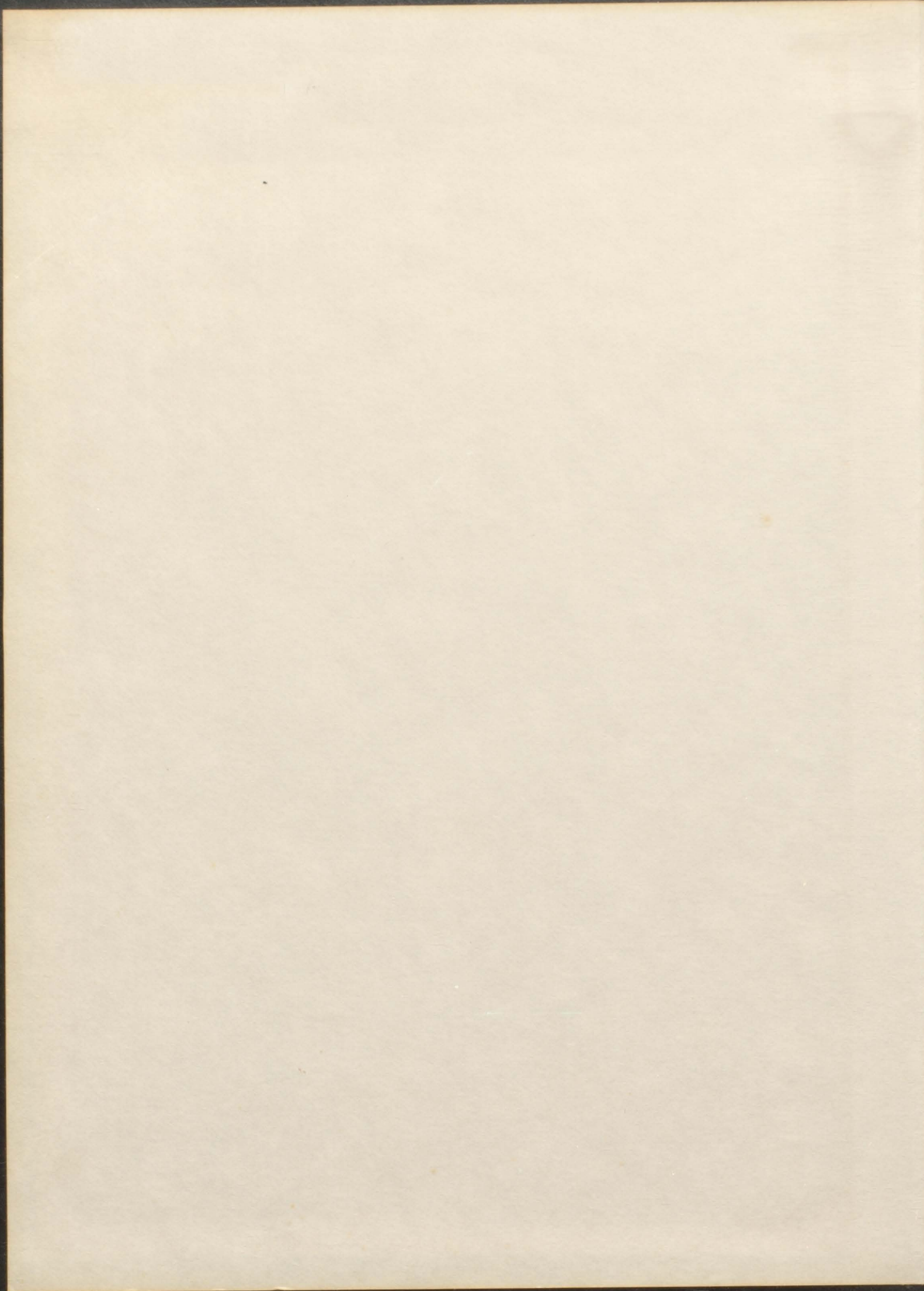


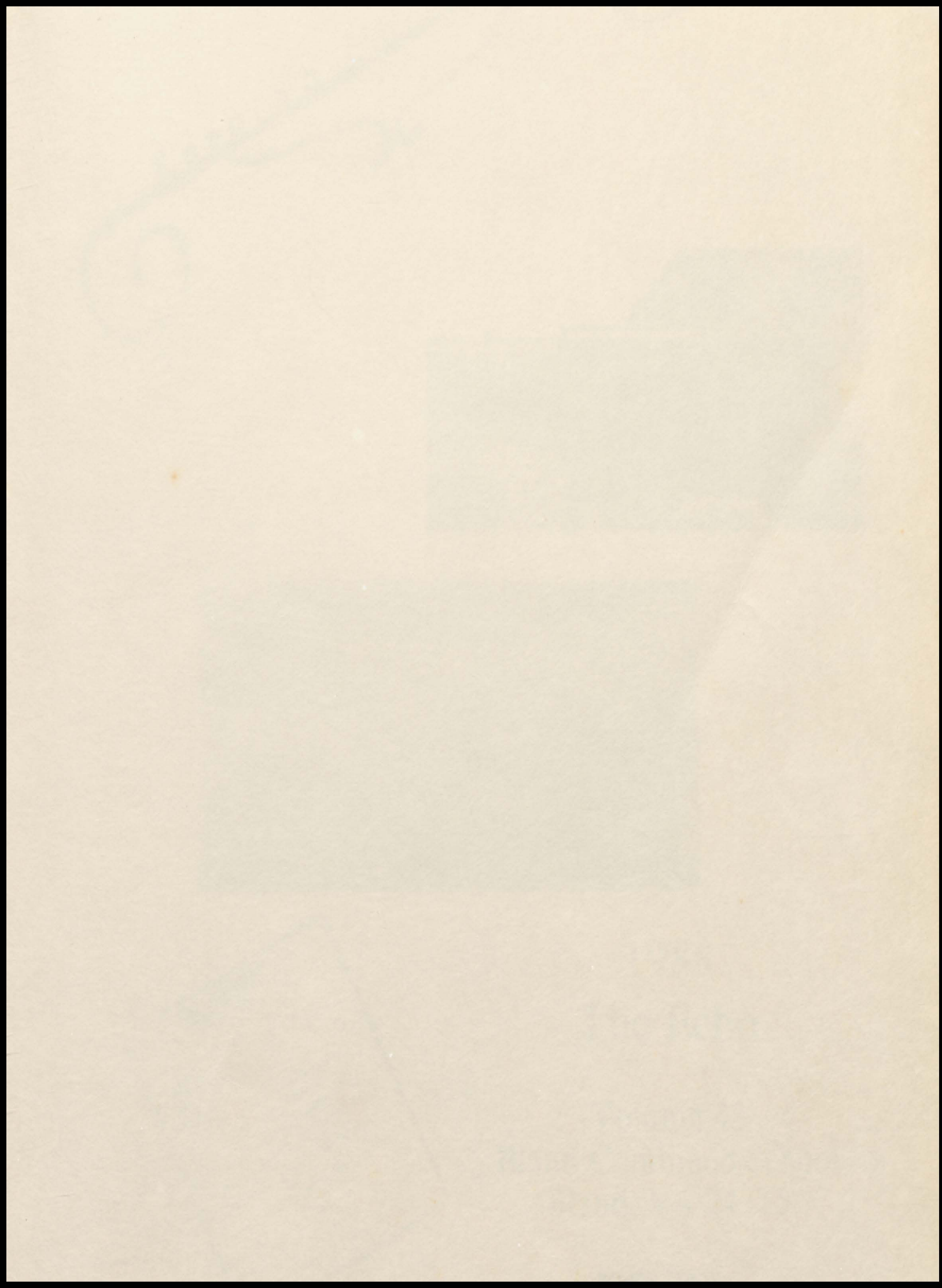
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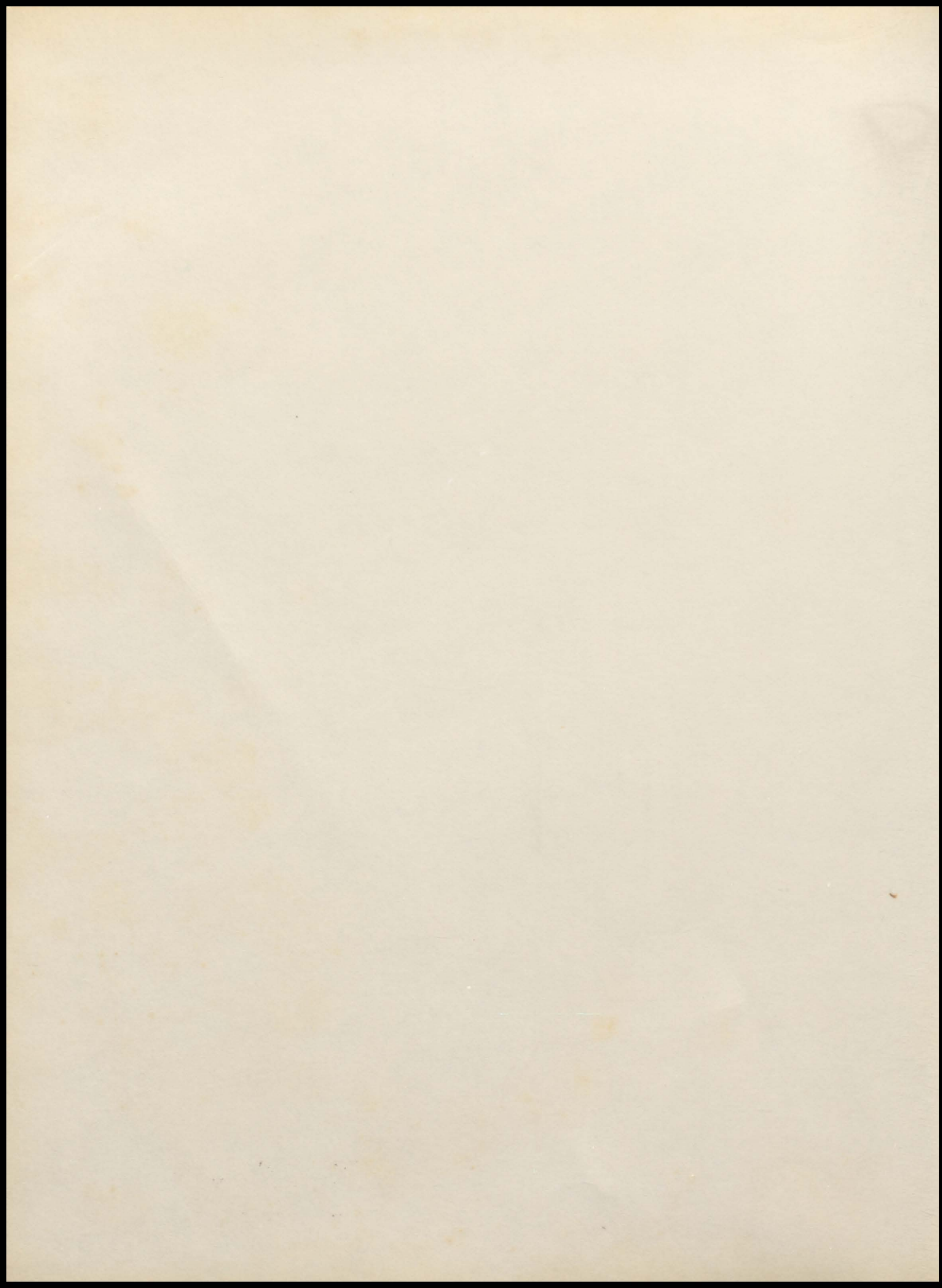
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**First  
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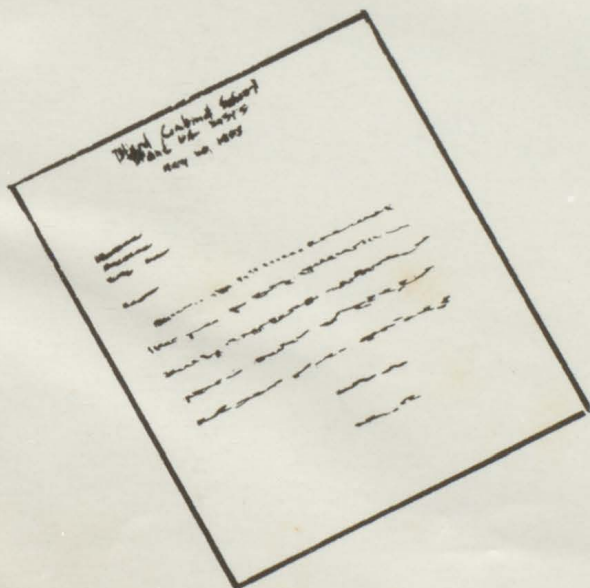








Keeping in touch



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# Keeping in touch with global activities.

Following the January 29th Super Bowl game, Redskins paraphernalia was everywhere. Despite a slow start the Skins went wild in the 2nd quarter to win 42-10 over the Denver Broncos.

The nation celebrated the 200th birthday of our constitution and the presidential race began with a lot of emphasis on moral issues. The main early contenders were Gary Hart, Jesse Jackson, Pat Robertson, Bob Dole, George Bush and Richard Gephardt. In March, Virginia held its first pri-

mary election.

On the local scene, Danny Bird tossed his hat in the ring for governor and a heated county election found the final tallies very close. Tom Roseberry became the new sheriff; Karen W. Harman, treasurer; George Schaeffer/Gary Nelson, supervisors; Stephen Kelley, school board member.

Aids was the biggest medical threat, drinking age was raised to 21, blaze orange for hunters became mandatory, and seat belts for all front seat passengers became

law in January, 1988.

Very dry conditions in the fall were followed by flooding. The first snow fell on Nov. 11 with 2 inches. On Jan. 8, the county awoke to 8" of white fluff followed by a week with temperatures below 32 degrees.

A flurry of activity and excitement occurred when residents anxiously watched the skies at night for concrete evidence of UFO claims. There was much publicity and speculation but lack of proof brought death to the rumors.



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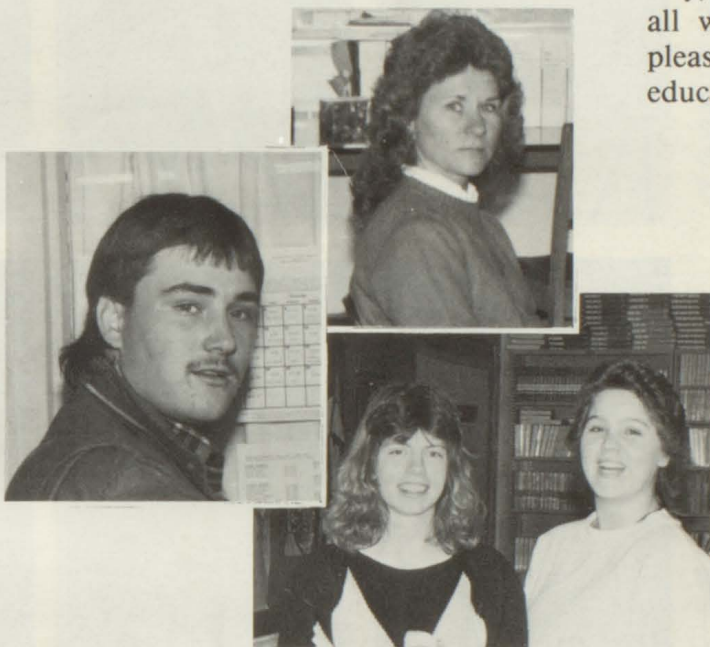


Keeping in touch

with

people

Extrovert, introvert, tall, short, thin, fat, blonde, brunette, young, old — combine all of these, stir and mix and you find the Bland Combined School. Students, faculty, personnel and administrators all worked together to create a pleasant environment and quality education.



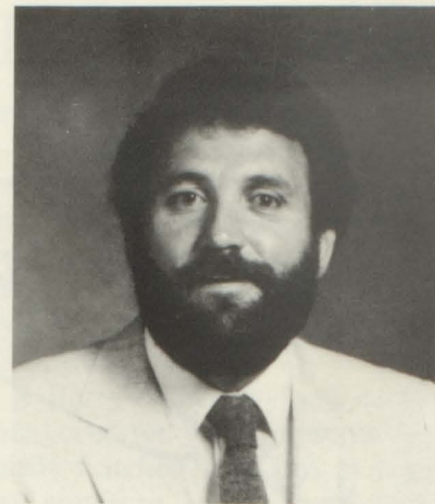
# Individuals

# Changes and additions affect Bland's criteria.

This was the year of many new changes and additions. Several members of both the secondary and elementary faculty departed this year. The former members, Mr. Gary Collins, Mrs. Rae Lee Honaker, Ms. Kim Styron, Miss Kay Blevins, Mrs. Patricia Brewer, Mrs. Mary Cosby, Ms. Mary Pat Meade, and Mrs. Teresa Wood were replaced by new teachers who were eager to teach the young developing minds of Bland Com-

bined. Part of the special education program was moved to Rocky Gap and the secondary music program was dropped.

The new members were Mrs. Sylvia Dotson, Mr. William Hale, Mrs. Peggy Hughes, Ms. Stephanie Hurt, Mrs. Barbara Justice, and Mrs. Donna Musick. There were also two new additions made to the academic criteria which were A P Calculus and the MACC (team) competition.

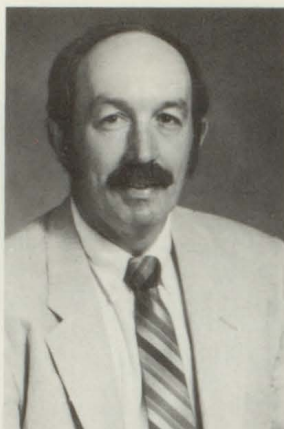


**Mr. Roger Dale Thompson** — Principal; 20 years; BS/VPI; MS/Radford.

**Mr. Richard Crockett Havens** — Asst. Principal; 18 years; US History, Geography, Intro. Bus.; Senior Class sponsor; BS/Bluefield State.

**Mr. Fred Lee Beamer** — 9 years; Economics, Government, Civics, Sociology; 10th sponsor; BS and MS/VPI.

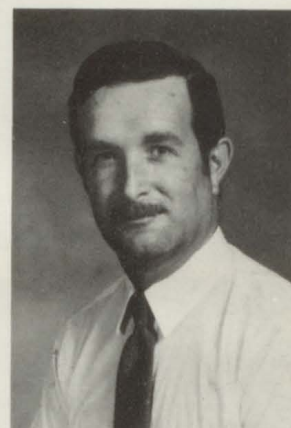
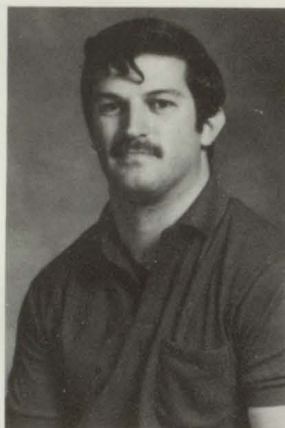
**Mrs. Carolyn B. Bane** — 27 years; Adaptive History, Industrial Cooperative Training; VICA sponsor, Cooperative work training; BS and MS/Radford.



**Mrs. Christine R. Bird** — 8 years; English 8/9, Creative Writing, Dramatics; Sponsor-8th grade, Drama, Forensics, Newspaper; BS/Radford.

**Mr. Tommy Bird** — 6 years; Math I/II, Consumer Math, Pre-Algebra, Applic. of Math; 9th Asst. sponsor; BS/Radford.

**Mr. William Harvey Crabtree** — 20 years; Agriculture I,II,III,IV,V; FFA sponsor; BS and MS/VPI.



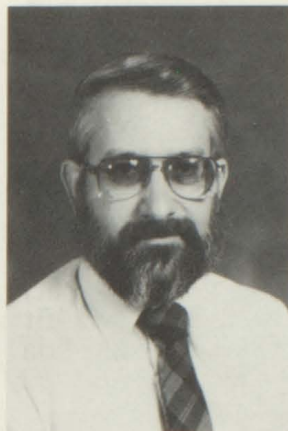
**Mrs. Sylvia June Dotson** — 23 years; Elementary Resource; BS/Tenn. Wesleyan, MA/Tenn. Tech. Univ.

**Mrs. Sue K. Dunford** — 20 years; Third grade; BS/Radford.

**Mrs. Janet Breedlove Faulkner** — 19 years; Honors English, English 10, 11, 12; Sponsor — Senior Beta, Asst. Senior class, English MACC team; BS and MS/Radford.



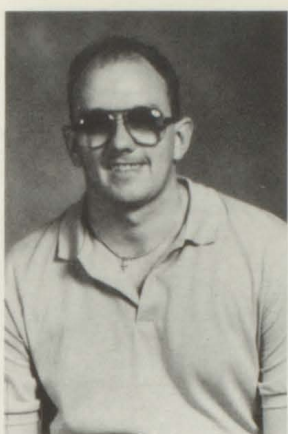




**Mrs. Nancy Strock Gamble** — 17 years; Guidance counselor; Secondary Special Ed. Coordinating Teacher; Sponsor — Junior Beta, Social Studies MACC team; BS and MS/Radford.

**Mrs. Wendy Gilmer-Grubb** — 1 year; Teacher of the Gifted; BA/Principia, MA/William & Mary.

**Mr. Barry Lynn Guthrie** — 16 years; Physics, Biology; BS/VPI.



**Mr. William Jamey Hale** — 0 years; Physical Education, Biology; Sponsor — 8th grade class, 8th boys basketball, Varsity baseball; BS/ETSU.

**Mr. Richard Dale Hankins** — 1 year; Algebra I, Remedial Math, Physical Education; Sponsor — Varsity boys basketball; BS/Bluefield State.

**Mrs. Sandra Green Harman** — 11 years; Secondary Adaptive English, Science, Social Studies; Sponsor — 9th grade, Newspaper; BS and MS/Radford.



**Mrs. Peggy Hughes** — 0 years; English 9, 10, Art I,II,III; Sponsor — Cheerleader, Asst. 10th grade; BS/Concord.

**Ms. Stephanie Charlene Hurt** — 2 years; Pre-school handicapped; BS/Bluefield College.

**Mrs. Barbara M. Justice** — 1 year; Combination First/Second; BS/Pikeville College.



**Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley** — 23 years; Typewriting, Office Tech., Shorthand, Word Processing; Sponsor — FBLA, Asst. Junior Class; BS/ETSU.

**Mrs. Kay Smith Mabe** — 8 years; Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math, Calculus; Sponsor — Junior Class, Math MACC team; BS/Radford.

**Mrs. June Mabe Miller** — 25 years; First grade; BA/King.

**Mrs. Betty K. Munsey** — 8 years; Home Economics, Family Living; Sponsor — FHA; BS and MS/VPI.

**Mrs. Donna Leigh Musick** — 0 years; Special Education; BS/Concord.

**Mrs. Elizabeth G. Newberry** — 21 years; Librarian, Business Computer Applications, Accounting; Sponsor — Yearbook, Library Club; BS and MS/Radford.



**Mrs. Norma Guthrie Newberry** — 22 years; Fifth grade; BS/Radford.

**Mrs. Vicki J. Ogle** — 2 years; Sixth grade; BS/Radford.

**Mrs. Dian L. Phipps** — 16 years; Reading Chapter I; BS/Radford, MA/Ball State.



**Mrs. Margaret Dianne Powers** — 10 years; Seventh grade; Sponsor — Safety Patrol; BA/ Marshall.

**Mrs. Katherine Lucas Reynolds** — 17 years; Kindergarten; BS/Radford, MA/VPI.

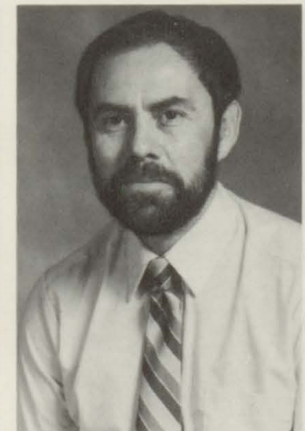
**Ms. Diane Rowe** — 7 years; French I,II,III; Sponsor — French Club; BA/Emory and Henry.



**Mrs. Rebecca Washburn Scott** — 14 years; Second grade; BA/King, MS/Radford.

**Mrs. Janet Scott** — 14 years; Fourth grade; BS/Radford.

**Mr. Larry W. Thacker** — 16 years; Health/Physical Education, World History, American History, Geography; Sponsor — JV boys basketball, Girls tennis; BS/VPI.





**Mrs. Michele Dunn Thompson** — 1 year; Speech Pathologist; BS/Radford.

**Mr. John Harkrader Wagoner** — 2 years; Earth Science, Physical Science; Sponsor — SCA, Girls volleyball, JV baseball, Science MACC team; AAS/WCC, BS/Radford.

**Ms. Ellen R. Winters** — 2 years; School Social Worker; BA/Gettysburg, AD Reg. Nursing/Cuyahoga CC.



**Mrs. Violet Bird** — Teacher's aide.

**Mrs. Helen Blankenship** — Chapter I Reading aide.

**Mrs. Annette M. Burton** — Elementary Resource Art.



**Mrs. Joyce Cassell** — Pre-school aide.

**Mrs. Sue Newberry** — Transportation aide.

**Mrs. Nancy Stockner** — Media Assistant.



**Mrs. Iris Strock** — Elementary Resource Music.

**Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle** — Chapter I Reading aide.



**BUS DRIVERS** — *Front Row:* Harold Bivens, Doug Sarver, Cicero Havens. *Back Row:* Margaret Miller, Brenda Penley, Susie Meadows, Brenda Pike, Mary Wimmer.

**Mrs. Bonnie Blankenship** — Bookkeeper/Secretary.

**Mrs. Nancy Brown** — Lunchroom.

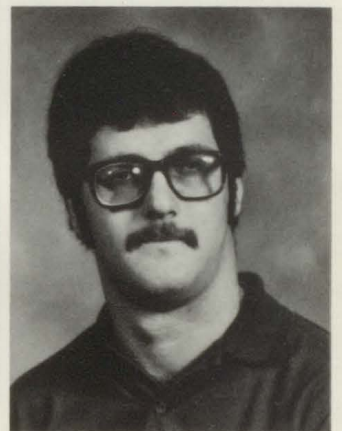
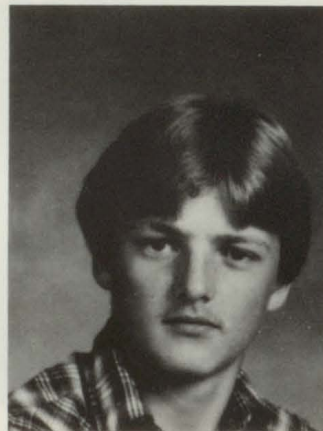
**Mr. Paul Burge** — Green Thumb custodian.



**Mrs. Mary Melvin** — Lunchroom.

**Mr. David Mutter** — Custodian.

**Mr. Keith Sargent** — Custodian.



**Mrs. Doris Tibbs** — Lunchroom Supervisor.

**Mr. Sonny Turner** — Building supervisor and maintenance.



# Preschool moves to school grounds

Two teacher aides for the entire school! Budget cuts caused the loss of other aides. Joyce Cassell was stationed with preschool and

Violet Bird served grades K-7. Preschool became a physical part of "the school on the hill." Renovations to the former music

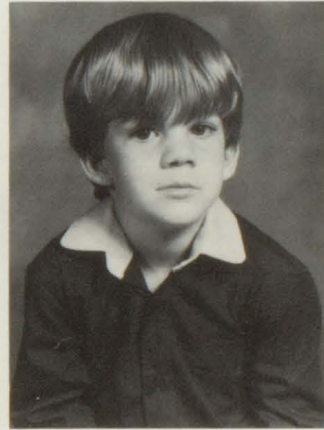
department created the necessary space for these preschoolers.



Guess the pumpkins on the Halloween tree. Winners Ted Sparks and Matthew Brunk with Mrs. June Dotson, originator for the tree.



