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Cao-thien-Tin (above), an eighth grade student, started coming to Ruffner this year. He is from Saigon in Vietnam.


1976 Beta Tappees pose.


This RUFFNER ROCK represents William Ruffner Junior High School's sixth year. These six years have brought some terrific changes to our school.

Our school was named after the first State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Virginia, Dr. William H. Ruffner. Dr. Ruffner also was a chaplain, a pastor, and a geologist.

The names "Saints" and "Ruffner Rock" were derived from Dr. Ruffner's last two vocations.


William Ruffner Junior High School Roanoke, Virginia


# THE RUFFNER ROCK <br> 1976 

## Dedication Of The 1976 Rock

This year, as always, the staff had a difficult decision as to whom we should dedicate this yearbook. But as always, we came up with an outstanding teacher.

This teacher works hard to help students with their problems. This person has a pleasing personality, and she gets along well with all of the student body here at Ruffner.

She is a very kind teacher with a cheerful smile and a strong sense of responsibility toward her students. So, since she teacher English so well, we, the yearbook staff, would like to show our appreciation by dedicating this 1976 Ruffner Rock and our love to Mrs. Eddie H. Hardy.


MRS. EDDIE H. HARDY




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Faculty Choir at Christmas Assembly

## FACULTYAND STAFF



Charles W. Day Principal


Howard E. Burke Assistant Principal

## Administration

Mrs. Inez V. Heinz Secretary

Mrs. Ollie R. Naff Secretary

Mrs. Janet S. Furry Teacher Assistant

Miss Jill J. Old Clerical Assistant


Hall Duty


Miss Barbara G. Landon Tutor


Faculty vs. Varsity, 53-48





> Mrs. Susan R. Kummer Guidance Counselor




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Roland T. Lovelace
Roland T. Lovelac
Social Studies
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Leake
English Substitute

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Steve Hampton
Building Manager


Mrs. Vera H. Turpin Operational Services

## Cafeteria And Maintenance Staffs



On a break are Ruffner's efficient night staffers: Buford A. French and James W. Booker. Absent: Maudie Lawton and Charles Whitlow.


Faculty Lunch Table




Seventh Grade Exploratory Class with Mrs. Van Lear

## CLASSES



SCA REPRESENTATIVES: 1st Row: K. Walker, L. Barnett, T. Allen; 2nd Row: A. Shipwash, J. Frazier, V. Johnson, C. Parks, R. Sparrow.

## Freshmen

## Mike Abrams

Tim Allen
Howard Altis
Sheri Anders
Martha Argabright

Tony Arrington Mark Atherton Lisa Barnett Deborah Bass Kathy Becks

Johnny Bell Cora Bennett Thomas Berry George Blankenship Joy Bonds

Orlonza Brewer Sylvia Brooks Tracy Brooks Leo Brown Sheila Broyles



Jimmy Bulls
William Burnett
Lois Byrd
Darryl Cain
Porshell Carter

James Carty Pat Chafin Judy Chittum Eddie Clark Jeri Clevenger

Michael Coles Connie Collins Teresa Collins Thomas Cook Tina Cox

Warren Craft
Alan Croxson
Paul Dallas
Susan Darragh
John Davis

Beth Day
Tammy Deeds Marcia DeWeese Patricia DeWeese
Jimmy Dews

Donald Dickerson
Annie Dillon
Helen Dillon
Patti Dillon
Marilyn Dooley


Gene Hedge
Jeff Hicks
Tina Holman
Paul Horton
Kay Hoyle

## Dorise Hurley

Curtis Jackson
Nathan Jackson
Yvonne Jackson
Scott Jenkins


Cecil Taylor
Brenda Thompson Angela Thormhill Kelly Towriss
Roger Tumbull


Robyn Weeks Clifton Wheeler Mike Whichard Stephanie White Roger Whiteside <br> \section*{\section*{Freshpersons <br> \section*{\section*{Freshpersons <br> <br> in Classes} <br> <br> in Classes}

English students work on spelling.


Karen Williams David Woods
Suzanne Woodson



SCA REPRESENTA TIVES: S. Hayes, W. Owens, J. Austin, K. Baker, T. Fowler, K. Turner, T. Brown.

