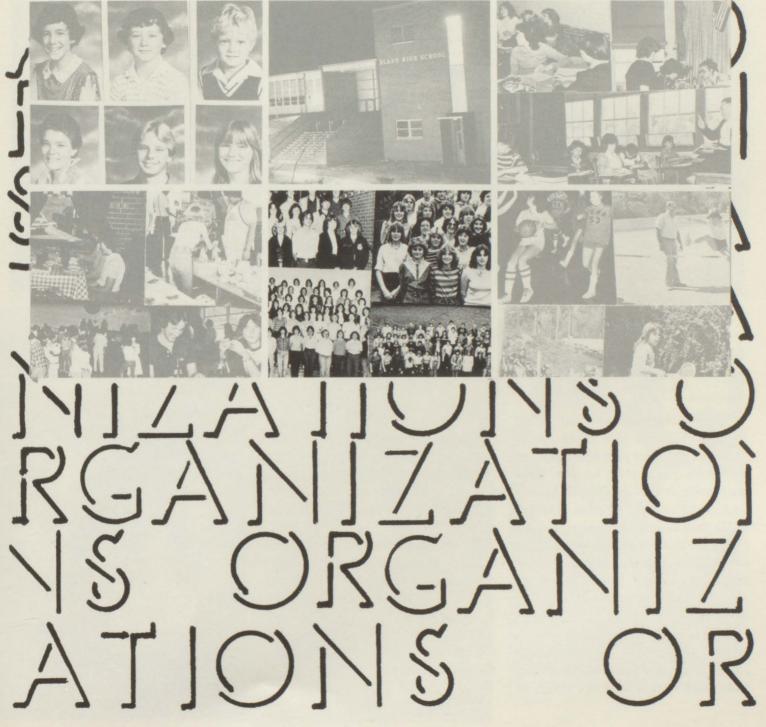


TOP: Flag girls Lisa Sarver and Glenda Conley. TOP RIGHT: Lonnie Thomas "contributes" his knowledge to Miss Greever's Honors English class as Todd Taylor observes. RIGHT: SCOREKEEPERS: Mark Woolwine, Sue Smith, Lonnie Thomas, Anita Stowers, Barry Underwood.





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MEETING: Sherri Wimmer, Lynn Tate, Jeri Mustard

OFFICERS: JoAnne Matz, president; Gretchen Carlson, vice-president; Lori Neel, secretary; Debbie Warden, treasurer; Mrs. Nancy Gamble, sponsor.

#### JUNIOR BETA

FRONT ROW: Pam Davis, Regina Groseclose, Kitten Richardson, Becky Hanshew, Tracy Kegley, Marcy Newberry. 2ND ROW: Gene Lambert, Karen Asbury, Lisa Waddle, Tammy Wright, Debbie Warden, Laura Cochran, Patty Smith, Lori Neel. 3RD ROW: Paula Austin, Becky Umbarger, Lynn Tate, Lisa Tolbert, Teresa Richardson, JoAnne Matz, Shawna Carr. 4TH ROW: Karen Wright, Teresa Miller, Karin Carlson, Sherri Wimmer, Helen Hamblin, Gretchen Carlson, Becky Melvin, Delisa Miller, BACK ROW: Shaunn Neel, Steven Foglesong, David Braithwaite, Arnie Wimmer, Everett Baxley, Eric Taylor, Bruce Shelton.





## slave auction, honors and service projects

Bird watchers and hookers? in the Beta Club!? and this is an honor society! This was a part of the skit the members presented to the Beta convention at Williamsburg in March. Excitement and anticipation mounted as the time drew near. Working toward a victory in the group talent competition they also hoped to bring home a state office. Submitted for the office of state vice-president was Rita Lambert.

A necessary part of any trip is money, an item in short supply to students. To earn a part of the needed sum members sold food and drinks at game concessions, citrus fruits and candy for the holidays. Another source of income was the slave auction when prospective new members were tapped and sold as a 3-day slave to the highest bidder for a few cents to several dollars.

Junior Betas (9th and 10th grade) must meet and maintain the same requirements—good moral conduct and an 88-or-above grade average. As a service project for the year, they supplied a first aid kit and donated it for elementary use. RIGHT: Slave auction assembly





#### SENIOR BETA

FRONT ROW: Donna Shelton, Winnifred Foglesong, Kimberly Kidd, Wanda Bevil, Tammy Cline, Linda Atwell. 2ND ROW: Andrea Cassell, Valerie Lambert, Glenda Conley, Becky McPeak, Donna Strock. 3RD ROW: Steve Cox, Rita Lambert, Anita Stowers, Todd Taylor, Joyce Alexander, Mark Woolwine. 4TH ROW: Sue Smith, Kaye Cox, Mary Anne Cochran, Donna Dalton, Sonja Asbury, Bridget Wright, Joyce Harper. BACK ROW: Terry Umbarger, Eric Ellison, Tony Lambert, Bob Grodon, Donna Lambert, Linda Ellison, Tommy Clark. Not pictured Lonnie Thomas.



OFFICERS: Mrs. Janet Faulkner, sponsor; Lonnie Thomas, president; Linda Atwell, vice-president; Glenda Conley, secretary-treasurer.



CANDY SALES: Kim Kidd, Donna Lambert, Bob Gordon





Mr. Marvin Cantrell auctions slave Bridget Wright.



NEWSPAPER STAFF: FRONT ROW: Tracy Kegley, Dreama Underwood , Tammy Wright, Bruce Shelton. 2ND ROW: Gretch-

en Carlson, Debbie Warden, Eric Taylor, Angie Thompson, Lisa Waddle, Denise Umbarger. BACK ROW: Teresa Richard-

son, Lisa Sarver, Joanne Matz, Teresa Miller, Becky Melvin, Regina Groseclose, Lynn Tate, Sherri Wimmer, Vickie Kincaid.



PAGE EDITORS: SEATED: Bryan Underwood, Kim Kidd. STANDING: Joyce Alexander, Sonja Asbury, Bob Gordon, Donna Strock.



Todd Taylor, editor, caught checking for errors in a past-month's edition.



SPONSORS: Mrs. Janet Faulkner, Mrs. Jessie Kegley.



News editor Bob Gordon instructs staff member Lisa Sarver.

### publications showed school's personality

The quality of a school's publications usually indicates the excellence of the school itself. "The Echo" and "The Hilltop News" are no exceptions.

For the past two years "The Echo" has been entered in American Scholastic Press Association competition and complimented upon their use of design in creating a cover to enhance the theme, their copy writing, and the way in which the yearbook is set up. So much have they been commended for their work efforts that the propagation has received a first place rating two years in succession.

Yearly "The Hilltop News" is enrolled in Virginia High School League competition, a contest between all high schools in Virginia. The paper has been a consistant achiever, finishing second last year and first for the prior five years. Whether news, editorial, feature, grade, or sports, the paper has received merit for its coverage of the people and their life styles.

Whether an annual or a newspaper staffer these students are "consistently reminded" of upcoming deadlines. No sooner is one deadline met than one is due. The use of proper columns and layouts, not enough copy or too much are only part of the headaches with which staffers and advisors learn to cope.