Dorothy Umbarger takes time for a juice break.



Paul Harless  
Angel Sparks  
Benny Taylor



Dorothy Umbarger  
Jessica Umbarger

Kurt Blankenship  
Genevieve Blevins  
Aaron Clemons  
Brandon Faulkner  
Brian Faulkner



James Gregory  
Luther Hagy  
Kristen Jackson  
Rob Kegley  
Heather Morehead



Robert Newberry  
Christopher Pauley  
Michael Pauley  
William Pauley  
James Shupe



Ronald Spain  
Crystal Stiltner  
Ashley Tate  
Kelly Thompson  
Jimmy Ward



Shayla Williams



Eager to begin the road to education is Rob Kegley. He even asked to come to school on Saturday. He assured his mom that Mrs. Reynolds would be glad to see him.





Jason Blevins  
 Larry Bowles  
 Joshua Breedlove  
 Leslie Gordon  
 Clinton Hagy



Kari Harner  
 Cicely Havens  
 Erin Johnson  
 Michael Lambert  
 Joe Meadows



Joshua Moore  
 Katie Muncy  
 Brad Myrick  
 Justin Neel  
 Weston Patton



Heath Puckett  
 Joshua Richardson  
 Olena Sexton  
 Ted Sparks  
 Brent Tate



Joshua Tibbs  
 Christa Winesett

## “What do you like best about school?”

The first touch with school brought various responses from kindergarteners. Ginny, “I like to read the library books and draw pictures.” Christie, “I like to write and play and do painting.” Ashley, “I like gym and doing papers.”

Girls were in a minority with a ratio of almost 1 to 4. The number of students kept climbing until there were 25 little ones.

Mrs. June Miller’s class was busy preparing bulletin boards of fall scenes. As they completed a

reading book, they drew figures from the book. Working on library skills, one student had this to say, “Mrs. Miller, I like it better here because we get to do so many things.”

**1st Grade**

James Faulkner  
 Kristina Goins  
 Crystal Hancock  
 Stuart Morehead  
 Jessie Rudder



Allison Sheets  
 Amber Simmons  
 Charlie Stowers  
 Nathan Winters

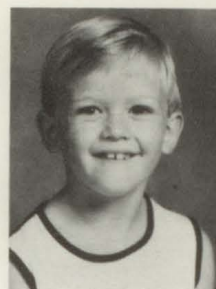


**2nd Grade**  
 Philip Meadows



Jim Bob Penley  
 Amanda Shelton  
 Heather Stiltner  
 Jeremiah Tate  
 John Thompson

Jennifer Walker  
 Scottie Ward



Spring performance

# Learning is put to practice

“What you got in the jar?” Second graders scanned trees and bushes in search of crawly creatures for a science assignment. The creature in the jar was a caterpillar.

Hanging on the elementary wall were pictures of second grade pupils. Most were not easy to recognize because these were self-portraits. Some drew themselves the way they wanted to be.

Combined first/second grade spent a lot of time clock watching attempting to read those dials and know the correct time. As an extension and reinforcement of learning measurements, they made gingerbread men from scratch. Special items for Christmas included a play, making Christmas tree decorations and compiling a cookbook for their moms.



Ryan Newberry on vacation.





Adam Baker  
 Sarah Bird  
 Will Blankenship  
 Jeffrey Brunk  
 Jeremy Dillow



Kelly Dunn  
 Adam Faulkner  
 Whitney Gamble  
 Leisa Hagy  
 Ashley Havens



Stephanie Kelley  
 Kelli King  
 Sara King  
 Brooke Kitts  
 Patrick Lindamood



Stacey Miller  
 Debbie Munsey  
 David Neel  
 Ryan Newberry  
 Charlotte Nunn



Sharon Shewey  
 Jason Sides  
 Sarah Smith  
 Daniel Thompson  
 Erin Thompson



Spring music program

Mandy Blankenship  
 Amanda Brown  
 Matthew Brunk  
 Mary Jane Chewning  
 Charlie Corder



Benjamin Davis  
 Marie Dotson  
 Jamie Dunn  
 Jason Hancock  
 Casey Johnston



Lisa Kimberlin  
 Kelly Meadows  
 Lee Meadows  
 Vince Moore  
 Jason Neel



Jon Newberry  
 Holly Pauley  
 Casie Pruitt  
 Rae Romano  
 Jacob Scott



John Curtis Thompson  
 Eric Wimmer  
 Jennifer Winters



## Third and fourth apply historical studies

Do the monster mash! Whether they did or not, third graders studied monsters from our past and present. Keeping in touch with the present they created masks which were displayed on the bulletin

board. They also elected class officers to govern their procedures.

Fourth graders kept in touch by studying famous historical figures and then conducting plays about these ancestors. Much time was

spent mastering multiplication tables. Eligibility in 4-H came with the fourth grade and they eagerly became active 4-H members.



Evelyn Baxter  
 Jeremy Blankenship  
 Sheri Blankenship  
 Tony Bruce  
 Billy Davis



Brook Dillow  
 Terry Gilley  
 Susan Gregory  
 Monica Keene  
 Jody Lambert



Eric Miller  
 Jayson Mitchem  
 Michael Muncy  
 Michael R. Munsey  
 Rachel Munsey



Jamy Nunn  
 Smoky Parmenter  
 Becky Penley  
 Jimmy Pike  
 Melissa Richardson



Andy Selfe  
 Sarah Shewey  
 Brandon Sink  
 Melanie Talbert  
 Kary Taylor



Samantha Thompson  
 Sam Tickle  
 Misty Wiley  
 Cheryl Winesett

Allen Brown  
Rebecca Brunk  
Charles Burton  
Justin Eaton  
Shannon Enoch



Bradley Gordon  
Shannon Havens  
Bobbi Hobbs  
Bradley Hoosier  
Brock Justice



Heather Keene  
David Lambert  
Joanie Lambert  
Cynthia McGrady  
P.J. Meadows



Robert Morehead  
Anne Myrick  
Michael Shelton  
Wesley Strock  
Bradley Tate



April Tickle  
James Umbarger  
Brian Waddle  
Christopher Wolcott  
Tonya Wyatt



## Creative Students Form Cities and Tribal Villages

Keeping in touch with the past, fifth graders interviewed senior citizens about their past Christmases for a special assignment. They also went back to the past by creating Indian villages fol-

lowing a study of various tribes. Out of newspapers came extraordinary and unusual masks for Halloween. The sixth graders became city managers after forming their own cities. They created every as-

pect from their own system of government to naming their city. They also went on a nature hike of two miles.



Seth Baxter  
 Stephen Berry  
 Beth Bridges  
 Eric Brooks  
 Angela Carter



Robbie Davis  
 Kristie Dillow  
 Tawny Dillow  
 Danny Dodson  
 Aaron Faulkner



Crystal King  
 Kevin King  
 Angel Mitchem  
 Chad Morehead  
 Sandra Nelson



Stuart Newberry  
 Stanley Overbaugh  
 Misty Pauley  
 Wenona Scott  
 Jes Selfe



Amie Simms  
 Mary Spain  
 Jimmy Sparks  
 Tonya Talbert  
 Colby Taylor



Melanie Thompson  
 Eric Tiller  
 Dawn Walls

Sheree Burton  
Lori Compton  
Patricia Corder  
Rachel Davis  
Mary Gibson



Stephanie Goins  
Pam Harden  
Cindy Justice  
Tina Kimberlin  
Becky Mallory



Eric Martin  
Michael McPeak  
Matthew Newberry  
Kevin Pauley  
Bridgette Penley



Joe Putnam  
John Reed  
Molly Richardson  
Nathan Romano  
Robert Sexton



Kathy Shewey  
Travis Simmons  
Crystal Thompson  
Stacy Tibbs  
Christina Wellman



Douglas Wiley  
Marie Wyatt





Becky Bird  
 Roger Blankenship  
 Cindy Blevins  
 Bobby Boardwine  
 Greg Boska



Kevin Bowles  
 Crystal Bruce  
 Heather Burton  
 Zach Burton  
 David Chandler



**TOP LEFT:** This look alike father and daughter enjoy their meal together during National School Lunch Week. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A popular fad is wearing multi-colored bracelets such as this one made by Kathy Kidd. **RIGHT:** Browsing at the book fair are Amanda Shelton and Amber Simmons.

## Transition from elementary to secondary is unnerving

Only one short hall separated elementary and secondary, but the transition from elementary was frightening for many students. When asked how they felt, answers were, "I was scared", "I was terrified."

"Why was this change so unsettling to you?" "Because we had

to change classes, we had different teachers instead of one, and there were so many more people."

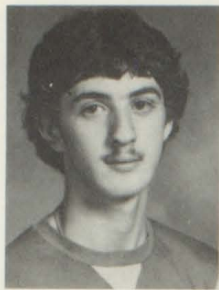
"What was the biggest difference other than changing classes?" "There was a lot more freedom."

These beginning high school students were active members of various clubs and sports. Several of

them assisted in the library preparing books for the shelves.

Even though this period of change and adjustment was unnerving, they persevered and made the transition smoothly.

Randy Clemons  
 Angela Dalton  
 Jeana Dalton  
 Stephanie DeHart  
 Ginger Dillow



Michael Dillow  
 Toby Dotson  
 Jimmy Duncan  
 Kenneth Dye  
 Tammy Dye



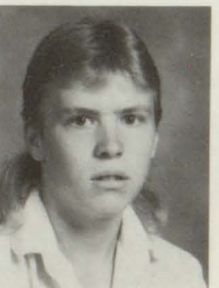
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 Kandi Farley  
 Tonya Ferguson  
 Jason Gusler  
 Scott Gusler



Cheryl Hall  
 Jason Hall  
 Rita Hamblin  
 Tina Hounshell  
 Wayne Hubble



Jeff Lafferty  
 Scott Lafferty  
 Gwen McGrady  
 Rusty Meadows  
 Stephanie Meadows



Danny Morehead  
 Matthew Morehead  
 Travis Morehead  
 Thomas Nunley  
 Heather Olinger







**8th Class Officers:** Mr. Jamey Hale, sponsor; Toby Dotson, treasurer; Stephanie Meadows, secretary; John Simmons, vice-

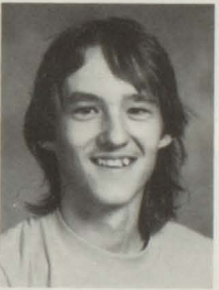
president; Becky Bird, president; Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor.



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Hope Pike  
John Simmons  
Angela Stowers



Julie Strock  
Alan Taylor  
Robbie Taylor  
Charlie Thompson  
Sarah Thompson

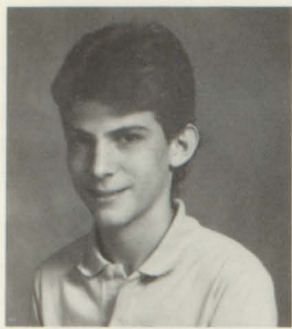


Scotty Tickle  
Michael Umbarger  
Sarah Umbarger  
Holly Warden  
Donna Wiley

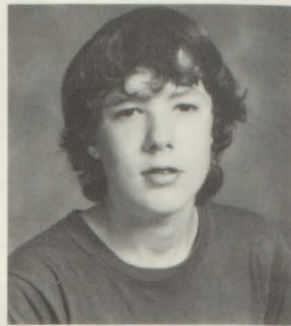
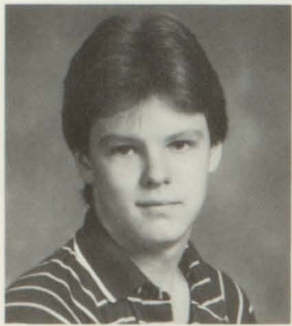


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Windy Wolfe  
Michelle Wright

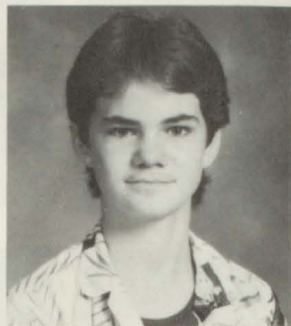
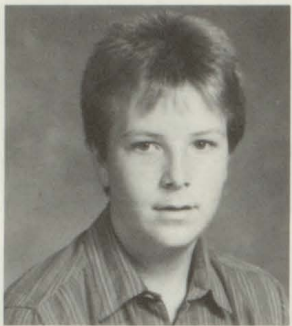
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Robbie Brown  
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Dixie Bruce



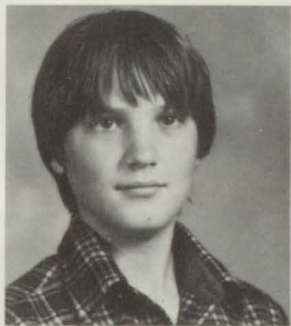
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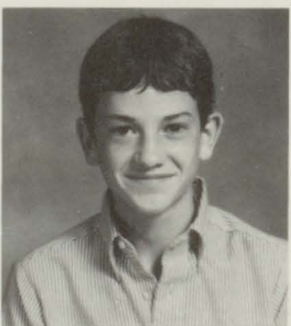
Timmy Clemons  
Duane Compton  
Brent Davis  
Chris Dillow



Brandon Farlow  
Eric Faulkner  
Benga Hager  
Tom Hall



Amanda Harden  
Tina Johnston  
Clint Kegley  
Angela Kent



# What's the most important part of school to you?

Amusing, but not surprising, answers followed when ninth grade students were asked the question, "What's the most important part of school to you?" One brave student said that being able to learn more was most important to her. Other answers were "meeting new people and being able to commu-

nicate with people", "playing basketball", "socializing and being able to talk with friends", "being able to play in school sports." The most popular answer seemed to be "when the bell rings at the end of sixth period."



A best excuse for getting out of class and using artistic talents.

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president; Robbie Brown, president; Mr. Tommy Bird, sponsor.

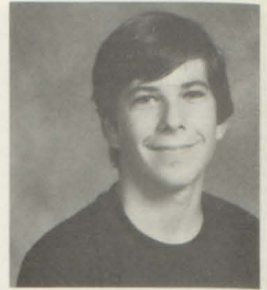


Allison King  
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Teresa Lester  
Marsha Martin



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Jay Meadows  
Miracle Mitchem  
Travis Munsey

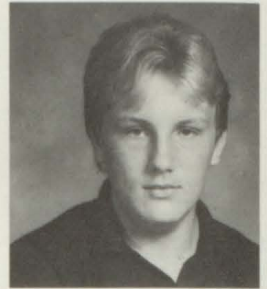
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 Jason Ramsey  
 Tracy Repass  
 Mike Sage



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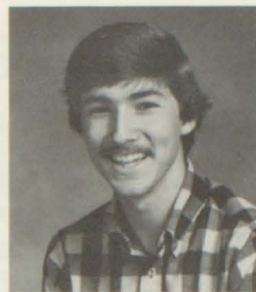


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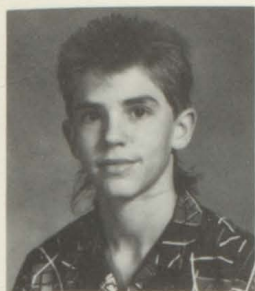


Lending assistance to the PTA Halloween carnival. **LEFT:** Tony Boksa keeps an eye on the target while this sharpshooter lines up the sights. **RIGHT:** JoAnn Shewey keeps track of the thirsty.

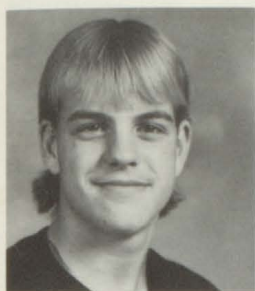




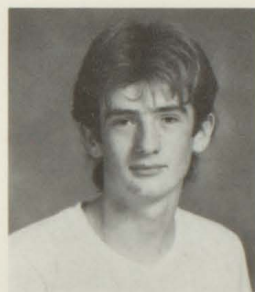
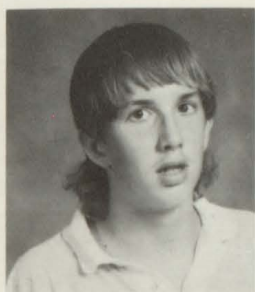
Jamie Asbury  
Patricia Austin  
Julie Baxley  
Doug Boardwine



Tony Boksa  
Jim Britton  
Alan Cassell  
Mary Echols



Brian Farlow  
Brian Fore  
Barry Fulford  
Amy Haga



Brian Hall  
J. R. Harris  
Brad Havens  
Rachel Havens



Bradley King  
Dusty King  
Steven King  
Larry Lafferty

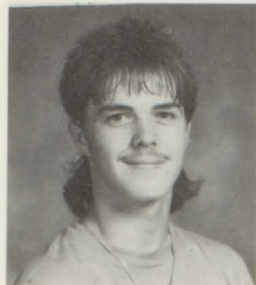


*The knights of the round table? — or Mrs. Newberry's nightmare! (Clockwise from 1:00) Brian Fore, Kevin Lindamood, Chad Thompson, Brian Hall, Chris Dillow.*

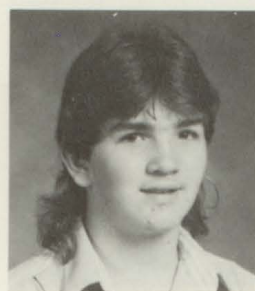
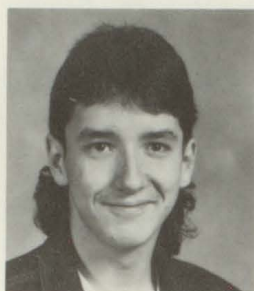
Donna Lambert  
Kevin Lindamood  
Tonya Looney  
Jenny Meadows



Jerome Meadows  
Sandy Mitchell  
Heath Moore  
Dale Morehead



John Mustard  
Shawn Nelson  
Allan Newberry  
April Newberry



Amanda Pauley  
Staci Roseberry  
JoAnn Shewey  
Latrayle Shewey



Being sold as a slave is not daunting to  
Tonya Looney

Jenny Meadows gives it the old one,  
two, three



# Driver's license boosts self-confidence

"Easy, brake, *brake*, **BRAKE!**" Getting a driver's license was the highlight of a sophomore's year, but it put gray hairs and worry

lines on their parents. The prestige of possessing that little card boosted self-confidence and instilled a "little" superiority. Sophomores

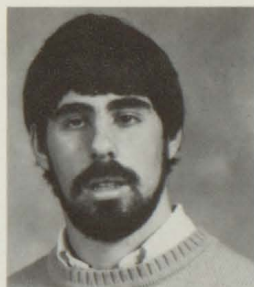
also became eligible for membership in the senior Beta club.



**10TH CLASS OFFICERS:**  
Mr. Fred Beamer, sponsor; Samantha Waddle, secretary/treasurer; Mrs. Peggy Hughes, sponsor; Sandy Mitchell, president. (Not pictured-Allan Newberry, vice-president)



Sammy Simmons  
Tresila Sink  
Michele Spangler  
Chad Thompson



Randy Townley  
Jenny Umbarger  
Ellis Wade  
Samantha Waddle



Becky Winesett  
Angel Wood  
Darrel Wright

# Raising prom money keeps juniors busy.

"We need \$5000 for the prom," remarked Sarah Strock and Julie Pauley at a fall bake sale. Hoping to catch hungry deer hunters they withstood a brisk wind to prepare hot dogs and sell baked goods. This

would be one of many fund raisers for juniors class members. The Junior-Senior Prom was *THE* most important event of this year.

Other important facts of the junior year were SAT tests, making the var-

sity teams, being tapped for the Beta club, and getting a satisfactory job.

11th CLASS OFFICERS: Mrs. Kay Mabe, sponsor; Robbie Waddle, president; Gary Blankenship, vice president; Susan Remines, secretary/treasurer. (Not pictured Jessie Kegley, sponsor.)



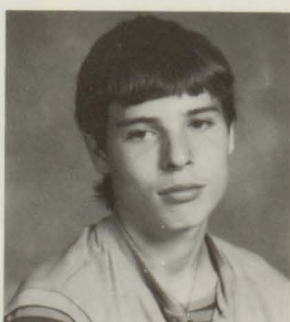
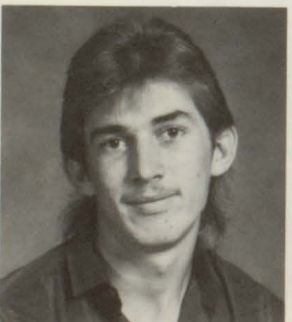
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Amanda Baxley  
Chip Bird  
Gary Blankenship



Tiffany Bowen  
Joyce Bruce  
Sonya Carrol  
Sonya Chewning



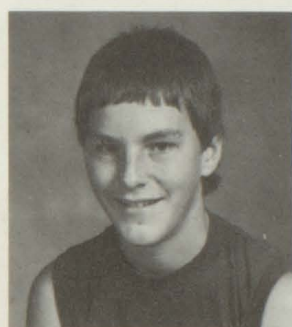
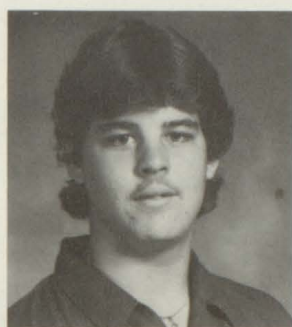
Kevin Cox  
Kim Crabtree  
Duane DeHart  
Randy Dillow







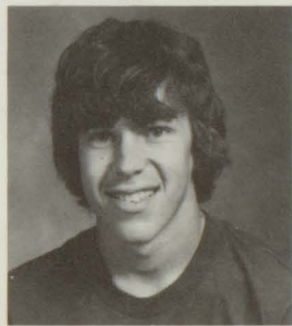
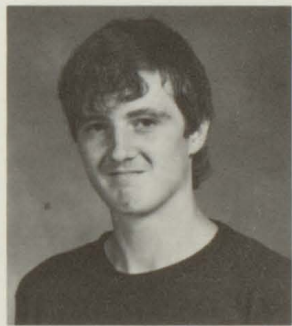
Sophomores Robbie Waddle and Shannon Mc-Grady, selected by juniors, preside over the refreshment table at the Junior/Senior Prom.



Brain Duncan  
Leslie Duncan  
Michael Fanning  
Charmin Gravley



Lorin Hanshew  
Todd Harden  
Kathy Kidd  
Scott Lambert



Shannon McGrady  
Dayton Morehead  
Todd Morehead  
Heath Muncy



Patricia Nelson  
Aaron Newberry  
Julie Pauley  
Lori Perkins

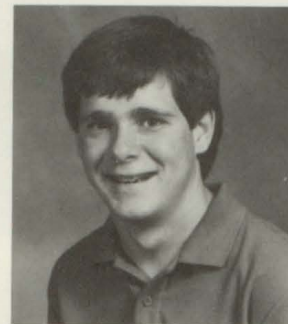
Susan Remines  
Steve Sage  
Vickie Sarver  
Tonya Smith



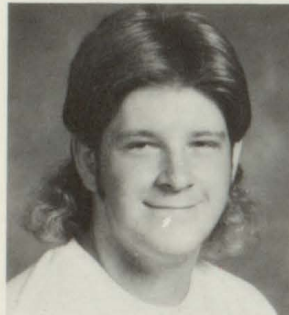
John Stafford  
Sarah Strock  
Tammy Swanson  
Smantha Tickle



Robbie Waddle  
Rusty Warden  
Scott Wellman  
Christie Wolfe



Kevin Wright



Junior candidate, Julie Pauley, is escorted by Robbie Waddle for Miss Echo Day.



Everyone loves a lollipop — even faculty Rich Hankins.



Lovely harmony — Roberta Kegley and John Wagoner.



# GOTCHA!!

Flash! Gotcha! and you've been photographed again. No warning, just a blinding light in your face. When you finally see the results, there you are plastered on the pages of the yearbook for everyone to see that silly grin or that awkward pose.



Taking time off from fair duties — Donna Warden and Lori Perkins.



The one-armed bandit makes a mean hamburger in record time — Ritchie Havens, Ronnie King and Brian Townley.



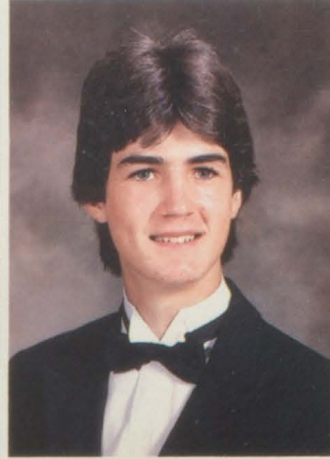
New faculty — Joe Jackson, Barbara Justice, June Dotson, Peggy Hughes.

# Minimum gap between these generations.

Generation gap? A poll of seniors and faculty found very little difference in likes and dislikes of these generations. These differences were in the areas of entertainment and food.

