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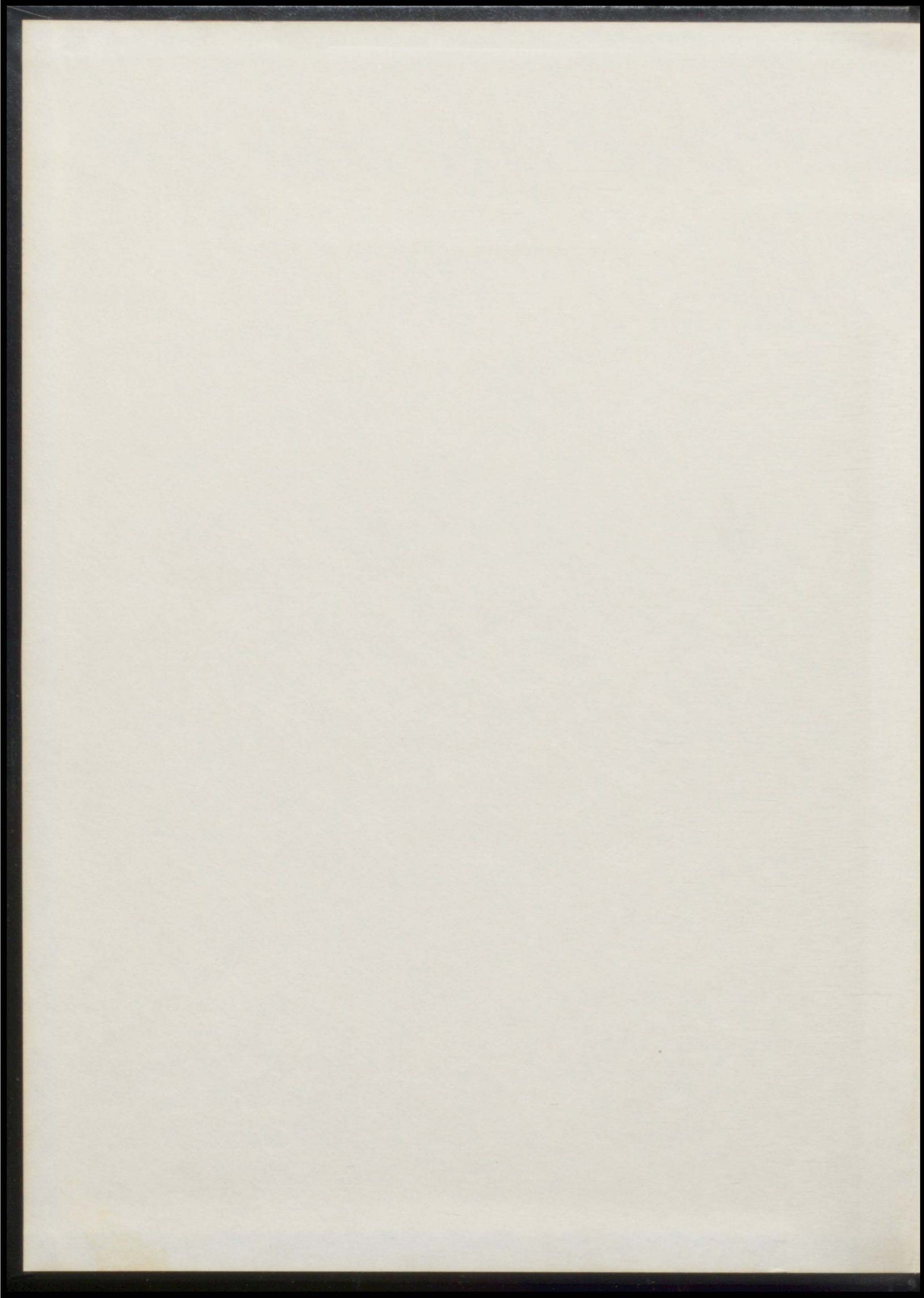
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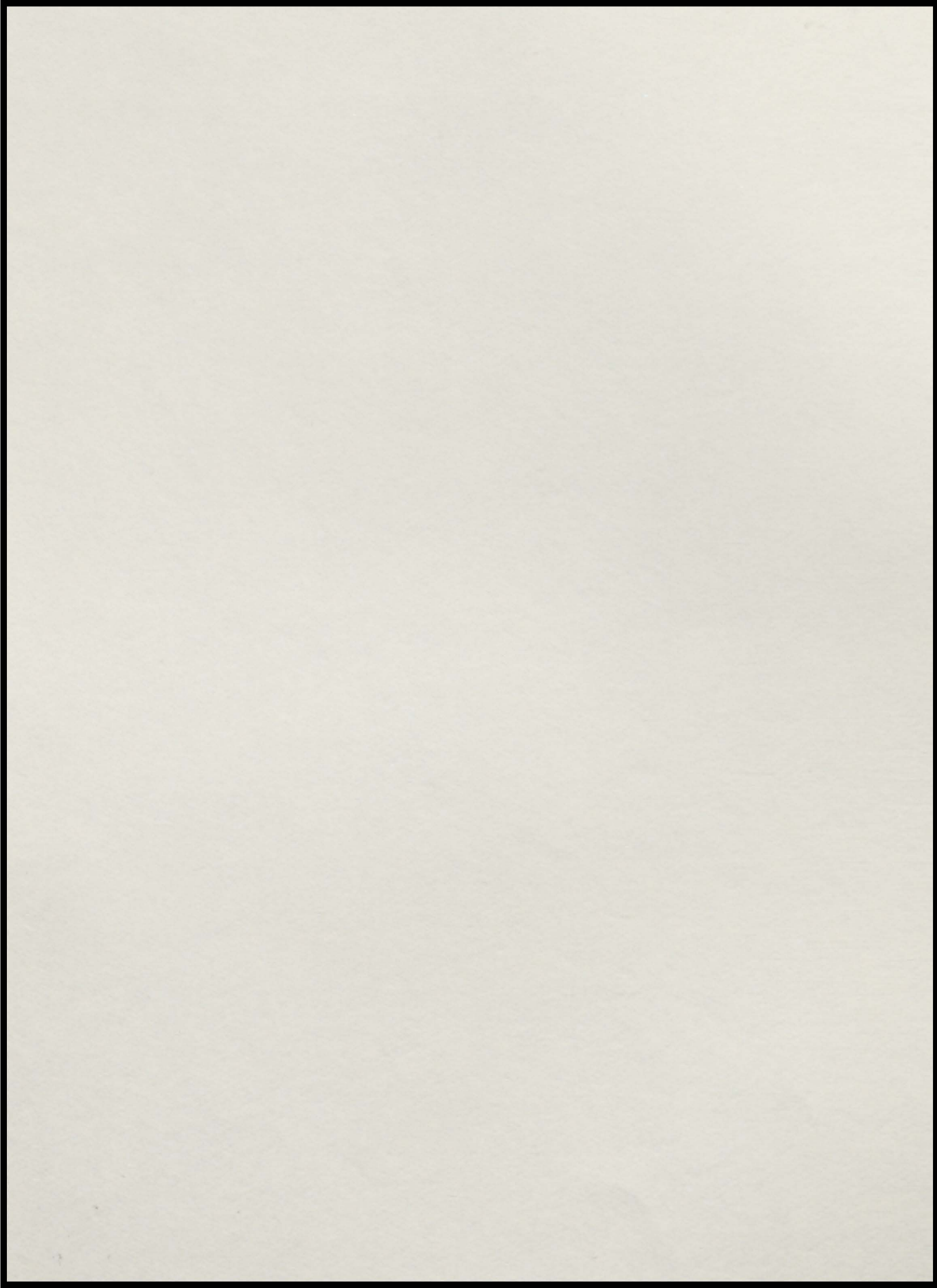
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The Echo 1998

Bland High School  
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# School=Friends + Fun + Sharing

**T**he 1998 school year brought both additions and deletions to Bland High School. Change seemed to become part of our vocabulary and working environment conversation. The questions of consolidation and reorganization were still unanswered at the end of the first semester.

Mrs. Carolyn Bane finished the 1996-97 school year with the demise of the ICT Program, but returned on December 1, 1997, to work

in the elementary Special Education Program.

Mr. Eric Brown accepted a classroom teaching position in his native community of Pocahontas, and Mrs. Donna Musick was approved by the Bland County School Board as Brown's replacement. Mrs. Musick adjusted quickly and was warmly received by Bland High Students and Faculty. Having taught at Rocky Gap High School in the last several years, her expertise with secondary students made her a

strong academic figure for our student body.

A well-known figure around the school, Mr. David Davidson, accepted the position of bus driver and mechanic for Bland County, and was replaced by Mr. James Abel who proved equally capable of accomplishing the many needed and necessary tasks of maintenance. Student workers who were able to keep up with studies and work part-time were Jeff Brunk and Lorie Tabor.

## A New Look

**T**he 1997-98 yearbook "The Echo", once again took on a new theme and a new look. Last year's Photo-Journalism Class selected for their theme, "Places to Go and Things To Do." For the first time in the history of the yearbook, a separate book was designed for the elementary school. The cost of the high school yearbook remained at \$30.00 and the elementary yearbook was \$20.00. There were 104 pages in "The Echo", and 40 pages in the BES yearbook.

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**TOP LEFT:** Heather Stiltner pores over the computer screen scanning for proper placement of pictures and copy for her yearbook pages.

**TOP RIGHT:** Sarah Smith and Kelly Dunn check out the "island" as a possible site for picnics as a finale for yearbook completion.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Mrs. Sandra Harman remains composed in spite of hectic and frantic last minute details on yearbook deadlines.



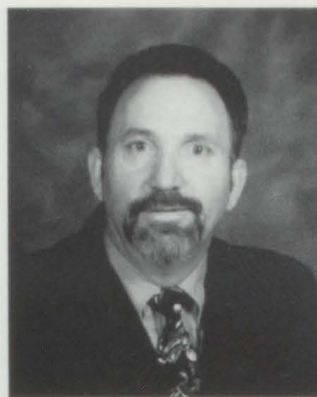


# People

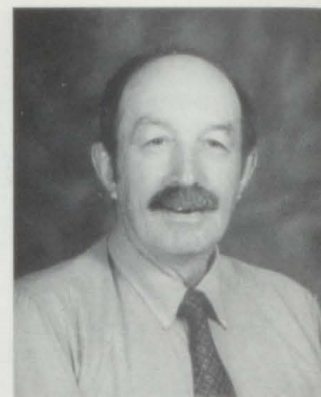


# Destination Attained

**B**HS faculty was best represented as the signs along our educational highway. It was this body of people that taught us to travel with caution, detour, or simply progress at our own speed. They were our outward and visible symbols of learning, tradition, and progress. It was with great pride that our faculty and staff encouraged us to be good scholars as well as good citizens.



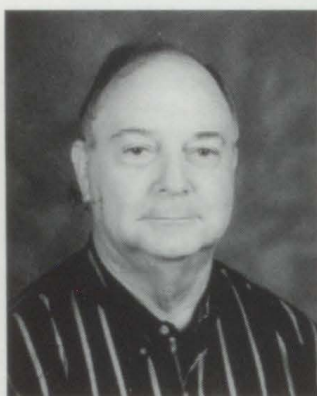
**Mr. Roger Dale Thompson**  
31 years; Principal; Sponsor: Golf, Baseball; BS — VPI; MS — Radford U.



**Mr. Richard Crockett Havens**  
29 years; Assisant Principal; US History, Accounting, 8th History; Sponsor: Senior Class, Social Studies MACC; BS — Bluefield State



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



**Mr. Robert E. Correll**  
10 years; Beginning, Intermediate, Secondary Band; BS — Austin Peay State U.



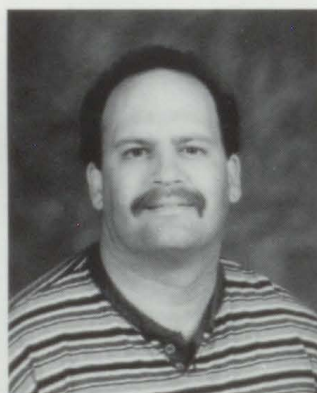
**Mr. William H. Crabtree**  
31 years; Agriculture; Sponsor: FFA; BS/MS — VPI.



**Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner**  
28 years; English 10, 11, 12, Dual Credit English; Sponsor: Senior Beta; BS/MS — Radford U.



**Miss Jean Greear**  
15 years-Calculus; BS — Queens College; MA — Appalachian State U.



**Mr. Richard Dale Hankins**  
12 years; Secondary Physical Education, Consumer Math, Algebra I; Sponsor: Varsity Boys Basketball; BS — Bluefield State.



**Mrs. Sandra Green Harman**  
21 years; Secondary Adaptive, Photo-Journalism I and II; Sponsor: Sophmore Class, Yearbook Assistant; BS/MS — Radford U.



**Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley**  
34 years; Keyboarding, Office Administration, Computer Info. Systems; Sponsor: FBIA, 9th grade; BS — ETSU.







**Mrs. Kay Mabe**  
17 years; Geometry, Algebra I and II, Advanced Math; Sponsor: Math MACC, 8th grade; B5 — Radford U.



**Miss Teena Rae Morefield**  
20 years; Counselor-Secondary & Elementary; Sponsor: Jr. Beta, Volleyball; B5 — Concord, M5 — UVA.



**Ms. LaMoore Muncy**  
5 years; Secondary Physical Education, World Geography; Sponsor: Junior Class, Varsity Girls Basketball; B5 — Radford U.



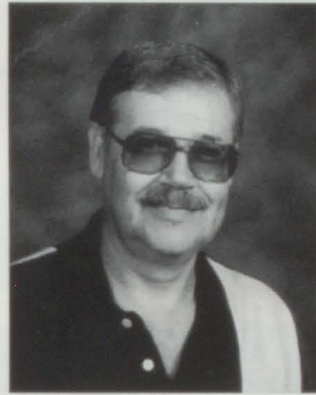
**Mrs. Donna Musick**  
11 years; Government, Sociology, Civics; Sponsor: 11th grade; B5 — Concord College.



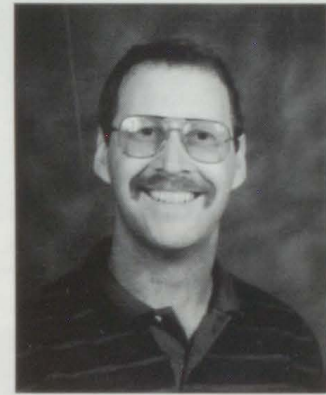
**Ms. Elizabeth G. Newberry**  
31 years; Librarian-Secondary & Elementary; Sponsor: Yearbook; B5/M5 — Radford U.



**Mrs. Rebecca M. Peery**  
16 years; French I, II, III; Sponsor: French Club, English MACC, Upward Bound; B5/MA-Radford U.



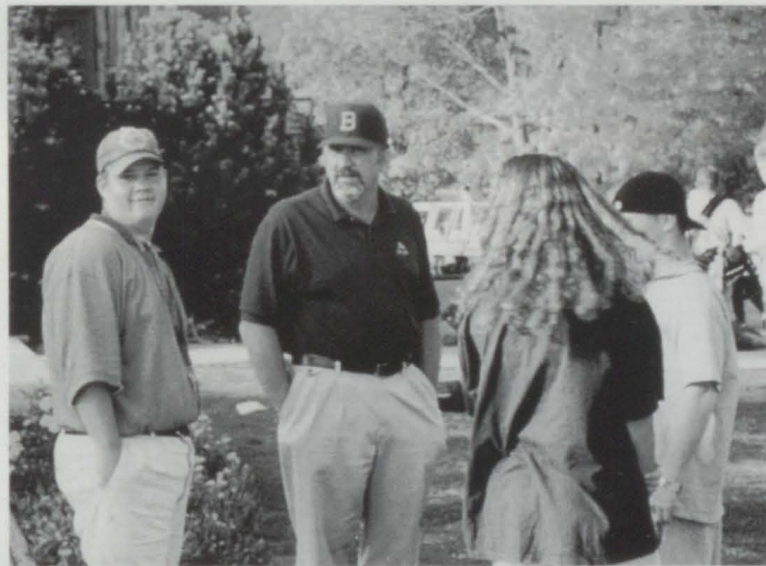
**Mr. Alfred E. Smith**  
16 years; Biology I, II, Physical Science; Sponsor: SCA, All-Around MACC, 9th grade; B5 — Concord.



**Mr. John Harkrader Wagoner**  
13 years; Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics; Sponsor: Science MACC, 10th grade; B5 — Radford U.



**Ms. Sylvia G. Williams**  
15 years; Family Relations, Family & Human Services, Elementary Computer Science; Sponsor: FHA; B5 — JMU, M5 — Indiana U.

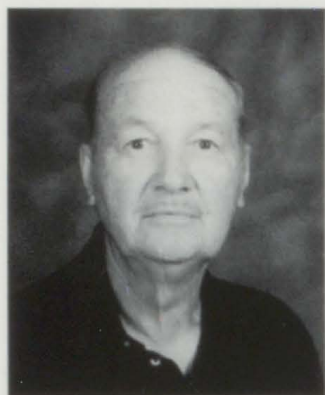


In a rare moment of leisure, Mr. Roger Thompson counsels golfers Josh Breedlove, Reneé Gross, and Adam Faulkner during district tournaments at Wolf Creek Golf Course.





**Mr. James Abel**  
1 year, Maintenance



**Mr. Harold Bivens**  
15 years, Bus driver



**Mrs. Bonnie Blankenship**  
13 years, secretary/bookkeeper.



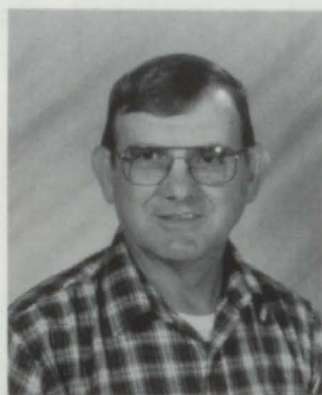
Bonnie Blankenship keeps BHS running smoothly.



**Mrs. Nancy Brown**  
11 years, Lunchroom.



**Mr. Jeff Brunk**  
1 year; Custodian



**Mr. William Moore Cregar**  
22 years, Bus driver, substitute teacher. Marion C., WCC.



**Mr. David Davidson**  
2 years, Maintenance, Bus mechanic.



**Mrs. Margaret L. Gravely**  
2 years, Lunchroom.



**Mrs. Irma K. Havens**  
13 years, Bus driver.



**Mrs. Marlene B. Havens**  
29 years, Bus driver, teacher aide.



**Mrs. Flora Jones**  
5 years, Lunchroom.



# Behind the scene workers

**T**he Personnel of BHS are considered the most important support group within the school. They are the problem sol-

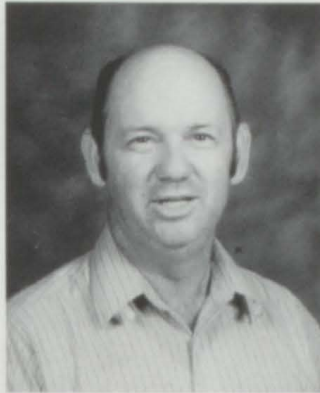
vers who work behind the scenes to make each school day flow with ease and efficiency.

They could be seen helping students through the lunch lines,

cleaning and unlocking for special events, or just chatting to give support and encouragement to any passer-by.



**Mrs. Lisa D. McGuire**  
2 years, Lunchroom.



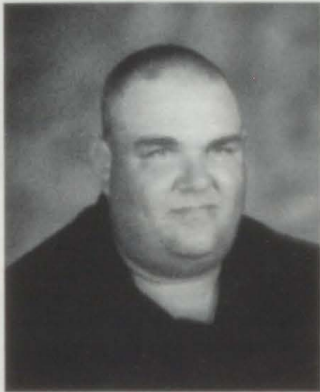
**Mr. Jimmy Michael**  
10 years, Bus driver, Substitute teacher.



**Mrs. Regina Newberry**  
21 years, Bus driver.



**Mrs. Mildred Owens**  
4 years, Custodian.



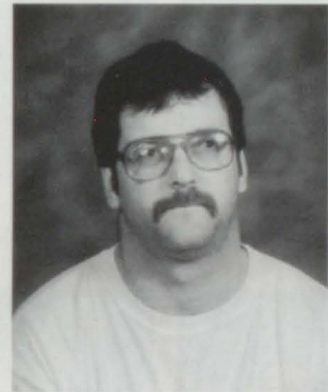
**Mr. Bobby Penley**  
29 years, Substitute bus driver; 3 years Vocational bus.



**Mrs. Brenda Penley**  
15 years, Bus driver, Substitute teacher.



**Mrs. Brenda Pike**  
17 years, Bus driver.



**Mr. Keith Sargent**  
12 years, Custodian.



**Mrs. Dot Tibbs**  
19 years, Lunchroom.



**Mrs. Mary Wimmer**  
12 years; Bus Driver.



James Abel, Mildred Owens, and Dave Davidson discuss the day's happenings. Or are they taking a well-deserved break?



# 8th Grade Takes a New Route

**A**s eighth graders entered a new year, they found new places to go and people to meet. On this new route, they had more extracurricular time, but added re-

sponsibilities. They had a much bigger picture of high school and all that it involved. They found many obstacles in their way, including fitting in with more experienced students and making it to class before the tardy bell rang.



Brandon Anders



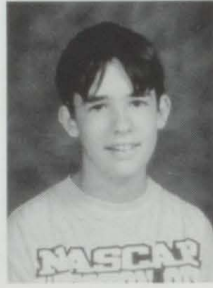
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Seth Baker



Shanna Brown



John Clemons



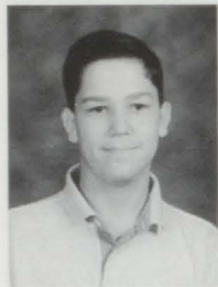
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Amie Cregger



Jacob Davidson



John Dillow



Casey Elliott



Amanda Fisher



Ben Foglesong



Miranda Foley



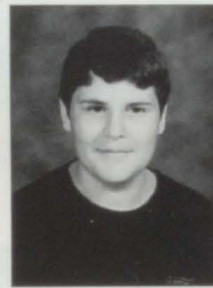
Chris Giberson



Eric Gray



Denita Harden



Adam Harman



Shawn Helbert



Jessica Hounshell



Amber Hutchins



Thomas Johnson



Christina King



Michelle Lee



Corey Maddox



Reggie Meadows

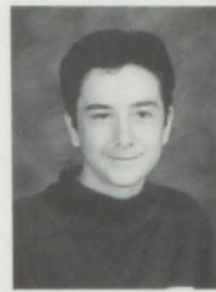


Tonya Millirons





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Anthony Newberry



Linda Nottingham



Melissa Olivo



Elisha Pauley



Tarah Pauley



Travis Pauley



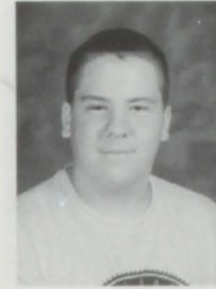
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Melissa Sadler



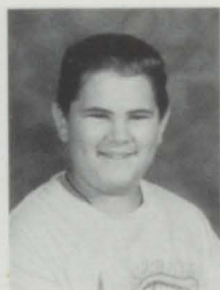
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J. R. Shewey



Todd Simmons



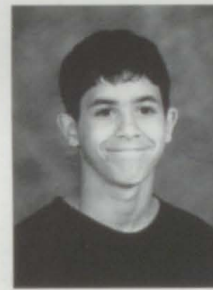
Bryan Simms



Ronald Spain



Hunter Stuart



Chase Thomas



Aaron Turski



Dorthy Umbarger



Danielle Underwood



Joey Walker



Craig Winesett



David Wolcott



D. J. Wright



Sam Wright



# Ninth Graders Take Another

As these students strived to gain acceptance from the upper-classmen, they found that this acceptance was a great challenge; however, not one that they

were not able to overcome. Most certainly, they rose to the challenge of being accepted, and continued to find paths and directions on their way to the top.

Ninth graders found themselves eager to participate and become

more active in extra-curricular activities. Sports dominated the ninth grade class as they became involved in Tennis, J.V. Basketball, Volleyball, and Football. Ninth graders' enthusiasm propelled them along the road to success.



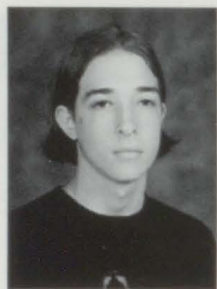
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Shelley Atwell



Samantha Bird



Kurt Blankenship

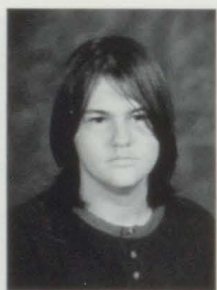
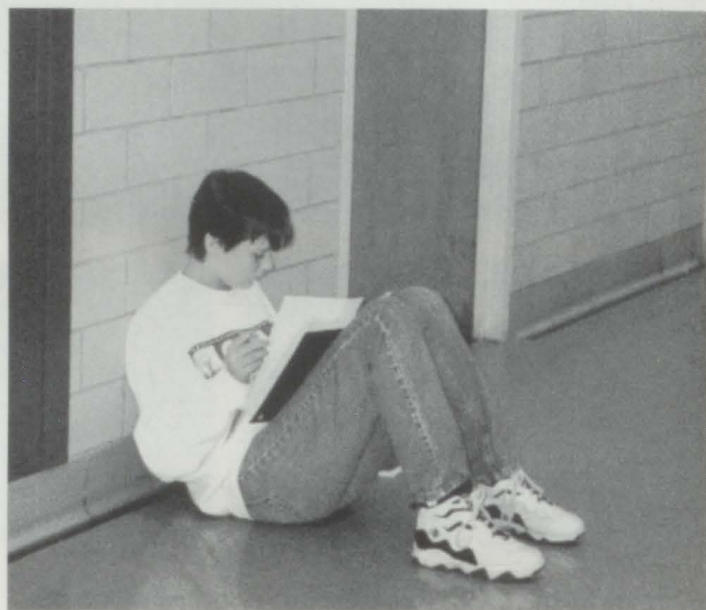


Curtis Brewer



Laura Bridges

Outside of the Lab Jennifer Reneé Hutzel studies science while classmates take a test.



Aaron Clemons



Albert Davis



Kari Hagy



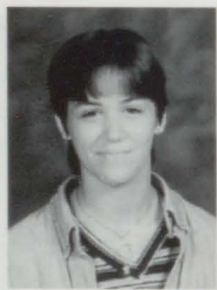
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Monica Havens



Nehemiah Hickman



Reneé Hutzel



Gerald James



Amy Johnson



Elizabeth Lambert



Benjamin May



Vanessa McBride

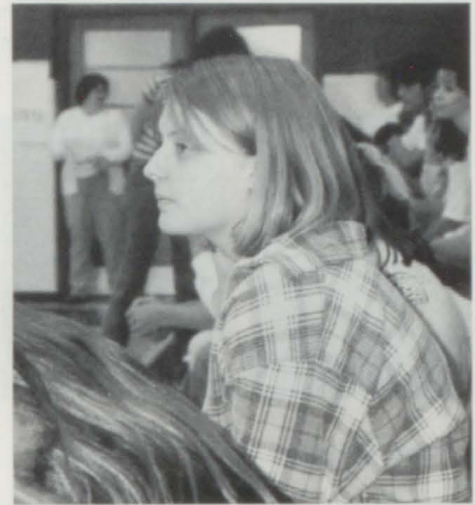


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# Step In The Journey Of Life



Kari Hagy is absorbed with the action on the gym floor involving the Beta helper auction.



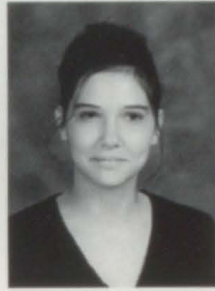
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Kirstie Meadows



Hope Melvin



Rachel Mullins



Joshua Olinger



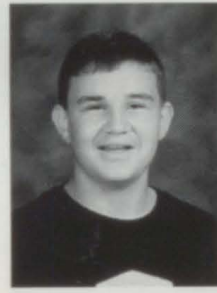
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Sarah Pruett



Chris Reese



Matthew Richardson



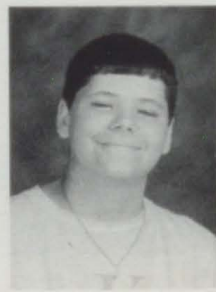
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Katie Scott



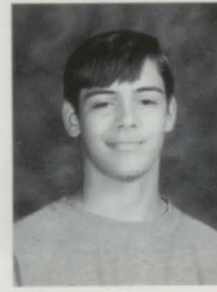
Kristen Songer



Charlie Stiltner



Ashley Strock



Shane Thompson



Matthew Tickle



James Williams



Erica Vanover

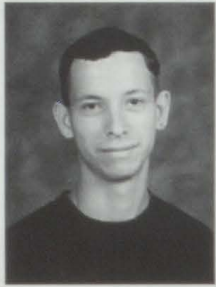


# Sophmores Always On The Go

Varsity sports, class rings, Senior Beta, and of course getting a driver's license were the highlights of the Sophomore year. As Sophmores were

considered to have reached the "half-way" mark in their high school career, this class exhibited enthusiasm and pride. This dynamic group was fifteen members strong in the Beta Club, and participated in almost every aspect of student life.

With two years of high school "down the road," BHS anticipates that this group of hard-working, fun-loving, young men and women will become future leaders and mentors.



Will Blankenship



Allesha Bourne



Heather Clemons



Sarah Coffman



Lian Cole



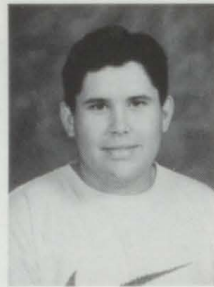
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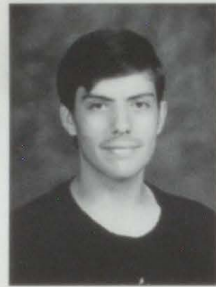
Brian Faulkner



James Faulkner



Josh Faulkner



Jason Hagy



Kelli Hall



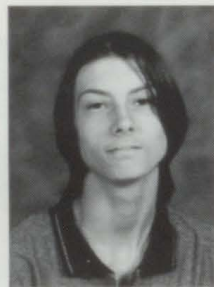
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Jeb Hodges



Crystal Justice



Nathan Justice



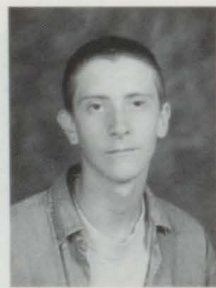
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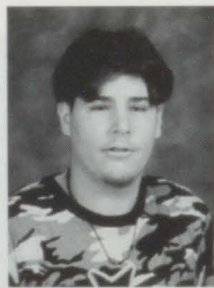
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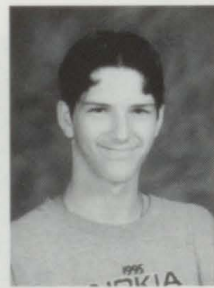
Heather Morehead



Stuart Morehead



Jason Neal



Robert Newberry



Aaron Pauley



Chris Pauley

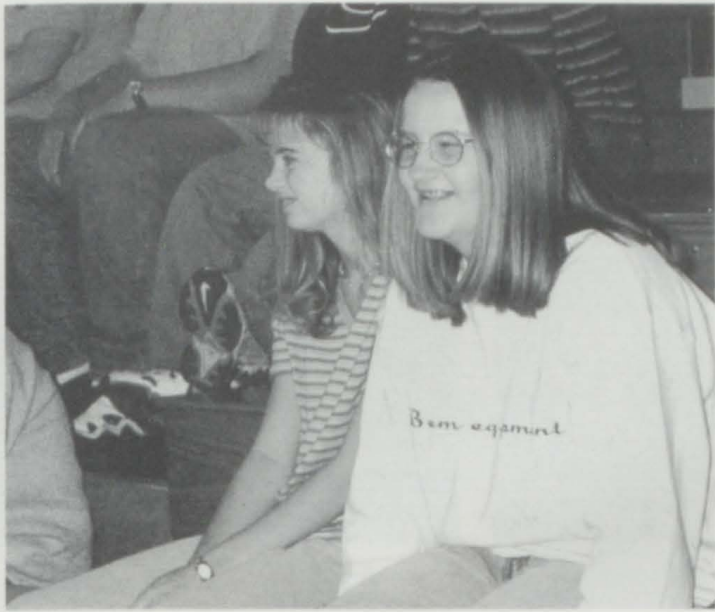


Will Pauley





Susan Stanley and April Umbarger are entertained by slave performances.



Meagan Penley



Virginia Presley



Lila Ramsey



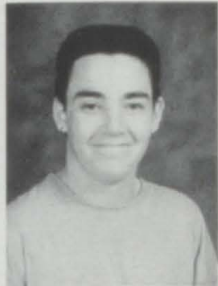
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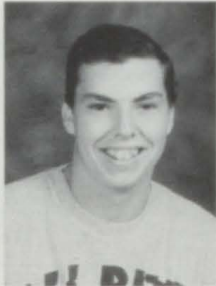
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Kelly Sluss



Josiah Smith



Ted Sparks



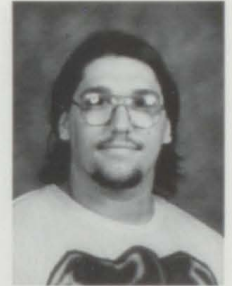
Susan Stanley



Crystal Stiltner



Ashley Tate



Daniel Thompson



April Umbarger



Amy Viar



Dawn Wright



Mindy Wyllie



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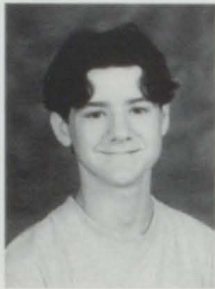
# Juniors Route to Reach Graduation

**F**or the Junior class, the road has been a long and treacherous one. It seemed as if it would take forever to reach their destination of becoming at long last...Seniors! The year proved to

be busy and enjoyable. There were always places to go such as the Junior-Senior Prom, ballgames, one another's houses, or just "downtown."

The Junior Class was particularly fond of getting the privilege of park-

ing in the Junior-Senior parking lot, and being recognized as the class that would make the decisions for the upcoming school year. The yearbook class included five Juniors in the production of the 1998 Yearbook, "The Echo."