The completed product gives a staffer a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction and the problems that had faced them faded into nothingness. Even though some mistakes are apparent, an individual's thought of knowing he or she had done their best provides an unbreakable union between staff members. Using strict guidelines, judges must compare the overall effect and work with others in competition without knowing the student or the school. Even though the resulting score and rating placement may not be high, no other would bespeak the personalities and attitudes of the student body for that year.



BUSINESS MANAGERS: Todd Taylor, Linda Ellison, Melanie Cassell, Glenda Conley. Not pictured — Kim Kidd.



Bryan Underwood and Melanie Cassell work to finish spreads.



STAFF: SEATED: Donna Shelton, Connie Nelson, Lisa Sarver, Wanda Bevil, Valerie Lambert. STANDING: Mrs. Betsy Newberry, advisor; Barry Underwood, Tammy Cline, Joyce Harper.



CO-EDITORS: SEATED: Linda Atwell, Bob Gordon. COPY EDITOR: Bryan Underwood.

#### success in business and leadership

The battle of the best poster in effort to gain the most votes for SCA offices highlighted the fall season. Candidates pledged their best to promote new and better conditions within the school. Yearly SCA activities were the mock elections, the Christmas program, and a lunch for graduating seniors.

A well-balanced program was the Bland Chapter FBLA who promoted business activities. Students participation earned the chapter both an Honor and Gold Seal Chapter Award.



STUDENT COOPERATIVE ASSOC. FRONT ROW: Todd Taylor, Donna Strock, Bob Gordon, Linda Atwell, Barry Underwood. 2ND ROW: Carla Pauley, Paula Austin, Rita Wright, Delisa Miller,

Tracy Kegley, Lynn Tate. 3RD ROW: Tim Davis, LaMoore Muncy, Becky Umbarger, Kim Kidd, Lori Neel, Patty Smith. BACK ROW: Tami Haga, Cindy Crabtree, Arnie Wimmer, Gary Nelson, Tim Neal.



Barry Underwood and Bob Gordon MC at Christmas program.



Soloist Roberta Kegley is accompanied by Bryan Underwood and Mrs. Karen Green.



OFFICERS. TOP—Tracy Kegley, Lynn Tate—sergeants—at-arms; Arnie Wimmer—reporter; Patty Smith treasurer; Delisa Miller—secretary; Barry

Underwood—vice-president; Bob Gordon—president; Miss Mary Greever sponsor.



FBLA. FRONT ROW: Teresa Miller, Pam Davis, Lisa Waddle, Joyce Harper, Kim Kidd, Teresa Richardson, Debbie Warden, Angela Strock. 2ND ROW: Debbie Simmons, Sue Smith, Sherri Wimmer, Tracy Kegley, Marcy Newberry, Dreama Cox.

Becky Hanshew. 3RD ROW: Kaye Cox, Wanda Bevil, Mary Anne Cochran, Linda Ellison, Jeff Kincaid, Paula Austin, Kenny Brooks. 4TH ROW: Melba Clemons, Linda Atwell, Becky Umbarger, Lisa Sarver, Donna Shelton, Rita Lambert, Donna

Dalton, Anita Stowers. BACK ROW: Bruce Shelton, Becky Melvin, Glenda Conley, Joyce Alexander, Connie Nelson, Bob Gordon, Sammy King, Donna Strock.



DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY CANS FOR SNOW QUEEN/KING CONTEST. Todd Taylor, Anita Stowers, Kim Kidd,

Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Patty Smith, Bob Gordon.



Mr. Gary Collins at the FBLA pizza party.

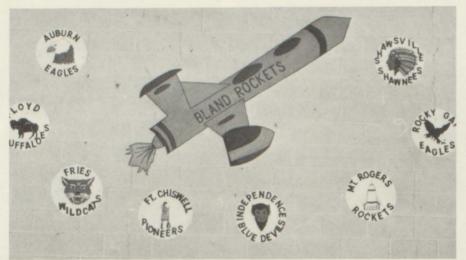


OFFICERS. SEATED: Rita Lambert, vicepresident; Anita Stowers, president. STANDING: Mrs. Jessie Kegley, sponsor;

Donna Dalton, parliamentarian; Lisa Sarver, historian; Linda Ellison, reporter; Kaye Cox, treasurer; Sue Smith, secretary.



PIZZA PARTY. Anita Stowers serves punch to Kenny Brooks.



Wall plaque made by art students.



OFFICERS: Valerie Lambert, president; Wanda Bevil, vice-president; Tim Neal, secretary; Joyce Harper, treasurer; Donna Strock, reporter; Mrs. Chris Bird, sponsor.

Splahses of color—strategically placed—brought forth beautiful and interesting designs. Finding paint on your best jeans though did not enhance one's best conduct. As a group project art students prepared a wall plaque for the gym wall. Using a plywood base, paint and ingenuity combined to form a large rocket surrounded on three sides by circular emblems of the other eight district schools—Auburn, Floyd, Fries, Ft. Chiswell, Independence, Mt.

Rogers, Rocky Gap, and Shawsville. Each circle shows the school name, mascot and nickname.

"The lift-off will take place at 1:30." There was no space ship, but FHA girls had placed their name and address inside a balloon, inflated it and at 1:30 p.m. on a September day sent the numerous and colorful balloons skyward. Hoping to get a reply from some distant point, the object was to see how far the balloons would travel.

Keeping busy was no problem for an FHA'er. Bland County Fair work got them off on a busy whirlwind of schedules, monthly meetings, testing for degrees, field trips and the monumental task of organizing the Miss Bland County beauty pageants.

To be an FHA member is a fulfilling, satisfying and rewarding experience cluminated by the Parent-Daughter banquet held at the end of the school year.



ART CLUB. FRONT ROW: Glenda Conley, Donna Shelton, Connie Nelson, Wendell Parker, Joyce Harper, Debbie Warden, Tammy Blevins, Donna Alexander, Sandy Smith, Donna Strock, Charlotte Harris, Lynn Banes, Lisa Gravley, Tammy Beavers, Everette Baxley, Kenny Brooks. 2ND ROW: Wanda Bevil, Richard Turner, Linda Atwell, Betty Tibbs,

Chuck Turner, Lisa Sarver, David Blankenship, Joyce Alexander, Melba Clemons, Daniel Conley, Kathy Melvin, Lisa Waddle, Thelma Sarver, Karen Asbury. 3RD ROW: Rita Wright, Lechia Hager, Teresa Richardson, Joanne Matz, Mark Woolwine, Lori Neel, Tim Neal, Tracy Kegley, Marcy Newberry, Ricky Pruitt, Dreama Underwood, Tammy Wright,

Wallace Rankin, Brian Pauley, Packy Morehead, Keith May, Wesley Wright, Doug Farlow. BACK ROW: Bridget Wright, Valerie Lambert, Melissa Havens, Sharon Simmons, Dee Clemons, Debbie Simmons, Jody Helton, Chris Tickle, Sammy King, Terry Martin, Martin Wright, Greg Davis, Marty McPeak, Brian Perkins.