CATEGORY	SENIORS	FACULTY
Favorite Song	Here I Go I had the time of my life	Amazing Grace Here I Go
Soft drink	Pepsi Coke Dr. Pepper	Pepsi Dr. Pepper Coke
Candy bar	Reese cup Almond Joy	Reese cup Hersheys
Movie	Dirty Dancing Top Gun	Gone With the Wind Sound of Music
School subject	Study hall Accounting/Math/English	English/Literature Math
Sport	Football Basketball	Basketball Football
TV show	Alf Cosby Show	Cosby Show Beauty and the Beast
Rock group	Whitesnake Mottley Crew	Beatles Statler Brothers
Color	Black Blue	Blue Red
Magazine	Hot Rod Seventeen	Guideposts Reader's Digest
Singer (Male)	Hank Williams, Jr. Billy Idol	Randy Travis Bing Crosby
(Female)	Whitney Houston Lisa Lisa	Anne Murray Whitney Houston
Food	Pizza Burgers	Spaghetti Seafood
Restaurant	Macadoos Pizza Hut/Hardees	Red Lobster Western Sizzlin'
Radio Station	K-92	K-92 WPVR
Hobby/Pastime	Reading Sports/hunting	Reading Hunting/Needlework
Pet Peeve	Brown nosing	Rudeness Selfishness/brown nosing
Car	Porsche BMW/Mercedes	Pontiac Ford/Mercedes
Most respected person	Parent	Parent
Teacher	Beamer Faulkner/Mabe/Munsey	High school Co-worker
Politician	Gary Hart Danny Bird	Truman JFK
Book	The Outsiders Animal Farm	Bible Thornbirds
Flower	Rose Daisy	Rose Iris
Actor	Patrick Swayze Michael J. Fox	Clark Gable Paul Newman
Actress	Jennifer Gray Morgan Fairchild	Meryl Streep Debra Winger
Greatest fear	Failing Death/getting caught drinking	Death Mr. Thompson
Sports teams (Football)	Redskins Pittsburg Steelers	Dallas Cowboys Redskins/Dolphins
(Basketball)	UNC Tarheels Lakers	Celtics Lakers/Tarheels
(Baseball)	Cardinals Chicago Cubs	Cardinals Braves

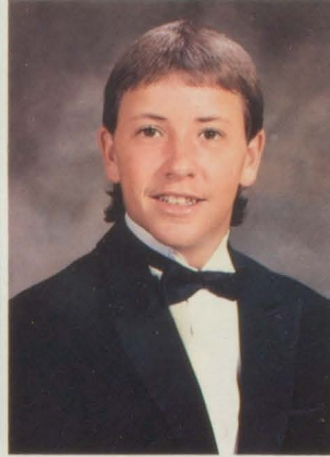
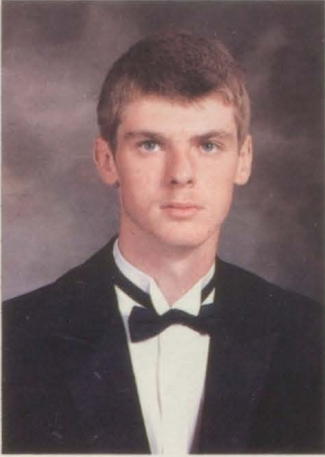
# 1988 Seniors



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"Angela"

Rebecca Lynn Brewster  
"Punky"

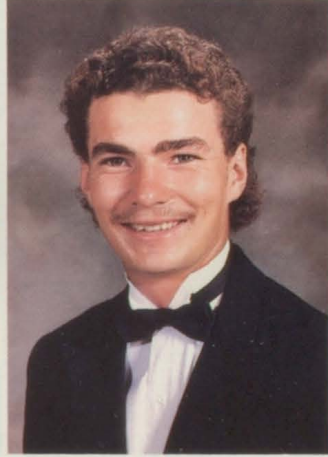
William Jeff Burton II  
"Billy"



James Edward Colley  
"Jim"

Robert Wayne Colley  
"Wayne"

Bradley Scott Davis  
"Bradley"



Freda Lynn Davis  
"Chester"

John Wayne Davis  
"Gotchu"

Richard Bradley Dillow  
"Shady"



Pamela Thurleen Dillow  
"Hot-Rod"

Miriam Yvette Dunbar  
"Miriam"

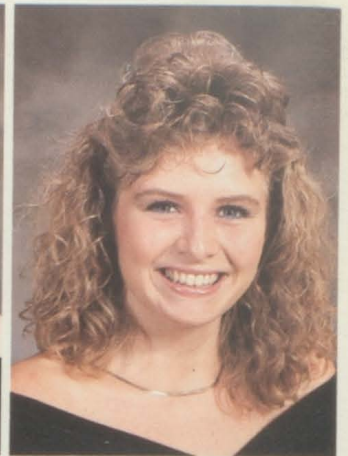
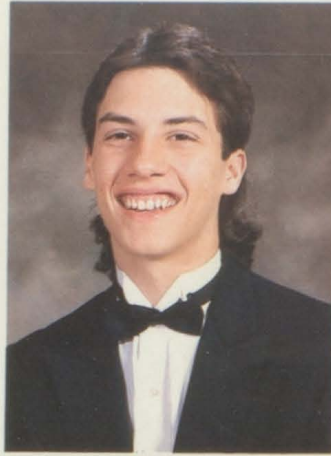
Maria Dawn Foglesong  
"Maria"

# 1988 Seniors

Kevin Blake Fore  
"Legman"

Vickie Ann French  
"Mickey Mouse"

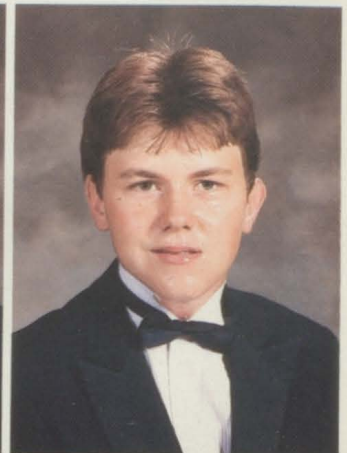
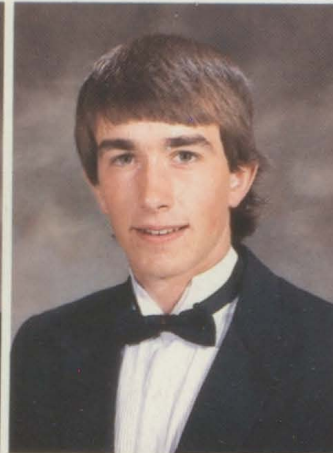
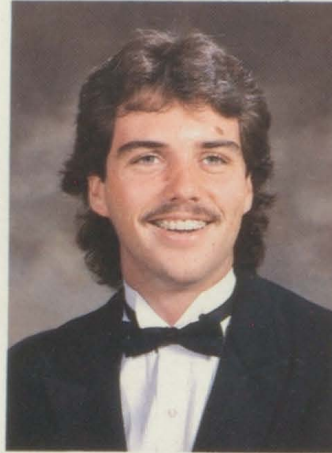
Darcy Crystal Groseclose  
"Darci"



Mark James Gusler  
"Uncle Gus"

Richard Gordon Havens  
"Hollywood"

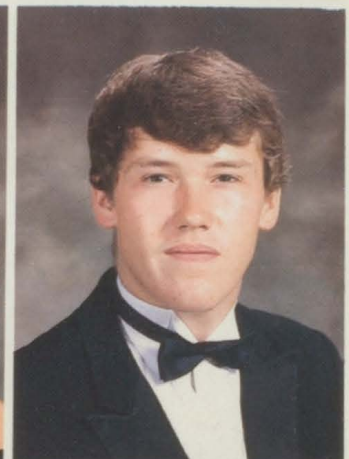
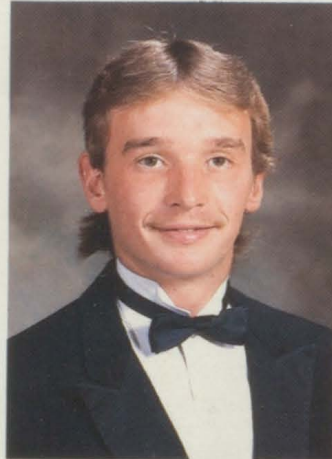
Russell Dean Havens  
"Rusty"



Michael Brown Hounshell  
"Howie"

Roberta Ruth Kegley  
"Berta"

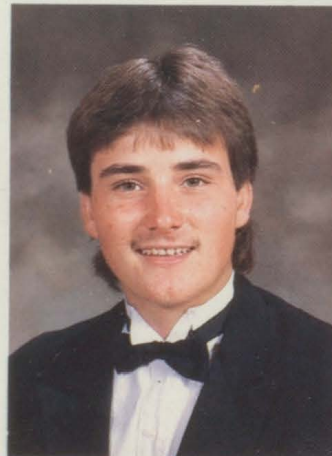
Ronnie Howard King  
"Tootie"



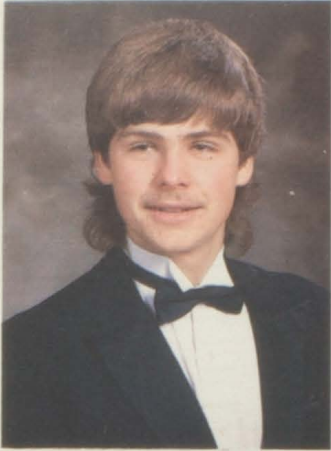
Shannon Stuart King  
"Boosh"

Robert Harrison Lambert  
"J. P."

Lana Marcella Lindamood  
"Lana"



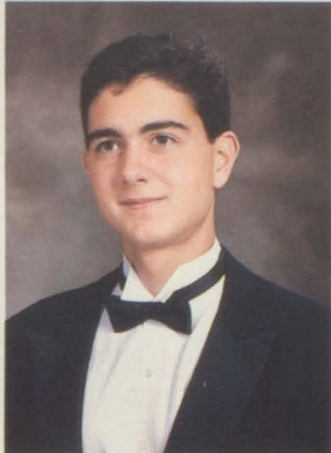
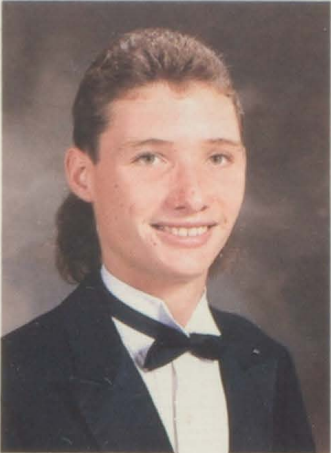
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Jonathan Carrington Melvin  
"Jon-Jon"

Janet Susan Millirons  
"Kiddo"

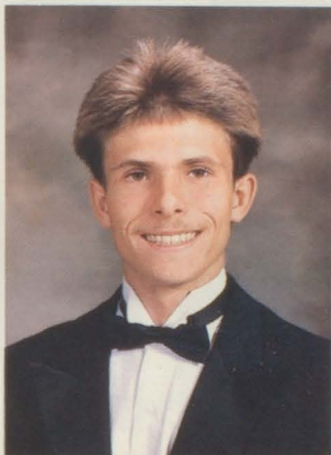
Sarah Evelyn Newberry  
"Surah Berry"



Dillard Anthony Putman  
"Andy-Head"

Gerhard Siegbert Schoenthal  
"Gerhard"

Jennifer Allen Stafford  
"Jennifer"



Karen Victoria Strock  
"Sister"

Brian Edward Townley  
"Buzz"

Elizabeth Doralea Turner  
"Bibbus"



Donna Nicole Warden  
"Skeeter"

Pamela Sue Wright  
"Pam"

# Coping with stress is part of life.

Crutches were a popular scene at BCS, some were short term for sprained limbs, others were taking care of broken bones. Along with crutches were a number of arm casts. In spite of the stress, students glided about, coping with the situations.

Other stresses were performing before classmates in the role of leaders or for class requirements.



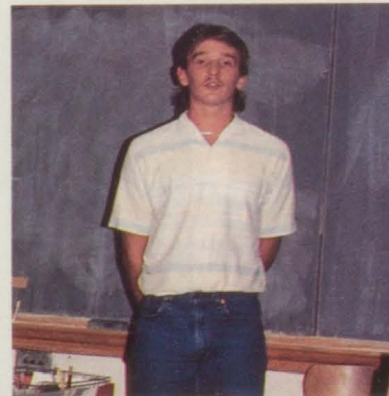
**Senior Officers:** Darci Groseclose, vice-president; Ritchie Havens, president; Mrs. Jane Faulkner, Mr. Richard Havens, sponsors; Brad Dillow, secretary-treasurer; Lan Lindamood, reporter.

**Center left:** Bland's three chipmunks — Simon-Karen Strock, Alvin-Roberta Kegley, Theodore-Sarah Newberry.

**Center right:** Displaying one of Bland's broken limbs is Brian Townley escorting Heather Smith at Miss Echo (Miss Echo, Sarah Thompson, entered on crutches with a broken foot).

**Bottom Left:** Where it all happens.

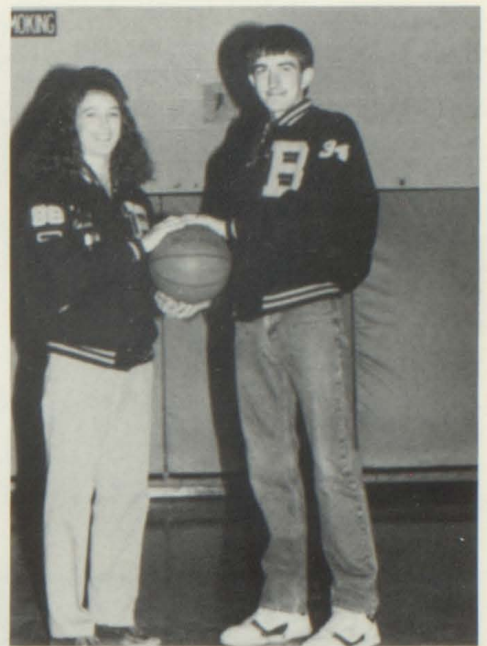
**Bottom Right:** In performance of class requirements, Mike Hounshell delivers a speech in Office Technology.







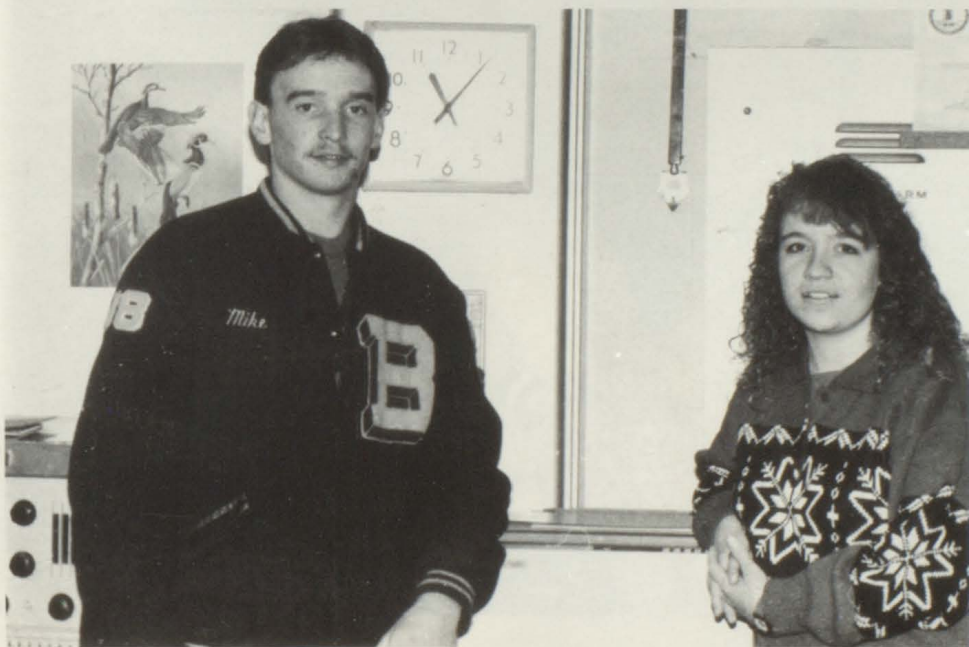
*Most Likely to Succeed:* Gerhard Schoenthal and Roberta Kegley



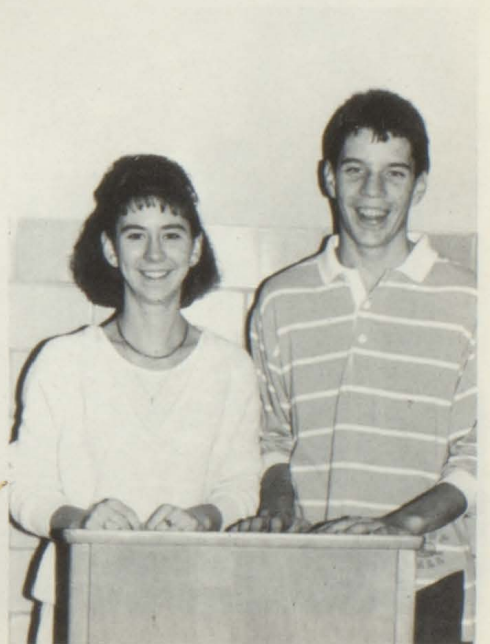
*Most Athletic:* Karen Strock and Ritchie Havens



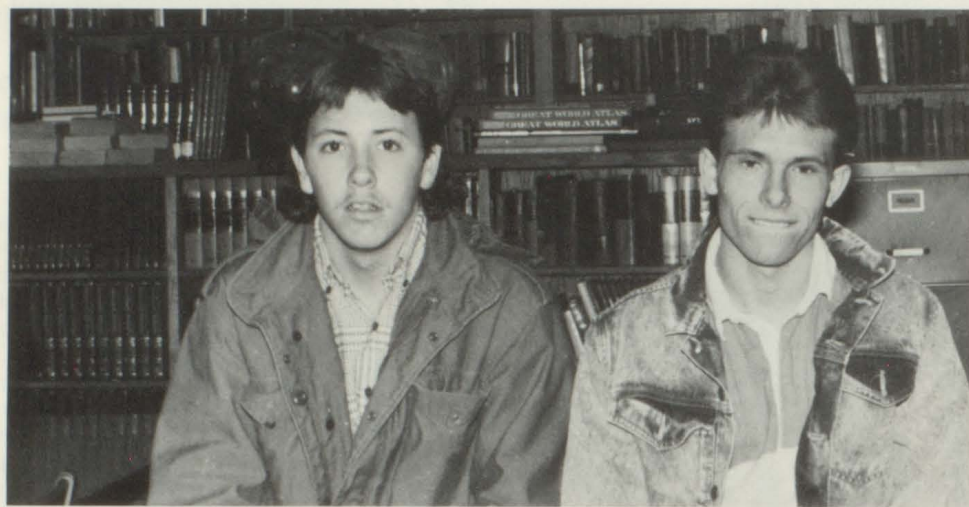
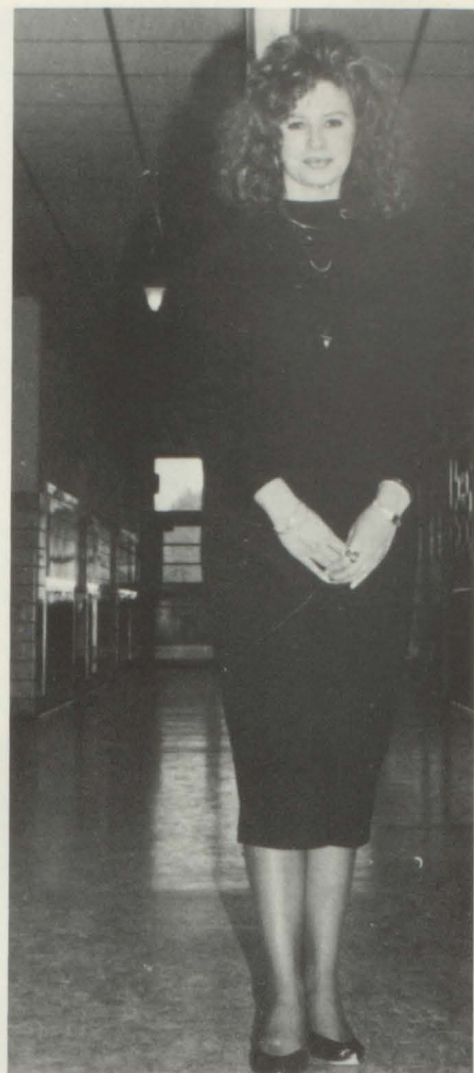
*Cutest:* Angela Atwell and Mark Gusler



*Most dependable:* Mike Hounshell and Becky Brewster



*Best leaders:* Sarah Newberry and Robert Lambert



**TOP: Most talkative:** Shannon King and Elizabeth Turner

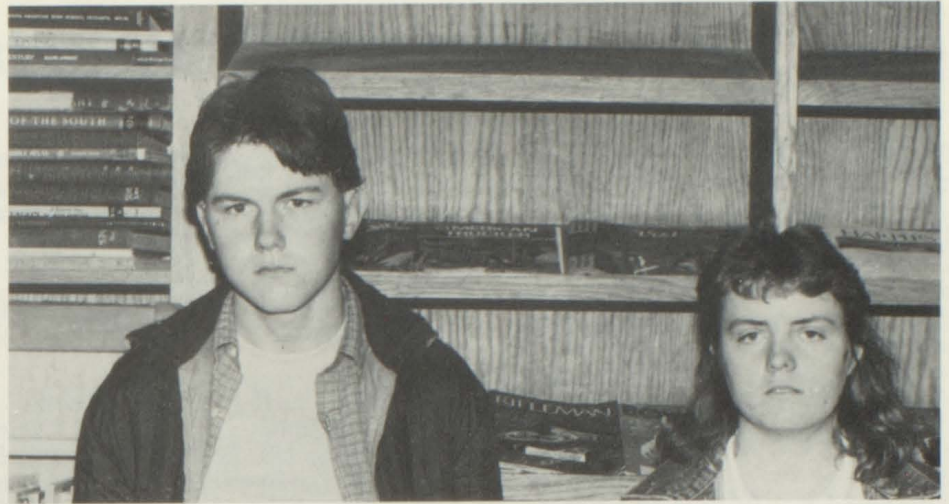
**CENTER — Friendliest:** Bradley Davis and Brian Townley

**Best dressed:** Darci Groseclose



**Most talented:** Lana Lindamood and Kevin Fore

**Biggest pests:** Andy Putman and Brad Dillow attack "poor" Mr. Fred Beamer!

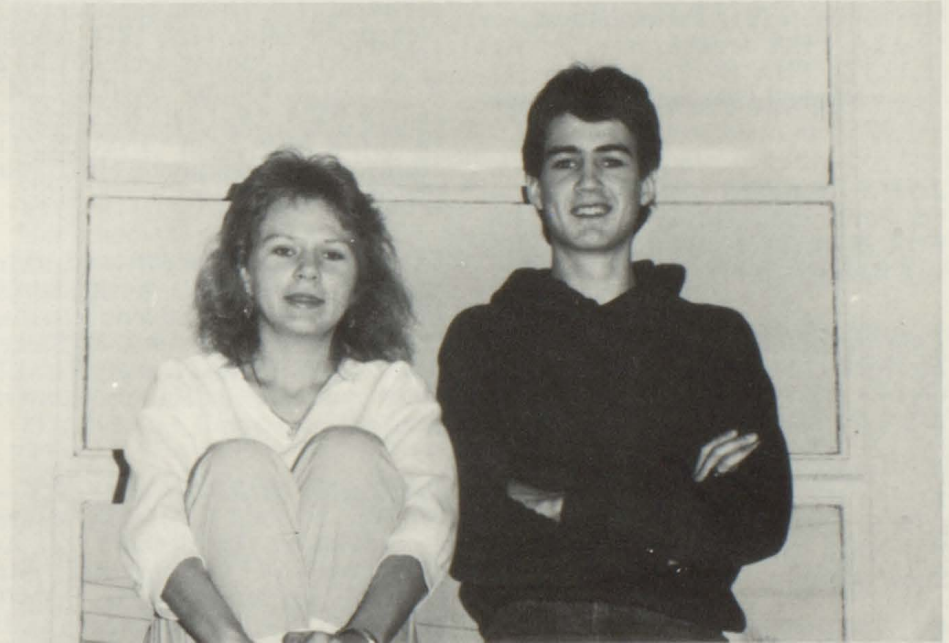


*Quietest:* Rusty Havens and Vickie French



*Most independent:* Jon Melvin and Ronnie King

*Most studious:* Maria Foglesong and Jennifer Stafford



*Most carefree:* Pam Dillow and Freda Davis

*Best disposition:* Donna Warden and Billy Burton

# Senior Statistics

**ANGELA MARCA ATWELL** — Mr./Mrs. John S. Atwell; FHA degrees Junior (8), Chapter (11), State (12); FHA (8-12); Library (9-10); FBLA (9,12); French (10); Art (12).

**REBECCA LYNN BREWSTER** — Mr./Mrs. John Brewster; VICA vice-president (12); FTA (9,10); Pride Pack (8-11); FBLA; Pep: SADD (9); VICA (12); Bowling (10); Pep squad (10-11).

**WILLIAM JEFF BURTON II** — Mr./Mrs. William J. Burton; Athletic letter/bar (11-12); FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter Farmer (9); 4-H vice-president (9,10,12), president (11); FFA president (12); FFA (8-12); FBLA (12); Varsity basketball (11-12).

**JAMES E. COLLEY** — Nancy Colley; FFA (8-10); VICA (11-12); Bland County volunteer fireman.

**ROBERT WAYNE COLLEY** — Mr./Mrs. Robert D. Colley; VICA parliamentarian (12); FHA; FFA; VICA.

**BRADLEY SCOTT DAVIS** — Mr./Mrs. Duane C. Davis, Jr.; FFA (8-12); Library (10); Basketball (8); Baseball (8,10,12).

**FREDA LYNN DAVIS** — Mr./Mrs. J. R. Davis; Awards — Math (9); Consumer Math (10); Home Economics (11); FHA degrees — Junior (9), Chapter (10), State (11); Perfect attendance (9-12); FHA treasurer (12); Art (8,11,12); FHA (9-12); Sr. Beta (11-12); Volleyball (10); Snow queen runner-up (12).

**JOHN WAYNE DAVIS, JR.** — Mr./Mrs. John Davis; FFA (8-10); FHA (8-9); VICA (11-12); SCA (10-12); Baseball (8-11).

**PAMELA THURLEEN DILLOW** — Mr./Mrs. Gilmer (Buck) Dillow; FHA degrees Junior (9), Chapter (10); Perfect attendance (7-12); FHA chaplain (10,12), treasurer (11); VICA chaplain (11), parliamentarian (12); FHA (9-12); Jr. Beta (9-10); Art (10,12); 4-H (10); Sr. Beta (11-12); VICA (11-12); Volleyball (10-11), co-captain (11); Snow queen candidate (12).

**RICHARD BRADLEY DILLOW** — Richard K. Dillow and Ava Remines; Awards — Art, Drama; Art vice-president (9); Library vice-president

(12); Class treasurer (12); Drama secretary (10); FBLA (9); Art (8-11); Drama (10-12); Newspaper (12); Library (12); JV/Varsity Baseball.

**MIRIAM YVETTE DUNBAR** — Mrs. Helen Shaffer; 4-H (8-11); FBLA (11).

**MARIA DAWN FOGLESONG** — Mr./Mrs. Paul S. Foglesong; Awards — English (9); Earth Science (9); Biology (10); Geometry (10); Honor letter (10); FHA degrees Junior (9), Chapter (11); Jr. Beta secretary (10); FHA (8-12); Jr. Beta (9-10); Sr. Beta (11-12); French (9-11).

**KEVIN BLAKE FORE** — Mr./Mrs. Charles A. Fore; FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter Farmer (11); Art treasurer (11); Art (11); FFA (8,9,11); Drama (12); Basketball JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12); Athletic letter/bar (11-12); Newspaper sports editor (12).

**VICKIE ANN FRENCH** — Mr./Mrs. Wallace French; FHA (8-12); Art (9); SCA (9); Horticulture (11-12).

**DARCI CRYSTAL GROSECLOSE** — Mr./Mrs. Jerry W. Groseclose; Awards-Art (10); FBLA parliamentarian procedure 1st place regionals (9-11); Regional Forensics winner prose (11-12); Typewriting credit WCC (10); FHA junior degree (8); Perfect attendance (10); Class secretary (8), vice-president (12); Drama president (12); Newspaper editor (12); FHA reporter (10), corresponding secretary (12); FHA (8-12); Library (9,10,12); SCA (9); FBLA (9-12); Newspaper (9,10,12); Miss Echo candidate (11); Homecoming candidate (10); Snow queen candidate (10,12).

**MARK JAMES GUSLER** — Mr./Mrs. James A. Gusler; FFA greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); Athletic letter/bar (11-12); FFA (8-12); Art (12); Basketball (8), JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12); Snow court (8-9); Harvest Festival court (8).

**RICHARD GORDON HAVENS** — Mr./Mrs. Richard C. Havens; Awards — Pre-Algebra (8); Algebra I (11); Accounting I (11); Class president (9,11,12), treasurer (10); Jr. Beta (9-10); FBLA (8,9,12); Basketball (8), JV (9), Varsity (10-12); Baseball (9,10,12); First team all Mountain Empire District (10-11); All Timesland and All Bluefield Telegraph team (10); Bland

High MVP (10-11); 1000+ career points basketball.

**RUSSELL DEAN HAVENS** — Mr./Mrs. Larry D. Havens; Awards — Physical Education (8); Perfect attendance (9-11); FFA Greenhand (8), Chapter Farmer (9); FFA (8-10,12); Drama (10,12); SCA (10); Basketball JV (10), Varsity (11), Manager (12); Athletic letter/bar (11-12); Snow king candidate (10).

**MICHAEL BROWN HOUNSHELL** — Mr./Mrs. E. B. Hounshell; Class sentinel (10), vice-president (11); Art treasurer (10); FBLA (8,9,12); Art (10); Basketball (8), JV (9), Varsity (10-12); Athletic letter/bar (10-12); Spring Fling candidate (9).

**ROBERTA RUTH KEGLEY** — Mr./Mrs. Robert Kegley; Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11-12); Who's Who (11); Awards — Physical Science (8); English (8-11); Typewriting (9); Office Technology (10); Shorthand (11); Physical Education (10); Honor letter/bars (9-11); Member of 1st place Parliamentary Procedure team-FBLA (9-11); First Place District Forensics-Girl's Extraneous (10-12); First place Regional Forensics-Girl's Extemp. (10-11); Third place — FBLA State talent extravaganza (10); Honorable mention, Science communication report, VPI&SU (9); Member of Bland County gifted advisory board-student representative (10-12); Chairman state-winning Beta scrapbook (11); FHA junior degree (9); Perfect attendance (10-11); Class secretary (8), vice-president (9); Jr. Beta treasurer (10); Newspaper editor (10); FBLA vice-president (10), parliamentarian (11-12); SCA president (11); FHA corresponding secretary (10); Beta vice-president (12); FHA (8-11); Jr. Beta (9-10); Newspaper (9-10); FBLA (9-12); SCA (8-12); French (9-10); Yearbook (10); Beta (11-12); Art (11); Drama (11); Science (11); Forensics (10-12); Basketball JV (8-9), Varsity (10-11); Tennis (9-12); Volleyball (10); Athletic letter/bars (9-11); Prom chairman (11); Homecoming candidate (9).

