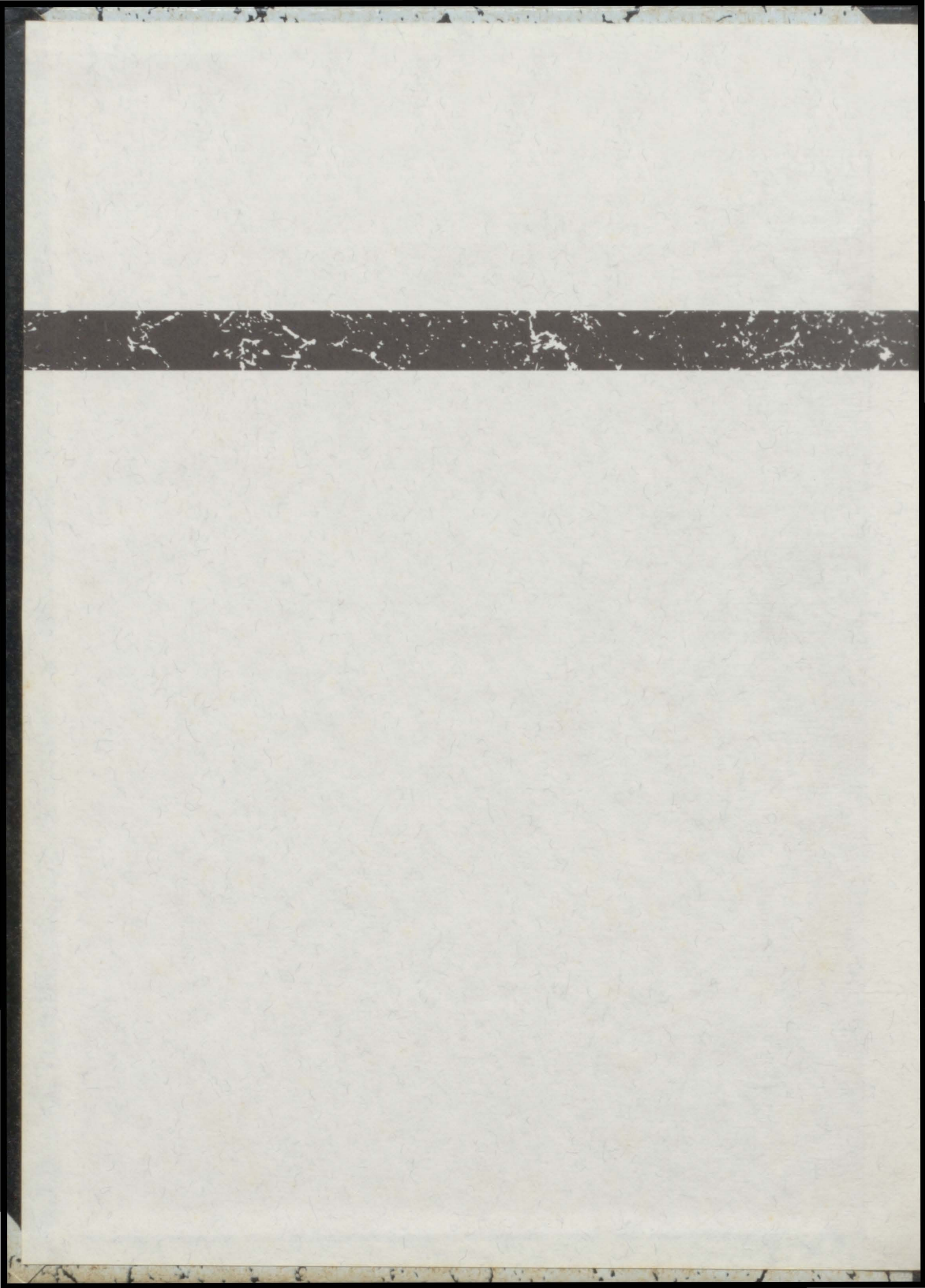
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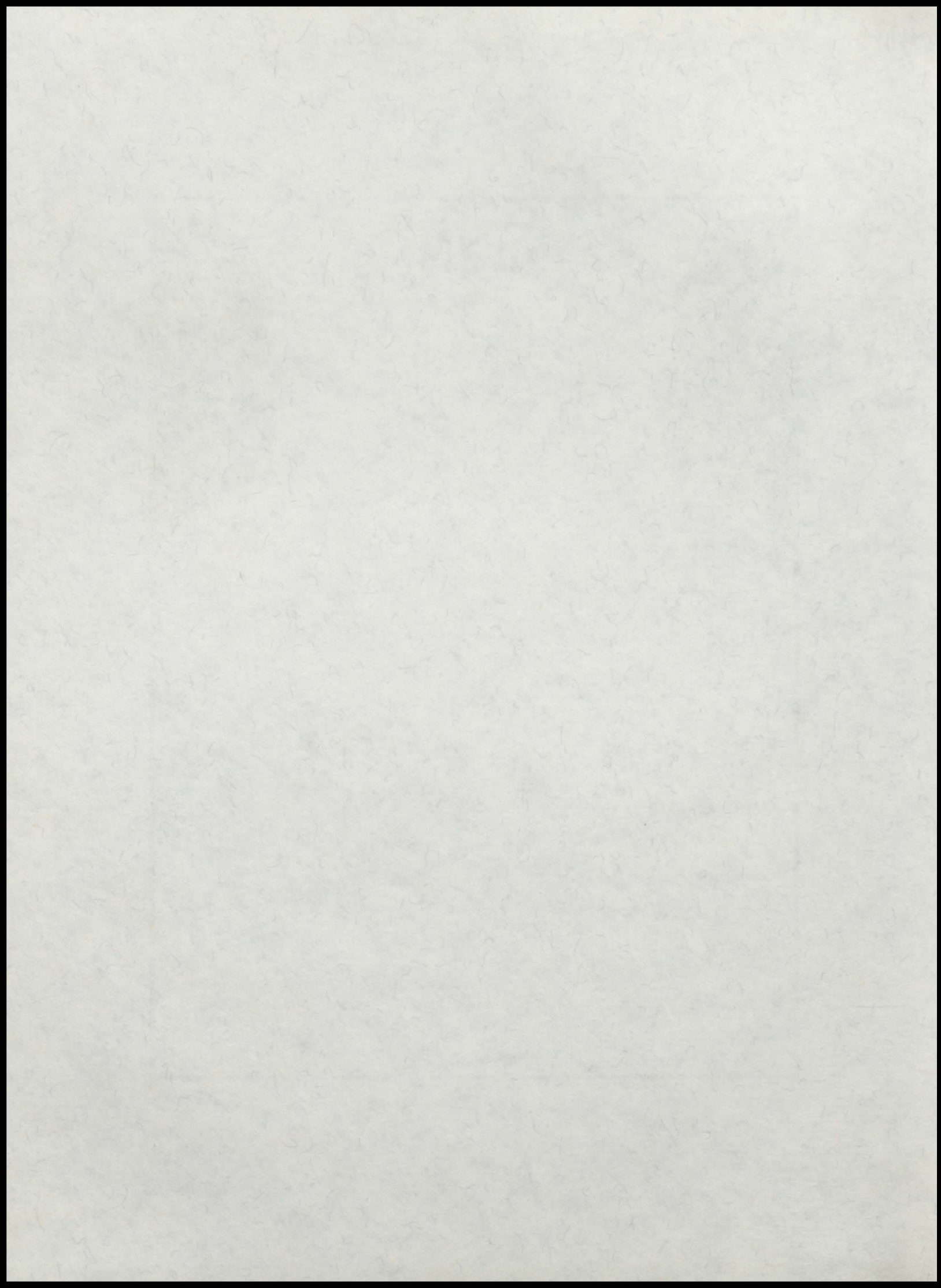


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# Diversity came with 92-93

**F**or many the 1992-93 school year flew by as a whirlwind of faces and places, beginnings and endings, disasters and celebrations. Students, faculty and staff at Bland School watched intently as another historic year unfolded.

World events became an occasion of happiness for some, sadness for others. The tragic drought and rioting in Somalia caused the United States to send troops to restore peace. No one could forget the halting images of starving Somalian children running toward the food-bearing truck. Terrible fighting took place in many parts of the world. In Yugoslavia, Serbian nationalists fought to gain independence while initiating a blood bath. Iraq continued to build weapons even after the United Nations ordered them to stop.

The United States also experienced hardships. Hurricane Andrew totally devastated parts of Florida leaving many homeless. Residents of Bland County turned out in full force to help those less fortunate by sending truck loads of food to the home-stead. The year was not always sad.

Many celebrated when Bill Clinton was elected president of the United States with promises for change that cheered many.

On a smaller scale Bland community supporters joined together to celebrate the dedication of the new Bland School. Delegate Tom Jackson spoke at the ceremony. All in all, as the people of Bland County turned toward a new year, their faces were full of hope and promise for the future.

On February 28, 1993, a bomb exploded in the World Trade Center in New York. Believed to be the work of terrorists, suspects were apprehended.

**The Blizzard of '93** hit the eastern coast on March 13, 1993, with massive snow and high winds. Bland received 30 inches with huge snow drifts which brought everything to a halt. Interstates I-77 and I-81 were closed and motorists sought shelter in the schools and churches. Bland County provided shelter and food for more than 1500 travelers from Saturday through Monday.

*Molly Richardson*



**TOP:** Secondary Principal Roger Thompson converses with Jack Fain in the new wing.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Elementary Principal Ruth Groseclose congratulates former pupil Brad Harden.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Cheerleaders with *the Bear* at the first Bland home football game.



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*grindstone*



Q. Do you feel some changes should be made to the academics schedule, and if so, what?

A. No. *Rachael French*

A. There shouldn't be homework ballgame nights. *Todd Morehead*

A. Classes are too long. *Mark Sarver*

A. Needs to be a longer lunch period. *Donnie Havens*

A. Classes need to be shorter so we can get out at 3:00 again. *Travis Simmons*

Academics

## *A blending of old with the new to face the future.*

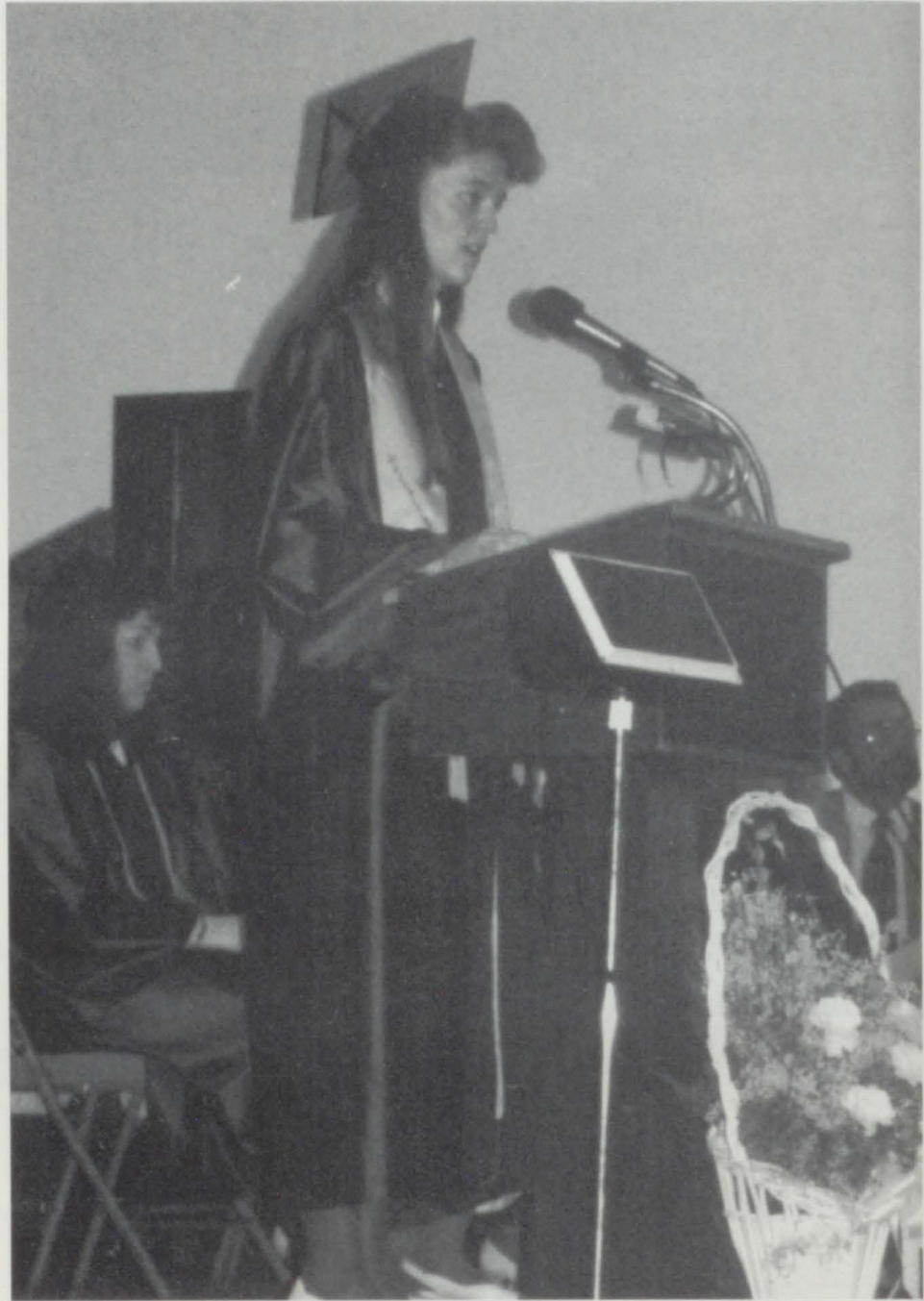
The graduating class of 1992 gave a final farewell to Bland High School on May 30, 1992. For the first time in many years, graduation ceremonies were held in Wagner Auditorium. Though crowded with over 500 in attendance, the memories of that day blended with those of yesteryear for an occasion in history.

The class of 1992 will be remembered for their leadership abilities, as well as their strong capabilities.



**ABOVE:** Greg Boksa receives scholarship to Bluefield College from Tim Havens.

**RIGHT:** Taking that final step brings joy to seniors while parents show their concern.





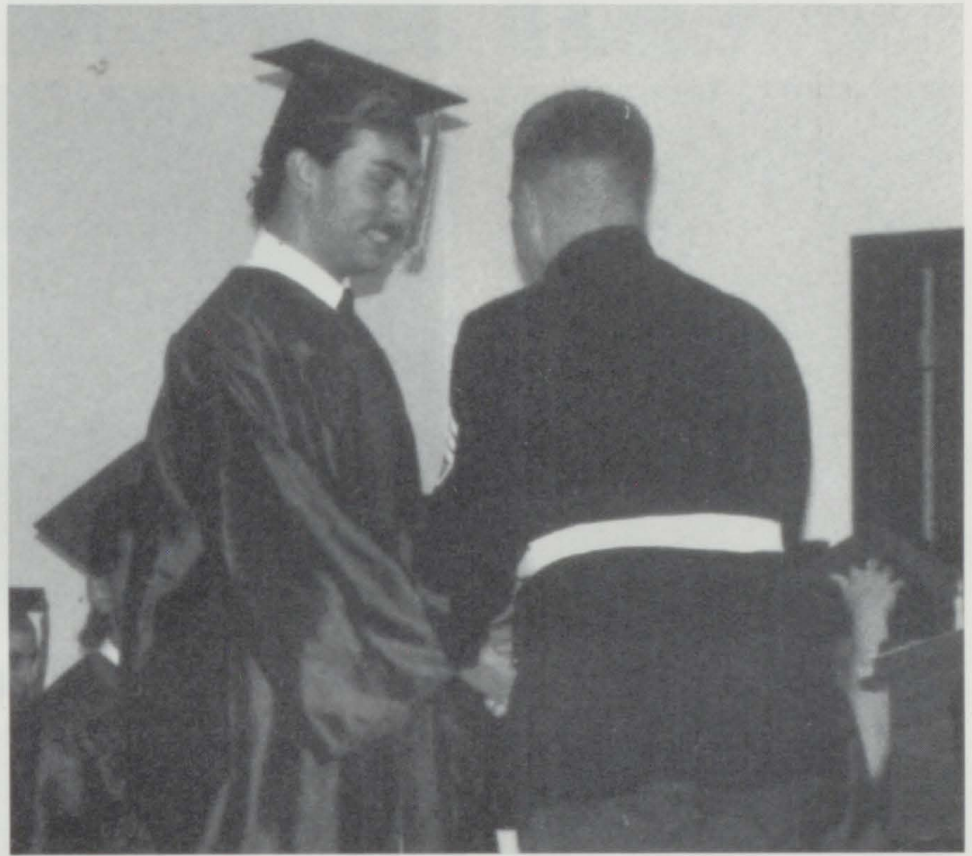


**TOP LEFT:** Graduation exercises brought out the community in full force to overflow the Wagner Auditorium.

**CENTER LEFT:** Charlie Thompson, salutatorian, presents his thoughts to a full house.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Wayne Hubble accepts the Semper Fidelis (outstanding musician) award from Marine Robert L. Shaffer.

**BOTTOM:** Seniors express congratulations and mixed emotions during the final farewell to friends and school.



# Students faced academic laurels

**O**n the last day of school, in the newly renovated Wagner Auditorium, students who had demonstrated proficiency in their classes and athletics were honored for these achievements. With the departure of the Class of '92, the leaders for the next year received their laurels and wore them proudly.

Students were also recognized for their ability to have perfect attendance, citizenship skills, and leadership both in school and the com-

munity.

The few who stringently maintained a 95 average or above were recognized with an honor letter and for each year after that an honor bar. Maintaining that average proved more difficult with advanced classes.

Each year the Daughters of the American Revolution honors one senior for outstanding leadership and contribution in the areas of community service, extra-curricular activities and academic activities.

Faculty members selected three students who were then voted on by the senior class members. The DAR (Good Citizenship) award for this year went to Sheree Burton.

Bridgette Penley produced an outstanding 4-H Achievement Record Book which won her a state first place. Bridgette attended National 4-H Convention in Chicago during early December as a portion of this honor.

*Molly Richardson*



**TOP LEFT:** Chris Tickle receives the Algebra II award

**TOP RIGHT:** B.J. Crabtree is all smiles over her Spelling Bee award.

**BOTTOM:** Accepting the Accounting award is Sheree Burton.





**TOP LEFT-HONOR LETTERS:** Robbie Morehead, Ann Myrick, Joanie Lambert, Kristie Dillow, Aaron Faulkner.

**TOP RIGHT-DAR RECIPIENT:** Sheree Burton.

**CENTER LEFT-HONOR BARS:** Wenona Scott, Chris Tickle.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Bridgette Penley with her 4-H Achievement Record Book.

**BOTTOM-DOUBLE HONOR BARS:** Pam Harden, Stacy Tibbs.

# Facing "game-day" jitters

Correct answers and quick buzzer fingers were yet again the key to a successful MACC match as the academic competition came and went. Questions such as, "What is the boundary between the lithosphere and astherosphere called?" and "Who is the Senate Majority Leader?" were typical of a MACC match. Studying and reviewing were important parts of preparation as questions such as these came along to stump teams who were trying to pull

winning seasons.

Science won district tournaments and tied with Carroll for district regular season champs in the previous season.

Stage fright, with all its symptoms, was also overcome as the season wore on, but teams could not help feeling excited as "game-day" approached. This excitement and the academic ability expressed by all teams earned a good showing, proving that once again academics was an important part of the school

scene.

Joanie Lambert

**CENTER:** 1992 Math team works furiously to solve the problem-Stephanie Meadows, Crystal Bruce, Chris Tickle, Aaron Faulkner, Anne Myrick, timer, Dr. Dave Foltz, MC.

**BOTTOM LEFT-ALL AROUND TEAM-Front Row:** Pam Harden, Molly Richardson, Joanie Lambert. **2nd Row:** Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, April Tickle. **Back Row:** Sheri Blankenship, Michael K. Mabe, Jamie Kidd. *Not pictured Mrs. Chris Bird, coach, Melissa Richardson.*

**BOTTOM RIGHT-SCIENCE TEAM-Front Row:** Melissa Richardson, Melissa Repass. **2nd Row:** Anita Sage, Joanie Lambert. **Back Row:** Wenona Scott, Mr. John Wagoner, coach. *Not pictured Cindy Berg.*





**TOP-MATH TEAM-Front Row:** Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, April Tickle. **Back Row:** Chris Tickle, Casey Johnston, Michael Kay Mabe, Mrs. Kay Mabe, coach, Aaron Faulkner.

**CENTER LEFT-SOCIAL STUDIES TEAM-Front Row:** Molly Richardson, Cindy Justice, Jamie Kidd. **Back Row:** Eric Brooks, Keith Bourne, Robbie Morehead. *Not pictured Mr. Richard Havens, coach.*

**CENTER RIGHT-ENGLISH TEAM-Front:** Pam Harden. **2nd Row:** Stephanie Goins, Lori Compton. **Back:** Robert Sexton. *Not pictured Mrs. Janet Faulkner, coach.*

**BOTTOM:** Social Studies team pulls a win over Galax-Dr. Dave Foltz, MC, Robbie Morehead, Molly Richardson, Jamie Kidd, Cindy Justice.



# Latin became a popular language course

This year Latin became a more popular language course offered via satellite. Twelve students in grade 8-12 elected to take Latin I which was taped and then viewed in a classroom setting prior to regular school hours. This course was directed by resident math teacher, Mrs. Kay

Mabe.

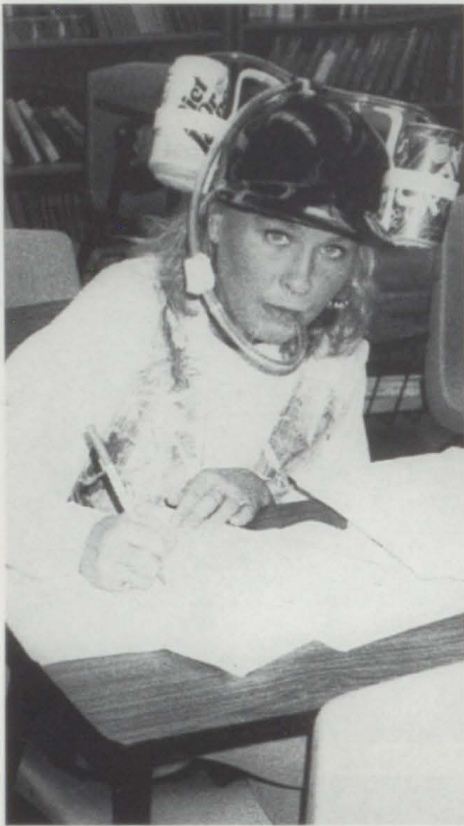
For those not taking Latin, but still desiring a foreign language, French I, II, III, IV was provided and taught by Ms. Diane Rowe.

Regular English teachers were Mrs. Janet Faulkner, Mrs. Christine Bird, and Mrs. Sandra Harman.

The addition of Pre-Algebra at the

seventh grade level helped students focus on which direction to take when entering high school. Mr. Fred Simpkins taught the seventh graders with Mr. Rich Hankins, Mr. Tommy Bird, and Mrs. Kay Mabe rounding out the secondary curriculum.

*Stacy Tibbs*



**TOP LEFT:** Much sustenance and liquid are needed to make it through Mrs. Faulkner's senior English. Lori Compton during exam.

**TOP RIGHT:** Mary M. Gibson gathers information for an English paper. 7:50 a.m.

**BOTTOM:** Latin I class which convened daily at

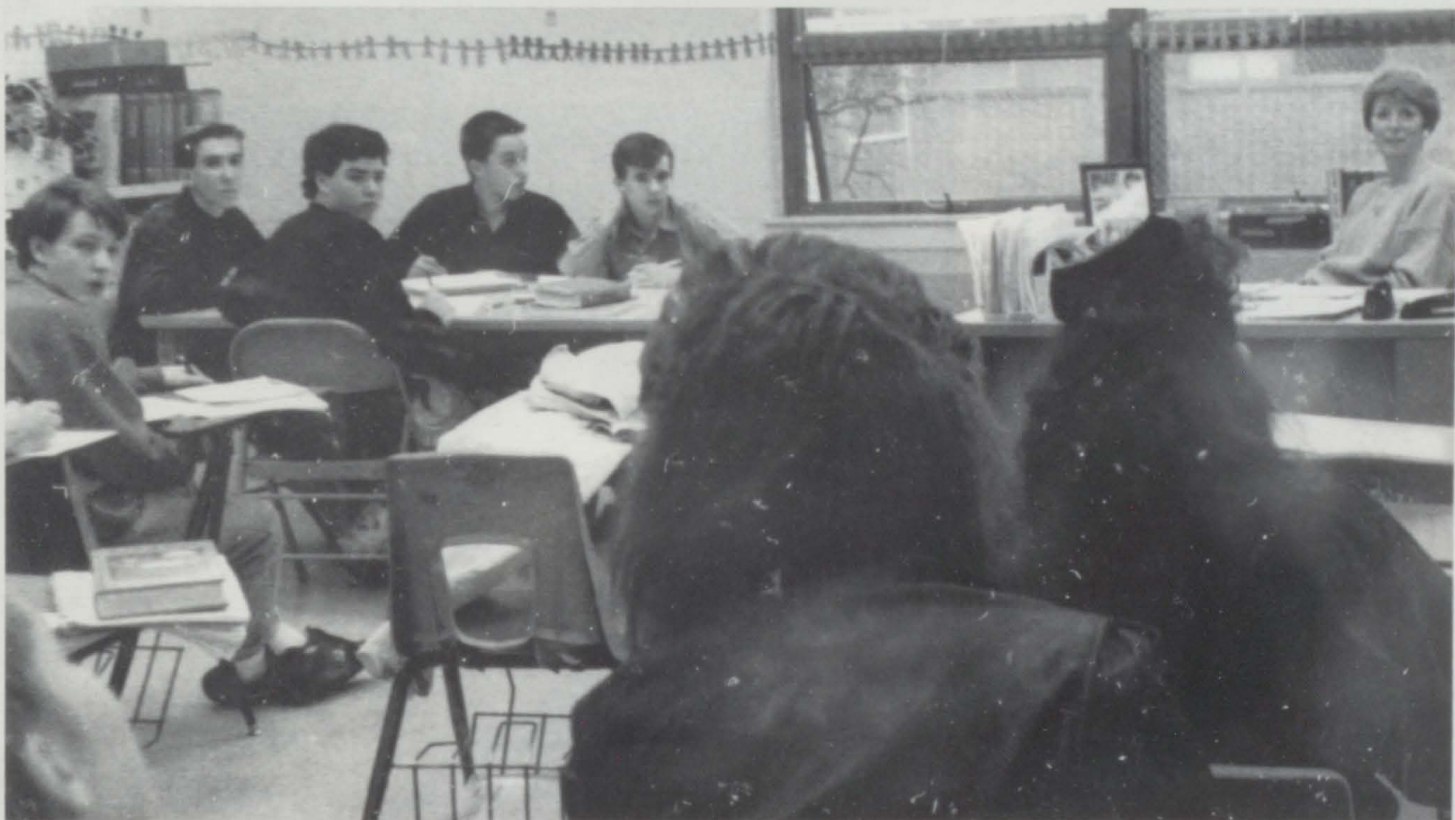


**TOP:** Mrs. Mabe, where are all your math students?!

**CENTER LEFT:** Mrs. Diana Tibbs seventh grade language arts.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Lori Compton gives her dialogue for French.

**BOTTOM:** Mrs. Christine Bird's ninth grade English class.



# Students faced variety of science choices

Science was a "vital part" of the school scene this year. Students, under the direction of Mr. Al Smith and Mr. John Wagoner, learned everything from the chemical equation to rock identification. Students participated with zest since much of the work was fun. Gaining useful

knowledge through hands-on training created an atmosphere of compatibility and communication between students and faculty.

Biology students became involved in role playing. Students dressed out of character became the norm during the sessions of role identification. By identifying with their role character

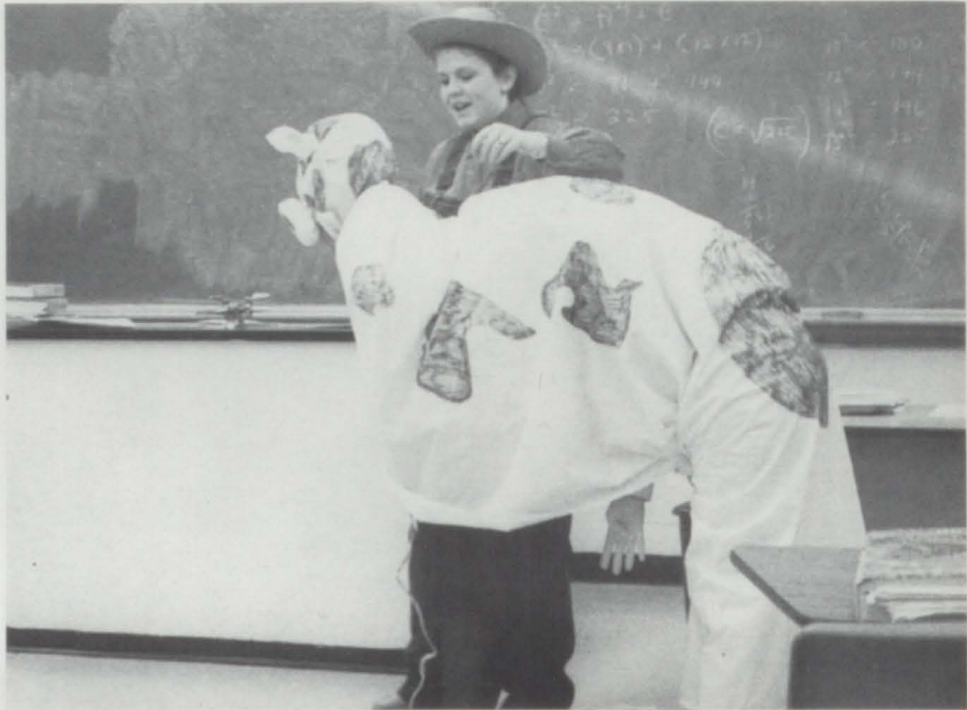
students increased their awareness of the problems with which many were faced.

The classes offered were biology, earth science, physical science, and chemistry, but in each one the students worked hard as they kept on track, facing '93.

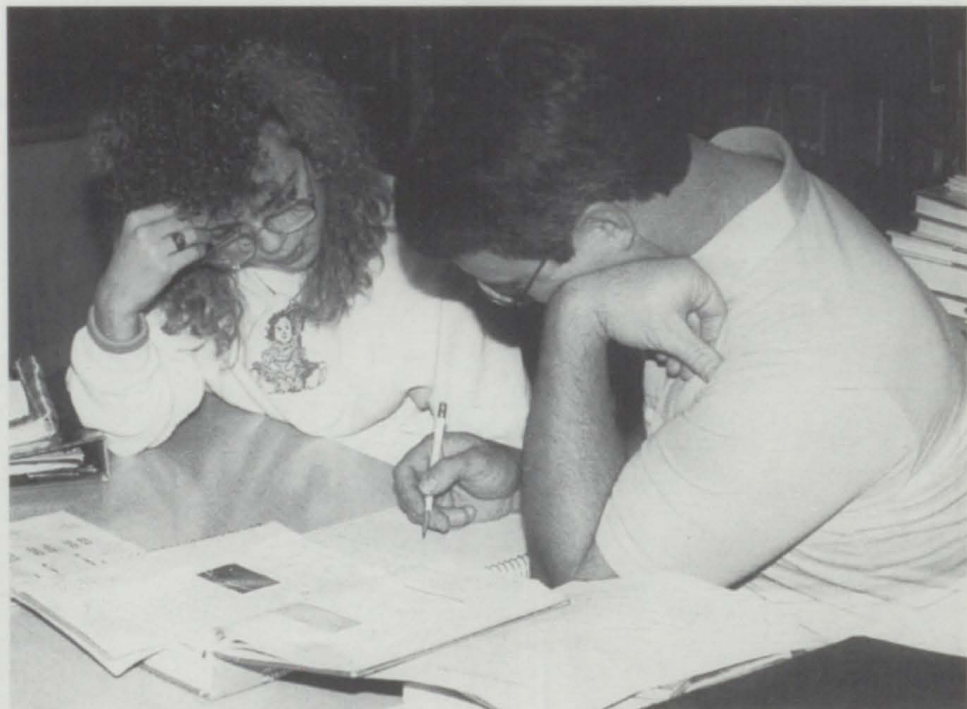
Joanie Lambert



**TOP LEFT:** Joe Estepp dons a bright red dress for his role in a science project.



**TOP RIGHT:** More role identification by Tanya Ramsey and partners.



**BOTTOM:** Angel Mitchem receives assistance with her science work from Mr. John Wagoner.





**TOP:** Frog dissecting is a tedious job by Stanley Overbaugh, Chris Penley and Jason Quinn.

**CENTER:** Members of sixth period Biology class.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** More role playing with Sue Ann McBride and Becky Floyd.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Learning to mix chemicals can be fun as long as you get the right chemicals and the proper proportions, Tracy Hall.