OFFICERS: BOTTOM: Kim Kidd, president; Rita Lambert, 1st vice-president; Mary Anne Cochran, 2nd vice-president; Glenda Conley, recording secretary; Donna Shelton, corresponding secretary; Melanie Cassell, reporter. TOP: Mrs. Betty Munsey, sponsor; Lechia Hager, treasurer, Dawn Morehead and Barbara Ramsey, historians; Sharon Simmons, chaplain; Bridget Wright and Kandy Kent, sergeants-at-arms. NOT PICTURED: Stina Roseberry, recreation leader.



INSTALLATION CEREMONY: Becky Conley, Donna Lambert, Kim Kidd, Connie

Millirons, Stina Roseberry, Sylvia Mabry, Carla Morehead.



Balloon lift-off.



FHA CLUB. FRONT ROW: Idette King, Hope Townley, Angela Strock, Kim Boardwine, Kim Kidd, Cindy Wright, Kitten Richardson, Barbara Ramsey, Betty Tibbs, Debbie Umbarger, Carrie Shelton. 2ND ROW: Karen Wright, Charlotte Harris, Tammy Wolfe, Kim Danner, Tina Fulford, Tammy Mustard, Sandy Wright, Rita Gusler, Julie Clemons, Melanie Morehead, Lori Nelson. 3RD ROW: Teresa

Miller, Carla Pauley, Lori Neel, Tami Haga, Issis Umbarger, Denise King, Regina Parris, Dawn Pruitt, Lisa Waddle, Samantha Hylton, Paula Austin, Lynne Conley. 4TH ROW: Donna Shelton, Sonja Asbury, Teresa Richardson, Lechia Hager, Dawn Morehead, Rita Wright, Bridget Wright, Tracey Walker, Sharon Simmons, Vickie Kincaid. 5TH ROW: Kandy Kent, Tammy Gravley, Connie Nelson, Tracy Kegley,

Norma Hardin, Helen Hamblin, Donna Lambert, Melanie Cassell, Andrea Cassell, Winifred Foglesong, Donna Dalton. BACK ROW: Donna Shelton, Debbie Simmons, Glenda Conley, Rita Lambert, Donna Alexander, Amy Drummond, Joyce Alexander, Mary Anne Cochran, Karen Asbury, Patty Smith, Valerie Lambert.

### raising funds for club specialties

Agreeing on a car wash/bake sale, the French club members rose early on Saturday morning to scrub away on those dirty vehicles. After working from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a satisfying profit was raised.

Selling book after book of raffle tickets on a movie and dinner, both for two, showed the interest in "flicks" and food from the students.

Many tin cans of candy were sold as the source of their first large profit.

A sock hop was also planned. Charging just \$2 per person, many decided to take advantage of this bargain. Featuring the latest group, Marvin and the Cantrells, the hop was a great success.

"Pretty Legs 1982" was Mr. Gary Collins! "A penny is a vote" was the rule. So carrying cans with pictures of the male faculty's legs, the club members were able to collect a numerous amount of money to add to their fund.

Beginning with the State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, the Bland Chapter Future Farmers of America have had a busy year.

As a community service project, the members clean the Fairgrounds every year.

Livestock, dairy, and forestry judging existed for these who wished to compete.

Public speaking for every class and reciting the creed for the first year students was required.

The green hand and chapter farmer degrees were given by local clubs.

OFFICERS — FRONT ROW: Tony Lambert, president; Terry Umbarger, vice-president; Ricky Pruitt, 2ND vice-president; Sandy Bane, secretary; BACK ROW: Eric Ellison, treasurer; Arnie Wimmer, reporter; Denise Umbarger; sentinel; Mr. William Crabtree, advisor.



FIRSTAND SECOND YEAR STUDENTS-FRONT ROW: Sammy Lambert, Eric Strock, Bodie Miller, Rusty King, Stafford Umbarger, Keith Conley, Patrick Groseclose, Denise Umbarger, Martin Wright, Rusty Call, Sarah Karpenski. 2ND ROW: Jeff Kincaid, Daniel Conley, Leon Sink, Bobby Morehead, Gene French, Bob Hylton, Ronnie Clemons, Billy Ramsey, Gene Lambert, Terry Martin, James Parker, Mike Melvin. 3RD ROW: David Dalton, Billy King, Anthony Cox, Steve Fanning, Ernie Shelton, Ervin Sparks, Jody Helton, Cindy Crabtree, Steven Foglesong, T. J. Roseberry, Eddie Price, Terry Hubble. 4TH ROW: Johnny Umbarger, Wendell Parker, Leroy Hamblin, Jimmy Harden, Roger Etter, Ronnie Dillow, Shaunn Neel, David Mutter, Timmy Thompson, Todd Turner, Onie Davis, Butch DeWilde. BACK ROW: Keith May, Timmy Davis, Gary Mustard, Terry Mustard, Jeff Cox, Ricky Kent, David Blankenship, Sammy King, Lee Steffey, Richard Turner, Jimmy Mac Brown.



THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS-FRONT ROW: Mike Perkins, Artie Wolfe, Brian Mustard, Wesley Wright, Eric Ellison, Dreama Cox, Sandy Bane, Terry Umbarger, Cathy Morehead, Sheila Wright, Anna Tate. 2ND ROW: Ricky Faulkner, Arnie Wimmer, Matt Harmon, David Etter, Mike Smelser, Harvey Pruett, Marty Hutchins, Marty McPeak, Jeff Shelton, Jeff Vineyard. 3RD ROW: Mitch Munsey, Brian Pauley, Doug Farlow, Steve Cox, Tony Lambert, Lonnie Clemons, Sam Groseclose, Ricky Pruitt, Geoff Fanning. BACK ROW: Packy Morehead, Joey Newberry, Tim Neal, Cecil Compton, Gary Nelson, Elbert Shelton, James Farris, C. W. Havens.





"Get that truck off my foot!" Lisa Waddle, Andrea Cassell, Dreama Underwood, Melba Clemons at the car wash.



OFFICERS: BACK ROW: Shawna Carr, president; Linda Ellison, vice-president; Gretchen Carlson, secretary; FRONT ROW: Anita Stowers, treasurer; Miss Diane Rowe, sponsor.



Sock hop of the fifthies. Bland's chorus line! Delisa Miller, Stina Roseberry, Lynn Tate, Carla Pauley, Laura Cochran, Wanda Bevil.



FRONT ROW: Karin Carlson, Shawna Carr, Lisa Waddle, Kitten Richardson. 2ND ROW: Joanne Matz, Sherri Wimmer, Lynn Tate, Gretchen Carlson, Delisa Miller. 3RD ROW: Teresa Richardson, Sue Smith, Becky Umbarger, Dreama Underwood. 4TH ROW: Kaye Cox, Anita Stowers, Rita Lambert, Sonja Asbury, Linda Ellison, Mary Anne Cochran. BACK ROW: David Braithwaite, Barry Underwood, Melanie Cassell, Winifred Foglesong, Melba Clemons, Andrea Cassell.

# skits, work and competition

Jittery nerves, quaking voices, clammy hands, and dress rehearsals are common experiences to dramatic students.

"The Teacher's Lounge" was a skit that dramatics classes gave on Miss Echo Day. At Christmas they presented "A Christmas Carol" for the elementary students. A three-act play was given in the spring for the public.

One-Act play competition was also held on the district, regional, and state level. This year one-act play contests were at Independence High School with state competition held at the University of Virginia.