Randy Berrington



Danny Belcher



April Blankenship



Josh Breedlove



Chad Brewer



Jeff Brunk



Adam Carroll



Laura Clifton



Jessica Crawford



Mark Davidson



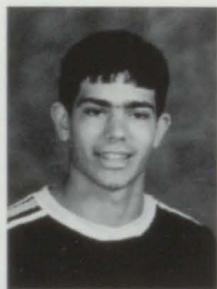
Nikki Elliott



Billy Floyd



Leslie Gordon



Jesse Goss



Renee Gross



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Mandy Jones



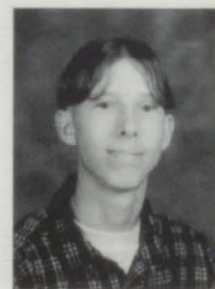
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Michael Lambert



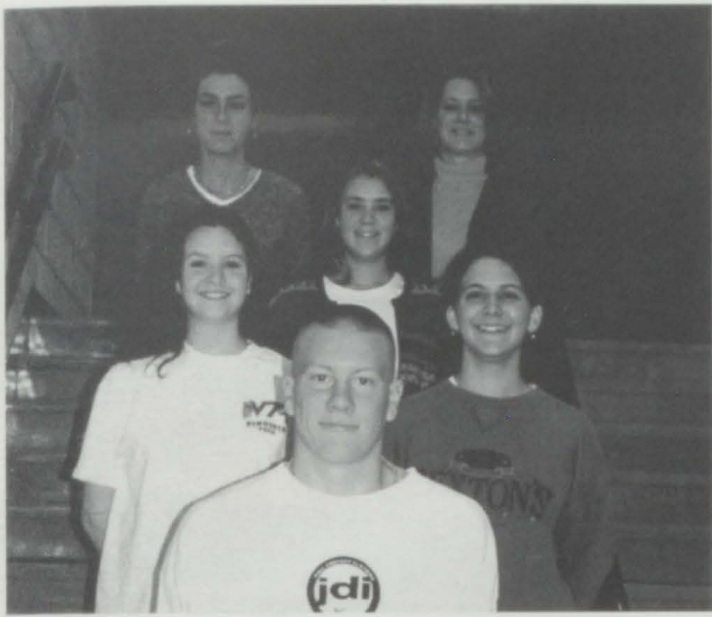
Josie McMillan



Kent McPeak



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Joe Meadows



Philip Meadows



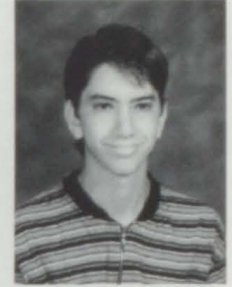
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David Olinger



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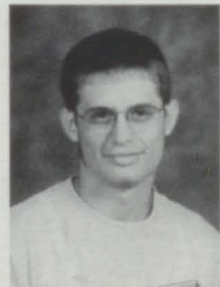
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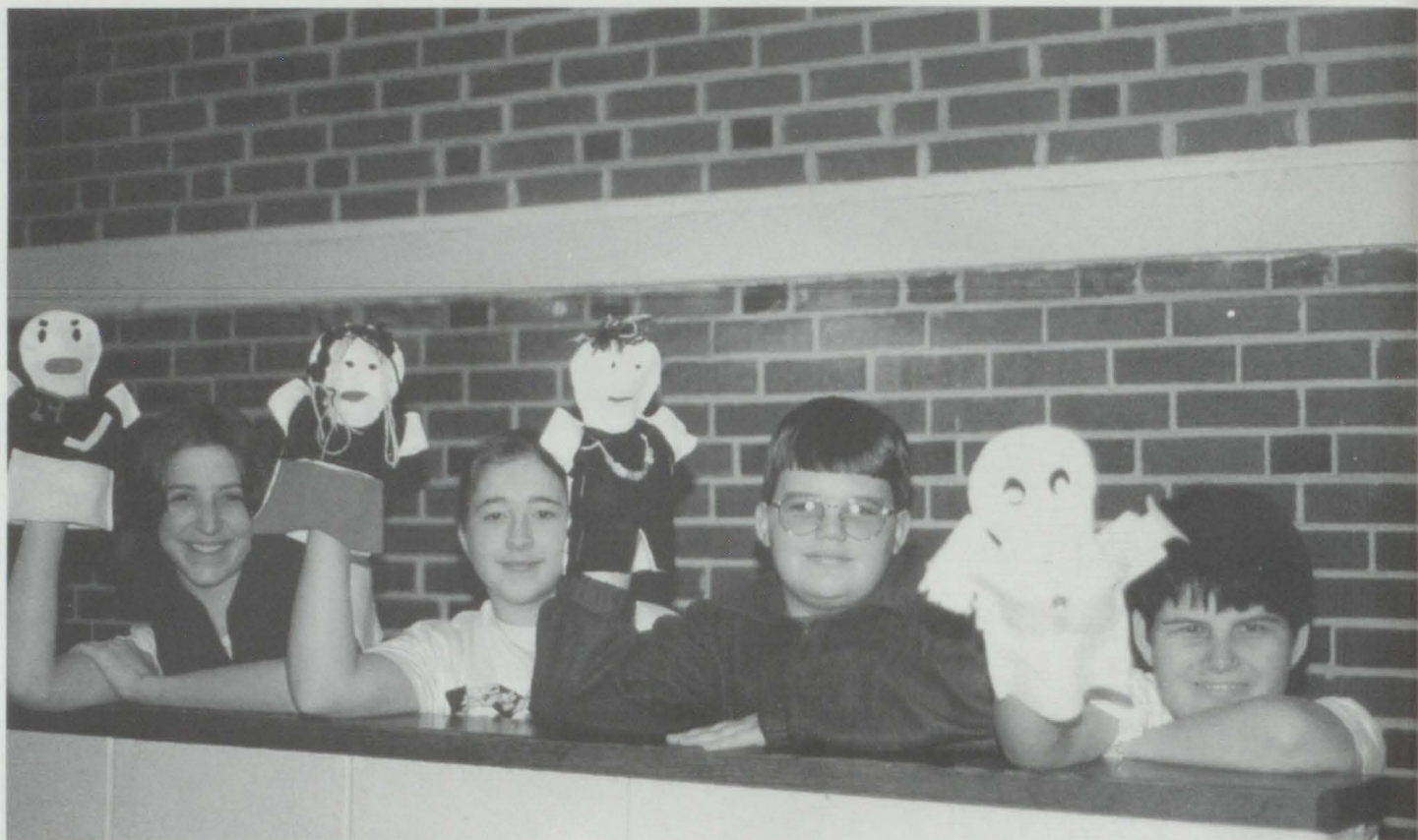
# Goin' Places at Good Ole' Bland High

**T**he halls of BHS were always filled with people going places and doing things. Not

only were the halls packed full of interesting and fun people, but out and about in our community were people equally as busy going places

and doing things. Students learned that moving about was all just "part of it." Learning that was relevant required a versatile classroom.

Katie Scott, Crystal Hancock, Zachary Pauley, and Monica Havens Puppet kids happened to pop up around the corner.



Chinatsu Hasegawa makes an impression modeling a formal gown in the Festival.



Brooke Kitts shows her true colors.



# A Glimpse at Future Horizons

**T**he Senior Class of 1998 stood 48 students strong

as they made their lasting mark in the annals of Bland High School.

The school year passed at break-neck speed as seniors found themselves involved in the business of learning and maturing. The "uphill" days were filled with laughter and good times, while the "downslide" held moments of sorrow and sadness. Each passing day drew the class not only closer to the end of the school year, but also closer to one another as friends and members of the 1998 graduating class of Bland High School.

Adam Faulkner, a very dynamic member of the senior class, is representative of the spirit of this group.



*Sarah*

Love is the moment the heart waits before breaking.

**Sarah Campbell Bird**



*Jesse*

"Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier." Charles F. Kettering

**Jessee Douglas Blankenship**



*Kris*

"People are strange, when you're a stranger." Jim Morrison

**Kristopher George Blankenship**



*Stella*

People come and people go, but friends stay forever.

**Stella Michelle Bruce**



*Luciana*

Someone that doesn't try, can't obtain victories.

**Luciana Sousa Campos**



*Leslie*

"Control your emotions or they will control you." Terry Orlick

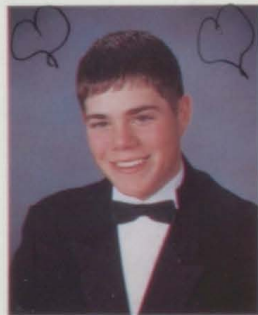
**Leslie Dee Carroll**



*Mandy*

"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely." Proverbs 10:9

**Amanda Lee Clemons**



*Jeremy*

"I'm so happy cause today I found my friends. They're in my head." Kurt Cobain

**Jeremy Wayne Dillow**



*Kelly*

"The one thing over which you have absolute control is your own thoughts." Paul G. Thomas

**Kelly Anne Dunn**



*Adam*

"No matter what y'all do, you can never stop my flow." Shawn "Puffy" Combs

**Adam Edward Faulkner**



*Michael*

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names." Unknown

**Michael Todd Fulford**



**SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS - Front row:** Missy Woods, president; Leisa Hagy, vice-president; Debbie Munsey, secretary. **Back row:** Brooke Kitts, treasurer; Mr. Richard Havens, sponsor.



*Whitney*

"Depart not from the path which fate has you assigned."  
Unknown

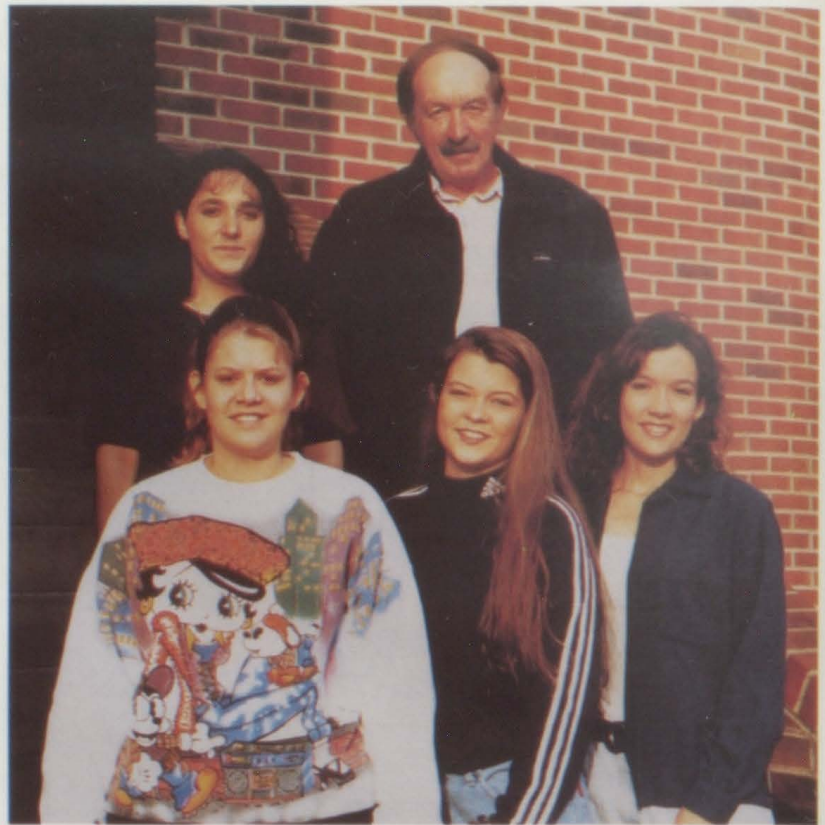
**Whitney Victoria Gamble**



*Jason*

If it makes money, it makes sense.

**Jason Wayne Groseclose**



*Josh*

"You want the truth, you can't handle the truth." A Few Good Men

**Joshua Lee Gusler**



*Leisa*

"Be brave. Even if you're not, pretend to be. No one else can tell the difference." Life's Little Instruction Book

**Leisa Renee Hagy**



*Chinatsu*

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle

**Chinatsu Hasegawa**



*Ashley*

"Friends come and go, but a true friend lasts forever." Anonymous

**Ashley Marie Havens**



*Nikki*

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a simple step." Lau-Tzu

**Nicole Elizabeth Howell**



*Stephanie*

"You never lose by loving. You always lose by holding back." Barbara DeAngelis

**Stephanie Leigh Kelley**



*Kelli*

"How men treat us will make little difference when we know we have God's approval." Winning Attitudes

**Kelli Grayson King**



*Sara K*

If it is to be, it is up to me.

**Sara Ellen King**



*Brooke*

"A faithful friend is the medicine of life." Apocrypha

**Brooke Nichole Kitts**



*Clowell*

"Without struggle there is no progress." Fredrick Douglass

**Clowell Paul Lindamood**



What lies ahead "up the road" for this group? With a strong foundation in math, science, language, and technology, this class proved to be competitive and ambitious. They were often hear speaking of careers within

their communities, as well as travels and lifestyles that involved relocating to more urban areas and surroundings. They realized that they could blend the progressive future with their traditional rural pasts. Their

choices were open and the many challenges facing them in the not too distant future were not viewed with dread, but rather with anticipation, confidence, and pride in each and every accomplishment.



Sandra

You live and you learn.

Sandra Lynn Melvin



Stacey

We are a figment of our own imagination.

Stacey Lavonne Miller



Debbie

"All things are possible to him who believeth." Mark 9:23

Debra Suzanne Munsey



David

Do unto others, before they can do it to you!

James David Neel



April

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."  
Charles Dickens

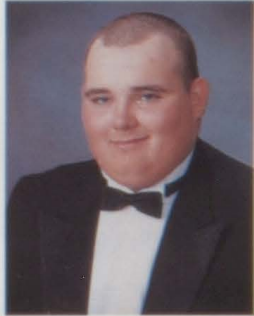
April Dianne Nelson



Ryan

"Only God can judge me."  
2Pac

Ryan Allen Newberry



Jim Bob

"Thank God I'm A Country Boy!" John Denver

James Robert Penley



Chad

"Every night always has a brighter day." 2Pac

Chadwick Bane Perkey



Kimberley

The only investment that will last forever is friends.

Kimberly Sue Pohlman



Eric

"But the end is not yet."  
Apocrypha

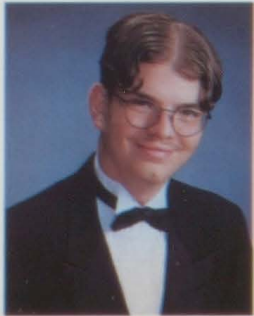
Eric Scott Reed



Tanya

"There is no bigger blessing than a friend who's there when the good times aren't."  
Unknown

Tanya Denise Sarver



Charmin

Of the many things I have lost in this world, my mind is the one I miss the least.

Andrew Joshua Schoeneman



Megan

"He that does a base thing for a friend burns the golden thread which ties hearts together." Jeremy Taylor

Megan Jean Shewey



Sharon

"The story of life is quicker than the wink of an eye. The story of love is hello and goodbye. Until we meet again."  
... Jimi Hendrix

Sharon Rae Shewey



Sarah

"All in all is all we all are."  
Kurt Cobain

Sarah Gray Smith





*Heather*

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves." James M. Barrie

**Heather Nichole Stiltner**



*Lorie*

"Sweet dreams are made of this." Marilyn Manson

**Lorie Arlene Tabor**



*Erin*

"I can never hide myself from me; I see what others may never see." Edgar A. Guest

**Erin Kate Thompson**



*Jeremy*

Hold on to your dreams, your day will come.

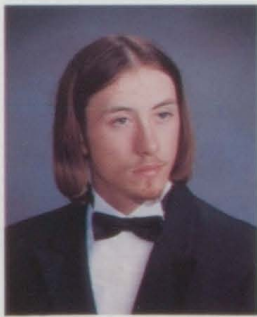
**Jeremy Wayne Thompson**



*John*

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him." Rev. 6: 8

**John Kelly Thompson**



*ISAAC*

You ain't seen nothing yet!

**Isaac Darryl Tyeryar**



*Jenny*

"Only God can judge me, nobody else." 2Pac

**Jennifer Mae Walker**



*Ronald*

Death's door is never locked.

**Ronald David Wolfe**



*Sondra*

Everyone has the power to dream, but only you have the power to fulfill them.

**Sondra Gail Wolfe**



*Missy*

"Years of love have been forgot in the hatred of a minute." Edgar Allan Poe

**Melissa Marie Woods**



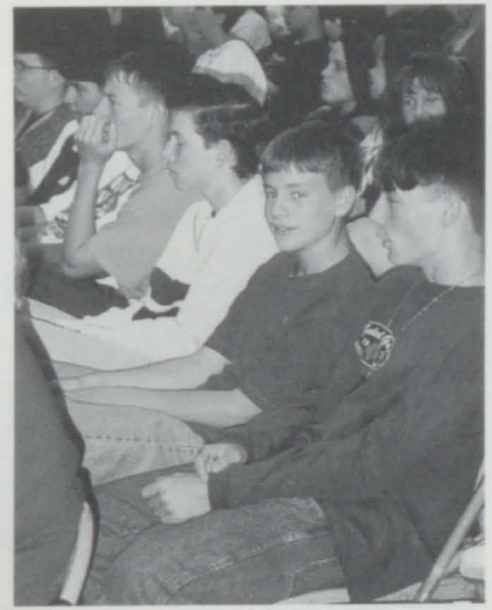
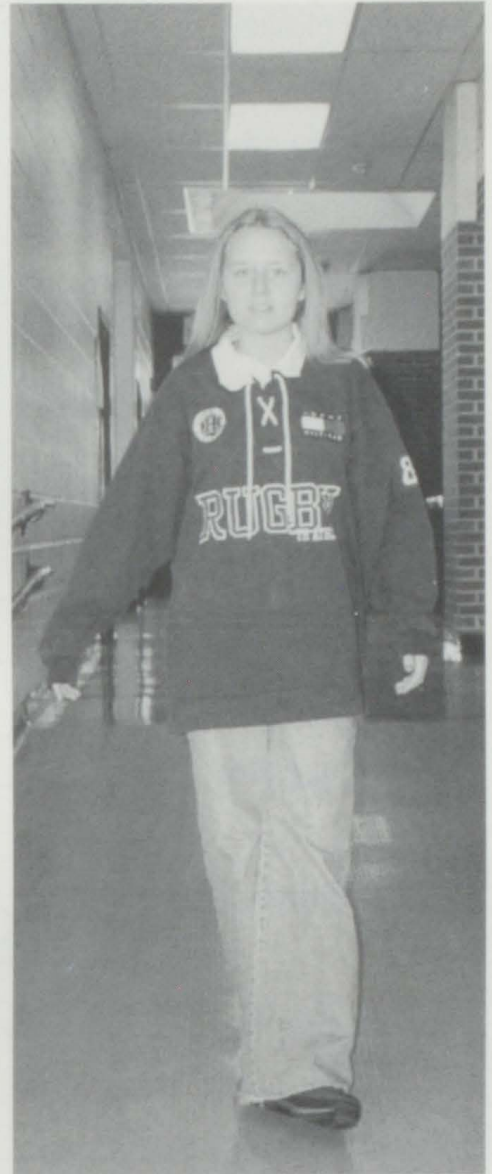
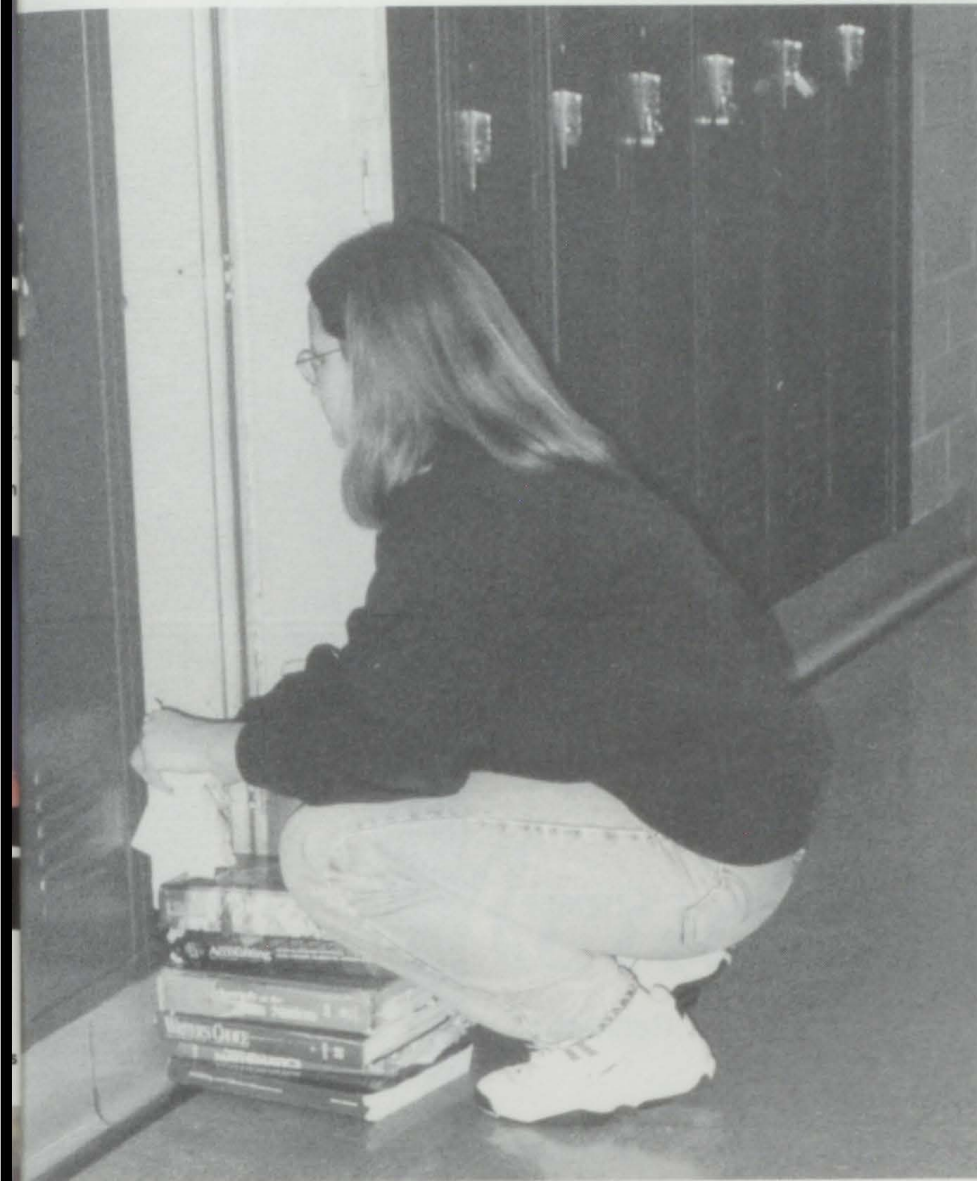
Battling the elements of a cool, frosty morning, seniors gathered for a final "Goodbye" group picture.





April Umbarger performs her duties as a Beta helper by cleaning out her owners' locker.

Stacey Miller struts her stuff.



Donnie Wolfe, senior, appears enthusiastic with his English class "down-under."

Sophomore boys at Wagner band concert.



# Senior Favorites Were Selected

Favorite Movie:.....Scream

Favorite TV Show: .....Seinfeld

Favorite Place To Go:.....The Beach

Favorite Saying:..... My bad!

Most Fun Day of the Year:.....Christmas Day

Favorite Teacher:..... Mr. Havens

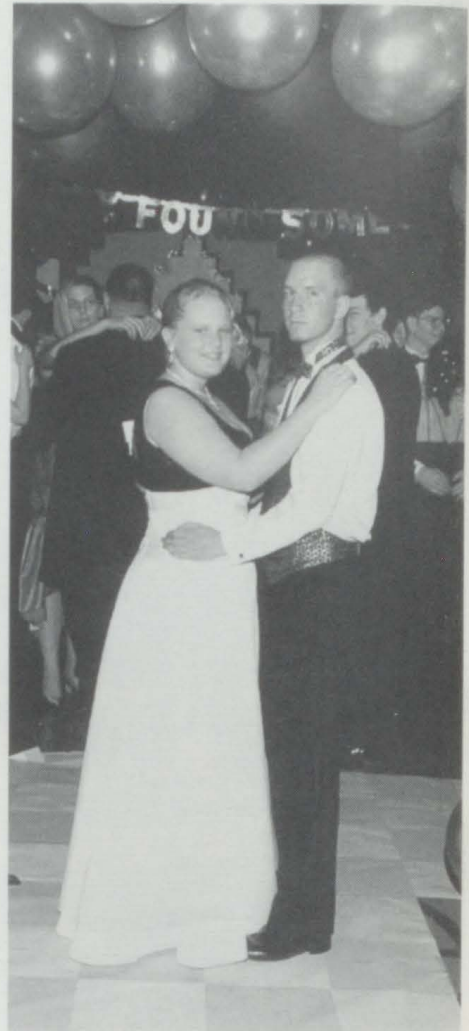
Favorite Subject:..... English

Favorite Food:.....Chinese

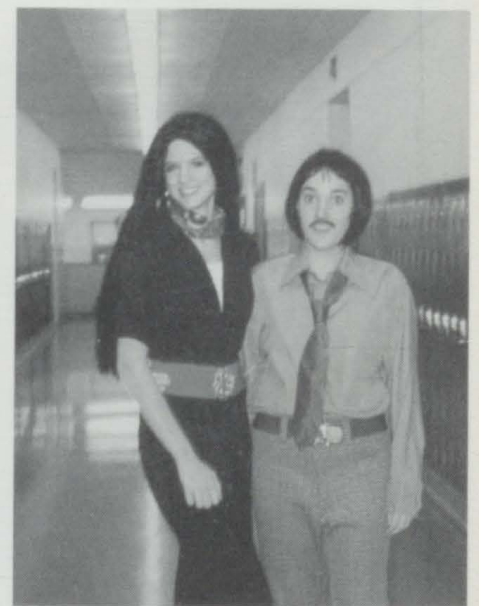
Favorite Sport:.....Basketball

Favorite Memory of School:..... Friends

Sarah Byrd and Ryan Newberry have center stage.

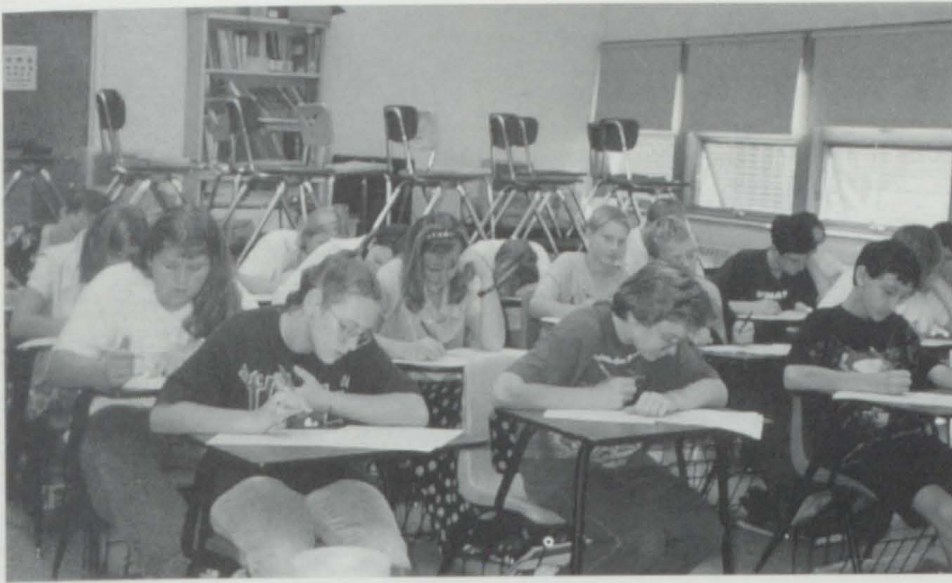


Erin Thompson and other seniors exemplify the integration of technology in the classroom.



Leslie Carroll and Brooke Kitts as Sonny and Cher





# *Academics*



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# Seniors Meet At Life's Intersection

**T**he journey has just begun for this, the Senior Class of 1997 as they pause at life's intersection. Both tears of joy and

those of sadness were expressed during the ceremonies. Many from this class received scholarships to area colleges.

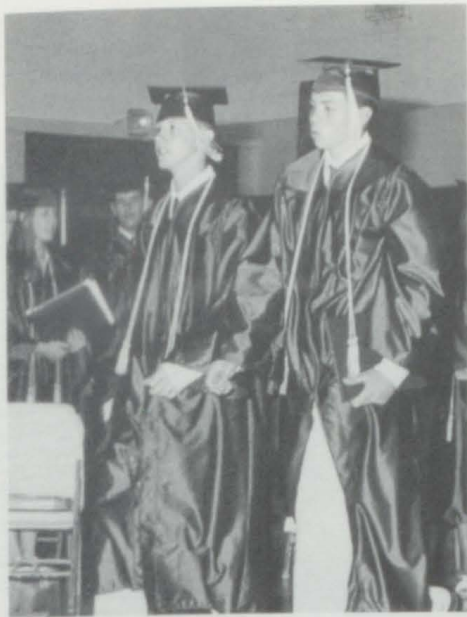
This graduation brought to an end the experience of high school, leaving wonderful memories that will forever remain within their hearts.



**TOP:** Even as preparations emerge, Amanda Umbarger and Marie Dotson still make time to joke around.

**RIGHT:** Ushers, Nathan Winters and Kelly Dunn, follow the Senior Class as they proceed out of the auditorium.

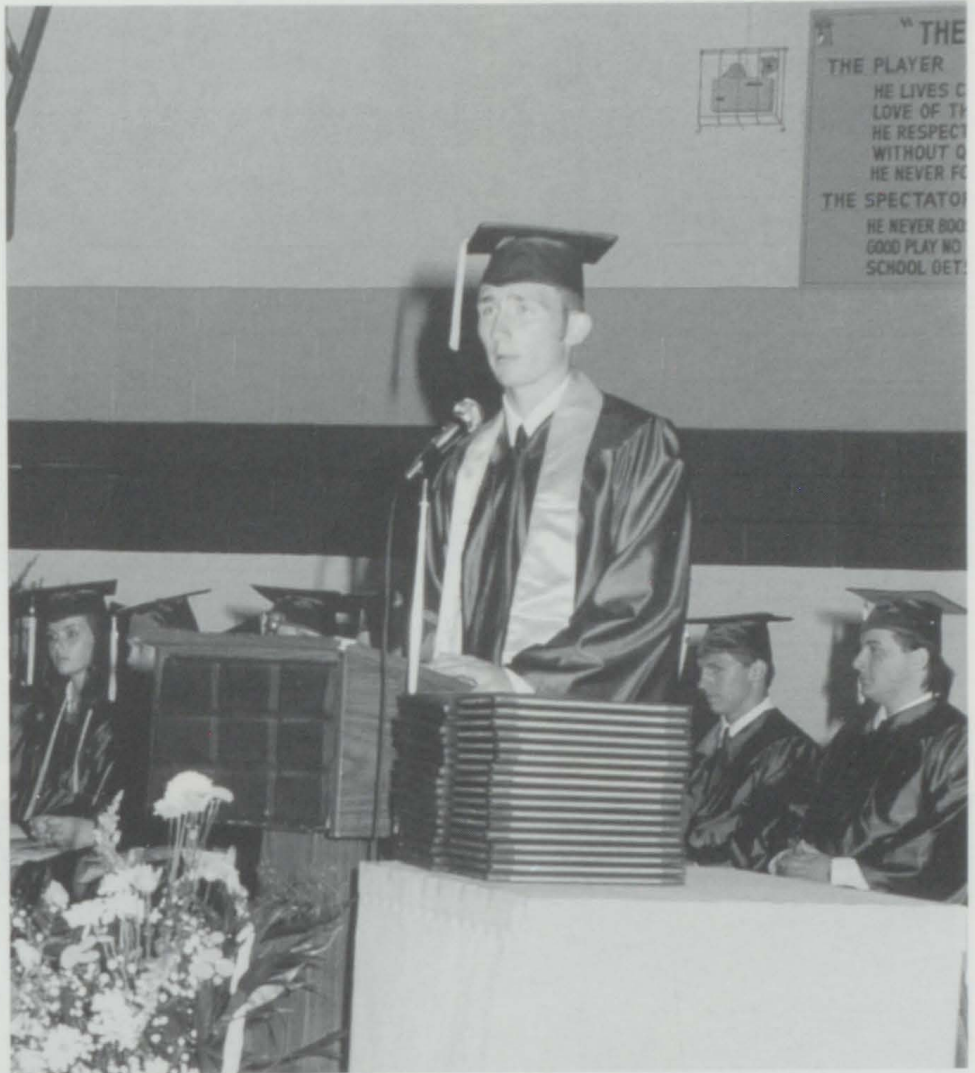
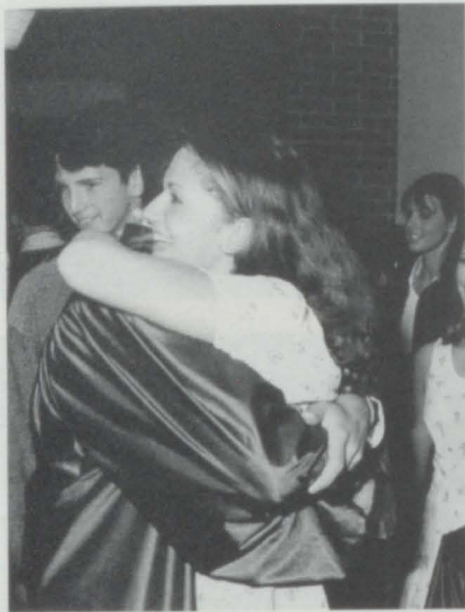




**TOP:** Lee Meadows and Derrick DeHart exit the graduation ceremony with expressions of glee and relief.

**CENTER LEFT:** Emotions flow as Rae Romano says farewell.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Standing tall and proud, Keith Bourne presents his salutatorian address.



**ABOVE:** The 1997 Senior Class anxiously awaits the final walk.



**ABOVE:** James Payne cheerfully passes by the audience with diploma in hand.



# MACC Students Showed Academic Prowess

**A**lthough MACC is sometimes overlooked as a competitive pastime at Bland, the players and coaches put in many hours of practice and study each year. Matches are absolutely fraught with competitive rivalries between schools and individuals. Bland MACC students showed off their academic prowess in areas of English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and All-Around.

Bus trips, endless meals at Wendy's, wins, and occasional losses were the highlights of the season, which began in February and ended in April. Tournaments were highly anticipated and greeted with enthusiasm, and all the teams played to the very best of their ability.



**TOP - ALL-AROUND TEAM - Front row:** Josh Richardson, Zachary Pauley. **Back row:** Michael Fulford, Laura Clifton, Sarah Bird. *Not pictured Ryan Newberry, Al Smith-coach.*

**BOTTOM -** The English MACC team shows their unconventional spirit in this team photo. **Front Row:** Laura Clifton, Mrs. Bekkie Peery-coach, Sharon Shewey, Sarah Bird. **Back row:** Laura Bridges, Ashley Strock, Samantha Bird. Mascots are David and Laura Peery.



The Math team show their serious side in this photo. - **Front row:** Ashleigh Sarver, Kari Harner, Joey Walker, David Wolcott.  
**Back row:** Nathan Winters, Mrs. Kay Mabe-coach, Heath Puckett.



**SCIENCE TEAM - Front row:** Matthew Richardson, Zachary Pauley. **2d row:** Missy Woods, Olena Sexton. **Back row:** Coach-Mr. John Wagoner, Michael Fulford.



**SOCIAL STUDIES TEAM - Front row:** Josh Richardson, Ashley Havens, Ryan Newberry.  
**Back row:** Virginia Presley, coach-Mr. Richard Havens, April Umbarger, Kelly Sluss.



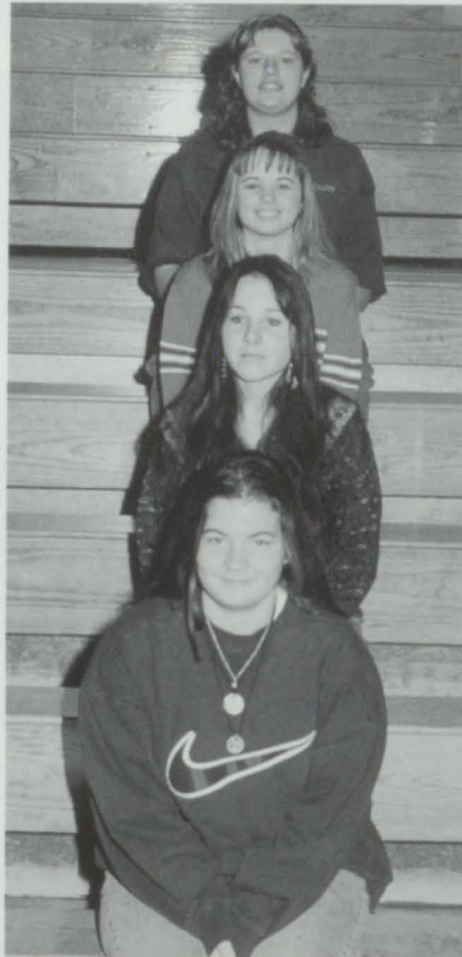
# "The Top"

Honors were bestowed upon the best and brightest at BHS. Hard work and dedication to their assignments paid off for many students. Sophmores with an "A" (95 and above) average received honor letters, juijors who kept up their grades were awarded a bar, and dedicated seniors received a double bar. Adam Faulkner, a senior, was nominated for a community service scholarship.