# Students Facing changing events

With all the changing events going on in the world around us, no one knew what to expect in '93. Many would have had a hard time keeping up with current events, but the social studies teachers were faced with this difficult challenge everyday. The students felt overwhelmed when trying to comprehend all of the evolving social problems, the effect of pollution

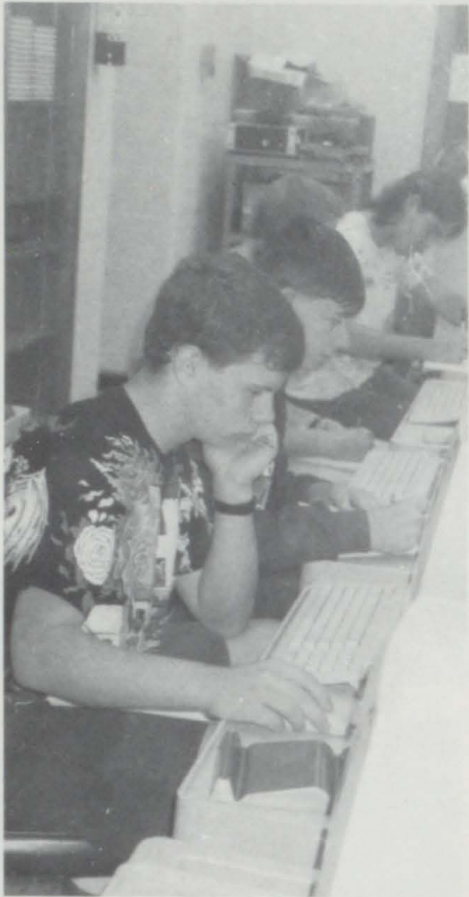
and the fluctuating economy.

Mrs. Carolyn Bane took advantage of the new computer lab by bringing her class each Friday to study on the program "MacGlobe." Students were able to see many facets of the countries plus listen to the national anthems.

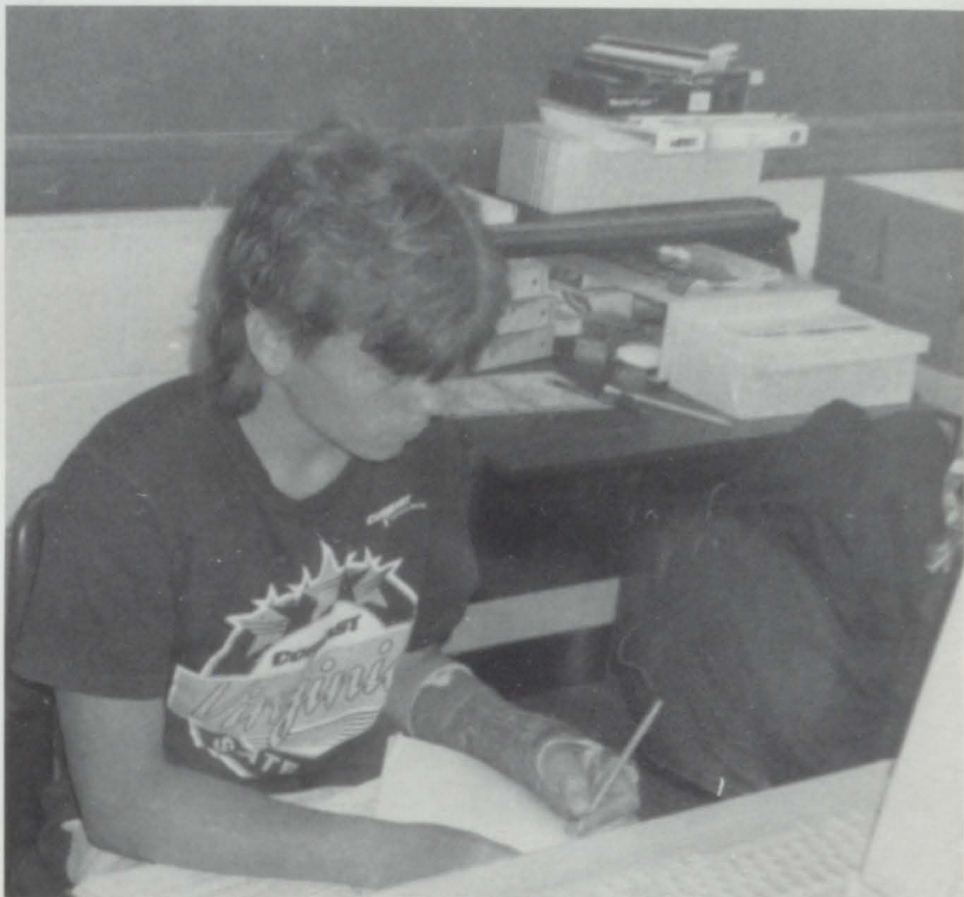
An important aspect of the year was the presidential election in November, '92. We had three mainstream candidates plus many more

sideliners ranging from doctors to teachers and even a prison inmate. The race centered around incumbent George Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. It was a tight race, with much mudslinging between all three candidates, but in the end Bill Clinton outran the rest to the finish line.

Jamie Kidd



**TOP LEFT:** Kary Taylor is in deep concentration as he manoeuvres the mouse in his study and use of *MacGlobe*.



**TOP RIGHT:** A broken arm doesn't interfere with J.R. Wolfe's social studies class.

**BOTTOM:** Mrs. Tibbs' seventh graders get full marks for concentrating on their instructor.



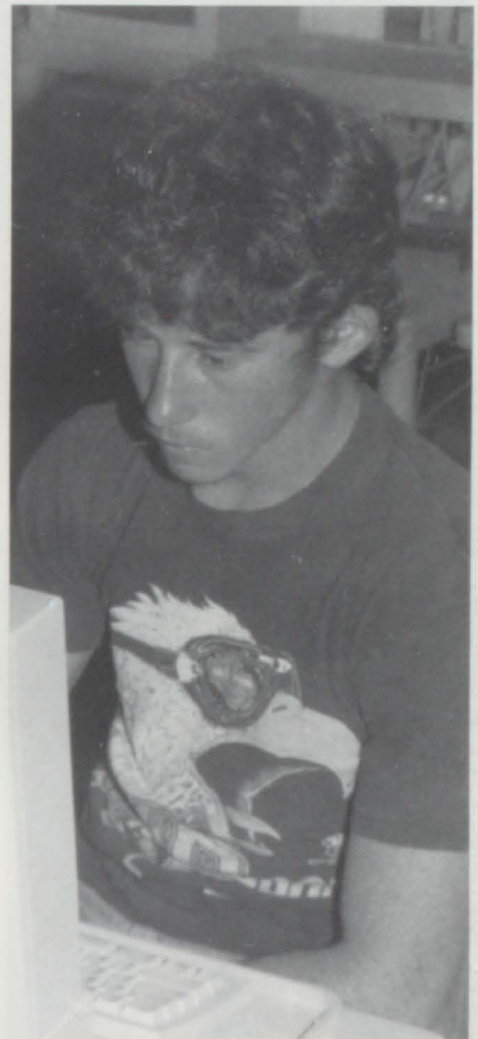


**TOP:** Mr. Fred Beamer lectures to his Civics class.

**CENTER LEFT:** Mrs. Carolyn Bane's social studies students discover global facts as they use the computers each Friday.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Scottie Tolbert searches for the correct information on his computer.

**BOTTOM:** Mr. Richard Havens instructs students in the intricacies of US History.



# Facing goals became challenge for pupils

**F**acing and meeting goals became challenging for students in physical education and vocational classes.

With the restoration of Wagner, elementary students once again had their own gym. Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday found them playing games, relays, and other structured activities under the instruction of Mrs. Patty Hankins. Secondary students still had health twice a week, completing the remaining time with physical activities under instructors Mr. Rich Hankins and Mr.

Robin Thacker.

Home economics pupils prepared food for winter storage (which they used in meal preparation), visited a local garage and learned to change a tire, and, with the use of a borrowed bed, practiced home nursing skills. They also prepared the refreshments for the dedication ceremonies.

In addition to regular farming studies, agriculture and shop students learned to operate equipment properly, and proudly made various pieces of furniture.

Students in Mrs. Carolyn Bane's Industrial Cooperative Training class found it entailed a lot more than showing up for class and work. They used the computers to prepare resumes and letters of application. They learned preparation and skills necessary for a successful interview.

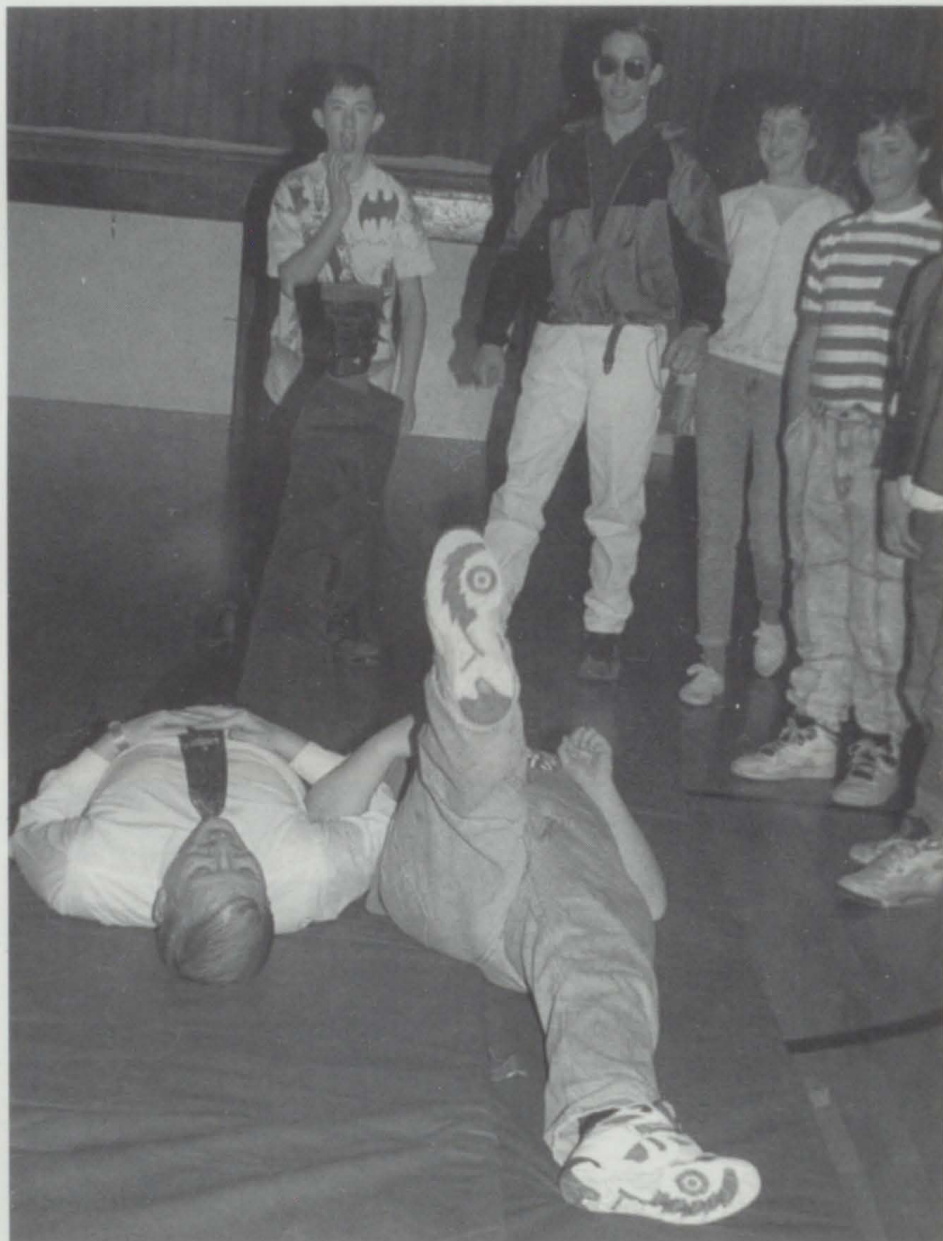
All students who took part in these classes were being readied for the outside world, learning what it takes to succeed in the world of today and tomorrow.

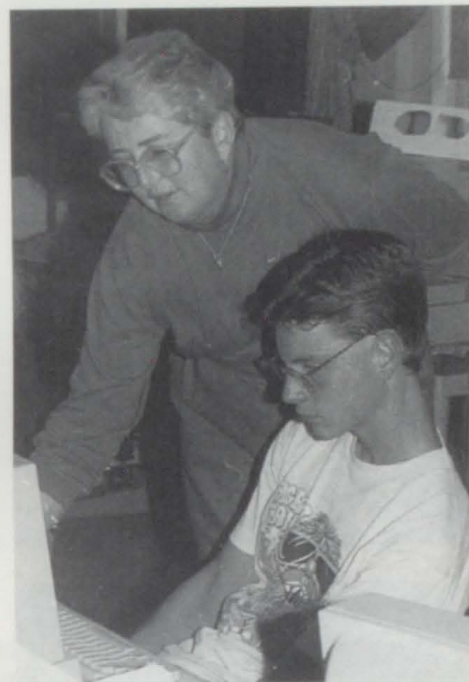
*Beth Shewey*



**ABOVE:** David Pike starts out swiftly in the relay, but the object for his head was on a slower pace. Second graders with instructor, Mrs. Patty Hankins became more adept at walking quickly with an object on their head.

**RIGHT:** Indian wrestling at its best. Finding a good action shot is not always easy, but this one practically fell into the lap of the photographer, and the subjects were completely unaware that a camera was lurking in their midst. Mr. Fred Simpkins and Josh Gusler perform the routine while class members observe.





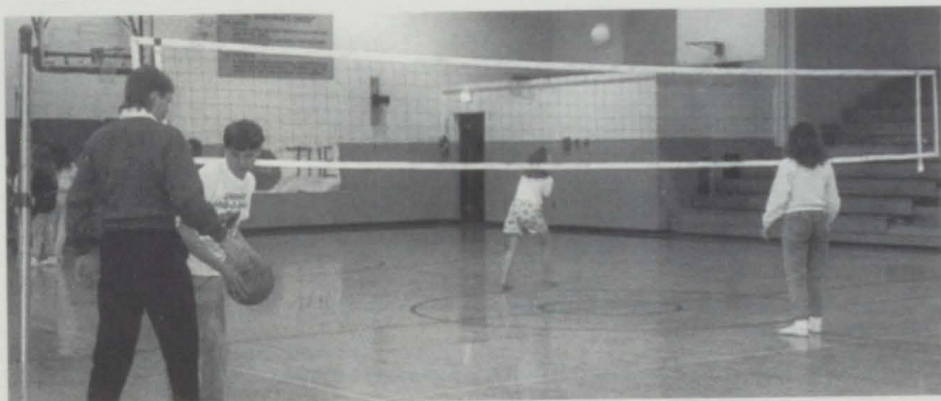
**TOP LEFT:** Learning to write acceptable resumes was a part of classwork for Vanessa Howell and Chad Morehead.

**TOP RIGHT:** Mary Spain successfully masters the art of tire changing with instructions from "Tomcat" Thompson.

**CENTER LEFT:** Travis Simmons dons a welding shield and receives support from Nathan Romano

**CENTER RIGHT:** Mrs. Carolyn Bane, ICT instructor, shows Chris Penley how to use the menus on the computer program.

**BOTTOM:** Secondary students enjoy the various types of sports during regular class room play.



# IBM update

The beginning of a new year brought Bland High's Vocational Department to the center of attention. With the purchase of 8 new IBMs and the installation of a new Computer Lab, the students considered Bland technologically updated.

As the year continued, the elementary classes were inducted into the world of computers. Ms. E. Newberry had the pleasure of teaching the elementary 7th, 6th, 5th grades basic keyboarding and beginners programming.

Mrs. J. Kegley also started Keyboarding Applications students on computers to promote a faster production time. Proudly implementing the new computers in all her business classes, Mrs. Kegley felt comfortable about the instruction they received and the skills they gained.

*Robert Sexton*



**LEFT-TOP:** Cindy Justice prepares her vocational work at the computer.

**LEFT-BOTTOM:** Ms. Carman Thompson from the ECPI Computer Institute talks to students about

the future world of business.

**RIGHT TOP AND BOTTOM:** Seventh grade students learn keyboarding at the new Computer Lab.

# *Faces*

## *in the crowd*



**Q.** What would you like to see changed in your county, state, and country to make it a better place to live?

**A.** Provide a way for young people to feel that they could have a chance at a good future. *Martha K. Shewey*

**A.** Reduce crime by giving criminals tougher sentences. *Matthew Newberry*

**A.** The law should crack down on everyone in the county, not just certain ones. It's not fair that some people can get by with a crime just because they have the right name. *Tracy Hall*

**A.** Change the ways that public assistance is given to people. The ones that are able to work shouldn't take advantage of the system. Those that can't work should get the benefits they deserve. *Laura Sadler*

# Community Life

# Following a year of change

**P**undits gave many names to the year 1992: the Year of the Woman, Bill Clinton's Year, the Year of Democracy. Perhaps the best name for 1992 would be "A Year of Change." Not only was Bland School's facade changing, but the face of the world was as well. The former Soviet Union experienced a total overhaul, with President Boris Yeltsin leading the reforms. All the republics of the USSR broke off to form their own countries, and a democratic government was established.

Tabloids were filled with the troubles in Britain's monarchy. Separation and possible divorce seemed imminent between Prince Charles and Princess Di.

Starvation in Somalia and Bosnia was of great concern to Americans. Food, medicine and troops were sent to aid these areas.

Gun control became a prominent matter as more students were found to have guns at school. Following several instances of classmates being threatened, injured, or killed, steps were taken to prevent guns on school premises.

The United States also experienced many changes in 1992. An increased number of banks either closing or merging caused deep anxiety for citizens. Also the rising unemployment and closing of long established businesses created worry for the future of our country. "Out with the old, in with the new," was one phrase heard by many as Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas became the forty-second President of the United States, receiving 43% of popular votes (Bush-38%, Perot-19%) and 357 electoral votes.

*Molly Richardson*



Somalis wait for food and supplies from the Red Cross.





**TOP LEFT:** Referred to as the three-ring circus, presidential candidates met for televised debates: George Bush, Ross Perot, Bill Clinton.

**TOP RIGHT:** A scientist examines the world's oldest intact human, found in the Alps on the border of Austria and Italy. He is called the Ice-Man, a 5,300-year-old wanderer.

**BOTTOM:** Leading separate lives are Prince Charles and Princess Di of England.



# Facing the changes for future generations

**N**ot only was the world changing, but Bland County also was experiencing some major makeovers. Due to the November 3rd elections, county school board members will no longer be appointed but elected by the community. Heated debates were held over such issues as a medical incinerator and a nuclear power plant, both of which would mean several changes in the lives of Bland Countians. Citizens worked hard to keep Bland County beautiful for future generations with a newly implemented recycling program.

The Bland County Bears football team, due to the dedication and hard work of people in the community, became one of the only combined varsity teams on the east coast.

Even the Bland County Fair looked different as torrential summer rains left the fairgrounds in a sea of mud.

All in all, Bland Countians were putting their best foot forward for the future.

*Molly Richardson*

**TOP:** Delegate Thomas Jackson delivered the keynote address for dedication of the new facilities. Other dignitaries share the stage, including elementary assistant principal, Fred Simpkins, III (on right).

**CENTER:** Former school board member, Charles Fore, and his wife Marsha are ushered to reserved seats by Wesley Strock for the dedication ceremonies on November 18, 1992.

**BOTTOM:** Football fans brave the cold to support the teams.



*Eyes  
for  
you*



Q. What changes are you making in your life?

A. I'm trying to become more reliable. *Mark Sarver*

A. Becoming more responsible. *Chris Tickle*

A. Trying really hard in extra-curricular activities. *Jason Lee*

A. I am becoming more active in sports. *Rae Romano*

A. I am becoming a more mature person and I have more responsibilities during my senior year. *Stephanie Goins*

People

**Mr. Roger Dale Thompson**

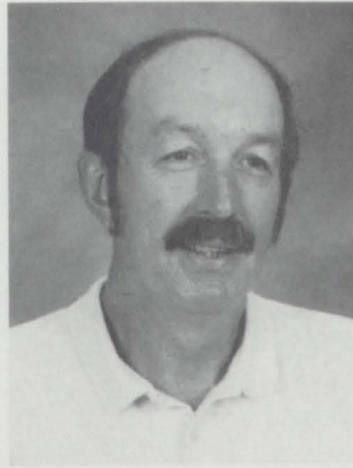
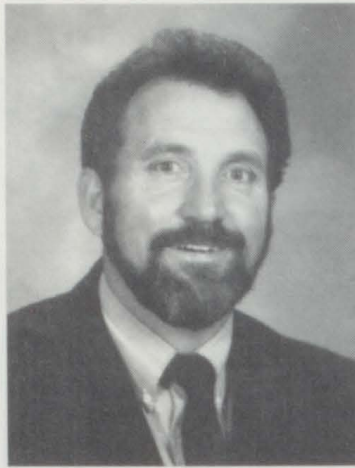
26 years; Principal; BS-VPI, MS-Radford U.

**Mr. Richard Crockett Havens**

24 years; Assistant Principal; U.S. History, Geography, Accounting; Sponsor: Senior Class, MACC Social Studies; BS-Bluefield State.

**Mrs. Carolyn B. Bane**

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



**Mr. Fred Beamer**

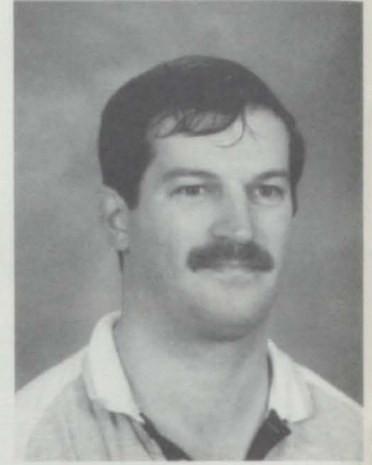
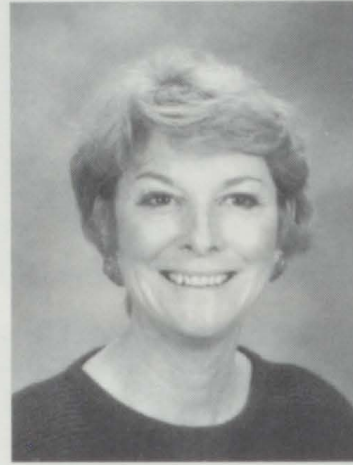
16 years; Economics, Government, Civics, Sociology; Sponsor: Sophomore Class; BS/MS-VPI & SU

**Mrs. Christine R. Bird**

13 years; English 8, 9, 10; Sponsor: Forensics, Newspaper, MACC All Around, 8th Grade Class; BS-Radford U.

**Mr. Thomas Nelson Bird**

12 years; Algebra I, Math I & II, Consumer Math, Pre-Algebra; Sponsor: 9th Grade Class; BS-Radford U.



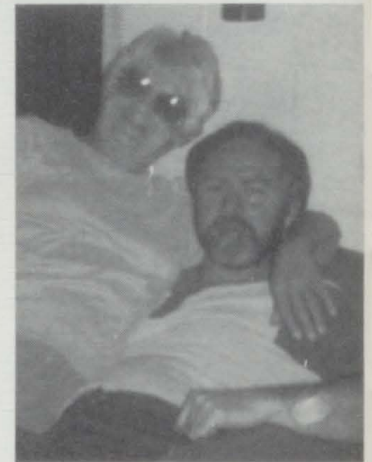
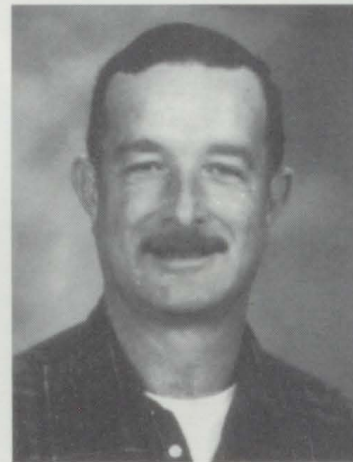
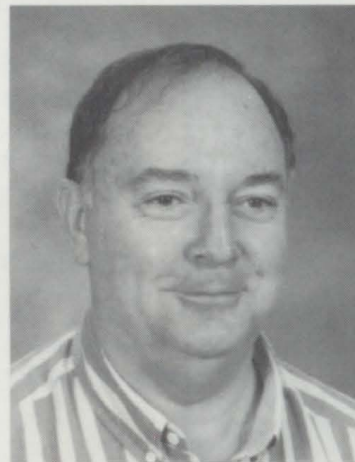
**Mr. Robert E. Correll**

6 years; Beginning, Intermediate, Secondary Band; BS-Austin Peay State U.

**Mr. William H. Crabtree**

26 years; Agriculture; Sponsor: FFA; BS/MS-VPI

What goes on in the teacher's lounge?? Margaret Miller and Robin Thacker caught by the camera.



## *Stone faces were always the same*

The high school faculty at BHS experienced many changes during the past two years due to construction projects and the remodeling of our school.

Academic changes were few, but structural changes moved several faculty members to different teaching stations. This meant years of accumulation had to be sorted and moved to

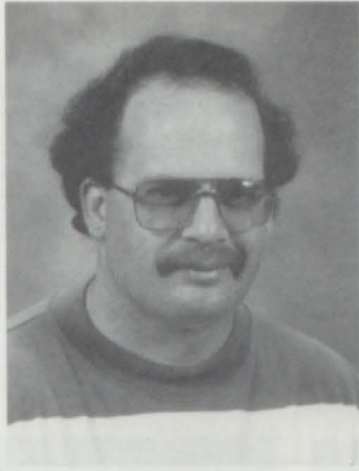
other quarters. Class assignments and size remained stabilized.

Teachers have always been told to keep a stern outlook and not smile until after Christmas. This accounted for the stony faces and unmoving dispositions of the faculty.

With the separation of high school and elementary faculties, the high school faculty felt severed at the first

faculty meeting. Many familiar faces were missed; however, these two faculties met by chance in meetings or corridors for brief hellos and shop talk.

Whether stony faced or enthusiastic, the faculty remained as an integral part of the education of our youth.



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

**Mr. Richard Dale Hankins**

7 years; Secondary Physical Education, Algebra I, Math II; Sponsor: JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball; BS-Bluefield State.

**Mrs. Sandra Green Harman**

15 years; Creative Writing, Secondary Adaptive; Sponsor: Newspaper, Yearbook, Sophomore Class; BS/MS-Radford U.



**Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley**

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

**Mrs. Kay Mabe**

12 years; Calculus, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry; Sponsor: Junior Class, MACC Math Coach, Latin Facilitator; BS-Radford U.

**Miss Teena Rae Morefield**

15 years; Counselor; Sponsor: Jr. Beta, Girls' Basketball, Volleyball; BS-Concord, MS-UVA



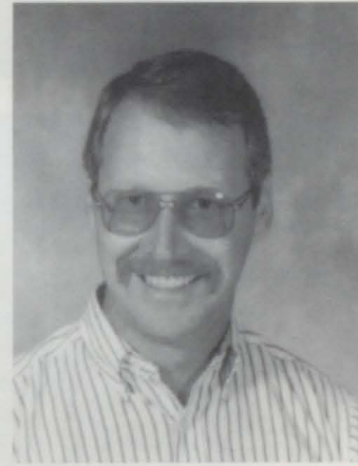
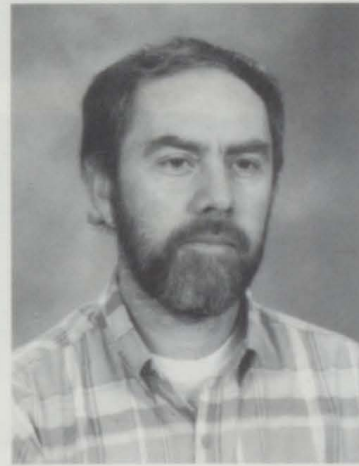
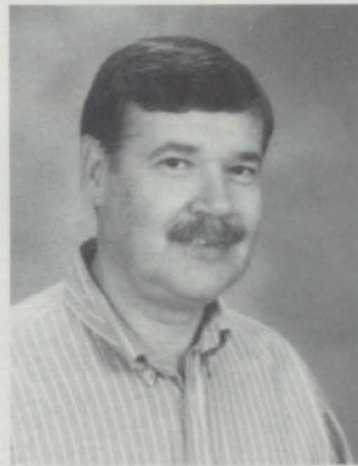
**Mrs. Betty K. Munsey**  
12 years (+9 County Extension Agent); Life Skills I & II, Family Management; Sponsor: FHA; BS/MS-VPI.

**Ms. Elizabeth G. Newberry**

25 years; Librarian-Secondary & Elementary, Elementary Computer Science; Sponsor: Yearbook, Library Club, Photography Club; BS/MS-Radford U.

**Miss Brenda Diane Rowe**

11 years; French I, II, III, IV; Sponsor: French Club; BA-Emory & Henry.



**Mr. Alfred E. Smith**

11 years; Biology I & II, Physical Science; Sponsor: Freshman Class, SCA; BS-Concord C.

**Mr. Larry W. Thacker**

21 years; Physical Education, Driver's Ed., Geography, American History; Sponsor: 8th Grade Class, JV/Varsity Baseball; BS-VPI.

**Mr. John Harkrader Wagoner**

8 years; Physical Science, Earth Science, Chemistry; Sponsor: MACC Science Coach, Photography Club; BS-Radford U.

# Facing 1993 with pride

**S**chool personnel served both Bland Elementary and Bland High School and added to the overall educational program. They enabled us to face 1993 with pride and determination.

Teacher aides assisted teachers and students and made each learning experience a true success. Bus drivers assured students and parents that children departed and arrived safely to and from school each day.

Lunch room workers and cafeteria staff provided nourishment and nutrition for the school population. The custodial staff kept our environment clean and safe on a daily basis.

**Mr. Louie Ayers**

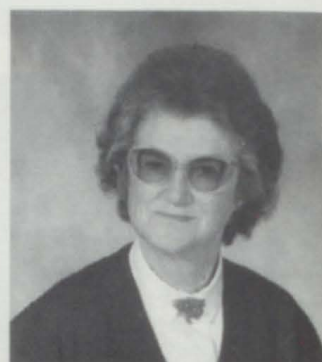
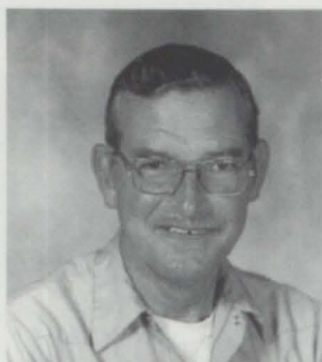
13 years; Maintenance

**Mrs. Norma Sue Beavers**

12 years; Chapter 1 Parent-Home Coordinator.

**Mrs. Violet Bird**

20 years; Instructional aide.



**Mr. Harold Bivens**

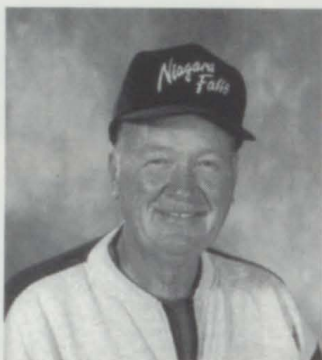
10 years; Bus driver.

**Mrs. Bonnie Compton Blankenship**

9 years; School secretary/bookkeeper; Sponsor; Cheerleaders

**Mrs. Helen Blankenship**

16 years; Remedial Reading/Math aide.



**Mrs. Nadine L. Bridges**

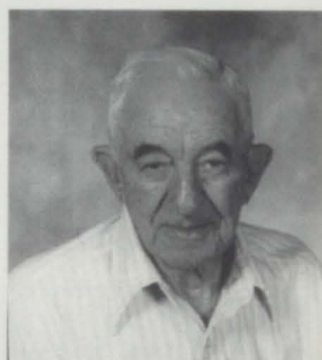
25 years; Instructional aide, Library aide; WCC.

**Mrs. Nancy Brown**

6 years; Lunchroom.

**Mr. Paul Burge**

13 years; Custodian (Green Thumb Program).



**Mrs. Joyce Cassell**

16 years; Instructional aide.

**Mr. William Moore Cregar**

17 years; Remedial Reading/Math aide, Bus driver; Marion College, WCC.

**Mrs. Louise Elmore**

1 year; Lunchroom.





**Mr. Charles T. Fain**  
2 year; Maintenance Supervisor



**Mrs. Pam Gore**  
24 years; Elementary School Secretary.



**Mrs. Irma K. Havens**  
8 years; Bus driver.



**Mr. Harvey Hull**  
1 year; Custodian



**Mrs. Pat Johnson**  
12 years; Instructional Aide.



**Mrs. Flora Jones**  
1 year; Lunchroom.



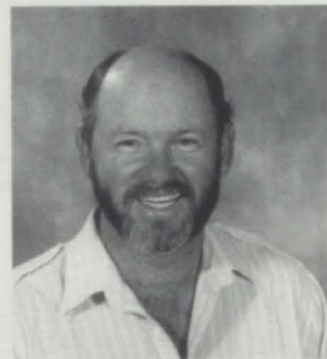
**Miss Lana Lindamood**  
1 year; Student teacher; Bluefield College.