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America promote career growth, independence and citizenship. VICA prepares its members for work in the world today and gets them ready to take on responsibility.

VICA holds a regional competition each spring where students participate in leadership and skills competition.



Debbie Simmons, Wanda Bevil, Bruce Shelton, Joyce Harper, Debbie Warden, Marcie Newberry in "A Christmas Carol".



Bryan Underwood, Sammy King, and Teresa Richardson in "A Christmas Carol".



Linda Atwell, president; Bryan Underwood, vice president; Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor; Wanda Bevil, secretary; Becky McPeak, treasurer; Joey Newberry, reporter.



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Mustard, Dreama Underwood, Kitten Richardson. BACK ROW: Mark Woolwine, Marcie Newberry, Teresa Richardson, Wesley Wright, Joey Newberry, James Farris, Marty McPeak, Jeff Shelton, Bruce Shelton, Terry Umbarger.



TOP: Cecil Compton BOTTOM: Thomas Dillow

TOP: Laymond Barger, CENTER: Charlie Bane, BOTTOM: Tommy Clark



FRONT ROW: Cecil Compton, Tammy Gravley, Tommy Clark, Kandy Kent, Shelia Wright. 2ND ROW: Thomas Dillow, Donna Strock, Donna Lambert, Laymond

Barger, Eric Ellison. BACK ROW: Sam Groseclose, Mike Smelser, David Etter, Charlie Bane, Tonnie Joe Carver.



OFFICERS: Tommy Clark, president; Thomas Dillow, vice-president; Donna Strock, secretary; Donna Lambert, treasurer; Tammy Gravley, reporter; David Etter, parliamentarian.

LIBRARY CLUB. FRONT ROW: Bridget Wright, Sharon Simmons, Rita Gusler, Paula Mustard, Dee Clemons, Debbie Simmons, Melissa Havens, Rita Wright. 2ND ROW: Joyce Harper, Wanda Bevil, Rusty Call, Helen Hamblin, Debbie Warden, Connie Nelson, Kim Kidd, Sherri Wimmer, Becky Umbarger. 3RD ROW: Lisa Sarver, Jeri Mustard, Dreama Underwood, Bob Gordon, Bryan Underwood, Carla Pauley, Sandy Bane. BACK ROW: Eric Taylor, Kenny Brooks, Todd Taylor, Lynn Tate, Barry Underwood, Donna Shelton.





BOOK FAIRS bring excitement to the library for elementary and high school students. These seventh graders reveal a typi-

cal attitude of interest both individually and in sharing books. Mark Vineyard, Brian Townley, Gerhard Schoenthal, Donna

Warden, Janet Millirons. BACK-GROUND: Bobby Hale, Ritchie Havens.



OFFICERS: Todd Taylor, treasurer; Bryan Underwood, secretary; Bob Gordon, vice-president; Lisa Sarver, president; Mrs. Betsy Newberry, sponsor.



STATE READING MONTH CONTEST WINNERS: Pam Chewning-prose; Sheri Shewey-poetry; Miracle Mitchem and Travis Munsey, posters.

#### fun and learning through trips

Just like the proverbial ketchup bottle of "None'll come, then a lot'll" so did the bottle of glue. Library Club members learned to squeeze gently to get the right amount of glue strategically placed. These students learned some of what goes into getting a book ready for the shelf. Their responsibli-

ties included some processing, book repairs, checking books in and out, keeping books, newpapers and magazines in order and helping with book fairs.

As fun and learning experiences, the group planned a trip to a book publisher, a university library and completed the year with a picnic.

Pep rallies were sponsored by the Pep Club and led by the cheerleaders to create better school spirit and sportsmanship. A bus filled with jostling enthusiastic students traveled to the tournaments to support and boost the morale of their school players.



PEP CLUB. FRONT ROW: Ricky Pruitt, Barry Underwood, Lynn Tate, Sherri Wimmer, Eric Taylor, Idette King, Greg Davis, Kitten Richardson, Carrie Shelton, Hope Townley, Rusty Call, Debbie Warden, Shawna Carr, Joyce Harper, Angela Strock, Kim Kidd, Denise Umbarger, Karin Carlson, Lisa Davis. 2ND ROW: Becky Umbarger, Sandy Smith, Jeanna Mallory, Annette King, Tammy Wolfe, Tammy Mustard, Lisa Gravley, Teresa Miller, LeAnna Mustard, Lori Nelson, Sandy Bane, Tammy Cline, Jimmy Barker, Angie Thompson, Betty Tibbs, Marcie Asbury, Donna Richardson, Denise King, Regina Parris, Pam Davis. 3RD ROW: Lechia Hager, Issis Um-

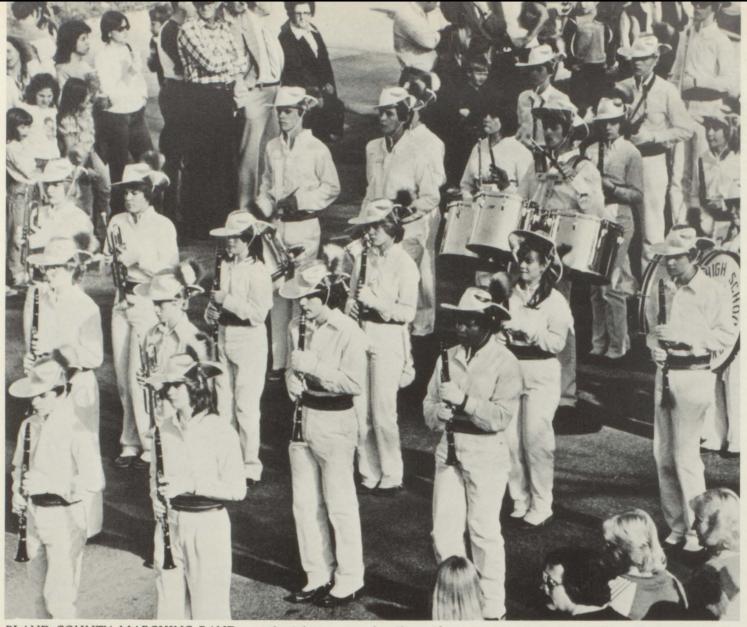
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OFFICERS: Bryan Underwood, president; Paula Mustard, vice-president; Mr. Fred Beamer, sponsor; Sharon Simmons, secretary; Todd Taylor, treasurer.



Varsity compete in ball relay during pep rally with the cheerleaders winning.



BLAND COUNTY MARCHING BAND AT WYTHEVILLE CHRISTMAS PA-RADE. All decked out in their new white

and rainbow accented uniforms these students proudly displayed their marching

and playing abilities. Their participation earned them a lovely trophy.



OFFICERS: FRONT ROW: Karin Carlson, president; David Braithwaite, vice-president. BACK ROW: Gretchen Carlson, secretary; Angie Thompson, reporter; Mrs. Karen Green, sponsor.



BAND. FRONT ROW: Shawna Carr, Gretchen Carlson, Angie Thompson, Brian Perkins, Karin Carlson. MIDDLE ROW: John Dillow, Ryland Wade, Helen

Hamblin, Lisa Davis, Butch DeWilde, Lyle Muncy. BACK ROW: Tonnie Carver, David Braithwaite, Chuck Turner.