**RONNIE HOWARD KING** — Mr./Mrs. Ronny R. King; FFA (8-10,12).

**SHANNON STUART KING** — Mr./Mrs. E. S. "Butch" King; FFA-Greenhand (8), Chapter Farmer (9); FFA sentinel (12); SCA treasurer (12); FFA (8-12); FBLA (10,12); French (9-

# Senior Statistics

10); Drama (12); Basketball (8); Baseball (9-10).

**ROBERT HARRISON LAMBERT** — Mr./Mrs. Fay Lambert; Forensics Boy's Original Oratory — 2nd place District (11), District champion (12); Class-president (8), treasurer (11); French vice-president (12); Jr. Beta (9-10); Sr. Beta (12); FBLA (9); Drama (12); French (10-12); Art (10); Basketball — (8), JV (10), Varsity (11-12); Social Studies MACC team.

**LANA MARCELLE LINDAMOOD** — Mr./Mrs. Lanny Lindamood; Awards-Dramatics (10); Forensics (10); Art (10); District Forensic winner Serious Dramatic Interpretation (11-12); 2nd runner-up Miss Bland County (11); Class treasurer (9), secretary (12); Library president (12); Drama vice-president (12); Newspaper co-editor (12); FHA (8-12); FBLA (9); Art (9-11); Drama (9-12); Newspaper (9-12); French (9); Library (9-12); SCA (11-12); Beta (12); Cheerleader (9-12), captain (11-12); Letter/bar (10-12); Miss Echo candidate (10); Homecoming court (11-12); Snow Queen court (12); Prom committee (11); Sang "Star Spangled Banner" at home games and tournaments (11-12); Student director of dramatics play (12).

**JONATHAN CARRINGTON MELVIN** — Mr./Mrs. David Melvin; FFA vice-president (12); VICA president (12); FFA (8-12); VICA (11-12); 4-H (8-12); Baseball (9); Homecoming court (11); Snow King candidate (11).

**JANET SUSAN MILLIRONS** — Mr./Mrs. Vance Millirons; FHA Degrees — Junior (8), Chapter (9), State (10); Family Living award (10); FHA 2nd vice-president (10-11), president (12); VICA treasurer (12); FHA (8-12); Library (8-10); FBLA (8-9); VICA (11-12); Snow court 2nd runner-up (10).

**SARAH EVELYN NEWBERRY** — Mr./Mrs. Robert C. Newberry; Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11-12); Typing (10); English (11); Dramatics (11); Perfect attendance (11); Honor letter (9); District Forensics winner Girl's Original Oratory (11-12); FHA degrees — Junior (8), Chapter (9); Athletic letter/bar (9-12); FBLA president (12), secretary (11); Sr. Beta treasurer (12); Jr. Beta president (10); Class reporter (10); French vice-president (11); FHA (8-11); FBLA (10-12); Jr. Beta (9-10); Sr.

Beta (11-12); Art (12); Drama (11); Forensics (11-12); French (9-11); Cheerleader (9); Basketball JV (10), Varsity (11); Tennis (9-12); Snow Queen candidate (10); Prom committee (11); Varsity boy's basketball statistician (12).

**DILLARD ANTHONY PUTMAN** — Mr./Mrs. Larry King; Athletic letter (11-12); SCA treasurer (11), vice-president (12); Library reporter (12); FFA (8-12); SCA (11-12); Library (12); Basketball (8-12); Baseball (12).

**GERHARD S. SCHOENTHAL** — Mr./Mrs. Gerhard Schoenthal; Awards-Algebra I (8), English (8), Earth Science (8); Geometry (9), English (9), Biology (9); Algebra II (10), Chemistry (10), Typing (10); Math IV (11), Physics (11), English (11), U.S. History (11); Forensics Extemporaneous Speaking District championship (8-11), 2nd place District (12), Regional championship (9-10), State championship (9), State runner-up (10); Academic letter/bar (9-11); 1st place VCU + VCTM Math contest (11); Radford Math Rally — 4th place (11), 2nd place (12); Band letter/bar (8-9); All regional Jr. Concert Band (9); 2nd place short story VHSL Creative Writing contest (10); Cross country letter/bar (11-12); French president (8,10); Band treasurer (8); Beta president (12); State Beta president (12); Candidate National Beta president (11); Band (8-9); Jr. Beta (9-10); Sr. Beta (11-12); French (8-10); FBLA (10); Science (11); Drama (11); Basketball (8), JV (10); Cross country (11-12); 10th place in District cross country meet (12); MACC Math team (12); Statistician JV boy's basketball (9); Snow court member (8,9,12); Prom committee (11); Governor's School at VPI&SU (10); Attended Harvard summer school (11); Nominated to US Naval Academy by Senators Paul Trible and John Warner.

**JENNIFER ALLEN STAFFORD** — Mr./Mrs. Albert M. Stafford, Jr.; Awards — Academic letter/bar (10-11); Business Computer Applications (11); U.S. History (11); French III (11); FHA degrees Junior (9), Chapter (11); 2nd place FBLA competition Business Computer Applications (11); Art (8); Jr. Beta (9-10); FHA (9-12); French (9-11); Sr. Beta (11-12); FBLA (11-12); Regional Governor's School for the gifted at WCC (11); Summer Scholars Program Clinch Valley College (11).

**KAREN VICTORIA STROCK** — Mr./Mrs. William D. Strock; Awards-

French I (9); Earth Science (9); FHA Junior degree (9); 2nd place Career Manual FBLA regional competition (9); French II (10); Algebra II (10); Office Technology (10); English (10); Top 20% in VCTM-VCU statewide Math contest (10); Chemistry (11); U.S. History (11); Business Computer Applications (11); Perfect attendance (11); Honor letter/bars (9-11); Society of Distinguished American High School Students (11-12); Class secretary (9); Jr. Beta vice-president (10); Varsity cheerleader co-captain (11); Sr. Beta secretary (12); FBLA treasurer (12); Yearbook editor (12); Varsity basketball captain (12); FHA (8-12); 4-H (8-9); Newspaper (9); Library (9-10); Jr. Beta (9-10); French (9-11); FBLA (9-12); Yearbook (10,12); Science (11); Sr. Beta (11-12); Mountain Empire District Forensics team (11-12); Cheerleader JV (9), Varsity (10-11); Volleyball (9); US Achievement Academy cheerleading award (9); Basketball JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12); Tennis (10-12); Varsity boy's basketball statistician (12); Athletic letters/bars (10-12); Homecoming court (9); Miss Echo 2nd runner-up (9); Snow queen candidate (9); FBLA regional competition (9-10, 12); Homecoming candidate (11); 1986 Regional Governor's School for the gifted at WCC (10); 1987 NASA Governor's School for the gifted (11); Homecoming Queen (12).

**BRIAN EDWARD TOWNLEY** — Mr./Mrs. Eddie Townley; Athletic letter/bar (11-12); Art reporter (9); Art (8-10); FBLA (8-9,11-12); Basketball (8), JV (9-10), Varsity (11-12).

**ELIZABETH DORALEA TURNER** — Pat Turner; Forensics participant (11-12); FHA sergeant-at-arms (9); Drama vice-president (12); FHA (8-12); French (9); FBLA (9); Drama (11-12); Art (11); Library (9); Miss Echo candidate (8), 1st runner-up (12); Homecoming court (9).

**DONNA NICOLE WARDEN** — Jennifer Warden; French secretary/reporter (9-10); 4-H president (11-12); Drama secretary/reporter (11); 4-H (8-12); Library (8-12); French (9-11); Jr. Beta (9-10); FBLA (9-11); Drama (11-12); SCA (11); Sr. Beta (11); Volleyball (9-10); Tennis (9-12); JV basketball (10); Cheerleading (11-12); Athletic letter/bar (10-11); Snow queen candidate (11-12); 1st runner-up Homecoming queen (12).

**PAMELA SUE WRIGHT** — Ilene Wright; FFA (9-12); Science (9-10); Art (8); FBLA (11-12); Homecoming court (8); Snow queen candidate (9).

# In memoriam

# Stanley Todd Steffey

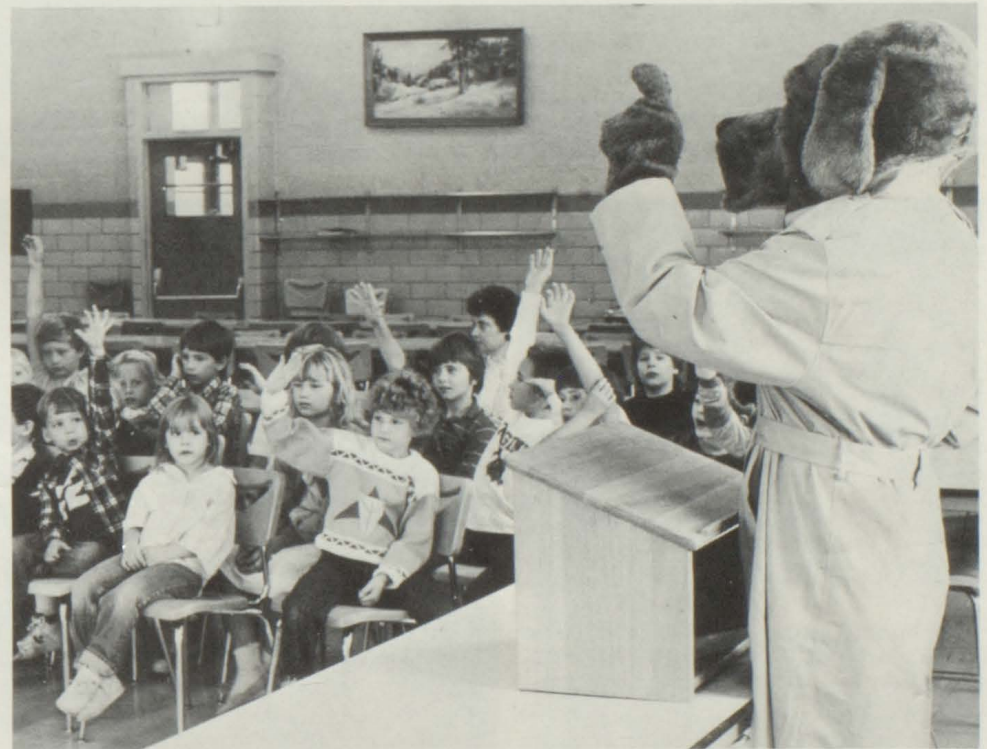
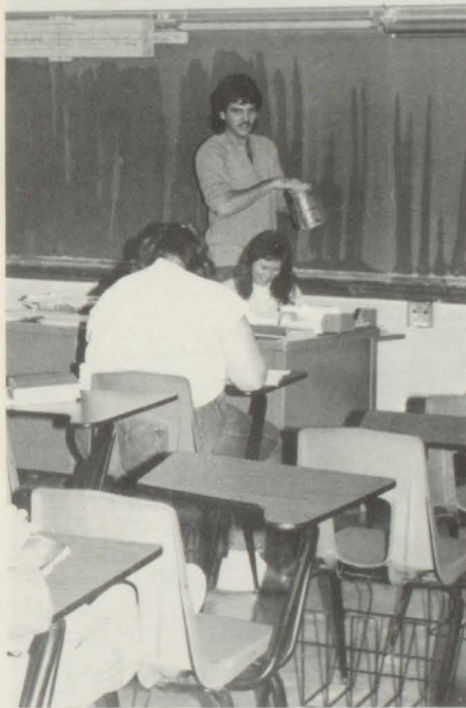
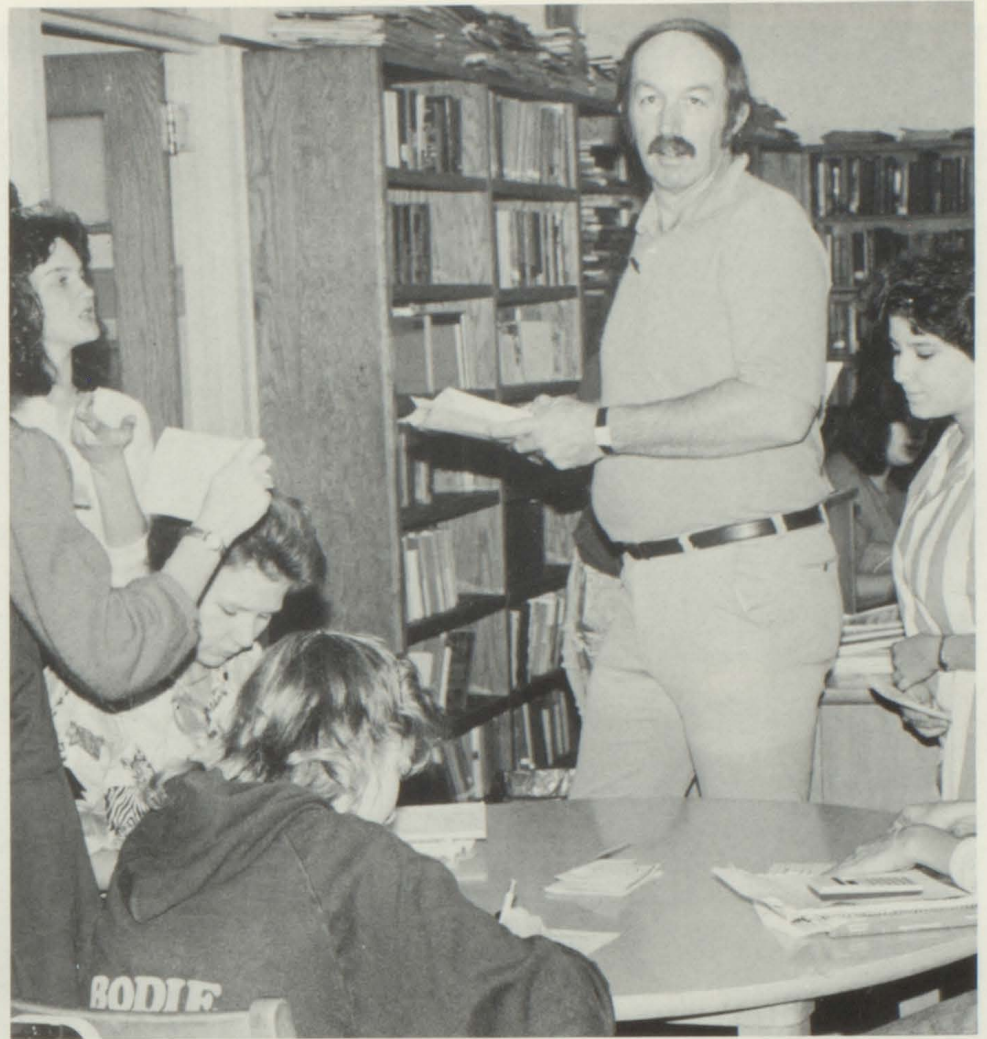
It is sharing and caring, giving and forgiving, Loving and being loved, walking hand in hand, Talking heart to heart, seeing through each other's eyes, Laughing together, weeping together, praying together, And always trusting and believing And thanking God for each other . . . For love that is shared is a Beautiful thing — It enriches the soul and makes the heart sing! Helen Steiner Rice

Todd seemed to be the friend to make us laugh and feel his happiness. He was known as "carrot top" and was recognized by his red hair and freckles. He was a member of the band for three years and played 8th grade basketball. Todd was born on March 27, 1970, and died in an automobile accident on May 12, 1984. A classmate said, "Todd was our friend. His death didn't change that, it just made us realize what a wonderful friend we had."



**LEFT:** Christie Wolfe receives social studies award from Mr. Robin Thacker.  
**CENTER:** "Please keep bidding, Ritchie."  
Susan Remines being sold as Beta slave.  
**RIGHT:** Mr. Fred Bemer reads certificate of appreciation to him from "film company!"





**ABOVE:** Brad Dillow, "Wonder what this is for?" **BELOW:** Mark Gusler doing Mrs. Kay Mabe's dirty work.

**ABOVE:** Mr. Richard Havens conducts student mock election in November.

**BELOW:** McGruff, crime dog, visits elementary students.



**TOP:** Faculty takes part in Halloween costuming — Mr. Roger Thompson, Mrs. Betty Munsey, Mrs. Margie Powers, Mrs. Chris Bird, Mrs. Joyce Cassell, Miss Stephanie Hurt, Mrs. Becky Scott. **CENTER:** Top winners from each classroom K-7. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Ryan Newberry and Sara King work on math at the computer. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Preschoolers and their teachers enjoy dressing up for Halloween.



**TOP:** Students in pantomime of Reo Speedwagon.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** String trio — Wayne Hubble, Jim Britton, Mr. John Wagoner.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Tonya Smith escorts Gary Blankenship in Mr. Bland contest.



# “Just having fun”

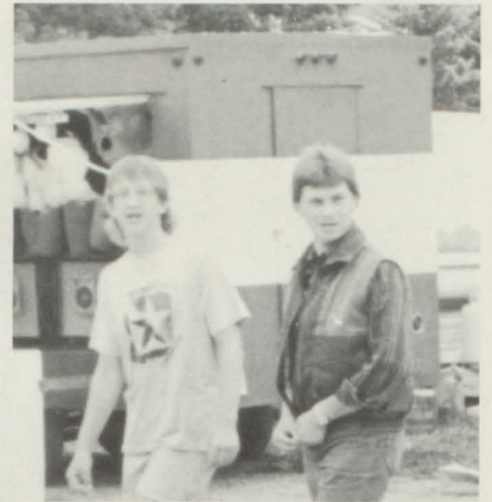
**TOP RIGHT:** Maria Foglesong models an 80's wedding dress during the Miss Echo presentation.

**CENTER LEFT:** Students and sponsors at Orlando Beach on FHA Florida trip (while folks back home were wading a 12-inch snow on April 3)

**CENTER RIGHT:** Brian Hall and Lorin Hanshew enjoy leisure time at the fair.

**BOTTOM:** The monster bite or being engulfed in one's work.

“Ain't misbehaving', just having fun.” This could have been a byline for students whether they were working, performing or on school trips. Students and adults found time for fun wherever they were.



Keeping in touch

with

style



To be really "in" a person must wear the latest fashions. Students and faculty perused magazines to learn what's in vogue and then copied those styles. A fashionable person must always be alert to what's "hot" and what's "not".



# Fashions

# That certain style was stone-washed denim

Take a pair of denims and beat the color out of it with a rock and you have the current style — stone-washed denim — in all forms of clothing and for both male and female. Also popular with guys were sweaters and sweat-shirts, shorter hair styles and always name brand gym shoes.

Girls had similar wardrobes of stone-washed jumpers, skirts, and jeans. Skirt hemlines had dropped to ankle length (often in straight styles with splits in front or back) and were topped with baggy sweaters. Matching footwear consisted of pointed toe, laced high top boot-shoe in a variety of colors. Hair-styles were longer in a straight or curly-crimped style called a spiral perm.

Name brands were trendy with the newest being “Spud Mackenzie” styles.



*The total look.* ABOVE: Heather Smith.  
RIGHT: Lana Lindamood.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Marshall Schoenthal dons popular knit top with stone-washed jeans.

**BOTTOM CENTER:** Stone-washed denim is the fashion rage as shown by Kim Crabtree, Lana Lindamood, Tiffany Bowen and Darci Groseclose.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** A variation of “jams” is worn by Aaron Newberry.



Keeping in touch

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friends

Sometimes joyous, sometimes angry, often intense or excited were emotions shared during the lives of students in or out of school.



# Student life

# Tolbert and Faulkner selected as county's beauties

Was there really magic in the air? For two young ladies it seemed so, for this was the night for them on March 21, 1987, in Bland's beautifully decorated gym. Thirty-one young ladies between the ages of 13 and 18 donned their loveliest gowns and prettiest smiles to pose for judges and spectators. The occasion was the annual Miss Bland and Senior Miss Bland County beauty pageants, an FHA fund raiser.

When asked what their feelings were, contestants replied, "I was so nervous", "it was exciting", "I was disappointed", "relief that it's over."

The theme "This Could Be the Night" came true for Lisa Tolbert, Miss Bland County, and Rhonda Faulkner, Senior Miss Bland County.

MC's for the night were Mr. John Wagoner and Miss Susan Harrington.



**TOP:** Lisa Tolbert, Miss Bland County, 1987.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Sherri Wimmer, Miss Bland County, 1986, crowns the new winner, Lisa Tolbert

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Quivering nerves are well concealed on these poised contestants, Issis Umbarger, Karen Strock, Donna Richardson.





**TOP:** Pounding hearts and shaking knees are invisible in these serene contestants—Tonya Smith, Jenny Umbarger, Christie Wolfe, Sharon Wiley, Patricia Stowers, Sherri Shewey. **CENTER LEFT:** “It’s fun and good experience”, Vicki Sarver. **CENTER:** Jason Hendren with “You Light Up My Life”. **CENTER RIGHT:** Rhonda Faulkner, Senior Miss Bland County, 1987.



**BOTTOM:** Rhonda Faulkner, Senior Miss; Tricia Cahill, 1st runner-up (Miss Bland); Lisa Tolbert, Miss Bland; Lana Lindamood, 2nd runner-up (Miss Bland); Tonya Smith, 1st runner-up (Senior Miss); Tina Hounshell, 2nd runner-up (Senior Miss).





"The Glory of Love" is reflected in the faces of Betty and Bob Munsey.



Junior classmates selected seniors Tammy Haga and Bob Hylton for Queen and King of the Prom.



Juniors Roberta Kegley, Sarah Newberry, Gerhard Schoenthal and Lana Lindamood present "gifts" to each senior.



Months of secretive planning bring smiles and "that special Glow" to friends Karen

Strock, Brad Dillow, Vicki Sarver and Shannon King.



# Months of planning create that perfect night

Formula for a perfect night ... One expensive tuxedo — One more expensive formal dress — A special hairdo — Corsage and boutonniere to match outfits — Reservations at the best restaurant — Tasty refreshments — Favorite songs. Mix the above with one delightful couple, sprinkle with excitement and romance. Simmer from 5:30 to 12 midnight. Serve with non-alcoholic beverages and

safe driving for a perfect ending.

Prom committee members started early in the school year to create "the best prom ever." Secret meetings decided theme and decorations, "gifts" for seniors, time and place.

The 1987 Prom was held on May 23 at Wythe Recreation Center. Highlighting the evening was the crowning of Prom King and

Queen. These honors were bestowed on Bob Hylton and Tammy Haga.

Pink, white and lavender streamers looped from the ceiling and enhanced the gazebo. The color scheme was also carried out on table decorations and program booklets which depicted the theme "The Glory of Love" on its cover.



Soft dreamy music puts prom-goers in a romantic mood while they dance amid the lovely decorations.



Prom night brings friends and classmates together to share love, laughter and refreshments.



Senior gifts bring amusement and surprise when Roberta Kegley presents a "connoisseur certificate" to Mike Morehead.

# Candidates are given a walk through time.

Seven decades of fashion, dance and song were portrayed on October 2 by students and faculty for the annual Miss Echo Day. This culminated two weeks of intensive competition by five young ladies from grades 8-12. After being selected by their classmates, they began the yearbook subscription drive and sold a total of 324 books.

Karen Strock, yearbook editor, acted as MC with assistance from staff members. Fashions were modeled by FHA members, dances and wrestling were by members of seventh and eighth grades and drama class. Roberta Kegley, Lana Lindamood, and Mr. John Wag-ner brought the past back through song.

Candidates received stick pins initialed in cross stitch. Miss Echo also received a jeweled tiara and a banner. As the program neared its end, Miss Echo was crowned by Rachel Havens, Miss Echo 1987. The new Miss Echo was Sarah Thompson from the 8th grade who sold 134 yearbooks. During the crowning the cast of performers sang "Moments to Remember."



MISS ECHO 1988 — Sarah Thompson



CANDIDATES & ESCORTS: Heather Smith (9th), Brian Townley, Staci Roseberry (10th), Chip Bird, William Tickle, Sarah Thompson(8th), Julie Pauley (11th), Robbie Waddle, Elizabeth Turner (12th), Aaron Newberry.



Fashions through seven decades are modeled by FHA members.



Charleston at its best — Peggy Hughes, Margie Powers, Stephanie Meadows, Lana Lindamood, Becky Bird.



An 80's favorite song, "The Rose" by Lana Lindamood.



Swingin' to the 40's and 50's music.



Amusing "wrestling" antics by Happy Dillow, Brad Dillow, Rusty Warden, Kevin Fore, Ritchie Havens.



**FRONT ROW: Little Miss winners** — Genevieve Blevins, 2nd runner-up; Crystal Hancock, Little Miss; Jamie Johnston, 1st runner-up.  
**BACK ROW: Junior Miss winners** — Crystal Thompson, 1st runner-up; Angelina Garcia, Junior Miss; Samantha Thompson, 2nd runner-up.



**FBLA and Senior Betas provide entertainment during intermission.**



**Escort Ritchie Havens talks to Crystal Stiltner to ease her apprehension.**



**Finalists of the Little Miss pageant with ushers**—Julie Baxley, Crystal Hancock, Genevieve Blevins, Jamie Johnston, Sarah Umbarger.

# Garcia and Hancock win top honors

Combing the shops to find the perfect dress at the right price proved to be an exhausting task for parents of Little and Junior Miss

contestants. Next, a bewitching hairdo was needed to create an aura of loveliness and enchantment. Placed in a setting of pink

balloons, 48 little ladies vied for the two titles. The theme, "Only in my Dreams", was a dream come true for Angelina Garcia and Crystal Hancock who captured the titles of Junior Miss and Little Miss.

The pageants were sponsored by Bland's FBLA and Senior Beta organizations.



**TOP LEFT:** Finalists in the Junior Miss contest — Angelina Garcia, Crystal Thompson, Samantha Thompson.

**CENTER:** Junior Miss parade of beauties.

**BOTTOM:** Little Miss contestants give their best for the judges.



# Queens and king earn titles and crowns.

"Buy a cupcake", "empty your change into my can", and similar phrases were heard from early November to mid-December. Candidates from 11 clubs were striving to gain the most pennies and win the titles of Snow King and Queen. This event was a major fund raiser for the FBLA. Each participating club selected a male and female candidate. They collected donations and sold food and other

items to stuff their money cans. The final tally bestowed the title on Tony Boksa and April Newberry on December 30, 1987.

Two weeks later on January 16, 1988, another queen was crowned. Three seniors (Karen Strock, Donna Warden, Lana Lindamood) vied for the title of homecoming queen along with eight girls from grades 8-11 competing for princesses. Selection was by popular

vote of the student body. Princesses were as follows: Holly Warden (8), Sherri Shewey (9), Amy Haga (10), Tiffany Bowen (11), Donna Warden (12). Top honors went to Karen Strock who was escorted by Shannon King.

A dance followed each of the festivities with music provided by Johnny Goins.



**TOP:** Doug Boardwine, Freda Davis (FHA)-2nd runner-up; Tony Boksa, April Newberry (Yearbook)-Snow King and Queen; Andy Putman, Kim Crabtree (FFA)-1st runner-up.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Slow dance is preferred by today's teens. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Rusty Warden's partner has his undivided attention.