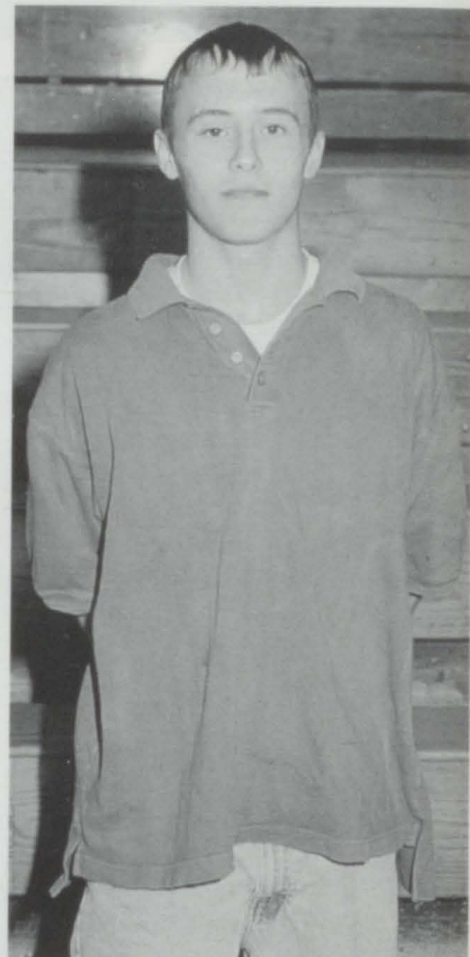
**BAR WINNERS - Front Row:** Heath Puckett, Renee Gross, Kari Harner, Leslie Gordon, Nathan Winters. **Back Row:** Erin Johnson, Olena Sexton, Ashleigh Sarver, Joe Meadows.



**DOUBLE BAR WINNERS.** Debbie Munsey, Missy Woods, Ryan Newberry..



**HONOR LETTERS.** Virginia Presley, Mindy Wyllie, Susan Stanley, Crystal Stiltner. *Not pictured: Kelly Sluss.*



Adam Faulkner, DAR award nominee.



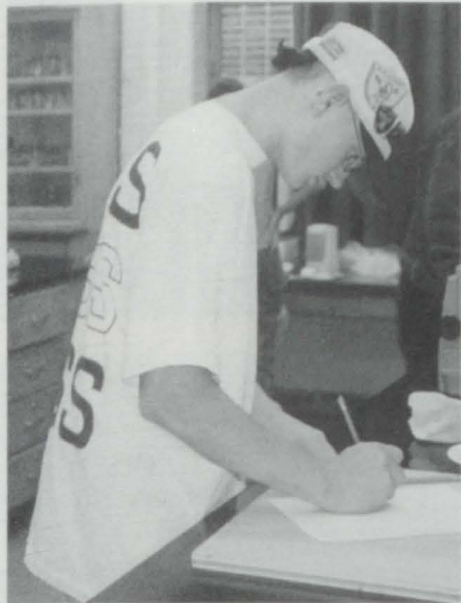


# Science=Progress at Bland High

Science classes at Bland High opened doors to the future for students. From Physical

Science to Physics, science was a challenging subject. Students had to perform labs, experiments, and dissections to progress forward. There were some casualties, i.e.

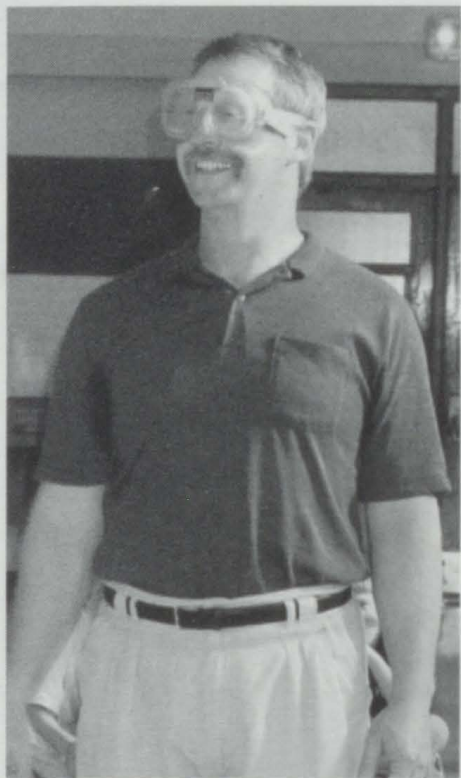
pigs, frogs, and Tina Pauley (who did manage to escape unharmed); but the world of science was relatively undamaged.



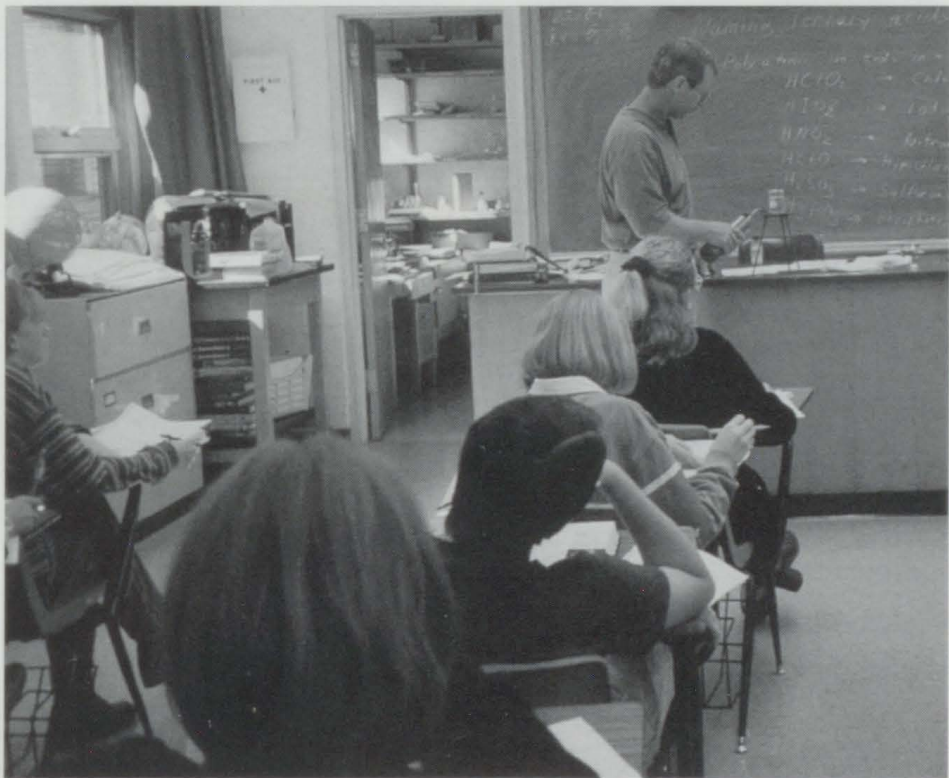
Josh Olinger performs a lab activity for Mr. Wagoner.



Students in Mr. Smith's Physical Science class seem interested in what he has to say.



Mr. John Wagoner, our fearless leader. And they let this man handle chemicals?

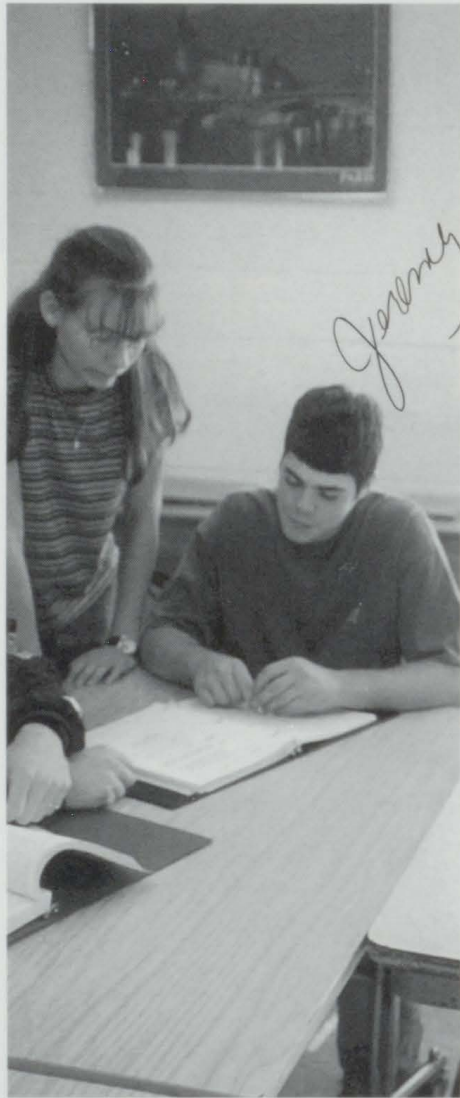
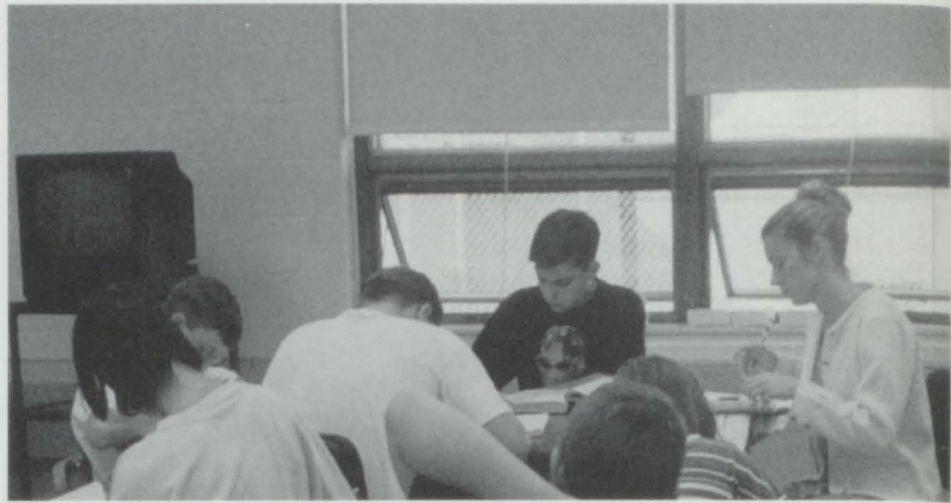


Mr. Wagoner demonstrates an experiment to his Earth Science class.



**W**indows to the past and future, social studies and business opened up many opportunities for students by teaching them about the changing world around them. Students in Mr. Haven's, Ms. Muncy's, and Mrs. Musick's social studies classes studied the past, present, and future through many projects. Mrs. Kegley's students blazed trails to the 21st century using technology. The Internet was a new addition to BHS, making research easier than ever. A common sight at Bland was a group of students clustered around a computer, "surfing the Net." New computers were added to each classroom to ensure that each student could take advantage of changing technology.

# Social Studies and Business -

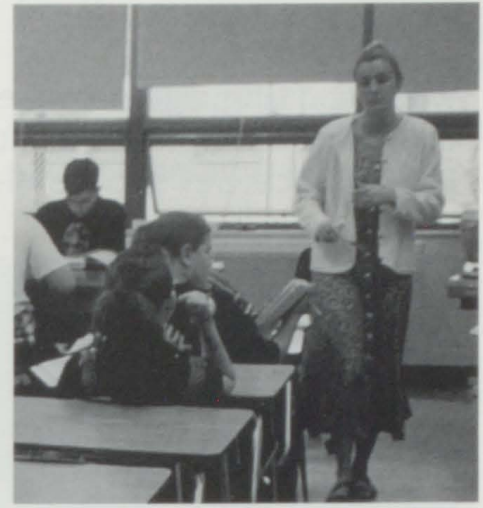
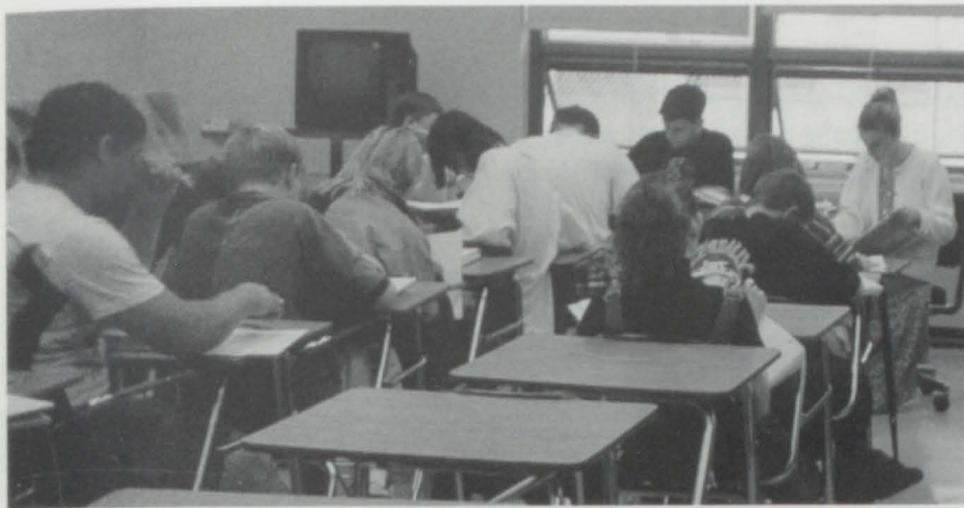


**ABOVE:** Jeremy Dillow receives special assistance from friend Lian Cole.  
**TOP RIGHT:** Ms. LaMoore Muncy works alongside her World Geography class.  
**CENTER RIGHT:** CIS students work together on a project.

Mr. Haven's 3rd period U.S History class continues working diligently even when he is out of the room.



# — Windows to the Past and Future



**TOP LEFT:** Ms. LaMoore Muncy and students determine to stay on task as they work through their assignments during the class period.

**TOP RIGHT:** Ms. LaMoore Muncy quickly springs into action as one of her students asks for help.

**CENTER:** Brandon Faulkner is caught off guard as he takes a well needed break during World History.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** As Mr. Havens sits all by himself, he spouts off truckloads of information to his World History class.

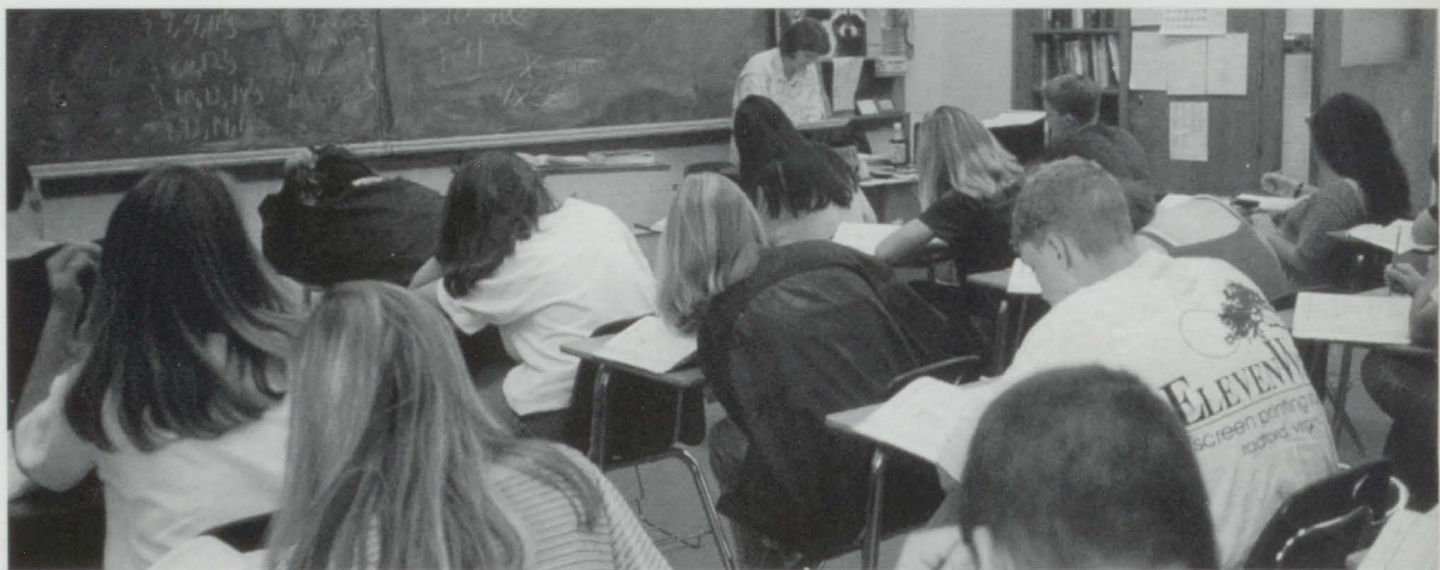
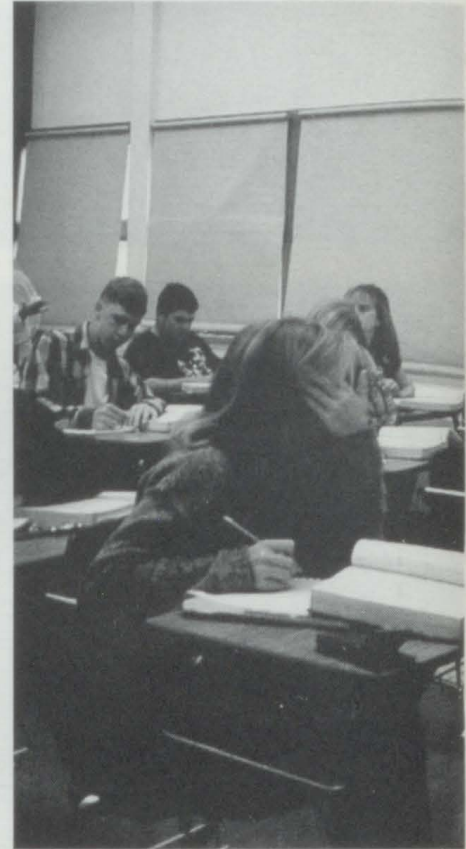
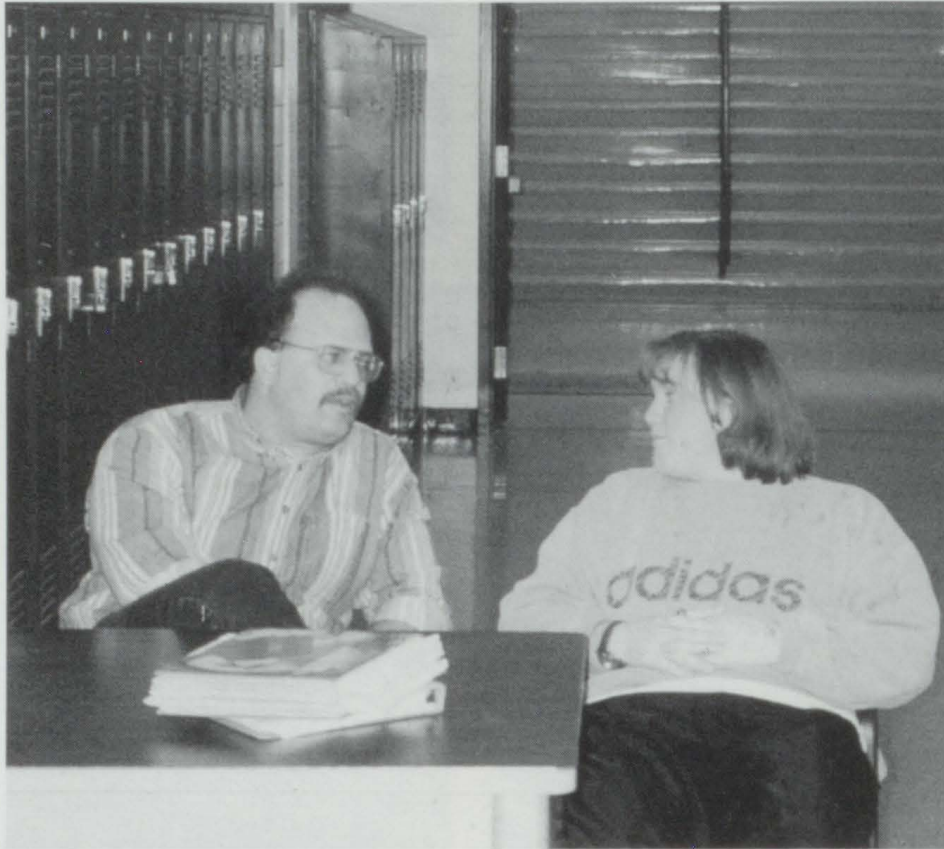


# Math and Language

Math and language were the cornerstones of learning at BHS. With classes such as Al-

gebra, Trigonometry, and Calculus, students learned the intricacies of mathemat-

ics. Math students were assigned several projects to keep them entertained.



**TOP LEFT:** Mr. Rich Hankins gives Sara King extra Algebra lessons between classes.

**TOP RIGHT:** Ashley Tate shies away from the camera during Algebra II class.

**ABOVE:** Mrs. Kay Mabe prepares to give another grueling math assignment to her class.

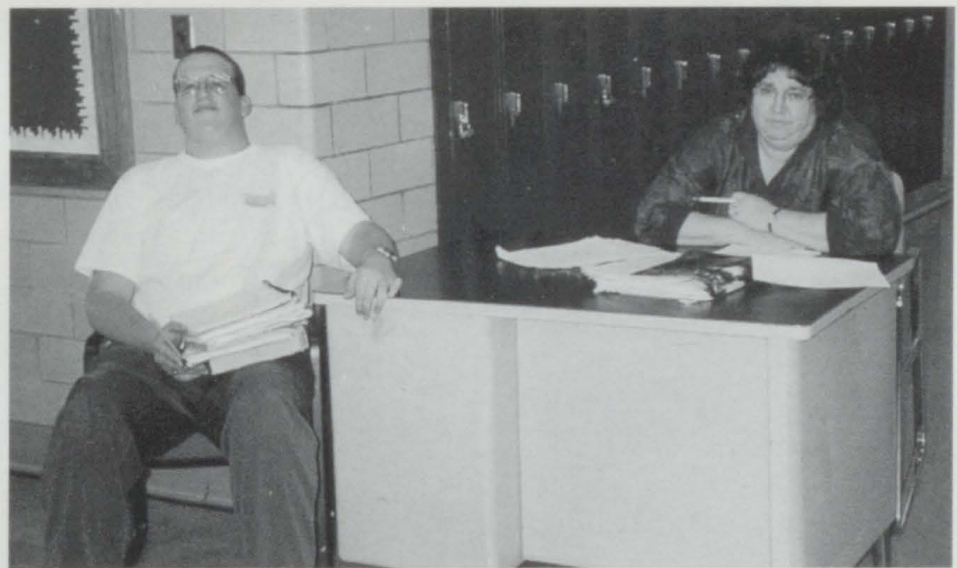
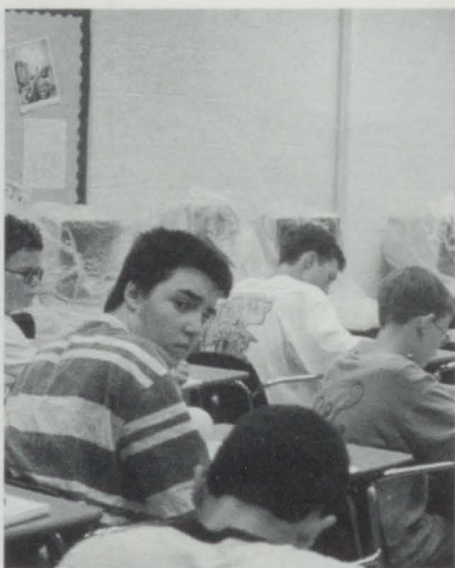
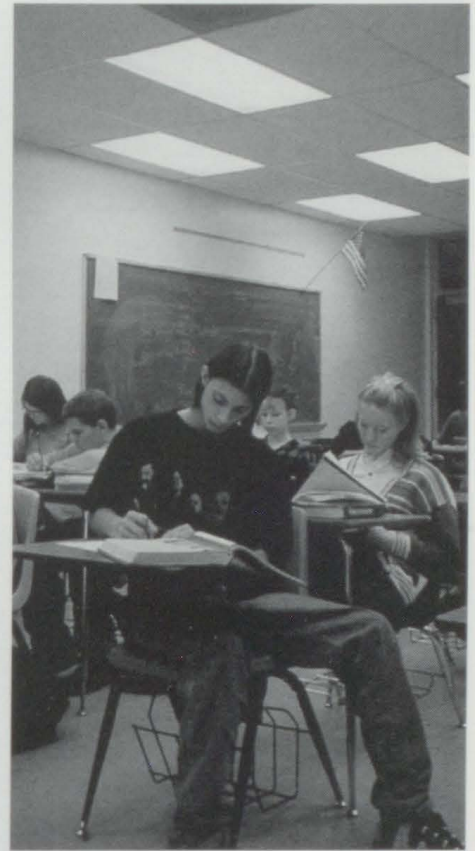


# The Gateways to Learning.

English classes at BHS progressed quickly, with students working on papers or reading literary chapters almost every day. Mrs. Bird and

Mrs. Faulkner kept students busy with difficult assignments and tough deadlines. Though students complained about the rigorous

schedule, they unflinchingly met the challenges and received the rewards for their hard work.



**TOP:** Ms. Janet Faulkner anxiously awaits fourth period so she can torture her seniors with yet another paper.

**TOP RIGHT:** Nathan Justice, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Chris Bird hurriedly finishes the work she assigned.

**ABOVE:** Ms. Janet Faulkner is thrilled to have Clinton Hagy spend time with her.  
**ABOVE LEFT:** Josiah Smith is just clueless.

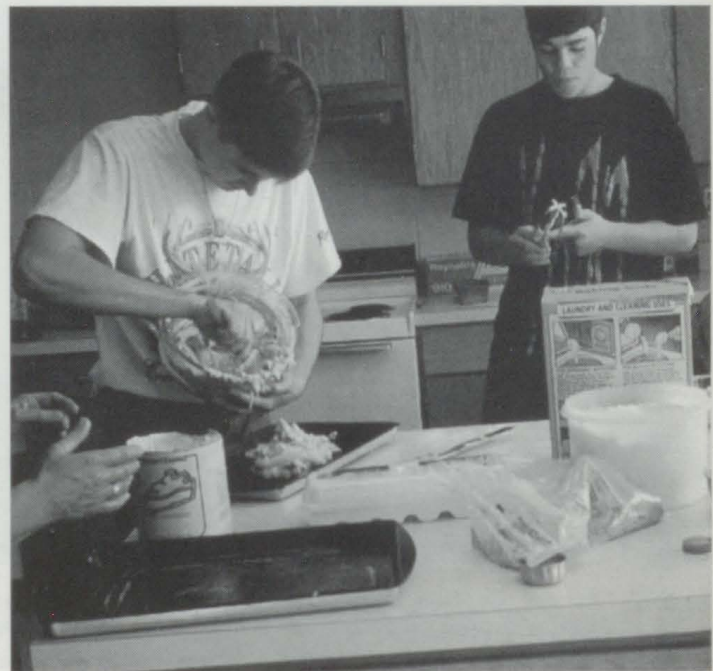
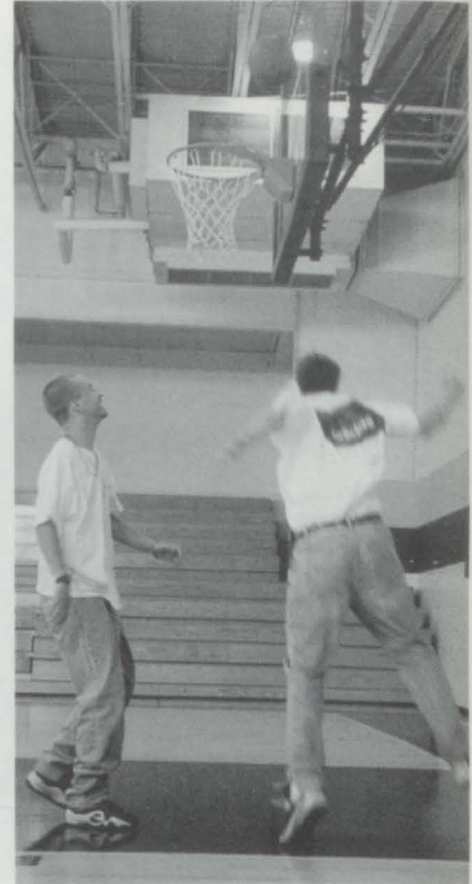
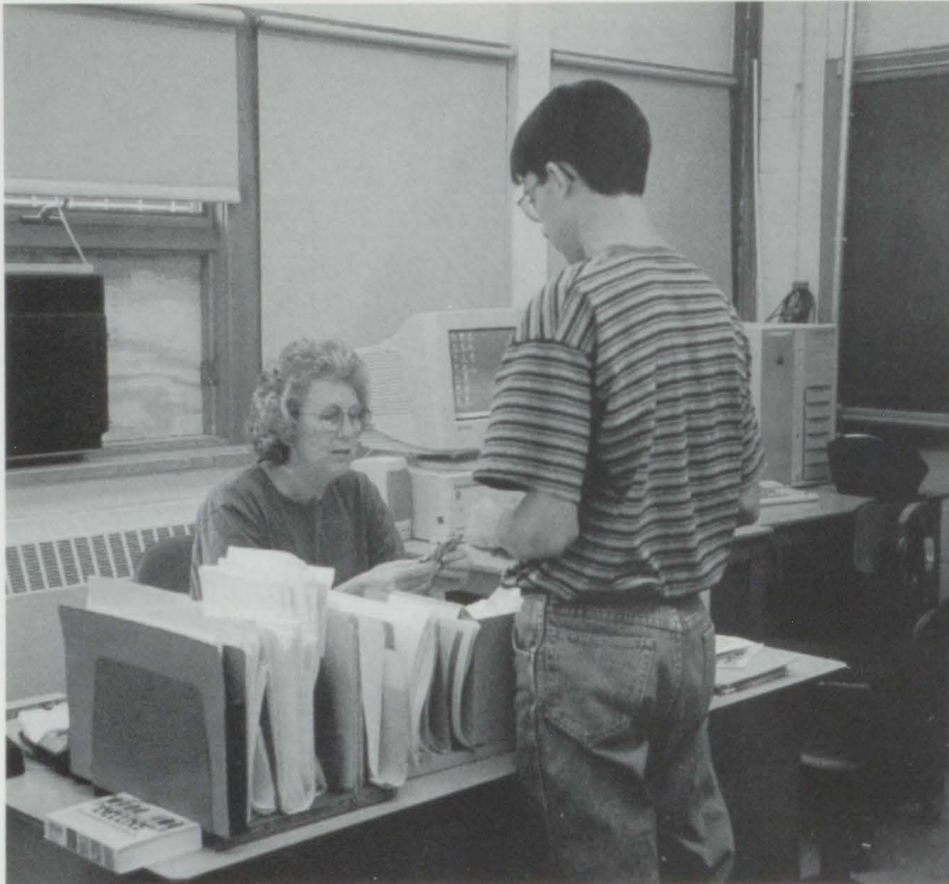


# Staying Active and Staying Current

**N**o one at BHS was more active than Phys. Ed. and vocational students. Mr. Hankins' and Ms. Muncy's gym classes were con-

venient outlets for extra energy built up during the day. Students played games such as basketball, volleyball, and dodge ball, ran laps, or just sat and relaxed on the bleachers. Vocational students

travelled to Wytheville each day to learn numerous skills. An inactive vocational student was a rare sight at BHS. Students learned such trades as welding and nursing.



**TOP LEFT:** Mrs. Jesse Kegley gives Jeremy Thompson instructions.  
**TOP RIGHT:** Ryan Newberry and Eric Reed in action.  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Jim Bob Penley, a veteran at showmanship.  
**ABOVE:** James Faulkner and Jeremy Dillow baking cookies.





# *Organizations*



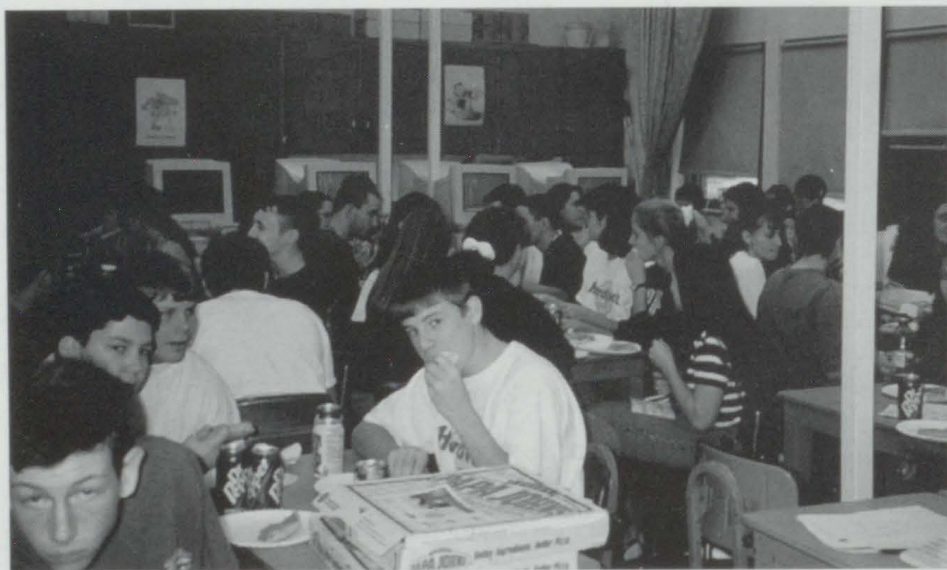
# FBLA: Introduction to Work and Leadership.

**M**embers of FBLA started the year with a busy schedule. Along with selling items for Hickory Farms and Krispy Kreme Dough-

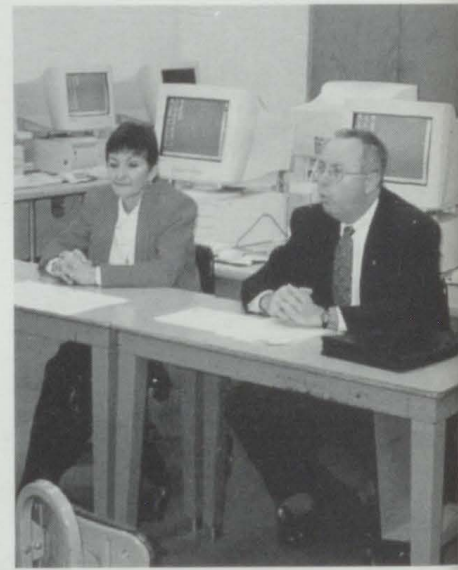
nuts, FBLA also kept alert working concession for the Snow Dance to raise money. At the same time however, they were rewarded with

pizza parties and other fun activities. Their fund-raising activities were aimed toward their spring convention in Virginia Beach.

**FBLA - Front Row:** Debbie Munsey, president; Josh Breedlove, vice-president; Ashley Havens, secretary; Leslie Carroll, treasurer; Kari Harner, reporter; Kelly Dunn, historian; *Not pictured: Ryan Newberry, parliamentarian.* **2d Row:** Paul Lindamood, Nathan Winters, Adam Faulkner, Jeremy Dillow, Ashleigh Sarver, Joe Meadows, Chad Perkey, Chris Pauley, Shane Thompson. **3d Row:** Jason Groseclose, Whitney Gamble, Laura Bridges, Susan Stanley, Ashley Tate, Monica Reed, Kelli Hall, Jessica Kidd, Laura Clifton, Olena Sexton. **4th Row:** Katie Muncy, Rachel Mullins, John Dillow, Melissa Sadler, Christina King, Heath Puckett, Renee Gross, Leslie Gordon, Erin Johnson. **Back Row:** April Blankenship, Lian Cole, Eric Reed, Stephanie Kelley, Brooke Kitts, Kelli King, Michael Fulford, Jeremy Thompson, Vanessa McBride, Samantha Bird.



