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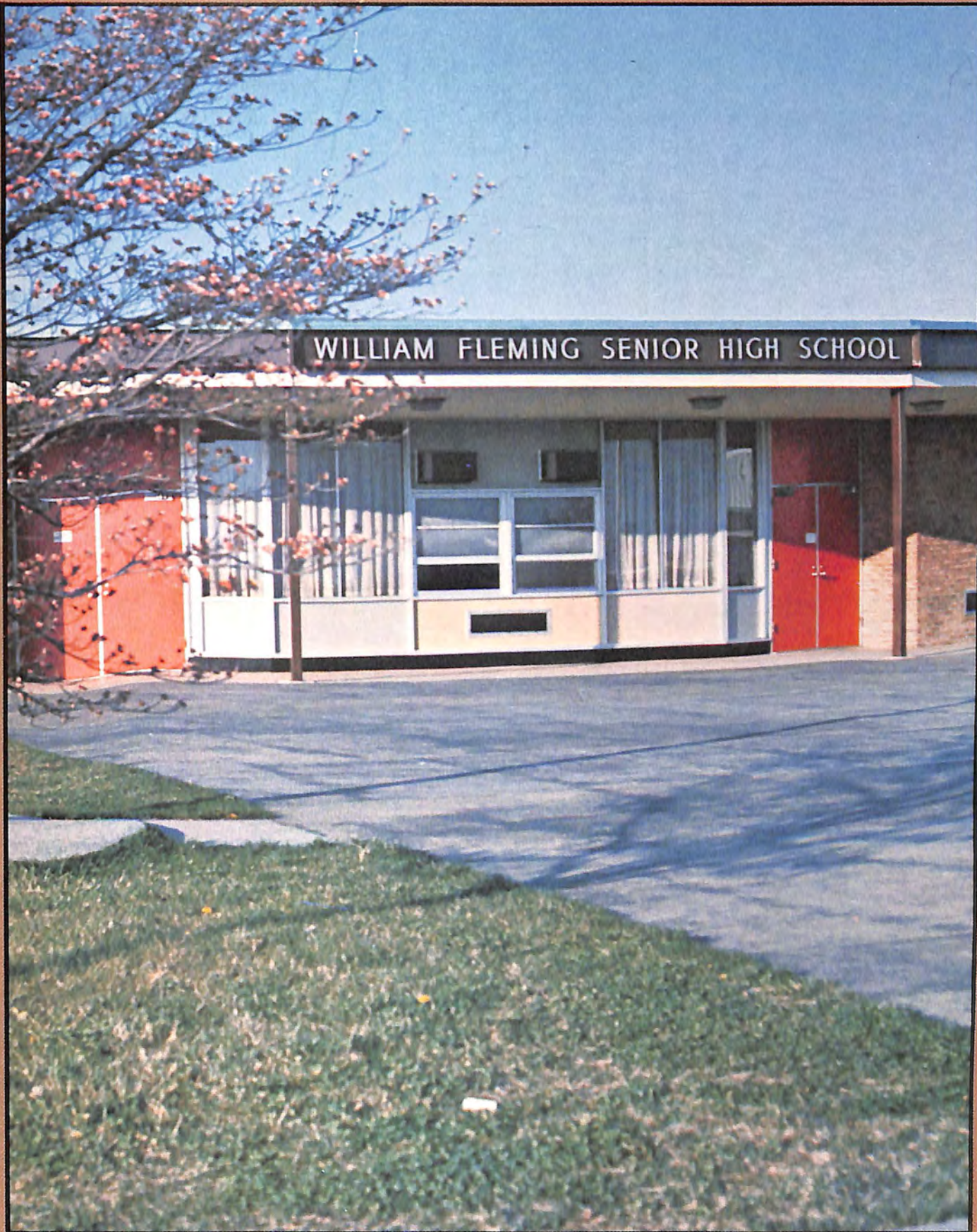
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The 1977 Colonel



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New kid on the block, Coach Eddie Burke cuts down the winner's net after his varsity basketball team took the Northwest Regional Tournament.

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Shouting up a storm, seniors Natalie Brower, Lucille Durham, and Valerie Burnette rally the Colonels during the last pep assembly of the year.



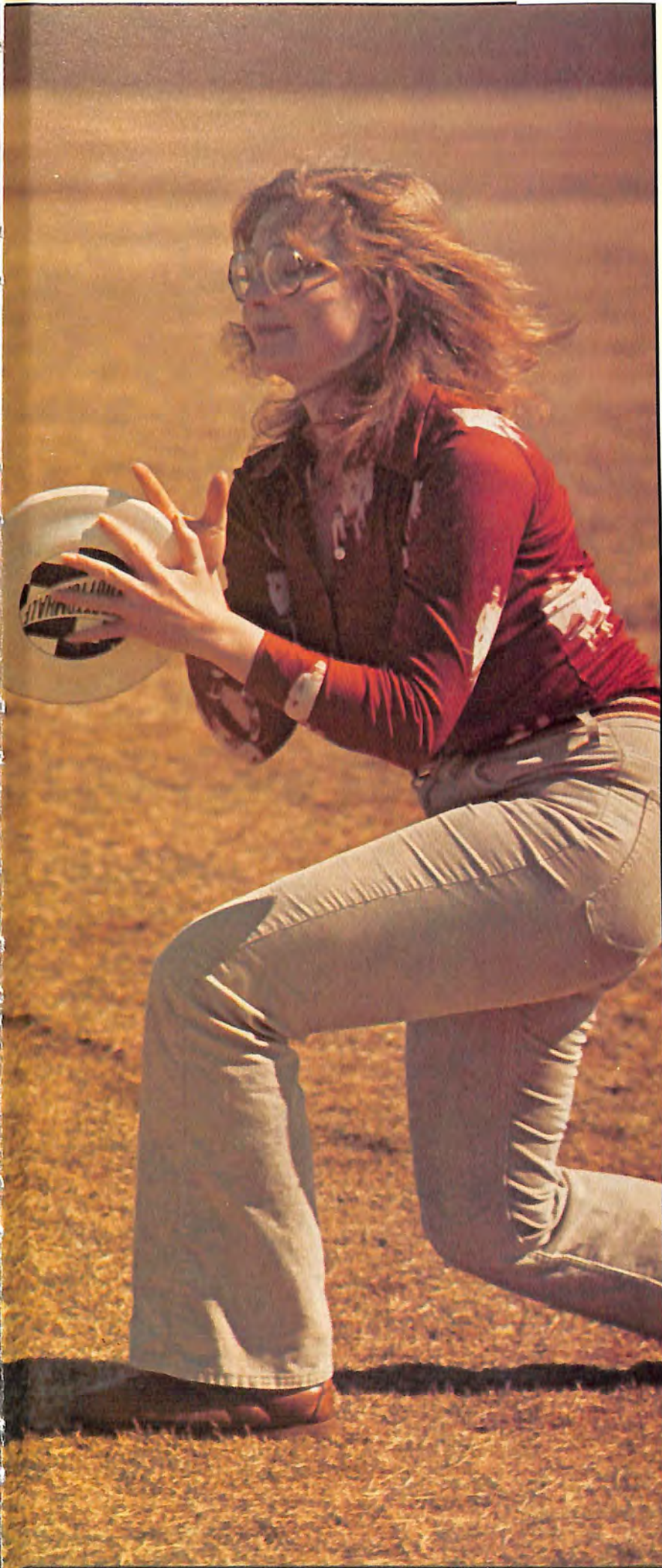
Blue and gold band uniforms add color to the Poultry Festival in Harrisonburg as sophomores Rose Sink and Wendy Collins suit up for the event.



'Shouting over a quiet year'

Nobody gave America a birthday party in '77, and the country didn't rally 'round the flagpole quite so often, either. Though the Mill Mountain Star still flashed red, white, and blue, bicentennial bumper stickers sold two for a nickel. 1977 was the year after — not a big year, a little one; not a loud year, a quiet one. But it didn't take a bicentennial to have something to shout about. Before they knew it, Colonels found themselves shouting over a quiet year.

Feelin' free, senior Cheryl Hart takes advantage of spring weather with a game of frisbee.



On a special night, Jill Weber and John Wynn are announced before the Senior Dance at the Junior-Senior Prom.

A friendly smile from Cathy Austin signals Sioux Falls exchange student Patty Bradden good-bye after her week-long stay in Roanoke.



Mixed feelings flood Martha Johnson as she congratulates her friends after graduation.





Multi-colored balloons and posters help senior Nancy Downey celebrate the Colonel's winning basketball season at the Heritage pep assembly.



It happened over there — in the red brick building framed by piles of dirt that bulldozers left behind all year. And it happened over there — in the gym that rocked with laughter when the homecoming court went “male” or the “end was in sight”. It happened way over there — in the coliseum at Charlottesville, when the Colonels came home chanting “two, four, six, eight, we’re second in the state!” And it happened way, way over there — in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where people from “the southern part of heaven” found that Yankees weren’t all bad.

Wherever Colonels ventured, happy times cropped up, and Colonels found themselves shattering a not-so-quiet year.

‘Shattering a not-so-quiet year’

Head-turning hairstyles of sisters Stephanie and Mary Lawton stand out in the crowd on the Sabre Staff-sponsored Tacky Day.

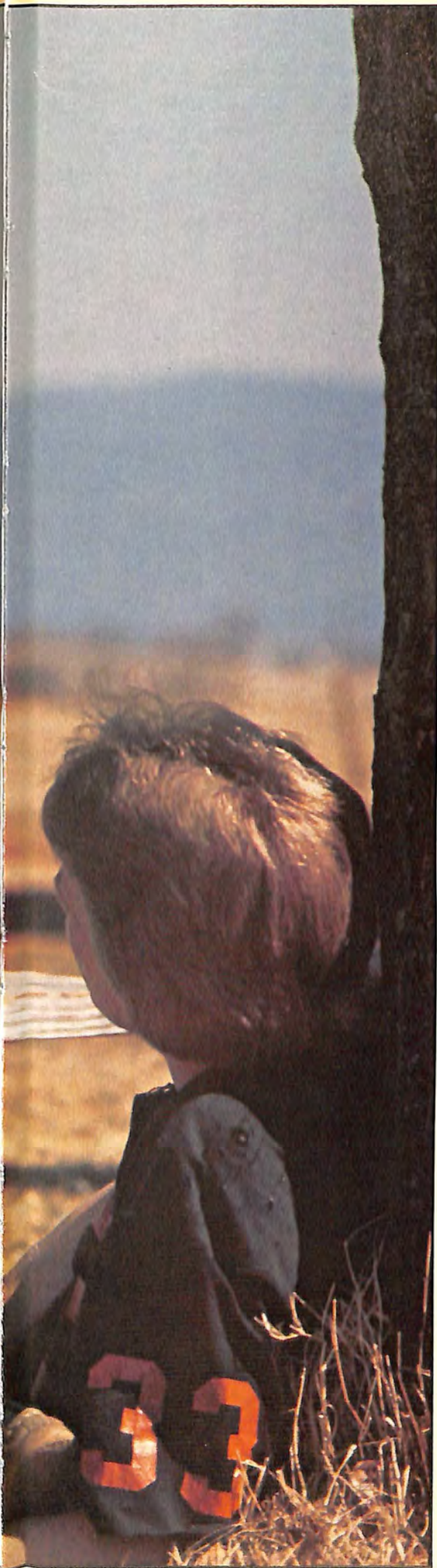
Batter's up as Larry Wofford watches the baseball team fall to Cave Spring 0-6 in the Semifinals of the Roanoke Valley District Tournament.



'When quiet times came naturally'

In a quiet year, quiet times came naturally. Victory Stadium silenced as friends paid tribute to Mr. Charles L. Arrington. Colonels celebrated quietly by getting up early to discover that snow had left them snowbound once again, or by staying up late to watch Jimmy Carter make it from "who?" to "Who's Who," or to see just how lively "Saturday Night Live" would be. "The Young and the Restless" celebrated friendship as they sat quietly in the gym decked out in blue for capping or bypassed the Golden Arches to sample Wendy's 256 varieties. Sometimes, Colonels found themselves celebrating without any shouting at all.





Taking a break from a hectic school day, Cindy Sullivan and Tim Dix talk during the morning break.

Sun shines brightly as seniors Charlotte Jones and Beth Weddle relax after lunch.



Outdoor art festival inspires senior Tim Jones to paint the mountains that surround the campus.

Quiet moments speak loudly for junior Cheryl Wright as she waits for her friends to return from the trust walk at Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

A glittering gown and a bouquet of roses bring tears of joy to Homecoming Queen Terri Snow minutes after her name is announced during halftime ceremonies.

Even in a quiet year, Colonels found a lot worth shouting about. DECA captured the third-in-a-row State Chapter of the Year. The first co-ed track program in the area won the first place in the District and sixth-year-in-a-row Cosmopolitan championships in Boys', and the first place in the District in Girls'. The varsity basketball team claimed second place in the Virginia AAA Division at the State Tournament. The **Sabre** won first place honors in the Virginia High School League, and the **Colonel** was the only bicentennial yearbook in the nation named both Trendsetter and Five Star.

Bicentennial or no bicentennial, Colonels found themselves shouting . . . over a quiet year.

'A lot worth shouting about'





Standing ovation honors Mrs. June C. Perry as she receives a plaque and roses from the choir at her last spring concert.

Movin' in on Northside's Andy Newson, senior Darrell Davis sets up the offense to clinch another Colonel victory 55-54.



Opening night spotlights Robin Anderson as Dolly Gallagher Levi and Jon Whichard as Horace Vandergelder in the Fleming Players' presentation of **Hello, Dolly**.

Undivided attention helps Coach Agee plan the Colonelettes' next strategy before their win against Patrick Henry, 47-43.

She is often suspected of plotting to make people happy. Sometimes she makes them the shouting kind of happy that comes from winning basketball championships or winning a tennis match. Sometimes she makes them the proud kind of happy that comes from knowing that ten years ago she was near the top of her class at William Fleming, and is still a champion

She shouts, but in a quiet way

at tennis and basketball. Sometimes she makes them the quiet kind of happy that comes from taking the time to say "how are you?", and then caring enough to really want to know the answer. She has taught us that it's more important to be a good person than to be a good athlete. She cares enough to expect 100%, and understands us enough to get it. Because her enthusiasm, her friendliness, her humor, and her gentle kind of strength speak louder than shouting ever could, we dedicate the 1977 **Colonel** to Mrs. Lynne C. Agee.

Stressing her point, Coach Lynne Agee gives directions to her basketball team during its game against the boys' basketball team.





Caught by surprise, Mrs. Agee laughs as Managing Editor Ann Hardie and Editor-in-Chief Sarah Wooldridge pin the Colonel staff's gift of carnations on Mrs. Agee's warm-up suit.

A family affair finds Mrs. Agee and her father, G.F. Coleman, watching the varsity basketball team defeat Northside.



The thrill of victory registers on Mrs. Agee's face as she watches the girls' volleyball team slip by Cave Spring from 0-14 to 16-14.





It was a year full of the little moments, little moments that crept up and lingered longer than anyone thought they would. It was full of moments like the Gong Show, when judges showed no mercy to students or teachers; moments like the first pep assembly, when the competition between the Bluecoats, Madhatters, and Yellowjackets was especially stiff. It was full of moments like the homecoming parade, when Colonel William Fleming (complete with horse) came back to life (but didn't make it any further than Crossroads Mall). The quiet year was full of little moments that stuck around for a lot longer than graduation.

CAMPUS LIFE

"It's the bite that's right!" echoes through the gym as Terri Ferguson, Frankye Holland, and Barbara Hayes perform in the Gong Show.

Colonels Stage A Big Comeback

"It'll be over before you know it" is a familiar line to those who await a shot of novocain or a dose of the Swine Flu vaccine. Some things like that never seemed to get over quickly enough, but other things were finished before they ever really got started. The summer of '76 was a summer like that. For nine months students had counted the days until June to signal three months of rest. Sun worshippers crammed into their cars and raced down Route 220 heading for Myrtle Beach, where the sun turned seashells white and bodies brown. But all too soon, a bulging letter welcoming students back to school broke the lazy days of summer and made one cram for a last minute tan before locker combinations and towel fees took priority.

The beginning of school meant finding answers to new questions — Where to spend the mid-morning break? What clubs to join? How to find a friend to eat lunch with in the cafeteria without looking conspicuous? For those not new to the campus, the campus seemed new anyway. Smith Hall received a face lift as the GE room made way for classroom space. The lunch line opened a little early, 8:00 a.m. to be exact. Eggs and fried apples of the breakfast program preceded their cousins, chili beans and turnip greens, as the cafeteria fare.

The Colonel himself came back to pep assemblies to make sure first impressions were good ones. The Blue Coats and Madhatters convinced him that things at Fleming were "just fine, thank you."

Sea 'n ski daredevil Kathryn Conner tests her skills against the ripply waters of Smith Mountain Lake.

Sunny skies and record highs lure sophomores Lydia Lilly and Yvonne Seaman outside during 4B lunch.





Dressed in the latest fashion, senior football player Kurt Kreider, escorted by varsity cheerleader Karen Cook, waits for the announcement of the mock Homecoming Queen.



Welcome Back, Colonel, resounds throughout the gym as junior Bob Preddy makes his debut in the pep assembly against Heritage.



Packed like a sardine, sophomore Darryl Bennett makes room for other band members in the Pack-a-Pacer contest in which they won **second** place.

Knighttime's The Best Time

If anyone doubted that spirit was alive and thriving at Fleming, Homecoming week changed his mind. Monday saw blue and gold rugby shirts pave the way for the week's activities. Tuesday proved there was still something a penny could buy as links of a spirit chain grew longer. Wednesday brought black and red into view as Hex Day made its debut. Thursday found junior girls two-touchdown favorites as they romped over the senior girl squad in the school's first flag football game. The seniors retaliated with shaving cream before the bonfire that yielded a night of cheering and nursing sore muscles. Friday, better known to some as D-Day, blitzed the school with a pep assembly and the announcement of John Sherffield as Mr. Touchdown.

In another school first, clubs sponsored princesses to ride in the motorcade as it rambled down Williamson Road. Attention turned from princesses to queens as Terri Snow donned the crown as Homecoming Queen and Johnnie Moore became Maid-of-Honor.

By Saturday night, the ache of the 16-0 loss to the Cave Spring Knights slipped away at the SCA's Disco Dance. Although Cave Spring may have shot a hole in the week's theme, "Tonight is our Knight," Colonels who lived through the special week of Homecoming could nod their heads and say Homecoming was "just fine, thank you."

Coronation brings tears of joy to Homecoming Queen Terri Snow as she clutches her red roses.





Sparkling spirit at the Homecoming bonfire, senior cheerleader Tammy Payne urges the crowd to join in the chanting.

Jazzing up their car with crepe paper, Natalie Brower, Janice Maner, and Cugini Johnson decorate their convertible for the motorcade.



Jamming juniors display their spirit for the Colonels at the Homecoming pep assembly.



1976 HOMECOMING COURT — Rhonda Harris; Karen Cook; Betty Worley; Terri Firebaugh; Cathy Austin; Johnnie Moore, Maid of Honor; Terri Snow, Queen; Sheila Keeling; Jacquie Bonham; Kathy Kopitzke; Beth Evans; Kelly Patrick.

First Impressions

The Star City Shines Brightly

Colonels couldn't brag "Tonight was our Knight" when Homecoming wound down, but as '76 made its exit, they could point to other nights and say "Tonight was our night."

Although as a rule, night life didn't usually lure people from miles around to the Star City, there were exceptions. John Denver packed 11,632 into the Civic Center to hear his version of "Take Me Home, Country Roads." Other roads leading into Roanoke brought local top sellers **Chicago**, **The Doobie Brothers**, and **Aerosmith**.

When people got tired of shelling out \$5 or \$10 for a night on the town, they could sit in the comfort of their homes and watch the big events on T.V. **Gone With The Wind**, **The Way We Were**, and **Airport** proved to be free favorites.

Other things also came free, like the Swine Flu vaccine, while some cost a small fee. The ROTC's Halloween House gave a little scare for a mere two-bits. For 25¢, students were issued passes out of second period to watch the boys and girls battle against each other in the Flamingo Football game sponsored by the SCA. It was a tight race down to the last minute, but the girls pulled through with a score of 8-6.

The national presidential election was also a race down to the wire. Jimmy Carter came out on top by defeating President Gerald Ford for the Oval Office. Colonels also proved Jimmy Carter was the man for the job in the mock election organized by the government classes, with Carter winning 389-160.

The first three months seemed to blend together to form first impressions. But Colonels agreed that first impressions were lasting ones, and they were "just fine, thank you."



Not enough to shut down school, the first snow provides ammunition for Michael Clement, Carl Edwards, and Michael Brown.



Soap suds and sucker combine for a professional wash job by Vickey Wilcher at the Sioux Falls Exchange carwash.

Without a flinch, Mr. Ulysses Broadneaux prepares for his dose of the Swine Flu vaccine.



"Saturday Night" sensations, Earth, Wind, and Fire, captivate a sell-out crowd at the Roanoke Civic Center.

Hop-a-long senior Scot Nelson grins as he gains yardage on his female opponents in the Flamingo Football game.

Somewhere In Between

Like the middle of an oreo cookie, like the second ring in a three ring circus, like Jif peanut butter between two Ritz crackers, the days after orientation and before graduation seemed stuck somewhere in between. But that didn't matter. No sooner had the stuffing from Thanksgiving digested than the mind turned to stocking-stuffers instead.

Before stockings were hung by the chimney with care, Colonels decked the halls with Christmas wrappings and silver tinsel for the SCA door decoration contest. Homeroom 607 claimed the trophy for the religious category, and homeroom 603 won in the non-religious competition.

Not only did Colonels deck the halls, but they heralded Christmas with song as well. Music floated through the campus as the band prepared to brave the freezing temperature to march in the Salem Christmas Parade. Choir members

lifted their voices with concerts at Huntington Court United Methodist Church and at the Crossroads Mall. The choir joined with the band, strings, and drama students in converting the gym into the little town of Bethlehem as Robin Anderson was elected to portray the Madonna at the Christmas program.

Other Christmas scenes filled the school when giant cedar trees and a hand-painted snow scene adorned the cafeteria for the Girls' Club's White Christmas Dance. **Starfire** provided the music, and Anne Callaway reigned as queen of the Christmas Court.

In an attempt to save the Mill Mountain Zoo, DECA students sponsored a "Boogie for the Zoo" dance held at the Roanoke Civic Center. The project raised over \$1,000. The FCA and Beta Clubs also turned their thoughts to others by giving Christmas parties at Roanoke Memorial Hospital and Catawba Nursing Home. During the

Christmas vacation, attention focused on competition as the FCA huddle group defeated the Northside huddle group in a 48-hour marathon basketball game 5,144-4,282. The \$500 raised went to help send members to summer conferences and also to help the Charles L. Arrington Scholarship Fund.

Foreign languages got into the spirit, too, but their timing was a little off by American standards. The Modern Foreign Language Club said "adios", "au revoir", and "auf wiedersehien" to the Christmas season on the last of the twelve days of Christmas at their pot luck dinner on the night of Epiphany. In the old German tradition, they left their shoes for Weinachtsmann to fill with candy (for the good boys and girls) and switches and prunes (for the bad boys and girls). Mr. James C. Wood ended the Christmas season by taking home a bag of prunes and switches.

Of Not So Silent Nights



Tinsel and tape enhance the Christmas spirit as Vernon Claytor decorates his homeroom door which won first place in the SCA door decoration contest.

Artist at work, Mrs. Penny Wilson sculptures a Charles de Gaulle snowman during French class.





1976 CHRISTMAS COURT — (front row) Terri Payne; Linda Miller; Sarah Woolbridge; Tina Ward; Beverly Noell **(back row)** Robin Anderson; Kelly Hildreth; Anne Callaway, Queen; Cindy Brumfield, Maid-of-Honor; Kathy Baker; Tammy Payne **(not pictured)** Beth Beckner.



All smiles, senior Robin Anderson receives her Christmas Court bouquet of flowers with escort Tim Guthrie.

Surrounded by the enemy, Waverly Thornhill takes aim as Herman Lewis and Northside's Eric Lewis advance in the marathon basketball game sponsored by the FCA.

Somewhere In Between

It was an on-again off-again winter. Temperatures rose; school was on. Temperatures dropped; school was off. With the thermometer hovering around 0°, Roanoke suffered the coldest winter in history. Schools closed five days because of snow. Fleming, however, fared better than many of the area schools that had to close up to twenty days because of the ice and snow and a shortage of natural gas.

But if mittens and long johns were on-again off-again and mostly on-again, there was still plenty left to warm the spirits in Colonel Country. Thirty-two seniors departed in near blizzard conditions for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for

the first Roanoke-Sioux Falls exchange program. "Sioux Falls was a great place to visit but it was good to get back home again," expressed exchange student Rhonda Calhoun. They returned from a week of skiing, touring, and observing classes just in time to watch the varsity basketball team drive in the last nail to clinch the Roanoke Valley District Championship.

The mood switched from the red-hot Colonels to the red-hearts of Valentine's Day as some guys forked over \$36.00 for a dozen red roses (the price rose from \$10.00 of last year because the freezing weather made flowers scarce). Others showed their affection with 40¢

Hallmark specials and little candy hearts with "Kiss Me" written on them. Special feelings continued even after Valentine's Day as the yearbook staff dedicated the 1977 **Colonel** to Mrs. Lynne C. Agee during a pep assembly.

Even in Butte, Montana, another holiday brought joyful news to town. For there, a small brown ground hog crawled from his hole and cast his shadow on the drifts of snow. Scientific experts claimed he saw his shadow and promised that even out of an on-again off-again winter of grief, there would come a spring.

The Heart Has Its Season



Project send-off, Colonel fans line the parking lot curb to cheer the varsity basketball team on to Charlottesville for the State Tournament.



Arm in arm, Mrs. Lynne Agee and husband Bill beam with pride after she received the dedication of the 1977 Colonel.

Sign of the times reflects one of the coldest winters ever in the Roanoke Valley.



Center of attention, Frances Vaughn from Hollins College performs during Black History Week.

Step-by-step construction brings change to the campus as workers begin on the 2.5 million dollar capital improvements program.



Somewhere In Between

After an icy winter, then March temperatures in the 90's, and frost on the first day of spring, the weatherman had his doubts about its arrival. But for the clubs and organizations, plans went on for the spring's activities.

At the top of the list, the Junior Class prepared for the upcoming Junior-Senior Prom with Saturday carwashes, bingo games, and bake sales. The boys' and girls' basketball teams competed in a second period Battle of the Sexes. The boys, with a one-arm handicap, managed thirty points to defeat the girls and raised over \$200 for the Junior Class.

As the Red Cross Blood Mobile rambled up to Fleming, volunteers rolled up their sleeves and

stretched out their arms to donate eighty pints on blood donor day. The Red Cross also sponsored a party at the VA Hospital with the Strings Orchestra providing entertainment.

The Colonel staff offered a chance for talented and untalented people to get in on the act and win \$10 prizes by putting on an amateur Gong Show. A slightly different version of the Supremes received a perfect score and captured the title of best act, while Cathy and the Droops ended their act by being gonged off the floor and winning the worst act hands down.

At the Latin Banquet, students donned ancient attire and performed in one-act skits. Auctioned-off slaves granted their master's

every wish by serving food and drink at "An Evening on Mount Olympus."

With a change in season, students collected all their winter clothes and packed them away to make way for special spring attire. New lace-up sandals, brightly-colored sun dresses, and cut-off jeans edged over the traditional Levis for a new fashion look.

A welcome cut-off came in April when city schools let out a week for Easter. Students greased up and baked in the sun, caught up on lost sleep, and visited the local theater to see the Academy Award winning **Rocky**. But the week seemed all too short when students returned to school with six weeks tests ahead.

Clubs Spring Into Action



"Set me free" chant juniors Leslie Dunnaville, Billie Davis, and Michael Thurman in the Gong Show. They imitated the Supremes.

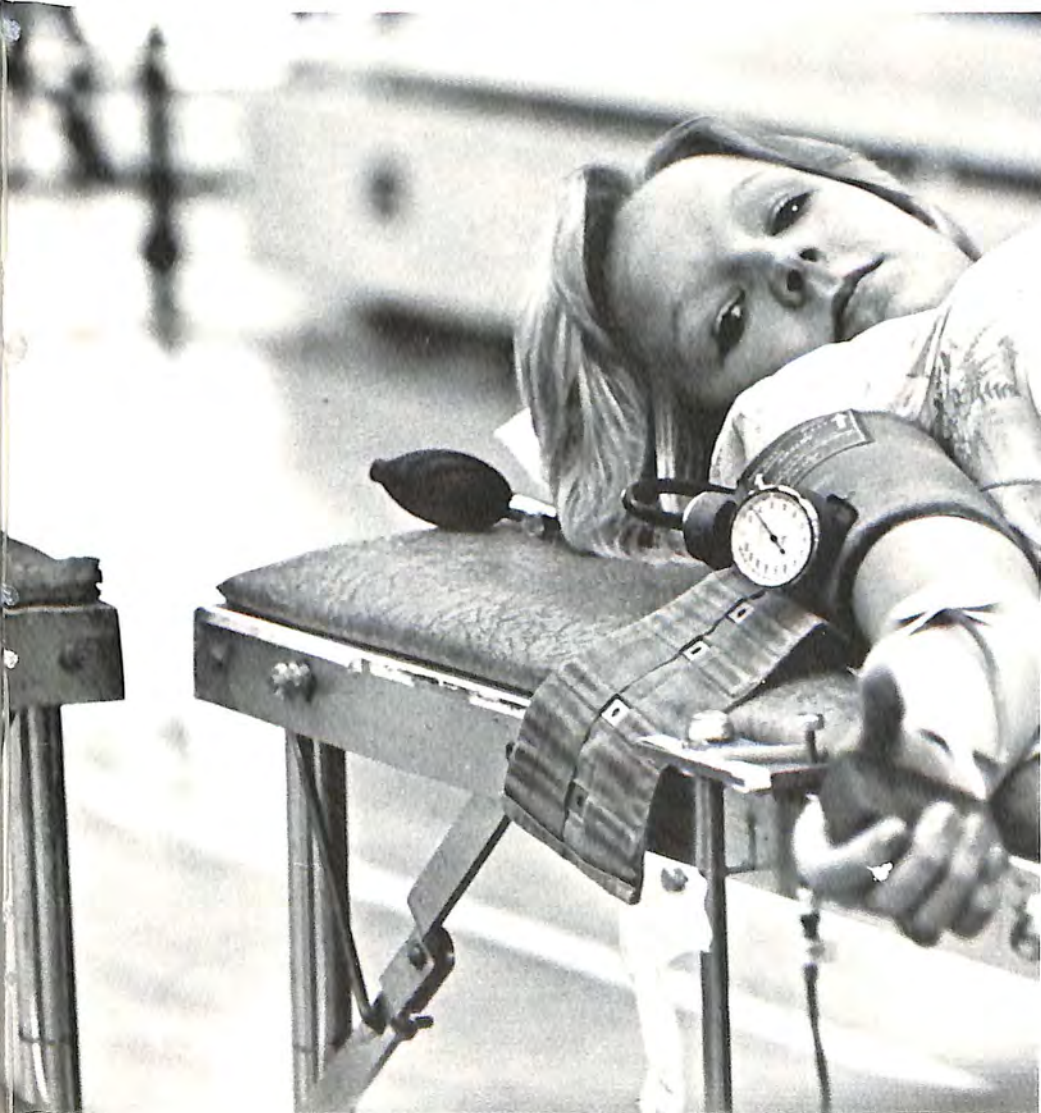
Two arms are better than one as seniors Cathy Crawford and Amy Martin donate blood for the Red Cross.





Relics of the past, Lori Vaught and Teresa Mundy sample appetizers while watching the entertainment at the Latin Banquet.

Soaking up the rays, junior Archie Waldron takes advantage of May's unusually hot weather.



One-handed dribble finds Vincent Banks trapped by Janet Harrington in a basketball game sponsored by the Junior Class.

Somewhere In Between

After the arrival of spring, activities increased rapidly, and students who had decided to relax for the last six weeks found themselves caught up in the bustle of end-of-year events. On the lighter side, students topped the faculty in the annual basketball game, winning with a score of 69-66.

Donning mismatched outfits, both students and faculty arrayed themselves for Tacky Day, then shifted from tacky to country on Sadie Hawkins Day. At the Sadie Hawkins Hoe Down the following night, girls chased their favorite men and

danced to foot-stomping music.

All activities, however, were not exclusively for fun. Following long tradition, the SCA held an all-day exchange with students from area high schools. They visited classrooms and discussed ways to improve student-teacher relations. At a later date, the installation of new SCA officers also followed time-honored tradition as old officials handed over their positions to the incoming officers. On another occasion, Christian music rang throughout the gym when singing group, "Reflections of the Son",

performed contemporary religious and folk music for the FCA. In the same vein, thirty students journeyed to Valle Crucis, North Carolina, for a weekend of getting to know one another, and the Human Relations Council held a workshop at Camp Fincastle, bringing students closer in an all-day get together.