**Mrs. Susie Meadows**  
7 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.



**Mrs. Mary Melvin**  
15 years; Lunchroom.



**Mr. Jimmy Michael**  
5 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.



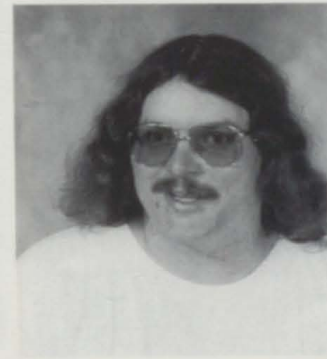
**Mrs. Margaret Miller**  
20 years; Bus driver, Vocational transportation.



**Mrs. Virginia Morehead**  
1 year; Lunchroom



**Mrs. Linda Moses**  
5 years; bus driver.



**Mr. Cecil Nelson**  
3 years; Custodian.



**Mrs. Regina Newberry**  
16 years; Bus driver.

**Mrs. Brenda Penley**  
10 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.

**Mrs. Brenda Pike**  
12 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.

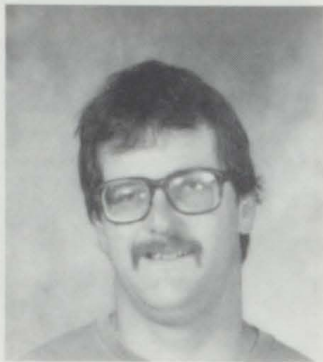
**Mrs. Zola Repass**  
3 years; Library assistant (Green Thumb Program).



**Mr. Keith Sargent**  
7 years; Custodian.

**Mrs. Nancy Stockner**  
20 years; Bland County Gifted Education Assistant.

**Mrs. Iris Stroch**  
6 years; Elementary Resource Music, Substitute teacher.



**Mrs. Dot Tibbs**  
14 years; Lunchroom.

**Mr. Sonny Turner**  
10 years; Custodian.

**Mrs. Mary Wimmer**  
7 years; Bus driver, Substitute teacher.



## *Three into one and one became two*

When does three go into one and one into two? When three schools — Bland, Ceres, and Hollybrook — became one elementary school, teachers

and students were transplanted to the new facilities. Bland Elementary School came into being. What was formerly one school (Bland Combined) became a separate high school and an

elementary school even though they were still housed under one roof. Students, parents, educators, and support personnel faced the new creation with optimism.

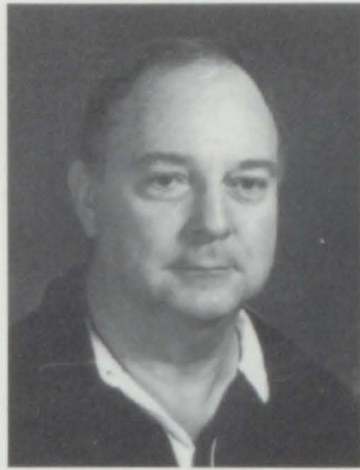
**Mrs. Ruth W. Groseclose**  
29 years; Principal; BS-Concord C., MS-Radford U.

**Mr. Fred J. Simpkins, III**  
15 years; Assistant Principal, Seventh Grade; AAS-WCC, BA-Emory & Henry.

**Mrs. Ruth Ann Barton**  
2 years; Second grade; BS-Bluefield State.







**Mrs. Rita Elizabeth**

**Carver**

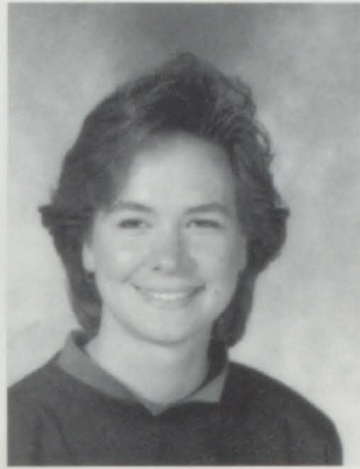
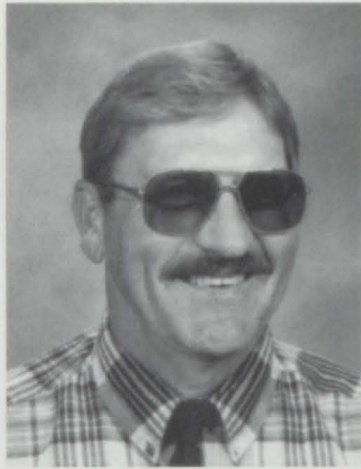
3 years; Chapter I Reading; BS-Bluefield College.

**Mrs. Sue Coleman**

14 years; Sp. Ed. Resource; BS/MS-Radford U.

**Mr. Robert E. Correll**

6 years; Beginning, Intermediate, Secondary Band; BS-Austin Peay State U.



**Mrs. Sue Dunford**

25 years; Third grade; BS-Radford U.

**Dr. David Clark Foltz**

28 years; Elementary guidance; BA-Roanoke, MA-Kean, PhD-Souther Ill. U.

**Mrs. Patricia S. Hankins**

4 years; Elementary Physical Education; BS-Bluefield College.



**Ms. Jo Ellen Harless**

17 years; LD/EMH Modified Self-Contained; BS-Concord College, MS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Barbara M. Justice**

7 years; Fourth grade; BS-Pikeville C.

**Mrs. Deborah Diane Massie**

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



**Mrs. Debi Maxfield**

3 years; First grade; BS-Bluefield College.

**Mrs. June M. Miller**

30 years; First Grade; BS-King College.

**Mrs. Rachelle C. Nelson**

4 years; Sixth Grade; BA-Alice Lloyd C.

**Ms. Elizabeth G. Newberry**

25 years; Librarian, Computer Science; BS/MS-Radford U.



**Mrs. Norma G. Newberry**

27 years; Fifth Grade; Gifted Coordinator; BS-Radford U.

**Ms. Aleene U. Niday**

24 years; Third Grade; BS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Iris C. Pruett**

22 years; Kindergarten; BS-Radford U.



**Mrs. Laura Radford**

2 years; Sixth Grade; BS-Bluefield College.

**Mrs. Janet Hamilton Scott**

20 years; Fourth Grade; BS/MS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Rebecca W. Scott**

19 years; Kindergarten; BA-King C., MA-Radford U.



**Mrs. Michelle Dunn Thompson**

7 years; Speech Pathologist; BS-Radford U.

**Mrs. Diana Tibbs**

4 years; Seventh Grade; BS-Bluefield State.

**Mrs. Gwen Vicars**

5 years Social Work, 8 years teaching; First grade; BS-ETSU, BS-Bluefield State.



**Mrs. Amber Renee Witt**

7 years; Second grade; BS-Concord C.

**Ms. Kimberly Dyane Woods**

4 years; Fifth Grade; BS-Radford U.

## *Facing the loss of dear friends*

Loss is always painful and so it was for Bland Schools when Mary Lee Tickle and Jonathan Hilton died.

Mary Lee served Bland as an elementary teacher's aide for 26 years. She performed her tasks with quiet professional dignity and was respected by students and faculty. She retired in the summer of 1992 to her farm in the Cracker's Neck section of Bland County where she enjoyed reading, gardening and her two grandchildren. Mary Lee died November 4, 1992, following a massive heart attack.

Jonathan Hilton attended Bland Elementary School for only one year, but his quick bright smile stole the hearts of his teachers and classmates. Jonathan enjoyed sports and Nintendo. Medical tests did not locate his trouble until his untimely death on May 31, 1992.

Mary Lee Tickle at school, on her birthday, and on her farm.

Jonathan Hilton at school and at home.



# Newest members face unfamiliar scene

The newest members on the scene were the Kindergartners experiencing new found independence while per-

fecting academic skills. Facing the challenge of moving from freedom to school was a big step for these five year olds. Besides the academics of

letters, numbers, shapes and colors, they faced the social aspects of getting along with others in a structured setting.

## Pruett-K

Bobby Baker  
Tiffany Casey  
Christopher  
Emmerson  
Phillip Henson  
Shana Jones



M. J. Mallory  
Amanda Millirons  
Lindsey Newberry  
Josh Pauley  
Nicholas Pauley



Lesley Repass  
Joshua Shelton  
Jock Songer  
Carmella Thompson  
Jeremiah Thompson



Derrick Tibbs  
Ashley Tickle



Billy Umbarger  
Angela Walker



Lindsey Newberry receives a painted pumpkin on her cheek by Stayce Tibbs.



Kindergarteners dress up for Halloween. Becky Goss, cheerleader; Daniel King, clown; Adam Baker, Ninja.



**B. Scott-K**

Brittany Allen  
Kayla Anders



Adam Baker  
Gabrielle Dean



Alicia Delvalle  
Ashley Dillow  
Jenna Dunn  
Justin Dunn  
Ashley Edwards



Brandon Faulkner  
Becky Goss  
A. J. Justus  
Jimmy Kent  
Daniel King



Krystal McGuire  
Jerrod Miller  
Zachary Neal  
Harley Taylor  
Jared Umbarger



**LEFT:** Mrs. Becky Pruett and Mrs. Iris Pruett enjoy dressing up for Halloween, too.  
**RIGHT:** Spooks, goblins, turtles, etc. from Kindergarten line up to be judged on originality, scariest, and funniest.

# Facing adjustments

Due to consolidation, newcomers from Hollybrook and Ceres had to learn to adjust to life at Bland. By the end of the first week of school, they had made new friends and pretty well

mastered all the ropes of adjustments. Throughout the year they added to their world of knowledge with subjects of math and science. Although first grade was fun, this group of first graders anxiously awaited second grade.

Teachers were Mrs. Gwen Vicars and Mrs. Debbie Maxfield (who taught until Mrs. June Miller was able to return).

First graders go all out for Halloween.

## Miller-Maxfield-1st

Lee Bailey, Jr.  
Tara Clemons  
Travis Coffman



Kasey Crider  
Melissa Foglesong  
Amber Groseclose



Jennifer Hale  
Madeline Harden  
Brandon Hounshell  
Daniel Johnson  
Brittany Keene



Jessica Melvin  
Derek Parker  
Aaron Parks  
Joey Pauley, Jr.  
Erin Pruett



Vada Ramsey  
Dustin Riggins  
Todd Scott  
Travis Thompson  
Dana Umbarger



**LEFT:** Madeline Harden takes a turn at reading while Mrs. June Miller guides her.



**RIGHT:** First graders show no inhibitions to opening up and singing during the spring music concert. They sang "Hush Little Baby".

**Viars-1st**

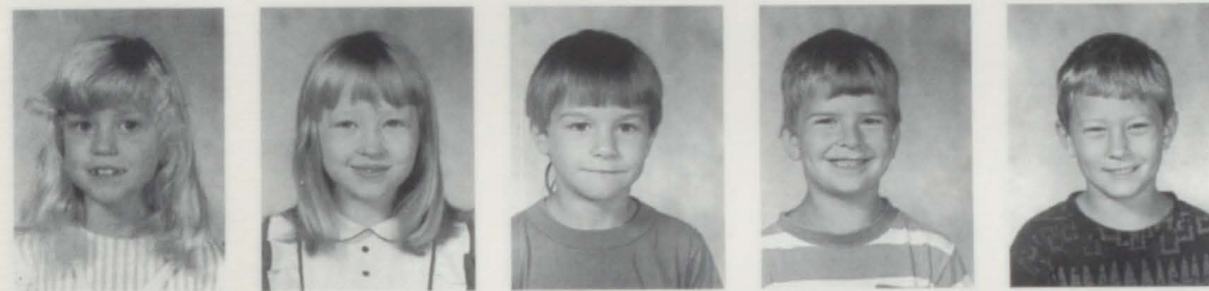
Magnum Bivens  
Angela Blankenship  
Jenna Blankenship



Shaun Carroll  
Kimberly Crusenberry  
Chris Dillow



Tiffany Grubb  
Autumn Haynes  
Jeremiah Hickman  
Ben Johnson  
Jonathan Kidd



Justin Morehead  
Andy Mutter  
Alice Nunn  
Erica Pauley  
David Peery



Jerrod Sadler  
Angel Sparks  
Alice Stone  
Logan Tate  
Paul Thompson



# Confidence in facing 1993

With kindergarten and first grade behind them, second graders were confident and ready to face 1993. Learning new skills and perfecting reading and math both challenged and en-

tertained the second graders. Under the careful instructions of Mrs. Ruth Barton and Mrs. Ambert Witt these second graders again advanced in their academic goals.

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**LEFT:** Second graders pay no attention to the microphones facing them as they perform "Skip to My Lou" during the PTSO music concert.

**RIGHT:** Mrs. Ruth Groseclose, elementary principal, takes time from her busy schedule to watch students at play.



## Barton-2nd

Zachary Breedlove  
Matt Dalton  
Heather Griffith



Beth Harden  
Christopher Harman  
Samantha Harner  
Brandon Kelley  
Travis Mutter



David Pike  
Shauna Puckett  
Adam Six  
Brandy Tate  
James Thompson



Kolt Walker  
Brandon Webb  
Kevin Wimmer  
Heather Wright





LEFT: Kolt Walker has to stabilize the object on his head while competing with classmates in a relay.  
 RIGHT: Second grade classroom scene with Mrs. Violet Bird, aide, in the background.



Witt-2nd

Jacob Begley  
 Kelly Blankenship  
 Keri Blankenship  
 Paul Bruce  
 Alicia Burnette



Ashlee Drummond  
 Jackie Duncan  
 Sherri Faulkner  
 Steven Howell  
 Serina Morris



Michael Osborne  
 Bridget Stiltner  
 Benny Taylor  
 Jessie Umbarger  
 Christopher Viars



Danny Williams  
 Nikki Wilson  
 Robbie Wolfe  
 James Wright  
 Kim Wright

**Dunford-3rd**

J. P. Agee  
Brandon Anders



Seth Baker  
Mandy Call



Third graders enjoy the antics in singing "She'll be coming around the mountain". Shanna Brown, Lisa Pauley, Corey Maddox, Anthony Newberry

Scottie Clemons  
Gary Dalton  
Amanda Gail Fisher  
Amanda Jo Foglesong  
Denita Harden



Shawn Helbert  
Bryan Hockett  
Jessica Hounshell  
Larry Howell  
Amber Hutchins



Matthew Justice  
Christina King  
Anthony Newberry  
Alisha Pauley  
Melissa Sadler



Andy Sarver  
Hunter Stuart  
Joey Walker  
Sam Wright





**Niday-3rd**

Shanna Brown  
Eugene Brunk, Jr.  
John Clemons  
John Brandon Dillow  
Casey Elliott



Miranda Foley  
Adam Harman  
Thomas Johnson  
Corey Maddox  
Reggie Meadows



Tonya Millirons  
Tarah Pauley  
Travis Pauley  
J. R. Shewey  
Todd Simmons



Bryan Simms  
Trista Six  
Dorothy Umberger  
Danielle Underwood  
William Whittaker



Craig Winesett  
David Wolcott  
D. J. Wright

# A New Beginning



Mrs. Niday's third graders prepare for relays in P.E. class.

As the third grade teachers and students embarked on the 92-93 school season, they stepped into a whole new world, a world without combined classes and each grade having two classes. The renovations and additions to elementary supplied new adventures and experiences for learning. The new school term meant the beginning of many new and lasting friendships.

**J. Scott-4th**

Shelley Atwell  
Samantha Bird  
Elizabeth Blankenship  
Karen Brumsey  
Albert Davis



Kari Hagy  
Eisle Havens  
Amy Johnson  
Allen Kistler  
Kirstie Meadows



Rachel Mullins  
Joshua Putnam

Fourth graders in Mrs. Jan Scott's class learned to clean a cage and care for a pet white mouse from instructor Billy Davis. Billy Davis, Elizabeth Blankenship, Kristen Songer, Kari Hagy, Albert Davis (with the mouse in the globe).



Sara Reed  
Matthew Richardson



Kristen Songer  
Ronald Spain  
Kevin Stump  
Shane Thompson  
Matthew Tickle



## *Facing change and culture*

Accepting and facing change became reality when Hollybrook and Ceres students consolidated with Bland. New relationships developed as they studied homelife and backgrounds for a better understanding of people and be-

havior. During reading time they experienced different cultures through assigned novels. Involvement in art projects, multiplication tables and Roman numerals broadened their knowledge and skills. Through guest speakers they were better informed on the

hazards of drugs and smoking. Their increased knowledge prepared them to face literacy testing in the spring.

Mrs. Jan Scott's room earned free time on Friday with choices of movies or learning more about their world.



Fourth graders perform "Went up on the mountain" for the spring music concert.



**Justice-4th**

Laura Bridges  
Monica Havens  
Renea Hutzel  
Lisa Ann Karns  
Beth Lambert



Benjamin May  
Vanessa McBride  
Hope Melvin  
Edwin Paciga  
Zachary Pauley



Joey Pierce  
Sarah Pruet  
Jesse Rudder  
Katie Scott  
Charlie Stiltner



Ashley Stowers  
Ashley Strock  
Erica Vanover  
Jessie Whittaker  
James Williams



**LEFT:** Sarah Pruet puts the finishing touches on her T-shirt. Mrs. Barbara Justice's class made T-shirts, candy canes, and ornaments.

**RIGHT:** Fourth graders do their shopping at the PTSO Christmas store in the Home Ec. room.

# Facing the Grizzlies!

For fifth graders the Grizzlies were Mrs. Norma Newberry and Miss Kadi Woods. For Mrs. Newberry and Miss Woods, the

Grizzlies were fifth graders! For the first time this class was divided, eliminating some previous problems, but also separating close friends. Making new friends

healed the gap and they began planning the annual Indian villages and wildflower scrapbooks. Ashley Tate won first place for her Indian village.

## Newberry-5th

Carey Berg  
Kurt Blankenship  
Allesha Bourne  
Sarah Coffman  
Lian Cole



Josh Faulkner  
Kristina Goins  
Jason Hagy  
Nathan Justice  
Rob Kegley



David Keene  
Joshua Moore  
Justin Neel  
Robert Newberry  
Chris Pauley



Meagan Penley  
Crystal Stiltner



Ashley Tate  
April Umbarger



Ashley Tate poses with her prize winning Indian village.





**Woods-5th**

Aaron Clemons

Mrs. Kadi Woods class gives most of their attention to the task at hand, preparing the assignment.



Brandon Faulkner  
Brian Faulkner  
James Faulkner  
Jeremy Hale  
Kelli Hall



Crystal Hancock  
Jessica Kidd  
Heather Morehead  
Stuart Morehead  
Michael Aaron Pauley



Will Pauley  
Virginia Presley  
Lila Ramsey  
Kellen Shewey  
Kelly Sluss



Ted Sparks  
Emily Sternowski  
Amy Viar  
Shayla Williams  
Dawn Wright



With considerable animation, fifth graders sing "Froggie went a courtin'" during the spring music concert.

# Getting to know new faces

**A**ble, anxious, active, ambitious, artistic. All of these describe this year's sixth graders. Mrs. Rachelle

Nelson and Mrs. Laura Radford, along with many of their students experienced a new beginning at Bland. Getting to know each other

was the first thing on their minds. Every Friday, under the *DARE* program, these students found out  
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## Radford-6th

D. J. Belcher  
Will Blankenship  
Josh Breedlove  
Nikki Elliott  
Billy Floyd



Kari Harner  
Cecily Havens  
Nehemiah Hickman  
Erin Johnson  
Mandy Jones



Kent McPeak  
Katie Muncy  
Brad Myrick  
Heath Puckett  
Josh Richardson



Rikki Sarver  
Olena Sexton  
Jeremiah Tate



Daniel Thompson  
Nathan Winters  
Kelly Woods



Sixth graders prepare posters for the DARE program.





Lorin Hanshew, member of the sheriff's department and coordinator for the DARE program, talks to sixth graders about the dangers and problems of drugs.

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about the different types of drugs and the eight ways to say no to drugs. In January they worked under the leadership of Ms. Elizabeth Newberry in keyboarding and computer literacy. During the spring they faced Passport Literacy Testing.



**Nelson-6th**

Randy Berrington, Jr.  
Chris Berg  
April Blankenship  
Jeff Brunk  
Jessica Crawford



Leslie Gordon  
Jesse Goss  
Clinton Hagy  
Shasta Jones  
Michael Lambert



Joshwa Lester  
Josie McMillan  
Joe Meadows  
Weston Patton  
Tina Pauley



Casie Pruitt  
Titus Ramsey  
Ashleigh Sarver  
Allison Sheets  
Amber Simmons



Brent Tate  
T. J. Thompson  
Jessica Umbarger  
Christa Winesett

# Facing changing classes and teachers

Under the instruction of Mrs. Diana Tibbs and Mr. Fred Simpkins, III, seventh graders faced changing classes

and teachers. Mrs. Tibbs covered Language Arts, Science and Health while Mr. Simpkins taught Math, Social Studies, Science and Health.

The introduction of Computer Science found some students facing a "boxed" keyboard when they persisted in watching their hands.

## Tibbs-7th

Leslie Carroll  
Kelly Dunn  
Jason Groseclose  
Josh Gusler  
Leisa Hagy



Ashley Havens  
Nikki Howell  
Kelli King  
Brooke Kitts  
Patrick Lindamood



Philip Meadows  
Sandra Melvin  
Debbie Munsey  
David Neel  
April Nelson



Jim Bob Penley  
Megan Shewey  
Heather Stiltner  
Lorie Tabor  
Jeremy Thompson



Carol Whittaker  
Sondra Wolfe  
Missy Woods



Drama was at its best in the haunted house enacted by seventh graders. It was dark, scary and fearsome.



**Simpkins-7th**

Sarah Bird  
Amanda Blankenship  
Kris Blankenship  
JoAnne Brumsey  
Adam Carroll



Jeremy Dillow  
Adam Faulkner  
Stephanie Ferrari  
Michael Fulford  
Debra Galyean



Whitney Gamble  
Amy Hatcher  
Jacob Hess  
Stephanie Kelley  
Sara King



Paul Lindamood  
Stacey Miller  
Ryan Newberry  
Charlotte Nunn  
Sharon Shewey



Sarah Smith  
Erin Thompson  
John K. Thompson  
Isaac Tyeryar  
Jenny Walker



Ronnie Wolfe

Adam Faulkner, Vince Moore, and Ashley Havens pantomime a skit for 4-H and elementary music program.

# Candid photos can be embarrassing

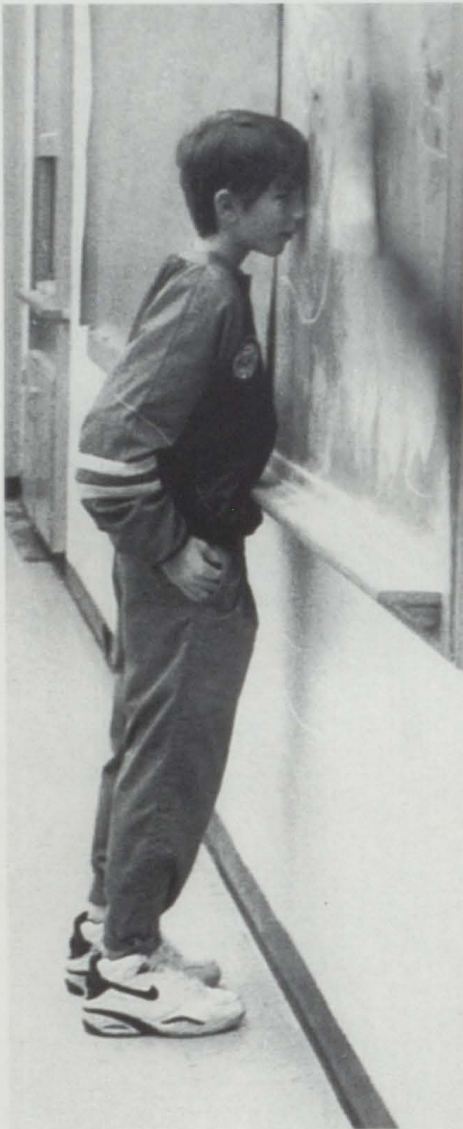
Facing candid photos in yearbooks, we often ask ourselves, "What was I doing", or "Where did I get that outfit?" One quick click of the shutter and that stupid look on your face was frozen in time forever. Often these pictures

were embarrassing or even humiliating when our friends saw them.

As we look back, we will remember things we thought were forgotten — the laughter we shared, the tears we cried, and the practical jokes we played on one another. These mem-

ories and candid photos mean something different to each of us, but we can all cherish and treasure them in our own special way.

Cindy Justice



**TOP LEFT:** What have you done, Vince Moore, that caused your teacher to place your nose in a circle at the board?

**TOP RIGHT-*The Way We Were:*** As Kindergartners-**Front Row:** Sheree Burton, Kathy Shewey, Pam Harden, Tracy Hall, Stephanie Goins, Becky Mallory, Matthew Newberry, Angel Mitchem. **Back Row:** Michael Cochram, Robert Sexton, Crystal Thompson.

**BOTTOM:** Academic enrichment students prepare and exhibit project for the public to view.



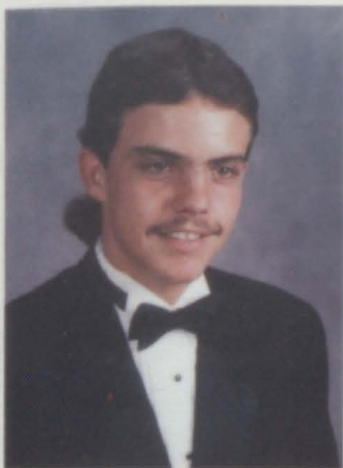
# The Class of '93 faced changes

The Class of '93 faced many changes during their final year at Bland High School. Not only had the school's looks changed but also the name. What was formerly Bland Combined School was now

Bland High School and Bland Elementary School, each with its own office and principal.

Having only 34 students, this year's class was the smallest in the school. However, they compensated by accepting active roles in academ-

ics, sports, and extra-curricular activities. Leaving old friends behind and facing the future brought the greatest challenge for this year's seniors.



**Sherman Lee Alford**

Nickname: Sherman  
Birthdate: 3/14/74  
Future Plans: Truck Driver

**Mindy Christine Brewster**

Nickname: Mini  
Birthdate: 12/20/74  
Future Plans: Go to college

**Sheree Dawn Burton**

Nickname: Sheree  
Birthdate: 5/1/75  
Future Plans: Go to college



**Lori Lynn Compton**

Nickname: Lori  
Birthdate: 8/3/75  
Future Plans: Go to college

**Mary Margaret Gibson**

Nickname: Squirrel  
Birthdate: 3/3/75  
Future Plans: Dental Hygiene

**Stephanie Lynn Goins**

Nickname: Steph  
Birthdate: 9/23/75  
Future Plans: Nursing



**Tracy Lynn Hall**

Nickname: Tray  
Birthdate: 3/15/75  
Future Plans: College

**Kevin Bradley Harden**

Nickname: Brad  
Birthdate: 6/9/75  
Future Plans: College

**Pamela Denise Harden**

Nickname: Pam  
Birthdate: 10-7-75  
Future Plans: Vet. Tech.

**SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS:**

Kathy Shewey, reporter; Stayce Tibbs, treasurer; Tracy Hall, secretary; Becky Mallory, vice-president; Beth Shewey, president; Mr. Richard Havens and Mrs. Janet Faulkner, advisers.



**Vanessa Marie Howell**

Nickname: Worm  
Birthdate: 3-5-75  
Future Plans: Bus. Management

**Cindy Evelyn Justice**

Nickname: Cindy  
Birthdate: 5/9/75  
Future Plans: Physical Therapy

**Tina Sue Kimberlin**

Nickname: Tina  
Birthdate: 6/22/75  
Future Plans: Security Guard



**Keith Wayne Long**

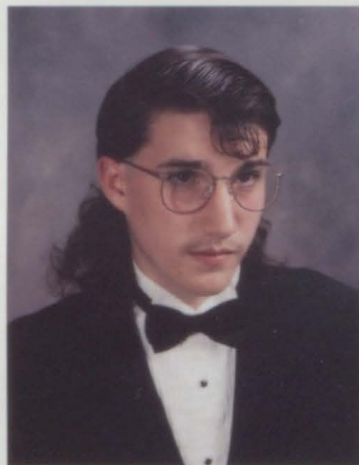
Nickname: Keith  
Birthdate: 12/15/75  
Future Plans: Art

**Rebecca Sue Mallory**

Nickname: ScraPi  
Birthdate: 4/14/75  
Future Plans: College

**Eric Bradley Martin**

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Birthdate: 12/16/75  
Future Plans: Work



**Matthew Michael Newberry**

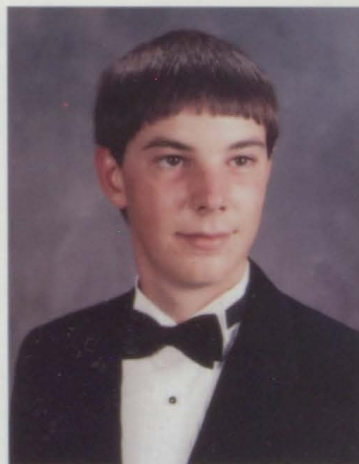
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**Kevin Lee Pauley**

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**Bridgette Renee Penley**

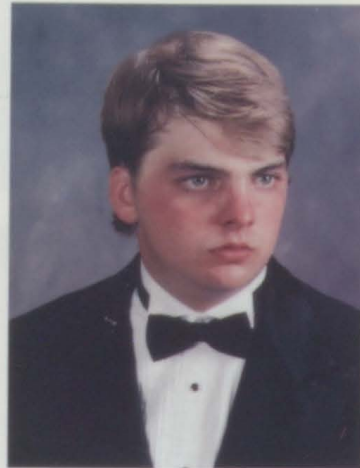
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Birthdate: 8/17/75  
Future Plans: Extension Agent





**TOP RIGHT:** Stayce Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Pam Harden plan FBLA project.

**TOP LEFT:** Shopping in Williamsburg during the Beta trip, Stephanie Goins, Lori Compton, and Cindy Justice donned evening wear from the fitting room.



**Stacy Edward Perkins**

Nickname: Captin Red  
 Birthdate: 3/26/75  
 Future Plans: Mechanic



**Joseph Shane Putman**

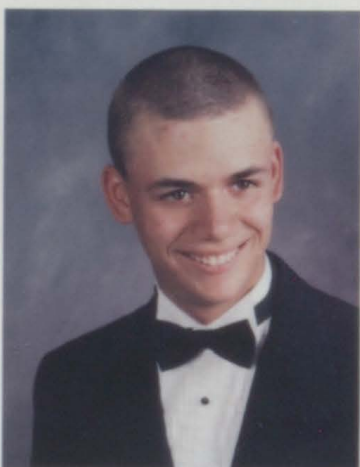
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 Birthdate: 1/22/74  
 Future Plans: Military

**John Leonard Reed**

Nickname: Johnny  
 Birthdate: 11/21/74  
 Future Plans: Music

**Molly Jo Richardson**

Nickname: Molly  
 Birthdate: 1/17/76  
 Future Plans: Law School



**Michelle Lynn Rickman**

Nickname: Shellie  
 Birthdate: 2/15/74  
 Future Plans: Physical therapy

**Nathan Eric Romano**

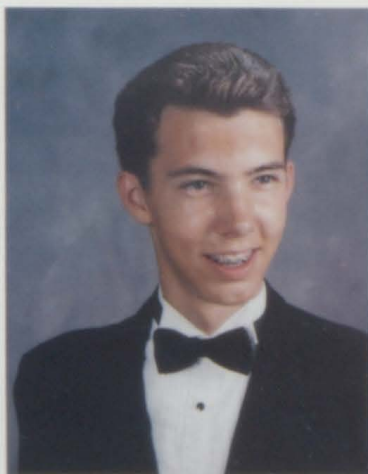
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 Birthdate: 2/23/75  
 Future Plans: Army

**Laura Victoria Sadler**

Nickname: Lou  
 Birthdate: 7/5/75  
 Future Plans: Police Science

**Robert Olen Sexton**

Nickname: Robert  
Birthdate: 3/26/75  
Future Plans: WCC



**Bethane Kate Shewey**

Nickname: Buffy  
Birthdate: 5/30/75  
Future Plans: Bus. Ed.



**Martha Kathleen Shewey**

Nickname: Kathy  
Birthdate: 6/25/75  
Future Plans:

**James Travis Simmons**

Nickname: Swing Belly  
Birthdate: 11/10/75  
Future Plans:



**Rachel Marie Davis Sparks**

Nickname: Rachel  
Birthdate: 7/27/74  
Future Plans: College

**Crystal Dawn Thompson**

Nickname: Crystal  
Birthdate: 12/10/74  
Future Plans: College

**Stacy Lynn Tibbs**

Nickname: Stacy  
Birthdate: 8/20/75  
Future Plans:



**Marcella Lynn Wellman**

Nickname: Marcy  
Birthdate: 10/22/75  
Future Plans: Biology Teacher

**Douglas Eugene Wiley**

Nickname: Wiley Coyote  
Birthdate: 1/10/75  
Future Plans: Marine Corps

Senior boys receive lockers and keys from Mr. Roger Thompson, principal, the first day of school.