FBLA members enjoy their pizza party.



Sarah Brackens and Travis Jackson spoke to the FBLA members about opening and owning your own business in Bland County.

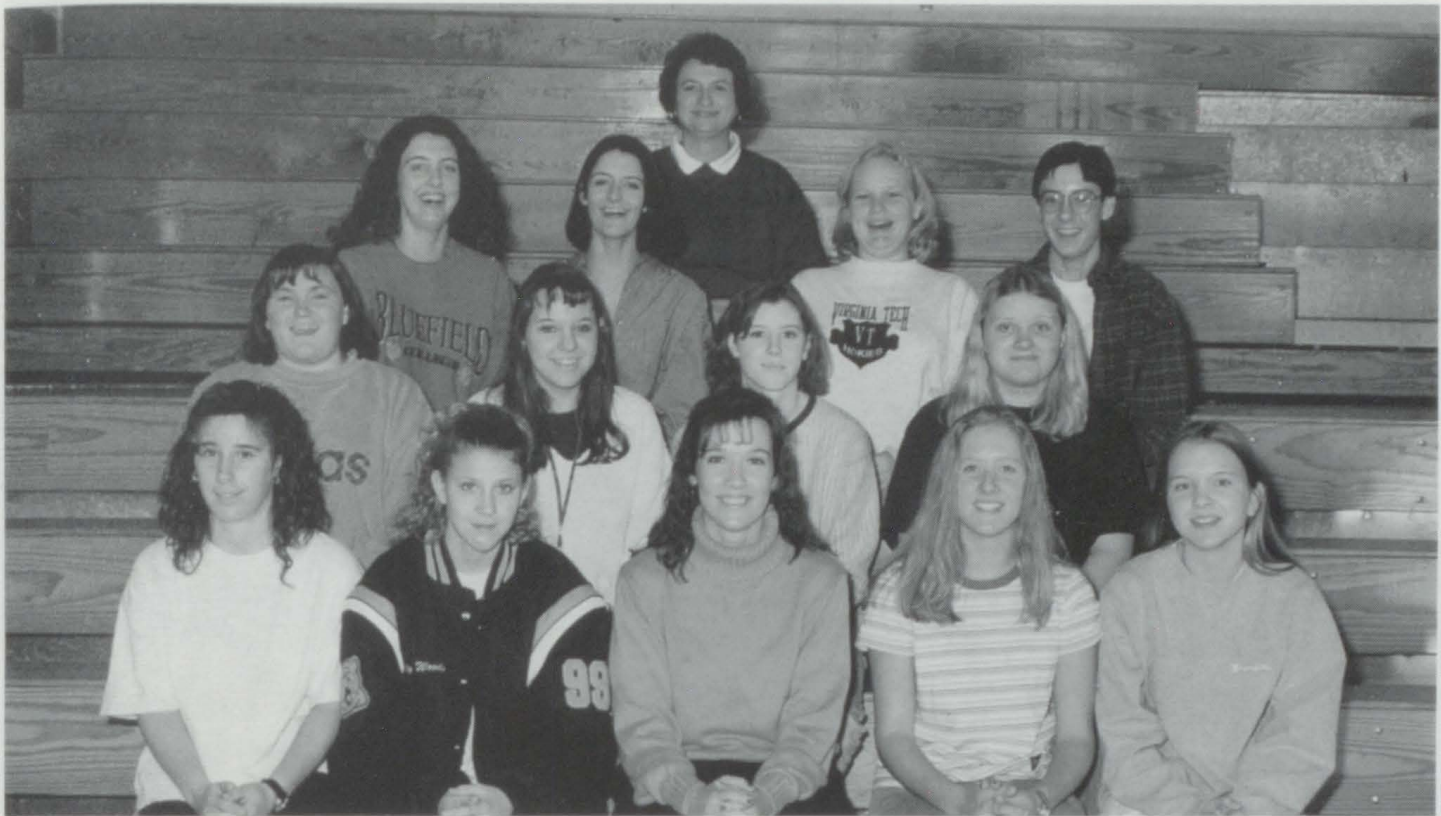




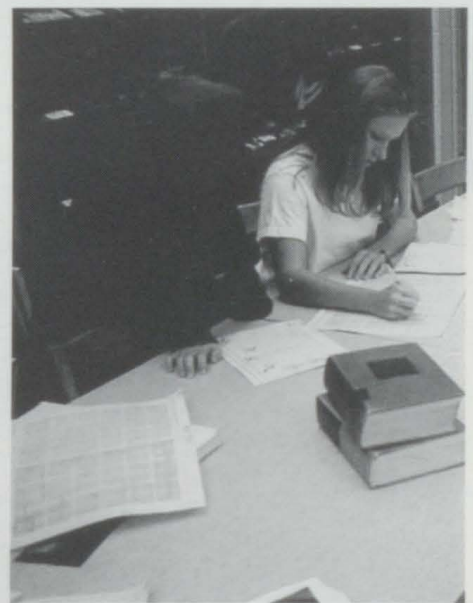
# Photo Journalism - Intro to Corporate World

The staff of the 1998 Echo were faced with many challenges throughout the year. Learning new tasks they had never performed before proved to be easier than they had once perceived. Meeting deadlines and hectically scrambling through stacks of pictures proved to be an everyday activity. This teamwork introduced them to the corporate world. The "corporate table" provided them with several holiday feasts.

**Yearbook Staff-Photo Journalism- Front Row:** Cicely Havens, Kelly Woods, Debbie Munsey, Kelly Dunn, Jessica Umbarger. **2d row:** Sara King, Sharon Shewey, Heather Stiltner, Amber Simmons. **Back row:** Ashley Havens, Erin Thompson, Sandra Harman, Sarah Bird, Jeremy Thompson. *Not pictured: Sarah Smith.*



Yearbook staff works dilligently on pages for yearbook, as Sandra Harman supervises.



Sarah Smith and Kelly Dunn confer.



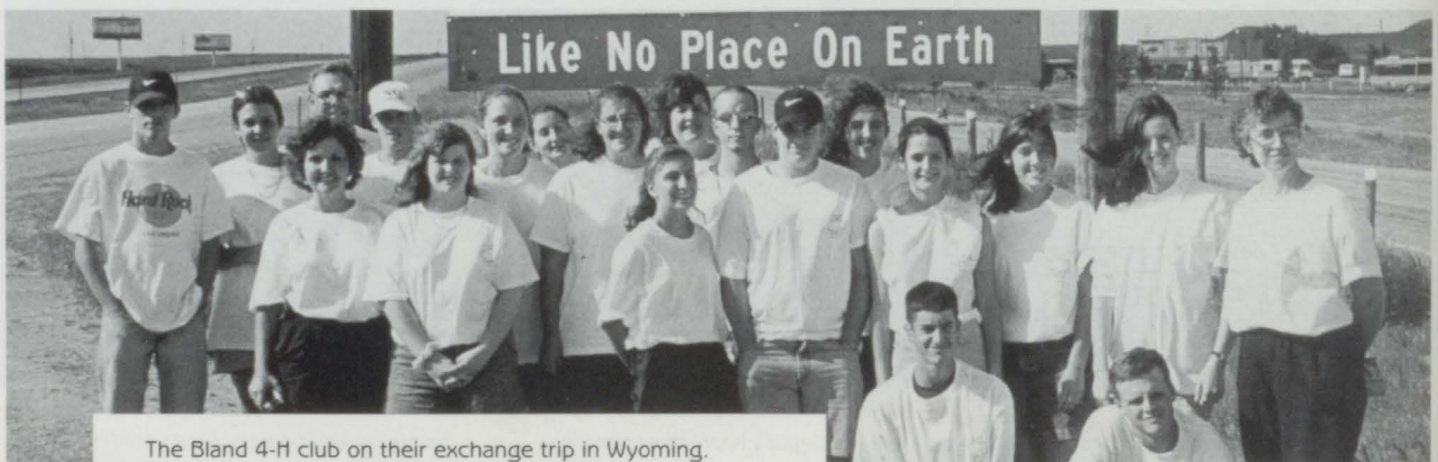
# FHA and 4-H: Getting Things Done

**T**hroughout the school year, both 4-H and FHA were strong student organizations. They were active and busy during the school day and "after hours."

The FHA provided treat bags, hosted parties, and traveled to RU. The 4-H group was a positive influence in student life. They met regularly and hosted a variety of fun and learning activities. As fund raisers

for some of their ventures, they made apple butter, and held a concession stand at the Festival of Leaves. At Christmas, the Bland 4-Hers provided a breakfast of juice, danish, and grapes to the teachers.

**Front Row:** Ashley Havens, president; Erin Thompson, vice-president; Brooke Kitts, secretary; Missy Woods, treasurer; Stacey Miller, reporter; Kelli King, recreation leader; Eric Reed, and Joe Meadows. **2d Row:** Shinatsu Hasagawa, Luciana Campos, Dawn Wright, Jenny Walker, Leisa Hagy, Laura Bridges, Sharon Shewey. **3rd Row:** Amber Simmons, Jessica Umbarger, Danielle Underwood, Shanna Brown, Elisha Pauley, Monica Havens, and Shawn Helbert. **4th Row:** Lian Cole, Cicely Havens, Tarah Pauley, Shelly Atwell, Kari Hagy, Kristen Altizer, Dorthy Umbarger, and Tonya Millirons. **5th Row:** Sondra Wolfe, Chad Brewer, Mindy Wylie, Kari Harner, Katie Muncy, and Erin Johnson. **Back Row:** Crystal Hancock, Sarah Pruet, Ashley Strock, Kirstie Meadows, Heather Clemons, James Faulkner, and Lila Ramsey.



The Bland 4-H club on their exchange trip in Wyoming.





**Bland 4-H - Front Row:** Erin Thompson, president; Debbie Munsey, vice-president; Kari Harner, secretary; Cicely Havens, treasurer; Sarah Bird, Ashley Havens, and Erin Johnson. **2d Row:** Jessica Kidd, Shane Thompson, Stephanie Kelly, Shawn Reed, Kristen Altizer, David Wolcott, and Jennifer Hutzel. **3d Row:** Virginia Presley, Ashley Strock, Sarah Pruett, Kari Hagy, Laura Bridges, Olena Sexton, Zachary Pauley, and Melissa Sadler. **4th Row:** Crystal Hancock, Lian Cole, Aaron Pauley, Matthew Tickle, Brian Faulkner, Amber Hutchins, Shanna Brown, Vanessa McBride, and Miranda Foley. **Back Row:** Bear James, Charlie Stiltner, James Williams, Brandon Faulkner, Crystal Stiltner, Beth Lambert, and Joey Walker.



Leslie Gordon and Cicely Havens are given awards for the Bland County Horse Show by 4-H leader, Frankie Strock.

**LEFT - Mechanicsburg 4-H - Front Row:** Kim Pohlman, vice-president; Leslie Gordon, secretary; Debbie Munsey, reporter; and Laura Clifton, chaplain. **2d Row:** Kelli Hall, Kristen Songer, and April Nelson. **3d Row:** Sara King, Sondra Wolfe, and Hope Melvin. **4th Row:** Shawn Helbert, and Wesley Armstrong. **Back Row:** Thomas Johnson, and Ronald Spain. *Not pictured:* Ryan Newberry, president; Sandra Melvin, treasurer.



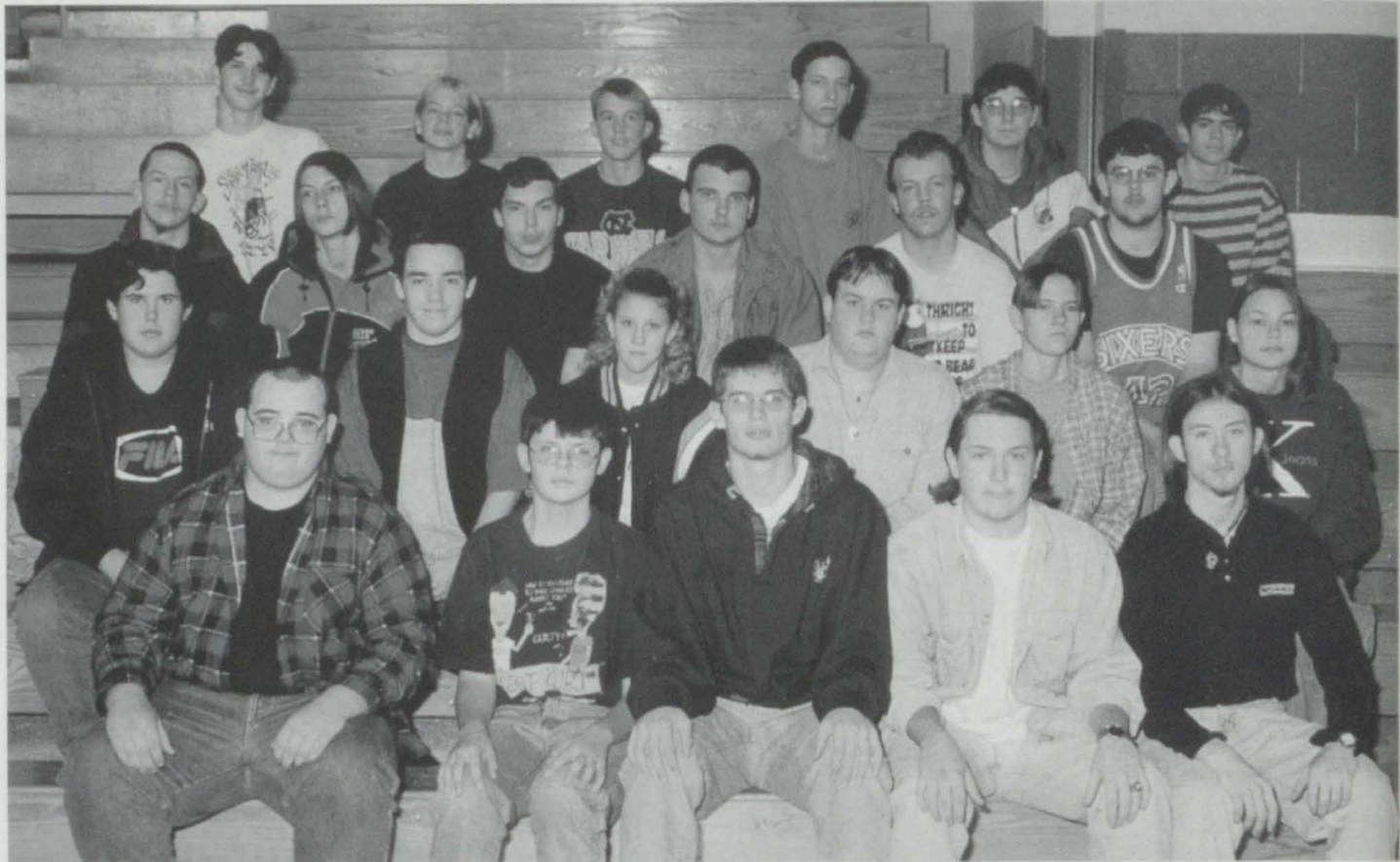
# FFA and SCA "About and Busy"

Students whose interests lie in the areas of agriculture and shop, and are enrolled in those classes, usually found themselves a part of the Future Far-

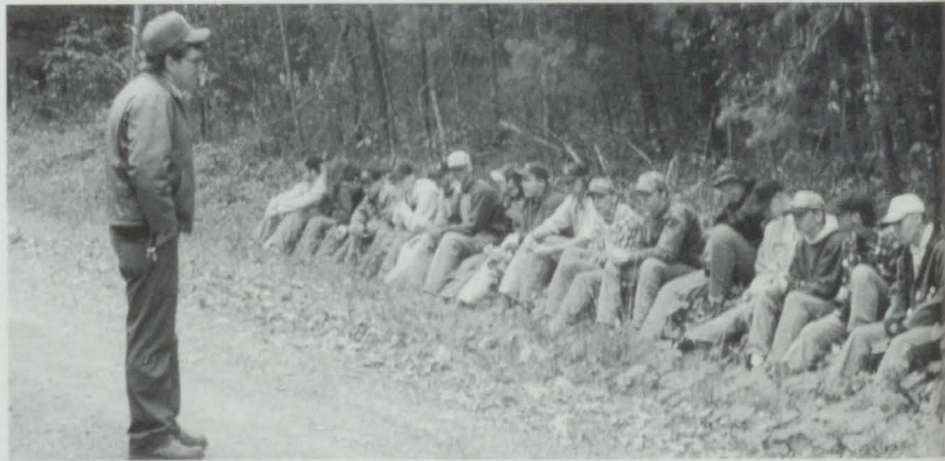
mers of America. Here they recited the creed, prepared and delivered speeches, and learned the art of judging livestock. They also took field trips to study forestry.

The SCA (Student Council Association), headed by Al Smith, was responsible for awareness of student's and faculty needs and coordinating the two.

**FFA (3rd, 4th, 5th year) - Front Row:** Jim Bob Penley, president; Kellen Shewey, vice-president; Jeremiah Tate, secretary; Kris Blankenship, treasurer; Isaac Tyeryar, sentinel. **2d Row:** Josh Faulkner, Josiah Smith, Kelly Woods, Josh Gusler, Ricky Olivo, Mandy Jones. **3d Row:** Phillip Meadows, Nathan Justice, Ted Sparks, Mark Davidson, Jeff Brunk, David Olinger. **Back Row:** Robert Newberry, Jeb Hodges, Aaron Pauley, Will Blankenship, Ronnie Wolfe, Jesse Goss.



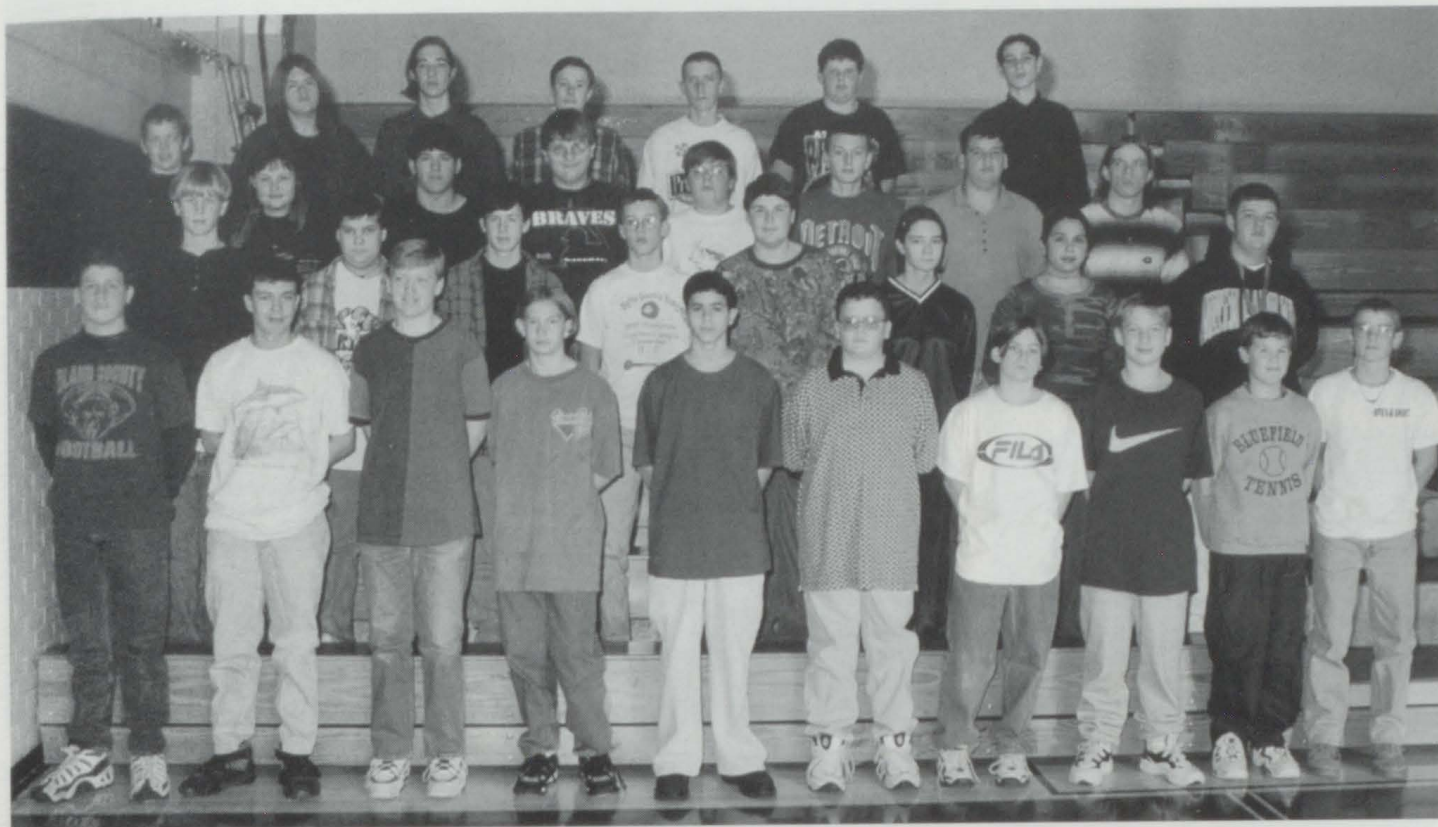
Josie McMillan, Ricky Olivo, Jesse Goss.



The Ag students receive instruction on forestry and tree judging from Riley Bruce.



**FFA (1st and 2nd year) - Front Row:** Casey Elliot, Eric Gray, Thomas Johnson, David Wolcott, Chase Thomas, Corey Maddox, Craig Winesett, Brandon Anders, Andy Sarver, Hunter Stuart. **2d Row:** Joey Walker, Wesley Armstrong, Aaron Turski, Sam Wright, Adam Harman, Lorie Tabor, Megan Shewey, Josh Breedlove. **3d Row:** Travis Pauley, Hope Melvin, James Williams, Todd Simmons, D. J. Wright, Ben Foglesong, Ronald Spain, Titus Ramsey. **Back Row:** Aaron Clemons, Kurt Blankenship, James Faulkner, Stuart Morehead, Reggie Meadows, Bear James.



**SCA - Front Row:** Brooke Kitts, Ashley Tate, Susan Stanley, Stephanie Kelley, Debbie Munsey. **Back Row:** Josh Richardson, Brent Tate, Leslie Carroll, Ashley Havens.



# With A Step That Is Steady & Strong.

**W**ith a step that was steady and strong, the Bland County Band marched to victory. Band classes were scheduled for each afternoon, and, after some initial confusion, director Bob Correll readied the musicians for the marching season. The band attended three marching competitions in Mount Airy, Patrick County, and Forbush, and was tremendously successful. They earned a rating of Superior and two first-place trophies in class Single A. Inclement weather wreaked havoc on the parade schedule, postponing one and forcing Mr. Correll to call off the second. Plans to go to Myrtle Beach in the summer were discussed at length and fundraisers were planned to generate revenue for the trip.



**TOP:** Bob Correll "works the crowd" at an elementary concert. **ABOVE:** 1998 Bland County Band - **Front Row:** Andy Sarver, Chad Brewer, Daniel Thompson, Shane Thompson, David Wolcott, Tara Bradshaw, Joey Walker, Adrienne Faulkner. **2d Row:** Samantha Bird, Katie Muncy, Ashleigh Sarver, Sara Boone, Renee Gross, Jamie Price, Ashley Hopkins, Angela Mercer. **3d Row:** Michael Lambert, Sarah French, Constance Whitt, Crystal Stiltner, Shannell Ball, Shanda Ball, Molly Neel, Melissa Leedy, Heather Morehead, Crystal Hancock, Jody Crabtree, Denita Harden. **Back Row:** Ben Leighton, Sarah Bird, Tonya White, Curtis Brewer, Cathy Starks, Eric Thompson, Joe Meadows, Virginia Presley, Nathan Winters, Chase Thomas, Andrew Shoeneman.





**ABOVE:** Adrienne Faulkner and Kelly Sluss, the band's "pit girls", intensely study their respective instruments.

**TOP LEFT:** Ashleight Sarver performs a flag routine with grace and style.

**TOP RIGHT:** Jodi Crabtree, Joey Walker, Eisle Havens, Christie Stiltner, and Ben May play a sax piece.

**CENTER:** Denita Harden and Jodi Crabtree play a difficult clarinet riff.

**LEFT:** Sara Boone, Ben Leighton, Andrew Shoeneman, and Chase Thomas execute a move in the field show. Are they all in step for once?



# Beta Goes National

**S**enior Beta once again took top honors at State and National Conventions during

the '96-'97 year. Endless hours of work on the scrapbook proved to be worthy for these members. Individual honors were attained by

Debbie Munsey, Michael Mabe, and Sarah Bird. Debbie Munsey and the scrapbook also placed in New Orleans at National Convention.

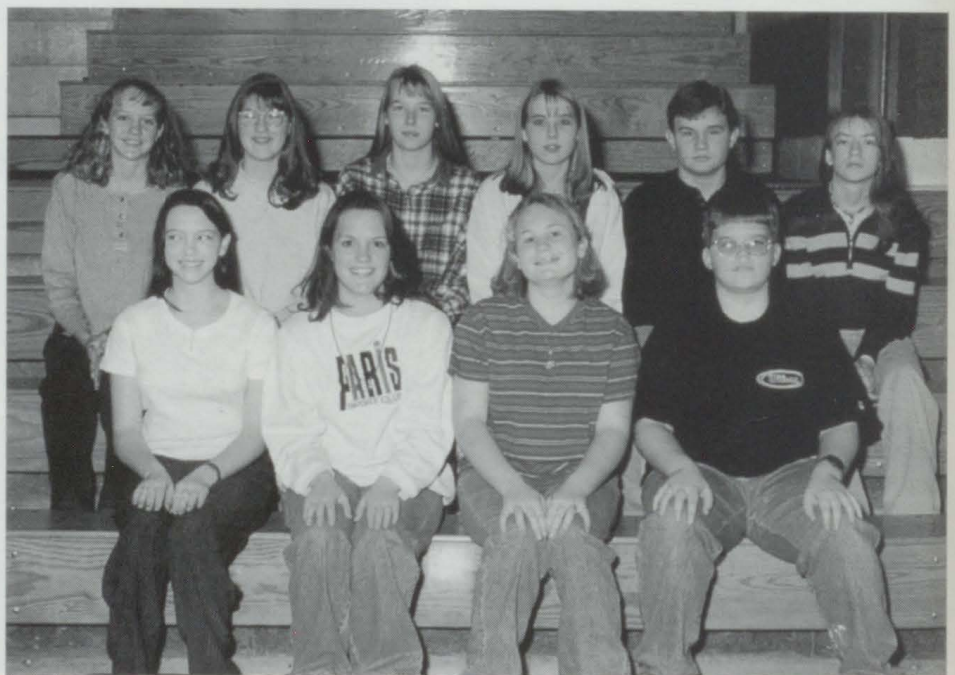


**ABOVE:** Megan Penley looks on to the auction while Amy Viars shows glances of fear as her turn to be auctioned approaches.



**TOP RIGHT:** Monica Reed takes it all in stride during the Beta Tapping Ceremony as the Senior members of Beta watch in the background.

**RIGHT: Front row:** Vanessa McBride, Laura Bridges, Samantha Bird, Zachary Pauley.  
**Back row:** Ashley Stroock, Sarah Pruet, Beth Lambert, Kirstie Meadows, Matthew Richardson, Eisle Havens.





# Preparing for the Future



**T**he Junior Beta club prepares to enter the upcoming events that takes place in the Senior Beta club. The main activity for these students is a trip to Pipestem. This club's sponsor is Miss Teena Morefield.

**TOP LEFT:** Will Pauley, Beta worker, shows off his antlers.



**CENTER:** Crystal Hancock walks the line with auctioneer Mr. Richard Havens.

**LEFT - Front Row:** Ashley Havens, president; Leslie Carroll, vice-president; Kelly Dunn, treasurer; Debbie Munsey, secretary. **2d row:** Jeremy Dillow, Stephanie Kelley, Missy Woods, Eric Reed, Erin Thompson, Ashleigh Sarver, Joe Meadows, Sarah Bird, Laura Clifton. **3d row:** Will Pauley, Adam Faulkner, Jason Groseclose, Whitney Gamble, Monica Reed, Cicely Havens, Katie Muncy, Erin Johnson. **4th row:** Michael Lambert, Renee Gross, Leslie Gordon, Kari Harner, Mindy Wylie, Ashley Tate, Olena Sexton. **5th row:** Josh Breedlove, Crystal Hancock, Crystal Stiltner, Virginia Presley, Josh Richardson, Nathan Winters, Kelli Hall. **Back row:** Chad Perkey, Susan Stanley, Heather Morehead, Heath Puckett, Brent Tate, Amy Viars, April Umbarger, Megan Penley.

**BOTTOM:** The enthusiastic Sr. Beta sponsor, Janet Faulkner.



# French is still active at BHS

**T**he French club at Bland High School is a very successful

club. They have achieved numerous goals by raising money to go on many long trips. Last year the French club went to the Biltmore

Estate with the money they raised. It was one of the most exciting trips they have taken, despite the cold weather.

**French Club - Front Row:** Kristen Altizer, Zachary Pauley, Albert Davis, Sara Pruett, Ashley Strock, Kirstie Meadows, Amy Viars. **2d Row:** Kari Hagy, Virginia Presley, Chris Pauley, Crystal Hancock, Lian Cole, Elizabeth Lambert, Eisle Havens. **3d Row:** Stephanie Kelley, Leslie Carroll, Brian Faulkner, Will Pauley, Brandon Faulkner, April Umbarger, Heather Morehead. **4th Row:** Aaron Pauley, Jason Hagy, Matthew Tickle, Ben May, Susan Stanley.



French trip to Biltmore Estate.

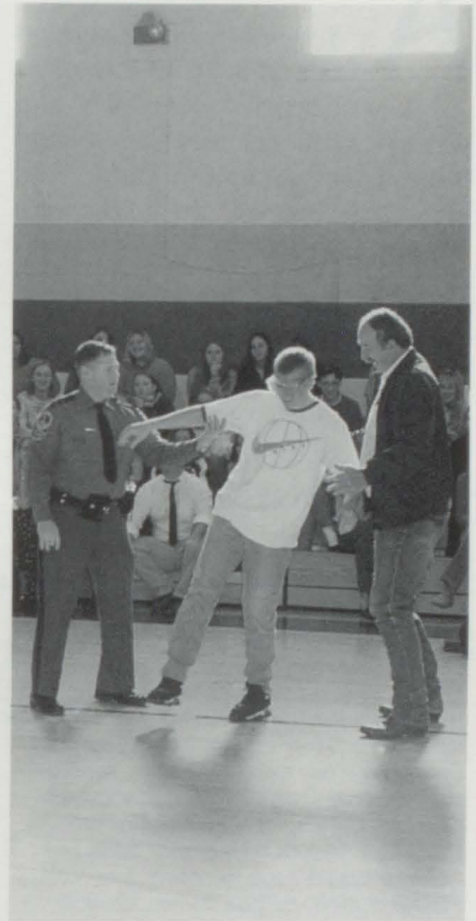


# Upward Bound Provides Opportunities

**U**pward Bound at BHS was an active part of school life.

They were also an active part of the community, taking many trips in addition to performing various community service activities. This

group of students met bi-weekly and took part in outside functions as well. Mrs. Bekkie Peery proved to be a dedicated sponsor.



**TOP LEFT - Upward Bound - Front Row:** Amy Viars, April Umbarger, Olena Sexton, Erin Johnson. **2d Row:** Zachary Pauley, Aaron Pauley, Brandon Faulkner, Jessica Kidd. **3d Row:** Shane Thompson, Brian Faulkner, Matthew Tickle.

**TOP RIGHT:** As Will Pauley donned the "fatal vision goggles" (also known as "drunk glasses") he required assistance from Trooper Brickey and Mr. Richard Havens. Volunteers were asked to take 10 steps on a straight line, turn and take 10 step back. Most of them were unable to maintain their balance. This was the culmination of an assembly on drinking and driving.

**BOTTOM:** Student body at the '97 spring band concert.



# Forensics, Newspaper Participants Keep Busy

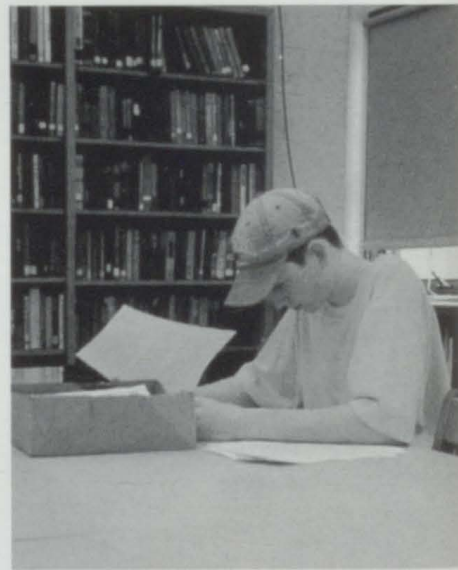
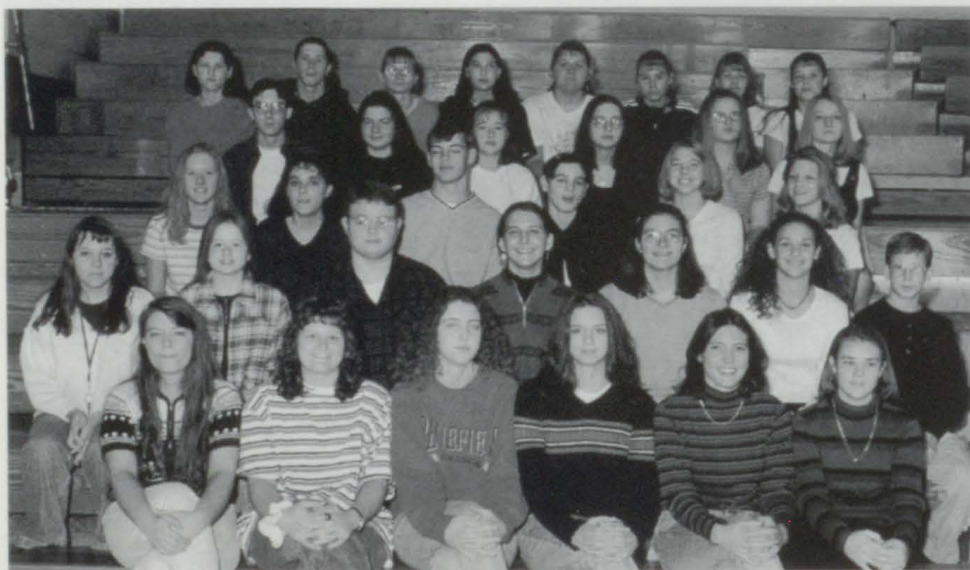
**A**s if there weren't enough going on for BHS students, newspaper deadlines and Forensics practice and competition took a fair amount of time. The Mountain Empire District Forensics competition took place at Bland this year, and all of the participants did extremely well, with many of them advancing to regional level. The newspaper staff kept busy as well, writing articles that kept other students well-informed as to what was going on at BHS

**BOTTOM LEFT - NEWSPAPER STAFF - Front**

**row:** Leisa Hagy, Kelli King, Ashley Havens, Leslie Carroll, Stephanie Kelley, Ashleigh Sarver. **2nd row:** Sharon Shewey, Laura Clifton, Josh Richardson, Olena Sexton, Kari Harner, Renee Gross, Shawn Reed. **3rd row:** Kelly Dunn, Brooke Kitts, Shane Thompson, Chase Thomas, Kelli Hall, Ashley Tate. **4th row:** Jeremy Thompson, Virginia Presley, Crystal Hancock, Meagan Penley, April Umbarger, Heather Morehead. **Back row:** Jennifer Walker, Joe Meadows, Lian Cole, Rachel Mullins, Melissa Sadler, Danielle Underwood, Tarah Pauley, Christina King.

