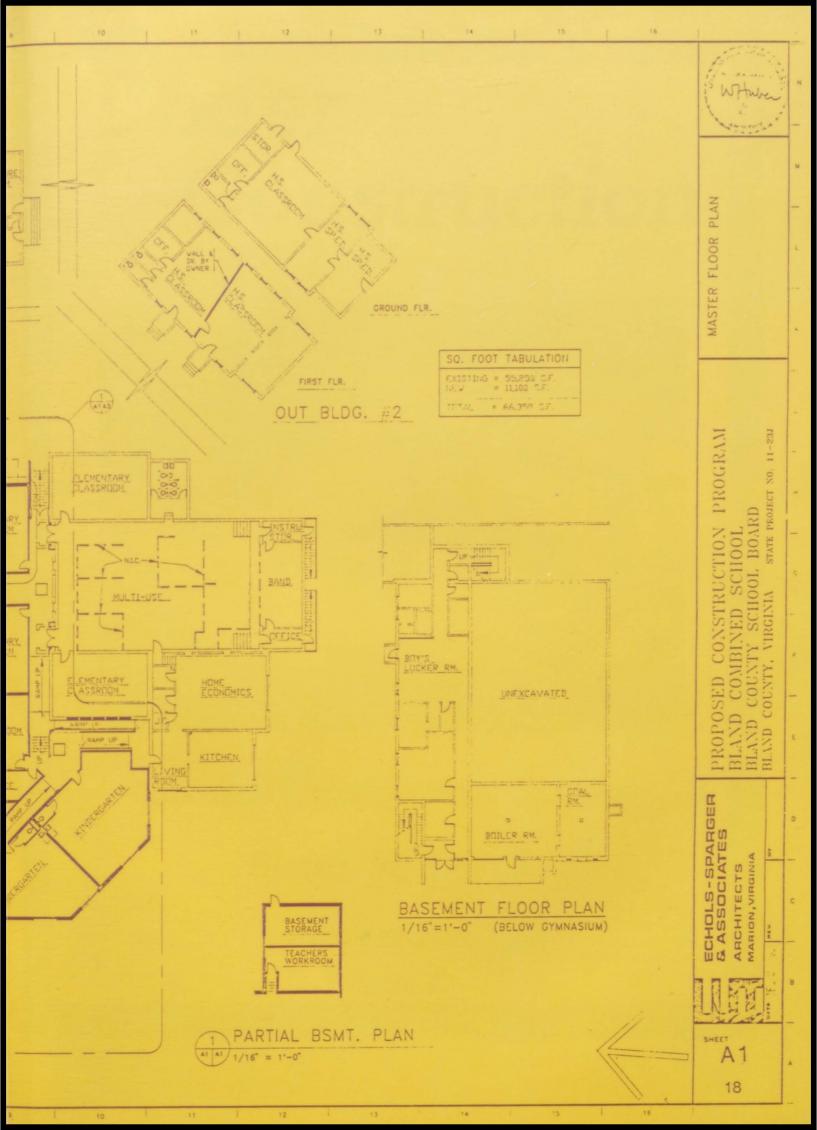


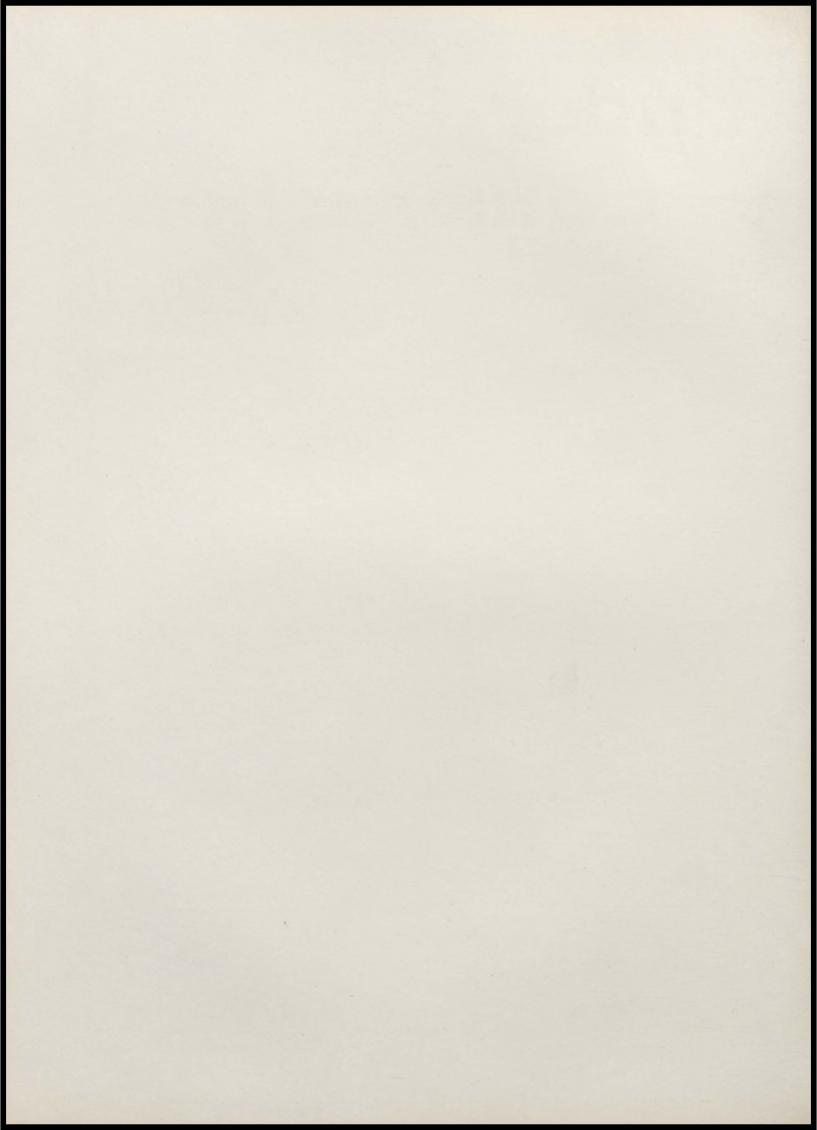


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# Construction/Reconstruction brought changes throughout the world

While many changes were occurring at Bland School, the whole world was also reconstructing. The Soviet Union became a democracy with Boris Yeltsin at its head. Many Russian states such as Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia broke off from the USSR and became independent countries. North and South Korea, after years of fighting, signed a peace agreement in order to become one country.

Changes were also taking place here in the USA. The William Kennedy Smith (rape) and Jeffrey Dahmer (murder) trials left many questioning our court system. After 28 years of service, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall retired, and was replaced by Clarence Thomas.

On the political scene in Bland the race for sheriff was a heated one between Tom Roseberry and Melvin Cox. The outcome gave Cox the win by 35 votes.

Sports enthusiasts were excited by the Super Bowl and World Series as both were close games. However, the Washington Redskins and Minnesota Twins proved victorious in these contests.

Athletes from all over the world gathered in Albertville, France for the winter olympics in February. The USA brought home 11 medals including five gold ones. The next winter olympics will be held in 1994 at Norway.

Bland students received first-hand information on foreign lands from the two exchange students, Danielle Garcia of Brazil and Giselle Aries of Panama

Perpetual motion might describe today's world and people. Everything is constantly changing and people must adapt to these changes. Bland School witnessed numerous changes to the buildings with next year to experience structural changes in administration and personnel.





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LEFT: Tracy Hall receives math instructions from Mrs. Kay Mabe. RIGHT: Mrs. June Miller's first graders. BOTTOM: Bland County marching band in full regalia



Community Life

3-Community Life

# Citizens welded together for support

Being a rural area, much of the community life centered around events such as the Bland County Fair, the Lord's Acre Sale, and many church and school functions. People constructed their daily and social lives around the

community. Activities were well supported by the community and they readily lent a helping hand when needed.

Citizens welded together to form strong support for or against issues. They heatedly voiced opposition to the proposed medical incinerator, and faithfully visited the recycling centers, helping to protect the environment. Concerned citizens formed "Friends of the Library" to assure the success of the new branch library. This bonding yielded a stable, secure county.







TOP LEFT: Members of 4-H prepared apples to make apple butter at the cannery. Sales from the produce were used for 4-H projects.

TOP RIGHT: Becky Ingram assists at the PTSO sponsored Fall Festival.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Christine King tries her hand at Bingo.

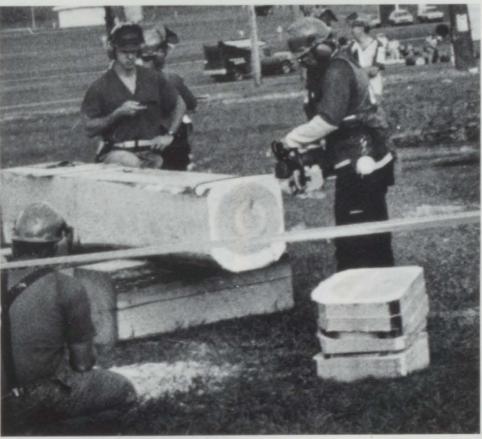
BOTTOM RIGHT: A sunny day brought many buyers to the annual Lord's Acre Sale.







Not an unusual sight during November is skinning a deer — Theron Newberry during bowhunters season.



TOP: Beulah Hall, Oma Farmer and Nadine Bridges prepare the cane for making molasses.

ABOVE: Kermit Gusler, a woodcutting expert, demonstrates his ability at a national contest.

# Prince/princess crowned

The annual Fall Festival was again a major event and fund raiser for the PTSO. It featured food, and a variety of games and contests from which to choose. Following the crowning of the prince and princess the night ended with a dance.

TOP RIGHT: Judy Brown, PTSO president, announces winners of Fall Festival.

CENTER LEFT: Fall Festival winners: Kris Blankenship, Debbie Munsey-2nd runners up; Todd Scott, Angela Blankenship-Prince & Princess; Hunter Stewart, Tarah Pauley, 1st runners up.

CENTER RIGHT: Jared Cole Hall creates his own diversion while Mom LeAnna plays bingo.

Opposite page: Kristie Dillow competes with the best at the Bland County horse show.





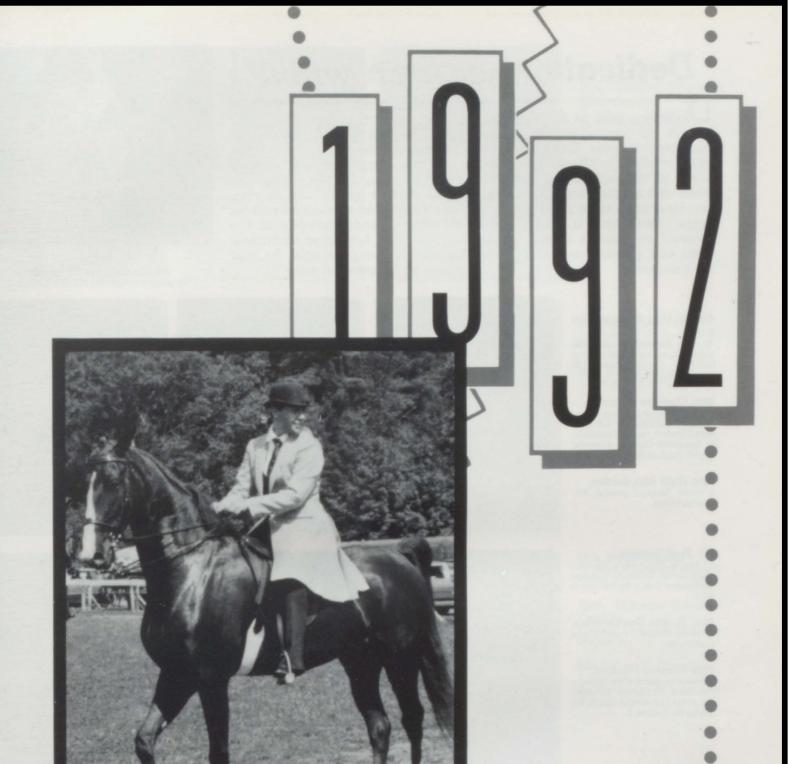




BOTTOM LEFT: 1990 winners after crowning 1991 winners — Jeremy Dillow, Todd Scott, Angela Blankenship, Brooke Kitts. BOTTOM CENTER: Karen Dunn checks the Country Store display.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Chuck Johnson calls out B15 for bingo.







People

# Dedication became reality

edication took on a new meaning for all personnel during the "construction" year. Chalk dust became a minor irritation when compared to saw dust and the varied odors of concrete fixer, roofing tar, etc. Then there were days of "open house" when only a plastic sheet covered the outside entrance and coats and gloves were essential in the classroom.

Teachers were informed the new lounge would not exist since planners failed to provide water and "other necessities."

On numerous occasions students knew the teacher was talking because his/her mouth was moving, but a noisy jackhammer drowned out all other sounds. In spite of the sounds, odors, frustration, and inconveniences, the year sped by and ended on a successful note.



Mr. Roger Dale Thompson, 25 years; Principal; BS-VPI, MS-Radford U.

### Mr. Richard Crockett Ha-

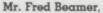
23 years; Assistant Principal; U.S. History, Geography, Accounting; Sponsor: Senior Class; BS-Bluefield State.

Mrs. Carolyn B. Bane,

33 years; Industrial Cooperative Training Coordinator, Adaptive Social Studies; Sponsor: Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; BS/MS-Radford U.

Mrs. Ruth Ann Barton,

l year; Second grade; BS-Bluefield State.



15 years; Ecomonics, Government, Civics, Sociology; Sponsor: Sophomore Class; BS/MS-VPI &

Mrs. Norma Sue Beavers,

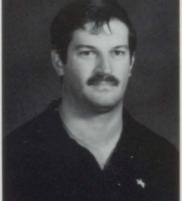
11 years; Chapter I Parent-Home Coordinator.

Mrs. Christine R. Bird,

12 years; English 8, 9, 10; Sponsor: Forensics, Dramatics, Newspaper, MACC All Around Coach, 8th grade; BS-Radford U.











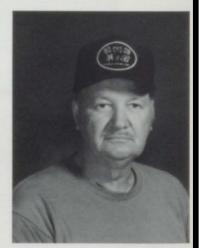












#### Mr. Thomas N. Bird, 11 years; Math I & II, Applications

of Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Consumer Math; Sponsor: Freshman Class; BS-Radford U.

Mrs. Violet Bird,

19 years; Elementary teacher's

Mr. Harold Bivens. 9 years; Bus driver.







Mrs. Bonnie Compton Blankenship, 8 years: School secretary/bookkeeper; Sponsor: 8th cheerleaders.

Mrs. Helen Blankenship, 15 years; Remedial Reading/Math aide.

Mrs. Nancy Brown, 5 years; Lunchroom.







Mr. Paul Burge, 12 years; Custodian (Green Thumb Program).

Mrs. Annette Burton, 11 years; Elementary Resource Art.

Mrs. Rita Elizabeth Carver, 2 years; Chapter I Reading; BS-Bluefield College.







Mrs. Joyce Cassell, 15 years; Elementary teacher's aide.

Mrs. Theresa Hamlen Colville, 8 years; Preschool; BS-James Madison U.

Mr. Robert E. Correll, 5 years; Beginning, Intermediate, Secondary Band; BS-Austin Peay State U.







Mr. William Harvey Crabtree, 25 years: Agriculture; Sponsor: FFA; BS/MS-VPI.

Mrs. Sue Dunford, 24 years; Third grade; BS-Radford U.

Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner, 23 years; English 10, 11, 12, Dual Credit English; Sponsor: Beta, Senior Class (asst.), English MACC Coach; BS/MS-Radford U.

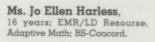
### Dr. David Clark Foltz, 27 years; Elementary guidance; BA-Roanoke, MA-Kean, PhD-Southern Ill. U.

#### Mrs. Patricia S. Hankins,

3 years; Elementary Physical Education; Sponsor: Varsity Girl's Basketball, Girls Tennis, JV/Varsity Cheerleading; BS-Bluefield College.

#### Mr. Richard Dale Hankins,

6 years; Secondary Physical Ed-ucation, Algebra I; Sponsor; JV/Varsity Boy's Basketball; BS-Bluefield State.

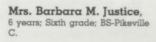


#### Mrs. Sandra Green-Harman,

14 years; Creative Writing, Adaptive Science, English, Math; Sponsor: Newspaper, Sophomore Class; BS/MS-Radford U.

### Mrs. Irma Kathleen Ha-

7 years; Bus driver.



#### Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley,

29 years; Keyboarding Applica-tions, Office Systems, Business Computer Applications, Information/Word Processing; Sponsor: FBLA, Junior Class (asst.); BS-ETSU.

Mrs. Kay Smith Mabe, 13 years; Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Algebra and Trig, Calculus; Sponsor: Junior Class, MACC Math Coach; BS-Radford

#### Mrs. Deborah Diane Massie,

4 years; Primary Self-contained; BS-WV U.

### Mrs. Katherine Ann

Matney, 1 year; Seventh grade; BS-Bluefield College.

Mrs. Susie Meadows, 6 years; Bus driver.





























Mrs. Sandra Harman (with ear plugs in her mouth) is coerced into dancing before the student body when the band "Rocken" performed

Mrs. Mary Melvin, 14 years; Lunchroom.







Mr. Jimmy Michaels, 4 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.

Mrs. June M. Miller, 29 years; First grade; BA-King College.

Mrs. Margaret Miller, 19 years; Bus driver.







#### Miss Teena R. Morefield, 13 years; Secondary guidance; Sponsor: Girl's volleyball, Jr. Beta;

Sponsor: Girl's volleyball, Jr. Beta; BA-Concord, MS-UVA.

Mrs. Betty K. Munsey, 12 years (+9 County Extension Agent): Life Skills I & II, Family Management; Sponsor: FHA; BS/MS-VPI.

Mr. Steve Nelson, 2 years; Custodian.







Ms. Elizabeth G.

Newberry, 25 years; Librarian, Accounting, Business Computer Applications; Sponsor: Yearbook, Library Club, Photo Club; BS/MS-Radford U.

Mrs. Norma G. Newberry, 26 years; Fifth grade; BS-Radford U.

Mrs. Regina Newberry, 15 years; Bus driver.

Mrs. Sue Newberry, 7 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.

Mrs. Brenda Penley, 9 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.

Mrs. Brenda Pike, 11 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.







Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Mrs. Janet Faulkner, and Mrs. Carolyn Bane exchange accounts while serving morning hall duty.

Mrs. Barbara Ann Reed, 5 years; TMH Primary; BA-Lambuth College





Mrs. Zola Repass, 2 years; Library assistant (Green Thumb Program).

Miss Brenda Diane Rowe, 10 years; French I, II, III, IV; Sponsor: French Club; BA-Emory & Henry.

Mr. Keith Sargent, 6 years; Custodian.







### Mrs. Janet Hamilton Scott,

19 years; Elementary Head Teacher; Fourth grade; BS/MS-Radford U.

Mrs. Rebecca W. Scott, 18 years; Kindergarten; BA-King C., MA-Radford U.

Mr. Alfred E. Smith, 10 years; Biology I & II, Physical Science; Sponsor: Freshman Class, SCA; BS-Concord C.

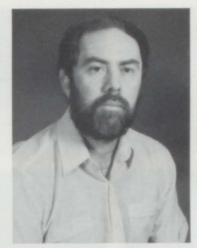












Mrs. Nancy Stockner, 19 years; Media Assistant.

Mrs. Iris Strock, 5 years; Elementary Resource Music, Substitute teacher.

Mr. Larry W. Thacker, 20 years: Physical Education, Driver's Ed., Civics, American His-tory; Sponsor: 8th grade class JV/Varsity Baseball; BS-VPI







Mrs. Michelle Dunn Thompson, 6 years; Speech Pathologist; BS-Radford U.

Mrs. Dot Tibbs, 13 years; Lunchroom.

Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle, 26 years; Remedial Reading/Math aide.







Mr. Sonny Turner, 9 years; Building Supervisor and Maintenance.

Mrs. Phyllis Umbarger, 10 years; Elementary teacher's aide, clerical assistant.

Mr. John Harkrader Wagoner,

7 years; Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science; Sponsor: Science Club, Photo Club, MACC Science Coach; BS-Radford U.







Mrs. Mary Wimmer, 6 years; Bus driver.

Mrs. Amber Renee Witt, 6 years; Second grade; BS-Concord C.

Ms. Kimberly Dyane Woods, 3 years; Fifth/Sixth grade; BS-Radford U.