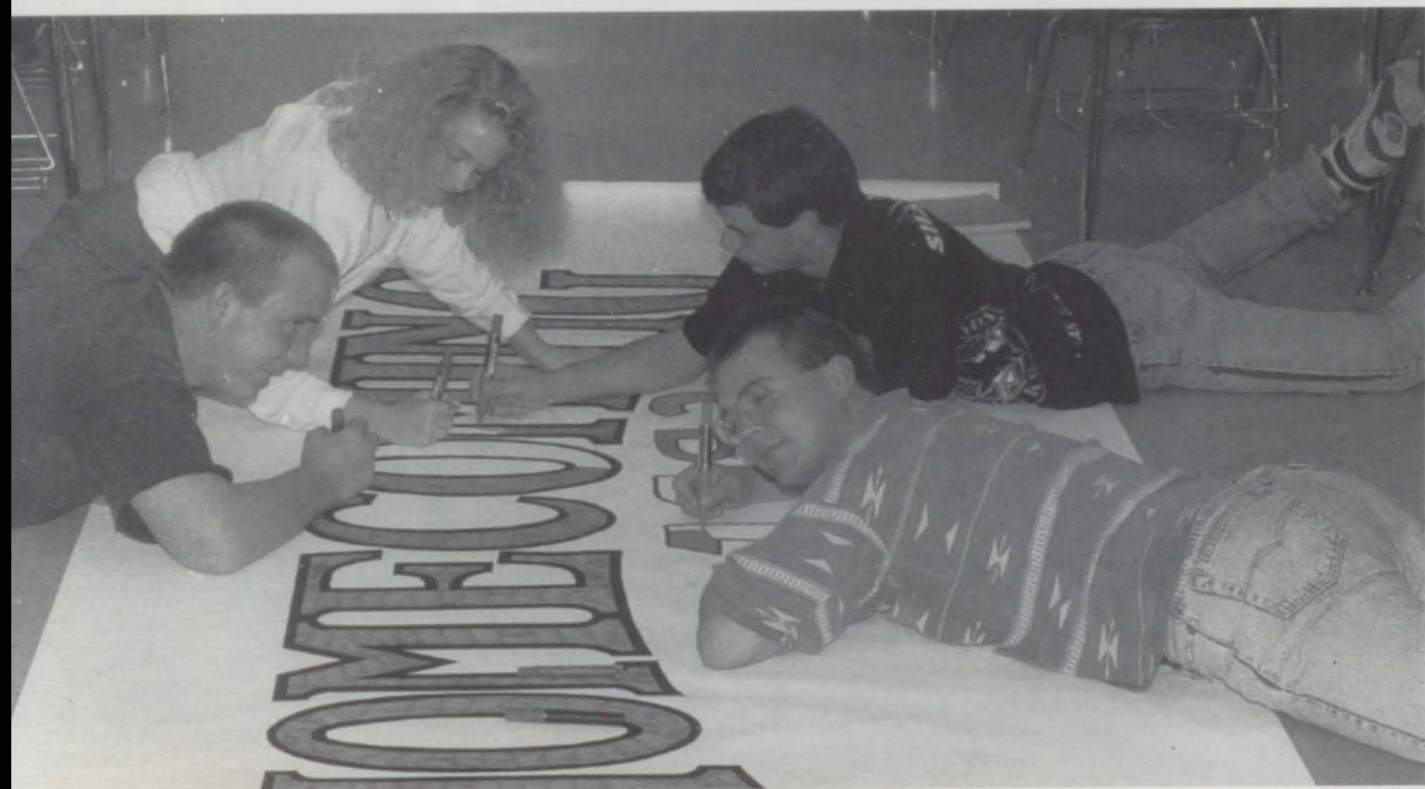


**TOP:** Fans concentrate and give support to the homecoming game, Jason Neel, Laura Bridges, Jeff Brown, Mrs. Iris Strock, and Jamie Dunn.

**CENTER RIGHT:** On vacation at Holden Beach and Cape Fear, Ryan Newberry checks out an old Civil War anchor.

**CENTER LEFT:** One of the homecoming dress-up days was pajama day. Rae Romano is being chided for her pajamas by Amy Hanshew.

**BOTTOM:** Preparing a homecoming sign for the entrance hall are seniors Travis Simmons, Cindy Justice, Brad Harden, Nathan Romano.



# Facing the junior year

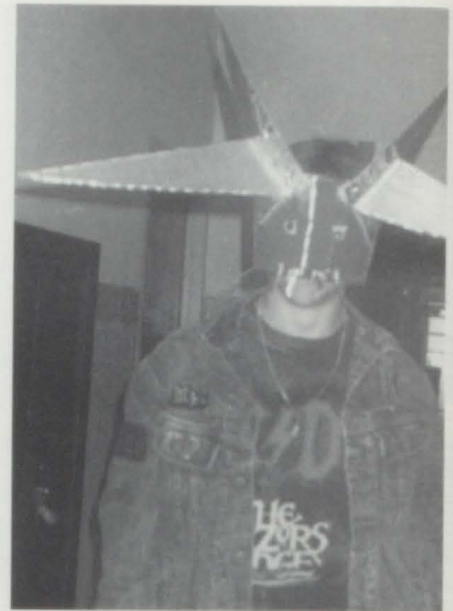
To an eleventh grader, graduation seemed both far and near. The Junior Class continued onward toward their destination — graduation. Facing the junior year meant more responsibility, maturity in accepting their roles of leadership, and decisions of future plans.

Throughout the year, they exhibited enthusiasm, pride, and endurance in both their academic and extra-curricular activities. They became more active in varsity sports, MACC, and various clubs. Many of them

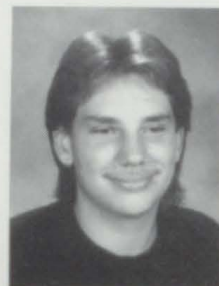
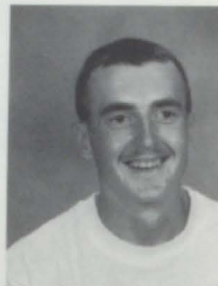
also held part-time jobs, a choice that drastically reduced their leisure time. Seventeen of the forty-four members belonged to the Beta Club.

The highlight of the junior year was preparing for and attending the prom. The necessary funds were procured from monthly doughnut sales and class dues. Advising eleventh graders were Mrs. Kay Mabe and Mrs. Jessie Kegley.

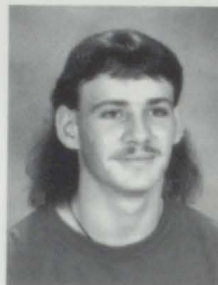
Using scraps from Miss Echo decorations, Aaron Faulkner models his creative mask.



Detria Agee  
Stephen Berry  
Lionel Blankenship  
Roger Allen Brewster  
Beth Bridges



Eric Brooks  
Jeff Brown  
Patrick Bruce  
Angela Carter  
Doug Dalton

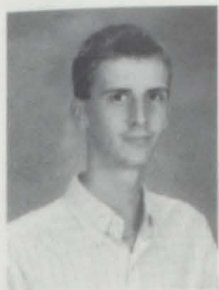


Robert Davis  
Kristie Dillow  
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Aaron Faulkner  
Jamie Foutz



Rachael French  
Crystal King  
Kevin King  
Jamie Michael  
Angel Mitchem





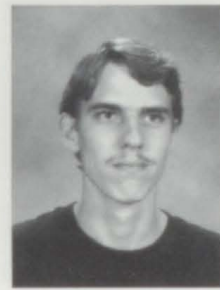
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Phillip Mullins  
Sandi Nelson  
Stuart Newberry  
Stanley Overbaugh



Misty Pauley  
Chris Penley  
Faith Penley  
Jason Quinn  
Dawn Rickman



Wenona Scott  
Jes Selfe  
Amie Simms  
Mary Spain  
Jimmy Sparks



Jason Stafford  
Tonya Talbert  
Melanie Thompson  
Chris Tickle  
Eric Tiller



Scottie Tolbert  
Amber Umbarger



Wendy Umbarger  
Amber Wright

**Junior Class Officers-Front Row:** Kristie Dillow, president; Chris Tickle, vice-president; Robbie Davis, secretary/treasurer. **Back Row:** Advisors Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Mrs. Kay Mabe.

# Making the way to the top

Sophomores, having completed two years of their high school career, were welcoming the recognition of the "halfway" mark. This active group participated in many school activities throughout the year, particularly sports.

Besides sports, competing academically ran parallel to everyday life at BHS. The Sophomore class also earned the nickname "Vocal

Group". This nickname originated after faculty and staff discovered their ability to talk and socialize.

Overall, the most exciting event must have been Driver Education. This gave them the opportunity to finally be the ones behind-the-wheel.

**RIGHT:** Grades ten through twelve really got into costuming for Halloween.

Crystal Hall donned a beautiful purple-toned costume fit for a princess.



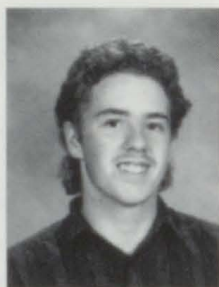
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Cindy Berg  
Allen Brown  
Charlie Burton



Robert Chewning  
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Bradley Gordon



Anthony Graham  
Crystal Hall  
Donnie Havens  
Karen Havens  
Shannon Havens



Bobbi Hobbs  
Bradley Hoosier  
Brock Justice  
Jamie Kidd  
David Allen Lambert





Joanie Lambert  
 Monty Matthews  
 Sue Ann McBride  
 Cyndi McGrady  
 P.J. Meadows



Meagan Morehead  
 Robbie Morehead  
 Anne Myrick  
 John Nunley  
 Ruby Potter



Cora Ramsey  
 Crissy Ramsey  
 Tanya Ramsey  
 Anita Sage  
 Mark Sarver



Jason Stowers  
 Wes Strock  
 Bradley Tate  
 Thelma Thompson  
 April Tickle



Jessica Turner  
 James Umbarger  
 Brian Waddle



**TENTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS-Front Row:** Robert Chewning, president. **2nd Row:** Charlie Burton, secretary/treasurer; Allen Brown, vice-president. **Back Row:** Advisers Mr. Fred Beamer, Mrs. Sandra Harman.

**RIGHT:** Sophomores Jamie Kidd, April Tickle, Cindy Berg, Robbie Morehead as Mr. Roger Thompson judges the voting. Robbie was the victor.

# Not just a face in a crowd

Ninth graders, after finally overcoming their 8th grader status, were determined not to become another

face in the crowd. Many freshmen participated in various school activities, such as MACC and forensics. They also became more active

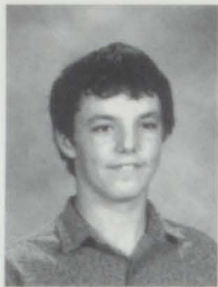
in sports such as JV football, basketball and golf.

With many changes in our school, including the entrance of new students from Ceres and Hollybrook, it seemed hard for Freshmen to stand out, but their school spirit and participation made them out-standing

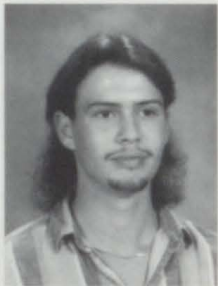
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Brook Dillow



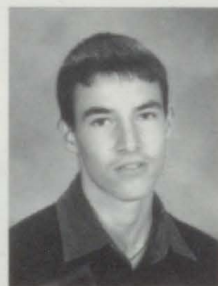
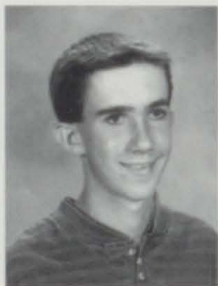
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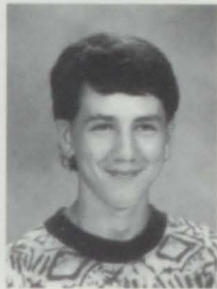
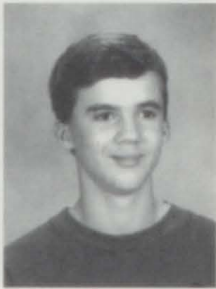


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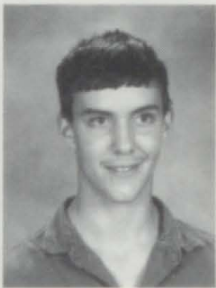




**FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS-Front Row:** (not pictured-Jamie Nunn, president); Brook Dillow, vice-president; Amie Goss, secretary; Becky Penley, treasurer. **Back Row:** Advisers, Mr. Tommy Bird and Mr. Al Smith.



Jason Phelps  
Jimmy Pike  
Wesley Quinn  
Joe Repass  
Melissa Repass



Melissa Richardson  
Andy Selfe  
Sarah Shewey  
Brandon Sink  
Drema Spangler



Melanie Talbert  
Jessica Taylor  
Kary Taylor  
Samantha Thompson  
Sam Tickle



Pachess Umbarger  
Darrell Wellman  
Misty Wiley  
Cheryl Winesett  
Ward Wolfe



**ABOVE:** Amanda Brown is totally involved in this conversation.



**RIGHT-EIGHTH CLASS OFFICERS: Front Row:** Holly Pauley, president; Ben Chewning, vice-president; Derrick DeHart, secretary; Michael Kay Mabe, treasurer; **Back Row:** Mrs. Christine Bird, Mr. Larry Thacker, advisers.

Jeremy Blankenship  
Keith Bourne  
Amanda Brown  
Ben Chewning  
Mary Jane Chewning



Jeremiah Clemons  
Benjamin Davis  
Billy Davis  
Derrick DeHart  
Marie Dotson



Jamie Dunn  
Melissa French  
Eric Galyean  
Jason Hancock  
Amy Hanshew



Paula Hockett  
J. R. Hutzel  
Casey Johnston  
Tracy Jones  
Jason Kidd





## *Facing involvement*



**F**or an eighth grader just entering high school, it was hard not to become lost in a sea of upperclassmen. The class consisted of 23 boys and 15 girls.

During the first few weeks at BHS eighth graders were undergoing a metamorphic change from elementary to secondary waters. They no longer had a one-teacher classroom. Instead, they found themselves

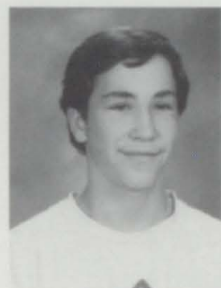
changing classes and teachers.

Being the "small fry" did not stop these pre-freshmen from joining clubs and participating in a variety of athletics ranging from football to golf.

**LEFT:** Paula Hockett and Tracie Jones enjoy fellowship at the dance.



Lisa Kimberlin  
J. B. Lambert  
Michael Kay Mabe  
Jamie McMillan  
Lee Meadows



Vince Moore  
Jason Neel  
Jon Michael Newberry  
Joseph Paciga  
Holly Pauley



Michael Pruett  
Ricky Repass  
Rae Romano  
Jacob Scott  
John Thompson



Amanda Umbarger  
Eric Wimmer  
Jennifer Winters  
Faye Ann Wolfe

# Gotcha!!!

Facing '93 brought changes to students and the school, but also produced security and stability. The adage "the more things change, the more they stay the same" seemed to be true for Bland students. Changes in facilities did not alter the closeness and lasting friendships prevalent in their lives.

*Wendy Umbarger*

**TOP:** Students enjoy togetherness at Miss Echo dance.



**CENTER LEFT:** Lindsey Newberry with her "bubble-blower."

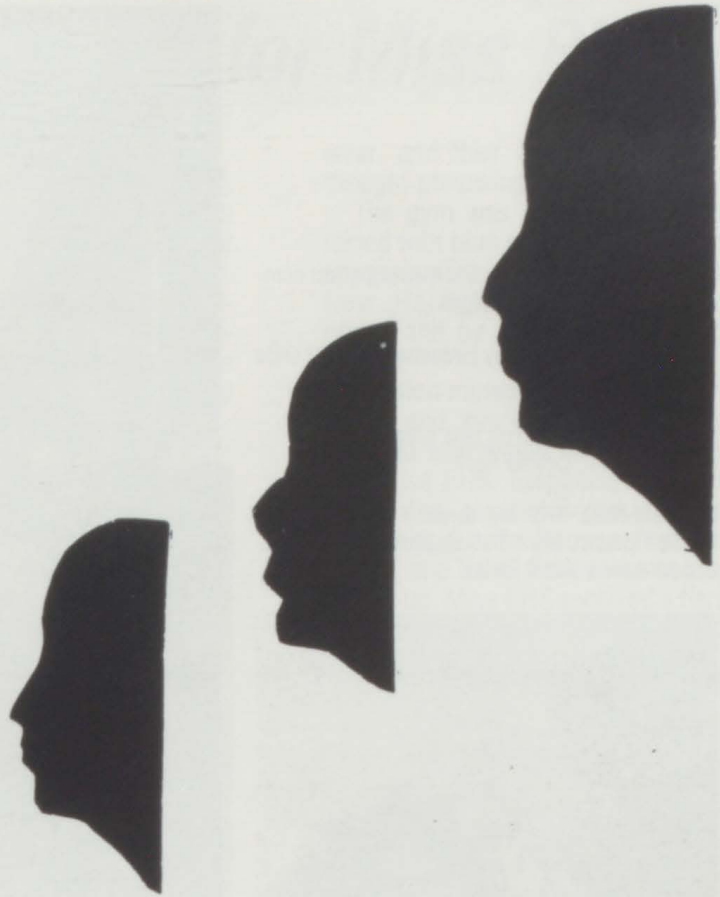
**CENTER RIGHT:** Cindy Justice as Aunt Jemima.  
**BOTTOM:** Beth Shewey, football homecoming candidate.

Tina Pauley dances with Adam Faulkner.

*Stylin'*

&

*Profilin'*



**Q.** What created the greatest change in your life this year? or If you could change anything about this year, what would you change and why?

**A.** Being a senior is really different than I thought it would be. I would have more senior privileges and I definitely would have a *STUDY HALL!*

*Molly Richardson*

**A.** The greatest change is the fact of becoming a senior and dealing with all of the responsibilities that come with your senior year.

*Stephanie Goins*

**A.** The greatest change was the first varsity football team. It brought the county together instead of being rivals.

*Bradley Hoosier*

Student Life

**TOP CENTER:** Detria Agee, in evening gown competition, smiles for the judges.

**TOP RIGHT:** Leslie Kelley pirouettes in a soft shoe dance.

**CENTER:** Danielle Garcia gets prepped by make-up artist, Debbie Beck.

**BOTTOM-Miss BHS top three:** First runner- up Giselle Romero, Miss BHS Stephanie Goins, Second runner-up Kandi Farley.



## Twelve vie for Miss BHS

Miss BHS was held on March 20, 1992, in the gymnasium of Bland High School. This was the second year for this contest of beauty and brains. Twelve contestants entered the Future Homemakers of America sponsored event. Contestants were judged on evening gown, casual

wear, and their ability to answer a thought provoking question.

The gym was decorated and curtained with blue and silver streamers. Entertainment was provided by the New Horizons—a gospel singing group, and by Leslie Kelley's dance routine.

Tension mounted, emotions intensified, and everyone anxiously anticipated who would be crowned the new Miss BHS. Stephanie Goins received the coveted crown of Miss BHS, with Giselle Romero first runner-up, and Kandi Farley was second runner-up. Miss BHS received a tiara, banner, an engraved necklace, and a \$50 savings bond.



**TOP LEFT:** Heather Burton models her casual wear for the judges

**CENTER:** Michelle Rickman responds to the judges question.

**BOTTOM:** Contestants appear in evening gown competition. Heather Burton, Crystal Thompson, Samantha Thompson, Jamie Goss, Faith Penley.



# Prom returns to Wagner Auditorium

**O**n May 16, 1992, the BHS prom was held in the newly renovated Wagner Auditorium. Juniors worked endlessly for days trying to transfer the auditorium into a beautiful castle filled with clouds. Tall white columns well expressed the theme "Heaven Isn't Too Far Away. . ."  
The "After Prom Party" was held

again this year at the YMCA in Bluefield. This event promised a drug and alcohol free night filled with fun, prizes, and delicious refreshments.

Juniors chose Tina Dunn and Wayne Hubble as prom King and Queen. John Goins provided the music.

**TOP LEFT:** Enjoying fellowship, fun, and the decorations are the 1992 Promsters.

**TOP RIGHT:** Gary Rickman and Dawn Walls seem to realize that "Heaven isn't too far away". They married in the summer.

**BOTTOM:** Selected for King and Queen, Wayne Hubble and Tina Dunn enhance the stunning decorations.





**TOP LEFT:** Juniors, seniors and their dates enjoy the music amidst the heavenly atmosphere.

**TOP RIGHT:** Sarah Umbarger, Sarah Thompson, and Stephanie Meadows try out some new steps.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** April Conley and date match the mood of the music.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** The castle floats among clouds of balloons as it spirals into the heavens.



**TOP: MISS ECHO 1993**  
Beth Ann Bridges

**CENTER:** Paula Hockett sets the rules before the dance for Jody Neel.

**BOTTOM: Miss Echo Court**-Amy Hanshew (8th), Allen Brown, Jessica Turner (10th), Aaron Faulkner, Pam Harden (12th), Matthew Newberry, Beth Bridges (11th), Eric Brooks, Jamie Goss (9th), Chris Tickle.





# Candidates faced a heated race for title

With the departure of the triumphant Class of 1992, the Miss Echo competition was set to be a heated race. Following the selections of candidates, the girls began selling annuals feverishly.

For the first time in many years, the Miss Echo Dance was held in the newly renovated Wagner Auditorium. After everyone arrived, chatted and boogied to the music, it was time to announce the winner.

Beth Bridges, escorted by Eric Brooks, stood under a silver archway alight with bright blue stars and bouquets of balloons and received her tiara, banner, pin, and a \$75 savings bond. Senior, Pam Harden, and sophomore, Jessica Turner, tied for runner-up. Both young ladies received a \$50 savings bond.

Each candidate received a small photo album. They sold a total of 343 yearbooks during the two-week drive with the top sales being 86

yearbooks.

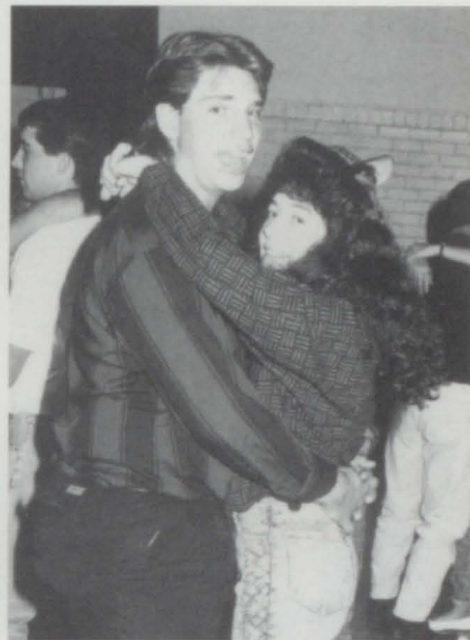
Following the coronation, the Miss Echo Court led the dance with music furnished by John Goins.

TOP LEFT: Trying fancy footwork are Mandy Jones, Casey Pruitt, Jessica Umbarger, and Leisa Hagy.

TOP RIGHT: Lionel Blankenship and Jamie Newby.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sharing in the fun.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Teri Tolbert and Joe Putnam.



## Contestants "ham it up"

Laughter echoed through the auditorium of Bland High School on the night of November 14. The occasion was the Mr. Bland contest sponsored by FHA. Male contestants dressed as females with lady escorts dressed as males. FHA members also assumed the male attire. The night was one of hilarity as contestants "hammed it up" for the judges and audience.

Donning wigs, hose, frills, and sexy dresses, eight contestants paraded on the stage using a stage name. Under a point system they were judged on outfits, modeling and responding to a question.

The winner was Gene Lambert

(Dee Dee Dallas), who was escorted by Margie Waddell (Chris Hamilton Fansworth Milford). The couple received \$100, a banner, crown, and all the glory of being Mr. Bland. First runner-up was Lonnie Thomas (Candi Heart), who was escorted by Detria Agee (Mr. Sweets). They received \$50. Second runner-up was Frank Chandler (Sally Ann), who was escorted by Tracie Jones (Johnny). They received \$25.

While scorers tallied points, the audience was treated to dance routines by Leslie Kelley (tap and soft shoe) and Holly Pauley, Cheryl Winesett, Rae Romano.

Wendy Umbarger



**TOP RIGHT:** Flossy Ann (Johnny Brunk) and Bud (Mary Stowers) give the judges an eyeful in the modeling session.

**CENTER LEFT:** Bunny (Jes Selfe) demonstrates proper cheering techniques.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Ms. Harley Davidson (Keith Bourne) and The Marlboro Man (Becky Floyd) trip out the audience with their leather look (complete with bouncing water balloons!).

**BOTTOM:** Distinguished judges—Mr. Richard Havens, Ms Pat Turner, and Mr. Fred Beamer.





Leslie Kelley in a tap dance routine to "Singing in the Rain".



**BOTTOM:** Mindy Brewster and Cindy Justice question Princess Diana (Lloyd Thompson).  
**TOP:** First runner-up Candi Heart (Lonnie Thomas), Mr. Sweets (Detria Agee), **MR. BLAND Dee**

**Dee Dallas** (Gene Lambert), Chris Hamilton Fansworth Milford (Margie Waddell), Second runner-up Johnny (Tracie Jones), and Sally Ann (Frank Chandler).

# Wishes came true for one Little Miss

“If wishes came true”, each of the thirty-two contestants in the Little Miss Bland County beauty pageant would have received the honor of the title. The pageant was held November 6, 1992, in Wagner Auditorium and sponsored by the school's newspaper and forensics teams. Advisers for the two groups were Mrs. Sandra Harman and Mrs. Chris Bird.

To lessen nervousness and impatience, contestants were treated to cartoons in the adjacent home ec. classroom prior to and between appearances on stage. They entered the stage through a silver archway decorated with blue stars and set in an array of clear balloons. On either side of the archway were white birch trees with sparkling clear lights. MC for the pageant was Molly Richardson.

Eligibility required girls between the ages of 5 and 8 to be enrolled in a Bland County school. These young lassies appeared in fancy dresses with frills and ruffles and wearing their most winning smiles. The final outcome gave the title to Becky Goss, a kindergartner at Bland.

*Cora Ramsey*



**TOP LEFT:** Lindsey Newberry pauses amidst the stage scenery.

**TOP RIGHT:** Amber Umbarger pins an entry number on Krystal McGuire.

**BOTTOM:** Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Robert Sexton and Molly Richardson, for the Junior and Little Miss Bland County pageants.





**TOP LEFT:** Finalists-Sarah Austin, Shanna Brown, Ashley Dillow, Ashlee Drummond, Becky Goss, Jamie Nelson, Erica Pauley, Vada Ramsey, Angela Walker, Nikki Wilson.

**CENTER:** 1st runner-up, Angela Walker; **Little Miss Bland County, Becky Goss;** 2d runner-up, Sarah Austin.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Vada Ramsey with ushers Jamie Goss and Melissa Repass.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Heather Griffith calmly enters through the archway to face the judges.



# Young hopefuls faced tough competition

Young ladies between the ages of nine and twelve faced tough competition on November 6, 1992. Dressed in their finest and every hair in place, each hoped to win the title of Junior Miss Bland County. Twenty-three hopefuls entered this competition.

The event was sponsored by the school's newspaper (*The Rocket Rapp*) and forensics. Advisers for these extra-curricular activities were Mrs. Sandra Harman and Mrs. Chris Bird. Proceeds from the pageant were used to buy a software program *Pagemaker* to produce the newspaper and to cover expenses incurred by the forensics team.

After the final count, the title was conferred to Laura Bridges, with a tie occurring for second place between Rachel Mullins and Amanda Cunningham. Laura received a tiara, banner and \$50 savings bond.

Cyndi McGrady

**TOP:** Top three contestants — Rachel Mullins, tied for 2nd place; **Junior Miss** — Laura Bridges; Amanda Cunningham, tied for 2nd place.

**BOTTOM:** Finalists: Jamie Price, Katie Muncy, Rachel Mullins, Kirstie Meadows, Elizabeth Lambert, Christa Winesett, Erin Thompson, Lori Tabor, Amanda Cunningham, Courtney Brizendine, Laura Bridges.





**TOP LEFT:** Christa Winesett with pages Amie Goss and Bobbi Hobbs.

**TOP RIGHT:** Erin Thompson is sophisticated and regal in solid black.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Page Amie keeps contestants in order as Katie Muncy poses for the judges.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Lori Tabor enhances the colorful decorations. Page Amie Goss shadows Lori's head.





Friends get together and dance the night away at the Snow Queen Dance



Anxiously waiting back stage for the crowning Joe Putman manages a peek through the curtains to see how big the crowd is.

## Sound of money cans signals Snow Court

Each year as winter arrives, the sound of money cans can be heard from around just about any corner. The Future Business Leaders of America sponsored this event of Snow Court in order to raise money. Students, of course, enjoyed it since the occasion involved a dance on the night the club crowned the winners.

Money cans were given to the two students representing each club. Over the next several weeks, the students filled their cans with money through penny donations and selling food and chances. Every two weeks from the beginning date cans were collected, money tallied and the amounts posted. The students from the club with the most money at the last counting date became Snow King and Queen. This year's winners were Pachess Umbarger and Sam Tickle from Junior Beta. Following were 1st runners-up Crystal Thompson and Joe Putman from SCA and

2nd runners-up Lou Sadler and Justin Eaton represented FFA.

A tradition started in 1981 has continued with increasing success and provided funds used in service

projects such as water coolers, mats for the gym, and instructional tools. The event was aptly named as it usually snows for the occasion.

*Bobbi Hobbs*



**RIGHT:** Electricity pops and sizzles as these girls perform the Electric Slide.



2nd runner-up Justin Eaton, Laura Sadler; **SNOW KING and QUEEN** Sam Tickle, Pachess Umbarger; 1st runner-up Crystal Thompson, Joe Putman.



**SNOW COURT:** Lori Compton, Chris Tickle, Pachess Umbarger, Sam Tickle, Laura Sadler, Justin Eaton, Detria Agee, Monty Matthews, Wendy Umbarger, Kevin King, Cindy Justice, Allen Brown, Jamie Goss, Aaron Faulkner, Crystal Thompson, Joe Putman, Kathy Shewey, Kary Taylor, Jamie Kidd, Robbie Morehead.

# A new tradition was born in Bland County

A new tradition was born this year at Bland County. To complement our traditional Basketball Homecoming, a Football Homecoming arrived in the fall. Football Homecoming was held on November 6, 1992.

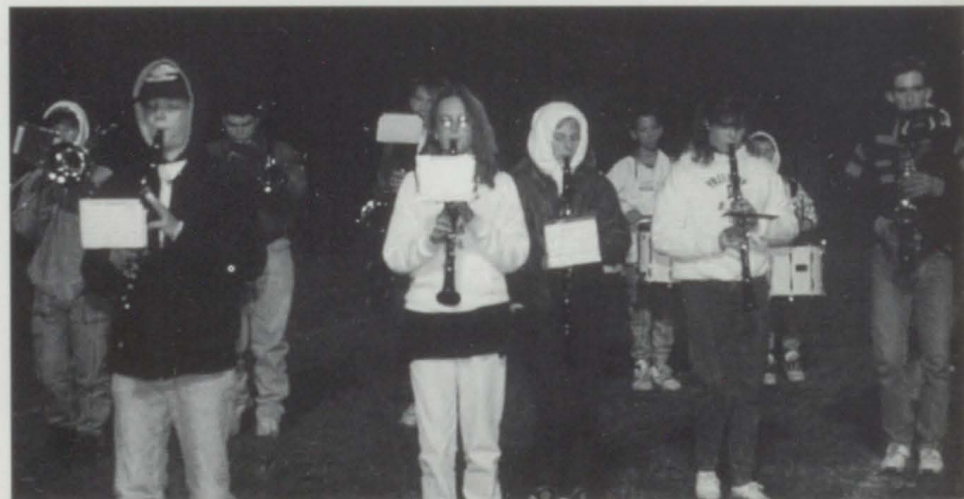
Candidates and escorts were chosen from both schools. From Bland they were Beth Shewey, Stacy Tibbs, Brad Harden, Travis Simmons, Cyndi McGrady, Detria Agee, Monty Matthews and Stanley

Overbaugh. Rocky Gap chose the following to run: Chassidy Burch, Amy Bradshaw, Juan Garcia, Mike Luncy, Nicki White, Jennifer Brown, Tracy Bradshaw, Richard Worley. Beginning with celebratory events on the newly constructed field candidates and escorts were introduced and entered the field through a gateway of flags and balloons with the county band playing. Brad Harden and Amy Bradshaw were chosen as Homecoming King and Queen. An

honorary dance was held at Rocky Gap High School following the game.

The Basketball homecoming was held on January 15, 1993, at BHS. Candidates were chosen from a classes. Cindy Justice and Monty Matthews were voted as Homecoming Queen and King. A dance was held following the traditional Homecoming Week and scheduled game.

*Stephanie Goins*



**TOP:** Candidates Detria Agee and Stanley Overbaugh.

**BOTTOM:** Candidates Monty Matthews and Cyndi McGrady.

**TOP:** Football Homecoming Queen and King, Amy Bradshaw and Brad Harden, with Superintendent Morris Witten and Rocky Gap Principal, Charlie

Puckett.