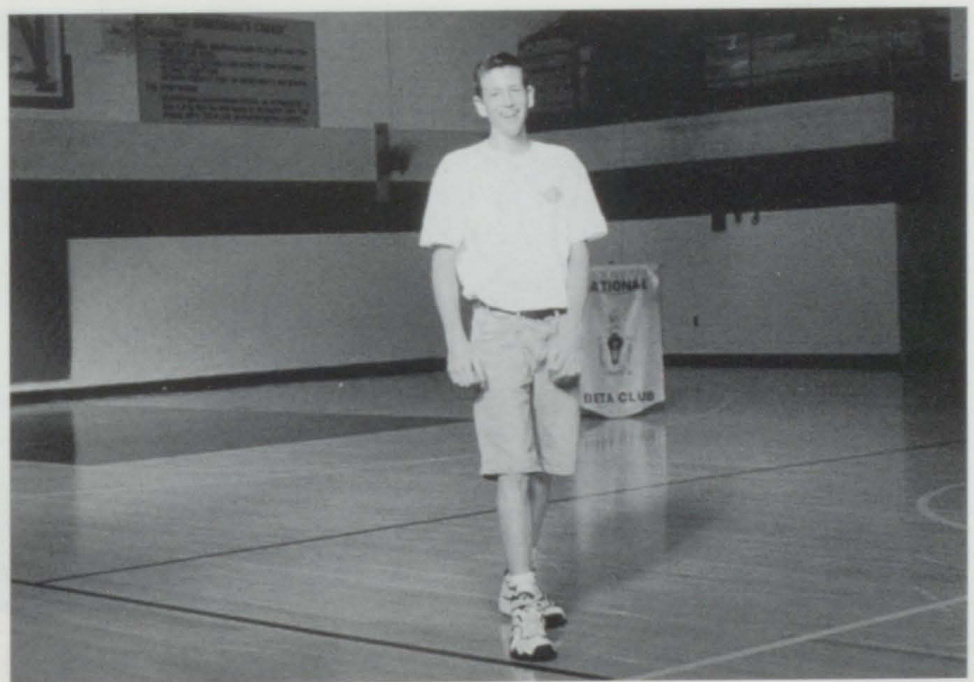
**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Rob Kegley studies and practices for his extemporaneous competition.

**FORENSICS TEAM - Front row:** Leslie Carroll, Erin Thompson, Stephanie Kelley, Ashley Havens.  
**2nd row:** Debbie Munsey, Olena Sexton, Sarah Bird.  
**3rd row:** Leslie Gordon, Kari Harner, Laura Bridges.  
**4th row:** April Blankenship, Kelli Hall, Laura Clifton, Rob Kegley.  
**Back row:** Renee Gross, Heath Puckett, Ashleigh Sarver, advisor-Mrs. Christine Bird, Ashley Tate.





# *Student Life*



# I Finally Found Someone...

**A** perfect night brought students together in that per-

fect setting for the 97 Prom. Everyone looked very elegant in their evening gowns and attire. As students gathered on the dance floor,

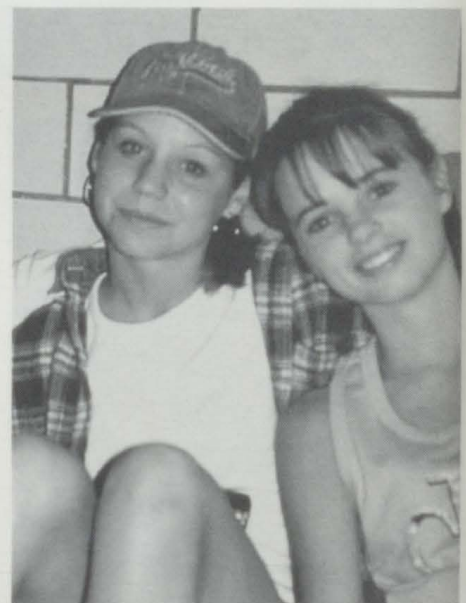
there were many happy faces and everyone seemed to be enjoying this special night. The prom was followed by a spectacular party.



**TOP RIGHT:** 1997 Prom King and Queen: Jamie Dunn and Holly Pauley, with Princess and Prince: Stacey Miller and Chad Perkey.



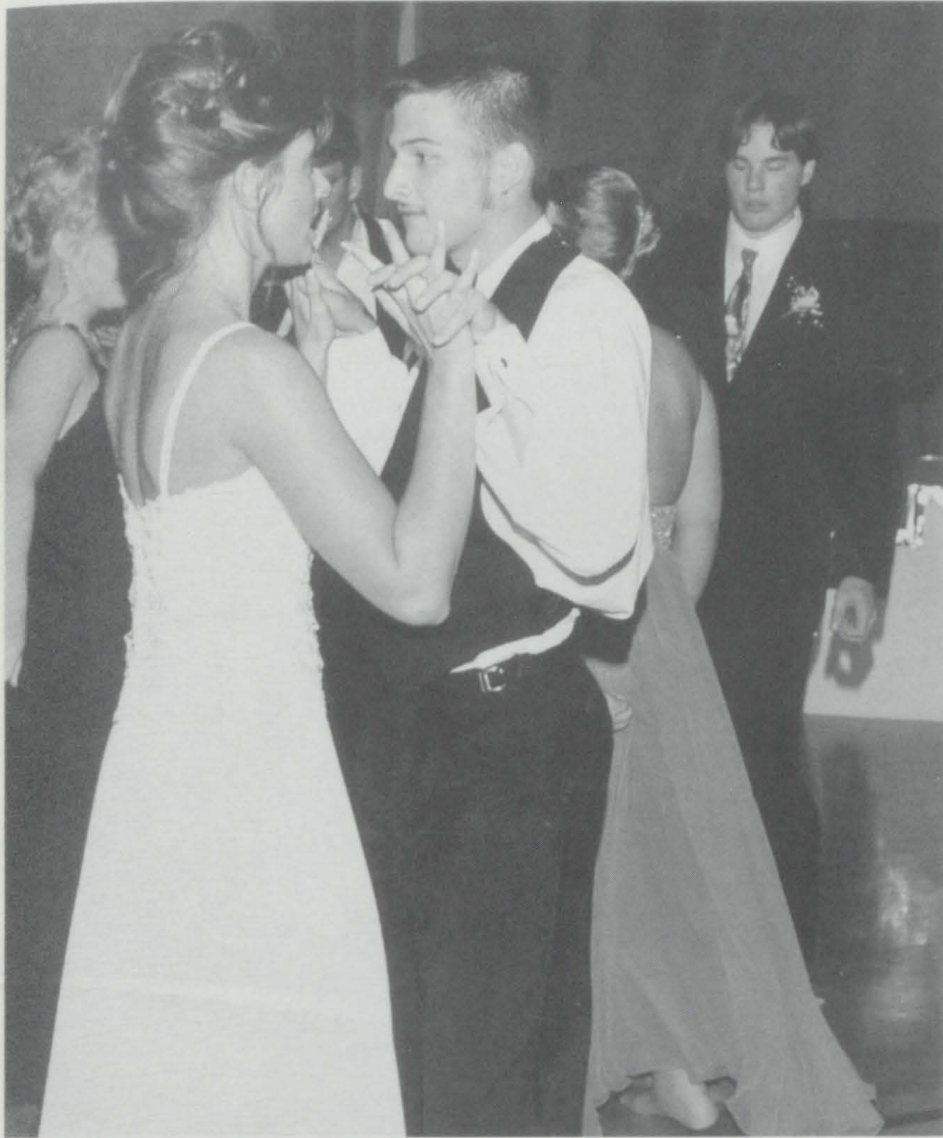
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Amanda Umbarger, Marie Dotson and Michael Mabe enjoying the Prom.



**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Ashley Tate and Susan Stanley.



**TOP LEFT:** Marie Dotson and Steven May seem to be absorbed in one another's company. This couple epitomizes the prom's theme, "I Finally Found Someone."



**TOP RIGHT:** Sandra Melvin and Jason Hancock.



**BOTTOM LEFT:** Round table discussion pauses for photographer. Table talk is a must!



**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Keith Bourne jazzes it up.



# And The Winners Are...

**T**he 1997 Miss BHS pageant was an exciting night for all of Bland High School. Every young lady in the pageant labored

weeks and even months in preparation. The excitement was very intense on the night of April 11, as the swish of gowns and the spray of gel, glitz, and perfume permeated

the air. After modeling their evening gowns, casual wear, and answering questions, the girls waited patiently to hear those final words, "**And the Winners Are...**"

Jason Hancock and Leisa Hagy are crowned Mr. and Miss BHS, while Katie Muncy and Isaac Tyeryar are 1st runner-up and Luciana Campos is 2nd runner-up. Jason, Luciana, Leisa, Katie, Isaac.



**Mr. and Miss BHS contestants:** Isaac Tyeryar, Jason Hancock, Titus Ramsey, Jacob Scott, Vanessa McBride, Allesha Bourne, Jessica Kidd, Leisa Hagy, Crystal Hancock, Katie Muncy, Erin Johnson, Laura Bridges, Lorie Tabor, Lucianna Campos, Kim Pohlman, Olena Sexton, and Amanda Brown.





1997 Mr. BHS: Jason Hancock; 1997 Miss BHS: Leisa Hagy.



Ryan Hewberry sings "Right Here Waiting For You" as entertainment for the Pageant.



Lorie Tabor models a beautiful evening gown with a smile hoping to impress the judges.



Laura Bridges strikes a pretty pose for the judges.



# Homecoming in Bland County: Football and

Homecomings were exciting times for the students of Bland High School. They began with spirit week and led to even greater excitement as the big nights approached. The football court was voted upon by class members. These candidates were selected from the classes of Bland and Rocky Gap; they were Debbie Munsey, Leisa Hagy, and Stacie Shrader, seniors. Candidates from the junior class were Jessica Umbarger, Cassandra Kelley and Amy Hatcher. Homecoming recognitions were held prior to the game on September 26, 1997.

Traditionally spirit week consisted of "dress-up" days which included "hat day", "favorite team day", "camouflage day", and school colors on the final day. Many students enjoyed the privilege of

"dressing differently" (especially being able to wear hats in the halls and classrooms).

The first week of February (set

for homecoming week) dawned brightly. By mid-week the clouds had rolled in and snow closed school on Wednesday, then icy

Miss Debbie Munsey and escort Mr. Derrick Hall were crowned Queen and King of the 1998 Football Homecoming.



Bear's cheerleader, Laura Clifton, gets into the swing of activities during Homecoming. The game was played with Craig County.



A senior member of the 1998 homecoming court, Leisa Hagy, is escorted by Zack Perkins.



# Basketball - Coming Home.

Roads on Friday created a postponement of the festivities. Friday the 13th became the crowning date with the dance to be held at a later time. The crowning of the 1998 homecoming queen took

place between the JV and Varsity games. Top honors went to Sondra Wolfe and Kelly Dunn.

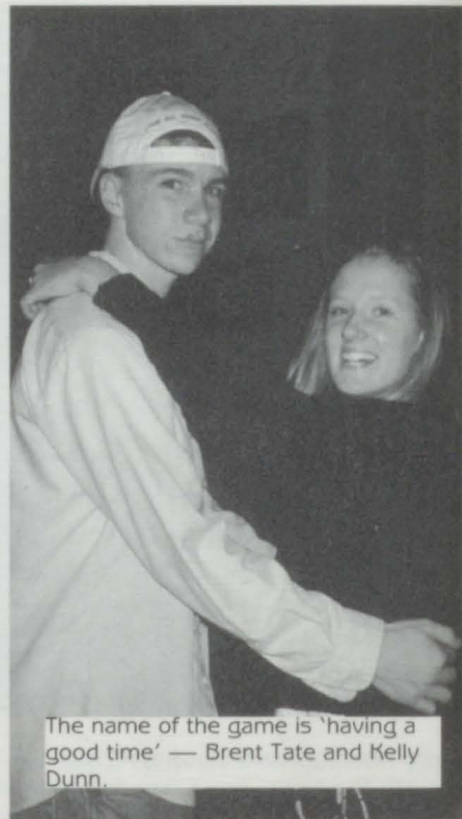
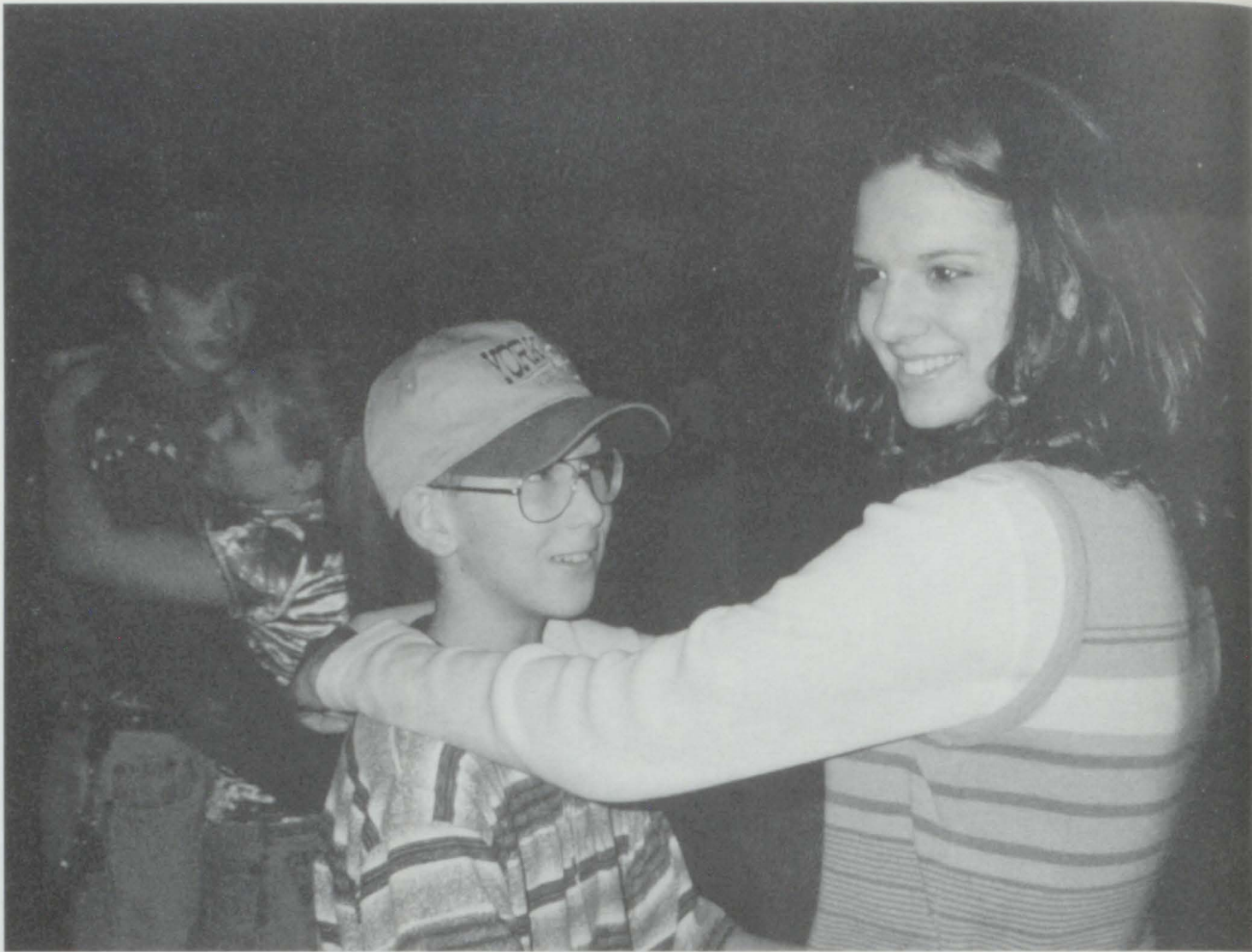
1998 Basketball Homecoming Queen  
Sondra Wolfe with escort Jeremiah Tate

**BELOW - Homecoming Winners:** 9th - Kari Hagy and Adam Faulkner, 10th - Kelli Hall and Joe Meadows, Homecoming Queen; Sondra Wolfe and Jeremiah Tate, 11th - Ashleigh Sarver and Chad Perkey, 8th - Danielle Underwood and Brian Faulkner.



**1998 HOMECOMING COURT:** Michelle Lee, Paul Lindamood, Kari Hagy, Adam Faulkner, Kelli Hall, Joe Meadows, Reneé Gross, Heath Puckett, Kelli Dunn, Brent Tate, Sondra Wolfe, Jeremiah Tate, Leisa Hagy, Jeremy Dillow, Ashleigh Sarver, Chad Perkey, Virginia Presley, David Wolcott, Kirstie Meadows, Robert Newberry, Danielle Underwood, Brian Faulkner.

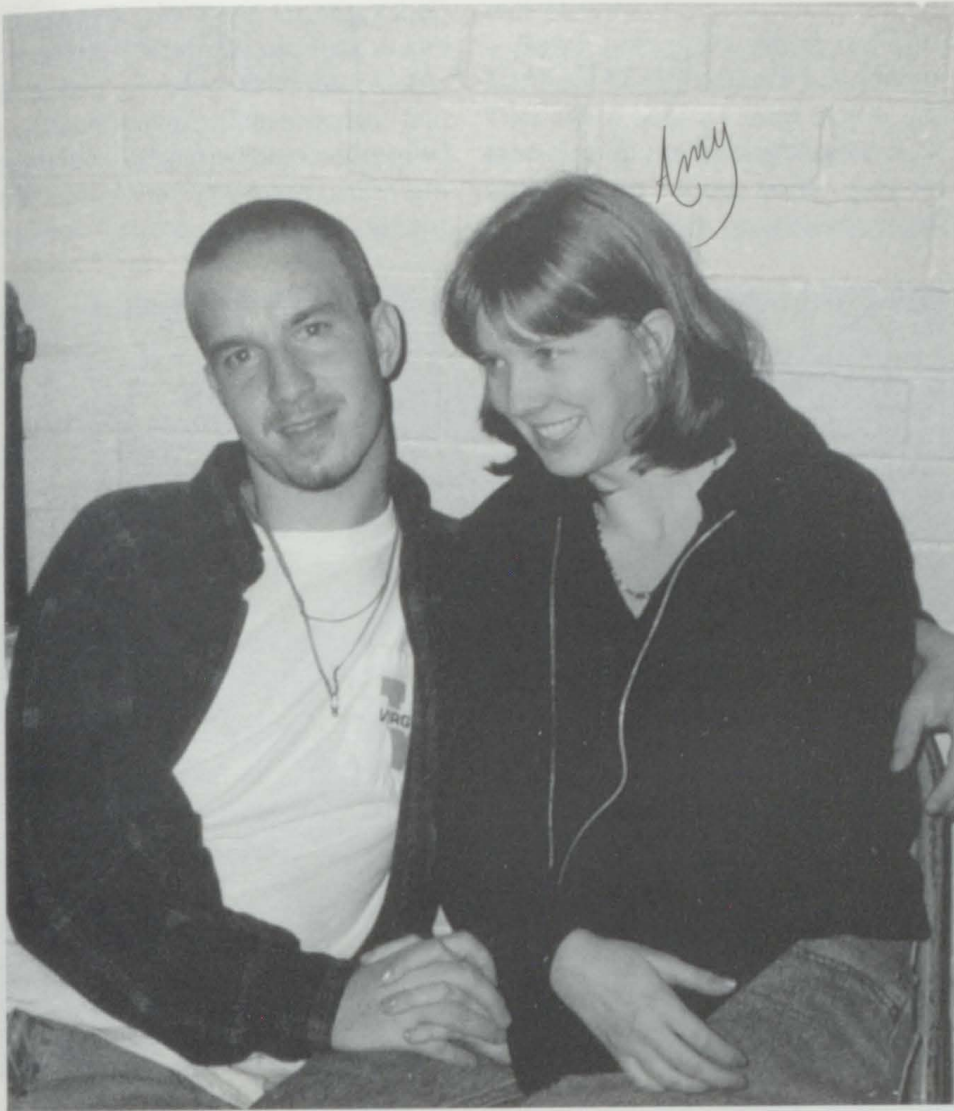




**TOP:** Shawn Reed doesn't seem too sure of his dance partner, Leslie Carroll.  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Friends — Adam Faulkner, Brooke Kitts, Isaac Tyeryar, Eric Reed, Stephanie Kelley.

The name of the game is 'having a good time' — Brent Tate and Kelly Dunn.





## Trends - or El Nino influence

**F**or years the snow came down whenever the FBLA held their "Snow Dance". Either the trend has changed or El Nino has influenced the weather patterns. The skies were clear on December 12, 1997, for this annual event which took place following the basketball game. A much debated issue was for students to pay .50 and be able to choose their FBLA dance partner, an issue that turned out to be quite popular.

The music for the dance was provided by John Goins. John has been very loyal and dependable to be our DJ for most of our dances.

**TOP:** Ryan Newberry and Amy Jackson.  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Charlie Stiltner, Michelle Lee, Crystal Stiltner, Virginia Presley.  
**CENTER RIGHT:** Just goofin' off — Leslie Carroll, Brooke Kitts.  
**BOTTOM RIGHT:** "Get that flash outa here." Michelle Lee, ChaseThomas.



# Routes of Scenic Interests at B&S

If a casual passerby were to have chosen the corridors of Bland

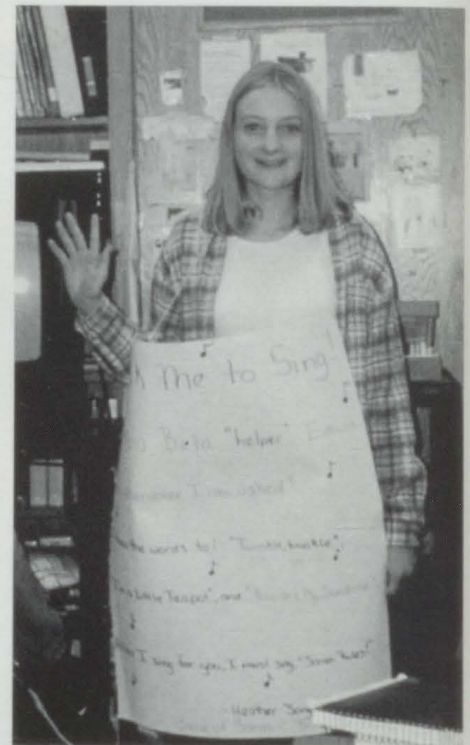
High School to embark upon a scenic trip, they would have found many interesting sights to behold.

Students could be found in interesting attire, enjoying their lunch with friends, or hanging around outside.

Josh Breedlove, Sarah Smith, Stephanie Kelley, Ashleigh Sarver, and Erin Thompson enjoy a free period of chillin' outside.



Debbie Munsey, Olena Sexton, and Erin Johnson enjoy each others' company during lunch.



Heather Morehead enjoys singing "You Are My Sunshine" for her owner.



All grade levels were accomplished "movers." Students were captured at a few of their favorite places, including lockers, classrooms, and the ever popular, newly renovated

gymnasium.

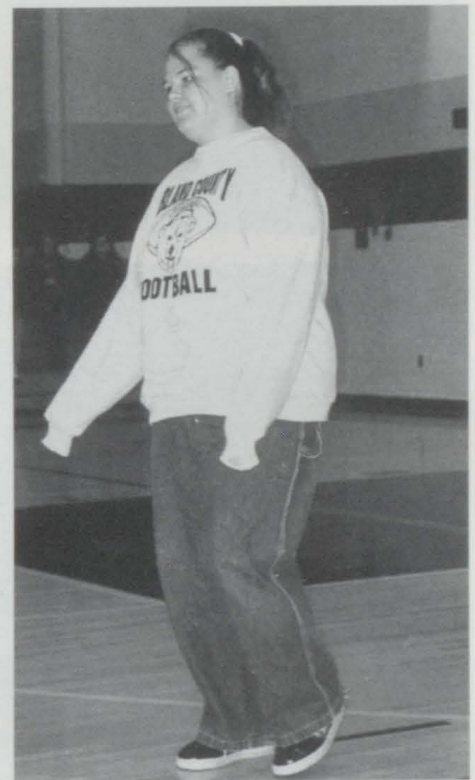
Being teenagers came naturally for most of our student population. They were seldom seen alone, and found their travels involved others

from within their circle of friends. They were active, talkative, and typical teens as they moved about school being active in a variety of events.

Josh Faulkner and Chris Giberson find the library is a good place to catch up on happenings throughout the school.



Jodi Crabtree, Amie Cregar, and Denita Harden are engrossed with assembly proceedings.



Kelly Sluss- a helper with no hands?!



# W Fashion and Trends

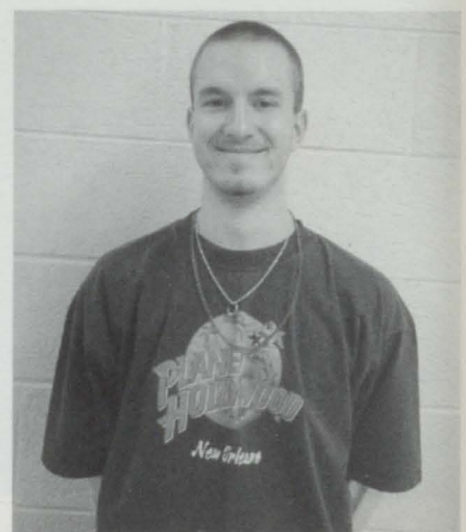
With the coming of the new school year, Bland's dress reached a climax of comfort. New looks simply "felt good."

Baggy pants were stylish, and sports t-shirts were a classic and a wardrobe must. Long skirts and platform shoes made the scene.

Kelli Hall displays her black platforms with a long flowing silk skirt and bucket hat to complete her statement.



Nathan Winters and Sarah Smith relax in the hall during lunch. Nathan carries the popular cloth-braided "key chain".

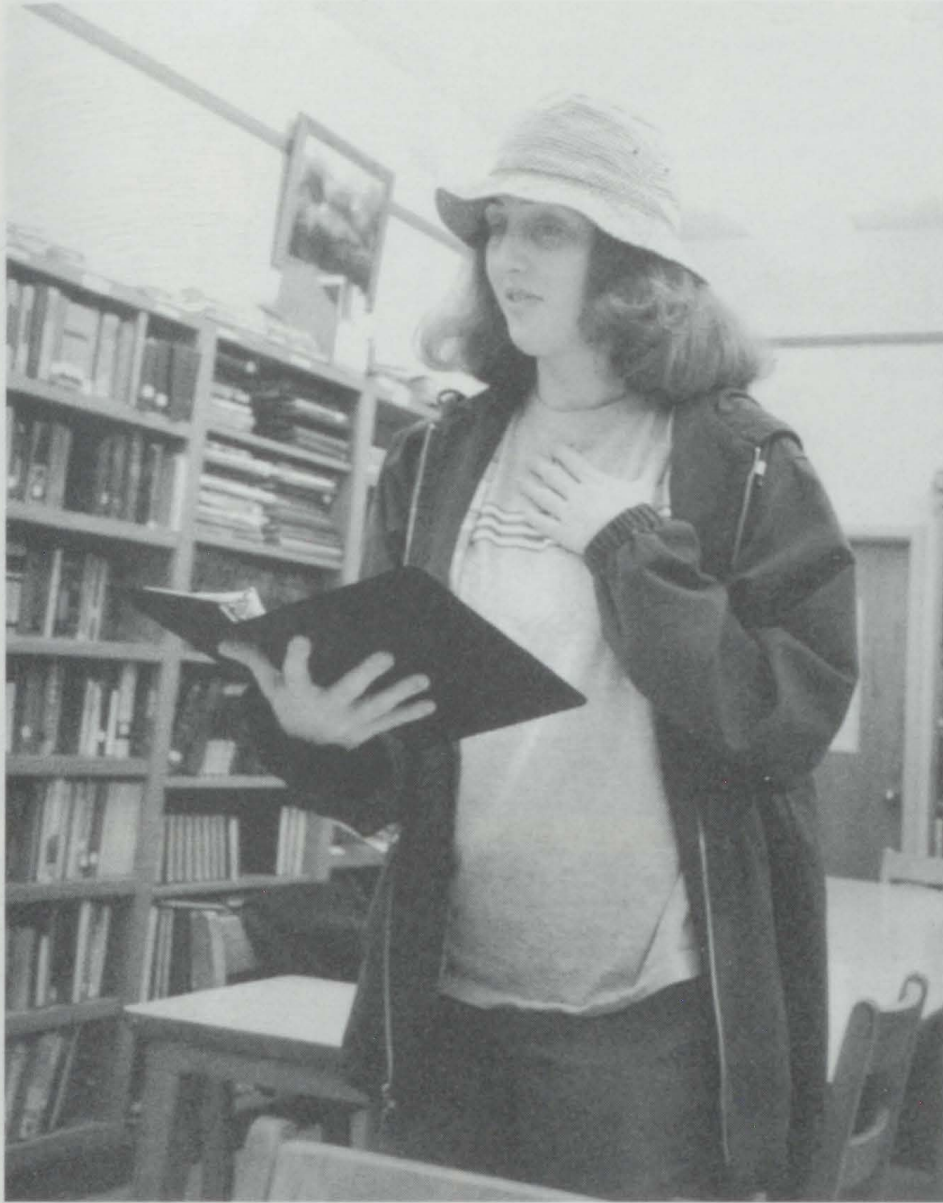


Ryan Newberry smiles for the camera.

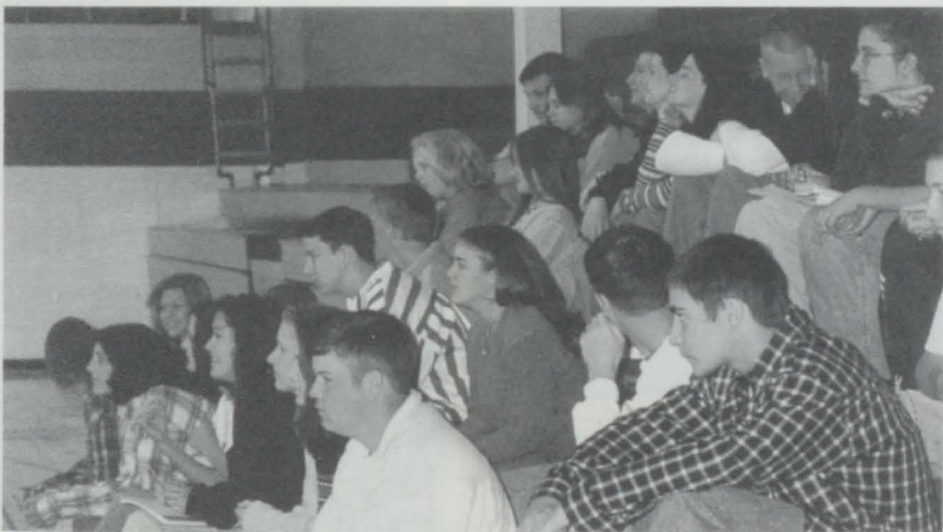




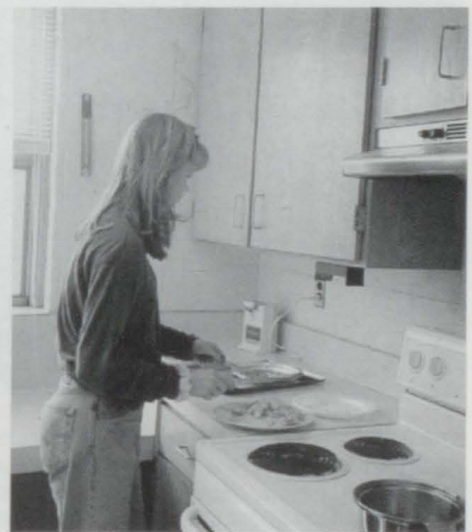
Ashley Havens is the epitome of comfort on Hat Day as she sports her favorite red and white checkered Abercrombie and Fitch bucket hat and practices her forensics selection entitled "The Witches." Ashley earned the honor of second place in the district.



Sarah Smith pauses showcasing her shift dress and tall black boots. Her black bucket hat completes the ensemble.



Bland High Senior Betas wearing the norm of jeans with a variety of shirts.



Susan Stanley in her baggies as she prepares "French" cuisine.