PRESCHOOL
Alex Clark
Paul Harless
Laura Hatcher
Matthew McKee
April Rambo











Brandon Scott

KINDERGARTEN
Bobby Baker
Angela Blankenship
Tara Clemons
Jessica Cox











Kasey Crider Kimberly Crusenberry Christopher Dillow Madeline Harden Autumn Haynes











Brandon Hounshell Ben Johnson Daniel Johnson Jessie Melvin Amanda Millirons











Justin Morehead Erica Pauley Joey Pauley Todd Scott Logan Tate











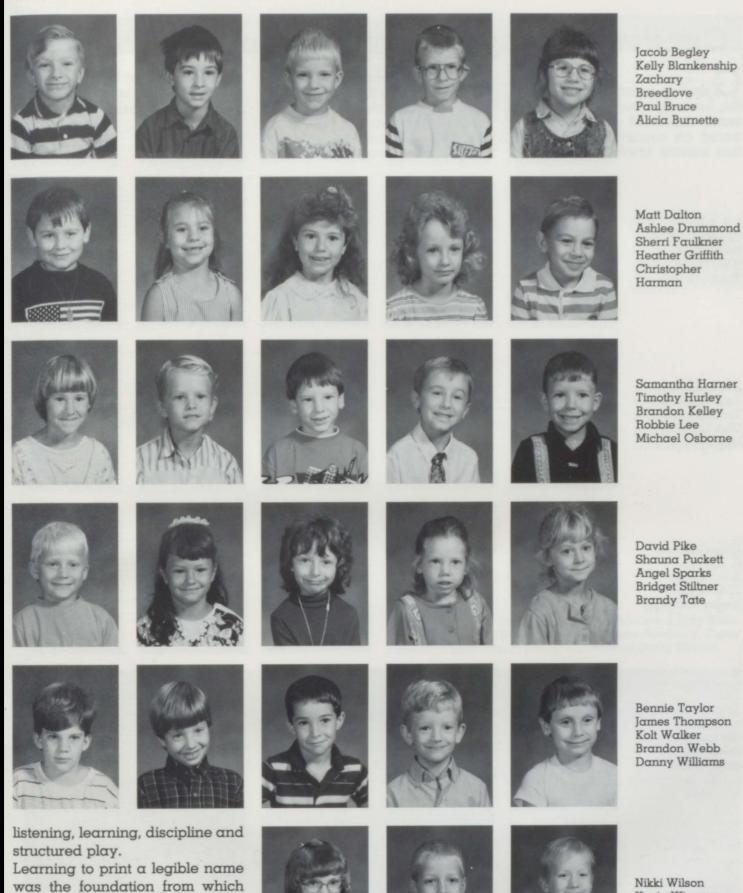
Paul Thompson Dana Umbarger





**Building foundations** 

B ig-eyed wonder, anxiety, and confusion dominated the world of the Preschooler and Kindergartener. They soon adjusted to a routine of (continued on next page)



they began building learning

tendance.

First graders earned the PTSO banner at the first meeting for having the most parents in atNikki Wilson Kevin Wimmer Robert Wolfe

# Cursive writing became mortar for subjects

Tripping a pencil tightly in his fist, lower lip caught between his teeth, a second grader concentrated on connecting the letters into cursive writing. Building on

the skills of alphabet and printing, he added to those skills like a bricklayer. Cursive writing and reading became the mortar for science, math and other subjects.

Mrs. Ruth Barton, new teacher

to Bland, with Mrs. Amber Witt kept these lively second graders in line and on task.

J. P. Agee Eugene Brunk, Jr. Scotty Clemons Gary Dalton Shawn Griffith











Adam Harman **Amber Hutchins** Thomas Johnson Christina King Michelle Lee











Tonya Millirons P. W. Price Andy Sarver **Todd Simmons** Jessica Umbarger











Joey Walker

Is this the gleaming eye of an angel? How about Travis Pauley, looking for mischiefl









David Wolcott

Lisa Dawson really got into the swing of things at this dance. She danced to nearly every song.













Brandon Anders Seth Baker Shanna Brown Lisa Dawson John Dillow











Beth Harden Denita Harden Corey Maddox Reggie Meadows Anthony Newberry











Tarah Pauley Travis Pauley Bryan Simms Hunter Stuart Dorothy Umbarger







Danielle Underwood Craig Winesett Sam Wright

Performing a lively dance are Danielle Underwood, Joey Walker, Adam Harman, Denita Harden, Anthony Newberry, Corey Maddox, Beth Harden, Thomas Johnson and David Wolcott.



Shelly Atwell Samantha Bird Laura Bridges John Clemons Albert Davis











Joshua Dillow Kari Hagy Monica Havens Renea Hutzel Amy Johnson











Crystal McCrary Benjamin May Kirstie Meadows Hope Melvin Eddie Paciga











Zachary Pauley Sara Reed Matthew Richardson Katie Scott J.R. Shewey











Kristen Songer Ronald Spain Charlie Stiltner Ashley Strock Shane Thompson





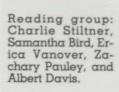








Matthew Tickle Erica Vanover



















Carey Berg Kurt Blankenship Aaron Clemons Lian Cole Brandon Faulkner









Brian Faulkner James Faulkner Jason Hagy Kelli Hall Crystal Hancock











Rob Kegley Joshua Moore Heather Morehead Robert Newberry Aaron Pauley











Chris Pauley Will Pauley Jesse Rudder Emily Russell Kelly Sluss



"What do you mean, that's not the way you say it?" - Robert Newberry





Ted Sparks Ashley Tate





Crystal Stiltner Shayla Williams

## **Imagination** came to the foreground

Imagination came to the foreground when third graders wrote their own stories as a completion of an SOL. Mrs. Sue Dunford prodded and coached them through their tasks.

Mrs. Jan Scott's fourth graders began a study of Virginia and learned the state flower, bird, and seal. As a part of science they studied the parts of the eye, and learned about idioms in English.

-19 Fourth

Randy Bearrington, Jr D.J. Belcher Will Blankenship Joshua Breedlove Jeff Brunk











Penny Collins Kristina Goins Jesse Gosse Leslie Gordon Clinton Hagy











Kari Harner Cicely Havens Amanda Jones Michael Lambert Joshwa Lester











Kent McPeak Joe Meadows Stuart Morehead Weston Patton Heath Puckett











Ashleigh Sarver Amber Simmons Brent Tate Jeremiah Tate Daniel Thompson



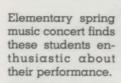








Nathan Winters

















Chris Berg Jessica Crawford Tina Dawson Erin Johnson Shasta Jones

FIFTH











Katie Muncy Brad Myrick Justin Neal Josh Richardson Olena Sexton











Allison Sheets John K. Thompson Christa Winesett

Adam Faulkner Ashley Havens

SIXTH











Sandra Melvin David Neel Jim Bob Penley Casie Pruitt Sharon Shewey



# Constructive winners

Fifth and sixth graders got involved right from the start. Under the supervision of Mrs. Norma Newberry, fifth graders gathered and identified a wide variety of wild flowers. All family members became involved in gathering, labeling and compiling the flowers in a scrapbook. At the beginning of the year, these vibrant students designed and construct-

Jim Bob Penley performs a comedy act in "A Phone Call from God" during the spring music concert.

ed their own Indian villages. These were then judged on structure, authenticity and creativity. The winning villages were Clinton Hagy-(1st), Nathan Winters-(2nd), and Leslie Gordon-(3rd).

Serving on the Fall Festival court were Ashleigh Sarver and Heath Puckett from the fifth, Ashley Havens and John Kelly Thompson from the fifth/sixth combined.

The combination grade for fifth and sixth grades was guided through the year by Miss Kadi Woods.

# Writing became the blueprint for the future

Writing became an important part of a sixth and seventh grader's life. As a library project (and an SOL) they wrote original stories in groups. Seventh graders worked on essays, autobiogra-

phies and tall tales. Holly Pauley won a district 2d place for her essay on "What is a veteran?".

Sixth graders completed the DARE program and made charts to plot their progress in each subject Sixth graders looked to Mrs. Barbara Justice for their blueprint while seventh grade head contractor was Mrs. Katherine Matney, a new teacher from Tazewell.

Sarah Bird Amanda Blankenship Kris Blankenship Leslie Carroll Jeremy Dillow











Kelly Dunn Whitney Gamble Leisa Hagy Amy Hatcher Stephanie Kelley











Kelli King Sara King Brooke Kitts Patrick Lindamood Phillip Meadows











Stacey Miller Debbie Munsey Ryan Newberry Sarah Smith Heather Stiltner











Lori Tabor Erin Thompson Jennifer Walker Ronnie Wolfe Sondra Wolfe











Sandra Collins, Cindy King, and Rae Romano observe Michael Kay Mabe's execution of a solo. Jeremy Blankenship Amanda Brown Mary Chewning Sandra Collins Jimmy Conley Benjamin Davis Marie Dotson Jamie Dunn Jason Hancock Paula Hockett Ronald Hutzel Casey Johnston Tracie Jones Cindy King Lisa Kimberlin Michael Kay Mabe Lee Meadows Vince Moore John M. Newberry Joseph Paciga Holly Pauley Ricky Repass Christine Richardson Rae Romano Jacob Scott John C. Thompson Eric Wimmer Jennifer Winters

# Taking a first step

As eighth graders took their first step into the changing halls of BCS, they experienced intimidation. Somehow, though they

were in the first stage of building a high school career, they built courage and managed to participate in the various activities of football, MACC, and basketball. The girls joined together to form a pep squad for the eighth grade boys' basketball team.

By the end of the year these students were well adjusted and ready to continue climbing stepby-step up the high school ladder.

Amanda Baldwin Sammy Blankenship Sheri Blankenship Andy Bruce Cheryl Brunk























Brook Dillow Anita French Amie Goss Jamie Goss Derek Hurley











Monica Keene Leslie Kelley Jody Lambert Eric Miller Jayson Mitchem

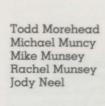














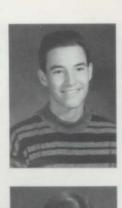


















Jamie Newby Smokey Parmenter Becky Penley Jimmy Pike Wesley Quinn









Joe Repass Melissa Repass Melissa Richardson Seth Roseberry Andy Selfe











Sarah Shewey Brandon Sink Drema Spangler Melanie Talbert Jessica Taylor











Kary Taylor Sam Tickle Samantha Thompson Pachess Umbarger Darrell Wellman







Cheryl Winesett Misty Wiley



J. R. Wolfe

EIGHTH-GRADE CLASS OFFICERS: Front-Mr. Robin Thacker, sponsor; Michael Muncy, treasurer. Back-Jamie Goss, vice-president; Melanie Talbert, president. Not pictured: Melissa Richardson, secretary; Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor.

# Challenges created transitions

Freshmen, having completed their eighth grade year, found themselves on a new level having opportunities and implements

with which to work. These opportunities for advancement came in the forms of FBLA, Beta, yearbook, and newspaper.

Although the hammering and

changing went on throughout the year, they still managed to compete in exciting challenges (continued on next page)

Tracy Alford Jason Beam Cindy Berg Allen Brown Charlie Burton











Robert Chewning Marty Collins Doug Dalton Justin Eaton Shannon Enoch











Becky Floyd Bradley Gordon Crystal Hall Chris Harless Donnie Havens











Karen Havens Shannon Havens Bobbi Hobbs Bradley Hoosier Brock Justice











Jamie Kidd David Lambert Joanie Lambert Monty Matthews Sue Ann McBride

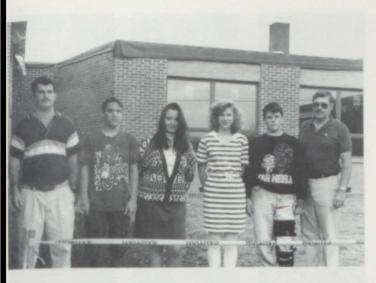












FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: Mr. Tommy Bird, sponsor; Jason Beam, president; Joanie Lambert, vice-president; Anne Myrick, secretary; Charlie Burton, treasurer; Mr. Al Smith, sponsor.

such as MACC, drama, forensics, basketball, and cheerleading. These competitive events enabled them to grow in maturity and confidence.

As they advanced in classes and sports, they adjusted to the school's unique new look, too. The class of 1995 is still under construction and with these new facilities and transitions, they are walking their way to the top floor.



Cyndi McGrady P.J. Meadows











Meagan Morehead Robbie Morehead Anne Myrick Paul Nunley Rubi Potter











Jason Quinn Cora Ramsey Tanya Ramsey Anita Sage Mark Sarver



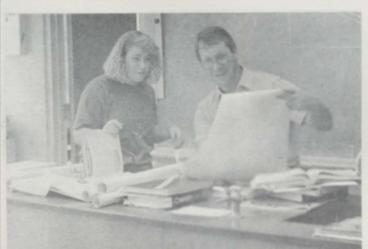








Jason Stowers Wesley Strock Bradley Tate Thelma Thompson April Tickle





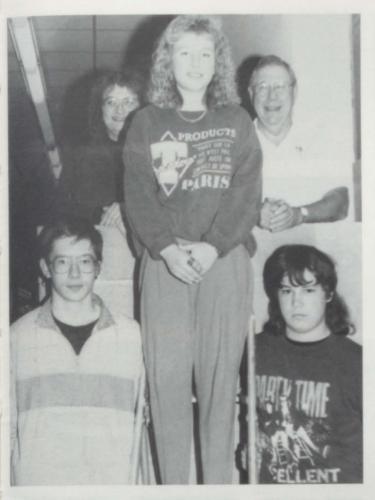


James Umbarger Brian Waddle

Jamie Kidd discusses science projects with Mr. John Wagoner.

Detria Agee Stephen Berry Lionel Blankenship Beth Bridges Eric Brooks Allen Brewster Jeff Brown Patrick Bruce Angela Carter Robbie Davis Kristie Dillow Tawny Dillow Aaron Faulkner James Foutz Rachel French Heather Keene Crystal King Kevin King Jamie Michael Angel Mitchem Chad Morehead Phillip Mullins Sandy Nelson Stuart Newberry Stanley Overbaugh

Misty Pauley Chris Penley Faith Penley Wenona Scott



# Securely bolted to school regime

1 wo years of secondary molding and shaping found sophomores ready to accept their "middle of the road" status. They had survived the teasing and inferiority while building character and stamina. Their lives were securely bolted to the regime of school academics and extra-curricular activities.

Competing with peers for top honors was nothing new; but, competing with the bulldozer, jackhammer, and peculiar odors of construction was radical. These valiant sophomores took it all in stride stating "that's life."

The highlight of this year was driver ed. classes, behind-the-wheel training, and that piece of plastic that allowed them to join the ranks of "road monsters."

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: Front-Patrick Wade, secretary; Amber Umbarger, vice-president; Jason Stafford, president. Back-Mrs. Sandra Harman, Mr. Fred Beamer, spon-







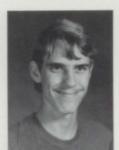




**Amie Simms** Mary Spain Jimmy Sparks Jason Stafford Tonya Talbert











Melanie Thompson Chris Tickle Eric Tiller Scottie Tolbert Amber Umbarger





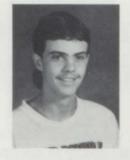




Wendy Umbarger Dawn Walls Amber Wright

Wendy Umbarger, Crystal King and Amie Simms socialize at a dance.

Sherman Alford Mindy Brewster Sheree Burton Lori Compton Mary Margaret Gibson

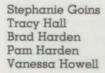






















# Endless tasks boosted Juniors

A Junior's work was never done. Just when they were paid up on last month's donut sales, advisers, Mrs. Mabe and Mrs. Kegley, passed out new donut sheets expecting them to exceed the previous sales.

As in past years, coming up with a prom theme and keeping it a secret proved difficult. But, with plenty of organization and hard work, construction on the prom was completed.

There didn't seem to be enough time for sports participation, extra-curricular activities, and still manage to pass classes. After all, thoughts were on everything but what they did in class. With speculations of their senior year just ahead, the class of '93 took this year's theme of "Under Construction" to heart



Cindy Justice shows the world a happy and carefree individual.

Cindy Justice Tina Kimberlin Becky Mallory Eric Martin Matthew Newberry

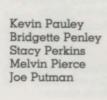
































John Reed Molly Richardson Michelle Rickman James Roberts Nathan Romano





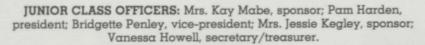






Laura Sadler Robert Sexton Bethane Shewey Kathy Shewey Travis Simmons





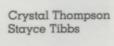








Stayce Tibbs and Tracy Hall at the annual FHA parent dinner.









Lori Compton during Shutterbug's trip to Dismal Falls.

Marcella Wellman Douglas Wiley

# Individuals build selfesteem by criticisms and praise

Being in the public eye was a constructive area of an individual's life. They were subjected to criticisms or praise as groups and individuals, which helped to build self-esteem and growth.

Opposite page: Leslie Kelley does a solo tap dance for the Miss BHS beauty pageant.

Jason Hancock has the audience brimming with laughter when he performs a solo comedy act — The Day the Squirrel Went to Church.



Kelly Dunn and Sarah Smith give their version of Professor Know-it-all and Dry Bones. Brook Dillow entertains with selections on his

electric guitar.





## Sounds of change ruled final year

The constant sound of the drills, hammers, and other equipment will long be a reminder to the class of '92 of how they spent their last year at Bland Combined School. Not only were they dealing with changes in their own

lives (what to do and where to go after graduation), but they were witnessing major changes in their beloved school. Daily class routines were often interrupted by the din of construction machinery when it was impossible to hear the instructions from faculty members.

Having constructed a closeness from kindergarten, they were dealing with mixed emotions. Desires and anticipations of college or being on their own clashed with

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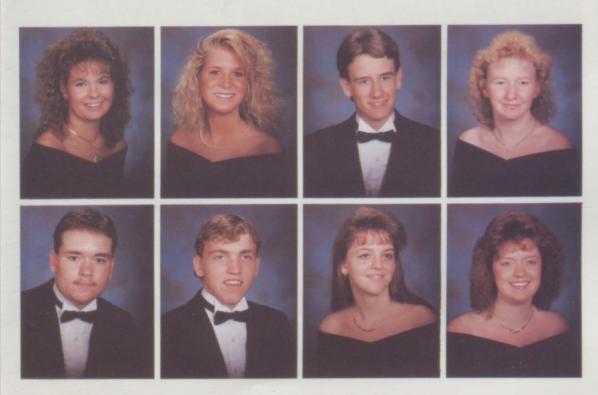


SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS-FRONT: Becky Bird, treasurer. 2ND ROW: Jason Hall, vice-president; Danny Morehead, secretary.



ABOVE: Sarah Umbarger and Crystal Bruce watch Sarah Thompson's reaction to a "sour ball." Sarah T's reaction ended in a dash from the room and loss of her breakfast.

BACK ROW: Mr. Richard Havens, sponsor; Greg Boksa, president; Mrs. Janet Faulkner, sponsor.



Shelly Rae Beam
Born: 5-10-74
Future Plans: College
Superlative: Most likely to succeed
Rebecca Laura Bird
Born: 11-2-74
Future Plans: College
Superlative: Best dressed
Roger Ray Blankenship
Born: 3-3-74
Future Plans: Bluefield College
Superlative: Best personality
Cynthia Marie Blevins
Born: 9-15-73
Future Plans: Work in child care
Superlative: Friendliest

Robert Preston Boardwine
Born: 7-7-73
Future Plans: WCC-Drafting
Superlative: Friendliest
Gregory Blake Boksa
Born: 12-1-74
Future Plans: College-Police Science
Supelative: Wittiest
Crystal Lynn Bruce
Born: 6-8-74
Future Plans: WCC-Lawyer or Acct
Supelative: Most scholarly
Heather Camille Burton
Born: 4-25-74
Future Plans: Radford-Bus. Teacher
Superlative: Most dependable

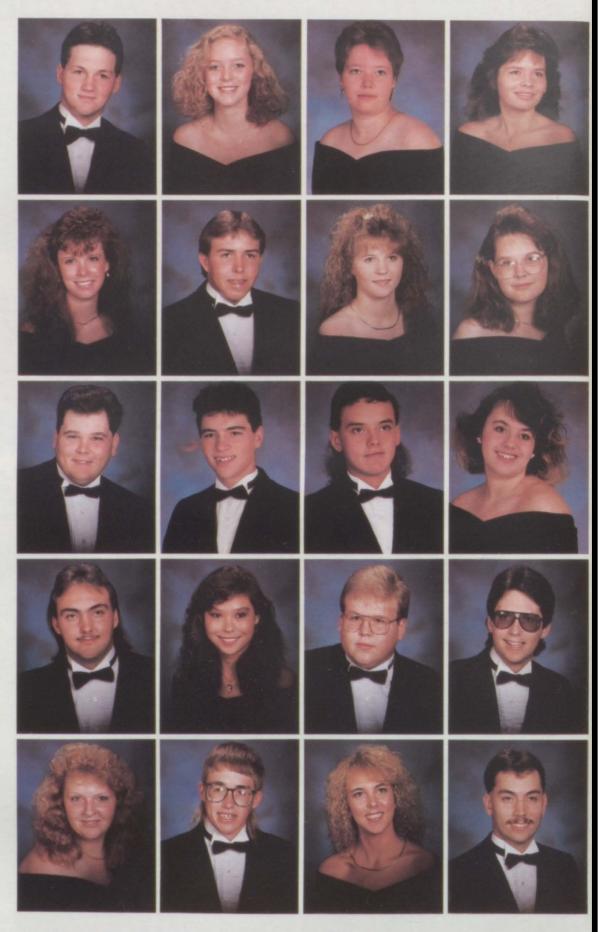
Zachary Watson Burton
Born: 9-25-74
Future Plans: College-Computer Sci.
Superlative: Most talkative
April Michelle Conley
Born: 4-20-74
Future Plans: College-English
Superlative: Cutest
Patrica Ruth Corder
Born: 12-16-73
Future Plans: Work in Wytheville
Superlative: Most talkative
Angela Lee Dalton
Born: 1-27-74
Future Plans: College
Superlative: Most talented

Jeana Leigh Dalton
Born: 2-22-74
Future Plans: College-Nursing
Superlative: Best all around
Robert Allen Davis
Born: 5-11-74
Future Plans: College-Business
Superlative: Best all around
Stephanie Jo DeHart
Born: 7-18-74
Future Plans: Radford-Business
Superlative: Most talented
Ginger Ann Dillow
Born: 8-18-74
Future Plans: WCC-Nursing
Superlative: Quietest

Michael Allen Dillow
Born: 6-28-73
Future Plans: Work
Superlative: Quietest
Tobias Alexander Dotson
Born: 7-22-74
Future Plans: Bluefield College
Superlative: Best dressed
James Everett Duncan
Born: 9-7-73
Future Plans: Work
Superlative: Most photogenic
Tina Marie Dunn
Born: 6-16-74
Future Plans: College-English teacher
Superlative: Wittiest

William David Epperson, Jr.
Born: 9-18-73
Future Plans: College
Superlative: Most carefree
Kandi Faye Farley
Born: 12-25-74
Future Plans: College-Nursing
Superlative: Most photogenic
Jason Walter Gusler
Born: 8-27-74
Future Plans: College-Doctor
Superlative: Most scholarly
Scott Allen Gusler
Born: 12-12-74
Future Plans: College
Superlative: Most school spirit

Cheryl Lynn Hall
Born: 12-9-73
Future Plans: College
Superlative: Most talkative
Jason Keith Hall
Born: 4-13-74
Future Plans: Work
Superlative: Handlest
Tina Louise Hounshell
Born: 4-10-73
Future Plans: WCC-Dental Hygienist
Superlative: Best friends
Wayne Calvin Hubble
Born: 1-25-73
Future Plans: College
Superlative: Most talented





thoughts of being separated from dear friends.