As the last club meeting adjourned and exams loomed ahead, students still found themselves caught in the middle of hectic everyday life.

Better Late Than Never



Stepping up, Leslie Dunnville accepts the office of Vice-President of the SCA from Jeff Powell.

Exchanging theories, Sherry Craft and Cave Spring student Charles Gross observe Juan Powell in chemistry class on Exchange Day.





Top choice, Mr. George Miller grins from ear to ear after receiving the award of Teacher of the Year.



Barrelled-up and buckled backwards, Linwood Cannaday and Earle Shumate dress their worst on Tacky Day sponsored by the newspaper staff.

Dressed Tom Sawyer style, sophomores Mark Hale and Linda Mitchell relax at the Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Somewhere In Between

Trying to cram at least thirty hours into a twenty-four-hour day, Colonels often felt stuck somewhere in between school and community life. Symposium offered forty-five selected seniors the chance to interview distinguished citizens, finding out about everything from printer's ink to professor's pay. "Knowing that most of the speakers weren't sure what they wanted to do after high school was comforting to me, since I'm not sure, either," said Lisa Shepherd.

In another effort to find out more about the world, thirty-two seniors traveled all the way from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to sample Southern hospitality in Colonel

Country. Many of them climbed a mountain for the first time at Peaks of Otter, and others watched their first high-school baseball game.

Another kind of action hit Roanoke as the Republicans invaded the Civic Center for their first state convention in the Star City. Other politicians, too, campaigned throughout the valley as Mrs. Rosalyn Carter made a stop during the fall, and Elizabeth Taylor shook hands and signed autographs to help her husband John Warner seek a seat in the Virginia State Senate.

As Republicans and democrats dodged each other's bullets, Roanoke police played a different kind of hide-and-seek. A black bear

wandered into town from the Jefferson National Forrest and dumb-founded residents as he meandered through alleys and backyards before being shot.

A few weeks later, a record crowd of 60,000 passed through the weekend Festival-in-the-Park, where eighteen different bands performed from dual stages. The Festival was a sight for the eyes as well as for the ears, with over 200 artists selling their works along the sidewalks.

In the season of baseball and bears and bands, Colonels kept too busy to even notice that there weren't many days left somewhere in between.

From Printer's Ink To Peanuts



Loading up for the trip back home, Vickie Wilcher helps Julie Johnson gather up her suitcases to take back to Sioux Falls.

The voice of experience, Dr. J. H. Hollingsworth, Jr., tells the Symposium seniors that life "keeps on getting better."



Rocking Roanoke at the Festival in the Park, Razzmatazz draws a large crowd as they perform "Life in the Fast Lane".



Honored member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mr. Irvin Cannaday introduces the chapter's next speaker for an assembly.

Political pusher, Rosalyn Carter campaigns for her husband, Jimmy Carter, for President of the United States.

The Beginning Of The End

The last baseball game had been played. The last track meet had been run. The final curtain of "Hello, Dolly" had fallen. But actually, the last hurrahs that bring a senior class a little closer together had only just begun.

Seniors had one last chance to prove they were "number one" at the final pep assembly of the year. Ignoring requests to keep off the grass, they ran through and around the goal posts to keep up the tradition. They then headed toward the halls and lifted their voices to let everyone know they were definitely number one.

The Senior Banquet raised their spirits and appetites while Robin Anderson and Gino Forrest hosted "The Gross Awards" which gave seniors gag citations such as "Least Likely to Succeed". Over one hundred students filled the cafeteria to feast on roast beef, salad, and baked potato, then disco-danced to the beat of WTOY.

A more informal fare of hamburgers and baked beans greeted the sixty-four graduates at the annual honors picnic. But cold weather ended the outdoor tradition and forced the group into the confines of the cafeteria.

An 8:00 a.m. breakfast summoned seniors to the Airport Holiday Inn for scrambled eggs and sausage, served buffet style. Then they rushed to school and fell in line to practice for the capping assembly.

After the slow pace set by Mr. Irving Cannaday's vocal version of "Pomp and Circumstance", seniors had the rest of the day free. They gathered up their mimeographed maps and headed off toward Smith Mountain Lake for one more stanza of their last hurrah.



"The least likely to succeed is . . ." announce Robin Anderson and Gino Forrest at the Senior Gross Awards at the senior banquet.



Class of '77 invades Colonel Country as senior Joanie Hutton cheers along during the last pep assembly.

Toast of the town lures Lori Vaught to the table for scrambled eggs and toast at the Senior Breakfast.



Work pays off for senior Cindy Brumfield as she receives the Band Leadership Award from Mr. Ulysses Broadneaux.

The final days for the Class of '77 wind down as seniors huddle in the football field after the last pep assembly.

A Night On The Town

Most guys and girls wondered why they were smiling when they spent the last pennies of their paychecks for a one-night affair. But all the excitement was not over just another Saturday night, but over the Junior-Senior Prom.

Couples came decked out in the Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers look, with the guys sporting top hats and canes while the girls donned slinky dresses and spike-heeled shoes. Even though the punch-bowl watchers kept an eye out for would-be spikers, most eyes turned to the flowered archway as some 250 couples entered the Civic Center Exhibition Hall.

The Artistics, a popular band from Norfolk, were the center of attention as they performed the top forty hits. Junior Class President Bobby Ziogas and Vice-president Sherry Shepherd recognized seniors and their escorts as they danced in the spotlight to the prom's theme, "We've Only Just Begun."

The evening seemed short with the wait in line for pictures, the socializing with friends, and the fast pace on the dance floor. But for most, the good times had just begun. Couples roamed from party to party, ate scrambled eggs at Sambo's, or just relaxed with their friends to end the prom in the wee hours of the morning.

Some complained that it took many hours of hard work and pennypinching for one night on the town. Most agreed, however, that it was well worth a chance to be in the dancing shoes of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers for an evening.

Distinguished duo, Sonny Evans and Edith Henderson parade through the floral archway at the Junior-Senior Prom.





Tranquil times give Donna Richards and David Cox a chance to relax away from the crowd.

Trumpet at his mouth and music in his heart, the Artist's lead trumpeter belts out "Disco Dazz" at the Junior-Senior Prom.



In the spotlight, Lindsey Robertson, his date, Steve Smith, and Terri Firebaugh line up as seniors and their dates are announced.

Link in a chain of dancers, senior Martha Johnson joins in as her friends do the Hustle.

At Least Three Inches Taller

White prom gowns and black tuxes made way for blue gowns as 402 soon-to-be graduates filed to the gym for the capping assembly. Entering to "Pomp and Circumstance", seniors noticed a marked change from the pep assembly atmosphere usually associated with the gym; the mood was distinctively serious.

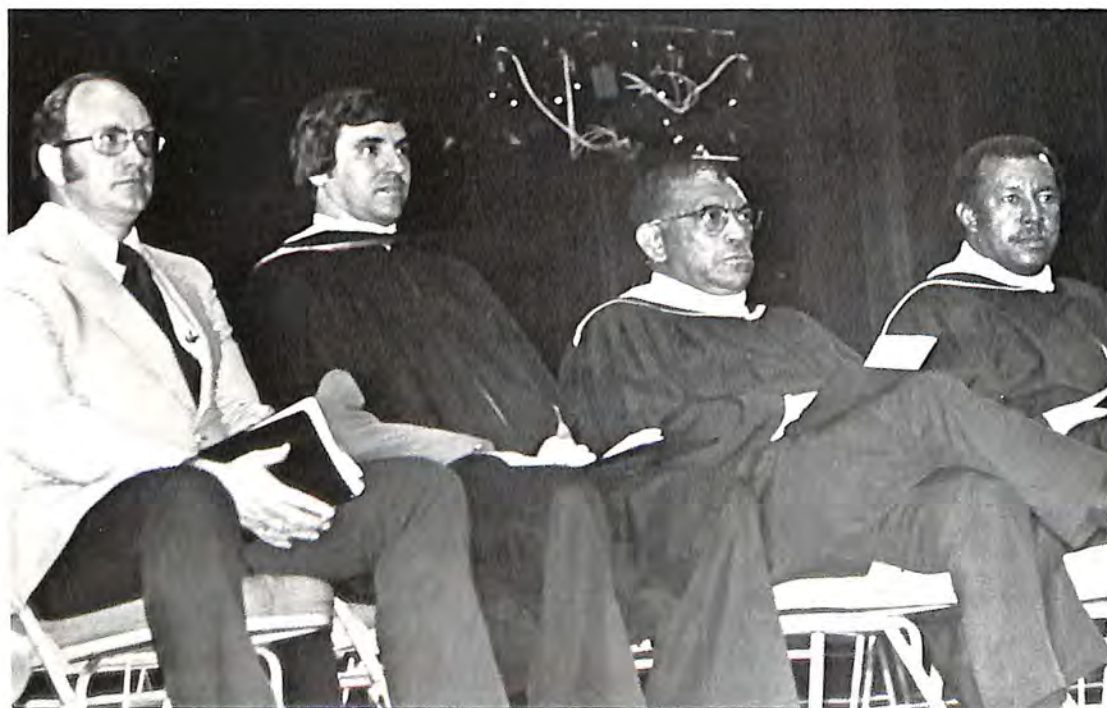
As each dean announced those in his own hall, seniors knew the procedure — walk a few steps to the front, climb four steps, stroll across a platform, pause, bend down a little if you're tall (like John Coles) or stand on your tip toes if you're not-so-tall (like Kathy Dean), shake Mr. Wood's hand, watch as gown is zipped in place, walk through the archway, return feeling at least three inches taller than before.

Seniors went back to their seats, hoping their classmates wouldn't stumble, lose their caps, or forget which row they sat in. Then Rhonda Calhoun sang "Nadia's Theme" and the choir sang "You'll Never Walk Alone".

For some, the strains of "You'll Never Walk Alone" came back to mind all weekend, and on Sunday night, the seniors walked again — still not alone. At the Baccalaureate Service at the Roanoke Civic Center Auditorium, the Rev. Wesley C. Patterson attempted to ease the tensions of graduation by offering words of encouragement. He told the seniors to "never be ashamed to ask advice because everyone needs it." As the choir sang "A Parting Blessing", the seniors knew they had only one week until the parting would take place.

Sharing a secret, Mary Gill and Ava Saunders get together after capping.

On stage, the Rev. Wesley C. Patterson, Mr. James C. Wood, Mr. Lloyd Austin, and Mr. Irvin Cannaday concentrate at Baccalaureate.





Watching her fellow classmates, Gail Brown looks ahead to graduation after being capped.

Twelve years of school come to a close for senior Cathy Austin in the capping assembly.



Already capped, Lisa Shephard prepares to join her classmates in the capping assembly.

All Alone In A Crowd

It was the last time they would ever walk together, and they felt anything but alone. Most seniors brought aunts and uncles, first and second cousins, and even a neighbor or two.

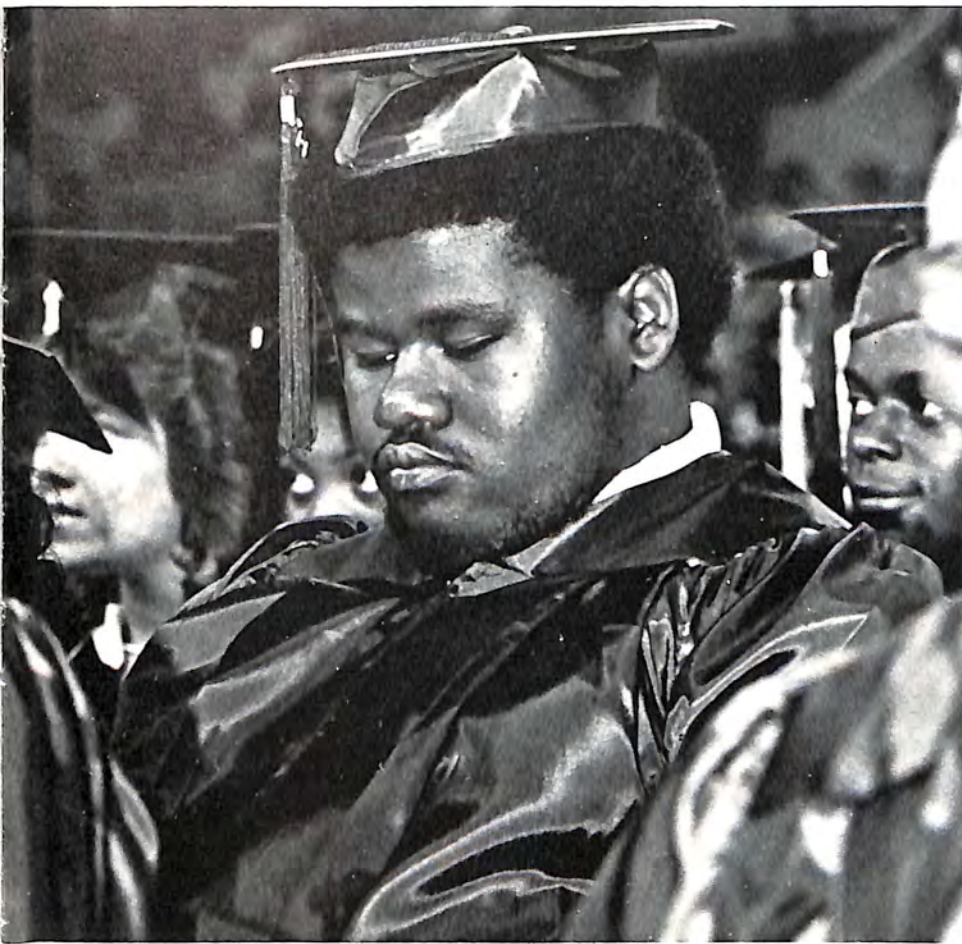
Each dean led those in his hall into the Roanoke Civic Center Coliseum to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance". Senior Class President Johnnie Moore gave the invocation. The choir sang "Choose Something Like a Star" and "Master of Human Destinies" and Mr. James Wood introduced the guest speaker, Dr. M. Don Pack, Superintendent of Roanoke City Public Schools. Valedictorian Earle Shumate, salutatorian Robert Amos, and class speakers Cindy Brumfield, Rhonda Calhoun, Jeff Powell, and Jill Weber spoke on the graduation theme by Henry David Thoreau.

Each speaker urged fellow classmates to set goals and strive to achieve them. Then all the rehearsal ended as each graduate's name echoed across the auditorium. After handshakes and words of encouragement from Mr. Wood, the seniors received their diplomas.

Applause and cheers and "Way to go Moose!" resounded throughout the ceremony. In the closing moments, Martha Johnson gave the Benediction and then Mr. Wood officially declared the seniors graduates of the Class of '77. The choir sang "Shalom — peace be with you my friend, I'll see you again, I'll see you again, Shalom". With these words the seniors walked out — in the middle of a crowd, but still alone.

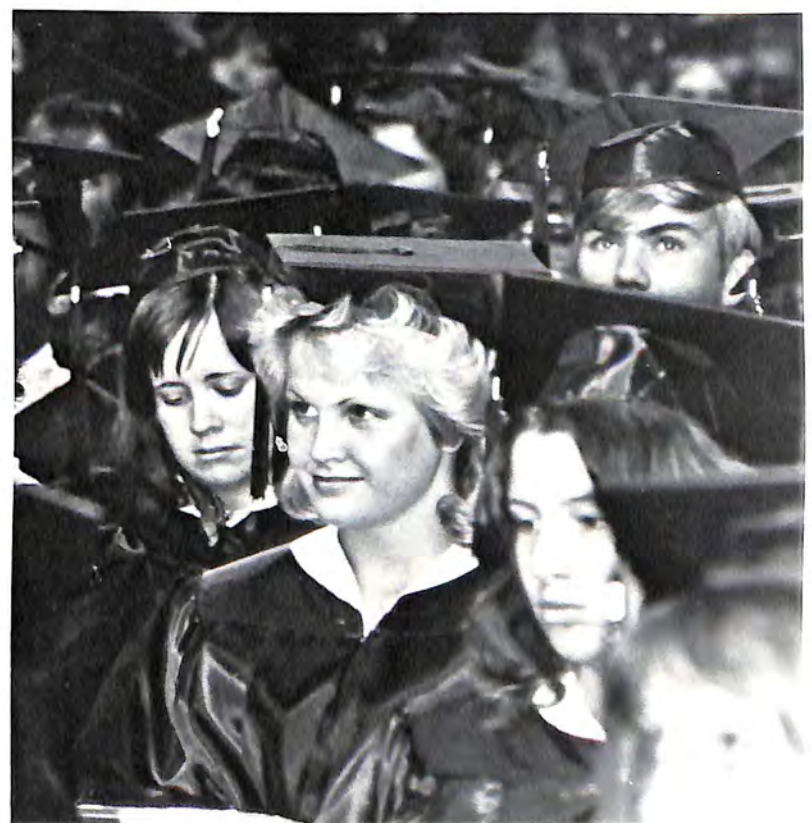
Meaningful messages of the student speakers absorb Becky Dillon as she ponders the graduation theme by Henry David Thoreau.





Framed by mortarboards, Larry Chapman listens to the remarks of graduation speakers.

"Strive for success" urges valedictorian Earle Shumate as he speaks to his fellow graduates.



Looking back on the past twelve years, Patti Johnson smiles as she watches her friends get their diplomas.

Beaming with pride, Laverne Gaither receives her diploma and congratulations from Principal James C. Wood.

Johnnie Moore
DAR Good Citizen Award

I can remember how hectic it was before my Junior Prom. That Saturday, we all worked so hard decorating and trying to make everything just right. Then, when everything turned out just right, I couldn't help feeling excited. The same was true this year with the Senior Banquet. I guess when someone works really hard on something and it turns out better than expected, there's a reason for shouting.



Andy Collier
National Merit Commendation

Some of my most exciting times at Fleming were shared with Wang. I just always wanted to find out what made that computer tick. Governor's School gave me a head start on computer engineering, and I guess now I'm hooked. I will always remember my teachers, friends, and classes, but through Wang, I know what I want to do with my life — and that's worth shouting about.



Earle Shumate
National Merit Commendation

The most exciting times for me have been the noisy, crowded pep assemblies, spring picnics, and basketball games. But the last night of the play **Hello, Dolly** is what high school should be all about. All the practicing, rehearsing, and reciting paid off with the last standing ovation. Although the audience could never really know how much work went into each scene, they showed in their own way that they cared.



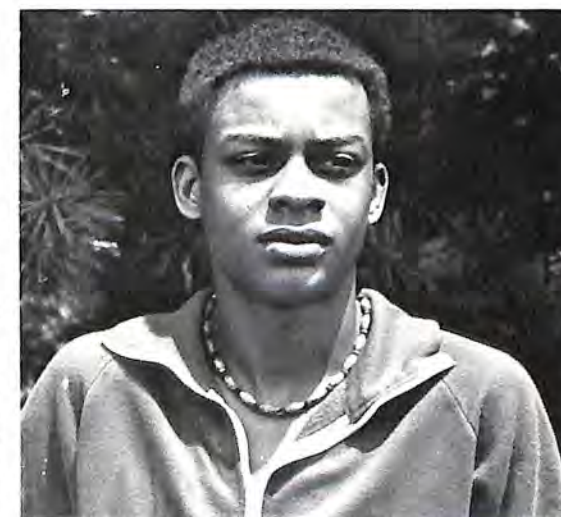
Cathy Stinnette
B'nai B'rith

Exciting times came often for me at Fleming. It wasn't easy for me to hide how I felt about some things — the basketball championship, a pep assembly, running through the goal posts, or winning a girls' basketball game. And there were the times when shouting never surfaced, but it was there just the same. I know that I'll never forget graduation or talks I had with a very special coach. These times have made my year worth remembering.



Sonny Evans
Outstanding ROTC Cadet

ROTC meant more to me than anything else at school. Drilling, marching, commanding, and learning were my favorite part of each day. But I feel that graduation would have to be the most exciting time. I remember that it was what I worked twelve long years for, and I felt a great sense of accomplishment when I received my diploma. I know that I will miss Fleming because it had a lot to offer me, but for now, I am pretty excited that it is all over.





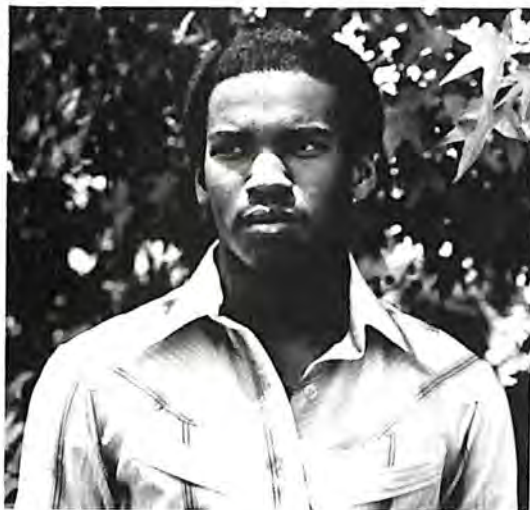
Robert Amos
I Dare You

Most of the shouting times for me took place around the newspaper deadline. "Who's got their story ready? The headline still doesn't fit!" sounded all too familiar in the middle of the month. We worked nights at school and never missed a deadline. Printer's errors and foul weather caused a few problems, but when the newspaper came out, we knew we had a good product — one that got better as the ability of the staff progressed.



Jill Weber
I Dare You — DECA

For me, there have been lots of little things to shout about — getting an A in Contract III, packing together in pep assemblies, and thinking about all we've been through together. But big moments like watching DECA win Virginia's Chapter of the Year for the third consecutive year, flying to California to represent the state in national DECA competition, announcing Coach Miller as Teacher of the Year, or speaking at graduation have left their marks on my year. Many things have colored my stay at Fleming.



Darrell Davis
B'nai B'rith

One of the things I've always liked best about Fleming was the openness, trust, and respect that students of all races felt for one another. It meant a great deal to me to watch my black friends challenge tradition by being elected Senior Class President, SCA President and Vice-President, and captains of the basketball, football, and track teams. This reflected the character of the school and that, to me, was worth shouting about.



Carol Wilson
Betty Crocker Homemaker Award

New York City, Alta Mons, Smith Mountain Lake, and Myrtle Beach all bring back exciting memories for me. Both close to home and far away, I have had the chance to go new places and meet new people. I'll never forget strolling through Central Park on a Sunday afternoon or eating a hotdog at Rockefeller Center. But Senior Day at the lake taught me that I didn't necessarily have to be on Park Avenue to have a good time.

In a quiet year,
Colonels find moments . . .

Worth Shouting About



Coach George Miller
Teacher of the Year

I'm not really particular at all. Any time any organization at Fleming wins, I get excited. It doesn't matter if it's the girls' basketball team or the boys' track team, DECA or the yearbook. All of these things are important and are the keys to making Fleming a winner. There's no doubt about it. Any time it's good news for Fleming, I find myself getting pretty worked up.





It was a year of firsts for the people who call themselves athletes. It was the first time for Coach John McGregor and his staff to lead the Colonels through the goalposts. Coach George Miller made history not only on football, but by leading the girls' track team to first place in the district. It was the first year for Coach Eleanor Culpepper and Sergeant David Spangler to volley out in front with the netters, and the first year girls joined the ranks of guys on the golf and track teams. It was another first in the Cosmopolitan for the track team, too.

The most exciting first, of course, was watching Coach Eddie Burke lead the Colonels to second place in the state, and a bunch of guys with names like Rubber John and Funky Chicken steal not only the ball, but the hearts of the crowd as well.

And if some said the Colonels brought home more than their fair share of trophies, well, just chalk it up as something else to really shout about.

SPORTS

Best all-around, the Varsity basketball team proclaims, "we're number one!" after they won the regular season district final by defeating Franklin County, 67-65.

The Friendly Pepper-Uppers

Varsity and JV cheerleaders found more to being a cheerleader than wearing blue and gold.



She wore blue and gold more often than most people, and she claimed more than her fair share of sore throats, too. She smiled a lot, even when the stands were quiet or the team was behind. Most people thought of her in front of the crowds, but she knew that that was only a small part of her work. She was also a champion poster maker, a perfect name tag tracer, a Saturday afternoon car washer, and a master at cookies and cakes. She was a William Fleming cheerleader.

She could not buy her blue and gold uniform at Sidney's; she had to earn it the hard way. She had to remember to keep thumbs tucked, arms straight, and smile ultra-bright in front of a panel of judges. Twenty-one of the sixty prospects passed the test. Sporting the same uniforms, but in smaller sizes, the mascots, Laura Ann Rosenbaum, Amanda McGregor, and Kari Wood, rounded out the cheering squad. Miss Lois Cox, Miss Debbie Waldron, and Mrs. Nancy Rosenbaum took the helm as advisers.

While most of the student body enjoyed a leisure summer, the cheerleaders spent theirs learning chants and steps. Instead of heading for the beach, they traveled to Roanoke College for a week of instruction and competition and walked away with third place in overall competition.

Even though no one ever cheered for a cheerleader, and the long hours of dedicated practice often went unnoticed, it didn't keep the cheerleaders from smiling. The Fleming cheerleader still had the satisfaction of knowing that she helped to rah-rah the Colonels onward to victory and to provide extra moral support even when the spotlight had faded.

Cremating a Knight the easy way, varsity cheerleaders Cheryl Monk, Sissy Meador, and Emily Brown heave a dummy into the Homecoming bonfire flames.



1977 VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — (front row) Charlotte Jones; Becky Pugh; Cathy Austin, Head; Tammy Payne, Assistant Head; Tina Ward (back row) Donna Smith; Sissy Meador; Emily Brown; Cheryl Monk; Debbie Pugh; Karen Cook.

"We got the Power" chants head cheerleader, Cathy Austin, during the football season opener at Heritage.



Happy days come for JV cheerleaders Terri Firebaugh, Terri Payne, Cindy Clark, and Jeri Clevenger as they celebrate a touchdown in the game against Patrick Henry.



1977 JV CHEERLEADERS — (front row) Jeri Clevenger, Head; Terri Firebaugh, Assistant Head; (back row) Gwyn Peters; Dorise Hurley; Cindy Clark; Terri Payne; Cathy Stuart (not pictured) Rhonda Harris.

The Start Of Something Big

With the arrival of a new coaching staff and changes in strategy, Colonels oozed optimism in spite of a 2-8 record.

An old saying claims that a quitter never wins, and a winner never quits. The same can be said for the 1976 version of the Colonel football team. In spite of a 2-8 record, the word quit never entered the picture.

The Colonels were a little late getting started. When Coach John McGregor, a former assistant coach at Florida State and highly successful scholastic coach in Arkansas, took the helm in mid-July, his first challenge was finding a coaching staff that would not only improve the football program, but also care about the athlete as a person. He met that challenge. Three of his assistants brought standout records as scholastic and collegiate players to the sidelines. Defensive coordinator George Miller, a former Fleming star, captained the Elizabeth City team; offensive line



A break in the action finds defensive captain Marty Miller (20) conferring with Coach Jerry Campbell in the Newcastle game.

coach Fred Horeis, who had also started at Fleming, played offense for a Southern Conference Championship team at East Carolina University; and defensive back coach Dick Oliver, former Northside grid star, started on the University of North Carolina's ACC Championship team in 1976. Specialty and defensive line coach Jerry Campbell and receiver coach Mike Bryant rounded out the six-man coaching staff.

With less than a month to go before practice began on August 10, Coach McGregor met with each player to set goals and to begin a weight program. He incorporated the veer offense and switched to a two-platoon team. In another change, the varsity and junior varsity teams merged in practice, with juniors and seniors as well as sophomores taking JV action when they

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Ahead by one, Rick Hawkins (23) and Billie Davis (20) signal Keith Patterson's winning field goal against Halifax.





The thrill of victory comes to Head Coach John McGregor as he congratulates Assistant Coach George Miller and Rick Hawkins after the Colonels' 10-9 triumph over Halifax.

Tearing away from Heritage defenders, Archie Mayo drives for extra yardage. Mayo finished the game with over 150 yards, as the Colonels shut-out the Pioneers 8-0.



Down but not out, Charles Cheatwood clinches his fists after a short gain against the Cave Spring Knights.



Ground gainer Charles Cheatwood (83) charges upfield against Patrick Henry. The Patriot defense held Cheatwood to 30 yards rushing in their 9-7 win.

Taking a breather, middle linebacker Kurt Kreider looks on as his defensive teammates stop a Northside drive.



1976 VARSITY FOOTBALL

Fleming	Opponent	
3	E. C. Glass	21
6	Heritage	7
10	Halifax	9
6	Andrew Lewis	14
0	Northside	17
14	Pulaski County	6
7	Patrick Henry	9
0	Cave Spring	17
3	Robert E. Lee	21
14	Franklin County	28

Season's Record: 2-8



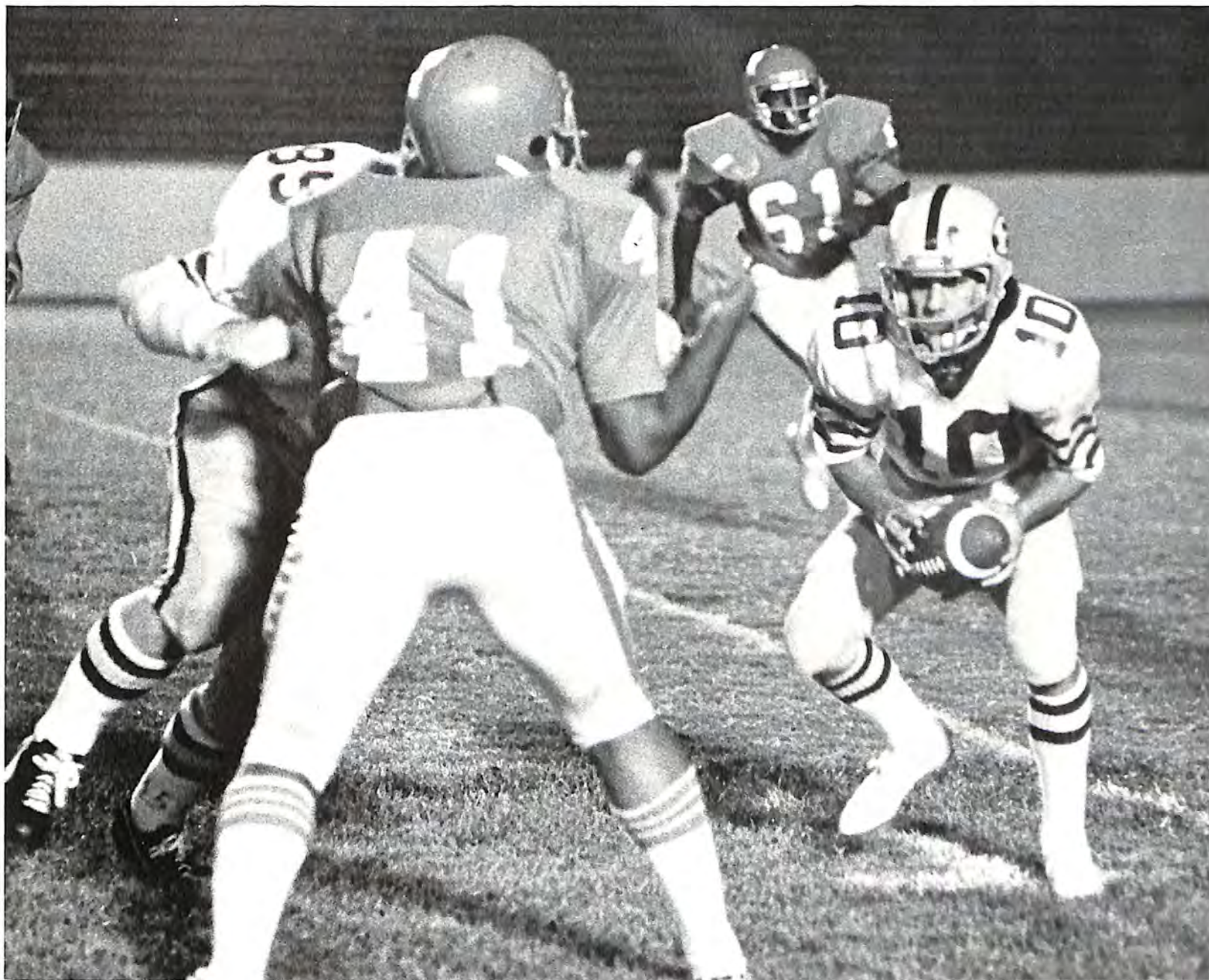
1976 FOOTBALL TEAM — (front row) Jeff Lowe; Kurt Kreider; Larry Wolford; Rick Hawkins; Andy Collier; Danny Grinnell; Eddie Otey; Maurice Ashford; James Arrington; Richard Smith; Steve Smith; Roy Hughes; Doug Tuck (second row) Scot Nelson; Tim Jones; Kevin Watkins; Keith Patterson; Kirk Law; Nathan Lear; John Sherffield; Jon Whichard; Wayne Quinn; William Childress; Mike Mayo; Cecil Taylor (third row) Don Southern;

Ronald Schrader; Archie Mayo; Leslie Dunnaville; Billie Davis; Kevin Robinson; Mike Thurman; Donnie Mowbray; Charles Cheatwood; Ronnie Dooley; Tony Armistead; Mike Washington; Mike Turner; David Powell, manager (fourth row) Waverly Thornhill; Donnie Young; Mike LaBrie; Mike Ramey; Mike Blake; Butch Crotty; Jack Gowen; Mike Heck; T. T. Reynolds; Wayne Rock; Orlonza Brewer; Wayne Parker; Derrick Pullen, manager (fifth row) Jeff Bles-

sard; Rodney Bennett; Benji Collier; Scott Jenkins; James Carty; Marty Miller; Eddie Clark; Chris Gray; Ricky Bias; Dwayne Drew; Jerome Carey; Tony Arrington; David Woods; Donald Dickerson; Jeff Powell, statistician (back row) George Miller, assistant coach; Fred Horeis, assistant coach; John McGregor, head coach; Dick Oliver, assistant coach; Jerry Campbell, assistant coach; Mike Bryant, assistant coach; Bill Whitlock, assistant coach.