## Eighth Grade

Jay Abbott
Tammy Akers Cedric Alexander Ronald Alexander Cynthia Allen Brenda Altice

Herman Amos Cathy Anderson Sylvia Andrews Tammy Argenbright Teresa Askew Joe Austin

## Katie Baker

Lori Baker Jeff Barnett
Kim Barnette
Tammy Blanchett
Dorothy Blaney

Alan Blankenship Bridgette Bonds Sidney Bonds Charlotte Boyd Christine Brandon Keith Brewer

## Maria Brooks

Dee Ann Brown Edwin Brown Lynn Brown Marcus Brown
Robert Brown



Tina Brown
Deffrey Buckner Judy Burnett Jimmy Burnett Donna Burrow Bruce Bryant

Bernard Campbell Bernice Campbell Connie Carter Terry Carter Vanessa Carter Howard Childress

Herbert Clark Robert Clemons Jackie Coles James Coles Jimmy Collins Winston Corbett

Lee Craft
Kerry Crowder Neal Cunningham William Dews Rodney Dickerson Tracy Dickerson

## Debra Dooley

Steven Dowe
Timothy Duncan
Greg Dyer
Andrea Edwards
Timothy Edwards

Robert Elkins
David Fagg
Walter Ferguson
Tony Foster
Terrie Fowler
Marie Fracker

Kenny Fuller Jerry Galloway
Demare Gill
Patsy Gills
Sandra Givens
Michael Gravely

Dawn Grinnell
Deborah Gross
Crystal Guilliams
Ken Hairston
Pamela Hairston
Rosialee Hale

Charles Hall
Dawn Harris
Mark Harris
Shelby Harris
Stefon Harris
Sherl Harrison


Wanda Hash David Havens Tonya Hayden Sammy Hayes Laura Heath Bobby Henritze

Junior Hensley Martha Herndon Desmond Hicks Karen Hill
Terri Hill
Rodger Hogan

Linda Holman
Teresa Holman
Ray Hopson Virgie Howell Yuri Hughes James Hurt

## Roger Hurt

Kathy Hutchinson
Shelby Hylton Rosemary Jackson David James Teresa Jeffries

Alan Johns
Robert Johnson Sherri Johnson Eugene Jones Harold Jones
Rhonda Jones

Rhonda Jones Shelley Jones Greg Jordan Bobby Kasey Byron Kasey Billy LaBrie

Jon Lackland Belinda Larry Lois Larue Lula Lawton Connie Leffel Louise Lilly

Lisa Linton Tina Lloyd Sandra Lovell Virginia Lyle Vincent McCormick Karen McGuire

Sandra McGuire Raymond Manns Gary Markham Judy Maxie Cedric Mayo Darryl Mayo


Timmy Nichols
Vickie Nunley
Kathy Offield
Eric Otey
Mark Otey
Debbie Overstreet

Billy Owens
Cindy Palmer
Debra Palmer
Robert Parsley
Vanessa Paschall
Teresa Patsel

Dianne Payne
Tommy Payne Mike Pegram
Rex Phillips
Wanda Piner
Donna Poff

Howard Poindexter Vanessa Preston Ricky Price Jenine Pritchett Vicki Pruitt
Terri Pugh

Frank Quinn Angela Rader Juanita Rakes Tracy Richardson Wyona Rickman Robert Rice

Ellen Roberts Reggie Robins Dana Robinson Carlisa Rose
Anthony Saunders
David Saunders

Monty Schrader
Gary Scott
Susan Shaffer
Renee Shelton
Jo Ann Shinault
Debra Shockley


Jeannie Showalter Barbara Simmons Arthur Simpson Sherri Sizemore Cindy Slough Lynn Smith

Sharon Smith William Smith Yvonnie Smith Chris Snodgrass Karen Stanley Jane Stinnette

Sarah Stover Kathy Swain William Sweeney Julie Tames Richard Taylor Ronald Taylor

Sheila Taylor Winfred Terry Billy Thomas Charles Thomas Herbert Thomas Sandra Thomas

Debra Thomason
Eddie Thompson Sheri Thompson
Tony Thompson
Anthony Thurman
Eric Traylor

Ronnie Trussell
Kaye Turner Valarie Turner Gary Turpin Kevin Tyler Bryan Underwood

Claude Underwood Tracy Underwood Carolyn Wade Johnny Walker Stefon Walker
Teresa Walker

Cindy Ward Alvin Washington Joan West Dean Wheeler Michael Wheeling Cindy White

Marlene Whitlock Nancy Whitlock John Whitt
Dwayne Williams Helen Williams
Terry Williams


## Looking at the Eighth Graders

Once upon a time . . .