**TOP LEFT — HOMECOMING COURT, CONTESTANTS & ESCORTS:** Rusty Bird, Hope Pike (8), Shawn Nelson, Holly Warden (8), Randy Dillow, Sherri Shewey (9), Mark Gusler, Sonya Chewning (stand-in for Pam Chewning (9)), Bradley Davis, Amy Haga (10), Sam Simmons, Jenny Umbarger (10). **TOP RIGHT:** Robbie Waddle, Tiffany Bowen (11), Ritchie Havens, Susan Remines (11), Shannon King, Karen Strock (12), Kevin Fore, Donna Warden (12), Robert Lambert, Lana Lindamood (12). **CENTER LEFT:** Enjoying the "togetherness" of a slow dance. **CENTER RIGHT:** 1988 Homecoming Queen — Karen Strock. **BOTTOM:** Painted faces is part of homecoming week — *Front Row:* Darci Groseclose, Elizabeth Turner, Tiffany Bowen, Roberta Kegley. *Back Row:* Lana Lindamood, Donna Warden, Tonya Smith.

# Contestants "wiggle" to win top honors

If laughter makes a person healthy, then a gym full of people left healthier than they arrived on November 13 (yes, Friday). The occasion was the Mr. Bland contest sponsored by the athletic department. Twenty-eight contestants were from grades 6-12. These young men were uncannily talented for they transformed themselves from husky muscle-bound males to wily, voluptuous femininity. Donning wigs, dresses, make-up and even heels (and a few other curvy necessities), they were escorted by ladies (in male attire, of course). Some were regal, but all

wiggled, twisted and flirted their way to the judges' hearts. Each had to answer a question which they drew from a box.

Once the top ten were chosen, the real fun began. Working in pairs, each was given a hula hoop. Not an easy task at best, but hampered by unfamiliar clothing, it became impossible for some. Eugene King finally threw up his hands, cast aside the hoop — and just wiggled!! Their next "marathon" was to throw a basketball through the hoop. Sure, that's easy — but blindfolded?? Leslie Duncan won \$10 by succeeding in the shortest

time.

By the end of all this "talent" the judges had made a decision: 3rd runner-up, Aaron Newberry; 2d runner-up, Joe Putman; 1st runner-up, Eugene King; Mr. Bland, Rusty Bird. Each winner received an envelope of cash ranging from \$15 to \$50.

Entertainment was provided by Bland's string trio, Mr. John Wagoner, Wayne Hubble and Jim Britton. Several of the escorts also pantomimed Reo Speedwagon. MC for the event was Mr. Parley Bryant.



**TOP:** Winners and escorts — Kathy Shewey, Joe Putnam-2d runner-up; Rachel Havens, Aaron Newberry-3rd runner-up; Vicki Sarver, Rusty Bird-Mr. Bland; Amanda Pauley, Eugene King-1st runner-up. **BOTTOM LEFT:** William Tickle ponders over question by MC Parley Bryant and Mr. Jamie Hale. **BOTTOM CENTER:** Bradley Davis "gracefully" retrieves his hula hoop. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** This Hawaiian beauty is David King escorted by Karen Strook.





Keeping in touch

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Exercise builds bodies, but homework and studying builds minds. Teachers keep in touch with students through exercise of the thought processing. Good grades are the result of proper thought exercise.



# Academics

# Competitive students earn top honors

Honors were achieved by putting forth that something extra by students who really cared. The student must have attained a 95 or better average for a year. The following year if the student had kept that average he/she earned bars.

This year good grades were not the only way to earn honors. Bland entered MACC competition with four teams (English, Math, Science, So-

cial Studies). Mountain Academic Competition Conference was sponsored by VPI&SU and included 15 schools in grades 8-12. Matches were held in Feb. and Mar. at each of the schools with the final match tournament at Radford U. in April. Matches were made up of directed questions for the team and toss-up questions for individual members to buzz in for answers.



**TOP RIGHT:** Having a 95+ average for 3 years straight earned a double bar for Gerhard Schoenthal and Karen Strock.

**TOP LEFT:** Single bar honors maintained a 95+ average for 2 straight years — Joyce Bruce and Jennifer Stafford.

**BOTTOM:** Earning a scholastic letter by attaining a 95+ average for their Freshman year are *Front Row:* Dale Morehead, Jenny Meadows. *Back Row:* JoAnn Shewey, Amy Haga.





**TOP:** Social Studies MACC team gleans information through computer programs — Marshall Schoenthal, Coach Nancy Gamble, Chip Bird, Crystal Bruce, Sarah Umbarger, Eugene King.



**LEFT:** Science MACC team practices with equipment — *Front Row:* Karen Strock, Maria Foglesong, Julie Baxley. *Back Row:* Coach John Wagoner, Dale Morehead, Heath Moore.



Math MACC team during a Wednesday afternoon work session — *Seated* — Gerhard Schoenthal *Standing:* Sonya Chewning, Susan Remines, Lute Scott, Robbie Brown, Coach Kay Mabe.



With a background of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*, English MACC team is gathered for searching and working. *Seated:* Christie Wolfe, Joyce Bruce. *Standing:* JoAnn Shewey, Sherri Shewey, Eric Faulkner, Coach Janet Faulkner.

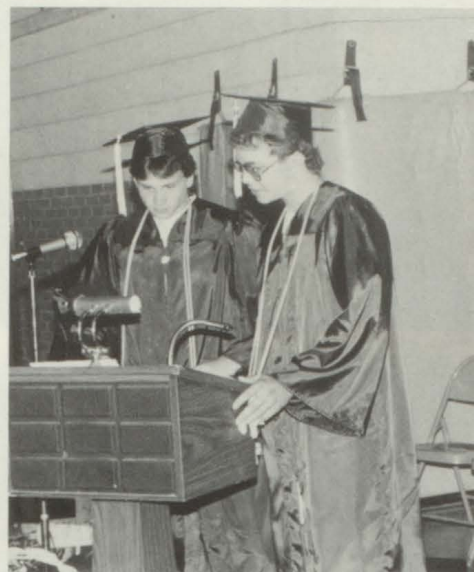
# Emotions ran unchecked during final days.

Emotions ran unchecked during those final school days of 1986-87. Underclassmen, along with seniors, allowed their feelings to show. Tears of joy and big smiles shone on faces who had attained their goals of passing a course, reaching the top grade or the final status of a

graduate. Other tears revealed sadness because friends were leaving. Anxiety for a perfect performance and exuberance when the last senior filed out of the gym for the final time were prevalent during the final senior performance.

Awards day revealed outstand-

ing scholars in most subjects. Awards consisted of medals, certificates, plaques, letters and bars for scholastic and athletic achievement, perfect attendance and leadership. The "teacher of the year" award was again presented to Mr. Fred Beamer by Mr. Fred Beamer.



**ABOVE:** Seniors prepare for their final performance. **RIGHT:** Eric Strock and Jeff Dodson.



Leon Sink receives Woodsman award from Tommy Shewey.



Valedictorian Lori Nelson



Salutatorian Valerie Stepp

Mr. Fred Beamer presents social studies award to Miracle Mitchem.



**TOP:** Allison King receives English award from Miss Susan Harrington. **BOTTOM:** Mrs. Betty Munsey presents Home Ec. award to Freda Davis.



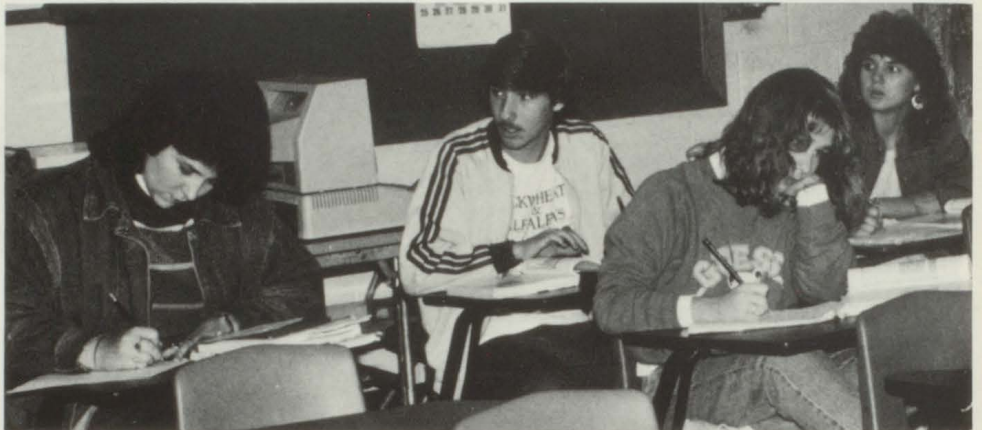
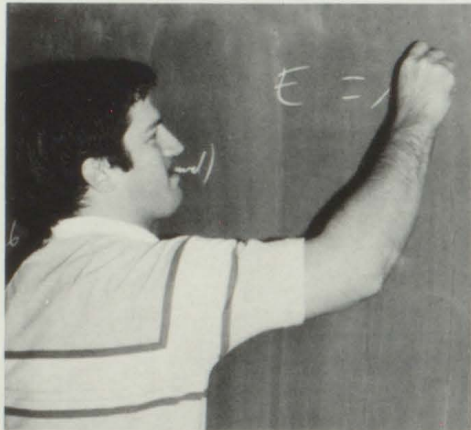
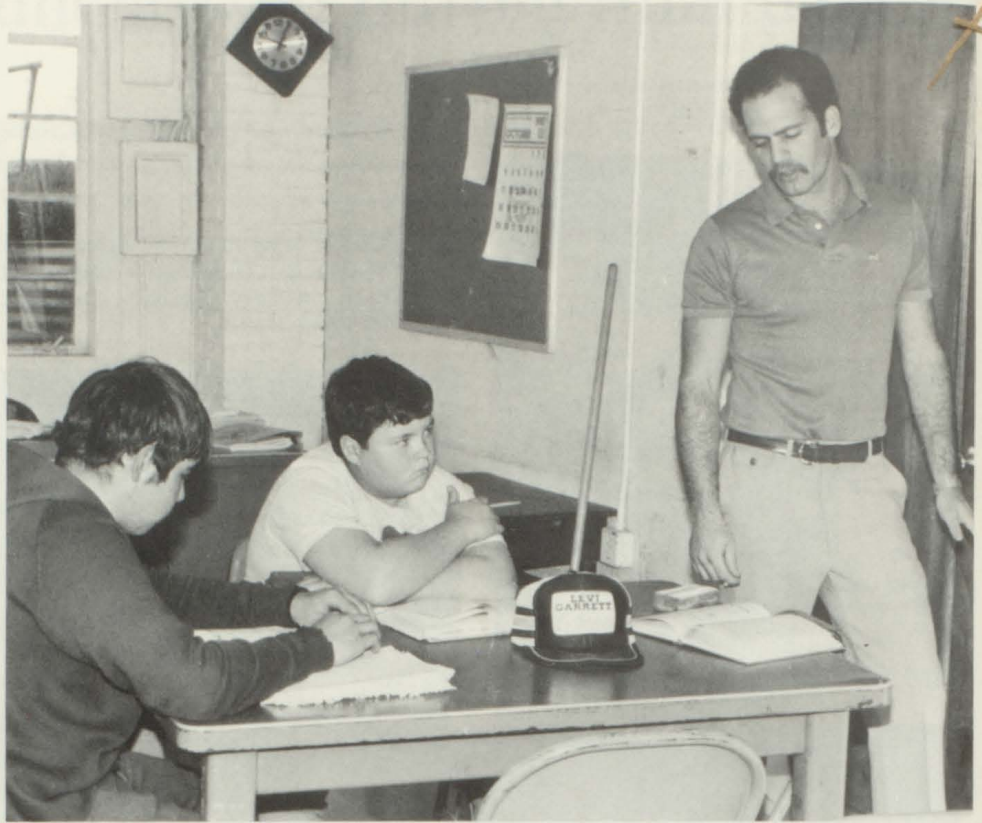
Kathy Kidd receives art award from Mrs. Chris Bird.



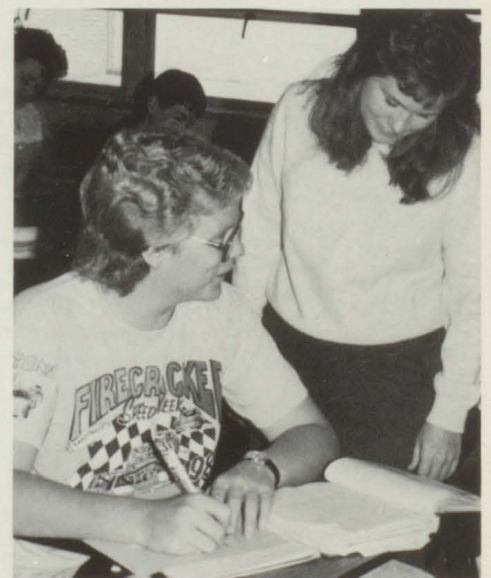
# New math course is added to the curriculum

Experience with math on the computer and then calculus was added to the curriculum as a bonus to the new graduation requirements. Enrollment also increased in the physics class due to the new requirements.

New to the staff was biology teacher Mr. William Hale.

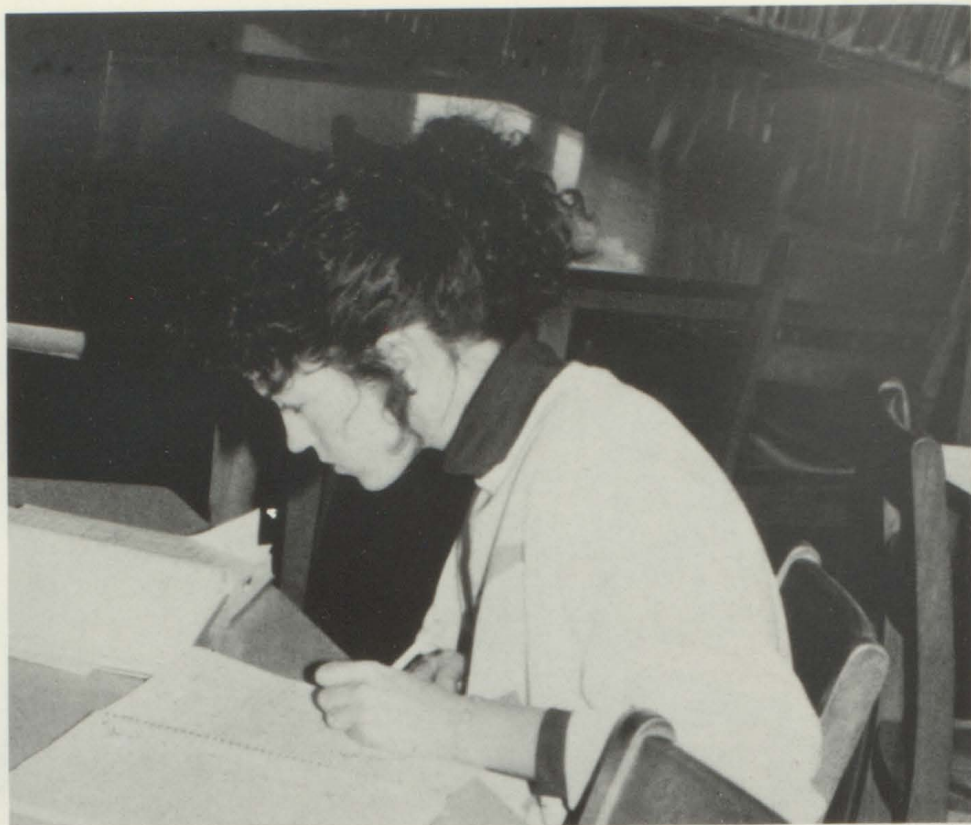
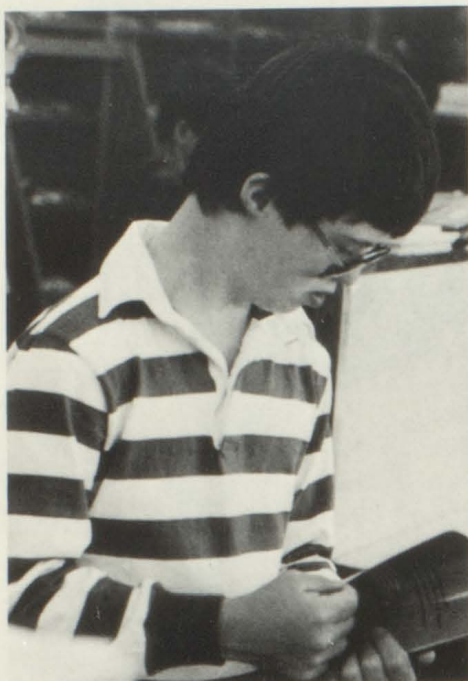


**TOP:** Mr. Rich Hankins works with David Chandler and Brent Davis. **CENTER LEFT:**  $E=mc^2$  Mr. Tommy Bird. **CENTER RIGHT:** Janet Millirons, Doug Boardwine, Vickie Sarver, Sonya Carroll. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Delving into the intricacies of math. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Teacher's pet! Jim Britton, Mrs. Kay Mabe.

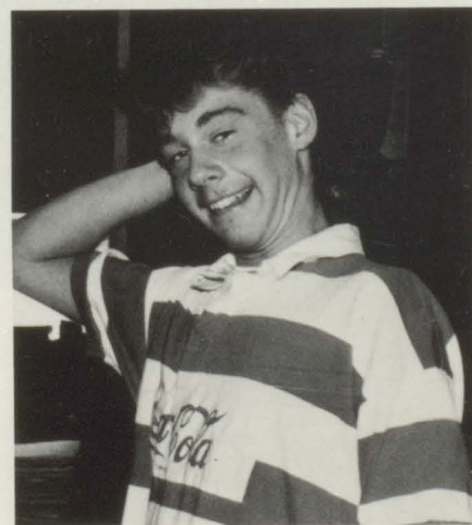




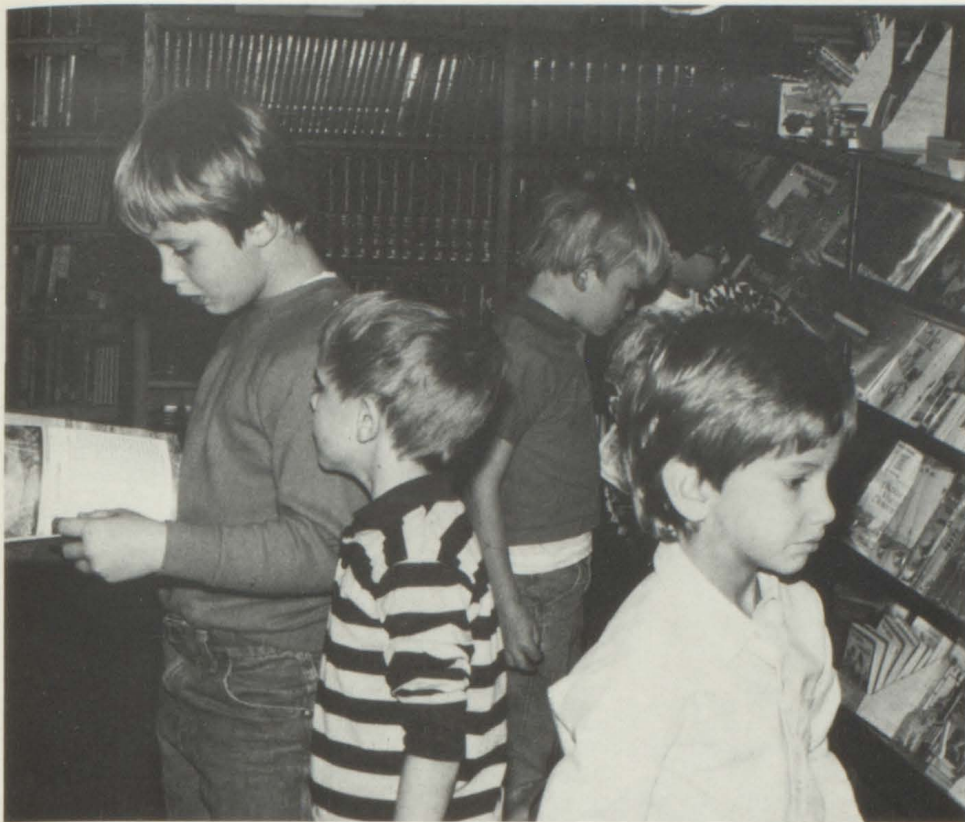
**TOP:** Locating the parts of an earthworm — Randy Townley, Chad Thompson, Kevin Lindamood, Tony Boksa, Mr. Barry Guthrie, Dale Morehead. **CENTER LEFT:** Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows, Hope Pike. **CENTER RIGHT:** Mr. John Wagoner checks student setup. **BOTTOM:** "Hale's Angels"! Mr. William Hale's biology class. Doug Boardwine, Todd Morehead, Allan Newberry, Tresila Sink, Heath Moore, Randy Dillow.



**TOP LEFT:** Michael Paul McPeak checking out the book fair. **TOP RIGHT:** Roberta Kegley makes wise use of her time. **CENTER:** Test time for senior English. Sarah Newberry, Buzz Townley, Lana Lindamood, Karen Strock, Gerhard Schoenthal, Robert Lambert, Roberta Kegley, Ritchie Havens. **BOTTOM:** Takes one in every class — Robbie Waddle in French class.







## Public speaking becomes part of many classes to perfect the art of communication



Learning the art of “the perfect speech” was not an easy task. Language not only covered grammar and literature in English but also French.

Secondary students were required to research controversial subjects and present the information to their classmates to fulfill public speaking SOL. French students had to prepare conversations and present these before their classmates in correct French form. Elementary reading class taught students the art of communication.

New to the English department this year was Mrs. Peggy Hughes.

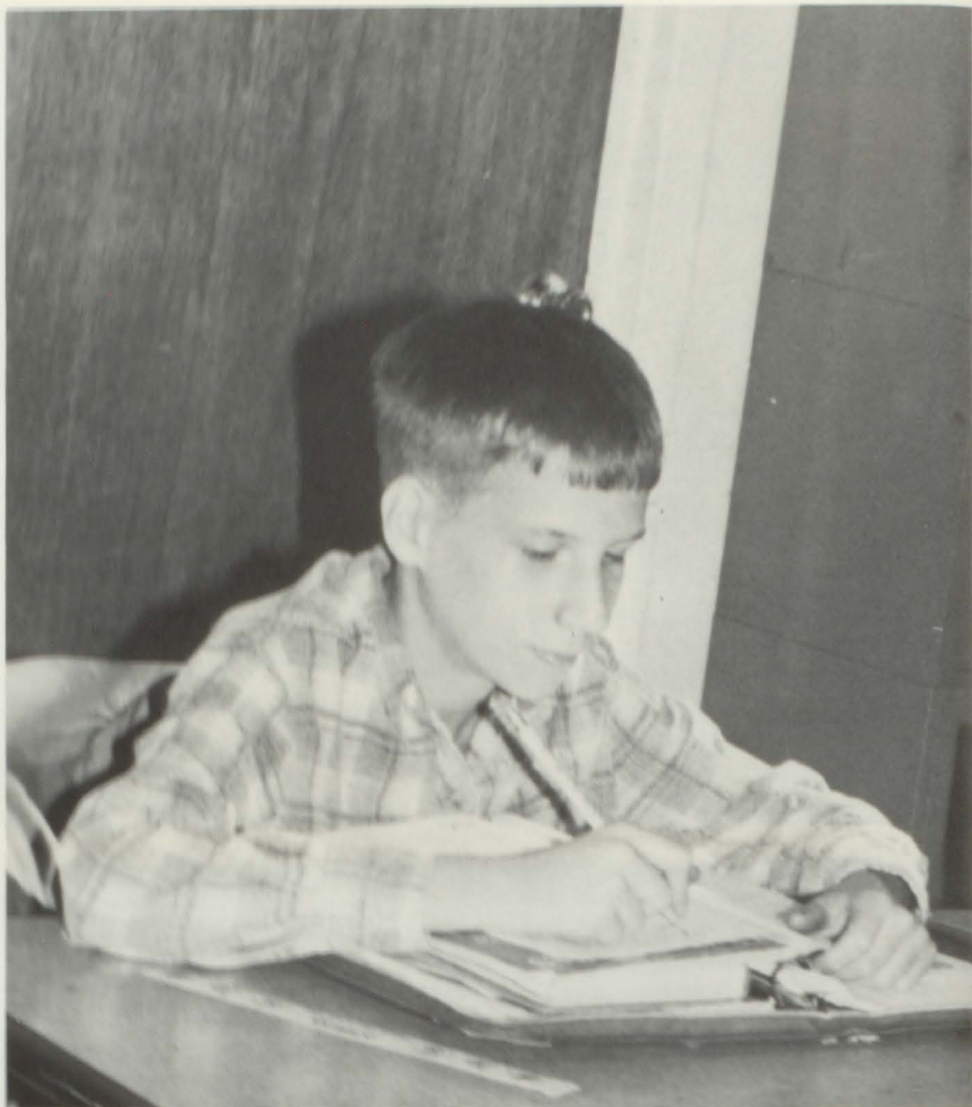


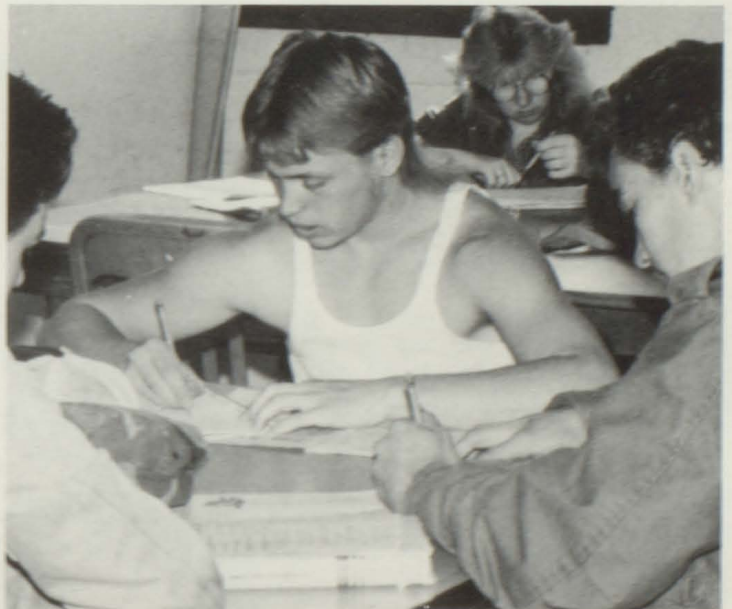
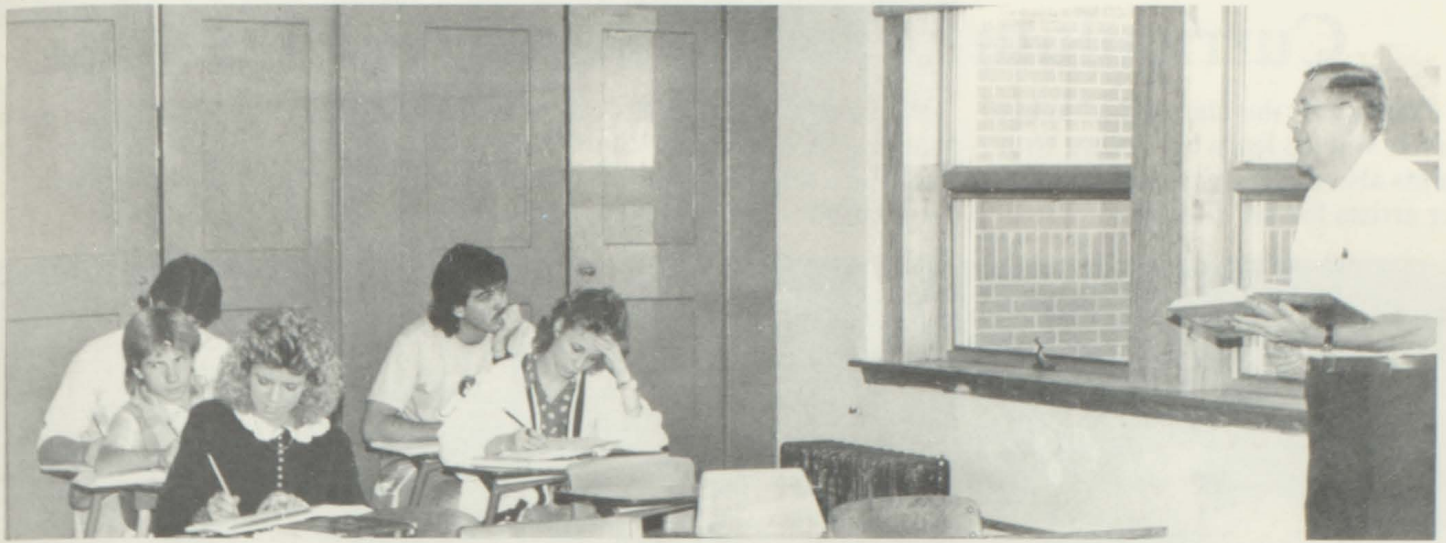
**TOP:** Book fairs are held twice a year to encourage children to read. These students from Mrs. Barbara Justice’s 1st/2nd grade are being selective in their choices. **CENTER:** Mrs. Chris Bird’s 8th grade English students are exposed to new forms and authors of literature. **BOTTOM:** With the advent of computer program “Crossword Magic”, Mrs. Janet Faulkner’s junior English class often pore over crossword puzzles.