The addition of classrooms and other facilities would not benefit the seniors, but they will carry the memory of that special place where they grew up.

TOP: On the behalf of all new members April Conley accepts the challenge of Beta duties and responsibilities.

CENTER LEFT: Can you guess the identity of these two seniors?

CENTER RIGHT: Angela Stowers and Crystal Bruce at the beach.



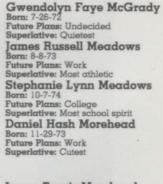


















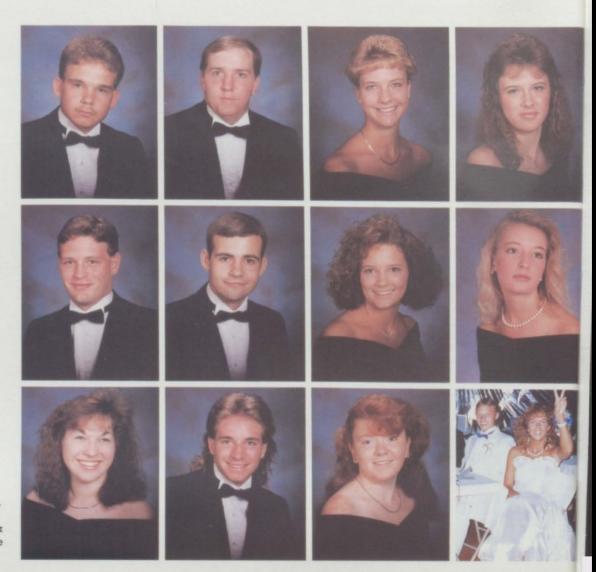


James Travis Morehead
Born: 5-18-74
Future Plans: Wor
Superlative: Best friends
Matthew Allen Morehead
Born: 5-8-74
Future Plans: Sound technician
Superlative: Most dependable
Harry Thomas Nunley
Born: 12-24-74
Future Plans: Musician, advertising
Superlative: Handiest
Robin Hope Pike
Born: 5-21-74
Future Plans: College-Elem. Ed.
Superlative: Most outgoing

Gary Lee Rickman II
Born: 12-18-72
Future Plans: College-Electrician
Superlative: Most outgoing
John Bennett Simmons
Born: 4-29-72
Future Plans: College-Electronics
Superlative: Handiest
Angela Monika Stowers
Born: 2-22-74
Future Plans: WCC-Computers
Superlative: Most carefree
Julie Crystalynn Strock
Born: 10-27-74
Future Plans: College — Medical
Superlative: Best personality

Robert Anthony Taylor
Born: 9-18-73
Puture Plans: New River CC
Superlative: Most athletic
Charles Monroe Thompson,
Jr.
Born: 8-26-74
Future Plans: William & MaryPhysicist
Superlative: Most likely to succeed
Sarah Elizabeth Thompson
Born: 7-2-74
Future Plans: College-Elementary
teacher
Superlative: Most athletic
Sarah Mae Umbarger
Born: 12-15-74
Future Plans: College
Superlative: Most school spirit

Donna Marie Wiley
Born: 1-8-74
Future Plans: WCC-Therapy
Superlative: Most dependable
Thomas Wayne Wolfe
Born: 6-21-74
Future Plans: WCC-Electronics
Superlative: Most talkative
Wendy Marie Wolfe
Born: 8-8-74
Future Plans: College-Marine biology
Superlative: Handiest
Travis Morehead and Tina
Hounshell relaxing at the
prom.

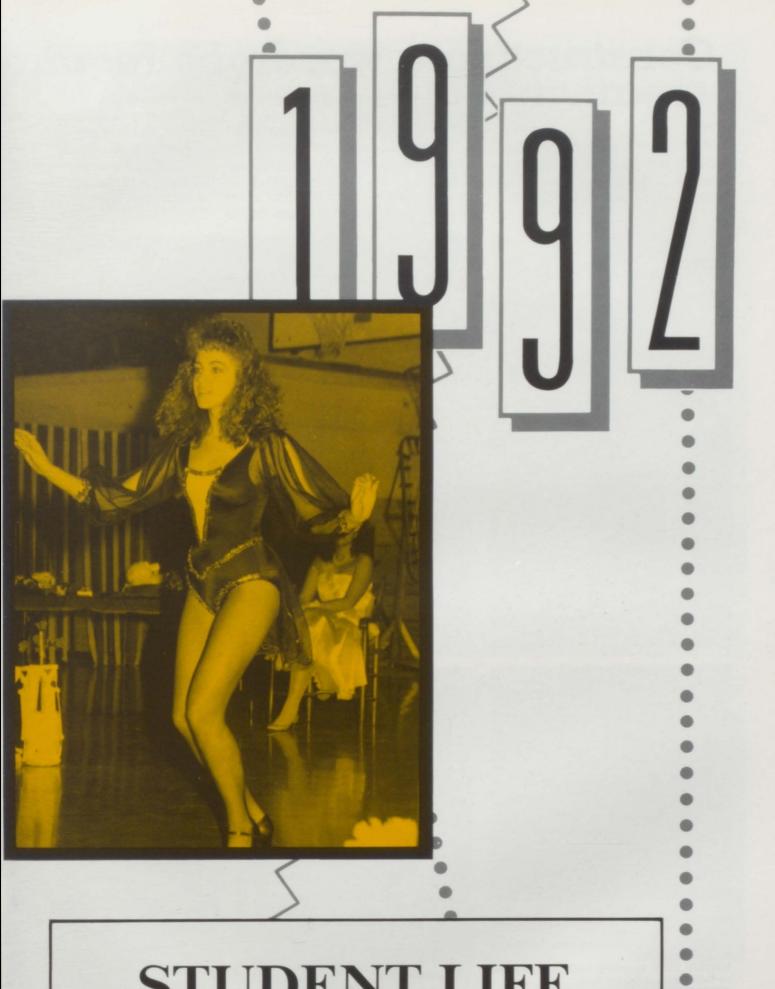




The after prom party proved to be a huge success for those who attended. Clowning around after a swim and other games are THE BIG FOUR — Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger, and Becky Bird.



Jason Hall and Roger Blankenship sharpen their skills for bow season.



STUDENT LIFE

#### Constructing a wardrobe required creativity Levi's and Bugle Boy were still

hange not only took place in the school's look, but also in the look of fashion. Popular brand names of Esprit, Nike, Reebok,

favorites.

Girls enjoyed the combination of shorts, skirts, jeans with sweaters or blouses, both dressy and casual. Guys preferred jeans or shorts paired with tee shirts on which their favorite team logos

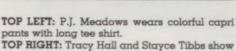
were printed.

While jeans dominated the scene, there were daily visions of dresses and heels. Creativity, style, and comfort were all basic elements in the construction of a wardrobe and original style.









off their long locks.

BOTTOM LEFT: Matching outfits are modeled by Kelli Hall and Ashley Tate.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Popular attire is shown by Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins and Cindy Justice against our "constructive" background.









TOP: Relaxed in comfortable fashions are B.J. Crabtree, Cheryl Winesett, Sheri Blankenship, Leslie Kelley, Amie Goss. LEFT: Resident Huck Finn is Kary

Taylor.

RIGHT: "Fashionable lollipops" go with the fashions — Stephanie DeHart, Jeana Dalton, Shelly Beam.

What goes around comes around. In the world of fashion many elements of style from the 20's and 30's were visible in the designs of the 90's. Modified versions of dropped waistlines, lego-lamb sleeves, and ankle lengths found their basis in the modern fashions. Also, the short skirt lengths of the 60's became popular once again.

Bright splashy colors set the tone with accompanying accessories in earrings, bracelets, and belts. Double breasted suits for the males once again appeared in the shops beside the traditional single breasted ones. The choices were many for the fashion conscious student.

**TOP:** Kathy Shewey dines in comfort. **LEFT:** Wenona Scott attired in a dress of popular print and style.

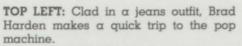
RIGHT: A common sight before school — Travis Morehead, Toby Dotson, Scott Gusler, Danny Morehead, Greg Boksa.



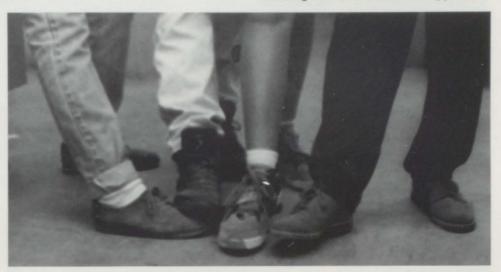








TOP RIGHT: "Defeat"|||| BOTTOM RIGHT: The ladder, a common sight at BCS this year, is the perfect prop for Molly Richardson's bright floral skirt topped by a sweater. BOTTOM RIGHT: Sarah Thompson and Stephanie Meadows present the short and long versions in feminine apparel.















Leslie Kelley, Sheri Blankenship, Cheryl Winesett perform a modern fast paced dance.

# "The Bold and the Beautiful"

Along with the renovations to the school, the Miss Bland County Pageant experienced a very major restructuring as it was changed to Miss BHS. Elegance reigned over the gym on April 12, 1991, for the FHA sponsored event.

Twelve "Bold and Beautiful" aspiring young ladies eagerly anticipated their debut to stardom, and although tension and anxiety was felt by each contentant, they proudly made their grand entrance, heads held high. On the way to attaining the ultimate honor of the evening each girl had to grace the stage with beauty and to demonstrate poise, charisma, and intelligence to the panel of judges. Competition consisted of evening gown, casual wear, modeling and interview.

To create the perfect program and to give the contestants changing time, talented students entertained the audience with song and dance. The final moment arrived with emotions in high gear.

This was surely a night to remember for Heather Smith as she was crowned the first Miss BHS. Heather received a tiara, banner, savings bond, and photo album. Placing second was Detria Agee with Denise Shrader securing third. Each contestant also received a photo album to store memorabilia of the night's events.



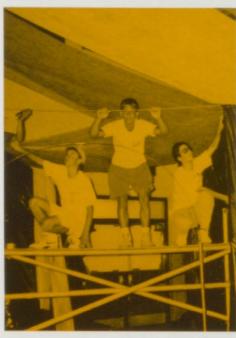




CENTER LEFT: Becky Bird and Stephanie Meadows in a soft shoe dance.
CENTER RIGHT: Mindy Brewster models a bright sun-

BOTTOM: Denise Shrader-2d runner-up; Heather Smith-Miss BHS; Detria Agee-1st runner-up.





Gym transformation by Billy Epperson, Roger Blankenship, Rusty Meadows, and Scott Gusler.



TOP: Cinderellas in their finest.

BOTTOM: Clinton Kegley and Ginny
Guthrie try their hand at roulette with Dick

Meadows. Assistants at the wheel are C.L. Faulkner and Stephen Kelley.



TOP: Prom King and Queen-William Tickle and Heather Smith.

**BOTTOM:** Bridgette Penley and Mindy Brewster serve prom goodies.

# Prom once again held at school

 $\mathbf{I}_{ ext{t looked}}$  as though construction had begun ahead of schedule. Scaffolds, ladders, and an array of tools were visible throughout the gym (if you managed to get in). A new entrance had been created by using black paper and plastic. Tall white columns in the center caught your eye and long white boxy areas trimmed the sides. Juniors were everywhere and busy as a beehive. When the transformation was completed, decorations of black and white depicted musical notes, and keyboards forming the theme of "Unchained Melody".

For the first time in over twenty years, the prom was held at the school on May 18, 1991. Another first was the "after prom party" held at the Y center in Bluefield. At the midnight hours students became plain "Cinderellas", leaving their fancy ballroom outfits at home and donning casual attire. Lots of fun and games and activities promised a safe nondrinking outlet for students. Mrs. Delores Thompson, with many assistants, coordinated the party and secured prizes and refreshments to round out a memorable event.

Juniors chose Heather Smith and William Tickle as Queen and King of the prom. Serving at the refreshment table were Bridgette Penley and Mindy Brewster. Refreshments were catered by Mrs. Roxanne Winesett and Mrs. Shelia Richardson. John Goins, our resident DJ, again provided the music.

## Unprecedented 5th year win

Once again the class of 1992 powered their way up and over the competition to win the Miss Echo title. The frenzied drive to sell the most yearbooks began on September 16 and it was not unusual to see the candidates running from classroom to classroom collecting money and waving re-

ceipts. Day by day the senior class pondered the thought of winning for the fifth time. Their nervous anticipation grew as September 27 (Miss Echo Dance) arrived. The previous four title holders were introduced and entered with an air of confidence. When Shelly Beam was declared the 1992 Miss Echo, a tremen-

dous applause resounded throughout the gym.

For selling a total of 115 year-books, Shelly received a banner and tiara, and a \$75 savings bond. Sophomore Amie Simms was the first runner-up and received a \$50 savings bond for her efforts. Each candidate received a charm bracelet.

LEFT: Sarah Smith and Will Pauley.

RIGHT: All ages mingled on the dance floor for slow dancing.







MISS ECHO ESCORTS AND CANDIDATES: Stanley Overbaugh, B.J. Crabtree-8th, Allen Brown, P.J. Meadows-9th, Robert Davis, Amie Simms-10th, Greg Boksa, Crystal Thompson-11th, Rusty Meadows, Shelly Beam-12th.



#### LEFT: MISS ECHO 1992-SHELLY RAE BEAM

RIGHT: Some people never grow upll Mr. Fred Beamer and Mr. Al Smith (chaperons for the dance????).







LEFT: Five consecutive winners from the 1992 class — Sarah Umbarger-1991, Stephanie Meadows-1990, Shelly Beam-1992, Sarah Thompson-1988, Becky Bird-1989

**RIGHT:** Slow dancing is the preferred mode.

## Judges job was not an easy task

"Magic Moments" occurred for 54 young and beautiful ladies (ages 5-12) on October 18, 1991. With immaculate hairdos and lovely dresses, they walked the runway for judges and audience in near-perfect composure. Some were even a little daring when they turned to leave by giving the judges a quick, sly, ever-so-slight wink of the eye.

Last year's winners, Sherri Faulkner and Leisa Hagy, took their final walk and then watched the pageant from the sidelines.

It was a tough job for the judg-

es who had to make snap judgments in the short time each individual contestant appeared before them. After completing a score card, it was passed behind them to scorers who then tallied a total score. The ten highest scoring contestants returned to be judged once more. From these the top three were selected.

The winners for Little Miss Bland County were Adriana Faulkner, Jessica Harner-1st runner-up, and Amber White-2nd runner-up. The new Junior Miss was Sarah Smith with Courtney Brizendine 1st runner-up and Rae Romano 2nd runner-up.

The pageant was sponsored and coordinated by the newspaper staff, creative writing class, drama and forensics teams. Advisers for the groups were Mrs. Christine Bird and Mrs. Sandra Green-Harman. Mr. Charlie Thompson served as Master of Ceremonies.

The judges were from Max Meadows and Bluefield. Scorers were Mrs. Patty Hankins, Ms. Elizabeth Newberry and Mrs. Phyllis Umbarger. Mrs. Iris Strock furnished entertaining music throughout the entire pageant.





**TOP:** Parade of Little Miss contestants. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Sponsors Mrs. Chris Bird and Mrs. Sandra Harman clown up the decorating.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Amber White, 2nd runner-up; Adriana Faulkner-LITTLE MISS; Jessica Harner, 1st runner-up.



TOP: Rae Romano, 2nd runner-up; JUNIOR MISS-Sarah Smith; Courtney Brizendine, 1st runner-up. BOTTOM: Junior Miss contestants.









# Having fun constructively

onstructive fun involved being with your friends sprawled

across the hallway before school room parties, and helping to and lunchtime, taking part in assemblies and field trips, class-

raise money for various organizations.



TOP LEFT: Matthew Morehead joins friends on the dance floor when a traveling band visited school.

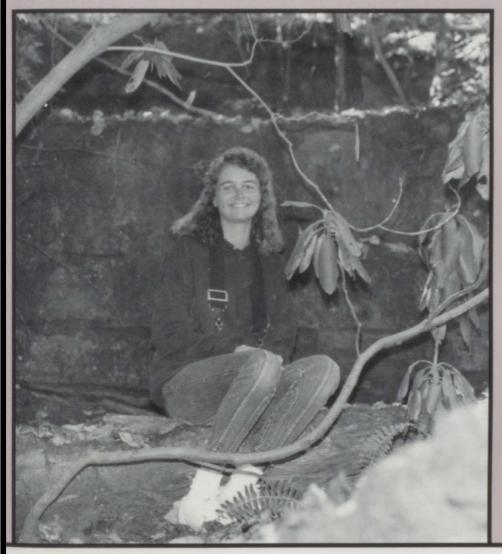
TOP RIGHT: Ronnie Wolfe and Chris
Blankenship "horse around".

BOTTOM LEFT: Bradley Hoosier chooses
lunch from the snack machine.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Melissa Richardson proudly poses in her sister's tee shirt.









TOP: When the band came to town, the students loved it. Steven Berry, Donnie Havens, Charlie Burton, band member, Angel Mitchem, Melanie Thompson.

BOTTOM LEFT: Angela Carter enhances this lovely setting at Dismal Falls.

BOTTOM LEFT: Lori Compton trails a lazy foot through the quiet waters on a Shutterbug field trip.

#### Outlets for energy occurred after 3:15

Tools of student living involved many nighttime activities, including pageants, concerts, dances and field trips. These provided good clean outlets for energy and fun with adult supervision.

Faculty and parents strive to stay awake at the after prom party — Suzie Meadows, Walter Tibbs, Dot Tibbs, Fred Beamer, Nancy Brown.



Eric Martin between dances.

Cross-country skiing, not cross-skiing country. P.J. Meadows concentrates on getting both skis to go in the same direction.













TOP: Elementary students get in the swing of things at a dance. Holly Pauley, Rae Romano, Kelly Dunn, Kelli King, Sarah Smith, Tina Dawson, Jenny Walker.

CENTER: Are we having fun? It's difficult to tell by the expressions. Sarah Smith, Josh Breedlove, Tina Dawson, Stuart Morehead.

ABOVE: He is a loving sort of guyll Misty Pauley, Mr. Richard Havens, Detria Agee.

BOTTOM: Heather Burton, Kevin Cox, Stephanie DeHart, Andy Bailey, wait to have prom pictures made.

#### Candidates strategies of food brought success

ollowing the kickoff November 1 of the Snow Court campaign, the halls tantalized the olfactory senses with the smells of food. Candidates representing the various clubs planned their strategy to raise money. Sales of nachos, pizzas, pita pockets, taco salads, cookies, candy, fried pies and raffle tickets were a part of the game plan for building a bankroll and winning the title of Snow King & Queen.

FBLA sponsored the Snow Court as a main money project. Each penny counted as a vote so the fattest piggy bank became the winners.

The night of December 7, 1991, the title of Snow King & Queen went to Danny Morehead and Sheree Burton from the SCA. From Sr. Beta were 1st runner-up. Aaron Faulkner and Jeana Dalton, with 2nd runner-up sponsored by FFA, Brad Harden and Amy Goss.