SCA REPRESENTA TIVES: 1st Row: S. Williams, S. Terry, T. Taylor, S. Page; 2nd Row: P. Kasey, J. Pegram, M. Hurt, W. Golden, V. Stockton, M. Randolph, S. Rose.

## Seventh Grade

## Gerald Adams <br> Tammy Akers Christine Anderson Sydney Arrington Neal Arthur <br> Tony Barksdale

> Pam Barlow Eddie Barnett Penny Barnett Tommy Baugh Tina Beatty Barry Belcher

Tony Berry John Blaney Dana Board Melanie Bobbitt Anna Boggs Anthony Borzotra

Reggie Brandon Terry Breeding Darrel Brinkley William Brooks Christine Brown Jane Broyles

Stephanie Buckner Jean Bulls James Bundick Doug Ruyton Annette Burwell Lorette Bushnell



Vickie Campbell
Tony Cardwell
Libby Carter
Rosalind Carter
Cindy Carty
Rudolph Cheesboro

Susan Chewning Michael Childress Jody Clark
Gwen Claytor Michael Claytor Jinnmy Clemmer

Art Copen
Sandra Cormell Jeannie Cotton Katrina Craft Steve Craighead Michael Croxson

Sherry Crump Angela Cunningham Tony Cury
Irene Dallas
Sharon Darragh
Cathy Deeds

Kevin Dickerson
Ora Dickerson
Roger Dickson
Cindy Dudding
Ellen Evans
Lutena Feazell

Brenda Finney Jeff Firebaugh
Sterling Fizer
Matthew Fleisher
Michael Foran
Wendall Forrest

Elizabeth Foster
Roy Frame
Scott Freday
Michelle Furrow
Faye Garst
Terry Gearheart

Johnny Gibson William Golden
Terry Green
Erby Greer
David Gregory
Donald Guerrant

Sherry Guerrant
Verdell Gunter
Debbie Hale
Ruth Hale
Anthony Harris
Thomas Harris



Mark Moore
Latonja Motley
Edie Musgrove
Elizabeth Myers
Keith Nash
Maurice Nicholson

Sandra Nicholson
John Noftsinger
Dale Nutter
Ray Otey
Larry Overstreet
Donnie Owens

Sport Page
Rhonda Parker
Johnny Parsley
Nathaniel Patterson
Wandy Payne
Jessica Pegram

Debra Penn
Tyler Poindexter
Nathan Preston
Windall Preston
Raleigh Quarles
Linda Quinn
Mark Randolph
Cheryl Reeves
Jimmy Robinette
Richard Rock
Steve Ross
Wendell Ruben

Ricky Rumberg
Carolyn Saunders
Jane Saunders
Toni Saunders
Linda Scott
Harvey Shelton

Thomas Shelton Arlene Simmons Clifford Smith Connie Smith Mary Smith
Paul Smith

Tammie Smith
Tilda Sparrow
Karen Steahly
Benita Stevens
Vernon Stockiton
Donald Stuart

Renwick Taborn
Towanna Taylor
Donna Terry
Larry Terry
Ronald Terry
Sybil Terry




Refreshments at Hallowe'en Haunted House

# SCHOOL LIFE 



"Work on, Mr. Simpson."
Classroom Classics



Morning Break


Chaos at the Bell




St. John's Church


## Sports Breaks

At Play-off Football Game


Eighth Graders Visit Richmond.


Cheerleaders' Private Bus
 Manor


Ice Stop for Beta Picnic at the Peaks of Otter--pages 11 and 34 also.


## Honor Students Travel With Beta Club

Beta Pot




Master of Ceremonies

Paid Assembly: Wrestling Warm-up

## Assembly

Breaks


Men's Lib
Bleachers Are
For Sitting
Better Than Class!


Black History Week at Civic Center


R.O.T.C. Drill

Twas the Night Before . . .

Assembly: Reindeer At Left On The Night Before Christmas


Student Band Director
 Go! Faculty !




STRING ORCHESTRA: M. Swain, T. Pugh, C. Brandon, D. Stuart, B. McConnell, P. Kenyon, C. Carty, W. Kenyon, K. Kasey, R. Freeman, Mr. Lipps (director).