# Reliving history gave a greater appreciation of our world.

Fascinating stories and events unfolded before our eyes as we learned about our historical past and the men and women who created it. Reliving the havoc of battles and wars gave us a greater appreciation of the world in which we live.

*TOP:* Kenneth Dye *BOTTOM LEFT:* Michael Paul McPeak follows instructions and example of teacher Donna Musiek. *BOTTOM RIGHT:* Is this joke day in social studies?





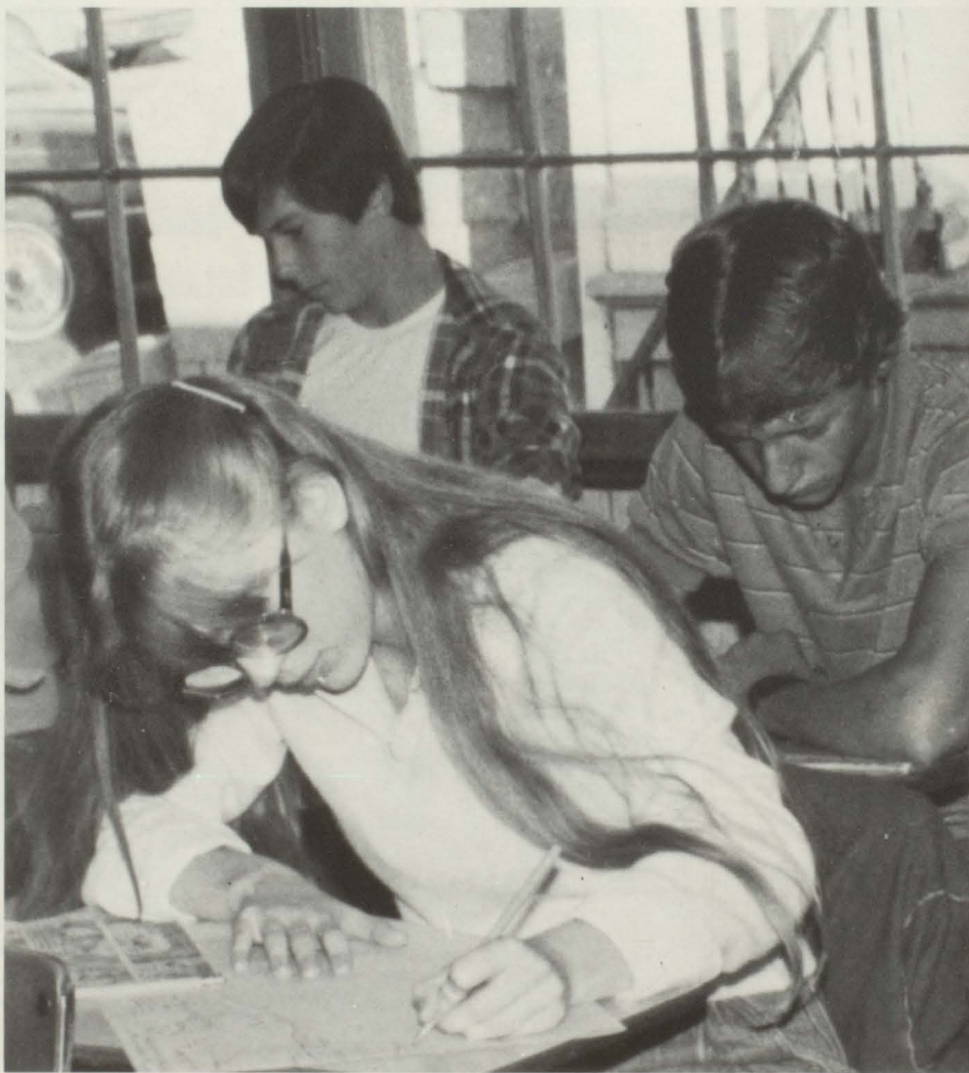
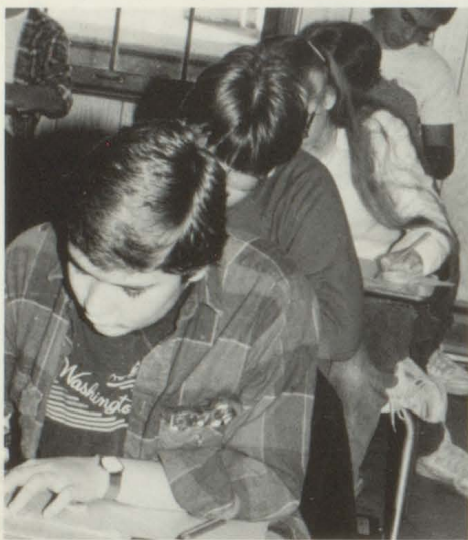
*TOP:* These students know the importance of good note taking. *CENTER:* Social studies is made interesting by Mrs. Carolyn Bane. *BOTTOM LEFT:* Break time for history. *BOTTOM RIGHT:* Mrs. Sandy Harman's social studies class.

# Curriculum becomes more structured.

Comics in the classroom? What better way to learn art forms. Students also did research on the master artists for art history.

Physical education saw drastic changes in the curriculum with gym suits and dressing out being hard-nosed requirements. Struc-

tured exercises were a part of each class and various games were incorporated for fun and fitness.



**TOP:** Drama class working on plans for next production. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Bobby Boardwine works on art assignment. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Art students use comic strips in classwork.



*TOP:* Fifth graders prefer physical education outside. *CENTER LEFT:* Active 2d graders enjoy gym time. *CENTER RIGHT:* Students get into a game of crab soccer. *BOTTOM:* Exercise included relays of the crab walk.



# Vocational choices make up almost 1/4 of the total curriculum

Comprising nearly 1/4 of the total curriculum vocational choices were varied. Students could choose classes in agriculture, business, home living or work/study.



**TOP:** Rusty Meadows, Larry Lafferty, Michael Dillow. **BOTTOM:** Sammy Simmons, ICT student, working at Brown-Boveri, Inc.

**TOP:** Crystal Bruce prepares funnel cakes. **BOTTOM:** Mrs. Betty Munsey instructs 1st year home ec. students on making funnel cakes.



**TOP:** Shop work — Randy Dillow, Lorin Hanshaw, Bradley Davis, Mr. Bill Crabtree, Shannon King.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Blowing up balloons seems a strange lesson for agriculture! 1st year ag. class.

**ABOVE:** ICT students Scott Lambert, Jon Melvin with another Brown-Boveri worker.

# Vocational choices

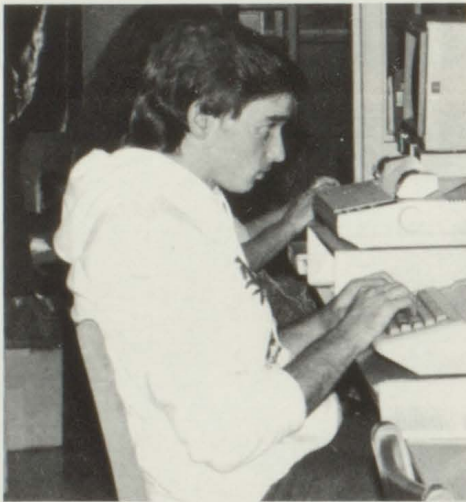
**TOP:** Donna Warden finds intense concentration is necessary for automated accounting.

**CENTER LEFT:** Mike Hounshell puzzles over the intricacies of word processing.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Business computer applications students struggle with instructions to assemble computer desks—Shannon King, Brian Hall, Kevin Fore, Billy Burton.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Expertise on touch calculator — Angel Wood in Office Technology.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** These typewriting students have no problem with “hand watching” **FRONT:** Bobbi Jo Chestnutt, Tina Brown, Pam Chewning. **BACK:** Allison King, Sandy Mitchell, Patricia Austin.





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Bright ready smiles, self-confidence and enthusiasm were necessary qualities for good leadership. Bland leaders possessed at least part of these attributes.



# Organizations



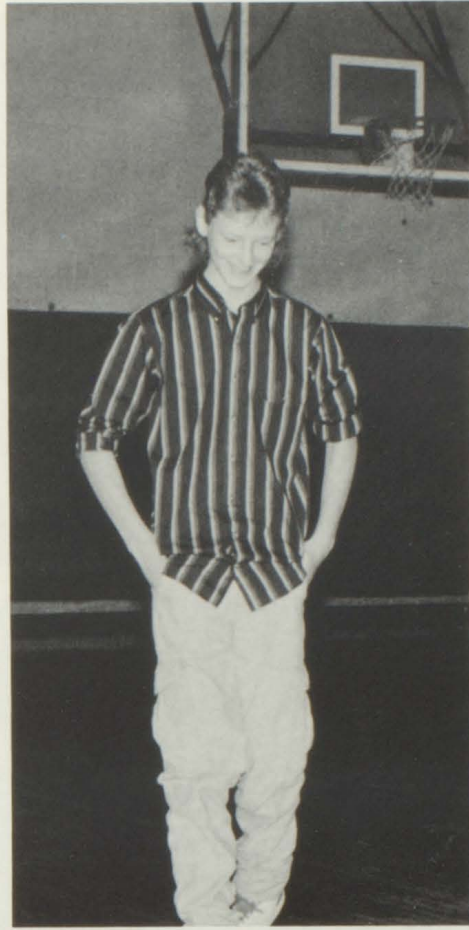
**TOP — JR. BETA OFFICERS:** Clinton Kegley, reporter; Rusty Bird, president; Patrick Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Nancy Gamble, sponsor; Tina Brown, secretary. **CENTER:** Members receive certificates and pins. Tina Johnston, Mrs. Nancy Gamble. **BOTTOM — FRONT ROW:** Rusty Bird, Clinton Kegley, Amanda Harden, Dixie Bruce, Crystal Tibbs. **2ND ROW:** Patrick Smith, Marshall Schoenthal, Heather Smith, Sherri Shewey, Tina Brown, Jennifer Simms. **3RD ROW:** William Tickle, Miracle Mitchem, Tina Johnston, Alison King, Katie Tibbs. **BACK ROW:** Lute Scott, Eric Faulkner, Robbie Brown, Eugene King, David Strock, Jay Meadows.

## Grade levels change

Based on 8th grade academics, grade average must have been 90 or above to be eligible for Jr. Beta. They provided services to the school and community and a trip to Barter Theatre culminated the year.

Sophomores were again admitted to Senior Beta. Grade average

of 90 or above was required for eligibility and for continued membership. Betas proudly hailed state president, Gerhard Schoenthal, as a member and local president. Extensive work preparing talent and scrapbook for the spring convention kept members on their toes.



**TOP LEFT:** Tonya Smith prepares to be sold at the Beta auction. **TOP CENTER:** Chad Thompson shows his humility to prove a good selection at the auction. **TOP RIGHT — BETA OFFICERS —** Gerhard Schoenthal, president. **2ND ROW:** Sarah Newberry, treasurer; Karen Strock, secretary; Roberta Kegley, vice-president. **BACK:** Mrs. Janet Faulkner, sponsor. **TOP RIGHT BOTTOM:** Beta concession-Chip Bird, Robbie Waddle, Donna Warden. **BOTTOM LEFT — FRONT ROW:** Maria Foglesong, Joyce Bruce, Donna Warden, Lana

Lindamood, Jeny Meadows, Mary Echols, Tonya Smith. **2ND ROW:** Tonya Looney, Rachel Havens, JoAnn Shewey, Shannon McGrady, Sonya Chewning, Susan Remines, Amy Haga. **3RD ROW:** Karen Strock, Sarah Newberry, Roberta Kegley, Tony Boksa, Alan Cassell, Robbie Waddle. **BACK ROW:** Robert Lambert, Chip Bird, Chad Thompson, Gerhard Schoenthal, Dale Morehead, Jennifer Stafford. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Sonya Chewning, "It can't be that bad!"

# Forensics wins for 2d year

Winners — *YES!* From an eight school competition Bland's success was overwhelming with five 1st-place winners. For the second year, Bland captured the District Forensics win. First and second place competed at the regional level on March 12. First place winners were Robert Lambert (Boys' Original Oratory), Chip Bird (Boys' Prose Reading), Lana Lindamood (Serious Dramatic Interpretation), Sarah Newberry (Girls' Original Oratory), Roberta Kegley (Girls' Extemporaneous Speaking). Others were Gerhard Schoenthal (2) (Boys' Extemporaneous Speaking),

Darci Groseclose (3) (Girls' Prose Reading), Elizabeth Turner (3) (Humorous Dramatic Interpretation).

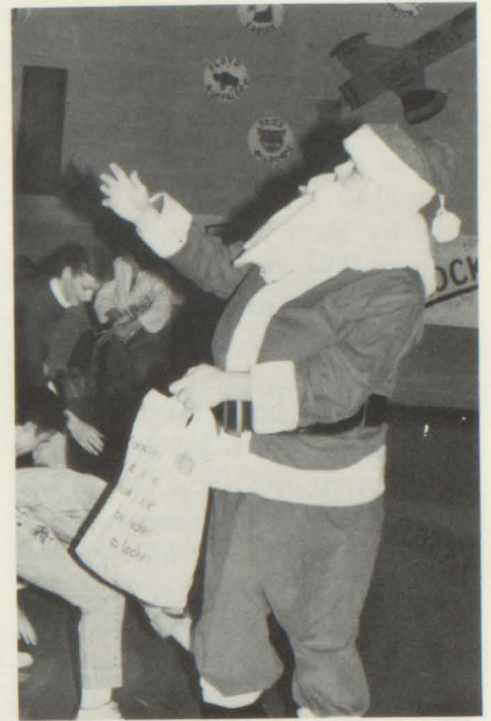
SCA candidates plastered the halls with messages of why you should vote for each of them. This campaigning culminated in speeches via the inter-com on November 20, 1987. Ballot voting followed with honors going to Dale Morehead, president; Andy Putman, vice-president; Tiffany Bowen, secretary; Shannon King, treasurer; Jenny Meadows, reporter.

Lana Lindamood receives congratulations from Mr. Fred Beamer on her district win in drama.

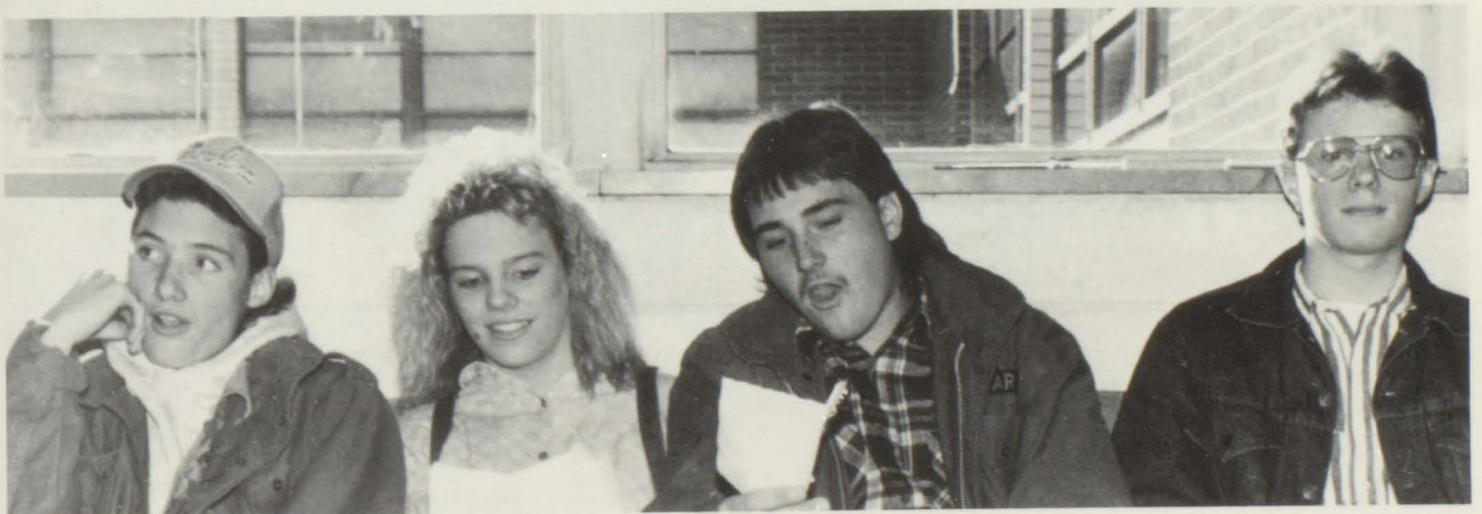


**CENTER: FORENSICS TEAM**-Front Row: Darci Groseclose, Tonya Smith, Lana Lindamood, Elizabeth Turner, Roberta Kegley, Sarah Newberry, Karen Strock  
Back Row: Marshall Schoenthal, Chip Bird, Robert Lambert. *Not pictured* — Gerhard Schoenthal. **BOTTOM: DISTRICT COMPETITION team and helpers**-Front Row: Barbara Meadows, Hope Pike, Heather Smith, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Tonya Smith, Stephanie Meadows, Donna Warden, Vicki Close, Elizabeth Turner, Darci Groseclose, Lana Lindamood, Roberta Kegley, Karen Strock, Sarah Newberry, Sonya Carroll, Clint Kegley, Rusty Bird, Mrs. Christine Bird, advisor.  
Back Row: Robert Lambert, Aaron Newberry, Kevin Fore, Tiffany Bowen, Shannon King, Andy Putman, Chip Bird, Gerhard Schoenthal, Marshall Schoenthal.





**TOP LEFT:** -SCA council-Front Row: Jenny Meadows (reporter), Becky Bird, Lana Lindamood. 2nd Row: Julie Baxley, Miracle Mitchem, Donna Wiley. 3rd Row: Roberta Kegley, Tonya Looney, Dale Morehead (president). Back Row: Andy Putman (vice-president), Tiffany Bowen (secretary), Kim Crabtree, Mr. John Wagoner, sponsor. **TOP RIGHT:** Santa (Leslie Duncan) distributes candy and students scramble to retrieve it. **CENTER LEFT:** This campaign speech was a winner for Dale Morehead who won the race for SCA president. **CENTER:** SCA program-Santa talks to Pee Wee Blankenship about his Christmas list. **BOTTOM:** Last minute jitters before facing the inter-com with SCA campaign speeches. Andy Putman, Lana Lindamood, Shannon King, Dale Morehead.



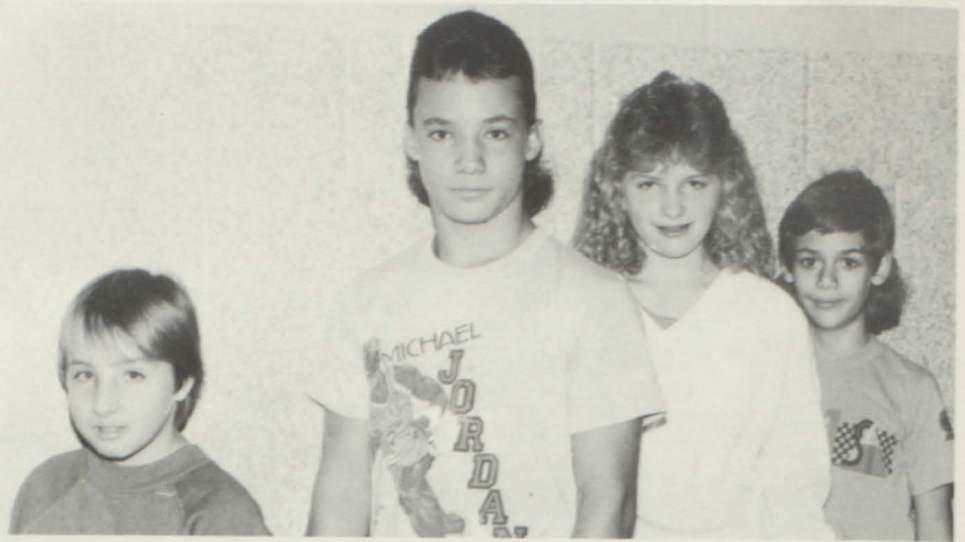
# Projects kept organizations busy

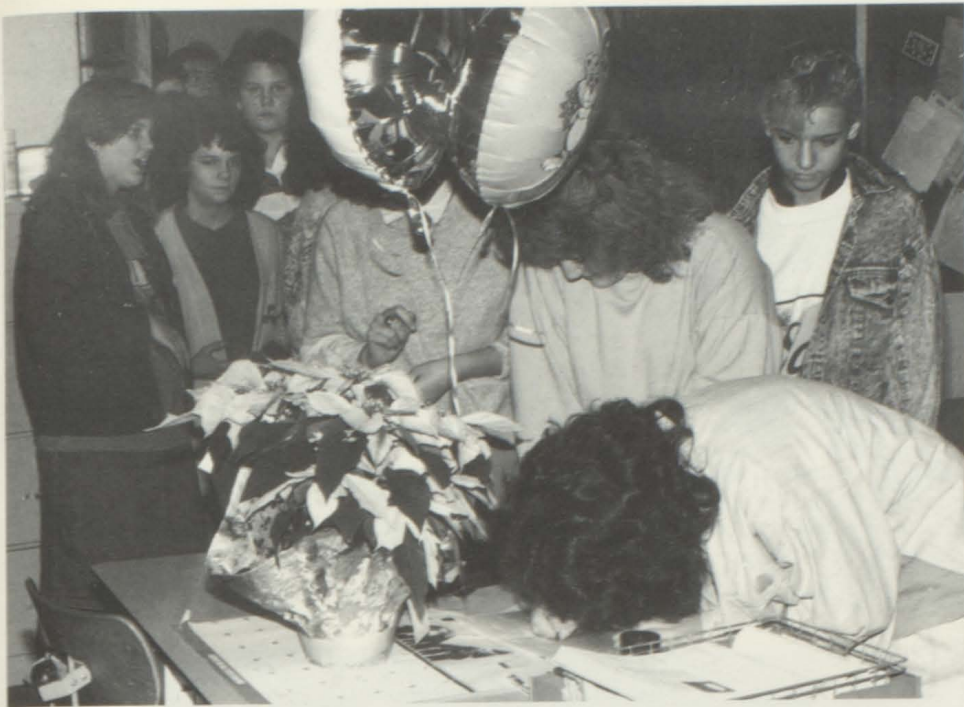
The safety patrol was in charge of getting the small bundles to and from their buses safely. This was an honor bestowed upon the members of the 7th grade class. They were always under strict supervision by their headmasters, Mrs. Margie Powers and Mrs. Vickie Ogle. A rewarding trip to Williamsburg made all their efforts worth while.

FBLA kept busy throughout the year. The Little Miss and Junior Miss contest, the Snow Queen and King dance, pizza parties, and many other projects were only a few milestones the members had to overcome. They dedicated long hours of hard work for regional competition in hopes of advancing to state competition and a trip away from home for a weekend.

Our FBLA chapter has been an honor chapter since 1979, when it was first formed and has been a Gold Seal Chapter since 1980. Once again, FBLA hopes to be awarded with these honors.

**TOP:** Safety patrol officers — Bridgette Penley, president; Joe Putman, vice-president; Cindy Justice, secretary; Nathan Romano, reporter. **CENTER:** 7th grade officers — Stephanie Goins, president; Lori Compton, vice-president; Sheree Burton, secretary; Rebecca Mallory, treasurer. **BOTTOM — FRONT ROW:** Bridgette Penley, Douglas Wiley, Eric Martin, Christy Wellman, Tina Kimberlin, Robert Sexton, Kevin Pauley. **2ND ROW:** Matthew Newberry, Pam Harden, Molly Richardson, Cindy Justice, Lori Compton, Nathan Romano, John Reed. **3RD ROW:** Rachel Davis, Kathy Shewey, Marie Wyatt, Mary Margaret Gibson, Sheree Burton, Lelia Paciga. **BACK ROW:** Travis Simmons, Joe Putman, Crystal Thompson, Stephanie Goins, sponsors Mrs. Margie Powers and Mrs. Vicki Ogle, Stacy Tibbs.





**TOP:** FBLA members sign a get well card for Mrs. Kegley. **CENTER — FBLA OFFICERS:** Sarah Newberry, president; Christie Wolfe, vice-president; Chip Bird, secretary; Karen Strock, treasurer; JoAnn Shewey, reporter; Roberta Kegley, parliamentarian; Tony Boksa, historian; Mrs. Jessie Kegley, sponsor. **BOTTOM — FRONT ROW:** Sarah Umbarger, Crystal Tibbs, Amanda Harden, Barbara Meadows, Angel Wood, Sarah Thompson, Tina Brown, Hope Pike. **2ND ROW:** Heather Smith, Sherri Shewey, Jennifer Simms, Julie Baxley, Sonya Carroll, Angela Atwell, Rachel Havens, Donna Lambert. **3RD ROW:** Tracy Repass, Amanda Pauley, Mary Echols, Vicki Sarver, Sarah Newberry, Roberta Kegley, Eric Faulkner, Robbie Brown. **4TH ROW:** JoAnn Shewey, Aaron Newberry, Brian Townley, Shannon King, Kim Crabtree, Karen Strock, Tony Boksa, Chris Dillow. **BACK ROW:** Ritchie Havens, Chip Bird, Darci Groseclose, Mike Hounshell, Andy Putman, Jerome Meadows, Dale Morehead.





**FFA JUDGING TEAM** — 2nd place winners: David Chandler, Billy Burton, Dale Morehead. *Front* — John Michael Mustard-1st place overall trophy winner.



**FFA OFFICERS** — *FRONT ROW*: Shannon King, sentinel; Jon Melvin, 1st vice-president; Billy Burton, president; *2ND ROW*: Kim Crabtree, secretary; Steven

King, treasurer; Lorin Hanshew, reporter. *BACK ROW*: Mr. Bill Crabtree, sponsor; David Strock, 2nd vice-president.

**2ND-5TH YEAR MEMBERS** — *FRONT ROW*: J.R. Harris, Brandon Farlow, John Thompson, Tony Boksa, David Chandler, John Simmons, Scott Tickle. *2ND ROW*: Jason Ramsey, Duane Compton, Travis Munsey, Brian Farlow, Jamie Asbury, Brad Havens, Tim Clemons. *3RD ROW*: Shannon King, Kim Crabtree, Andy Putman, Brad Davis, Dale Morehead, Darrel Wright. *4TH ROW*: Rusty Havens, Randy Dillow, David Strock, Mark Gusler, John Mustard, Barry Fulford. *5TH ROW*: Sammy Simmons, Billy Burton, Randy Townley, Jon Melvin, Lorin Hanshew, Steven King. *BACK ROW*: Ronnie King, Dayton Morehead, John Stafford, Stacy Bruce.