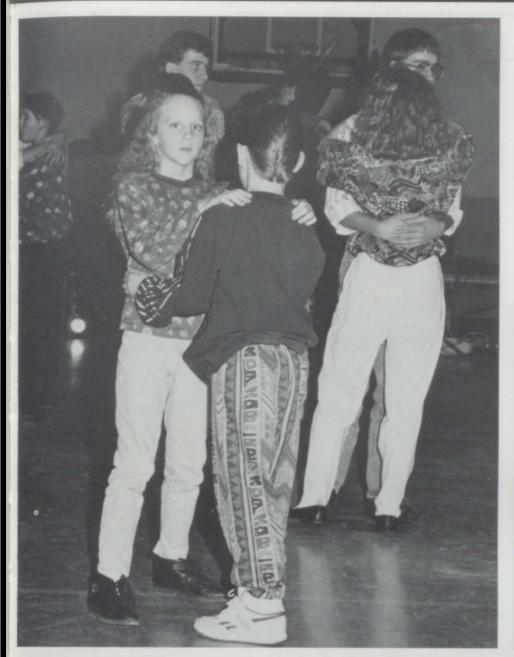




TOP: 2d runner-up: Brad Harden, Amie Goss; SNOW KING & QUEEN - Danny Morehead, Sheree Burton; 1st runner-up: Aaron Faulkner, Jeana Dalton.

CENTER: Socializing was a big part of any dance. When your partner did not like the music, you sat it out.

SNOW COURT: Jamie Foutz, Cyndi McGrady, Eric Brooks, Cindy Berg, Danny Morehead, Sheree Burton,



LEFT: Dancing appeals to all ages.

**RIGHT:** John Riley and Cindy Berg match moods to the dance tune.





Mike Munsey, Tawny Dillow, James Umbarger, Bobbi Hobbs, Aaron Faulkner, Jeana Dalton, Robert Davis,

Julie Strock, Justin Eaton, Faith Penley, Rusty Meadows, Anne Myrick, Brad Harden, Amie Goss,

Jeff Brown, April Conley, Joe Putman, Molly Richardson.

**TOP LEFT:** Katie Scott and Samantha Bird proudly model their night fashions on pj day.

TOP RIGHT AND CENTER LEFT: Opportunities for close contact are a definite advantage of dances.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Attired in their sleeping gear are Joe Meadows and Nathan Winters.

BOTTOM-Homecoming candidates with escorts: Jason Stowers, Leslie Kelley, Greg Boksa, Joanie Lambert, David Lambert, Amber Umbarger, Doug Dalton, Bridgette Penley, Roger Blankenship, Becky Bird,

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HOMECOMING QUEEN 1992: Escort Toby Dotson and Queen Shelly Rae Beam

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Robert Davis, Stephanie DeHart, Toby
Dotson, Shelly Beam, Brad Harden,
Stephanie Goins, Jes Selfe, Rachael
French, Smoky Parmenter, Shannon
Enoch.

### Homecoming shared valentine day

Homecoming week began on Tuesday with PJ day. Frilly night caps, robes, and even some long-johns showed up throughout the school. Wednesday the attire was inside-out, making it impossible to get to jeans pockets. Snow cancelled beach day on Thursday. Friday saw maroon and gold colors everywhere, including painted faces.

Everything was progressing nicely until Mr. Havens realized he had no tiara for the queen, but local merchants solved that problem. Homecoming day was a busy and hectic one. Voting had to be done and counted; FBLA's Project Ask cluminated with a pizza party for the winning class (2B); FHA delivered roses, balloons, and toy bears for secret admirers; and the onslaught of florist's deliveries for Valentine young lovers made it a memorable Homecoming Day.

On February 14, 1992, following JV and Varsity games against Rocky Gap, a homecoming dance was held in the gym. Shelly Rae Beam received the honor of homecoming queen with Becky Bird runner-up. Other court members were Bridgette Penley (11), Rachael French (10), Joanie Lambert (9), and Leslie Kelley (8). John Goins was the MC and provided the music.

### Caught in the act

Steeling oneself against being caught by the intrepid, sneaking, lurking "camera" became an impossible task. Just when you least expected it, "click", and you were an engraved image inside that little black box. There was little privacy for working, lounging, or just horsing around since year-book members had access to the

camera and they loved "catching you."

Opposite page: Angela Stowers while programming in Business Computer Applications.

LLama "Granite" makes sure Robert Sexton knows she thinks she is the superior breed!!

A lively game of chess often takes place in Mr. Bird's room. Melissa Repass, Justin Eaton, Jimmy Pike, and Mr. Tommy Bird.



BELOW: Adam Faulkner sharpens his pitching skills.

BOTTOM LEFT: Stephanie Meadows artfully paints Shauna Puckett's face at the Fall Festival.

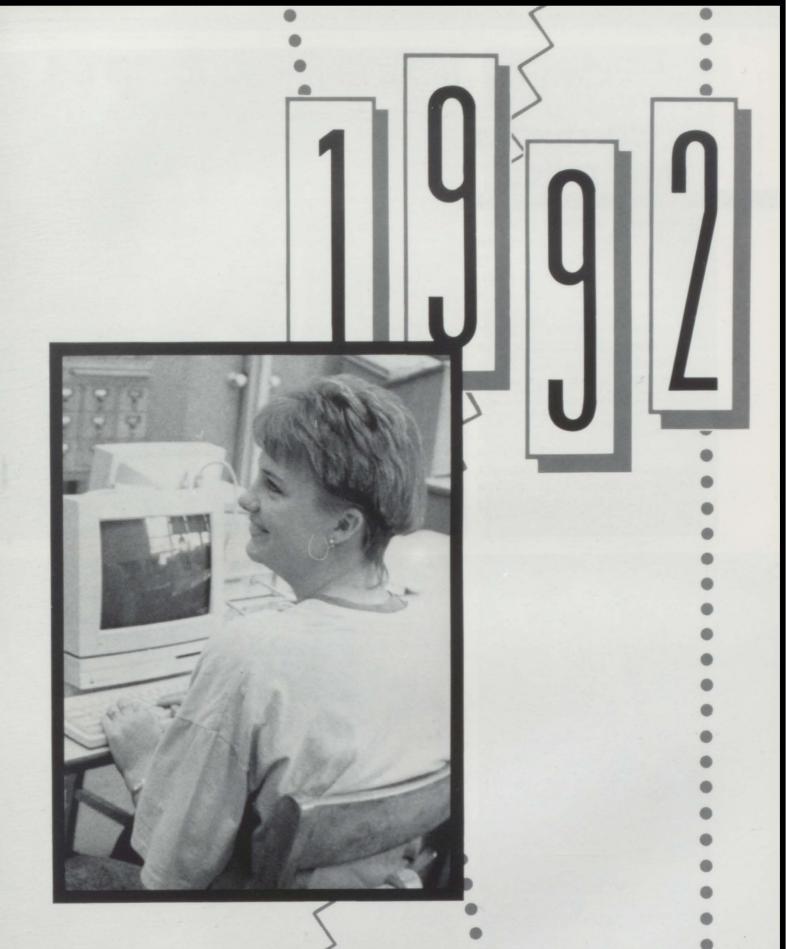
BOTTOM RIGHT: Life Skills class learn about banking from Vickie Kitts. Front: Tracy Alford, Vanessa Howell, Vickie Kitts, Mindy Brewster, Kathy Shewey, Mary Gibson. Back: Heather Keene, Gwyn McGrady, Laura Sadler, Cheryl Hall, Cindy Blevins.











Academics

# Emotions ran high as classmates said adieu

Brave smiles turned to tears on June 1, 1991, as the graduating seniors received their diplomas. Days prior to this event were filled with anticipation. As "the day" arrived they knew they now were responsible for making or breaking their dreams. While maintaining a close comradery, the 1991 class had been very competitive in academics and sports among themselves as well as district schools. Their expertise and competitive drive brought them many awards and honors and set goals for the upcoming classes.



Lute Scott, Class Historian, relates the happenings of the class.





**TOP:** Alison King delivers the salutatory address.

**BOTTOM:** Graduation was a solemn occasion for Jennifer Simms and Tina Brown.







TOP LEFT: Robby Brown uses the humorous side in his valedictory speech.

**TOP RIGHT:** Eric Faulkner, class grumbler, informs school of complaints.

**BOTTOM:** Emotions ran rampant in the last moments together.



**ACADEMIC DOUBLE BAR:** Crystal Bruce maintains 95+ average for third straight year.



**ACADEMIC BAR:** Maintaining a 95+ average for two years are Stayce Tibbs, Molly Richardson, Pam Harden, April Conley.

#### Honors bestowed on achievers

Earning a yearly grade average of 95 or above was achieved by a select few. Maintaining that average for several years became even more difficult with the addition of advanced course ma-

terial. Letters and bars were awarded to students who succeeded in mastering this goal.

An important day at Bland Combined was Awards Day bringing happiness to completers. This day was reserved for the faculty, student body and organizations to recognize students for their achievements in the fields of academics, athletics, leadership, citizenship, service and attendance.



**DAR-Good Citizenship Award:** Sarah Thompson



ACADEMIC LETTER: Maintaining a 95+ average for one year-Angel Mitchem, Angela Stowers, Chris Tickle, Wenona Scott.

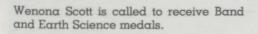
Robbie Morehead accepts Physical Science award from Mr. Al Smith.

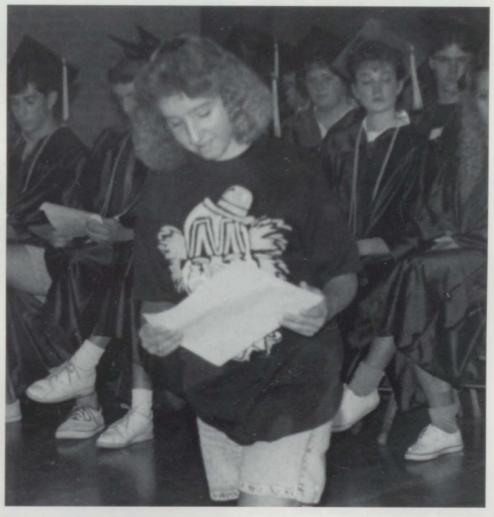
Sue Ann McBride receives Civics medal from Mr. Fred Beamer.



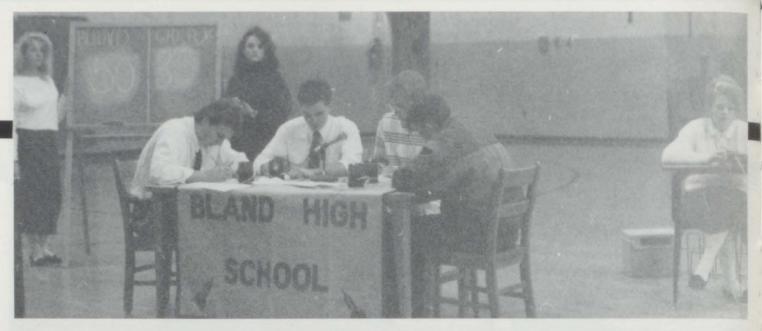








Bridget Penley reveals her pleasure while reading her Biology award, but seniors show little expression.







TOP-Math Match: Becky Bird (scorer), Lute Scott, Sarah Thompson (scorer), Chris Dillow, Robbie Brown, Clint Kegley, Stephanie Meadows (score-keeper).

CENTER LEFT-MACC MATH-Front Row: Stephanie Meadows, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick. Back Row: Crystal Bruce, Mrs. Kay Mabe-coach, Angela Stowers, Aaron Faulkner.

CENTER RIGHT-MACC SOCIAL STUDIES-Front Row: Molly Richardson, Cindy Justice, Jamie Kidd, Scott Gusler, Mr. Richard Havens-coach. Back Row: Robert Sexton, P.J. Meadows, Bradley Hoosier, Eric Brooks, Robbie Morehead.

BOTTOM-MACC SCIENCE-Front Row: Jason Gusler, Mr. John Wagoner-coach, Charlie Thompson. Back Row: Joanie Lambert, Wenona Scott, Cindy Berg, Zach Burton, Angel Mitchem.





#### MACC was vital to the school scene

A long with school construction, MACC teams were also under construction, replacing key players lost to graduation. Academics became a vital part of the school year with the introduction of the MACC teams. They now ranked with athletics in importance.

The MACC scene consisted of five teams with matches beginning in February, continuing through March and ending the first of April with a tournament to determine the best teams.

MACC ALL-ROUND-Front Row: Joanie Lambert, P.J. Meadows, Anne Myrick.

**2nd Row:** Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger.

3rd Row: Jason Gusler, Becky Bird, Jamie

Back Row: Molly Richardson, Mrs. Chris Bird-coach, Pam Harden.



MACC ENGLISH-Front Row: Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Stephanie Goins, Lori

Compton. Back Row: Tracy Hall, Stayce Tibbs, Pam Harden, April Conley, Mrs. Janet Faulkner-coach.

April Conley consults her references while writing a senior English paper.

Mrs. Helen Blankenship assists six-grade Sondra Wolfe with her assignments.





#### "The tastin' of the sour ball"



Seniors were instructed to write about a true experience and how they felt. In order to have an authentic experience Mrs. Janet Faulkner passed around a box of sour balls.



Thinking they were "just candy" each student popped one in their mouth. "Ugh." "They were awful." Stephanie DeHart and Sarah Thompson reveal some of the feelings.



Jimmy Duncan absorbs background material before beginning to write his paper in English.

#### Languages and math form curriculum base

Language and math formed the curriculum base on which all other subjects evolved. Elementary students received extra help on both language and math with Mrs. Helen Blankenship and Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle.

Secondary students found a good foundation in math (basics, applica-

tions, and algebra) made trigonometry and calculus easier to handle. Math instructors Mr. Tommy Bird, Mr. Rich Hankins and Mrs. Kay Mabe provided informative and interesting sessions.

"Bonjour!" was a common word all French students heard as they entered the classroom. Once again Miss Rowe made French an interesting and fun language.

Back in our native language, seniors put in many long hours preparing research papers which increased in number each year. All students tested their skills in grammar and literature under the tutelage of Mrs. Janet Faulkner, Mrs. Chris Bird, and Mrs. Sandra Harman

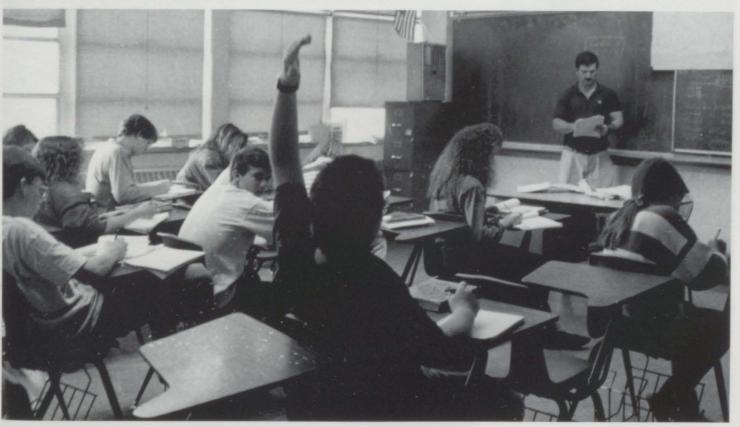
TOP: Julie Strock and Crystal Bruce plod through another day's Calculus work.

**CENTER:** Darrell Wellman gets directions from Mr. Tommy Bird.

**BOTTOM:** Explanations are in order for Mr. Tommy Bird's math class.











**TOP:** Brad Harden works out formulas and calculations before applying them in the lab.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Stacey Miller and Phillip Meadows perform written tasks in sixth grade room.

BOTTOM RIGHT: As a finale' to 1991 science classes held a dress-up day (who knows why). Front Row: Molly Richardson, Joe Putman, Nathan Romano, Brad Harden. Back Row: Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins, Cindy Justice.

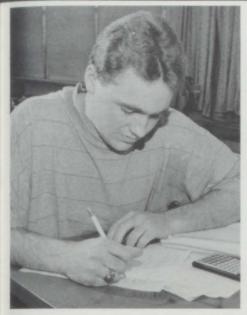


## Physical Science + Biology= The tools for success

Between Mr. John Wagoner and Mr. Al Smith, the science curriculum was presented to each class very precisely and intensively. Whether they were laying the foundation for eighth

graders or finishing the top floor pleted. No matter what class you for seniors, both teachers took time to bring the students to the proper level. Many hands-on projects were undertaken and

were in, what course you were taking, or what approach was used, when it was all finished you left the class with the tools for









TOP LEFT: Planning, calculating and applying concepts was a necessary part of Physics for Danny Morehead.

TOP RIGHT: Some of these Physical Science students look like they are

wearing headbands, but it is only a band of sunlight striking their hair.

BOTTOM LEFT: Despite a height handicap Mindy Brewster braves the hazards of the Chemistry lab.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Mr. Al Smith observes the progress of Biology II students-Brad Harden, Michelle Rickman, Heather Burton, Robert Davis, April Conley, Jeana Dalton.

## Coping with world problems

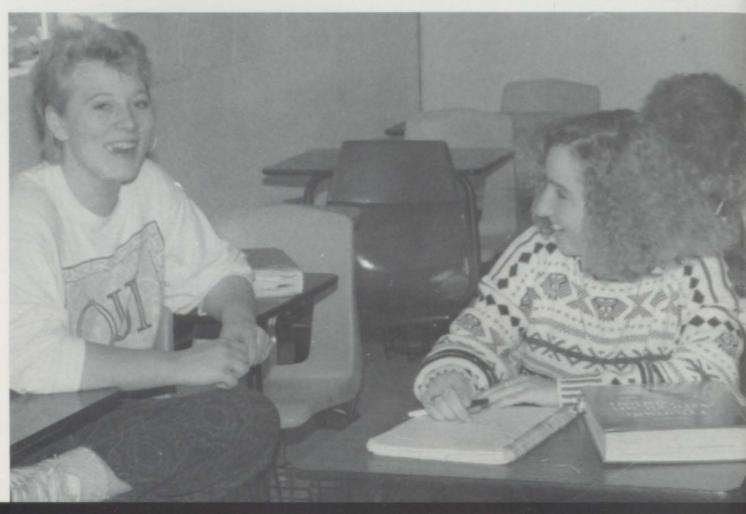
Constructing a view of the world and its parts was the objective of the social studies classes. Under the direction of Mr. Havens, Mr. Beamer, Mr. Thacker, Mrs. Bane and Mrs. Harman, students studied the physical fea-

tures of the world, the effects of pollution and overpopulation and what role they played in helping to curb these problems. They also learned how the political arena affects the economy and why they need to choose candidates wisely.

**CENTER:** Part of Mr. Havens' fifth period U. S. History class. Tina Kimberlin and Bridgette Penley.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The excitement and enthusiasm of senior government is exemplified by Mr. Beamer's third period class.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Mr. Fred Beamer celebrates his 62nd birthday with social studies class.









TOP LEFT: Tracy Hall gives her full concentration to assure a top grade on this test.

TOP RIGHT: With rapt attention, Economics pupils absorb the 16mm film with Mr. Fred Beamer.

**CENTER:** Mr. Havens' fourth period class delve into the physical, economic and political aspects of the world in geography.

**BOTTOM:** Studying the past, present and future are these U. S. History students.





## Keeping fit, enhancing skills, shaped students for the future

K eeping fit was the goal of the physical education and health department. Students built muscles while having fun in games and relays. Elementary students had structured P.E. with Mrs. Patty Hankins on Tuesday and Thursday. During this time secondary students studied health. Those reaching the ripe age of 15 also had driver ed. training.

Vocational classes used the skills of boys and girls and shaped them into men and women. Ag. students learned advanced farming techniques, shop skills and safety measures. Home Ec. students sharpened homemaking skills while learning management and life skills. Visits to county offices, local businesses and the bank brought an awareness of the importance of decision making.



Leslie Gordon and Kari Harner experience friendly rivalry.







TOP: Enjoying volleyball are Rachel Munsey, Roger Blankenship, Tracy Hall, Melanie Thompson, Melissa Repass, Stayce Tibbs.

**CENTER:** And up it goes! Rachael French. Beth Bridges, Andy Selfe, Aaron Faulkner.

**BOTTOM:** Fifth graders enjoy basketball skills.











TOP LEFT: Home Ec. students make

grape juice and jelly.

TOP RIGHT: Practicing safety measures
while using woodworking skills is Rusty Meadows.

CENTER: Life skill decisions are studied while visiting Mr. Randolph Davis at the Commissioner of Revenue office. Becky Mallory, Mary Margaret Gibson, Laura Sadler.

BOTTOM LEFT: Michael Dillow shields his eyes from the dangers of welding.

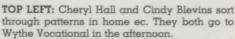
BOTTOM RIGHT: Perfecting measurements is Wayne Hubble.









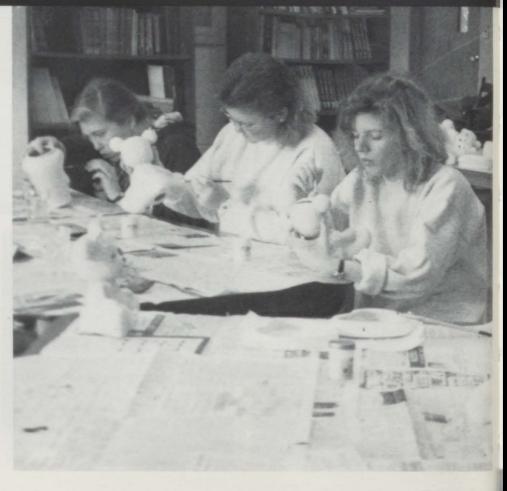


TOP LEFT: Cheryl Hall and Cindy Blevins sort through patterns in home ec. They both go to Wythe Vocational in the afternoon.

TOP RIGHT: Office Systems computer work-Kevin Pauley, Shelly Beam, Stephanie DeHart. CENTER: Gwyn McGrady prepares lessons prior to leaving for vocational school.