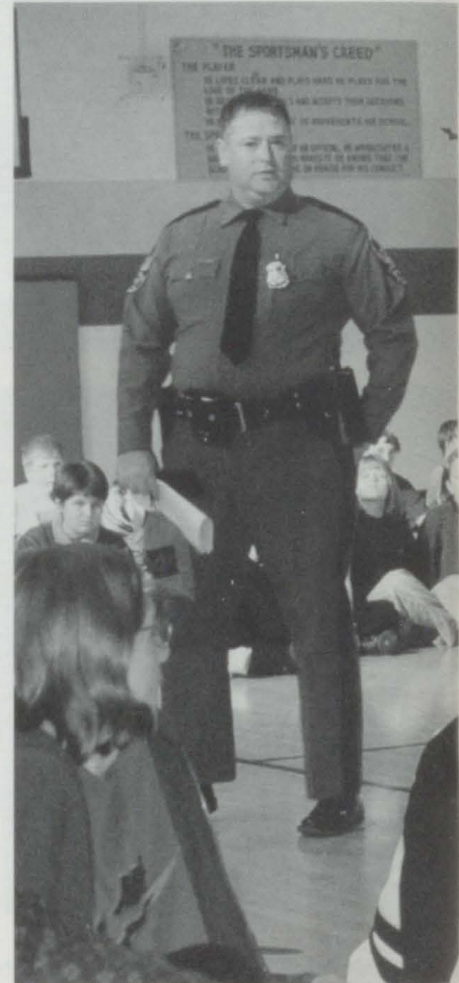
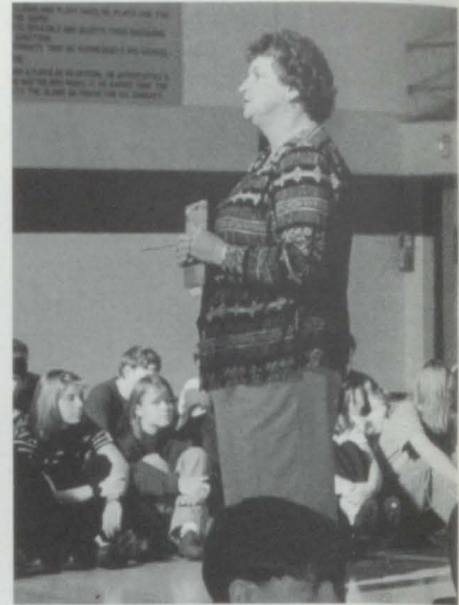


# A Closer Look At Where We've Been

**B**HS was, is, and hopefully will always be the hub of our small community. Life with-

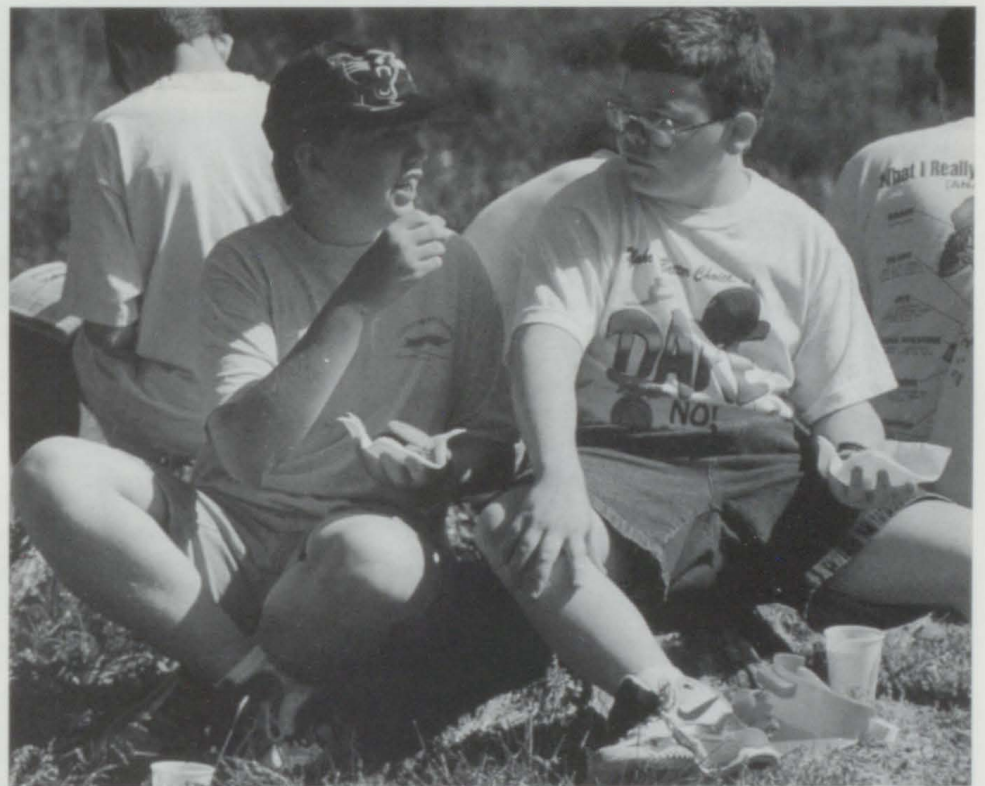
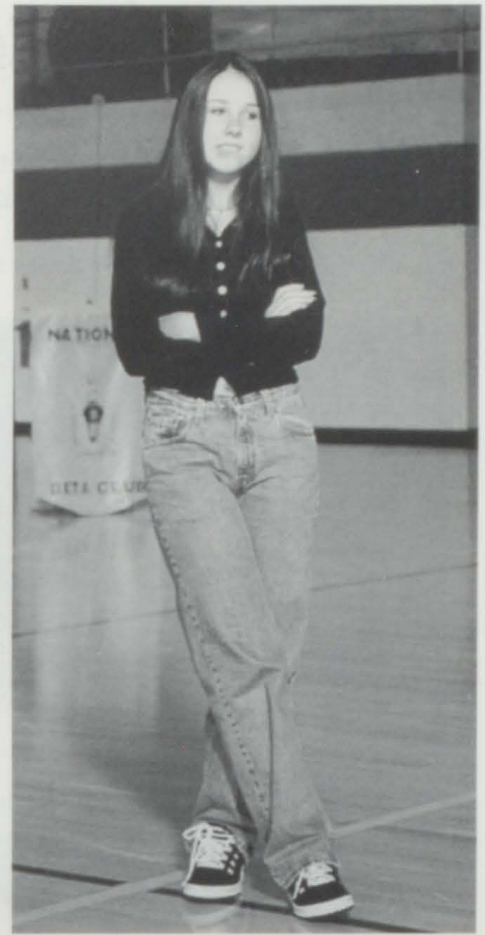
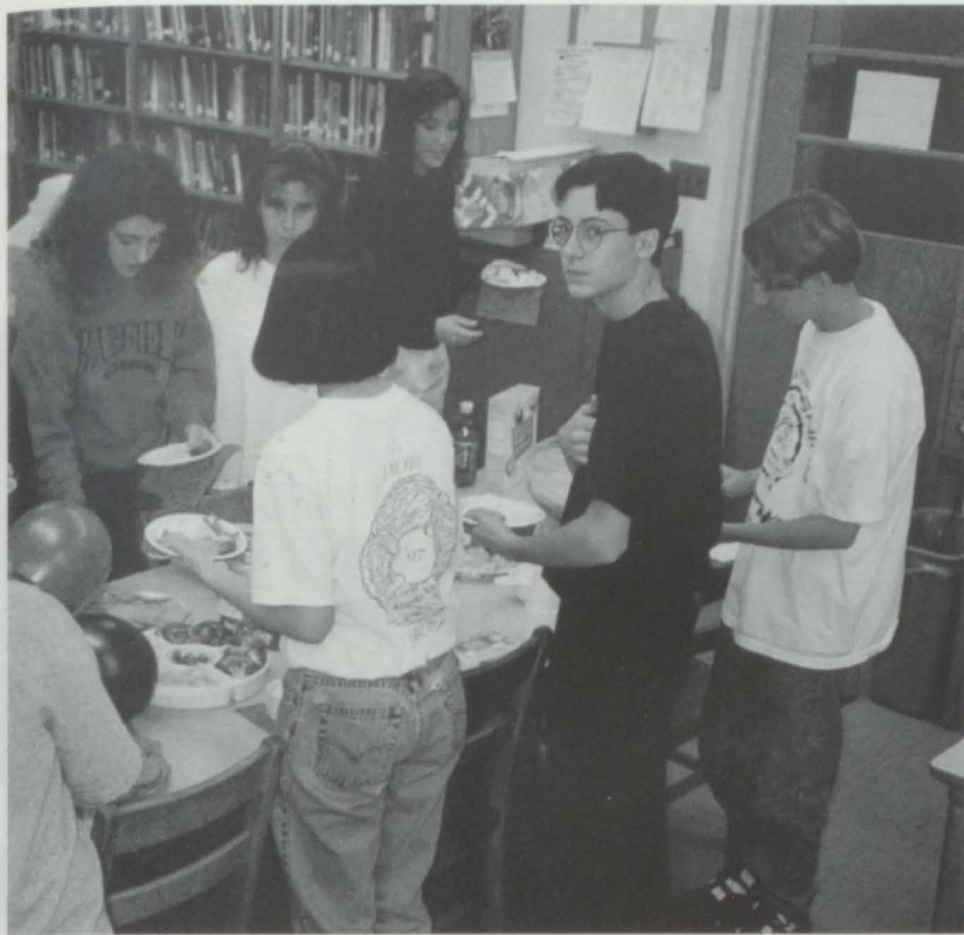
in our corridors begins early and continues in a progression of events and activities that sometimes seem endless. We are proud

of our active school life, and take great pride in the fact that our efforts and goals are indicators of BHS's school spirit.



**ABOVE LEFT:** Under the watchful eye of director, Bob Correll, Color Guards practice their routine after school for their performance during the home football game. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Mrs. Sandy Harman introduces Trooper Brickey and gives a brief overview of the assembly. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Hard at work, Mrs. Janet Faulkner's 12th grade English class concentrates on testing. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** State Trooper Brickey cautions students on being responsible drivers.





**TOP LEFT:** The Yearbook Staff honors Michael Toohey with a going away party. Each student brought a covered dish. Ashley Havens, Cicely Havens, Erin Thompson, Debbie Munsey, Jeremy Thompson, Michael Toohey. **TOP RIGHT:** Mindy Wyllie stands patiently while being auctioned as a slave at the BETA Slave Auction. **ABOVE:** John Clemons, Thomas Johnson, and Cory Maddox take a break with cookies and pop. **RIGHT:** Kirstie Meadows takes 1st place in the 9th grade costume contest.



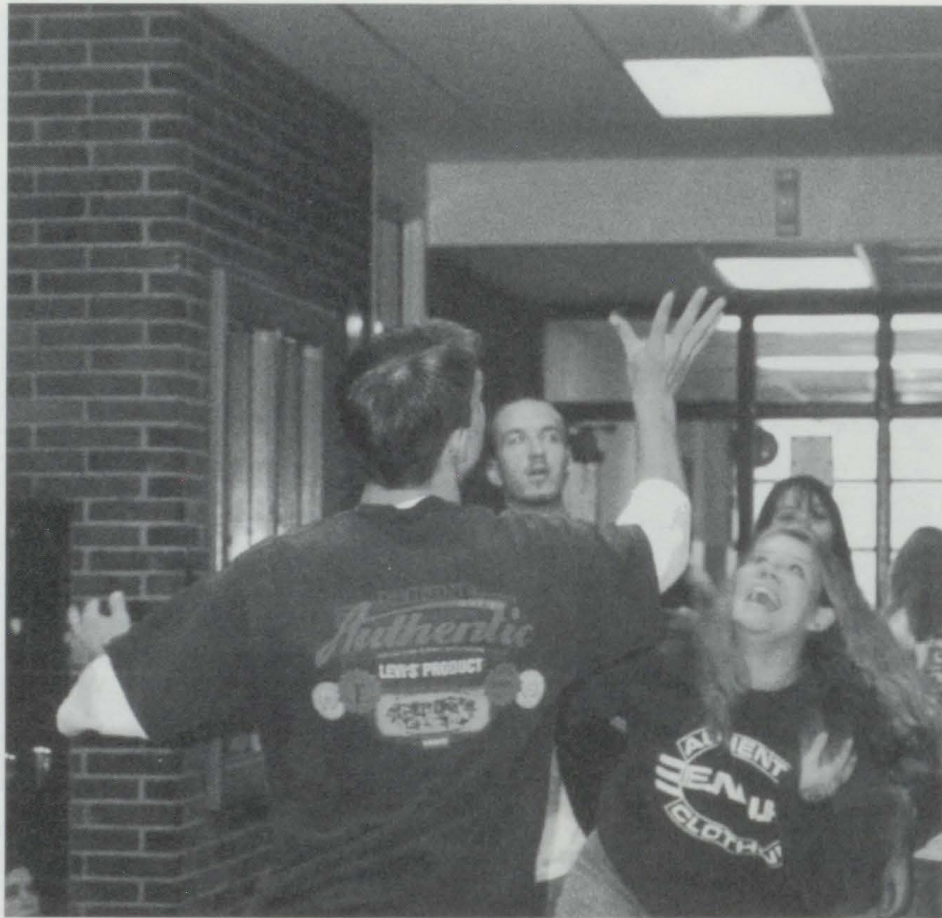
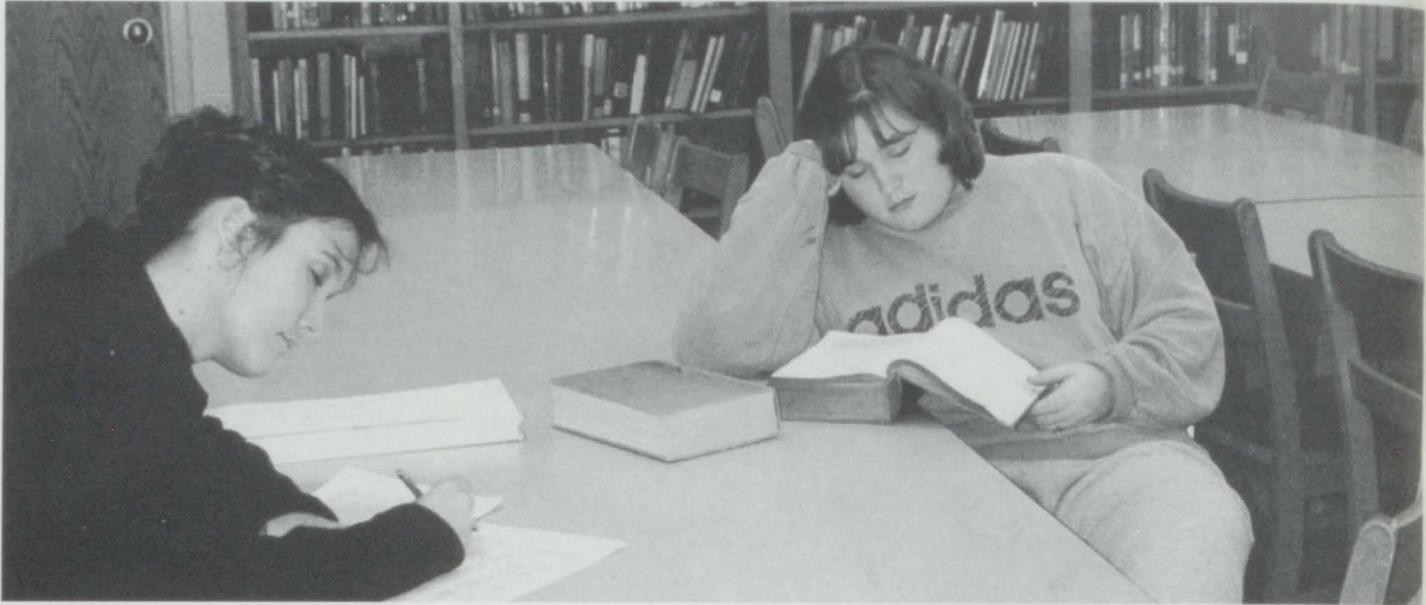
# Socialization helped make decisions easier

**T**he school year was filled with many exciting moments for

the students of Bland High School. They were engrossed in such things as the Beta Auction, socializ-

ing with friends in the hallway, and the decisions the seniors must make involving the yearbook.

Sara King and Debbie Munsey research quotes for the senior page as they seem to be taking a rest as well.



Balloon tossing seems to provide entertainment for seniors: Eric Reed and Missy Woods.

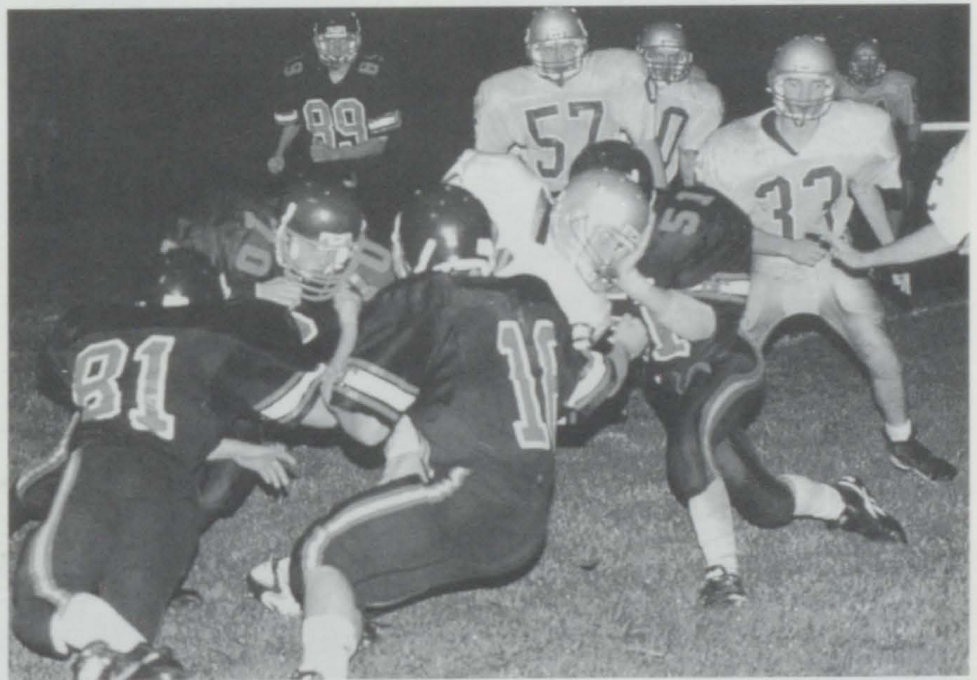


Will Pauley dons antlers for his owners.





# *Sports*



# Rockettes Battle the Odds

**T**he Junior Varsity Rockettes got off to a rocky start.

Through dedication and perseverance, they battled the odds to realize victory. They proved themselves to be strong players

and worked as a team to achieve their first victory over their rivals, the Rocky Gap Eagles. These will be girls to watch in the future.

**RIGHT (Girls Junior Varsity):** Front Row- Susan Stanley, Crystal Stiltner, Lian Cole, Crystal Hancock. **Back Row-** Amber Hutchins, Danielle Underwood, Christina King, Ashley Stroock, Sarah Pruett, Melissa Sadler, Jennifer Hutzel, Michelle Lee, Laura Bridges, Kristen Altizer, Coach Kevin Johnson.



**BELOW:** Ashley Stroock lets her emotions fly while Susan Stanley and Jennifer Hutzel box out the Green Wave.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Crystal Hancock keeps the ball low and tries to find a teammate.

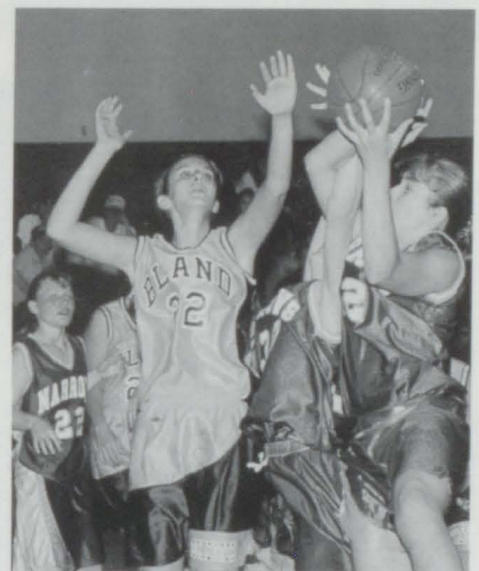
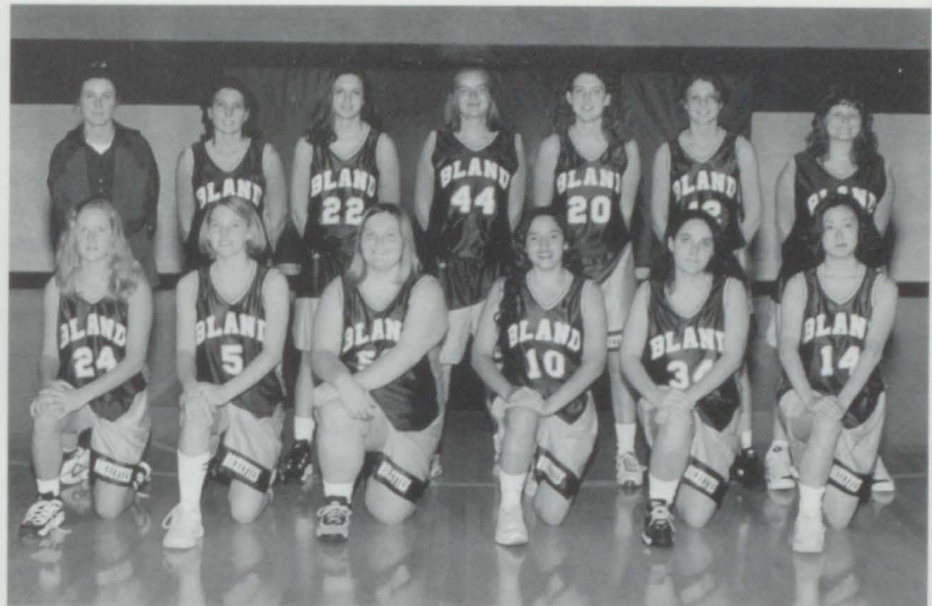


# For the Love of the Game

**T**he varsity girls' basketball team once again struggled through their season with

high hopes and big dreams. Most of the girls had been playing for six years, and to them, it was their time to shine. Despite all of their

encounters, they could not accomplish a win, but the girls never gave up all through the season.



**TOP LEFT:** Kelly Dunn gains control with help from Brooke Kitts.

**TOP RIGHT - Varsity Girls' Basketball - Front Row:** Kelly Dunn, Kelli Hall, Allison Sheets, Lucianna Campos, Brooke Kitts, Chinatsu Hasegawa. **Back Row:** Coach LaMoore Muncy, Stephanie Kelley, Leslie Carroll, Jessica Crawford, Ashley Havens, Casie Pruitt, Kelli King.

**LEFT:** Ashley Havens takes the shot with Rockettes ready to rebound.

**ABOVE:** Leslie Carroll gets rough with her opponents.



# J.V. Rockets Finish Second in District

**T**he J.V. Volleyball Team had a very successful year. Finishing with an 8-4 record, the

Junior Varsity Rockets combined ability and teamwork to net second place in the district. This team consisted of nine sophomores and only

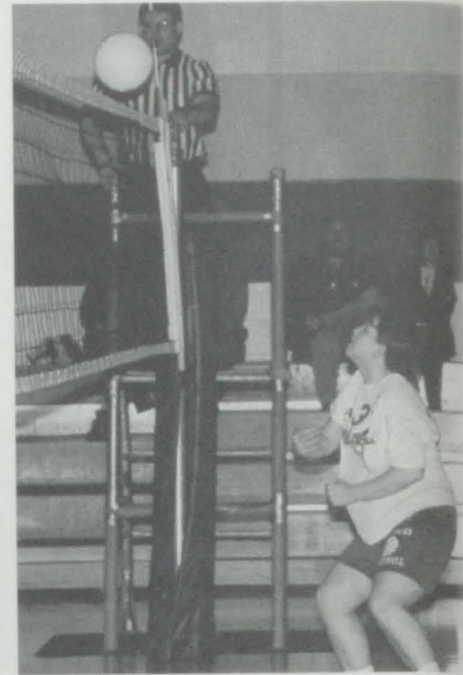
three freshmen. These numbers will mean a season of rebuilding next year, however the interest in volleyball continues to grow at BHS.



**LEFT:** Ashley Tate setting her hitter.

**BELOW:** Crystal Stiltner using a very different move.

**RIGHT:** Monica Reed watches this one carefully as it bounces on the net.



**JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM - Front Row:** Rachel Mullins, Jessica Kidd, Ashley Tate, Amy Viar, Kari Hagy. **Back Row:** Lian Cole, Heather Moorehead, Susan Stanley, Crystal Stiltner, Beth Lambert, Monica Reed, April Umbarger.





# Seniors Lead Team To Success

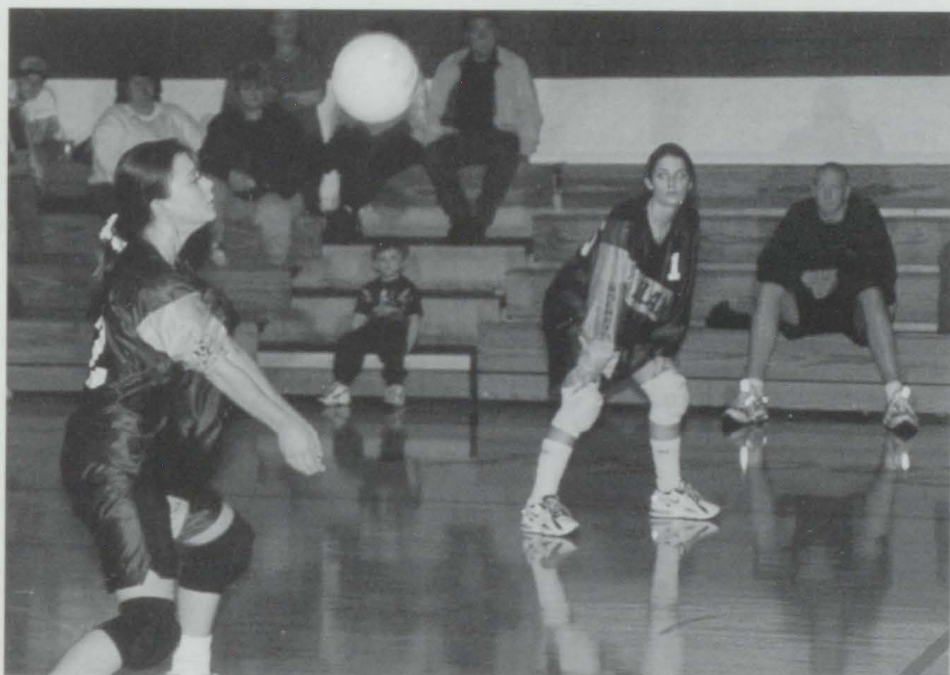
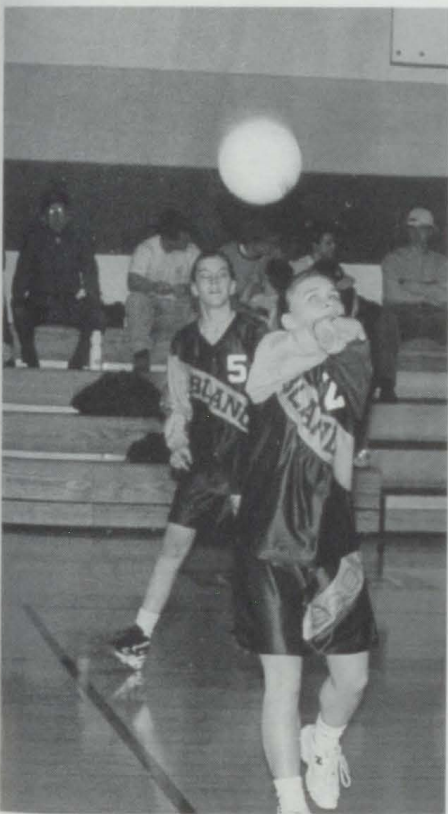
The Varsity Rocket Volleyball Team proved to be a major force in the district. With the leadership of nine seniors this team held

a 9-5 record after tournaments. Despite many obstacles along their path the Varsity Rockets had four members who held all-district hon-

ors. Ashley Havens made first team all-district. Tanya Sarver, Whitney Gamble and Ashleigh Sarver received honorable mention.



**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM - Front Row:** Ashleigh Sarver, Renee Gross, April Blankenship. **Back Row:** Whitney Gamble, Tanya Sarver, Sara King, Kelli King, Ashley Havens, Debbie Munsey, Sondra Wolfe, Erin Thompson, Kim Pohlman.



**LEFT:** Whitney Gamble back-setting to Sondra Wolfe.

**ABOVE:** Tanya Sarver with a good first pass and Erin Thompson ready to hit.

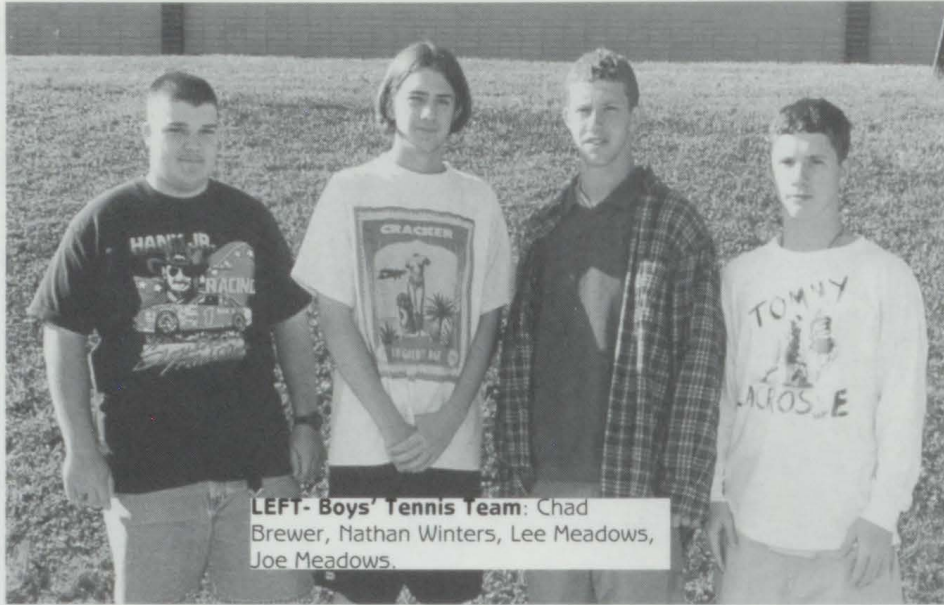


# Another Trip To Victory

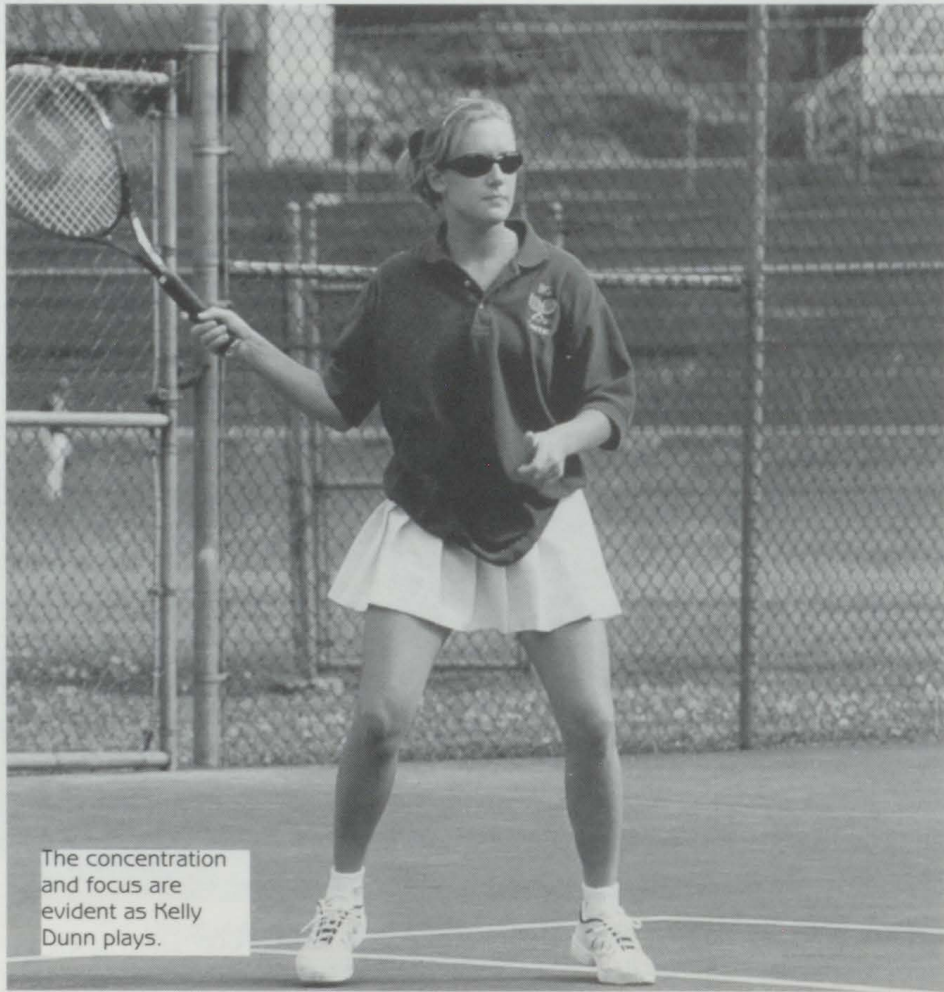
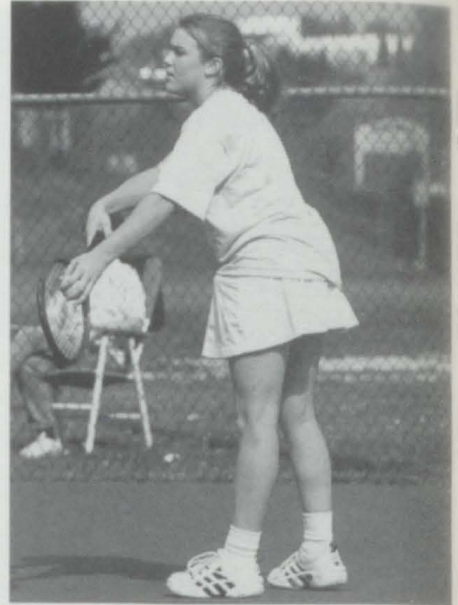
**T**he BHS tennis teams once again traveled down the road of success. Ashleigh Sarver defended her state title with top

honors for the second straight year. Sarver and Ashley Havens progressed to Reg.C, but failed to advance. On the boys side, Lee

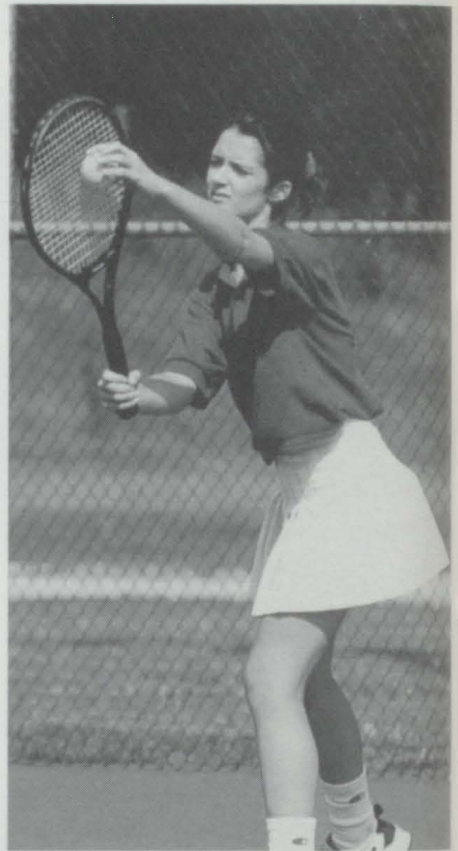
Meadows put up a tough battle for his first State title, but settled for Reg.C Runner-up. The team of Lee and Joe Meadows also took Runner-up.



**LEFT- Boys' Tennis Team:** Chad Brewer, Nathan Winters, Lee Meadows, Joe Meadows.

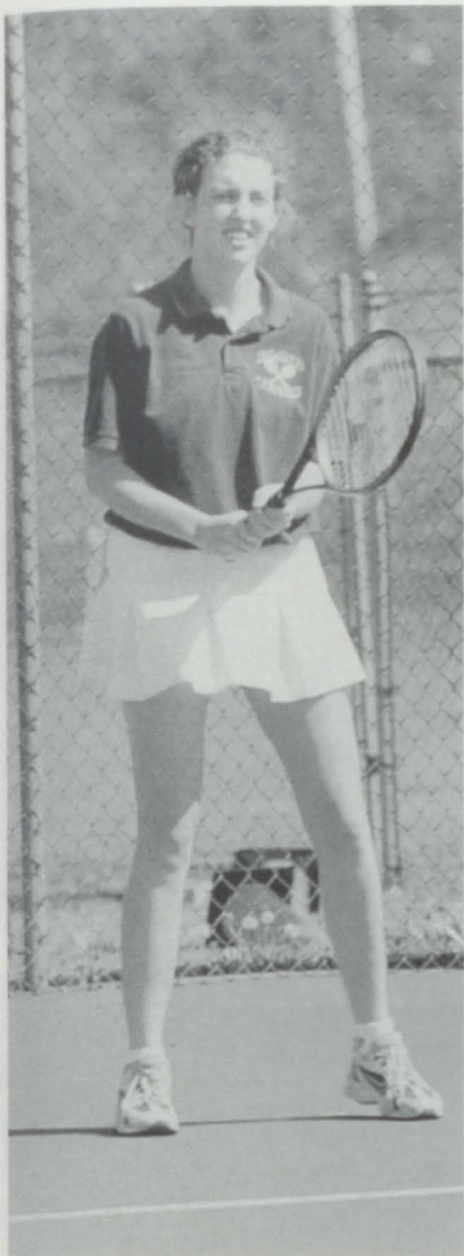


The concentration and focus are evident as Kelly Dunn plays.



**ABOVE:** Erin Thompson is eager to begin the game with a forceful serve.  
**TOP RIGHT:** Ashleigh Sarver, State Champ, prepares for the ace.