**1ST YEAR MEMBERS** — *FRONT ROW*: Michael Dillow, Zachary Burton, Rusty Meadows, Robert Davis. *BACK ROW*: Jason Gusler, Scott Gusler, Charlie Thompson, Robbie Taylor, Jimmy Duncan, Matthew Morehead.

*FRONT ROW*: Scott Lafferty, Jason Hall, Travis Morehead, Thomas Nunley, Roger Blankenship, Greg Boksa, Tommy Wolfe. *2ND ROW*: Jeb Barker, Danny Morehead,





**ART OFFICERS:** Freda Davis, president; Julie Pauley, vice-president; Pam Dillow, secretary; Patricia Nelson, treasurer; Mrs. Peggy Hughes, sponsor; Ronnie King, reporter.



**CENTER-ART MEMBERS — FRONT ROW:** Tammy Swanson, Amanda Baxley, Pam Dillow, Patricia Nelson, Freda Davis. **2ND ROW:** Mark Gusler, Shawn Wilcoxon, Julie Pauley, Sarah Newberry, Angela Atwell. **3RD ROW:** Mike Sage, Angela Dalton, Donna Wiley, Tommy Wolfe. **4TH ROW:** Brian Fore, Brian Farlow, Jim Britton, Larry Lafferty. **BACK ROW:** Ellis Wade, Wayne Hubble, Kevin Lindamood, Ronnie King.

**TOP:** Art members work with cartoons during class — Brian Farlow, Pam Dillow, Freda Davis, Patricia Nelson.

**FHA OFFICERS — FRONT ROW:** April Newberry, reporter; Janet Millirons, president; Joyce Bruce, 2nd vice-president. **2ND ROW:** Amy Haga, corresponding secretary; JoAnn Shewey, 1st vice-president; Freda Davis, treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Sandy Mitchell and Dusty King, sargents-at-arms; Darci Groseclose, recording secretary; Pam Dillow, chaplain.



**3RD, 4TH, 5TH YEAR MEMBERS — FRONT ROW:** Jennifer Stafford, Maria Foglesong, Vicki French, Janet Millirons, Pam Dillow, Freda Davis, Angela Atwell, Lana Lindamood, Darci Groseclose. **2ND ROW:** Amanda Pauley, Joyce Bruce, Amanda Baxley, Patricia Nelson, Amy Haga, Jenny Umbarger, Rachel Havens. **BACK ROW:** JoAnn Shewey, April Newberry, Dusty King, Sandy Mitchell, Patricia Austin, Becky Winesett.



**2ND YEAR MEMBERS — FRONT ROW:** Patricia Stowers, Crystal Tibbs, Amanda Harden, Barbara Meadows, Dixie Bruce. **2ND ROW:** Tracy Repass, Allison King, Miracle Mitchem, Tina Johnston. **3RD ROW:** Michelle Spangler, Rita Hamblin. **4TH ROW:** Wayne Colley, Samantha Waddle, Jennifer Simms, Julie Baxley. **BACK ROW:** Pam Chewning, Heather Smith, Tina Brown, Pam Wright.



**1ST YEAR MEMBERS FRONT ROW:** Katie Tibbs, Crystal Bruce, Sarah Umbarger, Tina Hounshell, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Hope Pike. **2ND ROW:** Cindy Blevins, Ginger Dillow, Stephanie DeHart, Tresila Sink, Holly Warden, Tonya Ferguson. **BACK ROW:** Brent Davis, Scott Lambert, Heather Olinger, Julie Overbaugh, Kandi Farley, Julie Strock, Angela Dalton.



# Learning/working benefits many students.

Mrs. Carolyn Bane has supervised the Industrial Cooperative Training program since its induction in 1978. These students also

belong to the VICA club.

The spring of 1987 found FHA members, friends, relatives and chaperons on the beaches of Flor-

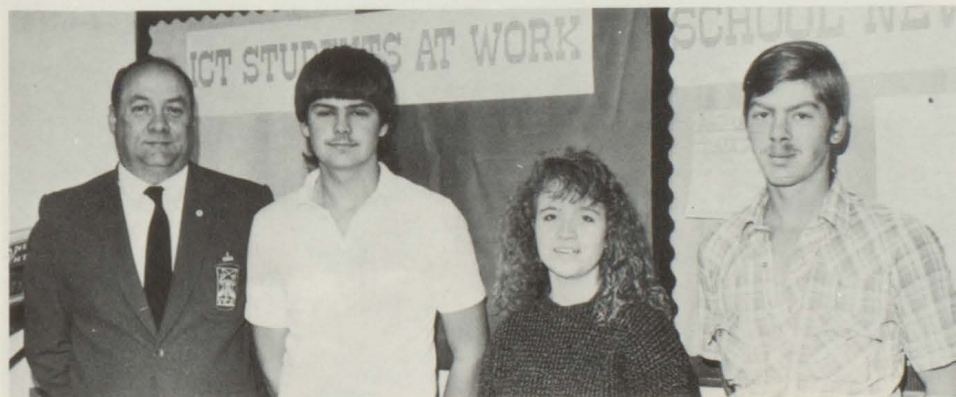
ida while Bland citizens were battling a 12" snow on April 3. FHA's return trip had to be rerouted because of the snow.



**VICA MEMBERS** — **FRONT ROW:** Sammy Simmons, Becky Brewster, Jon Melvin. **BACK ROW:** Scott Lambert, Jim Colley, Mrs. Carolyn Bane, sponsor, Kevin Wright. Not pictured Wayne Colley.



**VICA OFFICERS** — **FRONT ROW:** Sammy Simmons, secretary; Becky Brewster, vice-president; Jon Melvin, president. **BACK ROW:** Scott Lambert, treasurer; Wayne Colley, parliamentarian; Kevin Wright, reporter.



Mr. Lee Ross, executive director, visits ICT classroom with Jon Melvin, Becky Brewster and Wayne Colley.

# New publishers wrought dramatic changes for both publications.

"Another deadline already?" Students felt they occurred too often in both yearbook and newspaper. The yearbook staff started off with the advertising drive in both Wytheville and Bland. They then started having workshops after school to decide on the cover and to work on pages due. They held the annual Miss Echo program to honor the student who sold the most yearbook subscriptions. The yearbook staff changed publishers so everything was new. An IBM PC XT was part of the package deal

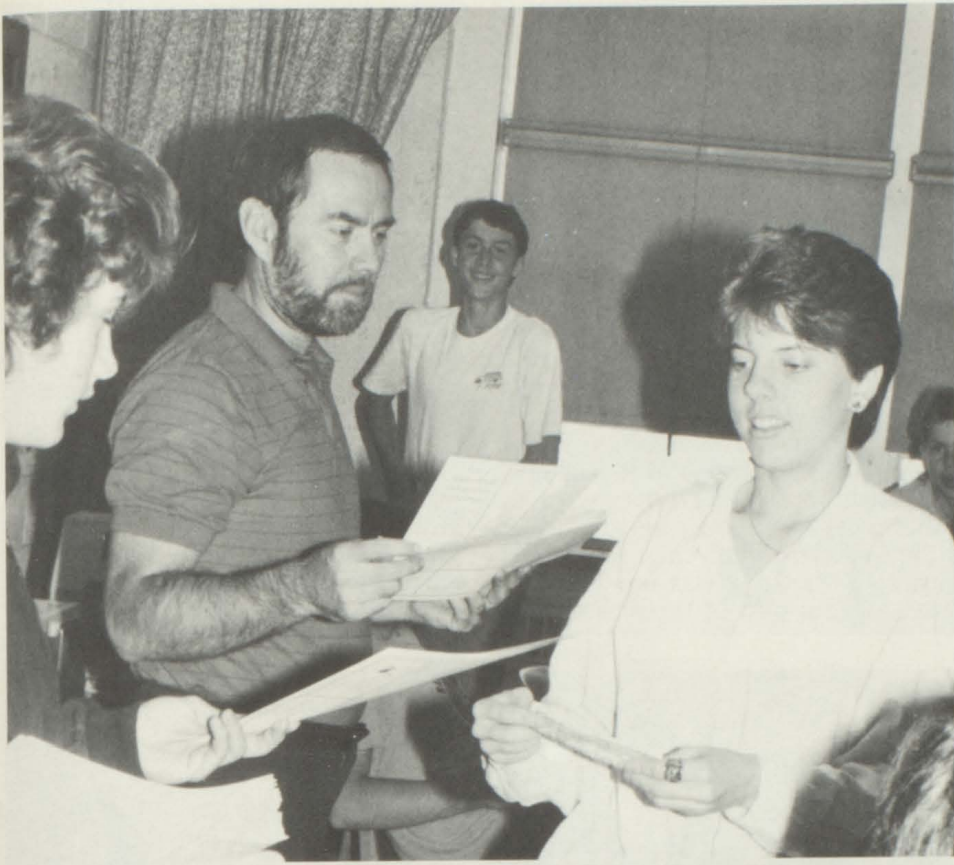
and all copy had to be submitted on disks thus making deadline dates hectic. The staff included one senior, two juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen.

The newspaper staff had 28 members with sponsors Mrs. Sandy Harman and Mrs. Chris Bird. The paper featured advertising from different companies around Bland. For the first time the paper contained horoscopes and pictures and was done by a commercial printer, WordsPrint of Wytheville.



**TOP LEFT:** Karen Strock plans page layout, cropping and marking pictures. **TOP RIGHT:** Senior Editor Karen Strock and Junior Associate Editor Sonya Chewning select class pictures for page layouts. **BOTTOM:** Staff members enjoy and compare pictures as they prepare layout — Tonya Smith, Amy Haga, Pam Chewning, April Newberry, Lana Lindamood, Sherri Shewey. *Not pictured, Tony Boksa.*





**TOP:** Julie Strock delivers first edition of '87-'88 newspaper to Becky Winesett. Mr. Robin Thacker is amused by front page article.



**CENTER:** Organizational meeting of newspaper under sponsors Mrs. Chris Bird and Mrs. Sandy Harman. **BOTTOM LEFT** — Newspaper Staff — **Front Row:** Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Becky Bird, Hope Pike, Elizabeth Turner, Tonya Ferguson, Robert Lambert, Darci Groseclose. **2nd Row:** Ginger Dillow, Sarah Umbarger, Angel Wood, Crystal Tibbs, Tina Hounshell, Holly Warden, Sonya Carroll. **3rd Row:** Rusty Bird, Donna Warden, Vicki Sarver, Lana Lindamood, Barbara Meadows, Tiffany Bowen. **Back Row:** Aaron Newberry, Brad Dillow, Shannon King, Andy Putman, Randy Dillow, Kevin Fore, Chip Bird. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Researching and planning a name change from *The Hill-top News* to *The Rocket Review*.

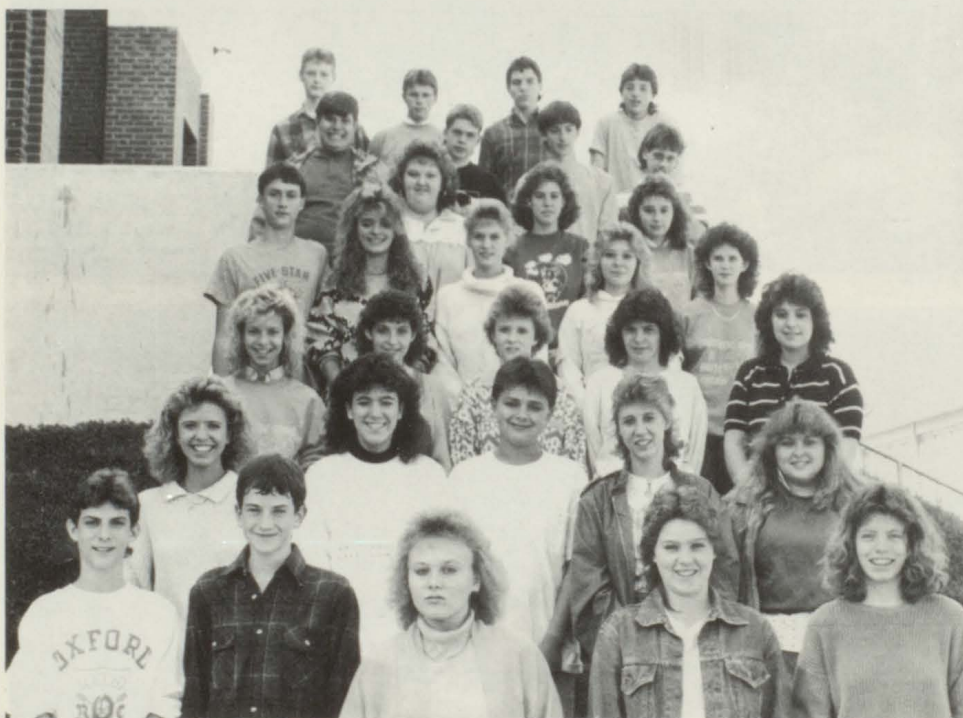


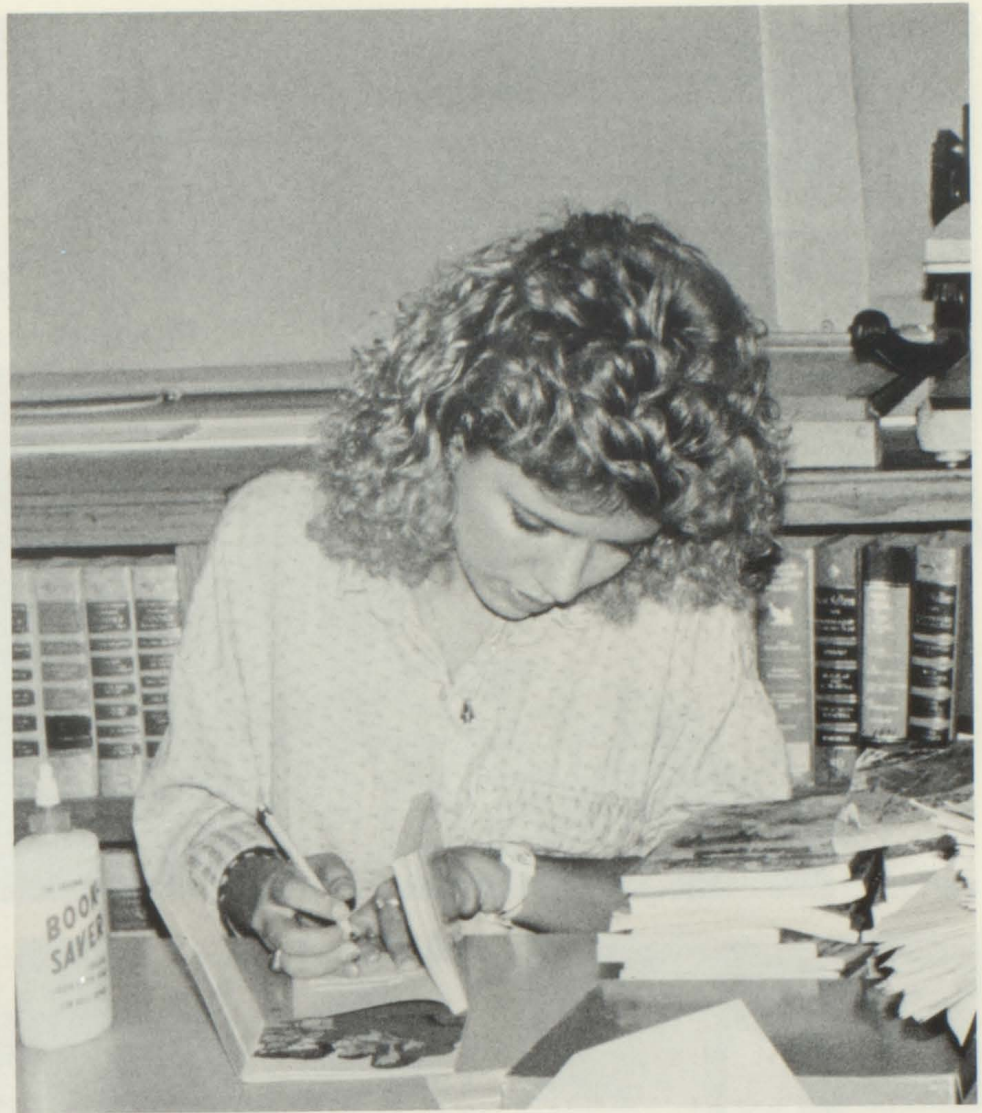
# Trips were earned in spite of the weather.

On one of the windiest days of the year the French club held a car wash to raise money for their trip to New York. They also sold raffle tickets for free video rentals and an AM/FM walkman and sold pizzas. Plans were to visit the Statue of Liberty, two Broadway shows, Radio City Music Hall and the famous Tavern on the Green Restaurant.

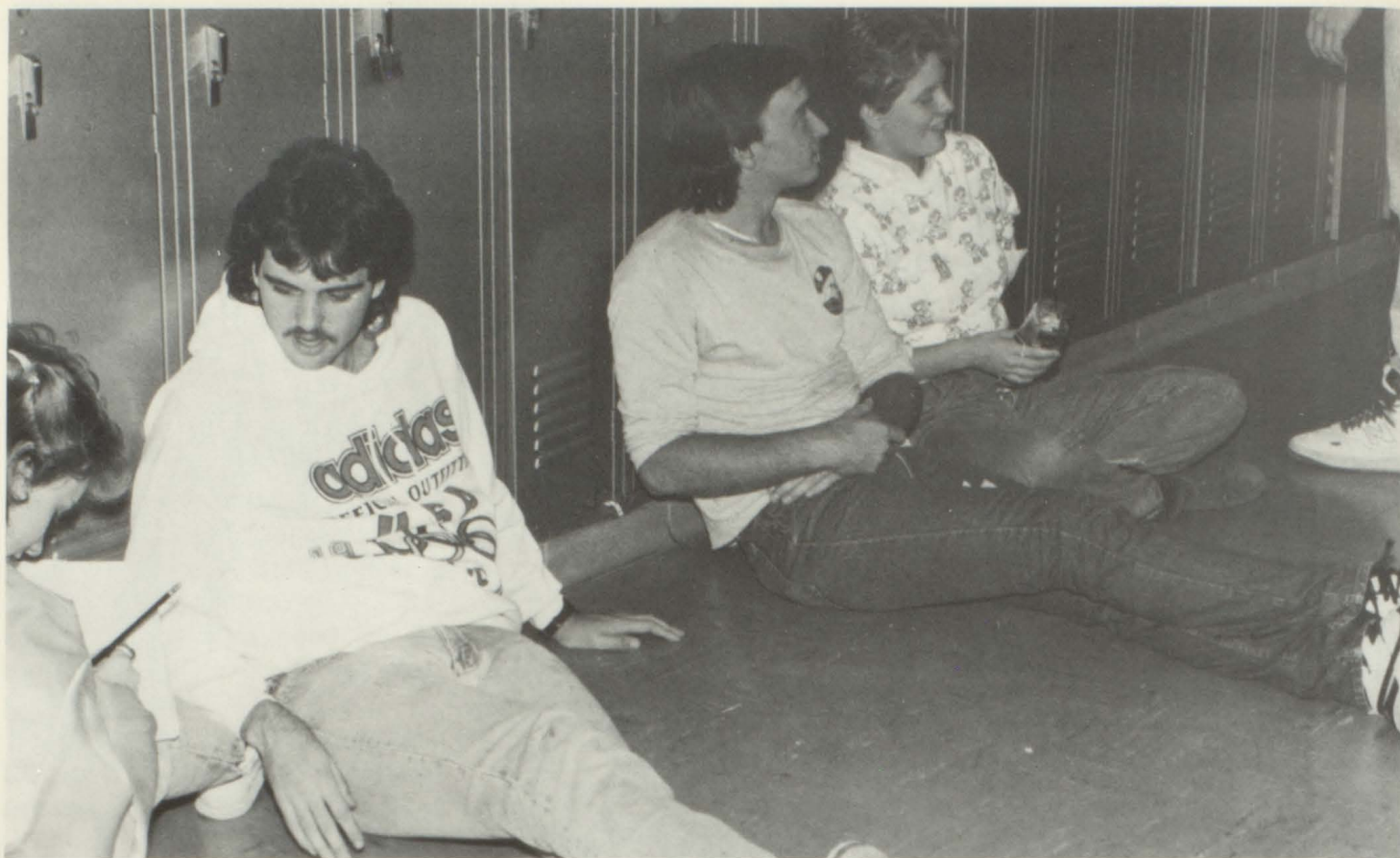
Posters were the order of the day for the Library club's chief fund raiser with a monetary award to the top seller. This was won by Tina Hounshell. Book fairs were another successful money maker. In the spring a date was set, pizzas ordered, and a work session was on, combining pleasure and "drudgery." In May, club members took a field trip to Radford University touring the library and campus.

**TOP:** The class most teachers only dream of! This cake was a source of pleasure to French III during their Christmas party. **FRONT ROW:** Sarah Strock, Tiffany Bowen, Tonya Smith. **BACK ROW:** Miss Diane Rowe, Robbie Waddle, Julie Pauley, Sonya Chewning, Christie Wolfe, Robert Lambert, Susan Remines, JoAnn Shewey. **CENTER — FRENCH CLUB OFFICERS:** Julie Pauley, president; Robert Lambert, vice-president; Sarah Strock, secretary; Sonya Chewning, treasurer; Ms Diane Rowe, sponsor. **BOTTOM — FRONT ROW:** Rusty Bird, Clint Kegley, Christie Wolfe, Sarah Strock, Julie Pauley. **2ND ROW:** Tonya Smith, Amy Haga, Marshall Schoenthal, Sonya Chewning, April Newberry. **3RD ROW:** Heather Smith, Sherri Shewey, Pam Chewning, Samantha Sherrle, Tonya Looney. **4TH ROW:** Patrick Smith, Tiffany Bowen, Susan Remines, Julie Baxley, Mary Echols. **5TH ROW:** JoAnn Shewey, Jenny Meadows, Tresila Sink. **6TH ROW:** Eugene King, William Tickle, David King, Robbie Waddle. **BACK ROW:** Chad Thompson, Dale Morehead, Robert Lambert, Aaron Newberry.

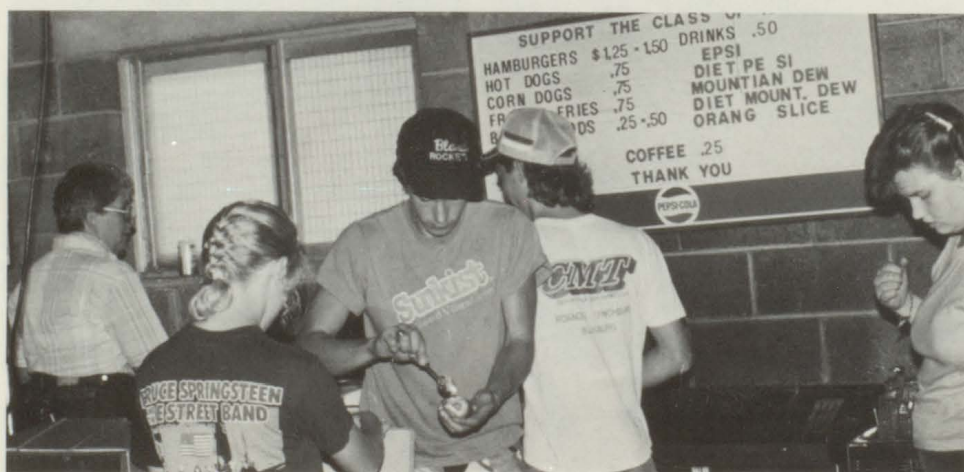




**TOP LEFT:** Elementary students browse during book fair. Sherri Blankenship and Samantha Thompson. **TOP RIGHT:** Tonya Smith makes valuable use of free time by helping get books ready for the shelves. **CENTER — LIBRARY OFFICERS:** Lana Lindamood, president; Brad Dillow, vice-president; Tiffany Bowen, secretary; Vicki Sarver, treasurer; Andy Putman, reporter. **BOTTOM — FRONT ROW:** Tonya Looney, April Newberry, JoAnn Shewey. **2ND ROW:** Tina Hounshell, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Meadows, Holly Warden, Tina Brown, Hope Pike, Heather Smith. **3RD ROW:** Doug Boardwine, Darci Groseclose, Tiffany Bowen, Amy Haga, Andy Putman, Brad Dillow, Shannon King. **BACK ROW:** Becky Bird, Sarah Umbarger, Donna Warden, Tonya Smith, Christie Wolfe, Joyce Bruce, Lana Lindamood, Vicki Sarver, Julie Pauley.



**TOP:** Before school and at lunch time couples sit together to converse and study. **CENTER LEFT:** Yes, Ritchie, you do have enough hair for ponytails. Mrs. Kay Mabe and Ritchie Havens. **CENTER:** Mrs. Chris Bird and Mrs. Sandy Harman. **CENTER RIGHT:** Lorin Hanshaw and Billy Burton try to beat the computer. **BOTTOM:** Senior booth during the fair — Mrs. Carolyn Bane, Angela Atwell, Ritchie Havens, Andy Putman, Jennifer Stafford.





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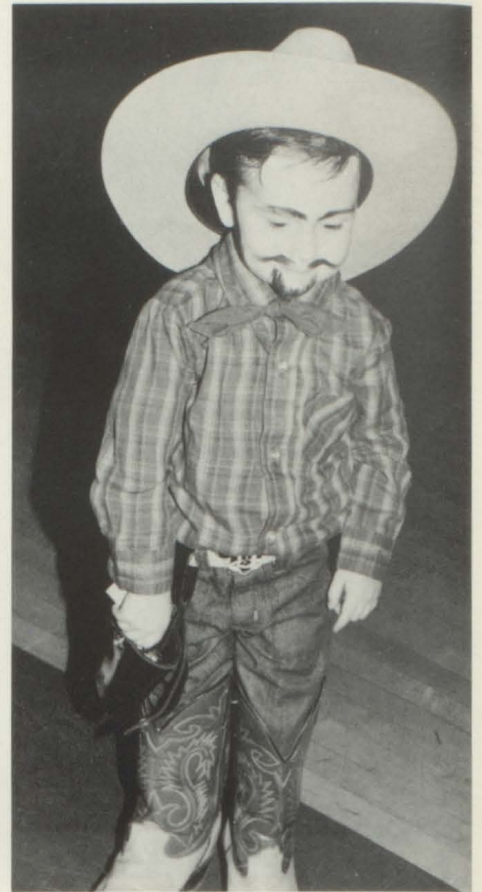
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Small communities tend to be close and caring. Bland definitely fits that description. Old and young keep in touch and take interest in all local events.