CHORUS. FRONT ROW: Melanie Morehead, Julie Clemons, Annette King, Laura Cochran, Sharon Wright, Tania Burcham, Sandy Smith. BACK ROW: Tina Putnam, Rita Wright, Jeannie Mallory,

Becky Melvin, Tammy Wolfe, Norma Harden, Marcie Asbury, Helen Hamblin, Cathy Morehead, Lechia Hager, Sharon Simmons, Melissa Havens, Sandy Tolbert.



OFFICERS: Sandy Tolbert, president; Lechia Hager, vice-president; Sharon

Simmons, secretary; Cathy Morehead, reporter; Mrs. Karen Green, sponsor.



SCA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Mrs. Karen Green, sponsor-director. FRONT ROW: Melanie Morehead, Julie Clemons, Melissa Havens, Lechia Hager, Sharon Simmons. MIDDLE ROW: Tina Putnam, Rita Wright, Annette King, Jeannie

Mallory, Helen Hamblin, Cathy Morehead. BACK ROW: Becky Melvin, Tammy Wolfe, Norma Harden, Laura Cochran, Tania Burcham, Sharon Wright, Marcie Asbury.

#### harmony

No bugle played taps to make the announcement but at least once every two weeks, the daily bulletin read, "Band and Chorus members please turn in your practice sheets." These students were required to practice a set number of minutes per day or week and to keep a record of dates and times to earn a passing grade.

Many hours of class practice were necessary for flawless performances, the first of these being the Bland County Fair and Miss Echo Day. They also presented programs to elementary students, PTA, and fall and spring concerts. Using several well-known Christmas songs they entertained the student body at the SCA annual Christmas program.

Two members from Chorus and one from Band participated in All-Regionals returning with honored placements. Shawna Carr also won a sixth seat placement in Senior

Symphonic Band.

Numerous fund raising activities kept these musicians busy in order to purchase new jackets. The Band proudly displayed new uniforms in the Wytheville Christmas Parade. These were white shirts and pants belted by a sash of rainbow colors and topped by a white hat with colorful feathers.



ALL-REGIONAL PARTICIPANTS: Becky Melvin, chorus; Shawna Carr, band; Laura Cochran, chorus



ELEMENTARY BAND-SECOND YEAR. FRONT ROW: Donna Warden, Dawn Dillow. BACK ROW: Gerhard Schoenthal, Todd Steffey, Bradley Davis, Angela Atwell, Billy Burton.

### awareness of safety & music

Bright orange portrays safety in the eyes of the beholder. Safety-patrol belts in this eye-catching color created safety awareness in children at a very early age. Students chosen for the position of a safety-patrol willingly give of their time to help others. Keeping rollicking children orderly on buses, taking the responsibility of chaperoning children safely to their buses and monitoring halls depicted the routines of a safety patrol's life.

Bringing pleasure to one's ear through music was the goal of the band. Beginner's band was made up of sixth graders while seventh graders advanced to second year status and were a part of the county marching band in the Wytheville Christmas parade.

RIGHT-ELEMENTARY BAND-FIRST YEAR. FRONT ROW: Shawn Nelson, Aaron Newberry, Kathy Kidd, Michael Nelson, Julie Pauley, Tonya Smith, Sarah Strock. 2ND ROW: Chip Bird, John Stafford, Randy Dillow, Ray Danner, Tammy Davis, Tiffany Bowen, Lori Perkins. STANDING: Robbie Waddle, Ellis Wade.



SAFETY PATROL. FRONT ROW: Jennifer Greever, Donna Warden, Brian Townley, Shannon King, Mark Vineyard, Jon Melvin, Bradley Davis, Gerhard Schoenthal, Mrs. Jan Scott, sponsor. 2ND ROW: Jennifer Stafford, Pam Dillow, Andy Putman, Bradley Dillow, Anglea Atwell, Dawn Dillow, Sarah Newberry, Roberta

Kegley. 3RD ROW: Todd Steffey, Billy Burton, Bobby Hale, Martin Vineyard, Freda Davis, Deana Lakey, Wendy Binn. BACK ROW: Ronnie King, Robert Lambert, Brian Perkins, Ritchie Havens, Michael Hounshell, Janet Millirons, Jamie Chewning.



#### optimism and hours of hard work

Optimism and hours of hard work opened the volleyball and baseball seasons. Volleyball began its third year with enthusiasm and a willingness to work. Team alertness and accuracy were necessary with front lines ready for the "set" and "slams" sent to the opponent's floor. Optimism faded as they were outscored too many times and ended the regular season with three wins and six losses. With the loss of only three players the 1983 season

should be more profitable for the Rockettes.

Mary Anne Cochran was selected to the all-district volleyball team.

The newest of the extra-curricular activities was the baseball team. Mr. Gary Collins, coach, and eleven willing participants strived to make this debut a success. Hours after school found devoted players and coach on the "diamond" practicing pitching, catching, hitting and running, in

addition to preparing the field with "painted lines" and sandbags bases. The next problem was what to wear — baseball uniforms are not a part of the average young man's wardrobe. The boys sold candy and proudly wore the new outfits. All but two of the players will be returning to the field in the spring of 1983.

The most valuable player award went to senior Norman Dillow.

Total scores for						
2 or 3 sets played						
Bland 17	Shawsville	30				
Bland 12	Floyd	30				
Bland 29	Auburn	41				
Bland 30	Fries	12				
Bland 30	Rocky Gap	15				
Bland 29	Shawsville	43				
Bland 37	Independence	e 41				
Bland 29	Mt. Rogers	11				
Bland 38	Fort Chiswell	1 40				
Tournaments						
Bland 15	Fries	11				
Bland 20	Shawsville	15				
WON-5 LOST-6						



VOLLEYBALL TEAM. FRONT ROW: Becky Umbarger, Edwina Stowers, Tammy Smelser, Dawn Newberry. 2ND ROW: Kim Kidd, Sue Smith, Rita Lambert, Anita Stowers, Coach Marvin Cantrell. BACK ROW: Vickie Kincaid, Teresa Richardson, Mary Ann Cochran, Kaye Cox, Patty Smith. Not pictured: Linda Ellison, Bridget Wright, Dreama Underwood.



Patty Smith watches as Kaye Cox pops one over the net.



Edwina Stowers is ready to give assistance to team mate Patty Smith.



Kaye Cox stands by while Tammy Smelser sets up to Mary Anne Cochran.

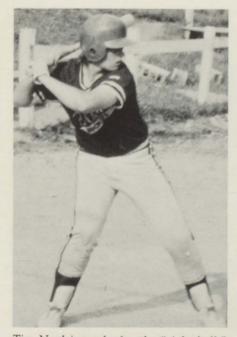


Following a tough game, Coach Gary Collins sits alone pondering what might have been.

Dl J	1	Fort Chiswell 18		
Bland	1	Fort Chiswell 18		
Bland	4	Floyd County 13		
Bland	2	Carroll Co. 3		
Bland	3	Fries 11		
Bland	1	Fort Chiswell 13		
Bland	11	Carroll Co. 1		
Bland	0	Fries 25		
Bland	0	Auburn 23		
Bland	11	Floyd County 12		
WON-1 LOST-8				



Matt Harman watches pitcher Barry Underwood wind up.