Caught in a jam of Halifax players, junior quarterback Butch Crotty (10) looks for an open teammate on the option.

The Start Of Something Big cont.



weren't slated for the varsity game.

When the season began against E. C. Glass, the men suited in blue and gold knew they had their work cut out for them. Coach McGregor had undoubtedly heard about the E. C. Glass dynasty, but in the Colonels' debut against the Hilltoppers, he learned that their reputation was more than just idle talk. In spite of Fleming's punting game (senior Keith Patterson punted seven times for a 42.6 yard average and put Fleming on the scoreboard with a 26-yard field goal in the second quarter), the Colonels fell 21-3 in their opener.

The second outing was also against a Lynchburg team, and the results were the same. "I knew we had trouble

when I saw tears in the officials' eyes when the band played the Heritage school song," Coach McGregor later laughed as he recalled a 7-6 heart-breaker for the Colonels. But there was a charm as the Colonels utilized their defense expertly and scored with the pressure on to upset Halifax County 10-9. Patterson's 13 yard field goal gave Fleming its first win with just 2:13 left on the clock.

Andrew Lewis, with a 0-3 record, served up its first victory with a 14-7 win over the Colonels. "Lewis just lined up and beat our tails," said McGregor afterward. "It was a bad night for us, but we will be back."

The Colonels were 1-3, the Vikings 3-1, as the two archrivals lined up for

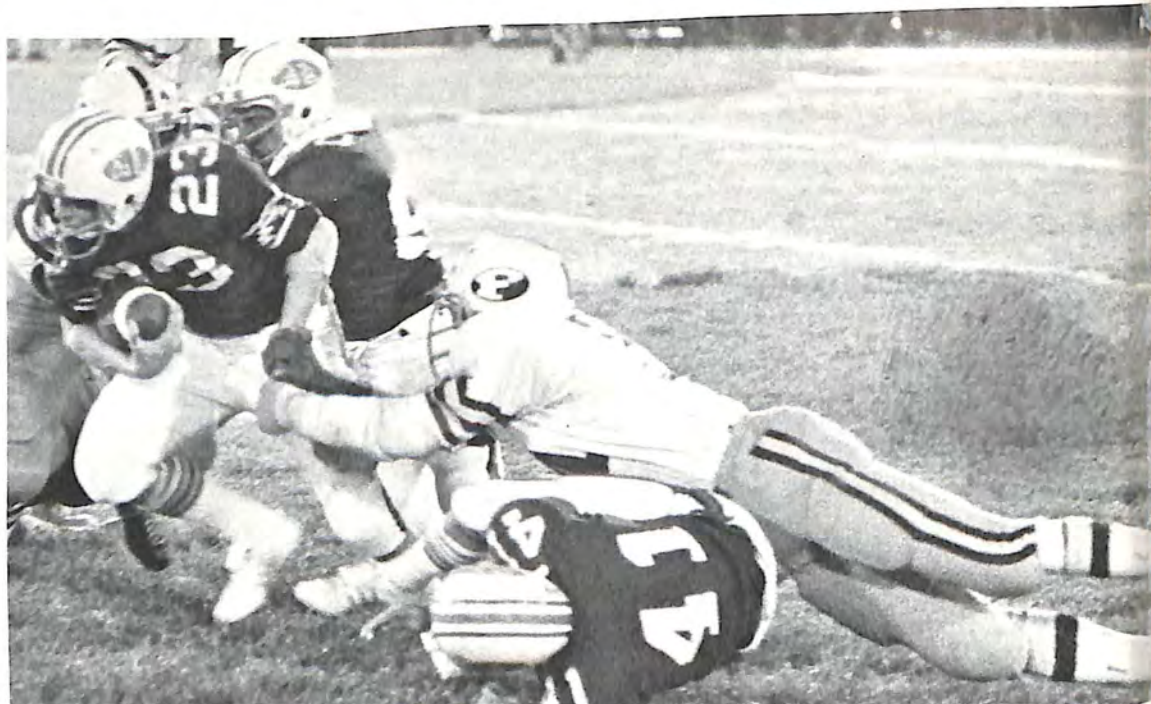
their fifth start. Once again, the Colonels failed to control the line of scrimmage as Northside jumped to a quick 10-0 lead and went on to a 17-0 victory. Still, the Colonels kept their spirits high as they approached the middle of the season with only one win.

The next outing was a different story. Fleming scored early, held Pulaski County to a single touchdown, then stiffened its defense to earn a 13-6 victory. That was the last game in the winner's column for the Colonels, who fell to Cave Spring 16-7, Patrick Henry 9-7, Robert E. Lee 21-3, and Franklin County 27-14. Until the very end, the Colonels kept a stiff

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Hanging on to an Andrew Lewis runner, All-American defensive end John Sherffield makes a touchdown-saving tackle. The Colonels lost 14-6.

Deadly defender William Childress (42) moves in to cut down Joe Saunders of Patrick Henry. The Colonels fell to the Patriots 9-7.



1976 JV FOOTBALL

Fleming	Opponent	
14	Newcastle	14
0	Northside	6
0	Franklin County	6
22	Cave Spring	12
8	Heritage	0
18	Pulaski County	12
Season's Record: 3-2-1		



The Start Of Something Big cont.

upper lip. "Our kids never even thought about quitting," said McGregor. "They didn't know the meaning of that word."

Players praised the coaches for keeping a positive attitude throughout the season. "We learned a lot about keeping on keeping on," said senior Steve Smith. "The coaches taught us a lot more than the scoreboard showed."

"Actually, the season was much closer than it sounds," said senior Kurt Kreider. "With only nine returning from last year, we had some inexperienced players at key positions. A lot of people said we had the best defense in the Roanoke Valley. If we

had averaged one more touchdown per game, we would have gone undefeated," Kreider said.

Although coaches credited team effort, not individual play, for much of the grid success, eight players made the All-Roanoke Valley Team. John Sherffield rated first team defense and Keith Patterson first team punter; Doug Tuck and Steve Smith made second team; Keith Patterson and Scot Nelson found berths on the third team; and William Childress, Charles Cheatwood, and Roy Hughes were named Honorable Mention.

Team members, including the JV squad that played to a 3-2-1 season under Coach Jerry Campbell, said

they wouldn't change a thing about the season, except the scores. "We should have won a lot more," said Smith. "Or lost one more," quipped UNC Coach Bill Dooley when some seniors were at the UNC training table "Then, instead of saying your record was 2-8, you could have said 1-9, and nobody would know if you meant 1-9 or won nine."

"But give us another year," said junior quarterback Butch Crotty. "That 'won nine' will be more than a joke."

And it just may be. If it's true that a quitter never wins and a winner never quits, the Colonels have quite a few victories coming to them.



Turning the corner, junior Archie Mayo (32) zips around the Cave Spring defense. The JV Colonels whipped the Knights 22-12 for their first victory of the season.

On the move, halfback Rick Hawkins (23) cuts back against Pulaski as Tim Jones (81) leads the blocking.

A Long Road To Charlottesville

With a 16-4 regular season and district and regional championships under their belts, the Colonels headed to the State Tournament for the first time in two decades.

It was almost like any other Saturday night in mid-March. The temperature had plummeted to the low 50's, and the wind whipped the red and white and blue and gold crepe paper pom poms outside University Hall all over Mr. Jefferson's campus. But nobody from Colonel country gave a darn how cold it was. More than 1,000 cars with William Fleming stickers, four diesel buses that had smoked and sputtered the 120 miles from Roanoke, and Wild Bill's Blue Goose vied for parking spaces with a rather vocal crowd from T. C. Williams. But even if fans had to walk a couple of blocks to the coliseum, they didn't give a darn.

What they did give a darn about was just possibly the most exciting thing to hit Fleming sports in years. It was Coach Eddie Burke's grand finale in his first year as the Colonel's head coach. It was the last high school game in which four members of the starting team would play. It was the first time in over two decades that the Colonels had made it this far. It was, quite simply, the Virginia AAA State Championship Basketball Tournament.

It may have taken only two hours for the fans to travel from Roanoke to Charlottesville, but for the Colonels, the road had been long and windy and uphill most of the way. When Coach Burke took charge of the Colonels after three seasons of watching high school basketball from the stands, it didn't take long for the fans to realize he hadn't forgotten the techniques he used to lead the old Lucy Addison High School to championship after championship. By taking advantages of the fast breaks, the Colonels clinched victories over two Lynchburg teams by margins of 21

and 11, and Coach Burke lived up to the nickname of "Fast Eddie."

In the third outing, the team earned a nickname all its own as the "Cardiac Colonels" squeezed by Lee of Staunton 47-45. Charles Cheatwood hit the winning bucket with only four seconds left in overtime.

"Cardiac Colonels" was a name that stuck with the team most of the season. In their nine game winning streak, the Colonels kept record crowds on their feet most of the time, winning four games with margins of no more than five points and going into overtime twice.

"We might have surprised some people by going unbeaten that far — but we didn't surprise ourselves," said co-captain Darrell Davis. "To win you have to be together on and off the court, and we were."

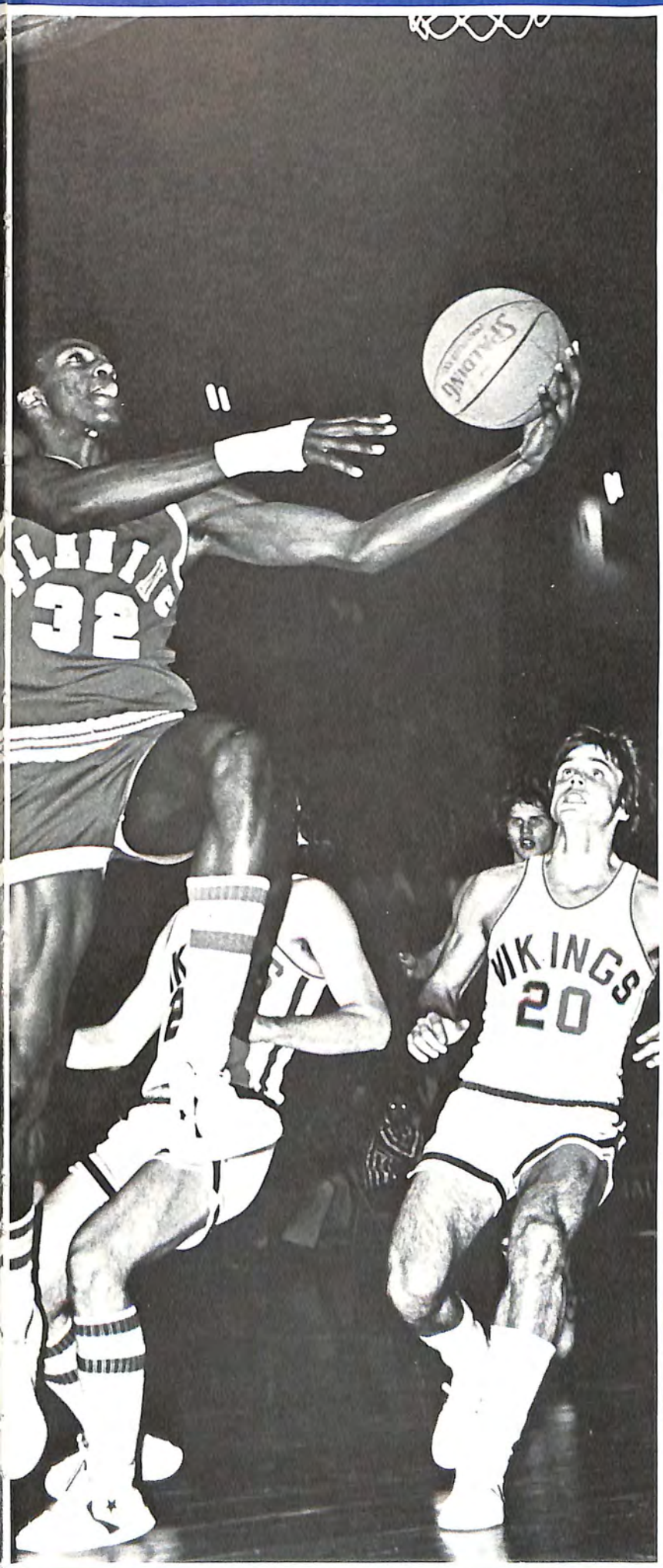
The other co-captain, John Coles, also credited teamwork for the winning streak. "If Fleming wins, we all win," he said.

But after the Colonels had nine notches in their belt, they flinched as powerful AA Blacksburg gave them a whipping of their own. Senior forward Terry Coles said the licking dished out by the Indians was for their own good. "We got behind and started pressing," said Terry. "But all we were doing was pressing ourselves more than Blacksburg. It taught us a lesson," he said. "It will make us a better team."

His prediction came true as the Colonels defeated Pulaski County in a 52-46 overtime victory, and then they overcame E. C. Glass, Cave Spring, and Franklin County by safe margins before falling to Northside 57-56 in a last-second heart-stopper.

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Coach of the Year in the Roanoke Valley District, Mr. Eddie Burke encourages his troops in the finals of the State Basketball Tournament at Charlottesville.

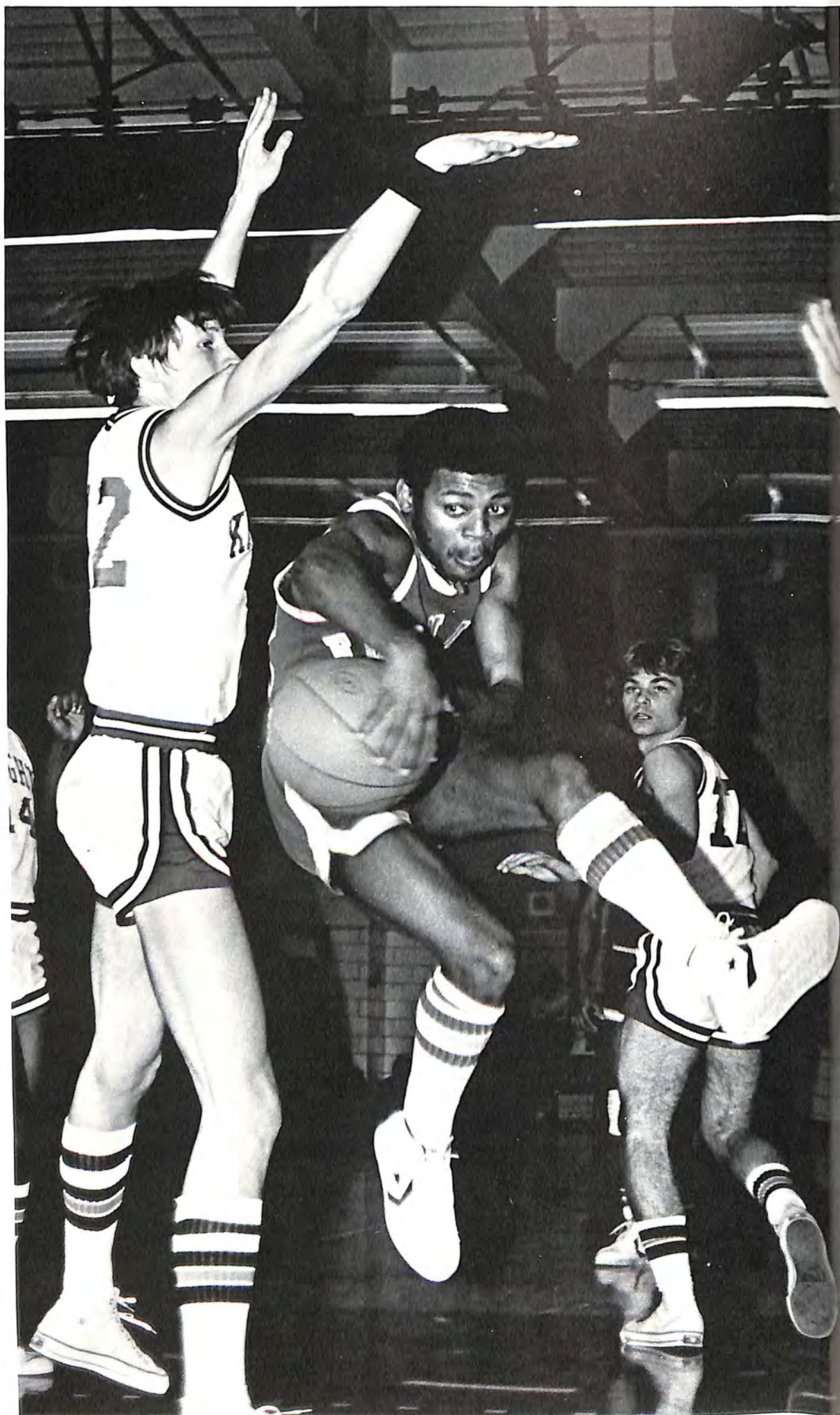
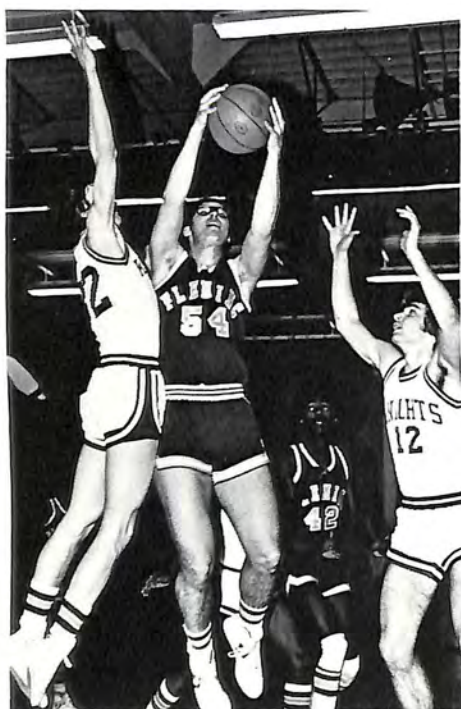


Playmaking guard Darrell Davis pump-fakes his Heritage defender. Davis made Honorable Mention on the AAA All-State Team.

The doctor of dunk at Fleming, John Coles sails past Andy Newson of Northside (20) in their regular season battle.

The smallest, but also the quickest, Colonel senior guard Greg Robinson (22) deals his inside moves against Cave Spring. Robinson led the Colonels in assists.

Man in the middle of things, reserve center Jeff Moore scores against Cave Spring. The Colonels blasted the Knights 74-60.



1977 VARSITY BASKETBALL

Fleming	Opponent	
65	Heritage	44
52	E. C. Glass	41
47	R. E. Lee	45
51	Halifax	46
66	Halifax	45
71	Heritage	56
55	Northside	54
53	R. E. Lee	49
55	Patrick Henry	54
58	Blacksburg	61
52	Pulaski County	46
73	E. C. Glass	46
71	Cave Spring	60
63	Franklin County	55
56	Northside	57
60	Patrick Henry	69
52	Pulaski County	48
74	Cave Spring	60
67	Franklin County	65
58	Blacksburg	61
District Tournament		
63	Pulaski County	59
59	Northside	49
Regional Tournament		
83	Osborn Park	66
64	Albemarle	56
State Tournament		
59	First Colonial	53
63	T. C. Williams	95
Season's Record — 16-4		

A Long Road To Charlottesville cont.

A nine-point loss to Patrick Henry, a trio of close wins, and a final licking from Blacksburg ended the Colonel's regular season. Their 16-4 record was good enough for first place in the district and sent them to the District Tournament with a first-round bye.

Meanwhile, the Junior Varsity Team led by Coach Fred Horeis closed out the season with a 6-14 record. They, too, could have answered to the nickname "Cardiac Colonels," losing seven games by a total of eleven points. Charles Day won honors as the high scorer in the Roanoke Valley District regular season.

After the regular season, the varsity team took to the courts again. A 63-59 win over Pulaski County and a 59-49 victory over Northside gave Fleming a clean sweep in the very competitive AAA Roanoke Valley District Tournament before more than 5,000 fans

at the Salem-Roanoke County Civic Center. With a victory net hanging around his neck and a broad smile across his face, Terry Coles called the game "the best doggone game we've ever played."

Coach Eddie Burke and the rest of the Colonels agreed with him. "Our defense was just right," Burke said. "And our shooting and floor play were all you could ask for." Fleming placed four members on the ten-member All-Tournament Team — Terry and John Coles, Greg Robinson, and Darrell Davis.

It was on to Manassas to face a hostile Osbourn Park team. Before the game had started, Osbourn Park fans had dressed up in Halloween masks and carried a stuffed dummy wearing a Colonel jersey. A noose was around the dummy's neck. But once the game had started, it was the Colonels who tightened the noose around the Yellow Jackets, reeling past Osbourn Park

83-56 in the semi-final game. The game was played on a tartan floor covered with moisture most of the night. But in spite of their slipping and sliding, Fleming had scored more points than they had scored in any other game all season.

And then it happened. Fleming won the Northwest Regional Tournament with a 64-56 pressure victory over an Albemarle team, and Fleming found itself State Tournament bound for the first time since 1964.

The Charlottesville Coliseum looked as big to the Colonels as the Colonels had looked to most of their opponents during the season. They were all there, the thousands of fans who had followed the Colonels to the height of their glory, the reporters and photographers from the **Washington Post** and the **Associated Press**. But the Colonels once again showed

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Leading scorer junior varsity guard Charles Day (22) drives past a Northside player. Day averaged 22.3 points a game.

Clutch rebounder Charles Cheatwood (24) dominates the offensive boards against Heritage.

A Long Road To Charlottesville cont.

their bigness in a slow start against First Colonial. The "Cardiac Colonels" started to come back in the third quarter and pulled out a 59-53 win in the final seconds of play.

The stage was set, and the final showdown was about to begin. The undefeated Titans of T. C. Williams came onto the floor at University Hall lined up facing their fans, pointed their index finger in the air, and bowed in unison. It was their way of saying they were number one.

It didn't take long for the Titans to convince the crowd of 4,500 fans that they were, indeed, number one in Virginia group AAA basketball. But even in the 95-63 title loss, Fleming went down with dignity.

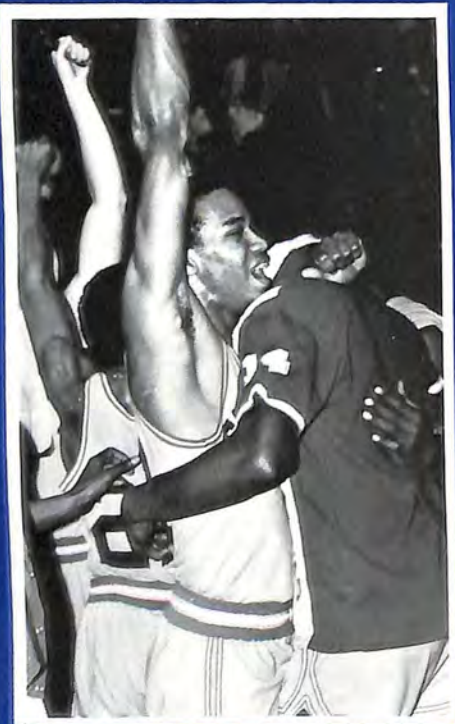
"We just got beat and beat good," said Terry Coles. "But we never gave up. We were behind more than thirty points, but we just kept trying. Our fans were still yelling for us until the end."

It had been almost like any other Saturday in mid-March. When the

tournament ended, the temperature had plummeted even lower into the thirties. The wind whipped the red and white and blue and gold pom poms all over Mr. Jefferson's campus. Parking places were a dime a dozen now. A dense fog had come up from nowhere, and only the echo of the Titans boasting, "We're number one," cut through the cold night air.

It was a team that nobody thought could. Sportswriters predicted they would be third in the district, but the Colonels proved they could do better. It was a team that pulled itself up by the bootstraps and won the District tournament. It was a team that came from behind and found themselves second in the State, besting the claims of 102 other AAA schools.

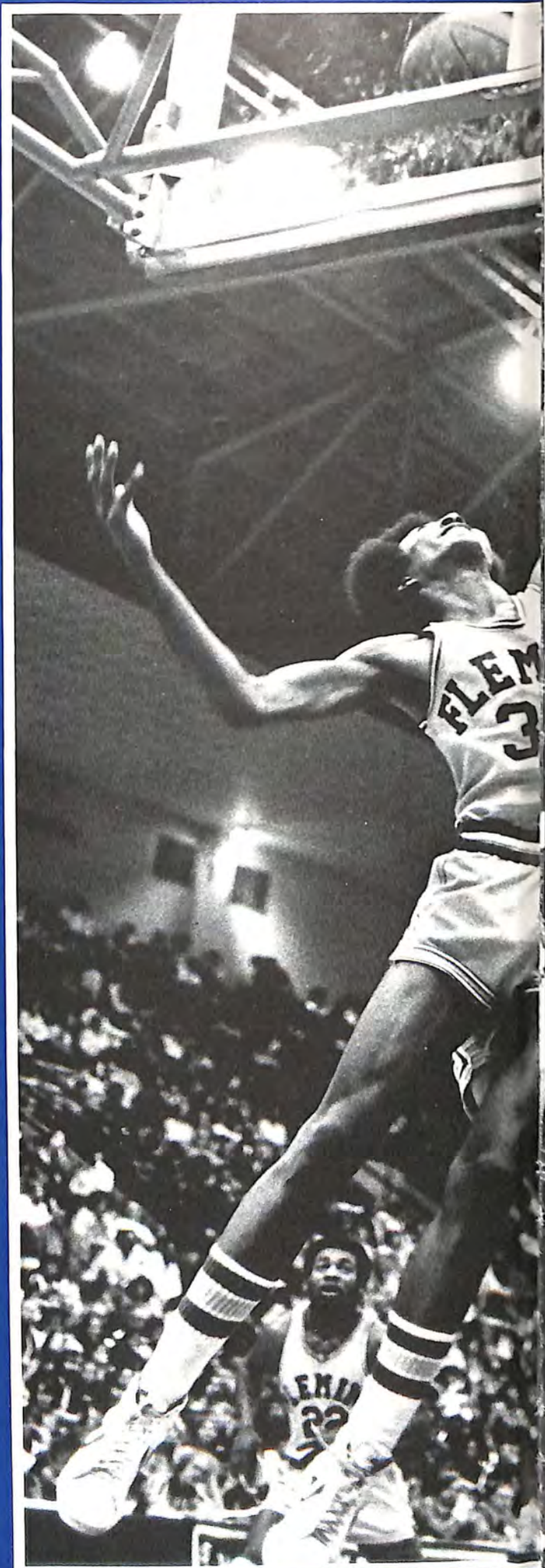
It was a team that would be remembered long after the blue and gold pom poms had blown away. It was a team that made the Colonels stand up and cheer and smile. It was a team that made all of Colonel country give a darn.



Hoopin' and Hollerin' about their ten point win in the Roanoke Valley District Championship, Darrell Davis (left), Michael Thurman, Tony Baxter, and Terry Coles celebrates the victory.

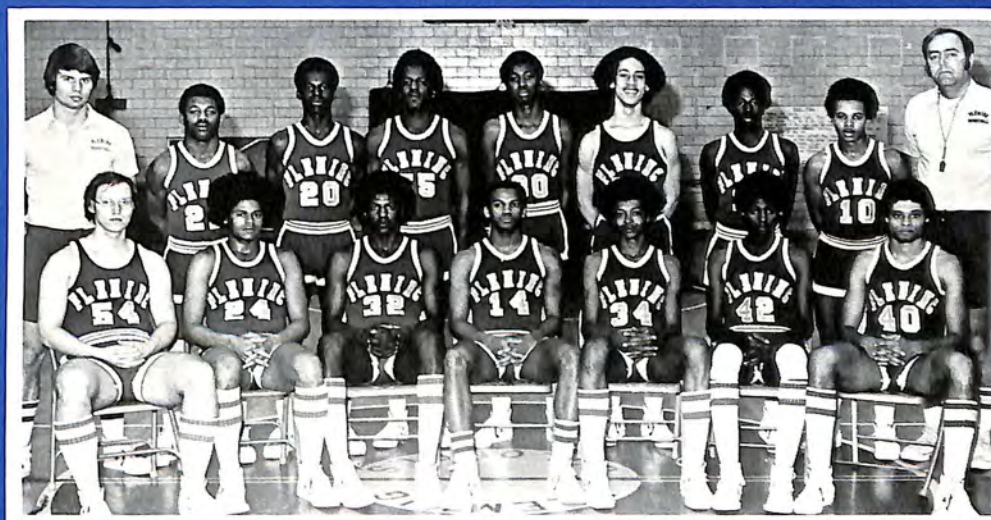
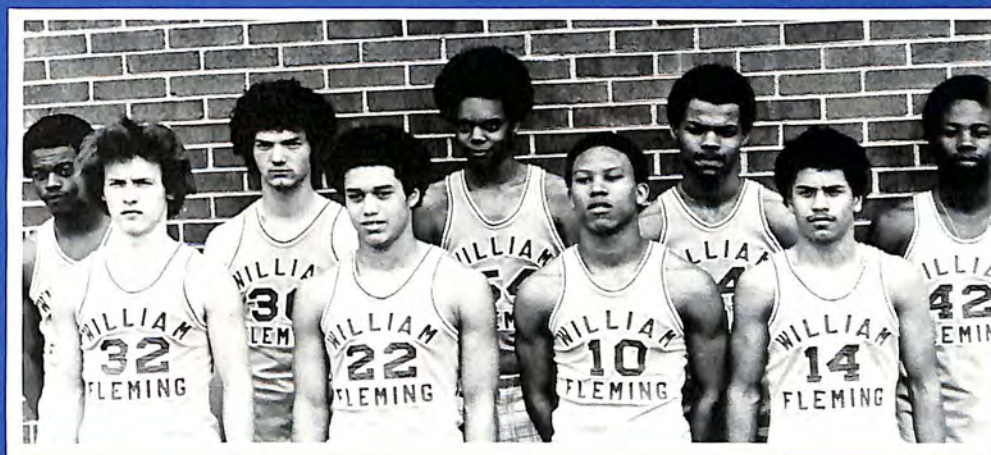


Only 6'3" and 150 pounds, forward Terry Coles (34) muscles his way inside against James Simpson (22) of Northside. Coles scored thirteen points, collected twelve rebounds, and held Simpson to eight points in the Roanoke Valley District Championship.





1977 JV BASKETBALL — (front row) Ricky Overstreet; Minnis Arnold; Orlanzo Brewer; Bias; Charles Day; Rodney Bennett; Vernon Donald Dickerson (not pictured) Coach Claytor (back row) Tony Arrington; Alvin Fred Horeis; Mark Hale; Gerome Carey.



1977 JV BASKETBALL		
Fleming	Opponent	
61	Heritage	69
54	E. C. Glass	48
35	R. E. Lee	51
55	Halifax	72
52	Halifax	54
48	Heritage	41
30	Northside	37
69	R. E. Lee	72
44	Patrick Henry	48
42	Blacksburg	49
62	Pulaski County	52
39	E. C. Glass	31
41	Cave Spring	48
48	Franklin County	56
61	Northside	59
42	Patrick Henry	56
49	Pulaski County	43
59	Cave Spring	62
56	Franklin County	59
45	Blacksburg	55
Season's Record — 6-14		

1977 VARSITY BASKETBALL — (first row) Jeff Moore; Charles Cheatwood; John Coles; Darrell Davis; Terry Coles; Darryl Burks; Mike Harris (second row) Assistant Coach Len Mosser; Greg Robinson; Michael Thurman; Mike Washington; Mark Grogan; Juan Powell; Tony Baxter; Vincent Banks; Head Coach Eddie Burke.