## ACTIVITIES

## Beta Club



1st Row: V. Carter, A. Shipwash, T. Nichols, R. Freeman, W. Corbett, F. Quinn, K. Walker; 2nd Row: D. Overstreet (historian), A. Croxson (treasurer), J. Clevenger (secretary), P. Dallas (president), N. Cunningham (vice-president), J. Tames (activity chairman), T. Cox (activity chairman); 3rd Row: C. Ward, N. Whitlock, K. Baker, J. Stinnette, E. Roberts, K. Barnett, D. Blaney, W. Kenyon, B. Day, L. Spangler, J. Barnett, B. Underwood, Mrs. Ryman (adviser), P. Dillon; 4th Row: T. Walker, K. Lavinder, S. McGuire, K. Swain, A. Edwards, R. Sizemore, M. Atherton, R. Turnbull, L. Stevens, L. Fraim, J. Frazier; Absent: Lori Baker and Lois Byrd.

## Un-Paper Staff

Linda Spangler--Managing Editor Tina Cox--News Editor Patti Dillon--Sports Editor Lisa Jones--Circulation Editor Randy Sizemore--Copy Editor Lisa Stevens--Feature Editor Tracy Underwood--Art Editor Mrs. E. Parker--Co-Adviser.


Lisa Stevens, Miss Townsend, and Randy Sizemore collage and staple newspapers.


Bottom-To-Top: Sheila Broyles, Lisa Jones, Teresa Walker, Kelly Towriss, Linda Spangler, Randy Sizemore, Lisa Stevens, Kim Barnette, Tina Cox, Paula Young, Patti Dillon, Paula Murray, Beth Day, Ellen Roberts, Vanessa Carter, Crystal Guilliams, Miss Townsend (adviser).

## Band



MAJORETTES: C. Stuart, D. Hurley (head majorette), M. Easley, J. Clevenger; BANNER CARRIERS: P. Hale, L. Duckett; DRUM MAJOR: J. Jones; 1st Row: S. Johnson, M, Wright, L. Feazell, V. Carter, T. Johns, L. Heath, S. Woodson, J. Collins, M. Wilder, R. Hale, L. Stevens, M. Fracker, A. Harris; 2nd Row: C. Muse, S. Guerrant, D. Blaney, L. Guerrant, C. Reeves, C. Moore, S. Crump, C. Saunders, S. Freday, E. Greer, M. Randolph, D. James, M. Atherton, D. Havens, D. Wilkerson; 3rd Row: A. Thornhill, C. Turpin, C. Swain, M. Bobbitt, H. Clark, S. Dowe, S. Harris, R. Fuller, M. Gravely, J. Abbott, W. Hoyle, B. Stevens, D. Terry, R. Taylor, D. Powell, D. Gregory, Mr. Landis (director); 4th Row: G. Markham, D. Buckner, E. Traylor, T. Arrington, R. Sparrow, J. Dews, C. Karageorge, S. Staples, D. Woods, V. Holland, M. Mayo, D. Saunders, K. Brewer, S. Ross, R. Otey, L. Terry.


1 st Row: C. Simpson, W. Craft, C. Jackson, K. Walker, M. Mayo, R. Lary; 2nd Row: P. Kasey, D. Gates, T. Stover, T. Collins, V. Muse, J. Jones, J. Bulls; 3rd Row: L. Barnett, P. Lee, D. Powell, H. Roach, C. Mumford, A. Thornhill; 4th Row: D. Woods, O. Brewer, Z. Jones, S. Staples, Sergeant Kincer.

## Cheerleaders



## Choir



1st Row: C. Guilliams, D. Burrow, M. Herndon, D. Herndon, C. Jackson, T. Lloyd, R. Weeks, L. Jones, K. Mullins, Jo Clevenger, L. Spangler, V. Muse, Mrs. Houston; 2nd Row: So Harris, D. Williams, C. Slough, G. Turpin, R. Goodrich, P. Murray, C. Parks, T. Ferguson, T. Guerrant, P。Hale, C. Boyd; 3rd Row: C. Snodgrass, J. Rowland, B. Narum, K. Fleisher, S。 Guerrant, T. Hariston, M. Sullivan.

## 1976 Yearbook Staff . . .



Kevin Walker, Richard Freeman, Connie Smith, Mike Whichard, Miss Newman (adviser), William Kenyon, and Ellen Evans use the time-delay camera.