Tim Neal is ready for the "right ball."



BASEBALL TEAM. FRONT ROW: Eric Ellison, Tony Lambert, Matt Harman, Mark Compton, Jeff Kincaid. BACK ROW: Barry Underwood, Geoff Fanning, Steve Cox, Tim Neal, Norman Dillow, Elbert Shelton, Coach Gary Collins. Not pictured — Greg Davis.

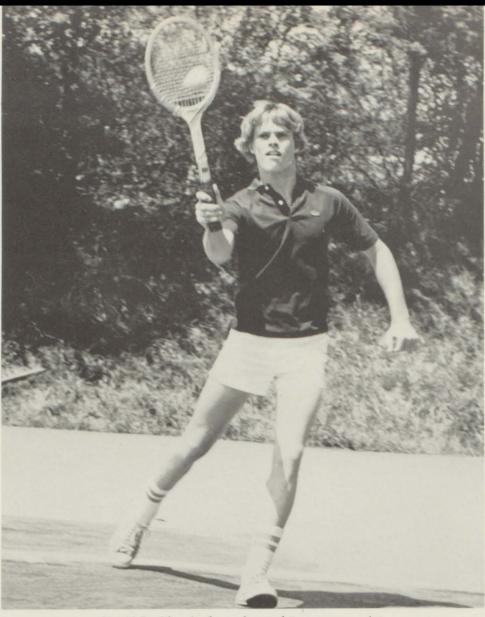
Fort Chiswell	6	Bland 3
Auburn	7	Bland 2
Fries	6	Bland 3
Auburn	8	Bland 1
Fort Chiswell	6	Bland 3
Independence	8	Bland 0
Independence	8	Bland 1
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Todd Taylor swings hard for a return



Cecil Compton twists to catch the ball dead center



David Braithwaite leaps forward to secure a point



BOYS TENNIS: FRONT ROW: Johnny Sarver, David Braithwaite, Dave Thomas, Todd Taylor. BACK ROW: Coach Tommy Bird, Cecil Compton, Paul Lucas, Joey Bane. Not pictured — Greg Davis

#### hopes of wins diminished

New blood did not improve the statistics of the tennis teams. With new coaches and new players, we hoped to capture the win in singles and doubles, but those hopes quickly diminished as hours of play resulted in being overcome by our opponents. Several wins were not sufficient to bring a total

winning score.

District tournaments placed Todd Taylor and Dave Thomas third in boy's doubles and Sue Smith and Rita Lambert third in girl's doubles.

Co-recipients of tennis most valuable player were Todd Taylor and Dave Thomas.

Fort Chiswell	5	Bland	4
Auburn	8	Bland	1
Fries	7	Bland	2
Fort Chiswell	6	Bland	3
Shawsville	2	Bland	7
Independence	8	Bland	0
Independence	6	Bland	0
WON-1	LC	ST-6	



Rita Lambert gets this one backhanded



Linda Ellison looks for where she wants to plant this return.



Sue Smith stretches wide to meet the ball



GIRLS TENNIS: FRONT ROW: Rhonda Etter, Patty Smith, Debbie Warden, Gebie Clark. BACK ROW: Linda Ellison, Pam Melvin, Sue Smith, Rita Lambert, Coach Marvin Cantrell.





100-yard dash reveals Elbert Shelton in lead to win for Bland



Thompson vs Thompson





Issis Umbarger makes good use of arm balance to lift her up and over the rod in high jump competition.

Spectators watch for the landing as LaMoore Muncy strains for a long jump.

TOP RIGHT: Mrs. Dolores Thompson receives trophy for Rocky Gap from Bland's principal Mr. Roger Thompson.



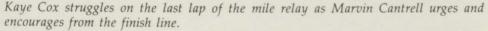
#### three-year winning streak broken by Eagles

No gold or bronze medals were given out, but once again Field Day became the most important day of the week as rival county elementary and high school students participated in the 4th annual competition on May 11, 1982. Elementary schools of Bastian, Bland, Ceres, Hollybrook and Rocky Gap competed by grade from 4th-7th grades.

The winning streak for Bland High School was broken by Rocky Gap Eagles for the first time in four years. The final scores showed that Rocky Gap was ahead 87½ points to Bland's 76½ points. Points were given as follows: first place — 5 points; second place — 3 points; third place — 2 points; fourth place — 1 point. Girls and boys competed separately.

The following were first place winners: high jump — Alice Neal, Harry Millirons; 100-yard dash — Anita Stowers, Elbert Shelton; running long jump — Alice Neal, Harry Millirons; 440-yard run — Laurie Parks, Elbert Shelton; discus throw — Becky Whittimore, Elbert Shelton; shot put — Debbie Saunders, Paul Nelson; standing broad jump — Alice Neal, Tim Gibson; mile relay — Kaye Cox, Laura Cochran, Becky Hanshew, Bridget Wright, Elbert Shelton, Tony Lambert, Billy Tolbert, Geoff Fanning.







Rippling muscles and determination are shown by Mary Anne Cochran in shop put competition.

Prepared and on the mark for the mile relay are Laura Cochran and Laurie Parks.

#### victories, struggles and disappointments

Warmups were over and Bland's surprising young teams were set to begin warfare in the Mountain Empire District, one of Virginia's Group A basketball's toughest leagues. Along with victories, struggles and disappointments

were bruises, splinters and floor burns.

Opposing teams found tough defense from Bland in Valerie Lambert's height and had to attempt field goals from outside the perimeter. Off to a good start the boys were mentioned as a possibility for state title. Dominance on the boards by outstanding district teams soon saw that possibility slide. Named to All-District teams were Kaye Cox, Valerie Lambert and Geoff Fanning.

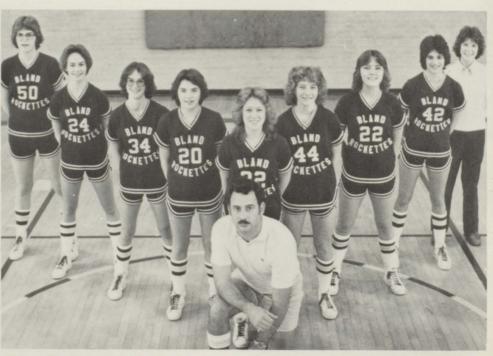
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The 1982-83 girl's basketball teams get physical during practice.



Valerie Lambert prays for a basket as Patty Smith shoots against Auburn defense.



Valerie Lambert, Patty Smith, Sue Smith, Rita Lambert, Wanda Bevil, Coach Marvin

Cantrell, Anita Stowers, Kaye Cox, Mary Anne Cochran, Manager Donna Dalton.



Bob Gordon demonstrates his style at shooting as Johnny Dillow and Fries opponent await the outcome.



Barry Underwood shoots for two against the Fries defense.

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Lonnie Thomas, Tim Neal, Barry Underwood, Geoff Fanning, Ricky Pruitt, Coach Marvin Cantrell, Richard Turner,

Bob Grodon, Tony Lambert, Ronnie Dillow, Mike Smelser.