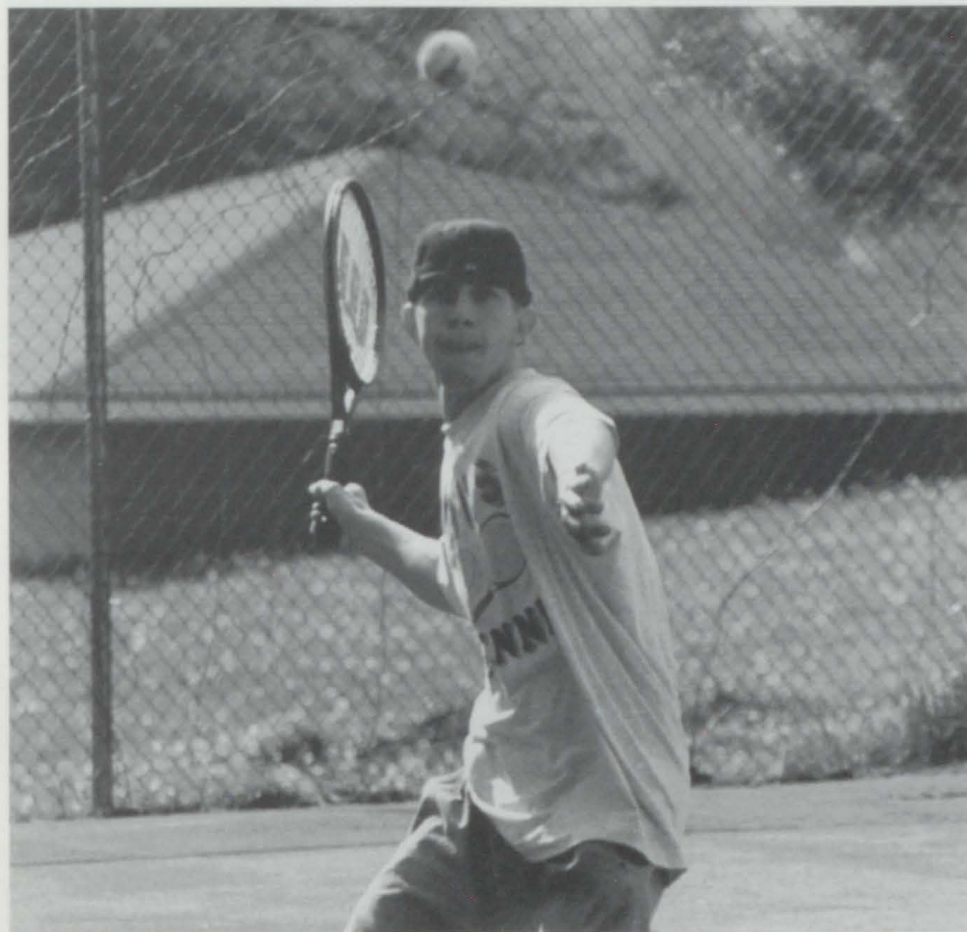


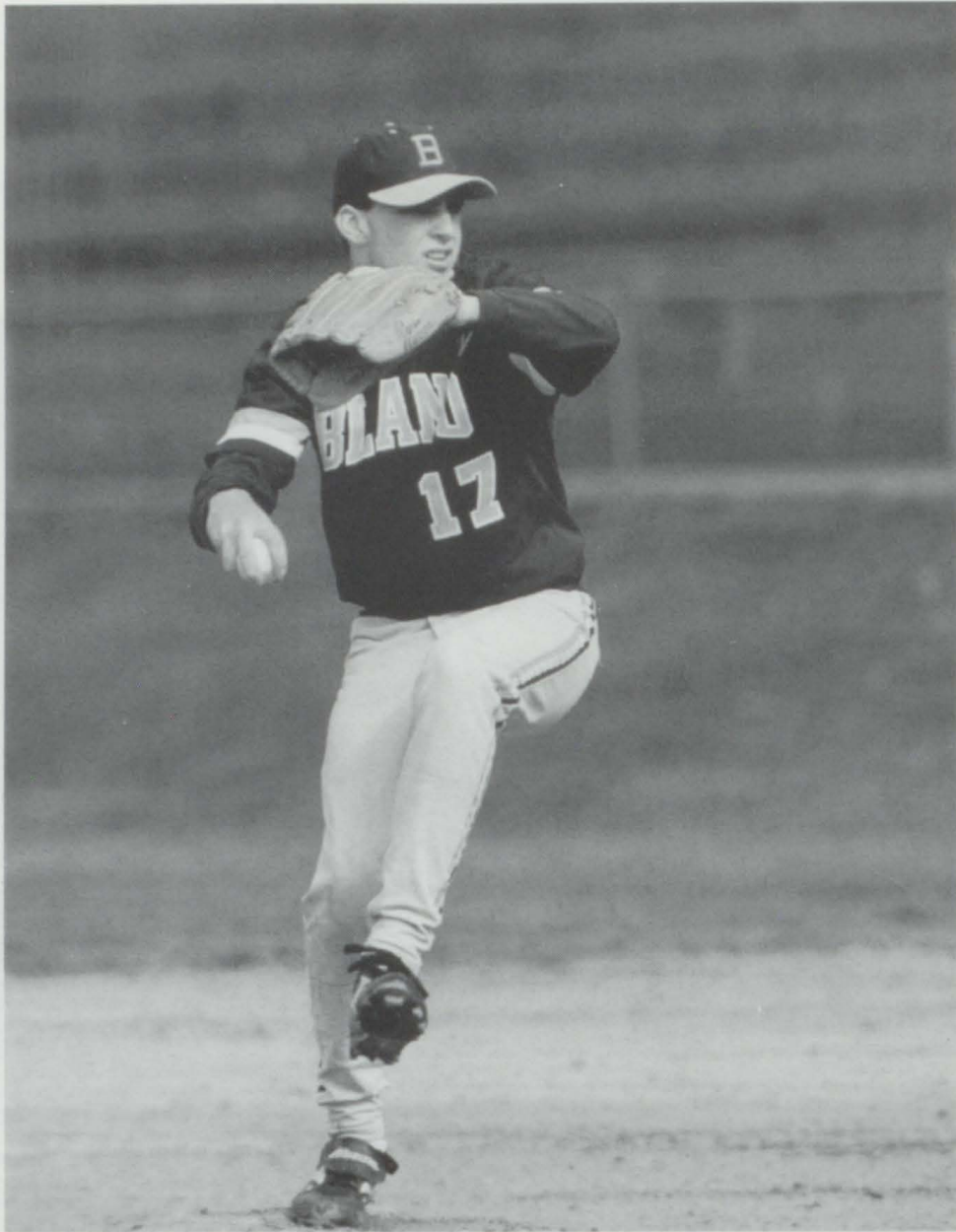


**LEFT:** Ashley Havens holds her ready position while fighting the sun.  
**BELOW:** Intense concentration leads Lee Meadows to a winning forehand.

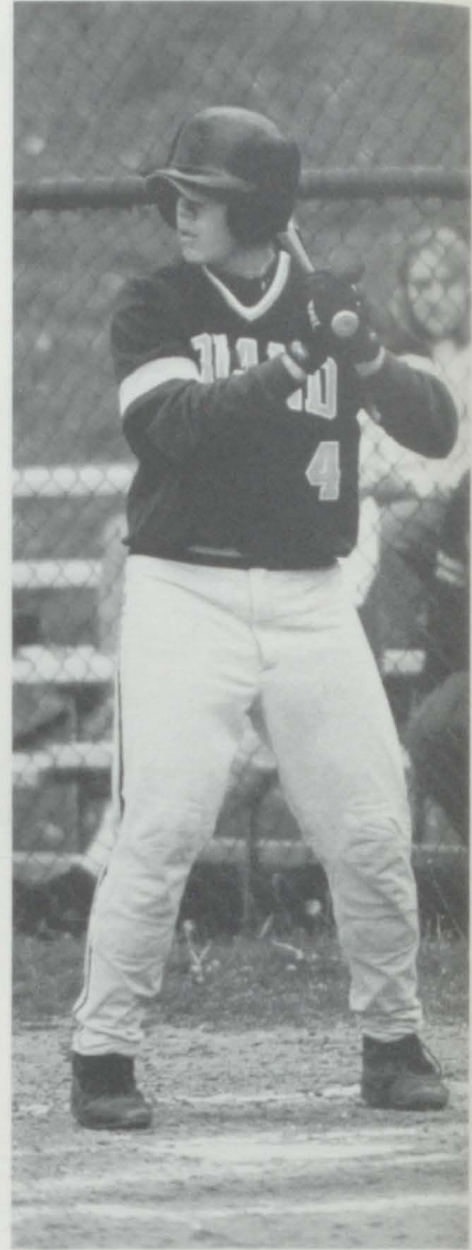
**BOTTOM LEFT- Girls' Tennis Team: Front Row-** Ashley Havens, Ashleigh Sarver, Kelly Dunn, Jennifer Winters. **BACK ROW-** Ashley Tate, Katie Muncy, Kelli Hall, Erin Johnson, Kari Harner, Erin Thompson, Stephanie Kelley.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Joe Meadows displays excellent coordination.





**TOP LEFT:** Senior, Jason Hancock, winds back for a speeding pitch headed for the strike zone.

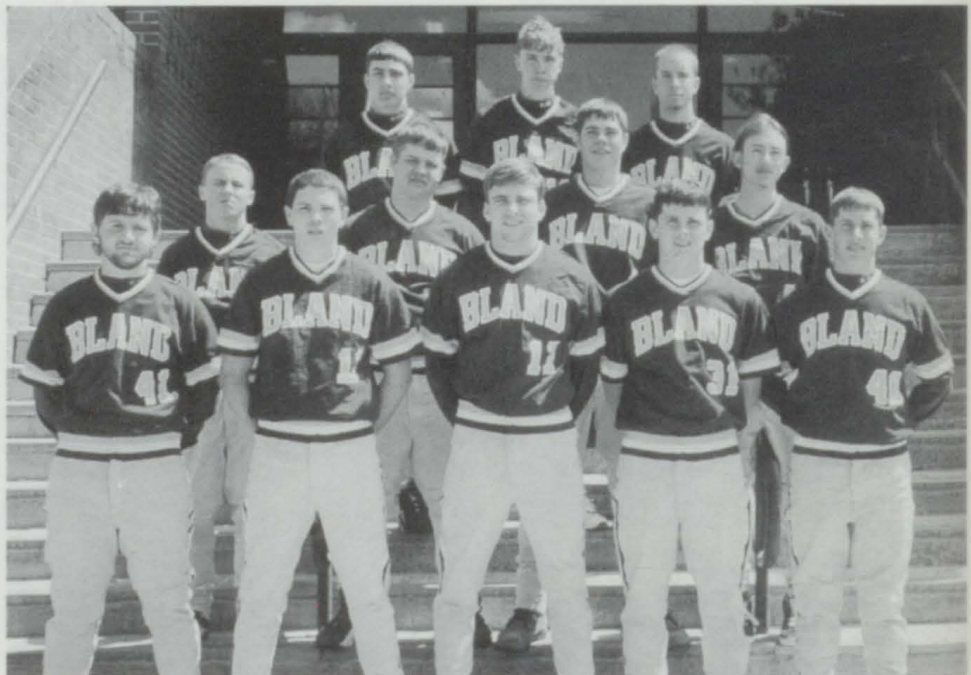


**TOP RIGHT:** Extreme concentration prevails as Jeremy Dillow looks on for the perfect pitch.

**RIGHT: Varsity Baseball-Front row:** Ben Chewning, Derrick Dehart, Jason Hancock, John Thompson, Jamie Dunn.

**2d row:** Adam Faulkner, Josh Breedlove, Jeremy Dillow, Isaac Tyeryar.

**Back row:** Chad Perkey, Brent Tate, Ryan Newberry.



# Line Drive To Region C Competition

**T**he leadership and talent of the 1997 seniors led the Varsity Baseball team to a victorious season ending at Regional play.

Roger Thompson supervised this team to a 10-9 record. This team not only achieved team honors, but several players received individual awards. The '97-'98 season looks to be a rebuilding year, but is prom-

ising with several seniors returning to the roster. The JV team suffered a disappointing 1-5 record for the year. Many losses were due to key players moving up to the Varsity level. This team vows to be competitive in the future.

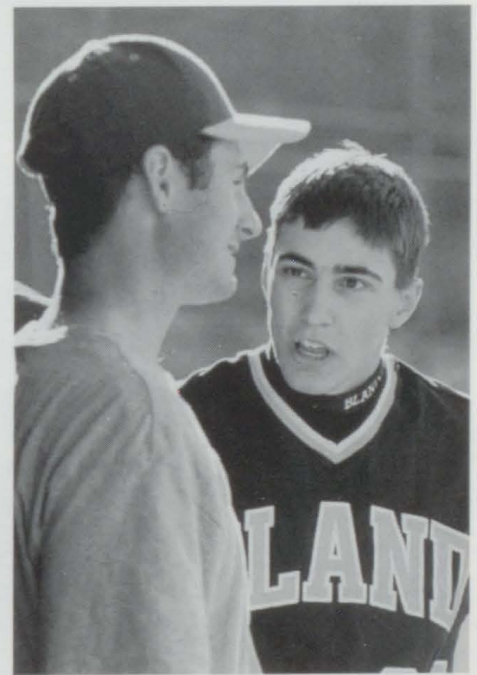
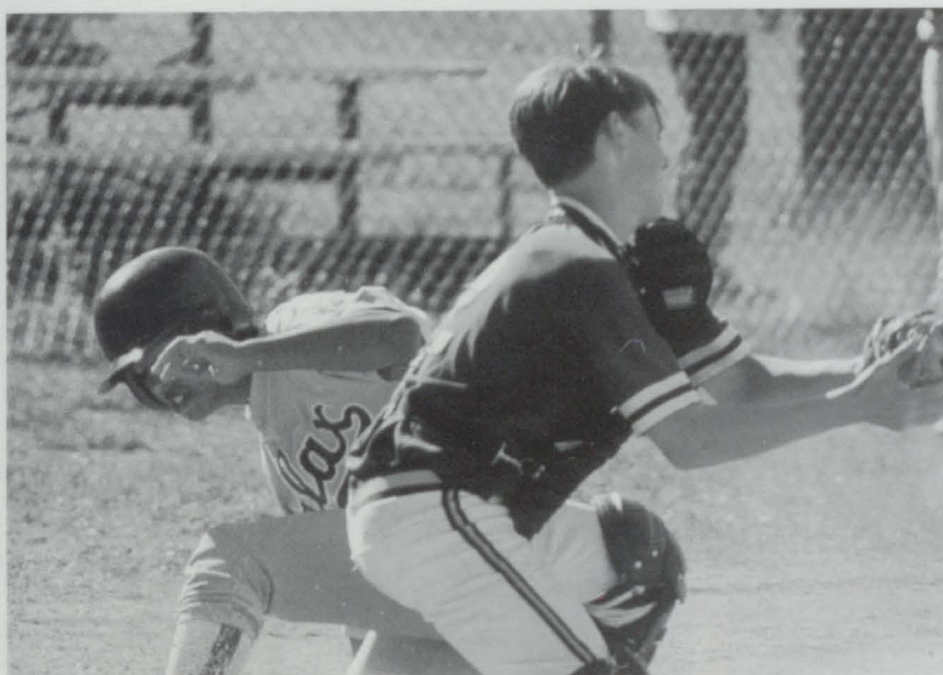


**LEFT:** Brent Tate combines force and speed to hurl in the pitch.

**BELOW:** **Front row-** Virginia Presley, Brandon Faulkner, James Williams, Aaron Pauley, Matthew Tickle. **Back row-** Brian Faulkner, Stuart Morehead, Rob Kegley, Jeremy Thompson.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Brian Faulkner makes the catch to stop the opponent.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Chad Perkey talks it over with coach Shane Hall.



# Visions of a Brighter Tomorrow

**B**land County Bears trudged onward through the disheartment of a losing season to prevail as winners in their own way. Retaining their self-esteem when they had given the best they could made them winners.

After the retirement of coaches Ed Selfe and John Chmara, the varsity team worked extra hard in the weight room and on the field under the supervision of Dave Lambert. This young team looks bright and promising for the future!



**RIGHT:** Chad Perkey (85) and Derrick Hall (70) work together to bring the opponent down.



**THE BLAND COUNTY BEARS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM - FRONT ROW:** Adam Goforth, Zane Perkins, Mark McGee, Zach Perkins, Isaac Tyeryar, Eric Thompson. **2d ROW:** Gary Cole, Jerry Walker, Derrick Hall, Jeremy Neal, Anthony Kidd, Ricky Olivo, Jeremy Burton. **3d ROW:** Ben Leighton, Charlie Stiltner, Chad Perkey, Jesse Goss, Mike Nelson, Jeremiah Tate. **BACK ROW - COACHING STAFF:** Dave Lambert, Steven Kelley, Norman Dillow, Maggie Harless.





**THE BLAND COUNTY BEARS JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM - FRONT ROW:** Kevin Wimmer, Brandon Kelley, Bryan Simms. **2d ROW:** Ben Foglesong, Reggie Meadows, Sam Wright, Casey Elliott, John Phillips. **3d ROW:** Ronald Spain, J.P. Agee, Carl Williams, Larry Howell, Richard Beers. **BACK ROW - COACHING STAFF:** Steven Kelley, Bob Beaman, Kim Wright.

**CENTER:** Jeremiah Tate (89) and Zane Perkins (16) take part in a major tackle as Chad Perkey (85) prepares to enter in.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Chad Perkey (85) pushes aside the contender as Jeremiah Tate (89) deftly strips away the ball.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Jesse Goss (10) charges through the hull of activity as Anthony Kidd (80) and Zane Perkins (16) protect his path.



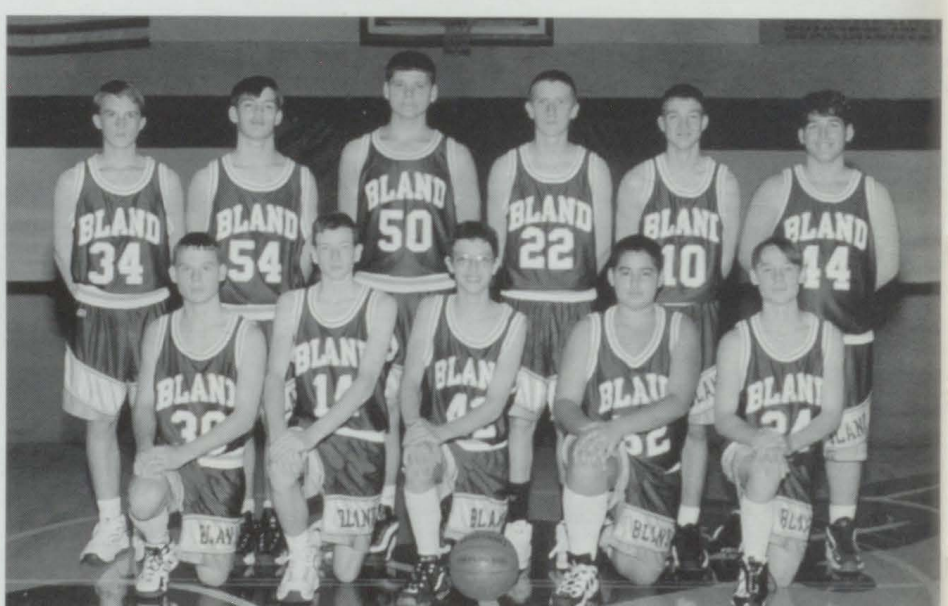
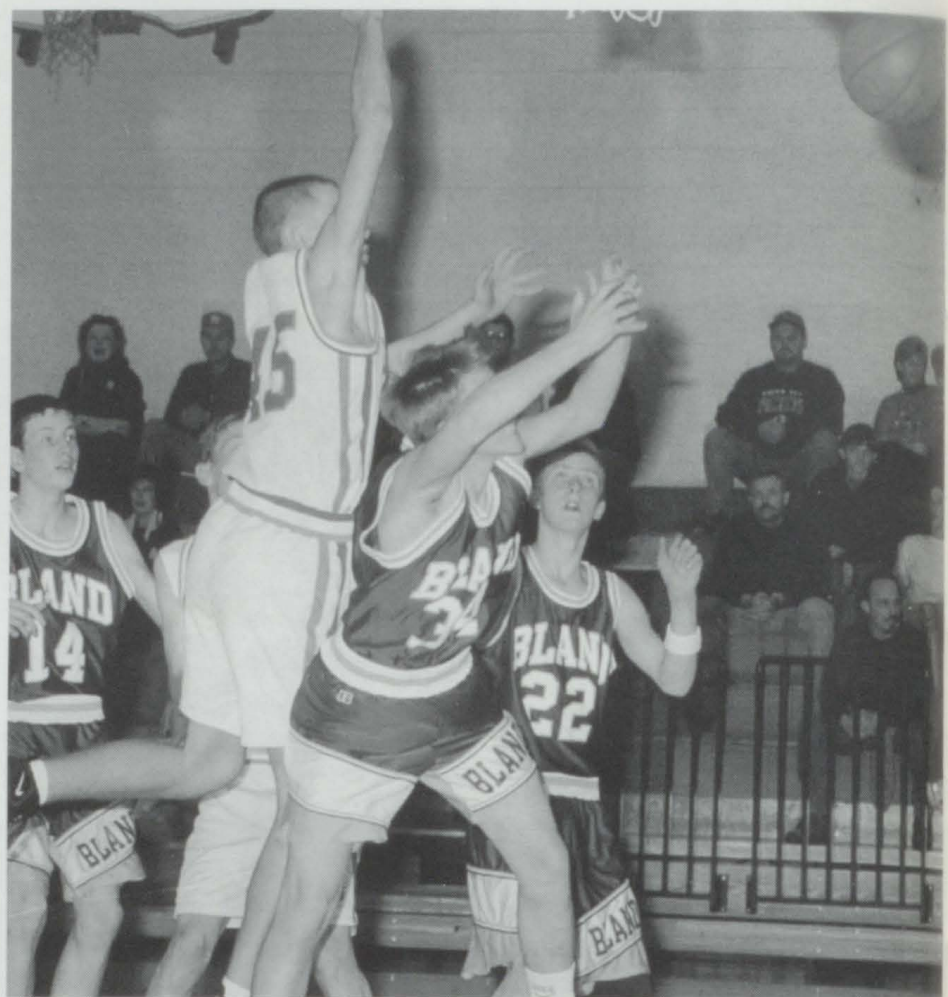
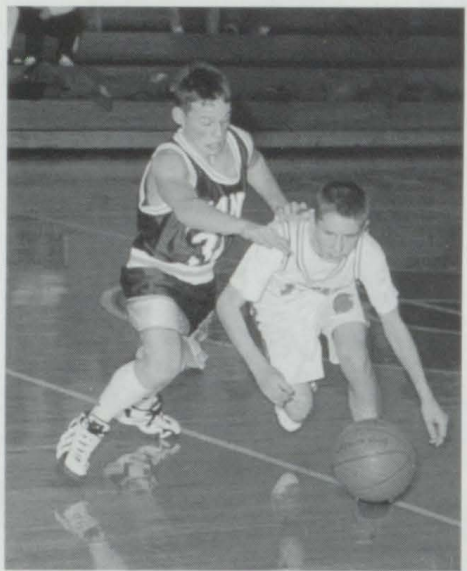
# Varsity Captures Season District Title

**T**he '97-'98 year was both re-building and victorious for the J.V. and Varsity boys' basketball teams at BHS. Numerous hours

of practice and pre-game strategies filled the gym as the basketball season began. A difficult season didn't prohibit the effort and constant

hustle put forth from the J.V. team. Coached by Kevin Johnson, this team looks ahead and vows to be successful in the future.

**TOP LEFT:** Brandon Faulkner scrambles to gain possession of the ball against Giles.  
**TOP RIGHT:** In position for the rebound, Aaron Pauley draws the foul from Giles opponent. Teammates Rob Kegley and Stuart Morehead lend support.  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Ben May fends off a Giles player while retaining control of the ball and the play.  
**BOTTOM RIGHT - JV Boys' Basketball Team - Front row:** Brandon Faulkner, Rob Kegley, Benjamin May, Matthew Tickle, Brian Faulkner. **Back row:** Aaron Pauley, Shane Thompson, Charlie Stiltner, Stuart Morehead, Curtis Brewer, James Williams.





On a higher level, the Varsity team once again proved victorious and headed into regional competition. This team consisted of hard work, dedication, and great talent which carried them throughout the season and lifted them to MED leaders. Led by seniors Chad Perkey, Adam

Faulkner, and Eric Reed, this team will combine their talents and head towards the Region C tournament.

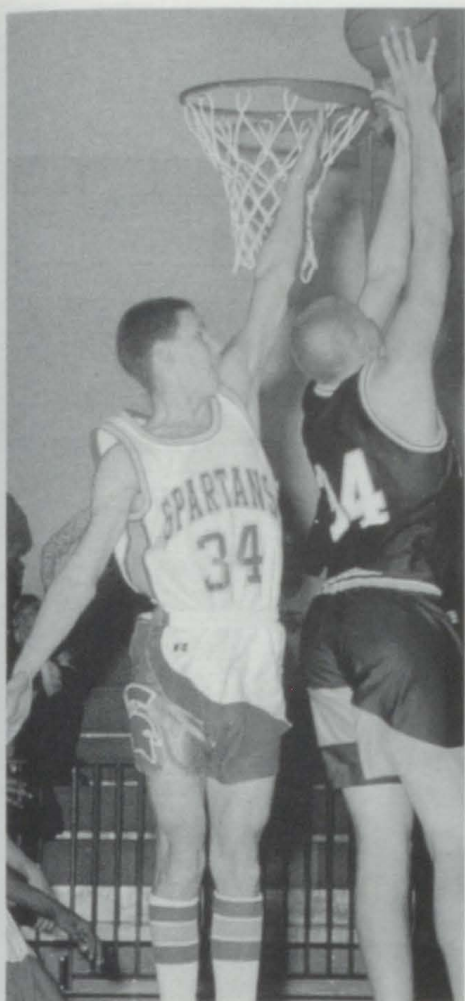
District voting gave the prestigious honor of "Player of the Year" to Heath Puckett. Teammates Chad Perkey and Jeremiah Tate were named to the Honorable Mention roster.

**TOP LEFT:** The Spartan was no match for Heath Puckett's lay-in basket.

**TOP RIGHT:** Chad Perkey outdistances the opposing team on this drive to the hoop.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Joe Meadows skillfully flicks the ball to a teammate.

**BOTTOM RIGHT - Varsity Boys' Basketball Team - Front row:** Joe Meadows, Adam Faulkner, Eric Reed. **Back row:** Josh Breedlove, Chad Perkey, Jeremiah Tate, Heath Puckett, Brent Tate, Paul Lindamood, Chad Brewer.



# 8th Grade Boys' Basketball

**T**he 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Team had a good season with a record of 5-2 in the

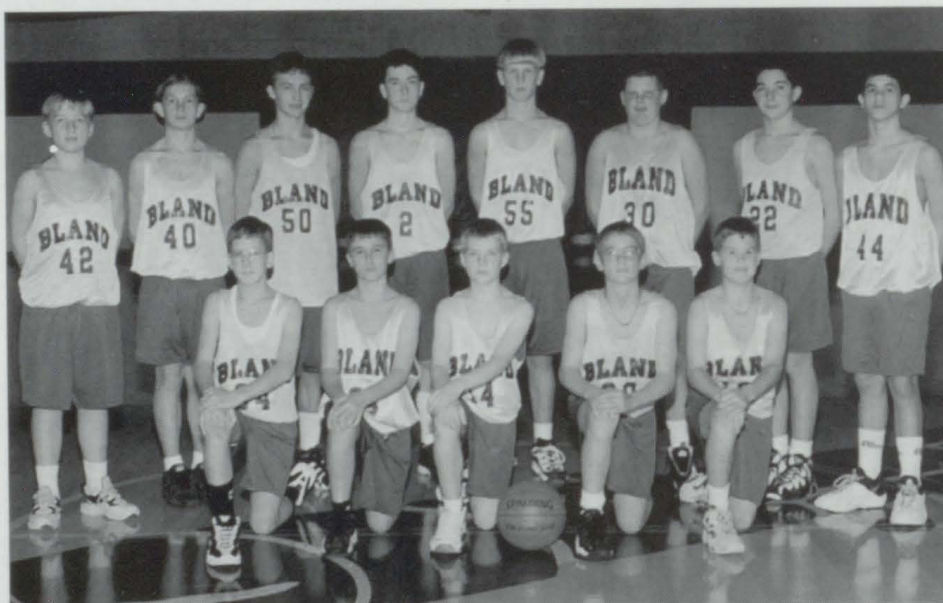
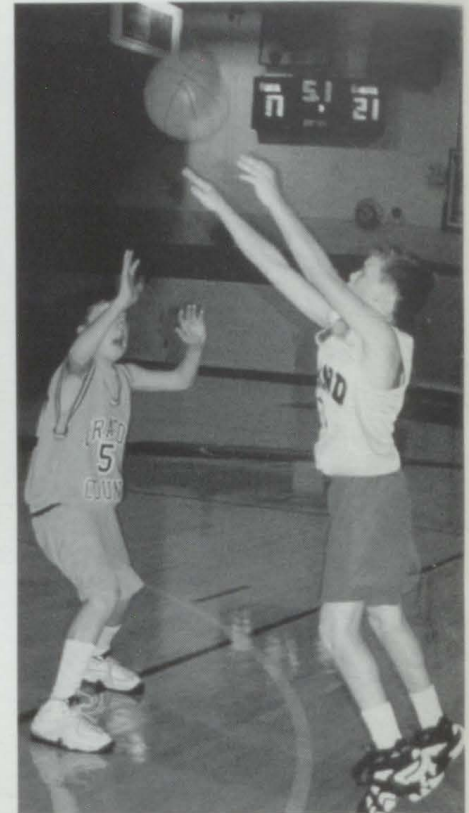
district. The team consisted of ten 8th graders and three 7th graders. Most of these young men had play-

ed together the previous year. Under the guidance of Coach Kevin Johnson the team gained experience and teamwork.

**BELOW LEFT:** Joey Walker leaps above opponents to score, as teammates Anthony Newberry and Andy Sarver are ready to assist.



**BELOW RIGHT:** Andy Sarver goes for a three-pointer.



**8th BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM - Front Row:** Shawn Reed, Robbie Lee, Zachary Breedlove, Hunter Stuart, and Andy Sarver.. **Back Row:** Brandon Anders, David Wolcott, Seth Baker, Anthony Newberry, Joey Walker, Reggie Meadows, Kolt Walker, and Chase Thomas.

Seth Baker scores in spite of double teaming, tough defense.

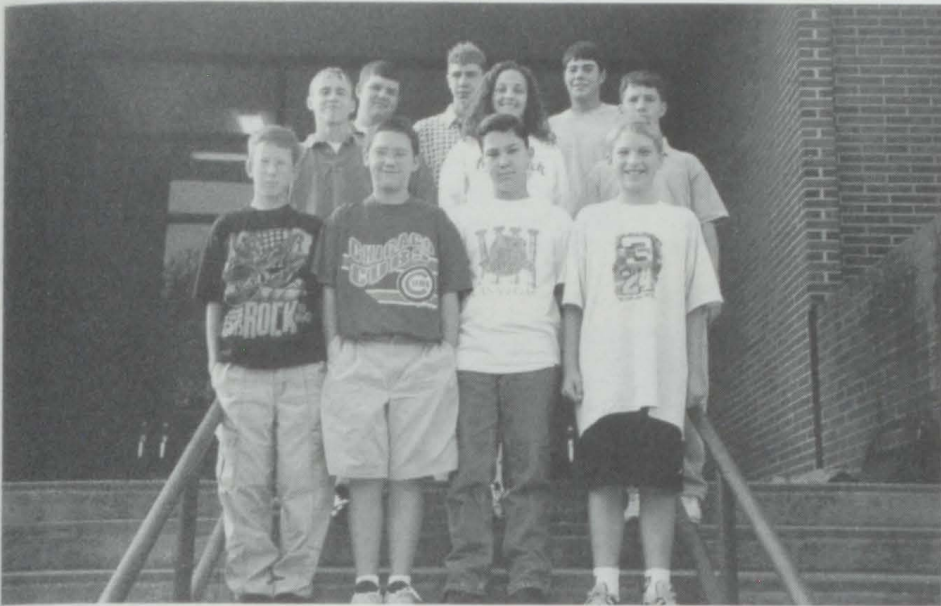


# Swinging To Success

**T**he Bland High School Golf Team once again proved to be a proud and competitive

team. Their 1997-98 "golf year" showed their ability to strengthen and improve their game. Led by Senior Jeremy Dillow, they were

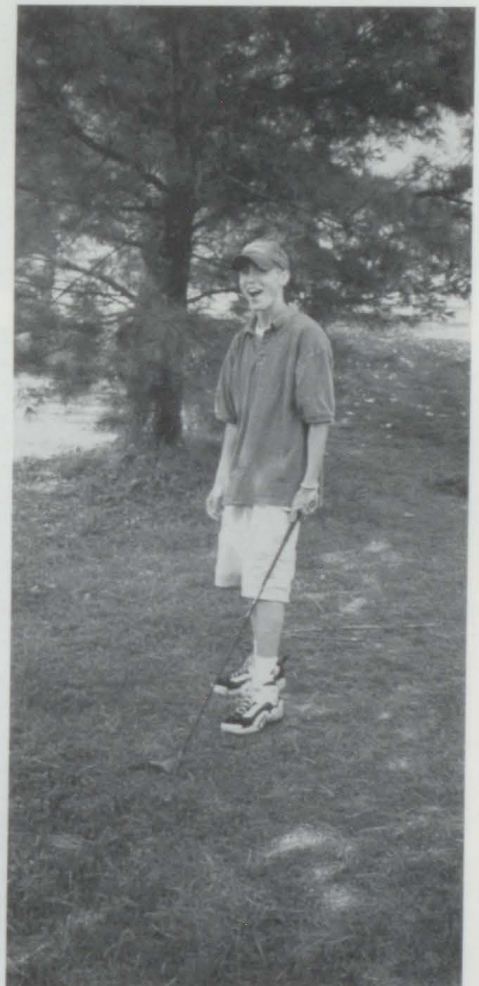
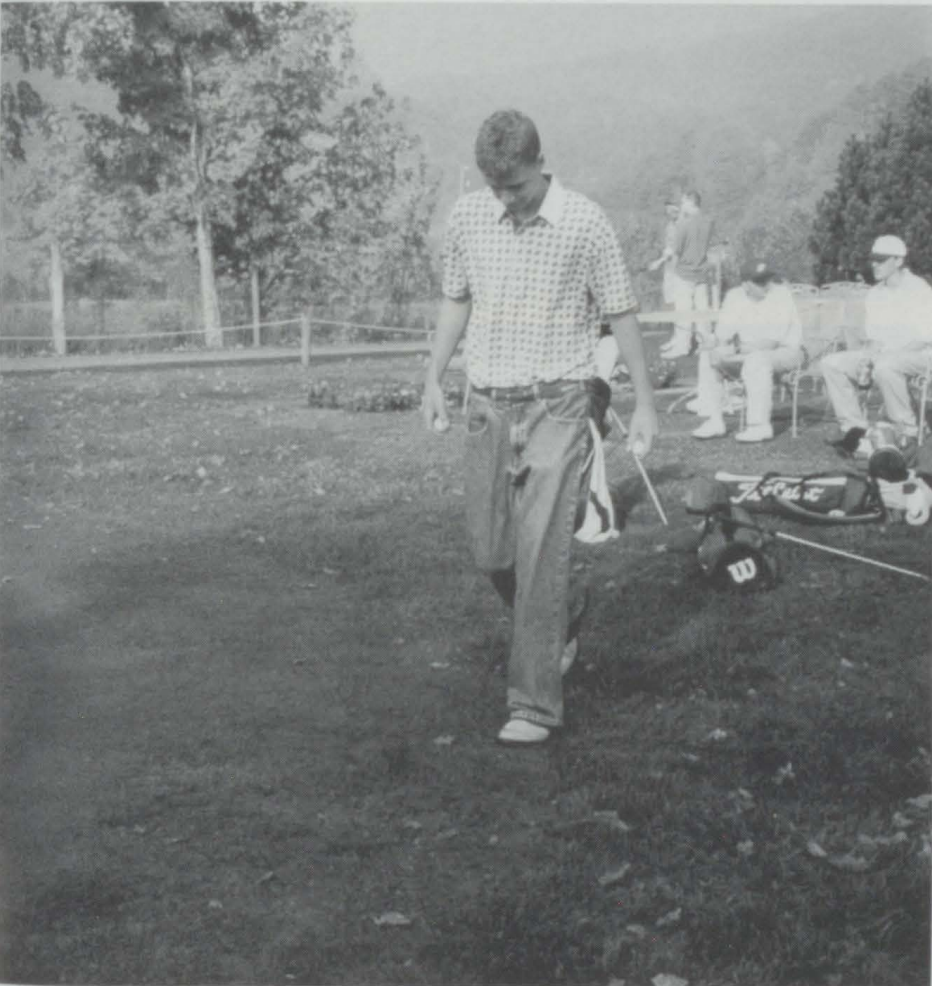
runner-up in the district tournament and represented the district at regionals. The team finished with an 18-5 record.