BOTTOM LEFT: Bobby Boardwine corrects checkbook in accounting practice set.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Concentration is a necessity while painting ceramics-Rubi Potter, Karen Havens, Sandra Nelson/



### Vocational choices were numerous



Beginning with keyboarding applications, the business department expanded into two study clusters. Whether students selected accounting and business computer applications, office systems and information/word processing, or simply

TOP: Robert Sexton masters calculating ten-key touch skills in Office Systems. CENTER: Keyboarding applications-Tanya Ramsey, Cora Ramsey, Meagan chose subjects as electives, they gained valuable knowledge and skills while enjoying the learning processes.

Other vocational students traveled to Wytheville daily to train in child care, foods, mechanics, etc. Most of these courses were two-year training programs.

Morehead, James Umbarger, Vanessa Howell.

**BOTTOM:** Mrs. Jessie Kegley instructs Bridgette Penley in computer graphics.











#### **ICT Students**

**TOP LEFT:** Tina Hounshell is employed at Bland Square.

TOP RIGHT: Wendi Wolfe, Tina Hounshell, Travis Morehead learn on the new MacIntosh. BOTTOM LEFT: Kentucky Fried Chicken is employer for Wendi Wolfe.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Bobby Boardwine, an employee of McDonalds, does classwork on the Mac.

## ICT'ers had to be jugglers

Getting a taste of life, juggling school, and work schedules built few barriers for Mrs. Carolyn Bane's Industrial Cooperative Training class. Only four chose

this option, but they enjoyed the freedom of their own spending money with the downside being less sleep. Achieving the status of independence made their efforts worthwhile.





**ORGANIZATIONS** 



#### **Bland County Band**

TOP-Beginning Band-Front Row: Justin Eaton, Amanda Jones, Ashleigh Sarver, Katie Muncy, Penny Collins.

**2nd Row:** Tina Dawson, Krissy Goins, Erin Johnson, Amy Hatcher, Jessica Crawford, Michael Lambert.

Back Row: Josh Breedlove, Brent Tate, Christa Winesett, Nathan Winters, Kent McPeak, Joe Meadows.

CENTER RIGHT-Intermediate Band-Front Row: Whitney Gamble, Erin Thompson, Debbie Munsey. 2nd Row: Casey Johnston, Kelly Dunn, Stephanie Kelley, Leisa Hagy, Mandy Blankenship, Lee Meadows, Sarah Bird.

**3rd Row:** Holly Pauley, Rae Romano, Jennifer Winters, Ryan Newberry, Brooke Kitts, Kelli King, Michael Kay Mabe.

Back Row: Jacob Scott, Jamie Dunn, John C. Thompson, Jim Bob Penley, Ronald Hutzel.

BOTTOM-Advanced/Secondary Band-Front Row: Becky Penley, Brooke Dillow. 2nd Row: Lee Meadows, Michael Mabe, Sheri Blankenship, Holly Pauley, Rae Romano, Casey Johnston, Wenona Scott.

3rd Row: Leslie Kelley, Cheryl Winesett, Jennifer Winters, Mike Munsey, Joanie Lambert. 4th Row: Wes Strock, Robbie Morehead, Shannon Enoch, Michael Muncy, Justin Eaton, Eric Brooks. Back Row: Becky Floyd, Jacob Scott, Jamie Dunn, John C. Thompson, Jody Lambert, Ronald Hutzel.





#### Jr. Beta members

Front Row: Joanie Lambert, president; David Lambert, vice-president; Jason Stowers, secretary; Cindy Berg, treasurer. 2nd Row: April Tickle, Jamie Kidd, Robbie Morehead. 3rd Row: Sue Ann McBride, Tanya Ramsey, Meagan Morehead, Cora Ramsey. 4th Row: Crystal Hall, Bradley Hoosier, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, Ms. Teena Morefield-sponsor. Back Row: Donnie Havens, Bradley Tate, James Umbarger, Wes Strock.







## Framework fashioned the end product

ramework of interested musicians and academic achievers fashioned a productive band and the foundation for Sr. Beta. Constructing a county band was a minor accomplishment for director Bob Correll. Dividing his time between Bland and Rocky Gap, he taught basic instrumentation. and the rest was smooth sailing. With a few joint practices, they were ready to march and perform in concert at both schools. The addition of a night out to eat provided the necessary boost to "make good". The Christmas concert was directed by Santa Correll and assisted by several elves. In a few short years these students have elevated to the status of jazz band and achieved local and regional honors. Wenona Scott earned a fourth chair flute symphonic band at the regional level during the past year.

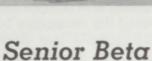
Freshmen with a grade point average of at least 90 became eligible for Jr. Beta which is a method of recognizing students for outstanding academic achievement. They were tapped at the Beta assembly and, under the guidance of Ms. Teena Morefield, they planned service projects. One of those was serving refreshments for MACC matches at Bland. They supported their Snow Court candidates by selling doughnuts, baked goods and raffle tickets. At the end of the year members participated in a field trip to the Barter Theatre in Abingdon.

**LEFT:** Phyllis Umbarger prepares food sales for Snow Court.

**RIGHT:** Beth Bridges past president at Beta assembly.







**TOP LEFT:** Beta president, Jeana Dalton, welcomes student body to the tapping assembly.

TOP RIGHT: Mrs. Janet Faulkner prepares nachos for Michael Dillow. Betas sold nachos to raise money for their Snow Court candidates.

CENTER-Beta members-Front Row: Jeana Dalton, president; Heather Burton, vice-president; Becky Bird, secretary; Stephanie DeHart, treasurer. 2nd Row: Mindy Brewster, Lori Compton, Cindy Justice, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger, Angela Stowers, Crystal Bruce, Detria Agee.

3rd Row: Shelly Beam, Kathy Shewey, Stephanie Goins, Molly Richardson, April Conley, Julie Strock, Kristie Dillow, Mary Spain, Melanie Thompson. 4th Row: Eric Brooks, Sheree Burton, Amie Simms, Crystal King, Amber Umbarger, Donna Wiley, Robert Sexton, Ginger Dillow, Jason Gusler.

Back Row: Mrs. Janet Faulkner-sponsor, Robert Davis, Angela Carter, Angel Mitchem, Stayce Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Pam Harden, Aaron Faulkner, Charlie Thompson, Robert Davis.

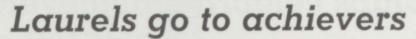
**BOTTOM:** Robert Davis delivers fruit to Birdmont Manor nursing home. Each year Betas donate fruit to area nursing homes as a service project.













Beta's began constructing the year with a four-day concession stand at the fair. Next on the agenda was assembly by tapping new members and auctioning them as three-day slaves. Selling fruit followed with donations of fruit to area nursing homes.

Beta is an honor society, recognizing academic achievement, citizenship and high morals. A state convention is held annually-this year in Williamsburg-with students competing in scrapbook and individual areas. Last year Clinton Kegley won 1st at state,

3rd at national, in oratory.

Forensics practice became frenzied by January with the district competition held at Bland on February 20. Students entered the areas of oratory, prose, drama and poetry. Mrs. Chris Bird assumed coaching for participating students.

**TOP:** Tina Dunn practices for her entry in humorous interpretation.

BOTTOM-Forensics team-Front Row: Jason Gusler, Charlie Thompson, Robert Sexton, Robbie Morehead. 2nd Row: Molly Richardson, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger, Tina Dunn. Back Row: Becky Bird, Mrs. Chris Bird-coach, Jamie Kidd.



## Clubs celebrate achievements with pizza

With an abundance of 56 members, the Bland Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America were well on their way to receiving the Gold Seal Award for the 11th year in a row. This award is presented to

the top 15% of all the clubs in the nation. They have also been an Honor Chapter every year beginning in 1979.

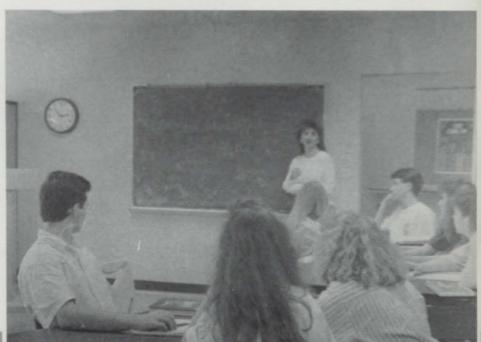
Included in the club's itinerary were pizza parties; competition at regional, state, and national levels; community service projects; fundraisers; and shadow day.

The French Club, which is sponsored by Diane Rowe, consists of 33 members. They had tentative plans for caroling, a French dinner, and pizza party.



ABOVE-FRENCH CLUB-Front Row: Ms. Diane Rowe, sponsor; Stephanie Meadows, president; Angela Stowers, vicepresident; Stephanie DeHart, secretary; Detria Agee, treasurer; Shelly Beam, reporter; 2nd Row: Tracy Hall, Pam Harden, Stayce Tibbs, Julie Strock, Jeana Dalton, Crystal Bruce, Heather Burton, Sarah Umbarger, Molly Richardson, Lori Compton. 3rd Row: Kristie Dillow, Angela Carter, Tawny Dillow, April Conley, Becky Mallory, Mary Gibson, Angela Dalton, Jamie Foutz, Stephanie Goins. Back Row: Jeff Brown, Wenona Scott, Robert Davis, Melanie Thompson, Ginger Dillow, Donna Wiley, Tonya Talbert, Eric Brooks, Scott Gusler.

Zach Burton (Ms. Rowe's favorite 6th period student) listens attentively to instructions on speaking and writing French.









**TOP:** FBLA members admit public to *The Haunted House* during Fall Festival. Angela Carter, Stayce Tibbs, Cindy Justice, Stacey Miller.

CENTER-FBLA CLUB-Front Row: Shelly Beam, president; Heather Burton, vicepresident; Stephanie Meadows, secretary; Sarah Thompson, treasurer; Becky Bird, reporter; Sarah Umbarger, parliamentarian; Bridgette Penley, historian. 2nd Row: Stephanie DeHart, Jeana Dalton, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, P.J. Meadows, Jamie Kidd, Angela Stowers, Crystal Bruce, Bobby Boardwine. 3rd Row: Sheree Burton, Stephanie Goins, Molly Richardson, Lori Compton, Cindy Justice, Bradley Hoosier, Kandi Farley, Ginger Dillow, Donna Wiley, Wendi Wolfe, Sue Ann McBride, James Umbarger.

4th Row: Laura Sadler, Cora Ramsey, Meagan Morehead, Tanya Morehead, Shannon Enoch, Amie Simms, Wendy Umbarger, Crystal King, Tawny Dillow, Beth Bridges, Jason Gusler.

Back Row: Jason Beam, Allen Brown, Robert Davis, Zach Burton, Greg Boska, Joanie Lambert, Cindy Berg, April Tickle, Angela Carter, Angel Mitchem, Robert Sexton.

BOTTOM: FBLA meetings are used to expose students to the enterprising men and women of the community. During this meeting Joanna Hull talked to the club about her tanning and nails shop. Sarah Thompson, Joanna Hull, Shelly Beam, Heather Burton.





# Future Farmers of America

TOP-FFA-1st/2nd year-Front Row: J.R. Wolfe, Laura Sadler, B.J. Crabtree, Amie Goss, Bradley Gordon, Andy Bruce, Jimmy Pike, Jay Eldridge, Justin Clemons.

2nd Row: Marty Collins, Jason Stowers, Donnie Havens, Mike Munsey, Phillip Mullens, Todd Morehead, Matthew Brunk, Sammy Blankenship, Wesley Quinn.

**3rd Row:** John Paul Nunley, Robbie Chewning, Wes Strock, Jayson Mitchem, Charlie Corder, Darrell Wellman.

Back Row: Kary Taylor, Shannon Havens, Eric Miller, Andy Selfe, Smoky Parmenter, Brandon Sink, Jody Neel, Joe Repass.

CENTER-3rd/4th/5th year-Front Row: Rusty Meadows, president; Robbie Taylor, vice-president; Laura Sadler, secretary; Donnie Havens, treasurer; Jason Stowers, reporter; Stephen Berry, sentinel; Mr. Bill Crabtree, adviser.

2nd Row: Kevin Pauley, Jason Stafford, Jason Hall, Eric Tiller, Travis Morehead, Gary Rickman. 3rd Row: Matthew Morehead, Thomas Nunley, Tommy Wolfe, Lionel Blankenship, Jimmy Sparks, Michael Dillow, Wayne Hubble. 4th Row: Stanley Overbaugh, Jason Quinn, Patrick Bruce, Chad Morehead, Toby Dotson, Greg Boksa, Melvin Pierce, Chris Penley.

Back Row: Douglas Wiley, John Reed, Stacy Perkins, Brad Harden, Robert Davis.

BOTTOM: Lionel Blankenship, Jimmy Duncan, Billy Epperson unload FFA/Beta fruit.







LEFT: Hope Pike presides over FHA meeting.

RIGHT: Becky Mallory operates the vision screening machine to test kinder-garteners eyesight.









## FFA/FHA repeat traditions

During the year the FHA continued its traditional activities of sponsoring the Miss Bland County pageant, Campbell soup label collection, Christmas part for the headstart, and vision screening. FFA once again sold fruit, magazines, and participated in Greenhand for its new members. Both clubs ended the year with banquets for members and parents.

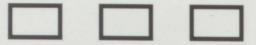
FHA-Front Row: Hope Pike, Stayce Tibbs, Julie Strock, Sheree Burton, Becky Mallory, Kristie Dillow, Kathy Shewey, P.J. Meadows, Beth Bridges, Lori Compton,

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OFFICERS: Hope Pike, president; 2nd Row: Julie Strock, recording secretary; Stayce Tibbs, vice-president; 3rd Row: Kristie Dillow, reporter; Sheree Burton, corresponding secretary; Becky Mallory, treasurer; Back Row: Lori Compton, Tawny Dillow, recreation leaders; Kathy Shewey, chaplain; Beth Bridges, P.J. Meadows, sergeants-at-arms; Mrs. Betty Munsey, adviser.



Angela Dalton Riley, president of the library club, performs a member's duty by checking cards in the card catalog.



Library club treasurer, Angela Carter completes a receipt for member's dues.



#### LIBRARY CLUB

Front Row: Angela Dalton, president; Angel Mitchem, vice-president; Jamie Kidd, secretary; Angela Carter, treasurer.

2nd Row: Lori Compton, Joanie Lambert, Bradley Hoosier, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, P.J. Meadows, Anita Sage, Shannon Enoch.

3rd Row: Cindy Justice, Stephanie Goins, Molly Richardson, Meagan Morehead, Cora Ramsey, Tanya Ramsey, Cindy Berg, Charlie Thompson.

Back Row: Rachael French, Melanie Thompson, Jason Gusler, Pachess Umbarger, Robert Sexton.









## Compiling and sorting kept two clubs busy

Meeting deadlines and gathering gossip for the "G-Vine" kept this year's Rocket Rapp staff busy, constantly hammering away at the typewriter and computer. These

hardworking writers with advisers Mrs. Chris Bird and Mrs. Sandra Harman sponsored the Little and Junior Miss pageants.

The library club, under the direction of Ms. Elizabeth Newberry,

planned a pizza party as a reward for their work shelving books, sorting magazines and assisting with book fairs.

#### ROCKET RAPP

#### **Newspaper Staff**

Front Row: Editors-Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Shelly Beam.

2nd Row: Bridgette Penley, Bradley Hoosier, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, P.J. Meadows, Jamie Kidd, Melissa Repass, B.J. Crabtree, Melissa Richardson, Molly Richardson, Justin Eaton, Robert Sexton. 3rd Row: Crystal Hall, Cindy Berg, Joanie Lambert, Anita Sage, Detria Agee, Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins, Jeana Dalton, Stephanie DeHart.

4th Row: Misty Wiley, Becky Penley, Amber Umbarger, Tawny Dillow, Wendy Umbarger, Amie Simms, Tina Dunn, Pachess Umbarger, Heather Burton, Hope Pike.

5th Row: Dawn Walls, Jamie Michaels, Jamie Goss, Sheri Blankenship, Cheryl Winesett, Leslie Kelley, Amie Goss, Thomas Nunley, Matthew Morehead. Back Row: Sarah Thompson, Stephanie

Meadows, April Tickle, Faith Penley, Melanie Thompson, Kandi Farley, Ginger Dillow, Zach Burton.

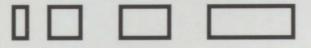


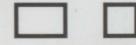


TOP: Editors Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Shelly Beam prepare newspaper copy on the MacIntosh.

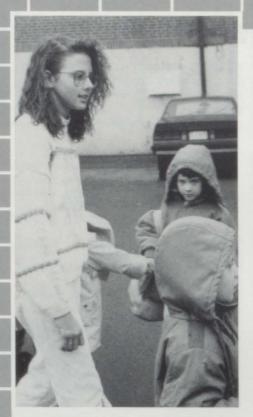
BOTTOM: Stephanie DeHart sells Rocket Rapp to Jeana Dalton.











**TOP:** Marie Dotson keeps her eyes on kindergarteners entrusted to her care.

BOTTOM: Holly Pauley makes sure her five charges get to the correct buses safely in the afternoon.

SAFETY PATROL
Front Row: Jamie Dunn, Holly Pauley
John Curtis Thompson, Lee Meadows
Back Row: Jennifer Winters, Lisa Kimber
lin, Casey Johnston, Marie Dotson.





A timed exposure allowed all five participants to be in the picture on the trip to Dismal-Angela Carter, Lori Compton, Jason Gusler, Molly Richardson, Betsy Newberry.



## Shutterbugs loved cameras

his year our safety patrol was small in number but large in security. Members accompanied kindergarteners to buy ice cream and to afternoon buses. They did their jobs efficiently and effectively.

For the first time in BCS history a photography club was erected. This fledgling club made its way to the top with trips to Dismal Falls and Cascades. A contest and show/display was held in the spring. Under the sublime guidance of co-sponsors, Betsy Newberry and John Wagoner, the Shutterbugs learned to take and develop their own pictures.

Their expressions and exclamations revealed surprise and pleasure as they watched their pictures come to life during processing.

**CENTER:** Jason Gusler and Becky Bird check the water temperature prior to processing film.

RIGHT: Molly Richardson gets "taken" as she shoots a scene while at Dismal Falls.

SHUTTERBUGS — PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB Front Row: Jason Gusler, president; Stayce Tibbs, vice-president; Sarah Thompson, secretary/treasurer. 2nd Row: Stephanie Goins, Lori Compton, Cindy Justice, Molly Richardson, Robert Sexton, Bridgette Penley, Wenona Scott. Back Row: Becky Bird, Sarah Umbarger, Stephanie Meadows, Angela Carter, Sandra Nelson, Crystal Hall, Angel Mitchem.









# Groups that served the community

The two area 4-H groups, Bland and Mechanicsburg worked busily building funds for the summer '92 trip to Florida. Making apple butter and bake sales were just a few of their fundraisers. They held meetings with such topics as recycling and keeping a checkbook.

SCA members had reason to be proud of their club as their candidates for Snow King & Queen, Danny Morehead and Sheree Burton, received the title. The SCA club strived to serve the school and worked on a recycling project.

VICA members have learned the experience and pride in getting a job. Sponsored by Mrs. Carolyn Bane, this club's members attended school and also held a job. They attended VPI for a field trip.

Upward Bound helped college bound students by meeting every other Saturday for planning sessions.

CENTER-Bland 4-H-Front Row: Sheree Burton, Mike Munsey, Bridgette Penley, Becky Penley, Cindy Justice, Mary Margaret Gibson. 2nd Row: Brock Justice, Misty Wiley, Mindy Brewster, Jamie Kidd, B.J. Crabtree, Melissa Richardson, Pachess Umbarger. Back Row: Smoky Parmenter, Rachael French, Robert Sexton, James Umbarger, Molly Richardson, Kathy Shewey, Melissa Repass.

LEFT: Christine and Cicely Havens help in apple butter making.

RIGHT-SCA-Front Row: Danny Morehead, president; Molly Richardson, vice-president; Beth Bridges, secretary; Rachael French, treasurer. 2nd Row: Stayce Tibbs, Bradley Tate, Robbie Morehead, Cindy Berg, Eric Brooks, Mike Munsey. Back Row: Sheree Burton, Angela Dalton, Mr. Al Smith-sponsor, Sheri Blankenship Cheryl Winesett, Jason Gusler.







Mechanicsburg 4-H-Front Row: Stayce Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Crystal Bruce, Angela Stowers. Back Row: Pam Harden, Crystal

Hall, Bradley Gordon, Travis Simmons, Andy Bruce.











TOP-UPWARD BOUND-Front Row: Jason Gusler, Molly Richardson, Scott Gusler, Charlie Thompson, Bridgette Penley

Back Row: Melissa Richardson, Jamie Kidd, Cindy Berg, Becky Penley, Shannon Enoch.

**LEFT:** Bobby Boardwine pauses before new construction prior to going to his job at McDonalds.

CENTER-VICA-Front Row: Tina Hounshell, president; Bobby Boardwine, vice-president; Travis Morehead, secretary; Wendi Wolfe, treasurer. Back Row: Mrs. Carolyn Bane, sponsor.

BOTTOM: Travis Morehead works in a family owned business, Morehead's Auto Repair.