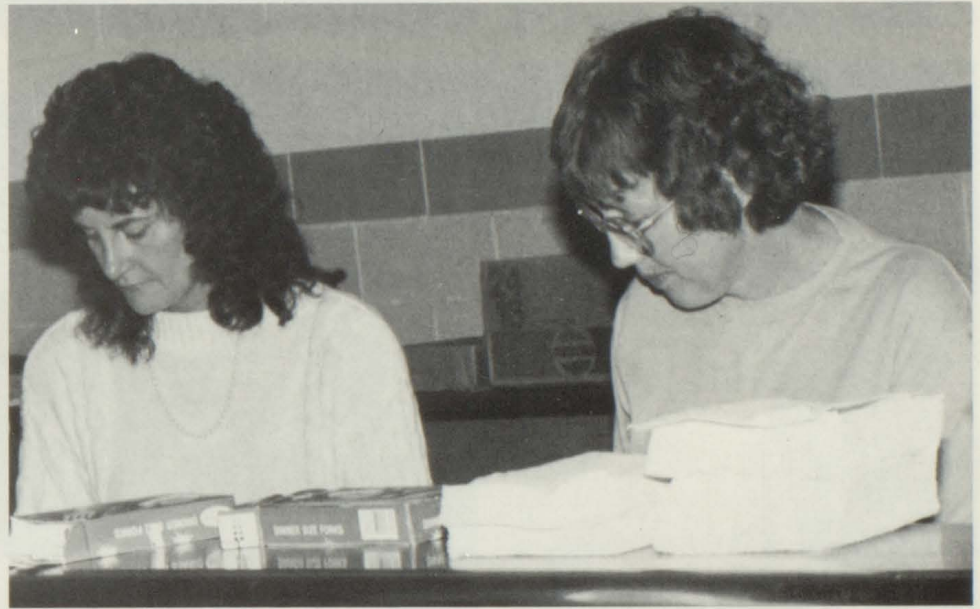


# Community Life



**TOP LEFT:** Mechanicsburg United Methodist Charge enroute to Camp Wesley Woods, Tenn. **TOP RIGHT:** A cowboy and his gun are never parted—Anthony Newberry. **CENTER LEFT:** Ruritans at collection booth for the fair. **CENTER RIGHT:** FFA annual student-parent banquet. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Ben and Trenton Meadows and Stephanie Kelley at Lord's Acre sale. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Bingo booth at the fair.





**TOP:** Food sale at the Lord's Acre sale. **CENTER LEFT:** Repentance Mike Jackson?? **CENTER RIGHT:** Kathy Havens, Jane Hall, in PTA service. **BOTTOM:** Connie Puckett shares lunchtime with her son Heath during National School Lunch Week.

# A close-knit community works and plays together.

Beautiful surroundings where neighbor knows and cares about neighbor abound in Bland County. People work together in civic affairs, church and school to improve the county. Joining together in play they encourage adult sports, music sessions, camping and eating.

Many community people were the product of Bland's education system and they continue to attend and support the system that gave them opportunity.



**TOP LEFT:** Patsy Muncy in PTA service. **TOP RIGHT:** Rumor is that this ugly, tattered creature is head honcho in the clerk's office. **CENTER LEFT:** One of many homecomings throughout the county. **CENTER RIGHT:** Friendly folk reminisce at Central's homecoming. **BOTTOM:** Local citizens form string band.





**TOP LEFT:** Cicero Havens competes in tractor contest at the fair. **TOP RIGHT:** Assisting at baseball games is Skip Dillow.

**BOTTOM:** New to the county are these llamas with proud owners Carolyn and Bob Bane.



**TOP:** First graders are taught bus safety by Mrs. Susie Meadows. **CENTER LEFT:** Mrs. Carol Blankenship of Brown Boveri, Inc. speaks to business students on correct job application and interview procedures. **CENTER RIGHT:** Meeting of the spiritual minds at Central's homecoming — Rev. Billie Mustard, Mrs. Marie Neal, Rev. Wiley Neal, Rev. Mike Jackson. **BOTTOM:** Friends get together during county fair.

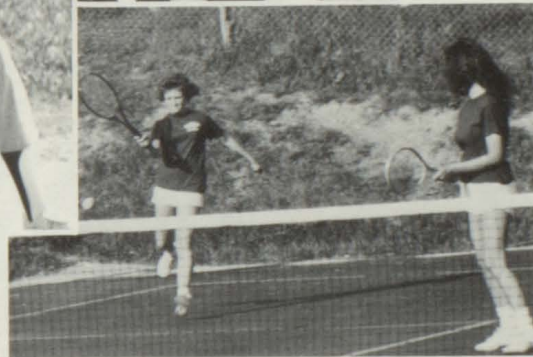
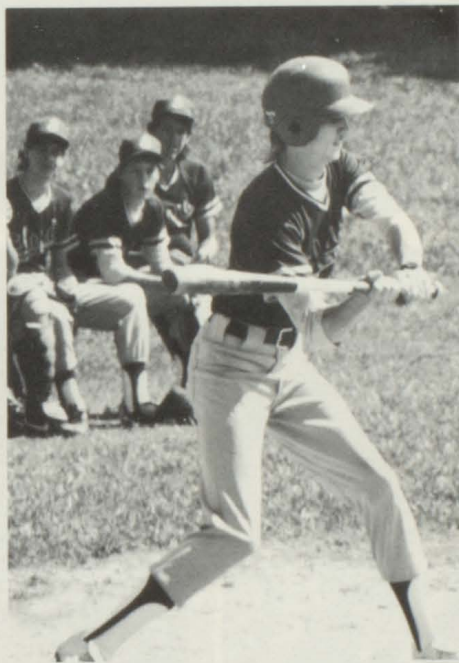


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Athletic activities provide the flavoring for the "cake" and bind students to students and to the community. Sports fans are supportive of the teams even in off years.



# Sports



## Discipline and precision necessary for squad.

Summer gymnastic classes laid the foundation for perfecting cartwheels, splits, human pyramids and formations. Discipline and weekly practices created an atmosphere of teamwork to produce a successful year in leading school spirit and Rocket support.

Eight girls from grades 9-12 comprised the 87-88 squad. Mrs. Peggy Hughes served as sponsor, a time-consuming, often exasperating, but enjoyable task.



**TOP — CHEERLEADERS-BOTTOM ROW:** Tonya Smith, Lana Lindamood (captain), Donna Lambert. **TOP ROW:** Amy Haga, Susan Remines, Heather Smith, Tiffany Bowen (co-captain), Donna Warden. **BOTTOM CENTER:** Squad lends encouragement to basketball teams. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** "Hello" pyramid introduction to visiting squad.







*LEFT:* Rachel Havens receives inbound pass. *RIGHT:* Amanda Harden creates a tight defense.



*LEFT:* Samantha Waddle gets over her opponent. *ABOVE:* Kim Crabtree goes above Rocky Gap.



*ABOVE:* Sarah Strock and hands everywhere.



**TOP LEFT:** Robbie Waddle. **TOP RIGHT:** Pitcher Brian Duncan. **CENTER:** Leslie Duncan



**1987 BASEBALL TEAM** — Front Row: Eric Strock, Robbie Waddle, Michael Fanning, Bobby Epperson, Scott Lambert, Wayne Davis, Kevin Cox. Back Row: Manager Rusty Warden, Chip Bird, Gary Blankenship, Jeff Dodson, Randy Dillow, Sammy Simmons, Leslie Duncan, Anthony Cox, Brian Duncan.





## Expectations are for stronger teamwork.

Underclassmen made up the majority of both baseball and tennis teams in 1987. Only five members were seniors so the '88 teams should have more experience and stronger teamwork.

Baseball games were played at the Bastian field and the team was coached by Mr. Gary Collins. Coach for girl's tennis was Mr. Robin Thacker.

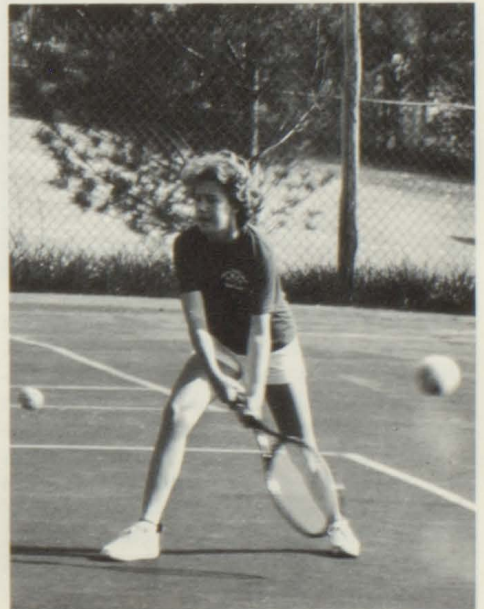
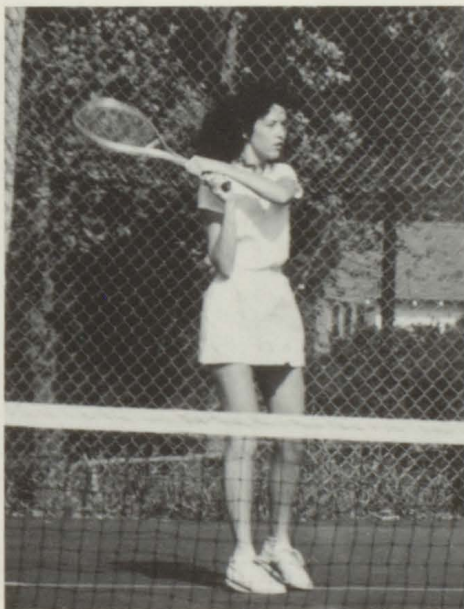
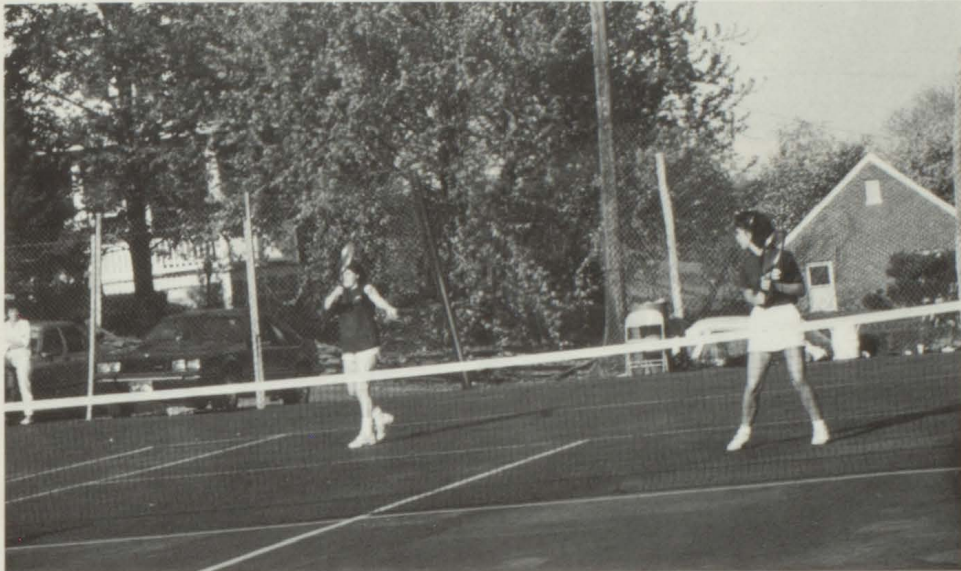
**TOP-1987 TENNIS TEAM:** Mr. Robin Thacker, coach, Jenny Meadows, Becky Winesett, Julie Pauley, Kim Crabtree, Sarah Strock, Karen Strock, Roberta Kegley, Sarah Newberry, Tammi Haga.

**CENTER:** Doubles with Sarah Strock and Sarah Newberry.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Roberta Kegley

**BOTTOM CENTER:** Doubles Kim Crabtree and Tammi Haga.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** It would seem Jenny Meadows has a choice of which ball to return!



# A rough start worsened with injuries.

A rough start, small numbers and injuries cost the 1987 Rockettes a winning season. Sarah Strock sustained a sprained foot and Sarah Thompson suffered a broken foot and was on crutches for the remainder of the season.

The varsity team of only seven consisted of one senior, three juniors and three sophomores. Junior varsity had three freshmen and five 8th graders.

Both teams were coached by Mr. Geoffrey Fanning, currently a senior at Bluefield State College.



## Girl's Varsity Basketball

Bland	Opponent	
37	Ft. Chiswell	70
35	Shawsville	64
35	Rocky Gap	40
39	Fries	23
23	Independence	66
38	Rural Retreat	46
17	Floyd County	69
20	Galax	62
24	Auburn	50
25	Mt. Rogers	29
13	Ft. Chiswell	58
24	Shawsville	59
33	Rocky Gap	46
31	Fries	23
26	Independence	60
32	Rural Retreat	56
27	Floyd County	49
20	Galax	50
31	Auburn	58
46	Mt. Rogers	28
33	Independence	51

Wins-3 Losses-18



**TOP LEFT:** Sarah Strock manouvers the ball down court **TOP RIGHT:** Kim Crabtree goes for a goal against tough opposition. **CENTER LEFT:** Karen Strock (the only senior) faces intense Rocky Gap defense. **CENTER RIGHT:** Rachel Havens and Samantha Waddle battle Rocky Gap for a rebound. **BOTTOM — VARSITY TEAM:** Samantha Waddle, Sarah Strock, Karen Strock, Rachel Havens, Susan Remines, Amy Haga.



#### Girl's Basketball-Junior Varsity

Bland	Opponent	
14	Ft. Chiswell	44
14	Shawsville	33
20	Rocky Gap	18
15	Fries	32
18	Independence	44
07	Rural Retreat	33
10	Floyd County	22
15	Galax	45
13	Auburn	23
07	Mt. Rogers	37
17	Ft. Chiswell	42
11	Shawsville	33
07	Rocky Gap	37
06	Fries	21
10	Independence	26
22	Rural Retreat	35
12	Floyd County	28
05	Galax	32
15	Auburn	40
20	Mt. Rogers	19

Wins — 2 Losses — 18

**TOP LEFT:** Several attempts by the referee to untangle the net failed, but Brian Farlow boosts Rusty Bird to get the job done. Tina Brown in the background. **TOP RIGHT:** Julie Strock lobs a high pass to teammate. **CENTER:** The battle of the boards — Hope Pike (44), Tina Brown (42), Julie Strock, Amanda Harden (40). **BOTTOM — JV team:** Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Tina Brown, Hope Pike, Julie Strock, Amanda Harden, Stephanie Meadows.

# The season of the Rockets!

After a disappointing season last year, the varsity Rockets fought hard to become one of the top two teams in the Mt. Empire district. Coach Rich Hankins led the team to the tournaments with the hopes of bringing home the title and a place in the Region C tournaments. Senior Ritchie Havens reached his 1000 career point mark against county rivals Rocky Gap. The eight graduating seniors will be missed next season.

The JV kept their winning record alive by becoming 1st in the district for the second consecutive year. Even though they were a young team, they proved to be stiff competition for the other top teams in the district.

**CENTER LEFT:** Leslie Duncan makes it count in spite of attempted blocks. **CENTER RIGHT:** "Brian's Twin" Brian Townley said it was like looking in a mirror against this Galax guard. **BOTTOM:** Leslie Duncan and Ritchie Havens lend support while Mike Hounshell puts us a good block.



**TOP — BOY'S VARSITY BASKETBALL:** Manager, Rusty Warden, Robbie Waddle, Aaron Newberry, Ritchie Havens, Leslie Duncan, Gary Blankenship, Mark Gusler,

Kevin Fore, Billy Burton, Mike Hounshell, Chip Bird, Robert Lambert, Andy Putman, Randy Dillow, Michael Fanning, Brian Townley. *Kneeling* — Coach Rich Hankins.



## VARSITY SCOREBOARD

Bland	Opponent	
75	Independence	49
75	Ft. Chiswell	66
76	Shawsville	64
76	Galax	68
71	Fries	47
87	Rocky Gap	68
74	Auburn	62
93	Mt. Rogers	86
76	Floyd Co.	73
72	Independence	58
2	Ft. Chiswell (forfeit)	0
77	Rural Retreat	65
80	Shawsville	54
59	Galax	62
83	Fries	48
74	Rocky Gap	53
64	Rural Retreat	73
70	Auburn	90
92	Mt. Rogers	64
84	Floyd Co.	87

WON-16 LOST-4



**TOP — BOY'S JV BASKETBALL:** Coach Larry Thacker, Marshall Schoenthal, Clinton Kegley, Travis Munsey, William Tickle, David King, Patrick Smith, Chad Thomp-

son, Brian Fore, Brian Hall, Brian Farlow, Brad Havens, John Mustard, Jay Meadows, Rusty Bird, Chris Dillow, (manager).

**CENTER:** Jay Meadows, Brad Havens (12) and Travis Munsey (20) create problems for the aggressive Galax maroons. **BOTTOM LEFT:** David King is very protective of the ball against tough Galax defense. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Patrick Smith (34) puts up a sure two points. David King (22) is ready to spring a rebound.



JV SCOREBOARD		
Bland	Opponent	
52	Independence	23
56	Ft. Chiswell	49
45	Shawsville	48
50	Galax	38
45	Fries	34
54	Rocky Gap	46
67	Auburn	38
58	Mt. Rogers	28
43	Floyd Co.	39
39	Independence	36
47	Ft. Chiswell	42
50	Rural Retreat	57
56	Shawsville	34
51	Galax	44
58	Fries	29
50	Rocky Gap	42
62	Rural Retreat	59
2	Auburn (forfeit)	0
58	Mt. Rogers	32
49	Floyd Co.	53
WON-17 LOST-3		



# A hard act to follow did not phase the scrappy 8th grade team.

This 8th grade squad had a hard act to follow behind the 16-0 season of the previous year. But these scrappy youngsters worked faithfully to create a good record. After

falling flat in their first game, they returned to win 10 of 16 games. Three of the team were 7th graders (2 from Ceres)-Joe Putman, Stephen Lindamood and Brad Har-

den. With a new coach, William Hale, and many hard practices, they could boast of a very successful season.

## SCOREBOARD

Bland	Opponent	
13	Independence	41
27	Ft. Chiswell	37
36	Shawsville	32
33	Galax	22
33	Fries	13
34	Rocky Gap	30
17	Auburn	29
35	Floyd Co.	30
26	Independence	45
36	Ft. Chiswell	38
43	Shawsville	33
41	Galax	26
30	Fries	28
53	Rocky Gap	43
36	Auburn	38
42	Floyd Co.	30

Won-10 Lose-6

**TOP:** Scott Gusler goes up for two while Robbie Taylor and Jimmy Duncan wait to rebound. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Stephen Lindamood sneaks by for an easy lay-up against the county rivals Rocky Gap.



**BOTTOM RIGHT: BOYS' 8TH BASKETBALL:** Kneeling — Stephen Lindamood, Coach William Hale, Brad Harden. Standing — Greg Boksa, Travis Morehead, Tom-

my Wolfe, Joe Putman, Michael Dillow, Billy Epperson, Jimmy Duncan, Scott Gusler, Robbie Taylor, Charlie Thompson, Jason Hall, Roger Blankenship.





**TOP:** Brian Townley and Michael Fanning break through ready for a tough game. **CENTER LEFT:** Gerhard Schoenthal in "rare" form. **CENTER RIGHT:** Sarah Newberry and Karen Strock delivering flowers to cheer up Mrs. Jessie Kegley. **BOTTOM:** Seniors Roberta Kegley, Shannon King, Elizabeth Turner, Lana Lindamood and Donna Warden prepare for Homecoming '88.



# Students desire competition

Sports played a very important role in many student's lives. Some were very dedicated athletes, while others participated for the fun of it

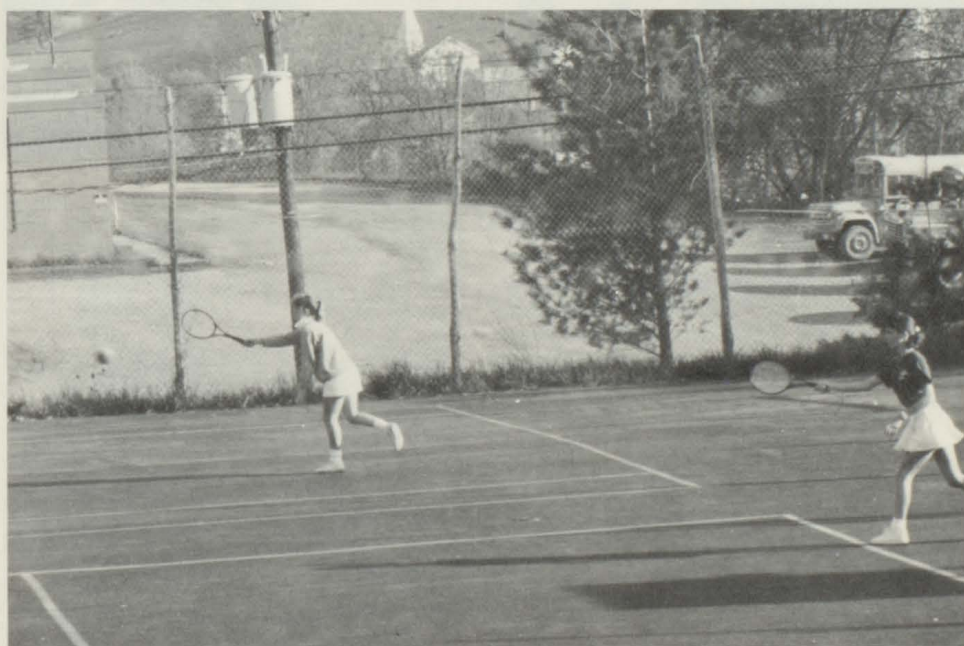
and also for the stiff competition that came with it. Bland always tried to instill the desire to compete and win in all of their players.

**TOP RIGHT:** Mike Hounshell goes up for an easy two points as Kevin Fore is ready to assist. **TOP LEFT:** Mr. Rich Hankins breezes past his Rocky Gap opponents in faculty game. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Susan Remines concentrates on putting the ball through the hoop. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Chad Thompson shows his perfect form.





**TOP LEFT:** Robbie Taylor amazes the defense. **TOP RIGHT:** Eric Strock makes a hard earned catch for an out. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Karen Strock tries to imitate one of the players from the opposing team. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Tina Brown looks for the basket.

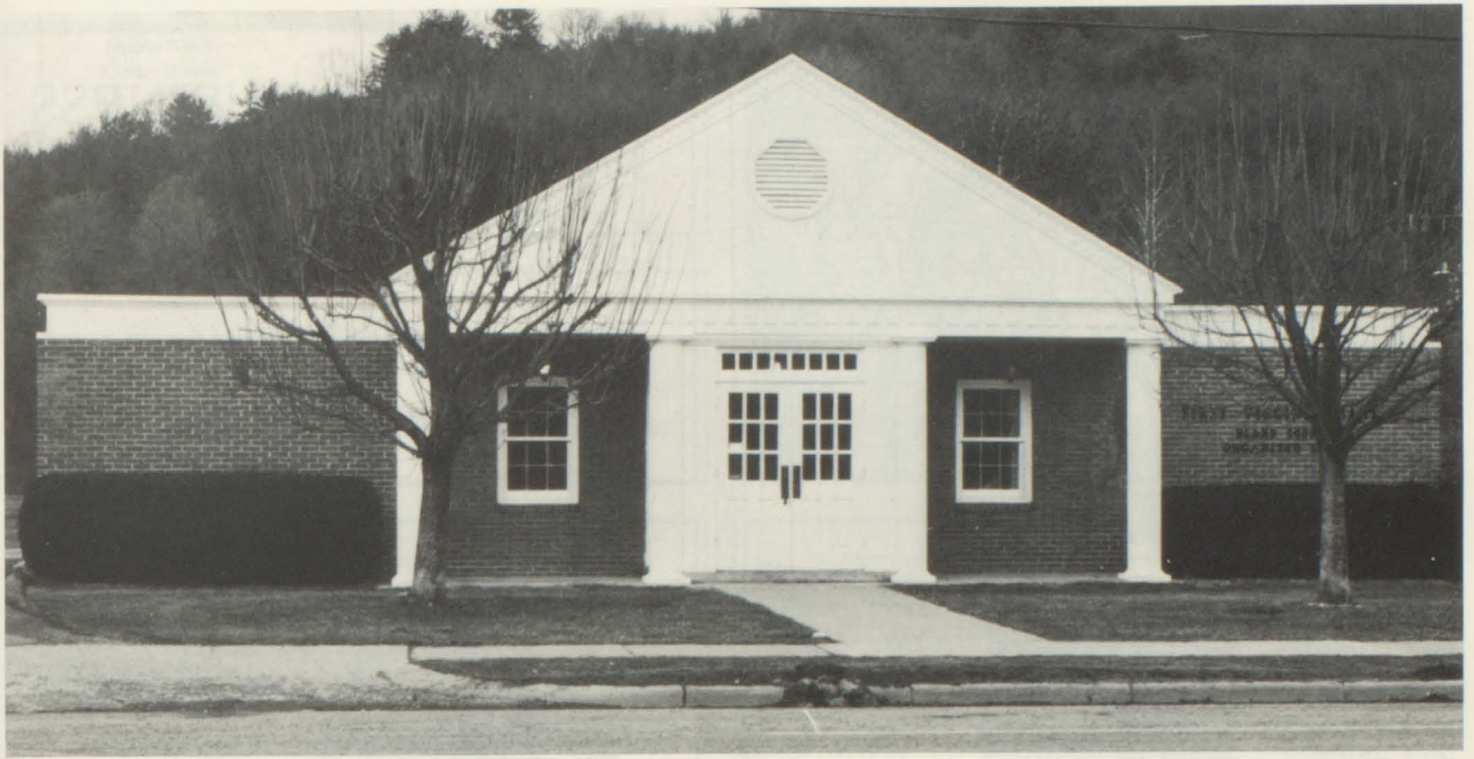




**TOP-FFA GREENHANDS FRONT ROW:** Travis Morehead, Greg Boksa, Jason Hall, Robert Blankenship, Robbie Taylor. **BACK ROW:** Matthew Morehead, Thomas Nunley, Toby Dotson, Tommy Wolfe, Jason Gusler, Jeb Barker, Scott Lafferty, Robert Davis, Michael Dillow. **CENTER LEFT:** The polka dot clowns — Mr. Roger

Thompson and Jessica Umbarger. **CENTER RIGHT TOP:** Kindergarten parades before judges Debbie French and Karen Stowers. **CENTER RIGHT BOTTOM:** Top three winners from 7th grade in Halloween costume contest. **BOTTOM:** Kelli King and Sara King at PTA Halloween Carnival.





# Congratulations To The Graduate.

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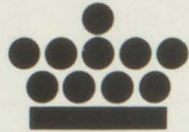
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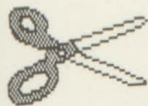
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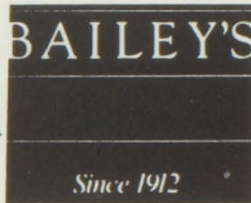


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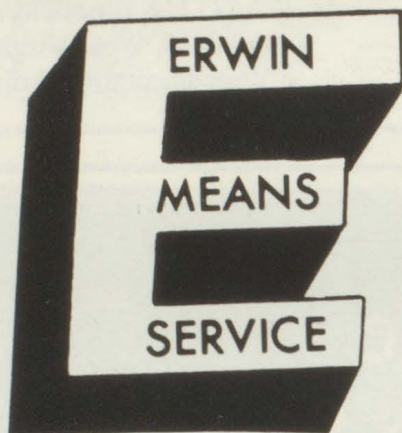
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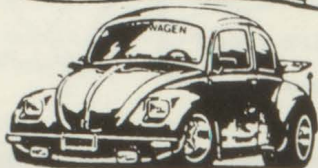
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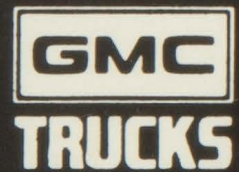
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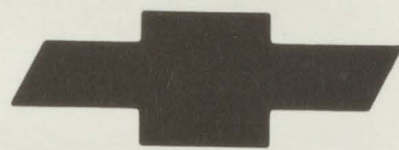
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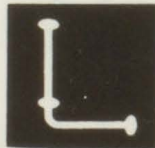


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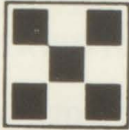
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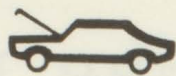
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“Keep in touch.” How often these words are spoken and too many times are forgotten. We reach out for entertainment, for awareness of current affairs, for learning—both formal and informal, and for constant closeness

with friends by keeping in touch. For a few years, students return to the scene of their happy educational years and some even find teaching positions in that institution. Most like to keep in touch through spectatorship at

sports or participation in organizational benefits. Whatever the means or reasons, we at Bland Combined School, urge you (students, faculty, parents and outside supporters) to continue “keeping in touch.”





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