**BOTTOM:** Bland County Band.



**TOP-Basketball Homecoming Queen, Princesses, and escorts:** Jamie Goss (9th), Aaron Faulkner, Jessica Turner (10th), Chris Tickle, Queen Cindy Justice (12th), Monty Matthews, Detria Agee (11th), Jason Stowers, Amy Hanshew (8th), Todd Morehead.

**CENTER:** Homecoming Court leads the first dance.

**BOTTOM-Homecoming Court:** Holly Pauley, Bradley Tate, Jamie Goss, Aaron Faulkner, Jessica Turner, Chris Tickle, Beth Bridges, Jason Beam, Kathy Shewey, Brock Justice, Cindy Justice, Monty Matthews, Becky Mallory, Stacy Perkins, Detria Agee, Jason Stowers, April Tickle, Chris Penley, B.J. Crabtree, Brook Dillow, Amy Hanshew, Todd Morehead.



# Searching for the "best dressed"

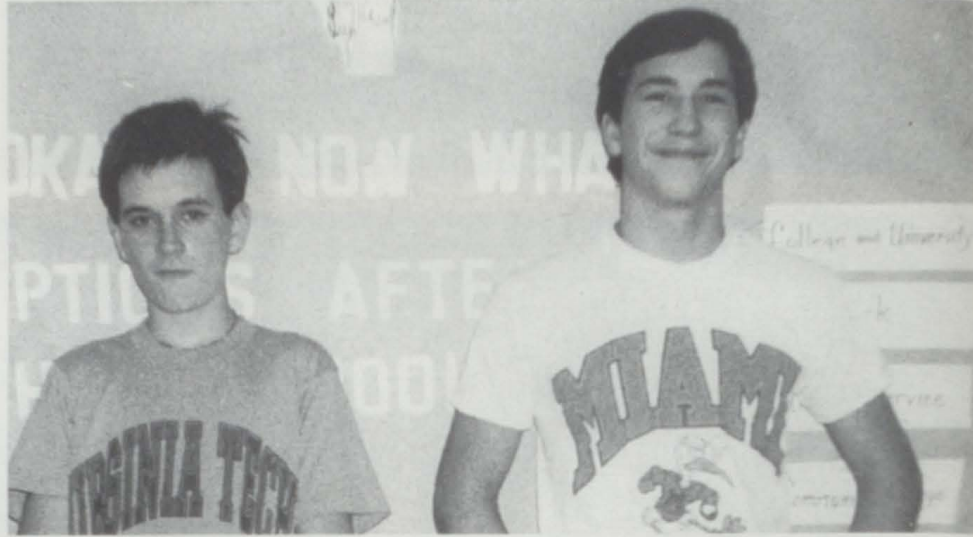
As we embarked into the halls of Bland School, we found that not only has the school changed a great bit in looks and style, but so have fashions. This year's fashions have been picture perfect, ranging from the lat-

est new colorful jackets to various shades of stirrup pants.

Bland students contributed to the search for "best dressed" by dressing in all the hippest and hottest fads of the year. On any given day the

latest fashions were visible in both elementary and secondary halls. While invoking the new, the most popular attire was still the basic tee shirt and jeans.

*Anne Myrick*

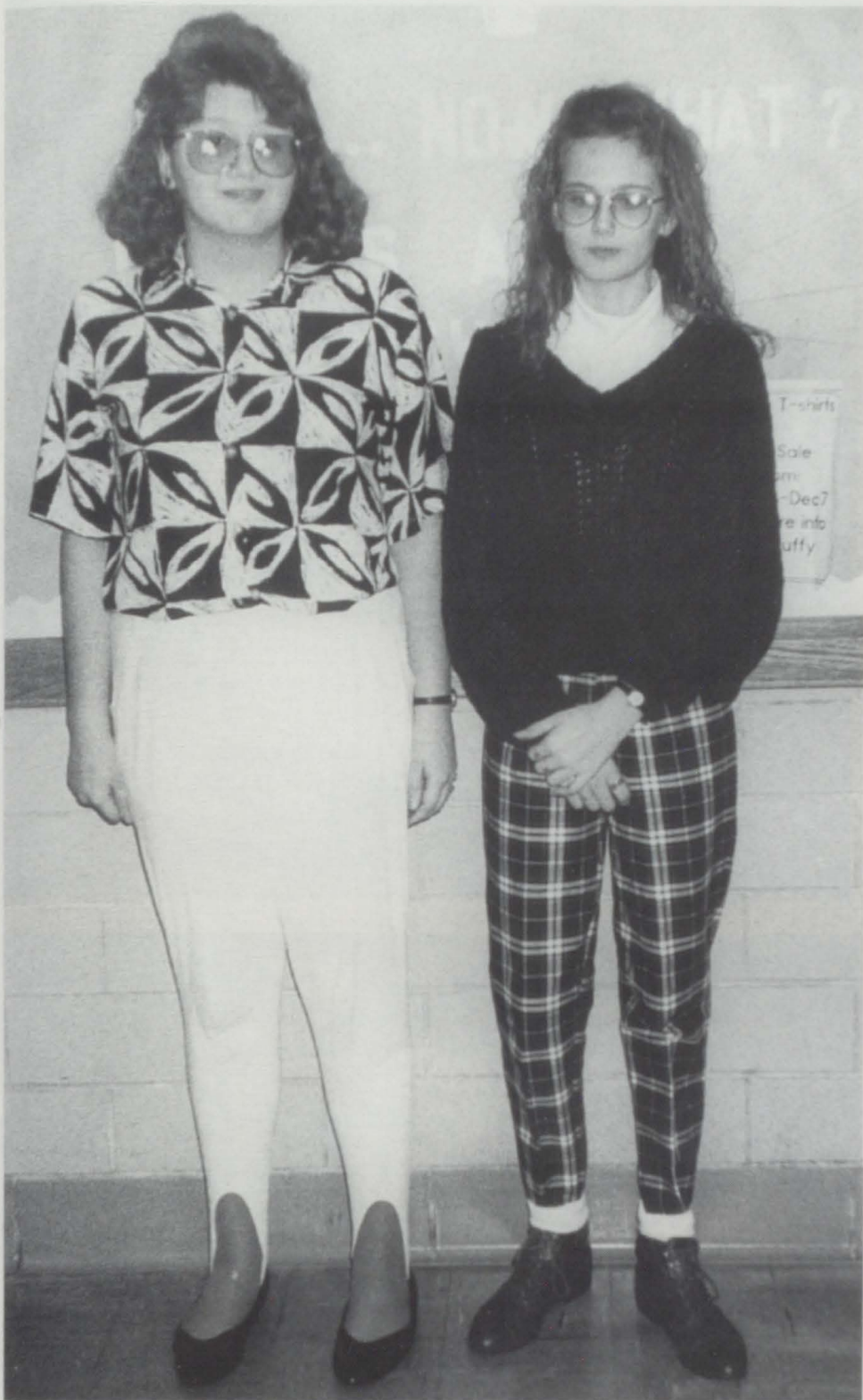


**TOP LEFT:** Kristie Dillow models the popular dress shorts, topped with sweater.

**TOP RIGHT:** Joseph Paciga and Jon M. Newberry in tee shirt and jeans.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Wearing colorful hooded shirts are John Thompson and Vanessa Howell.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** All dressed up are Cindy Justice, Molly Richardson, and Lori Compton.



**TOP:** Hat day of homecoming week finds the guys at lunchtime-Brian Waddle, Mark Sarver, Monty Matthews, Bradley Gordon, Allen Brown.

**LEFT:** Combining bold print shirts or sweaters with stirrup pants and a boot shoe were the norm in casual wear. Mary Jane Chewning and Casey Johnston.

**RIGHT:** Dressed in an elongated sweater, slim slacks and a tall boot, Becky Mallory definitely was caught by surprise.

# Styles came in various fabrics and lengths

**S**kirts were worn in many styles and made of new fabrics this year. Suede skirts were very popular among high school students. You could see them in many colors ranging from purple to aqua to fuschia. Wraparound skirts also made a comeback in the fashion world. They were found in many different lengths from above the knees to ankle lengths.

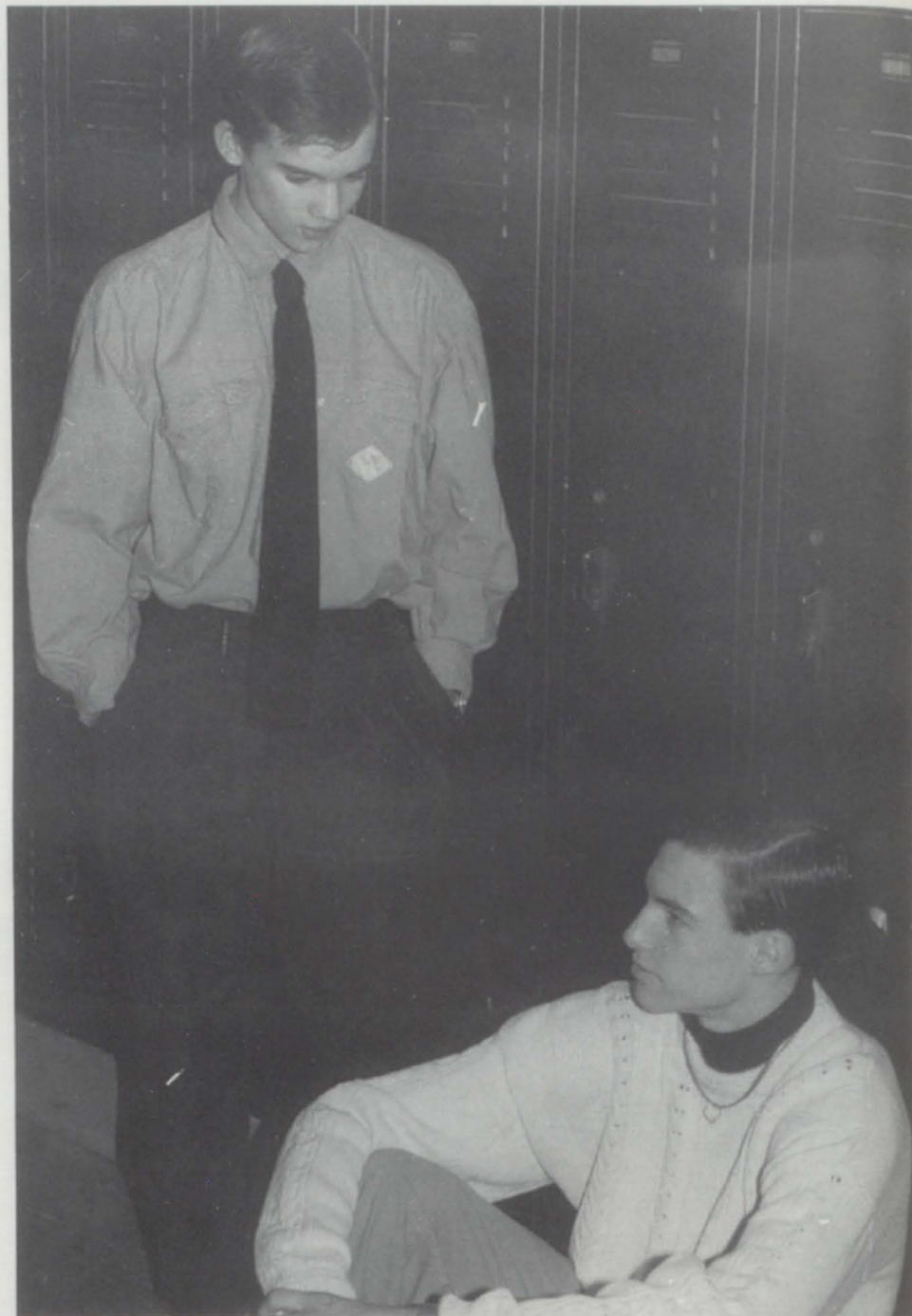
*Shannon Enoch*



**TOP RIGHT:** When ballgame days arrive, players dress in their best. Jimmy Pike, Smoky Parmenter.

**LEFT:** Fashions for Halloween include Raggedy Ann (Krystal McGuire) and The Little Mermaid (Ashley Dillow).

**BOTTOM:** Fashions for the guys are jeans topped by tee shirts and the inevitable cap. Derrick DeHart, John C. Thompson, Jon Michael Newberry.



*Chin*

*up*



**Q.** Do you feel there should be a limit to the number of clubs a person can join as an “active member” and why?

**A.** No, because it's their thing, if they have the time, the clubs need the help.

*Becky Mallory*

**A.** No, as long as it doesn't interfere with their grades, I think there should be no limit.

*Mary Spain*

**A.** No. Extra-curricular activities keep students busy and give them wonderful opportunities and experiences. They also give students references for the real world.

*Johnny Reed*

**A.** No, because I feel as long as being active doesn't cause any problems for anyone, then nobody has the right to regulate it.

*Jamie Foutz*

## Organizations



**TOP:** Bland County Band in concert, under the direction of Mr. Bob Correll.

**CENTER RIGHT-Beginning Band-Front**

**Row:** Carey Berg, Kelly Sluss, April Umbarger, Meagan Penley, Lian Cole.

**2nd Row:** Kelli Hall, Ashley Tate, Heather Morehead, Jessica Kidd, Crystal Hancock, Krissy Goins.

**3rd Row:** James Faulkner, Aaron Clemons, Shayla Williams, Allesha Bourne, Virginia Presley.

**Back Row:** Kurt Blankenship, Crystal Stiltner, Nehemiah Hickman, Josh Faulkner, Nathan Justice, Ted Sparks, Chris Pauley.



**BELOW CENTER-Intermediate Band-Front**

**Row:** Ashleigh Sarver, Katie Muncy, Mandy Jones, Whitney Gamble, Erin Thompson, Debbie Munsey, Charlotte Nunn.

**2nd Row:** Erin Johnson, Jessica Crawford, Sarah Bird, Amy Hatcher, Leslie Carroll, Stephanie Kelley, Kelly Dunn, Mandy Blankenship.

**Back Row:** Jim Bob Penley, Tina Pauley, Ryan Newberry, Brooke Kitts, Christa Winesett, Nathan Winters, Brent Tate, Kent McPeak, Joe Meadows.



**BOTTOM-High School Band-Front Row:**

Jennifer Winters, Cheryl Winesett, Mike Munsey, Lee Meadows, Casey Johnston, Holly Pauley, Rae Romano, Wenona Scott.

**2nd Row:** Brooke Dillow, Robbie Morehead, Michael Muncy, Jamie Nunn, Justin Eaton, Eric Brooks.

**Back Row:** Billy Davis, Jacob Scott, Jamie Dunn, John C. Thompson, Jody Lambert, Ronald Hutzell.





# Facing endless hours of practice

Practice, practice, practice. It seems as though those were the only three words the band and forensics members ever heard. The band, directed by Mr. Bob Correll, had to work for hours on that one indomitable stanza, trying to get it near perfection.

Coached by Mrs. Chris Bird, the

forensics team had a challenging year as well. It was necessary to practice speeches and dialogues over and over again. Just when they thought they had it together, they had to learn how to stand and which gestures and facial expressions to use. Sometimes it seemed like they would never get it right.

Meanwhile, under the supervision of Miss Diane Rowe, the French club was busy learning difficult French Christmas carols. In October, they attended a French play that was held at George Wythe High School. At the end of the year they were rewarded for their work with a pizza party.

With prestigious leadership, dedication, and what seemed like endless practice, the band, forensics team, and French club faced '93 with pride and success.

*Bradley Hoosier*



**FRENCH CLUB-Front Row:** Detria Agee, president; Stephanie Goins, vice-president; Wenona Scott, secretary; Kristie Dillow, treasurer; Tracy Hall, reporter; Miss Diane Rowe, adviser; P.J. Meadows, Cora Ramsey, Meagan Morehead, Amber Wright, Beth Bridges. **2nd Row:** Brian Waddle, Cindy Berg, Jamie Kidd, Crystal Hall, Bradley Hoosier, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, Jessica Turner, Anita Sage, Sue McBride, Becky Floyd. **3rd Row:** Pam Harden, Lori Compton, Sheree Burton, Joanie Lambert, Tanya Ramsey, April Tickle, Shannon Enoch, Angela Carter, Donnie Havens, Rachael French, Melanie Thompson. **Back Row:** Jason Beam, Eric Brooks, Robbie Morehead, David Lambert, James Umbarger, Wes Strock, Jamie Foutz, Mark Sarver, Monty Matthews, Jason Stowers, Bradley Tate, Allen Brown.



**FORENSICS TEAM-Front Row:** Cindy Justice, Lori Compton, Joanie Lambert, Robert Sexton, Mrs. Chris Bird.

**2nd Row:** Leslie Kelley, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, Jamie Kidd, Melissa Richardson. **Back**

**Row:** Robbie Morehead, Justin Eaton, Jamy Nunn. *Not pictured Molly Richardson.*



Jamy Nunn practices his Forensics speech.

# Facing the tasks for eligibility

Junior Beta and Senior Beta clubs were virtually the toughest clubs in which to have membership. Students with a 90 or above average were eligible for these honor clubs; freshmen for Junior Beta and upperclassmen for Senior Beta.

Junior Beta members were tapped in at the Beta assembly on Sep-

tember 16, 1992. Eager to face challenges, these hard-working Junior Betas managed to maintain their grades amid hectic student life.

Senior Betas worked at the concession stand during the county fair, were sold as three-day slaves, and sold fruit to raise funds. Funds were used for community projects and to promote the trip to state convention.

Attending the state convention last year in Williamsburg, winners were: Sarah Umbarger, 1st Creative Writing; Sarah Thompson, 2nd Needlework; Molly Richardson, 1st Original needlework; Cindy Justice, 1st Commercial needlework; Scrapbook, 2nd state, 4th national.

*Meagan Morehead*



**TOP LEFT-Junior Betas-Front Row:** Melissa Richardson, president; Sheri Blankenship, vice-president; B.J. Crabtree, secretary; Jamie Goss, treasurer; Ms. Teena Morefield, adviser.

**2nd Row:** Cheryl Winesett, Leslie Kelley, Amie Goss.

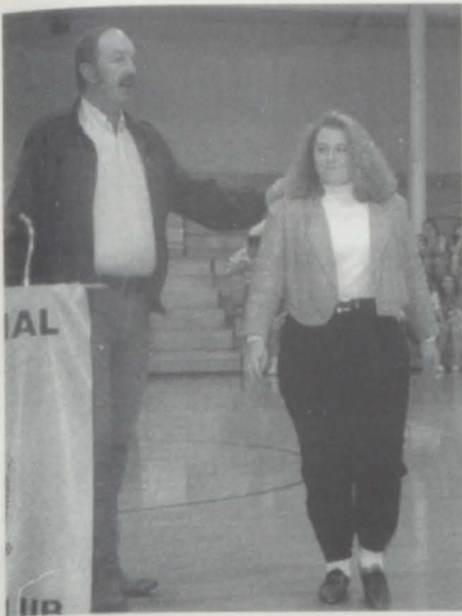
**3rd Row:** Misty Wiley, Pachess Umbarger, Melissa Repass.

**Back Row:** Jody Lambert, Mike Munsey, Sam Tickle.

**TOP RIGHT:** Pachess Umbarger serves refreshments prior to MACC match.

**BOTTOM:** As a service project, Junior Beta serves refreshments for MACC matches. Ms. Teena Morefield, Mrs. Kay Mabe, Molly Richardson, Pachess Umbarger.





**TOP:** Jamie Kidd is sold by auctioneer Mr. Richard Havens at the Beta slave auction.

**CENTER LEFT:** Mr. Richard Havens takes bids as Beta slave, Bobbi Hobbs, paces the floor.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Beta president, Sheree Burton, calls the meeting to order.

**BOTTOM-Senior Betas-Front Row:** Sheree Burton, president; Molly Richardson, vice-president; Cindy Justice, secretary; Kathy Shewey, treasurer; Mrs. Janet Faulkner, adviser; Mindy Brewster, Becky Floyd, Amber Umbarger, Amber Wright, Cora Ramsey. **2nd Row:** Angel Mitchem, Mary

Spain, Kristie Dillow, Detria Agee, Crystal King, Beth Bridges, Amie Simms, Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, Angela Carter. **3rd Row:** Sue McBride, Tanya Ramsey, April Tickle, Cindy Berg, Joanie Lambert, Jamie Kidd, Bradley Hoosier, Wenona Scott, Melanie Thompson, Rachael French, Meagan Morehead. **Back Row:** Pam Harden, Stacy Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Bradley Tate, Donnie Havens, Robbie Morehead, Wes Strock, Robert Sexton, Aaron Faulkner, Chris Tickle, Eric Brooks, Robbie Davis.





**TOP LEFT & BOTTOM:** Book fairs twice a year provide students with quality reading material.

**TOP RIGHT-Library Club-Front Row:** Stephanie Goins, president; Pachess Umbarger, vice-president; Cora Ramsey, secretary; Meagan Morehead, treasurer; Ms. Elizabeth Newberry, adviser. **2nd Row:** Becky Penley, Bridgette Penley, Jamie Kidd, Cindy Berg, Stacy Tibbs, Tracy Hall,

Cindy Justice, Lori Compton, Anne Myrick, Sheri Blankenship. **3rd Row:** Anita French, Tanya Ramsey, Cyndi McMrary, April Tickle, Joanie Lambert, Melanie Talbert, Melissa Repass, Amie Goss, P.J. Meadows. **Back Row:** Mary Margaret Gibson, Vanessa Howell, Molly Richardson, Angel Mitchem, Jamie Goss, Anita Sage, Melanie Thompson, Bobbi Hobbs, Robert Sexton.



## Clubs provided service

The Future Business Leaders of America enrolled 45 members for the 1992-93 school year. These business students, under the supervision of President Bridgette Penley, had their hands full with ASK, snow Court, and preparations for FBLA competition held at Pulaski High on March 20, 1993.

With these leaders facing many changes in the school, their community service project took first priority. The dedication of the new facilities was a hectic day for the FBLA'ers. They served food and eagerly showed their guests the new

additions and changes to Bland School.

The Library Club were busy little bees trying to help Ms. Newberry with book fairs and keeping the library books in order. The club decided not to pay dues but, instead, to sell posters. The profits were used to purchase items for the library and to reward themselves with a year-end pizza party.

*Angel Mitchem*

**TOP:** Linda Shewey (*The Hair Connection*) talks to FBLA'ers about owning and operating a business.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Cindy Justice and Lori Compton enjoy the fruits of their labors. "Umm----good!"

**CENTER LEFT:** Melanie Thompson guides dedication guests on a building tour.

**BOTTOM-FBLA-Front Row:** Bridgette Penley, president; Stephanie Goins, vice-president; Crystal King, secretary; Amie Simms, treasurer; Lori Compton, reporter; Cindy Justice, parliamentarian; Bradley Hoosier, historian; Mrs. Jessie Kegley, adviser. **2nd Row:** Becky Penley, Sheri Blankenship, Melissa Richardson, Amber Umbarger, Detria Agee, Tawny Dillow, Wendy Umbarger, Misty Pauley, Jessica Turner, Beth Bridges. **3rd Row:** Anita French, Cheryl Winesett, Leslie Kelley, Jamie Goss, Bobbi Hobbs, B.J. Crabtree, Molly Richardson, Jamie Kidd, Marcella Wellman, Anne Myrick. **4th Row:** Melanie Talbert, Pachess Umbarger, Amie Goss, Melissa Repass, Bradley Tate, Laura Sadler, Beth Shewey, Melanie Thompson. **Back Row:** Jason Beam, Brian Waddle, Donnie Havens, Charlie Burton, David Lambert, Kevin King, Jeff Brown, James Umbarger, Allen Brown, Robert Sexton.





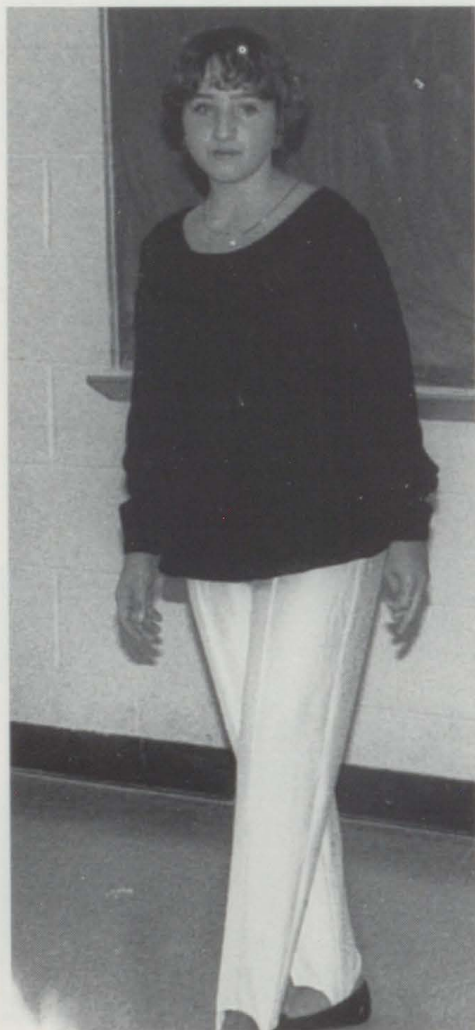
**TOP-FHA-Front Row:** Cindy Justice, president; Kathy Shewey, 1st vice-president; Pam Harden, 2nd vice-president; Becky Mallory, recording secretary; Bridgette Penley, corresponding secretary; Mindy Brewster, Angel Mitchem, treasurer; Kristie Dillow, reporter; P.J. Meadows, chaplin; Lori Compton, Stephanie Goins, recreation leaders; Rachael French, sargeant-at-arms; *Not pictured: Beth Bridges, sargeant-at-arms.*  
**2nd Row:** Mrs. Betty Munsey, adviser, Meagan

Morehead, Tracy Hall, Sheree Burton, Marcella Wellman, Stacy Tibbs, Amie Simms, Misty Pauley, Amber Umbarger, Tawny Dillow, Crystal King, Amy Hanshew. **3rd Row:** Amanda Baldwin, Cyndi McGrady, Rubi Potter, Lisa Kimberlin, Amanda Brown, Tracie Jones, Paula Hockett, Mary Spain, Sandi Nelson, Mary Jane Chewning, Cora Ramsey. **4th Row:** Becky Floyd, Thelma Thompson, Sue Ann McBride, Melissa Repass, Rachel Sparks, Tonya Tolbert, Jamie Michael, Angela Carter, Cheryl Brunk, Amanda Umbarger, Marie Dotson, Anita French. **Back Row:** Tanya Ramsey, Anita Sage, April Tickle, Shannon Enoch, Tina Kimberlin, Melanie Thompson, Jamie Goss, Pachess Umbarger, Karen Havens, Jamie McMillan, Chrissy Ramsey, Jamie McMillan, Sarah Shewey.

**CENTER:** Cindy Justice models an outfit for FHA meeting.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Bridgette models stirrup pants topped with sweater and necklace during FHA meeting.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Cindy Justice and Mary Jane Chewning present program to elementary class for *Great American Smokeout*.



# Clubs faced busy and fulfilling year



The Future Homemakers of America faced a busy year sponsoring activities of FHA week, the Headstart Christmas Party, Miss Bland High, Vision Screening, Secret Admirers Day and Great American Smokeout. In addition, they also sponsored a Mr. Bland contest which brought laughter to both spectators and participants. They completed the year with a pizza party and the annual spring banquet.

The Shutterbugs (Photography Club) flew into the year with excitement over more members and anxious to experience the joy of taking and processing pictures. Spring plans included an all day trip to Shot Tower, venturing along the trails and discovering new and unusual camera shots. They finished off the fun and adventurous day with pizza and a picnic.

*Cindy Berg*

**TOP-Shutterbugs-Front Row:** Angel Mitchem, president; Joanie Lambert, vice-president; Detria Agee, secretary/treasurer; Ms. Elizabeth Newberry, adviser.

**2nd Row:** Amie Simms, Bridgette Penley, Cindy Berg, Stacy Tibbs, Tracy Hall, Stephanie Goins, Cindy Justice, P.J. Meadows.

**3rd Row:** Cora Ramsey, Meagan Morehead, Tanya Ramsey, Shannon Enoch, April Tickle, Molly Richardson, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick

**Back Row:** Mary Margaret Gibson, Sandi Nelson, Wendy Umbarger, Vanessa Howell, Cyndi McGrady, Anita Sage, Lori Compton, Melanie Thompson, Robert Sexton. *Not pictured: Mr. John Waggoner, adviser.*

**CENTER:** Stacy Tibbs and Tracy use the darkroom to process pictures.

**BOTTOM:** A photography showing and contest was held May, 1992. Sheree Burton stands beside her picture of the Cascades which won a 1st place and Best of show.

# Keeping busy wasn't a problem for clubs

Members of the Bland High Rocket Rapp newspaper staff kept busy all year with never-ending tasks. They were forever writing and rewriting articles and meeting their deadlines. Even though these students soon became accustomed to the hard work of their duties, writing wasn't the only thing that kept them on their toes. The staff also

sponsored the Little Miss and Junior Miss pageants, which added yet another task for these individuals and their sponsors. Profits gained by this venture were used to produce the paper, to pay Jason Gusler for his assistance, and to purchase the computer program *Pagemaker* for producing a better paper.

The Future Farmers of America were once again helping in various

ways to serve their community. Students who became members of FFA, headed by Mr. William Crabtree, realized that certain tasks didn't get accomplished easily. The new members participated in Greenhand as well as competing as a group in selling fruit and other various items. As the year came to a finish, these students participated in an end-of-the-year banquet.

Bobbi Hobbs

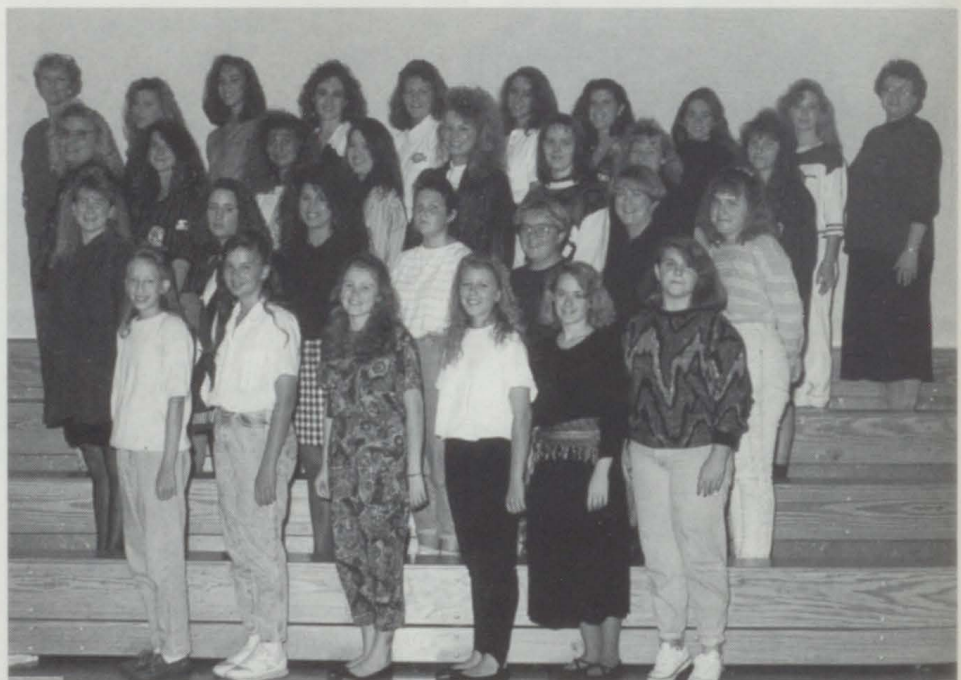


**TOP LEFT:** Jason Gusler assists the staff by producing their articles on the computer using *Pagemaker*.

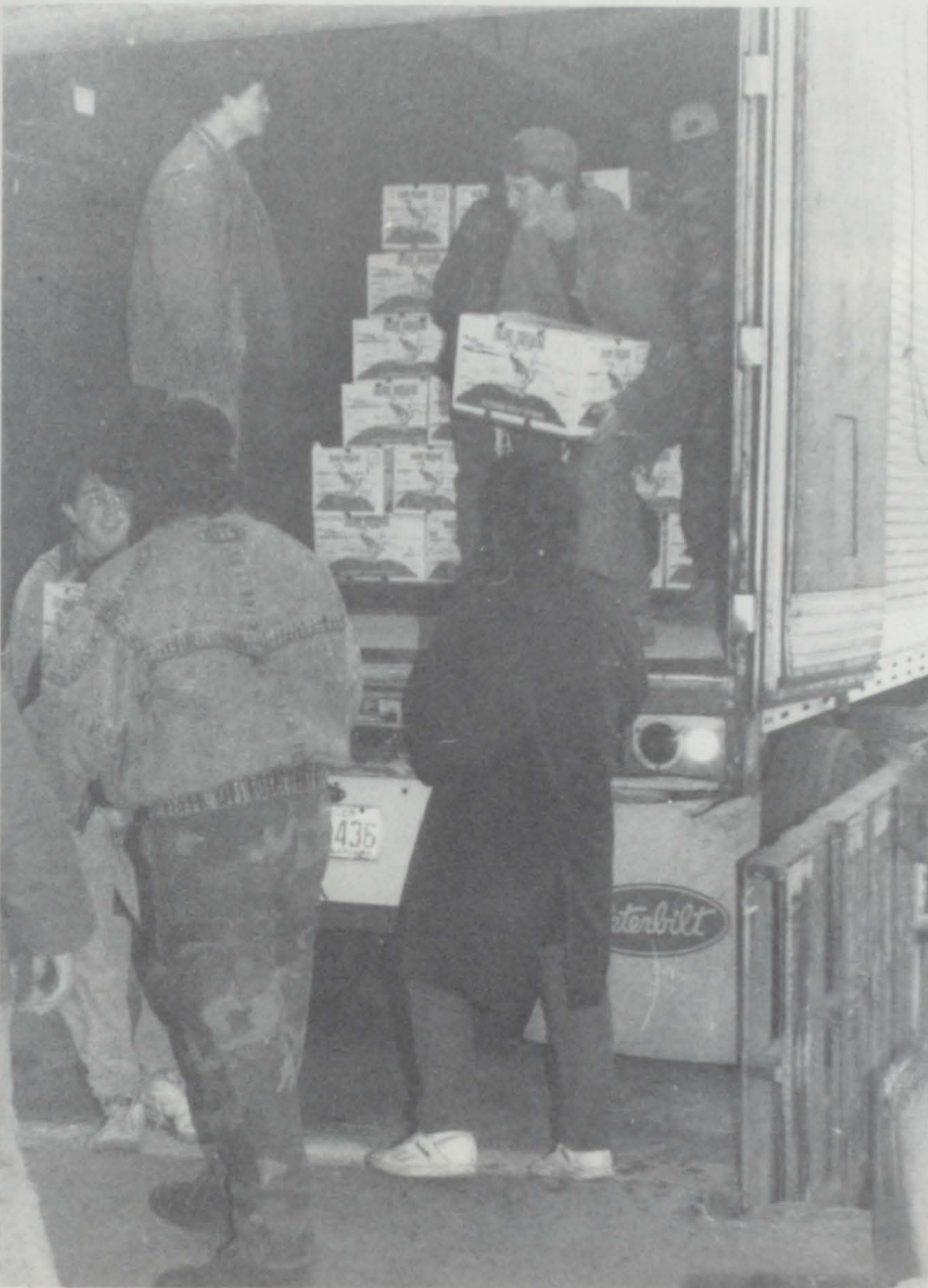


**TOP RIGHT-Newspaper editors-Front Row:** Robert Sexton, Molly Richardson, Amber Umbarger, Lori Compton, Anne Myrick. **2nd Row:** Justin Eaton, Cindy Justice, Bobbi Hobbs, Bradley Hoosier. **Back Row:** Jamie Kidd, Stephanie Goins.