**TOP LEFT:** Front row- Shawn Reed, Chris Dillow, John Dillow, Brandon Anders. **2d row**-Adam Faulkner, Reneé Gross, Joe Meadows. **Back row**-Josh Breedlove, Brent Tate, Jeremy Dillow. These team members were the "pride of BHS's Golf Team". Players and coaches were always eager to travel and make ready to play because of the beautiful weather and the lovely scenic surroundings of area golf courses.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Brent Tate thoughtfully prepares his game plan. Brent is a junior and looks forward to completing yet another year as a member of the golf team.

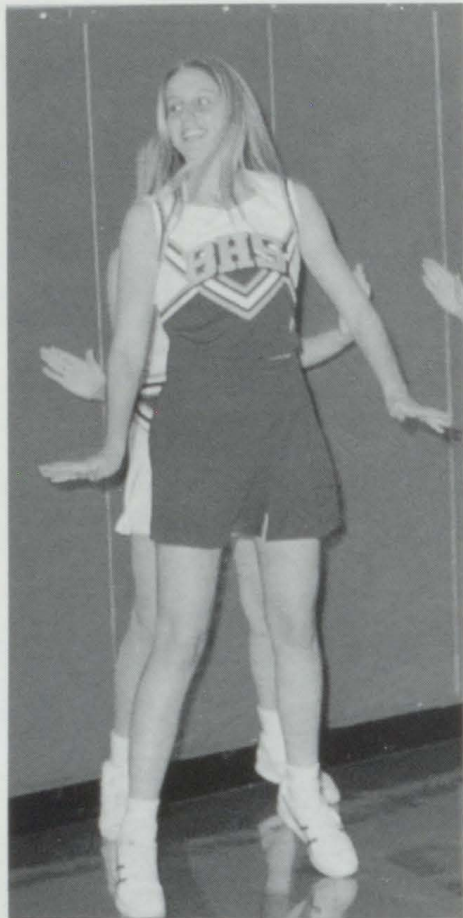
**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Adam Faulkner appears very confident and relaxed as he prepares for his next swing. Adam hopes to let golf be a big part of his future plans.



# Cheerleaders Provide Energy and Encouragement

**BELOW:** Leslie Gordon shows her enjoyment of the sport by the smile upon her face.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Sarah Gray Smith, fatigued by such harsh cheering, portrays a worn look.

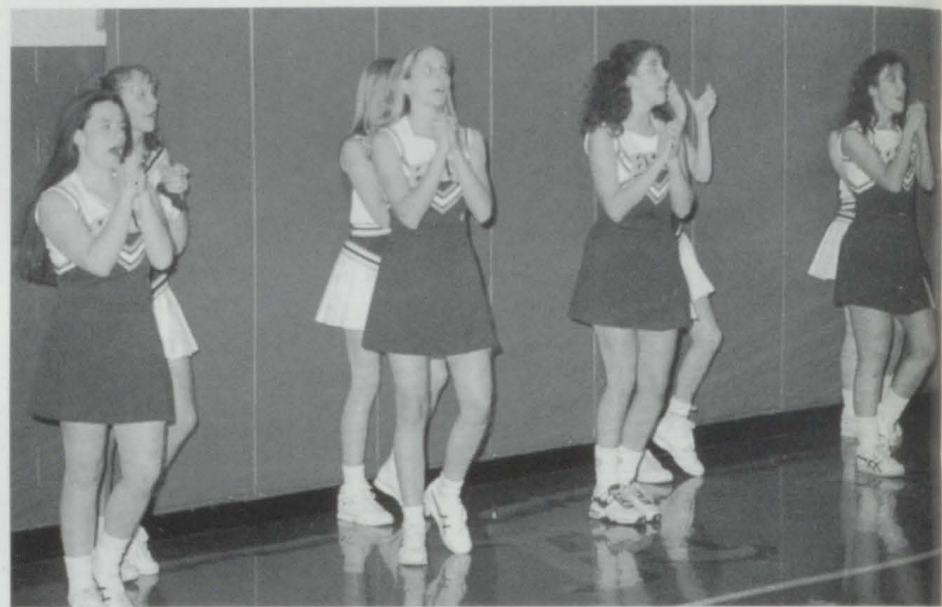
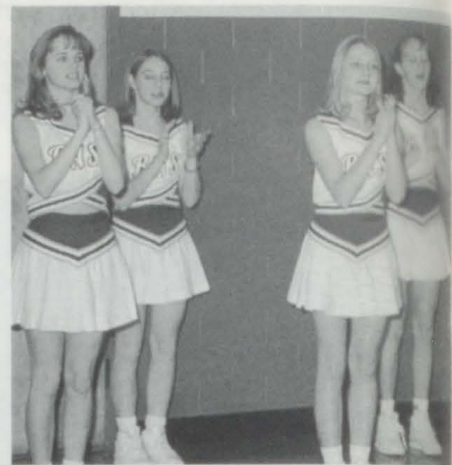


**1** 997 Cheerleaders did an excellent job retaining the positive image of school spirit.

**RIGHT - J.V. Cheerleaders:** Susan Stanley, Kristen Songer, Heather Morehead, and Ashley Strock accomplish perfect timing.

**BELOW - J.V. and Varsity cheerleaders** combine to focus on cheering while observing the action on the court.

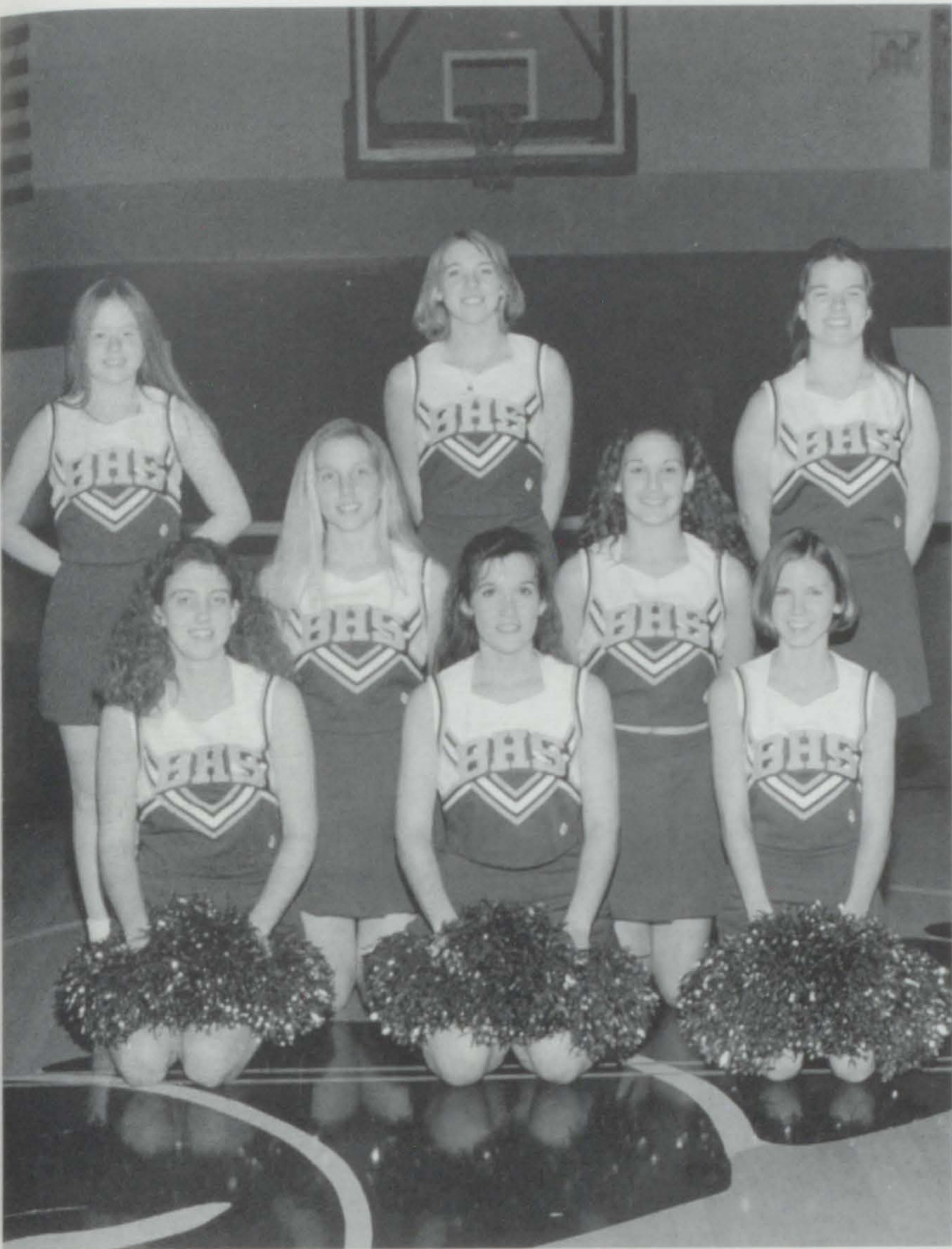
**BOTTOM RIGHT - Bland High Junior Varsity - Front row:** Heather Morehead-co-captain, Susan Stanley-co-captain **2d row:** Vanessa McBride, Jessica Kidd, Laura Bridges **Back row:** Ashley Strock, Kari Hagy.



**LEFT - Bland High Varsity - Front:** Ashley Havens, Debbie Munsey-captain, Sarah Smith **2d row:** Leslie Gordon, Renee Gross, **Back row:** Laura Clifton, Kelli Hall, Katie Muncy.

**RIGHT:** Crystal Hancock takes a break from cheering to observe the latest football action.

**BOTTOM - Bland County Bears Varsity:** Laura Clifton, Katie Muncy, Leisa Hagi, Debbie Munsey-captain, Stephanie Kelley, Holly Smith, Crystal Hancock.

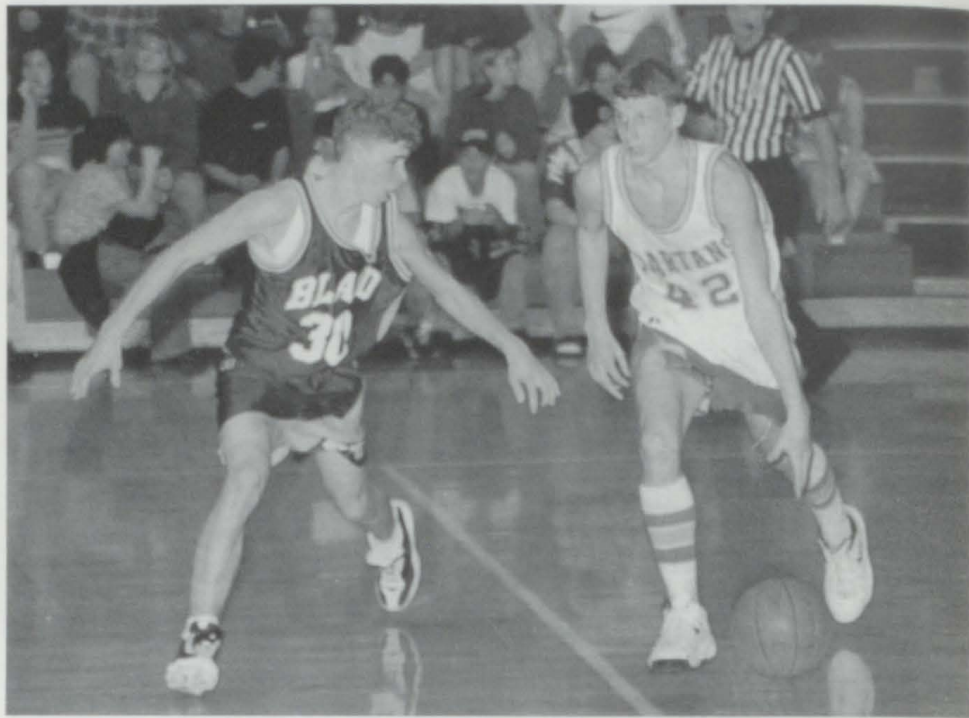


# Variety of Sports Offered to Students

**A** strong sports program gave Bland High students a wide variety of choices. Students

participated in diversified sports such as basketball, baseball, tennis, football, volleyball, and golf.

**TOP LEFT:** Strength and determination carried Erin Thompson through this back hand. **Top Right:** Brent Tate attempts to steal the ball away from a Giles opponent.



Brian Faulkner tags a player from Galax as he slides into base.

Chad Brewer battles the sun as he completes a forehand.

Debbie Munsey struggles to hit the ball.





# *Community*

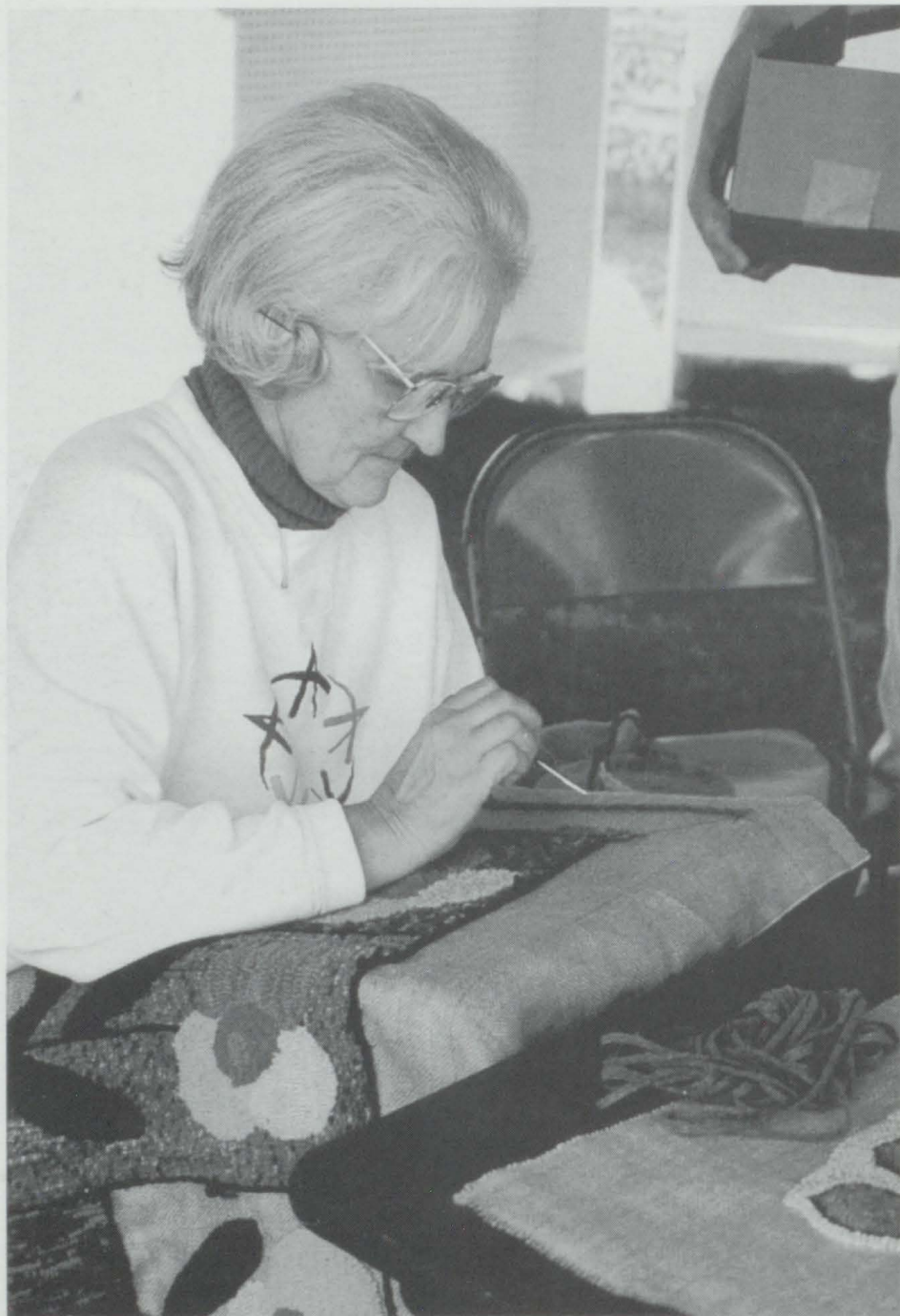


# Everyone Travels "Downtown"

**T**he Courthouse Square in "Downtown" Bland was a

sight to behold during the weekend of October 11-12. This picturesque village was adorned with fall foliage, street lights, and symbols of har-

vest and autumn. Both Bland Countians and the weather were supportive of the fourth annual Fall Festival of Leaves.



**Above:** Evelyn Lahman demonstrates a Hook Rug technique during the Festival of Leaves.

**Top Right:** Tynes Chapel Choir stirred the emotions of everyone present. Their music proved to be a "big hit" during the festival.

**Bottom Right:** Erin Thompson looks regal as she models a long gown that was popular during the late 60's.



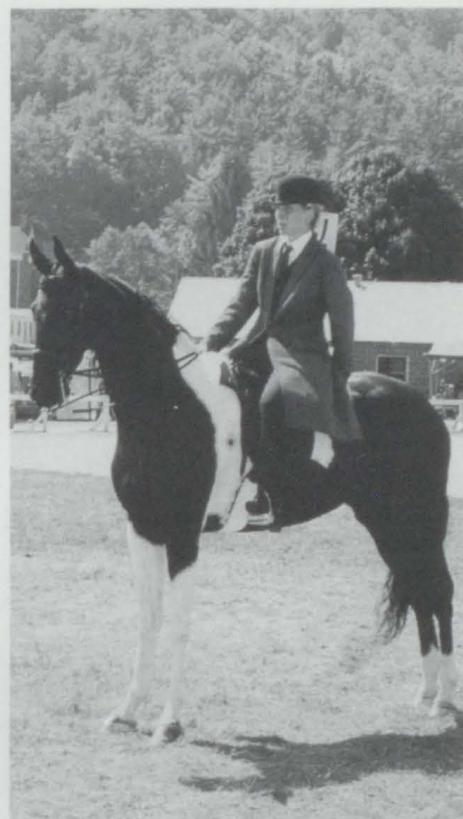


# The Fairgrounds Was The Place To Be

**T**he Bland County Fair was held the week of September 17 - 20. The later date did

not stop fair goers. The weather was unusually nice. There was a new addition to Wednesday night, Bland County Merchant's night. A

lot of nice prizes were given away and it proved to be a great success. The horse show displayed another competitive event offered.



**Top Left:** Cicely Havens places first in Juvenile Racking.

**Top Right:** Leslie Gordon maintains control of horse and rider.

**Above:** BHS FBLA students Kelli King, Stephanie Kelly, and Brooke Kitts organize the next Bingo game.

**Left:** The Newberry family at sheep show.

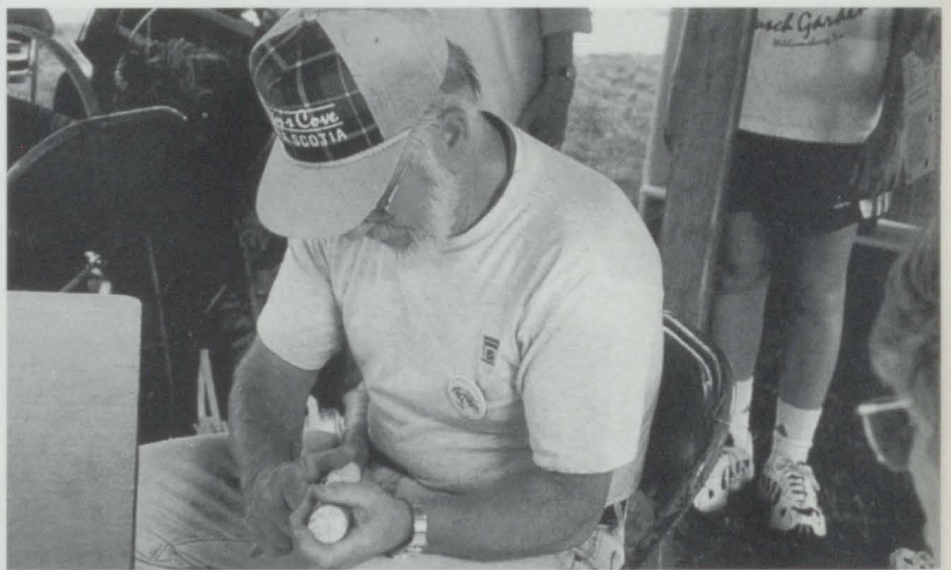


# Schools and Community Intersect

It was difficult to separate the school from the community during the 1997-1998 school year.

Students were actively involved in many community events such as Bland County Merchant's Day and Bingo (at the fair), as well as num-

erous events during the Festival of Leaves. The community became the classroom as students worked on these activities.



**TOP LEFT:** Asher Dillow, Great Nephew of Mrs. Sandra Harman. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Betty Penley and Brenda Penley observe judging.

**TOP RIGHT:** Jerry Vencil, popular storyteller man. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Buddy Taylor demonstrates his wood craftsman carving techniques.





**TOP:** The tractor parade includes this 1800's model, complete with a train-like whistle.

**BOTTOM:** Locals and imports took pleasure in an old-fashioned hay ride.



# Things Going On..... In The World

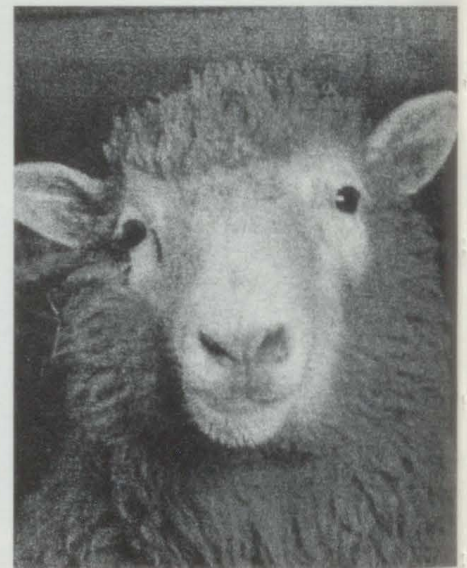
**A**s we began 1998, we looked back at the tragic loss of two prominent figures, Princess Di-

ana and Mother Teresa. Both contributed to the world's needy each in their own personal style and dignity. Princess Diana "England's

Rose," died tragically in the summer of 1997 as the result of injuries received during an auto accident in a Paris tunnel.

Princess Diana's life tragically ended on August 31, 1997 in a terrible car accident.

Sonny Bono will be missed by many.



Dolly, the scientifically-cloned wonder!



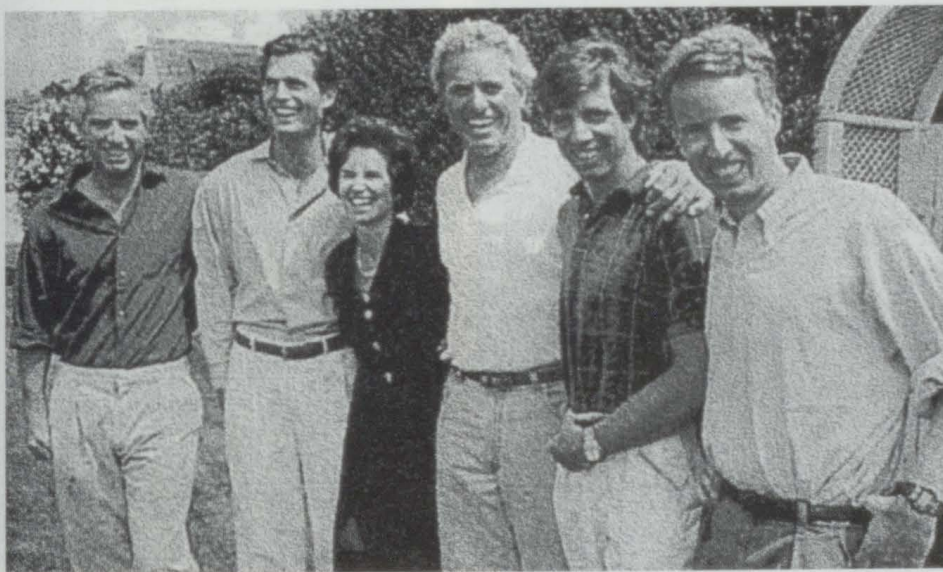
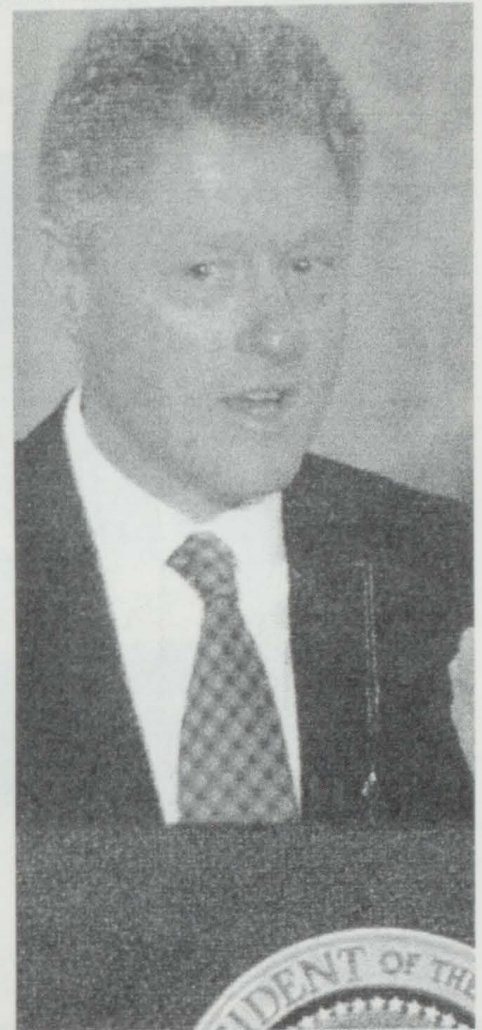
Two other fatal deaths were those of Sonny Bono and Chris Farley. Farley was the victim of a drug related death in his Beverly Hills home on December 18, 1997, while Bono was killed in a skiing

accident. On a lighter note, the U.S. rejoiced over the miraculous birth of the McCaughey "seven babies." President Bill Clinton underwent investigations concerning an alleged affair with a White House Intern.

El Nino created havoc on the west coast with numerous torrential rains. This caused major flooding and mudslides resulting in destruction of homes. The Eastern states saw heavy snows and ice.

Mother Teresa, a princess in her own rights, will be remembered forever in our hearts.

President of The United States of America.



Michael Kennedy, yet another victim of a tragic skiing accident, will be sadly missed.

Actor, Chris Farley over-dosed on drugs.



# Students Involved In School Activities

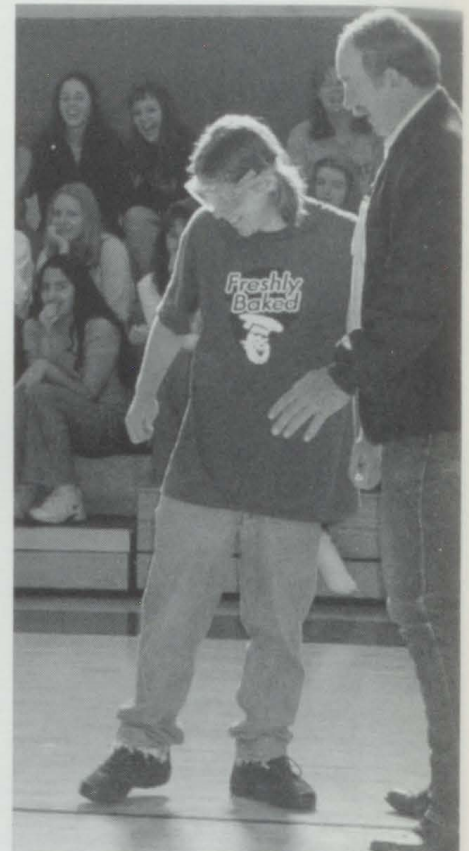
Oh, the things that happened at BHS never failed

to surprise, entertain and delight us. An on-looker would have found this student body and faculty most certainly involved in doing the

things we love and going to those loved school events. Many students enjoyed playing a part in the school activities throughout the year.

PhotoJournalism takes a break to throw Michael Toohey a going away party.

Titus Ramsey trying to walk a straight line during an assembly on the effects of alcohol.



Missy Woods pays close attention to Phillip Meadows' testimony, while presiding over court.

Mr. Havens working at tidying up the room.



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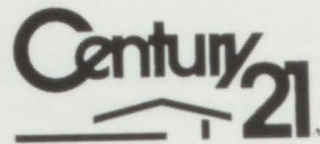
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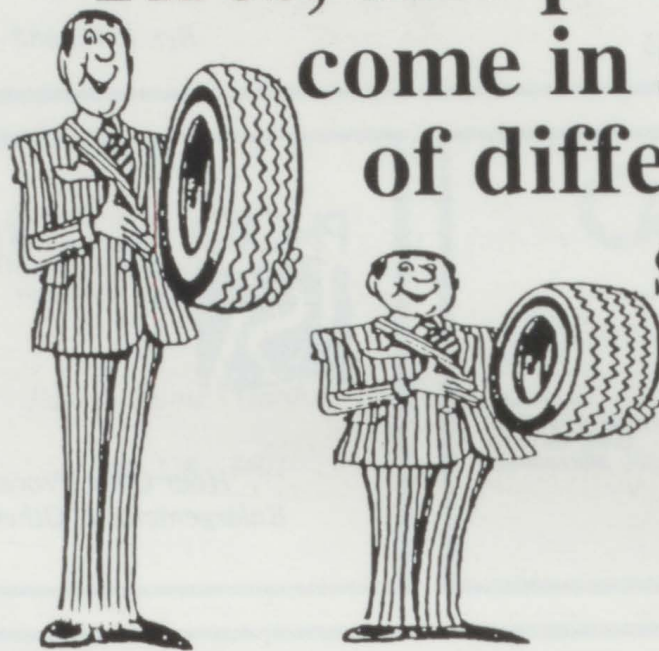
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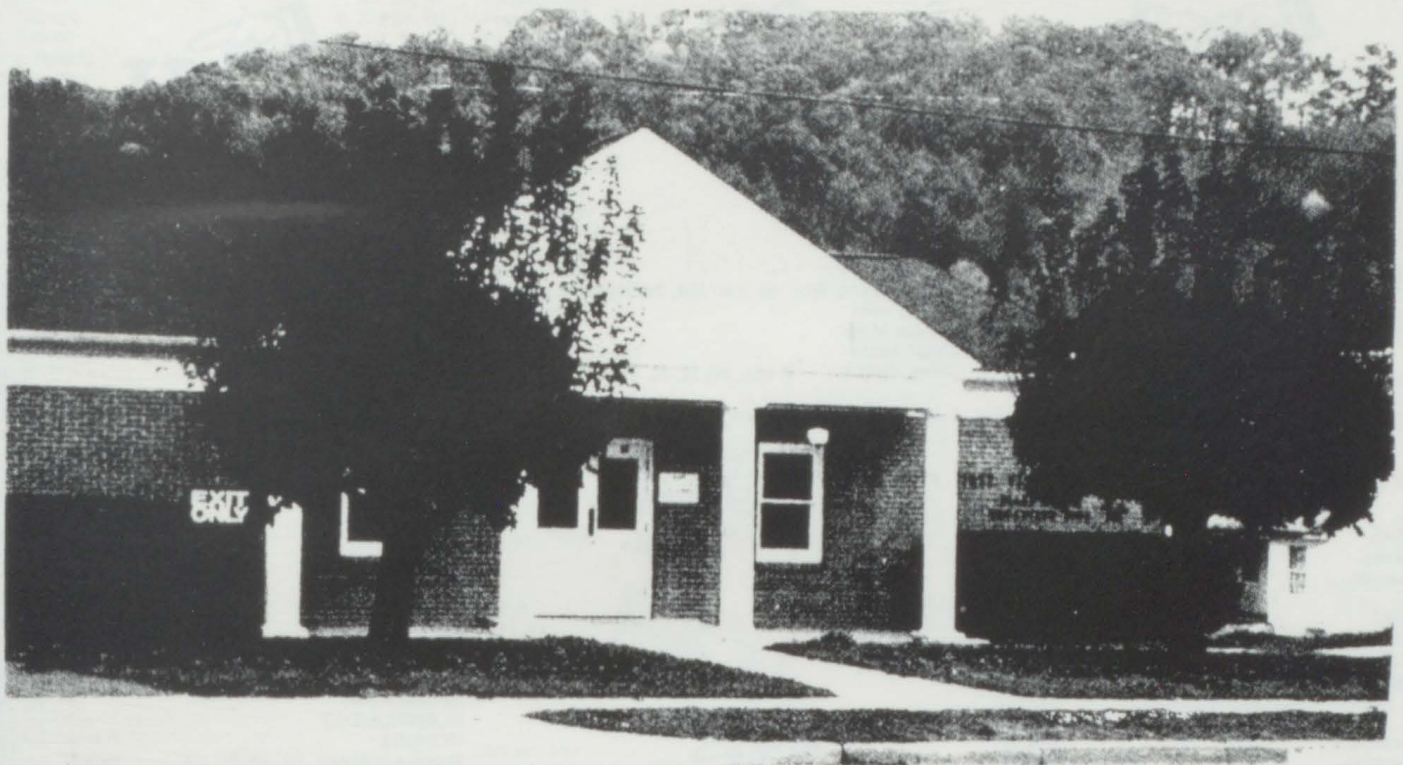


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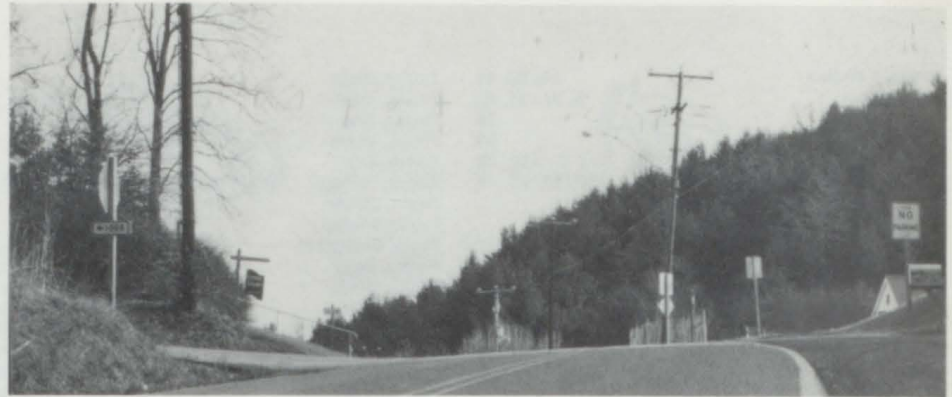
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# Our Journey Comes To An End

As we shut our lockers for the last time, we turn around and take a final look down the halls of Bland High School. From elementary to high school, sports to academics, we have shared many laughs, tears, and friendships. After 13 years together, it is sad to think that we may never gather again in the senior hall. As we make our final decisions as a senior class, we will never forget all of our experiences, friends, and classmates at BHS. When graduation ends, and we take our last walk out the gym door, we leave behind all of our memories together as the class of 1998.

The laughs, the tears, the memories  
The time we spent as friends  
Slowly approaches the final day  
When our journey comes to an end;  
This long and winding road we've traveled  
Is filled with visions never to fade

And as we realize the time that's nearing  
We embrace the many bonds we've made;  
One last time, one last look  
As we leave this time behind  
Never will we forget our friends  
Nor better ones will we find







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