Close Counts For Something Too

After battling for 5-5 and 7-3 records, the girls' volleyball and basketball teams found themselves inches from a championship.

It was as if someone threw the title up in the air and yelled, "All right, girls, grab it if you can." The Colonelettes, with a winning tradition in both volleyball and basketball, decided to get in there while the grabbing was good, though neither team brought home the title they were grabbing for.

As the girls' volleyball season got underway, metro sports writers predicted that Fleming would settle for third place behind Patrick Henry and Cave Spring as it had the year before. "As the season began, I really didn't know what to expect," said Coach Martha Shepherd. "Most of the starting lineup were new to the Colonel roster."

But despite their inexperience, the Colonelettes launched the season with high hopes after an impressive five-game winning streak. They then saw their high hopes sink to a four-game slump, only to come back to defeat powerhouse Cave Spring. After being down 14-0 in the second game, the Colonelettes kept the Knights one point

away from victory to win when the time ran out, 9-15, 16-14, 14-12. The girls kept looking ahead with great expectations.

The Colonelettes finished the regular season with a 5-5 record before toppling the Cave Spring Knights once again in the semifinals of the Roanoke Valley District Tournament, 15-6, 2-15, 15-11. Facing Patrick Henry in the finals, the Colonelettes managed defensive rallies through the night, but the Patriots pulled ahead in the end 14-8, 13-8 to leave the Colonelettes in second place.

For the girls' basketball team, it was an entirely different ball game. After beginning the season with a sluggish start, the Colonelettes zipped through the second round with a 5-0 record, upsetting the undefeated Knights to hand them their only loss of the season.

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On the press, senior guard Sue Bias (30) traps a Franklin County player. Sue received All-Metro honors.





A key situation arises as Cheryl Boyd (14) puts the ball away against Cave Spring. She was selected for second team All-Metro.

Lending a hand, Sue Bias assists Frankye Holland in the game against Patrick Henry. The Colonelettes eased by the Patriots 47-43



1976 VOLLEYBALL		
Fleming	Opponent	
2	Pulaski County	0
0	Cave Spring	2
1	Franklin County	2
0	Northside	2
0	Patrick Henry	2
2	Pulaski County	0
2	Cave Spring	1
2	Franklin County	1
2	Northside	0
0	Patrick Henry	2
District Tournament		
2	Pulaski County	0
2	Cave Spring	1
0	Patrick Henry	2
Season's Record: 5-5		

1976 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM — (front row) Ann Hardie; Cindy Sullivan; Deidre Perry; Donna Richardson; Rebecca Eastwood; Tina Cox (back row) Kelly Hampton; Sheli Peterson; Cheryl Pring; Jacquie Bonham; Cheryl Jackson; Barbara Hayes; Robin Blanton; Cheryl Boyd.

Close Counts For Something Too cont.

They finished the regular season with a 7-3 record, good enough for a second place seed in the Roanoke Valley District Tournament. "But I'm never satisfied with being second," stated Mrs. Lynne Agee, head coach, "especially when no one was superior to us." In the tournament, the Colonelettes received a first-round bye, only to face Patrick Henry in the semifinals.

The Colonelettes seemed to have trouble getting started against the Patriots. "We had the momentum," said Mrs. Agee. "We just made mental mistakes. In the first half, we couldn't buy a basket on offense, and our defense was asleep." The Colonelettes put forth their best effort to catch up after trailing by fourteen points at the half. Their effort, however, proved unsuccessful as the Patriots moved ahead to face the Knights in the finals.

Although the Colonelettes finished third in the tournament, juniors Frankye Holland and Janet Harrington and senior Sue Bias received post-season honors. They

were selected for the All-Metro team, Frankye on the first team, Janet and Sue on the second. "I was really surprised to be selected," said Sue. "I thought I didn't have a chance because I wasn't a high scorer, and I was injured for part of the season."

Even without a first-place trophy, the team members were still a champion in the eyes of Mrs. Agee. "All I expect from the members of my team is that they give one hundred percent effort and that they conduct themselves like young ladies. Since they did, I could never be displeased. I worked harder this year because I knew it might be my last team," she confided. "I wanted them to know that they have the ability to be winners. I am pleased with their desire and hard work. It's a good feeling to know that no team in the league wanted the championship more than mine."

The final moments wind down against winning Patrick Henry as All-Metro player Robin Blanton bumps the ball.





1976 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM — (front row) Carol Wilson, manager; Teresa Stull, assistant coach; Kathy Kopitzke; Sue Bias; Janet Harrington; Diana Maner (back row)

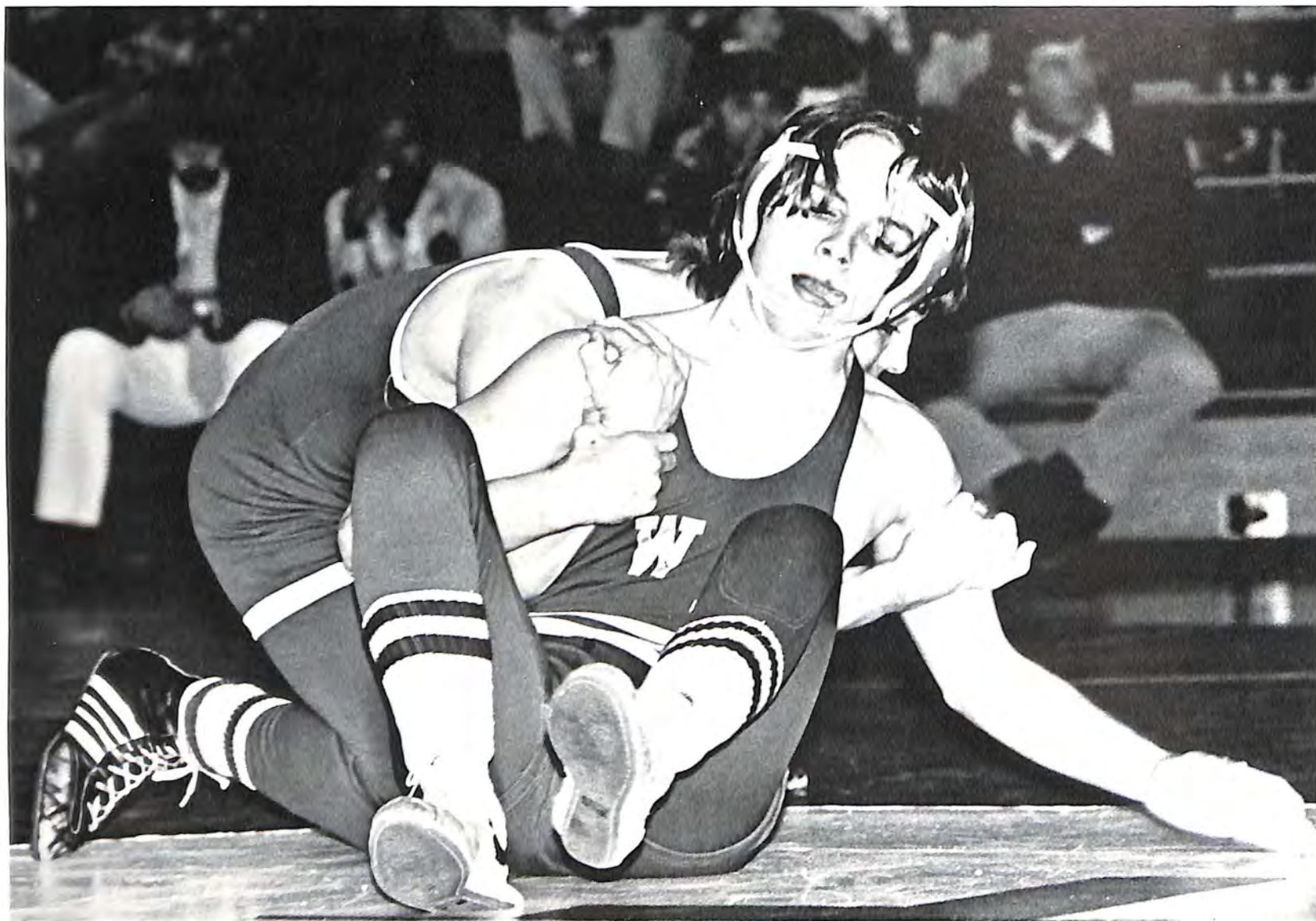
Lynne Agee, head coach; Toni Ward; Angie Wilson; Frankye Holland; Kathy Baker; Janice Maner; Cathy Stinnette.



On the ball, All-Metro center Frankye Holland (52) rejects a jump shot from Northside's Kim Wheeler (25). At home, the Colonelettes defeated the Vikings 32-30.

1976 GIRLS' BASKETBALL		
Fleming		Opponent
75	Pulaski County	33
44	Cave Spring	66
48	Franklin County	28
44	Northside	52
57	Patrick Henry	59
57	Pulaski County	43
62	Cave Spring	49
55	Franklin County	46
32	Northside	30
47	Patrick Henry	43
District Tournament		
37	Patrick Henry	44
Season's Record: 7-3		

Backing the Colonelettes, senior Sheli Peterson (42) returns a shot against the Pulaski County Cougars. The Colonelettes whipped the Cougars in two straight games.



A Hand Of Winning Cards

Dealt the youngest team in recent history, the grapplers nevertheless wrestled to a 7-4 season.

It wasn't exactly a year for royal flushes, grand slams, or blackjacks, and if someone was yelling "7 come 11," it didn't exactly come out that way. In recent wrestling history that included district champions and state winners, Fleming settled for a 7-4 record and fourth in the district, not exactly a bust by any standards.

Although the wrestling team hit the mats with seven sophomores in the starting line-up and only one returning senior, Coach Mike Bryant refused to term the season a rebuilding year. "Too many coaches use that term as an excuse," said Coach Bryant. "It's just like cards; you play the hand they deal you."

When the deck was first shuffled, the Colonels picked up forty grapplers, with six starters coming from

the recently-organized junior high feeder program. But when the last hand was played, only seventeen were left. The trump card the Colonels played came in the form of three underclassmen who came from behind to set the pace for the grapplers. Ninety-eight-pounder Derrick Pullen, a sophomore in his first year of competition, wrestled to a 17-4 record, winning the District Tournament. Donald Young, a 138-pounder who didn't make the starting team for the first three matches, came on strong to finish third in the district. Wrestling at 155 pounds, Donald Reed, who also came from a slow start, placed second in the district and fourth in the regionals.

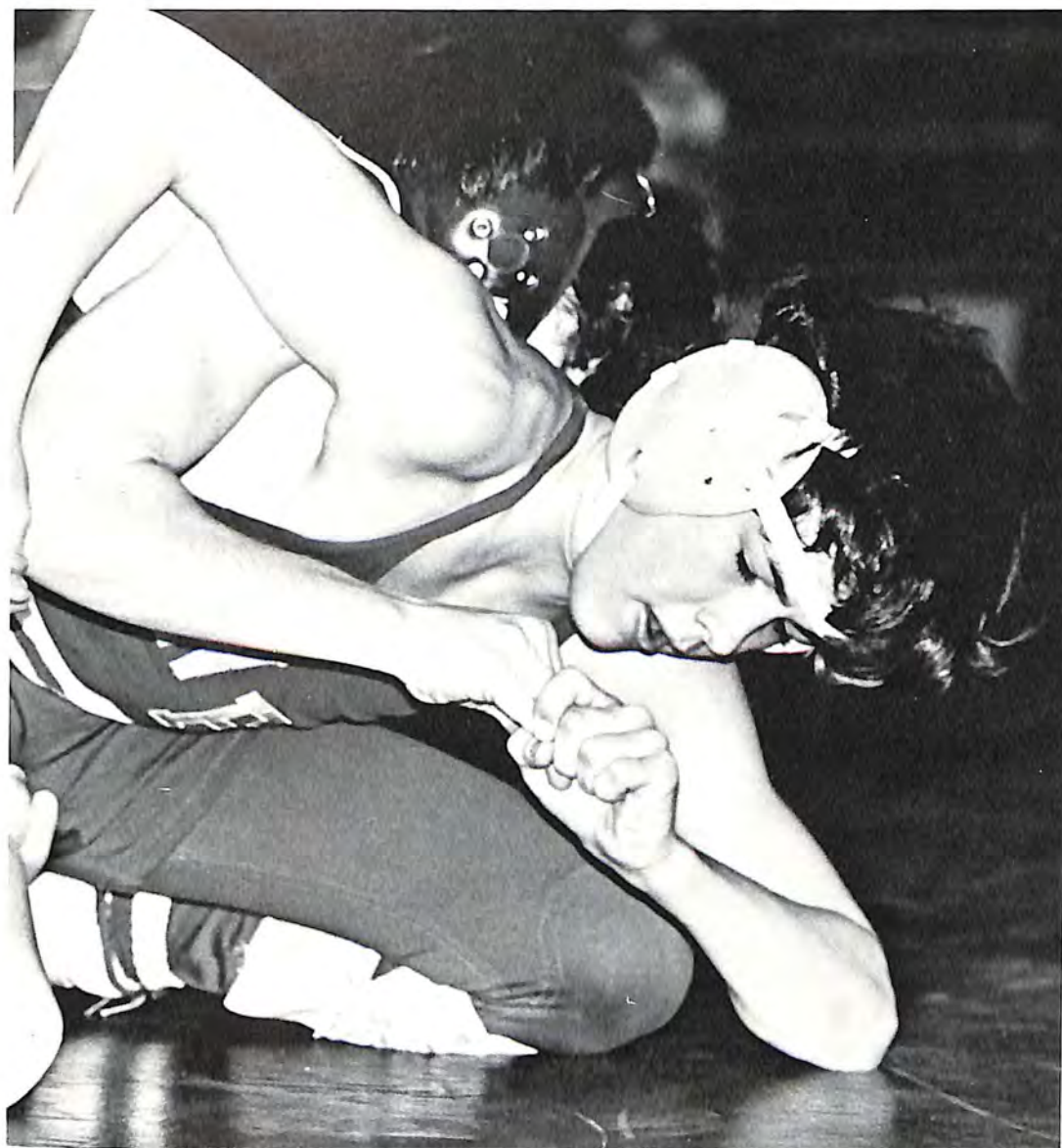
In addition to the individual successes, the wrestling team placed

In control of the situation, Chuck Booth sits out against Charlie Bandy of Northside. Booth battled to a 6-6 draw.

fourth in the AAA District Tournament. Nine grapplers qualified for the regionals and three, Derrick Pullen, Donald Reed, and Dwayne Drew, qualified for the State Tournament as well. The team also placed third in the Big Orange Tournament.

Although the chips didn't always fall the way of the Colonels, the coach still considered the year a successful one. "I saw a lot of improvement since the first match of the season," Coach Bryant said. "I think we'll give them a run for their money next year."

For the wrestling team, the stakes were high. Even if the Colonels didn't take home all the booty, they didn't exactly go home empty handed either.



One-hundred-five-pounder Tony Smithers struggles to free himself from his Patrick Henry opponent.

On top of it all, Coach Mike Bryant shouts words of encouragement to his grapplers in route to a 36-20 victory over E. C. Glass.



1977 WRESTLING TEAM — (front row) Jeff Blessard; Tony Smithers; Derrick Pullen; Michael Turner; Dean Grinnell; Donald Reed; Ellison Curtis; Chuck Boothe; Danny Grinnell

(back row) Marty Miller; David Crouse; Michael Swain; Eddie Otey; Dwayne Drew; Archie Waldron; Donald Young; Dale Webb.

1977 VARSITY WRESTLING

Fleming	Opponent	
35	Andrew Lewis	21
23	Lord Botetourt	32
44	Alleghany	15
11	William Byrd	47
47	Heritage	9
16	Northside	37
26	Patrick Henry	30
36	E. C. Glass	20
46	Pulaski County	15
27	Cave Spring	21
45	Franklin County	13
Season's Record: 7-4		

1977 GRAPPLETTES — (first row) Laura Thompson; Scott Thompson; Debra Sprinkle (second row) Kathy Mayo; Debra Godsey; Lynn Bennet; Twana Jones; Sheila Broyles (back row) Teresa Bowman; Jodie Holdway; Rosita Mack; Joann Stephens; Kathy Stephens; Kathy Farmer; Patty Trout; Patti Dillon.

They Never Ran Out

Track took on a new look with coed practices, but continued a winning tradition.

Years ago, woman's place was in the home. With new developments and changing times, she shed her apron and donned a blue and gold track uniform. She also took on new teammates — the 1977 track team went coed.

The new program seemed favorable to the coaches. "The idea has worked fine so far," said Coach Bob Sandy. "The kids seemed to have more spirit and enthusiasm. We accomplished more. I know there was a lot less standing around. Everyone stayed busy."

"Things are different this year," said junior Frankye Holland as the season began. "We try harder practicing with the boys, and we have a new coach (George Miller) who is really making us work. I think it's going to pay off. We should have our best team in years."

Her predictions paid off as the girls' track team fielded its best record in seasons. The boys track team remained as outstanding as ever, and yet both teams were distinctively different with the creation of the Trackettes.

Despite lack of training space, the indoor track team earned its first place victory in the district by running through the hallowed halls of William Fleming. As hurdler Benji Collier said, "You had to be really dedicated since we had nowhere to practice and only two coaches." Practices at VMI helped prepare the boys for their meets. Although indoor track involved less competition and less pressure, it helped the guys to get ready physically and mentally for the tougher season of outdoor track.

Outdoor track looked like an instant replay of the indoor track season with another 6-0 record. As a team, the Colonels placed first in the district and swept the Cosmopolitan Meet for the sixth consecutive year. Outstanding individual performances were not overlooked as junior pole-vaulter Osborne Wheaton set a new school record,

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On his way over a height of 12'6", Osborne Wheaton vaults in the District Meet. Wheaton set a new school record by clearing 13'.



On his second attempt, shot-putter Keith Atkins tries to better his first toss. The Colonels swept a dual meet at Lynchburg College.

In front of the pack, high hurdler Mike LaBrie runs away from the field in the Patrick Henry meet. The Colonel cindermen edged the Patriots 72-64.



High Jumper Linda Mitchell attempts a jump of 4'6" against Pulaski. The Colonelettes defeated the Cougars 60-50.

Country roads confront junior runners Jeff Lumsden and Bobby Saunders in Franklin County. The Eagles outdistanced the Fleming harriers 31-26.

First-place high hurdler Mike LaBrie receives a handshake and a medal for his efforts in the Roanoke Valley District Meet. The Colonels dominated the event, capturing three of six places.

Flying high, junior long jumper Kathryn Conner takes off in the District Meet. The girls captured the District Title with a 98 point performance.



1977 OUTDOOR TRACK TEAM — (front row) Cathy Stinnette, manager; James Arrington; William Childress; Michael Ramey; Maurice Ashford; Archie Mayo; Tony Ramey; Herman Lewis; Brian Dowe; Ricardo Harrison; Ronald Larry (second row) Mike Turner; Ronald Brower; Michael Thurman; Dwayne Drew;

David Hash; Raymond Perry; Eddie Otey; Terry Coles; Tony Arrington; Glen Richardson; Mark Wiebke; Leo Brown (third row) Coach Eddie Burke; Sheli Peterson, manager; Wayne Rock; Mark Hale; Danny Grinnell; Benji Collier; Lynn Arrington; John Coles; James Foxx; Mark Grogan; John Ruble, manager (back row)

Coach Bob Sandy; Coach Len Mosser; Milton Jordan; Keith Atkins; Kevin Robinson; Doug Booth; Allen Nichols; Juber Preston; Leslie Dunnaville; Billie Davis; Richard Smith; Ronald Young; Osborne Wheaton (not pictured) Mike LaBrie; Waverly Thornhill; Carlton Price; Ken Watson; Derrick Pullen.

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while Mike LaBrie, Archie Mayo, William Childress, and Maurice Ashford earned All-Metro honors.

Coach Sandy, Metro Coach of the Year, worked his team hard, trained it hard, and tried new approaches for cutting seconds off a run. His effort paid off. "Coach Sandy was probably the only reason we went as far as we did," said Collier.

"He didn't tell us we had to do something," added Archie Mayo. "He let us make up our minds, and he was willing to help us. He had the attitude that if a runner liked something enough, he would discipline himself to do it. If a person had the desire, he would never sit down. Coach Sandy gave us that desire."

The record of the 1977 indoor track team proved that no one sat down for long, and if the girls couldn't keep up stride for stride with the boys, no one could say they sat out the season either. "The boys helped the girls, and helping them helped us," said long jumper William Childress. "We saw our mistakes in what they did."

Coed track proved beneficial in several ways. "Man, I liked it," said veteran hurdler Archie Mayo. "I have always liked girls and athletics. When the track team went coed, I could enjoy both of them at the same time," he laughed. "But don't get me wrong. We had a lot of fun kidding each other, but we worked, and we worked hard. The good practices made us all better."

The teams no longer trained as girl jumpers, boy jumpers, girl runners, boy runners. They trained as athletes — jumpers, hurdlers, sprinters, distance runners. "Coach Miller and I got the idea during the winter," said Coach Sandy. "We realized there was limited practice time and space. So we decided to throw our teams together and use all the coaches available to help. There was a coach at each station to work with the athletes."

The girls on the track team won the first place district trophy for the first time ever. The Colonels who strode

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Fenced in, Ricardo Harrison takes an uphill grade at Glenvar. Harrison received the Most Valuable Runner award at the first annual Sports Banquet.

1977 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM — Ricardo Harrison; Wayne Turner; Mike Whichard; Jeff

Pace; Jeff Lumsden (not pictured) Herman Lewis; Bobby Saunders; Coach Len Mosser.



1977 TRACKETTES — (front row) Sharon Ramey; Chantay Jones; June McGeorge; Sheila Broyles; Cindy Shull; Terri Mayo; Cookie Harris (second row) Venice Burton; Kathy Mayo; Patti Dillon; Kelly Mullins; Rosita Mack; JoAnn Stephans; Toni Sparrow; Robyn Weeks (back row) Lori Kitts; Angela Hopson; Cheryl Boyd; Zina Jones; Barbara Hayes; Beth Prillaman; Dawn Sisson; Jamie Frazier; Karen Throckmartin; Kathy Farmer (not pictured) Cindy Arato; Angela Durham; Tina Durham; Toni Keeling; Patti Mills; Teresa Mundy; Sheli Peterson; Cathy Stinnette; Lana McCloud, sponsor.



1977 OUTDOOR TRACK

Fleming	Opponent	
69	Andrew Lewis	52
	Franklin County	48
96	Northside	40
87	Cave Spring	49
	Pulaski	34
72	Patrick Henry	64

Cosmopolitan — First Place
District Tournament — First Place
Regional — Fifth Place
Season's Record: 6-0

They Never Ran Out

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to the winners' circle didn't wear apron strings, either. They wore blue and gold uniforms.

Another group in blue and gold uniforms also added a new dimension to the track program. Coach Sandy organized the Trackettes, sponsored by Miss Lana McCloud, to help during track meets. "The girls did things that the runners normally had to do, such as raking the sand or taking measurements," said Collier. "Their support gave the runners extra time

to get the adrenalin flowing."

Not a change of pace, but a change of style and scenery made up cross country. "You just run, run through the woods without really concentrating," related Jeff Lumsden. "Your mind is somewhere else, not in your body. The main thing is that you have to discipline yourself. One of the first things you have to do is tell yourself that you can do it, and when you quit telling yourself that, you lose. When you stop and think about the pain in your legs, the pain in your chest, the pounding body pain, you wonder if you're a nut. But, it's the greatest

feeling in the world to run over the finish line."

The cross country team withstood the pain to complete all of their meets and finish fifth in the district. "It was worth the time," Lumsden continued, "but I wish we had had more people on the team. Cross country isn't a glory sport, and we sometimes feel like no one cares. But you don't really need fans to run well. You only need a heart."

First in the relays at the District Meet, junior Janet Harrington passes the baton to Vivian Jones as the Colonelettes move into the lead.



1977 GIRLS' TRACK TEAM — (front row) Rhonda Harris; Vivian Jones; Kathryn Conner; Twanda Jennings; Janet Harrington; Lynn Brown; Dawn Jumper; Robin Slusher; Cynthia Pullen; Cathy Stuart (back row) Tammy

Guerrant; Teri Hariston; Ronda Durham; Carolyn Moore; Cora Bennett; Frankye Holland; Toni Ward; Jodie Holdway; Linda Mitchell; Terri Caldwell; Janice Maner (not pictured) Kathy Kopitzke; Rebecca Eastwood;

Tracy Barnett; Wendy Collins; Cheryl Booth; Fay Cotton; Pamela Hale; Linda Meador; Donna Stinnett; Marsha Vines; Barbara Hayes, manager; Cheryl Boyd, manager; Betty Stamps, manager; Dee Dee Muse, manager.



1977 CROSS COUNTRY

Fleming	Opponent	
47	Northside	16
46	Patrick Henry	16
50	Pulaski	15
50	Cave Spring	15
31	Franklin County	26
District Tournament — Fifth Place		
Season's Record: 0-5		

1977 GIRLS' TRACK

Fleming	Opponent	
50	Northside	60
Roanoke Relays — Third Place		
57	Franklin County	53
61	Heritage	49
60	Pulaski	50
60	Cave Spring	50
51	Patrick Henry	59
Cosmopolitan — Third Place		
District Tourn. — First Place		
Regional Tourn. — Fourth Place		
Season's Record: 4-2		

1977 INDOOR TRACK

Fleming	Opponent	
173	Andrew Lewis	117
	Patrick Henry	94½
	Lexington	26
	Glenvar	10
55	Blacksburg	53
	Charlottesville	40
District Tournament — First Place		
Season's Record: 6-0		

Flinging the shot, senior James Arrington follows through in the meet with Northside. The Colonels stomped the Vikings 96-40.



The golf and gymnastics teams found there is more to sports than winning.

Just For The Fun Of It

Ask any coach, and he will tell you that the object of the game is to win. As Vince Lombardi put it, "Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing."

But for the golf and gymnastics teams, who only won one match between them, having a good time took top priority. "Winning couldn't be everything because we never won," said golf coach Robert LeNoir. "It was more important to me to come off the course smiling."

"One of the main things that kept us going," commented sophomore Steve Gibson, "was the hope for next year. Playing golf has given us a lot of experience. Next year I hope it will give us something else — a win."

The girls' gymnastics team celebrated its only win against Franklin County. "Beating the Eagles by less than two points had to be the highlight of the season," remarked All-Regional Cathy Crawford. "In my three years at Fleming, we've only

won one match each year. But I guess it's better than not winning any at all."

"We had more going for us than winning," added Kelly Patrick. "We had our coach, Mrs. Carol Carrol. She did a lot to help us and to teach us that there was more to gymnastics than the score. As long as we did our all, corny as it sounds, we could really never lose."

Blasting out of a sand trap, Kevin Terry attempts to reach the green in a qualifying round.



A high score from Cathy Stuart in her floor exercise routine sets the momentum for the gymnasts' win against Franklin County.

Going for par, Steve Gibson taps one in against Northside on the tenth hole at Arrow Wood Country Club.



1977 GOLF		
Fleming	Opponent	
407	Pulaski	306
	Lord Botetourt	323
422	Franklin County	386
	Pulaski	300
410	Northside	292
	Cave Spring	321
	Andrew Lewis	303
400	Patrick Henry	320
	Franklin County	372
	Northside	287
384	Cave Spring	352
406	Patrick Henry	366
385	Franklin County	326
District Tourn. — Sixth Place		
Season's Record: 0-13		



1977 GYMNASTICS		
Fleming	Opponent	
96.60	William Byrd	99.40
102.40	Patrick Henry	116.95
95.10	Heritage	131.50
	E. C. Glass	134.30
96.61	Pulaski	142.70
91.50	Cave Spring	187.70
126.60	Franklin County	124.75
Season's Record: 1-6		

1977 GYMNASTICS TEAM — (front row) De De Muse; Lorye Johnson; Kelly Patrick; Cathy Stuart; Rhonda Harris (back row) Coach

Carol; Cathy Crawford; Angela Thornhill; Tammy Guerrant; Michelle Easley (not pictured) Ollie Wright; Mary Coles.

1977 GOLF TEAM — (front row) Michael Johnson; Mark Pinkard; Lee Heck; Dawn Marsh (back row) Will Painter; Dale Lovejoy; Kevin Terry; Greg Reavis; Steve Gibson (not pictured) Steve Firebaugh.

Winners In Their Own Right

In a tennis-minded world, Colonels make history of their own.

It was a year when tennis became more than something sports commentator Bill King talked about on the Six O'clock News. Almost everyone knew that Bjorn Borg captured the Wimbledon title and that America's Jimmy Connors won the World Championship of Tennis. Not many, however, knew that the Fleming boys' tennis team did not finish in last place for the first time in five years.

"It didn't sound like that great an accomplishment," said Head Coach David Spangler in the first year at the helm, "but when a team has been in last place for five years in a row, it was a lot better than being there again."

Colonel netters staged three victories, two of them against Northside with team scores of 6-3, 7-2, and the other against Heritage 7-2. All-Metro player Mike Brogan said, "In

several outings, one more win could have won the match for us."

"We just never got any of the breaks that the other teams did," added singles player David Johnson. "But we kept on trying anyway."

"Sometimes I think too much emphasis is placed on winning in high school sports," Brogan said. "The important thing is to have a good time and improve in the process. As long as we were pleased and Coach Spangler was pleased, the season meant more than any win-loss record."

The girls' tennis team, too, depended upon personal goals for the success of the season. Under the leadership of a new coach, Mrs. Eleanor Culpepper, the girls managed a 3-9 season's record, whipping Franklin County twice and North Cross once. Their district rec-

ord left the team in fifth place.

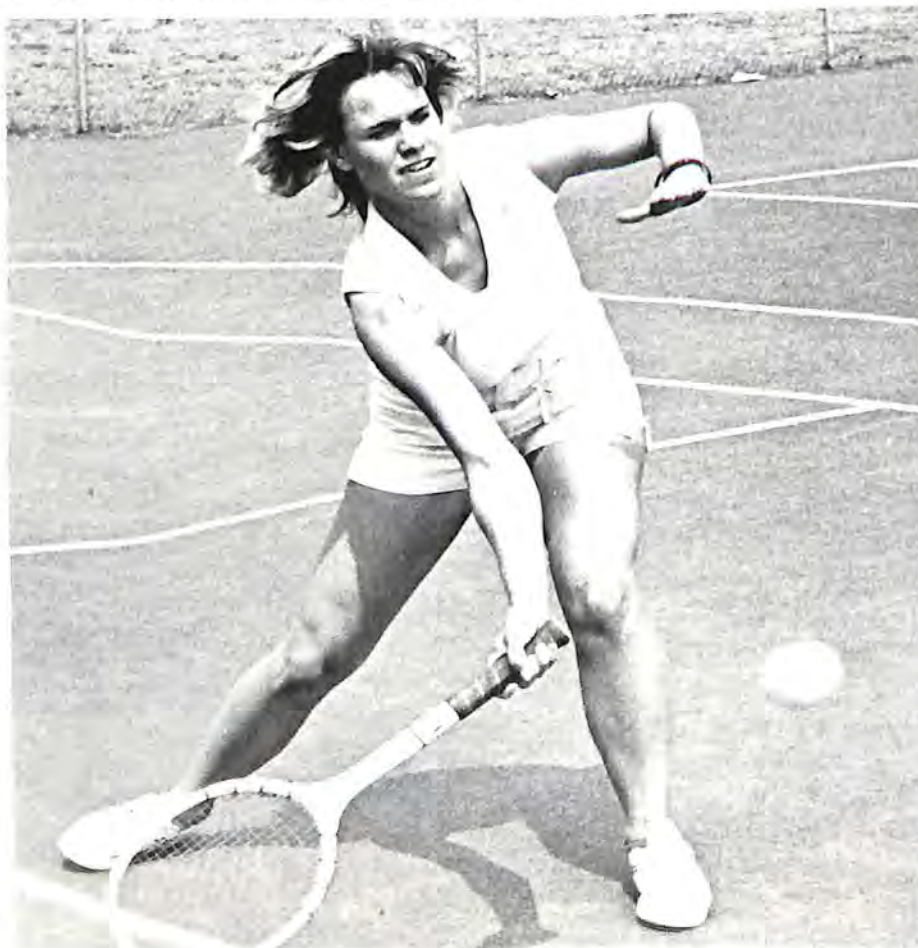
The girls' peak performance came in the middle of the season when they pulled a 5-4 upset win over powerhouse North Cross. "Both teams were missing key players, but a win is a win," commented Ann Hardie. Even with few victories on their side, the Colonelettes remained optimistic throughout the season.