## First place win from ASPA

The yearbook had its own construction when interested students signed up, making it the largest yearbook staff ever. Numerous decisions about color, design, sessions, and type were the

worries for members. With pages and activities assigned the book began to take form. They were delighted upon receiving word from American Scholastic Press Association of a first place award for the 1991 book.







**TOP:** Mrs. Newberry and Charlie Thompson decide on pictures.

CENTER-Yearbook staff-Front Row: Jason Gusler, editor; Ms. Elizabeth Newberry, adviser. 2nd Row: Heather Burton, Sarah Umbarger, Stephanie Meadows, Sarah Thompson, Becky Bird, Shelly Beam, Cindy Justice. 3rd Row: Joanie Lambert, P.J. Meadows, Bradley Hoosier, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, Lori Compton, Molly Richardson, Stephanie Goins, Bridgette Penley. Back Row:

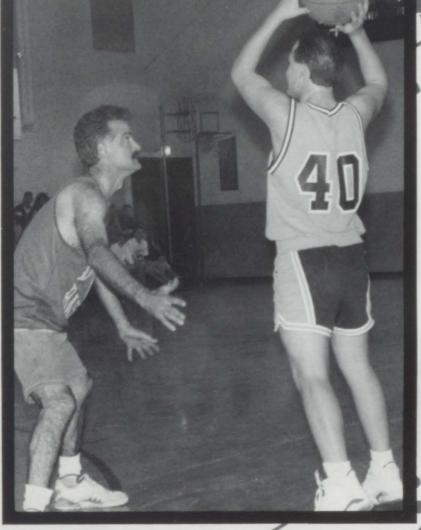


Jamie Kidd, Cyndi McGrady, Shannon Enoch, Zach Burton, Stayce Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Charlie Thompson, Robert Sexton. BOTTOM LEFT: Jamie Kidd plans MACC pages.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Tuesday afternoon work session-Zach Burton, Joanie Lambert, Shelly Beam, Molly Richardson, Heather Burton, Robert Sexton.







Sports

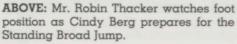
## New contests added to field day

A fter several dry years, interest was once again sparked for field day. Rusty Bird took the helm with contagious enthusiasm. Certificates were made and events coordinated. On May 24, 1991, student body and faculty gathered on the fairgrounds. Added features created a humorous side, the tug-o-war and piecating. After all events were completed the following list made up the 1st place winners.

50-yard dash: Rusty Bird, Crystal Thompson; 100-yard dash: Rusty Bird, Pam Harden; Homerun: Jay Meadows; Softball throw: Patrick Smith, Anita Sage; One-mile run: Patrick Smith, Nicole Barnette; 3-man 1-mile relay: Rusty Bird, Patrick Smith, David King, Amanda Harden, Pam Harden, Crystal Thompson; Long jump: Rusty Meadows, Kathy Shewey; Tug-o-war: Travis

Simmons, Joe Putman, Bill Crabtree, Billy Epperson, Danny Morehead, Jimmy Duncan, Stacy Perkins, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Umbarger, Stephanie Meadows, Tina Brown, Hope Pike, Julie Strock; Standing broad jump: Melanie Thompson; Pie-eating: Travis Simmons.





TOP RIGHT: Muscles ripple as the Tug-owar begins. This team, led by Rusty Bird ended up in the waterlogged sawdust pit.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Heather Burton in the Softball Throw with Mr. Rich Hankins keeping score.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Brian Waddle flies through the air, projecting himself forward in the Running Long Jump.

















TOP LEFT: Brandon Farlow comes up for air while inhaling pies.
TOP RIGHT: Pam Harden leads the pack in the 100-yard dash.

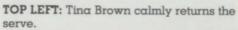
BOTTOM LEFT: Finishing the first lap of the relay Patrick Smith hands the token to Rusty Bird with Jason Beam, Rusty Meadows and Robin Thacker observing the

progress.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Scott Gusler thrusts his body to full extension in the Long Jump.







**TOP RIGHT:** Becky Bird puts all effort into this lob.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Kristie Dillow squints against the sun to see where the ball is.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Quick foot movement is imperative in good tennis plays — Sarah Thompson.

	SCOREBOA	ARD	
US		THEM	
5	Auburn	4	
1	Floyd	8	
0	Ft. Chisw	ell 9	
9	Shawsville		
9	Narrows (		
9	Grayson County		
2	Galax	7	
3	Giles	6	
	WON-4	LOST-4	









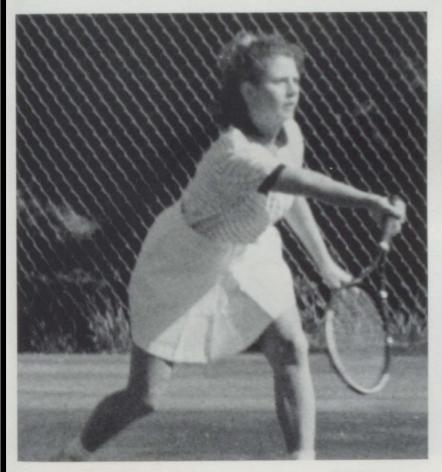
# Spirit and enthusiasm motivate tennis team

With the return of most of the players from last year, plus four new additions, the Bland girls' tennis team went into the season

with spirit and enthusiasm. Under the coaching of Mrs. Patty Hankins, the girls worked on ball hitting techniques practically every day after school.

Although they lost two players, Tina Brown and Amanda Harden, they are looking forward to next season with spirit and motivation.







TOP-1991 TENNIS-Front: Seniors Amanda Harden and Tina Brown. Back: Coach Patty Hankins, Tawny Dillow, Kristie Dillow, Melanie Thompson, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson, Shannon Enoch. Not pictured-Stephanie Meadows.

LEFT: Top-seed Stephanie Meadows intently watches her opponent.

RIGHT: Concentration is essential on this play for Amanda Harden.



## A dream focused on success

Two male citizens had a dream, a dream of Bland County youth playing football. In a traditionally basketball area, football was mainly a TV sport. Now, after three years of building, there were two teams, an 8th grade and JV with next year's plans including a varsity team featuring home games. The field is still in the preparation stage at

Bastian. The team, composed of players from both high schools, is believed to be the only combined team in the Eastern United States. Though fierce rivals in basketball, these young men joined their efforts for a winning season. They have not experienced a losing season in their history. The JV's only loss came from a close game with Giles.

Coaching the teams were Ed

Selfe and Dave Lambert, the men with a dream. Both men were football players, and they built and developed from a sandlot to the current status. They did not accept a "no", but were determined to succeed. Bland County Bears football began with a dream and has stayed afloat because of talent, interest and determination from players, coaches and supportive citizens.





TOP LEFT: Cheering for the Bears are P.J. Meadows, Anne Myrick, Bobbi Hobbs, Bradley Hoosier, Joanie Lambert.

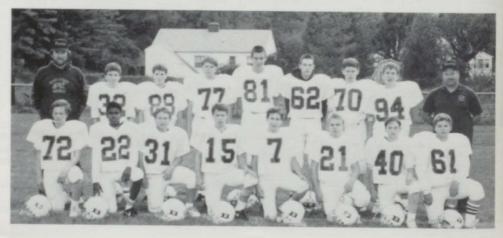
TOP RIGHT: Monty Matthews with a good kickoff.

**CENTER:** Eighth grade team in a battle for the football with Narrows.

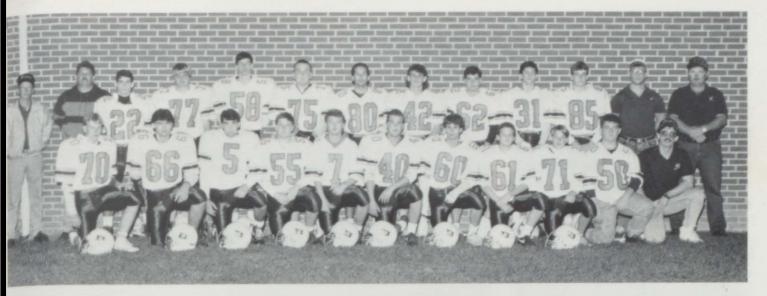
BOTTOM-8TH GRADE TEAM: Front Row: Lee Hankins, Michael Robinson, J.B. Lambert, Todd Morehead, Jon Michael Newberry, Seth Roseberry, Jimmy Conley, David Blankenship. Back Row: Ron Bruffy, coach, Jason Hancock, Eric Johnson, Brian Ball, Andy Selfe, Smoky Parmenter, Kary Taylor, William Dodson, Lester Hancock, coach.

	SCC	REBOARD	
US			THEM
0	Gray	son County	24
0		Giles	44
6	Ft.	Chiswell	28
6		Floyd	20
8	1	Varrows	8
12		Henwood	8
1	WON-1	TIED-1	LOST-4













TOP-JV FOOTBALL TEAM-Front Row: Stanley Overbaugh, Doug Dalton, Monty Matthews, David Lambert, Kevin King, Brad Harden, Nathan Romano, Chris Mercer, Brian Waddle, Donnie Havens, Shelby Brown, coach. Back Row: Howard Overbaugh, Ed Selfe, coaches, Joe Cromer, Stacy Perkins, Jes Selfe, Travis Simmons, Juan Garcia, Jeff Brown, Bryant Morehead, Stuart Newberry, Aaron Faulkner, Darrell Moore, Dave Lambert, coaches.

CENTER: Team members prepare for an

onslaught.

BOTTOM: Vigilance and planning takes place in the huddle.

US	SCOREBOARD	THEM
20	Grayson County	6
7	Giles	34
22	Ft. Chiswell	20
33	Floyd	0
40	Narrows	19
WON-4		LOST-1



## "New" was the word for cheerleaders

With changes and new things abounding, it was a foregone conclusion for varsity cheerleaders to purchase new uniforms. They were definitely a "new" look, having a solid back maroon and a gold front. New

sponsors were also in order with Mrs. Bonnie Blankenship coaching the 8th grade squad and Mrs. Patty Hankins coaching the JV and Varsity squads.

Finding a spot for practice became frustrating with construction crews filling the hallways and teams practicing in the gym. Between practices they prepared and hung posters and made the "poster doorway" for the varsity to break through on entering the gym. Head cheerleaders were Beth Bridges for JV and Stephanie Meadows, varsity.







ABOVE: Pam Harden. TOP RIGHT-Football cheerleaders-Front Row: Anne Myrick, Bobbi Hobbs. Back Row: Bradley Hoosier, P.J. Mead-

ows, Joanie Lambert. 8TH GRADE CHEERLEADERS: Sheri Blankenship, Amie Goss, Leslie Kelley, Jamie Goss,

Cheryl Winesett. Not pictured-Melanie Talbert.













TOP LEFT-JV Cheerleaders: Bradley Hoosier, Misty Pauley, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, Beth Bridges, Detria Agee, Amie Simms.

TOP RIGHT: As part of their half-time routine, varsity cheerleaders pulled spectators from the bleachers to dance with them. John C. Thompson, Cindy Justice, Vince Moore, Lori Compton.

CENTER LEFT-Varsity cheerleaders-Front Row: Lori Compton, Pam Harden, Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows. Back Row: Stephanie Goins, Cindy Justice, Sarah Thompson, Shelly Beam, Sarah Umbarger.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Captain, Stephanie Meadows, relaxes prior to the tension of the varsity game.

BOTTOM: Varsity squad does the unexpected to introduce the varsity basketball players.







#### SCOREBOARD

US	TH	HEM
42	Grayson County	58
35	Auburn	46
40	Giles	31
22	Galax	66
36	Shawsville	57
24	Floyd	67
31	Narrows	57
38	Ft. Chiswell	62
48	Rocky Gap	30
54	Grayson County	70
61	Auburn	51
73	Rocky Gap	69
33	Giles	37
56	Galax	60
28	Shawsville	41
23	Floyd	92
36	Narrows	48
34	Ft. Chiswell	55
WON-4 LOS		Г-14





TOP LEFT: Sarah Thompson controls against Galax.
TOP RIGHT: Julie Strock is a giant against

Shawsville.

**CENTER:** Hope Pike awaits the referee's call.

BOTTOM: Shannon Enoch breaks while Rachael French maintains center.



## Injuries shattered Rockettes season

After a long, hot summer of conditioning, the 1991 Rockettes were ready to "play ball". Competition was tough but that did not dampen the team's spirt or

motivation. What shattered the team was injuries in late season to key players-Sarah Thompson with multiple knee injuries and Julie Strock with a cracked hip.

The girls were led by Mrs. Patty

Hankins, returning coach. The season ended in a playoff game against Giles with only four players on the floor.





TOP: Kathy Shewey receives pass from Stephanie Meadows. BOTTOM: Pam Harden keeps close vigilance on opponents.



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL-Front: Seniors-Hope Pike, Sarah Thompson, Julie Strock, Stephanie Meadows. Back: Pam Harden, Kathy Shewey, Rachael French, Laura Sadler, Shannon Enoch.



SCOREBOARD				
US		THEM		
42 28 23 35 27 31 39 27 39 30 16 39	Auburn Ft. Chiswell Galax Floyd Grayson Co. Narrows Rocky Gap Giles Rocky Gap Shawsville Ft. Chiswell Galax	36 35 39 34 29 32 48 35 38* 37 55 42*		
32 23	Auburn Floyd	49 36		
WON-3 LOST-11 *Overtime				

TOP: Mike Munsey meets a barrier on this attempted field goal.

LEFT: Todd Morehead at the free throw line while Smoky Parmenter tries to be first for a rebound.

RIGHT: Everyone wants that rebound!















TOP-8TH GRADE TEAM-Front Row: Jeremy Dillow, Lee Meadows, Adam Faulkner, Vince Moore, John C. Thompson, Jamie Dunn.

**Back Row:** Jason Hancock, Todd Morehead, Mike Munsey, Smoky Parmenter, Jody Lambert, Jon M. Newberry, Jimmy Pike.



Adam Faulkner may be a long way from the goal, but his shot is sure. Jon Michael Newberry and Jeremy Dillow in warmup drills. Ref. Rusty Bird makes sure John Curtis Thompson does not step on the line.

## Fans supported young team

Proudly sporting their maroon and gold, the eighth grade team struggled to be on top. Having good fan support kept their spirits up and helped them play with pride and sportsmanship. Their coach, Kevin Johnson, said, "This was a young team but they were good to work with because they worked with me. It was fun and I'm looking forward to next year since I'll have most of the same players." Of the thirteen players, five were eighth, six from seventh, and two sixth grade.



**TOP:** Jason Beam tries for two while getting support from Wes Strock, Eric Brooks, and James Umbarger.

**CENTER LEFT:** Andy Selfe sends up a field goal as Shannon Havens watches.

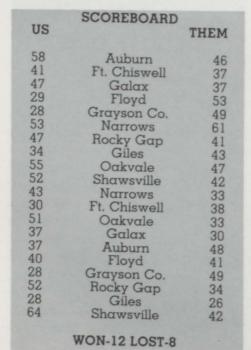
**CENTER RIGHT:** Coach Rich Hankins gives a team pep talk with the help of Assistant Coach Ray Puckett.

BOTTOM: Elbows fly as Shannon Havens struggles for the ball with Galax. David Lambert, Monty Matthews, and Andy Selfe are ready to assist.













## Good season provided building for future

The quickness of guards, accurate outside shooting, and prompt rebounds brought a winning season for the junior varsity squad. Consisting of one eighth

grader, twelve freshmen, and two sophomores, they were coached by Rich Hankins with assistant coach Ray Puckett.

Although some of their games were very strenuous, the JV Rock-

ets displayed spirit, great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. They took the losses in stride as a building block for future games. Fan support helped to spur the players to a good season.

In the home game with Giles the score was tied. David Lambert went to the free throw line and missed. Recovering possession with three seconds left on the clock, David threw up an impossible shot — and it cleared the net giving Bland the victory.

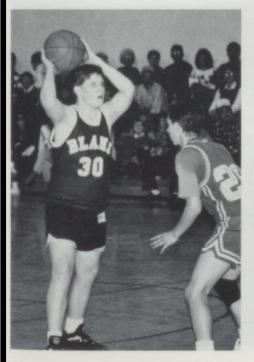
**TOP:** Monty Matthews soars through the pack to sink a field goal. Wes Strock (42) and Andy Selfe (34) prepare for a rebound.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** David Lambert is closely guarded while he searches for the right pass.

BOTTOM RIGHT-JV TEAM-Front Row: Brian Waddle, Bradley Tate, Jason Stowers, David Lambert, Jason Beam, Allen Brown, Robbie Davis.

Back Row: Monty Matthews, Eric Brooks, Shannon Havens, Andy Selfe, Wes Strock, Mark Sarver, Robbie Morehead, James Umbarger.









#### SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
66	Auburn	83
69	Ft. Chiswell	83
70	Galax	81
44	Floyd	76
35		
	Grayson Co.	68
61	Narrows	75
50	Rocky Gap	52
59	Giles	47
41	Oakvale	70
61	Shawsville	58
50	Narrows	70
58	Ft. Chiswell	60
40	Oakvale	53
45	Galax	53
32	Auburn	57
49	Floyd	78
57	Grayson Co.	76
39	Rocky Gap	46
68	Giles	64
59	Shawsville	54

WON-4 LOST-16

**TOP:** Rusty Meadows pops through the poster made by the cheerleaders when varsity players enter the playing arena.

**LEFT:** Against much opposition, Toby Dotson sinks  $\alpha$  one-handed shot.

RIGHT-BOYS' VARSITY-Front Row: Chris Tickle, Rusty Meadows, Kevin King, Brad Harden, Greg Boksa. Back Row: Charlie Thompson, Aaron Faulkner, Jes Selfe, Roger Blankenship, Toby Dotson, Robbie Taylor.









## Varsity team had to build from scratch

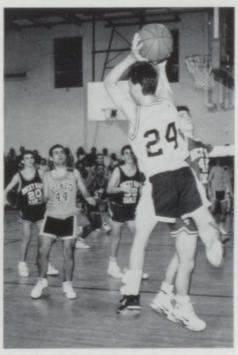
The only '91 varsity player who didn't graduate was Charlie Thompson. Therefore, a new team had their work cut out for them. Building stamina and esteem they ran, jogged, lifted weights prior to practices. Several seniors who had played in previous years on JV came back

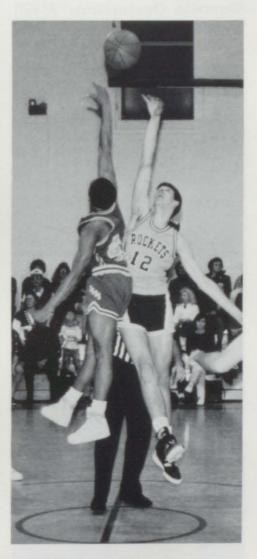
for their final year (Roger Blankenship, Toby Dotson, Robbie Taylor, Rusty Meadows, Greg Boksa). They found a much more difficult level of competition in varsity play. They developed new skills both mentally and physically and, for those returnees, will be better prepared for the challenges of another year.

While the overall record may not be great, they can be proud of their spirit, enthusiasm, and persistence. Coach for the team was Rich Hankins. Returning as center will be Jes Selfe, along with teammates Aaron Faulkner, Chris Tickle, Brad Harden, and Kevin King.









TOP LEFT: Varsity players watch the remaining minutes of the JV game while waiting their entrance.

**TOP RIGHT:** Tip off with centers from Rocky Gap and Bland (Jes Selfe).

BOTTOM LEFT: In spite of Rocky Gap's defensive leaping, Brad Harden sinks  $\alpha$  3-pointer.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Rusty Meadows must have springs in his shoes to get this high for passing to his teammates.



### Interest in volleyball continued

After many grueling practices, the volleyball teams were chosen and ready to play under the coaching of Miss Teena Morefield. The teams, consisting of 29 students from the ninth to twelfth grades, were split in A and B teams. The A team boasted an international member, Danielle Garcia from Brazil. Danielle loved to spike that ball!

Practices were set for Tuesday and Thursday making a busy day for girls who were also cheerleaders and yearbook staffers.

Setting a good serve still posed a problem for several players, but they have improved on the receiving serve.

The A team ended with a 3-6 record and the B team had a 6-2 record. Interest in volleyball continues to grow.



	SCOREBOARD	
A-TEAN US/THE		B-TEAM S/THEM
8-15 7-15		15-8 15-10
7-15 7-15	Auburn	8-15 9-15
13-15 15-10	Grayson	15-4 15-7
13-15 15-6 15-8	Giles	15-9 15-9
9-15 12-15	Ft. Chiswell	15-4 15-6
4-15 6-15	Narrows	15-11 15-12
14-16 13-15	Floyd	6-15 7-15
15-1 15-3	Galax	15-3 15-6
15-12 14-16 15-10	Oakhill	N/A
3-6		6-2



TOP: Anita Sage keeps her eyes on the volleyball as Tina Kimberlin powers it across the net.

**CENTER:** With teammates Misty Pauley and Detria Agee ready to lend help, Sue Ann McBride tackles this one and sends it sailing back to Galax. Official Mike Woolwine watches for illegal hand use.

BOTTOM-VOLLEYBALL B-TEAM: This team is made up of ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students. Front Row: Jamie Kidd, Anne Myrick, Detria Agee, Misty Pauley, Bobbi Hobbs, Sue Ann McBride.

Back Row: Anita Sage, Tonya Talbert, Tina Kimberlin, Cindy Berg, Jamie Michaels, Shannon Enoch.