Bland	60	Rich Valley	42
Bland	50	Rich Valley	49
Bland	49	Pocahontas	52
Bland	70	Fries	60
Bland	63	Independence	60
Bland	60	Floyd	66
Bland	63	Rocky Gap	68
Bland	58	Fort Chiswell	63
Bland	72	Mt. Rogers	40
Bland	57	Auburn	72
Bland	58	Fries	68
Bland	50	Pocahontas	58
Bland	74	Independence	94
Bland	71	Floyd	57
Bland	57	Shawsville	67
Bland	67	Rocky Gap	85
Bland	63	Auburn	83
Bland	97	Mt. Rogers	54
Bland	47	Shawsville	49
Bland	54	Fort Chiswell	61
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With another wild toss Lonnie Thomas makes an easy two points while teammate Barry Underwood blocks out opponents and referee hustles to observe the play.

Varsity Boys Basketball—97

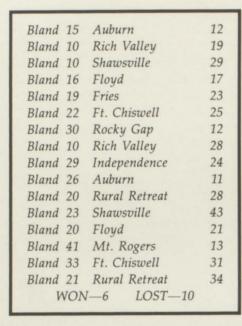
#### conditioning revived dormant limbs

Determination came easy to these spunky active Junior Varsity team members. With height variations spanning a full foot, they knew they had to work hard to overcome the deficits of shortness. Quick hands and ability to

move in a hurry provided the impetus needed for moving the ball toward the home net and away from the opponent's.

After the first day of conditioning practice their movements were slow

and stiff. Muscles and limbs that had been dormant for several months had to be coaxed back to life. In a few short practices they were alive and ready to go.





Tammy Haga, LaMoore Muncy, Delisa Miller, Dreama Underwood, Laura Cochran, Becky Melvin, Tracy Kegley,

Becky Umbarger, Teresa Richardson, Sherri Wimmer, Coach Gary Collins.



Tracy Kegley.



Delisa Miller, Becky Umbarger, Becky Miller, Tracy Kegley.



Becky Umbarger, Delisa Miller, Sherri Wimmer, Tracy Kegley.



Barry Dillow goes up for two points against Fries. Richard Turner, Jeff Cox, Fries opponent, Barry Dillow, Eric Taylor, and Fries Opponent.



FRONT ROW: Barry Dillow, Ben Dillow, Coach Gary Collins. BACK ROW: Matt Harmon, Shaunn Neel, Chuck Turner,

Jimmy Mac Brown, Joey Newberry, John Dillow, Jeff Cox, Arnie Wimmer, Gene Lambert.



Ben Dillow uses quickness and accuracy to outwit and out distance the Fries opponent.



Emotions prevail as spectators and cheerleaders observe tense monents.



FRONT ROW: Elizabeth Umbarger, Lisa Gravley, Idette King, Tami Haga, Coach Gary Collins. BACK ROW: LaMoore

Muncy, Roberta Kegley, Cindy Crabtree, Samantha Hylton, Tammy Mustard, Carla Pauley.

#### preparing for higher goals

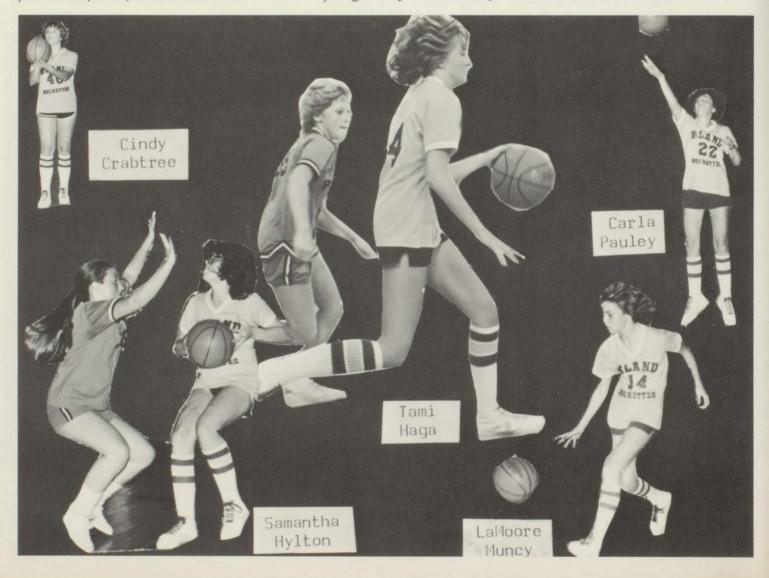
Eager, active and hard working described the newly formed eighth grade girls basketball team. This addition to girls sports provided more opportunity for student participation while increas-

ing their athletic abilities.

Seventh graders chosen to play on 8th grade teams were Roberta Kegley, Brian Blevins and Ritchie Havens.

Lack of height only made the boys

more determined to excel at handling the ball and creating the "swishing net."





Bodie Miller, Patrick Groseclose, Anthony Fanning, Ritchie Havens, Lyle Muncy, Cox, Bob Hylton, Tim Thompson, Coach Marvin Cantrell, Brian Blevins, Steve

Rusty King.

Bland	30	Rich Valley	24
Bland	33	Auburn	41
Bland	21	Auburn	41
Bland	25	Floyd	61
Bland	21	Fort Chiswell	23
Bland	31	Mt. Rogers	24
Bland	31	Auburn	29
Bland	35	Fries	10
Bland	40	Independence	41
Bland	21	Floyd	34
Bland	20	Shawsville	50
Bland	31	Shawsville	30
Bland	34	Fort Chiswell	21
W	ON-	-6 LOST $-7$	7



Fries is trying to play catch-up as Patrick Groseclose goes to the hoop.



Brian Blevins is planning for two points—surprising Fries players.



A sure score for Ritchie Havens but Steve Fanning is ready to rebound.



Lyle Muncy is fighting for control of a rebound and Bodie Miller is ready to assist.



Dreama Underwood shows elation when Rockets pull ahead with a field goal.

### new outfits and practices

Practice! practice! practice! You had to be a cheerleader to understand what that meant. They had pre-tryout practice in the spring to earn the title of a cheerleader. They were also rated on a scale of 1-10 by the faculty as a percentage of selection requirements. After being named to the team they practiced throughout the summer for



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. BOTTOM: Wanda Bevil, Mary Anne Cochran, Melba

Clemons. TOP: Kaye Cox, Andrea Cassell, Dreama Underwood, Kimberly Kidd.

camp preparation. They found it took much more than powerful lungs, clapping hands and stomping feet. It was necessary to do gymnastics and at times it seemed they were acrobats.

After being measured and fitted the girls appeared in bright new outfits. The JV wore gold and the varsity selected maroon.



Excitement prevails



POM POM ROUTINE. A stately group of sixteen lovely ladies marched onto the

playing floor at halftime of the homecoming varsity game. To the rhythm of a lively

tune the girls swayed, twirled and maneuvered their bodies in near perfect precision.



Preschool days found these girls busy learning and perfecting lines and moves.



Ms. Sandra Green, sponsor.



Over-under ball relay between varsity and JV cheerleaders shows the JV as winners.

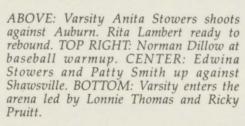


Happy faces reveal a successful pep rally.