**BOTTOM-Rocket Rapp staff-Front Row:** Misty Wiley, Melissa Repass, Michael Mabe, Holly Pauley, Sheri Blankenship, Melissa Richardson. **2nd Row:** Amie Simms, Wendy Umbarger, Detria Agee, Cheryl Brunk, Becky Penley, B.J. Crabtree, Sarah Shewey. **3rd Row:** Pachess Umbarger, Rae Romano, Cindy Berg, Joanie Lambert, Melanie Thompson, April Tickle, Shannon Enoch, Crystal Hall. **Back Row:** Mrs. Chris Bird, adviser, Amy Hanshew, Jamie Goss, Leslie Kelley, Laura Sadler, Amie Goss, Anita Sage, Cheryl Winesett, Cyndi McGrady, Mrs. Sandra Harman, adviser.







**FFA-Front Row:** Mr. William Crabtree, adviser; Laura Sadler, president; Kevin Pauley, vice-president; B.J. Crabtree, secretary; Smoky Parmenter, reporter; Stanley Overbaugh, treasurer; Jason Stowers, sentinel; Jon Michael Newberry, Benjamin Davis.

**2nd Row:** Vince Moore, Michael Pruett, Ricky Repass, Matthew Brunk, Michelle Rickman, Derrick DeHart, Bradley Gordon, Brooke Dillow, Charlie Corder, Jody Neal, Sammy Blankenship.

**3rd Row:** Eric Tiller, J.B. Lambert, Jason Hancock, J.R. Wolfe, Andy Bruce, Justin Clemons, Wesley Quinn, Jason Phelps, Joe Putnam, Eric Miller, Joe Repass, Kary Taylor, Todd Morehead.

**4th Row:** Jeremiah Clemons, Lionel Blankenship, Jeff Brown, Patrick Bruce, Eric Wimmer, Keith Bourne, Ben Chewing, Wes Strock, Andy Selfe, Brock Justice, Robbie Chewing, Shannon Havens.

**Back Row:** Robbie Davis, Jason Kidd, Eric Galyean, Jeremy Blankenship, Jason Stafford, Steven Berry, John Reed, Darrell Wellman, Stacy Perkins, Brandon Sink, Eric Martin, Matthew Newberry, Travis Simmons.

**BOTTOM:** FFA students unload the cases of fruit sold jointly by the Senior Beta and FFA.

# Organizations faced involvement both in and out of school

An organization chosen of students by students from each grade, the Student Cooperative Association was the leadership body for the students of Bland High. When the county opted for household recycling pick-up, the SCA met the challenge by visiting households to educate them of the value of this service. They also emphasized it in the school by placing disposals in the halls for aluminum cans. During the Snow Court drive they had a desktop full of food to sell each day. They also picked up the Sweetheart Dance which previously was held by the

French Club.

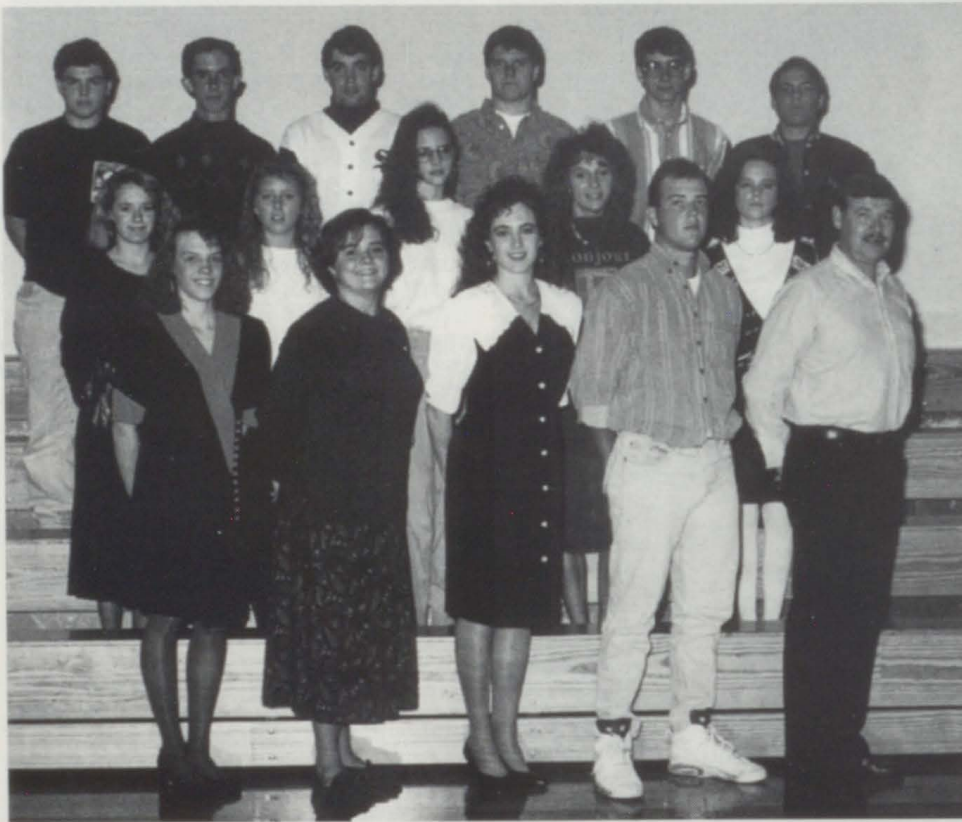
VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) was an association of students who held jobs and attended school. Gaining job experience while still in school, they were advised and assisted by Mrs. Carolyn Bane.

Bland and Mechanicsburg 4-H clubs both had a productive year. They went to Florida for the 4-H interstate exchange where they met other 4-hers. They visited places such as Walt Disney World and St. Augustine. Many of them were also junior leaders at summer 4-H camp.

Upward Bound was a group in which the members were given a

chance to exceed their normal academic challenges. They had tutorial sessions at school twice a week and went to Wytheville Community College for tutoring on Saturdays twice a month. During the summer they attended WCC for a six-weeks academic enrichment program. Upward Bound was not all work since the students involved had other activities such as football and basketball games, tours and movies. At the end of each year they took a trip, this year to Washington, D.C.

*Cora Ramsey*



**LEFT-SCA-Front Row:** Beth Bridges, president; Molly Richardson, vice-president; Leslie Kelley, secretary; Brad Harden, treasurer; Mr. Al Smith, adviser.

**2nd Row:** Sheri Blankenship, Holly Pauley, Marie Dotson, Crystal Thompson, .

**Back Row:** Jody Lambert, Mike Munsey, Monty Matthews, David Allen Lambert, Chris Tickle, Ja-



son Beam.

**RIGHT:** Crystal Thompson has an array of goodies to sell for her candidacy in the Snow Court.

**TOP LEFT-VICA-Front Row:** Vanessa Howell, president; Mary Margaret Gibson, vice-president; Becky Mallory, secretary; Bridgette Penley, treasurer; Tina Kimberlin, reporter; Chad Morehead,

parliamentarian.

**2nd Row:** Scottie Tolbert, Stacy Tibbs, Mindy Brewster, Angel Mitchem.

**3rd Row:** Michelle Rickman, Dawn Rickman, Jason Quinn, John Reed.

**Back Row:** Mrs. Carolyn Bane, adviser, Allen Brewster, Jimmy Sparks, Robert Sexton.



**TOP RIGHT-Mechanicsburg 4-H-Front Row:** Crystal Hall, Tracy Hall, Pam Harden.

**Back Row:** Wesley Strock, Bradley Gordon.



**UPWARD BOUND-Front Row:** Bridgette Penley, Molly Richardson.  
**2nd Row:** Shannon Enoch, April tickle, Cindy Berg, Jamie Kidd.

**Back Row:** Becky Penley, Amie Goss, Pachess Umbarger, Jamie Goss, Anita French, Melissa Richardson.



**BLAND 4-H-Front Row:** B.J. Crabtree, Melissa Repass, Bridgette Penley, Sheree Burton.

**2nd Row:** Cindy Justice, Becky Penley, Anita Sage.

**3rd Row:** Pachess Umbarger, Jamie Kidd, April Tickle, Rachael French.

**Back Row:** Mike Munsey, Smoky Parmenter, James Umbarger, Robert Sexton.

# Staffers hassle with deadlines

Time was an element this year's year-book staff never seemed to have enough of. Meeting deadlines proved to be a constant struggle. Staffers had to juggle their schedules in an effort to try and get copies turned in on time. Advisers constantly prodded members of deadlines, remind-

ing them that this was only the preliminary stage. After writing copy and drawing a layout it had to be revised and then entered on the computer.

Meetings were held on Monday afternoons. Under the guidance of Ms. Elizabeth Newberry and Mrs. Sandra Harman members spent many long hours putting the year-

book together. Beginning with 29 members, it looked like a great year. However, when everyone didn't put their weight, it made a hardship on others and several members were dropped from the list.

Tanya Ramsey



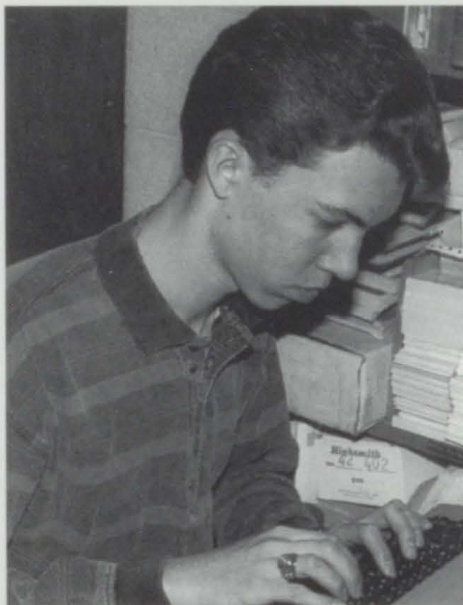
**TOP-YEARBOOK STAFF:** Consisting of 8 seniors, 4 juniors, 11 sophomores-**Front Row:** Cyndi McGrady, Meagan Morehead, Cora Ramsey, Wendy Umbarger, Cindy Justice, Molly Richardson, Tracy Hall

**2nd Row:** Joanie Lambert, Shannon Enoch, Jamie Kidd, Angel Mitchem, Stephanie Goins, Lori Compton.

**Back Row:** Cindy Berg, Tanya Ramsey, Bradley Hoosier, Rachael French, Beth Shewey, Robert Sexton, Ms. Elizabeth Newberry, adviser. *Not pictured: Stacy Tibbs, Melanie Thompson, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, Mrs. Sandra Harman.*

**TOP RIGHT:** Rachael French plans the varsity girls' basketball page, using a picture cropper to size her pictures.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Meagan Morehead and Tanya Ramsey enter name information on the computer.



Business Manager, Robert Sexton, handled all the ads and correspondence as well as processing film and prints and doing his share of layouts.



*Sweat  
of your  
brow*



Q. What changes would you like to see in our sports program?

A. I would like to see the school develop a wrestling team. *Travis Simmons*

A. We should have a wider variety of sports at our school. *Todd Morehead*

A. A bigger variety of sports to choose from and better staff and more equipment to work with. *Amie Goss*

A. We should have a boys volleyball team. *Chris Tickle*

A. I wouldlike to see more sports for the younger kids. *Jes Selfe*

Sports

# A Brand New Start

Since there were no returning players from the previous team, the 1992 JV Baseball Season definitely had a "brand new start." With the help of new coaches David Lambert, James Matthews, Harold Dillow, and Shelby Brown, the team experienced a winning season! Many factors contributed to the overall success of our team. Not only the excellent coaching staff, but the persistent help of volunteers created the atmos-

phere necessary for the team's success. Many citizens, parents, and just friends gave generously of their time and efforts to guarantee that the team would have a "brand new start."

The team consisted of two Sophomores, ten Freshmen, and one Pre-Freshman. Among the players, many had impressive batting averages:

Jason Beam-----.363

Kevin King-----.392

Bradley Tate----.400  
 Monty Matthews-.451  
 Jeff Brown-----.470

Three homeruns were hit by Kevin King, two by Monty Matthews and one by David Allen Lambert. But, in baseball all hits count.

A spectator could hear the chatter of all team members when any of the guys stepped up to bat.



**LEFT:** Brian Waddle heads for first base with a hit to outfield.

**RIGHT:** Monty Matthews hits a foul ball while David Allen Lambert prepares for next at bat.



SCOREBOARD		
US	Opponent	THEM
4	Rocky Gap	11
1	Rocky Gap	Forfeit
2	Giles	6
4	Narrows	0
5	Narrows	3
9	Ft. Chiswell	2
12	Auburn	2
2	Giles	8
8	Galax	5
13	Oakvale	2
14	Narrows	2
3	Grayson Co.	5
<b>WON-8 LOST-4</b>		



**TOP LEFT-JV BASEBALL TEAM-Front Row:** Charlie Burton, Allen Brown, Bradley Tate, Brian Waddle, Jason Beam. **2nd Row:** Justin Eaton, Brock Justice, Monty Matthews, James Umbarger, Mr. James Matthews. **Back Row:** Jeff Brown, David Allen Lambert, Kevin King, Andy Selfe, Mr. Harold Dillow.

**TOP RIGHT:** Justin Eaton sprints across home plate to score.

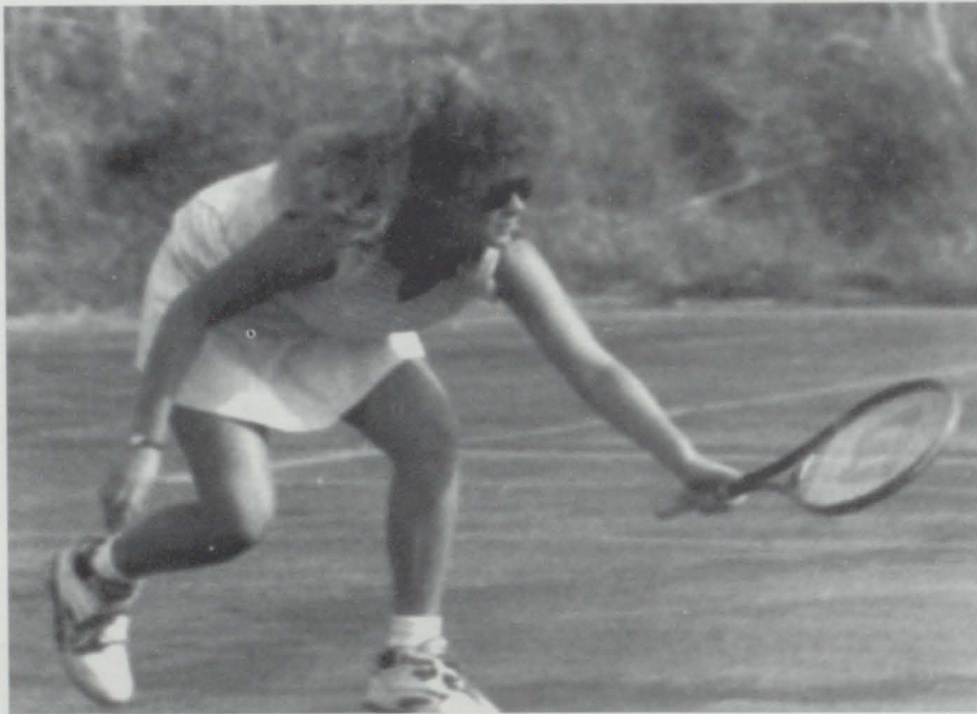
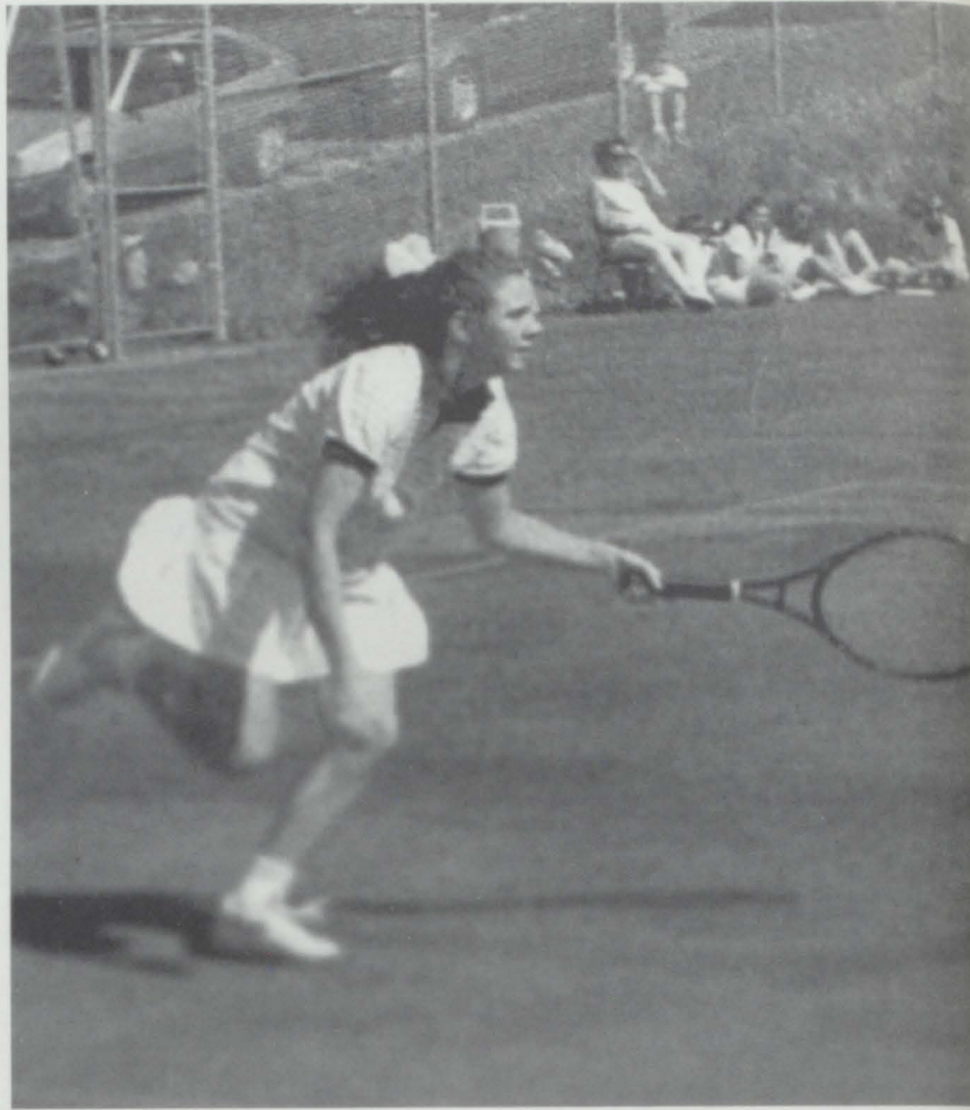
**CENTER LEFT:** Pitcher Monty Matthews throws a fast ball and gains a strike.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Bradley Tate makes a dash for third base.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** David Allen Lambert tags Oakvale player for an out.

**TOP LEFT:** A mighty swing by Sarah Thompson sends the ball back to her opponent.

**TOP RIGHT:** Stephanie Meadows uses experience and agility as her best weapons.



**ABOVE:** Melanie Thompson strongly returns the ball off of a difficult low bounce.

**RIGHT:** Tawny Dillow returns the ball with a powerful forehand.



# New players add strength to tennis team

**B**land's tennis team consisted of three excellent new additions and five others returning from the previous year. This team proved to be very enthusiastic with lots of stamina as some were involved in very grueling matches.

Coach Patty Hankins instructed the girls on individual techniques

throughout the season, which proved its worth not only to the new players, but benefitted the whole team.

Overall showed 20 singles wins, doubles with 6. The loss of the top three seeded seniors—Stephanie Meadows, Becky Bird, Sarah Thompson — will create a vacuum that new players must strive to fill.

**TOP-1992 TENNIS TEAM—Front Row:** Pam Harden, Becky Bird, Stephanie Meadows. **Back Row:** P.J. Meadows, Kristie Dillow, Tawny Dillow, Melanie Thompson, Shannon Enoch. **TOP:** Coach Patty Hankins. *Not pictured: Sarah Thompson.*

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Becky Bird powerfully pops the ball back across the net.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Kristie Dillow gracefully returns the ball with a difficult shot.



SCOREBOARD		
US		THEM
1	Ft. Chiswell	8
3	Auburn	5
0	Giles	9
1	Galax	5
7	Narrows	2
2	Floyd	7
8	Rural Retreat	1
6	Shawsville	3
0	Grayson	9
<b>WON-3</b>		<b>LOST-6</b>



# JV Bears take district

A young team, be it tennis, volleyball, baseball, basketball and, yes, especially football, starts a season by trying to accomplish smaller goals, like making the right moves, perfecting difficult plays and most important, playing well and even winning that first game. Once they accomplish these goals they move on to larger and even more demanding feats like taking the district championship.

These goals were accomplished this season by Bland Bears JV football team. Coached by Bobby

## BLAND BEARS JV FOOTBALL TEAM-

**Front Row:** Derrick DeHart, Nick Bruffy, Lee Hankins, Todd Morehead, J.B. Lambert, Jon Michael Newberry. **2nd Row:** Jason Hancock, Ben Chewning, Kary Taylor, Sammy Blankenship, Keith Bourne, Eric Johnson. **Back Row:** Lester Hancock, coach, William Leighton, Smoky Parmenter, Andy Selfe, Eric Miller, Brian Ball, coaches, Ron Bruffy, Bob Beaman.

**BOTTOM:** Todd Morehead finds a lane and drives for the extra yardage while Smoky Parmenter is ready to assist.

Beaman, with assistance from Lester Hancock and Ron Bruffy, the bears ended up with an 8-2 record, one having been lost by forfeit.

This season they also had the pleasure of playing on Bland's new

football field located in Bastian below the old Bastian elementary school. The JV Bears, consisting of students from both high schools, took the title of district champs. This, along with a lot of hard work and dedication, gives their upcoming varsity years a promising look.

*Melanie Thompson*





SCOREBOARD		
US		THEM
20	Shawsville	6
6	Grayson Co.	0
12	Galax	25
21	Auburn	6
14	Narrows	12
28	Ft. Chiswell	0
22	Floyd Co.	0
20	Galax	6
14	Auburn	0
<b>WON-8</b>		<b>LOST-2</b>

**TOP:** Excellent blocking and quick manouvers was the key in this run by the Bears.

**CENTER:** Andy Selfe heads the JV Bears out on the field with a cheer from the JV cheerleaders to add to their motivation.

**BOTTOM:** Coach Bob Beaman gives the JV Bears more instructions before they take back to the field.



**THE 1992-93 VARSITY BEARS TEAM CONSISTED OF -Front Row:** Joe Cromer, David Lambert, Todd Morehead, Brian Waddle, Eric Johnson, Nathan Ramano, Justin Eaton, Chris Mercer.

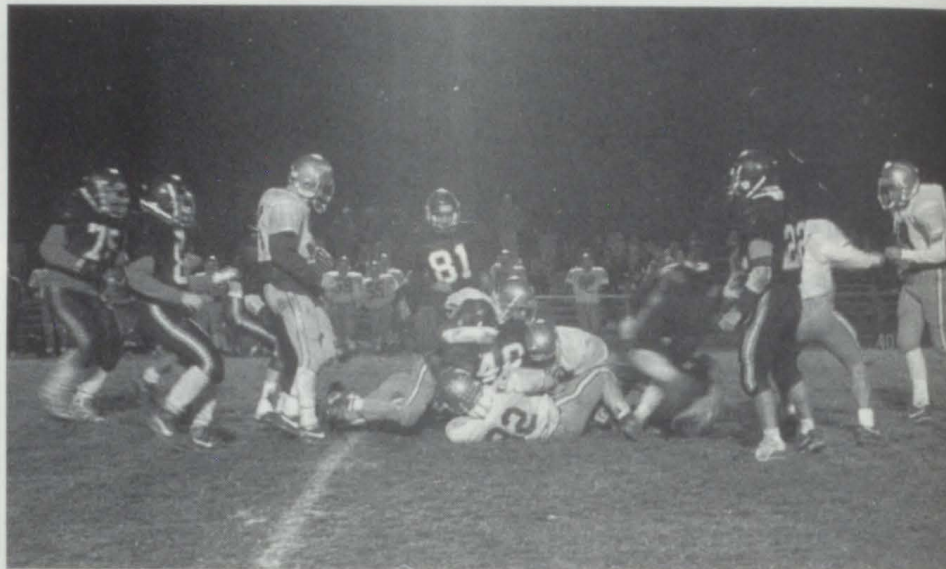
**2nd Row:** Kary Taylor, William Leighton, Aaron Faulkner, Joe Putnam, John Stinson, Donnie Havens, Jeff Brown, Monty Matthews, Robbie Chewing, Eric Miller.

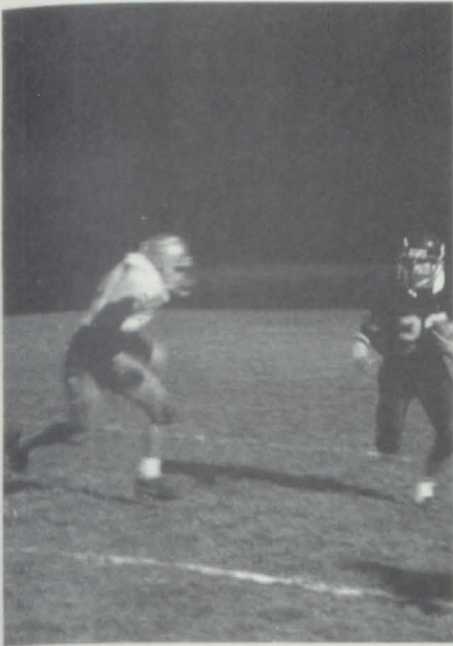
**Back Row:** Coach Ed Selfe, Smoky Paramenter, Stacy Perkins, Travis Simmons, Andy Selfe, Jes Selfe, Bryant Morehead, Douglas Dalton, Stanley Overbaugh, Coach Dave Lambert, Brad Harden, Coach Shelby Brown.

**CENTER:** "Ouch"

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Oh-no, Brad's breakdancing. (Brad Harden)

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Can the Pioneers catch Joe Cromer?





### SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
0	Galax	31
3	Grayson Co.	56
13	Craig	21
13	Shawsville	25
0	Floyd Co.	49
0	Narrows	46
7	Giles	47
0	Auburn	9
0	Ft. Chiswell	20
12	Holston	7

WON-1 LOST-9

## Build and we shall play

Wondering if there would be a field to play on was in the minds of the first ever Bland Bears Varsity Football team. These players spent many weekends hauling lumber for the bleachers, spreading gravel and removing any rocks there might still be left on the field. This dream of a Bland County Football Team was made possible by donations of money, material, and labor from the local community.

Getting banged up and hurt hit the team hard early in the season when the starting quarterback, Kevin King, broke his collar bone and Travis Simmons and Joe Putman had knee trouble. Having experienced a winning season last year, the team struggled through disappointments when it seemed they were destined to a season of no wins. As experience was obtained and competition grew more heated, the team grew confident and proudly displayed satisfaction with their first win against Holston. Finally, all the hard work had paid off.

With the end of the season came the naming of all district players which were Brad Harden, wide receiver, and David Allen Lambert, line backer. Monty Matthews, punter, received an honorable mention.

*Angel Mitchem*

**TOP:** Joe, the running machine (Joe Cromer)

**CENTER:** David Allen, please hold on to the ball (David Allen Lambert)

**BOTTOM:** HELP!!!



# A new year, a new beginning

**P**ractice was the word most familiar with the three squads this year! After attending three very enlightening camps with the VA TECH cheerleaders, the girls worked hard to perfect their newly formed tech-

niques. Cheerleading "get-togethers" started over the summer and continued through the last ball-game. JV and Varsity advisers were Bonnie Blankenship and Iris Strock and Denise Romano advised the eighth grade squad.

New dances, pyramids, stunts and cheers were just a part of the cheerleaders performances. Cheerleaders united to make the 1992-93 season one to remember.

Lori Comp...



**TOP LEFT:** Varsity squad forms pyramid during homecoming game against Giles.



**JV CHEERLEADERS-Front Row:** Anne Myrick.  
**2nd Row:** Leslie Kelley, Sheri Blankenship, Cheryl Winesett.  
**Back Row:** Amie Goss, Bobbi Hobbs, Bradley Hoosier, Jamie Goss.

**EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS-Front Row:** Lisa Kimberlin.  
**2nd Row:** Holly Pauley, Amy Hanshaw, Michael Kay Mabe.  
**Back Row:** Casey Johnston, Amanda Brown, Rae Romano.



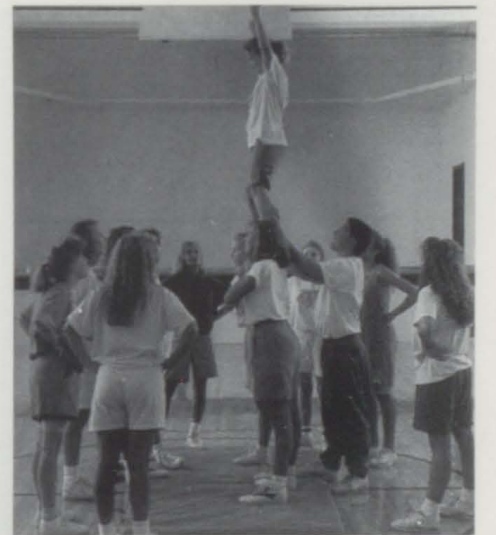


**TOP LEFT:** All three squads join during homecoming.

**CENTER LEFT-VARSITY CHEERLEADERS-Front Row:** Cindy Justice. **2nd Row:** Amie Simms, Lori Compton. **Back Row:** Stephanie Goins, Misty Pauley, Beth Bridges, Pam Harden, Detria Agee.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Detria Agee gives full support to her team.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Paula Hockett, a JV Football Cheerleader.



**LEFT AND ABOVE:** Cheerleading camp helps students perfect pyramids, splits, and other formations. The leaders for the camp were from the VA TECH cheerleaders.

# New sport comes to Bland

This year the male athletes decided to try something different. So, with golf all the rage, a boys golf team was formed. The team consisted of two eighth graders, three ninth graders, and three tenth graders. With coaches David Foltz and Richard Neal, the golf team was ready to "tee" off.

For each match, four teams played with the highest scorer being a medalist. The matches were held at five

locations.

For the first time in Bland's history an eighth grade girls team was formed. With nine seventh graders, one sixth grader, and new coach Tina Brown, these young ladies were excited about the season. This team was young but full of spirit. With many more years together, this group of girls may well become a force to be reckoned with.