TOP LEFT-VOLLEYBALL A-TEAM: This group is made up of grades 10, 11, 12.

Front Row: Seniors- Stephanie Meadows,
Sarah Umbarger, Becky Bird, Angela
Stowers, Hope Pike, Heather Burton,
Shelly Beam, Jeana Dalton.

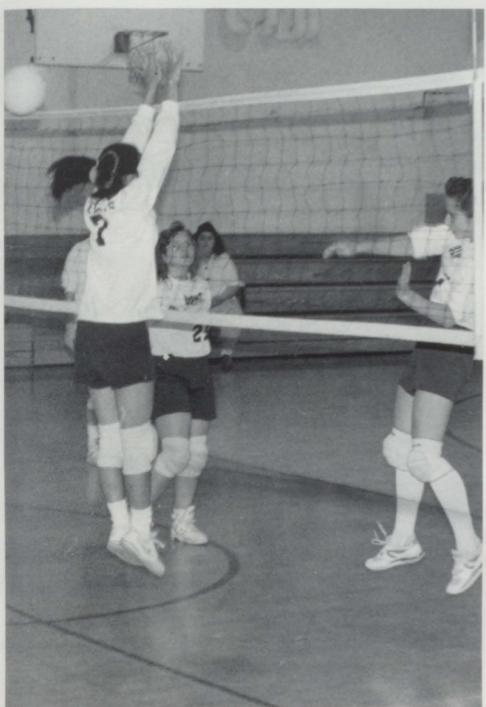
Back Row: Pam Harden, Sheree Burton,
Becky Mallory, Bachgel French, Malania

Becky Mallory, Rachael French, Melanie Thompson, Danielle Garcia, Molly Richardson.

CENTER LEFT: Sheree Burton set to

Danielle Garcia who slammed the volleyball out of Galax's reach.
CENTER RIGHT: Melanie Thompson jumps high but is unable to reach the return while Sheree Burton watches the action.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Jeana Dalton was ready for this one and sends it sailing back to Galax.





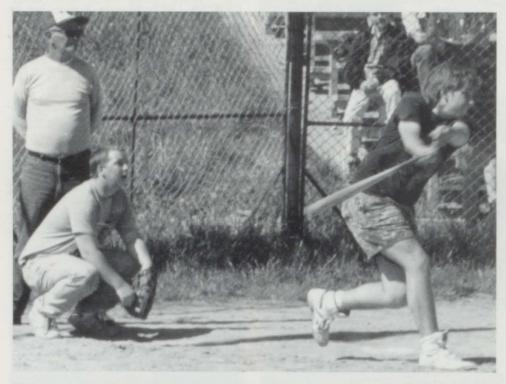




## Softball replaced baseball in 1991

Lack of interest and talent brought death to the baseball season until next year. Instead,

intramural teams emerged, just for the fun of playing. Without outside competitive pressure, games were relaxed with laughter, not anger. Keeping in practice with softball provided a better foundation for next year's baseball teams.









John Wagoner shows how it's done.

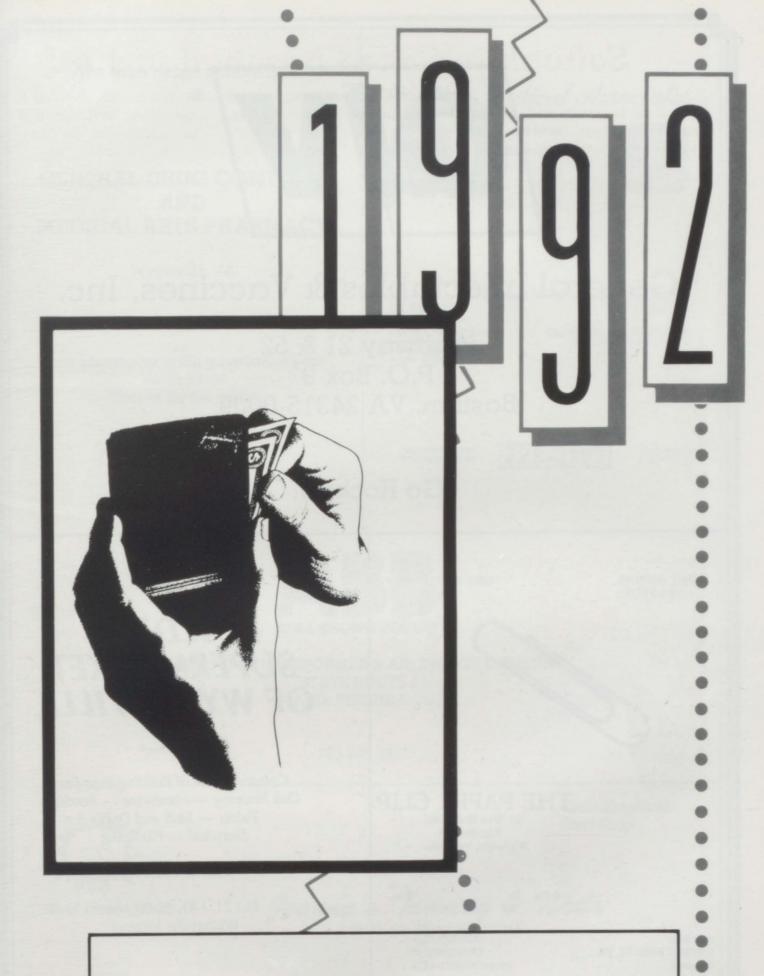
Billy Epperson bolts to first.



Robbie Chewning lams the ball to home plate.

TOP LEFT: Skip Dillow calls, John Simmons catches, and Lionel Blankenship hits.

TOP RIGHT: Tommy Wolfe really works to catch this fly.



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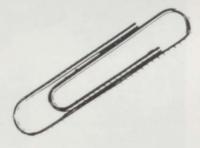
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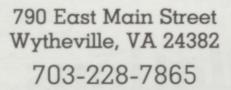
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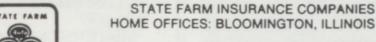
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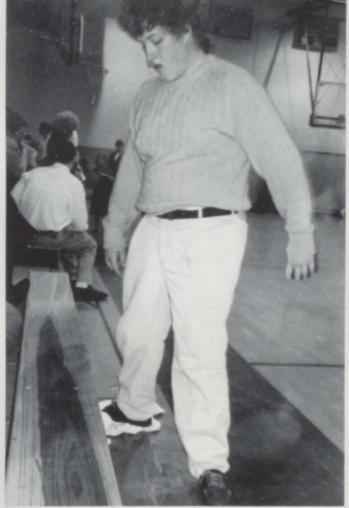
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#### BILLY EPPERSON-

Congratulations son; you've become a high school senior. We're very proud of your accomplishments and love you a bunch!

Mom and Dad

#### GARY RICKMAN-

I, Gary Rickman, would like to thank all those individuals, including my family, who stood by me through the years, especially through hard times. I also would lie to say Goodbye Bland High and Hello to the future!

#### Seniors Favorites

The 1992 seniors showed a good deal of diversity in their choices of the following items. The top 3 choices are listed.

#### Pet Peeve:

Homework Smark alecks Lying

#### Magazine:

Seventeen People Teen

#### Restaurant:

Pizza Hut Macado's Long John Silvers

#### Song:

Love of a Lifetime Everything I do Enter Sandman

#### Band:

Black Crows Sleepless Knights Chicago

#### Singer:

Michael W. Smith Axl Rose Garth Brooks



Construction scenes.

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### **ALUMNI**

TOP LEFT: Leon Lambert

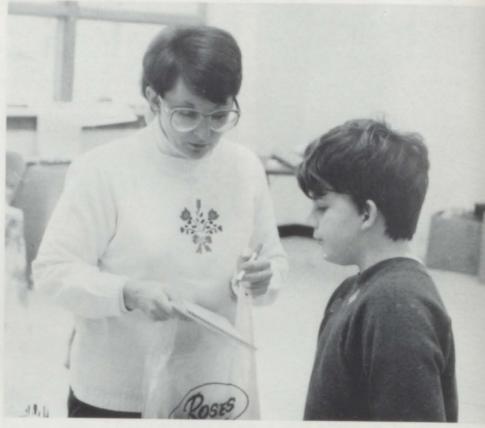
TOP CENTER: Tommy Kitts

TOP RIGHT: Guy Ramsey and Edgar Mason King

BOTTOM LEFT: Theron Newberry

BOTTOM RIGHT: John Goins







TOP LEFT: Crystal Hancock

TOP RIGHT: Mrs. Debbie Massie helps Benny Taylor with his Christmas selections at the PTSO gift shop.

CENTER LEFT: Laura Bridges, Ashley Strock, Lian Cole.

**CENTER RIGHT:** A typical cafeteria scene — 1st grade.

BOTTOM: Mrs. Amber Witt and her second grade class.







Fifth/sixth graders on pj day during homecoming week. Ashley Havens, Jessica Crawford, Erin Johnson, Sandra Melvin, Christa Winesett, Katie Muncy, Casie Pruitt.

Ashlee Drummond talks to "Santa Correll".







Which twin is it? Brian or Brandon Faulkner?

PTSO president, Judy Brown, watches Jessie Umbarger at Christmas shop.

Senior hands, watches, rings Stephanie DeHart at Beta installation Wayne Hubble, the music man.



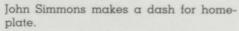


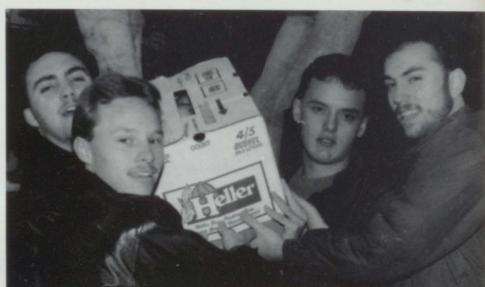












**Above:** Angela Stowers/Bonnie Blankenship Danny Morehead/Cheryl Hall

Unloading fruit-Billy Epperson, Travis Morehead, Jimmy Duncan, Wayne Hubble.

### New faces arrived after October 1

 $N_{
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the classrooms throughout the having attended Bland before, but most were welcomed as newcomers.

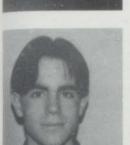


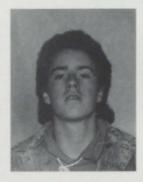


Senior: Julie Marie Roberts Born: 10-13-74 Future Plans: College-registered nurse Superlative: Quietest

Giselle Romero-Panama Danielle Garcia-Brazil

International Exchange students:









Kevin Brackens-11th Anthony Graham-9th Jessica Dawn Turner-9th Jay Eldridge-8th









Jason Neel-7th Albert Ray Patton, Jr.-6th Carol Whittaker-6th Jessica Leigh Kidd-4th









Jessie Whittaker-3rd Jonathan Hilton-2nd Bryan Hockett-2nd Tessica Hounshell-2nd









William Whittaker-2nd David Lee Bailey, Jr.-K Andy Mutter-K. Billy Umbarger-K

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Rick and Beverly Beam; Honors: Honor letter (9), Honor bar (10), BCA award (11), English award (11), Perfect attendance (10), Who's Who among American high school students (11), Mt. Empire District Academic Award (10-11); Offices: Class secretary (11), FBLA secretary (11), Science Club vice-president (11), Drama Club president (11), FBLA president (12), Newspsper coeditor (12), French Club reporter (12); Clubs: Science (9-11), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), FBLA (10-12), Drama (11), Yearbook (10-12), Newspaper (10-12), Science MACC (10-11), French (10-12); Sports: Varsity volleyball (12), Varsity cheerleading (10-12), Softball (11); Other: Choir (9-10), Homecoming court (10, 12), Miss Echo (12), Homecoming Queen (12), Prom committee (11), Nomination Congressional scholar (12).

#### Rebecca Laura Bird-

George and Christine Bird; Honors: English award (8), Forensics-runner-up (10,11), 1st place regional (11); Who's Who among American high school students; Offices: Class-president (8), secretary (12), Jr. Beta vicepresident (9), FBLA treasurer (10), historian (11), reporter (12), Newspaper editor (11-12), Beta secretary (12), Drama president (12); Clubs: SCA (8), FHA (8-10), Newspaper (8-12), Library (8-10), English MACC (9-12), All-around MACC (11-12), Beta (10-12), FBLA (9-12), Drama (10-12), Forensics (9-12), Jr. Beta (9), French (10-11), Yearbook (10-12); Sports: Basketball (8-9), Cheerleading (9-12), Tennis (9-12), Volleyball (10-12); Other: Prom committee (11), Miss Echo (9), Homecoming court

Roger Ray Blankenship-

Danny and Bonnie Blankenship; Honors: Perfect attendance; Clubs: FBLA, French, FFA, Library; Sports: Basketball (8), JV Basketball (9-10), Varsity Basketball

#### Cynthia Marie Blevins-

Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Blevins; Clubs: FHA (11-12); Other: Vocational-Child care (11-12).

#### Robert Preston Boardwine-

Ralph and Linda Boardwine; Offices: VICA-reporter (11), vice-president (12); Clubs: FBLA (9, 12), Science (9), VICA (11-12).

Gregory Blake Boksa-

Linda Boksa; Honors: Softball intramural champions (11), FFA- Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); Offices: Class president (12); Clubs: FFA (8,9,12), Library (11), FBLA (12), French (9), Science (11); Sports: Basketball (8), Varsity basketball (12), Softball (11), Baseball (12); Other: Usher-Shiloh UM Church, Homecoming escort

Crystal Lynn Bruce-

Riley and Linda Bruce; Honors: Perfect attendance (10 years), English award (8-11), Introduction to Business (8), Physical Science (8), Home Ec. I (8), American History (8), Algebra I (8), World Geography (9), Keyboarding (9), French (10-11), Trigonometry (11), U.S. History Biology II (11), Bland Rocket Booster award (8,9,11), 1988 MACC season social studies 1st place (8), Honor letter and bars (9-12), MACC letter/bar (8-9), Who's Who among high school students (12); Offices: 4-H secretary (11), recreation leader (12); Clubs: MACC-Social Studies (8), Science (9), Math (11-12), FHA (8-12), Jr. Beta (9), Science (9), FBLA (9-12), Beta (10-12), French (10-12), 4-H (9-12); Sports: Intermural volleyball (10), Intermural softball (11)

#### **Heather Camille Burton-**

Toni and Charles Burton; Honors: Earth Science award (9), Office Systems award (10), Perfect attendance (10), MACC letter/bar (10-11), Volleyball letter (11); Offices: Class vice-president (11), FBLA vicepresident (12), treasurer (11), Beta vice-president (12), Science secretary (11); Clubs: Jr. Beta (9), Beta (10-12), Science (9-11), French (10-12), FBLA (10-12), Science MACC (9-11), Newspaper (10-12), Yearbook (10-12); Sports: Varsity volleyball (10-12), Intermural softball (11); Other: Prom committee (11), Beta scrapbook editor FBLA Business English competitor (10-12), Choir (9), Snow candidate (9,11), Sweetheart candidate (9), Beta-State convention (10-12), National convention (10), FBLA-convention (10-12), State convention (11-12).

**Zachary Watson Burton-**

Retta and Ronnie Burton; Honors: Science MACC letter (9), FFA-Greenhand (8), FFA Public speaking and creed speaking (8); Offices: Class secretary/treasurer (10); Clubs: FBLA (9.12), FFA (8), Library (10-11), French (10-11), Yearbook (11.12), Science MACC (9,11,12), Drama (11-12), Newspaper (12); Sports: Intermural softball (11); Other: Academic enrichment program (8-12).

April Michelle Conley-

James and Ginger Conley; **Honors**: Algebra I award (9), Honor letter/bar (10-11), Who Who among high school students (9), Jefferson Scholarship nomination UVA (12); Offices: Class president (9), Jr. Beta treasurer (9); Clubs: Jr. Beta (9), French (9,12), Sr. Beta (12); Other: English MACC (12), Drama (Africa), Piam (Africa), Voice (Africa).

#### Patricia Ruth Corder-

Fred and Martha Corder; Clubs: FHA (8-12), Library

Jeana Leigh Dalton-

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dalton; Honors: Awards-Biology I (10), Office Systems (10), English (9), Keyboarding (9), French I (10), Honor letter (9), Honor bar (10), Who's Who among American high school students (11); Offices: Sr. Beta president (12); Clubs: Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), FBLA (9-12), French (10-12), Newspaper (12); Sports: Varsity volleyball (12), Softball (11); Other: 1st runner-up Snow Queen (12), Nomination Congressional Scholar (12), Perfect attendance (11).

#### Robert Allen Davis-

Duane and Betty Davis; **Honors:** FFA-Greenhand (8), Chapter Farmer (9), Perfect attendance (11), Snow King Who's Who among American high school students (12); Clubs: FFA (8-9), Science (10-11), French (10-12), Sr. Beta (10-12), SCA (11), Newspaper (11), FBLA (11-12); Sports: Basketball manager (8); Other: Homecoming court (10,12), Miss Echo escort (11-12)

Stephanie Jo DeHart-

Orville and Connie DeHart; Honors: Who's Who among America high school students (12), Perfect attendance (11); Offices: Class secretary (9), SCA vicepresident (10), Newspaper page editor (12), Sr. Beta treasurer (12), FBLA/Beta Co-chairman community service (12); Clubs: FHA (8-10), Jr. Beta (9), FBLA (11-12), SCA (9-11), Newspaper (9-12), Sr. Beta (10-12), French (10-12); Other: Choir (-11), Vision screening committee (9-11), Attended FBLA regional fall conference (12).

Ginger Ann Dillow-

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dillow; Honors: Life Skills II award (11), Who's Who among American high school students (12), Perfect attendance (8,9,11); Offices: Newspaper co-editor (12), Clubs: FHA (8-12), FBLA (8,9,12), Sr. Beta (12), Jr. Beta (9), Newspaper (8, 12), French (10-12).

#### Michael Allen Dillow-

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dillow; **Honors:** FFA-Star Green-hand (8), Chapter (9), Perfect attendance (10-12); Clubs: FFA (8-10, 12); Sports: Basketball (8), Baseball (9,10); Other: Wythe Vocational (11-12).

**Tobias Alexander Dotson-**

Kevin Dotson; Clubs: French (10-12), FFA (8,9,11); Sports: Basketball (9,10,12).

James Everette Duncan-

Marie Scott; Honors: FFA-Greenhand (8), Chapter farmer (9); Clubs: SCA (10), FFA (8-11); Sports: Basketball (8,9); Other: Vocational Machine Shop I,II (11.

Tina Marie Dunn-

Sarah Havens; Offices: Class secretary (8), National Honor Society treasurer (8); Clubs: NHS (8-10), FBLA (9-10), FTA (9-10), FHA (9-10), CMC (9-10), Annual (11), Forensics (12), Newspaper (12); Sports: Softball (8-9), Basketball (8); Other: Miss Watertown Beauty pageant (8), Prom committee (11).

William David Epperson, Jr.-

Andrew and Brenda Cruff; Honors: Sports letter-8th and JV basketball; Sports: Basketball (8,9,10).

Kandi Faye Farley-

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shelton; Honors: FHA-certificate (8-12), pin (9); Offices: 4-H reporter (11), Newspaper student life editor; Clubs: FHA (8-12), FBLA (11-12), Newspaper (12), 4-H (10-12); Other: College speech

Jason Walter Gusler-

Kermit and Virginia Gusler; Honors: Civics award (8), Physical Science (8), World Geography (10), Chemistry (11), Who's Who among American high school students (11), Science MACC West Div. 1st place (11), Forensics 1st Boys Oratory District (12); Offices: Yearbook editor (12), Photo president (12), Library treasurer (10) SCA secretary (12); Clubs: SCA (11-12), FBLA (9,11-12), Yearbook (9-12), Sr. Beta (12), Newspaper (9), Jr. Beta (9), Science (9-11), Forensics (12), French (9-11), Library (10-12), Photo (12), FFA (8), VA Tech Upward Bound (12), Student Advisory Board (11), WCC Upward Bound (12); Science MACC (8-12), All-Around MACC (11-12): Other: Snow Court (9), WCC General Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Organic Chemistry, Photography.

#### Scott Allen Gusler-

James and Lovada Gusler; Honors: Perfect attendance (8-10), History award (11), Who's Who among American high school students (11); Clubs: FFA (8), FBLA (9), French (10-12), Library (10-11), Social Studies MACC (10-12); Sports: Basketball- (8), JV (9-10).

Cheryl Lynn Hall-

Dora Lee and Jack Hall; Honors: Perfect attendance (9-11); Clubs: FHA (8-12); Other: Wythe V





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## Never the same

Looking back over the 1991-92 school year, the picture we see is different from other years. Renovations on the school not only brought a new look, but many other changes. With construction workers roaming wild, teachers cracked down on where students could go. Also, no longer did one

have to walk outside to go to classes in Wagner (except the three times crewmen redid the steps).

With all the changes, one thing remained the same — the common bond between students. From the sharing of laughs to a friendly shoulder to lean on, someone was always there for

other's needs during this "year of change."

As the year ended, we could look back over the happenings of this year and regard it simply as a "year of construction." For everyone who attended BCS, when the final bell rang on the last day, all left better equipped to face our changing world.