JV CHEERLEADERS. BOTTOM: Stina Roseberry. MIDDLE ROW: Lynn Tate, Jeri Mustard, Angie Thompson, Delisa Miller, Kitten Richardson, Teresa Richardson, Denise Umbarger. TOP: Sherri Wimmer.













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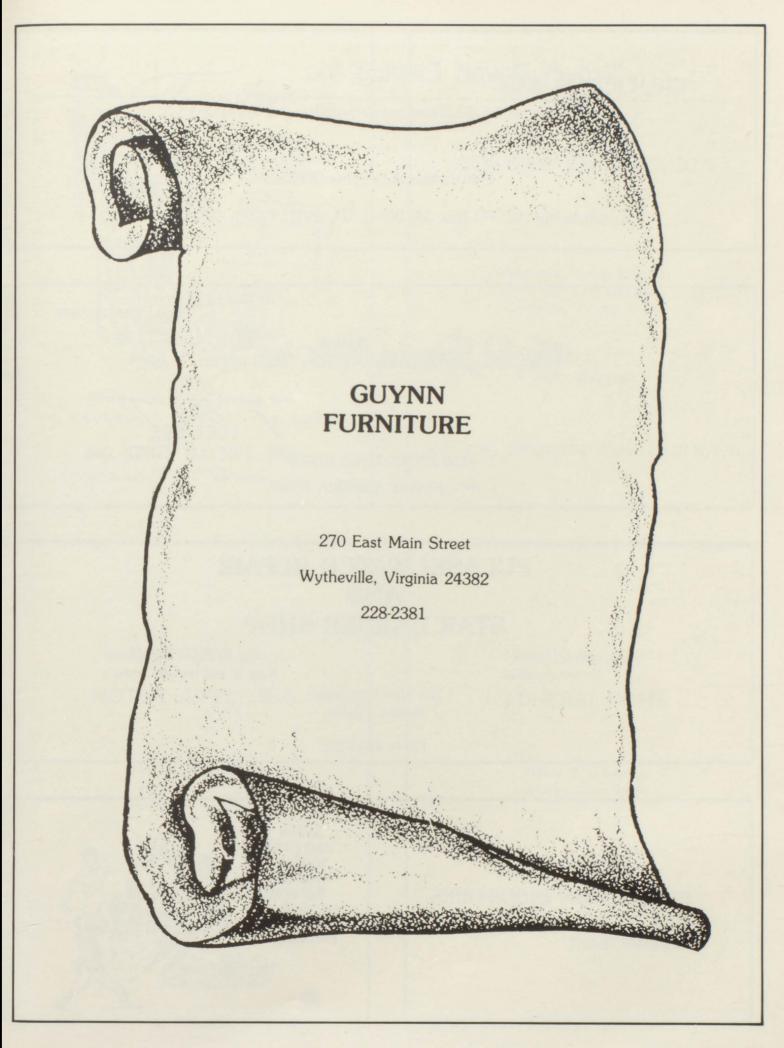
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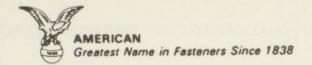


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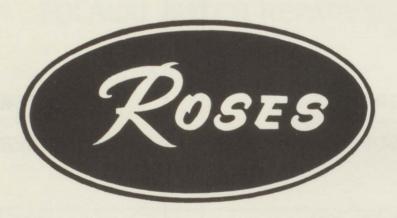
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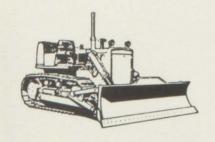
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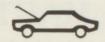


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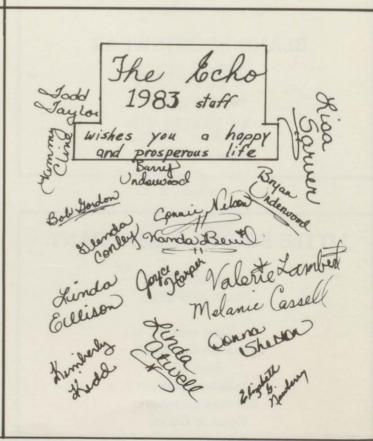
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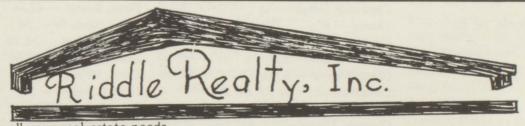
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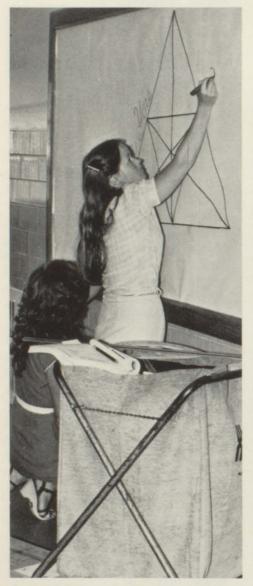
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During a lull in school activities, a runaway bus created some excitement. The bus, parked on a slope, had been left in gear when it began its descent. In its path was a student's car, resulting in the above photo.



Artistic teachers at work. Kay Mabe, Debbie Anderson.



JUMP-A-THON. Lynn Tate, Lonnie Thomas, Barry Underwood, Jimmy Brown, Becky Umbarger, Sherri Wimmer.



Kim Kidd, Bob Gordon, Valerie Lambert, and Melanie Cassell enjoy lunch at the Pizza Hut.

VACATIONING: Bradley Hoosier, Tammy Cline, and Wanda Bevil enjoy a dip in the pool.

# captivating moments

Emotions of delight, pain, and sorrow are moments from our school year which were instilled in our minds. Teachers spent pre-school days preparing bulletin boards as Lisa Sarver returned home from Japan. Lounging moments by a pool or on the beach prepared us to face the strenuous tasks of study and homework. Once again, student's laughter filled the halls and surrounding grounds of Bland High School. Playing jokes, spending a relaxing time while eating pizza, and reaching down deep inside oneself for a little extra effort filled student's lives with spirit and stamina.



Geometry class seeks new geometric designs. Lonnie Thomas, Rita Lambert.



Lisa Sarver in native Japanese attire.

## a time of silence and emptiness

The year of 1982-83 is history. Our school is now a hollow shell echoing only memories—memories of beginnings and ends. Banging lockers bulging with sundry items have been emptied and closed. Bouncing basketballs are immobile in the racks and swishing nets have ceased to move. Hallways once teeming with laughter and mobility, classrooms filled to overflowing with busy minds and hands sit vacant and silent, blackboards stay cloudless

of chalk, trash cans remain empty.

This, the last page of our "one-year diary," brings both joy and sadness. The educational years we have spent at Bland High will stay immemorialized in our hearts and souls, remembrances of growth in spirit and mind.

The "Graduating Class of 1983" have said goodbye to their school. Bland High School is now what they call their Alma Mater. This marks the end of a routine which has lasted

twelve years. The door to high school life is now closed and the opening to college or the working life is now ajar.

For the underclassmen, it's time for another summer vacation. Each class member takes a step up the ladder toward graduation and with this rise gains more responsibility. Junior classmen, especially, are anxious to take this step, an advancement which will fill the vacant places and personalities left by the senior class.