"There were a lot of times that we had to realize that we were out to have a good time," commented number one singles player Susie Ribble. "Sometimes it seemed as if the only thing that kept us going was each other and the hope that next year might be better."

Bill King did not mention that the boys' team finished fifth for the first time in five years, or that the girls defeated North Cross for the first time in who knows how long. But the people with the warm-ups and tennis shirts initialed "Fleming Tennis" felt they had something to be proud of just the same.



Defensive maneuvering causes sophomore Mark Atherton to hit a backhand lob to his Northside opponent.



On target, number one singles player Susie Ribble advances against her Franklin County opponent. The Colonelettes took a 7-2 decision over the Eagles.



1977 BOYS' TENNIS TEAM — (front row) David Johnson; Tommy Bowman; Marty Miller; Mike Brogan; Jeff Howell (back row) Jay Day; Mark Atherton; Jon Ramsey; Tim Benson; Coach David Spangler.

Serve-volleying, junior David Johnson returns a backhand against Randy Gunn of Pulaski. Johnson whipped Gunn in three sets, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.



1977 BOYS' TENNIS		
Fleming	Opponent	
0	E. C. Glass	9
3	Andrew Lewis	6
2	William Byrd	7
4	Franklin County	5
1	Patrick Henry	8
7	Heritage	2
4	Pulaski	5
6	Northside	3
0	Cave Spring	9
3	Franklin County	6
7	Northside	2
0	Patrick Henry	9
3	Pulaski	6
3	Christiansburg	6
3	Cave Spring	6
Season's Record: 3-12		

1977 GIRLS' TENNIS		
Fleming	Opponent	
2	E. C. Glass	6
2	Martinsville	7
1	Martinsville	7
5	Franklin County	4
0	Patrick Henry	9
5	North Cross	4
2	Heritage	7
2	Pulaski	7
7	Franklin County	2
2	Brookville	7
0	Patrick Henry	9
3	Pulaski	6
Season's Record: 3-9		



1977 GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM — (front row) Coach Eleanor Culpepper; Susie Ribble; Jamie Tingler; Ann Hardie (back row) Cheryl Pring; Kathy Baker; Cheryl Jackson; Tina Cox (not pictured) Cissy Meador; Sheri Craft; Angela Thornhill.

“When you quit having fun playing baseball, that’s when you should quit playing baseball,” Coach Jerry Campbell told his recruits as spring practice began.

Although it would have been easy, the baseball team did not quit. “We never got the breaks like we did last year,” said All Metro outfielder Rick Hawkins. “But we still had a good attitude. Coach Campbell kept the spirit up and kept us loose.”

After losing their first five games in a slow start, the Colonels picked up the pace against non-district foe Lord Botetourt. Behind Keith Patterson’s five-hit pitching, with strong defensive plays from the infield, they robbed the Cavalier batters of base hits to defeat them 8-3.

Their winning ways ended here, and it was two games later before the Colonel nine racked up another victory, this time over Pulaski, an important district game.

Led by the three-hit pitching of junior Donnie Mowbray, the Colonels whipped the Cougars 7-0. Playing in his first season at Fleming, senior right-fielder Mike West boosted the team with three hits and three RBI’s. He also led the team with a .429 batting average.

The next game brought the Colonels their second victory over district competitor Cave Spring. Kurt Kreider slammed a homerun to trigger a thirteen-hit victory. Again Patterson came through and allowed only four hits.

“We needed a win to get in competition for the district, and we needed to win a close one,” said Hawkins. Their 5-5 district record left them in second place, giving them a first-round bye in the District Tournament.

Although the Colonels seemed to have an easy shot at the title with two previous wins over semi-final opponent Cave Spring, their third encounter proved otherwise. As Coach Campbell put it, “It’s hard to beat the same team three times in one season.”

The Colonels’ repeat title hopes ended with a 6-0 shut-out at the hands of the Cave Spring Knights. The season ended and they turned in their uniforms, but not because they weren’t having fun.

Words of encouragement come from Bob Preddy on the sidelines, as he peps his teammates up in the game against Franklin County.

No Payoff In The Playoff

After thrashing Cave Spring twice in the regular season, the Colonels came up on the short end of a 6-0 score in the playoffs.





The last out of the season comes as first-baseman Jeff Moore is tagged out at home plate against Cave Spring in the playoffs (top) while Coach Jerry Campbell looks on (bottom.)



Reaching back, Keith Patterson fires a fast-ball against Franklin County. Patterson fanned six batters in a losing effort.

1977 BASEBALL		
Fleming	Opponent	
3	Andrew Lewis	4
5	Heritage	17
5	E. C. Glass	6
3	Andrew Lewis	4
10	Lord Botetourt	13
8	Lord Botetourt	3
0	Northside	5
3	Patrick Henry	4
4	Pulaski	2
6	Cave Spring	3
3	Franklin County	13
6	Northside	4
5	Patrick Henry	6
7	Pulaski	0
10	Cave Spring	0
3	Franklin County	9
District — Second Place		
0	Cave Spring	6
Season's Record: 6-10		



1977 BASEBALL TEAM — (front row) Bob Preddy; Jeff Lumsden; David Mitchell; Butch Crotty; Robert Kimberlin (second row) Kurt Kreider; Mike West; David Hayes; Ricky Hawkins; Dwayne Kingery (back row) Jeff

Moore; Jimmie Dickerson; Larry Wolford; Keith Patterson; Alvin Overstreet; Donnie Mowbray (not pictured) Duane Hawks; Coach Jerry Campbell; Assistant Coach Dick Oliver.





Call it a year of standing ovations. Steve Burrows got one for taking the first place honors in the International Science Fair, and **Hello, Dolly** brought crowds to their feet, not once, but four times on the last night of its four-night run. Mrs. Perry brought the house down as she closed out her twenty-eight years as choir director, and the new strings orchestra followed suit. Earle Shumate managed to keep straight A's, in spite of Contract Math and Writing Lab, and a few hundred others survived academic battles all their own. Sometimes sitting in class six-hours-a-day, five-days-a-week seemed like nothing to shout about. But more often than not, it was.

ACADEMICS

Taking a look at his algebra, Jon Southern reviews before a quiz.

Die-hard Fleming fans Mr. James C. Wood, his father-in-law Mr. Clarence Barnhart, and his father Mr. James W. Wood cheer as the Colonels trounce Halifax in basketball 66-45.



Mr. James C. Wood, Principal



Mr. Kenneth L. French, Activities Director

The Side They Seldom See

Sooner or later, everyone wonders what it would be like to walk in someone else's shoes. For students, the advantages of wearing teachers' shoes seemed obvious. Teachers got to break in lunch lines; students didn't. Teachers knew the questions on the test beforehand; students didn't. Teachers didn't need hall passes; students did. Teachers were even paid for going to school.

But sitting on the other side of the desk was not always as comfortable as it looked. "The education of 1500 students is not something to take lightly," said Mr. James C. Wood, in his third

year as principal. "Sometimes, being a principal seems like a twenty-four hour-a-day, seven day-a-week job. Even when I'm away from school, the school is not very far from my mind."

There's no such thing as a typical day for the principal and deans, but most days would include meetings of one sort or another, conferences with students and parents, and handling the 1001 emergencies that crop up. "I set goals each year," stated Mr. Wood. "My main concern right now is trying to meet annexed parents and students, and letting them know just how much Fleming has going for it."

Although Mr. Wood, Mr. Kenneth French, the activities director, and the four deans all pointed to paper work as the most frustrating part of their job, they were quick to note that people, not paper work, were most important.

"Being a dean is like being a daddy to 400 kids," replied Mr. Hartwell Philips, dean of Coulter Hall. "As in any family, there are occasional conflicts, but the satisfaction of seeing students amount to something makes it all worthwhile."

Mr. Thomas H. Dixon, Camper Hall



Mr. Irvin Cannaday, Jr., Smith Hall



Mr. Hartwell Philips, Coulter Hall



Mr. Lloyd A. Austin, Hart Hall

The Side They Seldom See cont.

Taking a walk in guidance counselors', secretaries', and librarians' shoes might also bring some surprises. "Being a librarian is more than just checking books in and out," said Mrs. Margaret Asbury, library clerk. "It's not easy keeping up with the 20,000 books and periodicals in our library," she added, "especially since there are always at least 200 overdue books out."

Guidance counselors, too, have a library of their own. "We have to keep up to date on college requirements, career opportunities, and

scholarship possibilities," replied Mrs. Doris Egge, guidance coordinator. "This year, we've tried to make ourselves more accessible by keeping office hours in the lunch room."

Without the help of secretaries, there would be no records for guidance counselors to consult. "Our secretarial staff is a great asset to the school," remarked Mr. James C. Wood. "Sometimes we take the things they do for granted, but if their work were not done, or not done well, a lot of people would notice."



Planning for the future, senior Bruce Cunningham discusses college choices with Mrs. Beulah Dabney, his guidance counselor.

Newcomer to the Round House, Ms. Vickie Jamison, central office secretary, adds finishing touches to the **Fleming Focus**, the school's newsletter to the parents.



Inventory of audio visual equipment claims the attention of Miss Mary Maier, head librarian, and Mrs. Margaret Asbury, library clerk.



With a watchful eye, Ms. Darlene Kasey, central office secretary, double checks the daily attendance records.

Guardian of students' records, Mrs. Mary Pilson returns an accumulative folder to the files. She retired in January after twenty-five years of service to the school.

The Side They Seldom See cont.

Trial run of a circle-cutting machine occupies Mr. Robert Evans as he prepares to cut sheet metal for his industrial arts class.

The typical Fleming teacher had a long road to travel before he settled into the classroom for the 1976-77 school term. Although the professional faculty of ninety-four averaged thirteen years of total teaching experience, seventeen counted more than twenty years in the classroom.

While thirty-four had less than a decade of experience, only three were first-year teachers. The typical teacher had taught at Fleming an average of seven years, with Mr. Tom Dixon, dean of Camper Hall, heading the list with thirty-five years of service to Colonel Country. Fifty teachers, more than half the faculty, had earned Master's degrees, and most of the rest were pursuing them in summer courses or evening classes at Radford, VPI, or UVA.

Nine teachers on the faculty were Fleming graduates themselves. Mr. Robert L. LeNoir, who graduated from the old Fleming (now Breckinridge Junior High) thinks things have changed. "I graduated in the fifties when the Fonz was very much a part of school life. Pony tails and bobbie socks were as much a part of Fleming as Levi's and Wallabees are now," he said. "But the thing that made Fleming a great school back then was the dedication of the faculty, and I like to think that that has not changed."

Anticipating the results, Mr. Thomas Jones, chemistry teacher, explains the reaction that occurs when magnesium ribbon is burned.



Sizing up a piece of wood, Mr. Dean Egge demonstrates the technique of wood engraving to his art class.





Teamwork helps tackle a math problem as Mrs. Carol Tear assists sophomore Roberta Dalton with her algebra assignment.



To Kill a Mockingbird captivates Mr. Roger Yopp as he reviews a chapter before preparing a test for one of his English classes.



The Side They Seldom See cont.

Two more things have not changed much since Fleming was founded forty-four years ago. Kids still get hungry, and kids still make messes. The eighteen members of the Fleming cafeteria staff and the twelve custodians and maids provided a solution to those two big problems.

"There's a little more to fixing 550 plate lunches and preparing 1500 a la carte items to be sold than you might imagine," said Mrs. Virginia Peters, cafeteria manager. "When french fries are on the plate lunch, it takes 420 pounds of them to feed Fleming students."

The fish, french fries, and cole slaw plate ranked highest on the most popular list for lunches. Chili beans won hands down as the least-liked lunch. The cafeteria staff also initiated a breakfast program. "Approximately eighty students eat

with us each morning," stated Mrs. Peters.

As the cafeteria staff left at three o'clock, the bulk of the janitorial staff took over the relatively empty buildings. Working an eight-hour shift, the ten night custodians kept the four halls, administration building, electives' building, and gym spic and span. In addition, Mr. James L. Brown, head of maintenance, arrived at daybreak to stoke the furnaces and unlock the buildings for the coming day.

"A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to keep the Fleming family happy," replied Mr. James C. Wood. "A lot of people care enough to make Fleming more than just another school."

The familiar task of preparing desserts occupies Mrs. Doris Shelton as she adds flour to a chocolate cake mix.



Jack-of-all-trades in the kitchen, Mrs. Virginia Peters, cafeteria manager, greases pans for some 550 pieces of pizza.



Elbow grease comes in handy as Mrs. Bonnie Akers, cafeteria worker, scrubs pans after serving lunch.



After-hours bring Mr. Travis Hariston, building manager, to Smith Hall at the closing of the school day.

Lending a hand, Mr. Ira Hutchinson assists Mrs. Patricia Williams in completing the after-lunch cleanup.

The Foxfire Book lends itself as a guide for senior Lori Lynch as she sketches a drawing for an art show.



Sixty-words-a-minute challenge junior Juli Baker as she speeds through her timed writing assignment in Typing I.



With a little bit of work and a lot of rubber cement, senior Lewis Sydnor creates a paper and copper bracelet.





Something To Think About

It's not that anyone sat around with his right elbow crooked on his knee and his chin cupped in his hand, staring at the ground, but if William Fleming students didn't take on the pose of the famous statue "The Thinker", it's not because they didn't do their fair share of thinking. From the time they first hit the orange doors until the time they turned in their caps and gowns, there was always something to think about.

One of the first things for every sophomore to think about was the need for a survival course on how to get around campus. Orientation meant finding one's way through a maze of four separate buildings called home halls and navigating around the fourteen-acre campus. Each student was assigned a home hall and became heir to a mini-school with his own dean, counselor, and a fifteen-by-fifteen-inch locker with a combination that didn't always work. Although cramming a bulky winter coat into that locker was later impossible, no one shed coats for very long anyway

since the energy crisis forced temperatures to 65 degrees during the winter months of '77. Students later scorned the cold winds that whipped around the campus, but their first months in Colonel Country were warm ones, and it was pleasant charting the course from class to class.

"Class", to Colonels, could have meant any one of Fleming's 153 course offerings, including ninety semester courses, forty English mini-courses, ten biology mini-courses, and sixteen mini-courses in social studies. The twenty-three credits needed for graduation included five English, two math, two lab sciences, one history, one government, three PE, and eight electives that could have been selected from three years of ROTC, photography, band, choir, drama, publications, and the largest art curriculum in the Roanoke Valley. Or they could have included some of fourteen vocational courses, seventeen business courses, DE, COE, or ICT.

One hundred fifty-three courses meant a lot of books, papers, tests, field trips, film strips, guest speakers, boring lectures, and not so boring lectures — a lot to think about.

Taking on the famous pose, "The Thinker", sophomore Neil Basham concentrates on a six-weeks geometry test.

Something To Think About cont.

It's a fact. It took approximately one hour to memorize the parts of an earthworm and a frog. It took approximately three weeks to forget every one of them. Or consider this: In a nine week history course, there were approximately eighty-nine battles to learn, thirty-nine Presidents to get straight, and twenty-eight amendments to unscramble. Or, celebrate the fact that it only took eighteen weeks or seventeen themes, not to mention unaccountable paragraphs and drills, to realize that split infinitives, passive voice, and verbosity are no-nos. One also had to discover that "awk" was not a sound uttered by birds in flight and "link" was not necessarily a piece of sausage.

Or, ponder the pandemonium that came when a sixty-member marching band or ROTC forgot

whether it was eight steps forward and three to the left or three steps forward and eight to the left. Consider the thrill of stuttering a few words in a foreign language and seeing that someone actually understood. It took five coats of lacquer before a piece of wood looked like a piece of furniture. It took six hours to throw a pot, twelve hours to fire it, but just three seconds to break it.

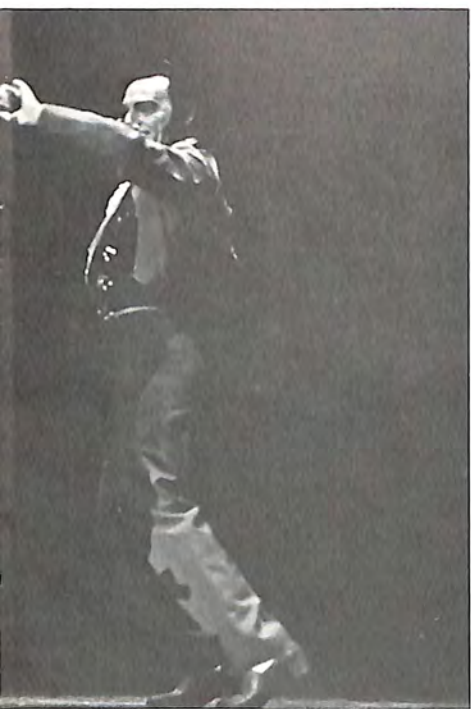
Five hours a day, five days a week, thirty-six weeks a year, the teachers taught and the students learned. What happened between the two wasn't always easy, and it wasn't always fun, but it was something to think about.

Isometric drawings are sketched freehanded by sophomore Richard Chambers as he works on his daily assignment in mechanical drawing class.



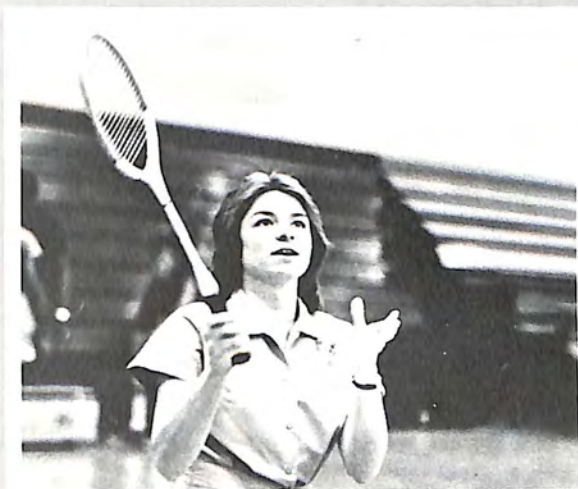
Awaiting his turn for an ROTC inspection drill, sophomore Elbert Reynolds stands at attention.





Caught in the spotlights, flamenco dancers José Greco and Nana Lorca troupe entertain Spanish students at the Roanoke Civic Center.

Bird-watching, sophomore Joyce Elliott positions her racket for a return shot during gym class.



Household chores include ironing as junior Hunt Turner presses a blouse in Home Economics III class.

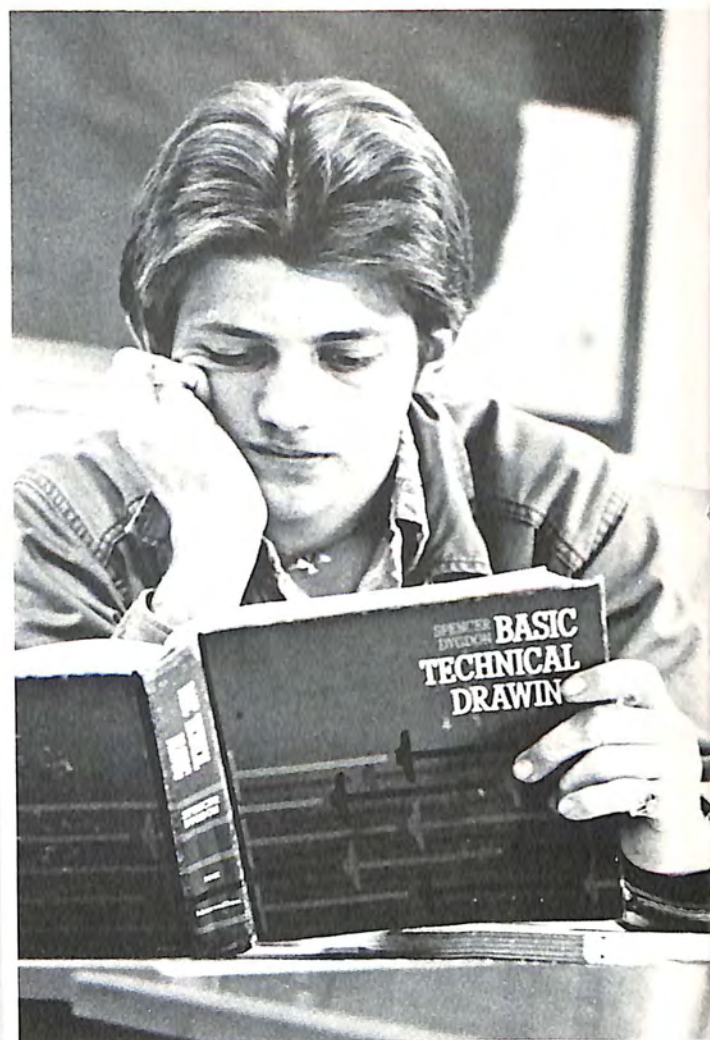


Cutting up, sophomores Lisa Barnett and Deidra Bethel pin down the anatomy of a frog during biology class.



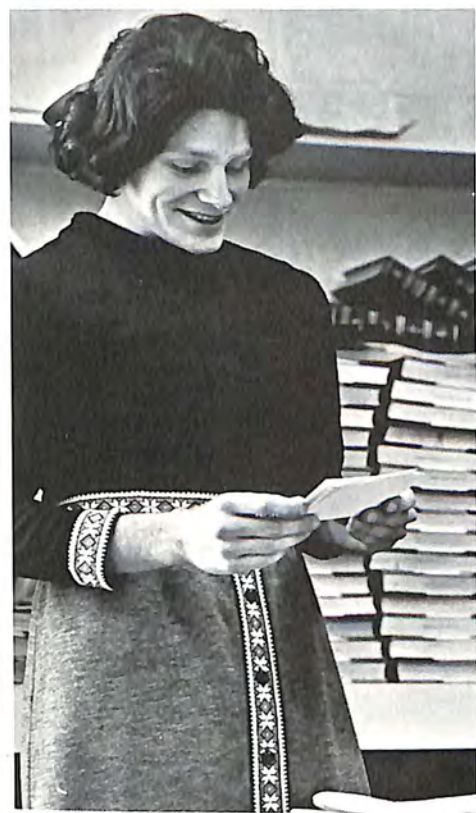
Finishing touches come easy for senior Kenny Price as he completes hemming the pants he made in home economics class.

Aiming at perfection, sophomore Bill Padgett measures a block of wood for salt and pepper shakers in industry and technology class.



Techniques and applications absorb sophomore Frank Reichart's attention as he studies during mechanical drawing class.

Reincarnated as Emma Willard, junior Wayne Turner brings the famous 1800's school teacher back to life in a Women in History mini-course.



Something To Think About cont.

Who says one can't laugh and think at the same time? No one who's ever seen the skeleton in room 210 with a cigarette hanging from his mandible bones. No one who's ever taken a break from French class to construct a Monsieur de Gaulle snowman. No one who's ever been saved from a sewing assignment because the energy crisis demanded that no electrical appliances could be plugged in, or from the shower because the officials were afraid that water and freezing temperatures didn't mix well. No one who's carefully stenciled plans to a house in mechanical drawing class and discovered that he forgot to make allowances for doors. No one who's ever gotten

his braces stuck in the reed of a clarinet. No one who's ever appeared in history class reincarnated as Betsy Ross. No one who came to Study of Minorities class and learned that **Roots** weren't just something that grew out of plants. No one who's ever been told they've broken so many beakers in chemistry that they had to take out an insurance policy.

Like Snuffy Smith said, "If a man's too busy to laugh, a man's just too busy." And that's something to think about.

World issues concern juniors Archie Waldron and Pam Baker as they lead a discussion in a World War II mini-course.



Something To Think About cont.

It took 540 school days, give or take a few, before high school was a thing of the past. The day finally came when the last theme could be tucked in a file in the top of a closet or the bottom of a drawer. The DE, COE, ICT, and vocational instructors took on a new crop of kids, and their old ones went out to make it on their own. It was time to stop and think about what had happened from the time sophomores pushed open the big orange doors for the first time until the seniors slammed them shut for the last time in June.

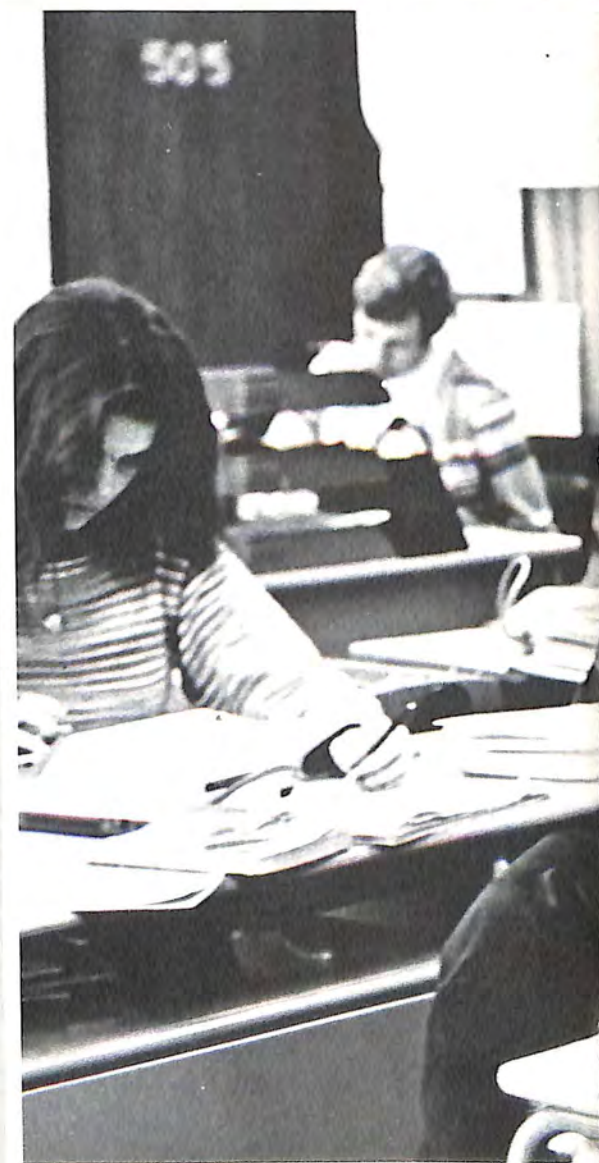
It wasn't just an ordinary year, and it wasn't just an ordinary school. It was a place that made time for resident artists and field trips across town or across the country. It was a place where stu-

Making adjustments, junior David Seaman removes metal with a milling machine in machine shop class.

dents won awards for what they had learned — through math contests, science fairs, and foreign language tournaments. It was a year when DECA proved once again that it was best in the Commonwealth.

It was a school system caught somewhat in a financial bind, and a school that somehow managed to trim the fat from the budget. But it was a school that left plenty to think about.

Shaping up fingernails becomes routine for sophomore Brenda Calloway as she manicures in cosmetology class.





Listening in, senior Johnnie Moore takes dictation during Steno I class.

Keeping an eye on the cut-off saw machine, sophomore David Crouse makes washers in machine shop class.



Handling clay with care, sophomore Paul Woody cleans his ceramic mold in industrial arts class.

Total concentration helps the COE class as they calculate net profits from their exercise books.

On Top Of It All

It is a dream every young man allows himself to dream about once in a while — to climb to the top of Mount Everest — to set foot on the world's tallest mountain. But the few climbers who made it agree that the view from the top, though spectacular, is nothing compared to the raw beauty of the struggle to get there. The peaks to which Colonels aspired were not as high as the ones on Mount Everest, but those who reached the top found, too, that the view was no more memorable than the struggle.

For the third year in a row, DECA members found themselves on top of it all. Over two hundred chapters competed for Virginia Chapter of the Year at Hotel Roanoke. The Fleming Chapter was the only one ever selected for the honor three consecutive times. Jill Weber, Martha McCray, Kay Hoyle, and DECA coordinator T. J. Ross later flew to California to represent Virginia at the national convention.

Not only organizations but individuals struggled to peak performances in state and national competition as well. Junior Steve

Burrows exemplified individual achievement as he won the grand prize at the Regional Science Fair and first place at the International Science Fair in Cleveland, Ohio.

The yearbook, too, found itself in the winner's circle as the 1976 version of the **Colonel** received the Trophy Award from the Virginia High School League, an A plus rating from the National School Newspaper and Yearbook Association, a Medalist rating from Columbia Scholastic Press Association, All-Southern from the Southern Interscholastic Press Association, and All-American from the National Scholastic Press Association. The yearbook was also one of two high school yearbooks in the nation to be honored as a Trendsetter and the only one chosen for the Five Star Award. "After writing thousands of words of copy for the yearbook, we were all finally speechless," said the book's editor, Susie Hardie, who received the awards in New York City and San Francisco, California. "Some emotions defy even the best of words."



Five Stars are not just for generals. Susie Hardie, Editor-in-Chief of the 1976 **Colonel**, accepts the Five Star Award at the National Scholastic Press Association convention.

A round of applause greets junior Steve Burrows as he receives the first place Science Fair Award.



Captivated by the speaker's message, Dean Thomas Dixon awaits the announcement of the next recipient of an award.



Retiring DECA president, Debbie Burden issues the oath of office to the new president, junior Rebecca Morris, at the installation of officers held at the Barn Dinner Theater.

Save the Zoo campaigners, DECA members Martha McCray, Gino Forrest, Jill Weber, and Lee Wimmer feed their new friend.



Teahouse of the August Moon spotlights juniors Gino Forrest and Bob Preddy as Sakini convinces Captain Fisby to build a teahouse.

The Grand Finale of Hello, Dolly generates a standing ovation for Jill Brown, Jon Whichard, Robin Anderson, and Robert Amos.





Tears seemed strange company for laughter, dancing, and music, but they nevertheless surfaced on the last night of **Hello, Dolly's** four-night run. "Nobody could believe it when the audience gave us four standing ovations," said Robin Anderson, who starred as Dolly, "but the applause rang in my ears for a long time, so I guess it was real."

Miss Janet Baker, who debuted with **Hello, Dolly** as director of the Fleming Players, saw the applause as music to her ears, too. "It's hard to follow in the footsteps of someone like Mrs. (Deborah) Mayberry, and I found myself wondering over and over if the cast really would accept me."

Chorus Line includes senior Martha Johnson and junior Anita Arato as they serenade the entrance of Dolly Levi.

Although **Hello, Dolly** drew a larger crowd than the drama department's other productions, it was by no means the only play to lure actors and actresses front and center. In the fall, the Players presented the comedy **Teahouse of the August Moon**, with a cast of twenty-five. Their performance of the one-act play, **Not Enough Rope**, received first place at the District Competition.

But honors didn't stop there. Members of the forensic team brought home awards; Robin Anderson's third place in Women's Prose Reading at the District Competition. Gino Forrest placed second in district and regional competition and third place in state competition for Men's Prose Reading. Also Joanie Hutton placed third in district competition in spelling.

On Top Of It All
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Portraying Sakini, junior Gino Forrest leads character in **Teahouse of the August Moon**.



Members of the Remote Okinehean Village of Tobiki enhance the mood of **Teahouse of the August Moon**.



On Top Of It All cont.

While some were edging their way to the top with pica rulers and cameras, others made it there literally by the sweat of their brows. It might have been funny when Gomer Pyle couldn't keep in step, never seemed to fall in line on time, and didn't respond to Sergeant Carter's commands quickly enough. No band member would laugh, however, if one of them kept marching to the fifty yard line while the others stopped on the forty.

To keep the Gomer Pyle's off the football field and away from the judge's boxes at parades, the Marching Band often arrived at school at 7:15, while most other students arrived an hour later. Practice paid off, though, in a string of honors for the ninety-eight member band as a whole and for individual members as well. Led by four majorettes, four riflettes, and twelve flag girls, the band marched at all home football games and in the Salem Christmas Parade. Venturing farther away

from home, they earned an excellent rating at Wake Forest University in North Carolina and third place in the Vinton Dogwood Festival.

During concert season, the Concert Band performed Christmas and spring concerts. In addition, the Pep Band played at assemblies and basketball games, and the Stage Band greeted the Sioux Falls Exchange students when they arrived in Roanoke. A newcomer to the musical scene, the thirty-seven member orchestra, including eighteen string players, went to District Festival and brought home a good rating.

Whether responding to the baton of director Ulysses Broadneaux or moving out to the downbeat of drum major Osborne Wheaton, the band wasn't satisfied with just keeping in step. They weren't really happy unless they found themselves at least a little bit ahead of the crowd.



Parading through the streets of Harrisonburg, Virginia, the Marching Colonels perform at the Poultry Festival.



FLAG GIRLS — (front row) Twanda Jennings; Sandra Reese; Torrea Buckner; Deidre Perry; Debra Booker (back row) Tami Turnbull; Terri Ferguson; Linda Mitchell; Cindy Brumfield; Cheryl Boyd; Cindy Gross.

MAJORETTES AND RIFLETTES — (front row) Kim French, Debbie Pinson, Jackie Hurd, Rhonda Calhoun (back row) Velma Campbell, Cheryl Hart, Kim Jones, Tracy Wrenn.