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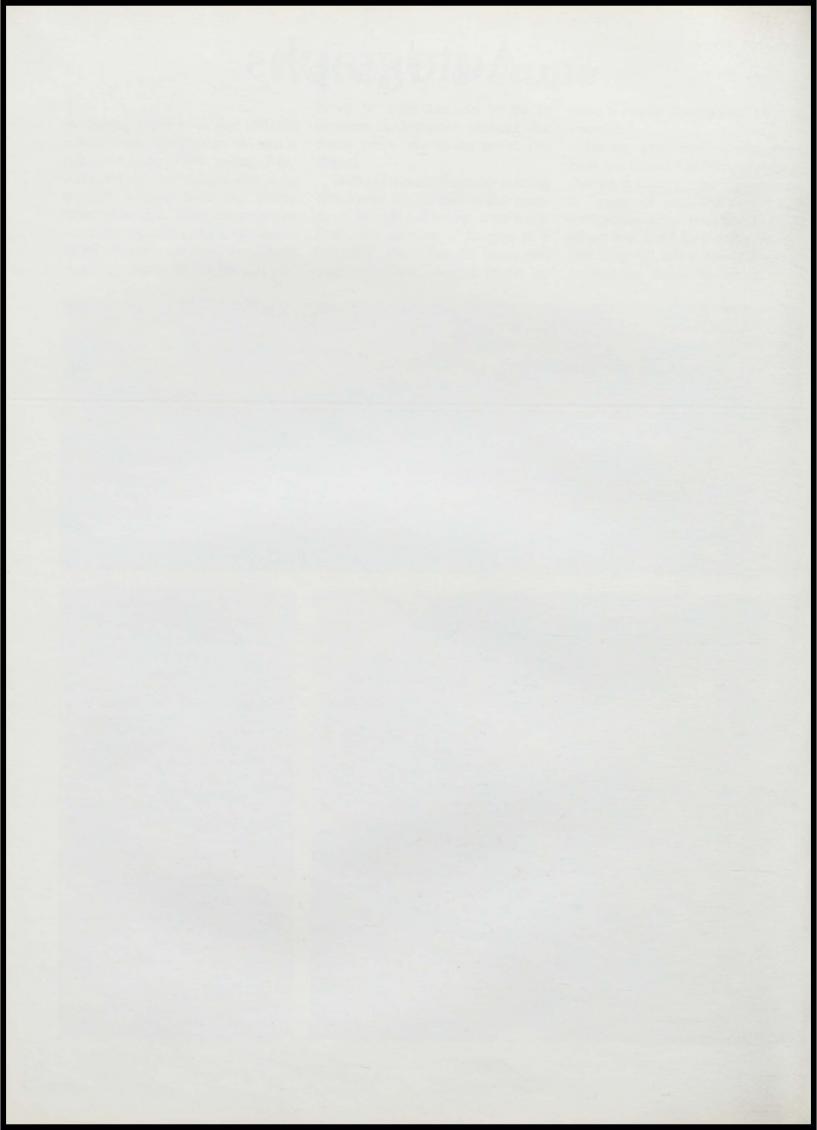
The yearbook staff consisted of 25 members from grades 10-12 who planned pages with copy and even took a number of the candids used. Student photographers were Jason Gusler, Molly Richardson, Bridgette Penley, Stayce Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Cyndi McGrady.

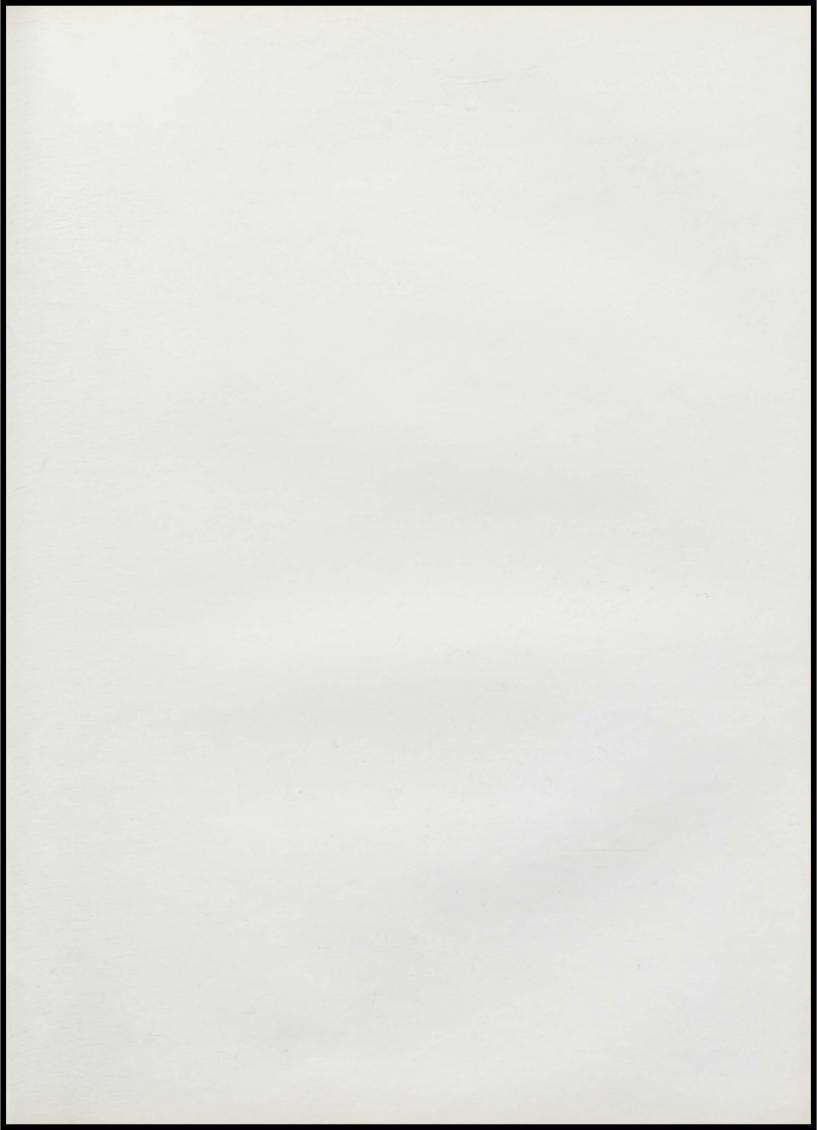
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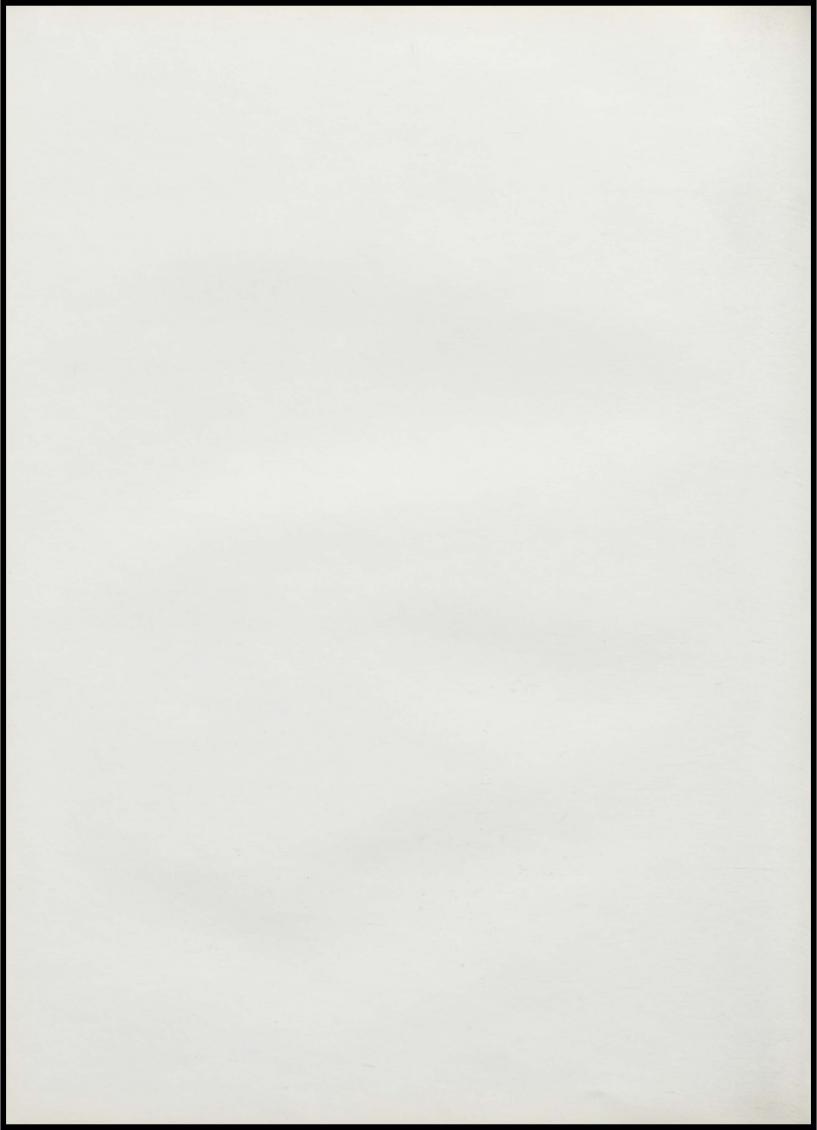
We used the Omni Program with 80 lb. enamel paper. The typeface used was Pyramid. The cover used foil stamping on a standard base of 7 3/4 x 10 1/2. The cost of the 1992 yearbook was \$25 with 330 sold. Production costs were over \$11,000.

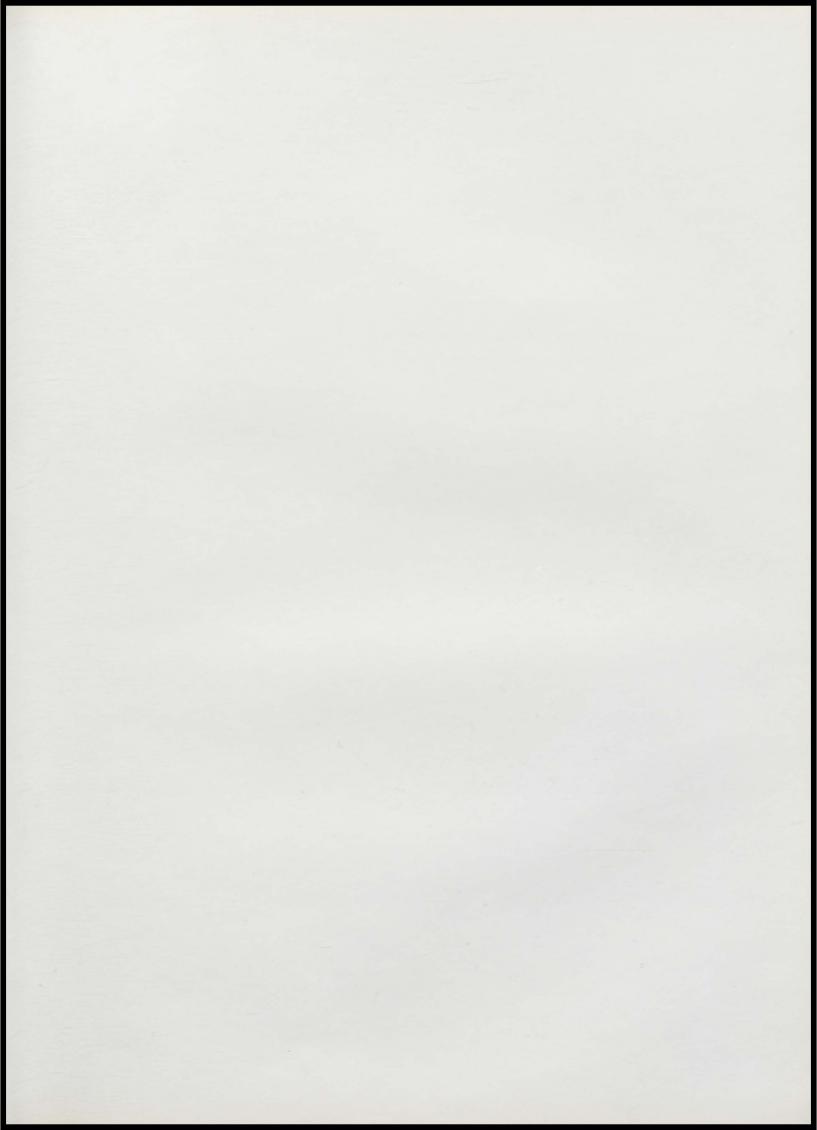


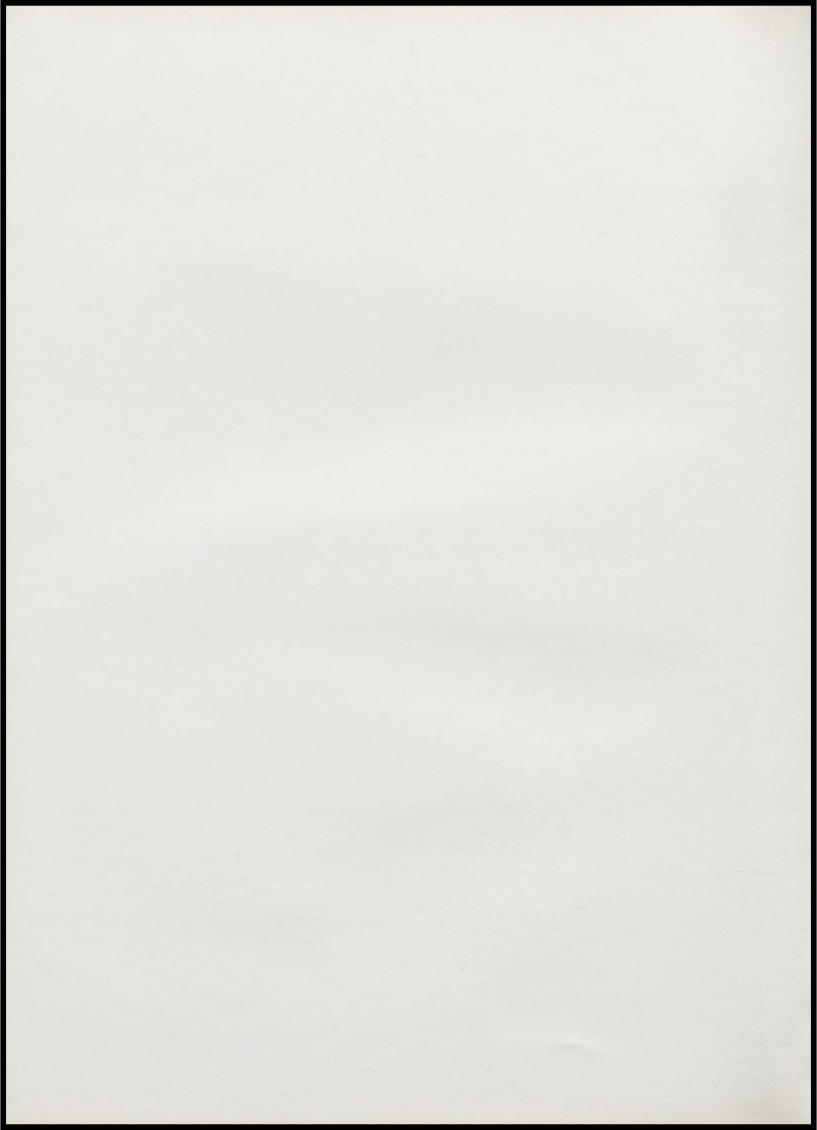
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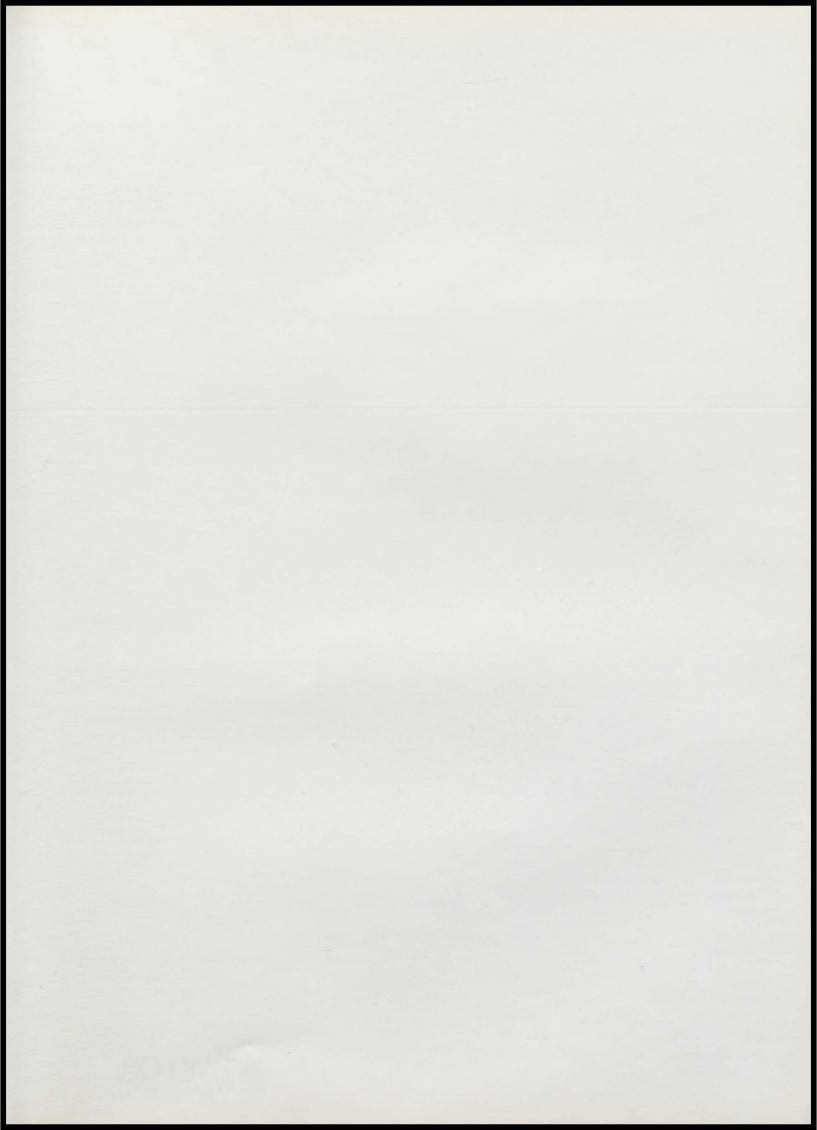




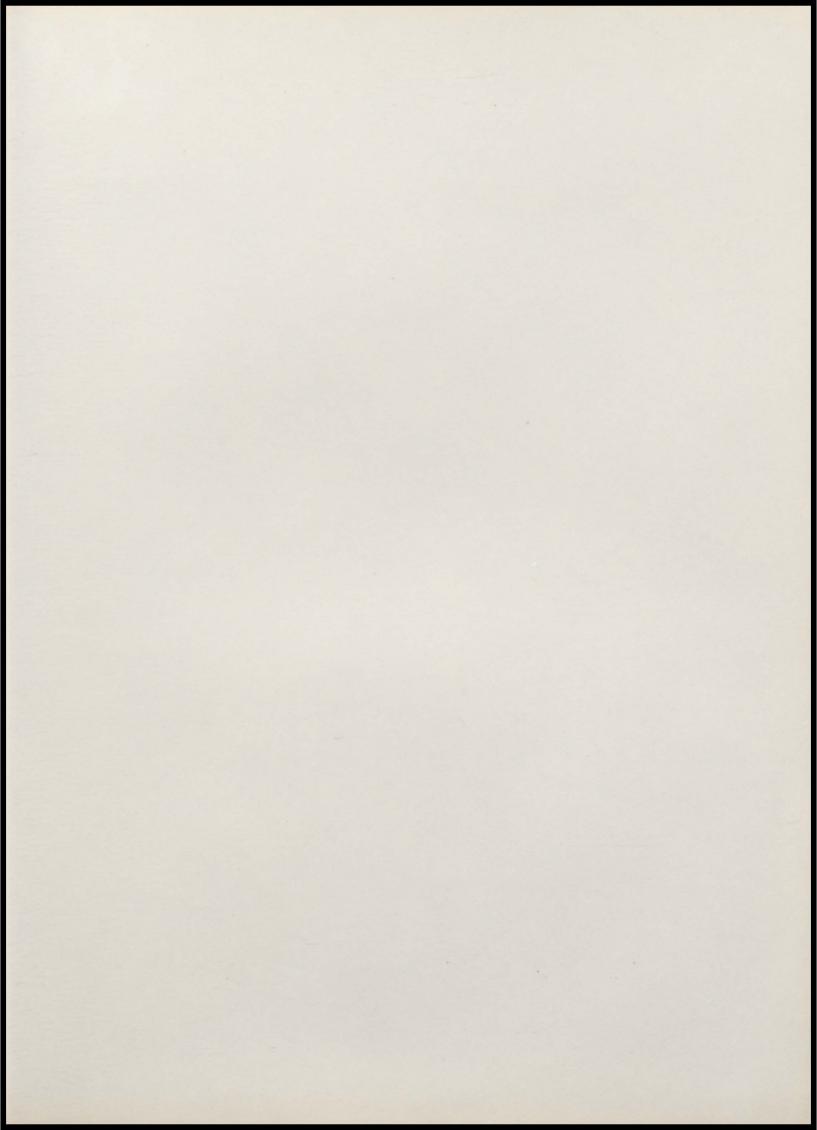












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