Stacy Tibbs  
Tracy Hall

## GOLF SCHEDULE

Floyd County Country Club  
Wolf Creek Golf Club  
Draper Valley Country Club  
Wolf Creek Golf Club  
New River Golf Club  
Blue Ridge Country Club  
Draper Valley Country Club

**GOLF TEAM-Front Row:** Jamie Dunn, John Curtis Thompson.  
**Back Row:** Jason Stowers, Mike Munsey, Brock Justice, James Umbarger, Jason Beam. *Not pictured: Jimmy Pike.*

**BOTTOM:** Brooke Kitts moves unopposed down the court, Tina Brown councils players, Narrows player watches a cautious Stephanie Kelley.







**8TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM-Front Row:** Sharon Shewey, Heather Stiltner, Leslie Carroll, Kelly Dunn, Erin Thompson, Whitney Gamble, Sarah Bird

**Back Row:** Jessica Crawford, Ashley Havens, Mandy Blankenship, Kelli King, Debbie Munsey, Stephanie Kelley, Brooke Kitts.

**CENTER:** Referee Gary Blankenship watches other action as Whitney Gamble easily outmanouveres Narrows opponent. Assistance comes from Sarah Bird (22) and Jessica Crawford (42).

**BOTTOM:** Kelly Dunn inboundes the ball with Kevin Johnson as referee.



SCOREBOARD		
US		THEM
5	Rocky Gap	46
6	Grayson Co.	41
5	Auburn	26
9	Giles	41
6	Galax	26
4	Shawsville	28
6	Floyd Co.	58
5	Narrows	28
5	Ft. Chiswell	46
<b>WON-0 LOST-9</b>		

**TOP:** Amie Goss and Cheryl Winesett try to overpower the Narrows Green Wave.

**CENTER LEFT:** Pachess Umbarger is surrounded by the ladies in green.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Amy Hanshew doesn't let the Green Waves daunt her as she quickly moves down the court.

**BOTTOM:** With the aid of teammates Sheri Blankenship, Amie Goss, and Pachess Umbarger, Amy Hanshew goes high with the ball for a free throw.



# Fans were supportive

With the support of the fans and first time coach Tina Brown, the JV Rockettes were raring to go. This was also the first playing time these girls had seen since there was no JV team last year. The team consisted of eight ninth graders and two eighth graders.

Although they had no wins, this

young team proved themselves worthy of playing basketball. Refusing to give up even when the odds were against them, they played with pride and spirit as though they were the team with the highest score. With the same girls returning next year, this team promises to be a competitive force.

*Stacy Tibbs and Tracy Hall*

## TOP-JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM:

Sheri Blankenship, Rae Romano, Leslie Kelley, Amie Goss, Pachess Umbarger, Jamie Goss, B.J. Crabtree, Jennifer Winters, Amy Hanshew, Cheryl Winesett.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Coach Tina Brown gives last minute instructions to the bench.



## SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
9	Grayson	38
10	Auburn	38
6	Giles	32
8	Galax	20
10	Shawsville	34
5	Floyd	40
15	Rural Retreat	36
14	Narrows	40
7	Ft. Chiswell	38
19	Rocky Gap	48
14	Rural Retreat	43
21	Grayson	31
9	Auburn	20
12	Giles	30
5	Galax	16
11	Shawsville	28
16	Floyd	36
17	Narrows	28
11	Ft. Chiswell	24

**WON-0    LOST-19**

# Rockettes faced challenging season

This school year the Rockettes were coached by Kevin Johnson. Beginning with summer training, eleven team members practiced for the 1992 girl's basketball season. The team returned in the fall with four seniors: Kathy Shewey, Pam Harden,

Laura Sadler, and Crystal Thompson. Two juniors added to the strength of the teams. These girls were Rachael French and Crystal King. Sophomores on the team were Shannon Enoch, Jamie Kidd, Anne Myrick, Bobbi Hobbs, and Jessica Turner.

The Rockettes ended the 1992

season in a playoff game with Rocky Gap for tournament qualification. The Rockettes fell short three points, but vowed to return stronger next year.

*Rachael French*



SCOREBOARD		
US		THEM
55	Rocky Gap	61
35	Grayson	55
28	Auburn	73
53	Giles	56
31	Galax	43
14	Shawsville	78
19	Floyd	66
46	Rural Retreat	56
29	Narrows	55
25	Ft. Chiswell	63
38	Rocky Gap	51
32	Rural Retreat	56
27	Grayson	61
29	Auburn	75
42	Giles	40
21	Galax	57

25	Shawsville	43
14	Floyd	63
33	Narrows	65
34	Ft. Chiswell	66
*39	Rocky Gap	42

**WON-1 LOST-20**

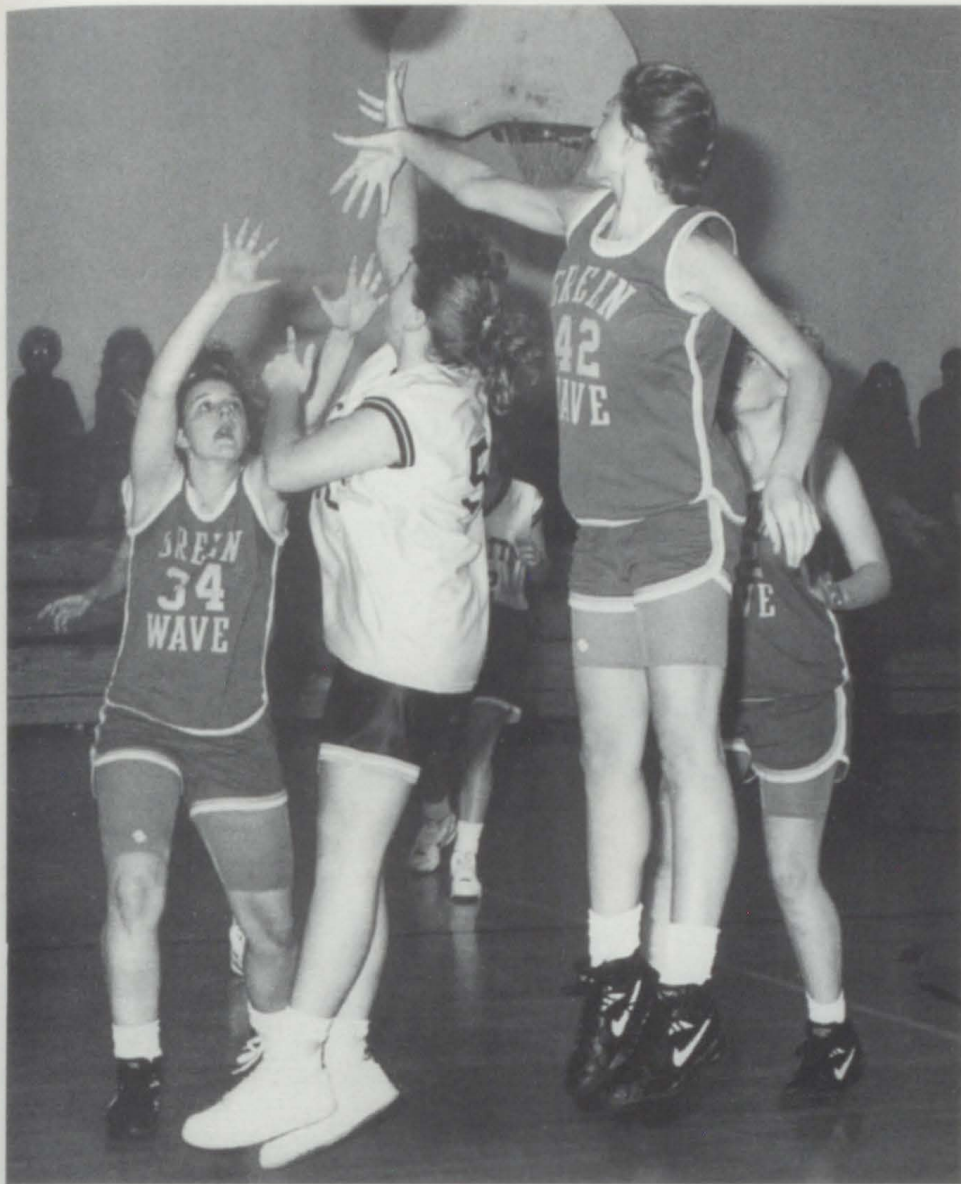
\*playoff

**TOP LEFT:** Coach Kevin Johnson instructs Lady Rockettes on their next winning play.

**TOP RIGHT:** Kathy Shewey looks for the open man past half court.

**BOTTOM:** Surrounded by defense, Rachael French tries for a basket under the goal. (And yes, she made it.)





**TOP LEFT:** Laura Sadler attempts to take the ball from Narrows competitors.

**TOP RIGHT:** Players await the outcome of a basket shot by Jessica "Harvey" Turner.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Crystal Thompson drives toward the goal in hopes of a basket.

**BOTTOM LEFT-VARSITY TEAM-Kneeling** are seniors: Laura Sadler, Pam Harden, Kathy Shewey, Crystal Thompson. **Standing:** Crystal King, Jamie Kidd, Jessica Turner, Rachael French, Bobbi Hobbs, Anne Myrick, Shannon Enoch.



# Spirit prevailed for eighth grade team

Competing against players nearly a foot taller, Bland's 8th grade team was clearly the underdog. However they felt just as big as their opponents and they played with the

spirit to win. Under the encouraging and supportive tutelage of Coach Kevin Johnson, they won games they should have lost and most losses were only by minimal points.

Of the fourteen players, seven

were from the eighth grade, four from the seventh grade and three were sixth graders. With experience behind them they hope for a winning season in '94.

*Shannon Enoch*



**TOP LEFT:** John Curtis Thompson goes up for two but is fouled when Giles player attempts to block the play.

**TOP RIGHT:** Eric Wimmer blocks out the opposing team to allow Jamie Dunn access to the basket.

**BOTTOM:** All eyes are on the ball as they prepare for a rebound. (Jon Michael Newberry-51 and Eric Wimmer-45).





**TOP:** Giles effectively blocks as Jeremy Dillow(53) tries a field goal, getting assistance from Adam Faulkner and Jeremiah Clemons.

**CENTER LEFT:** Lee Meadows lets his feelings show with the close defense of Giles.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Jeremiah Clemons watches the action as Jason Hancock goes for the basket against the blocking of Giles.

**BOTTOM-8th Boys' Basketball team-Front Row:** Jason Hancock, John C. Thompson, Jamie Dunn, Lee Meadows. **Back Row:** Adam Faulkner, Jeremy Dillow, Jeremiah Tate, Ryan Newberry, Paul Lindamood, Rikki Sarver, Brad Myrick. *Not pictured:* Eric Wimmer, Jon Michael Newberry, Jeremiah Clemons.



SCOREBOARD		
US		THEM
43	Auburn	45
27	Ft. Chiswell	26
33	Galax	34
31	Rural Retreat	30
36	Narrows	49
25	Floyd	54
34	Grayson	52
36	Rocky Gap	35
29	Giles	26
44	Shawsville	43
45	Narrows	36
36	Ft. Chiswell	47
<b>Pre-Season Tournament</b>		
33	Shawsville	26
19	Radford	37
19	Floyd	46
<b>WON-7</b>		<b>LOST-8</b>

## SCOREBOARD

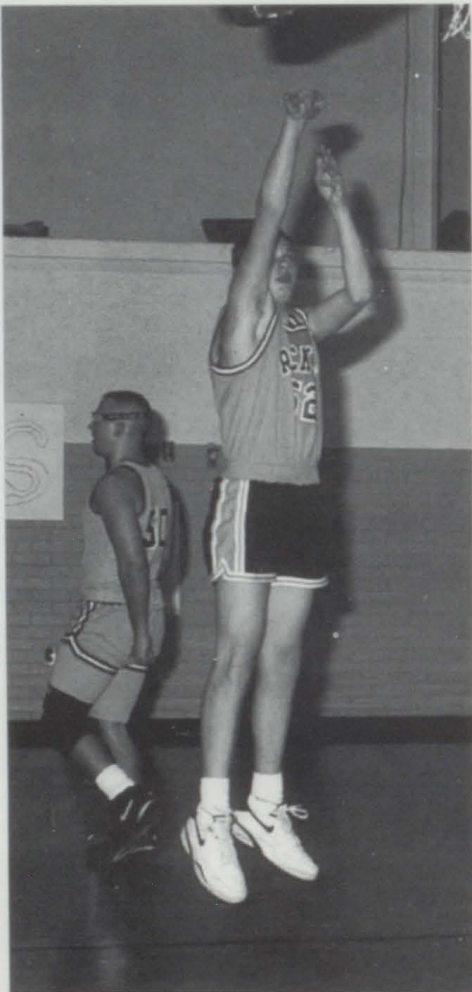
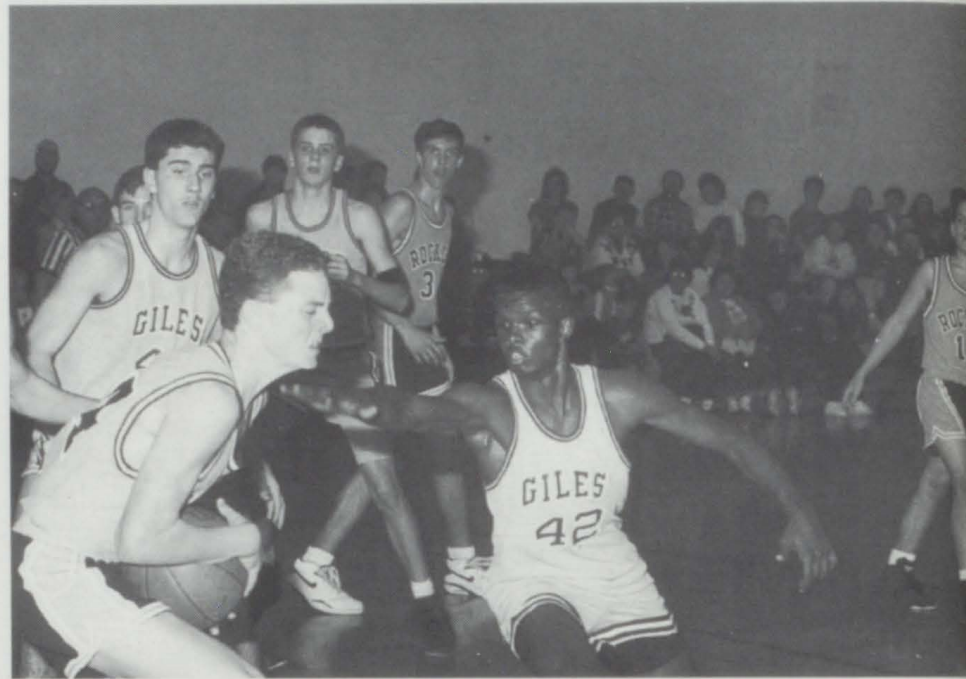
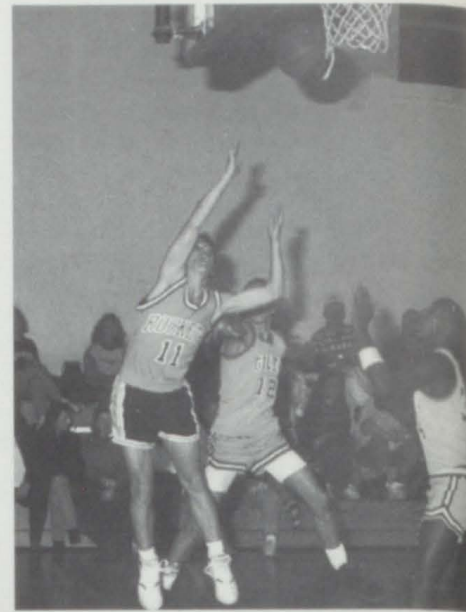
US		THEM
42	Auburn	36
51	Ft. Chiswell	41
30	Galax	22
34	Rural Retreat	37
52	Narrows	40
33	Floyd	37
44	Grayson	36
43	Rocky Gap	28
41	Giles	31
72	Rural Retreat	56
54	Shawsville	23
36	Auburn	34
55	Narrows	61
47	Ft. Chiswell	39
45	Galax	43
36	Floyd	39
30	Grayson	36
40	Giles	43
43	Rocky Gap	40
47	Shawsville	27
<b>WON-14</b>		<b>LOST-6</b>

**TOP:** Jimmy Pike attempts a two-pointer.

**CENTER:** Jason Stowers protects the ball while surrounded by Giles players with Andy Selfe and Jason Beam in the wings.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Giles player is called for a foul against Shannon Havens shooting.

**BOTTOM RIGHT-JV Boys' Basketball team-Front Row:** Jason Beam, Bradley Tate, Allen Brown, Todd Morehead, Brian Waddle, Jimmy Pike. **Back Row:** Jason Stowers, Smoky Parmenter, Shannon Havens, Wes Strock, Robbie Morehead.





# JV looked for a challenging season

Prior to basketball season the Junior Varsity Boys' team thought there would certainly be a challenge ahead. After losing four of five starters from last year's squad, the team had to rebuild for the coming sea-

son. Once the season began, all hopes of having a good season started happening. Most of the games won had rather impressive scores and the ones lost were very close.

Near the end of the season, Andy Selfe moved up to the varsity level

due to injuries on that team and Todd Morehead suffered a broken wrist. Having these two players gone for the remainder of the season the other players pulled together to be as competitive as possible. They were coached by Rich Hankins.

As most of these players were sophomores they will move up to varsity status next year. This means the JV team will have to rebuild again.

*Rachael French*



**TOP LEFT:** Coupled with quickness and an awareness of where his teammates are Todd Morehead is a formidable foe on the court. Ready assistance is available in the form of Shannon Havens.

**TOP RIGHT:** Another quick and accurate guard is Bradley Tate, making sure of his teammates and wary of the opponents.

**BOTTOM:** Wes Strock wastes no time in getting past his opponents. Andy Selfe comes in from the background.



# Changing of the Guard — One bright light

Opponents attacked the rockets from several directions at once, trying effectively to shut down the Rockets' inside game and the consistency of Brad Harden, Chris Tickle, and Kevin King from three point land. The games were stretched and pulled

and sometimes knotted, but when it looked as if Bland would sputter, another Rocket would come along to drive the engine for a while. When Jes Selfe got in foul trouble, Eric Brooks, a bright light, came off the bench and got key rebounds in big games. With past years of Mountain

Empire dominance, this looks like the fab for the future. Kevin King was named to the All-District team.

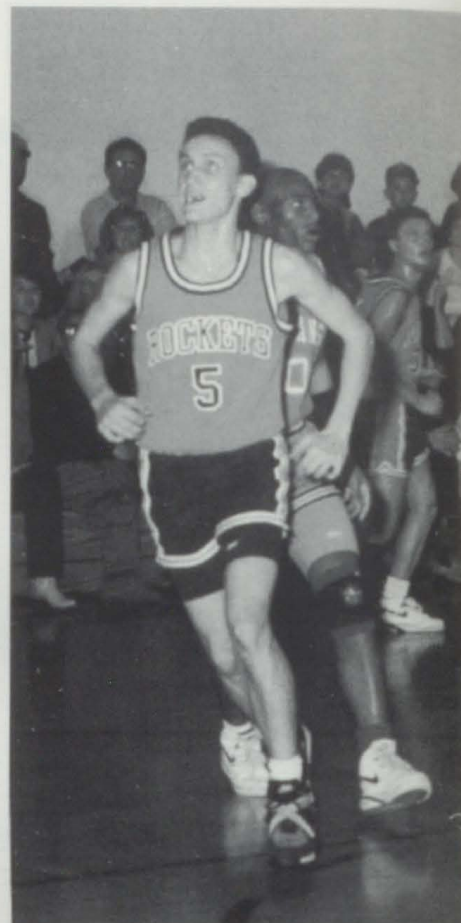
*Angel Mitchell*

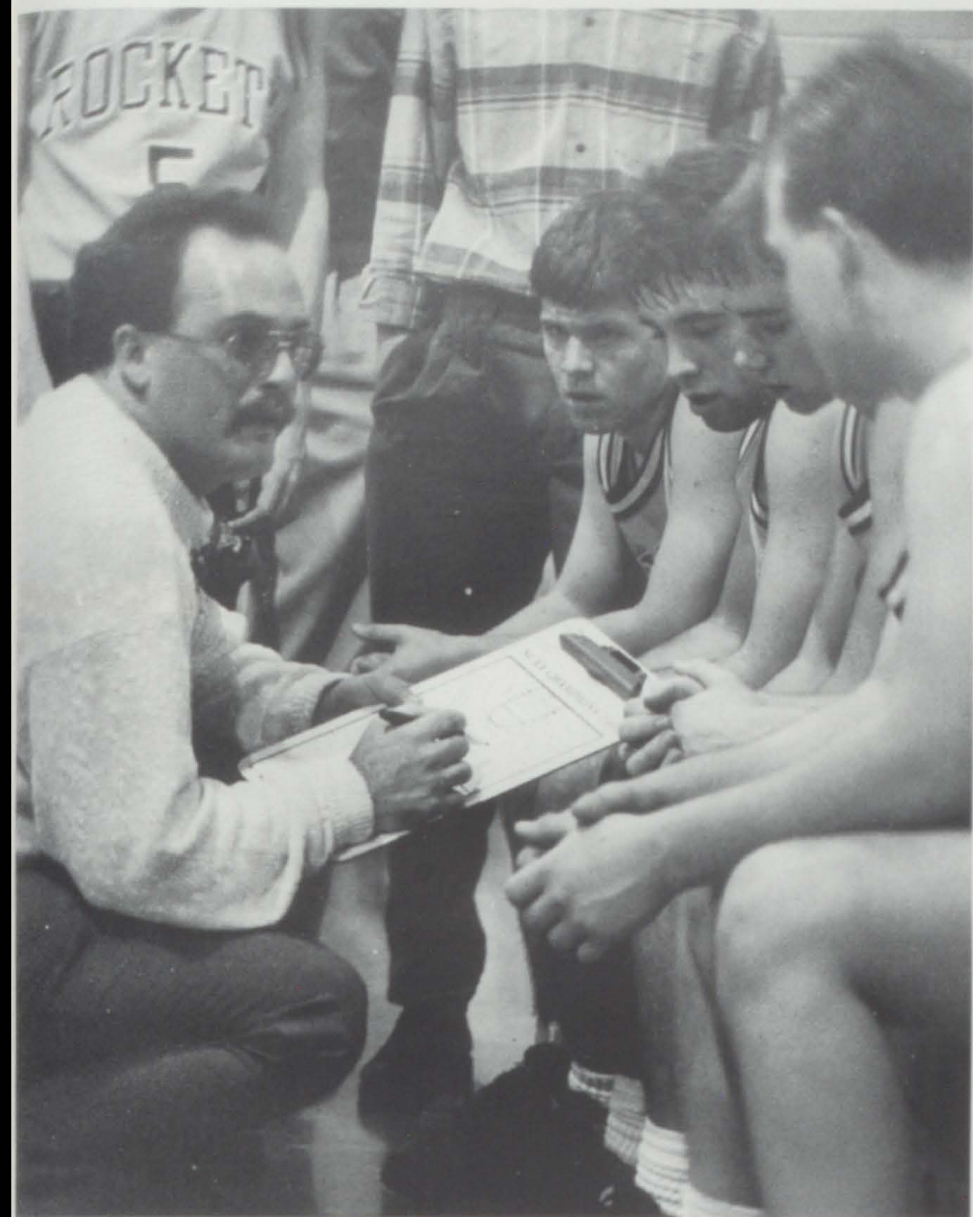
**TOP LEFT-VARSITY TEAM: Kneeling** — Senior Brad Harden. **Standing:** David Allen Lambert, Kevin King, Eric Brooks, Jes Selfe, Andy Selfe, Aaron Faulkner, Monty Matthews, Chris Tickle.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Chris Tickle heads quickly for the basket trying to shut out Grayson County.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Legs and arms fly, but Kevin King maintains possession of the ball with David Allen Lambert assisting.

**TOP RIGHT:** Eric Brooks breaks for the basket ready for a rebound.





Scoreboard		
US		THEM
54	Auburn	60
62	Ft. Chiswell	68
52	Galax	51
64	Rural Retreat	40
64	Narrows	69
57	Floyd	79
52	Grayson	45
63	Rocky Gap	55
38	Giles	37
67	Rural Retreat	64
61	Shawsville	50
38	Auburn	46
72	Narrows	53
58	Ft. Chiswell	54
46	Galax	64
35	Floyd	51
31	Grayson	33
39	Giles	54
63	Rocky Gap	57
78	Shawsville	50
<b>WON-11</b>		<b>LOST-9</b>

**TOP LEFT:** Coach Rich Hankins outlines plays and strategies for players David Allen Lambert, Monty Matthews, Chris Tickle and Brad Harden.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Brad Harden battles Auburn for control of the basketball.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** David Allen Lambert struggles to stay upright when Grayson player gets too close.



# Growing popularity created volleyball fever

**T**hroughout the past few years volleyball has been receiving more and more attention because of its growing popularity and BHS has caught this volleyball fever.

Twenty-two students from grades nine through twelve were divided into JV and Varsity teams according to their grade levels (9-10 JV and 11-12 Varsity). Under the coaching of Miss Teena Morefield the teams worked hard during morning and afternoon practices and showed a great deal of improvement as the season progressed. Senior Crystal Thompson was a new addition to the varsity team and proved she could really play the game by being very aggressive at the net.

Next year looks very promising with five returning varsity members plus additions from the JV. "The main objective for next year," says Coach Morefield, "is to build upon the success of the 1993 season."

Crystal Thompson received an Honorable Mention to All-District.

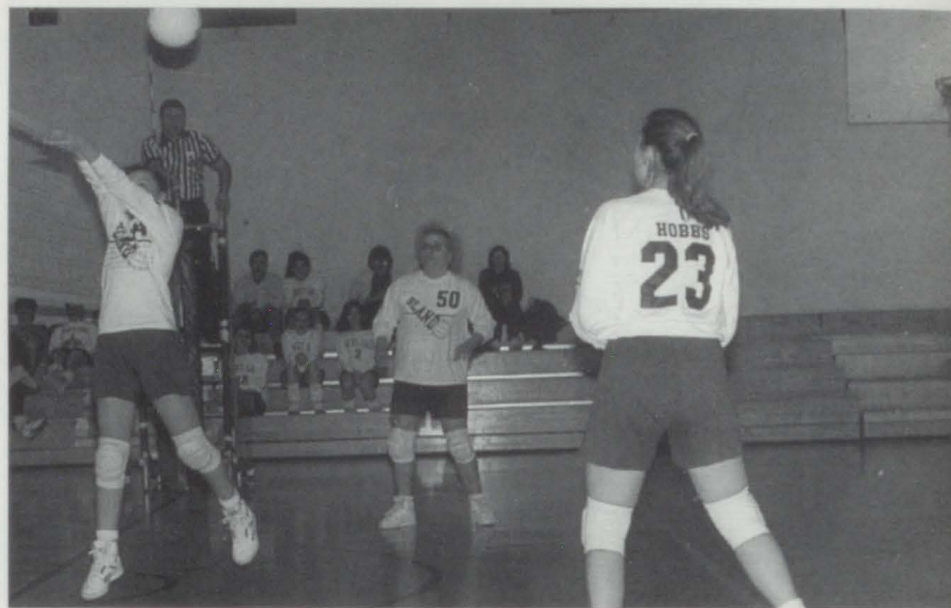
*Melanie Thompson*

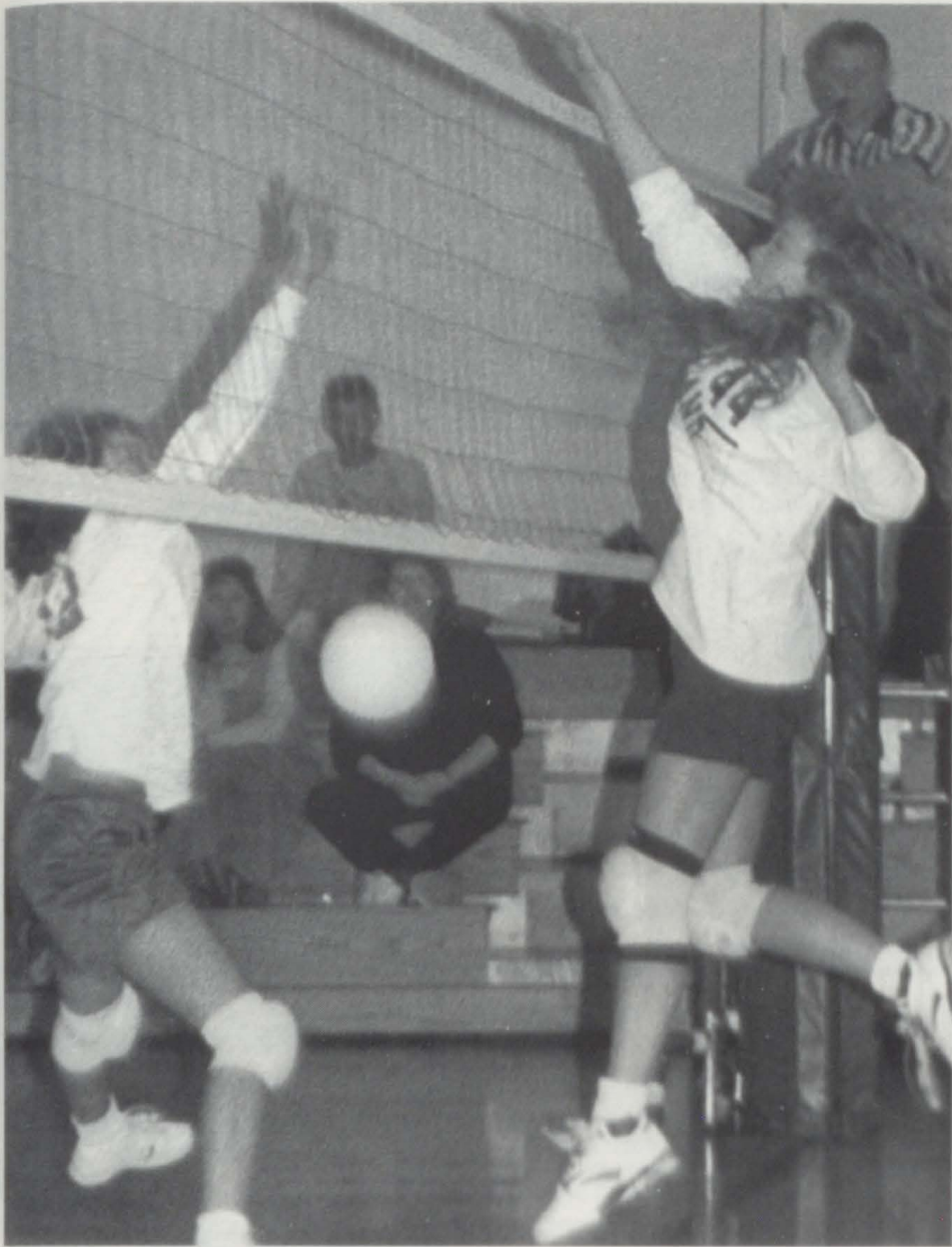
**TOP-JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM-Front Row:** Joanie Lambert, Anita French, Cora Ramsey, Melissa Repass, Anne Myrick. **Back Row:** Shannon Enoch, Pachess Umbarger, Melanie Talbert, Bobbi Hobbs, Jamie Kidd. *Not pictured Anita Sage.*

**CENTER:** Melissa Repass uses good judgement to bump set the ball back to Pachess Umbarger with Bobbi Hobbs ready to assist.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Jamie Kidd has excellent form as she meets the ball with Anita French watching closely in the background.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Anita French, Shannon Enoch and Bobbi Hobbs are ready for action as Joanie Lambert sends the ball racing back across the net.





SCOREBOARD		
JV US/THEM		VARSITY US/THEM
15-11	Oakhill	15-11
15-13		15-6
15-5	Grayson	3-15
15-9		15-11
		15-9
14-16	Grayson	7-15
15-11		4-15
	15-8	
15-3	Rocky Gap	15-3
15-4		15-2
15-10	Shawsville	9-15
15-6		15-10
		14-16
5-15	Narrows	9-15
15-3		16-14
12-15		3-15
15-11	Auburn	11-15
16-14		5-15
15-0	Rocky Gap	10-15
15-4		15-5
		15-10
	Oakhill — Forfeit	
15-6	Ft. Chiswell	13-15
15-4		15-6
		15-9
15-4	Galax	15-17
15-7		9-15
7-15	Floyd	7-15
15-6		9-15
	5-15	
15-12	Giles	2-15
15-13		6-15
10-2		5-7

**TOP LEFT:** There was no blocking this ball as Melanie Thompson spikes it with authority.

**BOTTOM LEFT-VARSITY VOLLEYBALL-Front Row:** Seniors-Tina Kimberlin, Pam Harden, Sher-ee Burton, Crystal Thompson, Molly Richardson. **Back Row:** Misty Pauley, Jamie Michael, Tonya Talbert, Detria Agee. *Not pictured Mindy Brewster, Melanie Thompson.*

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Detria Agee spikes a beautiful set from Sheree Burton while Melanie Thompson keeps an eye on the ball.



### SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
28	BlueJays	0
4	Max Meadows	3
7	IGA	3
18	Bastian	9
24	Austinville	1
13	BlueJays	3
9	Max Meadows	0
9	Bastian	2
9	IGA	5
8	Austinville	0
8	Sheffey	7
	Playoffs	
7	Austinville	1
8	Sheffey	7
10	Sheffey	1
<b>WON-14</b>		<b>LOST-0</b>



**BLAND LITTLE LEAGUE-Front Row:** Titus Ramsey, Brian Faulkner, Travis Pauley, Adam Faulkner, Brad Myrick, J.P. Agee. **2nd Row:** Adam Carroll, Stuart Morehead, Vince Moore, Jeremiah Clemons, Joshua Moore, Will Pauley. **3rd Row:**

Randy Berrington, Jr, Brandon Faulkner, Jesse Goss, Aaron Pauley. **Back Row:** Coaches Randy Berrington, Lester Hancock, Randy Faulkner, David Moore.

## Pep rally set the mood

**F**or the first time in three years, the boys' teams and cheerleaders celebrated the first home game with a pep rally. Each team was given balloons with shaving cream on them and players had a chance to "shave" the balloons. The teams also joined the cheerleaders in doing cheers. The varsity had to do "stunts" with Aaron Faulkner and Brad Harden falling and then joined together to lift Jes Selfe to the top of a pyramid!

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*Cyndi McGrady*

**RIGHT:** JV Boys' basketball team joins JV cheerleaders in cheers. At least this team seems to be attempting to follow the leading of the cheerleaders.



**ABOVE:** Lori Compton prepares the balloons with shaving cream to find the best "shaver".

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Varsity cheerleaders can't mask their feelings when varsity players join them for cheers especially since the players don't seem to be doing the same thing the cheerleaders are.



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**Q.** How has the use of ads and their information influenced you when thinking of purchasing a product?

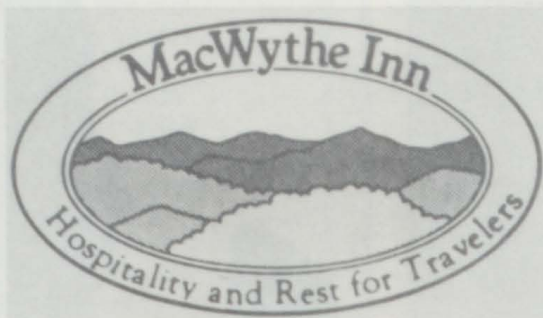
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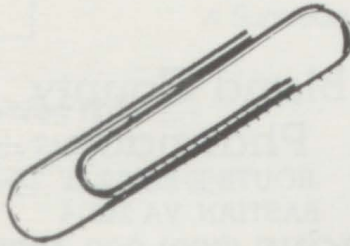
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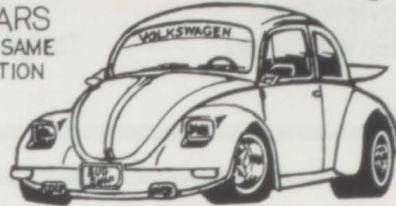
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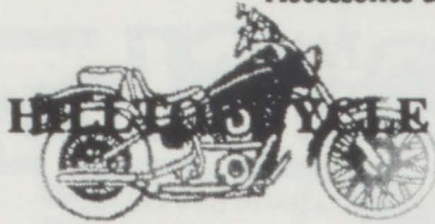
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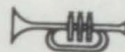
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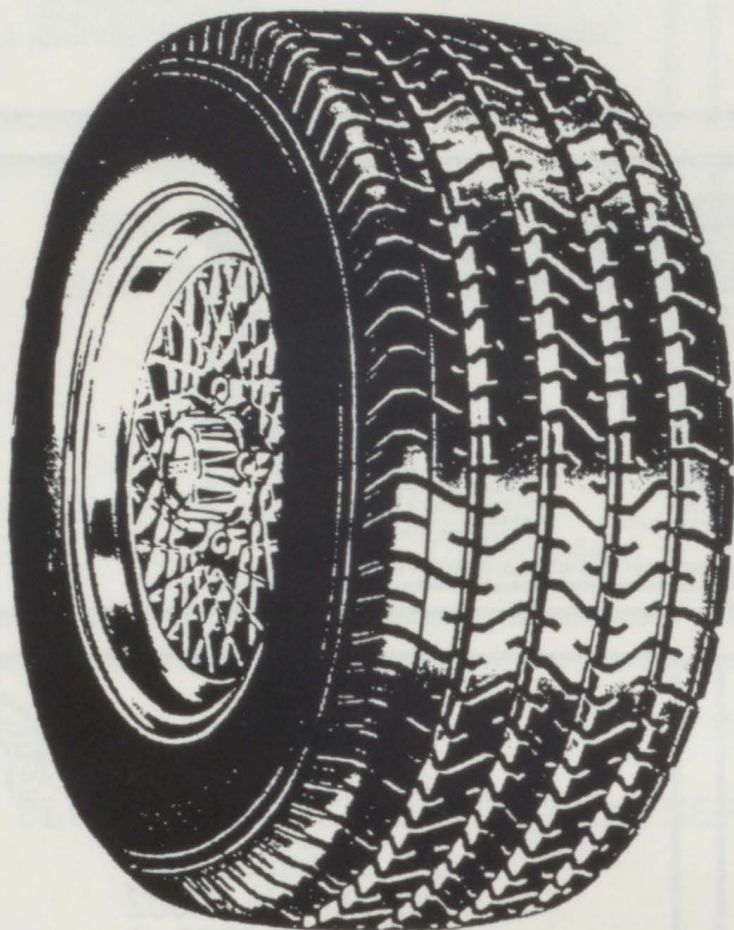
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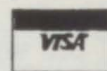
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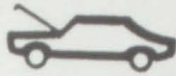


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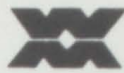
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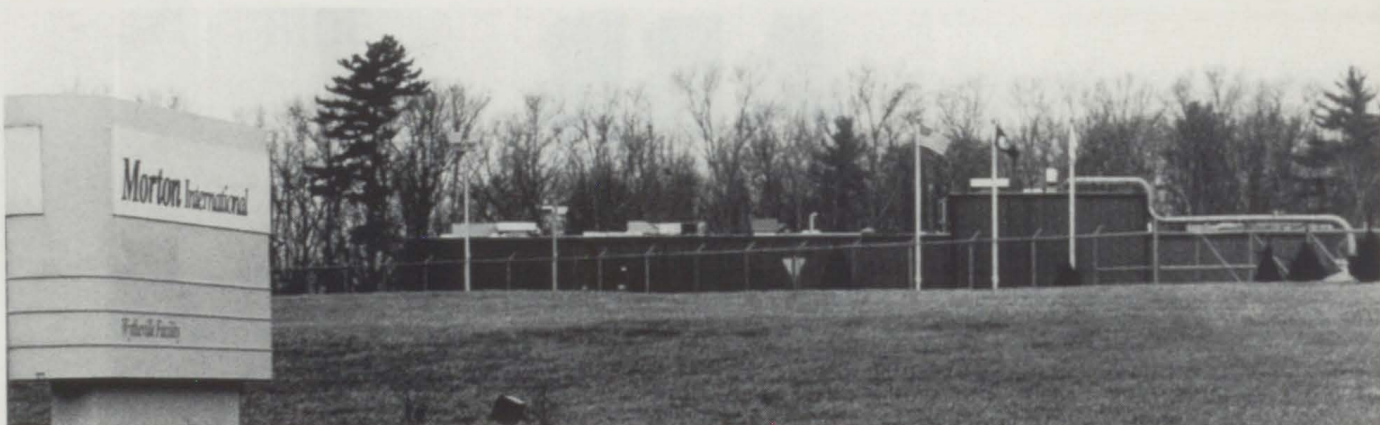
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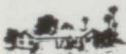
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Best wishes always.

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**RIGHT:** Juniors are elated when they win the spirit stick during the pep rally.

**BOTTOM:** Mrs. Janet Faulkner's Junior English students pore over the *Abridged Reader's Guide* to locate information for a term paper. Detria Agee, Crystal King, Beth Bridges, Mrs. Janet Faulkner, Jeff Brown, Kevin King, Wendy Umbarger.



# Twelve couples vied for Sweetheart title

On February 13, 1993, the gym at BHS was filled with students impatiently waiting to see who would be crowned 1993 Sweetheart Queen and King. These couples were selected by SCA, the sponsoring club. Eleven couples vied for the honor with the student body voting by secret ballot.

A feature of the event was "limbo". Posters asking "how low can you go" urged students to participate in the pre-crowning contest. Winning the secondary was Robbie Johnson and Brad Myrick took the honors for elementary.

Finally, the moment everyone had been waiting for arrived. Couples entered through an arch of red and

white balloons. Second runner-up was Leslie Kelley and Todd Morehead; first runner-up was Bradley Hoosier and Nathan Romano. The Sweetheart Queen and King of BHS was Amie Simms and Brad Harden.

*Wendy Umbarger*



**TOP LEFT-SWEETHEART KING/QUEEN:** Brad Harden, Amie Simms.

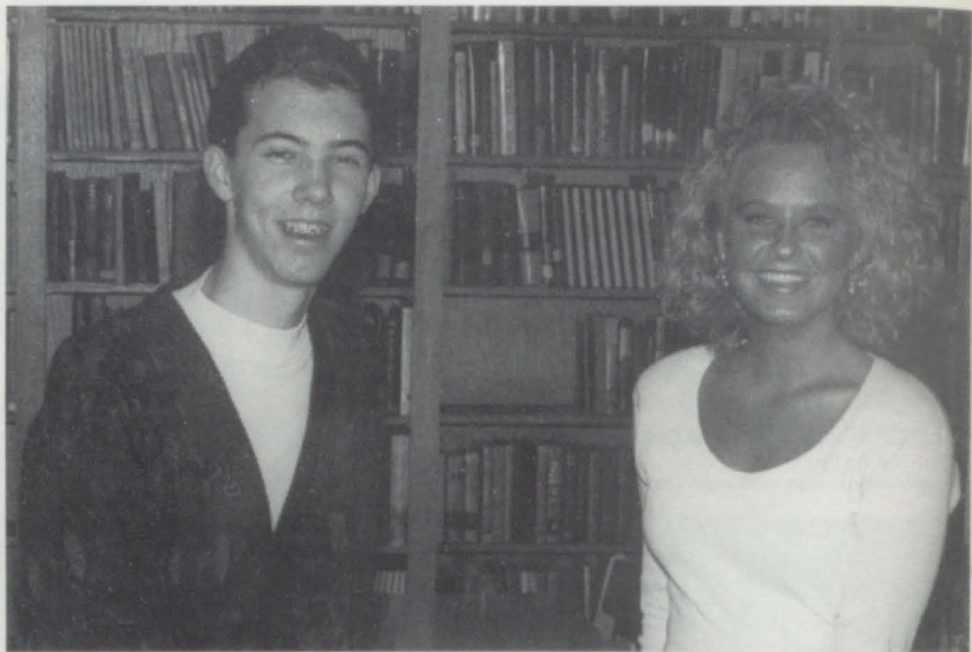
**TOP RIGHT:** Renee Gross and Jason Hancock.

**BOTTOM-Sweetheart couples:** Brook Dillow, B.J. Crabtree, Bradley Tate, Rae Romano, Todd Morehead, Leslie Kelley, Nathan Romano, Bradley Hoosier, Smoky Parmenter, Amanda Umbarger, Jes Selfe, Cyndi McGrady, Aaron Faulkner, Anne Myrick, Brian Waddle, Sheri Blankenship, David Allen Lambert, Amber Umbarger, Brad Harden, Amie Simms, Kevin King, Wendy Umbarger.





**TOP LEFT:** *Most Talented*-Mindy Brewster, Keith Long.



**TOP RIGHT:** *Best Dressed*-Robert Sexton, Lori Compton.



**BOTTOM LEFT:** *Most Athletic*-Pam Harden, Brad Harden.



**BOTTOM RIGHT:** *Most Dependable*-Robert Sexton, Sheree Burton.

## Facing responsibilities of being a senior

As the class of '93 entered the halls of Bland High, there was a sense of pride. They had finally achieved one of their greatest goals, that of being a senior. This exalted role carried many facets of responsibilities and duties previously unrealized by those same seniors.

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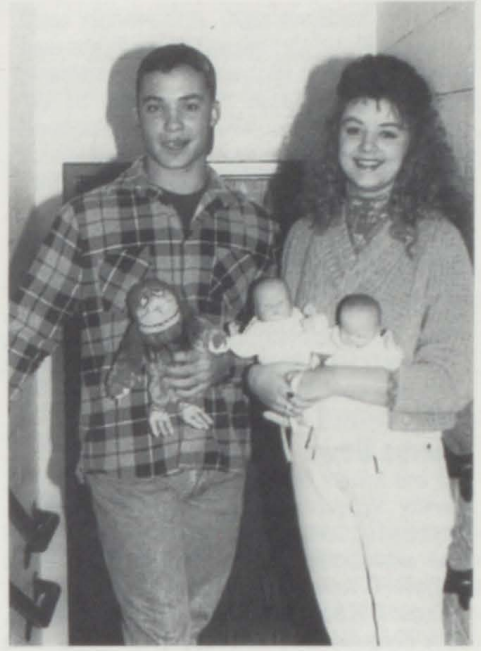
example for the school posed few problems for this class. They accepted their obligations with quiet dignity. They also sought recognition for their special abilities and talents. When they appealed to faculty to resurrect an old custom of "superlatives", their request was granted. Faculty members then chose seniors who fit the various categories. Since no restrictions

were set for the choices some students received recognition for more than one area.

Even though every senior could not be chosen for a "superlative" Bland faculty members feel that every senior is a "super" person in some way.

*Robert Sexton*





**TOP LEFT:** *Most Likely to Succeed*-Molly Richardson, Robert Sexton.

**TOP RIGHT:** *Cutest*-Joe Putman, Stephanie Goins.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** *Most School Spirit*-Cindy Justice, Kevin (Curly) Pauley, Lori Compton.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** *Best-All-Around* — Brad Harden, Stacy Tibbs.

# Senior Credits

## Sherman Lee Alford

Mrs. Rebecca Umbarger **Clubs:** FFA (8-12)

## Mindy Christine Brewster

John and Chellia Brewster **Honors:** Volleyball Letter/insert (10,12) **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), Jr. Beta (9), FBLA (9), French (10), Library (10), 4-H (10-11), SR. Beta (11-12) **Sports:** Volleyball (10,12) **Other:** Miss BHS contestant.

## Sheree Dawn Burton

Bill and Sandra Burton, **Honors:** Accounting (11), Varsity Volleyball Award (11), Volleyball letter/insert (10-12), DAR award (12), VA 4-H All star award (12), National English Merit Award (12), MED Academic Excellence Award (10-11), **Offices:** 4-H Secretary (9), 4-H President (10,11), FHA Corresponding Secretary (11), Senior Beta President (12) **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), Jr. Beta (9), FBLA (9-11), 4-H (9-12), French (10,12), Library (10), Va 4-H all stars (12), Sr. Beta (10-12), SCA (11) **Sports:** Basketball (8), Volleyball (10-12) **Other:** Snow Queen (11), Varsity Volleyball Captain (12), Sr. Beta Scrapbook co-editor (12), First in 4-H district presentation (10), Third in 4-H state presentation (10), Who's Who's in American High School Students (12)

## Lori Lynn Compton

Jack Compton **Honors:** Varsity Cheerleading Letter/insert (10), Bar (11-12), MACC Letter/insert (11), Bar (12), Drama (9-10) **Offices:** FBLA Reporter (12), Science Club President (10), FHA Recreation Leader (11-12), Class President (9), Drama Vice President (10) **Clubs:** Science Club (10), FHA (8-12), FBLA (9-12), Forensics (12), Sr. Beta (10-12), Drama (9-10), Yearbook (9-12), Newspaper (9-12), Library (9-12), French Club (10-12), Photography (11), 4-H (10), English MACC (9-12) **Sports:** J.V. Cheerleading (8-9), Varsity Cheerleading (10-12) **Other:** Homecoming court (8), ECHO candidate (8), Snow Queen Court (9,12), One-Act Play (9,10)

## Mary Margaret Gibson

Jimmie and Melissa Gibson **Offices:** VICA vice-president (12), 4-H recreation leader (8), 4-H vice-president (9-11), 4-H Historian (10), **Clubs:** FHA (8-11), FBLA (9-10), Library (12), Drama (10), French (10-11), Talent Search (11-12), VICA (12).

## Stephanie Lynn Goins

Doug Goins and Faye Hill **Honors:** Perfect Attendance (8-9), Drama (9-10), MACC letter/insert (11), Bar (12), Varsity Cheerleading letter (11), Bar (12), **Offices:** Junior Beta Vice President (9), Class Secretary (9), FBLA Vice President (12), Library President (12), French Vice President (12), FHA recreation leader (12), **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (9-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), Drama (9-11), Yearbook (9-12), Photography (11-12), Library (9-12), Science (9-10), French (10-12), Newspaper (10-12), English MACC (10-12) **Sports:** JV Cheerleading (10), Varsity Cheerleading (11-12), **Other:** Snow Court(9), 2nd Snow Court (10), Homecoming Candidate (11), MISS

BHS (11), Competed in Regional FBLA (9-12), Co-Caption of Varsity Cheerleading (12).

## Tracy Lynn Hall

Richard and Nancy Hall **Honors:** French II award **Offices:** Class secretary (8, 12), 4-H Chaplain (11), 4-H vice-president (12) **Clubs:** Yearbook (11-12), FHA (8-12), Photography (11-12), 4-H (8-12), French (10-12), Sr. Beta (10-12), English MACC (11), Library (12), Jr. Beta (9) **Sports:** Girls' & Boys' Basketball stats (11) **Other:** Prom Committee (11).

## Kevin Bradley Harden

G.R. and Betty Harden **Honors:** Basketball letter/insert (10), Bar (11-12), **Clubs:** SCA (12), FFA, Jr. Beta (9), **Sports:** Basketball (8-12), Football (11-12), **Other:** Football Homecoming King (12), Sweetheart King (12), Snow Court Candidate.

## Pamela Denise Harden

Patty Strock **Honors:** Honor Letter (10), Honor Bar (11), MACC Letter (10), Bar (11-12), Basketball letter (11), Bar (12), Cheerleading letter (11), Bar (12), Volleyball letter (9), Bar (10-12), Tennis Letter (11), Bar (12), Earth Science (9), P.E. (10), Acc. (11), BCA (10), History (11), Eng. (11), French (10), M.E.D. Acad. Exc. Award (9-11), **Offices:** 4-H recreation leader, 4-H Secretary (10), 4-H President (12), FHA Second Vice-Pres. (12), Class Secretary (10), Class President (11), SCA Vice-President (10), **Clubs:** English MACC (10-12) All-around MACC (11-12), FHA (8-12), French (10-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), Senior 4-H (8-12), SCA (10), Newspaper (12), **Sports:** JV B-Ball (8-10), V. B-Ball (11-12), JV Cheerleading (8-10), V Cheerleading (11-12), V V-ball (9-12) V Tennis (11-12), **Other:** 1st in Entomology at State 4-H Congress (10).

## Vanessa Marie Howell

Loay and Betty Ball **Honors:** 4-H award (8), Outstanding Award for Physical Fitness (8), **Offices:** VICA President (12), Class Secretary/Treasurer (11), **Clubs:** Photography (12), Library (12), 4-H (8), **Sports:** Soccer (8).

## Cindy Evelyn Justice

Bruce and Barbara Justice **Honors:** Home Economics (8), Drama (9-10), MACC Letter/Insert (9), MACC Bar (10-11), Varsity Cheerleading Letter/Insert (10), Varsity Bar (11-12), FBLA Advanced Keyboarding 3rd Place (10), Perfect Attendance (10), **Offices:** FHA President (12), BETA Secretary (12), FBLA Historian (12), Class Vice-President (9), 4-H Secretary (10), 4-H Historian (11), Newspaper Feature Editor (12), Yearbook Feature Editor (12), **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (9-12), Jr. Beta (9), Beta (10-12), French (10), 4-H (8-12), Library (9-12), Yearbook (9-12), Newspaper (9-12), Drama (9-11), Forensics (12), Social Studies MACC (9-12), Photography (11), Science (10), **Sports:** JV Cheerleading (9), Varsity Cheerleading (10-12), **Other:** Homecoming Queen (12), Snow Queen Candidate (10,12), Echo Candidate (9), One Act Play (9-10).

## Tina Sue Kimberlin

Alma Pauley **Honors:** Volleyball letter/insert (11), Bar (12), **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), VICA **Sports:** Volleyball

## Keith Wayne Long

Jerry and Karen Long

## Rebecca Sue Mallory

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mallory **Honors:** Volleyball **Clubs:** FHA **Sports:** Volleyball **Other:** Homecoming Attendant

## Eric Bradley Martin

**Clubs:** FFA

## Matthew Micheal Newberry

Robert and Sue Newberry **Clubs:** FFA

## Kevin Lee Pauley

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Pauley **Honors:** Perfect Attendance (10-11), **Offices:** FFA vice president (12), **Clubs:** FFA (8-12), **Sports:** Basketball (8), **Other:** Basketball Manager (8-12), Football Manager (12), Baseball Manager (11-12)

## Bridgette Renee Penley

Bobby and Brenda Penley **Honors:** 4-H citizenship award (8), 4-H food an nutrition (9), Biology (10), P.E. (10), 4-H Va all-star(12), State 4-H achievement record book winner (12), **Offices:** 4-H secretary (8,10,11), 4-H vice president (9), FBLA president (12), FBLA Historian (11), class vice president (11), FHA corresponding secretary (12), 4-H president (12), VICA treasurer (12) **Clubs:** 4-H (8-12), Library (8-12), FBLA (9-12), Choir (9), Newspaper (10-11), Yearbook (10-12), Photo (11), FHA (11-12), VICA (12), Upward Bound (10-12), **Other:** Attended 4-H state congress (9-12), 4-H interstate exchange (10-12), FBLA public speaking (10-11), Prom Committee (11), 4-H national congress representative Chicago, Il. (12), Snow Queen (9), Homecoming Court (11)

## Stacy Edward Perkins

Richard and Goldie Meadows **Clubs:** FFA (10-11) **JV Football (11), Varsity Football (12), Other:** 1993 Homecoming Escort

## Joseph Shane Putman

Dana King **Honors:** Biology 1 (10), **Clubs:** FFA (8-12), SCA (10,12), **Sports:** Varsity Football (12).

## John Leonard Reed

John C. Reed Jr. and Pat Reed **FFA (8-12), VICA (12).**

## Molly Jo Richardson

Allen and Sheila Richardson **Honors:** Art 1 (8), Physical Science (8), English (8-11), Earth Science (9), Keyboarding (9), BCA (10), Biology (10), History (11), Honor Letter/Bar (9-10) MACC Letter/Bar (8-11), 1st Place District/Regional Forensics (11), 3rd Place District Forensics (10), VHSL Academic Award (9-11), Who's Who (11), Eng.

Merit Scholar (12), FBLA 2nd Place Computer Concepts (10), **Offices:** Jr. Beta President (9), Class Treasurer (9), SCA Treasurer (9), SCA vice-pres. (11-12), Sr. Beta vice-pres. (12), SS MACC captain (9-12) All-Around MACC Captain (10-12), Newspaper asst. editor (12), Sr. Beta Scrapbook editor (12), **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), FBLA (9-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), French (10-11), SCA (9,11-12), Science (9), Newspaper (8-12), Yearbook (9-12), Drama (9-11), SS MACC (8-12), All-Around MACC (8-12), **Sports:** Volleyball (9-12), Boys JV B-ball stats (9), Boys V. B-Ball stats (10-11), **Other:** Attended Gov. School (10-11), Prom Comm. (11), Homecoming candidate (9), Homecoming Court (9).

### Michelle Lynn Rickman

Julia McFann **Clubs:** FHA **Other:** Miss BHS candidate.

### Nathan Eric Romano

Vince and Denise Romano **Offices:** FFA Secretary (9-10), **Clubs:** FFA (8-10), **Sports:** Baseball (9), Varsity Football (11-12).

### Laura Victoria Sadler

Gary R. and Sylvia K. Sadler **Honors:** Basketball Letter (11), FFA State Conf. Repr. (10-12), FBLA Court 2nd runner-up (8-12), Rocket Booster Cert. (8-12), **Offices:** FFA President (12), FFA Secretary, FFA Treasurer, FFA Federation Secretary, **Clubs:** FHA (8-9), FBLA, Newspaper Staff, FFA, **Sports:** Basketball JV (8), Varsity Basketball (11-12).

### Robert Olen Sexton

Olen and Linda Sexton **Honors:** Social Studies MACC letter/insert (11); Who's Who Among American High School Students (11); Perfect Attendance (10-12); Accounting (10); Math I (8); World Geography (9); Forensics: 3rd Regional (10); 1st District (11); FBLA: 2nd Regional (9,11); Beta 1st place (11), 2nd place (10-11); 4-H

Speaking: Local (8-11), District (8-10), State (10); Snow Court: 3rd (8), 2nd (9); Bland Rocket Boosters Award (9-11) **Offices:** Yearbook Business Manager (12); Newspaper Editor (12); Newspaper Sports Editor (11); Newspaper Feature Editor (10); Ruritan Reporter (11-12); Ruritan Vice president (11); FBLA Local Annual Chapter Report Chairman (12) **Clubs:** 4-H (8-12); Jr. Beta (9); Sr. Beta (10-12); FBLA (8-12); Drama (10-12); Forensics (9-12); Newspaper (8-12); Ruritan (10-12); Social Studies MACC (10-11); English MACC (12); Photography (11-12); Library (10-12); SCA (8); French (10); Yearbook (11-12); VICA (12) **Other:** 4-H International Exchange Student to Japan (8); 4-H Host for Exchange student from Japan (9-10); Emcee for Little Miss/Jr. Miss pageant (12); Student office assistant (12); 4-H Interstate Exchange-South Carolina (8), Texas (10), Florida (12); Attended National Beta Convention with 5th Place Scrapbook (11); Attended State Beta Convention (10-12); Attended State FBLA Convention (9, 11-12); Fontana Conservation Camp (10); 4-H Conservation Camp (8); Small Business Owner (9-12); FBLA Spring Leadership Conference (9-12); FBLA Fall Leadership Conference (10); 4-H State Congress (8-10); JV/Varsity Basketball scorekeeper (12); One-Act Play (10-11).

### Bethane Kate Shewey

Stafford and Peggy Shewey **Honors:** Perfect Attendance (9), **Offices:** FHA sargent-at-arms (9), FHA recording secretary (10), FHA corresponding secretary (11), Class Vice-President (10), Class President (12), **Clubs:** FHA (8-10), FBLA (9, 11-12), Yearbook (12) **Other:** Snow Queen (9), Basketball Homecoming court (10), Prom committee (11), Football Homecoming candidate (12), Forensics timer (9-11).

### Martha Kathleen Shewey

Thomas and Karen Shewey **Honors:** Family Management Award (11), Varsity letter/Bar (10-12), JV Basketball Captain (9-10), Varsity Basketball Captain (12), MED Academic Award (10) **Offices:**

Class reporter (12), Class president (10), Class treasurer (8), FHA Chaplin (10-11), FHA 1st vice-president (12), Beta treasurer (12) **Clubs:** FHA (8-12), Jr. Beta (9), Sr. Beta (10-12), 4-H (10), Newspaper (12) **Sports:** JV Basketball (8-10), Varsity Basketball (11-12), Varsity Volleyball (10) **Other:** FBLA Snow Court (12).

### James Travis Simmons

Benny and Verna Simmons **Honors:** Football letter **Clubs:** FFA (8-12) **Sports:** JV/Varsity Football (10-12) **Other:** Homecoming escort (12)

### Rachel Davis Sparks

Betty Davis / Anthony Sparks (husband) **Clubs:** FHA (8-12).

### Crystal Dawn Thompson

Mary and Lloyd Thompson **Honors:** P.E. award (9-10), Greenhand award (10), Basketball varsity letter/bar (9-10), Volleyball letter (12), Field day 50-yard dash and 100-yard dash (10), Snow Court 1st runner-up (10, 12) **Clubs:** FHA (8-10), FFA (10), SCA (12) **Sports:** JV Basketball (8), Varsity Basketball (9-10, 12), Volleyball (12) **Other:** Miss Echo candidate (11).

### Stacy Lynn Tibbs

Walter and Doris Tibbs **Honors:** Algebra (8), Algebra II (10), Geometry (9), Trig. (11), Biology (11), English (10,11), Keyboarding (9), Office systems (11), World History (9), Civics (8), BCA (10), French I & II (10-11), MACC letter/bar, Basketball letter Volleyball letter, Honor letter/bar (9-11), Who's who (11), Home Ec. (8), Academic VHSL award (8-11), Snow Court 1st runner-up (9), Bland Rocket Booster awards (8-11) **Offices:** FHA vice-president (11), Photography vice-president (11), Class treasurer (12), 4-H vice-president (11) **Clubs:** Yearbook (11-12), FHA (8-12), Photography (11-12), 4-H (11), French (10-11), Sr. Beta (10-12), Jr. Beta (9), SCA (11), English MACC (10-11), VICA (12), Library (11-12) **Sports:** Basketball (8-10), Cheerleading (10), Volleyball (9-10), JV/Varsity Boys' & Girls' Basketball stats (11) **Other:** Prom Committee (11), Football Homecoming candidate (12), Snow Court (9).

### Marcella Lynn Wellman

Darrell and Hazel Wellman **Clubs:** FBLA (11-12), FHA (12).

### Douglas Eugene Wiley

Mr. and Mrs. Harmie Wiley **Honors:** Perfect attendance (8-11) **Clubs:** FFA (10-11), Jr. Beta (9) **Sports:** Basketball (8) **Other:** KVG (10-11).



Tawny Dillow and Beth Bridges steady the limbo stick while Crystal Thompson easily walks under.



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# Facing future made easier by associates

As we looked back over our shoulder at Bland School, many pictures flashed before our eyes. The faces of classmates, friends, and teachers held a special place in our hearts and

minds. Another school year has come and gone; another chapter is now closed. Many will be moving on to new things, but the pride and love for Bland School will remain with us for a lifetime. With the support of our

peers, facing the future and what it may bring seems not at all difficult.

Molly Richardson



**ABOVE:** Cindy McGrady and Jes Selfe at the Sweetheart Dance.



**RIGHT:** Brad Myrick scoots under the limbo stick held by Tawny Dillow and Beth Bridges.

## Colophon

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## Seniors lose another classmate

Rachel Marie Davis Sparks died on February 22, 1993, of a heart attack resulting from a car accident.

Rachel worked at Kegley Manor and planned to attend college after graduation. She was married to Anthony Sparks and had one daughter, Mandy Marie Sparks. She is also survived by her parents, John Davis, Sr., Betty Davis, two brothers, Wayne and Billy, and a maternal grandmother, Maria C. Harman.

Two years ago, also in February, the class of 1993 lost another dear classmate, Stephen Lindamood. The deaths of these two friends left a void in the hearts of their classmates.





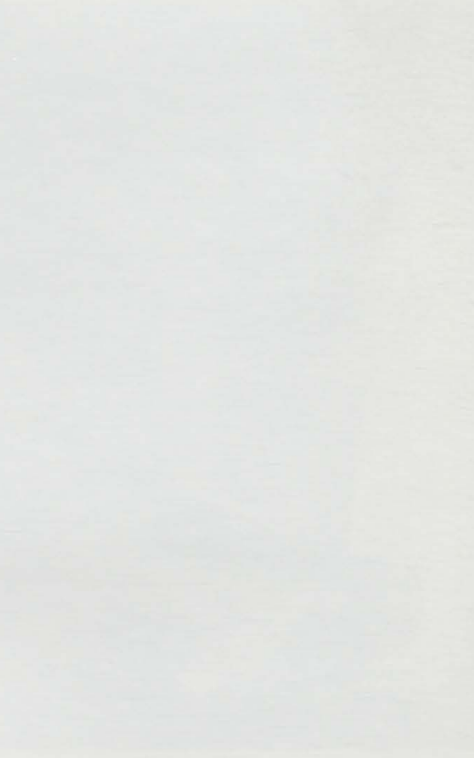
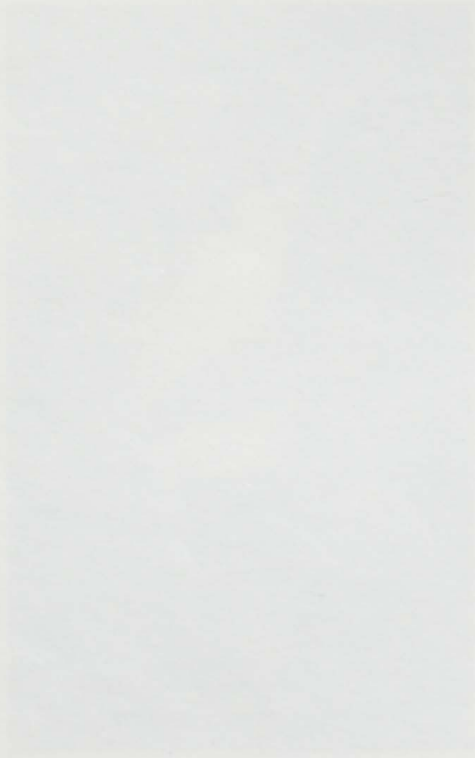
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