A pied piper in her own right, junior Susie Ribble captures the attention of her fellow orchestra members with her solo in *Lancaster Overture*.

Keeping the beat, junior Douglas Gravely follows the drum major's cue in the band's last parade of the season.

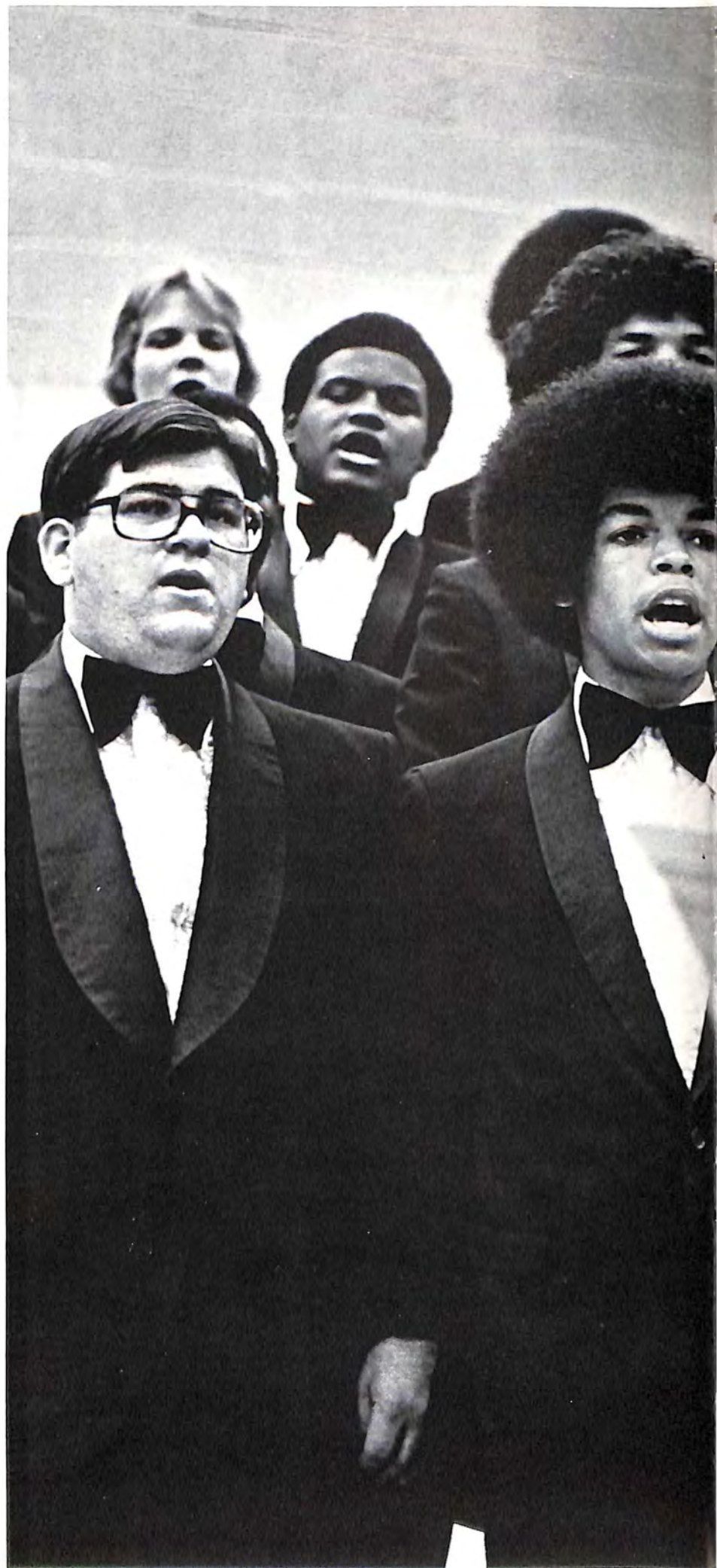


All-City Orchestra member William Kenyon responds to the baton of Russell Stranger, guest director from the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra.

Mixed thoughts envelop senior Debbie Price at her last concert with the choir.



Stressing tempo and rhythm, choir director Mrs. June C. Perry conducts the choir at the awards assembly.





Tenor and bass voices blend together as Ray Ball and Eric Guerrant sing during the awards assembly.

Pastel dresses add a touch of spring to the last concert of the year as Jackie Hayes and Mary Lawton sing selections from Oliver.



It wasn't a state convention, and it wasn't a national awards ceremony, but it was dedicated to someone who had found herself in the spotlight at both. At her final spring concert, the choir honored Mrs. June C. Perry with roses, a standing ovation, and a plaque that read, "For twenty-eight years of dedicated service to the choir."

In almost three decades as director of the choir, Mrs. Perry saw it grow from a few dozen voices to a peak number of one hundred thirty-two. She led her choirs as they sang in the National Cathedral seven times and had the joy of knowing that hers were the only ones in the nation to ever receive that honor. Countless times, she heard her choirs sing the alma mater, which she wrote, and she has followed with pride the professional careers of hundreds of her choir members, including her own daughter.

In March, her alma mater,

Longwood College, selected her as Most Outstanding Music Educator, and the choir journeyed to Farmville to sing in her honor.

Whether it was singing the "Prelude in B Minor" at the National Cathedral or warming up for a contemporary concert in the gym, Mrs. Perry always expected harmony in a major key from every year's version of her choir and girls' chorus. "After twenty-eight years, though, it's time for someone else to take over," said Mrs. Perry.

In May, choir members in black tuxes and pastel formals watched as their director walked from the podium for the last time. They knew that this was the last year that they would perform the Christmas concert, awards assembly, and graduation with her. They knew that they were but a few of the thousands who had climbed to the top of the scales with her, and there wasn't a dry eye in the bunch.

On Top Of It All
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On Top Of It All cont.

For publications staffs, the problems of putting out a yearbook, newspaper, or literary magazine loomed more perilous than climbing Mount Everest. "The main problem of every journalist is being Johnny Deadline," said Robert Amos, Editor-in-Chief of the **Sabre**. "Our staff was no different. We sometimes waited until the last minute to get everything done, but even so, we never missed a deadline except for twice — because of foul weather and printer's mistakes."

Still, subscribers thought the papers were well worth waiting for. The Virginia High School League judges were pleased with what they saw as they awarded the **Sabre** a first place award and called the sports section "one of the best in the state."

Problems also plagued the literary magazine staff. "Our first problem was getting material to publish," said **We, The People** editor Joannie Hutton. "And after

we got the material, we had to make the money to print it." By selling baked goods and popcorn and sponsoring bingo games at Happy's Recreation Center, the staff was able to finance the largest and most graphic magazine seen at Fleming in recent years.

Also faced with deadlines and financial problems, the yearbook staff, in addition, met with problems of a different kind. "Living in the shadow of last year's yearbook was really hard," said Sarah Wooldridge, the **Colonel's** Editor-in-Chief. "Every time another magazine would feature the 1976 **Colonel**, I got butterflies in my stomach hoping that ours could measure up," she said. "But the pressure made us work even harder since we were determined not to live on the laurels of what another staff had accomplished. Living in the shadow hasn't been easy, though," she continued. "It hasn't been easy at all."



Not Catfish Hunter, but a close second, junior Kelly Patrick dresses up for the **Colonel** Staff's Halloween Party.

Hot off the press, the October issue of the **Sabre** features current stories and expanded community coverage.



Double-checking statistics for the Colonel's index, junior Jackie Hurd works on an approaching deadline.



SABRE STAFF — (front row) Steve Smith; Kelly Hildreth; Mike Economy; Beth Evans; Denise Martin; Becky Pugh; Anne Cochran; Leslie Stultz (back row) Cathy Austin, Editorial Editor; Lori Vaught; Earle Shumate; Robert Amos, Editor-in-Chief; Jeff Moore, News Editor; Jon Whichard; Keith Atkins; Bob Preddy; Terri Caldwell; Lisa Shepherd; Becky Newman (not pictured) Terry Doss; Manie Hicks, Photography Editor; Kurt Kreider, Sports Editor; Susie Ribble; Janet Spangler; Kathy Stephenson, Business Manager.

COLONEL STAFF — (front row) Robin Blanton; Kathryn Conner; Mindy Brumfield, Academics Editor; Jackie Hurd; Sarah Wooldridge, Editor-in-Chief; Karen Cook; Kelly Patrick; Ann Hardie, Managing Editor; Robin Slusher (back row) Jon Ramsey; Mike Brogan, Sports Editor; Kevin Meador; Carol Wilson, Business Manager; Cathy Crawford; Angie Wilson, Campus Life Editor; Rebecca Nichols; Sarah Myers, People Editor; Jay Hardie; Tim Benson, Photography Editor (not pictured) David Klever, Photography Editor.



WE, THE PEOPLE STAFF — Cheryl Wright; Robin Johnson; Dawn Sisson; Kim Williams; Joannie Hutton, Editor; Martha Johnson; Rick Raymond (not pictured) Pat Blanken-

ship; Jacquie Bonham; Rhonda Calhoun; Cheryl Hart; Lisa Jones; Lisa Stevens; Kevin Watkins.





There's a funny thing about friendship. A person doesn't have to say anything and yet his friend knows what he's thinking. A person can see something beautiful and by looking in his eyes, his friend can see it, too. A person can touch something soft and by holding his hand, a friend seems to know just how soft that object is.

Friends watched each other laugh through three years of high school. They dunked basketballs and scored touchdowns. They bussed to Sioux Falls or Charlottesville. They followed the leader in bacca-laureate, capping, and graduation. They cheered each other as they reached the top, and sometimes they just sat still and said nothing at all. Sometimes, quiet times between friends said enough.

PEOPLE

A touch of blue fills junior Donna Smith as she watches the varsity basketball team fall to T.C. Williams in the finals of the State Tournament.

ROBERT ALAN AMOS: Beta Club 11, 12; Campus Life Club 10, 11, Vice-President 11; Class Vice-President 12; Human Relations Council 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11, Vice-President 10; SCA 10, 11, 12; Drama 11, 12; Sabre 11, 12, Editor-in-Chief 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Rensselaer Math Science Medal 11; Symposium '77 12; Woodman of the Year Award 11

DONNA ELAINE ANDES: Girls' Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Red Cross 10, 11, 12; Grapplettes 10

GLORIA DEAN ANDERSON: Concert Choir 12

SUSAN ROBINETTE ANDERSON: Class Secretary 11; FCA 11; FTA 10, 11, 12, President 12; Girls' Club 10, 11, 12, Reporter 11; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Concert Choir 11, 12, Student Director 12; Girls' Chorus 10; Cheerleaders 11; Christmas Court 12; Drama 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12

PAUL EDWIN ANDREWS: Chess Club 10, 11, 12, Vice-President 12; VICA 10, 11, 12

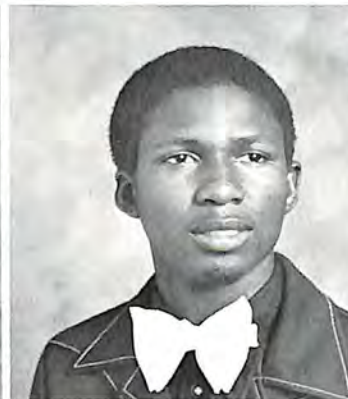
KERRY WAYNE ARMENTROUT: DECA 10, 11, 12

JAMES S. ARNOLD: VICA 10, 11, 12, Treasurer 12

JAMES H. ARRINGTON: ROTC 10, 11, 12; Track 11, 12; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12

KEITH E. ATKINS: FCA 10, 11; SODA 12; Band 10, 11; Sabre 12; JV Football 10; Track 10, 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12

CATHERINE SUE AUSTIN: Beta Club 11, 12; Concert Choir 10, 11; Girls' Chorus 11, Accompanist 11; Sabre 12, Editorial Editor 12; Cheerleaders 10, 11, 12, Head 12; Tennis 10; Homecoming Court 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12



"Give me five," shouts senior Greg Robinson after the varsity basketball team's victory at the Roanoke Valley District Tournament.





Some remember it as the smallest Senior Class in recent history — 402 strong. Junior girls remember it as the team they beat in flag football by fourteen points. Historians see it as the first Junior Class in more than a decade to elect a female president — Johnnie Moore — and to keep her in office two years straight. Others remember the class for the activities sign they gave the school. When the Class of '77 left on June 10, they left a lot behind to remember.

a touch of class

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS — (front row) Anne Cochran, Vice-President (Hart Hall); Tina Ward, Secretary; Rhonda Campbell, Treasurer; Becky Pugh, Executive Vice-President **(back row)** Robert Amos, Executive Vice-President; Donna Bonham, Vice-President (Coulter Hall); Johnnie Moore, President; Tammy Payne, Vice-President (Camper Hall); Danny Grinnell, Vice-President (Smith Hall).



RONALD ANTHONY BALDWIN: ROTC 10, 11; Band 10, 11; Pep Band 10, 11; Stage Band 10, 11

WILLIAM RAY BALL: FCA 12; ROTC 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12, President 12

BRIDGETTE RENITA BARLOW: Girls' Club 12; FBLA 12; ROTC 11



TRACY LYNETTE BARNETT: Art Club 12; DECA 11; FCA 12; Human Relations Council 12; SODA 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Track 12

KELLY FRANCIE BASHAM: Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Track 12

ARTHUR L. BEANE: VICA 11, 12, Secretary 12; JV Football 10



BETH ANNETTE BECKNER: FBLA 12; Girls' Club 12; Concert Choir 12; Girls' Chorus 10; Cheerleaders 12; Christmas Court 12

DANA MARIE BERRY: Human Relations Council 11; SCA 10

ELIZABETH SUE BIAS: FCA 11, 12; Girls' Basketball 10, 11, 12, Second Team All-Metro 12

EVA BILIOS
WILLIAM BRUCE BLAIR
CAROLYN RENNEE BONDS



DONNA S. BONHAM: Class Vice-President 10, 12; DECA 10, 12; SCA 10, 12
JACQUELINE ALANE BONHAM: FCA 12; Girls' Club 11, 12, President 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Red Cross 10, 11; SCA 10, 11, 12, Secretary 12; SODA 12; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; Girls' Chorus 10; Literary Magazine 12; Track 10, 11; Volleyball 11, 12; Homecoming Court 12
JOHNNY W. BOOTH



stargazers

For some, stargazing meant finding Cassiopeia or looking for the North Star. For others, it meant watching names like Rocky and Farrah Fawcett appear on the horizon. Sylvester Stallone's **Rocky** won the Academy Award's "Best Picture of the Year" with **Network** running a close second. Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson teamed up in **A Star Is Born** and attracted sell-out crowds for more than a month. Richard Pryor also kept theatre seats filled as his **Silver Streak** hit the big screen.

The big screen seemed dwarfed, though, when **King Kong** made his debut. But after seeing Clint Eastwood in **The Enforcer**, most girls agreed that they preferred man over monkey.

Headliner hairstyle of Farrah Fawcett is the choice of senior Patty Johnson.



CYNTHIA DELORES BOYD: Girls' Club 11
CLAYTON DOUGLAS BRAMMER: Beta Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Strings 10, 11, 12; NCTM Math Contest Winner 12
ELIZABETH DYER BROUGHMAN: Stage Band 12





NATALIE OCTAVIA BROWER: Girls' Club 11; Red Cross 10, 11
GAIL ANITA BROWN: Red Cross 11, 12; Sabrettes 12
CYNTHIA DAWN BRUMFIELD: Beta Club 11, 12; Girls' Club 10, 11, 12; SCA 10, 11; Band 10, 11, 12; Flag Girls 10, 11, 12, Assistant Head 10, Head 11, 12; Colonel 11; Gymnastics 10; Volleyball 10; Christmas Court 10, 11, 12, Maid of Honor 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12



PATRICIA ELLEN BRYANT: DECA 11
GEORGE CLEVELAND BRYSON
TRACY ANDREA BURNETTE: Red Cross 10



GREGG HOWARD BURROWS
MICHELLE A. BUTLER
RHONDA KAY CALHOUN: Beta Club 11, 12; Human Relations Council 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; SCA 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 11, 12, Accompanist 12; Majorettes 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 10, 11, 12; Drama 12; Literary Magazine 12, Poetry Editor 12; Girls' State 11; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12



ANNE MARIE CALLAWAY: Beta Club 11, 12; COE 12; Girls' Club 11, 12; Christmas Court 12, Queen 12; Homecoming Court 10, 11
RHONDA LYNN CAMPBELL: Beta Club 11, 12; Class Treasurer 12; DECA 12; Girls' Club 12; SCA 12
HAROLD VANN CANNADAY II: Genealogy Club 12; Band 10, 11; Concert Choir 10



Car-washing senior Tina Ward scrubs the windshield to make money for the Sioux Falls Exchange program.

BARBARA JOAN CARR: Concert Choir 10, 12
SIGLINDA H. CARROLL: Art Club 10; Latin Club 10; ROTC 10, 11, 12
CYNTHIA L. CARTER



LARRY CHARLES CHAPMAN: Modern Foreign Language Club 10
MARK WAYNE CHEATWOOD
WILLIAM RONALD CHILDRESS: Art Club 10; FCA 10, 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; SCA 10, 11, 12, Treasurer-Historian 12; SODA 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Vice-President 12; Baseball 10, 11; JV Basketball 10; Varsity Basketball 11; Track 12; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; All-Metro 12; Symposium '77 12



CRAIG E. CLEVINGER: DECA 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10
LAURA ANNE COCHRAN: Beta Club 11, 12; Class Vice-President 12; FCA 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Drama 12; Sabre 11, 12; Symposium '77 12
ANGELA DARLENE COFER: FCA 11; SCA 11



BRIDGET Y. COLES
CYNTHIA LAMARRIA COLES: Art Club 10, 11
JOHN ANTHONY COLES: Chess Club 10, 11; FCA 10, 11, 12; Human Relations Council 11; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Varsity Club 10, 11; Tennis 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12, All-Metro 12, All Roanoke Valley District 12, All Roanoke Valley District Tournament 12, Most Valuable Player Regional Tournament 12, Honorable Mention State 12, Timesland 12; Varsity Football 10



A tough assignment absorbs senior Tamara Padgett as she works in distributive education class.





TERRY W. COLES: FCA 12; JV Basketball 10; Track 12; Varsity Basketball 11, 12, All-Metro 12, All Northwest Regional Tournament 12, All Roanoke Valley District Tournament 12

ALICE FAYE COLEY

WINSTON ANDREW COLLIER: Art Club 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 12; JV Football 10; Varsity Football 12; Governor's School for the Gifted 11; National Merit Commended Student 12; Symposium '77 12



They say laughter is the best medicine, and Colonels lined up for giant-sized doses. As Jimmy Carter moved into the White House, he and his family became targets of Johnny Carson's monologues. "Georgians ate peanut butter for Thanksgiving," reported Carson, "because they sent their turkey to Washington."

When turkey jokes met fowl play, parrot jokes took over. "How do you make a parrot stick to the bottom of his cage?" "Pollygrip, of course."

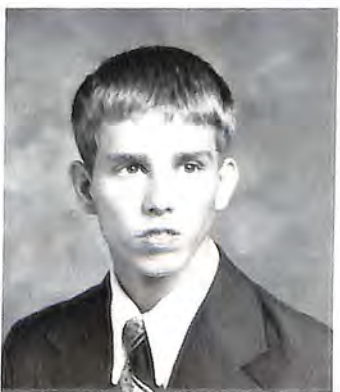
Nor did professional comedians have the monopoly on rib-tickling fun. "What do you do if you get an obscene phone call?" someone asked Mr. Kenneth Weddle. "Dial Soap," he said.

cracking up

A laughing matter finds seniors Richard Hale and Dana Berry exchanging favorite jokes.



VICKIE LEE COOLEY: COE 12; FBLA 12
LINDA FAYE CONNER: Beta Club 11, 12; COE 12; DECA 12; FBLA 12
FAY RENEE COTTON: Track 12



RICHARD COTTON: Human Relations Council 10; Varsity Club 12; Concert Choir 12; JV Football 10
ROBIN A. COX
DAVID GRAHAM CRAFT: ROTC 12

DEBORAH CORNELIA CRAIG

CATHY LYNNE CRAWFORD: FCA 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; SCA 11; Colonel 12; Sabre 11; Gymnastics 10, 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Symposium '77 12

ROBERT LANE CROMWELL: Modern Foreign Language Club 10



ALTHEA L. CROSON

KAREN LEE CROTTS: COE 12; DECA 10

GLENN SHAUN CROWDER



Best sellers in the recording industry include Peter Frampton, Stevie Wonder, and the Eagles.

for the records

There's a sound for every year, but '77 brought sounds for every ear as well. The top ten spanned soul songs like Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely" to music with a beat like Boz Scaggs' "Low Down" to softer sounds like Hall and Oates' "She's Gone."

Colonels found themselves making frequent trips with the Eagles to "Hotel California" or enjoying "A Night on the Town" with Rod Stewart. Some even stood in line for Rose Royce's "Car Wash." Sell-out concerts of Peter Frampton, John Denver, Earth, Wind, and Fire, and Olivia Newton-John kept Colonels up to their ears in music.



BRUCE H. CUNNINGHAM: FCA 11, 12; Varsity Club 11, 12, President 12; Varsity Football 11, 12,

VOULA P. DALLAS: Beta Club 11, 12; Human Relations Council 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11

DAVID STERLING DANIELS: ROTC 10, 11, 12; JV Football 10; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Varsity Football 11





Bicentennial parade at Victory Stadium finds seniors Jeff Moore and Kurt Kreider representing the American Legion in the Fourth of July celebration.



GEORGE HILL DA VALL: Modern Foreign Language Club 11, 12



DARRELL ANTHONY DAVIS: Beta Club 11, 12; Class Vice-President 11; FCA 10, 11, 12; SCA 10, 11, 12; Hall Chairman 10, 11, President 12; SODA 11, 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Vice-President 11; Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12, All-Metro 12, All Roanoke Valley District 12, All Northwest Regional 12, Timesland 12, Honorable Mention State 12; Outstanding Student Award 12; Symposium '77 12
KATHY FAYE DEAN: Beta Club 12; FBLA 12, Vice-President 12; Girls' Club 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Genealogy Club 12; Drama 12
VICKIE LEE DEEL: Red Cross 10



PAMELA YVONNE DEWS: DECA 12; ROTC 10, 11, 12
JERRY LARUE BELAFONTE DICKERSON
GEORGE E. DIEBER



JAMES ELIZIE DILLARD: Human Relations Council 12; Karate Club 11; Band 10, 12; Pep Band 10, 12; Stage Band 10, 12; Track 12
STEVE LEE DILLARD: VICA 11, 12
MARY ANN DILLON: DECA 10; FCA 10, 11, 12; Girls' Club 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10

REBECCA ELLEN DILLON

TIM GENE DIX: FCA 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10; JV Football 10, Varsity Football 11, 12; Track 10, 11

JASPER TERRY DOSS: DECA 10, 11, 12; Sabre 12



LENORA TRINA DOWE: DECA 12; Girls' Club 10, 11, 12; Human Relations Council 10, 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Red Cross 10, 11, 12; SODA 10, 11, 12
NANCY FAYE DOWNEY: DECA 11, 12; FCA 11, 12; SCA 10, 11; Concert Choir 11, 12; Girls' Chorus 10; Volleyball 10
LUCILLE RENAE DURHAM: Art Club 12; Red Cross 12



Spinnin' the records, disc jockey Rob O'Brady entertains his early-morning fans at WROV.

o'brady's ladies

He was there every morning, Monday through Friday, and he did more than spin records and hawk pizzas over the air. He was responsible for as much color as Kodak or Sherwin-Williams, but he didn't click a camera or use a paint brush. He was Rob O'Brady, the morning disc jockey for "Oh Lordy, 1240," better known as WROV.

"I decided to have the women in my audience dress in a color of the day and call them O'Brady's Ladies," O'Brady explained. "But I never guessed it would be this big." He decreed blue and gold on the day the Colonels played in the State Basketball Tournament.



DOUGLAS PATRICK DUSCHEAN: Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Drama 10, 12; Varsity Football Manager 10

WILLIAM N. EVANS: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Red Cross 10, 11, 12, Reporter 12; ROTC 10, 11, 12; SODA 11

KEVIN PATRICK FARMER: Beta Club 11, 12; FCA 11; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; JV Football 10; JV Wrestling 11; Track 10

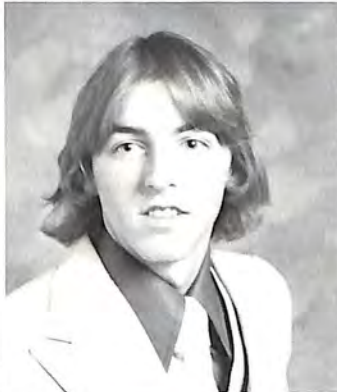




Last-minute studying finds senior Tim Maxey and junior Barbara Hayes comparing notes before a third period test.



EVELYN JOYCE FEAZELL: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Red Cross 10, 11; VICA 11
THELMA FERGUSON
DANNY A. FERNATT



MARK D. FERRIS
CLAYTON T. FOWLER: DECA 11, 12, Treasurer 12; JV Basketball 10
SHEILA FREEMAN



BRENDA GALE GARRETT: Grappling 10
MARY ANDRA GILL: Red Cross 12, Secretary 12; Concert Choir 11; Girls' Chorus 10
RICHARD LARRY GORDON



NORMA GAYE GRAHAM: COE 12; Girls' Club 12; Red Cross 11, 12, Reporter 12; Grappling 10
CYNTHIA ANN GRAY: FBLA 12, President 12; Gymnastics 10, 11
CYNTHIA RENEE GRAY: DECA 11, Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Red Cross 10; Grappling 10

WILLIAM BRUCE GREGORY

DANIEL THOMAS GRINNELL: Class Vice-President 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 11, 12; JV Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; JV Wrestling 10, 12; Track 12; Varsity Wrestling 11; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

KAREN LAVERNE GROGAN: Beta Club 11, 12; Girls' Club 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Red Cross 12, Vice-President 12; SCA 11, 12; SODA 12; Symposium '77 12



CHARLES EUGENE GROSS: Band 10, 11, 12
TIMOTHY NORMAN GUTHRIE: FCA 10; SCA 11; Baseball 10; JV Football 10; Sioux Falls Exchange 12
ANGELA DENISE HAMPTON



BRENDA MARIE HANCOCK
CHRISTOPHER GUY HANCOCK III: Debating Team 12
MATTHEW JAY HARDIE: Colonel 12; Drama 10, 11; Tennis 10; Quill and Scroll 12; Symposium '77 12



LISA R. HARRIS



Mid-morning break provides senior Robin Wade with time to complete her homework and soak up the sun.





MICHAEL ANTHONY HARRIS: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 12

CHERYL LYNN HART: Human Relations Council 10, 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; SCA 12, Hall Chairman 12; Rifle Squad 12; Sabrettes 11; Literary Magazine 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

SHERYL LYNN HARTMAN: Class Vice-President 10; COE 11, 12; Girls' Club 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; SCA 10, 11



Stating their case, the senior class Bluecoats declare "We're number one!" at the last pep assembly.

Blue and gold wasn't the only color combination found around the hallowed halls. Blue and white decorated the gym as the '77 Bluecoats donned their T-shirts to rally the Colonel's spirit for sports. "I hope that our spirit-raising had something to do with Colonel victories, especially in basketball," said charter member Kim Jones.

Spirit-raising soon became top priority around Colonel country, as junior Madhatters and sophomore Yellow Jackets followed suit. "We tried to set an example to the underclassmen that spirit is almost as important as carrying the ball," explained Kim.

spirit raisers



LEWIS RICHARD HAWKINS: Art Club 10; FCA 10, 11, 12; SCA 10, 11; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; All-Metro Baseball 11; JV Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12

SHARON MICHELLE HAYNES: Art Club 12; DECA 10, 11, 12; Karate Club 10; Red Cross 12; Grappling 11

RICKY LEN HEPTINSTALL



HELEN C. HERNDON: DECA 10, 12, First Place DECA Job Interview 12

AUBREY MANIS HICKS: Sabre 11, 12, Photography Editor 12

WALTER CURTIS HILL

GWENDOLYN KAY HODGES: Beta Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Girls' Chorus 10

CHERYL A. HOPKINS

KEVIN MATHEW HOPSON: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Red Cross 10, 11, 12; ROTC 10, 11, 12



Art work absorbs senior David Daniels as Mr. Jim Savage of Sioux Falls describes his American Indian sculpture.

going places

Neither rain nor sleet nor snow stopped the thirty-two seniors and four faculty chaperones bound for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in January. One of the worst snow storms in recent history delayed the trip twenty-four hours, but the exchange students managed to squeeze eight days of activities into seven and come away from the west colder, but wiser.

Each senior was adopted by a Sioux Falls family and spent the week hayriding, skiing, touring Sioux Falls, and attending classes there. In April, the students from Sioux Falls headed to Roanoke for a little southern hospitality.



CARMEN MARIA HUFFMAN: Human Relations Council 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11

ROY HUGHES: FCA 10, 11; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Band 10; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, Stage Band 10; JV Basketball 10; Symposium '77 12

PHILIP ANTHONY HUNT: ROTC 12; JV Football Manager 10; Varsity Football Manager 12



TINA JOANNE HURD: Girls' Club 11, 12; Red Cross 10, 11, 12; Band 10, 11; Grappplettes 10; Track 11

JOAN MARIE HUTTON: Beta Club 11, 12, President 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; SCA 10, 12; SODA 11, 12; Colonel 11; Literary Magazine 12, Editor 12; Third Place Spelling District Forensics Meet 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Symposium '77 12

KYLE HUNTER HYPES: Beta Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11, 12; SCA 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 11, 12; Stage Band 11, 12





CHERYL RENEE JACKSON: Band 10, 11, 12; Orchestra 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Tennis 10, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

ROBIN JACKSON

JAMES BRYAN JENKINS: Red Cross 10, 11, 12; ROTC 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 12; Varsity Football Manager 11; JV Wrestling 10



CONSTANCE MARIE JENNINGS: DECA 11, 12; Girls' Club 10, 11; Concert Choir 11, 12; Girls' Chorus 10

SANDRA SUZZETTE JENNINGS: Drama 12

DAVID STEPHEN JOHNSON: Chess Club 10, 11; Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 1, 12; Stage Band 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12



LISA ANN JOHNSON: FHA 10; Red Cross 10, 11; ROTC 10, 11; Concert Choir 10, 11; Girls' Chorus 10; Track 10

MARTHA LEE JOHNSON: Beta Club 11, 12; Human Relations Council 10, 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Secretary-Treasurer 11; SCA 12; SODA 12; Drama 10; Literary Magazine 12; Business Advisor 12; Honors Seminar 10; Roanoke College Junior Summer Scholar 11; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

PATTY LEE JOHNSON: DECA 12; Girls' Club 10, 11, 12; Human Relations Council 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Grappling 10



RICKEY RICARDIO JOHNSON: Art Club 12; DECA 11; FCA 10, 12; Karate Club 10, 11; ROTC 11; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12; JV Basketball 10

CHARLOTTE DIANN JONES: Beta Club 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Girls' Club 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Concert Choir 10, 11; Gymnastics 10; Cheerleaders 10, 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

DAVID B. JONES: VICA 10, 11, 12

In the winners' circle, seniors Joanie Hutton, Robert Amos, and Earle Shumate compete with Pendleton High School on Classroom Kwiz.



Two-point favorites, seniors Cathy Crawford and Cheryl Hart cheer as the girls blast the guys 8-6 in the flamingo football game.



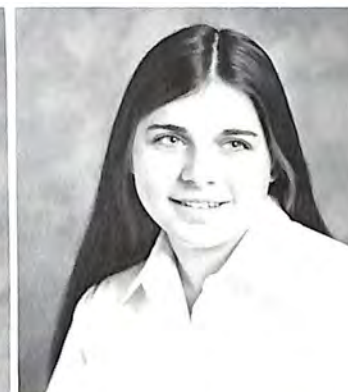
DEBRA JONES



DENNIS W. JONES

KIMBERLEY ROBERTS JONES: Beta Club 11, 12; COE 12; DECA 10; Girls' Club 12; Grappling 10; Rifle Squad 12; Sabrettes 11; Symposium '77 12

SONJA KAY JONES: Girls' Chorus 10



TIMOTHY SHAWN JONES: FCA 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 11, 12; JV Football 10; Track 10, 11; Varsity Football 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12

VIVIAN ANN JONES: Girls' Club 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Track 10, 11, 12

GLORIETTA RENA KASEY: Girls' Club 11; Human Relations Council 11; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Red Cross 11, 12; SODA 11, 12; Concert Choir 11; Girls' Chorus 10



SHELIA LENORA KEELING: COE 12; Girls' Club 11, 12; Red Cross 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 11; Girls' Chorus 10; Sabrettes 11; Homecoming Court 12

BARRY A. KING: Literary Magazine 10, 11, 12

DAVID L. KLEVER: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Colonel 11, 12, Photography Editor 12





KURT LEE KREIDER: FCA 10, 11, 12; SCA 10; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Sabre 11, 12; Sports Editor 12; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12
JAMES T. KYLE, III: Art Club 10, 11; Human Relations Council 10, 11; Band 10, 11; Pep Band 10, 11; Stage Band 10, 11
KYLE WAYNE LAPRAD: Varsity Wrestling 10



KIRK ANTHONY LAW: Beta Club 11, 12; Human Relations Council 10, 11, 12; SCA 10, 11, 12, Hall Chairman 12; Varsity Club 12; Concert Choir 10, 11; Drama 10, 11, 12; JV Football 10; Tennis 12; Varsity Football 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12
ANTHONY L. LAWSON: DECA 12; ROTC 10
TAMARA LYNN LAWSON: DECA 12; Girls' Club 12; SCA 10, 12



Major issues of college are discussed by Dr. Norman Fintel of Roanoke College as senior Cindy Brumfield listens in Symposium.