## Working Hard!



John Noftsinger, Keith Nash, Dorise Hurley, Richard Freeman, and Connie Smith work on lists and ads.

## Ruffner Rock



Connie Smith, Ellen Evans, Dorise Hurley, and Richard Freeman pause from work on pictures and layout.

BOOK PRODUCTION STAFF
Co-Editors: Dorise Hurley and
Richard Freeman
Activities: Richard Freeman Athletics: Dorise Hurley
School Life: William Kenyon Faculty and Staff: Connie Smith Business Manager: Ellen Evans

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Candy Moore
Kevin Walker
Jackie Kelley
Irene Dallas
Edie Musgrove
Susan Chewning
Sherl Harrison
Not Pictured: Angela Shipwash


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Football Championship at Victory Stadium

# ATHLETICS 



## Roanoke City Runner-Up Season And Tournament

All-Tournament Players: Tony Arrington and Orlonza Brewer

## Varsity Basketball

## Junior Varsity Basketball



1st Row: A. Thurman, T. Williams, R. Taylor, D. Gill, T. Edwards, R. Dickerson, S. Page (manager); J. Walker, T. Thompson, D. Nutter, M. Lynch, E. Otey, B. Kasey, Coach Lovelace. Absent: Robert Johnson and Lyn Smith.

lst Row: Coach Thompson, E. Leffel, S. Sayers, R. Terry, E. Jones, R. Taborn, J. Tinsley, S. Arrington, S。 Freday; 2nd Row: R. Taylor, M. Swain, D. Woods, C. Gray, R. Haley, M. Preston, D. Stuart, C. Jackson (manager); 3rd Row: J. Carty, R. Mack (scorekeeper), R. Otey, W. Tyson, T. Arrington, D. Nutter, D. Drew, D. Dickerson, C. Taylor. Absent: Mark Sink, Paul Johnson, Lloyd Mitchell, Eddie Clark, Sammye Staples, Edwin Brown.



Linda Duckett (manager), Miss Harman


Ruffner Support

Third Place Regular Season and Tournament Runner-up

## Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball



1st Row: L. Barnett (manager), D. Hale, T. Taylor, S. Terry, P. Kasey (manager); 2nd Row: C. Carty, R. Carter, M. Wright, S. Harrison, Miss Harman; 3rd Row: C. Turpin, K. Irving, M. Fracker, A. Edwards, B. Mason.

## Gymnastics



1 st Row: J. Clevenger, C. Stuart, P。Young, M. Easley, C. Ward; 2nd Row: L. Spangler (manager), Vo Muse, D. Hale, D. Hurley, T. Pugh, T. Guerrant, J. Tames (manager), Miss Quigley. Absent: Sandra McGuire, Tawana Taylor.


CITY-WIDE TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UP
1st Row; M. Easley, P. Carter, C. Turpin, B. Hayes, P. Kasey, R. Perry, C. Stuart; 2nd Row: V. Terry, P. Hale, Miss Harman, T. Guerrant, P. Roberson, B. Mason, P. Kasey, K. Irving, B. Thompson, R. Hale, L. Barnett.


1st Row: J. Tames, D. Poff, T. Feazell, D. Hale; 2nd Row: Miss Quigley, J. Frazier, T. Cox, T. Ferguson, A. Thornhill.

## Ruffner Football



1st Row: Coach Cummings, C. Jackson, K. Brewer, R. Dickerson, D. Powell, T. Reynolds, J. Barnett, R. Haley, P. Dallas, G. Dyer, G. Vaughn, R. Hogan, J. Hicks, W. Rock, M. Stores; 2nd Row: Coach Thompson, J. Carty, D. Dickerson, E. Clark, D. Woods, R. Larry, C. Karageorge, D. Drew, F. Quinn, S. Staples, J. Dews, T. Arrington, O. Brewer, D. Mayo, Coach Lovelace.


ALL-CITY FOOTBALL TEAM 1st Row: 1ST TEAM: Donald Dickerson, T. T. Reynolds, Eddie Clark, Orlonza Brewer. 2nd Row: 2ND TEAM: Dwayne Drew, James Carty, David Powell, Wayne Rock, Tony Arrington, Ricky Haley

ROANOKE CITY JUNIOR HIGH CHAMPIONS
Record: 6 wins--1 loss Championship Game 12-6

Championship Game at Victory Stadium. Hurrah! It's finally over. We're \#1.


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