It was the Monday version of **Meet the Press**, minus the television cameras and the bright lights and, well, even the press. But the format was the same as ten prominent business and professional leaders in the Roanoke Valley faced a panel of forty selected senior leaders for a series of lively question and answer sessions.

Guests for Symposium '77 included Dr. J. H. Hollingsworth, Jr., Dr. Philip Clifton, George Harris, Ginny Brobeck, Dr. Norman Fintel, and Dr. M. Don Pack. Other guests included Mr. Robert Fishburn, Mr. Daniel E. Wooldridge, and Mayor Noel Taylor.

meeting of minds



STEPHANIE MICHELLE LAWTON
NATHANIEL LEAR: Art Club 10; Chess Club 10; Varsity Football 12
LISA CHERIE LEONARD: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11

JAMES WARD LESTER
WANDA GAY LESTER: DECA 11, 12; Red Cross 10
HERMAN LEWIS: FCA 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Cross Country 12; JV Football 10; Track 10, 11, 12



YMELDA LUISA LEWIS: FHA 10, 11, 12
THOMAS LOWERY
LORI LYNN LYNCH: Beta Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Band 10; Pep Band 10



vantastiks

"Wall-to-wall may be a CB term, but it's also a way to describe the latest craze in the parking lot — the van. Thick shag carpets not only cover the floors, but the ceilings as well. Most vans have couches, beds, stereo systems, CB radios, and whatever else the heart desires and the wallet allows.

The outside of the vans in row one of the parking lot often picture the personality of the owner, with decor running from stars and stripes to picturesque scenes. Tim Whitlock calls his van "a real convenience — a sort of home away from home. When I get tired, I just pull over and sleep awhile," he said.

Taking a "short short" from cruising in his van, senior Tim Whitlock and his cousin talk while they're off the road.



SHERREE DENISE MACKLIN: Beta Club 11, 12; COE 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; SODA 11; Symposium '77 12
DAISY MAE MANNIS
TOREY VANESSA MANNIS: Genealogy Club 12; Concert Choir 12

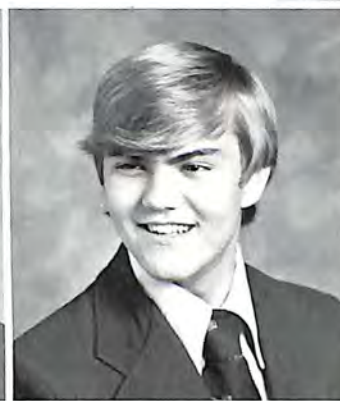




AMY L. MARTIN: Beta Club 11, 12; COE 12; FBLA 12, Treasurer 12; FTA 11, 12, Vice-President 12; Red Cross 10; Concert Choir 11; Drama 12; Grapplettes 11; Symposium '77 12

DANIEL E. MARTIN, JR.

DEBORAH SUE MATTHEWS: Beta Club 12; Girls' Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; SCA 10, 12



PAMELA ANN MATHIS: COE 12; DECA 10
TIMOTHY ALLEN MAXEY: FCA 10, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; JV Basketball 10
JAMES MAYS



EDWARD WESLEY McCRAW: VICA 11, 12, President 12; JV Football 10

MARTHA ANNE McCRAY: Beta Club 11, 12; DECA 11, 12, Secretary 12; Girls' Club 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Red Cross 10; First Place DECA; Student of the Year 12; Symposium '77 12

HALSEY ARNOLD MEADOR, JR.: Modern Foreign Language Club 10; VICA 11



TIMMY LEE MILLER

VICKIE LYNN MILLER: DECA 10, 12

MELISSA ANN MINNICK: Art Club 10



Standing up for the Colonels, the Senior Class Bluecoats celebrate the basketball team's victory over Heritage.

Fired up for the Colonels, Natalie Brower and Vickie Johnson cheer the basketball team on to a victory over First Colonial in the state tournament.



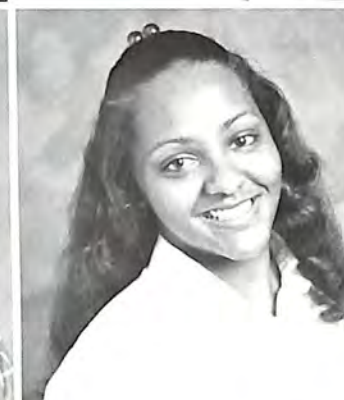
KATHERINE LYNN MONK
MARK ODELL MOODY: Tennis 10, 11
MARCIA MOON



CAROLYN LEE MOORE: Beta Club 11, 12; Girls' Club 10; Human Relations Council 11; Concert Choir 10; Track 10, 11, 12; Symposium '77 12

JEFFREY NEWTON MOORE: Beta Club 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12, Treasurer 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Drama 10, 11, 12; Sabre 11, 12, News Editor 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; JV Basketball 10, Varsity Basketball 11, 12; JV Football 10

JOHNNIE KAYE MOORE: Beta Club 11, 12; Class President 11, 12, Class Treasurer 10; FBLA 12, Secretary 12; Human Relations Council 11; Red Cross 12; SCA 10, 11, 12, Hall Chairman 12; Homecoming Court 11, 12, Maid-of-Honor 12; DAR Good Citizenship Award 12



SHIRLEY JEAN MOORE
DEBRA JEAN MOORMAN: Red Cross 10
JOYCE L. MOORISON



TAMMIE MOSES
DEBORAH LYNN MULLINS: VICA 11; Girls' Basketball 10; Track Manager 10
CONNSTANCE VERINENE MURPHY: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11





MAVIS MARLEEN MURRAY: DECA 11, 12
MICHAEL SCOTT MYERS
PEGGY MILDRED NARUM: Concert Choir
 10, 11, 12



DAVID SCOT NELSON: FCA 10, 11, 12;
 Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Varsity Football 10,
 11, 12; All-District 12
DARREL BOLSY NICKERSON: Art Club
 11, 12; Concert Choir 11, 12; JV Football 10;
 Track 10
BARBARA LAURINE NOLLEY: Beta Club
 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11;
 SCA 12



Working overtime with probation officer Diane B. Rooks, senior Martha Johnson completes a mini-internship at the Juvenile Court.

working wonders

"Walk a mile in their shoes" was more than a slogan for a shoe company or a plea for the President's Council on Physical Fitness. Seniors interested in finding out first-hand about careers were invited to "walk a mile" in the shoes of an adult in their particular field of interest. Tackling a program of one-day internships, students stood side by side with librarians and guidance counselors, architects, social workers, and medical technologists. "Working with architectural engineer Don Witt made me sure that I wanted to be an architect," said senior Earle Shumate.



TIA RICA ORTIZ: DECA 12
EDDIE TERRELL OTEY: FCA 10, 11, 12;
 Human Relations Council 11, 12; Varsity
 Club 10, 11, 12; JV Football 10; Varsity Foot-
 ball 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Varsity Wrestling
 9, 10, 11, 12
ROGER WILLIAM OVERSTREET

TAMARA LEAH PADGETT: DECA 12; Human Relations Council 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Grappling 10
KATHY DENISE PARKER: DECA 12; Human Relations Council 11; Red Cross 11, 12, President 12
KIMLEE ROCHELLE PATRICK: FCA 10; Red Cross 10, 11



taking roots

His family tree intrigues senior Harold Cannaday as Miss Lois Cox, Genealogy Club sponsor, looks on.

When Alex Haley found his **Roots**, a lot of other people began looking for theirs, too. For Haley, it was Kunta Kinte, Kizzy, Chicken George. For Colonels, too, it went back a little further than grandma and grandpa and the stories they told about their grandmas and grandpas.

The thirty-two members of the newly-organized Genealogy Club, sponsored by Miss Claudia Geiger, Miss Lois Cox, and Miss Mary Maier, learned how to research their ancestors and develop a family tree. "It took Haley twelve years to trace his," said senior Harold Cannaday. "I hope it doesn't take me that long."



KEITH WESSLEY PATTERSON: FCA 10, 11, 12; SCA 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; All-Metro 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

TAMMY JOANNE PAYNE: Class Vice-President 12; Girls' Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Red Cross 10; Cheerleaders 11, 12, Assistant Head 12; Grappling 10; Christmas Court 12

SHELI ANN PETERSON: Beta Club 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Girls' Club 10, 11, 12; Red Cross 10, 11; SCA 12; Concert Choir 11; Girls' Chorus 10; Track 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10, 11, 12



BARBARA ERNESTINE PHIFER: Class Secretary 11; Red Cross 10, 11, 12; SCA 12; Symposium '77 12

DENNIS L. PHILLIPPE

PEGGY SUE PILLIS: DECA 12; Human Relations Council 10, 11, 12; Grappling 11





DEBRA LYNN PINSON: DECA 10; FCA 10; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Band 10, 11, 12, Majorettes 10, 11, 12, Feature Twirler 11, 12; Girls' Basketball 10; Sioux Falls Exchange 12

TAMMY JO PINSON

LAWRENCE LEE PANNELL: Concert Choir 10, 11



CYNTHIA ANN PORTERFIELD: FTA 11; Human Relations Council 11; Red Cross 10, 11, 12

BELINDA BARBARA POTTER

BRENDA POTTER



JEFFREY HANS POWELL: Beta Club 11, 12; FBLA 12; FCA 12; Human Relations Council 10; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; SCA 10, 11, 12, Vice-President 12; SODA 11, 12; Varsity Club 11, 12, Treasurer 12; Sabre 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball Statistician 10, 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

CARLTON HUGHES PRICE, JR.: ROTC 10, 11; Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 10, 11; Track 12

DEBORAH KAY PRICE: Art Club 10; Red Cross 11, 12; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12, Secretary 12; Drama 11, 12



DIANNE ELIZABETH PRICE: Art Club 12; Girls' Club 11



EDWIN LEE PRICE: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; ROTC 10; JV Wrestling 11

College night finds senior Anne Cochran and her mother consulting admissions office from Radford College.

Senior spirit fills the air as Robin Anderson and Beth Weddle join the Class of '77 in competition cheers.



KENNETH L. PRICE: Chess Club 10, 11; FCA 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; JV Basketball 10; JV Football 10; Tennis 11, 12
REBECCA JEAN PUGH: Beta Club 11, 12; Class Treasurer 10; Class Vice-President 12; FCA 10, 11, 12, Vice-President 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; SCA 11, 12; Drama 12; Literary Magazine 11; Sabre 12; Cheerleaders 10, 11, 12, Secretary 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

ANTHONY DEWAYNE RAMEY: DECA 11; FCA 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 10, 11; Cross Country 12; JV Football 10; Track 10, 11, 12



RICHARD RAYMOND: ROTC 10, 11, 12; Literary Magazine 12, Art Editor 12

BECKY ANNE REYNOLDS: Art Club 11, 12; DECA 11; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Drama 10

TIMOTHY LEE REYNOLDS: Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Baseball Manager 10



GARY WAYNE ROBERTS: Beta Club 11, 12; DECA 12, Second Place Regional Sales Demonstration 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11

LINDSEY PHILLIP ROBERTSON, JR.: ROTC 10, 11

AMANDA FAYE ROBINSON: Human Relations Council 10, 11, 12; SODA 11, 12

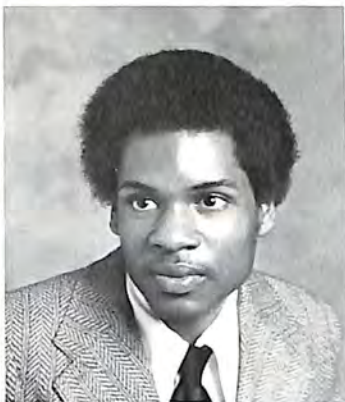


LINDA FAYE ROBINSON: FTA 11, 12; Girls' Club 11, 12, Vice-President 12; Human Relations Council 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Red Cross 11; Concert Choir 11, 12; Girls' Chorus 10; Symposium '77 12

MARY CATHERINE ROBSON: Beta Club 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12, Vice-President 12; All Regional Band 11, 12; Orchestra 12; Track 10

JOYCE ANNE ROCK





KENNETH L. ROOP: DECA 10, 11, 12
DARRYL S. RUDD: DECA 12; Concert Choir 10, 11, 12
TERESA LYNN RUSSELL: Beta Club 11, 12; COE 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10



BILLY JAMES SAMES: VICA 11, 12
PATRICIA R. SANDERLIN: Human Relations Council 10
AVA VERONICA SANDERS: Human Relations Council 10, 11



He may not be the smallest, but, at eighteen, he is the youngest person ever to receive the key to the city. The 6' 2", 220 pound football player joins the likes of Elvis Presley and Elizabeth Taylor as a recipient of the key to Roanoke City. "I received it as a token of appreciation from the High Street Baptist Church," explained Roy. He helped the choir programs in the High Street, the First Baptist, and the Bent Mountain churches. "It keeps me busy," added Roy, "and after three years of accompanying the church choirs, getting the key to the city is a special honor."

the key man

At the keyboard, senior Roy Hughes accompanies the choir during the awards assembly.



DIANE MARIE SARVER
PENNY GAYLE SAUNDERS
JEFFREY LEE SCHWARTZ: Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Golf 11

RODNEY ALLEN SCYPHERS

LISA ELAINE SHEPHERD: Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Sabre 10, 11, 12; Symposium '77 12

EARLE HAVEN SHUMATE: Beta Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Drama 12; Sabre 12; First Place Oratorical Contest 11; Honors Seminar 10; National Merit Commended Student 11; Quill and Scroll 12; Symposium '77 12



All dressed up for the prom, senior Jaime Tingler tries on her dress at Crossroads Mall's Sidney's.

cost of leaving

The funny thing about a free education is that it's not really free at all. Seniors found that out the hard way. Senior portraits averaged \$15, caps and gowns, \$6.50, and invitations at \$.16 each, another three or four dollars.

A publications subscription devoured \$11.80, a copy of the literary magazine meant another \$1.50, prom dress or tux rental, at least \$50. Senior banquets and breakfasts claimed another \$10, college applications at \$15 whittled away a \$50 bill in a hurry, and College Boards and Achievements took a big chunk out of another \$20. And the \$100 trip to the beach brought the tally to well over \$250.



DOUGLAS WAYNE SIMMONS: SODA 12
GLADYS ELAINE SLOAN: DECA 10, 11, 12
RICHARD ALDEN SMITH: ROTC 10, 11; JV Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Track 12



SANDRA CAROL SMITH: Modern Foreign Language Club 10

STEVEN GREGORY SMITH: Beta Club 11, 12, Treasurer 12; Class Vice-President 11; FCA 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 11, Treasurer 11; Sabre 12; JV Football 11, 12, All-Metro 11; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12
TARA LYNN SMITH: Beta Club 11, 12; Girls' Club 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; SCA 11, 12, Hall Chairman 11; Cheerleaders 10, 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12





TERESA DENISE SNOW: Girls' Club 11, 12; Human Relations Council 10, 11; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Red Cross 10, 11, 12; SCA 11, 12, Hall Chairman 12; Concert Choir 11; Grappling 10; Homecoming Court 10, 12, Queen 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

SHARON KAY SOWDER: DECA 12; Human Relations Council 10

JANET K. SPANGLER: Beta Club 11, 12; Latin Club 10; Modern Foreign Language Club 11; Sabre 12



DEBRA ALFERDA STANLEY

KATHY ANN STEPHENSON: Beta Club 11, 12, Vice-President 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Sabre 11, 12, Business Manager 12; Grappling 10

KATHY LYNN STINETT: DECA 11, 12



CATHY ANN STINETTE: Beta Club 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Girls' Club 10, 11, 12; Red Cross 10; Concert Choir 11; Girls' Chorus 10; Girls' Basketball 10, 11, 12; All-Metro Honorable Mention 12; Track 11, 12

TERESA DAWN STOKES: Grappling 10

CLARISIA STONE: Modern Foreign Language Club 11



SHERMAN MORRIS STOVALL: Human Relations Council 10; SCA 11, 12; Symposium '77 12

Combined efforts of varsity basketball player Darrell Davis and cheerleader Jeri Clevenger add points to the scoreboard during the Blacksburg pep assembly skit.

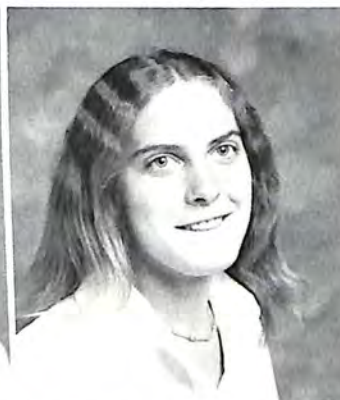
Springin' swingin' lures senior Kathy Stephenson for an afterschool frolic at Preston Park.



CYNTHIA G. SULLIVAN: Class Vice-President 11; FCA 10; Girls' Club 12; Sabrettes 10, 11; Tennis 10; Volleyball 10, 11
LISA MARLENE TERRY: Girls' Club 10; Band 10; Concert Choir 10
STEVEN ALTON THROCKMARTIN



JAIME DAWN TINGLER: Beta Club 11, 12; FTA 10, 11; Human Relations Council 11, 12; SCA 10, 11, 12; Band 10; Pep Band 10; Grap-pettes 10, 11; Volleyball 11; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12
PATTY A. TROUT: FHA 10, 12, Secretary 10
JAMES B. TRUSSELL: Art Club 10, 11, 12; ROTC 10, 11, 12

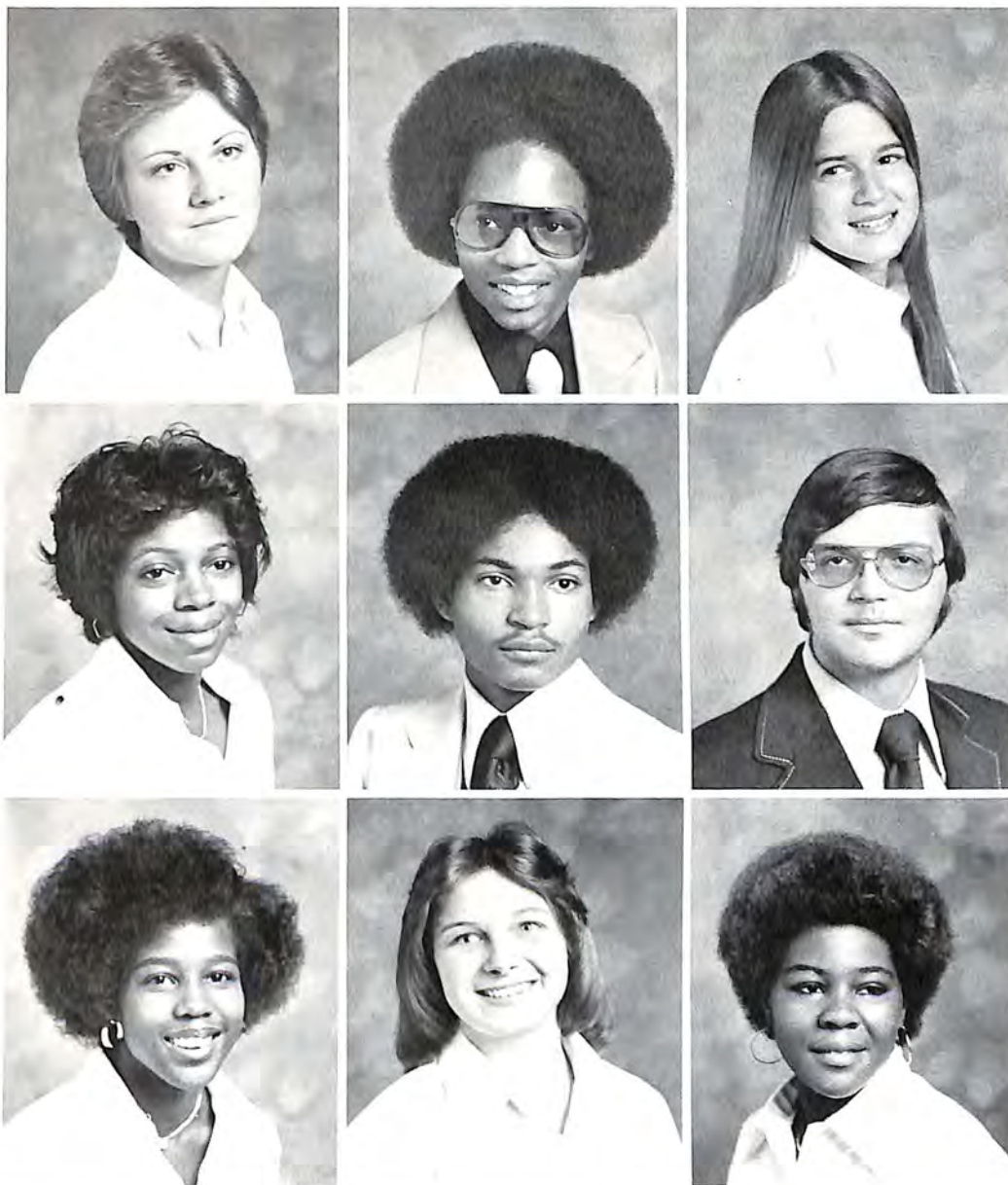


STEVEN DOUGLAS TUCK: FCA 12; SCA 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Secretary 12; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12
LYNN N. TURNBULL: DECA 10, 11
KATHY ANN UNDERWOOD



REBECCA JANE UNDERWOOD: FCA 10; Second Place Forensics Poetry Reading 12
ROBERT UNDERWOOD
DONNA VANESSA VARNER: COE 12; Human Relations Council 12; SODA 12





LORI ELLEN VAUGHT: Debating Team 11, 12; Human Relations Council 12; Red Cross 10, 11, 12, Vice-President 11; SCA 10, 11, Hall Chairman 11; Sabre 12; Symposium '77 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12.

TED VAUGHN

ROBIN LEIGH WADE: Girls' Club 10, 11; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11

KAREN WALKER

CLIFTON WADE WALLER: Chess Club 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; Red Cross 10, 11, 12

MICHAEL WAYNE WALLER: ROTC 10, 11; Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 10, 11, 12; Drama 12

SHERRI A. WARD: FCA 11, 12; SCA 11, 12

TINA MICHELLE WARD: Class Secretary 12; COE 12; Girls' Club 11, 12; Gymnastics 10; Cheerleaders 10, 11, 12; Christmas Court 11, 12; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

CAROLYN FAY WASHINGTON



It may not have been much to police officers, but to the **Colonel** staff, the loss was inestimable. The school had lived through a winter of thefts — basketballs, ice-cream bars, cameras, videotape machine, and money. One night, thieves hauled away the entire intercom system.

But on February 21, the theft of all of the yearbook pictures, pages, and negatives shook the school as none of the other robberies had. "Without the negatives, we can have no yearbook," pleaded yearbook adviser Miss Nancy Patterson over the intercom. After five days, the negatives showed up just as mysteriously as they had disappeared.

In preparation, Jay Hardie checks the Colonel Staff's negatives, returned after a week's disappearance.

lost and found

ERIC KEVIN WATKINS: Drama 10, 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10; Thespians 11, 12; JV Football 10; Track 10; Varsity Football 12

MARSHA LYNN WEBB: Art Club 10, 11; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11

JILL MARIE WEBER: Beta Club 11, 12; Class Vice-President 10, 11; DECA 11, 12, Vice President State Chapter 12; Girls' Club 12; Human Relations Council 10; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Red Cross 10, 11; SCA 10, 11, Co-Chairman 10, 11; Symposium '77 12

ELIZABETH ANN WEDDLE: COE 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Sabrettes 11; Grapplettes 10; Track 10; Homecoming Court 11; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

MICHAEL WEST: Baseball 12

EVELYN DORETHA WHEELER: COE 11, 12; Human Relations Council 12

JONATHAN EDWARD WHICHARD: FCA 10, 12; Varsity Club 11, 12; Concert Choir 10, 11; Drama 11, 12; Sabre 12; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; Varsity Wrestling 10, 11; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12

TIMOTHY E. WHITLOCK: Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12, Leader 12; Stage Band 11, 12; Drama 11, 12

MARK DONALD WIEBKE: Beta Club 11, 12; JV Football 10; Track 10, 11, 12



The latest news concerns seniors Clayton Fowler and Jeff Schwartz as they laugh and talk during the morning break.

If it were right on the tip of the tongue, nobody in Colonel country had much trouble spitting it out. Conversations focused on the changing of the school boundary lines, and the new voice on the intercom. As the year got underway, gossip included saving the Mill Mountain Zoo, the wedge haircut, upside-down glasses, Fleetwood Mac, and shiny colored lipstick. Others talked about ski-jackets, rain slickers, and flu shots.

The choicest topic of conversation was, of course, the opposite sex. Guys still talked about Linda Ronstadt and Natalie Cole. Girls' idols were a little closer home — Coach Mosser, Coach Oliver, and Coach Miller.



rap-up



Dressed 2000 years behind the times, Sarah and Carol Wilson watch the slave auction at the Latin banquet.



JAMES ERVIN WILLIAMS



KIM NATHANIEL WILLIAMS: Debating Team 10, 11; Projectionists' Club 12, President 12; Red Cross 10, 11, 12, Treasurer 10, President 12; Literary Magazine 12, Prose Editor 12

PATRICIA ANN WILLIAMS

RAYMOND E. WILLIAMS: VICA 11, 12



CAROL THERESA WILSON: Beta Club 11, 12, Secretary 12; FCA 12; Human Relations Council 11, 12; Modern Foreign Language Club 10, 11; SODA 12; Colonel 11, 12, Business Manager 12; Girls' Basketball Manager 10, 11, 12; Betty Crocker Homemaker Award 12; Quill and Scroll 12; Symposium '77 12

VAN ELBERT WILSON: Cross Country 11; Track 10, 11

LARRY DENNIS WOLFORD: Beta Club 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12, President 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Secretary 11, Chaplain 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12, Unsung Hero Award 10, All Metro 11; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12, Fred H. Smith Award 11; Sioux Falls Exchange 12; Symposium '77 12



DEBRA A. WOOD: Projectionists' Club 12

KAREN R. WOODS: FCA 10; Human Relations Council 12; Red Cross 10; Band 10, 11, All Regional 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Stage Band 11; Symposium '77 12

WILLIAM BENNY WOODS, JR.



BETTY LOU WORLEY: FCA 12; Girls' Club 10, 11, 12, Secretary 11, Treasurer 12; Red Cross 10; SCA 10; Concert Choir 10, 11; Girls' Chorus 10; Track 11; Christmas Court 10, 11; Homecoming Court 12

TRACY ELLEN WRENN: Girls' Club 10, 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 10; Sabrettes 11; Rifle Squad 12, Captain 12; Symposium '77 12

OLLIE HOLOMAN WRIGHT: Gymnastics 10, 12; Track 10

Jeff Abbott
Paul Adams
Cheryl Aesy
Gary Akers
Tricia Alderson
Doug Anderson



Ernest Anderson
Anita Arato
Cathy Argenbright
Jacquelyn Arnold
Juli Baker
Patricia Ball



Jeanne Bandy
Pat Barkheimer
Joan Barnes
Lorrie Beard
Lorice Bennett
Tim Benson



Robin Blanton
Lisa Blessard
Judy Board
Debra Booker
Doug Booth
Guy Bousman



Mad-hatter Chris Kopitzke flashes the poster he made for the Junior Class at the E.C. Glass pep assembly.





Linda Bowman
Tommy Bowman
David Boyens
Jay Brandon
Benita Brewer
Victor Bristow

Mike Brogan
Larry Broughman
Celestine Brower
Emily Brown
Jill Brown
Michael Brown



Everything glittered on prom night, but all that glittered was not gold, but chocolate. The Junior Class financed the prom by selling over 9,000 50¢ candy bars, reaping \$1,365 for their efforts. Linda Thomas, the top sales person, won a \$25 prize. The class also sponsored bingo games at Happy's Recreation Center, gaining \$450 profit on their best night.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Sissy Meador, Vice-President (Hart Hall); Sherry Shepherd, Treasurer; Bobby Ziogas, President; Kim French, Secretary; Janice Maner, Vice-President (Coulter Hall); Kathryn Conner, Vice-President (Camper Hall) (not pictured) Kelly Hildreth, Vice-President (Smith Hall).

the working class



Robin Brown
Mindy Brumfield
Valerie Bryant
Torrea Buckner
Debbi Burden
Darryl Burks

Deborah Byrd
Renee Caldwell
Terri Caldwell
Dwayne Cales
Arnita Campbell
Robert Campbell

Linwood Cannady
Cindy Carter
Lisa Carter
Phillip Carter
Carl Carty
Greg Cash

Robin Caywood
Mark Chilton
Craig Clark
Theresa Clements
Lucretia Collins
Janice Conner



Kathryn Conner
Karen Cook
Candy Craft
Sherry Craft
Michael Craighead
James Crockett



scenery change

People in pep assemblies still sing "in the heart of nature's wonder", but today, there is hardly any nature left at all. Woodrum Airport, Arrow Wood Apartments, Ferncliff Apartments, and Ruffner Junior High fence the school on all four sides. Further down the road, 7-11 stands as a haven for pinball wizards. In August, the opening of Hills tried to prove that there was something better than Best. But the mountains still "reared against the sky," although not in the heart of nature's wonder.

New neighbor to Colonel country, Hill's offers another change of scenery around Fleming.



Butch Crotty
Ricky Crouse
Ellison Curtis
Tho Dang
Billie Davis
Rudy Dearing



Ross Deaver
Cindy Deel
Kitty Dickerson
Ronnie Dooley
Susan Dowell
Jerry Drummond



Sharon Dudley
Bonnie Duncan
Leslie Dunnville
Ricky Durham
Ronda Durham
Darren Duschian





Andy Eckert
Mike Economy
Cathy Edwards
Robert Eggers
Danny Elliott
Anne Ellis



Jeff English
Lou Ann Eshleman
Beth Evans
Rhonda Evans
Kathy Farmer
Everett Feazell



Thomas Ferris
Susan Finley
Conny Finney
Gino Forrest
Sandra France
Kim French



Faith Galloway
Felicia Galloway
Cheri Gaylor
Kenny Goodman
Jack Gowen
Sharon Graham



Mark Grogan
Cindy Gross
Ronnie Ham



Ann Hardie
Pam Hardison
Barbara Harris



Gena Hartman
Rebecca Havens
Greg Hayes

Show-stopper Osborne Wheaton paces to the beat of the band as he directs it during half-time of the Halifax football game.

Jerry Hayes
Mike Heck
Mark Heptinstall
Kelly Hildreth
Mitzi Hodges
Mary Ellen Holdren



Suzanne Holdren
Mike Hollar
Kim Hooper
Angela Hopson
Robin Horton
Teresa Hughes



Tina Hunt
Jackie Hurd
Connie Hutton
David Jackson
Arnold Janney
John Jasper



Glenna Jefferson
Twanda Jennings
Darryl Johns
David Johnson
Eric Johnson
Lorye Johnson



Robin Johnson
Paula Jones
Milton Jordan
Jeff Journell
Cynthia Kasey
Doug Keith



Cross-campus communication finds juniors Arthur Williams and James Dudley talking to a friend on their walkie-talkie.





Decked-out in gauchos and boots, junior Kim French sports the latest fashion look as she waits for the bell after lunch.

'77 fashion focused not on what people wore, but on how much they wore. Long thermal underwear and three pairs of socks cornered the market of fashion as ice and snow dictated the look of the season. But when the chill factor wasn't hovering around zero, Colonels celebrated by dressing up. Fashion headliners included gauchos and cowlneck sweaters, leather boots and leather jackets for the girls. Guys sported corduroy Levi's and leisure shirts, adding pizzazz in a mostly denim world. Jimmy Carter might have taken his bluejeans to the White House in '77, but those in Colonel country definitely preferred a dressier look.



Bobby Kendrick
Roben King
Chris Kopitzke



Robin Kyle
James Lee
Megan Lewis



Karen Likens
Gary Litton
Rita Lloyd



Carmen Lockard
James Logan
Darlene Love



Jeff Lumsden
Jeff Lumsden
Janice Maner



Bobby Manning
Pam Manspile
Richard Markham



Dawn Marsh
Cindy Martin
Denise Martin

Alan Mason
Archie Mayo
Kathy Mayo
Mike Mayo
Connie McGuire
Roger McKinney



John McLain
Alfred Meador
Kathy Meador
Sissy Meador
Linda Miller
David Mitchell



Cheryl Monk
Debra Monroe
Betty Moody
Bobby Moore
Laura Morgan
Becky Morris



Angela Moses
Donnie Mowbray
Teresa Mundy
Sandy Munsey
Beth Myers
Sarah Myers



Rebecca Newman
Brigette Nichols
Clevie Nichols
Rebecca Nichols
Robbie Norris
Jeff Pace



status symbol

Diamonds are forever, and class rings are for, well, at least a little while. As early as September, juniors plunked down deposits for rings that cost from \$35 to \$70. Then, they counted the days until they had something to wear on their fingers besides a Tab top.

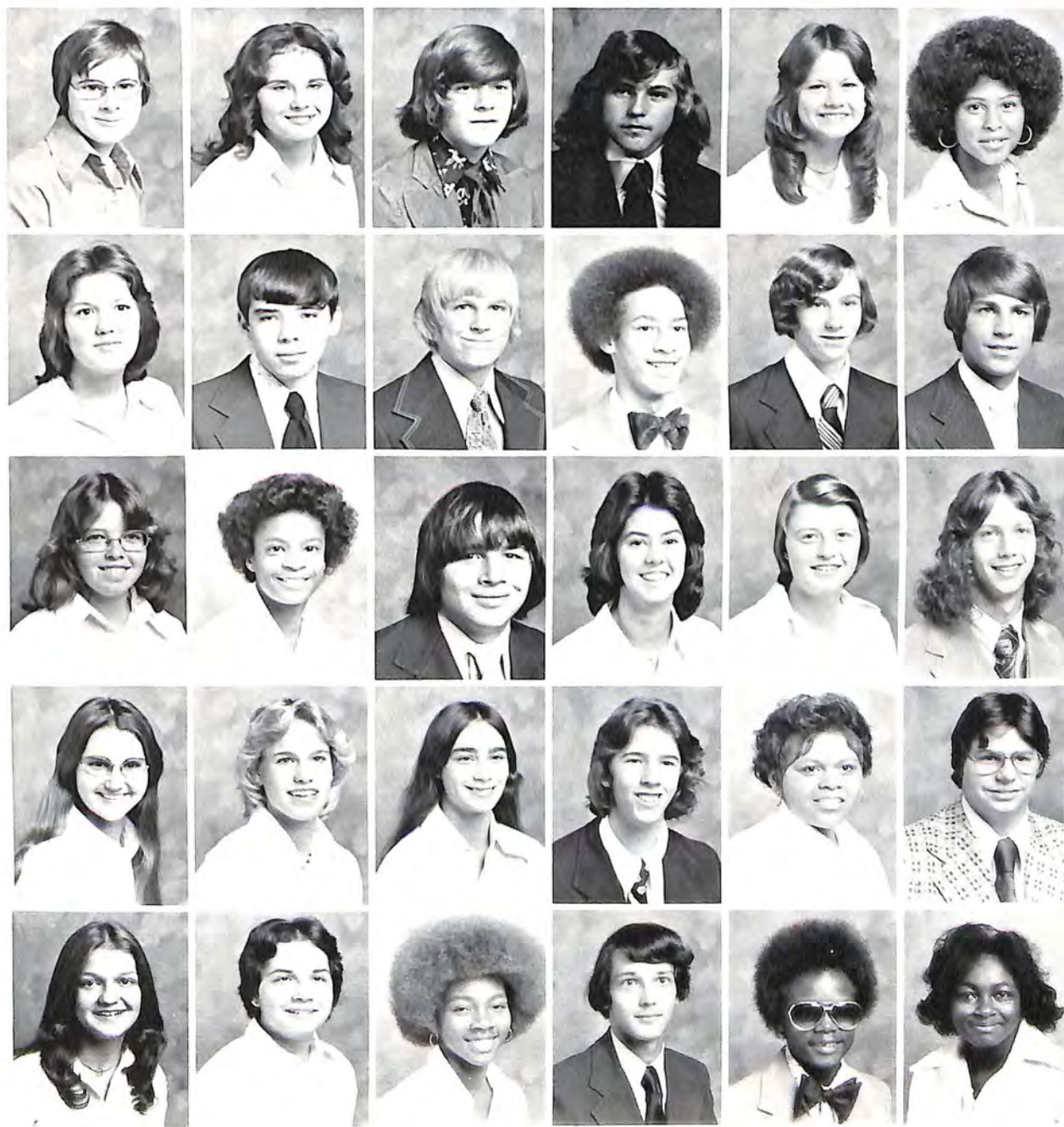
Approximately five percent of the girls in the Junior Class wore someone else's ring on their fingers. That announced to all the world that they had something besides eleven years of education under their thumbs.

Proud owners, juniors Karen Likens and Steve Via admire their class rings.





Warm welcomes await the varsity basketball team as junior team members Darryl Burks and Michael Thurman talk with Coach Eddie Burke during the FCA-sponsored party.



Annette Pakush
Kathy Palmer
Calvin Parker
Carlton Parr
Kelly Patrick
Deidre Perry

Pat Phillips
Harold Philpott
Mark Pinkard
Juan Powell
Mark Pratt
Bob Preddy

Debbie Pugh
Cynthia Pullen
Wayne Quinn
Tina Reavis
Annette Reed
Burton Reed

Sandra Reese
Susie Ribble
Donna Richards
Bill Richardson
Debra Richardson
Glen Richardson

Vickie Richardson
Linda Robbins
Margery Roberson
Mark Robertson
Robert Robertson
Deborah Robinson

Wesley Robertson
Kevin Robinson
Matthew Ross



Walter Rosser
Robert Saunders
Charlyne Seaman



Sherry Shepherd
Kathy Simmons
Vickie Simpson



Dwayne Slough
Robin Slusher
Billy Smith



Donna Smith
Lou Smith
Maria Smith



Dpn Southern
Iris Stamper
Kim Stanley



Gloria St. Clair
Joann Stephens
Dinah Stevens



cutting corners



On the job, a carpenter from Colonial Installation adds finishing touches to the new Smith Hall GE rooms. The entire campus took on a new look as construction workers added on to the cafeteria and the central office.

It is hard to head for the wide open spaces around school these days. The spaces seemed to close in with the last of the GE rooms. The first addition to the campus took place in Hart Hall. Then Coulter Hall and Camper Halls quickly followed suit. The last of the GE rooms met its demise in early October as Smith Hall said goodbye to its wide open space and hello to two oversize classrooms and offices for the DE Department. Though some Colonels complained, not everyone was sorry to see it go. Miss Claudia Geiger, German teacher, said that "more classrooms meant better facilities." But most students still longed for the day when GE was more than just a name on a refrigerator.



April Stiff
Lesley Stultz
Cindy Sweet
Barbara Tames
Sandra Thompson
Sandra Thompson



Vicki Throckmartin
Hunt Turner
Wayne Turner
Steve Via
Cindy Vier
Archie Waldron



Mike Walters
Denise Washington
Barry Weiler
Donna Welcher
Gary West
Faye White



David Whittaker
Alan Wilhelm
Lorenza Williams
Debbie Williamson
Angie Wilson
Jeff Wilson



Diane Wimbush
Greg Wirt
Sarah Wooldridge
Linda Wray
Ann Wright
Cheryl Wright



Renee Young



Bobby Ziogas

Tug-of-war games find flamingo football team members Robin Slusher and Terri Caldwell stopping Kurt Kreider from gaining extra yards.

Donna Akers
Timothy Allen
David Amos
Sheri Anders
Cynthia Anderson
Joyce Anderson



Mary Anderson
Nancy Anderson
Cindy Arato
Martha Argabright
Tony Arrington
Mark Atherton



Jackie Austin
Kathy Ayers
Kathy Baker
Bobby Bandy
Neil Basham
Deborah Bass



Billy Batts
Felix Beckham
Raymond Belcher
Darryl Bennett
Lynne Bennett
Rodney Bennett



up and coming

If it's true that there's strength in numbers, the Sophomore Class had to be the strongest group ever to invade Colonel country. But 601 other people in the same boat didn't help shake away butterflies on Orientation Day. Between the teasing of seniors and juniors, the switch from junior to senior high school, and the maze of the larger campus to figure out, sophomores had their hands full.

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — (front row) Mary Coles, Treasurer; Tina Durham, President; Debbie Godsey, Secretary (back row) David Woods, Vice-President (Smith Hall); Jeff Jones, Vice-President (Hart Hall); Vernon Claytor, Vice-President (Coulter Hall) (not pictured) Kathy Kopitzke, Vice-President (Camper Hall).



Vivian Bennett
Deidra Bethel
Patrice Beverly
Ricky Bias
Pat Blankenship
Teresa Blankenship





In competition, during the class cheers of the Heritage basketball pep assembly, Tammy Guarrant, Penny Roberson, and Florean Witcher show sophomores have spirit, too.



Jeffrey Blessard



Janet Bond



Cheryl Booth
Dean Bowman
Teresa Bowman
Dona Branagan
Lynne Breene
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Phyllis Brewster
Sylvia Brooks
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Venice Burton
Cindy Bush
Lois Byrd
Brenda Calloway
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Patricia Chafin
Richard Chambers
Glenette Charles
Jenetta Cherry

Ricky Cherry
Judy Chittum
Cindy Clark
Eddie Clark
Louise Clark
Vernon Claytor



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Earnest Cobbs
Susan Cochran
Casper Coles
Mary Coles
Michael Coles



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Jonathan Compton
David Conner
Melody Cornwell
Glenn Cowden



Tina Cox
Ronnie Creasy
Sandra Creasy
David Crouse
Lesia Dailey
Paul Dallas



Roberta Dalton
Doug Davis
Shelia Davis
Beth Day
Charles Day
Jay Day



pillow talk

Naps are not only for cats and kids. Colonels claim their fair share of them, too. Although some stayed awake until their favorite soap opera, **Another World**, went off, others went home and napped until **The Brady Bunch** came on at four. Although forty winks usually lasted no more than thirty minutes, it gave second wind to the nappers who averaged six hours of shut-eye on school nights.

Surprisingly, weekends offered no haven for those hungry for sleep. Colonels averaged only five hours of sleep on the weekends.

Taking forty winks, sophomore Raymond Perry puts his homework off as he catches up on his sleep.





Puttin' it away, sophomore Ricky Bias scores two points in the JV game against Northside.



Jimmy Dean
Marcia Deweese



Donald Dickerson
Patti Dillon



Mark Dodson
Dolores Downs
Linda Duckett
Glynn Dudley
Tina Durham
Billy Eakin



David Early
Michelle Easley
Rebecca Eastwood
Joyce Elliott
Jody Ellis
Ann Entsminger



Lester Entsminger
David Fairfax
Larry Fallen
Joan Falls
Terri Ferguson
Terri Firebaugh



Beverly Fitzgerald
Meri Fleisher
Barbra Flippen
Melanie Ford
Shelly Foster
Trina Foxx

Laurie Fraim
Tim Frame
Jamie Frazier
Robin Frederick
Richard Freeman
Sharon Gasper



Steve Gibson
Fred Gill
Becky Gilmore
Frank Glover
Debbie Godsey
Freddy Graham



winged warrior

The "greatest crime fighter the world has ever known" is not the only thing that Kenney's sponsored. The makers of "Great American Chicken" also offered a reward for good grades. One A was good for a small Coke. Two A's meant french fries as well. A trio of A's added a cheeseburger. Straight A's took home the grand prize — a Doozie and a milkshake. Although crime did run rampant through Midland City, straight A's did not exactly run rampant down Williamson Road.

Straight A's reap a Doozie and a milkshake for sophomore John Ruble at Kenney's on Williamson Road.



Chris Gray
LaTonyah Gray
Sandra Greenway
David Greer
Chuck Griffin
Dean Grinnell



Mark Hale
Pamela Hale
Darlene Hancock
Timothy Harper
Barbara Harris
Rhonda Harris



Teri Hairston
Barbaree Hartinger
David Hash
Glen Havenner
Debra Hawkins
Duane Hawks





Lee Heck
Gene Hedge
Iva Herndon
Kelly Herndon
Jeff Hicks
John Highberger



Glenn Hill
David Hodge
Jodie Holdway
Lynne Holland
Phyllis Hostetter
Phillip Howard



Jeffrey Howell
Kay Hoyle
Dorise Hurley
Otey Hutton
Curtis Jackson
Von Jackson



Carol James
Scott Jenkins
Todd Jenkins
Keith Jennings
Michael Johnson
Veronica Johnson



Wendy Johnson
Chantay Jones
James Jones
Jeffrey Jones
Lisa Jones
Wanda Jones



Vital statistics needed for the Central Office claim sophomore Stanley Stuart's attention on Orientation Day for sophomores.

Zina Jones
Dawn Jumper
Chris Karageorge
Toni Keeling
Gary Kelley
William Kenyon



Robert Kimberlin
Dwayne Kingery
Lori Kitts
Kathy Kopitzke
William Langhorn
Kathy LaPradd



Ronald Larry
Kevin Lee
Paula Lee
Orbia Leffel
Pamela Lemon
Joyce Leonard



Jackie Lester
Karen Lester
Wanda Lomax
Dale Lovejoy
Rosita Mack
Diana Maner



Paul Manning
Mike Martin
Nathan Martin
Scott Martin
Beverly Maxfield
Mike Mayo



Terri Mayo
Jay McAllister



Maggie McBride



Setting up for picture printing, sophomore Keith Jennings adjusts his enlarger in his photography class.





William McDaniel
Kevin Meador
Terrie Meadows
Frank Miller
Marty Miller
Patti Mills

Louann Millsaps
Todd Minnich
Linda Mitchell
Sarah Mitchell
Charles Moore
Dawn Moore



Colonels watched the television an average of twenty hours a week. **Gone With the Wind** and **Roots** gained the lion's share of audiences, but weekly series had special moments, too. John Boy left Walton's Mountain for New York City, and Mary Tyler Moore left the WJM-TV newsroom.

As **Charlie's Angels** took over, the Farrah Fawcett look came into vogue. And **Kojak** stayed popular, though his hair style didn't.

Another World-watching becomes an addiction for soap opera fans Carmilla and Clarissa Tyree as they pay close attention to the television.

prime time



Sherry Moran
Carson Morris
Patty Morris
Bryan Morton
T. R. Moxley
Kelly Mullins

Brian Munsey
Paula Murray
Cynthia Muse
Robin Muse
Valerie Muse
Jennifer Musser

Debbie Myers
Alan Nichols
Beverly Noell
Michael Old
David Ovenshire
Linda Overstreet

Julie Owen
Lisa Owen
Carol Pacetti



Bill Padgett
William Painter
Charlene Parks



Terri Payne
Bryan Peerman
Kenneth Pendleton



Raymond Perry
Deborah Peters
Gwyn Peters



Teresa Piner
Gary Poindexter
Jackie Powell



Michael Preston
Rory Preston
Cassandra Price



Beth Prillaman
Cheryl Pring
Derrick Pullen



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candle
than
to
curse
the
darkness**

The Christopher Motto

Words to the wise, a poster in Coulter Hall provides an optimistic message.

Call them the signs of the times. Some were serious, even somber. Some almost seemed to make the reader snicker. Happiness seemed to be the subject of many of the posters plastered to the walls of Fleming. "I'm glad you're here," one said. "It helps me realize how beautiful my world is." Another read, "Happy are those who dream dreams, and are ready to pay the price to make them come true."

"Happiness is like a butterfly," still another read. "The more you chase it, the more it will elude you; if you turn your mind to other things, it will come quietly and sit on your shoulders." Still another poster put happiness in even better perspective. "Happiness," the poster reminded, "is not being a turkey on Thanksgiving."

hang-ups



Sharon Ramey
Jon Ramsey
Greg Reavis
Debra Redman
Donald Reed
T. T. Reynolds



Wayne Rock
Christi Roseberry
Jack Rowland
Joseph Ruben
John Ruble
Mark Salmon



Donna Saul
Robin Saunders
Sam Sayers
Yvonne Seaman
Leslie Shifflett
Jerri Shinault



Angela Shipwash
Carol Shrader
Cindy Shull
Debra Simmons
Sammy Simmons
Carlton Simpson



Mark Sink
Rose Sink
Roger Sluder
Chester Smith
Cora Smith
Jeff Smith



Virgie Smith



Tony Smithers

On the way, sophomores and juniors head off their buses for first period classes.

Breaking up is hard to do for sophomore Tina Durham as she attempts to burst a Spanish pinata at the Modern Foreign Language Christmas Banquet.



Tracy Snellings.
Marsha Snyder



Linda Spangler
Ronald Sparks



Robert Sparrow
Dallas Stacy
Sammye Staples
Cindy St. Clair
Vicki St. Clair
Donna Stinnett



Rhonda Story
Theresa Stover
Bertha Strange
Cathy Stuart
Mildred Sullivan
Donnie Sutliff



Michael Swain
Wayne Sweeney
Benita Taylor
Cecil Taylor
Kevin Terry
Vickie Terry



Brenda Thompson
Angela Thornhill
Dennis Thornhill
Karan Throckmartin
Lorrie Thurman
Casena Thurston



Kelly Towriss
Mike Tuck
Vicky Tucker
Roger Turnbull
Tami Turnbull
Carmilla Tyree





Clarissa Tyree
Richard Underwood
Gerald Vaughn
Mike Victorine
Kevin Walker
Toni Ward



Lisa Watkins
Dale Webb
Ricky Weddle
Robyn Weeks
Emily Westbrook
Elsie Wheeler



Michael Whichard
Richard White
Stephanie White
Teresa Whitlock
Robin Whitson
Tammy Wilkinson



Debbie Williams
Tammie Williams
Joey Williamson
Doris Wolfe
David Woods
Suzanne Woodson



Dana Wright
Joyce Wright
Robert Wright
Gary Yates
Ronald Young
DeWayne Zirkle



If you're looking for a Tom, Dick or Harry, better cast your eyes in a different direction. The Fleming roster prefers Michael, David, and James — with forty-one Michaels, thirty-six Davids, and twenty-six James. For girls, twenty-six Debbies, twenty-six Cindys, and twenty-two Kathys topped the list. How does the common-namer feel about his namesake? "I usually don't mind," said sophomore Kathy Baker, "but it does annoy me when I walk down the hall, hear my name, and see ten other girls turn around to see who's calling them."

Most-popular in the list of common names, Debbie, Cathy, Michael, and David appear on plant pots in Andy's at Crossroads Mall.

name calling

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MR. HARTWELL PHILIPS: Coulter Hall Dean
MRS. LYNNE C. AGEE: Physical Education, Girls' Basketball
MRS. ANNE M. AKERS: Business, Business Club



sizing it up

The kick-off for Self Study '76-'77 finds Roanoke City School Board member Lewis Nelson addressing the Steering Committees for the evaluation.

A school judges its students every day, but every ten years, the school itself faces an examination. In preparation for the arrival next April of a panel of educators selected and coordinated by the State Department of Education, the faculty began its self-study in November.

Mrs. Mary Allen and Mr. Kenneth Weddle, co-chairmen of the self-study, divided the faculty into twenty-six committees that met regularly. "It never hurts to look at yourself," said Mrs. Allen.



MRS. MARY S. ALLEN: Mathematics, Co-Chairman Faculty Social Committee, Co-Chairman School Self Study, Red Cross

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MR. CHARLES L. ARRINGTON: English

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MR. ROBERT J. EVANS: Industrial Arts

String fever lures Mr. David Lipps to join in as he leads his violin class in rehearsal.

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MR. RAY C. LARGO: English, Beta Club, Human Relations Council
MR. VICTOR R. LAYMAN: Science



behind the scenes



At the helm, Dr. M. Don Pack proposes budget cuts at a Roanoke City School Board meeting.

Some might think of the Board of Education as a plywood paddle used on unruly children in the elementary grades. But those in the know see it as a panel of seven men and women who give countless hours of free service to the school system. Headed by Dr. Wendell H. Butler, father of four William Fleming graduates, the Board of Roanoke City Public Schools met regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. "But those meetings were just the beginning," said Board member Daniel E. Wooldridge. "With annexation, dispute over boundary lines, budget studies, and special committee meetings, Board members were often on call several nights a week."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. M. Don Pack called the Board members "some of the most dedicated people I've ever known. No one realizes the number of hours they give, often without so much as a thank-you," he said.



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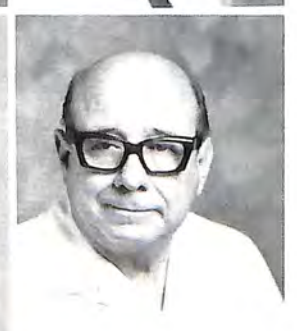
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MRS. JOYCE H. TROUT: English, Senior Class
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MISS BERTHA WHITE: Physical Education
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MS. ELAINE H. WINGATE: Distributive Education, Fashion Merchandising, DECA
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MRS. JOANN B. PEAKE: Activities Office Secretary



MRS. MARY R. PILSON: Central Office Secretary
MISS FRANCES L. SANDERSON: Central Office Secretary
MS. PHYLLIS C. WILLIAMS: Guidance Secretary
MR. TRAVIS HARISTON: Building Manager



On the agenda, REA president Mrs. Lynn Thompson addresses the Roanoke City School Board about budget cuts.

They may not take home straight A's anymore, but the faculty members distinguished themselves on other honor rolls. Mrs. Mary Allen and Mrs. Beth Brooks have both served as presidents of the Roanoke Education Association, and Mrs. Lynn Thompson wielded the gavel this year. Mr. Charles Arrington, Mr. Eddie Burke, Miss Nancy Patterson, Mrs. Linda Wakeland, and Mr. James C. Wood — have been cited as Roanoke Valley Outstanding Young Educators (only one is chosen from the Valley each year).

honor roll





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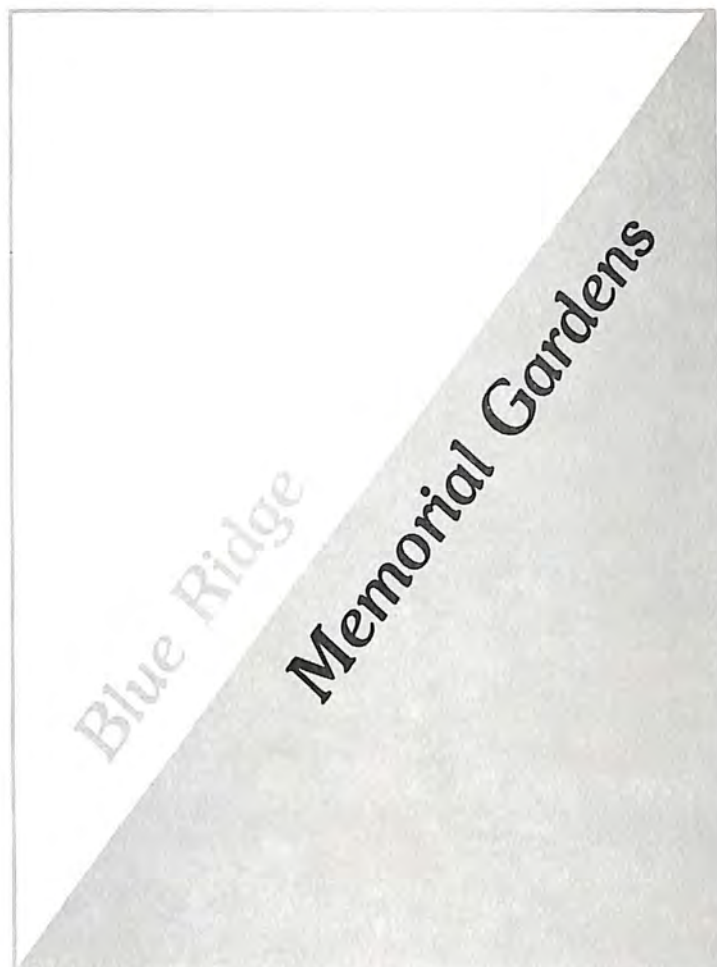
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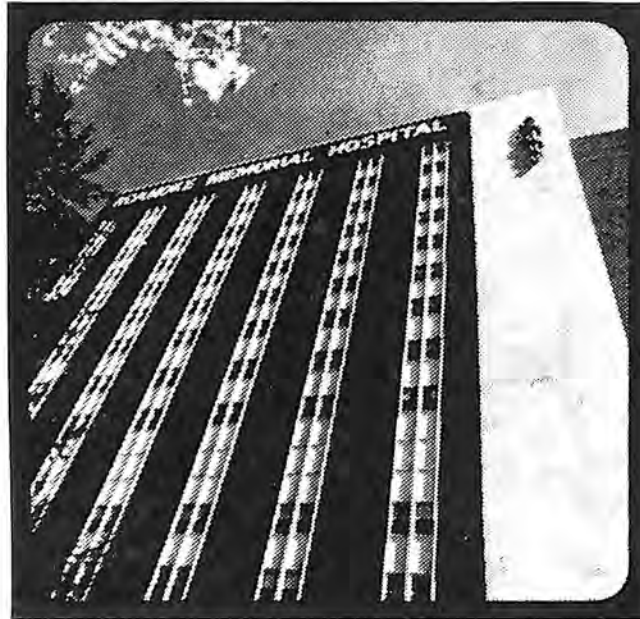
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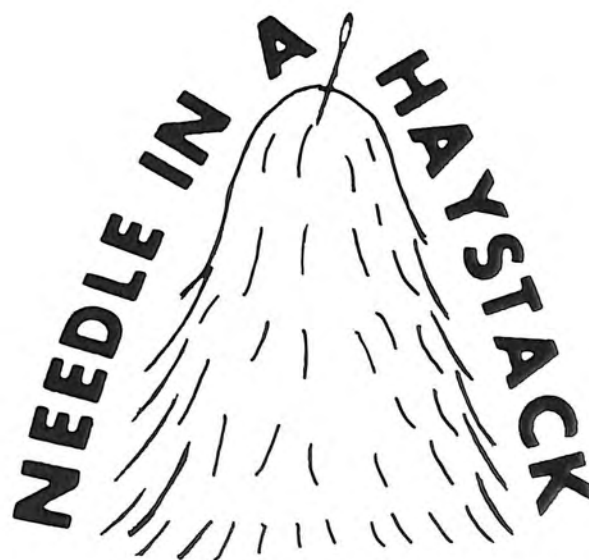
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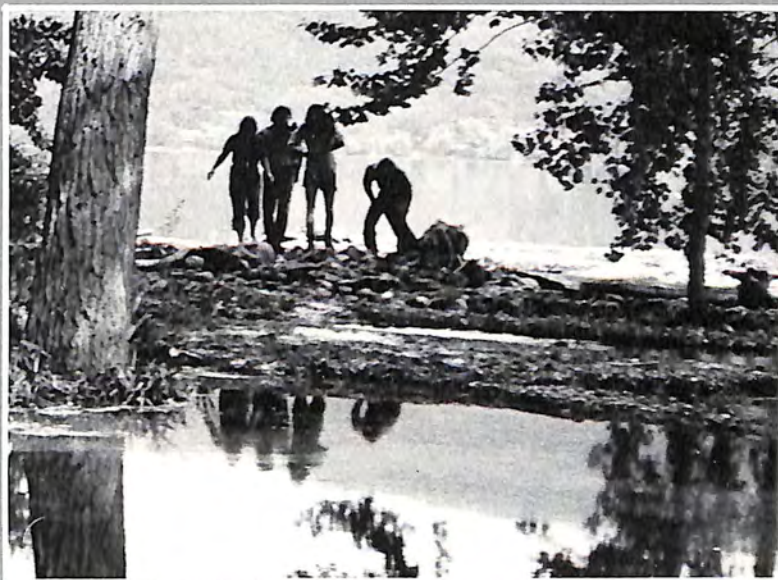
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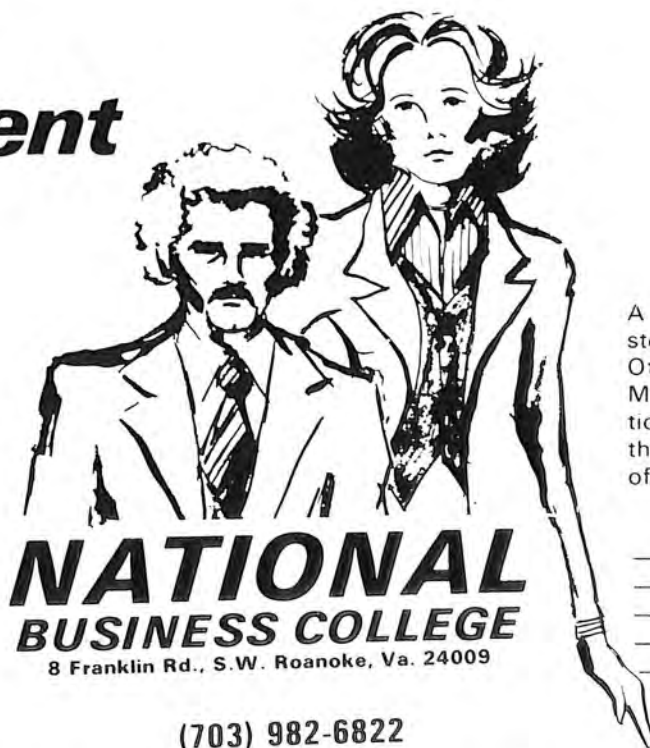
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It was only a poster, tacked to a cork bulletin board with four white tacks. But it said a lot about the man who tacked it there. "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day," Mr. Charles Arrington's poster said. "But teach a man how to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."

For fifteen years as an English teacher and two as Dean of Hart Hall, Mr. Arrington lived by that philosophy. In a time when the public cries out that "Johnny can't write," Mr. Arrington made sure that his "Johnnies" could. Words were for him more than little marks on paper. To make sure his students knew the power of words and used them carefully, he made as many red marks on a theme as his students had penned black ones.

He knew that, most of all, words were meant to make people feel good about themselves, to chuckle, to laugh, to find courage to succeed. And he never forgot their power to heal hurts. But there were some feelings that even for him defied words . . . the look in his eyes when he heard of a student doing well in college English (and almost everyone in his composition class did)



needed no words to explain it.

He was so much a part of Fleming that he will be thought of often. The wrappers of Reese Cups, which he loved, a sentence worded well enough to make one stop and notice, a joke that he would have liked and shared, bring him to mind frequently. But most of all, one thinks of him with all the people that will eat a lifetime because he cared enough to "teach them how to fish."

It is the kind of immortality he would have wanted.

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Standing up for the Colonels, Pamela Kasey and Tracy Barnett join the crowd as they cheer for a Colonel score against Andrew Lewis in football.

All tied-up, junior Sarah Myers laces her shoes minutes before the fifth period bell rings.



Clowning around with her new friend from the Baptist Childrens' Home, junior Frankye Holland participates in an FCA-sponsored project.

Autumn air surrounds Kelly Hildreth and Lori Vaught as they talk during lunch on an unusually warm October morning.



'77 was a year that nobody had expected. It was a quiet year, but one when **Rocky**, **Roots**, and Bootsie left echoes everywhere they went, when Seattle Slew inched his way to the Triple Crown and the Trailblazers shook the NBA. It was a winter when snow blanketed all fifty states, and a spring when a bear came out of hibernation to visit the Star City. In Colonel Country, '77 was not a booming year like its one-year-old brother, but it wasn't the nothing year people expected, either. It was a surprise package wrapped up in blue denim, white formals, football jerseys, and turn-of-the-century costumes. It was a year tied up with something far more than leftovers.

'Not a nothing year'



Out in front of the Colonel crowd, cheer-leading mascots Kari Wood and Laura Ann Rosenbaum take charge of the chants at the Northside basketball game.

Like March, the year came
in like a lion, went out like
a lamb. It had been a quiet,
gentle sort of year, but poets
and philosophers all say —
nothing is so strong as gentle-
ness, nothing is so gentle
as real strength.

Those who had been together
sat in mortarboards hoping
that real friendship wouldn't
be broken by the turning of a
tassel, that memories wouldn't
end with the last strains of
"Pomp and Circumstance".

It was a quiet year that
shouted for the strength to
hold on to one another, but
whispered for the courage to
let one another go.

'Shouting . . . over a quiet year'

"Shalom" brings graduation to a close as
Kerry Armentrout and James Arnold listen
just before tassel turning.



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